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District Court To Convene March 29

District Court will convene at Dickens Monday, March 29 for the spring term. The first week of court will probably be held in the Methodist Church but it is hoped to have the court room finished by the second week in time for jury cases. The grand jury will meet in the Masonic Hall over Meadors and Street grocery, the same place that was used last term.

Judge A. J. Folley of Floydada will preside. The state will be represented by District Attorney Alton B. Chapman and County Attorney L. D. Ratliff. One of the heaviest dockets in several years faces the court, including the possible trial of Phillip Pair of McAdoo for murder which was set the last term.

The following have been summoned for grand jury service:

A. M. Walker, G. C. Pierce, C. E. Butler, M. E. Tree, P. E. Hagins, R. L. Mimms, Charles McLaughlin, F. H. Henry, W. J. Collier, S. G. Scroggins, Frank Speer, J. L. Karr, R. J. McAteer, Albert Power, Austin Rose, V. S. Ford.

The petit jury will be summoned after court convenes.

Annual School Election April

The annual school trustee election for Spur Independent district will be held Saturday, April 1. The election will be conducted in the room of the Spur Security

Announce City Candidates For April Election

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce for re-election Judge E. J. Cowan for Mayor; Dr. M. H. Brannen as Water Commissioner; and G. H. Snider as Street Commissioner, City of Spur, subject to action of voters in the City Election Tuesday, April 6th.

There is no question of the integrity, ability and service these men have rendered the City the past few years. They are thoroughly familiar with the duties involved, are fully capable, and it is doubtful if a better all 'round group could be found. Too, they are willing to give their time to the duties involved.

To date there are no other candidates and an unofficial survey shows an almost unanimous approval of these men for re-election to another two year term.

School Board Re-elects Principals

At a called meeting of the Board of Trustees Monday evening the board re-elected O. L. Kelley as high school principal, H. C. Foote as junior high principal and S. L. Bennefield as ward school principal.

At the same meeting Athletic Coach G. B. Wadzeck was re-elected and Burgess Brown as band director. All of these men have been in the Spur system for several years except Mr. Bennefield who is now in his first year.

Other teachers and officials of the school will be elected at a later date.

UNTENDERABLE COTTON

In the United States Department of Agriculture figures for cotton ginned to December 16 gins had ginned 9,175 bales of cotton which means that the farmer was penalized from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per bale ginned. Figuring it further at the farmers of Dickens County \$60,000 in 1936 for their share of cotton and along with other South Plains Counties added to a market that can absorb of cotton annually thereby leaving bales in storage to drive the market's price down on all grades of cotton and more especially short staple which already has practically no market. This situation is the result of the fact that the farmer was penalized approximately \$10.00 per bale of cotton, and along with other South Plains Counties added to a market that can absorb of cotton annually thereby leaving bales in storage to drive the market's price down on all grades of cotton and more especially short staple which already has practically no market.

M. C. GOLDING NAMED PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TUESDAY NIGHT

M. C. Golding was unanimously elected by acclamation at a meeting of Spur business men Tuesday night to reorganize the Chamber of Commerce. Approximately 40 men were present for an oyster supper which preceded the business session. Geo. S. Link acted as presiding officer and introduced newcomers who were attending their first C. of C. meeting here.

Following a report by Mr. Golding for the committee appointed at a recent meeting Chairman Link appointed a nominating committee of five to nominate an executive committee of president, first and second vice presidents, secretary and treasurer.

Hardwick first vice president and O. C. Arthur second vice president. All were unanimously elected. The executive committee will elect a secretary and select a board of directors of nine members and make committee appointments. The

Ginners Plan To Stop Hog Round Buying

Stamford, March 12—Ginners who are, to a big extent, responsible for production of so much short staple cotton in West Texas, this fall are going to take a big step in remedying that by stopping "hog-round" buying, says C. A. Douthit, Stamford, president of the West Texas Ginners association.

Pointing out that heretofore that ginners who buy 90 percent of the cotton, have paid the farmer who grew half and half cotton just as much per pound as they did for standard cotton, which has caused the trend toward half and half to increase, because it has been more profitable.

And results—Texas has untenderable cotton that is not in demand, and a cotton that will not sell within three cents a pound of standard cotton.

Record Price Spread

Today the spread of three cents a pound between short staple cotton and that of 7-8 inch or better staple, is greatest in history, caused by foreign competition, Mr. Douthit said. He said that foreign countries which formerly bought Texas' cotton are now raising the same kind, consequently not being in demand. All counties are in demand for standard and long staple cotton.

Especially is it important that Texas produce a standard cotton since 90 per cent of the cotton grown here is exported, and to be protected on the exchange board the staple must go 7-8 of an inch, added Mr. Douthit. Manufacturing concerns in the United States can buy all the short staple cotton they want in Georgia—home of half and half—so Texas is left out.

Remedy of such a happening, of course, is for farmers to raise cotton of better quality, not paying so much attention to quantity, but agriculture experts have been hollering that for years to no avail.

But this year with ginners behind the movement, something is sure to be accomplished, is the opinion of Mr. Douthit, who said one bitter dose of medicine is about all a person wants, and that dose

Farm Association Committeemen Named Last Week

Three community meetings of the Dickens County Farm Association were held last week for the purpose of electing community committeemen for 1937.

The first meeting was held last Thursday night at Patton Springs. Committeemen elected were Joe Rose, Robt. Butler and G. W. Bennett and alternates: Bud Smiley and Harry E. Bennett.

The Dickens meeting was led Friday night and the following were elected: Coy Dopson, Archer L. Powell and J. P. Sharp; alternates O. E. Minix and Clarence Littlefield.

The Spur meeting was held Saturday afternoon and Roy Arrington, Elmer Shugart and Floy Watson were elected with E. A. Bailey and Bob Hahn as alternates.

These committeemen will meet with the county agent, G. J. Lane at Spur Friday and elect the county committee.

First County Meet Events This Week

The first events of the County Interscholastic League Meet will be held this week end. Choral singing is scheduled for McAdoo beginning at 8:00 Friday evening, admission will be 5 cents.

Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 playground ball and tennis contests will be conducted at Spur. The entire day will be used for these events. That evening Volley Ball contests will be held at the Dickens gym instead of Patton Springs.

Myhome Town Contest at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at Brownwood May 10 and 11. Supt. Thomas and high school teachers will select the entrant and assist in his or her training.

Spur Band To Sponsor 'Pennies from Heaven'

The Spur High School band will sponsor Bing Crosby's latest picture "Pennies from Heaven" showing at the Palace Theatre Sunday and Monday, March 28 and 29. Tickets will be sold for the show in advance and revenue derived will be used to buy uniforms in order that the band may go to the West Texas band contest next month.

At the matinee Monday the entire student body with the teachers from Dickens school were guests of the Palace to see "Holy Terror." Manager Charlie Hardwick from time to time invites groups from other towns to be guests of the Palace as part of a good will promotion program to get people in the habit of coming to Spur. More good will of this kind will make a bigger and better Spur.

To Buy On Merit

For the first time in history, this year ginners are going to buy cotton on the merit. But then the question of competition between ginners has to be considered, however, Mr. Douthit says that will not be so hard. Because buyers of cotton will keep the difference in price between short and standard staple the same.

Among the recognized standard cottons are Mebane, Kasch and Qualla. There are many pedigreed seeds in the Anson and Stamford vicinities as well as other sections north of Abilene.

Blocking of areas and raising one variety of cotton is all right, Mr. Douthit said, but the variety does not make much difference as long as it will go standard. Headed long staple cotton as that produced in irrigated districts is undesirable in this section.

The average staple of this cotton is one inch in good years, 15-16 of an inch average years, and 7-8 of an inch in dry years.

W. R. Weaver and Mack Wilson were attending to business in Stamford Friday and Saturday.

Registration Of Cars Very Slow

Sheriff Johnnie Koonsman, County Tax Collector, reports only 106 cars and trucks registered for 1937 up to Tuesday morning. Registrations are increasing slowly but there will be long lines waiting the last week unless there is a decided increase in the next few days.

The sheriff announces that registrations will be made at Spur Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27. Mrs. Leo Petty, office deputy, will bring the tags and receipt books and registers cars at the City Hall in Spur. The time was set for three days prior to the closing date because District Court meets on Monday the 29th and that will occupy the sheriff's time the last three days of the month. Extra help will be at the office in Dickens Saturday of this week to aid in car registration.

Crosby Co. Farmers Spend Saturday At Spur Ex. Station

A group of Crosby county farmers, 28 men and five boys from the Becton and Farmer communities, spent Saturday at the Spur Experiment Station studying water conservation, native grasses, and live stock feeding. The group was particularly interested in terracing at the station and results of different kinds of terracing.

Supt. R. E. Dickson led the discussions and was assisted by B. C. Langley, C. E. Fisher and Mr. Riggs, staff men at the station. S. Dowell, Supt. of Lorenzo who has been at the station

GOOD NEWS HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH

The first Spur High School invitation speech meet was well attended Saturday when a large number of schools over the South Plains sent contestants. The events were conducted at the East Ward school and the high school under the supervision of Miss Nina Landers and Mrs. O. M. McGinty.

Winners in Declaration were: Junior Boys: first, Billy Jo Applegate, Spur; second, Jarold Jones Lockney.

Junior Girls: first, Mary Brannen, Littlefield; second, Sarah Ann Crider, Spur.

Senior Boys: first, Clyde Burnett, Lubbock; second, John D. Smith, Lubbock.

Senior Girls: first, Mary Lisenby, Spur; second, Edith Vandergriff Littlefield.

In debate Spur won second in both boys and girls divisions. Entries were: Nell Arthur and Ruth Cowan, girls; Bill Gruben and Ainsworth Gates, boys.

JAIL BREAK AT DICKENS FAILS

A break of two prisoners from Dickens county jail was forestalled by Sheriff J. L. Koonsman Saturday night when he lodged a "drug" behind bars, he reported this week.

R. C. Britton, ex-convict returned by the sheriff from Eastham prison farm a week ago to face a car theft charge, and Phillip Pair, McAdoo farmer charged with murder and whose trial had been set for April 5, had gained effective use of saw blade, stated the sheriff.

The two were placed in a safe cell and the jail was "shaken down" for other saws, believed to have been given to the men by visitors. Restriction of visits has resulted.

Sheriff Koonsman said the two men's plans were learned after he had discovered the jail door had been sprung by sawin ga hinge. He said they planned slugging the jail-ward.

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Reporter To Go To Short Course

The reporter of the girls' 4-H clubs in the county who turns in the best club reports for the meetings during the months of April and May will receive a trip to the Short Course at A and M College this summer as a gift from the local papers, The Texas Spur and The Dickens County Times.

The county's winning clippings will be entered in a district contest. The district winner will serve as reporter on the Daily Star, paper printed by the 4-H club boys and girls during the Short Course.

The reporters in the girls clubs are Gillene Elkins, Espuela; Katherine Ward, McAdoo; Lou Wana Dunlap, Patton Springs; Doris Galloyay, Prairie Chapel; and Nonale Hamilton, Wichita.

CHEVROLET MANAGER OF DALLAS ZONE PROMOTED

H. C. Howard, Manager of the Dallas Zone of the Chevrolet Motor Division of the General Motors Sales Corporation for the past 4 years, will assume new duties with the company as Assistant Regional Manager of the Southwest Region of Chevrolet, effective March 16, it was announced last week at Detroit by W. E. Holler, Chevrolet Vice-President and General Sales Manager.

Mr. Howard will be in charge of used car sales throughout the South west Region. His appointment was part of a general reorganization of Chevrolet's used car marketing policies in which Mr. Holler set up an entirely separate used car organization within the Chevrolet sales department.

Paul Braddock of Afton will be admitted free to see "Ride 'Em Cowboy" by presenting this notice at the Palace Theatre Saturday.

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1931 STUDY CLUB

Mrs. G. W. Grimes was elected delegate to the convention which meets at Canyon in April, on Tuesday afternoon of this week, when the 1931 Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Chas. Fisher for a St. Patrick's day program. Mrs. Jack Rector gave "The origin of St. Patrick's Day" and Mrs. Ross Newton played a medley of Irish tunes. Plans were discussed and material compiled for the club scrap book. The St. Patrick's Day theme was repeated in the refreshment plate which was served at the conclusion of the program.

CITY FEDERATION MEETING

Discussion of legislative achievements, report of cub Scouting committee and plans for the April open

meeting of the City Federation were the chief items of interest when the City Federation held its regular March meeting at the Spur Inn, March 6. Mrs. A. M. Walker presiding which the progress of the Club sided for the business session during organization which is sponsored by City Federation, was reported. Plans for the Health Day, April 20, were discussed. At this time reports will be heard from the District Convention at Canyon, April 8-9 and Mrs. Madge D. Twaddell will discuss the child welfare work in Dickens County. All members are invited to attend.

Mrs. Hill Perry outlined the legislative achievements of the State Federation of Women's Clubs including the general federation legislative program. A round table discussion followed. Those attending were Mmes.

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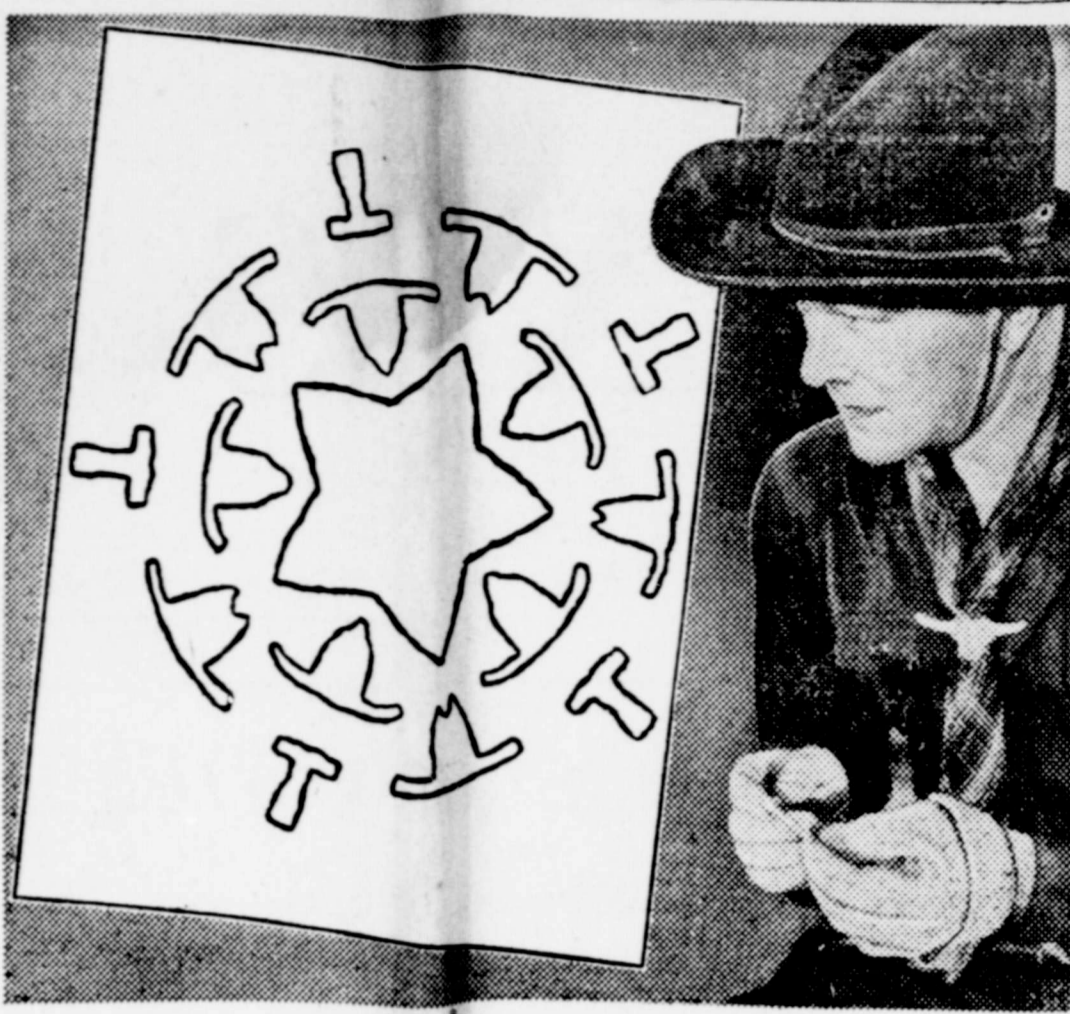
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Here's what he learned: the paper was folded a certain number of times, and then only four tears were made to create the message design. Can you figure out how the paper was folded?

Study the sketch; cut out a similar paper if you like and try it. When you've got it, mark the folds

and on the sketch above with dotted lines, in pencil, and place your name and address on it and bring or mail it to The Texas Spur. The first twenty-five correctly marked papers will each receive a free ticket to the Palace Theatre to see "Borderland" with William Boyd, Jimmy Ellison and George Hayes when it is shown at the Palace Theatre. All solutions must be in by Tuesday, March 23rd. Cut out a piece of paper and go to work. "Borderland" is a fast moving story of the Rio Grande country and deals with bandits whose depredations have aroused the Texas Rangers and the Mexican Secret Police. It has plenty of fast action as well as clever comedy and a nice romance. You are sure to enjoy it.

Davis, Walker, Lane, Moore, McClure, Blackwell, Laverty, Hale, Grimes, Lea, Weaver, Foote, Caraway and Perry.

CLUB HAS ART PROGRAM

"Texas has artist in every line of fine arts that have won national and world-wide fame and yet we Texans do not know of them and their work as we should," Mrs. P. C. Nichols told members of the Twentieth Century Study Club in the meeting Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. B. F. Hale.

"Elizabeth Ney has brought fame to Texas with her sculpturing even though she was not recognized until after her death. There is a tax-making a name for herself and Texas in her work today."

Miss Clara Pratt gave the life and work of Elizabeth Ney.

The club voted to contribute to the fund for the war on cancer.

The hostess served a lovely refreshment plate to Mrs. V. J. Campbell, Mrs. L. D. Ratliff, Mrs. J. A. Koon, Mrs. E. J. Cowan, Mrs. F. B. Crockett, Mrs. H. C. Foote, Mrs. T. H. Blackwell, Mrs. E. S. Lee, Mrs. J. M. Foster, Mrs. G. J. Lane, Mrs. A. M. Walker, Mrs. O. L. Kelley, Mrs. E. L. Caraway and Miss Clara Pratt.—Club reporter.

CHEYNE-CHISM

Miss Inez Cheyne and Buster Chism of Jayton were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Britton Tuesday night at 9:30. Rev.

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- Chas. J. Wagner, M. D. Surgery and Consultation
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- M. M. Ewing, M. D. General Medicine
- M. H. Benson, M. D. Diseases of Children
- T. L. Morgan, M. D. General Medicine
- C. J. Hollingsworth, Superintendent
- Miss Edna Eagle, R. N. Director of Nurses
- Miss G. W. Wood, R. N. Instructor School of Nursing

P. H. Gates, pastor of the Methodist Church, read the ceremony in the presence of a few friends.

The young couple will make their home at Jayton.

SILVER SPUR CLUB

The members and sponsors of the Silver Spur Club met at the home of Era Belle Hogan on Monday evening for the third regular meeting. Both active and honorary members were present for the reading and approval of the constitution and by-laws. After the dismissal of the honorary members a business meeting was held by the active members and sponsors. The purpose of the club is to promote social activities for the young people of Spur.

On Monday evening a reporter was elected. The other officers were elected at a previous meeting. Officers are: Polly Clemmons, president; Luther Jones, vice-president; Ann Lee, secretary; Everett Martin and Julia Albin, reporter.

The sponsors and active members present were: Mrs. R. E. Dickson, Mrs. Sam Clemmons, Mrs. J. C. McNeill III, Mrs. Guy Karr, Martha Nichols, Ann Lee, Winifred Bell, Nelle Mecom, Royce Blackwell Era Belle Hogan, Polly Clemmons, Rita Mecom, Julia Albin, W. P. Foster, John K. Riggs, George S. Ling, Jr., David Sisto, Kelley Marsh Spencer Campbell, Luther Jones, W. A. Franklin, Everett Martin, John A. Moore, Jr., and Clinton Barrett.

The honorary members present were: Lillian Grace Dickson, Miriam Reed, Frances Morris, Billie Burke Hisey, Marjorie Burrow, Noema Smith, Nell Arthur, Mary Louise Lisenby, Helen Hale, Isabelle Campbell, Johnny Nichols, Pershing Lee, Bill Caraway, Wilson Garner, Elton Garner, and Norton Barrett.

Mrs. Neal A. Chastain, sponsor; Doris Arthur, and W. K. Callan, active members; and Carl Arthur, W. M. Hunter, and Elvis Holly, honorary members were not present but accepted membership in the club.—Reporter.

BIRTHS

William Cecil Morgan, boy, born February 26, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Morgan of Highway, parents.
Tommy Dean Gallagher, boy, born March 1, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gallagher of Girard, parents.

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Alfred Warren Roberts, boy, born March 10, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Roberts of Spur, parents.
George Camp Chapman, boy, born March 14, Mr. and Mrs. McAteer of Dickens, parents.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor were in Dublin last week visiting relatives. Mr. Taylor's father has been critically ill.

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E. D. ENGLEMAN HOSTESS SATURDAY

Mrs. E. D. Engleman was hostess on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in her home in North Trumbull Ave. When she entertained the Triple Trey Bridge Club and a few guests with a cleverly planned Easter party. In the games of contract Mrs. H. P. Gibson played high for guests and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff was high for club members. Each lady received a blue pottery plate as prize award. The Easter theme was repeated in the refreshment plate of bunny salad, chicken sandwiches, pickles, crackers, cookies hot coffee and candy eggs. Included in the guest list were mesdames H. P. Gibson, C. L. Lover, L. B. Tillotson, L. D. Ratliff, Buster Parrish, Marvin Vaughn and Henry Bilberry.

1925 BRIDGE CLUB MET WEDNESDAY

A delightful four course luncheon was enjoyed by members of the 1925 Bridge Club on Wednesday at one o'clock at the Spur Inn. Places were laid for Mesdames M. C. Golding, Della Eaton, E. F. Laverty, V. V. Parr, Ann McClure, Ross Newton, R. R. Wooten, Nellie Davis, L. H. Perry, E. L. Caraway, W. R. Lewis, E. M. Wilson, Buster

Parrish, Martha Flick of Bluffton, Ohio, and Miss Julia Hickman. Mrs. C. L. Love joined the group after lunch for contract. In the games of the afternoon, Mrs. V. V. Parr of the Pitchfork Ranch made high score and received the prize award.

L. L. L. CLUB

Members of the L. L. L. club met in the home of Mrs. L. E. Lee on Friday evening of last week at 7:30 o'clock. Contract bridge was the diversion of the evening. At the conclusion of the game hour Mrs. H. P. Gibson held high score and received the prize award. Refreshments of jello salad, Ritz, Ice tea and olives was served to Mesdames B. C. Langley, M. H. Brannen, H. P. Gibson, C. L. Love, G. W. Grimes, E. D. Engleman and Miss Rubie Rae Williamson.

MRS. L. R. BARRETT HOSTESS THURSDAY

Mrs. L. R. Barrett was hostess on Thursday afternoon of last week at 3 o'clock when she entertained members of the Blue Bonnett club and two guests in her home with four tables of forty-two. Tallies, score cards and table appointments were suggestive of St. Patrick's Day. After a number of interesting games of "42" a delightful refresh-

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New York, N. Y.—"IT'S TRUE that every precaution was taken to keep the solution of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's 'After the Thin Man' a complete mystery," says Wiley Padan. "Not even the stars, William Powell and Myrna Loy, or the director, W. S. Van Dyke, knew the ending to Jashell Hammett's sequel to 'The Thin Man'! The last four scenes were missing from the script, and the only copy was locked in a safety deposit vault until the last possible moment. The final scenes were photographed behind closed doors."

ment plate was passed to the following guests Mesdames O. L. Kelley, P. C. Nichols, A. M. Walker, C. H. McCulley, E. S. Lee, C. B. Jones, T. H. Blackwell, W. C. Gruben, J. P. Carson, G. J. Lane, J. M. Foster, G. L. Barber, W. S. Campbell, E. L. Caraway, H. C. Foote, B. F. Hale, members, Mesdames D. D. Dillingham and Marvin Vaughn guests.

MRS. JACK RECTOR HOSTESS FRIDAY

Mrs. O. C. Thomas made high score Friday afternoon when Mrs. Jack Rector entertained the Thursday Bridge club in her home in West Spur with contract bridge. After a number of interesting games the hostess served congealed fruit salad with nut dressing crackers, cookies, and ice tea. Those present were Mesdames R. E. Dickson, O. C. Thomas, J. R. McNeill and Sam T. Clemmons.

MRS. LAVERTY HOSTESS TO 1917 STUDY CLUB

Mrs. E. F. Laverty was a delightful hostess on Tuesday afternoon when thirteen members of the 1917 Study club met in her home at 3 o'clock for a program on "American Citizenship" which was directed by Mrs. E. L. Adams. Roll call was answered with "Citizens who have contributed to national development."

Mrs. E. C. McGee gave an interesting paper on Benjamin Franklin as the "First Civilized American" Mrs. Ann McClure gave the "Life of Henry Ford." John Joe Costello and James Franklin Laverty dress-

ed in their Scout suits gave "The History of the Flag; The Flag Salute and Flag Etiquette."

Mrs. Ella R. Miller gave a report as chairman of the American Citizenship Department.

The club gave a vote of thanks to John Joe and James Franklin for their splendid part on the program after which the club sang "America" with Mrs. R. E. Dickson at the piano.

MRS. ARTHUR HOSTESS TO 1933 STUDY CLUB

Seventeen members of the 1933 Study Club met in the home of Mrs. O. C. Arthur on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Charlie Powell, club president, presided in the business session. Reports were made from the different departments and Mrs. Arthur was elected as delegate to the District Convention of the Seventh District which meets in Canyon City in April.

Mrs. John Albin was leader for the program on "Island Treasures of the Pacific." Roll call was answered with "Products of the Pacific Islands."

After the program kodak pictures were made for use in the club scrap book. The hostess served a dainty refreshment plate holding salted peanuts, angle food cake and coffee. Mrs. H. P. Gates and Mrs. Monroe Tunnell were new members.

BILL BARBER ENTERTAINS

Jilly Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Barber entertained a few of his little friends on Tuesday afternoon after school, celebrating his

seventh birthday. A number of favorite games were played and refreshments of Ritz, cheese sandwiches, cookies, cocoa and marshmallows were served to Mack Wilson, Lowell Cato, Lewis Lee Gilbert, Betty Jane Gates and Patsie Lewis. Those sending gifts were Gene Arthur, Virginia and Patricia Mars.

MRS. W. C. GRUBEN HOSTESS TO S. S. CLASS

Mrs. W. C. Gruben teacher of the Victor Sunday School class entertained members of the class and a few of their friends in her home on North Burlington Ave. After a very enjoyable game hour Mrs. Gruben assisted by Mrs. E. C. McGee and her daughter, Emma Pearl served ice cream and cake to the following guests: Betty Boothe, Helen Faye Brooks, Belva Swan, Louise Ince, Orval Finley, Matthew Gruben, Martin Cargile, James Fox, Billy Thomas, and Dwane Willard.

SO-SUM CLUB

Mrs. W. R. Weaver entertained the So-Sum club in her home on West Second St. on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The roll call was answered with current topics after which a pleasant afternoon was spent in sewing and visiting. A dainty refreshment plate was passed. Included on the guest list were Mesdames Roy Stovall, Jas. B. Reed, A. M. Walker, J. P. Carson, W. B. Lee, G. J. Lane E. F. Laverty, P. C. Nichols and E. S. Lee.

ANN HULL HONORED

Mrs. A. C. Hull entertained a group of children at her home on West Harris Street Tuesday afternoon honoring her daughter, Ann, on her sixth birthday. The honoree received many nice gifts and games were played throughout the afternoon. The children were served birthday cake with a favor in each piece of cake and ice cream cups. Included on the guest list were: Doris Gibson, Iris Maurine Smith,

Laurie Robert Burrow, Grlene Dillingham, Sonny Cato, Crystene Lane, Bonnie Beth Henry, Marion Paula Speer, Virginia and Patricia Mars, Melba and Evelyn Lewis, Mack Wilson, Jr., Jane and Mack Brannen, Jean Arthur, Jean Collier, Creola Rector, Billy D. Starcher, Earnestine Berry, Nippie McNeill and Neal A. Chastain.

MRS. ROY STOVALL ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Roy Stovall entertained a few friends in her lovely appointed home on West Harris Street on Monday evening of this week with a dinner complimenting her husband on his birthday. Places were laid at the lovely lace covered table for Messrs. and Mesdames Jas. B. Reed, Bill Putman and L. S. Rosamond. Mr. Stovall received birthday greetings and gifts from each guest.

The San Antonio livestock market, one of the important cattle markets in the Southwest, handled more than \$7,039,063 worth of livestock during 1936. The 1935 volume amounted to \$5,739,396.

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Texas Peonage

If His Figures Are Right Rep. C. L. Harris Puts Up To Texas Lawmakers A Sharp Issue of Economic Personage Gripping Lone Star State

Rep. C. L. Harris of Spur last week gave the house figures which if correct call for more drastic action than quibbling about old-age pensions.

Fifty-three per cent of Texas property rendered for taxation, he said, belong to people living outside the state.

His figures were challenged by several members. He stood by them, and invited anybody who doubts them to go to the tax reports in Compt. George Sheppard's office and find out. For his own county, he is certain of his figures. They were an issue of his race for office, he told the house.

What he said was that majority of Texas is gone from the hands of Texans.

He referred to tax renditions. It is well known that there is much wealth not rendered for taxation whose ratio of foreign ownership is greater than that of tangible property on the assessment rolls.

Property owned by non-residents is taxed at 33 per cent figures are not correct, how much of Texas has been gobbled up by "foreigners"?

Impact of Rep. Harris' statement was plainly startling to the legislators. Its meaning, if even approximately correct, is enough to terrorize all the 6,000,000 people whose lives are given to the up-building of Texas.

Dickens county doesn't have vast oil or gas resources; but we know a great part of these billions of wealth belong to non-residents. We do know that huge corporate properties in the cities, big branch factories and plants, many of the great hotels and office buildings, belong to those who live far from Texas.

Mostly, Rep. Harris talked of farms and ranches. Are they too, gone into the control of outside capital?

Harris was talking about renditions, not the investments of outside corporations, such as insurance companies, very wisely required to be made in Texas property. Thus, his picture wasn't the whole picture

which is even worse.

But if he is correct, or anywhere near accurate in his figures, we in Texas have degenerated to an economic serfdom that we may as well declare intolerable and begin hunting the remedy.

Our farm population has drifted from landowners to landless tenant majorities. Our city population has shown growing percentages of home less, propertyless wage dependents. That was reflected in the relief rolls of the big cities.

There is a remedy somewhere, if statesmen in the lawmaking bodies can see the black picture. It isn't in the calibre of legislation we've been having while Texas sank to this position.

Whatever remedies can be found are within the law and within constitutional reach. Whatever relief may be attained may have a strong flavor of governmental cooperation with the state and its citizenship.

It is up to the legislature to find the remedy.

Probably first off would be constitutional amendments putting adequate rewards upon resident ownership, if no penalties can be laid on absentee landlordship, and ownership.

They in the legislature have debated the wisdom of letting a \$100,000,000 foreign corporation come to Texas and earn \$4,500,000 net profits a year, paying the state \$100,000 on franchise taxes for the privilege and the protection of its laws.

The franchise power can do Texas more good than merely raise this \$1,800 to \$225,000 a year. Texas has the unquestioned right to allow only corporations of its offices, the executive management and the plants of corporations to be in Texas. It has further powers to decentralize corporate ownership into units of stay-at-home size. It has power to break up interlocked business by which 30,000 Texans are employees of one set of foreign corporations, into 50 or 500 Texas corporations.

A layman, and probably most lawyers, won't know all the answer. But we have 181 picked men, chosen by the 6,000,000 citizens, to serve these citizens in determining the public welfare and achieving it. Out of the composite mind and statesmanship of these 181 men, the remedy for a substantial part of it, may be expected as a matter of right. Or, if the picture has been drawn materially wrong, there is enough ability in the present legislature to find that out in a verified trial balance for Texas.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"May I Tell Ya a Hair Raisin' Story, Sam? . . ."

Fight Syphilis In The Open

(Continued from last week)

Bismuth, the second drug used in the treatment of syphilis, has largely displaced the comparatively poisonous mercury, with less relapse and more cure, and less trouble from complications, especially of the kidney. Bismuth today is safely and effectively given in only one way—in a suspension or solution injected through a 2 1-2 inch needle into the muscle of the buttocks. It is given once every five or seven days, alternating with the arsenic injections in the arm; in the average case the schedule calls for 60 of these bismuth "hip" treatments.

Don't be thrown into a panic over any of this treatment, or even by an uncomfortable reaction—a little nausea or headache. Real drugs must cause some flurry if they are to work, and an experienced physician can find a way around every complication. Composure on your part helps, directly and powerfully. The first four hip treatments may make you a little stiff, but if your doctor will take time to massage, deeply and firmly, for two or three minutes over the spot, the treatment is not even a nuisance.

Sometimes between the sixth and 12th month of treatment, a spinal fluid examination should be made, because only in this way can the great group of nervous diseases, including locomotor ataxia and general paralysis, be recognized and cured or arrested before they have established themselves in the nervous tissues. If the fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord is examined thus early, it is solemn truth that much blindness, chair-bound crippling, and practically all insanity due to the disease could be utterly stamped out. Here again, the procedure in competent hands is safe, the reactions are few and insignificant. But the information gained from the standard tests on spinal fluid by a competent laboratory is absolutely priceless; if the result is negative, or normal, it is a legitimate excuse for the most

heartfelt "Thank God!" the doctor and patient ever uttered. Consoling, too, is the fact that a negative spinal fluid, after standard early treatment, almost never becomes positive or abnormal.

The worst that can happen after a spinal fluid examination is a one in 10 chance of a headache that may make you lie down (it stops at once on doing so) for a few hours. You may have unconsciously exposed other persons before you knew you had the disease. The wise course here is to insist upon a full investigation of everyone involved, and this means blood tests, at least. If possible bring to the doctor for treatment the person who gave it to you. Sweat your memory until it yields all the facts; you will be protected and so will he or she. We want to stop this disease, not punish or pass moral judgments.

For yourself, remember that time and treatment control infectiousness, and nothing else does. After 20 treatments in the arm and

20 in the hip, rarely is there relapse or infectiousness—after 18 months' treatment, almost none at all, if treatment has been steady, regular, uneventful. You are entitled to know that you may hope to marry, but hardly within two years, better after three or four, and always under direction of your doctor, with fair play to the partner as to knowledge of the facts, and with control of pregnancy. What of the patient who cannot afford the services of a private physician? Shall he be barred from the possibilities of a cure? If a patient is honestly unable to pay for private treatment, he can secure skillful medical attention from the clinics operated by his community or attached to his local hospital. If possible, he pays a small fee; if he is wholly without money, drugs and medical service cost him nothing. Even under our present system of public clinics, admittedly inadequate and destined for complete reorganization in the near future, no citizen can plead poverty as an excuse for avoiding the personal and social responsibility of "taking the cure."

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You have until midnight, April 1st to have your car registered for the year 1937.

On April 2nd a 20 per cent penalty will be charged on all cars not registered and operated in the month of April.

By bringing your 1936 license receipt or transfer receipt you can be waited upon more quickly. In case you have purchased a motor vehicle with an out of county license number, it will be absolutely necessary to have these papers.

Pay Now And Avoid The Last Minute Rush

License Plates Can Be Placed On Automobiles Now

By registering your car in Dickens County you are not only complying with the law, but helping your county at the same time, as the money you pay for your car tags is spent on Rural Roads. For your convenience I have arranged to have a deputy with tags and receipts at the City Hall in Spur Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27 where you may obtain your car license. If possible, it will greatly assist this office and make it easier for you to get your tags, by getting them before these dates at the Dickens office.

J. L. KOONSMAN

Sheriff and Tax Collector

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HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB NEWS

COMMITTEE FOR RECREATION

Putting on simple pantomime three act plays the method should be the same. The three rules follow are: 1. Think it clearly; 2. See it definitely; 3. Act it deliberately," Miss Hazel Moore, chairman of the Recreation Committee of the County home demonstration council in a training meeting for club recreation chairmen and sponsors Saturday afternoon.

"If those rules are used you have the mind, body and voice working as one and perfect acting is possible. The simple rule of carrying your part five feet past the

exit will unconsciously be followed," she said.

Simple pantomimes such as the man falling asleep in church, the woman trying on hats, and at the movies were acted out with each one taking part. These pantomimes and others will be used in the recreation program in the clubs. Each recreation chairman is to bring a simple pantomime of skit to the second meeting of the recreation committee March 27th.

Those present were Mrs. Cecil Meador, Dickens; Miss Hazel Moore representing Friendship and McAdoo 4-H clubs; Mrs. Lester English and Mrs. Alton Estep, Highway; Miss Mary Wooten, McAdoo; Mrs. Clark Forbis, Patton Springs; and Mrs. Earl Murchison, Wichita.

SCREEN PLANTING SET

Native plants such as wild plum, wild currant, commonly called skunk bush, salt cedar, red cedar, and agarita may be used for screen planting to screen the outbuildings from the house and road, the Highway home demonstration club members learned in their meeting Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. A. C. George, Jr.

Twenty-six native plants were used in setting a screen planting. Wild plum, Wild currant, flowering willow and lilac were used in the planting, which was put in a semi-circle grouping to screen more than one building.

Miss Bural Parks, Mrs. Dixie Williams, Mrs. Lester George, and Miss J. C. Garrett, Mrs. Charley Walls, Mrs. Mary Lou Wright, Mrs.

A. C. George, Miss Lorene Roberts were enrolled as new members.

The club will meet with Mrs. Cecil Estep March 25th for a fashion program.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Dickens

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Harris County, 2nd day of December, 1936, by J. W. Mills, Clerk District Court of said Harris County, Texas, for the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-one and 60/100 (\$4,861.60) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment of Foreclosure, in favor of The Federal Land Bank of Houston, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 221,877 and styled The Federal Land Bank of Houston vs. Kate Watson, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, J. L. Koonsman as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did on the 10th day of February, 1937, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, viz:

FIRST TRACT: The Northwest Quarter (NW 1-4) of the Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company Survey No. 392, Certificate

10-209 Block No. 1 containing 165.24 acres of land; SECOND TRACT: Being 49 acres East end of the North 1-2 of the W. 1-4 of Survey No. 382, Block No. 1, Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company, Certificate No. 10-2086; and levied upon as the property of Kate Watson, et al, and on the First Tuesday in April, 1937, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House, of Dickens County, in the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. by virtue of said levy and said Execution and Order of Sale I will sell, for cash, to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the said Kate Watson, et al, in and to said property.

And in compliance with law, I give notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for the consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Texas Spur, a newspaper published in Dickens County.

Witness my hand, this 10th day of March, 1937.

J. KOONSMAN,
Sheriff Dickens County, Texas.
By: Edelle H. Petty, Deputy.
Mar. 1, 18, 25, April 1, 1937.

Mrs. Joe Allison will be admitted to the Palace Theatre Sunday or Monday to see "After the Thin Man" Mrs. A. M. Walker was a business visitor in Lubbock Saturday.

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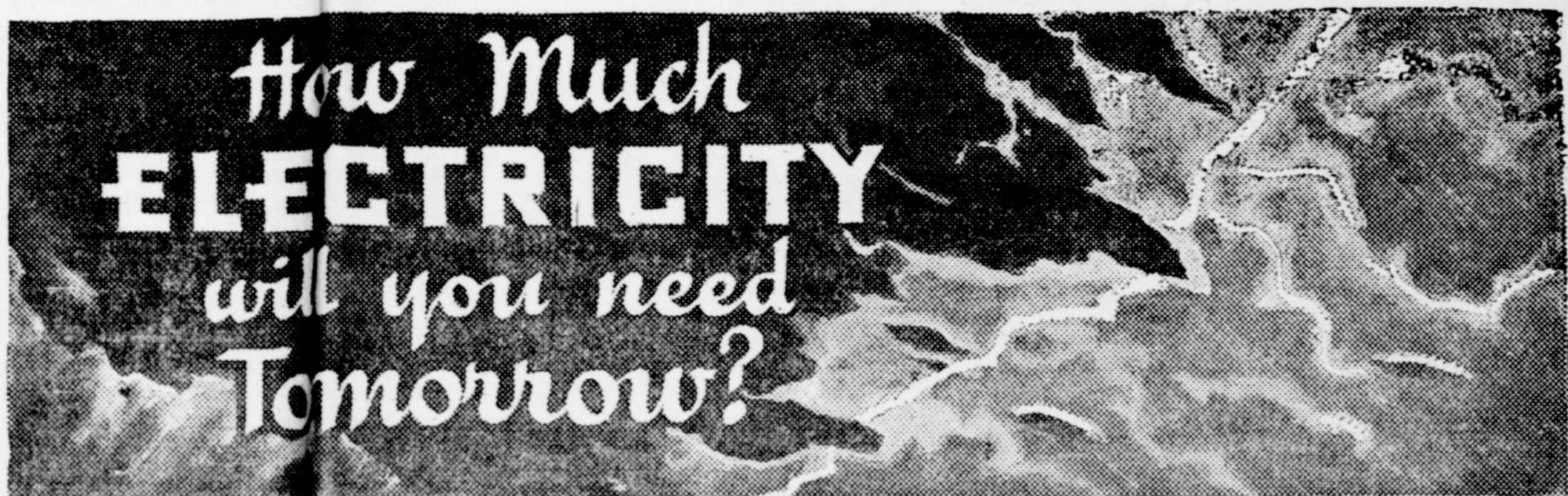
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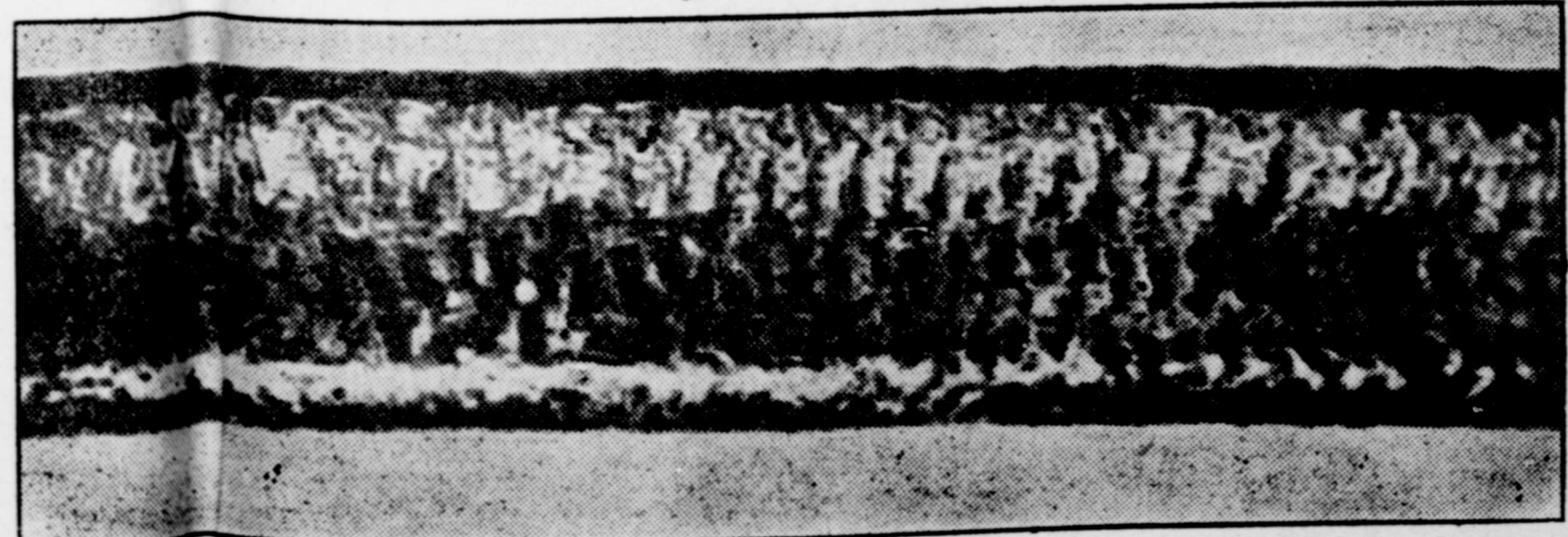


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HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CLASS TO PRESENT "THE FIRST DRESS SUIT" IN CONTEST

"The First Dress Suit" by Russell Medcalf has been chosen by the high school speech classes as the contest play for use in the Interscholastic League contests next month. Rehearsals have been under way for about a week now, and it is believed that this will be an outstanding dramatic production. Included in the cast for the play are Marjorie Burrow, Fred Kinney, Helen Hale and Pershing Lee. Understudies for these roles are Isabelle Campbell, Junior Martin, Ruby Cowan, and Edward Carroll. Mrs. O. M. McGinty, La Nell Fallis and Joyce Koon are the producers. This play will be entered in the district contests at Lubbock on April sixteenth.

NEW HARDWARE MAN IN TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Roberts are the parents of a son born last Wednesday. The young hardware man has been named Alfred Warren. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Ray Williams of Girard will be admitted free to see "Ride 'Em Cowboy" by presenting this notice at the Palace Theatre Saturday.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Saturday, April 10, 1937, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified voters of the Twin Wells Independent School District and the Spur Independent School District shall favor a consolidation of the two said school districts, thus forming the Spur Independent Consolidated School District in Dickens County, Texas.

J. A. Yeakley has been appointed presiding officer for the Twin Wells box and J. L. Rosamond has been appointed presiding judge of the Spur voting box. Each shall appoint two clerks to assist in the election. Polls will be open from 8:00 a. m. until 6:00 p. m. The Spur voting box shall be located in the Director's room of the Spur Security Bank building and the Twin Wells voting box shall be located in the Twin Wells School house.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1937.
MARSHALL FORMBY,
County Judge of Dickens County, Texas.
(March 18-25, April 1, 1937)

DISTRICT HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT VISITS HERE

Miss Lida Cooper, District Two Home Demonstration Agent, was a visitor in the county and guest of Miss Clara Pratt, county agent, Wednesday. Miss Cooper was just visiting this trip "getting acquainted."

A. C. Breckenridge, District Manager of the Shreveport Long Leaf Lumber Company of Longview and Mr. Moore, salesman and manager of the Talco yard, were guests of Mr. Breckenridge's brother, Jephtha Craig and Mrs. Craig, Saturday afternoon. These gentlemen were on their first trip to West Texas and left enthusiastic boosters.

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WINS SECOND HONOR AT ACC

Miss Mozelle Arthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Arthur, won second in senior girls declamation at Abilene Christian College invitation speech meet Saturday. This was a distinct honor as this meet is one of the largest of its kind conducted in West Texas with a wide representation of schools.

Carl Arthur was eliminated in the semi-finals of the boys division. Mrs. Guy Karr will be admitted free to see "Clarence" by presenting this notice at the Palace Theatre Tuesday or Wednesday.

NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Chapman are the parents of a son born Thursday morning. The young attorney was named George Campbell. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Barrett and son, Marvin, of Santa Fe, N. M. were guests of Mr. Barrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Barrett, over the week end.

Misses Carmen Shockle and Lynn McGaughey visited relatives and friends in Crane, Odean and Big Spring last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison returned Thursday from Aarillo where they have been since Sunday, attending the Stockmans convention and visiting her daughters and their families.

ROARING SPRINGS AND AFTON METHODIST CHURCH

In spite of the cold weather the Quarterly Conference was held at Afton last Sunday. Both joints were represented. The presence of all was appreciated.

Let's all try to be in our places next Sunday. Do you count it a privilege to have a place to worship? Ask God to show you your duty.

Eugene L. Naugle, pastor

Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given, that a City Election will be held on the 6th day of April 1937, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners.

M. E. Manning is hereby appointed Presiding Judge of said Election. Said Election will be held in the City Hall and in accordance with the laws governing elections in this State.

Approved:
E. J. COWAN, Mayor.
Attest:
L. R. BURROW, City Clerk.

Mrs. W. N. Kinney will be admitted free to see "Clarence" by presenting this notice at the Palace Theatre Tuesday or Wednesday.

"My Skin Was Full Of Pimples and Blemishes"

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lillard and daughter, Miss Mollie of Dickens, left Friday for Oronville, California to make their home, after a short stay in Lubbock, with their son, Carroll, who is attending Texas Tech.

THANKS
I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the people of Spur for their kindness and subscriptions during the past seven years while I was agent for the Lubbock Avallanche—Mrs. Dunn. 1p

Miss Mildred Collier, teacher Dumont School came down for week end visit and remained over a few days to attend her mother, Mrs. Joe Collier who is ill of flu.




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HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB NEWS

WHOLE FARM DEMONSTRATORS WORKING

To terrace the farm, dig a trench silo, repair the cellar and add shelves, box in the gable end of the house, and build a clothes and quilt closet are some of the things Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp of the Espuela community plan to do this year as the first step in the Whole Farm Demonstration they have started. The terracing has been completed recently.

Mrs. Sharp is yard improvement demonstrator in the Espuela home demonstration club and she will continue that demonstration completing it next year. They have set trees, roses and some foundation shrubs this spring.

To start the family orchard and add perennial vegetables to the garden, start an alfalfa field are some of the things they plan to start this year and complete next year.

The Whole Farm Demonstration is a new demonstration planned by the Extension Staff of A. and M. College to include the whole family and the whole farm. The family and the Extension Agents in the county plan the work and decide what will be completed this year, and next and on until the demonstration is completed covering a period of three to ten years depending on the needs of the farm and the home.

There are four Whole Farm Demonstrators enrolled in the county. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Forbis, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thannisch.

LILAC AND TAMARIX USED

"Group your shrubs and other plants for screening out buildings so that they will look as if nature put them there. It is well to plant so that the view from the back yard will be just as attractive as from the front," Miss Pratt told the Espuela home demonstration members in their meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Roy Johnson.

A small screen planting was made using lilac plants and Tamarix or salt cedar. Each member is to make a screen planting.

Five pints of milk were tested for sediment content. Proper care of milk was given by the agent and milk utensils shown.

Members present were Mrs. John Sharp, Mrs. S. P. Mosley, Mrs. Tom

Martin, Mrs. F. B. Crockett, Mrs. Lucy Myers, Mrs. W. A. Harris, and Mrs. Murl Foreman.—Club Reporter.

COOPERATOR MAKES SCREEN PLANTING

Forty-six trees and shrubs were used in a planting to screen the barns, lots, chicken houses and wood pile from the W. G. Hinson home in Red Top community in a demonstration last week. Mrs. Hinson is a member of the Red Top demonstration club.

Against the back yard fence which is also the lot fence were set eight poplar trees. Grouped in front of the poplars came a row of paradise trees then groups of lilac, salt cedar, flowering willow and wild currant, and bird of paradise. On the left side of the back gate a curving row of Chinese elms were set about two feet apart. These will not be pruned but allowed to branch from the ground to make a thick screen. Armour River privet was set about the smaller outbuildings to make a more permanent screen.

The Hinson's plan to screen the garage and feed stacks from the drive using Chinese elm, paradise trees, wild currant and bird of paradise.

The back yard was plowed deep in preparing the soil for the planting. When the plants were set the holes were dug large enough to place the roots without crowding.

Many screen plantings are being made over the county this month. Many of them much smaller than the Hinson home. In every planting native plants have been used. Others being used besides the ones mentioned are wild plum, red cedar, agarita and chemise.

DICKENS CLUB

On Wednesday of last week a program on looking our best was rendered at the home of Mrs. John Gay when the Dickens Womans home demonstration agent met there.

Each member also made a report to Council chairman on the accomplishments in yard improvement work this spring. Every member is urged to attend the next regular meeting of our club which will be in the home of Mrs. Murray Lea on April 7th where Miss Pratt or a district agent will give a demonstration on planning food for the family. —Reporter.

Merry Musical Fun Is Provided By Crosby Film



Excellent Songs, Comedy And Story In "Pennies From Heaven"

The Spur School Band is sponsoring one of the funniest entertainments to come to the Palace Theatre this year in offering "Pennies From Heaven" at the Preview Saturday night and Sunday and Monday. There will be advance sale of tickets and everyone is urged to buy their tickets in advance from Band members.

"Pennies from Heaven" should get the palm as the year's most tuneful picture as well as one of the most amusing. It gives Bing Crosby a sprightly vehicle in which to go to town, and go to town he does, with some of the catchiest songs you have ever heard.

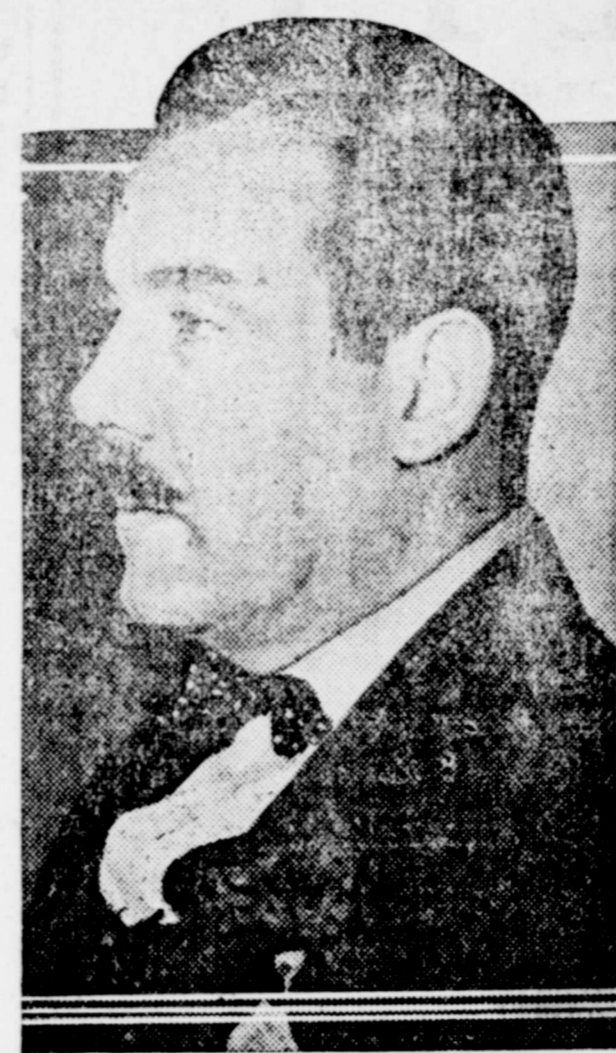
And Bing's acting talents are becoming more apparent with each film he makes. He is a born comedian; and he gets plenty of opportunity to show his wares in this picture, for its literally filled with laugh-provoking situations and dialogues. Bing is nobly aided and abetted in his foolery by a royal cast that includes Madge Evans, Edith Fellows, Donald Meek, John Gall-

audet and Louis Armstrong, colored king of swing music, and his band.

Miss Evans does her role to a turn, supplementing a natural gift of loveliness with some very capable acting. Little Edith Fellows, 13, but a full-fledged actress, gives a performance that matches even her own in "She Married Her Boss." She's a lot of actress, all right. Donald Meek once again does the trick, squeezing every laugh out of part that just drips with comedy. John Gallaudet, in a brief appearance, is completely convincing in a difficult role.

The story concerns Larry Poole, an ex-convict vagabond troubadour. He is asked by a condemned murderer in prison to look up the family of the murdered man. Larry finds a little girl and her grandfather, poverty-stricken. Then begins the highly entertaining tale of how Larry contrives to keep the child and the elderly man out of county institutions while falling in love with a welfare worker whose duty is to put them there.

'Everyman's Fair,' Says Whalen



NEW YORK, (Special).—Grover Whalen, President of the Fair Corporation, announces that official support and foreign participation in the New York World's Fair of 1939 are reaching new "highs", and that here is an already obvious opportunity for every state to display advantageously its accomplishments and future possibilities and to join in making it one hundred percent "Everyman's Fair."

New Lighting, Even Bubbles in Color To Beautify Fair

NEW YORK, (Special).—None of the scientific discoveries or developments being hurried from the laboratories to make the New York World's Fair unusual and thrilling will produce more startling results than the latest technique in illumination.

This statement was issued by Grover Whalen, President of the Fair Corporation, at the inauguration of experiments by the Fair's staff of engineers and illumination experts and their consultants. These men are already at work with quarter-inch scale models of the Fair, types of lighting equipment never before used in comprehensive manner, and utterly new principles never developed practically. They are dealing with everything from fluorescent dyes and colored bubbles to concentrating lamps and floodlight systems.

The plan is not to create spectacular effects in the usual sense of the term, says Mr. Whalen, but rather to create designs in light that will make their appeal through their magnitude and their sheer beauty.

LAMB COUNTY SHERIFF DIES OF GUN SHOT WOUNDS

Sheriff F. A. Loyd of Lamb County died Monday in a Lubbock sanitarium from gun shot wounds inflicted Saturday night. Funeral services were held at Littlefield Tuesday afternoon. Sheriff Loyd, an Amherst merchant prior to his induction into public office, was a brother to Mrs. J. W. Hilton of Afton and had many friends in this county.

The Lamb sheriff was shot when he attempted to arrest a drunken negro. The negro was later captured and removed to Lubbock for safe keeping.

Mrs. F. W. Smith of Waco spent the week end visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Lane.

Bill Kyle left Monday for McCamey to visit a brother and see about a position there.

Miss Ruth Maples of Ralls was the guest of friends in Spur Sunday.

WHEAT ACREAGE TO BE USED AS SOIL CONSERVING MUST BE DESIGNATED BY APRIL 15TH—LANE

All farmers in Dickens County who desire to plow under green wheat as a soil conserving crop for the 1937 Agricultural Conservation Program must file with the County Committee a request for approval of designated acreage of small grains as Winter Cover Crops. This request must be filed before April 15th, or this acreage will be classed as soil-depleting regardless of its use.

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Church News

JUNIOR GIRLS AUXILIARY

Eight members of the Junior Girls Auxiliary and one guest met in the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Jim Cloud at the usual hour Monday afternoon for a social meeting. Story telling was the entertaining feature for the afternoon. An interesting Easter story was told by each one present. The Easter motif was used in the refreshment plate and dainty handkerchiefs were given as favors. Next Monday the G. A.'s will meet at the church for a program "What Difference Does the Flag Make." All girls from nine to twelve years of age are invited.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

All circles of the Baptist W. M. S. met at the church on Monday afternoon for a business and Royal Service program at three o'clock. The meeting was opened with a song after which Mrs. T. J. Seales conducted the business for the afternoon. Mrs. Geo. M. Williams was leader for the Royal Service program on "Spanish and Portugal Missions."

Items of interest from South America were given by Mesdames A. M. Walker, C. B. Middleton, Charlie Powell and E. J. Cowan. The meeting closed with the Benediction.

WOMANS COUNCIL OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Twelve members of the Woman's Council of the First Christian Church met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Dickson on Monday afternoon at three o'clock for a Bible study. Mrs. E. L. Adams gave the opening prayer after which Mrs. E. C. McGee conducted a brief business session. Mrs. Walt Jimison and Mrs. E. L. Adams directed a discussion on the sixth and seventh chapters of Luke. Plans were made for an Easter hunt next Sunday.

SINGING CONVENTION

We extend a hearty invitation for everybody to attend the Dickens County Singing convention at Dickens, Sunday, April 4th. Spread lunch with us and enjoy the day. Good singers will be here; we expect you too. Jack Gibson, President, Dickens County Singing Convention.

—Plant Long Staple Cotton Seed—



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Water Conservation In Dickens County

By W. F. SHUGART

I was raised in Milam County on the tight buffalo flat land known as the raw-hide of Central Texas. I farmed in that section from 1883 to 1900 and moved to West Texas, locating in Hardeman County. In 1910 I moved with my family to Dickens County and located on some tight land East of Spur and broke the land out for the production of crops. The first few years there was little runoff from this farm land due to the large amount of grass roots in the soil. As these grass roots rotted the soil lay closer together and from year to year we noticed an increase amount of runoff from the farm land. As water was the thing that we needed most we started in 1919 to make preparations for catching some of the water that was running off the land. Our first effort was to build a straight dam across a flat but this gave very little spread to the water and resulted in a very wet place over several acres with the rest of the farm remaining as dry as it was before.

We had adopted the same practice we used in Milam County in running the rows down hill but found that this would not work in this dry country so we turned right around and run all of the rows up hill. This helped some but did not solve the problem. In 1922 we constructed the first terrace on my farm. At that time the best information available was to build terraces with a fall of three inches in 100 feet. We built in 1922 five terraces about a half mile long that were laid out by the County Agent of Dickens County and built then according to the specifications given. We got immediate results from these terraces, there was less runoff and crops remained greener much longer in the summer and we made more frequent visits to the gin. But there was still much runoff and we were losing much of the water during the spring months that we knew would be needed during the hot dry summer to follow. I guess that I was a pig in that I wanted to save all of the water.

In the middle of July 1925 there was a meeting of the County Agents of North West Texas in Spur, and they made a visit in a body to my farm. In the group were two county agents that were building level terraces in Fisher and Scurry counties and were saving all of the rainfall. This was the kind of a program that appealed

to me as I sure wanted to save all of the water and even get some extra water from outside if possible. It was at this meeting that the County Agents requested the Experiment Stations to conduct research work in order to determine to what extent the rainfall of West Texas could be used profitably in the production of crops. This was the start of research work that has covered the whole of the United States in the past ten years.

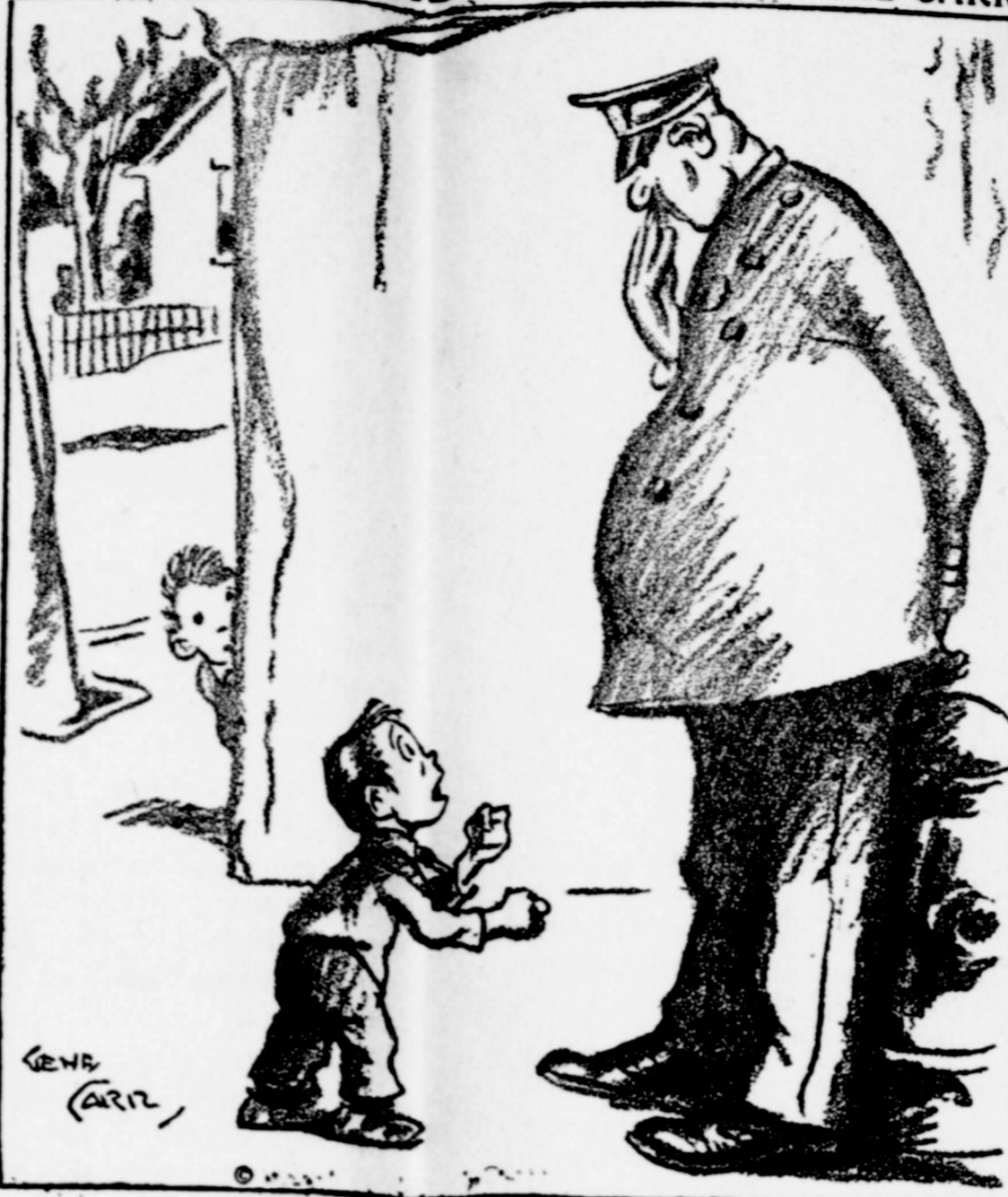
This brings us up to the point of our present program and the things we are doing to use water. We have three quarters in our farm and the water from three sections of land drains across my farm coming into my land in two draws. Every time it rained a lot of water went down these draws and I was just pig enough to want to save it for use in the dry summer months. It did not take us very long to find that we could save all of the water that fell on the land as our soil has a large water holding capacity. We later found that our soil would not only hold all of the water that fell on it but that we could store in the soil much of the water that come off the land above us and the only thing we had to do was to spread the water out over the land and give it a little more time in which to soak down.

This brings us up to the point of what we have been doing to spread this water and hold it on the land until it has had time to soak into the soil.

The first thing we had to do was to get the water out of the draws and onto the cultivated land. We built a dam across the draw and had it good and high as the water frequently comes down in a big head. We had already learned that the most important thing to do with water was to get it spread out and quit down and then we could lead it around over the farm in most any way we wanted to. In other words we wanted to walk this water over the farm instead of running it over the land. We have added this terrace construction from year to year and we are always on the lookout for an opportunity of putting the flood water over some land that has not been getting wet. We now have 17 terraces on the farm ranging in length from a half mile to a mile and half in length. They are all level and all are built with a view of spreading water. We started in with only 10 terraces but

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"Listen, Cop, Ring Up For th' Reserves 'Cause I'm Gonna Kill a Kid!"

from time to time we have dropped terraces in between these as we found opportunity to spread the water and cover additional land. Water has only passed through this syrup pan system of terraces once in the past 11 years. We have saved all the water that fell on our 500 acres of land and all of the runoff from the 2000 acres of unterraced land above us. We now have a set-up that we could use twice as much runoff water as comes onto the farm. We do not know just how much outside water we are using but judge it to be 5 to 6 inches on the average each year or it is about equivalent to moving my farm from a 20 inch rain belt to a 30 inch rain belt.

We were interested in terracing first and above all things due to the fact that it would give us immediate returns in the form of crop yields and increased profits from our farming, and second we were not only saving the soil on our farm but adding to it from year to year. There is no way to determine just how much we have increased our crop yield but we think over the period of 11 years that it has been about doubled. We do know that we have not had a crop failure and that there has always been places on the farm where good crops have been harvested. We do not think we will ever have years again on our farm that will be like the years of 1917 and 1918.

Since we have been building terraces we have used most every kind of equipment and have built most every design of terrace. There has been nothing that we have used so far that has put up a certain amount of terrace dirt so quickly as with a tractor and grader but the cost has been higher than with a fresno and where extra height is desired, and it most frequently is desirable, we have found the fresno to be practical and much cheaper. About 75 per cent of the dirt in my terraces was put in place

with a fresno and we are using this now practically altogether. Our terraces are all 30 to 40 feet wide and range in height from 18 inches to four feet. At the present there are three of the highest terraces that we are not cultivating. These terraces have had several years in which to settle and we plan to crop them this next year as our terraces and terrace channels most frequent ly produce our best crops.

We think that we have made the best use of our water resources, that we have materially reduced the risk element in farming and that we have done the most practical thing in conserving the soil on our farm for posterity.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Dickens
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That by virtue of a certain Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Harris County, 2nd day of December, 1936, by J. W. Mills, Clerk

District Court of said Harris County, Texas, for the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-one and 60/100 (\$4,861.60) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment of Foreclosure, in favor of The Federal Land Bank of Houston, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 221,877 and styled The Federal Land Bank of Houston vs. Kate Watson, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, J. L. Koonsman as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did on the 10th day of February, 1937, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, viz:

FIRST TRACT: The Northwest Quarter (NW 1-4) of the Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company Survey No. 392, Certificate 10-2091, Block No. 1 containing 165.24 acres of land;

SECOND TRACT: Being 49 acres off the East end of the North 1-2 of the N. W. 1-4 of Survey No. 382, Block No. 1, Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company, Certificate No. 10-2086; and levied upon as the property of Kate Watson, et al, and that on the First Tuesday in April, 1937, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Dickens County, in the Town of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution and Order of Sale I will offer for sale and sell at public vendue, for cash, to the highest

bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said Kate Watson, et al, in and to said property.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Texas Spur, a newspaper published in Dickens County.

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J. L. KOONSMAN,
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You have until midnight, April 1st to have your car registered for the year 1937.

On April 2nd, a 20 per cent penalty will be charged on all cars not registered and operated in the month of April.

By bringing your 1936 license receipt or transfer receipt you can be waited upon more quickly. In case you have purchased a motor vehicle with an out of county license number, it will be absolutely necessary to have these papers.

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By registering your car in Dickens County you are not only complying with the law, but helping your county at the same time, as the money you pay for your car tags is spent on Rural Roads. For your convenience I have arranged to have a deputy with tags and receipts at the City Hall in Spur Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27 where you may obtain your car license. If possible, it will greatly assist this office and make it easier for you to get your tags, by getting them before these dates at the Dickens office.

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