

Maiden Voyage



KATHLEEN NORRIS

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pink ham; she lifted each slice on her knife and laid it evenly on the blue dolphin platter.

"How well do you like him, Tony?" "Oh, tremendously!" "And are you going to marry him?" Larry asked.

Her eyes clouded, and she gave him a dubious look, slowly shaking her head. "No," she said.

"Then may I say something to you, Tony?—because I have an opportunity now and may not have another. May I say that I'm terribly—terribly sorry?" "I know what you mean," Tony said, her bright eyes fixed steadily on his, the color coming up quickly under her clear brown skin.

"Of course you know what I mean. Of course you know, and I know, what we meant to each other. I had been ill, I was badly shaken by Ruth's death, Caroline was right there—"

Larry said. And as her eyes narrowed uncomfortably and she made a gesture of restraint he went on, "My dear Tony, this is no disloyalty. Caroline and I hadn't been married six weeks, hadn't been married six days before we both knew that it was a mistake. We'd been drawn into it—lulled into it; you know what the circumstances were. There in that little place, with Ruth's mother dying, nurses there, the doctor coming every day, we lived as much alone as if we'd been on an island. I thought—she'd told me that she cared for Phil Polhemus; we'd seen him out in China. I never thought of myself at all—"

"And then only a few days after Ruth's death she told me—told me that I had been the one always—even in the early days of Ruth's first knowing me, when Caroline was a child. She said we would go to Paris, entertain, she said that that was why she had refused Phil."

"I rather thought that it was something like that," Tony said, in the pause.

The man followed her, a little awkwardly, to the table, and sat down facing her across its end. Tony had a soup plate before her; she began the concoction of a salad dressing, pouring oil, measuring vinegar, occasionally tasting the mixture on the tip of her finger.

"Tony," Larry said, "if I had come straight back, after Ruth's death, would you have been waiting for me?" "You know I would," Tony answered, with a full, steady look.

"I failed you," Larry muttered, looking away. "Caroline's interest is clothes—men—" he said. There was a pause.

"Oh, yes! Did Caroline get her chinchilla coat?" Tony asked cheerfully, ending it. The man looked up in surprise.

"How do you mean?" "Caroline used to say that if ever she married again the first thing she'd make her husband buy her would be a chinchilla coat."

"Our marriage was a mistake—we both see it now," Larry said, paying no attention. It's all like a dream—a bad dream."

"But you don't mean, Larry, that you and Caroline—already are thinking of a break?" "I've come back here to work," he said doggedly. "She says she despises San Francisco society and hates the West. Her heart is set now on going to Rio with Joe—you heard her just now. I can't go; I don't want to go. I want to stay here and dig into my job." He looked up, and his dark face brightened with the smile she remembered so well. Larry's masterful, slow smile. "And now and then take you to lunch," he said.

reminded her quickly. "She wrote Joe of the legacies."

"And Joe got a splendid slice, and Joe's the one that ought to have it, too," Tony said. "He helps so many people. There's no end to Joe's goodness!"

"And yet you can't love him? Tony, Tony, how blind I've been! It's"



"And Yet You Can't Love Him."

sickening," Larry said, with a rueful smile, "to have had—to have had all the difficulties in one's life that I had to meet, and to have felt, as I did feel, that if I ever were free I could make my own destiny so wonderful, so happy, and then to have had my chance and instantly thrown it away."

"Were you terribly young when you married Ruth, Larry?" "Twenty-one."

"A boy?" "That was all."

"And did you love her?" "I admired her tremendously. She was a great horse-woman, you know, and she had a splendid stable. I remember thinking her glorious, galloping along those lanes in autumn, and telling her men in the stables what to do with this fine horse and that. Yes," he said, with the thoughtful expression she liked best of all on his handsome face, "I always loved Ruth. Not—then there are different ways of loving. I think she never had any misgivings, I think she was never anxious, until you came along, and everything got out of hand."

"That's the thing I find it hard to forgive myself."

"One can't always help those things, Tony. We didn't—after all, we didn't—what shall I say?—betray her."

"Not in actual fact, no, I didn't," Tony said in a lighter tone, as she rose to carry her salad dressing to the icebox. "I didn't surrender. There were times—" She smiled at him over her shoulder.

"But we didn't," she said. "I remember praying about it, hanging on to my code until my fingernails were almost torn out. But I'm glad now—every woman is glad afterward when she remembers."

Coming back, she sat down at the table with idle hands, looking at him frankly.

"For that part—fire and flame and breathlessness and not eating your dinner and lying awake all night—that



Began the Familiar Inspection of Ice Box and Cupboards.

new girls in the office now, both Stanford graduates."

"I'm going round there tomorrow." "Are you going to have your office again upstairs?" "It all depends, Caroline hates San Francisco."

"Yes, but Caroline doesn't necessarily have to stay there. I think Joe and I could have a very nice time in Rio," Caroline said for herself. "You can see us off!"

"You've only been married five months!" Joe observed innocently.

"Five months or five minutes," Caroline said. "Larry can't expect me to sit up there alone in the Fairmont while he runs his old newspaper."

"She likes to pretend she's jealous," Larry said, with a little laugh that was not quite easy.

"I don't like to pretend anything of the kind," Caroline retorted warmly. Tony perceived, with a sense of shock, that there was more in this than met the eyes. Some earlier quarrel was lending depth to this one. "I say seriously that I'd like to go to South America with Joe, if he'll take me," Caroline said, adding with a coquettish laugh, "Phil Polhemus is down there!"

"Well, we'll discuss it later," Larry put in, temporizing, as she paused, looking evenly at her brother. And Tony saw the dark angry red come up under his skin.

She went out into the kitchen, when Caroline went upstairs, and began the familiar inspection of icebox and cupboards. Wood crackled in the stove, and Tony, dodging the green thick smoke as she put back the iron plate, found Larry beside her.

"This is a lot of fuss, our staying."

"Oh, no, it's not, truly! We thought Cliff and Mary Rose might come. All I'm doing—" Tony said, bringing forth a half-consumed ham, and hunting in a table drawer for her longest knife.

"All I'm doing is to reheat the enchiladas and cut the ham, and—let's see, heat up biscuits, and open plum jam, and make a salad."

Larry was not listening, and she knew he was not. He said in a low tone, "Tony, how are you?" "Perfect!" she told him, smiling.

"No, but I mean—how are you?" The little intimate significance did not escape her, but there was no hint of fluctuation in her steady wide-open blue eyes.

"Happy!" she told him, with a nervous shred of laughter.

"I'm glad," he said in a low tone, with his narrowed gaze keenly fixed on her. "Do you realize that it is more than two years since we have seen each other?"

"Two and a half, almost," Tony agreed. "It was spring."

"You know I was very ill?" "Joe told me. Caroline wrote him, you know. And when I would come down week-ends, he'd tell me."

"You and he have become great friends haven't you?" "Joe said it. There's nobody like him," Tony said, smiling. Her brown hands went on steadily slicing the firm

NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS:
COUNTY OF DICKENS:
To those indebted to or holding claims against the estate of Roxie W. Keller, deceased:

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Roxie W. Keller, deceased, late of Dickens County, Texas by the Hon Jim Cloud, Judge of the County Court of said county on the 23rd day of March, 1936, during a regular term of said court for probate business, hereby notified all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his residence in Spur, Dickens County, Texas, where he receives his mail.

Dated this 28th day of March, 1936

B. F. Hale
Administrator of the Estate of
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ESPUELA

By Lillian Messer

The community picnic last Friday at Dickens Springs was enjoyed by a large number.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ball spent a while Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dutton.

Kenneth Stanley and Walter Messer spent Sunday with J. C. Bilberry.

Marie Ball spent Saturday night with Eula B. McMahan.

W. F. Neaves was reelected as trustee of the school at the election Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Battles returned last week from East Texas. A little grand daughter returned home with them for a visit.

Mrs. W. C. Messer returned home Friday evening from Ralls where she has been visiting a daughter, Mrs. P. A. Bedwell.

Quite a number enjoyed the "Storm" party at Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ball's Friday night.

J. C. Bilberry visited Herman Messer Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ball and children, Wilborn and Marie, and Miss Eula B. McMahan were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Messer and family.

GILPIN

By Lela Driggers

Mrs. Lofton Bennett and Mrs. I. S. Clowers entertained their Sunday School classes with an egg hunt Sunday.

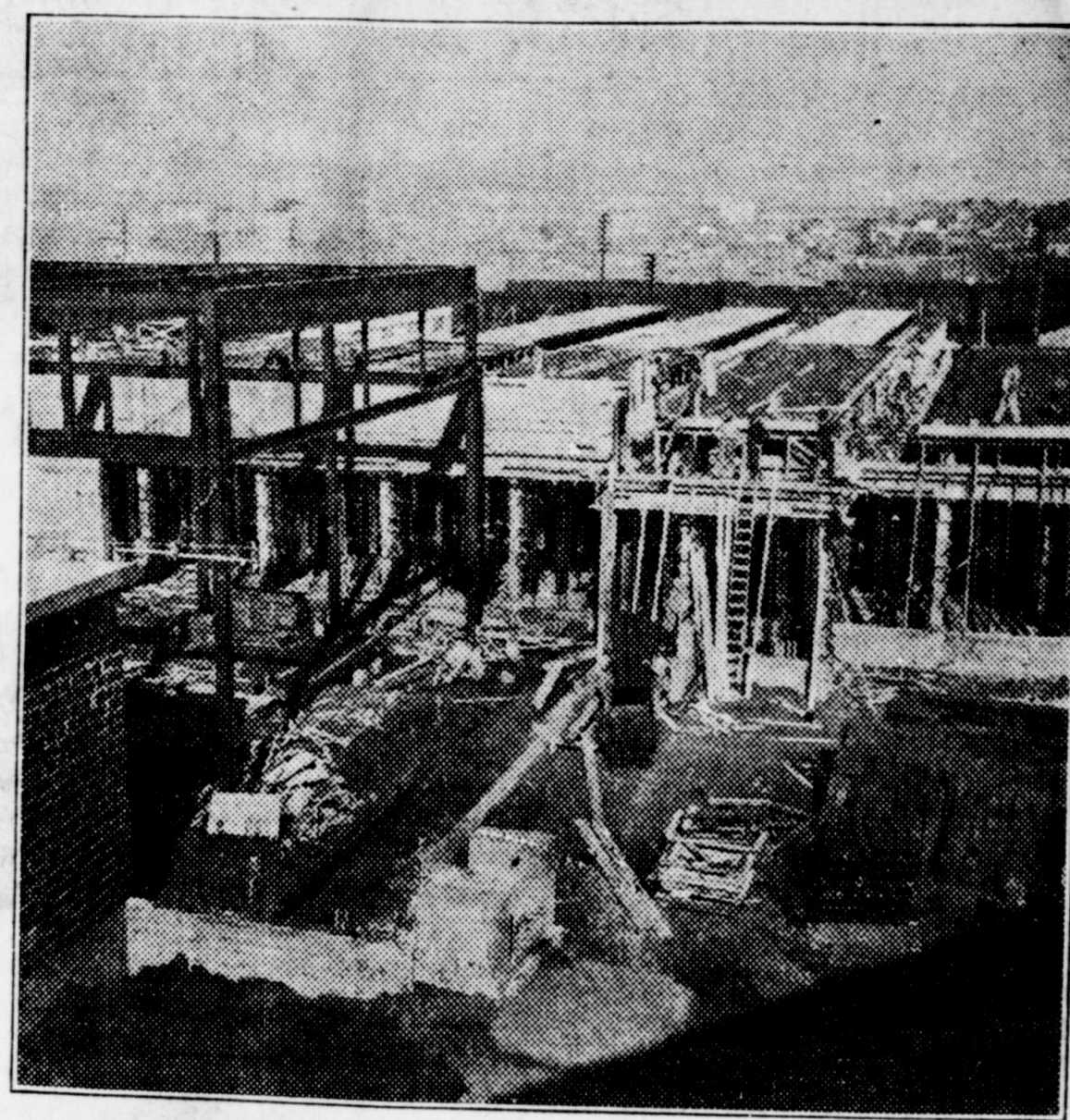
Mrs. Albert Bingham and children of Spur were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bennett. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harlan returned to their home Saturday after having spent several days in Spur visiting relatives.

Mrs. Wofford, who has been very ill the past week, is better at this writing.

Mrs. Mattie McKay of Jacksboro visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins.

Doris Clower is ill of measles this week.

Exposition Livestock Building Grows



This photograph gives a realistic idea of how rapidly work is progressing on the Texas Centennial Exposition's huge lot in Dallas. All of the frameworks shown above are part of Livestock Building No. 2, one of two structures which will house the greatest stock show the United States has seen. The two buildings, their construction cost close to \$400,000, will contain an ultra-modern veterinarian hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins and Mary Pearl were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ernest of Spur, Saturday.

Cecil B. Durham of N. T. S. T. C. spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Bural were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregory of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Ver-

non Gregory of Girard, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nelson of Matador were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lofton Bennett and L. E. Gregory.

Miss Cora Durham made a business trip to Jayton Saturday.

"The new farm act to be based on the conservation of our soil" comments The Farmer-Stockman in an editorial in March 15 issue, "will be just as valuable as we make it."

Jig Saw Puzzles are traced back to the Early Egyptians

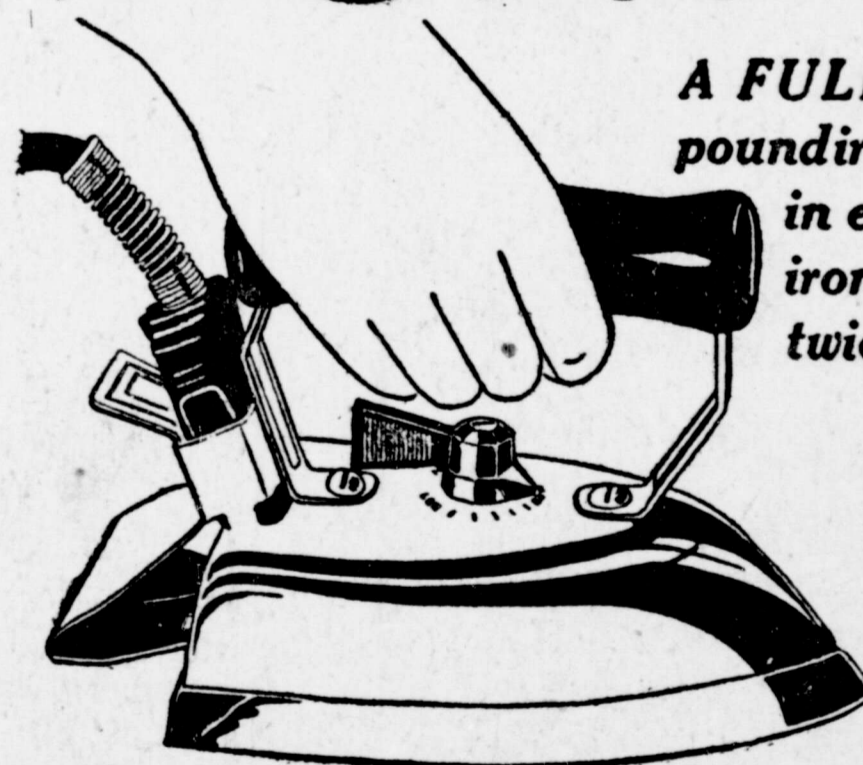
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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OPPORTUNITY FOR FARMERS

The new farm program now being started presents an opportunity never before presented to the farm owner. For the first time in history he will be paid for rotating his crops, planting soil building crops, and building up his land for the use of his son and his son's sons.

We have heard some few farmers say that they thought the world and all of the government and that it was the best in their lifetime. But, they didn't like the idea of plowing under a growing crop. We are not farmers, nor do we intend to advise farmers on how to farm, but we feel assured that you can plow under for soil building purposes crops that meet the requirement at a time that will be most beneficial to your farm.

The new act will be administered by farmers who are neighbors and understand the problems of farmers in this county. For the cotton farmer, the program will mean as much money as he has been receiving in the past with the advantage of building up his land and conserving it for future use.

In fact the new program looks much better to us than the old AAA plan thrown out by the Supreme Court.

THE P. T. A. CONFERENCE

Spur will be host city to approximately 500 delegates to a conference of the 14th District of Texas Congress of Parent-Teachers Association Friday and Saturday of this week. Spur welcomes these visitors who are donating their time and money to the upbuilding of the schools. We hope their stay will be both enjoyable and profitable. Credit for securing this conference goes to the hard working officers of the Spur P. T. A.

"MAKE ME A TEXAN"

It is easy enough for Texans to understand why visitors from other states can be greatly impressed with the magnitude of Texas, its wealth of great natural resources, its diversified climate, its unique and romantic history and its progressive spirit. It is an everyday occurrence for Texans to hear visitors praise the type of of hospitality that is so typically "Texas," lauding the warm geniality and genuine friendliness that has been a natural characteristic of Texas for many years.

Texas is blessed with a meritorious characteristic that is by no means general. The same quality of hospitality found in Texas is not a principle as commonplace among all states of the Union as the English language. It is a natural talent existing where the same characteristic is as much part of its residents as the ability to read and write. It isn't a hereditary quality but more like a requisite to being a Texan.

Texans are no judges of their own popularity. The ability to pass on the merits of Texas belongs to visitors from other states, and it is a cross section of their opinion that puts Texas either on one side of the ledger or the other.

An interesting incident hapened recently that exemplifies the fact that Texas has a certain effect upon residents of other states that should make Texans feel a bit proud.

An Easterner, after a recent visit to Texas, returned to his home state and immediately wrote a letter to Governor James V. Allred. "I have been through almost every state, but never have I seen the like of Texas," he wrote. "The people seem so different, too. Strangers greet you warmly and make you feel at home. Texas hospitality cannot be equalled. Is there anyway by which I can become a Texan? I know this request is unusual, but I hope it is possible."

The writer went on to say that he wished residents of his own state could "see how Texans are" so that they might be inspired to the point of following such a splendid example.

Such an incident is rather unusual perhaps—not an everyday occurrence at all, but it is significant insofar as the point is concerned. That is to say, Texas is rich in fullness of hospitality in keeping with the physical size of the state. It should mean as much to Texans as its resources; its geographical magnitude and its romantic background.—Centennial Review.

SLANDER

'Twas but a breath—
And yet the fair, good name was wilted;
And friends once fond grew cold and stilted,
And life was worse than death.
One venomed word,
That struck its coward, poisoned blow,
In craven whispers, hushed and low—
And yet the wide world heard.
'Twas but one whisper—one,
That muttered low, for very shame,
The thing the slanderer dare not name—
'And yet its work was done.
A hint so slight
And yet so mighty in its power,
A human soul in one short hour
Lies crushed beneath its blight.

—Anon

WTCC Takes Part- icipation Frontier - Fete to Area

Town Movies, Panels, Days, Are Proposed

Stamford, April 11.—Monday the West Texas Chamber of Commerce starts its territory of 130 counties with a four point plan, fully worked out, for West Texas' participation in Fort Worth's Frontier Celebration opening July 1.

The WTCC will send four representatives into the field to sell the plan to the affiliated 200 cities and towns. These representatives, with territories assigned, are:

Jed Rix, district 1. Rix is assistant manager of the regional chamber.

D. L. Granberry, districts 2 and 3
J. H. Greene, districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

E. I. Dreschel, districts 4 and 10.

Granberry is secretary of the Spur Chamber of Commerce and Greene of the Colorado chamber, and both have been given leaves of absence to do the WTCC's work. Dreschel is from Fort Worth and assigned to the WTCC by the Frontier celebration control board.

The staff will contact the towns on these propositions:

1. Town motion pictures at the Frontier celebration.

2. Town panels, costing \$10, \$20, and \$30, according to the quality of work ordered. The Albert Evans advertising agency has been engaged to prepare the panels.

3. Free literature, by which the WTCC is giving to each town, thru its director, 1000 four color lithograph folder covers and 20 books of four colored stamps advertising west Texas, each book containing 150 stamps. Additional covers are offered at the cost price, \$6 per 1,000. Distribution of the literature will be made at the WTCC general convention in Amarillo, starting May 11.

4. Town special days at the Frontier celebration. The plan is to have the towns do this job themselves, moving in on the show with their bands and marching groups.

By arrangement with D. A. Banded, WTCC manager, the Frontier celebration control board has agreed to erect a permanent West Texas exhibition building, probable cost to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to house the All West Texas district display of resources. The building will have a motion picture theatre seating over 100 persons, in which the affiliated towns will show their own movies on a schedule that will be virtually continuous.

The WTCC is sponsoring the picture taking. Two expert movie cameramen have been employed: A. L. Osborn of Abilene and W. L. Daniels of Lubbock. As Rix, Granberry, Greene and Dreschel make contracts the cameramen will follow them, making, developing, and printing the town pictures. The following price schedule has been announced.

For one reel, 100 feet, taking 3 1-2 minutes to show, \$15. Two reels seven minutes to show, \$29. Three 13 1-2 minutes, \$56. The prices are reels, 10 minutes, \$42. Four reels, for a "turnkey" job, including the taking, developing, editing, titling, staging and manning with an extra reel in a humidior thrown in.

After the town pictures have been made they will be taken to Abilene or Lubbock for editing and titling. In Abilene that job will be done by T. N. Carswell, chamber of commerce manager, and Max Bentley, newspaperman; and in Lubbock by A. B. Davis, chamber of commerce manager and Charles A. Guy, newspaperman. All are donating their services. The auditions will be held as quickly as possible after the pictures are taken and be returned to the towns for their approval. Any reel found faulty or unshowable due to technical errors by the cameramen will be retaken free of cost.

Colored pictures may be bought for \$6.50 per reel additional, and supersensitive film at \$3 extra.

The WTCC has another temporary addition to the staff: W. T. Strange, Jr., secretary of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce. Strange is well known as a West Texas architect and engineer, and he is deep in the job of sketching the proposed Westex exhibits building. His sketches are now before the Frontier celebration control board, call for an octagonal structure patterned after old-time frontier forts, with a huge Texas star to be shown on the ceiling in an intricate lighting arrangement.

Contract for the building will probably be let within two weeks. It can be completed in 30 to 40 days.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"How Do I Look, Daddy?"
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C. E. Smith to G. F. Smith north east one quarter H. D. & B. survey 13, Block A, 80 acres.

Clifford B. Jones to J. L. and Louie Rice, part of Lots 6 and 7, Block 54, City of Spur.

O. L. Kelley et ux to Guy B. Karr, Lot 24, Block 38, City of Spur.

B. W. Lester to Nettie Littlefield, Lot 7, Block 43, City of Dickens.

E. S. Crider to Wayland A. Lee Lot 1, Block 48, City of Dickens

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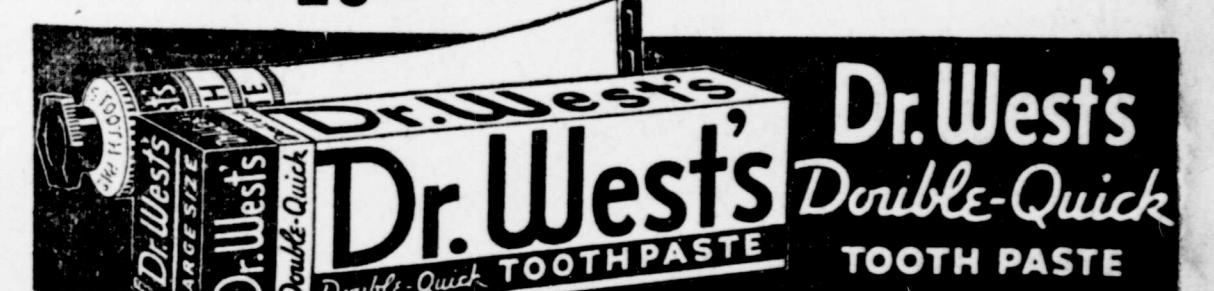
Block 54, City of Spur.
L. N. Riter to Riter Hardware Company, Lot 13, Block 31, City of Spur.

B. M. Blackmon et ux to Abilene Building & Loan Association, Lots 12 and 13 and north one fourth of Lot 14, Block 33, City of Spur.

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Political Announcements

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following as candidates for the office named, subject to action of the Democratic Primary July 25, 1936:

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Alton B. Chapman, re-election

FOR REPRESENTATIVE, 118TH DISTRICT:

Leonard Westfall (Re-election) of Stonewall County.

C. L. (Clarice) Harris of Dickens County.

Joe A. Merritt of Scurry County.

COUNTY JUDGE

Jim Cloud (Re-election).

Marshall Formby.

A. B. (Shorty) Hogan

G. W. Bennett

Austin C. Rose

Robt. Reynolds

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Albert Power

F. L. (Forrest) Edwards

J. L. (Johnnie) Koonsman

second term

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT:

Mrs. Nettie Littlefield

(Re-election)

COUNTY CLERK

Fred Arrington (Re-election).

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

L. D. Ratliff, Jr.

COUNTY TREASURER

Mrs. Alice Murphree (Second Term).

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E. N. (Nuge) Johnson

E. J. (Jim) Offield

A. K. McAllister.

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C. N. (Newt) Kidd.

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W. H. Parks, second term.

JUSTICE OF PEACE, PREC. 3:

G. B. Jopling, second term

FOR CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3:

C. H. (Jack) McCully.

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4:

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High Points Of the Soil Conservation And Domestic Allotment Act

The agricultural program embodied in the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act is now being put into effect in Dickens County. High points in the program are: Crops are all classified. Three classes have been set up. These are soil depleting crops, soil conserving crops, and soil building crops.

Two kinds of payments will be made to farmers for land use—soil conserving payments and soil building payments, but the money for both will come in one check. And this money will come only after the farmer has actually put into effect certain practices which conserve the soil on his farm.

Bases established on old reduction contracts will be taken as a guide for establishing the base for 1936 on the soil conservation program, with, of course, due allowance for crops not included in former contracts.

Organization of farmers to administer the program is under way. The Counties are divided up into "communities" of approximately 500 farmers. The County Board will elect three of its members to serve as a County Committee. The County Agent will represent the Secretary of Agriculture in the county.

Since the entire acreage of every farm must be listed on the work sheet in planning for the soil conservation work a neutral classification has been set up as well as the three-crop classification.

In general it will be easy to remember that the soil depleting crops are mostly row crops, while the soil conserving and soil building crops are the legumes, grains and grasses that are used for cover crops and to turn under as green manure. The neutral classification includes idle land, fallow land, woodland, non-crop and, pastures, yards, lanes, road ways, vineyards, and so forth

About 20 per cent of the base acreage in soil depleting crops must in 1936, be classified as soil conserving or soil building crops in order to qualify for participation in the program. The actual ratio will be determined by adding 20 percent of the cotton base acreage to 15 percent of the base acreage of other soil depleting crops. In other words, the required ratio of soil conserving and soil building crops to soil depleting crops on strictly cotton farm would be 20 percent; on other farms it would be less than this figure.

The maximum cotton acreage on any one farm upon which soil conserving payment will be made is 35 percent of the cotton base.

No payment will be made for acreage taken out of food and feed crops unless the 1936 acreage in such crops is at least equal to the actual needs of the farm family and work stock.

Corn interplanted with peas will be considered as 50 percent corn and 50 percent peas in calculating bases

and performance. The soil conserving payments will be based on the productivity of the land; for cotton it will be five cents per pound; for peanuts 1-4 cents a pound; for rice it will be 20 cents for each 100 pounds of the producer's domestic consumption quota, subject to certain specified agreements; and for the other soil depleting crops the rate per acre will vary among the states and counties depending upon the productivity of the land.

The division of payment between landlord and tenant is arrived at in two ways. The division of the soil conserving payment is 37-1-2 percent to the producer who furnishes the land; 12-1-2 percent to the producer who furnishes the workstock and equipment; and 50 percent to be divided among the producers as the crop is divided.

The soil building payment will be made to the producer who has incurred the expense entailed in the soil building crops or practices.

With regard to wheat the situation is rather different, since wheat growers had signed applications for contracts with the Government for a 1936 wheat program. Congress has voted that existing application are to be considered as obligations and are to be carried out and payments made on them. Wheat farmers may arrange their fall plantings in 1936 to be included in the new program later.

Crop Classifications Listed

In Texas the crops which have been listed as soil depleting are: corn, (including broom corn and sweet corn); cotton; tobacco; Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes; rice, sugar cane; commercial truck and canning berries; peanuts, if harvested as nuts, crops, including melons and straw-grain sorghums, sweet sorghums, and millets; small grains, if harvested for grain or hay, (wheat, oats, barley, rye, and small grain mixtures).

Crops listed as soil conserving are: vetch, winter peas, bur and crimson annual winter legumes, including clover, biennial legumes, including sweet and alsike clover; perennial legumes, including alfalfa, kudza, and sericea, with or without such nurse crops as rye, oats, wheat, barley, or grain mixtures, when such nurse crops are pastured or clipped green; summer legumes, including soybeans, except when produced for seed for crushing; velvet beans; crotalaria; cowpeas; and annual varieties of lespedeza; peanuts; when pastured; perennial grasses, including Dallis, redtop, orchard, Bermuda, carpet; or grass mixtures, and Sudan grass, with or without such nurse crops as rye, oats, wheat, barley, or grain mixtures, when such nurse crops are pastured or clipped green; winter cover crops, including rye, barley, oats, and small grain mixtures, winter pastured or not, and

turned as green manure, or if harvested and followed by summer legumes; and crop acreage planted to forest trees since January 1, 1934.

Those crops which are listed as soil building are: annual winter legumes, including vetch, winter peas, bur and crimson clover, turned under as a green manure crop; biennial legumes, including sweet and alsike clover; perennial legumes, including alfalfa, kudzo, sericea; and annual varieties of lespedeza; summer legumes, including soybeans, velvet beans, crotalaria, and cowpeas, if forage is left on the land; winter cover crops, including rye, barley, oats, and small grain mixtures turned under as green manure and followed in the summer by an approved soil conserving crop; and forest trees, when planted on crop land in 1936.

The neutral classification includes: vineyards, tree fruits, small fruits, or nut trees, idle crop land, cultivated fallow land, including clean cultivated orchards and vineyards, wasteland, roads, lanes, lots, yards, and woodland, other than that planted at owner's expense since 1933.

Payments To Equal Those of Old AAA

The Soil Conservation Act now being put into effect will mean near \$200,000 a year to farmers if as many cooperate with the new program as were signed up under the old AAA cotton contracts. Payments will be made after completion of the agreements, instead of during the growing period, according to official report.

In 1935, 1,079 farmers signed voluntary cotton contracts in this county, reducing the acreage 31,145 acres for which they were paid \$177,830.38. The same acreage base will be used in 1936 with the farmer cooperating with the Administration, planting the acreage in a soil building crop or using some other means, such as terracing, to building up the soil.

Interest taken in the three central meetings held in the county this week indicates renewed interest in the government program and in all probability there will be a larger percent of the farmers agree to carry out the terms of the new program.

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125 PRESENT FOR SPUR FARM MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT

About 125 farmers were present Thursday night at the East Ward school auditorium to elect a central community committeeman and three on the community committee. L. A. Grantham was elected as a member of the county committee. M. E. Tree

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