# THE TEXAS SPUR

## AND THE DICKENS ITEM

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Motif of Many

Spooks, Imps, Devils, Ghosts

**Eevnts Here** 

# SCHOOLS WILL OPEN NOV. 16

EXERCISES TO BE HELD AT EACH OF THREE SCHOOLS

Spur Schools will open for the 1931-32 session on November 16. as has been previously announc-Opening exercises will be ed. held in each of the three schools, the High School, Junior High School and East Ward School buildings. The general public is invited to attend any of these exercises.

The opening of schools here Others of the county will go to has been delayed to the present date because of the fact that institute. most of the children were needed to help in gathering the crops. However, every effort will be made to complet a full nine months term. No definite date has been set for the expiration of the term, but in most weeks a full six days school week will be carried out and a minimum of

Previous to the opening of the schools here on the 16, a Dickens County Teachers Institute will be

**Dickens** County

Institute To Be

held November 13 and 14. The first day of the institute will be held in Spur at the Methodist church and on the second day the program will be held at Dickens. Spur teachers, however will not attend the program of the second day, November 14, which will be held at Dickens; but will meet here in ajoint faculty meeting.

Dickens for the conclusion of the

Following is the program to be given in Spur the first day, and to which the public is cordially invited. 9:00 to 9:10-Devotional Exercise Geo. S. Link, Spur.

9:10 to 10:00-Address, Dr. Pau Horn, President Tech College. "The Teaching Mind."

Mrs. J. H. Dobbins Injured In Collision Lubbock, Monday

Three people were injured, one Held Next Week reported seriously, when two light automobiles crashed near the Fort Worth and Denver cross ing on Avenue H. Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Dobbins, Levelland suffered a fractured spine and is in the Lubbock Sanitarium. Her four-year-old son, Pike, was cut about the face and her mother, Mrs. Watts, 70, suffered nose injury. Mrs. Watts was dismissed from the sanitarium late Monday.

Occupants of the other automobile were bruised by the impact. Gene Brown, according to Patrolman Jack Reaves and Inspector, J. C. Keller, who are investigating the accident, was driving the car, a roadster with a rumble seat, which collided with that of Mrs. Dobbins. Other occupants of the car Brown was driving were Bob Crawford and Misses Mary Louise Leaverton and Marie Hardberger, Patrol-

# Faust Collier To Lead Red Cross



The appointment of Mr. Faust Collier as Red Cross Roll Call Chairman for 1931, was announced today, by D. L. Granberry, Chairman, Dickens County Chapter. Mr. Collier will perfect an organization of leading citizens and workers, who will carry the personal invitation to join the Red Cross throughout the chapter territory between Armistice

Day and Thanksgiving. Mr. Collier in his initial statement, said, "My position as Red Cross Fiftieth Anniversary Roll Call Chairman, here, is a civic honor fully appreciated by me. The Anniversary is of tremendous public significance throughout the United States and the

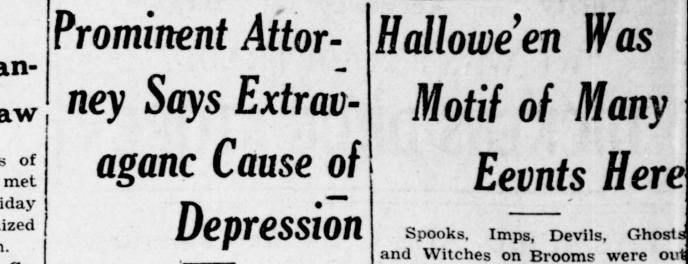
**Parent-Teachers** Association Organized, Wilson Draw

The patrons and teachers of the Wilson Draw community met at the school house last Friday night, October 23, and organized a Parent-Teachers Association. Mrs. Madge D. Twaddell, Co.

Superintendent, made an interesting talk on the value of a Parent Teachers Association, and

was temporary chairman in organizing the Association in Wilson Draw community. Mrs. W M. Hunter was elected president Mrs. W. S. Carlisle, v-president; and Mrs. Katie V. Conatser, secretary and treasurer. Other officers were elected to fill the various offices necessary to carry on the organization.

The object of this Association is to bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the children in this community. To develop between education and the general public, capital and not to any change in such united efforts as will secure the fundamental condition of the



Abilene-The battle cry of 1776 United We Stand, Divided We Fall," was given a modern interpretation and applied to present day business conditions by Judge C. E. Coombes, prominent West Texas attorney and former mayor at Abilene, at a luncheon meeting of department heads and district superintendents of the West Texas Utilities Company last week at the Wooten Hotel

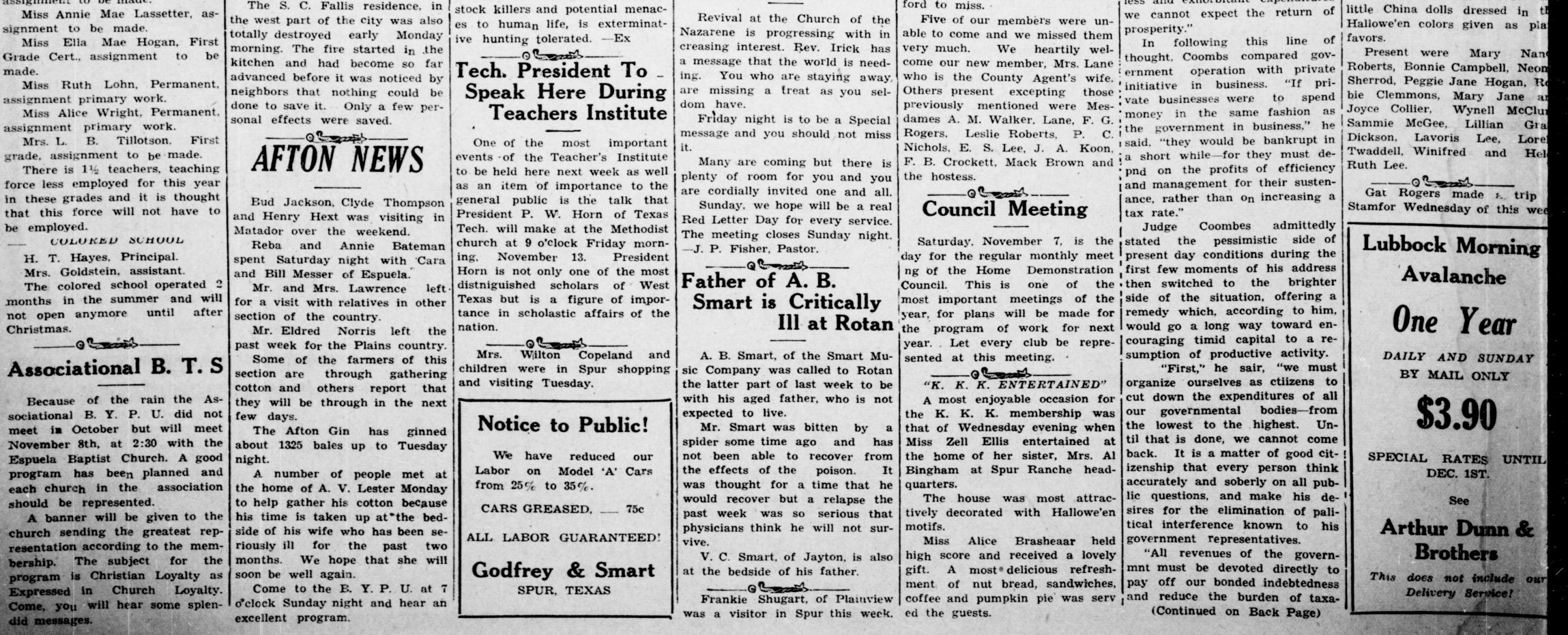
here. Judge Coombes was guest of honor at the luncheon and discussed present business conditions, the political situation and offerd a remedy for the current depression, which he maintains is due largely to the inactivity of

BIRL HIGHT AND FRANCIS MANNING HOSTESSES

in force in this city Hallowe'en and plentiful evidence of their mischevious and ingenious antics was to be seen all over the city the following day, All Saints Day, Long ago grotesque inhabitants of the spirit world were sentence ed to live in the dark dungeons of the earth, but on this one day of the year they are allowed to roam and will. And those who do not believe in the goblins of the nether world have only te go abroad on Hallowe'en. night the ghosts parade, howeve

The season which ends the is a festive one and many parties and entertainments were given here the past week.

	time allowed for holidays. In	10:00 to 10:15-Intermission.	man Reaves said. Crawford was	world, and has already been the	for every child the highest ad-	Country.	Misses Birl Hight and France
	this manner it is thought that a		not hurt.	world, and has already been the subject of congratulations from	vantage in physical, mental, mor-	A feature of the luncheon was	Manning were delightful hostess
	full nine months school can be		Mrs Dobbing it was said was I	subject of congratulations from nearly every foreign nation and	al and spiritual education.	a tribute paid to Thomas A. Ed-	es to a crowd of young folks a
	had in considerably less time	Health Nurse.			We, the parents and teachers	ison, whose funeral was held	the M F Manning subusha
	than nine calendar months, and		was driving around an automo-	comment by the press and lead-	of this community are looking	Wednesday at 2:30 (Eastern	home Friday night.
	the high affiliation standing	tion Hat Jar Lunch by Miss	bile which was stopped before	ing citizens, and organizations of	forward to membership in the	Standard Time) at West Orange,	Decorations, refreshments an
	maintained.	Kooiker.	turning to the left or east from	the whole country. I have al-	State organization that our group	N. J. The local tribute, during	games were in accord with th
		1:00 to 1:15-Devotional, Rev. F.	the street when the accident oc-	ready been assured of the desire	may have contact with the state	which the activities of the West	Halowe'en season and the orea
	th able direction of Superinten-	G. Rogers, Pastor First Bap-	curred Tracks at the accident	of our own people and organizat-	and national congress in carrying	Texas Utilities Company were	sion was a most enjoyable on
	dent Sam. Z. Hall, has been	tist Church, Spur.	scene indicate the roadster. go-	ions, nere, to participate in mak-	on our work.	ceased for one minute, was paid	to all present.
		1:15 to 2:00 Address: Supt. Sam	ing north, was turned to the west	ing the Roll Call a success, as	The Wilson Draw Parent	at 1:30 C. S. T., to allow for the	
	HIGH SCHOOL	Z. Hall, Spur Schools, "The	side of the street, to pass the	it undoubtedly will be. Our goal	Teachers Association will meet	one hour's difference between	MRS. LEO CLINGMAN
	Sam Z. Hall, B. S., M. A. Supt.		stopped car and collided with the	is 400 members. This is not a	at the school house the fourth	Cntral Standard Time and East-	HOSTESS
	Schools and Instructor of Mathe-	Little Red School House Grows Up."		very high mark to shoot at, and			
		2:00 to 2:10 Intermission.	Mrs. Dobbins, Mrs. Watts and			fic managre of the company, out-	Mr. and Mrs. Leo Clingma
		2:10 to 3:00 Sectional Meetings	the Dobbins twins, Pete and Pike		cordially invited to be present, es-		entertained the Intermediat
	Senior High School, instructor of	as follows: 1. Primary Sec-		opportunity to participate in one			Christian Endeavor with a Ha
	History.	tion- Mrs. Katie Conatser,		of the world's most vital, import-	proportion.	conclusion of his short address,	lowe'en party Tuesday night.
	C. B. Middleton, B. A., instruc-	leader. 2. Intermediate-S. L.	article booting, bootineep	ant movements. There are com-		the electric lights in the room	Many games were played an
	tor Vocational Agriculture.	Benefield, leader. 3. High	er at a Levelland motor firm,	pensations in being a member of			ghost stories told to the deligh
	David Sisto, B. A., Spanish,	School-N. C. Ribble, leader.	came to Lubbock soon after the	the Red Cross beyond the mere		guests stood with bowed heads	of the youngsters. Ice refresh
	Salesmanship, Adv., Arithmetic.	(Emphasis in these meetings		satisfaction of having contributed		for one minute, paying silent and	ments were served to Dot, Jun
	Wier Washam, B. A., Coach	will be placed on the State		financially."	met with Mrs. Tom Teague on	sincere tribute to the Sage of	and Mary Louise Lisenby, Hele
	and instructor of Science and	Bulletin Requirements on ob-		The National Chapter of the	November 4th. The program	Menlo Park.	Hale, Wynell McClure, Morjor
	Math.	jects and methods.) Subject		American Red Cross spent more	was very, very interesting and in-	Judge Coombes, in his spirit-	Burrows, Opal McGlathery, Joy
	Miss Sarah McNeill, B. A.,	in all sectional meeting: "The		than \$16,000.00 in Drouth Relief	structive upon our "National	ed talk, traced the current de-	Koon, Constance Teague, Erne
	English and instructor of history.	What and How of Teaching."	From Airplanes		Parks." Those giving parts were		tine and Marion Hale, Robb
		3:00 to 4:00 Organizations and		Every dollar of this went to	"Yellowstone," Mrs. W. B. Lee;	mental expenditures. "At the	Ruth Johnston and Ruby De
	instructor of English.	- business section meeting: 1.	Hunting ligna from similarea	needy families since all the work-	"Yosemite,' Mrs. E. L. Caraway;	present time," he said, "a large	Davis.
	Home Economics instructor		inducting mons from an planes	ers contributed their services	"Grand Canyon," Mrs. L. R. Bar-	percentage of the citizens of our	
	has not been selcted to date but	session, leader. 2. Education-	is distinctly out, in an parts of	free. Dickens county only re-	rett; "Mt. Ranier," Mrs. J. M.	country are drawing their invi-	ANNIE LAURIE LEWIS
	will be announced next week.	al Association, Mrs. Madge D.	Africa where the British writ	ported 140 members or \$70.00 to	Foster; "Bryce Canyon," Mrs. J.	hoods from government salaries, paid by the taxpayers. When	HOSTESS
	JUNIOR HIGH	Twaddell, president 1930-31	rules. The open veldt of great	the National Chapter in 1930.	P. Carson; Reading, "A Secret,"	para al and anter a ser	
	Foy F. Vernon, Principal Jun-	session, leader. 3. Extension	African game country offers	This county received back a		an average of one out of thirteen	Miss Annie Laurie Lewis wa
	ior High, First Grade Certificate,	Classes.	great possibility for cross-country	total of \$15,039.00 more than they	Our president, Mrs. E. S. Lee,	families are supported by the	hostess to a Hallowe'en part
	instructor arithmetic.		coursing, in automobiles, and easy	paid into the National Chapter.	again called the club to order to	"what can be expected but de-	Saturday night at the home
	Mrs. W. A. McAlpine, Perma-		landing for airplanes. Hence,	Our quota this year in the Not.		"what can be expected but de- pression?"	her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I
	nent, instructor Reading, etc.	Two Residnces Are	sportmen have been rather over-	ional Roll Call drive is 400 mem-	the convention of the Federated	I am min attention to the	Lewis. Delightful refreshment
	Miss Marie Oliver, First Grade		shooting lions. This is regarded	bers which will net the National	Women of Texas, which is to be	present situation of Great Britain	rounded out a most enjoyable e
	Certificate, instructor geography.	Destroyed by Fire	as bad for several reasons. It	Chapter only \$200.00. In other		as a result of that country's dole	ening.
	There are at present 24/2		threatens the sport with extinc-	words the National Chapter is		system, government operation of	
	teachers, teaching force not yet	Here Past Week	tion, but , sportsmen are joined	asking us for a contribution of		utilities and its competition and	GRACE FOSTER AND REGIN
	filled or finally decided upon. It		in their anxiety by zoologists.	less than 2% of the amount they	Most all of our members are	interference with private enter-	LEE HOSTESSES
	is thought that least one other	Two residences in this com-	who do not wish to see another	spent in Dickens county in 1930.	making arrangements to go and hope the other study clubs of	pris, Coombes said, "We rapidly	
	teacher will be needed for these	munity were destroyed by fire the	splendid wild animal added to	If we do not double this amount	G	are enproaching such a condition	Little Misses Grace Foste
	grades after school opens.	past week.	the list of ertinct species. Conser-	they are asking, it will be proof		in our own United States. We	and Regina Lee were charmin
	EAST WARD SCHOOL		vationists and animal ecologists	to the world that Dickens county		are taxed until we can hardly	little nostesses at a Hallowe'd
		home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sugge	also see in the lion a useful re- gulator for the numbers of ante-	is ungrateful for the service	The program will consist of	stand for taxation! Too many	party Saturday evening from 7
					talks by noted people of our	are drawing salaries from the re-	9 at the J. M. Foster home of
	Mrs. D. L. Zachry, Permanent,	was completely destroyed The	lope and other grazing animals, which without some natural check might increase too rapidly		state; election of new state offi-	spective governments; there is	West Hill Street.
	assignment to be made.	Spur Fire Department answered	which without some natural	Nazarene Revival	cers; plays and last but not least,	too much duplication of jobs, of	The guests played games, po
	Mrs. F. K. Williamson, Perma-	the call but due to the absance	check might increase too rapidly	Will Close Send	the banquets and chuck wagon	organization, of buildings and of	ped corn, listened to stories an
	nent, assignment to be made.	of water was unable to do any	and overgraze the range. Only in thickly populated districts,		dinner. Every day will be cram-	work in all our governments. Un-	enjoyed the spooky festivities a
C	Mrs. F. G. Collier, Permanent,	thing to check the flames.	where lions become troublesome	Good Attendance	med full of things you cannot af-	til our governments stop reck-	only children can. Watermelon was served ar
		the bullet the mannes.	number of the second troublecome			less and exhorbitant expenditures	



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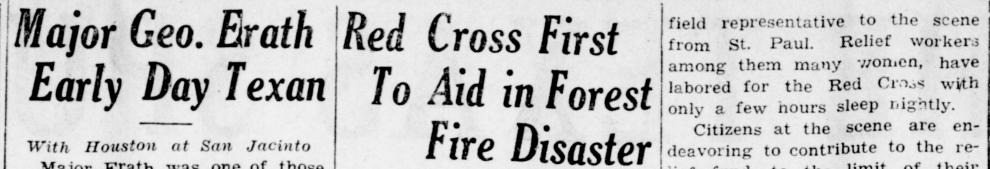
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and change, on streets of Spur. Return to Texas Spur office or 1-2p. to D. J. McDaniel.

Henry Scoggins of Doon, Io., is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. L. F. Edwards and family.





quarters, St. Louis.

Major Erath was one of those soldiers who experienced the hardships and sacrifices of Company C, commanded by Capt. Billingsley in the 1st Regiment of Volunteers, commanded by Col. Burleson at the Battle of San Jacinto. According to Erath the men were mostly on foot, the country flooded with rain, many without shoes or wearing moccasins made of deer skins; their clothing was scant, few having more than a blanket; their tents were open and to avoid lying in the mud, brush or grass had to be obtained and laid down to sleep on. Their food supplies were beef, scant of salt, and an ear of corn per man per day, which had to be ground on steel mill and made into mush Burleson detailed Major Erath and a man by the name of Simmons, from Bastrop, to look after Santa Anna's baggage: "You

may take anything to eat and allow others to have eatables; but don't let anything valuable be car ried off by anyone."

Champaigne in Field Tent head of livestock burned to "We went inside the baggage pile and found it was Santa Anna's, containing camp furniture of silver, nicely arranged, such as a European might take with him into the field," major Erath later wrote. "And there were all kinds of etables, a considerable part already cooked. Sim-

only a few hours sleep nightly.

Citizens at the scene are endeavoring to contribute to the relief fund, to the limit of their ability, while the Lake of the

A wall of red and yellow flame Woods chapter alone is supplying sweeping on a sixty-mile gale groceries to 72 people and prothrough the great timber country viding new and donated clothes. of Lake of the Woods, Koochich-Baudette, a town with only 800 ing and Beltrami Counties people, and a county population northern-most Minnesota on of less than 3,000 on September night of September 11, created 18th had contributed nearly \$1900. holocaust beggaring description, The National Red Cross has according to a report received by made an appropriation of \$5,000 Faust Collier, Chairman of the to enable relief activities to go Red Cross Membership Roll Call forward adequately. in Dickens County, Armistice Day

Baxter commented, "This disthrough Thanksgiving, from Wm. aster should bring home the Baxter, Jr., Manager of American work of the Red Cross in disas-Red Cross Midwestern headter more vividly than anything

that has happened in a long time. The September 18 issue of We are so accustomed to think-The Baudette Region, a weekly ing of the huge catastrophies like paper published in Baudette, the Mississippi River Flood or little town near the devastation, the great drouth of last fall and dramatically described the terrific winter, that we overlooked the fire that in four hours reduced terrible effects of smalled calaman area of 1600 square miles to They ities, such as this one. a charred mass of ruins, in eastcause the same anguish and ern Lake of the Woods and westcreate the same imperative need ern Koochiching Counties, leavfor immediate aid, that we are so ing two dead, 38 homes a heap of familiar with, following large embers, 165 people destitute, 102 The remarkable cataclysms. farm buildings leveled and 325 thing to me is the efficiency of

volunteer officers of the local crisp: "At seven oclock Friday Red Cross chapters up there on evening the Bay Creek section the frontier of the United States, was as happy a one as could be farm from the helping hands of found in the nation. Its hardcities. The chapters there are working residents, living in their doing just as good work on the homes nestling in the green timscale required, as the St. Louis ber, went about their work as us Red Cross Chapter did here after ual. At eleven oclock that night



SOME CAVIAR, MISTER? Moscow sees nothing strang in the sight of these itinerant sandwich peddlers. They travel the streets of this Russian metropilis vending caviar sandwiches. A pretty speedy way to grab a snack, isn't it? Yet no faster or more convenient than the Spur Coffee Shop, where all Spur is learning to eat. You'll find it the ideal place for hurried or leisurely lunches or dinners.

M. F. Hagar was here Wednesday after medicine for Mrs. Hagar who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Jim Hahn was here Wednesday with three bales of cotton. He was a little late about getting started but is now bringing it in at the rate of three or four bales a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gyp Mayfield were visitors in Spur Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Our old friend Gyp has been on the invalid list for the past two years and we are glad to see him able to be up and about.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Allen, of McAdoo, were shopping in Spur Wednesday.

much liked by her many friends. At the wedding she was dressed in a handsome black crepe costume and was beautiful in it. Mr. Handley is a prosperous

and enerjetic farmer of the Broadway community and wore a

suit of conventional black. They will make their home on their farm near Broadway. GC 1



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Rev. F. G. Rogers made a busmons took a kind of a mat off iness trip to McKinney Monday returning Wednesday. Mrs. Jas. B. Reed and daughters Julia Joe and Miriam accompanied him, spending the day with Mrs. Reed's mother.

Judge and Mrs. H. A. C. Brummett were visitors in Spur Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bullock Tillotson returned this week from Lubbock where Bullock underwent an operation for removal of his left eye. He had previously lost the sight of the eye and it was endangering the sight of the other. We are glad to report that he is at present getting along fine.

Miss Sybil Clay has returned home from Abilene after an extended visit with friends and relatives.

Miss Faye Jamison and Ella Mae Hogan are guests of friends and relatives here this week.

Mrs. V. V. Parr and son, Bobby were visitors in the city Wednesday.



a pyramid about six feet high. and called me to look. It was several dozen baskets of champaigne, and just beside it was found another such pyramid. "There was a disagreeable

scene near; a pile of dead Mexicans, and some wounded ones lay close up against the baggage and among it. Their' cries of

adios! and aqua! (sic) aroused my sympathy and I furnished them with water; but they all died before midnight.

"The military chest contained \$11,000 in specie. Santa Anna's fine saddle, which was in my possession that night, brought \$800 when sold at auction the next day. All the finery and silver

with the military chest brought \$1,600. After \$3,000 was voted to the navy, there was left for every man in the service, whether in the battle or not, 311 apiece.

I do not believe the rumors of embezzlement. It is my opin-

ion that everything was handled fairly and squarely.

Famous Scene Under the Tree "Santa Anna was captured the next day in a thicket up a tree about two miles from our camp

Statements vary as to the details of his capture. I saw him soon

after he was brought in. On account of my occupation the night before, I was given liberty the next day. I slept during the forenoon. In the afternoon I heard a rumor of Santa Anna's capture, and went down to General Houston's camp near the bank of the bayou. Quite in contrast with Santa Anna's extravagant luxur-

the tornado of 1929." everything was in ruins. The The National Chapter of the fire fiend has destroyed every American Red Cross spent more home in the neighborhool except than \$16,000.00 in Drouth Relief two, th seavings of years has Work in Dickens County in 1930 been wiped away, and whole famand 1931. Every dollar of this ilies faced the future penniless. went to needy families since all The ruins of homes and barns the workers contributed their were everywhere, the fields were services free. Dickens County full of dead cattle, sheep and only reported 140 members or \$70 horses, and even the carcasses to the National Chapter in 1930. of moose and deer were to be This County received back a toseen everywhere. The scene tal of \$16,030.00 more than they baffles description, and only for paid into the National Chapter. the fact that the homesteaders Our quota this year in the Nation and their families were able to al Roll Call Drive is 400 members reach the Rapid River and Bay which will net the National Chap-Creke and seek shelter under wet ter only \$200. In other words blankets and tents until the fury

of the flames had spnt itself, an the National Chaptr is asking us appalling loss of life would have for a contribution of less than 2 occurred. Hurried attempts to per cent of the amount they save livestock and personal be- spent in Dickens County in 1930. Let us double this amount! longings were in vain, as the fire

traveled at more than a mile a minute and when it reached the Mr. and Mrs. Plez Curd are here this week on a visit to her green timber of Bay Creek the sky for miles was illuminated parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Staf with the red reflection of the fire ford.

> Elza Armstrong, a prominent young farmer of the Dry Lake community was a business visitor here Saturday.

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Several farmers drove their autos

and trucks to the middle of big

clearings, only to have them melt

before th efury of the oncoming

fire. The deer and moose, fleet

of foot as they were, died in

their tracks as the poisonous

gasses created by the fire mowed

Immediately the Lake of the

Woods, Koochiching, Pennington

and Beltrami local Red Cross

chapters sped the task of relief.

Baudette Red Cross headquarters

were opened in the courthouse

and within an hour citizns began

arriving with clothing and other

articles. A balance in the chap

ter treasury from previous mem-

bership Roll Calls, was put into

them down."

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Main Street