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Paddles Ship 17 Cars Cattle

Red Evans, manager of the Paddle Ranch was in the city this week supervising the loading and shipping of seventeen cars of cows and calves. The Paddles this year will not winter their herds on bought feeds; and if weather conditions are unfavorable for winter pasturage it is probable that thirty or more cars of cattle will be shipped within the next few months, from this point.

The entire force was here, including Cook Robinson, and his chuck wagon. We went over Wednesday, together with Jim Sample, Ed Ripley, J. T. Caudle, Wade McDaniel, Mrs. Oldie Harrington and her sister, Mrs. Burch, of Oklahoma; and others of the city, enjoyed a real cowboy camp supper, and will state here and now that although we don't understand all the processes that Cook Robinson went through with heating the lids of the big iron pots, etc., that if you have never been out on a cowboy camp and eat 'chuck' you have missed a real treat. Beef never was cooked in an ordinary skillet that tastes like the big brown slices of tender steak that we all reared out of the big pot. And the stew, hash, or whatever it is, is entirely too delicious and appetizing to be referred to as that well known official for which it has been named. It will never be known whether it is a real difference in the cooking or the congenial atmosphere of a cow camp that makes the evening chuck so enjoyable, but we do know that it is a pleasant event that so indelibly stamps itself upon the memory as to be unforgettable. Neither are there more generous and entertaining hosts than the cowmen and ranchers of Western Texas, who still play a prominent part in the society of this section.

We hope, greedily as it may be, that the next big cow company that comes here to ship out, invites us to their chuck wagon for a meal. And we also hope that there will prove to be enough 'bad lands' in this section that Red Evans and Albert Sanders and the rest of the gang will not be forced to bow to the advances of agriculture and will be privileged to follow the loving herd until the end of time.

1917 STUDY CLUB

The 1917 Study Club met with Mrs. J. E. Berry, Wednesday, October 22, at her home on west Harris Street. The following program was rendered: Mrs. Berry, leader. Roll Call, current events. Subject, "Political Parties and Elections."

The following topics on the above subject were interestingly discussed: 1. "Party Organization," Mrs. Geo. M. Williams. 2. "Primary Elections," Mrs. Nellie Davis. 3. "Election Laws of Texas," Mrs. M. L. Jones. 4. Round table discussion, "What Are the Chief Planks in the Leading Political Parties of the United States?"

This was a very interesting and instructive lesson and was enjoyed by all present.

The club will meet again on November 2 at 3 p. m., at the home of Mrs. F. W. Jennings, who will be leader. The following program will be rendered: Roll Call, "Evolution of Peace," Subject, "Peace." 1. "By Whom When and Where was the First Plan Offered for World Peace?" by Mrs. R. E. Dickson. 2. Reading, "In Flanders Fields," Mrs. Leland Campbell. "Why was the League of Nations Rejected by the United States?" by Mrs. G. R. Elkins. 4. Round table discussion, led by Mrs. J. E. Berry, "How can the Mothers and Daughters of the World Help to Keep World Peace?"—Report.

BLUE BONNETT CLUB

Mrs. W. B. Lee was hostess to the Blue Bonnett Club at her suburban home just west of the city Thursday afternoon of last week.

"Forty-Two" was the diversion of the afternoon.

W. F. Foreman, a prominent citizen of the Prairie Chapel community, was transacting business here Saturday.

Aaron Thomason Died at Levelland Tuesday, Oct 13th.

Aaron Thomason, a young 26-year old farmer living about nine miles east of Levelland, died Tuesday evening about 6:30 from the effects of an accidental discharge of a .410 gauge shot gun.

Thomason had taken the gun and started out to kill rabbits and when only a few hundred yards from his home had to crawl through a wire fence. From the reports given it seems that in getting through the fence he stumbled and the gun caught in the wire, causing it to discharge and the load of small shot struck the man in the abdomen, penetrating the bowels.

Cotton pickers working in a nearby field heard the shot and saw the man fall but according to statements made here by the neighbors, he got to his feet and walked to a nearby house and fell that he was shot, and perhaps fatally, but asked that his wife be not told at that time.

A passing car brought the wounded man to the Updyke Gin where his brother, Earl, was working, and together they brought him to town for emergency treatment. He was hurried to the Lubbock Sanitarium, but died while being undressed for the operating table.

The deceased and his brother came to this section about four years ago from Spur. He was an energetic young man and maintained a high standing among his neighbors and among those here with whom he did business.

He leaves a wife and three small children.

The funeral was held here late Wednesday afternoon at the Church of Christ, Elder W. E. Fry preaching the sermon.

A large number of relatives including his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomason, who live at Spur, were present at the funeral together with a large crowd of sorrowing friends and neighbors. The family have the sympathy of the entire community in the untimely and accidental death of the husband and father.—Hockley, County Herald.

AFTON NEWS

Miss Estelle Dawson spent Sunday with Miss Nora Baxter.

Misses Minnie Baxter and Edith Hicks spent Sunday with Mrs. A. P. Stokes.

Walter and Clarence Willmon attended preaching at Midway Sunday evening.

We understand that Mrs. Eula Noland has been seriously ill.

The Afton school board met Saturday night and decided to open school November 9th in order to give the children time to help harvest the crops before entering school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bennett spent Sunday with Mrs. J. E. Willmon.

It has been reported that a number of Afton boys were visiting in McAdoo Sunday.

Ero. Harris performed a marriage ceremony Sunday afternoon in the Duncan Flat community. We failed to learn who the bride and groom were.

Mr. Sanders of the Floydada Bakery was visiting in Afton on Sunday.

We miss the smiling face of Lee Parcher, Sunday.

A group of young people met at the home of G. C. Williams Sunday night.

Sunday was regular preaching day at Afton.

There are plenty of cotton pickers coming into the country at this time. There were 72 Spanish speaking people arrived at Uncle Jol Jackson's Saturday night and were employed by Paul Braddock.

The farmers co-op gin is running day and night to gin the cotton that is being picked.

Mr. Clarence Alexander recently returned home after several weeks travel through other parts of the country.

The Afton B. Y. P. U. will render a program at the Baptist church Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

Our subject is, "Christian Living Expressed in Church Loyalty." The B. Y. P. U. here continually grows and we invite you to attend every Sunday night.

Gov't Raises Alliance on Cotton To 8 Cents

Saturday of the past week announcement was made from the feed and seed loan office of the Government department at St. Louis and the collateral value of cotton on government mortgaged loans had been raised to 8c per pound.

When this policy was inaugurated of letting the farmer put up cotton as collateral on his indebtedness to the government the price was set at 6 cents per pound. Since then the regular street prices have risen to around that figure and the collateral value has been raised to the above named figure.

The method of posting collateral is essentially the same as the former offer. It has not been stated whether the value of cotton previously posted as collateral on the 6 cent basis will be raised 2 or 3 cents or not. Also this price is temporary and subject to change without notice.

Farmers of This Section Have Loans Practically Paid

In conversation with several of the farmers of this section we learn that the majority of them either have their government loans paid off entirely or have them reduced to the extent that payment will have been made in full before the date of maturity.

Comparatively few have taken advantage of the premium offered on the governmentally collateralizing plan, the general sentiment being to sell the cotton at the prevailing street prices, get the actual cash and pay the loan off without redemption.

Within the next few weeks this section will be on a cash basis, comparatively speaking, and business will fluctuate to normal. Continued bad weather has delayed things considerably, but our prophecy is that the great Spur country will again be a boom center within the next thirty days.

McAdoo Locals

We are having ideal weather this week for cotton snapping and every available hand is at work helping the farmer. Each night this week long lines of wagons loaded with bales of cotton are seen at the two gins, waiting for their turn.

The gins are running past midnight every night and then barely get through.

Numbers of our farmers are drilling in more wheat, oats and barley and rye for the future.

J. O. Morris is in the city now doing some work for Robt. Nickels.

Lois Nickels received a fall at the gin Wednesday which laid him up for a spell. He hurt his back badly in the fall, but was husky enough not to have broken his neck.

Mr. Antilly, of Abilene, is in our city collecting for the International Harvester Implement company, and looking for their interests in general.

Claude Pipkin was in our neighborhood Saturday with some fat beef. He is a cold storage and market man by trade, and surely knows the part of preparing the meat for sale.

Mr. Abernathy of the Mercantile company, spent Sunday with his family in Lubbock.

Mr. Walls is very sick at the present time.

Mr. Link, of Spur, has kindly consented to give us a lay address Sunday morning at the Methodist church; so let us give him a good hearing.

Attendance was better last Sunday. Let us make another improvement next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Edwards are entertaining the two young peoples' Sunday School classes with a Hollow'een Party.

Bill Cherry was here Saturday from his farm and ranch home over in Kent county Saturday. 'Uncle' Bill states that times may not be as hard as they have been in the earlier days, but that money is just about as scarce.

Duck Creek School Opens November 2

School begins at Duck Creek Monday November 2. We hope that all pupils will come out and get their books even though they cannot attend regular. Parents come out and meet with us a short time Monday morning.

The following teachers will make up the faculty: F. M. McCarty, principal, Edith Durham, primary. We hope to have a successful school in spite of hardships but we need your hearty cooperation to do so. Show us your willingness to do your part by coming out to school opening.

Board of Trustees

Dickens Items

Everyone is glad to see the fine weather after having almost a week of rain, and farmers have resumed the work of gathering their cotton. However, we are not grumbling about the rain which is fine for fall gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Robinson of Soldier Mound were called to Merietta, Okla. the past week to the bedside of their little granddaughter, who died of diphtheria shortly after their arrival at that place. We extend them sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gipson and little daughter, Donna Lou of Dimmit are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gipson and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blair. Mr. Gipson was connected with the drug store at Dickens until recently he moved to Dimmit where he has a grocery store. They report they like their home there and we wish them every success, and feel that our loss is Dimmit's gain, in obtaining these fine people as citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hendrix of Chillicothe are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Duggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holly and children visited her mother Sunday.

Farmers are glad of the slight rise in the price of cotton and Spur was visited with a large crowd Saturday. It seems like old times to see the throngs of people crowding on the streets.

Let us hope good times are just around the corner. It is better to be optimistic as it doesn't help matters to be otherwise.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bailey and children are visiting Mrs. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gipson of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duggins were shoppers in Spur Monday.

Mrs. Mary Brewer and son William Croford of Bowie, Tex. are visiting in Dickens this week.

Mrs. Nannie Cobb left Sunday for Houston where she will attend Eastern Star Grand Chapter.

The old Eskridge house in Dickens was destroyed by fire Monday night.

Mesdames Jaik Gipson and Earl Bailey and Miss Kathleen Stephens were shoppers in Spur Saturday.

Grand mother Gay is quite ill at this writing.

Pike Nichols, who is attending school in Abilene, visited his parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols, here the past weekend.

First Daily To Arrive in Spur

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If you prefer your Lubbock Avalanche, daily and Sunday, by mail we can give you Bargain Rates for a short time only; now until December 1st.

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Chiropractor From Commerce Will Es- tablish Office Here

R. B. Maddux moved to this city Monday from Commerce, Texas, to establish a Chiropractic business in Spur. At the present time a temporary office has been established in the Wilson Hotel. However, within the next few days Mr. Maddux' family will move here and a permanent office will be established in the residence.

Kalgary Quips

Miss Rosanell Gilmore is visiting her sister, Mrs. Aubrey Havens.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Scott and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Livingston Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch and daughter, Opal, spent Friday night with Mr. Lynch's parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lynch.

Mrs. Bonnie Scott and daughters Willie Maude and Mrs. Dick Shugart spent the weekend in Spur.

Mr. Jim Cross hauled cotton for the Kalgary Gin Friday to Post.

Mrs. O. F. Scott was shopping in Spur Monday.

Mr. Orville Springer is visiting Mr. Elisha English this week.

Mr. Howard Reed, O. F. Scott, Tom Howell, H. E. Fisher, Merton Fisher, Nelson Springer were business visitors in Crosbyton Friday.

Mr. Elisha English and Orville Springer were Crosbyton visitors Friday.

Mrs. Alton Sprayberry spent last weekend with her parents near Afton.

Mrs. Richard Self and Mrs. Nelson Springer were shoppers in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hammonds of Portales, N. M. have been here visiting Mrs. Hammonds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lynch, are now visiting relatives near Afton.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reed and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Meadows of Spur Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ford were business visitors in Spur Sat.

Mr. Wright Henson Jr. has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Abilene.

Mr. Leland Rankin was a weekend visitor of relatives and friends here.

A B. Y. P. U. was organized at the Baptist Church here Sunday night by Mr. E. J. Howell of Spur. The following officers were elected for the seniors, Mr. L. W. Tucker, president, Mrs. Elmer Havens, vice president, Miss Ora Livingston, sec. and trea. and for the Juniors-Intermediate, Mrs. L. W. Tucker, leader, Mrs. R. W. Self, sponsor. Let everybody come and try to make the organization successful. Everybody and every denomination helps.

The pastor Rev. A. P. Stokes of Afton was with us Sunday night and assisted in organizing the B. Y. P. U.

Mrs. Ida Rucker of the White River community visited here Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Witt visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson and family Sunday.

Misses Belle, Estelle and Novelle Witt visited Miss Vivian Rankin of the White River community Sunday.

Mr. Jim Criss, R. W. Self and Wright Hinson Sr. were business visitors in Post Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reed had as their guest Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Meadows and son Bennie.

Mr. E. J. Howell and Miss Alene Murphy visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Livingston Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swindall are the proud parents of a son since Saturday.

Mr. Amon English and L. W. Tucker have returned from a visit in Arizona.

It has been announced here that a play "The Old Fashioned Mother" will be given Friday night at the "Bill Rucker" school house.

Quite a few people in our community attended the play at White River schoolhouse last Friday night.

Miss Ora Livingston was the guest of Mrs. Howard Reed Tuesday.

Nazarene Revival In Progress Here



Rev. Allie Irick

A Revival began at the Nazarene Church, Sunday of this week and will continue through Sunday, November 8th.

Evangelist Allie Irick arrived Wednesday of this week to take charge of and conduct the meeting. He was unavoidably delayed and during his absence, the local pastor, Rev. Fisher, has been carrying on the work.

Rev. Irick comes here from Bethany, Okla., and is an evangelist of marked ability and this meeting will be of interest to everyone. The general public is cordially invited to come out and take an active part in the meeting and enjoy the messages that this interesting preacher of the gospel will bring to you.

Rev. Fisher will be in charge of the song services which are an important part of each service. Special program will be given Sunday, including a program for the young people in the afternoon, and a special and most urgent invitation is accorded everyone to attend services on that day.

Rev. Irick was formerly District Superintendent of the Abilene District, which includes Spur, and is well known in this section. He has been a member of the legion of ministers for the past thirty years and during that time has traveled extensively. In the course of his travels he has visited in the Holy Land and in many other interesting spots of the world and it is probable that he will tell of some of these interesting places in the course of his lectures.

Come out and hear a real soul winner present his cause. The meeting is being held in the local Church of the Nazarene on Williams Street in the western part of the city.

Swensons Buying Feed to Winter Cattle

During the past few weeks the Swenson ranches of this section have been furnishing a ready market for the surplus feed of the section. Price being paid ranges around \$6.50 per ton for both the feed heads and good bundle stuff.

Although these ranches have shipped several cars of cattle to the market and several cars of calves to the northern feed pens, they will hold the principal part of their herds on the local pastures and supplement the scarcity of grass by feeding. Formerly when feeding has been necessary, the chief item has been cottonseed cake, but this year feedstuff is so cheap that it will be used to winter the stock.

Several hundred thousand tons of feed have already been purchased by the company, over one hundred thousand tons having been supplied on one contract, and the market is still good.

MARRIED

Allan Ford Tankersley, prominent young citizen of Jayton, and Miss Fern Hutto, of Roby, were quietly married by Rev. Reed, pastor of the Baptist church of the latter city, Saturday, Oct. 17.

The newlyweds will make their home in Jayton.

The city council of Dallas recently issued a 25 year gas franchise to a New York concern.

Premier Laval Visits America

Premier Laval, of France, has just paid us a call. Mlle. Laval, the Premier's beautiful daughter, has so far commanded most of the publicity. But from what our best newspaper men and most obnoxious reporters have been able to find out, there will be a radical revision of the reparations adjustment.

Taxpayers and citizens almost always find out what is going on within the course of two years or so, but unless we miss a guess any big deal started off now will be completed by a Democratic President; following the completion election next year—don't fail to pay your poll tax—you may want to vote.

ESPUELA ITEMS

Everyone is busy gathering their cotton. However, several families have moved to other communities to pull bolls.

Miss Leach Howell was a visitor at the Harris home Sunday.

Emma Lee Earnest spent Saturday night with Neita Teague. Daisy Ball visited with Olin Warren Sunday afternoon.

Justie McMahan and Jess Warren visited Vernon Morgan Sunday.

Mrs. Seals Earnest, and daughter, Emma Lee, and Neita Teague spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holloway and family.

Buster Morgan, who is attending school at Brownwood, was here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Morgan and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Bedwell of Ralls, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Messer nad family.

Miss Iris Howell is working at the Spur Inn at the present time.

Miss Adren Morgan spent Saturday night with Leona Earnest.

Miss Dot Teague spent Sunday with Cora and Bill Messer.

Justie McMahan entertained with a birthday party Tuesday night, however there wasn't very many present on account of the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd and family left Thursday the 15th for Oregon. W. F. Foreman bought his crop.

Opal Karr was dinner guest of Nina Faye Neaves, Sunday.

Leona Earnest spent Sunday afternoon with Wilma and Adrien Morgan.

B. J. Howell went to Kalgary Sunday to help in organizing a B. Y. P. U.

We have a B. Y. P. U. every Sunday evening at 7:30. We cordially invite everyone to come and visit us.

S. T. Battles, Pete Watson, Grant Kyle, Al Bingham, Royal Battles and Charlie McMahan, went hunting Friday night in the Swensons pasture.

Miss Pauline Karr and Morris Collett visited in Crosbyton Sunday.

Miss Bill Messer spent Friday night in town with relatives.

Mrs. Newton Bingham was on the sick list last week.

Hubert Karr, who is working at one of the gins in Spur, spent the past weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Karr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Brittain of Spur, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Morgan and family.

Spur Man is Grand- son of Early Day Texas Statesman

Geo. B. Erath, a prominent farmer of east of this city a few miles, has the distinction of being the grandson of one of the most prominent men in early Texas history. Major Rogers has written an article about Mr. Erath's grandfather that contains so much interesting historical data and real personal facts so interesting to Texans that we are going to publish it in entirety.

The first part of this article, which reads so much like a story will be found on another page of the paper and succeeding portions will be published in the next two issues.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and ranch 20 miles west of Spur, were among the many visitors here Saturday.

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plow, for what you will have to
pay for a team and outfit. In-
quire at Spur office.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones of
just west of the city were shop-
pers and visitors here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Waters were
here Saturday from their home
on the Westernman farm and
ranch southwest of Spur a few
miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Morrison
and sons, Frank and Jessie,
were among the many visitors
here Saturday. Mrs. Morrison
has just recently recovered
from a serious attack of tonsil-
litis.

Expecting another car Dawson
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Major Geo. Erath
Early Day Texan

(The following story of Major Erath, grandfather of George Erath of this community, was written by Marjorie Rogers and published in Sunday Dallas News, October 18).

How Major George B. Erath, pioneer statesman, surveyor and soldier for whom Erath County is named, stood in the little Indian village of Waco in 1837 and decided that here was a likely site for a town; how after repeated delays twelve years later he at last laid out the main street of the present city of Waco and a is the story recalled by two sisters who now live on a quiet street in the town their father surveyed. They are the Misses Lelia and Lucy Erath, only surviving members of the famous frontier Erath family, and age has neither dimmed their memories nor marred their delightful personalities. In her younger days Miss Lelia, youngest daughter of Major Erath, taught music in Cameron, while Miss Lucy devoted her time to painting, writing and taking care of her father. Both women are well informed about the history of Texas and knew many of the early day notables of the State. Major Erath dictated his memoirs to Miss Lucy, who had them published. Miss Minnie Kendrick, principal of the West Junior Hi School of Waco, is a granddaughter of Major Erath.

Years ago when the Wacos, Tonkawas, Kiowas, Comanches, Tehuacanies and other Indian tribes hunted buffalo up and down the Brazos River; when the Brazos was deemed navigable to Bell's Landing ten miles above Brazoria, the most prominent shipping point in Texas, George B. Erath emigrated to the United States from Austria. Born of German and Greek parents in Vienna in 1813, educated in Santa Anna College and Polytechnic Institute, trained to be a tanner, the vocation of his family for many generations, well versed in foreign languages and possessed of a roaming and adventurous disposition, it is small wonder that Erath, traveling over the United States in an effort to make a permanent location, turned

ed his eyes on Texas. Texas meant Indians, and romance and a chance for wealth and health and a career as a statesman!

A Boom in Texas

At this time the section of country now known as Central Texas was being settled by Sterling C. Robertson, empresario of Tennessee, who contracted with the Mexican Government to bring over 600 families and locate homes in the Brazos Valley. The country was then known as the extreme Western frontier. There were only five persons settled within the limits of Milam County above the Yegua. Robertson's municipality of Viesca comprised about one-sixth of the area of the State. Alexander Thomson, an old surveyor, had come out with Robertson from Tennessee, and was interested in the colony. The inducements to settle the Texas lands were attractive. The Government demanded no taxes and anything to be done for the common good was done voluntarily. Every man of family arriving in the new colony was entitled to a league of land (4,428 acres) by paying about \$50 for surveying, \$17.50 for title, and \$1.20 to the Government for each labor (177 acres). One had six years' time in which to pay this last fee. An unmarried man was entitled to one-quarter of a league, with expenses proportionate. Robertson had located his capital of Viesca in 1834 on the west banks of the Brazos about six miles from the present town of Marlin. This all sounded interesting to Erath, who had a role to play in the civilization of the frontier and hurrying to Viesca, he soon made his debut as Indian fighter and ranger.

Cows Legal Tender

Erath moved with a man named Porter to Robertson's colony in 1834 and settled on a tract of land. He used to tell his daughters and later recounted in his memoirs: "We traded my clothes brought from Germany for cattle and hogs. As a result of my trading I had a very good start of hogs in the fall. Porter, too, accumulated cattle for articles he could trade. He gave an ox for a sow valued at five dollars, a feather bed for three cows and calves, a gun for a mare, and another gun for a cow, calf and yearling. Buying and selling was generally by exchange of property. To a cer-

tain extent a cow and calf had come to be used as legal tender for ten dollars. If a man wished to say he had paid fifty dollars for a yoke of steers, very likely he said, even if he had paid in money, that he gave five cows and calves for them. The observation that cows and calves were ten dollar bills and hogs and chickens silver change was common.

"Right here I should like to express my appreciation of the people who were the early settlers of Texas, as I found them. They were honest and cordial and neighborly. Most of them were Americans; the greater number came from Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas. Though with very different stages of intelligence among them, at least two thirds could read and write. Farming and stock raising formed their chief occupations, but the farming was carried on in a very primitive way, except near the coast, where there were slave owners. Families were very comfortably established in double log houses, with rock chimneys and plank floors; the planks were sawed by hand. There were also log cabins with bark on the logs; one room harbored the whole family, and combers and goers."

J. De Cordova, personal friend of Erath's and land agent who procured Waco's townsite, in his "Texas, Her Resources and Her Public Men," printed in 1858, says: "In the fall of 1834, surveying having commenced in Robertson County, we find Erath engaged as a chain carrier with Alexander Thompson, who is yet living on the edge of String Prairie, Burleson county. Being found capable, industrious and zealous for the interest of his employers, Erath was soon promoted to the station of a compass-bearer. He continued with Thompson, engaged part of the time in surveying, balance in assisting on his farm, until July 1835, when the war broke out with the Indians. Fond of excitement, he entered with John W. Moore as a high private and accompanied him to the head of the Trinity River. While with Captain Burnett on one of his operations against the Indians, riding an unbroken horse, much against his inclination, his horse ran away with him, and he soon found himself in the middle of

where it was supposed the Indians had encamped; but, luckily for him, the redskins had themselves become alarmed at the proximity of their white brethren and had seen fit to retreat. His companions, no exactly understanding the cause of this feat, and always delighted in anything that savored of courage, immediately promoted him; and although this step was not a very great one, it proved plainly the correctness of Shakespeare's words when he wrote the famous lines, "There is a tide in the affairs of men."

(Continued next week)

W. C. Presley was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Tuesday, and cheered us up by handing us a renewal on his subscription. Renewals during these trying times are as much appreciated as they are scarce and we are very glad to have Mr. Presley among our list of readers.

Harry Ellis was in from his home on Rocking Chair Ranch Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross and son, Griffin, were visitors in Spur Saturday from their home over in Garza county.

Elmer Shugart is suffering from blood poisoning which developed from a scratch received on the hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Euel McDaniel of six miles southwest of the city were among the many visitors here Saturday.

WE HAVEN'T CAUGHT UP YET!

Since inaugurating our **low prices** on cleaning and pressing clothes on the Cash and Carry plan—we haven't caught up yet. For the past few weeks we have literally been swamped with work.

We don't like to brag or anything like that, but we just can't help but believe that the high quality work we turn out is responsible for a big part of our many "repeat orders."

If you want the best of tailor work and the most courteous service, call at Spur Tailors. And don't forget Jno. A. can order you a Real suit as cheap as you can buy a hand-me-down. Come in and let's get better acquainted.

SPUR TAILORS

Bargain Days

For Saturday and Next Week We Present for Your Consideration, Many Good Bargains of the Season's Best Styles:—


1 Lot
MEN'S PANTS
Exceptional Value on
Sale at—
\$1.00

1 Lot
Extra Heavy Grade
OVERALLS
Full Cut
at **89c**

1 Lot
Youngmen Pants
A Real Snap for Saturday
and Next Week to Sell
for—
\$1.98
HAS WIDE BELT!

MEN'S
Cotton Gloves
3 for 25c

1 Lot Men's
FELT HATS
most all sizes and shapes,
TO CLOSE
\$1.95


MEN'S \$5.00
HATS
for
\$3.95 and \$6.00

Dress Styles
for
\$4.50

MEN'S
Goat Gloves
39c

MEN'S SOX
From
8c to 75c

Youngmen's Sleeveless
SWEATERS
in white, also black, all-wool
\$1.95

Men's and Youngmen's
All - Wool Sweaters
\$2.95 \$3.45
\$3.95 up to \$5

Men's Goodyear welted
OXFORDS
Special Value!
\$2.98


Men's
DRESS SHIRTS
fast colors, new effects
78c and \$1.00
up to **\$1.95**

Extensive Showing
Busby Gloves
many styles at cheap prices

New Shipment in Men's
NECKWEAR
SILK LINES AT
\$1.00

LADIES'
Jersey Suits
new effects at
\$5.95

also many new designs in
Dresses and Coats.
SEE THE
NEW COATS
\$12.95 - \$15.00

We are Showing many
New Designs in
FOOTWEAR
for School and Street Wear
in a large range of
prices from
\$1.98 and \$3.95
in well constructed Foot-
wear that we assure you
results for your money
spent!

1 Lot
Hats for the Little Boys
to close,
50c

36 Inch Dark
OUTING
Heavy Weight at
10c

Clark's O. N. T.
Thread
7 SPOOLS FOR
25c

MAKING POWER AND DELIVERING IT—

At the power plant, electricity is produced in great volume and at low cost. But it is not ready for you to use.

It must be transformed into a lower voltage to fit it for household use. It must be transmitted to the point at which it is to be used—at whatever time it is needed. Elaborate and complex facilities must be maintained constantly so that demands for service can be met instantly, no matter where or when they occur. And the power used by each customer must be measured and recorded, and a bill sent and collected.

All this takes place after the power is produced. Little wonder, then, that cost of electricity at the power plant is only a fraction of its final delivered cost. And still electricity is the cheapest thing you can buy.

The West Texas Utilities Company dependably serves 125 West Texas cities and towns with dependable, inexpensive and ever-ready electric power.

West Texas Utilities Company

GIVE US A LOOK FOR VALUES!

Love Dry Goods Co.

BACK TO ARKANSAS
A tourist car passed through the city this week, evidently bound for Arkansas. The fol- lowing is printed on the tire cover:
"California for vacation; Arizona for irrigation; Texas for Starvation; To H— with the Hoover administration; We're Arkansas bound!"
Perhaps Arkansas hasn't been forced to start "Hooverizing" so far but we venture to say that another administration will do the work.

Expecting another car Dawson Coal—just the right size—thy it Swafford (King & Sample Yard)

Jim McClahan was through Spur the past week on his way to Kansas where he has been employed by a welding company. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pope of Stamford, were visitors in Spur Saturday evening of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Powell were visitors in the city Sunday. Jeff Smith, a prominent farmer of the Dry Lake community was a visitor in the city Sunday. Newt Kidd a prominent farmer of the Highway community was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday. He lost a tire off his truck the past week and is offering a reward for its return.

Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping in exchange for meals for myself and small son.—Mrs. Pearl Franklin. 52-2p.

LOST—Solid rubber truck tire in west part Spur. Reward. See C. N. Kidd, or leave at Texas Spur office. 1p

Opal Gatlin, of McAdoo was brought to Nichols Sanitarium here Sunday and was operated Tuesday for appendicitis. She is reported improving rapidly.

Asa Gatlin was here Tuesday from McAdoo to be with his daughter, Opal, who was operated at Nichols Sanitarium that day.

Nick Reinert was here Tuesday from Brownfield. He states that the crops are all late in his section due to sandstorms and that cotton gathering has just started, the staple there selling for 5-14 and under. Many of the plains farmers are using machines in gathering the crop. Nick is planning on moving back to Spur another year, stating that he believed this section to be on the eve of a seven-year era of good times.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garner, of east of the city a few miles were shoppers and visitors here Saturday.

W. W. Pickens, a prominent farmer of east of Spur was trading and meeting friends here Saturday.

Lem Colthorp of east of the city a few miles was among the many here Saturday.

W. W. Garner, a prominent citizen of the Wilson Draw community was transacting business here Saturday.

Garvin Booth of one mile east of the city was a business visitor here Saturday.

Mace Hunter, a prominent citizen of the Wilson Draw section was trading and meeting friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Watson were among the many visitors to Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Grantham were shoppers and visitors here Saturday.

Albert Jordan made a business trip to Lubbock this week.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our appreciation of our many friends who were so kind to us in our recent bereavement and the loss of our daughter, Martha Jean. Especially do we wish to thank Dr. Nichols and the nurses at the sanitarium and those who sent the beautiful flowers. May Gods richest blessings rest upon you is our wish.
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hindman and Family.

John Latham of the Red Hill community was transacting business here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Flournigan were here from the Red Hill community Saturday.

Walter Walker, a prominent citizen of the Twin Wells community, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday.

W. E. Kimmell, of west of Spur a few miles was attending to business matters here Saturday.

Toi Merriman, who has been in ill health for the past year is reported seriously ill at this time.

T. L. Rape, a prominent farmer of the Twin Wells community was here Saturday, selling cream and trading with the merchants.

C. D. Copeland was transacting business here Tuesday.

Wilton Copeland was carried to Lubbock Saturday of the past week for a diagnosis of the illness he has been suffering the past several weeks. He is at present, however, greatly improved.

Arnold Copeland, of Meadow, has been here for the past week or so, he having recently contracted to deliver to the Swenson ranches a hundred thousand tons of feed.

Mrs. Al Bingham, of Spur Ranch Headquarters, was a shopper and visitor in the city Saturday.

West Texas News

A twenty-four hour weather report station is to be established at the Sweetwater municipal airport, stopping place for Transcontinental Airways.

An Indian grain crusher in excellent state of preservation has been found near Lamesa.

Churchmen in Midland recently shipped a car of fifty-one beef cattle to an orphan's home.

Three hundred thousand cans of home preserved foods are being put up in Lamb County this season.

A home products exhibit features the observance of home products week in Plainview recently participated in by 29 local manufacturing concerns.

Streams around Brady received fifteen thousand fish from the San Angelo hatchery.

Spur Barber Shop
A fresh, smooth Shave is the Best Tonic to start the day.
GEORGE & ALLDREDGE
Main Street

BUSINESS IS ALWAYS GOOD at the COFFEE SHOP

THERE'S A REASON TOO
We serve the very best of foods, cooked exactly right and seasoned to delight the palate of the most fastidious epicurians.
GIVE US A TRIAL
SPUR COFFEE SHOP

WANTED: AN ECONOMIST
He has been said and truly so that an economist is a capitalist without any money. We haven't any money as far as that goes, but we cannot claim to be an economist because we can't not understand why a nation like France, who owes us such a large sum can continue to draw huge deposits of gold from our treasury. Perhaps an 'economist' will straighten us out on this little difficulty with higher mathematics.

TEXAS' SHOW WINDOW

(Prize winning editorial of the Texas Press Association).
That show window space is the most valuable space in any retail business is conceded by competent authorities, therefore it is no exaggeration to say that the most valuable space in Texas is the acreage devoted to the annual State Fair of Texas for as an institution it is the real and only competent show window for the Lone Star State and its five millions of inhabitants.

Since 1886 the State Fair has grown steadily and in spite of the handicaps with exact ratio to the indomitable spirit of progress and achievement of those representative Texans who have directed its policies as a board of directors of this mighty corporation of five million stockholders—policies, by the way, that have always been just and fair to all sections of Texas and paternal in nature and industry within its borders.

Development and progress in Texas is no mystery to those who have observed the annual drawing of a million attendants from every part of the globe thru the turnstiles of the Fair, for through those narrow entrances has come and is coming new capital and new ideas which are making Texas what she is today.

The Chinese have a proverb that a "picture is worth a thousand words," and every year the living picture of Texas on parade at the State Fair has proven the proverb thrice true as it has attracted new citizens, new capital from the outside as it has inspired and impelled the constructive forces of Texas to greater efforts for a state balanced in profitable farm production, competitive industry, gainful capital practical education and citizenry led by highest culture and ideals.

All this without the benefit of city, county, or state subsidies from taxation, gives the State Fair of Texas added lustre and prestige, as the greatest state Fair in the world and the second largest annual exposition in the world.

This mighty show window of Texas has spent lavishly of its profit that new and added displays of Texas products can be brought strikingly and colorfully to the attention of the attentive million visitors each year. Until today it is almost impossible to name a single farm or garden product, or any item of Texas manufactured goods, however small that is not to be found within the 168 acres which goes to make up the area of this greatest show window of the greatest State in the Union.

Mrs. T. H. Blackwell and daughters Royce and Beht, and sons, Jack and Ted, of Lubbock were weekend visitors here the past week.

POP
THE QUESTION
In three minutes you can get a lot of friendly questions answered—by long distance telephone, at a trifling cost.

FRESH OYSTERS EVERY DAY
At
HIGHWAY CAFE
Spur, Texas


AN OLD FAMILY REMEDY

OUT OF PLACE IN YOUR ENGINE!

Petroleum jelly—an honored friend in every family medicine cabinet—but what a trouble-maker in your motor oil! Motor oils containing this thick, jelly-like substance have a heavy body when cold—but turn water-thin in engine heat. Sinclair dealers selling Opaline can guarantee a rich, enduring body because petroleum jelly is removed at as low as 60° F. below zero—a temperature much lower than required for just removing wax. Ask the Sinclair dealer.

SINCLAIR OPALINE MOTOR OIL
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W. E. PUTMAN
SPUR, TEXAS

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DISTRIBUTION WITHOUT WASTE

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FLOUR EXPRESS FLOUR is an all-purpose Flour — EVERY Sack Guaranteed! to Please or Your Money Back! 48 Pounds, 59c	FLOUR EXPRESS FLOUR is an all-purpose Flour — EVERY Sack Guaranteed! to Please or Your Money Back! 48 Pounds, 59c
COFFEE AIR-WAY COFFEE is ground fresh! 3 pounds 59c	SYRUP EAST TEXAS SORGHUM Made of Honey Drip Cane Gallon 59c
BACON DECKER SMOKED BACON —is cut from corn fed hogs Half or whole strip Pound 14c	MEAL OLD HOME MEAL is guaranteed to please 20 lb. bag, 25c
SPUDS NO. 1 IDAHOES 10 pounds, 13c	SUGAR PURE CANE Imperial Brand 25 lb bag, \$1.29
POTTED MEAT is fine for making lunches 2 Tins, 5c	SALT PORK fine for boiling and frying (Number 1) Pound 10c
MATCHES WINNER BRAND 6 boxes 10c	OATS GOLD MEDAL Oats with glass ware Package, 19c
PRUNES NEW CROP Medium Size 5 pounds 33c	PORK & BEANS ARMOUR VERIBEST 4 tins 25c
APRICOTS New Crop EVAPORATED 4 Pounds— 49c	APPLES Dried, Choice Fruit FINE FOR PIE 2 Pounds, 25c

Restless, could not sleep
"THERE were days when I felt like I could not get my work done. I would get so nervous and 'trembly' I would have to lie down. I was very restless, and could not sleep at night.
My mother advised me to take Cardui, and I certainly am glad she did. It is the first thing that seemed to give me any strength. I felt better after the first bottle. I kept it up and am now feeling fine."—Mrs. T. R. Gibson, Fort Payne, Ala.
CARDUI HELPS WOMEN to HEALTH
Take Theford's Black-Draught for Constipation, Indigestion, and Bloating.