

THE TEXAS SPUR

AND THE DICKENS ITEM

NUMBER

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Four Inch Snow Covered the Spur Country

We have been here since Spur opened and have boasted its possibilities and prospects in times past to the limit. We have been here and fair and feel that even now because of general adverse conditions—but things are changing. We have had rains and the prospect now is that we will make beautiful harvests in the new year.

The past week we had a four inch snow. The country has a better season and unless calamity befalls we are going to make good crops. The price is to set and control prices that we produce—and we do not think it can be done by legislation. We used to think prices were based on supply and demand, but our opinion now is that they are wholly controlled and manipulated by the marketing agencies—and so long as the producer expects the banker, the merchant and other business interests to look after his affairs he will come out in the hole. Every individual and every line of business must look out after itself because that is what the world is doing—the other fellow has worries of his own—and the principal worry of the day is how he may take advantage of the other fellow. The real producer and creator of wealth had just as well use the brain now and let his brain protect him in a personal encounter.

Stonewall County Rejects \$580,000 Road Bonds

This entire section of country and Dickens county in particular was disappointed when the news came from Stonewall county Saturday that the proposed road bond issue of \$580,000 had been defeated in an election held on that day. 334 votes were cast in favor of the proposed bonds, while 497 were cast against the proposition.

The highway department had proposed to supplement the bond issue with an expenditure of two million dollars for the construction of paved roads throughout Stonewall county.

Stonewall county is a material link in the old Fort Worth-Rosewell Highway, or the T T T Trail, and the road bond proposition acceptance would have meant much to adjoining counties both to the east and west of Stonewall.

However, this was an inopportune time to submit the proposition. Under prevailing conditions the people of this section can not pay the taxes already assessed. In fact we are seeking aid at this time help us make a living—and under the existing conditions a charge of nonprogressiveness could not be sustained against any community for voting down a bond issue for any proposition.

During the progress of this campaign we had occasion to pass through Stonewall several times and made it a point to talk with citizens and voters. We were informed that the proposed bonds would not be approved at this time—and it was conclusive that voters would do more harm than good.

Doc Ellis and wife, of the Throckmorton ranch are spending the holidays with the Esterson and wife. Doc says that ranch conditions are very good in his country they having shipped out than usual.

Mrs. W. A. Moalpin is spending Christmas with her family.

Atheletic Association Banqueted the High School Football Team Thursday

Thursday of last week the Spur Athletic Association gave a banquet in honor of the Spur High School football team, the Bulldogs, the banquet feast being of venison, turkey and rabbit.

At the banquet, aside from the usual addresses and talks, new officers of the Athletic Association were elected, M. H. Brannen being re-elected president—principally because of the fact that he and Jim Hahn each year provide venison for the feast—in combination with their personal enthusiasm in athletic activities and organizations.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Travelworn and weary, heartsick and sore,
He turned from the inn to the streets once more.
He thought of fair Mary so patient and pale,
"What will befall her if I should fail?"
Sought again for lodging in grief and dismay,
But again they scorned him and turned him away.
At last in a stable where oxen fed,
In a lowly manger he made her a bed.
Mary, oh, my Mary, how I pity thee!
"All is well," she answered, God will care for me.
Suddenly a bright light flashed from overhead
And Joseph, terror-stricken, bent above her bed.
"Listen," cried the shepherd,
"whence comes the light?"
Then a band of angels burst upon their sight,
"Glory in the highest and good will to men."
"Peace on earth," they chanted,
"Conquered is sin."
"A savior is given," they heard the angels sing,
"In Bethlehem today is born a king."
This shall be a token do not be afraid,
"Find him wrapped in swaddling in a manger laid."
Then the host of angels fled away from them:
Filled with joy, shepherds went to Bethlehem.
There they searched and found him like the angels said
By his virgin mother, swaddled in bed.
There they kneeled and worshiped
Bed where the young Child lay
Then the news in triumph with joy they bore away.
While in Herod's palace, the nobles held a feast,
Far away there journeyed Wise Men from the East:
Guided by a bright star they found the Holy one;
Kneeling they worshipped Him, Mary's little Son.
Gave Him costly presents, then went on their way;
But where were the Nobles? The shepherds and the gay?
Rich folks, proud folks, the favored and the fair?
Kings, Queens and Princes? None of them were there.
"Mary dear, said Joseph, caressing her brow,
Let me hold the baby—a little while—now!" —Contributed.

J. R. Wethered of near McAdoo was here during the week trading and on other business.

G. B. Erath was among those here during the holidays.

R. E. Slough of Dickens was here the first of the week.

S. C. Thomas of Girard was in Spur during the week.

Mrs. T. R. Sizemore of Croton was among the many here Christmas shopping this week.

Jack Hogan is here from Col lege for the holidays.

BERT BROWN DIED TUESDAY IN HOSPITAL AT CISCO

Bert Brown died Tuesday at a hospital in Cisco following an illness of several months, his remains being brought to their old home at Snyder for interment.

Bert made the race for sheriff in Martin county this year, being defeated in the July primary by only a few votes. Since that time he has been in ill health, spending the greater part of the time for treatment in hospitals at Odessa, El Paso and Cisco.

His death was a shock and a sorrow to his many friends in this section of country. Bert Brown was reared in this section, having managed the old 21-Ranch southwest of Spur for years. He was a real man and rendered valued service to the country. In fact, Bert Brown, we believe, did as much as any other one man in checking a "reign of terror" throughout this section during the days of the spread of the Ku Klux activities, and for this alone deserves a monumental memory.

Mrs. Poley Brown, his mother, and one among the earliest settlers and best beloved women, died only a few weeks ago, Bert at the time being sick and unable to attend the funeral.

Chalk Brown and his sisters have our sympathy in the bereavement of mother and brother with in the past few weeks.

Anson Mayor Died Sunday at Anson

Press reports state that J. H. Barrett, Mayor of Anson, and a resident of Jones county for the past twenty five years, died there on December 21st.

Mack Wilson and wife are in San Antonio spending Christmas with her parents.

Bernard Golding of Houston is among those here from school to spend Christmas with their parents.

W. H. Smith of Red Mud was in Spur Monday.

White Moore was in town today, stating that old Santa Claus failed to provide the usual Christmas this year.

Ranch Worker Slain at Post, Another is Held

Post, Dec. 21.—Rodney Key was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Price Sunday and released on \$5,000 bond in the fatal shooting Saturday night of Key's brother in law, Roy Bennett. The slaying occurred at a cow camp south of the O. C. ranch near Justiceburg, Texas. Both men were employed on the ranch.

Spur High School Football Letter Men Announced

Spur, Dec. 21.—Coach Gene Taylor announced the following co-captains and letter men for the past football season at a banquet given the football team by Spur business men Thursday night: Adrian Bickels and Buster Morgan, captains; Gene McCormick, William Rodgers, Clinton Barrett, Vernon Morgan, Andy Rhoads, Dig Hindman, Morrison Ragsdale, Nig Emmert, C. W. Barrett, H. F. Hodge, Sam Chapman, Hubert Carr, Adrian Ricks, J. P. Carson, Jim Hahn, Morris Linn, Joe Hahn, Grady Edgar, Ferril Albin, Prode Puckett, captain this season and Truman Moore, manager. Six of these men will finish this year.

MR. AND MRS. MORRISON ENTERTAIN THE CAKE AND COFFEE CLUB

Christmas night Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison most pleasantly entertained the Cake and Coffee Club membership at their ranch home ten miles southwest of the city. The evening was made most pleasant for all guests, and following a number of interesting card games and musical numbers, cake and coffee was served.

T. A. Smith was here Saturday for the first time in months. He is evidently conserving his resources—living at home and boarding at the same place.

Miss Virginia Forbis is spending the holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis. Miss Virginia is teaching in the public schools of Lubbock and will resume her school duties on the first of the year.

O. F. Scott of Ted Mud was in the city the past week.

Fire Siren Sounds Call to Distribute Xmas Presents

Christmas morning the fire siren sounded as a call to the boys—not to fight fire—but to distribute Christmas presents to the unfortunates of the city.

Last week the Welfare Association was reorganized and a campaign instituted for funds to look after the needy of Dickens county. S. M. Swenson & Sons headed the welfare subscription list with a thousand dollars, and a number of smaller monthly contributions were secured by the solicitors, the total amounting to some five hundred dollars per month which is thought will be ample to cope with the demands upon such an organization.

Those who do not care to superintend personally the distribution of aid to those in distress, will do well to make contributions for distribution through the welfare organization.

Lubbock Department Store Robbed of \$1,600

Lubbock, Dec. 21.—Two unmasked bandits escaped Sunday afternoon with \$1,600, one half of it in nickels and dimes, which they obtained after forcing George Meiser, manager of the Woolworth department store here, to open the safe and give them the money.

Gaining entrance to the store by a telephone call to Meiser at his residence, asking that he come down and help locate some keys lost in the store the night before. The two men spent some time "helping" look for the keys, then surprised Meiser by pulling their guns and forcing him to open the safe.

Mary Simmons of Lubbock visited her parents, D. G. Simmons and wife Sunday and Monday.

Lillian Bennett has returned home from the Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Driggers are entertaining a fine all in the home.

Phil Simmons is spending the holidays with home folks. He is attending school at Weatherford.

Boney Scott was in town this week.

FIRE DESTROYED RESIDENCE ON HILL STREET

Monday night the fire fiend again visited Spur, completely destroying the J. P. Middleton residence on Hill street and material damage to the adjoining lot.

Both places were unoccupied at the time, and the origin of the fire is supposed to be of incendiary nature. The Middleton building, where the fire originated was vacant, and electric connections had been cut. The Frankie Shugart residence was unoccupied but had all the furniture and furnishings, all of which was damaged when an outside wall of the building was destroyed by the fire and fire department damage.

New County Officers to be Sworn in January 1st

New county officers will be sworn in on January 1st.

Among the new officers are: all other old commissioners, except all other old commissioners, man, who has been serving the Lee Mims for county commission being re-elected. Alton Chap unexpired term of B. G. Worswick, deceased; Miss Virginia Worswick for district clerk, the office of which has just been created; and Mrs. Madge D. Traddell who was elected over Frank Spear for county school superintendent; and Bill Arthur for sheriff and tax collector; all other officers being holdovers.

DUCK CREEK ITEMS

part of the country Saturday and Sunday night. This will be of benefit to young grain and also to the farmers.

A heavy snow covered this helps to add to the Christmas spirit as we are prone to think of Santa as snow traveler.

School has been dismissed two weeks because of diphtheria. Unless a new case breaks out it will begin again Monday, December 29.

The state aid inspector called last week and made us happy by giving us \$872 which insures a full term of school unless unforeseen trouble occurs.

Misses Cudd and Durbin are spending the holidays at home.

Bernice McCarty has practically recovered from diphtheria.

FARM LIFE FOR ME

I wouldn't like to live in town, oh no!
The farm's the place for me,
I'd rather sow and plow and hoe
And have my liberty.
I'd rather live out on the farm,
Although we live in shack.
It's more complete; it's hard to beat;
Now these are solemn facts,
I know that town folks make the "moon"
And hoard up most the treasure.
They ain't begun to see the fun,
And don't have half the pleasure.
Oh yes, I know that in towns
The "lectric" lights do twinkle,
But on the farm it's quite a charm
To hear the calf bells tinkle.
Out on the farm we have
Our cows, our turkeys in pens,
The old brood sow, and cocks
That crow,
And a flock of laying hens.
Now I'd rather live out on the farm
And have you say "mossbacks"
Than live in town, hustle 'round
And live in paper sacks,
Out on the farm we raise our
fruits,
Potatoes of both kinds,
Tomatoes red, and cabbage heads,
Cucumbers on the vines,
Out on the farm we grow the
grain
That makes our daily bread,
And lima bean sand turnip greens
And beets so rich and red,
I would not like to live in town,
oh no, by Ned;
In all that stir, buzz and whir,
I'd most as soon be dead.
—Farmer Doltle.

Agricultural Credit Association Organization Charter is Granted

Last week, upon the application of W. E. Lee, C. B. Jones and others of Spur who are heading the Agricultural Credit Association, a charter was granted for that association to do business with a capital stock of twenty five thousand dollars subscribed and to be paid in.

The Agricultural Credit Association expects and intends to be ready to do business by the first of the year or soon thereafter.

We understand that upon approved security this association has a loaning capacity of ten times the amount of capital stock. In our opinion it is unfortunate for the association as well as the borrowing public that that the association selected men interested in banking business to superintend the business affairs of the association. The loan association will be a great help to the country in conjunction with the banking business—but in connection with banks there is a probability that the real intent of the association may be diverted.

Miss Iva Richey and C. W. Bean Married December 18th

Miss Iva Richey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Richey of Panhandle, were united in marriage by Rev. Rogers Thursday evening of last week at the home of the bride's parents, only a few intimate friends and relatives being present to witness the matrimony.

Following the marriage of Thursday, Mrs. Addie Edwards was hostess at a wedding supper at which twenty two guests were served. A wedding cake was the feature of the feast. The cake was decorated in pink, black and green, bearing out the color selected in the wedding and the usual ensemble. In cutting the cake the bride was favored with the ring. Miss Rheum Richey, sister, with the thimble, and the hostess cut the same.

Mr. Bean is a lawyer, banker and prominent young business and professional man of Panhandle. The bride was reared in Dickens county, the accomplished daughter of one of the leading families of the county, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Richey of Spur at Croton. The Texas Spur joins friends in congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bean and may they enjoy years of peace, happiness and prosperity.

"Things are Not So Bad" With Some People Here Now

M. L. Blakley, of Elton, was among those in Spur Saturday. Mr. Blakley is one farmer who says "things are not so bad." He has his own meat, lard, milk, butter and eggs with plenty, stored for the New Year, therefore it can be readily seen why there is no occasion to worry on his part. Some may say that he is "lucky." He is fortunate to say the least—but we bet has been looking ahead and preparing for just such a time as are now experiencing.

W. L. McAteer reports a most pleasant Christmas. Santa had a radio and a telegram room son over in the Old World.

Guy Goen and Dick Ferrin are spending the holidays at home from Tech.

L. D. Foreman is home from McMurray for the holidays.

Hardy Mecon is home from the holidays from A.

Guess That Will Keep the Kid Busy By Albert T. Reid

AND, LISTEN, BOY, —
SOMEONE MISLAID A
LARGE BUNCH OF MY
PROSPERITY. GET
BUSY AND SEE IF
YOU CAN GET THAT
BACK, — FIRST THING.

O-KAY,
UNCLE SAM

Albert T. Reid
AUTOCASTER