

Graduation Exercises Held in Spur During Past Week

During the past week the Spur school had its annual graduation exercises. Heretofore there has been only one graduation, but this year there was a graduation for each of the three schools. The East Ward school had its exercises Wednesday night, May 21st. Mr. Cluck was the principal speaker for the occasion. He made a very interesting talk to the fourth grade that was finishing the elementary school. It was very nice of the class to have Mr. Cluck for the occasion, since he has been in the system for the past three years and has done some very constructive work in the schools.

There were forty-three in the class that graduated—twenty-nine boys and fourteen girls. Ruth Culbert was honor student with Sybil Schrimsher and Clifton Pope tying for second honors.

Neither absent nor tardy students were awarded honor certificates for the term. Also students having a yearly average of ninety on all their subjects and an average of ninety on citizenship and attendance were awarded honor certificates.

The class was presented with diplomas signed by the superintendent and principal. This is very encouraging to the students and it will not be many years until they will be graduating from Junior and Senior High School.

Thursday night was the night for the Junior High School exercises. Mr. Thomas was the principal speaker for the occasion. He chose as his subject "Traveling the Good Road." He left some very interesting thoughts for the class. Mr. Cluck presented the diplomas to the class after Mrs. Baisden had presented the class to him.

The exercises were dedicated to the outgoing teachers. The president of the class called for a speech from a representative of the outgoing teachers, to which Mr. Bethel replied with a brief talk of the association and friendship while in Spur. Miss Hankins rendered a number on the piano and Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Cluck sang a duet.

Mrs. Baisden presented the honor students with certificates and expressed her appreciation of the students. The graduates are said to be one of the best classes to have ever been in the Spur school. This is an accomplishment for any class to appreciate.

The final exercises came Friday night when the senior high school had its exercises. Honorable Earle B. Mayfield delivered the commencement address. He made a very fine speech discussing the things on which young people should build and the value of leaving to the world something to help others.

There was a large crowd present for the occasion, and many could not gain even standing room in the building. Spur should be elated over the interest that its citizens take in its schools. There was a large graduating class and many will look to the future to see the vocation and avocation that each will pursue.

Walter Craddock Graduates from Medical Department of Baylor University

Walter D. Craddock, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Craddock of Spur, will be one among the number to graduate from the medical department of Baylor University, Monday, June 3rd.

Walter Craddock is one among the number of Spur High School graduates. Following his graduation from high school, and during his college years, Walter also taught school two years, one year in Stonewall county and one year in the Red Top school of Dickens county.

The Texas Spur congratulates Walter Craddock in completing his medical and other college courses, and we are confident that in his chosen profession Walter Craddock will be not only successful but become a distinguished personage in the medical profession.

Dickens County Forms Surplus Egg Syndicate

In order to maintain a market for egg producers of Dickens county, 28 business men of Spur have subscribed to a fund with which to take care of the surplus eggs produced in that county.

A minimum price of 25 cents has been established for fresh, clean, infertile eggs which carry a stamp bearing the farmer's number. Those not being used at present will be stored until the market is ready to absorb them locally and at that time they will be bought back into the trade and used to supply the local demand. The merchants who are purchasing the eggs are encouraging the farmers to watch their eggs candled before their eyes and learn just what the market will demand for storage. According to E. L. Tanner, county agent, this is an educational program as well as a sound business program that should work to the mutual advantage of the farmers and the business men as well.—Hamlin Herald.

Blanton Elected as Congressman of 17th District

Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene has been elected Congressman of the 17th congressional district, defeating Mrs. R. Q. Lee of Cisco, who was a candidate for the unexpired term of her husband, the late Col. R. Q. Lee. Late vote tabulations from over the district, although incomplete, gave Blanton a lead of 1,891 votes over his opponent, and Mrs. Lee Wednesday conceded defeat, saying that returns yet to be received would not materially alter the present standings of the candidates.

Legionnaires Celebrate Anniversary with Barbecue Wednesday

Wednesday evening members of the Spur Post of the American Legion celebrated their second anniversary with a barbecue and all the accessories, at the fair park.

Including the membership, ex-service men and other guests, there were some two or three hundred on the ground to enjoy the occasion.

The Spur Post is one of the largest and most active American Legion organizations of the entire country.

Light Showers of Rain Fall Wednesday Night and Thursday

Light showers of rain fell in Spur and over the Spur country Wednesday night and Thursday, and while very light in places yet it was beneficial to growing crops and those just planted.

Crops are practically all planted at this time. A good season is in the ground with the exception of a very small area, and with one or two more good rains at the proper time the country promises the biggest crop production of many years.

Commissioners Court Will Not Appoint an Attorney Before the Primary Election

Commissioner Walter Foreman informed us that at a conference of the commissioners it was decided not to make an appointment of a county attorney to fill the vacancy in that office caused by the death of Judge Worswick, until after the primary election on the 26th day of July. Should the services of an attorney be required before that time, the court will call on the district attorney. It is probable that after the primary election the nominee for the county attorney's office will be appointed to fill out the unexpired term of that office.

"Ma" Ferguson for Governor in Place of "Pa" Ferguson

Austin, May 24.—Former Governor Miriam A. Ferguson will lead a statewide fight for enforcement of prohibition, she announced tonight differing sharply in this from her husband, former Gov. James E. Ferguson, who had announced a platform of veto for all liquor legislation, pro and anti.

In other respects her platform will be that of her husband. His candidacy was barred Friday when the supreme court decided the impeachment verdict against holding office is still in effect.

"Prohibition will not enforce itself," said "Ma" Ferguson. Its enforcement will come only from the hands of its friends. Therefore, I favor a law that will allow no one to hold office, legislative, judicial or executive, who in any way uses intoxicating liquors unlawfully obtained.

She would require an affidavit of non-use for six months before any officer shall take office. A similar affidavit should be required, she said, from each judge, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and other court officers, before any prosecution for liquor violations proceeds. Failure to file such affidavits, Mrs. Ferguson said, would work automatic removal from office.

"I am sure the people are becoming sick and disgusted," she said, "with officers kicking and cuffing everybody around and in the name of the law raiding, searching and seizing everything and everybody to find bootleg liquor which they themselves are drinking every day and aiding and protecting the unlawful sale of the same.

"We can't convict cow thieves if the officers are eating part of the stolen beef."

Outstanding points in the platform which her husband had announced and which she adopts are:

War against motor busses and commercial trucks "hogging" the roads; a ten per cent limit on the amount of capital and deposits that a state bank may loan outside of the state; opposition to the state road bonds; right to redeem real estate lost in foreclosed mortgages within two years; an elective highway commission of five members; rehabilitation of present owned prison properties; consolidation of duplicating state offices and abolition of the present landlord lien law so tenant farmers can mortgage their crops.

Monday Will be Our Regular Trades Day in Spur

Monday will be the regular monthly trades day, and the usual large crowds are expected to be here to trade and participate in the programs of the day being arranged by the Retail Merchants Association.

At a meeting of the association held this week, it was decided that the regular monthly trades day program of awarding prizes after Monday would be discontinued until about the first of September at which time the adopted program for trades day will be resumed.

Trades day in Spur has become an event to each first Monday, attracting large crowds from a more extended trade territory as a result of the trade offerings and scheduled program. During the intermission of the first Monday program the regular trade schedule will be uninterrupted and the program for the first Monday in September will be made more interesting as a result of the intermission.

THIS HAS BEEN "POPPY WEEK" IN CITY OF SPUR

This has been "Poppy Week" in Spur and throughout the country. The full quota of poppies allotted to Spur was readily sold by ladies of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Frazier, of west of Spur, were shopping in the city Wednesday.

Jeff D. Ayres Enters Race as Candidate for District Judge

To the Voters of Dickens County: Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, I am a candidate for the position of Judge of the 110th Judicial District—embracing Floyd, Briscoe, Motley and Dickens counties.

I was born and raised in Tarrant county, where I was admitted to practice law about thirty-seven years ago.

Texas has always been my home and I have resided in Floydada a little over nine years.

Should you select me as your next district judge, I will administer the civil law fairly, and to the best of my ability; and will faithfully assist in the enforcement of all of our criminal laws with all the power I possess.

The limited time will permit me to meet in person but few of the voters of the district. I take this means of announcing my candidacy, and am asking for your votes and your influence.

Respectfully submitted,
JEFF D. AYRES.

Wet Announces in Governor's Derby

New Braunfels, Texas, May 25.—Paul Loven, "dirt farmer," announced his candidacy for governor today, subject to the democratic primaries. Although a cousin of United States Senator Morris Shepard, Loven is not for the 18th amendment, he said. Mr. Loven's announcement brought the number of entrants to twenty.

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For the next two weeks we are going to give every new subscriber and every Texas Spur reader who renews his subscription, paying in advance, a one year's free subscription to The National Farm News, a weekly paper devoting its columns to farm news and problems as well as national legislation affecting farm interests—and possibly including some political propaganda. The subscription price of the Farm News is one dollar a year, and the Texas Spur is a dollar and a half, both for the price of one for the next ten days or two weeks. We would like to have every farmer, especially, to take and read these two papers which give home and national news of interest and value.

Simpsonites Entertain Busbyites Tuesday At a Chicken Barbecue

The Spur Golf Club members were divided into two rival squads for contest games the past week, Bill Simpson heading one side and J. H. Busby the other. The Busbyites defeated the Simpsonites, the penalty being the preparation of a barbecued chicken dinner, which was served and enjoyed by approximately one hundred Tuesday evening at the fair park.

The Spur golf course is now being worked over and improved, making the course one of the best in the land.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lambert Born and Died Last Friday

An infant daughter, Margaret was born Friday last week to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lambert, of the Pitchfork Ranch, at a sanitarium in Lubbock. Unfortunately, little Margaret died at birth, the remains being brought to Spur for interment Saturday in the Spur cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert have the sympathy of friends in this misfortune and bereavement of their first-born child.

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Old Timer of West Texas Died In California

News was received at Crosbyton Tuesday morning of the death of Judge E. B. Covington, former resident of Crosby county, at Glendale, California, on Saturday, May 17.

Judge Covington is survived by his widow and nine sons and daughters most of whom reside in California. Judge Covington was in Crosbyton last fall and had made a practice of returning to Crosby county two or three times each year, to look after his business and farming interests here. Covington had several sections of land in Crosby county and also in Lubbock county.

Judge Covington came to Crosby county in 1887, said N. Y. Bicknell, here Tuesday, who was closely associated with him while he was a resident of this county. He practiced law at Estacado while the county seat was at that place. He was a young man when he moved there and not married, said Bicknell. He married Miss Ella Byrd, daughter of John Byrd.

After the county became organized the first judge of the county was Swink, the second Dockum and the third was Judge Covington. He held the office of judge for six years and was county judge at the time the county seat was moved from Estacado to Emma. He voluntarily retired from office after serving six years, and entered private business at Emma, but was later elected judge and served four years.

Covington was a poor man when he came to Crosby county, said Mr. Bicknell, but every time he got hold of any money he bought up land and at the time of his death he was immensely rich. In 1910 he moved to Lubbock county, where he remained for two or three years and then moved to California, where he had since made his home.

Judge Covington was a familiar figure in the early day and will be remembered by many of the old timers. He was one among the first settlers to arrive after the establishment of the old Quaker colony at Estacado. Since then he had been seen on the streets of Crosby two or three times each year until the time of his death.—Crosbyton Review.

Mayfield Makes Campaign Speeches in Spur and Dickens Saturday

Former Senator Earle B. Mayfield, and now one of the twenty announced candidates for governor of Texas, spoke in the interest of his campaign to voters of Dickens county Saturday of last week, at ten o'clock in the morning at Spur and at two-thirty in the afternoon at Dickens, fair-sized audiences hearing him at each place.

The main points of his campaign platform, briefly stated, are opposition to the proposed three million dollar bond issue to build a system of state highways; opposition to the proposed sale of penitentiary lands and its removal to Austin; favors the expenditure of five to fifteen million dollars in improving penitentiary properties, employing a more diversified business system in placing it on a self-sustaining basis, and to make tests for oil on penitentiary lands. He proposes to abolish the ad valorem or property tax system, substituting therefor the raising of special taxes and shifting tax burdens and placing them on public service and monopolistic corporations.

SINGING CONVENTION SATURDAY NIGHT AT DICKENS

The Dickens County Singing Convention meets Saturday night and Sunday in Dickens, at the High School Auditorium. The public of all this section is invited to attend this meet and make it one of the best we have ever had.—Secretary.

—Trade at Home—

Mrs. J. T. Baisden and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stalcup left this week for Lubbock where they will establish their homes in future. Mrs. Baisden has been teaching in Spur schools throughout the term, while Mr. Baisden has been engaged in business and living alone in Lubbock.

West Texas Robber Captured Near Athens, Texas

Dallas, May 24.—Captured by seven peace officers who surrounded a farm house near Athens, Henderson county, Ira McKee was held in the Dallas county jail today awaiting return to Lamesa to face charges of murder there in the death of W. R. Billingsley, merchant of Sparenberg, Dawson county.

Billingsley was killed May 1 as he attempted to frustrate a robbery opposite his place of business at a filling station. He was shot three times by the robber, who drove away with \$2.70 obtained in the holdup.

McKee was hunted throughout West Texas and narrowly escaped capture in a gun fight with officers at Ranger a few days later. Mrs. Emma Mayhall of Ranger, arrested in Ranger during the fight, was held at Lamesa, charged as an accomplice in Billingsley's death.

Military Rule Formally Ends in Sherman

Sherman, Texas, May 24.—A 14-day military rule in Sherman ended today when Col. L. E. McGee of the Texas National Guard turned over to Major Dupont B. Lyon, director of public safety, the duties of keeping the peace.

Transferring of authority from military to civil authorities was without incident. Martial law was lifted officially at noon as decreed by Gov. Dan Moody in a proclamation issued yesterday.

Martial law was declared May 10, after a day and night of rioting in which a mob burned the Grayson county courthouse in its effort to lynch George Hughes, negro, as he went on trial for attacking a white woman.

The military court of inquiry investigated the disturbances and upon evidence furnished by it to a district court grand jury, 14 men were transferred to Dallas and 13 of those indicted were placed in the county jail there yesterday. The fourteenth man was released on bond. No date for the trial has been set.

MRS. EMIL JANE LOVE DIED WEDNESDAY IN SPUR

Mrs. Emily Jane Love died Wednesday, May 28th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jess Mallory, of Spur, her remains being interred in Spur cemetery, funeral services being conducted by Rev. F. G. Rodgers at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Love was born August 6th, 1852, lacking only two months and a few days of being seventy-eight years of age at the time of death.

The Texas Spur extends condolence to Mrs. Mallory and other members of the family in this hour of bereavement.

Little Nita McCombs Run Down by Car on the Street

Little Miss Nita McCombs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe McCombs, narrowly escaped death or serious injury Monday when she was run over by an automobile driven by Miss Ruby Scott. Nita ran from the side walk around the back of another car and in front of the approaching car. Neither saw the other until too late to avoid the accident. Nita suffered only slight bruises and injuries from the car as it passed over her.

Little Miss Harriett Sue Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davis, is in Spur visiting in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Sol Davis.

Little Robert Hall Davis is in Fort visiting with relatives.

J. H. Jones, of southwest of the city, was here Monday.

J. Z. Smith was here during the week from his farm and ranch home on Red Mud, reporting everything in good shape with respect to both agricultural and stock raising interests.

Tol Merriman was greting friends in Spur Tuesday.

Trade at Home—
Newt Cravey was on the streets the first of the week from his home on Red Mud.

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"In the midst of the alibis and explanatory comments of local newspapers, may we not venture the observation that the time is rapidly passing when the respective totals of the population of two or more communities may alone be considered as a reliable gauge of their relative importance. There are economists who contend that henceforth immense size will not be an asset to a community, and that, in any event, we have witnessed already the greatest growth which American cities will experience in their history. It is doubtful, in the view of these observers, that Texas or any similar region will ever have a city of 1,000,000 people, not because Texas will not experience the economic development which created Detroit, let us say, but because different economic forces from those which created the largest cities are now at work. Some of these observers would go so far as to say that it is hardly probable that any city which now has 300,000 people or less will ever have a population of 600,000." Continuing, it says: "The last 20 years have seen a miracle wrought in America by the application of electricity and gasoline to industry. This miracle has destroyed isolation. It has brought all America out on the great highways of life. It is taking everything worth seeing and hearing from the cities and carrying it to remote sections. It is destroying the reasons why people should go to the cities to live. Industries are coming back to the country and the small town. The cities have the greatest fight they ever had if they are to hold their places under the new order. The small place has advantages for industry that the city can hardly meet."

M. L. Blakley, of Elton, was one among the number of business visitors in Spur Monday of this week. Mr. Blakley states that everything remains in fine shape in the north part of the county with respect to crop seasons and conditions.

Trade at Home—
John A. Moore, of the Spur Tailoring business, underwent a special surgical operation Saturday at Baylor Hospital of Dallas. He is reported doing nicely and is expected to return soon to Spur.

Trade at Home—
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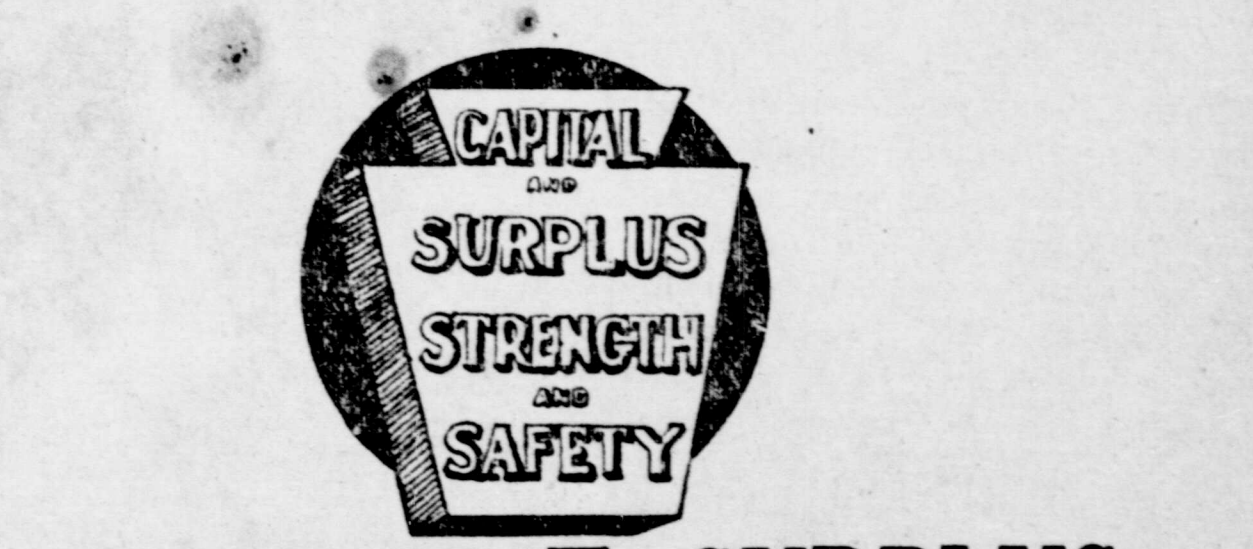
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Political Chambers of Commerce

The annual meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was held in El Paso on October 23 and 24, 1929. The daily press reported the Board of Directors at this meeting endorsed a statewide road bond issue to the amount of 200,000,000. We do not know whether the West Texas Chamber of Commerce as a whole endorsed this issue or not.

During the last session of the legislature, Senate Joint Resolution No. 10 was passed by the senate that proposed to amend the constitution so an issue of \$225,000,000 state bonds could be issued, and many chambers of commerce were very active in support of it, but the resolution was killed in the house of representatives.

It occurs to us that these organizations were primarily organized to accumulate and disseminate information that would be beneficial to the communities that such chambers of commerce are supposed to serve. If the chambers of commerce were to adopt the policy of impartially investigating proposed political and economic questions and give the facts to the communities they represent, and let those who are interested determine in their own minds what course they desire to pursue in dealing with such questions, they would follow the real purpose of the organizations as they relate to such questions.

Instead of following this course it seems most of them have become "endorsing organizations" for many questions, hence, in some cases, their endorsements are really "mill stones" around such communities, as far as general information is concerned.

Furthermore, when they lend their endorsement to such schemes instead of giving the people the facts they in effect say to the people "you need not fret away your time and bother with learning anything about the question for the reason that your chamber of commerce has endorsed it, and that should be sufficient for you to go on and support it." In assuming this attitude and getting away from their own purpose they, in effect, propose to dictate policies of government to the people instead of performing the functions for which they were organized.

Many remember the suit brought some years ago by Attorney General Looney against the Commercial Secretaries Association for doing this very thing we refer to in this article.

The effect of the activities of the chambers of commerce in bond issues in the past are being felt in no uncertain terms in many localities today. In fact, several taxing districts in Texas are fighting to keep out of the hands of a federal receiver. We hope they succeed. They can now see the folly of the past, after it is too late, and no doubt the chambers of commerce who were so active "putting over" bond issues in the past are spending a good deal of time in regretting their actions. At least, many of the taxpayers are regretting the passage of so many bond issues.—Texas Tax Journal.

Political Operations Not Good for Business, Says Hurley

"I am against government ownership principally because I am a business man; and like most other business men, I have observed that even poorly managed private concerns are better directed than public concerns," said Edward H. Hurley, former chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, recently.

"Today the important thing is not who owns a thing, but who manages it. Big business is no longer managed by people who own it. The railroads and the power companies today are owned by millions of stockholders and bond holders direct, or by insurance companies and savings banks, which own them in trust for millions of policy holders and savings depositors.

"You can't properly manage a thing unless you know how to operate it. The private manager must make an income of the business at least equal to expenses. Back of the private manager there stalks the bankruptcy court and the fear of being out of a job.

"With the government manager the case is different, the fear of being out of a job is ever present, but it is not linked with the bankruptcy. He knows that the government cannot go bankrupt as long as it has the taxing power, and while the people have anything on which to levy

Soon to Wed



Miss Elizabeth Hughes, youngest child of Chief Justice Hughes, whose engagement to William Thomas Gossett, young lawyer of New York, is announced.

a tax. He knows that in the last analysis his job depends upon votes and that there are many easier and quicker ways to get votes than to conduct a public business so cheaply and efficiently that it will show a profit.

"Inherently the man in politics is no better or worse than the man of private business, but he is in another kind of game and plays according to different rules."

Proof

By J. E. S.

Jenkins Wharton was in trouble again.

"Dear, hard-working husband," bantered his wife, "has to be in conference all hours of the day and night." She pulled a long blond hair from the lapel of his coat. "There now; I knew it," she blazed. "You contemptible cur, you low-down deceiver."

It was ever thus with Jenkins. No matter what he had been doing, he always was given credit for being a lowbred husband. How could he help it if there had been a blond hair on his coat lapel? Oh, well, what was the difference, Jenkins wondered.

Regardless of what Jenkins Wharton was, he was the hero he should have been to his daughter Mary. Mary was twenty, intelligent and pretty, and she believed everything that her father said. When Mrs. Wharton would fuss and cry because Jenkins had failed to be a loyal and faithful husband, Mary would also cry, but she cried for the abuse her father took and because she believed her father to be in conference when he said that he was. Jenkins loved his pretty daughter and she never wished for anything, which may account for the understanding between them.

However, Mrs. Wharton decided to employ a detective agency to shadow her husband, much to the dismay and protests of Mary. Mrs. Wharton said that she could not stand the treatment she received from Jenkins any longer, and that she would settle for all time the doubt. She employed the best agency in town and asked that for a month her husband be shadowed and a detailed report be made of his every move. The agency said it would put its best man on the job.

Jenkins Wharton continued to come and go as he will, and was surprised to see that his wife respected him a little more. She even became so good and he began to spend a little more time at home. Although he attended many conferences and meetings at hours that were not in keeping with ordinary business. He expanded to the point of buying his wife a town car and he purchased his daughter a Monocoupe. He said that the antiquated crate she was flying was no longer safe. He spent a small fortune with interior decorators, who made the Wharton home acquire the proportions of a colossal palatial institution. Mrs. Wharton said nothing, only marveled at her husband's sudden interest in the home and especially in his wife.

All the while Mrs. Wharton was receiving the reports of the detective agency, and at these reports she was dumfounded. At last the month was over, and she directed Mary to go into the city, get the last report to be made on Jenkins and to pay the bill of the agency. And also all the while Jenkins had been coming in at all hours.

Mary received the last report in the office of the agency, read it carefully, and seemed well pleased. She smiled with a knowing smile as she addressed the manager. "I just knew you would not find father at fault," she explained, "but just to make sure, I told father a month ago that mother was having him shadowed."

Cleve Ensey, Jr., returned this week from Hamlin and other points where he has been spending some time.

A Destroyer of Your Fine Woolens

Like the goat, the moth has a strange taste, says a local official of the Gulf Refining Company. But unlike the goat, the damage done by the moth runs into millions of dollars every year.

Moths, hide and breed in dark places. They are voracious eaters of your finest woolens, mohair, and carpets.

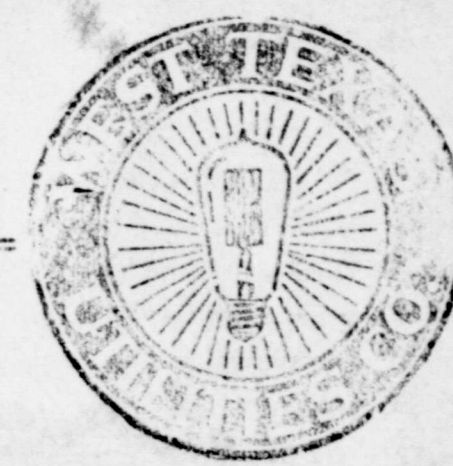
A thorough and thrifty housewife will spray the cupboards, furniture, and carpets thoroughly every month with the modern type of insect spray

developed and marketed by the large oil refining companies during the past three or four years. The better grades of these insect sprays can be easily purchased from your grocer, hardware dealer or druggist. They are advertised frequently in this paper. Regular spraying will save that new coat and that lovely fur—not to mention your husband's beight suits.

The Honorable C. K. McDowell and wife, of DelRio, returned home this week after visiting here several days with Mrs. McDowell's father, Uncle Jimmie Jones, who is sick at his home in the Afton country. Mr. McDowell is one of the leading Republicans of the state, having been

a candidate for his party on several occasions, once for congress and also for state treasurer. In the early days he was a citizen and cowboy of the Spur country, and has many friends among the old timers here who are always glad to meet again with he and his wife. While here they also visited with R. C. Forbis and family and other friends of the country. It is said that when Cas McDowell got ready to leave Dickens county, he borrowed twenty five dollars from Bob Forbis to get away on. However, he is now one of the best fixed men of the Western part of the state.

Trade at Home
W. H. Nichols, of east of Dickens, was a recent visitor to Spur.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to make the following political announcements for candidates for public offices, subject to the Democratic Primary Election to be held in July, 1930.

For Representative, 118th District: J. M. CLAUNCH, of Snyder

For District Judge 110th District: KENNETH BAIN, H. A. C. BRUMMETT, JEFF D. AYRES

For District Attorney 110th District: A. J. FOLLEY

For District Clerk: A. B. WINKLER

For County Clerk: ROBT. REYNOLDS (Reelection), J. H. (HOMER) DOBBINS, J. V. McCORMICK

For County Attorney: J. R. SANDERS, ALTON B. CHAPMAN

For County Treasurer: MRS. C. C. COBB (Reelection)

For County Judge: O. C. NEWBERRY (Reelection), AUSTIN BELL

For Tax Assessor: A. B. HOGAN (Re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct One: AUSTIN C. ROSE (Re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 2: E. N. (Nuge) JOHNSON (Re-election)

For County Commissioner, Precinct 3: W. F. FOREMAN, J. C. PAYNE

For Commissioner, Precinct 4: CHAS. PERLIN (Re-election), LEE MIMS

For Public Weigher, Precinct 3: FRED HISEY (Reelection), ROY ARRINGTON, G. W. RASH, BURL HARRINGTON, A. M. SHEPHERD

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 2: FRED DOZIER, J. T. JACKSON, J. H. PALMER, J. W. VANDIVER

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3: S. B. RODDY, (Reelection)

For County School Superintendent: FRANK SPEER, MRS. DE WITT TWADDELL

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: G. L. BARBER (Reelection), M. L. JONES, W. B. (BILL) ARTHUR

For Constable, Precinct 3: R. S. HARKEY, S. C. RAWLINGS (Reelection), E. L. SMITH, J. M. REESE

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 1: C. P. AUFILL

KENT COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Commissioner, Precinct 2: M. F. HAGAR (Reelection)

Political Calendar

Fourth Tuesday in May (27th)—State Presidential Convention.

The First Monday in June (2)—Last day for candidates for state offices and district offices, in districts containing more than one county, to file requests to have their name placed on the ballot.

Second Monday in June (9th)—Meeting of State Executive Committee.

Saturday Before Third Monday in June (14th)—Last day for county and precinct candidates and district candidates in districts composed of only one county, to file requests to have their names placed on ballot.

Third Monday in June (16th)—County Executive Committee meets to determine the order of names on ballot and estimate expenses of election.

Fourth Monday in June (23rd)—Last day for candidates to pay assessment for ballot.

First Report of Campaign Expenses—Candidates must file their first report of campaign expenses not more than thirty days nor less than twenty-five days prior to the date of the primary.

Second Monday in July (14th)—Primary committee meets to prepare ballot.

Request for Ballot—Not more than twenty nor less than ten days before date of primary, voters who are absent from the county must appear before a notary public and request a ballot.

Second Report of Campaign Expenses—Not more than twelve nor less than eight days before primary candidates must file second statement of campaign expenses.

Absentee Voting—Not more than ten nor less than three days before primary, voters who intend to be absent from the county on the date of election should appear before the county clerk and vote an absentee ballot. (The same rule with reference to the number of days applies to absentee voting in the second primary.)

Primary Election Day (July 26)—Precinct conventions will be held to elect delegates to the county convention.

Election Returns Canvassed—County Executive Committee meets August 2nd to canvass election returns. County Convention will be held the same day.

Third Report of Campaign Expenses—Ten days after the date of the first primary, candidates shall file third report of campaign expenses. An additional report of expenses should also be filed with the county judge not later than this date.

Second Primary—The second primary will be held on the fourth Saturday in August (23rd).

General Election—General election will be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Final Expense Report—Ten days after General Election candidates should file report of expenses with the county judge.

Money Being Made in Dairying

Profits can be made in dairying, even on a depressed market, provided farmers use some form of cow testing to guide the management of their herds, so records of dairy herd demonstrations are showing, as reported by county agents to the Extension Service of A. & M. College. Butterfat in these herds is being produced for as low as 16 cents per pound feed cost, and the average is well below 30 cents per pound.

The chief secret lies in knowing the milk weights and butterfat test of each cow, feeding balanced ration; according to the production of each individual cow, and weeding out the unprofitable producer. Some dairy herd demonstrators are members of regular cow testing associations, some belong to cow-testing-by-mail associations, and others are doing

their own testing with the help of county agents and the Extension Service dairy herd demonstration calendar.

Nine demonstrators in Gaines county report 1281 pounds of butterfat from 56 cows in a recent month at a feed cost of 17.7 cts. per pound. O. L. Berry made a monthly profit of \$8.18 per cow from cream sold at 38 cents per pound and skim milk valued at 40 cents per hundred pounds, by feeding a grain ration of ground ear corn and cowpea hay and hegarri bundles for roughage.

Butterfat is costing Harrison county dairy demonstrators from 18 to 30 cents per pound feed cost with Charles Adams making a profit of \$74.65 above feed cost in March from nine cows.

J. B. Davis, of Chilton, Falls county, found that his 10 cows took 25 cents worth of feed for every pound of butterfat produced, with one high producer doing the work for 19 cents while a star boarder charged so much that there was no profit in her at all. Her daily ration was cut from 10 pounds to 3 pounds per day and the ration of the entire herd was changed to one of ground corn, oats, wheat bran and cottonseed meal, fed according to each cow's production.

It took three months of testing to show J. E. Holland of Lamb county the desirability of selling off three unprofitable cows in his herd of eleven, since when production has steadily increased. In ten months the herd averaged 220 pounds of butterfat per cow, with only four cows under the 200 pound butterfat mark.

Calves Pay For All His Feed

The value of livestock as a premium market for home-grown feed has been demonstrated again by J. T. Williams, Dawson county farmer, who received \$29.60 per ton for maize fed to 30 head of beef calves, even though they were sold on a low market. The calves were fed about 30 tons of ground kaffir heads and 6,000 pounds of cottonseed meal in 110 days, when they averaged 705 pounds and were sold at Fort Worth for \$11 per hundred. Charging himself \$40 a piece for the calves and deducting \$121 freight and selling expense, Mr. Williams found that he had disposed of his feed for \$9.40 per ton above the regular market price.

Last year, when the market was \$14.50 for similar calves, he got \$88 per ton out of his feed crop at a time when feed was worth only \$14 per ton on the cash market. Mr. Williams keeps 400 acres of his section farm in pasture and plants 150 acres of feedstuff and 60 acres to cotton. Having shown that such feeding is profitable on a relatively low market, he plans to do more and more feeding of home grown feed to home grown cattle. The work has been done in cooperation with W. W. Evans, county agent, as a demonstration, and is one of hundreds of such demonstrations carried last year in Texas with the aid of county agents.

Sad but True

"Someone suggests that the only way to drive is with the idea constantly in mind that the other fellow may be an idiot," says the Los Angeles Times.

This is sad but true. Recklessness seems to be part of the motoring code with millions of American drivers. And the inevitable result is that, every year 25 or 30 thousand persons are killed and hundreds of thousands are injured in preventable automobile accidents.

The tragic part of it is that the enormous annual waste of life and property is almost unnecessary. The unpreventable accident is rare as the dodo bird. Someone is incompetent or reckless in the case of practically every collision, great or small, between motor cars.

The blame may be laid in two places. First is the apparent indifference of many motorists to the

fundamentals of safety. Second is the lack of strict licensing laws in most states to keep the incompetent and reckless off the road, and an accompanying lack of enforcement of modernized, common sense codes of traffic.

Henry Cabot Lodge on Blue Laws

The following paragraphs are taken from Henry Cabot Lodge's history of the "English Colonies in America," and show the great extremes to which the Puritans went in enacting their ideas of Sunday observance into what they called "civil laws" and "Sabbath laws," but in reality they were neither "civil" nor "Sabbath" laws, but "Sunday" and "religious" laws:

The Sabbath laws formed an important part of the Puritan legislation; they were rigidly enforced by the early immigrants, and produced a day of rest which was absolutely terrible in its grimness. The Sabbath began at six o'clock in the evening on Saturday, and lasted until sunset on Sunday. All work of every description was suspended; while amusements and sports, rare enough on week days, were absolutely prohibited. There was no traveling, no movement in the streets, nothing but religious exercises at home and in church. No traveler could be entertained, and the constables made the rounds of the town on Saturday evening to see that all taverns were closed; and if anyone was absent from church for more than one Sunday, the tithing men sought the offender out and he was obliged to offer sufficient defense or be fined, set in the stocks or in a wooden cage, or whipped.

The order maintained in church was of the severest kind. A luckless maid-servant of Plymouth, who in the early days smiled in church, was threatened with banishment as a vagabond, Sunday was no day for smiling in the Puritan theory and such it remained for more than a century. Increase Mather, in a sermon, attributed the terrible conflagration in Boston in the year 1711 to carrying burdens and practicing servile employments, such as baking upon the Sabbath; and his son, Cotton Mather, said it was a warning from the Holy One for non-attendance on the Thursday lecture. This spirit suffered little diminution.

In the middle of the eighteenth century, no one was allowed in Boston to go in or out of town: the gates were shut, the ferry guarded, and men were seized in the country. There was no trading, no walking on the water's edge, or even in summer on the common. No barber could ply his trade, no public house was open and two or three people talking in a street were likely to be dispersed or arrested, and justices went about with constables to enforce the laws.

At the period of the Revolution everything stopped on Sunday; the streets were deserted except between services, for everyone was either in his own house or at church. The most innocent amusement were forbidden and a young Frechman, one of our allies, venturing to dispel the ennui of the day by playing on a flute, an angry mob gathered about the house and he was compelled by his host to desist. Even so, that time men were arrested for carrying bundles in the street, and the soldiers of the country towns stopped all travelers who came within their reach.

Among the early Puritans the belief that they were a chosen people was very strong, and every affliction which visited the community was regarded as a direct action of God, to punish the people because the churches had become worldly or for neglect of religious observances, or for sin or one sort or another.

With such opinions and guided largely in practice by the Old Testament, the Puritans not only made religion a test of citizenship and enforced to the last point the performance of religious duties, but they legislated in the most parental and sumptuary fashion about everything, no matter how trifling, which they

conceived could in any way affect morals. The representatives and magistrates dealt by law with what men and women taught, said or did in public or private affairs; and they strove to regulate what they should eat and drink and wear, and how they should demean themselves under all circumstances.

Such, in mere outline, was the general character of Puritan morality sharply watched and guarded by both church and state; and such, in all essential points, it remained down to the Revolution.—Extracts from Pp. 429-438.

Muscle Shoals Bill Again Passed

The bill for government operation of Muscle Shoals has again passed the Senate. It is substantially the same form as the bill which was defeated by the famous "pocket veto" of President Coolidge.

The bill, according to the San Francisco Chronicle, "is not an engineering proposition, but is purely political, designed to bamboozle the farmer into believing something is being done for them. It proposes to operate the plant, not for wholesale production of fertilizer, but for 'experimentation.'"

"This 'experiment' has already cost the taxpayers of the nation some \$150,000,000. Before the plant was finished private experimentation had developed new processes that made Muscle Shoals obsolete. Why throw away more of the nation's money on experimentation with an industry in which private initiative will always go faster and do more than can be done under the handicap of government red tape?"

The "Tax-Free" Illusion

At present there is much discussion in many states concerning municipally-owned public utilities operating on a "tax-free" basis.

Irrespective of the legal problems surrounding the question, it comes down to this: There is no such thing as a "tax-free" utility or any other business. If one business escapes taxes, they must be shifted to another business. And the customers of the latter must then pay taxes that would ordinarily be borne by the customers of the former.

This amounts to discriminative taxation. The laws that made it possible are class regulation. That one part of our population should help carry the taxes of another part merely because their utilities are operated by private parties instead of the community, is out of line with democratic principles.

Every business should support itself and stand on its own feet. It should compete fairly with other businesses of the same kind enjoying the same advantages and putting up with the same disadvantages. When municipally owned ventures are unable to pay taxes on the same basis as private ones, they become a burden to all taxpayers.—The Manufacturer and Industrial News Bureau.

Society-Clubs

DRY LAKE CLUB MEETING
The women of the Dry Lake club met Thursday, May 22, at the home of Mrs. J. L. Hutto. There were six members present and two new members were received, Mrs. Ollie Walker and Miss Eula Smith.

The club girls served dinner to the women, which was enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be in the club room at the school house on June 5th. The lesson will be on spraying for garden insects and poultry pests.—Reporter.

PEACEFUL HILL CLUB
Members of the Peaceful Hill Club met Friday afternoon at the club house with eight members present and one visitor. The house was called to order by the president and the roll call was answered by answers from Your Money's Worth. We decided on our pressure cooker and ordered one. There being no new business we adjourned. Our next meeting will be June 13. All members are urged to be present for we are going to have a chicken demonstration.—Reporter.

MARRIED
Coy McMahan, of the city, and Miss Lula Alice Robertson, of Post, were married Thursday of last week at Tahoka. After a brief wedding tour Mr. and Mrs. McMahan will return to Spur.

Coy McMahan is a young business man now with Spot Cash Grocery, and highly regarded by his friends who extend congratulations and wish for he and his bride years of happiness and prosperity.

MRS. THURMAN HARRIS IS THE HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB
Mrs. Thurman Harris was a very pleasing and gracious hostess on Thursday evening of last week to members of the New Bridge Club at her home in the city. At the conclusion of the games the hostess served delightful refreshments to the guests of the evening.

MRS. JACK RECTOR ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE FRIDAY
Mrs. Jack Rector delightfully entertained with bridge in her home Friday afternoon of last week, Joie de Voi Club members being the honored guests of the occasion. Refreshments were graciously served by the hostess at the conclusion of a number of interesting games.

MRS. JAS. B. REED HAS BRIDGE CLUB IN BUSINESS SESSION FRIDAY MORNING
Mrs. Jas. B. Reed was hostess to members of the 1925 Bridge Club in a business session Friday morning at her home in the west part of the city. At the conclusion of the business session refreshments were delightfully served by the hostess to those present.

Mike Lairsen, who is now traveling salesman for auto and mechanical parts, was in Spur Wednesday, again greeting his friends here. Mr. Lairsen formerly operated the De Luxe Tire Company in Spur, and he and wife have many friends in the city.

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Alex Winkler, of Croton, was in the first of the week meeting with his friends and pushing his campaign for district clerk. Up to this date Alex is the only candidate in the field for district clerk, and prospects are most promising that he will be elected to the place. Of the four candidates for the combined office of county and district clerk, only the one transferred his candidacy to the district office, Messrs. Homer Dobbins, J. V. McCormick and Robert Reynolds remaining in the race for the county clerk's office—and this promises to be a most interesting race.

E. B. Shaw, of Croton, was in Spur Monday for a short time transacting business and meeting with his friends. Uncle Eb Shaw and R. E. Dickson have become recognized as authorities on weather conditions in West Texas. These two prophets each predicted an abundance of rain the latter part of April and first of May—and we certainly did get the rains. They now further predict that abundant crops will be made and harvested, provided hail or other calamities or worm pests pass us by.

Harry Patton and Mrs. W. E. Fletcher and family are on a vacation trip through West Texas, New Mexico and possibly on to Arizona. They will probably visit the now noted Carlsbad Cavern in New Mexico, and one of the largest and most interesting caves yet discovered and explored.

M. B. Bethel, vocational agricultural teacher in connection with the Spur Schools, left this week for Junction, Texas, where he has accepted a similar place with the schools of that place. Mr. Middleton, of Pilot Point, will take the place of Mr.

Bethel in Spur Schools next school year.

John Vann, who left Spur about four years ago, has been in Spur this week visiting with friends. He has been "out west" the most of the time, but lately has been in the city of Crosbyton, to which place he will return today.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss D. Cobb, of Gorman, are here spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Kate Senning, Jack Senning, who has been attending school under Mr. Cobb's superintendency, also returned home for the school vacation period.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gruben were in Lubbock Tuesday attending the graduating exercises of Tech College. Mrs. Gruben's sister, Miss Gladys Gilbert, was among the graduates at Tech, she having an A. B. degree.

Mrs. J. Robert Jones, of Quanah, a sister of Mrs. E. G. Worswick, was here Tuesday to attend the funeral here of Judge Worswick and to be with her sister in this hour of bereavement.

W. F. Cathey, of near Dickens, was among the business visitors on the streets of Spur one day the first of the week.

Lon Fuqua, a leading citizen of the Red Mud country, was trading and transacting business here the first of this week.

W. M. Byrd, of northeast of the city, was meeting friends on the streets one day the first of the week.

Mat Howell, of Cat Fish, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Pauline Clemmons and children, Polly and Robby, left this week for Dallas to be present at a musical recital in which Miss Maude Clemmons is on program. From Dallas they will go to Marshall for a visit and where Polly will remain for the summer. From Marshall they will go to College Station and get Sam Clemmons who has been attending A. & M. College.

T. J. Williams was here Saturday from his farm home east of Spur, stating that he lost about thirty acres of his crop from the wind and sand storm Thursday night of last week. However, there is plenty time and a good season for replanting, and he is not the least discouraged by the loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Bryant, of the city of Hamlin, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Link and other friends of Spur the past week. Billie Bryant has been manager of the Bryant-Link Company business at Hamlin the past several years. He states that business is comparatively good at Hamlin.

Mrs. W. J. Elliot and Miss Peggy Elliott were in the city Tuesday. Miss Peggy called in and had the Texas Spur sent another year to her sister in England. Miss Peggy just recently returned from England, where she spent a year visiting with relatives and taking special courses in the English schools.

R. S. Harkey and family, Mrs. O. Moore Hall and Mrs. Callie Ramsey returned last week from Denton where they attended the graduating exercises of C. I. A., and in which Mrs. Ramsey had a niece among the graduates.

L. A. Skirlock, of Lorenzo, was in Spur Tuesday. Mr. Skirlock lived in Spur in 1920, and we doubt not that ever since he has had a hankering to return—and it is possible that he may do so, since he has sold his place on the plains.

J. R. Robertson, of McAdoo, was in Spur last week. He deplored the conditions causing a short wheat crop on the Plains, but was elated at the good seasons and promising prospects for bumper row crops in that territory.

J. H. Hooper, of Twin Wells, was here one day this week. Mr. Hooper this year has a considerable acreage in wheat, and depends greatly on his dairy cows for a living and farm income.

Mrs. George Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Day, of California, old friends of C. H. Perry, are here visiting the family and other friends. Mrs. Davis formerly lived in the the Afton country.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ellis, of the Rocking Chair Ranch in Kent county, were shopping and visiting in Spur Tuesday, spending some time here greeting friends and acquaintances.

Albert Jordan was here this week from Duck Creek, stating that all his crops were planted and up, and some of it worked over. Everything now indicates big harvests this fall.

W. M. Jen, of Soldier Mound, has our thanks for a subscription to Texas Spur, having the paper sent to J. E. Cox, formerly of Spur but now of California.

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, was trading and transacting business in Spur the past week. Mr. Koonsman is optimistic of good crops and harvests this fall.

T. S. Lambert and family were here last week end to attend the funeral of an infant born to his son, O. A. Lambert and wife.

R. C. James, of west of Spur, was try was o. k., with good seasons and meeting with his friends and transacting business affairs.

Geo. F. Harris, a leading citizen of McAdoo, was in Spur the past week, trading and meeting with his friends here.

A. M. Hoover was shaking hands with friends on the streets of Spur the latter part of the week.

Comie Foreman, of Highway, was greeting his friends on the streets the past week end.

Mr. Watson and family, of just east of Spur, were shopping in the city the past week end.

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Art Smith, of Kalgary, was here Saturday.

IMPORTANT NOTICE—Mrs. R. F. Lindsay, president of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, is very anxious that every mother, father, and school official, and every club woman in Texas hear the radio address on Thursday, June 5th, at 10:30 a. m. by Mrs. M. N. Chestman of Dallas, Chairman of Radio Programs in the Texas Federation. The subject will be "Dean of Girls in High Schools." Tune in on Station WFAA and hear this important subject ably discussed.

Ned Bowers and Hamp Collett attended the old settlers reunion of Floyd county Wednesday at Floydada. This is the second annual reunion, and those only who lived there a quarter century or more ago are eligible for membership. Ned's father helped organize Floyd county and also assisted in the establishment of Floydada. Ned is eligible for membership, but refuses to make public his age.

Uncle Bill Perry, who is farming this year west of Spur, was greeting friends on the streets Saturday. He says he is well up with his farm work and has fine crop prospects at this time. Here is hoping he will make a bale to the acre and get twenty five cents a pound on the market.

W. H. Condon, of five miles north east, was here buying planting seed this week. He is farming this year by motor power and is well pleased with the change from horse power on the farm.

W. G. Causey, who recently moved from here to near Post, just can't stay away. He was here again this week, reporting that the Post county on the streets during the week, promising crop prospects.

Miss Teunie Glasgow left Spur this week for Belton where she will make her home in future with her grandmother. Miss Nedra Hogan accompanied her for a short visit in Belton.

W. G. Ousley and C. E. Phelps, of the West Texas Utilities Company, were in Spur this week looking after company interests in the Spur territory.

W. A. Johnson, of the Floydada country, has been spending several days the past week in Spur, meeting with his old time friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan made a trip to Denton, returning home with Miss Mary Elizabeth Hogan who has been attending college.

Ed Lisenby has been in this week from his big farm in Croton country. He says farm and crop prospects are still looking good.

Edwin A. Dann and wife returned Sunday from Sweetwater where they attended a meeting of the Chiropractic Association.

E. T. Varnell, of Afton, was in Spur Monday. He states that every thing continues favorable for good crops.

Mrs. Eula Ford Nolan, of Afton, was among the shoppers and visitors in Spur the first of the week.

J. W. Smith, of near Dickens, was talking good times on the streets the first of the week.

Miss Verna Davis, of Soldier Mound, was shopping and visiting in the city this week.

W. A. Harris, of Dry Lake, was among those here transacting business during the week.

Luther Thornton, of the Matador Ranch, was transacting business in Spur last week.

Ab Fry, of Cat Fish, was in town Monday, trading and meeting with his friends.

Dusty Rhodes and family have moved from the Cat Fish country to Clarendon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boothe were shopping in the city the past week end.

John D. Hufstetter was here one day this week from his Dockum farm.

T. J. Garner, of Wilson Draw community, was in town Wednesday.

Coy Dopson was among the number here trading during the week.

J. J. Cloud, of Soldier Mound, was on the streets during the week.

Bill McArthur and son, Floyd, were in town Saturday. Floyd stated that he would probably re-enter Tech College Monday for the summer term, he having laid out a term and assisted his father with pushing farm work—but that gets tiresome Floyd stated.

J. J. Martin was here the first of the week from his farm and ranch on Red Mud. He says crop and range conditions remain good in that part of the Spur territory.

W. H. Young, of Red Hill, was in town Monday, and says that the tanks are still full in that section, and everything indicates a big crop year in that territory.

Erman Bural was here from Gilpin the first of the week. He said his son had grown almost to manhood's estate before the Texas Spur reported his birth.

STRAYED—One little black, fat pony, saddle marked. A reasonable reward for any information of its whereabouts.—Tom McArthur. 1tc

Mrs. Al Bingham, of Spur Ranch headquarters, was shopping and visiting with friends in Spur the first of the week.

W. A. Stevens, of Highway, was among the many here Saturday, trading and on other business.

J. M. and Oscar Marrs, of Elton, were trading and transacting other business in Spur Saturday.

M. F. Hagar, of Antelope, was in Spur Saturday transacting business for Kent county.

A. V. Lester, of Prairie Chapel, was trading and marketing produce here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall, of Duck Creek, were shopping in the city, Thursday.

H. B. Lewis, of Croton, was attending business affairs in Spur this week.

L. A. Grantham, of Red Hill, was on the streets one day the first of the week.

Dr. M. H. Brannen last week attended a state convention of dentists in Dallas.

Ed Fuqua, of Red Mud, was one of the business visitors here the first of the week.

Miss Arline Scudder is visiting her mother in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shugart were visiting and shopping in the city Wednesday.

Sim Moss was trading and transacting business in Spur the past week.

J. T. Rose, of the Plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur Wednesday.

Billie Macha, of Lubbock, was in Spur this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Callie Ramsay.

Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of Dry Lake, was among the many shoppers in Spur Saturday.

Mace Hunter was on the streets Saturday, mingling with the usual Saturday crowds.

T. W. Morgan was in town the past week.

Eldredge McClain was on the streets one day this week.

J. B. Morrison was meeting with friends in town this week.

R. L. English, of west of Spur, was here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis were in the city Wednesday.

Jim Carlisle of Duck Creek, was here Wednesday.

Oscar Henry, of Elton, was here trading Monday.

Luther Karr, of Espuela, was on the streets Thursday.

J. E. and Bill Cherry were in the city Saturday.

T. H. Tallent was here Monday from Gilpin.

L. L. Arnold was here from Duck Creek Saturday.

R. M. Slack was on the streets the past week.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

To all owning or claiming any property abutting upon the hereinafter portion of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street in the City of Spur, Texas, and to all owning or claiming any interest in any such property:

The governing body of the City of Spur has ordered that the hereinbelow portion of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street be improved by raising, grading and filling, and paving with 6 in plain concrete pavement, together with incidentals and appurtenances and contract has been made and entered into with Charles Whitener for the making and construction of such improvements. Estimate of the cost of such improvements for such portions of said street and avenue has been prepared.

The portion of said street and avenue so to be improved, together with the estimated cost of the improvements for each such portion of said street and avenue and the amount per foot proposed to be assessed against the abutting property and the owners thereon on each such portion of said street and avenue, are as follows:

On Burlington Avenue, from its intersection with the north curb line of Third Street to its intersection with the north curb line of Sixth Street, except the area already paved at the intersection with Fifth Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 1; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$16,800.00; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$6.00.

On Harris Street, from its intersection with the east curb line of Trumbull Avenue to its intersection with the west curb line of Willard Avenue, except the intersection with signated as Unit or District No. 2; Burlington Avenue, known and designated as Unit or District No. 2; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$9,773.33; the estimated amount of front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.53.

A hearing will be given and held by and before the Governing Body of the City of Spur, Texas, on the 14th day of June, A. D. 1930, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the City Office in the City of Spur, Texas, to all owning or claiming any property abutting upon said portion of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street, and to all owning or claiming any interest in any such property. At said time and place, all owning or claiming any such abutting property, or any interest therein, shall be and appear and will be fully heard concerning such improvements, the cost thereof, the amounts to be assessed, therefor, the benefits to the respective parcels of abutting property by means of the improvements on the portion of said street and avenue upon which the property abuts, and concerning the regularity, validity and sufficiency of the contract for and all proceeding relating to such improvements and proposed assessments therefor, and concerning any matter as to which they are entitled to hearing under the law in force in the city and under the proceedings of the City with reference to such matters. Following such hearings assessments will be levied against abutting property and the owners thereof, and such assessments, when levied, shall be a personal liability of the owners of such property and a first and prior lien upon the property as provided by the law in force in the City, and under which the proceedings are taken, being the Act passed at the first called session of the Fortieth Legislature of the State of Texas, known as Chapter 106 of the Acts of said Session.

The improvements on each such portion of said street and avenue constitute an entirely separate and distinct unit of improvement, all the same extent as if entirely separate and distinct proceedings had been taken with reference to the improvements and assessments therefor in connection with improvements on each such portion of said street and avenue, and the assessments against the property abutting upon any unit shall be and are in now affected by any facts or circumstances relating to or connected with the improvements in other units.

Of all said matters and this all owning or claiming any such property or any interest therein, as well as all others in any wise interested or affected, will take notice.

Done by order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Spur, Texas, this 29th day of May, A. D. 1930.

L. R. BYNUM,
City Clerk, City of Spur, Texas

A. C. George, of Highway, among the business visitors here first of the week.

The best meals in West Texas for 50 cents. Bell's Cafe.

Mountain Teacher



Mrs. Elizabeth Smith's job, as she explained to President Hoover, is teaching North Carolina mountaineers who grew up without schooling.

Prohibition Repeal Candidate for Governor of Texas

I am a candidate for nomination as Governor of Texas in the Democratic Primary on the single issue of prohibition repeal.

quisition that has bred universal contempt for all law, especially among the younger generation and has made our country the laughing stock of the civilized world.

I shall promptly pardon all state prisoners convicted under the law, on their promise to quit breaking the law until it can be repealed, as it should be and eventually will be.

It is no more a crime to make beer, wine or whiskey than it is to make bread, pie or strawberry shortcake.

The only real crimes connected with liquor are offenses against life, property and public peace due to the abuse of it by less than one per cent of the people.

The tide of prohibition tyranny, and terrorism, organized and led for pocket and political profit by those who exploit it, is rising steadily, but not, thank God, more rapidly than the popular revolt against it.

In Washington today, Senator Sheppard of Texas is asking congress to pass a law that would make it a penitentiary offense to buy a drink of liquor containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol.

In Washington today, President Hoover is asking congress to violate the Bill of Rights of the federal constitution by passing a law that would deny the constitutional right of trial by jury to all citizens accused of breaking the federal prohibition law.

In Washington today, the United States supreme court tells the attorney general that, under the Volstead Act, bottles, barrels and other merchandise owned by citizens can be confiscated and destroyed.

The time has come for reasonable men and women to challenge this mounting madness and put an end to it. Prohibition was the product of a conspiracy between religious agitators, greedy for political power, and big business leaders who saw in it a political issue with which they could keep the people embroiled while they were grabbing the wealth of the country and creating giant monopolies and chain systems to reduce us to the level of a nation of hired men.

We have got to get rid of this issue in order to unite in defense of our liberties and our industrial security.

The only way we can get rid of it is to repeal prohibition, state and federal, and go forward once more on the common sense, friendly, educational right road to true temperance.

This return to reason has already begun. Several of the states have repealed their prohibition enforce-

ment laws. Texas will shortly have to follow their example, leaving the federal government to enforce its infamous Volstead Act as best it can, until it, too, returns to sanity and repeals that law.

I offer my candidacy solely in order that Texas voters who know prohibition is a disgraceful failure, and who wish to repeal it, can say so by voting for a candidate who pledges himself to work for its repeal.

I saw sixteen or more dry candidates already in the field, all defenders of the existing prohibition laws I believed there should be a prohibition repeal candidate to oppose them.

I haven't a dollar to spend for advertising, nor for radio, nor for long journeys over the state. To reach the people I must depend on the sporting spirit and the news judgment of newspaper friends over the state.

E. M. Remington is spending much of his time these days in the recently developing oil on his property to the east of here.

C. M. Byrd and Oscar Hart, of Claremont, were in Spur trading Monday, spending several hours here meeting with their friends and acquaintances.

John Aston was on the streets Wednesday.

Trade at Home

Clay Caston was here this week. He stated that he had finished planting, had his crops up, and is now loafing until it rains—and showers are threatening as this is reported.

Willis R. King and family left Spur this week for a visit with relatives in Waco.

Trade at Home Commissioners Foreman, Charlie Perrin, Nuge Johnson and Austin Rose were all in Spur Wednesday, on official and personal business.



How to Play BRIDGE Series 1929-30 by Wynne Ferguson

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ARTICLE No. 25

In the preceding article, certain hands from an English competition were given and the decisions of the English judges and the writer as to their correct bidding were given.

Hand No. 4 Hearts—A, K, J, 5, 4 Clubs—9, 4 Diamonds—Q, J, 7 Spades—Q, 9, 5

Score: Y Z—20; A B—0, in rubber game. Z dealt and passed, A bid one heart, Y no bid, and B two clubs.

The judges concurred in saying that "No Bid" was the proper thing for A to do, but it is a very close decision.

Hand No. 7 Hearts—4 Clubs—A, Q, 7, 5, 4 Diamonds—A, K, 8, 5, 2 Spades—6, 5

Score: Y Z—10; A B—0, in rubber game. Z dealt and bid two hearts, A bid two spades and Y bid three hearts.

The judges decided that B's proper bid in this case is four clubs and that decision is undoubtedly a sound one.

B should, therefore, bid four clubs. If Z or Y should overbid with four hearts, B should double. If A should bid four spades, B should pass as the rebid indicates that A has a real spade suit.

four clubs, B should bid four diamonds. In any event, therefore, the bid of four clubs by B seems to offer the best results and for that reason is undoubtedly the best bid.

Hand No. 8 Hearts—A, K, J Clubs—9, 8, 7 Diamonds—10, 4, 3, 2 Spades—A, K, Q

No score, first game. What should Z as dealer bid with the foregoing hand?

This is a most unusual hand in that it contains a good deal of high card strength and yet no long suit that justifies a bid.

Hand No. 10 Hearts—K, Q, J, 2 Clubs—6 Diamonds—Q, J, 3, 2 Spades—A, Q, J, 6

No score, first game. If Z dealt and bid one diamond, what should A do with the foregoing hand?

This is a very tempting hand and most inexperienced players would double one diamond in the hope that their partner would bid one spade or one heart.

On the other hand, a bid of one spade by A can be followed up by a bid of two hearts, if he is overbid by Y or Z.

Problem No. 21 Hearts—7 Clubs—5 Diamonds—A, J, 8 Spades—4, 3, 2

Hearts—none Clubs—K, Q, 8, 7 Diamonds—Q, 10, 5, 4 Spades—none

Hearts—J, 5 Clubs—A, J, 3 Diamonds—9, 7 Spades—K

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y Z win seven of the eight tricks against any defense? Solution in the next article.



PIGGLY WIGGLY All Over the World

Prices for Saturday and Monday May 31 and June 2

Table listing various goods and their prices: All Can Goods, Flour, Peaches, Pineapple, SARDINES, COFFEE, OATS, BACON, Cheese, Fryers, each.

Oldest Fireman



Tom Early, of Lakewood, N. J., who is 101 years old, claims, and probably correctly, that he is the oldest volunteer fireman in the world.

Mother Was Hardly Able to Walk, He Says

She was Almost Invalid For Over a Year from Rheumatism; Argotane Ends Trouble, Says Abilene Man

"It's a positive fact, since taking Argotane my mother has improved so much that it is certainly remarkable. For over a year now it has been almost impossible for her to get about like she should," said O. Flake, residing at 125 Elm Street, Abilene, Texas, regarding his mother's improvement.

"My mother, Mrs. W. W. Flake, really should have been in bed most of the time for the past 12 months for she was almost an invalid, but she would just last several hours, making her short of breath, nervous and weak, and she was restless at night and could not sleep. Many times she would have to get up and sit in a chair to get any ease from pains in her stomach, back and sides. Her kidneys were disordered and gave her constant discomfort. She was losing weight and going down hill all the time. Nothing seemed to give her any relief and we both worried continually about her condition.

"It was a lucky day for both of us when I read one of the Argotane testimonials in the Abilene paper and got a bottle for her. She has taken it and now in on her second bottle and looks better than she has in years. Her appetite has improved so that I tell her jokingly she will eat us out of house and home. Her food digests easily and the pain in her stomach, back and sides have disappeared entirely. It is a pleasure to see her move around without complaining of the pains in her back and sides. She has no further trouble with her kidneys and says she feels like a new woman."

Genuine Argotane may be bought in Spur at the Spur Drug Co.

Shall Man Live Again?

"If a man die, shall he live again?" It is the age-old question, asked at the side of every bier.

And what can one say in answer to it? Every one of us is taught in childhood to believe in God and an after life.

"The world just happened," say some men. "It created itself thru the operation of natural laws."

But who or what established the natural laws and set them to perating?

When you can dump a load of bricks on a corner lot, and let me watch them arrange themselves into a house—when you can empty a handful of springs and wheels and screws on my desk and let me see them gather themselves into a watch—it will be easier for me to believe that all these thousands of worlds could have been created, balanced, and set to moving in their separate orbits all without any directing intelligence at all.

Moreover, if there is no intelligence in the universe, then the universe has created something greater than itself—for it has created you and me.

Is it easy to believe that a universe without personality could have created us who have personality?

Isn't it EASIER to believe that our personality is a little part of the great pervading Personality that has created and now permeates the universe?

And if there be a Personality in the Universe—a God—what kind of God is He?

He must be at least as good as you or I. He could not have made us better than Himself. The worse cannot create the better.

And if He is a good God, is it reasonable to suppose that He would have planted in human hearts this unquenchable yearning for immortality, and left that yearning unsatisfied?

You and I would not have done so.

Go where you will, from the most savage race to the most cultured, you will find that same instinctive assurance that death is not the end. Would a good God plant that assurance in His creatures merely to mock them?

Without immortality the world is an answerless riddle. We are born; we struggle up through slow years of development; and just as we have reached our highest point of usefulness—we are cut off.

It is hard for me to believe in a universe that made itself, and that ruthlessly casts away its most precious possession—human personality.

It is easier to believe that behind the universe is a guiding Intelligence of whose personality my own is a tiny spark that shall not go out while He lives.

If I cannot prove that this is so, neither can anyone prove to me that it is not so.

And, until someone can disprove it, I find it easier, more helpful, more efficient, to believe.

A Land of Opportunity

It is the fashion to lament that there are no more opportunities left for the adventurous young men. That has always been the fashion. Every generation has its quota of youngsters who believe that in the "good old days" all a man had to do to gain fame or fortune was to fare forth into the world and take his pick of the golden opportunities that were lying around loose for the first comer to utilize. But in every generation, fortunately, there is a goodly percentage of young men who realize what has always been true, that we make our own opportunities and if we have the spirit, the intelligence and the driving will to succeed there are as many opportunities now as there ever were.

The only difference between one decade and that which preceded it is that the opportunities are of a different kind, and every man must find out for himself what the new kinds are. A newspaper man once asked the late Russell Sage, who died in the early part of this century at the age of 90 whether there were as many opportunities then as when he was a young man. He said there were more, and when questioned as to what they were, he answered that he had found there was good money to be made in buying and selling railroads.

"But how is the young man of today going to get the opportunity to buy a railroad?" asked the reporter.

"If he ain't smart enough to find 'em, he ain't smart enough to make money out of 'em," said the old man with a grin.

The reporter went away convinced that he had been kidded. Buy and sell railroads! What an old fogey Russell Sage was, not to realize that the railroads were all so tightly held that nobody but a multi-millionaire could deal in them. But less than twenty years later the Van Swearingen brothers of Cleveland starting without a penny, broke into the railroad business and in ten years have become the owners of a railroad system which, if the Interstate Commerce Commission approves their plan, will be the only system in America stretching from Coast to Coast. They did not bewail the lack of opportunity, but went out and found their opportunity.

The other day A. P. Giannini announced that he was retiring from business on his 60th birthday, early in May. He started work in a fruit store in San Francisco at the age of 12. At 34 he had started the Bank of Italy in that city. At fifty he was the controlling head of the largest chain of banks in the world. Giannini found his opportunity where others, less keen, had declared there were no opportunities left.

America has always been the Land of Opportunity. It is still the Land of Opportunity, and please God, it will always be the Land of Opportunity for every man who is intelligent enough to recognize Opportunity when he sees it and industrious enough to work out his own destiny.

He Won the Croix de Guerre

He was my only son, But he buckled on his gun, Went and fought the wily Hun, Midst blood and thunder.

I could not say him nay, Could not ask my boy to stay, So he wept, and marched away, Eighteen, a little under.

One letter home he wrote, "We're going to get the Kaiser's goat, We'll upset his little boat, Don't you ever doubt it.

"Germany's men of iron we'll get, They've not whipped the Yankees yet, We'll take Berlin, don't you fret, Soon we'll be about it.

"Don't you worry, mother mine, For you bet they treat me fine; Send me every day a line, Send some socks and candy.

"Don't you cry and take the blues, We've not got a drop of booze; Just sit down and write the news; How's my sweetheart Mandy?

"Here's to you and dad and sis, Three big hugs, a whopping kiss; Loving folks at home I miss, Friends and all the rest.

"Often send some words of cheer, To your 'doughboy' over here, Mother's picture I keep near, Safely on my breast."

No more letters did he write, For they sent him one dark night, Out to lead a skirmish fight; Dead—they found him there.

But they sent a gift to me, Proud of him as they could be; For through valiant bravery He'd won the Croix de Guerre.

"Oh, why?" I cried in vain; "Other lads will come again"— But my only boy was slain— Far from home and mother.

Deaf to my anguished cries, Buried 'neath foreign skies, "Somewhere in France" he lies— Brother—loyal brother.

Comrades, keep up the fight; Throttle War, his bloodhounds smite! Put the yelping fiends to flight, Till war and carnage cease.

Oh, blessed Lord, we pray, On this bright Memorial Day, That war shall soon be passed away, Oh, give us lasting peace. —Ella Kellum Bennett.

Human Selfishness

We were spinning along through the crisp, fall air at an exhilarating rate of speed. Suddenly the jagged edges of a broken bottle, waiting to wreak havoc with our new tires, loomed just ahead in the center of the road. We swerved to one side, avoided the danger, then stopped.

"This will make an interesting experiment," we said, driving on a road or two before coming to a stop. In a few minutes another motorist came spinning along, saw the bottle just in time, swerved sharply to the right, hesitated and then stepped on the accelerator and quickly disappeared over the hills ahead. Soon came another, then another, and another, and each time the same action was repeated. Eleven drivers saw the dangerr, avoided it themselves and then without thought for those to follow, hurried on. Then came a man who differed from the mob. He got out, picked up the jagged pieces of glass and tossed them into a ditch. We walked back to shake hands and were greeted:

"Well, I beat you to it. Some people are mighty careless. I've got to hurry on my way, and I may be late."

So saying, he threw his gears and quickly disappeared over the hill. Probably he had the best excuse of all for passing up that obstacle in the road, and yet he was naturally thoughtful of those who came after.

This little incident illustrates what is wrong with Spearman, our county and state, our neighboring communities and the nation as a whole. Eleven think only of themselves—one shows due regard for others who must follow—Spearman Reporter.

Jerry Ensey left this week for Silver City, New Mexico, to return home with his wife who has been visiting there with relatives. Jerry confidentially informed us that while on this trip he intends to cross over the line into Old Mexico and for once a least in life experience the sensation of placing his foot on a brass railing of which he had heard historical stories—and incidentally he promised to remember us on the occasion.

When A CLEANSING MEDICINE Is Needed

"I HAVE taken Black-Draught all my life, whenever in need of a medicine for constipation," says Mrs. G. C. Burns, of Buna, Texas. "My mother and father used it in their home for years, and I was raised to think of it as the first thing if I had a headache or was constipated."

"At one time I had indigestion real bad. I was all out of sorts; my skin was sallow, and I had gas pains. After a course of Black-Draught, I got all right. I have given Black-Draught to my children, whenever they needed a medicine of the kind."

Black-Draught

WOMEN who need a tonic should take Cardul. In use over 50 years. E-141

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It Has Not Yet Been Discovered

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DAVE TAYLOR, Special Representative

County Attorney Ben G. Worswick Died Monday at Home in Dickens

Ben G. Worswick, beloved citizen, distinguished county attorney and public servant of Dickens county for the past forty years, is dead, having succumbed to an illness of more than a year Monday evening, May 26, 1930, at his home in Dickens.

Since the organization of Dickens county in 1891, Ben Worswick has been a part of the official life of the county, having filled the office of county attorney eighteen consecutive terms or thirty-six years. He devoted his life's work to the affairs of Dickens county in an official capacity, and gave freely of his services, knowledge and abilities to constituents and the public. He was familiar with all county affairs from the beginning, and was looked to, called upon and depended on for information, advice and assistance in all official propositions and questions. Ben Worswick will be missed. He rendered real service as an individual as well as in an official capacity, and although passed from this life the name and memory of Ben G. Worswick will ever be remembered and recognized as an important link and factor in the progress and history of Dickens county. Although a prosecuting attorney, he never persecuted, and in every instance was disposed to help rather than hurt unjustly those who came within his jurisdiction as an official or as an individual citizen. Ben Worswick was a life-long Democrat, ever loyal to his party, true to his friends, mindful of public duties, and devoted to the welfare and progress of his country. Truly a good and useful citizen and public servant has gone to his reward in the passing of Ben G. Worswick from the activities of this life.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock on the lawn of the court house where Judge Worswick had for years held legal sway. His bier was banked with flowers and floral offerings from friends of long standing, the ceremonies being conducted by his pastor, Rev. Harris, and many friends from all sections of the county were present to pay a last tribute to a departed friend. Business houses of both Spur and Dickens were closed and business activity made a pause of one hour, from three to four o'clock, out of respect for the passing of a distinguished public servant, good man, useful citizen, friend and helper of mankind.

The following in Texas Biography gives a brief outline of the life of Ben G. Worswick and family history:

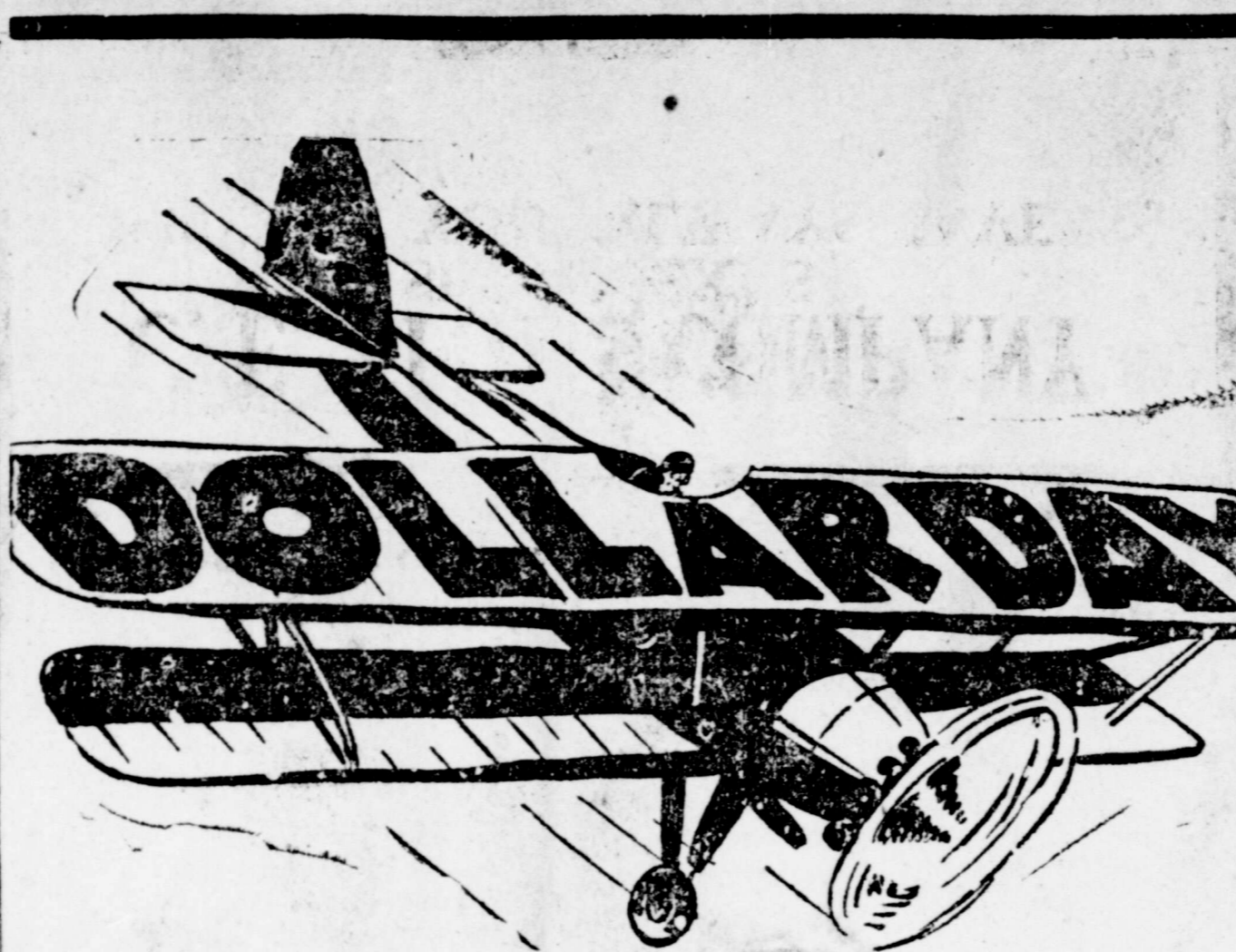
A varied and eventful career has been that of Judge Worswick, who was elected County Judge of Dickens county Texas, in 1893, as one of the first incumbents of this office in the newly organized county, and who was elected county attorney in 1896, his service in this latter office having been continued during the long intervening years and in duration being unparalleled by any other incumbent of such office in the entire state. He is now one of the honored and influential pioneer members of the Dickens County Bar, and at Dickens, the county seat, controls a large and representative general law practice.

Judge Worswick has the distinction of being the first white child to be born in Folsom City, Sacramento County, California, and the date of his nativity was February 3rd, 1855, which indicates conclusively that he is the scion of one of the pioneer families of that great commonwealth. He is the son of the late Charles Richard and Hannah (Graham) Worswick, both of whom were born in England and the marriage of whom was solemnized in the state of Massachusetts. Charles R. Worswick was reared and educated in his native land and was there graduated in historic old Oxford University, the while he early developed special talent in art and music. Mr. Worswick was one of those who responded to the lure of California at the time of the memorable discovery of gold in that state in 1849, and he made the voyage around Cape Horn and up the Pacific Coast to California, where he was successful in his prospecting for gold in Sierra and Placer counties, his operations having covered the principal gold fields of that section and he having, as a veritable "Forty-niner," had a full measure of experience in searching for the precious metal, in which connection he "struck it rich" on numerous occasions. The death of Charles H. Worswick occurred in Sierra County, California, in 1882, and in Placer County, that state, his widow died in

1889. Judge Worswick of this review profited by the advantages of both public and private schools in the pioneer days of California, and in San Francisco he thereafter studied law in the office of the famous old law firm of Campbell, Fox & Campbell, and was duly admitted to the bar. In 1879 he entered the general insurance business in San Francisco, and in 1882 he became a representative of the same line of enterprise at Virginia City, Nevada, then a vital center of mining industry. Later he was identified with similar business at Portland, Oregon, and San Diego, California. After making an extended tour of the United States he finally arrived in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1888. Here he became associated with the Matador Land & Cattle Company, and was sent to the extensive ranch headquarters of this corporation at Matador, Motley county, where he became the first farm demonstrator in this section of Texas. In this connection he established a well ordered experiment station for the study of agricultural conditions and problems and for determining the crops best suited to the soil and climate, this district having previously been given over almost exclusively to cattle growing. Judge Worswick continued his effective service along these lines until he was sent to the newly organized county of Dickens where he became general deputy over all county officers. In 1893 he was elected county judge of the new county, an office that he later resigned, and in 1896 he was elected county attorney, which by successive re-elections, he has retained to the present time and in which he is now serving (1927) his sixteenth consecutive term. Judge Worswick was largely instrumental in bringing about the removal of the county seat from Esquepela to Dickens, and he has since continued one of the honored and influential citizens of the progressive little city that is now the judicial center of the county. He is a stalwart and prominent figure in the councils of the Democratic party in this section of the Lone Star State, and he has had much of leadership in advancing the civic and industrial progress and prosperity of his home county. In the World War period Judge Worswick served as county food administrator of Dickens county and was otherwise active in the forwarding of patriotic service here. He gave a number of years of effective service as a member of the Dickens Board of Education, and his communal influence has ever been prolific of civic betterment. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the local Baptist Missionary Church, has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows many years, and has been a member of the Knights of Pythias since 1882. His is the distinction of being a charter member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, a splendid California organization that now has thousands of members. He organized a second lodge of his fraternity in Oakland, and also Lodge No. 3 in Sacramento and Lodge No. 98 in San Diego, besides which he presided over the Grand Lodge of the order in its assembly in the city of San Francisco. It is interesting to record that his birthplace is only four miles distant from the point where gold was first discovered on the American river in California. Judge Worswick is a member of Dickens County Bar Association, and of the Texas State Bar Association, and on the occasion of his latest reelection to the office of county attorney he took pleasure in referring to himself as the perpetual or life candidate for this office.

In May, 1881, Judge Worswick was united in marriage to Miss Julia Meadows, whose death occurred at Virginia City, Nevada, in 1887, and who was survived by one child, Charles William, the latter having been a prominent business man in San Francisco at the time of his death in March, 1927. March 13, 1892, recorded the marriage of Judge Worswick and Mrs. Minnie (Berlin) Burke widow of Phillip Burke, her one child by the first marriage having been a son, Robert L., who served in the World War as sergeant major in the headquarters company of the Ninetieth Division of the United States Army, and who now resides in the home of Judge and Mrs. Worswick. To Judge and Mrs. Worswick have been born seven children: Ella, Mrs. W. P. Evans, Dickens; Mary, Mrs. L. A. Johnson, Glendale, Arizona; Lena, Mrs. T. B. Walker, Wink, Texas; Francis, Mrs. R. R. Harkey, Glendale, Arizona; Margaret, Mrs. S. D. Dawe, San Antonio, Texas; Nellie, deceased when infant; Virginia and Benny, both of whom reside at home.

J. P. Middleton came down Tuesday from Lubbock, spending a short time here looking after farm property and other business interests.



FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY

Dollar Days mean Thrift Days at our store. Below we are listing just a very few of the items that you will find on sale. We have planned this for a month in advance so as to give you one of the biggest Dollar Days ever held in Spur.

- FAY MAID Wash Frocks, regular \$1.98 Values will be sold for the low price of only **\$1.00**
- Regular 50-ct. size Hinds Honey and Almond Cream, 3 for **\$1.00**
- Regular 25 ct. Voil **\$1.00**
- 6 Yards for **\$1.00**
- Regular 50 cent Garza Sheeting **\$1.00**
- 2 1-2 Yards for **\$1.00**
- 6 Bars Lemon Soap and 6 Wash Rags for **\$1.00**
- 3 Rools of Quilt Cotton, 3 Pound Rools **\$1.00**
- 4 Yard Oil Cloth, New Patterns **\$1.00**
- ONE BIG LOT LADIES & CHILDRENS' Spring and Summer hats **\$1.00**
- Men's Full Cut Unions, 2 Suits for **\$1.00**
- Men's Full Cut Work Shirts, Two for **\$1.00**
- Mens Work Pants, all Sizes Per Pair **\$1.00**
- Men's and Boys' Dress Shirts, Fast Colors **\$1.00**
- Men's and Boys' Dress Caps Each **\$1.00**
- Boys' Hanes' Unions 2 for **\$1.00**
- Men's 25 cent Sox 5 Pair **\$1.00**
- Men's 50 cent Silk Sox 3 Pair **\$1.00**

Ladies Full Fashion Hose, all new shades, The best hose value in town **98c**
Per Pair

Tennis Shoes, all sizes Extra Weight **98c**

Men's New Straw Hats, All Shapes **\$1.49**

Men's Work Shoes, all leather with a heavy composition sole **\$1.98**

New shipment of children's Shoes all leather oxfords and one-straps **\$1.98**

SPECIAL—Just received new shipment ladies' high grade imported sandals **\$3.98**

Ladies' Full Fashion Service Weight Hose—The best hose on the market for the money. Per pair **\$1.49**

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Poley Williams Makes Successful Diversified Farmer-Poultryman

Poley Williams, who with his family came to the Spur country from Callahan the past year, has been making improvements on his farm he purchased in the Twin Wells section and is now engaged in the business of farming.

In years past Mr. Williams has been engaged in other lines of business than that of farming, he being an expert and practical ginmer, and also successfully managing and operating produce houses and other lines of business. However, he is now becoming a practical and successful diversified farmer and poultryman—and follows "old Beck" up and down the rows every day. As evidence of his business success as a farmer, Poley states that he sells each week around fifty dozen eggs, has forty-five acres of cotton with five leaves now on the stalk and which has been plowed over and is growing most satisfactorily at this time. Other crops are being planted and other diversified interests will be added to the farm work and we will await a full report of his experiences and accomplishments at the end of the year's work.

To the Voters of Dickens County

As the statutes of the State of Texas provide for the separation of the District and County Clerk's office on a population of 8,000, it became necessary that those who are candidates for this office to re-announce for the office they desire, for the reason that the recent Federal census shows Dickens county now has a population of 8,680.

I take this method of announcing as a candidate for the office of COUNTY CLERK of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries to be held in July and August this year, and expressing my gratitude and appreciation of the confidence you have shown in electing me in the past 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.

With the experience I have had, and my familiarity with the details of the Clerk's office, I believe I can render better service now with only one office to look after, than when I was first entrusted with the duties and responsibilities of the office of District and County Clerk, and if elected it will be my greatest pleasure to render more efficient and courteous service.

As I understand it, any 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 anyone to occupy or hold an office, his qualifications and fitness for the office should CONTROL and NOT the benefits it may be to the one who holds the office.

If my conduct, qualifications and service in office have been such as to merit your vote and influence, which I most earnestly solicit, I promise to render the best and most efficient service that it is possible for me to give to the people of Dickens county. Faithfully yours,
ROBT. REYNOLDS.

Purse of \$17 Made Up for Dr. Grace for Services in Medicine and Surgery

Last week Mesdames Olda Harrington and Monk Rucker, appreciating the fact that Dr. Grace had freely and generously given his professional services to the extent of some four or five hundred dollars, if a regular fee had been charged, to a destitute Mexican family of six or seven members injured recently in the storm, circulated a subscription list in the city with the result that \$17 was contributed and which will at least help pay the gasoline bills incurred while rendering both medical and surgical services to the injured.

Following is a list of the names and amounts contributed:
William Manning, 50c; Virgil Smith, 50c; Stack Barber Shop, 50c; City Light Plant, \$2; Chas. Windham, \$1; Godfrey & Smart, 50c; Hokus Pokus, 50c; Ralph Jackson, 50c; Alton Chapman, 50c; Geo. S. Link, 50c; Hogan & Patton, 50c; Spot Cash Grocery, 50c; Piggly Wiggly, \$1; City Grocery, \$1; Spur Coffee Shop, 50c; Bulls Cafe, 50c; Oran McClure, \$1; D. H. Sullivan, \$5; making a total of \$17.

The people of Spur are most generous and are always willing to contribute of their means to worthy

causes and in assisting one another in bearing public burdens.

Musical Recitals by Pupils of Mrs. Granberry at School

Among the pleasing programs following Commencement Week were the musical recitals Monday and Tuesday nights of this week at the high school auditorium by the pupils of Mrs. Granberry who taught music in connection with the Spur schools.

Twenty-one numbers were on the program Monday night and nineteen Tuesday night, including solos, duets and trios, the pupils rendering the programs being little Misses Grace Foster and Lillian Grace Dickson, Peggy Jane Hogan, Wynell McClure, Sybil Schrimsher and Helen Hale, Regenia Lee, Frances Gibson, Nedra Hogan and Julia Jo Reed, Billie Louise Powell, Frances Springer, Uda Mae Whitener and Dorothy Carson, Ouida Fern Dobbins, Jane Godfrey, Evalene Hazel and Mrs. Granberry, Martha Frances Nichols, Royce Blackwell, Sybil Hazel, Mary Wooten and Mrs. Granberry, Dorothy Hisey, Nellie Mecom, Era Bell Hogan, Annie Laurie Lewis and Mrs. Granberry, Grace Foster, Peggy Jane Hogan and Wynell McClure, Lillian Grace Dickson, Ruby Dell Davis, Helen Hale, Nedra Hogan, Frances Joe Springer, Julia Jo Reed and Jane Godfrey, Sybil Schrimsher, Uda Mae Whitener, Julia Jo Reed, Era Bell Hogan and Dorothy Hisey, Elizabeth Ann Lee, Mary Wooten, Martha Frances Nichols and Annie Laurie Lewis, Dorothy Carson, Evalene Hazel, Annie Laurie Lewis, Jane Douglas Wilson, Sybil Hazel and Nellie Mecom.

Each number was well rendered, conclusively indicating that pupils were carefully and efficiently tutored and directed in musical art.

Total Dickens County Population Given at 8,680 by Enumerators

The total population of Dickens county has been announced by Dr. Irwin E. Barr, supervisor of census enumerators, at 8,680, the figures being preliminary and subject to further correction. In 1920 the population of Dickens county was 5,876, making a gain of 2,804 people during the ten years time.

There were 1,224 farms enumerated in the county.

Business House and Grocery Stock Burned Friday in Clairemont

Friday night of last week the Thomas Parker stock of groceries, together with the business building owned by W. T. Scoggins on the southwest corner of the courthouse square in Clairemont, was completely destroyed by fire.

The destroyed building will be immediately replaced by Mr. Scoggins and restocked with groceries by Mr. Parker, we are informed.

Court Holds City Must Pay Irregular Weslaco Warrants

Mercedes, Texas, May 25.—Interpreted here as being of great importance to investors in municipal warrants, Judge J. C. Hutchison has instructed a jury in Federal Court here to find in favor of J. H. Porter of Kansas in Porter's suit to force payment of city of Weslaco warrants.

The city had contended that the warrants were irregularly drawn, Judge Hutchison's verdict in effect holds that an innocent purchaser of warrants will be protected and payment of the warrants enforced by the courts, regardless of claims by the city as to irregularities.

The ruling is contrary to other findings made by lower courts, which had held warrants were negotiable instruments and were open to any and all defense as against owners of the instruments.

The ruling holds that if warrants are issued and signed by city officers, and proceedings appear regular on their face, payment may be enforced.

The evidence shows the mayor and secretary had signed the warrants and certified the proceedings showing they had been issued at a meeting of the city council. The city claimed no such meeting had been held and offered evidence to show that members of the council whose names appeared in the proceedings were not present.

Lee Mimms, of Wichita, was on the streets Tuesday, greeting friends and acquaintances.