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23 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Texas Spur, published 23 years ago this week. Oran McClure, editor and publisher.

John Wooten and son, Andy, of the Wake country were in Spur Tuesday with cotton. Andy sold ten bales at a price of 9.70 for the entire lot, while John Wooten is holding his staple for future development in price.

—23 Years Ago—

Dr. Grace left for Dallas Monday where he will spend several days familiarizing himself with the Flexner serum treatment for meningitis.

—23 Years Ago—

Editor Morris, of Jayton, was in the city recently and while here received a telephone message of the court's decision in the county seat fight in Crosby county, and since he is also publishing the Rails Banner, he was very much elated at the good news.

The county seat question is probably not yet settled and doubtless will go to the supreme court before a final settlement of the question.

—23 Years Ago—

Clay Smart, who was formerly in the dry goods department at Morrison's store, but who is now a traveling salesman with headquarters in Stamford, spent several days this week in Spur and also to visit Mrs. Smart who is at present teaching school in the Croton community.

—23 Years Ago—

R. E. Strickland, who has been with the Spur Drug Company the past several months, left last week for his home in Coryell county, he having sold the business to Mr. Williams, who is now in charge.

—23 Years Ago—

Dr. Fullbright, of Jayton, reports to Dr. Morris that one case of cerebros spinal meningitis had developed in Jayton.

—23 Years Ago—

W. P. Sampson, a prominent citizen of the Gilpin country, was in the city last week. We are informed that Mr. Sampson will enter the campaign for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Dickens county.

—23 Years Ago—

Notwithstanding the fact that the country as a whole is somewhat on a standstill, the Spur country continues to settle up at a rapid rate. Every week there are settlers moving into the county, building homes and making arrangements to become permanent citizens of the county.

It will only be a few years until the Spur country will be densely populated and our superior agricultural resources more fully developed.

—23 Years Ago—

J. H. Stradley, a prominent business man of Dickens, was in Spur Monday.

—23 Years Ago—

Mrs. Lucy Webb recently arrived in the city from Turnersville, Coryell county, and will be with the Spur Drug company in the future.

—23 Years Ago—

It is reported here that S. M. Swenson & Son, New York bankers, have completed arrangements for the purchase of what is said to be the most extensive sulphur fields in the United States.

A. R. Howe With Spur Auto Wrecking House

A. R. Howe has this week taken over the used parts and repair department at the Spur Auto Wrecking House and will be connected with this firm in the future. He is a well-known mechanic and has conducted a garage business in this city for a number of years.

Curtis Smith, who was formerly in charge of the parts department has moved with his family to Muleshoe to engage in the garage business there.

H. P. SCHRIMSHER ILL

Word has been received here that H. P. Schrimsher, a former Spurite, critically ill in an Abilene hospital. His illness has been diagnosed hemorrhage of the intestines.

Townsend Advocate Meet Friday at 3:00

Those interested in the Townsend Old Age Pension Plan are notified that a meeting will be held Friday afternoon for the purpose of selecting a delegate to attend a meeting at Lubbock the following Saturday. At the Lubbock meeting a delegation will be selected to go to Washington in the interest of passage of favorable legislation.

The local meeting will be held in the Love Building in the former location of the Love Dry Goods Company at three o'clock. All advocates of the pension plan are urged to attend.

Post Men Charged With Murder Plot

Sheriff W. F. Cato, Dr. V. A. Hartman, Dr. L. W. Kitchen a veterinarian, and Tom Morgan a farmer, all of Post, were indicted for murder at a Dallas hearing Tuesday in connection with the slaying of Spencer Stafford by the sheriff last week. Cato's bond was set at \$50,000 and the others at \$15,000 each.

Stafford, a federal narcotic agent was shot by Sheriff Cato at the veterinary office, while inspecting Dr. Kitchen's narcotic records. He, together with a fellow-officer and two informers, a man and a woman, were at the office making the inspection when the sheriff and Morgan, whom he had deputized, drove up and the shooting followed. Cato stated that he acted in self defense. A machine gun was used in the killing.

PERSONALS

W. R. Murchison, of Wichita, was transacting business in Spur Monday and while here paid The Texas Spur an appreciated visit.

County Clerk Fred Arrington was over from the capital city Monday attending to business and greeting friends of this city.

Con McMurray, an early day cowboy of this section and an employee of the Matadors some 30 years ago, accompanied by his wife came through Spur last week on the way to their home in Montana. While here they spent several days visiting old time friends and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt Wednesday and Thursday.

H. C. Eldredge was in Spur Monday from his home in McAdoo, attending to business matters and greeting friends here.

W. M. Austin, of Afton, was among the many business visitors in Spur Saturday of last week.

J. T. Bilibrey, who moved upon the plains last year, was here over the week end attending to business affairs and visiting with relatives.

Jack Overfelt, a prominent citizen of the Bonds Chapel community in Kent County, was trading with Spur merchants and greeting friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Pace and family spent several hours in Spur Saturday, visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Forbis, of Afton, were here Saturday, shopping and visiting her father, Frank Goff, and friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormick, who have been making their home at Banquette in South Texas, the past two years, returned Thursday of last week to Spur and will again make their home in this section. They will farm in the Espuela community the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harralson and sons were in Spur Saturday from their farm home three miles north of town.

W. S. Carlisle, a prominent farmer of the Duck Creek valley section, was a Spur visitor Saturday and while here was an appreciated visitor at the Texas Spur office placing an ad in the paper for the sale of cotton planting seed.

Mike Lairsen, of the Lairsen ranch in Stonewall county, was attending to business in Spur Saturday and visiting with the Texas Spur force.

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS

The City Water Supply will be cut off Sunday, February 24, promptly at one o'clock and will be off until 7:00 P. M.

Please take notice for your own protection and convenience. Be sure to disconnect current from electric water heating appliances that no damage might occur.

(SIGNED)

THE CITY OF SPUR

Drive For Clothes for Pupils Begins Friday

We still have numbers of children in Dickens county unable to attend school because of not having anything to wear.

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a drive for clothes to begin Friday morning. Some one will call at every house in Spur Friday or soon after that day.

Please make a real effort to collect all of your surplus wearing apparel. You would cast your bread upon the waters and after many days it will return to you threefold. We have a crying need for help. These clothes do not have to be either good or beautiful to be acceptable.

Mrs. Kate Senning has a 'FERA Sewing Project in which she will teach people to sew. If you can contribute any kind of clothing her class will make it up into school clothes for distribution. Your discarded things would probably never be better used than now.—Madge D. Tweddell.

Lakeside Baptist Hold Choir Contest Tonight

A contest will be held tonight (Thursday) between the Junior and Senior Choirs of the Lakeside Baptist Church. A small admission of 5c will be charged for the entertainment and funds will be used for needed equipment at the church.

A special invitation is been made and seats reserved for white people who wish to hear the songs and music that only colored singers can produce.

WEBB STUDIO MOVED TO ROSWELL, N. M. LAST WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Webb, who have operated a studio in this city for the past year or more, moved their equipment the past weekend to Roswell, New Mexico, and have opened for business in that city.

Amateur Engineers Pull Smart Feat In Laying a Pipe Line

In connecting the Hogan and Patton tailoring department and the Spur Creamery with a steam line a few days ago the workmen were confronted with the problem of crossing a paved street, without cutting through the concrete.

A ditch was dug up to the edge of the paving and a 4-inch pipe with a sharp tip was driven through the earth below the paving a distance of fifty feet or more. The pipe followed a true course and emerged at the proper place and the smaller steam line was passed through without difficulty. The pipe was forced through the ground by use of a powerful jack. Anyone confronted with such problems might do well to confer with engineers Stovall and Hogan.

Steam from the Creamery boilers will be used by the tailor shop.

Father of Jas. B. Reed Dies Of Pneumonia

David B. Reed, 80 years of age, father of James B. Reed of this city, died at his home in Westminster, Texas, Sunday, February 17, of pneumonia. Burial services were held there Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed had celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary previous to his death and he had been a deacon in the Baptist church for more than fifty years.

Surviving are the widow, three sons and five daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed, who attended the funeral, returned home Tuesday.

Messrs. Jas. A. Goodwin and L. A. Lollar left Friday morning for Dallas and San Augustine where they spent several days transacting business and visiting relatives and friends.

We are still trying to help you save on your Grocery bill. We have many Bargains, These Are Just a Few:

One Gallon BLACKBERRIES or APPLES only 81c	COFFEE 3 lb. can Wapco only 83c	One Gallon APRICOTS or PRUNES only 89c
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BEANS CANNED, nice assortment, Mexican Style, Red Kidney, Brown, and Red, 3 CANS 23c

Tomaotes No. 1 cans 3 for 19c	Bulk Cakes Nice 1 lb. 31c	Black Pepper 1 Pound only 35c
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Where It's June In The Winter Time

SPECIAL TO THE TEXAS SPUR

(By Marshall Formby, Jr.)

This is written from Miami, Fla., the land of sunshine, palm trees and pretty women.

Three kinds of people come here to spend the winter; namely, rich people, bums and those who are foolish. This writer comes in some where between the latter classes.

To this Dickens county boy, Florida is a great country, an interesting land—but nothing to compare with Dickens county when you take everything into comparison. It's a great country for one who has money to come and play around in, but for one like this writer who earns his chili and beans by chasing news 12 hours a day for a local daily, it's nothing extra. Few people work. In fact this hot weather is much more pleasant to bath golf, and go to races in than in which to work. However, Florida is a great state in which to spend the winter. No overcoats, no snow to wade through, no frost-bitten toes — but plenty of sunshine.

Your correspondent has been here more than a month and is getting some good experience in a work that he likes to do. Texans here are a novelty and every Texan I've seen can stand up and take it better than the boys from other states. It is true that the state of Florida is a truly southern state, taken as a whole, but Miami is no typical southern city. A great percentage of the population is made up of people from NeNw York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Most of the men employed on the daily on which this writer works are from New York or Pennsylvania, and when this Texan talks to one over the telephone, nobody can understand him. The only person on the paper who talk my language are the ones who have formerly lived in Texas and a boy from Oklahoma.

Miami, a city at this writing with a population of more than a quarter of a million, booms in the winter like a West Texas cotton town does in the fall. Every long train pull into town, all loaded with visitors coming here to escape wintry's cold blast in the northern states. As a result, renting a room for a month here is like buying a house in some places I've seen. Most things are fairly reasonable in price, however.

Three small sons of Miami society folks were discussing one day what they would do if they had life to live over.

The seven-year-old boy who had been to school only one year said, "If I had my life to live over, I wouldn't go to school. There is nothing to it anyway."

The four-year-old boy spoke up. "If I had my life to live again I wouldn't eat spinach. It isn't good for you."

Fianally the youngest of the three who was only one and a half years old spoke up. "If I had my life to live over," he said, "I would be a bottle baby. You don't know how embarrassing and uncomfortable it is to be eating your dinner and have cigarette ashes dropped in your face."

Story of Miami Like Story Book Fifteen years ago the place was about the size of Lubbock. Then comes the boom when real estate soared to prices unbelievable. Everybody bought Florida real estate. The boom stopped in 1925, and then in 1926 came the terrible storm when hundreds lost their lives and millions of dollars worth of property was lost.

But Miami has rebuilt. Today there are a quarter of a million people here. Many of them leave in the summer, it is true, but the city of Miami is one of the busiest of the nation.

It is indeed a great city in a great state.

Alvis Bilberry has returned from Portales, N. M., where he attended college and was employed with a dry good firm. He intends to return March 1 and continue with his school work.

New Highway To Kent County Line Be Underway Soon

As will be noted by a call for bids by the State Highway Department in this week's issue of the paper, construction work will soon be underway on the new roadbed of Highway 18 from this city to the Kent county line.

Resident Engineer E. W. Mars stated that he looked for no delay following award of the contract and that actual work would likely begin on the project by March 15. He stated also that a further project, that of rebuilding curbing and gutters along Hill Street, which is the path of the new highway thru the city, would likely materialize in the near future. This, of course, to take care of a needed widening of the road as well as changes to be made in elevations.

Minimum wages to be paid on the project will be 40c, 50c, and \$1.00 per hour.

The new route will follow a course which goes on the north side of Wilson Tank, four miles east, and will not cross the railway right of way at any point.

BENEFIELD CHILD SUFFERS BROKEN LEG LAST SUNDAY

The 8-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Benefield suffered a broken leg Sunday afternoon when he fell under a car that he and another child were pushing in an effort to start it. His leg was broken near the hip.

PAT COPELAND OPERATED AT LUBBOCK ON TUESDAY

Pat Copeland, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Copeland was rushed to a Lubbock sanitarium for an emergency operation Tuesday and no reports have been received to this time as to his condition.

He was accompanied by his parents and Mrs. C. D. Copeland, who remained with him.

JIM YATES DROPPED DEAD IN AUSTIN LAST WEEKEND

Jim Yates, a former Dickens County citizen and a nephew of Mr. Yates, of Afton, dropped dead in a store in Austin one day last week. During his residence in Dickens Jim Yates was an employee of W. L. Hyatt and Bob Shields, who at that time operated a livery business.

Notice to Car Owners

The recent Legislature has changed the law regarding the use of the new license plates and now they can be put on after February 28, 1935.

The Tax Collector's department would appreciate the cooperation of all car and truck owners and would ask that 1934 registration receipts be presented.

Mr. J. H. Dobbins, of Godfrey & Smart will register cars and trucks during the week beginning March 18, and ending March 23. This is being done for the convenience of car owners in the south part of the county and Mr. Dobbins will appreciate your cooperation.

We urge you to register your vehicle as soon as possible to avoid an unnecessary rush.

J. L. KOONSMAN, Sheriff, Tax Collector and Assessor. By WAYLAND LEE, Deputy. (16-19-)

Mrs. Horace Nickels, McAdoo, is in a critical condition at Lubbock sanitarium, she having undergone a major operation there Sunday. Her condition is reported slightly improved at this time however, and her friends have hopes for her recovery.

J. W. Hilton, a prominent citizen of Prairie Chapel community was transacting business in Spur Monday and while here paid the Texas Spur an appreciated visit. Mr. Hilton has been a citizen of Dickens county for thirty-two years and is a most interesting and entertaining conversationalist and we enjoy his reminiscences of old times.

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BEXAR ARCHIVES

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Austin, Texas, Feb. 21.—2 pairs of silk stockings were among the possessions given each of the sixteen women who took their courage, indeed their very lives, in their hands and sailed with their fathers and their husbands from the Canary Islands in 1730 to become the first officially recognized colonists in a new land, Texas.

This fact is revealed for the first time with the translation of certain official documents in the Bexar Archives in the University of Texas library. These archives comprised the official Spanish and Mexican governmental records at San Antonio de Bexar, for more than a century the seat of Spanish government for all Texas.

It was a hardy little band of pioneers who left their pleasant surroundings, their friends, the established business in the Canary Islands, a Spanish possession, to accept the promise of the Spanish government of a new home in the wilds of Texas. To realize that they must settle in a wilderness haunted constantly by threats of Indian outrages, and that at San Antonio de Bexar they would be as near to the enemy French in Louisiana as to Mexico City, the seat of Spanish civilization in Mexico, must have held terrors for them.

Yet they came. From the very outset, they were faced with all the problems that greet humanity everywhere—life, death, love, happiness, pain. Only ten families set out to begin with. Only ten men, with their wives, their sons and their daughters, under the leadership of the so-called "first" man, the eldest, Juan Leal Goras. Within a month the number of families was increased to fifteen, Vincente Alvarez Travieso, Francisco de Archa, Antonio Rodriguez, Joseph Leal, and Juan Delgado having married island girls before sailing. Death had come to Juan Cabrera, and later to two women, his widow, Maria Rodriguez, and the wife of the "first" man, Juan Leal Goras. A son had been born en route to one of the families.

In an official document signed before Francisco Manuel de Cobarrubias, notary public, in Quantitan on November 9, 1730, a list of personal effects and of tools given to each family is noted, and the head of each family was required to sign the document in acceptance of its terms, either in script or by mark. It is this document that has just been translated by University

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translators. The following list of articles for personal use was given to Juan Leal Goras, recognized as the leader of the party. Similar possessions were given by the Spanish government to each other man in the band:

"Two shirts, two pairs of white trousers, two white jackets with sleeves, two cravats, a cape, a riding suit, a pair of trousers, two pairs of woolen socks, two pairs of shoes, a hat, a mattress and two sheets, a pillow with its case and case covering, a quilt, two horses, a saddle with stirrups and cushions, a bridle with head-stall and reins, a hackmore with its halter, two sheep skins, a pair of spurs, a pair of boots, some spur straps, a wide cavalry sword with its belt, a knife, a gun with its sheath, a girdle with its powder flask, balls and flints, a pack saddle, and a copper kettle with its top for cooking and which serves as a frying pan."

To each woman an unusual combination of "finery" and practical necessities were given, it is evidenced by the list of things given to Maria Curbelo, wife of the "second" man:

"Two shirts, two pairs of white petticoats, two jackets with sleeves, two handkerchiefs, two pairs of silk stockings, two pairs of understockings, two pairs of shoes, a serge petticoat, a white baibe cloak, a plain shawl, an upper petticoat, 2 horses, a saddle without stirrups and cushions, a bit with head stall and reins, a hackmore with its halter, two sheep skins, a mattress, 2 sheets, a quilt, a pillow with its case and case covering, and a pack saddle."

That Juan Leal Goras, sometimes called Juan Leal, was recognized by the Spanish authorities as spokesman for the colonists is evidenced by the portion of the document which outlines the tools and implements which each settler was to receive. Cognizance is also taken of the fact that some of the Islanders were unable to write. After listing the personal belongings to be given to each individual, the order continued:

"This delivery having been made as stated, with the intervention of Francisco Duval and Juan Leal, head of the first family, they will also be charged with the tools that they receive so that they may deliver them with all care and equity, as follows:

"Two axes, two ploughs, two machetes, two crowbars, ten saws, ten adzes, ten chisels, twenty ploughshares strengthened with steel, two paddles, ten comales (pottery vessel used for cooking tortillas) and

ten tents with all their framework. "In this manner delivery was made to each one of the fifty-six persons who make up the families mentioned, and each one of them what was thus his share, received all that was coming to him as expressed in detail for each. They received this in person and before Don Francisco Domingo de Laba, alcalde mayor of this jurisdiction, and with the help of the present royal notary public of this town. I certify that this was executed in this manner. I also attest that it was done with the intervention of Francisco Duval and Juan Leal, who were witnesses of the fact that delivery was made to the entire satisfaction of the families in question, as well as of said Francisco Duval, Juan Leal, Don Thomas de Zubiria, Don Joseph Carrillo, and Don Manuel Ximenez. All the persons of the said families who know how to write signed this, and for those who did not know the witnesses signed."

Mrs. Oscar Maples returned to her home in Hamlin Friday of last week following a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jamison, of the Jackson Ranch. Miss Ruth Maple accompanied her home and also visited relatives in Abilene, returning Sunday.

Misses Sybil McDaniel and Hazel Watson spent Tuesday in Abilene shopping and visiting relatives. Mrs. Jim McDaniel and Mrs. Leonard Joplin accompanied them as far as Anson where they spent the day with their grand mother, who is very critically ill and not expected to survive.

Mrs. B. M. Bethel and small daughter, Helen, arrived in Spur Friday for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Slaton and family at their home six miles north, and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cato, city. ness matters.

Mrs. John McClay, of Oklahoma City, and sister, Mrs. Cut Coffman, of Benjamine, and Miss Lucille Harris of Munday, were guests on Monday of Mrs. Joe Collier and family and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Collier. Mesdames McClay, Coffman, and Collier visited relatives in Post Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe Stotts and daughter, Jo Ann, are here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin, and friends of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brannen, of Oklahoma City, visited relatives and friends in Spur Saturday.

Highway News

The P-T-A met Thursday night with a good crowd present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Denson. The choral club sang several numbers. There were some good talks made by the president and other teachers. The hot lunch problem was discussed. The ukala girls entertained with several numbers. We heard some of our declaimers who have been selected for the county meet.

Several other entertaining features were enjoyed and the meeting closed with an old fashioned spelling match in which about fifty took part. Mrs. Bernice Mayfield and Mr. Taylor chose the spellers. Mrs. Mayfield's side won.

Mrs. Twaddell visited the school on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hahn spent a part of last week in Stonewall county. They report fine rain in that section.

Mildred Bolch, of Peacock, visited in the community over the weekend. Quite a large crowd enjoyed the Singing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville George Sunday night. Several of the Dry Lake folk were there.

Mrs. Burt Robinett, of Kalgary, visited in the community Thursday of the past week and attended the P-T-A Thursday night.

Penn Howell has been with his mother who lives in East Texas and who has been very ill the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Dixon, of the Espuela community, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hahn Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. C. George, Lester George Mrs. Orville George and children and Gladys Reece were Brownfield visitors a part of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bilbrey and family, of Brownfield, were in the community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Foley and daughter who have made their home here the past several months, moved this week to San Angelo where Mr. Foley has accepted a position in the Safeway store at that place.

S. C. Thomas was here Saturday from his home at Gilpin, meeting with friends and transacting business.

1935 License Plates Legal After Feb. 28

According to announcement made this week from the office of the Tax Collector, a new state ruling permits car and truck owners to operate their vehicles under new 1935 license plates any time after February 28, 1935.

The announcement states further that a collector's office will be open at the office of Godfrey & Smart during the week of March 18. The local office will be in charge of J. H. Dobbins.

Terrell Hale and Green Turner were among the number of business men of Spur who shifted the responsibilities of the day to others Tuesday and joined in the rabbit drive at Red Hill. They report an excellent dinner served by the ladies of that community at noon.

We are glad to report that H. T. Garner, who has been critically ill since Friday of last week, is very much improved and barring complications will be able to be up in a short time.

Mrs. A. M. Lay, McAdoe, and Mrs. M. R. Ernest, Glenn, were visitors in Spur Wednesday.

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CONTRACTORS NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for construction of 11,489 miles of Grading and Drainage structures (Culvert), from a point in Spur to the Kent County Line on Highway No. 18, covered by U. S. Public Works Highway Project No. NRH 34 A & B and NRM 34-c (1935), in Dickens, County, will be received at the State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, until 9:00 A. M. February 28, 1935, and then publicly opened and read.

The attention of the bidders is directed to the required special provisions covering, subletting or as-

Type of Laborer, Workman or Mechanic	Prevailing Minimum per diem wage (based on Five (5) Hour working day)	Prevailing Minimum Hourly Wage Rate
Skilled Labor	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00
Intermediate Grade Labor	2.50	.50
Unskilled Labor	2.00	.40

For the classification of particular positions under the above types of Laborers, Workmen, or Mechanics, see the Approved Required Special Provisions.

*The above prevailing minimum wage rates shall govern on this contract. Overtime and legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

A certificate of Code Compliance on the prescribed form which will be furnished for that purpose shall be signed and submitted by all bidders, in accordance with Executive Order No. 6646, issued by the President on March 14, 1934. Only bids accompanied by such certificate shall be considered or accepted.

signing the contract, the use of domestic materials, the selection of labor, hours and conditions of employment, and hand labor methods.

Except as otherwise specified, the minimum wages paid all laborers, workmen or mechanics employed on this contract shall be One (\$1.00) Dollar per hour for "Skilled Labor", Fifty (\$.50) Cents per hour for "Intermediate Grade Labor", and Forty (\$.40) Cents per hour for "Unskilled Labor".

Attention is directed to the special provisions, included in the proposal to insure compliance with the requirement of House Bill No. 54 of the Forty Third Legislature of the State of Texas.

The contractor to whom award is made shall require subcontractors and dealers furnishing equipment, materials, and supplies to sign similar certificates before making awards to or purchases from such subcontractors, or dealers, copies of which shall be furnished to the contracting officer.

A local employment agency from which the Contractor shall obtain employment list will be designated prior to the award of contract. Plans and specifications available at the office of E. W. Mars, Resident Engineer, Spur, Texas, and State Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved.

Construction Program Presented to Senate

Washington, Feb. 6.—A \$50,700,000 construction program of roads, streets and grade-separations for Texas has been presented to the finance committee of the United States Senate by highway advocates as a sound way to employ part of the huge federal public works fund, Col. Ike Ashburn of Houston, manager of the Texas Good Roads Association, said today.

The Texas program is part of a nation-wide plan worked out by road leaders from many states. They listed for the committee 23,192 specific projects, to cost \$1,700,000,000 which the various state highway departments can initiate immediately or within the year.

There are 975 projects on the Texas list, Colonel Ashburn said, including 75 underpasses or overpasses, 26 eliminations of dangerous highway intersections, 650 federal aid or secondary roads, and 200 within cities or towns.

Colonel Ashburn urged all influential Texans who favor the plan to go so advise their senators and representatives in Washington.

"This program meets all the President's policy demands for public works," the Texan said. "These are useful and permanent improvements, with more than 80 per cent of the money going to wages. The projects are efficiently planned, they do not compete with private enterprises, and they add to the economic resources and stability of the nation."

"This seems to be the only definite and detailed plan advanced thus far by any agency for unemployment relief under the terms of the present bill."

Aside from their revenue-producing power and enhancement of community values, highways gave more employment last year, dollar for dollar, than any other type of public work, employing some 1,000,000 men, Colonel Ashburn said. Texas needs highways for her Centennial in 1936, he added.

Children of Farmers Largest Group That Attends Texas U.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 6.—Sons and daughters of farmers attend The University of Texas in far greater proportion than children of parents who follow any other single occupation, it is shown in the Registrar's report for 1933-34. Last year 601 students stated that their parents followed the occupation of farming. The runner-up classification was that of merchandising, with 524 parents listed as merchants. A total of 975 parents were listed as engaged in some phase of agriculture, animal husbandry, fishing or forestry; 54 were engaged in the extraction of minerals; 561 in manufacturing and mechanical industries; 270 in transportation; 2,281 in trade; 379 in some form of public service; 1,376 in the professions; 138 in clerical work and 315 miscellaneous.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wooten, of McAdoo spent Tuesday in Spur transacting business affairs and visiting her sister, Mrs. E. L. Caraway and family.

Attorney and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff, Jr., spent the past weekend in Haskell on a visit to his parents and their many friends in that section.

Carl Proctor returned Tuesday from Kaufman where he had been called to attend his father who has been critically ill. The elder Proctor is much improved at this time we are glad to report.

George Gabriel and Dick Speer were among the number to attend the Red Hill rabbit drive from the city Tuesday.

Mr. M. C. Formby, of McAdoo, was a Spur shopper and visitor on Wednesday.

Uldeen and Bessie's Beauty Shop is this week being decorated, remodeled and beautified in general.

W. J. Collier, of Afton, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

Lis Scott, of the Red Mud section, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Dink Arthur, of Dickens, was a Spur visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wade, of the Espuela community, were business visitors in Spur Tuesday.

R. I. Goodall, of Clairmont, was greeting friends in Spur Wednesday. Mrs. Byron Haney and mother, Mrs. Barton, of Afton, were Spur visitors Tuesday of this week.

"Uncle Eb" Shaw was down from the Croton section Saturday attending to business and meeting with his many friends here that day. While here Mr Shaw dropped by for a visit with The Texas Spur force and to see if we knew where he could procure cotton seed for feeding purposes, at a reasonable price.

Dick Lewis, of Roaring Springs, was here Sunday on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Minnie Lewis, and brothers Clark and Jack Lewis, as well as his many friends of the city.

Cliff Bird was here Tuesday from his ranch home west of the city several miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Snodgrass spent the past weekend in Rotan visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Snodgrass.

WANTED

FOR RENT—A Nice furnished apartment one block from town.—D. Y. Twaddell, Phone 218J. 1c

FOR SALE—Buick Sedan. Will sell or trade for livestock, cattle or horses.—G. L. Barber, Spur. 16-2c

MAN WANTED for Rawleigh Route of 800 families. Write today. Rawleigh, Dept. TXA-705 SA, Memphis, Tenn. 11-4c

FOR SALE—Lots of good mesquite wood, already grubbed, at Koonsman place, 6 miles east of Dickens. 13-3p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Farm 2 miles south of Spur. Will consider a small house, a car, or good truck, as part of down payment of \$1,000.00. See Sam Newberry. 13-3t

For Sale or Trade—Jersey Milk Cows.—Whit Bumpus. 8tfc

FOR SALE—641 acres of land near Fort Summer, New Mexico. Shallow water and good. ¼ down and easy terms on balance. Would consider some trade.—See LUTHER C. STARK, Afton, Texas. 15-4p

STRAYED to my place 6 miles north, a brown Jersey heifer yearling unbranded and unmarked. Owner may have possession by paying for this ad.—E. J. Bilberry. 3c

300 BU. COTTON SEED from bale to acre crop; also 700 bushels well matured seed from last year's crop. All Cash seed.—W. S. Carlisle, Rt. 1, Spur, Texas. 16-3p

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McADOO NEWS

A very interesting program was presented at the Auditorium Friday night, February 15. The program was sponsored by the High School and the Primary departments. The proceeds from the program will be used to buy play-ground equipment for the Primary grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gardner and little daughter, Raenell, left Saturday for Winters where they will make their home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barton and son, Carl, left Thursday for a visit with relatives at Fluvana. They were accompanied by their son, Jack Barton, wife and little son of Ralls, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morris and Billie Davis returned home Sunday noon from a trip in East Texas, Ft. Worth, Stamford and Oklahoma. Their daughter, Miss Lucille, remained in Fort Worth where she has accepted a position in a beauty parlor.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Eldredge, Mrs. Jim Derr, J. C. Formby and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Euell Buckner, of Glenn, Sunday. Mrs. Hugh Gilliam spent last weekend in Lubbock the guest of her parents, Rev. Laney and wife. Miss Juanita Rose was in Lubbock during the weekend visiting her sisters.

The Parent-Teachers Association was well attended Thursday night, February 14th, a very interesting program rendered. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Hroace Nickles, who has been in Lubbock Sanitarium several days for treatment, underwent an operation Sunday at noon. Her

condition is very serious.

Dan Bas, left for Dallas last week to re-enlist in the Navy for another 4 years of service.

Mrs. J. M. Blackwell was visiting in Spur Monday.

Editor W. D. Starcher of The Dickens County Times is in Mineral Wells for a two weeks rest and vacation. Mrs. Starcher and William Starcher, who accompanied him, returned to Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDonough, of four miles west were here Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Mrs. J. E. York, of Route A, was a pleasant caller at The Texas Spur office while in the city Saturday.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

MRS. LAVERTY HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB WEDNESDAY

Mrs. E. F. Laverty was hostess to the 1925 Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon of last week at 3 o'clock at her home, 525 North Carroll, entertaining with contract bridge.

A Spanish motif was used in the score cards, refreshment plate and prizes. Mrs. Nellie Davis made high club score; Mrs. Cash Wileman high guest score and Mrs. Elza Watson received high cut.

Other guests enjoying this most pleasant occasion were Mesdames Jack Rector, W. R. Lewis, Kate Senning, Essie McGurie, James O. Smith, Mac Wilson, L. B. Tillotson, Fred C. Haile, M. H. Brannen, R. E. Dickson, W. T. Andrews, M. C. Golding, Roy Harkey, Clifford B. Jones, Hill Perry, R. A. Taylor, F. W. Jennings, Oran McClure, and Miss Julia Mae Hickman.

VALENTINE MOTIF USED AT BRIDGE LUNCHEON AT INN

Wednesday, January 13, the 1925 Bridge Club had their regular monthly bridge luncheon in the dining room of the Spur Inn.

Valentine hearts made very pretty table decorations and the Valentine theme was also emphasized in the luncheon menu and place cards. Mrs. R. E. Dickson made high club score and received the sterling salad fork. Mrs. John Pennell made high guest score and received a lovely linen handkerchief.

Other club members, associate members, and invited guests present were Mesdames Floyd Barnett, Fred C. Haile, Jack Rector, Essie McGuire, John Pennell, A. M. Lay, Deck Barnes, W. R. Lewis, M. H. Brannen, B. C. Cairnes, Ermal Lis-enby, R. R. Wooten, F. W. Jennings, Clifford B. Jones, Hill Perry, R. A. Taylor, Oran McClure, and Miss Julia Mae Hickman.

MISS BLACKWELL AND MISS CHERRY JOINT HOSTESSES

Miss Royce Blackwell and Miss Mary Lee Cherry were joint hostesses Monday evening, entertaining the young ladies' Sunday School class with a party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell on west Hill Street.

Games of hearts were the entertaining feature of the evening. A delightful refreshment plate consisting of salad, sandwiches and coffee was served by the hostesses to guests named below.

Mrs. M. H. Brannen, Misses Hazel Watson, Charlie Hayes, Lavada McClung, Margaret Koon, Erabelle Hogan, Frances Manning, Edith Ince and Naoma Lea.

MRS. CROSS HONORED ON BIRTHDAY WITH DINNER

Mrs. Susan Cross was honored on her 68th birthday anniversary with a surprise dinner and reunion of her family, held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dessie Mae Benson, last week.

Members of the family were present including five children of Mrs. Cross, Jim Cross, Elmer Cross, Mrs. Ed Fugua, Mrs. John Read, and Mrs. Benson. Also 5 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Valentine hearts were used as place cards at the dinner and the honoree was recipient of a number of lovely gifts which she prizes very highly.

R. R. McDaniel, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Duck Creek community, paid the Texas Spur an appreciated visit while in the city

LEGION AUXILIARY HAD A MOST INTERESTING MEET MONDAY WITH MRS. MCGEE

The American Legion Auxiliary had a most interesting meeting with Mrs. E. C. McGee Monday night. The attendance was very good. The following chairmen of committees were appointed, who are to select two other members to serve with them.

Child Welfare, Mrs. E. S. Crider. Poppy, Mrs. Dave Wilson. Fidac Mrs. E. C. McGee. Legislative, Mrs. Weaver. Music, Mrs. J. E. Berry. "In Memoriam", Gold star Mothers.

Interesting items of Texas news were given in response to roll call. Plans for the betterment of our community were discussed, especially the problem of clothing children in order that they may attend school.

Mrs. T. H. Blackwell was the leader of a very interesting program. Mrs. Madge Twaddell gave a splendid talk on "The Needs of Our Community."

Everyone enjoyed the program and refreshments exceedingly. The next meeting will be with Mrs. F. C. Haile on March 4th.—Reporter.

GIRLS CONTINUE CLOTHING WORK FOR SECOND GOALS

The club girls of the county are this week beginning on the second goal in their clothing work for the year, that is to make a slip or an apron. The slips are being made from any suitable cotton material and are either white or colored. The style chosen by most of the girls is a plain six gored princess slip which may or may not be lace trimmed. The aprons must be the regulation 4-H club apron. The girls make their choice of the two garments.

The sponsors of the girl's clubs have charge of this demonstration in the second meeting this month. The sponsor meets with the girls each club day and helps them in every way to achieve the goals. The sponsors will have charge of each second meeting since the agent meets with the girls only once a month.

The club sponsors are Mrs. F. B. Crockett, Espuela; Mrs. A. W. Van Leer, McAdoo; Mrs. A. J. Dozier, Patton Springs; Mrs. Chan Smith, Dumont; and Miss Dale Brewster, Dumont Junior club. At a recent meeting of the club sponsors, Mrs. Chan Smith, Dumont, was chosen chairman of the sponsors of the county.

CLUB GIRLS MAKE STUDY OF COMMUNITY HISTORY

To learn something of the history of their community and county and the birds, flowers, shrubs, and trees native to the county is one of the goals in the year's program for the club girls of the county this year. As a result of their study some interesting bits of his-

tory are being brought to light and recorded. When all the histories are turned in this month a committee will compile a history of the county with mimeographed copies for each club library.

Later in the year the girls will take up a study of the flowers, shrubs and trees. This study will be helpful in the yard improvement work to be followed in a year or two in the girl's work.

CLUB HISTORIANS LEARN DUMONT SETTLED IN 1891

Dumont, located near the corner of Dickens, King, Cottle and Motley counties, was settled and named in 1891 the Dumont 4-H club girls learned in their study to write a history of their community or county. Ten girls turned in their histories in the meeting Wednesday afternoon. Twelve members have finished their collars and brought them to the meeting.

Plans for growing beets, carrots and okra as one of the goals in garden work were made.

Members present were Lometa Brewster, Barbara Carpenter, Alma Forrest, Ruby Norris, Estelle Park, Lillian Pense, Marie Pense, Mildred Powell, Alma Schooler, Dorothy Scott, Alma Thomas, Beatrice Thompson, Gladys Thompson and their sponsor, Mrs. Chan Smith. ALMA THOMAS, Reporter.

DUMONT JR. 4-H CLUB HAS 100 PER CENT ATTENDANCE

One hundred percent of Dumont Junior 4-H club attended the regular meeting of the club Wednesday morning. Five girls had completed their collars and four had their histories of the county.

Miss Dale Brewster was elected sponsor for the club. Capitola Bohner was selected as garden demonstrator.

Members present were Myrtle Bittle, Capitola Bohner, Dorothy Carpenter, Katherine Forrest, Ila Mae Hodgkin, Eloise Jones, Theatus Rogers, Bonita Nell Smith, Geneva Smith, Edna Erle Thomas, Leona Hodgkin, Agnes Pense and their sponsor, Miss Dale Brewster. ELOUISE JONES, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mason, Jay-ton, were in Spur Saturday, transacting business and visiting with their son, G. O. Mason.

MRS. R. C. FORBIS HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB ON FRIDAY

A very pretty party and most enjoyable social affair was that of last Friday at 3 o'clock when Mrs. R. C. Forbis entertained with a Valentine party at the home of Mrs. Nellie Davis.

Guests were members of the Friday Afternoon Club and invited friends and at the close of the "42" games a very delicious refreshment plate carrying chicken salad, sandwiches, congealed fruit salad, hot coffee, devil's food cake and olives was passed by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Davis.

Guests were Mesdames Fred C. Haile, C. L. Love, Hill Perry, W. T. Andrews, H. P. Gibson, Horton Barrett, W. C. Gruben, Lawis Lee, W. R. Lewis, Oran McClure, Roy Stovall, S. H. Twaddell, G. L. Barber, Frank Goff, F. W. Jennings, Doc Ellis, M. L. Jones, and Mrs. G. M. Williams.

Antelope News

Everyone enjoyed the nice rain this week. We are looking for more soon.

Several people enjoyed the singing at Steel Hill Sunday afternoon. Miss Wanda Taylor spent Friday night with Miss Estelle, and Odell Baker, of Duck Creek. She also attended the party at D. D. Hagins Friday night.

Howard and Homer Taylor visited Jot and George Gibson Saturday night. All played dominoes.

Ford Taylor and Thomas Sears have reported that they went to the party Friday night.

We now have some new neighbors. They are Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Carr, from Lost Lake.

Prayer meeting was held at Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Willis' Thursday night.

Lonnie Gibson, of Eastland, has been visiting his parents here. He returned Saturday night.

O. I. Taylor and Isic Gibson left on a business trip to Eastland Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor and family visited his parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Quency Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. John Willis and family visited Grandpa and Grandma Willis, Sunday.

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Mrs. J. B. Morrison left Saturday for Lockney where they will spend several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yearly, and family.

Mrs. Post, of Waco, arrived in Spur last Saturday and will spend several days here attending to business and visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. R. C. Forbis, of Afton, spent Friday and Saturday in Spur a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. Nellie Davis.

Mrs. Bertha Horn and daughter Mrs. Cecil Horn of Red Hill community, were shopping here Tuesday afternoon.

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