

THE TEXAS SPUR

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Welfare Association Reorganized for Immediate Activities

Thursday a number of women of the city met at the directors room of the Spur National Bank for the purpose of reorganizing the Welfare Association, and getting in better shape to meet an emergency in serving and relieving the destitute and distressed peoples of the surrounding country.

In this emergency all the churches and other organizations are expected to join in and cooperate with the Welfare Association to the end that a better system of aid without duplication may be instituted.

There are numbers of people who are in real distress, many of whom may not call for assistance, and the Welfare Association asks that information be given for investigation.

SUMMARY OF 4-H PANTRY DEMONSTRATIONS

The eleven 4-H pantry demonstrators who began at the first of the year to try to raise enough to provide their families for the time that they did not have gardens have succeeded, even though the drouth cut them a little short on their pantries. In the eleven pantries there is a total of 5757 quarts of containers, an average of 523 quarts to the pantry. The value of these pantries is \$3,459.15 with an average of \$317.22 for each pantry. The pantries are divided into divisions of fruits, vegetables, meats, pickles, relishes and dried fruits, dried vegetables, preserves, jams and jellies, Tomatoes, cured meat. This is a total of: 1563 qts. fruit, 2023 lbs. vegetables, 013 qts. meats, 496 lbs. pickles and relishes, 189 lbs. dried fruit, 53 qts. preserves, jams and jellies, 100 lbs. dried vegetables, 252 qts. tomatoes, 5,000 lbs. cured meat.

In order to estimate how much is being canned in tins there is a report from the three hardware stores in Spur that they have (this year) sold a total of 8,100 tin cans. They have sold 16 pressure cookers and 10 sealers this year. This gives an idea of the food preservation work from a county wide viewpoint. It is possible to get exactly the number of jars used in preservation work, because the jars are used year after year. The 8,100 cans sold does not mean either that this is all that has been canned in tin, because many use the tin cans two and three times.

Ben Atwood, of Greenville, was in Spur the past week, to attend the funeral of his mother, Grandpa Rucker, who died at the home of another son, F. O. Taylor, of another son, more than Grandpa Rucker's death. She lived to her bed for only five seven months before she had passed the age of 90 years and had lived a useful life during the many years on the frontier of Texas.

John Goodall, of near Girard, came to Spur Tuesday, spending several hours here on business and meeting with friends of this part of the country. John says that while the financial depression still persists, everything is looking much better and everybody is more hopeful of a more generous prosperity the approaching year. We have experienced three successive short crop years—and unless good crops and fair prices come around next year, things will begin to "tighten up" sure enough.

W. M. Hunter, of four miles east of Spur, was in the city one day during the week meeting

Grandpa Luna Died Last Week at Home of Son in Girard

Grandpa P. H. Luna died last Wednesday at the home of his son, M. L. Luna of Girard, the body being interred in the Girard cemetery.

Harvey S. Holly Makes a Record in Poultry

Those who have inspected the poultry flock, yard, houses and equipments on the Harvey S. Holly farm, between Spur and Dickens, state that it is one of the very best and most complete within all of Western Texas.

Mr. Holly has two hundred and thirty White Leghorn hens, seven and a half months old, and from which he is now getting more than a hundred eggs each day.

He is beginning to keep an accurate monthly record of expenses and income from his poultry yard. During the month of November he marketed 3,096 eggs, or 258 dozen at a price of 35 cents per dozen, realizing the total sum of \$90.30.

His expense of keeping the flock was as follows: 560 pounds of mash at \$2.90 per 100 pounds, \$16.14; 900 pounds of grain at \$2 per 100, \$18.00; oyster shells \$2.00; medicines, \$2.10; lights, 50 cents; making a total expense of \$38.74.

With a total of \$90.30 income from the sale of eggs and an expense of \$38.74 in the upkeep of his flock, the net income amounts to \$51.56 for the month.

Mr. Holly's poultry houses are of the most modern, convenient and sanitary type. He expects a considerable increase of eggs from month to month in future. The fact is that Mr. Holly makes more than the family living each month from his chickens alone—and he has other sources of monthly income on his farm.

CARD OF THANKS.
We want to express our heart felt thanks and sincere gratitude to neighbors and friends and all who extended us a helping hand, and gave us encouragement by words of sympathy as well as deeds, through the protracted illness and death of our mother. May God's richest blessings ever attend each of you.—F. O. Taylor, W. H. Taylor, Ben Atwood.

Miss Nig Lisenby returned the past week from Abilene where she spent the Thanksgiving season with her sisters and other relatives and friends.

W. H. Deuval of south of the city, was on the streets one day during the week. Mr. Deuval and family just recently returned from the Eastern part of the state where they spent the fall months picking cotton. He stated that there were many men to every job, and that he encountered hundreds of unemployed on the trip—many of whom were in destitute circumstances. There is no question but that the country is facing a critical situation. Every body is broke and the man who has a few dollars is afraid to turn it loose.

A. K. McAllister, of Afton, was in Spur Thursday morning for a time. He says crops are short but in the north part of the county, but notwithstanding the hard times, he has plenty to eat, and is not worrying.

Clay Aston has been in Spur the week here with his family, and meeting with friends. Clay has been employed as a gas company near Afton, and was on the line of Mexico. He returned Thursday.

J. W. Vandiver, of Afton, was

Town Joins in Co-operative Selling and Celebrating Campaign

The merchants and business interests of Spur are joining in together in a "selling and celebrating" campaign, beginning December 15th and continuing to the 20th, and during which time every merchant and business concern of the city will make special low price inducements to the trade, with the assurance that people will be attracted here from the most distant points of the territory.

The "co-operative selling and celebrating" campaign of one week is being sponsored by the Spur Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Secretary Granberry, and the event will be made one of the biggest of its kind within the history of Spur.

For the occasion a large Christmas tree has been placed in the middle of the two main streets, red, white and blue lights are in evidence throughout the nights, and the streets and various places of business are being decorated in keeping with the event and the holiday season.

Everybody is expected to come to Spur during this selling celebration event, enjoy not only the cheerful holiday season, but materially benefit by the many bargains being offered by merchants and business interests—and all Texas Spur readers are urged to look over the advertising columns before starting on your shopping tours, with the assurance that money and time will be saved by trading with the advertisers.

Mrs. H. O. Albin Entertained With a 'Pitch' Party

Mrs. H. O. Albin was hostess to a number of guests Friday evening of last week with a pitch party. The game of pitch was the entertaining feature, and each of the guests enjoyed the occasion to the full extent. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Arner Watson who recently underwent a serious and complicated operation at the Nichols Sanitarium, is reported improving slowly.

W. A. Stevens Died Suddenly Friday at Home in Highway

W. A. Stevens of the Highway community, dropped dead in his home Friday evening of last week. He had been in ill health for some time, spending a week or two recently in the Nichols Sanitarium for treatment. However, he had been able to be up and about since leaving the sanitarium, and his death at the time was unexpected. His body was carried to Rochester in Haskell county, the family home, for interment, interment being made Sunday. He had been suffering of leakage of the heart and high blood pressure.

His brother, Jack Stevens, who also formerly lived in Spur and was well known here, recently dropped dead in Lorenzo where he had been serving as police and nightwatch two years after leaving Spur.

W. A. Stevens had lived here since the first years after the opening of Spur and the Spur Farm Lands. He was a good man and highly regarded as a citizen. He was seventy two years of age. His father, Captain George Stevens, served as Captain of the Texas Rangers in earlier days, and a monument now stands at Decatur in his memory and honor.

Matthew Gruben Celebrates 6th Birthday

Master Matthew Gruben celebrated his sixth birthday anniversary Monday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gruben, by entertaining quite a number of his little friends. A birthday cake, bearing six lighted candles, was prepared for the occasion, and was later cut and served with other refreshments by little Misses Katherine Ensey and Mozell Powell. Favors of Christmas 'sox filled with candy and toys was given the little guests, among whom were Celesta Ray King, Ida Lee Golding, Dorothy Rogers, Bette Jean Roberts, Willis King, George Walker, Alfred Walker, Charles Ensey, S. C. Fallis, Jonnie Monk Rucker, Lester Lane, Ericson Harold Cargile, Ernestine Berry Bill Gruben, Katharine Ensey, Mozell Powell, and the host, Matthew Gruben.

60 Million Dollars for Drouth Relief is Authorized

The United States Senate has passed the bill authorizing sixty million dollars for relief of the drouth stricken farmers of the country.

The bill authorizes the secretary of agriculture to make advances or loans to farmers in the drouth stricken areas for the purchase of food, seed of suitable crops, fertilizers, feeds for live stock and fuel and oil for tractors.

West Texas Utilities to Build High Lines Out of Spur

Messrs. Owsley, Neise and Beams, of the West Texas Utilities Company, were in Spur this week. The West Texas Utilities Company is acquiring the right of way and making a survey for the building of high lines into Afton and McAdoo, from Spur. The work will begin as soon as this preliminary work can be completed. This construction work will not only materially benefit the towns and people along the lines, but will give employment to quite a number of people in constructing the lines.

Mrs. Parr Entertains Bridge Club at the Pitchfork Ranch

Mrs. Ida Parr was a delightful hostess to the Spur 1925 Bridge Club members Wednesday of last week at the Pitchfork Ranch headquarters, twenty five miles northeast of Spur.

Eleven members of the club from Spur attended, and report a pleasant occasion and most gracious hostess. Following the games, refreshments of pie, coffee and pecans were served.

A new "white house" has just been completed at the ranch headquarters, and during the afternoon the hostess showed her guests through the new ranch home which is modernly constructed and handsomely appointed.

Joe Long spent Thursday and Friday of this week on business in Albany.

Grandpa Saddler of Near McAdoo Died Wednesday

Grandpa Saddler, of near McAdoo, died Wednesday evening of this week. He was the father of Harley Saddler, the noted showman of West Texas, and leaves three other sons. Grandpa Saddler had lived in the McAdoo section a number of years, and was one among the best citizens of the country.

The Spur National Bank Offers Cash Prizes For the Best Essays

The prize essay contest put off by the Spur National Bank is developing quite a bit of enthusiasm. Already a number of essays have been sent in. Parents, teachers, and friends realize that this is a fine chance for them to help instill thrift thoughts in the minds of the boys and girls of this section. They are encouraging and helping with suggestions. How is this for a twelve year old on "The Value of a Savings Account." This little essay, however, comes from outside the contest zone, and is therefore not eligible in this contest.

"Bob and Bill with Bob's little dog Snip went for a holiday in the woods. Soon Snip was wildy scratching under an old fallen tree trunk. Nuts and things were being scattered all about. Rats had taken them there one by one. They went a little farther and found a bee tree. Gee! What a lot of honey. The bees must have made lots of trips when the flowers were blooming to lay up all that honey. A little later they saw a squirrel scot up a tree with a nut in its mouth. It had put a whole lot of nuts in that old tree. These places were 'savings banks' for the rat, the bee and the squirrel. They sure were fixed for the winter. This was a good lesson for me. I'll put some of my money in a savings bank account so I'll have it when I need it."

Write your essays, boys and girls, there is \$15, \$10 and \$5 in gold waiting for the ones who send in the first, second and third best essays. December 31st is the last day of the contest. Make your teacher happy by having her or his room represented by a prize winner.

Rev. Fisher and wife, of Clarendon, have moved to Spur, he having accepted the pastorate of the Nazarene Church of Spur, the place having recently been vacated by the Rev. Mrs. Dawson who is now doing work for a rescue home at Pilot Point. Mrs. Dawson organized the Nazarene Church here and promoted the building of both a church structure and parsonage. We are glad to have Rev. Fisher and wife in Spur with us, and feel confident that under his direction the church work will be carried on as successfully as that of Mrs. Dawson.

Buren Smith, of Dry Lake, was in the city the past week end. John Johnson, was in town Wednesday, stating that he had been busy farming.

Miss Gillie Slaton spent the past week in Junction visiting her sister.

Mrs. Edmonds is now in Sweetwater assisting Freeman who is managing a mercantile business in that city.

Sam Tarver Cimmmons returned home this week. He has been with a government surveying crew several months completing a survey from the Mexico border to Freeport and back to College Station.

STAMFORD SHOT AND KILLED HIMSELF

Floyd Habert, 30 year son of H. C. Halbert of shot and killed himself at the home of his father, Stamford. He had been operating out of San Antonio had been at home month. An old style lay beside the body.

West Texas Utilities Will Cook in Spur 3

Mrs. Stella Floyd, Home, and Louis Hoffmeister Range expert, will be next week making preparations for the holding of a West Texas Utilities Company Cook on the afternoon of December 17 and 18, from 3:00 to 6:00 according to an announcement from Mac Wilson, Local of the company here.

The Masonic Building, acquired, and preparation made to take care of hundreds of progressive home managers who are to attend the three day demonstration. Mrs. Stella Floyd, under direction the school will be an experienced Home with a national reputation. The recipes she will make able for attending women prove interesting and different. In addition to the demonstration and the recipes, Mrs. Floyd explain the advantages of cookery, and will show how of time can be saved each through following approved cuts in cooking methods.

Last year's demonstration an unqualified success, and Floyd expressed great pleasure when she was informed that housewives had requested a gain.

Home Demonstration Clubs Hold Achievement Day Dec.

The Home Demonstration will hold their Achievement on Monday, December 15th, meeting will be held in the ment of the Baptist church public is cordially invited to in the afternoon and see the habits and hear the report the club members. Each club ber is to bring something she has raised or canned at The lunch will consist of products. Each club member also bring a gunny sack article or a flour sack article. There will also be and other work on display.

Mrs. Joe Kellam is now in Lubbock hospital for treatment by a specialist. She is suffering of what is feared is a blood caused by an injury over sustained a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Booth south of the city, were those shopping here the week end.

Joe Bailey Whitener, wife young son returned this from a trip down in the Grande Valley where they some time visiting with relatives and friends.

O. C. Arthur, who employed at Littlefield several weeks, was here visiting with his family.

Mrs. C. A. Moore, Fish community, Tuesday, she cream and

His Hearty Endorsement ————— By Albert T. Reid

MERRY CHRISTMAS
1930
HEALTH TO ALL

Let us all help this most worthy cause

MEMBERSHIPS AND GOD WILL OFFERINGS

Albert T. Reid
AUTOCASTER

1931 LICENSE PLATES BEING ISSUED NOW!

—AT—
Dickens, Spur, Afton

Tax Collector will be at

McAdoo Friday, Dec. 19

Afton, Saturday Dec. 20

Spur, Fri. & Sat. 26-27th

Also Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
December 29, 30 and 31st.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING TAXES AND REGISTERING CARS

One of Spur's merchants placed a small advertisement in the Texas Spur the past week, informing us that he had a hundred or more callers at his place of business in response to the advertisement. This is conclusive that advertisements in the Texas Spur are read and bring results. Business may be lack at this time, but there is no question but that judicious advertising will increase sales and absolutely create business.

WORK FOR TUITION

Wanted—ten young men and five young women to work in College office for a part of tuition. Splendid opportunity to get ready for a good business position at a big saving. Insure prosperous New Years throughout the future by starting preparation now. Write today. Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas.

C. R. Foreman of Highway, was in the city Tuesday.

W. R. Gannon, of west of Spur, was on the streets Monday of this week.

J. A. Kerley, of east of Spur, was here Saturday trading and on other business.

Ned Bowers was meeting with his friends on the street the past week end.

Girard School and Community News

The second and third grades rendered an unusually entertaining program in assembly period last Friday. Members of these grades are to be complemented on their splendid little choral club which rendered several numbers.

The Senior girls basket ball trip to Dickens, which was scheduled for December 4, was postponed until December 11, because of the inclement weather.

Members of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union met at the home of Mrs. E. J. Kellett Monday Dec. 8.

Last Saturday night the Senior girls played the Outlaw team. The school girls won the game by a score of 32 to 12. The Senior boys also played an Outlaw team. The outlaw team was defeated by a score of 36 to 34. After the boys played they were very nice to the girls and formed a pep squad. This was enjoyed by everyone.

The Senior Boys Basket Ball Tournament at Girard begin Sat. at 9 o'clock.

The school is in need of some new basket balls. Mr. Kennon is trying very hard to secure some money to buy these by selling chewing gum.

Last Wednesday Morning in chapel the school was entertained by the pep squad girls. The letter "G" was formed and the following program given: Song — "They Say Old Girard She Aint Got No Style". Yell by all. Song — "Our Girls Will Shine Tonight". Song "Cheer Boys Cheer". Song "Cardinals."

They marched from the stage using a step they learned in Physical Education class.

We find the pep squad very active and always ready to help the Cardinals win the ball games.

Bernard Fuqua from Seminole was visiting friends and relatives in Girard last Sunday.

The basket ball game last Sat. night showed that the boys are improving very fast under the training of coach Richards.

Mrs. Kennon and her children the primary room, will entertain Friday Morning, Dec. 12, in chapel. Everyone is invited to see this Christmas program.

The following piece of poetry was written by Frankie Stephens a very prominent member of the Senior class.

THE SENIORS
The Senior class eleven are they,
Always ready for work and play,
History, they can always tell,
There are none that can do it as well.

Their motto they can live up to,
For their class is honorable, pure
and true,
Step by step, the ladder they climb
As "On to the top" their light does
shine.

Each member always does his best
On the examination test,
And work they will declare,
The Seniors can do it anywhere.

Graduation time is near at hand
They will be ready to take their
stand,
And give their place in the Senior
class,

To some other student, when they
pass.

In this town you can see
The Senior signs are plain as can
be;

This shows that this senior class
Excels any other that has passed.

So watch for the Senior Play,
Which will be given on the 18th
day.

This is a show and not a debate
So be there promptly at eight.

There will be thrills at the begin-
ing,
Then scared you'll be at the end-
ing;

So help the Seniors solve this
puzzling thing,
That "The Mystery of the Third
Cable" brings.

The Senior Play "The Mystery of the Third Cable" will be given December 18. All are invited to come. Admission will be 10 and 20 cents. You will never forget the thrills, the horrors, the suspense, and the pleasure. All will be enjoyed. By all means arrange to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Edwards from Sudan, Texas, were visiting friends and relatives in Girard last week end.

Miss Pearl Edwards of Lubbock was visiting R E Beaver and family last week end.

Mrs. S. R. Hood and Mrs. R. E. Beaver made their semiweekly trip to Spur. They are taking treatments from a Mexican doctor. They claim he has cured them, but as there was nothing wrong with either of them, this would be easy done.

Ralph Stephens has entered our school.

Mr. P. H. Luna died at the home of his son, M. L. Luna, in Girard Wednesday. He was laid to rest in the Girard Cemetery Wednesday evening.

The Baptist people met Sunday night at the Baptist Church for song practice.—School Reporter.

J. M. and Oscar Marrs, of Elton, was here Saturday.

George Harris of McAdoo, was in Spur the first of the week.

J. J. W. Smith, of near Dickens, was here one day this week.

Cecil Scott, of Duck Creek, was in town Tuesday.

Howard Campbell was among the business visitors in town the past week.

Joe Thornton was in the city Saturday from his farm and ranch southwest of Spur.

H. C. Peters, of Cat Fish, was here Monday.

W. C. Messer was here the past week, transacting business affairs and meeting with friends.

\$50.00 REWARD

I will pay \$50.00 reward for any information leading to a conviction of the thief who stole a black Jersey Cow from the pen of Ed Sanders on Friday night, November 28th.

G. L. BARBER
Sheriff Dickens County.

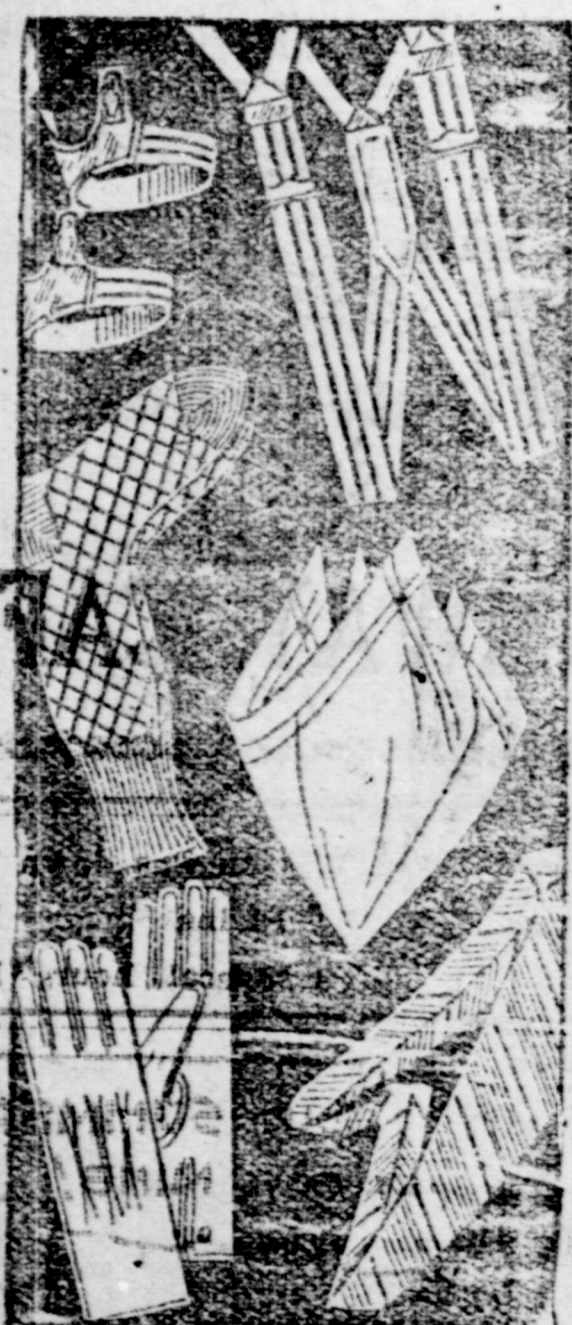
Christmas Gifts That Last!

WATCHES	\$12.00 to \$47.00
RINGS	\$1.00 to \$50.00
HAND BAGS	\$6.02 to \$18.00
PEARLS	\$1.00 to \$25.00
BROOCHES	\$1.00 to \$25.00
STONE BRACELET	\$2.50 to \$5.00
WATCH BAND	\$1.50 to \$6.00
VANITIES	\$1.00 to \$6.00
DRESSER SETS	\$5.00 to \$25.00
MILITARY SETS	\$1.50 to \$8.00
WATCH CHAINS	\$1.00 to \$10.00
FOUNTAIN PENS	\$1.00 to \$8.00
SILVERWARE, CLOCKS, BELT BUCKLE SETS, ATOMISERS.	

GRUBEN BROS., Spur, Texas



Useful Gifts for Christmas at Big Savings!!
SUITABLE FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
Prices Reduced Below the Usual Sale Prices on Items



Bloomers

For Ladies and Misses
Priced at

29c

39c, 49c, 69c

These Bloomers are
Big Values!

Bed Spreads

Large Sizes—All Colors
for only

95c

Ladies Silk Hose

\$1.00 value 45c

\$1.50 value 95c



HANDKERCHIEFS

LADIES
3 in Xmas Box
25c

FOUR IN HAND TIES

FOR HIM!
\$1.00 values for
80c

BOYS Dress Shirts

FAST COLORS
only
85c

MENS Dress Shirts

\$2.00 values for
only
\$1.29

Mens Hats

SPECIAL
\$6.00 values for
only
\$3.95

Phonograph Needles

FOUR PACKAGES
The Price Only

25 cents

Suits and Overcoats

SEE WHAT YOU BUY!

Extra Bargain Prices

R. EDWARDS & COMPANY
Headquarters for Holiday Gifts!



CHRISTMAS

**MAKE THE SEASON MORE CHEERFUL
BY JUDICIOUS SHOPPING FOR
USEFUL GIFTS!!**

With Christmas just around the corner, and the time to select gifts at hand, the wise shoppers will refer to the advertising columns of The Texas Spur for shopping information and directions. Stores are filled with useful holiday merchandise, and it will pay you to read the advertising news in these columns.

CHRISTMAS ISSUE FEATURED NEXT WEEK

The Texas Spur will feature a Christmas issue next week, December 19th. Among the new stories and Christmas articles will be "The Night Before Christmas at Station 10" by Dennis H. Stovall; "Christmas Reflections," by Jim Lowry; "Bill, the Errand Boy," by Joe Sappington; "Last Minute Holiday Hints"; "The Christmas Balls"; "Merry Christmas"; "Christmas Gift Suggestions."

It would be most gratifying if we could have every business firm of Spur represented in the advertising columns—at least for this one issue?