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City and School Taxes Lowered to \$1.90 per \$100

The City Commission met Wednesday night and set the City tax rate at \$1.00 per hundred dollar valuation. 50 cents for general fund, 30 cents for sinking bonds, and 20 cents for public improvements.

This is the lowest rate since 1927. In 1928 the rate was \$1.05; in 29 and 30 the rate was \$1.25. This rate reduction was made in face of a reduction in total valuations from \$1,847,830 to \$1,694,296, or 8 1-3 per cent.

Mayor Cowan states that if everyone will be prompt in payment of taxes he is sure further reductions will be made another year. He has also set the example by being the first man in the city to pay his tax, he going over Wednesday and paying his 1932 taxes, which are not due for another year.

School Taxes Reduced
The Board of Equalization of the School District, which met last week also announced a reduction in both rate and valuations. The rate was set at 90c former rate being \$1.00 and total valuations were reduced approximately 10 per cent.

The reduction in valuations listed does not mean that everyones tax valuations were lowered, but that the total of all valuations was reduced to that extent.

Rev. Cunningham Died Here Monday

Rev. W. C. Cunningham, 40, for the past three years, pastor of the Assembly of God Church of this city, died at his home Monday morning at two o'clock. Death followed several years of ill health and a confining illness of three or more months.

W. C. Cunningham was born in Arkansas but moved with his parents to Texas at an early age. He has been a pastor for the past fifteen years.

During his residence here Rev. Cunningham has acquired a veritable host of friends. He was honorable, upright, charitable and in every way a friend of man; and although strictly conscientious in his convictions, was neither antagonistic nor inconsiderate of those of other beliefs than his own, nor to those who did not follow the paths of righteousness. It was this undying faith in humanity and his democratic and charitable attitude to sinner as well as saint that made Bro. Cunningham so much loved by his congregation and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the local church, interment following in Spur Cemetery.

Deceased is survived by his widow, seven children, four girls, Mozelle, Evelyn, Eulmalee, Melba Jo, and three boys, Woodrow, Charles Rayburn and Billy Morris.

Crosby County to Pave Highway

Judge Edgar Hutchins, and Commissioner Amos Ellison went to Austin last week in the interest of Highway 24 pavement. Chief State Engineer Gilchrist, promised them that plans would be ordered drawn at once for the hard surfacing of the Highway from the Dickens county line east of Crosbyton to the west line of the precinct four miles west of Crosbyton. Most of the grading and drainage structures of the highway have been finished for nearly a year.

Hutchins and Ellison returned home and on Monday they went to see Mr. Johnston, district highway engineer, at Lubbock. Mr. Johnston had already had the word from the department to make immediate plans for the paving of the road, which plans were being worked out, he said.

Highway officials were here last week seeking caliche deposits for paving purposes.—Crosbyton Review.

SCHOOL TAXES ARE LOWERED

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Spur Independent School District last week the tax levy for 1931 was ordered and the rate set at 90 cents on the \$100 valuation of assessed property. Prior to their meeting the Equalization Board meeting in Session had lowered the renditions 10 percent as a whole. In some instances where the board felt that the property had not been rendered properly according to the law the board either lowered or raised the valuation to its apparent proper rendition; but, in a general way it was the purpose of the board to give a general 10 percent drop. With this 10 percent drop and the 10 percent drop in the rate the board of Trustees felt that by the proper economical management on the part of the board and the superintendent, the schools could manage a nine months term and come out providing tax collection was good. Due to the failure of the City National Bank which was the depository of the school district, the district funds are strained to meet the interest and bond payments that became due in 1930-31 which payments should have come out of the funds on deposit at the City National Bank, the depository. If this condition had not arisen a larger drop in tax assessment or rate could have been made without materially injuring the school.

In order to meet the conditions and get in line with the economic conditions several members of the faculty led by Superintendent Hall, voluntarily lowered their salaries beginning Oct. 1 and extending to the close of the school term. This action on the part of our faculty members is to be highly commended and it proves their personal interest in the school and an understanding of the conditions.

L. E. Lee, President
A. C. Hull, Secretary of Board of Trustees.

G. M. Fox Died at Home Near Waco

Reports reached there early Monday morning that G. M. Fox, father of W. W. Fox, Cecil Fox, and Charlie Fox, of this city, had been found dead at his home at Prairie Hill near Waco. Mr. Fox was troubled with high blood pressure and it is supposed that he was attacked during the night with a stroke of paralysis and succumbed before he could make his condition known to members of the family.

Mr. Fox was born in Limestone county and had made his home there all his life with the exception of a three year cow punching expedition in his youth. He was a frequent visitor to this city and his many friends here join us in extending sympathy to the boys who live here as well as other members of the family.

Bob, Charlie and Cecil left immediately to attend the funeral which was held at Prairie Hill Tuesday. Other surviving members of the family are Mrs. Fox, Norton Fox, Waco; Jessie Fox, Thorndale; Raymond Fox, Prairie Hill; Mrs. Ruby Carpenter, Prairie Hill; Mrs. Neta Deering, Teague; Mrs. Dolly Alexander, Waco; and Mrs. Paul Reed, Lubbock.

Enemies of Prosperity

There has never been a time when it was more important to keep governmental expense down to reasonable levels, than now.

Businesses and individuals are striving to make both ends meet. Authorities public and private, are working on plans to stimulate industrial activity and thus provide employment for those who are out of work. And rising taxes are one of the principal barriers in the way of success of such plans.

Extravagance and waste on the part of officials are enemies of prosperity and result from "government in business" in competition with its private citizens and taxpayers.

AD CHATTER

It has always been our contention that if you assiduously read the ads in the home paper you will in the course of the year, profit thereby to the extent of many times the price of the subscription. And you will also find that the messages sent to you by the merchants and business men are interesting and educational as well as profitable. And, by the way, let us suggest that if you have not been in the habit of reading the ads, this would be a mighty good week to start.

Jackson and Edmonds comes out this week with a full page spread, a Farmers' Relief Sale. The relief part may be to relieve the farmers of some surplus rash—but seriously they have some good prices and it will pay to look it over.

Stone Department Store has three full columns of real bargains and hints on the latest styles that every woman will be interested in—Some good bargains for men, too. Tell Claude Reed you read his ad, he doesn't believe we have much circulation.

The West Texas Utilities Co., regular and consistent advertisers, this week set forth some facts about the part they play in sharing the tax burdens of the community. If you are interested in civic welfare you will want to see what they have to say.

Spur Drug recently had the misfortune of their stock being fire damaged. Their loss is your gain, however, as will be seen by their prices; so if you are interested in drugs or sundries at Fire Sale prices, call in and see them.

Groceries! Groceries! Melvni Landers does the buying for his store here and at Jayton and Swenson as well. He knows what to buy and how to get it at prices you can afford to pay. No use suggesting tho, that you read his ad.

And say, while you are in the city, you will have a hard time finding a better place to eat than the Spur Coffee Shop, the Highway Cafe, or for regular meals at Mrs. Sullivan's Dining Room.

Gruben Drug and Jewelry Store advertises regularly and their merchandise is dependable. It might also be added that Mr. Gruben is an expert engraver, watch repairer and optician.

If you want a house, barn, or an oil derrick, Musser Lumber Company wants to figure with you. It will pay to see them too.

For auto repairing, Howe knows how. Safe insurance is almost a necessity. Clemmons Insurance Agency is an old, reliable firm and has almost any kind you want. They list their name each week for your consideration.

Blankets and Quilts should be cleaned for use this winter. The Spur Laundry is making an extra special price on these for next Thursday only—see the ad. When it comes to tailor work John A. Moore knows his business. He knows how to make clothes fit you, too.

A smooth shave, the best tonic to start the day—Spur Barber Shop.

Winter is nearly here but the flies are still bad—Gulf Venom comes in small containers and will do the work.

J. T. Bilibrey can move anything, anywhere, any time.

Strangers in the city will find the professional directory useful, and for their benefit we have several good hotels and lodging houses although none of them are listed.

And, what ho, a mystery! We'll have to see about this Tabu business later.

Two Boys Injured Polo Game Sunday

Neil Hamilton and Herman McArthur were injured in the polo game played at Red Mud Sunday. Neil was hit in the face with a polo ball, bruising it severely and lacerating his cheek.

Herman McArthur's horse fell with him, fracturing his foot.

Club Exhibit To Be Held Here Next Saturday

(By CLARA PRATT, H. D. A.)

CLUB EXHIBITS DAY
Saturday, in the Harkey Motor Company show room, the Home Demonstration Club exhibits will be on display. You will miss seeing some excellent work if you fail to go in and see what the women are doing. The first place products will be sent to the Texas State Fair at Dallas where they will be eligible for state prizes.

The display will be judged Saturday morning; then in the afternoon, beginning at 2:00, the judges will give a judging demonstration and will answer any questions that may be asked concerning the judging. In order to make this demonstration as helpful as possible, we need to have all our club women in to hear the judge's comments. Each club president should urge her members to come.

In addition to the women's work the 4-H Club girls' clothing and canned goods will be displayed. Twenty-five pillow cases will be on hand for the exhibit and probably 25 aprons and caps of first year club members. Very few second and third year club girls have handed in their sewing.

We wish to thank Mr. Harkey for the use of the building and Mr. Kellam for the tables, and any others who have helped and will help to make our exhibit a success.

Again we invite you to come in and see the exhibits.

TRUE EXTENSION WORK

As a little green roadster stops in front of the house and a neatly dressed woman starts in the house with a pressure cooker and sealer one might think she is a saleswoman. But the homemaker knows that she is Mrs. Al Bingham and that she has come to help can peas or corn or some other vegetable that day. Mrs. Bingham has helped no less than ten of her neighbors this summer with their canning, in homes that do not have the canning equipment. Besides stocking her own pantry with more than 500 containers, she has helped her friends to fill better than 1,000 containers.

In order to reach our goal of a well-filled pantry in each home in the county it was planned that each club woman might help five of her neighbors who were not in club work to fill the food preservation budget to the best of their ability. A number of women have sent in their reports and it is gratifying to know how wonderfully the club members have responded. That is showing the true Extension Service spirit. If we pass on the knowledge we have gained from Extension work we can do more to reach everyone in the county than any other method.

Kent Co. Singing Convention to Meet

The Kent County Singing Convention will meet at Girard next Sunday, September 27, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

Everybody is invited to attend this song feast. Bring your song books, bring your neighbors, friends and family. Let's forget about the depression and for a few hours enjoy some good gospel singing.

Listen, Dickens County Singers, we give you a special invitation to attend this convention. The Dickens County Convention will follow one week later, and we are expecting to attend your convention, and help you put it over—so we are counting on you to be at Girard next Sunday to blend your voices with ours. Come.—R. E. Beaver, president. H. W. Davis, secretary.

TABU?

J. P. Decrees Fine Owners Must Work

Justice Roddy has this week issued a formal and formidable notice that the boys who have been riding the justice court for credit must now pay the fiddler. He suggests that since there is a great amount of cotton to be picked and a scarcity of pickers that the 'no money and no job' excuse will no longer suffice, and that further indulgences will be extended only to invalids and to school boys. The judge also insinuates that in case cotton picking proves too hard a task, there is much repair work to be done on the county roads. Better get busy boys, little Joe cant pick all the cotton.

Texas Public Improvement Bonds Fall off 38,000,000

Austin, Sept. 18.—Bonds for various kinds of improvements in Texas, approved by the Attorney General's Department, during the fiscal year 1930-31, which ended August 31, totaled \$50,135,137.74, as compared with a total of \$88,229,002.95 during the previous fiscal year, a decrease of \$38,093,865.21, according to Antoinette Kuehne, editor of the Semi-Weekly Bond Buyers' Bulletin published by the University of Texas. The review and bond summary given in the current issue of the Bulletin may be regarded as an index of business conditions prevailing during that 12-month period. Miss Kuehne said.

The text of the Bulletin's analysis is as follows:

"An analysis of the different classes of bonds and the amounts of the several issues, discloses that most kinds of public improvements during the last twelve months showed a decrease of expenditures as compared with the preceding fiscal year. There was a falling off of \$12,299,167 in the amount of road bonds and road bridge bonds. This perhaps may be accounted for, at least in part by what was regarded by many people as favorable prospect for a proposed constitutional amendment being submitted to the people, providing for the issuing of State road bonds, which would have superceded the issuing of county and road district bonds.

There was also a decrease of approximately \$5,000,000 in the amount of school bonds approved, as compared with 1929-1930, and a decrease of nearly this same amount in irrigation and water control district bonds. Waterworks improvement bonds decreased in total amount approximately \$3,000,000 as compared with the previous year. Nearly all kinds of municipal bonds showed a falling off. Taken as a whole the decline of total amount of bonds approved during the fiscal year may be regarded as a reflection of slack business conditions. During the previous year, several bond issues approved for public works were said to have been largely based on the unemployment situation. While this factor may have entered into the plans for some of the public improvements for which the 1930-1931 bond issues have provided, this reason has not been given as a primary motive in any of the proposals. There are however, pending at this time, one or more large proposed bond issues in the larger cities of the State which have for their special the providing of employment for a large number of men on public works during the present year.

There has been noted an improvement in the demand and the price of the better classes of Texas bonds during the last few months. This is evidenced by the activity in bidding on the better classes of issues and the prices offered as compared with the earlier part of the fiscal year and with the last six months of 1929-1930.

With very few exceptions, the financial standing of Texas municipalities and other political

Spur County On Way to Prosperity

20,000 BALES OF COTTON COUNTLESS TONS FEED, PANTRIES FULL OF FOOD!

Considering everything, the Spur country is in A-1 shape and well on the way to a measure of prosperity. Estimates on the cotton production here this year range from 20,000 to 30,000 bales, none of them under twenty thousand—and all good cotton, too—even if the dry spell of the past month is opening it up a little early. Countless tons of feed; good, round, heavy, full heads of maize, the best of fodder and fairly good corn; all in the barn and very little of it for sale. And canned goods; home canned corn, peas, tomatoes, fruits and beef and chicken; its safe to say that not a single farm family in the county has less than a hundred cans, and many have nearer a thousand. People won't go hungry here this winter!

Of course the prices are a little low, painfully low to be truth ful about it, but 20,000 bales of cotton, at five cents a pound, conservative estimates on both production and price, means over \$500,000 absolutely new money will come into this county this fall; and who denies that this amount of money will make things pick up. Farmers will be able to buy things that they have been denyin themselves for a long time and will be able to pay a little on debts which in turn will stimulate more business and buying, help restore faith and credits and before we know it the panic will be dead and buried. It is surprising how much circulating just a little cash money can do; and with the resulting confidence created, how much more money will be turned loose and put back into circulation.

Compress Starts Work This Week

The Spur Compress opened for the fall season here this week. Manager Walker states that they are now running only two days a week but he expects to open up full swing when the cotton starts coming in.

This reporter and Floyd Wilhoit went down Wednesday to watch them make little ones out of big ones, and found a whole gang of local guys who have been taking the rest cure here all summer, down there working like bees and sweating like galley slaves—if we were to name some of them you wouldn't believe it.

E. Y. P. U. PROGRAM BE HELD AT AFTON

The Afton E. Y. P. U. will render a Missionary program Sunday night, September 27, at 7:30.

Our subject is 'Forward With Christ in Africa.' Introduction by Clara Darnell Nigbria, by Nora Baxter. Nigria for Christ by Lois Willman. Forward with Christ in Building Churches, by Wayman Stokes. Forward with Christ in Education, by Clara Darnell. Forward with Christ in the Ministry of Healing, by Jessie Darnell. Forward with Christ in Overcoming Superstition by Mrs. A. P. Stokes. Forward with Christ in Giving of Self by Mrs. Mattie Mite. Following the E. Y. P. U. service will be preaching and everyone is invited to attend the services.—Reporter.

Mrs. Will Walker is here from Overton on a visit to her mother.

units has shown an improvement during the year. There has been a general scaling down of the cost of government, ranging from the school districts up to that of the State itself. County municipal tax rates have been lowered in many instances—all serving to indicate that a more conservative and economical administration of public affairs is being attempted."

Acree Bill Is Passed; Signed By Gov. Tuesday

Both houses of the Legislature Monday passed a cotton acreage bill limiting the 1932 Texas Cotton acreage to thirty per cent of land cultivated in 1931. The new bill was signed by Governor Sterling, Tuesday.

The Bill in effect is that: In 1932 only 30 percent of the land cultivated in any crops this year may be planted to cotton. In other words if you cultivated 100 acres this year you may plant only 30 acres to cotton next spring.

In 1933 only 30 per cent of land cultivated in 1932 may be planted to cotton. However, provisions are made that 30 percent of land left fallow in 32 may be planted to cotton in 33. In years following 1933, no land may be planted to cotton in successive years. This limits future cotton acreages to 50 per cent.

Enforcement is left up to the county and district attorneys who will file injunction suits against offenders and penalties assessed of from \$25 to \$100 per acre. Members of the Agriculture department are also instructed to report violations.

It has been estimated that this limitation of the cotton acreage will cut production to 50 percent normal.

The Legislature is making use of the special session to cut salaries of state employees, district attorneys and judges, etc., but so far the House has been at logger heads with the Senate.

Spur Social Club Is Organized

A social club was organized here this week with 25 charter members and has been named the Spur Club. The new club plans, among other things to give a dance at the Spur Inn semi-monthly. Harvey Giddens has been elected secretary and treasurer.

Coach Weir Washam At Tech for Month

Lubbock, Texas, Sept. 24.—Texas Tech's "lucky seventh" football squad opens its 1931 season here this week-end against Sam D. Burton's West Texas Teachers.

The Matadors' seventh campaign on the gridiron was unofficially launched last Friday in a game against the freshmen Coaches Del Morgan and Weir Washam sent five teams of their yearlings into action and until the closing minutes of play the "fish" were out in front by a 7 to 6 score. Carl McAdams, tiny Sherman boy playing quarterback for the varsity, finally broke loose for fifty three yards and a touchdown to give the Matadors a 13 to 7 victory.

JACKIE PAUL DRAPER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Master Jackie Paul Draper celebrated his fifth birthday on last Tuesday afternoon, with a party at the home of his parents on North Miller.

A number of games were played and refreshments served to the following:

Bettie Jean Alldredge, Ruth Estelle and E. W. Jones, Opa McClathery, Ila Ruth Draper, Nelma Sprayberry, Mary Elizabeth Sprayberry, Mary Elizabeth and Bobbie Jo Barrett and the young host, Jackie Paul Draper.

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For Rent—Front Bed Room. Call 344. 46-3c

FOR SALE—20-acre Suburban home, 1 mile west of Spur, 6-room house, bath, city water and electric lights. See M. E. Manning, Spur, Texas. 2c

Bob, Charlie and Cecil Fox left Monday for Waco to attend the funeral of their father, G. M. Fox, who was stricken with paralysis Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller and Mrs. Oran McClure and daughter, Wynell made a trip to Abilene the first part of the week.

COUNTY AND CITY WILL MAKE WAR ON VAGRANCY AND LOAFING

Notice is hereby given that all persons guilty of vagrancy will upon conviction be put on the county road unless their fines are paid in cash.

White persons found in the Negro section of Spur at unusual hours may be charged with vagrancy.

Vagrancy and loafing by able bodied persons in the towns of Dickens County will be given special attention in line with recommendations of the County and City authorities, who are now prepared to work prisoners on the highways if necessary.

W. B. ARTHUR, Sheriff.

W. M. MALONE, City Marshal of Spur.

JNO. A. BELL, Constable of Spur. 47-4c

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dorsey, of Corsicana moved to Spur this week for the winter. Bill will buy cotton.

C. A. Brinnell was in Tuesday from Swenson headquarters.

NOTICE

Owing to the stringency of money matters, a number of law violators, men, boys and a few colored women have been indulged; all of us hoping for better times. While these fines remain on the docket they hold good. They will never run out of date.

Work is now plentiful. Anyone wanting to work can get it in an hour's time. Those knowing themselves indebted to the J. P. Court can save \$3.00 Copias charges and mileage or a "chain gang" experience by calling soon and settling their accounts.

S. B. RODDY, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3, Dickens County, Texas.

Comie Foreman was in Tuesday from his farm home in the Highway community. He reports that he has 20 bales of cotton already open in his fields.

W. A. Kimmell, of Twin Wells was in the city Wednesday of this week with a big bale of cotton.

W. P. T. Smith was in Spur Saturday from his farm home on Red Mud.

TABU?

MIDWAY CLUB NEWS

The Home Demonstration Club met September 18 at the Baptist church. There were 5 members present.

Our next meeting will be at Mrs. A. C. Gentry's on October 2. A demonstration on Salads will be given.—Reporter.

E. D. Farris was here this week looking over the prospects for buying cotton this fall.

Fred Oldshield and W. W. Humphries were in the city Tuesday from their farm homes east a few miles.

Hardy Mecom was here the past weekend on a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mecom and family. Hardy is in his junior year at A. & M. During the summer he has been with the department Insect control squad.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hawley of Amarillo, are here this week visiting friends and relatives.

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A flattering and colorful collection of early fall modes for Matron and Miss—

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NOTICE THESE UNUSUAL VALUES—

\$5.99 - 9.50 - 12.49

HATS!

Abbreviation is the way to smartness in these clever adaptations of Paris model hats. They are tiny, but too swagger for words—and even the swankiest new fall outfit will be glad to couple off with one of them.



HATS!

There are plenty of the new browns, greens, deep reds, blues, in a wide variety of styles. They are truly remarkable values at these prices—

98c - \$1.19 - \$1.49 - \$1.98

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PUMPS, STRAPS, TIES and OXFORDS, —in High, Medium or Low Heels. Brown or Black.

\$2.98 3.50 3.98

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39c 79c 98c

3-Pound COTTON BATTS

29c

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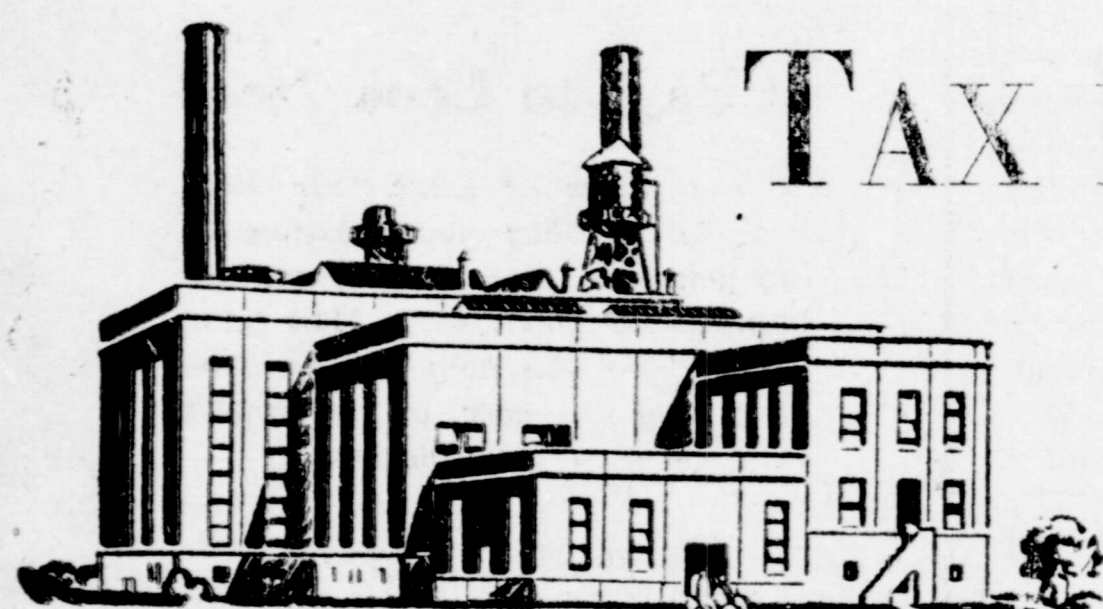
9c yd.

36-Inch OUTING

10c yd.

36-Inch DOMESTIC

5c yard



TAX DOLLARS . .

Paid for You by the West Texas Utilities Company



YOUR business is not the only one which has been faced with the serious problem of ever-mounting tax expenses. Since 1923, the year of this company's organization, taxes paid by the West Texas Utilities Company have increased over 1,200 per cent! In making these tax payments, the West Texas Utilities Company is contributing substantially to the cost of government . . . and relieving you of a considerable burden which otherwise would fall on your shoulders.

If the taxes paid annually by the West Texas Utilities Company could be applied by governmental agencies as efficiently as funds are handled by private enterprises, they would build for you each year: two large city high schools; three completely equipped ward schools; fifteen modern rural schools; a complete water system for a city of 12,000 population, or seven and one-half miles of standard concrete highway.

While this company has had to meet an ever-mounting tax bill and increased cost of equipment and materials . . . you, as a customer, have benefited by rate reductions which make this modern necessity available to you at an average cost sixty per cent lower than was charged before the organization of the West Texas Utilities Company!

Electric service will do your domestic, industrial or farm tasks more efficiently than they can be accomplished by any other method, and the entire cost of such splendid service can be figured in terms of pennies!

Out of every dollar you spend for service, approximately 10 cents is returned to the various governing bodies in the form of tax payments.

Do You Know?
 . . . that the average cost of government per family in 1918 was six times the average family's electric bill—but that through increased political activities the cost of government to the average family is today fifteen times greater than the cost of household electricity?
 . . . that a reduction of 10% in the average family's household electric bill would amount to but \$3.00 a year; whereas a reduction of the political racketeering activities alone connected with the cost of government should decrease taxes at least 7%—a reduction sufficient to pay all the nation's household electric bill? Let's work on the political racketeers. There is the easiest place to save.

West Texas Utilities Company

Stone Department Store

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The Texas Pecos Valley country is expected to ship approximately five hundred carloads of cantaloupes this year an estimated three thousand acreage crop.

A governmental radio broadcasting station of 2,000 watt power, costing \$65,000 and providing meteorological service, is under construction at Big Spring, Texas.

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 EVERY
 NEED

No matter what kind of lumber you wish, dressed or rough, we are in a better position to supply you than ever before—and at prices that are the lowest in our history. You will be surprised to know just how much cheaper everything is today. Before you build or repair, be sure to see us first.

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Strange Story Has Come to Light Enemies Meet Again

Strange things sometimes happen—in fact, it is oftener than that they are observed, and here is an example of what one finds in this world, as he goes along:

The other day Roegge McClure of Waco, who works for the Texas Power and Light Co., was in Waco. He was talking to a friend, when a man came along and looked at his friend. The man went a little farther, turned and looked back at Roegge's companion; went a little farther and looked again, and then came back.

The stranger asked the man with Roegge if he remembered him. He said he did not. Then the stranger asked the other man to take off his hat, and he at once located a scar on the bare-headed man's head. Then he held up the stub of a finger. "Now, do you remember?" he asked.

Roegge's companion did remember. Remembered that he came to grips with this man—a German—in the trenches, and that the German hit him over the head, giving him the scar, and that while that was going on he bit off the forefinger of the Teuton.

It appears that the two men were captured or taken charge of by a bunch of Americans, and of course the German was made a prisoner. Now, after all these long years, the German saw his former antagonist on the streets of Waco, and at once recognized him.

Politics and war make strange bedfellows and strange coincidences.—Exchange.

The Cost of Crime

In its report on "The cost of crime" the Wickersham Commission states that America's crime bill is well in excess of \$1,207,000,000 a year. The average per capita cost of crime in 300 cities which were surveyed, was \$5.27. The lowest rate recorded—in Galesburg, Ill.—was 92 cents. The highest—in Jersey City—was \$11.30 a year for each citizen. These facts should make the public wonder if the pleasure of passing new "reform" laws is worth what they cost, not only in actual money, but in security, freedom and a stable society.

As an economy measure the Commission recommends a weeding out of laws, to eliminate unnecessary and expensive social restrictions. There is nothing new in this, but it is well to bring it once more to public attention. If there is one cause responsible for the prevalence of crime, its cost, and the failure of law enforcement, it is the tremendous bulk of unnecessary laws on our statute books.

The average citizen needs few laws to deter him from murder, housebreaking, kidnapping, blackmail and other age old crimes, while a million laws, in themselves, will not stop the criminal from pursuing these same vocations and using a gun or a blackjack or any other murderous weapon, which he will secure law or no law.

H. C. Aston was here Wednesday from his Duck Creek farm a few miles north of the city.

Local News Items

Mrs. A. Lollar was a shopper and visitor in the city Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Bill Rucker was in Saturday from his home on West Pasture. Chub Copeland was in Saturday from his farm home east of the city a few miles. He states that he has a fairly good crop this year.

S. and Shorty Butler were in Saturday from their farm and ranch home southwest of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Smith moved back to Spur past week and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Smith will be with Green Turner Filling Station.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Harrelson of north of the city a few miles were shoppers and visitors here Saturday.

W. O. Williamson, representative of Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc. at Dallas was a visitor in the city Friday of the past week.

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Auto Drivers Should Be Financially Responsible

North Carolina, following the lead of California and other states, has adopted a Financial Responsibility Law for motorists. The law, of the familiar pattern, provides that a person failing to satisfy a judgement shall have his license suspended until he gives proof of financial responsibility, either through an insurance policy or a personal corporate surety bond.


This type of law is finding increasing support throughout the nation, and it is noteworthy that demand for unconditional compulsory automobile casualty insurance, of the Massachusetts kind, is seldom heard. The experience of the Bay State, with its congested courts, rising accident record, faked claims and increased insurance rates has acted as a warning to other commonwealths.

One can find little fault with the Financial Responsibility Law. Its principal virtue is that it puts the responsibility and cost where it belongs—on those who cause accidents—and does not penalize the careful, responsible driver. The negligent motorist holds the financial sack as he should.

In all probability it will not be long before an appreciable number of states have similar laws to the benefit of the public at large.

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Wallace and Britton McDaniel returned to their home in South Dakota this week after visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. R. McDaniel of Girard, their brother D. J. McDaniel of Duck Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Lollar. The Messrs. McDaniel were in the grasshopper belt this year having their crop completely destroyed by the pests. They state however that they have a good late feed crop.

A Bad Sign
 Is Jim a liar?
 Well, I don't know as I would but I'll tell you this much, when feeding time comes, his pigs won't stir until he gets someone else to call them for him.

A recent chamber of commerce campaign to promote the use of air mail resulted in doubling the postage out of Big Spring. Committees sold stamps, and merchants displayed placards advertising the air mail advantage.

Notice of Judicial Sale

Notice is hereby given by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by an order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court for the 4th Judicial District of Texas in Dallas County, Texas, in cause No. 92214-B, wherein Mrs. Eldora Hughes was plaintiff and John Reed, John A. Barnard, and Lucile Hughes, as independent executors of the last will of Sep R. Hughes, deceased, were defendants, I did, on the 3rd day of September, 1931, levy upon the land hereinafter described, and will, on the Sixth day of October, 1931, being the first Tuesday in said month, sell at the door of the County Court House of Dickens County, Texas, in Dickens, Texas, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, all that certain lot or tract of land described as follows:

The Southeast quarter of Survey No. 10, Certificate No. 59 J. V. Massey, original grantee T. A. Hamm, Abstract 1083, situated in

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W. E. ARTHUR
 Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas.
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Sheriff's Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Dickens. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable 74th Dist. Court of McLennan County, on the 2 day of September 1931, by the clerk of said court for the sum of Eight Thousand One Hundred and Four Dollars and cost of suit, under a judgment in favor of Amicable Life Insurance Company on a certain cause in said Court, No. 11849 and styled Amicable Life Insurance Company vs. W. D. Wilson, et al. and placed in my hands for service, I, W. E. Arthur as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 2 day of September 1931, levy on a certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being the North one-half of the H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Survey No. 264, Certificate No. 10-2027, Block No. 1, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the N. W. corner of Section 264, a stake marked S. W. 279, in prairie; Thence N. 89 degrees 55 minutes East with North line of Section 264, 970 1-4 vrs., passing stake marked 1/2 S. M. 279 in prairie in all 1940.5 vrs. to a stake marked S. E. 279 in prairie; Thence South 0 degrees 25 minutes East with East line of Section 264, 950.4 vrs. to a stake marked 1/2 W. L. 2655 at center of East line of Sect on 264 in prairie; Thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes West 970 1-4 vrs. to a stake marked C.

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264 in all 1940.5 vrs. to a stake in prairie marked 1-2 W. L. 264; Thence North 0 degrees 25 minutes West, with West line of 264, 950.4 vrs. to the place of beginning, and containing 326.7 acres of land less a strip 30 ft. in width along the North line and a strip 20 ft. in width along the East line nad a strip 20 ft. in width along the West line of said North one-half which is reserved and has been dedicated for road purposes, and levied upon as the property of Frances Wilson and that on the first Tuesday in October 1931, the same being the sixth day of said month, at the Court House door of Dickens County, in the City of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Frances Wilson.

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

Witness my hand, this 5th day of September 1931.
 W. E. ARTHUR
 Sheriff Dickens County, Texas.
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