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Good Attendance On First Day of Short Course

Fair weather and good attendance greeted the first day of the Short Course, sponsored by the International Harvester Company here Thursday of this week. The high school and junior high schools turned out for the morning program, the pupils forming a street parade immediately preceding the opening of the program and attending in mass formation.

D. L. Granberry, secretary of the local chamber of commerce introduced the principal speaker, H. S. Mobley, who made his address along educational lines and its value when applied. Following the address, a short picture was shown depicting an educated farmer who had failed to apply what he had learned to his benefit. The girls choral club of the high school interspersed the program with several selections.

In the afternoon and evening larger numbers were here from the rural districts and nearby towns and the entire day's program was carried out successfully.

Today, Friday, is expected to be the big day of the Course when the most interesting programs will be given. At 10:00 a. m. L. A. Hawkins will lecture on "Soils," followed by Miss Grace Smith who subject will be "Bringing the Kitchen up to Date." In the afternoon, beginning at 1:30 H. S. Mobley will lecture on "Diversified Farming," and John M. Hannan on "Beautifying the Home and Grounds." Mr. Hannan is an expert on landscaping and everyone, especially club women who are interested in the beautiful yards contest, will want to hear this lecture. Pictures will be shown at both programs. No admission charge will be made, donations asked, nor will those in attendance be bored with advertising of any character.

Gov't. Loan Plan Will Be Same As The Past Year

Plans have been completed by Arthur M. Hyde, sec. of agriculture, for the handling of the \$50,000,000 loan fund provided for farmers in the reconstruction finance act. In general the plan is similar to that followed last year in the drought relief loans.

The loans will be made by representatives of the secretary to be designated by him and the farmer must file an application before April 30. The loans will be for crop production purposes only, must mature on or before November 30, 1932, and will bear 5-1/2 per cent interest.

In Texas a crop mortgage will be taken by the government and the borrower must agree to plant not more than 65 percent as much cotton as he did in 1931, provided he planted more than 10 acres last year.

No loans will exceed \$400 and the total amount of loans to tenants of any one landowner in a single county must not exceed \$1600. Seed loans will be on the basis of approximately \$1 per acre for cotton. Provision is also made for loans for fertilizer, oil and gasoline for tractors, feed for work stock, and spraying and dusting to protect against insects.

No loans will be made for feeding livestock other than work stock used in crop production.

The purpose of the loans is to provide financing for farmers only where other agencies are unable to do so, and the money is intended only for farmers who otherwise cannot plant this year.

The West Texas chamber of commerce has sent queries here about the plan and it is thought likely it will assist farmers in obtaining aid as it did with the drought loans last year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jones and family of Lubbock, spent the weekend with relatives here, and attended the birthday dinner of Mrs. Jones' father, J. H. Boothe, who celebrated his 60th birthday, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ripley moved to Floydada to make their home, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wooten are moving to the plains to make their home.

Bob Fox and Miss Harralson Married

Rev. F. G. Rogers, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, performed the ceremony Saturday night of last week, uniting W. W. Fox and Miss Odessa Harralson in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ritual was given at the parsonage at 10:30.

Mrs. Fox is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harralson, a prominent family of this community, and is a young lady of charm and ability.

Mr. Fox, familiarly known to his many friends here as "Bob", is a prominent cafe man of the city and is an all-around good fellow of highest integrity and business ability.

We join the many friends of the newly-weds in extending congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

Census Bureau Shows State Tax To be \$19.16 Per Capita for 1930

Washington, Feb. 19.—The Bureau of the Census announces a summary of the financial statistics of the State of Texas for the fiscal year ending August 1930. The per capita figures for 1930 are based on an estimated population of 5,815,000.

Expenditures

The payments for operation and maintenance of the general departments of Texas amounted to \$70,508,710, or 12.12 per capita. This includes \$29,778,460, apportionments for education to the minor civil divisions of the state. In 1929 the per capita for operation and maintenance of general departments was \$12.00 and in 1917, \$4.59. The interest on debt in 1930 amounted to \$213,601 and outlays for permanent improvements of general departments, interest, and outlays were \$108,776,396. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the governmental costs reported above, 246,769,996 was for highways, 612,562,865 being for maintenance and 734,207,131 for construction.

Revenues

The total revenue receipts were \$111,408,561, or \$19.16 per capita. This was \$40,689,250 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, and \$2,632,165 more than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. This excess of revenue receipts is reflected in the purchase of investments, not shown in this summary. Property and special taxes represented 2.9 per cent of the total revenue for 1930, 29.7 per cent for 1929 and 56.6 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 117.9 per cent from 1917 to 1930 and 6.8 per cent from 1929 to 1932. The per capita of property and special taxes collected was \$5.16 in 1930, \$4.92 in 1929, and \$3.10 in 1917.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by State officials represented .6 per cent of the total revenue for 1930, 4.4 per cent for 1929, and 16.7 per cent for 1917.

Business and nonbusiness licenses constituted 42.1 per cent of the total revenue for 1930, 44.6 per cent for 1929 and 12.1 per cent for 1917.

Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies, of occupation taxes, and of sales tax on gasoline, while those from nonbusiness licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles and the amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges. The sales tax on gasoline amounted to \$30,114,976 in 1930 and \$16,006,660 in 1929, an increase of 90.6 per cent.

Indebtedness

The total funded or fixed debt outstanding August 31, 1930 was \$4,397,200.

The net indebtedness (funded or fixed debt less sinking fund assets) was \$4,372,267, or 71c per capita. In 1929 the per capita net debt was .77 and in 1917, \$1.07.

Assessed Valuations and Levies

The assessed valuation of property in Texas subject to ad valorem taxation was \$4,328,212,712; the amount of State taxes levied was \$29,864,668; and the per capita levy, \$1.14. In 1929 the per capita levy was \$5.03 and in 1917, \$3.386.

Good Rainfall, Mild Weather, Bumper Crops

Slow rains of this and the past week of more than an inch gives this section of the country one of the best spring seasons in years, and prospects are bright for a crop the coming year that may break all previous records. It is also thought that with the present season nothing can prevent the large acreage of small winter grain from making good yields whether we have a dry spring or not. Experts predict that grain prices will be good the coming season and it is advised that as little as possible of the acreage be plowed up and replanted to row crops.

The winter has been unusually mild with plentiful winter vegetables and excellent winter pasturage. It has been said, and statistics tend to show that during years of depression, providence is kind and the winters mild. And in the past century there has been only one exception to this, the money panic of 1905. One depressing possibility, however is that the warm weather may bring out the buds on the fruit trees only to be killed by a late freeze. Nevertheless it may be that our good fortune will hold out and that following a pleasant winter we will have plenty of fruit, bumper crops, high prices and prosperity.

New Filling Station and Tourist Park Gearing up in Spur

A new filling station and tourist park is going up in the east section of the city at the intersection of N. Keller and Highway No. 18.

Bill Eubanks is putting up the new business and is doing the construction work personally. The station is practically completed and upon arrival of the gasoline tanks will be ready for opening. The station will handle Magnolia products.

Construction work on the cabins will begin immediately upon completion of the station and are expected to be complete in time for the summer tourist trade. They will be equipped with all modern conveniences. The new place will be called the Red Top Tourist Park.

Mr. Eubanks is well-known here, having been employed by the local railroad company for the past fourteen years or more, and we are glad to see him enter business in this city.

—Phone 55 for Correct Time—

Mrs. Chattie Farris and sons, Bales and Pat, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Boothe.

Dickens-Lubbock Highway Pavement Now Underway

With some 50 men, a dozen teams and 17 trucks and various kinds of road machinery, Fields and McCelvey, contractors for paving highway No. 24 from Dickens county line of four miles west of Crosbyton, is being pushed with all speed.

Caliche pits have been opened just across the canyon where a constant stream of truck loads of caliche is being unearthed by a mammoth road elevator that its way through the hill top and fills the trucks with two shovels full.

The caliche base is being laid from the east side of the Dickens line about three-fourths of a mile and the crews are working westward. Already several miles have been prepared for the base.

Preliminary surveys for paving of 16 miles of highway No. 24 in Crosby county from the Lubbock county line eastward are being made. Guy R. Johnston, construction engineer said Saturday. Completion of paving on this sector will provide all-weather road from Lubbock to Dickens and Matador.

Plans on No. 24 in Lubbock county east of Lubbock and thru Idalou are pending decision of the state supreme court on Mrs. W. G. Nairns injunction suit. The county has already posted funds for the project and work will start as soon as a decision is given.—Crosbyton Review.

Many young people over this section are entitled to poll tax exemptions and free voting privileges this year who possibly do not know that they are or are not certain as to the ages entitled to this exemption.

Anyone who became 21 years of age anytime during the year of 1931 or who will become 21 before the election this year is entitled to a free vote, providing of course, they are not otherwise disfranchised by law. Some possibly will become of voting age after the first primary and before the second primary or the general election and in these cases the free voting privileges are extended in the latter elections. This makes it possible for a citizen to be 22 years of age and still receive the free voting privileges extended to those who become of age.

No papers, affidavits or otherwise is necessary. All that is required of those entitled to the above named privileges is to appear at the polls and vote.

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Vernon Powell Announces For Justice of Peace

J. Vernon Powell, well-known farmer of the Highway community, has authorized us to announce that he will be a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 3 which includes the voting boxes of Spur, Espuela, Dry Lake, Highway, Red Mud, Red Hill and Duck Creek; subject to the Democratic Primaries July 23.

Mr. Powell has been a continuous resident of this county since 1914 and is one of its most highly respected citizens. Especially is he well known in sport circles where his impartial decision has made him popular as an umpire and referee. He has always been active in civic and progressive enterprises not only in his home community but of the county as a whole, and although he has had no actual judicial experience, is well acquainted with court procedure and is unquestionably qualified to fill this position.

He respectfully requests that his candidacy be given careful consideration and states that should the voters favor him at the election he will consider it an honor and lend his every effort to giving the people of this precinct a satisfactory administration.

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Sanitarium Notes

Mrs. L. A. Crump, of Kalgary, who has been real sick at the home of Mrs. John McKeever, is improving.

Mrs. Marvin Carlisle, of Peaioik, was able to return home this week. She has been in Nichols Sanitarium.

Raymond Pierson, of Girard, who has been operated in Nichols Sanitarium, was able to return home Friday.

Mrs. O. P. Dupree and baby, Patty Joe, are getting along fine at Nichols Sanitarium.

Miss Davis of Jayton, is improving rapidly at Nichols Sanitarium and will be able to go to Mrs. Smart's home in Spur, Thursday.

Earl Reet, of Jayton, who is in Nichols Sanitarium is reported to be improving.

Baby Lon Buckner, of McAdoo who was recently operated at the Nichols Sanitarium is reported to be recovering.

Mrs. R. Y. Allen, of McAdoo, is improving at Nichols Sanitarium.

Mrs. C. C. Robertson, of McAdoo, is doing fine at Nichols Sanitarium and will soon be able to return to her home.

Mr. Lamont Brantwell, of McAdoo, was operated at Nichols Sanitarium, Tuesday, and is reported doing nicely.

Parts and Battery Station Opened Here Recently

As will be noted by an advertisement appearing in this weeks issue of the paper, a new parts and battery station has been opened in Spur. The business is located in the building immediately back of the Ford Station and across the street from the Sunshine Service Station garage.

Newton Ellison and Chas. Curley are owners and managers of the business which is now almost fully equipped and in operation. New and used parts for practically all makes of cars are carried in stock and battery and minor repair work is done in connection.

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Demonstration Club News

(By CLARA PRATT)

COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the change in date of the County Home Demonstration Council meeting Saturday is again Council day. Let each women's club have her representatives present. Council meeting should be the most important club meeting of the month.

SUB-IRRIGATES HOT BED

After seeing the demonstration on the use of concrete hollow tile for sub-irrigation, Mrs. V. S. Ford of the Afton club, conceived the idea of sub-irrigating her hot bed. Instead of using the concrete hollow tile she used three boards nailed together to form a three-sided tile having first bored holes in two of the boards. She placed this trough in the hot bed under the manure and soil. To hasten the growth of her plants she heats the water before filling the trough.

POULTRY RECORD

Two of the poultry demonstrators flocks showed a profit of .09 cents per hen, for the month of January. They were Mrs. B. F. Middleton and Mrs. H. L. Underwood's flocks averaged 16 eggs per hen. One flock was fed a mash containing meat scraps for the animal protein while the other flock received animal protein in the form of skim milk. Though practically all the feed was home grown its cost was considered in finding the net profit.

CHAMPION CHEESE MAKER

Rev. F. G. Rodgers, Spur, has made 350 pounds of cheese within the past month after seeing a demonstration given by the home demonstration agent. He used 294 gallons of milk in making the cheese. A local grocer has agreed to buy the cheese at whole sale price. He has found that 12 gallons of milk makes the most desirable size and is using surplus milk for which there was no sale, therefore his only expense is for rennet and color tablets.

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NEW CLUBS ORGANIZED

A new home demonstration club was organized at Duncan Flat last week. We were to have organized clubs at Wichita and McAdoo this week but because of the weather will meet later with those communities. We shall meet with the women of Dickens Tuesday afternoon to organize a club there. Each of these communities have had active home demonstration clubs before but have not been active for two or three years. We are anxious to have women's clubs in each community in the county.

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Six students in the college are only 11 years of age, while 61 students are only 16 years old. There are 81 students who give their ages as over 28.

S. B. Roddy For Re-election As Justice, Pre. 3

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The voters of precinct 3 are requested to give his candidacy just and deserved consideration at the polls in July.

DICKENS CO. SCHOOL NEWS

TWIN WELLS

The third month of school is gone, yet a few have enrolled during the past month. All are studying hard, however, and we have promise of a wonderful school year.

Few have withdrawn to enter other schools. Clomer Randall, who has spent practically all of his school days at Mineral Wells, has moved away. Wynell and Betti, Joe Waters and Hershall Williams have moved to Steel Hill. They will all be missed by their teachers and classmates.

The Baker and Wright children are the most recent additions to the school ranks.

The school feels very grateful of members of the Twentieth Century Study Club who are performing splendid service in furnishing magazines to the school. They not only bring magazines but assist in inspiring us in many ways.

Miss Kooker, health nurse, and Mr. White, sanitarian, and Mrs. Twaddell, county superintendent, visited the school this week. Theirs is a good work and the school appreciates their service.

A basketball team has recently been organized. Judging by the interest they are taking and the way they are practicing, the team will make a wonderful record. Two games were played the past week, the first with the Agriculture class of Spur High school which ended in a tie. Monday of this week we were defeated by Steel Hill. With some new recruits in training, the team gives promise of stronger competition in the future.

Mrs. Terry attended the Dickens County Educational Society at Dickens, February 4th, thus keeping in touch with the other schools of the county.

AFTON

The students of Afton High School, under the direction of Mrs. Clarice Thannisch, presented two one-act plays, February 18, entitled "Too Much Matrimony", and "Where There's a Will."

The Junior Boys won a victory in playground baseball over the Prairie Chapel team, Thursday. The score was 13 to 2.

The new arrival in the Giescke home has not decided on his life profession yet. He will either be a radio announcer or a school teacher—for he has a suitable voice.

Mrs. Marie Gruben, who has been spending the past two weeks in Spur with her son, Walter Gruben and wife, returned to her home in Royston Wednesday. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gruben who will visit in Abilene a few days before returning here.

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Time to Kill the Fatted Calf



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Mrs. J. M. Jackson, Gold Star Mother, Tells of Trip to France

Mrs. J. M. Jackson, formerly of this county, has recently returned to her home at Uvalde after a visit to the battlefields of France where she visited the grave of her son, Albert in the Oise-Aisne cemetery.

power to get me out, but I did stay out until noon, then I had to go to my room. Am beginning to think I am not a good sailor. Felt better and got out about 6 in the evening.

on a dinky little train at Cherbourg where our officers met us and came to Paris. Everybody has heard about the little trains they have over here I know, but you can't imagine how funny and small they look compared with ours.

look at them. When we reached the cemetery they gave each mother a beautiful wreath of flowers to put on her boy's grave. Mine was made of white and pink and a real dark red with green mixed in. It was beautiful.

like they were then. The Germans had a car there, too, but didn't let it stay, but marked the place where it stood. They have a nice monument and the grounds are beautiful.

BAPTIST W. M. S. CELEBRATES 21st ANNIVERSARY. On the evening of the 11th of this month the women of the Baptist church celebrated the 21st birthday anniversary of the women's work with one of the most enjoyable socials we have ever had in the history of the organization.

UNIVERSITY CLUB. Alton Chapman and Louise Barganier entertained the University Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haile, Tuesday night.

THE HIGHWAY CAFE
The Oldest Cafe in Spur
--and the Best--
SPUR -- TEXAS

We have the Finest Watch Hospital in Town
BRING IN YOUR SICK WATCH
Prices Always Low!
SPEEDY RECOVERY GUARANTEED
GRUBEN'S Drug & Jewelry

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1917 STUDY CLUB. Mrs. Nellie Davis was delightful hostess to the 1917 Study Club at her home on hill street Tuesday of last week.

DON'T FORGET OUR COFFEE. We take pride in the quality of our coffee. One reason it is so delicious is that we make it fresh several times a day.

Highway

Conley Smith was in Spur Wednesday with his last bale of cotton. The community has been enjoying a big rain the past week. Tressie Foreman was a visitor at school Friday. A party was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. McCombs Wednesday night. Miss Sybil Martin spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Ole Estep. The Annual Prayer Meeting was held at Highway School house Wednesday night; everyone is invited to come and be with us. Miss Winnie Sparks was Friday night a guest of Miss Annie Belle Frazier. A few young people of this community attended a tacky party at Raleigh McMahan's, of Espuela Saturday night. A large crowd was present and a good time reported by all. Miss Tressie Foreman spent Friday night with Frances Walker. Willie Smith was transacting business in Spur Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, Mrs. Johnson's sister and Claude Price, of Espuela community, and Mr. Woodrow Price and Dot Teague of this community attended a club entertainment at Walkers of White River, Friday night. A large crowd present, refreshments were served, and a wonderful time was reported by all. Mrs. Ole Estep was shopping in Spur Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Conley Smith and Miss Dot Teague made a business trip to Calgary, Tuesday and were dinner guests of Mrs. Luther Lyckman. A large crowd enjoyed a party at the home of J. E. Sparks, Saturday night. W. A. McCombs and Iraworth Hahan were in Spur Saturday. Guy Teague spent Friday night with the Reece boys. Miss Leona Sparks and a girl friend of Spur, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Leona's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks. Miss Neitha Teague was Sunday afternoon guest of Misses Dora and Ora Gannon, of Red Mud. Miss Echa Lee Shockley was in our community Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Teague were in Spur Saturday. Harry Martin spent Saturday night with Wilber Tree. Vernon Powell and son, Raymond, were in Spur Saturday. Mrs. Peggy and Tillie Hilton formerly of the Hilton Hotel at Lubbock, who have been spending a few days in this community for their health, will return home next week. Wilber Tree was in Spur Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Sunday.

PLACES AND DATES FOR SERVICES IN REV. H. T. HARRIS' ASSOCIATION The following are places and dates where Rev. H. T. Harris preaches. You are especially invited to attend all of the following services you can. This gives the regular monthly services of his field: FIRST SUNDAY—Friendship Church—Staturday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. SECOND SUNDAY—Soldier Mound—Saturday, 11:00 a. m. Sunday 3:00 p. m. Saturday night 7:30 and Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dickens. THIRD SUNDAY—Duncan Flat, Saturday, 7:30 p. m., Sunday at 11:00 and 7:30. FOURTH SUNDAY—Midway at 11:00 a. m. Saturday and 3:00 p. m., Sunday. Afton Church, Saturday 7:30 p. m., Sunday at 11 and 7:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Bible Study in Classes each Sunday morning 10:00 Preaching and Communion Service 11:00 Young people's meeting, Sunday afternoon 6:30 Night preaching service 7:30 Ladies Bible Class, Wednesday afternoon 2:00 Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 WRIGHT RANDOLPH, Minister. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Adams are improving after their recent car wreck. J. H. Sample, of Matador, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday.

DR. GRACE Announces a change of office to the Campbell Bldg. on Burlington Ave. Room No. 4. PHONE 171

AFTON NEWS

Walter Stokes made a business trip to Lubbock this week. Mr. and Mrs. Lane, of Spur, were in Afton Thursday night to attend a program. Judge Newberry was attending to business in Afton this week. Mr. Holly of Highway, was in Afton Thursday night to attend the program. Miss Giesecke of Dickens, attended the program here Thursday night. Brittain Forbis, of Spur, was in Afton Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bateman and sons were called to east Texas at attend the funeral of Mr. Bateman's sister. Ollie Drennen of Afton, spent Tuesday night with Clara Drennon of Elton. Dorothy Clark of Roaring Springs, spent Thursday night with Hazel Turpin. Horace Wood, of Spur, attended the program Thursday night. Morris Laine of Spur, was in Afton Thursday night to attend the program. The High School presented two one-act plays Thursday night the titles being, "Where There is a Will," and "Too Much Matrimony." There was a large crowd and everyone enjoyed the program. E. N. Johnson and Albert Power, Oscar Gibson and Gus Martin were visitors in Spur, Saturday. Pof. Giesecke was in Spur Saturday. Sim Moss was trading in Spur, Saturday. J. B. Willmon and sons, were trading in Spur Saturday. Bruce and Elmer Slayden were visitors in Spur Saturday. Mr. and Ms. Lowance and Miss Mary Green were visitors in Dickens, Sunday. A. V. Lester made a trip to Wichita Falls this week. Mr. and Mrs. John Norris were the past week visiting in Stephenville with Mrs. Norris' mother, who is not expected to recover. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bateman returned Monday from east Texas. They report plenty of rain. R. C. Forbis was in Afton Tuesday of this week. R. S. Mobley was trading in Spur Tuesday of this week. D. L. Granberry was in Afton this week.

Girard News Rain! Rain! More rain! Kent county has had rain for the last week. Jerry Allen is visiting friends and relatives in Girard. Mildred Dickerson spent Friday night with Betty Jo Cooper. Willie Luna spent the weekend with Opal Johnson. Avis Maxwell, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Billie Vensil, has returned home. Mrs. Southern returned Thursday. Her nephew and friends returned with her. Vernie Peek was the guest of Deen Fuqua and Ruth Sherer on Sunday. There wasn't very many children at school Monday, so school was dismissed at noon. Mr. and Mr. Bill Vensil and son, Billie Glen, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell and family of Carbon, Texas. Oleta Houston, who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kennon, is returning home soon. We are very sorry to lose her, because she was one of best basketball players. We hope she will come back and visit us at least. Johnny Murdock spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooper and family. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kennon, after they received a message that their daughter, Alphaleta, was ill, left to be with her. She is attending A. C. C. at Abilene. Mrs. Dean Young and Mrs. Clarence Edwards were shoppers in Spur, Friday. Mrs. Sartain was the guest of Mrs. W. G. Mayfield Tuesday night. Fern Carlisle spent Tuesday with Winona Stephens. Burol Page spent Monday nite with Gatherine Hurst. Edith Harwell spent Tuesday night with Vernie Peek. Jack Luna has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Long who has been ill. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Huffstodler of Dry Lake were among the many here Thursday to attend the Short Course. Mrs. W. J. Collier, of Dickens, was visiting friends in this city Tuesday. Judge Newberry was over from the capitol city Thursday to attend the Short Course. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm, a few miles west of the city were shoppers and visitors here Wednesday.

Kalgary News Since last report we have had a fine rain and are enjoying some fine sunshine again, which we are glad to see after several days of cloudy and misty weather. We did not have any church or E. Y. P. U. Sunday or Sunday night on account of the rainy weather. R. L. Craig spent the weekend near Lubbock, guess the rain got the road in pretty bad shape as he did not get back until Tuesday. However he did not miss teaching school any as the roads were too bad to run the school trucks. Prof. L. W. Tucker and Miss Ava Tucker have both been in the sick list since Saturday. Luke Grizzle and two of his children are reported on the sick list this week. Some of the school children have the scarletina and chicken pox. Miss Belle Witt has returned to her school work after some two weeks absence on account of having the flu. Ross Cannon, of White River, was a visitor in Kalgary Saturday. Mrs. Sue Shugart and little sons, L. C. and Bonny Fay visited her mother in Spur last Thursday. Miss Opal Lynch visited Miss Dorothy Opal Witt Saturday evening. S. B. Scott, Jr., who is working for the S. S. S. near Spur spent the weekend on the farm and returned to his work Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rankin and children of White River spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Springer. Boyce Tucker spent the weekend with Amos English. Roland Springer spent Saturday night with his cousin, Lelon Rankin of White River. Mesdames Elsie Crump and Eva Scott visited Mrs. Wiley Springer Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ford were business visitors in Spur Thursday of last week. Messrs. O. F. Scott, Preston McClanahan, H. R. Witt, Will Braton, Frank Crump were visitors in Spur Thursday. Mrs. Eva Scott visited Mrs. Lela Lynch, Thursday. Gilbert Pope made a business trip to Spur Thursday of last week. Amos English was in Kalgary Monday. Elton Witt accompanied S. B. Scott Jr., to the ranch near Spur. J. P. Middleton, of Lubbock, was attending to business matters here Thursday.

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Duck Creek News

A large rain fell over this community the past few days. This moisture will insure the farmers a bountiful season for their early planting and for their grain crop. H. E. Watkins had the misfortune to fall from his plow and break his arm last week. He has suffered a great deal since the accident. We hope he will soon recover. Misses Mary and Gladys Wells are visiting with the Cartwright family of Soldier Mound this week. Hester Arnold entertained the following at forty-two party Monday night: Jessie Sellers, Quincy Arnold, Jessie Arnold, Amos Taylor, Jonah Taylor, Eddie Glass and J. P. McDaniels. Quincy Arnold and Jonah Taylor were the winners. Rudolph Thomas is sick at this writing. Quite a few from this district attended the play at Stell Hill last Friday night. Jessie Arnold of Shamrock has been visiting his father, L. L. Arnold for the past two weeks. He returned home Wednesday. Treva Marshall of Amarillo, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Marshall. Mrs. Jack Simmons is reported ill at this writing. Our spelling match was quite a success Friday night in spite of the fact that the crowd was smaller than usual. The night being so bad, no doubt caused many not to come out. J. E. Swaringen spent Saturday night with Clifton Kimbrough. Cora Durhuam of Jayton, visited in this community over the weekend.

Worse Than War About a year ago the fact that more persons were killed in automobile accidents during an 18-month period than were killed in the A. E. F. in the World War, was extensively commented upon. Now, according to a booklet issued by the Travelers Insurance Company, automobile accidents are still worse than war. During 18 months of the World War, 50,510 American soldiers were killed in action or died of wounds, and 182,674 were wounded, not mortally. In the 18 months ending December 31, 1931, 53,650 people were killed in automobile accidents and 1,576,840 were injured. The Travelers booklet emphasizes some information that every motorist and pedestrian should know. During 1931 deaths increased 3.3 per cent over 1930, in spite of a reduction in the total number of accidents. Severe injuries likewise increased, despite a reduction in the total number of persons injured. This apparent contradiction is laid to the increasing speed with which we drive. Cutting in, violation of right-of-way laws, driving on the wrong side of the road, skidding and driving off the roadway were likewise responsible for many deaths. More than 42 per cent of the deaths were caused when a car struck a pedestrian. Collisions with fixed objects accounted for 12.1 per cent and collisions with other cars, 24.9 per cent. In the case of injuries, 53.1 per cent occurred when cars struck each other and 29.8 per cent when they struck pedestrians. These facts are of immense value to the thoughtful motorist. They show the primary causes of accidents, and, consequently, suggest means of eliminating them. Drastic steps must be taken if we are to lower the horrible and steadily increasing toll of traffic deaths and injuries. Mrs. Waters and daughter, Miss Hazel, of Cisco, arrived in Spur Friday of last week for an extended visit with her children, Clarence Waters and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jones, of Lubbock were weekend visitors in Spur. Tom Russell was down from Matador Wednesday. J. G. Smith and family of 16 miles southwest of the city were shoppers and visitors here Wednesday. Mrs. Caraway of Hereford, visited relatives and friends of Spur this week.

Intolerance And Paternalism We cannot afford to temporize with paternalism. The only way to keep the Federal government from unjustified interference with the rights of the states and of individuals is to fight every move, of whatever kind, that would extend the power of a centralized bureaucracy. It is true beyond question that many of the so-called 'reforms' of recent times have come about, not because of the popular will but because of organized minorities have seized political power and have frightened elected officials into actions that are against their better judgement. Intolerance is a great issue. Those who wish to regulate their neighbors affairs have had a day of triumph. Since the turn of the century the trend has been away from State and individual rights, toward centralization of power at Washington. The Federal government has taken on police functions never intended for it by the founders of the Constitution. There is hope that now, at last the trend is the other way. We have learned that if we try to mind other people's business, other people will mind ours. And there is a strong and growing percentage of good American citizens who are convinced that we need less law, not more, and that it is time for a return to fundamental principles of human liberty. Aside from the doubtful good results of our paternalistic tendencies, it might be pointed out that our government expense has increased 400 per cent in the past few years.

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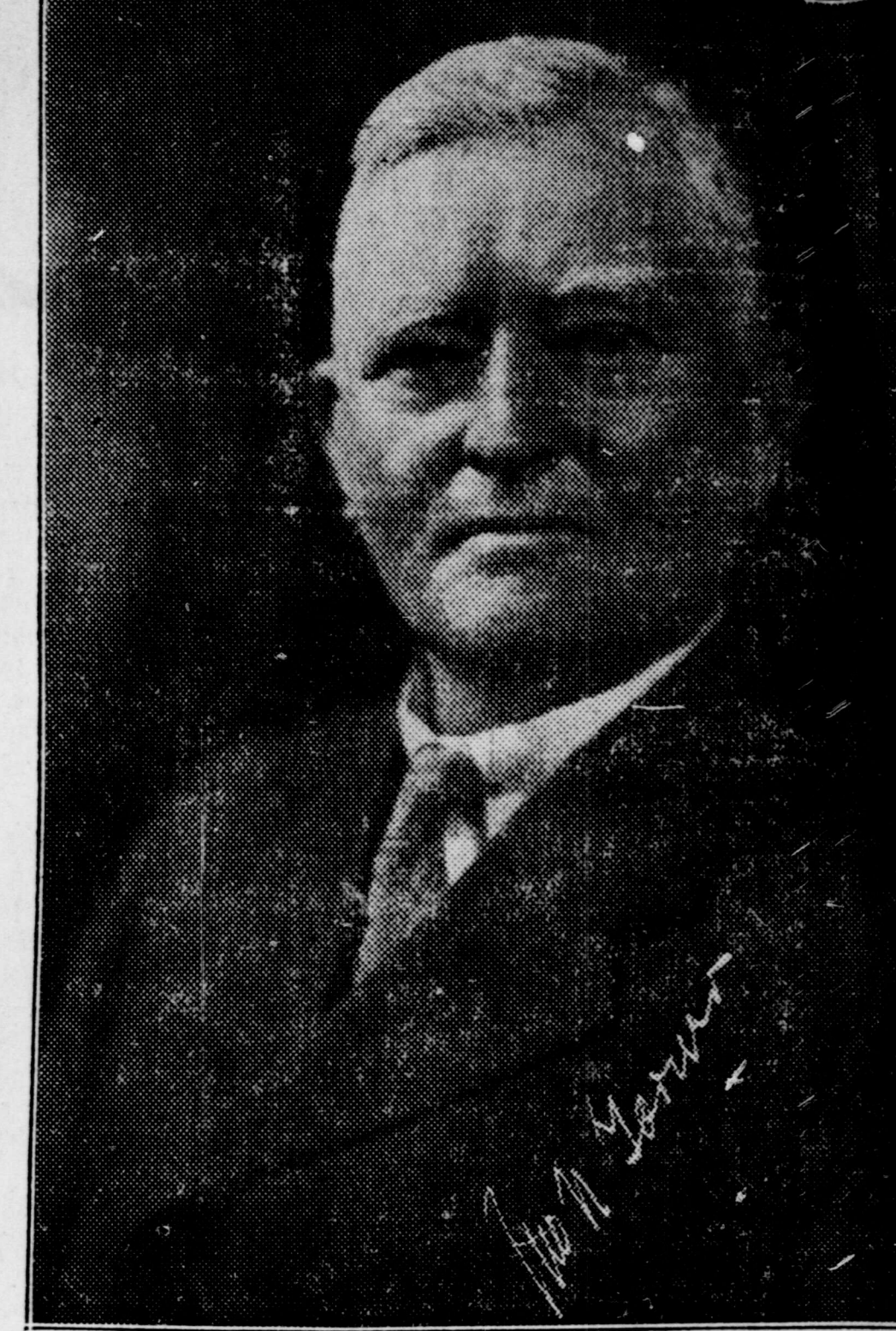
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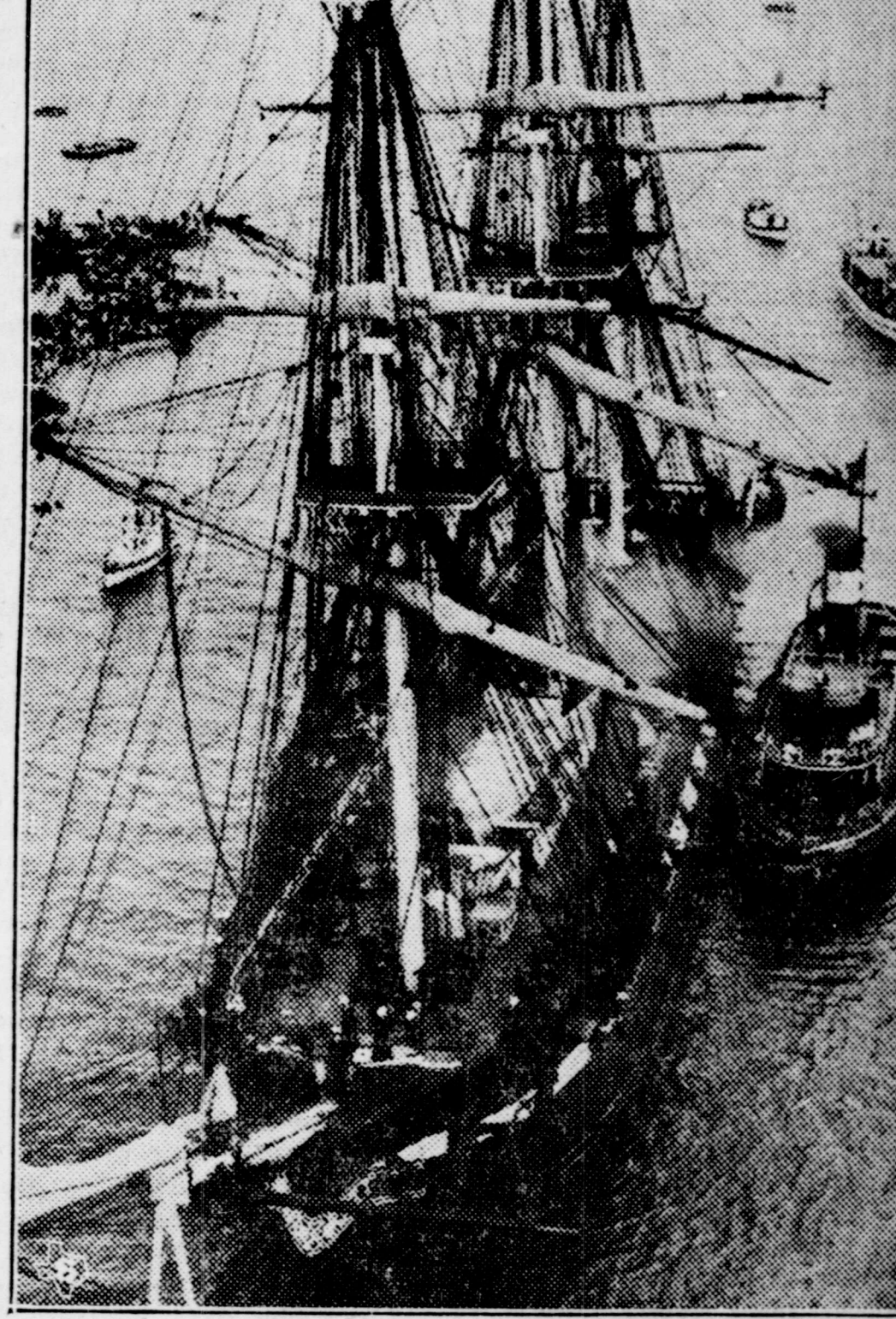
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His Boom Swells and Grows



Here's his picture, autographed especially for the newspapers of Texas by John N. Garner of Uvalde, the fiery speaker of the U. S. house of representatives. Although he says he doesn't "give a damn" whether he is nominated for president at the Democratic convention, the move to award him this honor is rapidly becoming nation-wide.

Old Ironsides in Corpus Christi Bay



Here's the frigate Constitution "Old Ironsides," rejuvenated with the money of school children and row on the Texas gulf coast. The picture was taken as Old Ironsides rolled into Corpus Christi last week, where she is now on display. People from all over Texas are going there to view the vessel. More than 10,000 went on board the first day.

Eldredge McClain, of the Red Mud community was in Spur this week with cream, butter and eggs. Mr. McClain's checks for surplus produce average around \$20 per week. He stated that he not only supplied his table with groceries other than what they raised and canned at home, from his surplus produce, but had paid his land notes also. Other might profit by following his example. Brink Carlisle was meeting friends and transacting business in the city Friday of the past week. Miss Viola Morgan was a Lubbock visitor Saturday.

Mrs. John Pennell, of Abilene, is here for a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lisenby and friends of the city. Mrs. Pennell states that she and Mr. Pennell are moving to Wichita, Kansas, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alexander and Marvin Alexander of the Alexander dry goods firm of this city, were visitors in Floydada Sunday.

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