

Gulf's Wildcat Flow In Garza May Boost Dickens Activities

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1938 COTTON CROP ESTIMATED TO BE 10,000 BALES UNDER '37 PRODUCTION

Probably speaking the opinion of most ginner in this part of West Texas, T. N. Morgan, manager of the West Gin Company, says that "this 1938 crop is almost in the bag." And many of the ginner are already making preparations to shut off for the season, with few bales left.

Extremely pretty weather this Fall has been instrumental in cotton being gathered here much quicker than usual, and the shorter crop, too, figures in the speedy climax on picking.

Just how much cotton Dickens County will produce in 1938 is difficult to say, but a close estimate reveals that the 1938 crop will lag behind that of 1937 by about ten thousand bales. Last year the county produced something over 36,700 bales. The government report of November 15, this year, says that Dickens County had gathered approximately 23,500 bales. This year's figures jumped up to 26,700 would make the crop 10,000 bales short.

Ginner are universally agreed that the lent this year is superior to that of 1937, and that the grade is substantially better—and with prices "under the wood pile," there are few farmers that seem to mind the bale shortage very much. Acreage cut accounts for part of the shortage . . . and of course it took a few bales to feed the grasshoppers.

Dickens County, however, has a good average for the state. Texas produced 5,163,895 bales last year. The November estimate, made first of the month by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, for this year in the state is 3,125,000. That is near twice as much as any other state counts on.

If you have time to check a few figures, here they are—in the form of the Agricultural Department's estimate on the first day of November, 1938.

Texas	3,125,000
Mississippi	1,710,000
Arkansas	1,370,000
Alabama	1,085,000
Georgia	866,000
Louisiana	685,000
South Carolina	665,000
Oklahoma	575,000
Tennessee	500,000
California	430,000
North Carolina	425,000

The next figure would be 340,000 estimated for Missouri, with Arizona, New Mexico, Florida, and Virginia ranging on down to the 17,000 bale mark. All other states combined are estimated at about 18,000 bales, and the total 1938 crop at 12,137,000 bales.

The national crop in 1937 was 18,945,022.

Letter Reveals More Work On Cotton Situation

Dickens, Texas
November 29, 1938

Dear committeeman:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from Mr. Rathell which indicates the final disposition they are making of our Jayton loan cotton. I have talked to Congressman George Mahon about the situation, and although we are both dissatisfied with the way they are settling with West Texas farmers, we don't know at the present any further way to help ourselves. Mr. Rathell explains that this was the best proposition he could get for us.

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Santa Letters

As has been customary in the past, The Texas Spur will this year carry the messages of the kiddies to Old Santa. Santa Claus, like everybody else in this territory, reads The Texas Spur, and so, kids, if you have a letter for the Merry Fellow, mail it in, or bring it personally, to this office.

And you can start right now. We will publish letters in the issue of the coming week, and also in the issues that follow on up to Christmas. Get them ready, kids; tell Ole Santa what you want, and mail it in to Santa Claus, care of The Texas Spur.

Production Assured But Indefinite In Quantity

Pointing a definite finger toward heavier working on new tests for this entire territory, the "blind" production of the Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1 Swenson wildcat test just over the line in Garza County, brought in Friday, creates interest in possibilities as a new field in this area.

Although reports on the production mark have not been verified, since activities on the deep test have been confined almost throughout the drilling period, estimates have ranged from the 150 barrel flow in a nine-hour gauge, to as high as 200 barrels. Authoritative nettings, however, have not been given out by the company.

The deep test, first contracted to go down 8,500 feet, struck granite at 8,105 feet, and pulled the bit to plug back at an unnamed mark. Reports have likewise described the test as having passed through at least four other pay streaks, but unconfirmed, and it is likely that the lowest channel is being tested for pay quality. The well has never been acidized or swabbed, and was flowing in heads Monday, according to reports.

First reports on the well gave the first plug at about the 7,400 mark, shot with a Lane perforating gun; and it was believed that the first pay sand was reached around the 4,200-foot mark, although those figures are not the company's authoritative notes. It is probably planned to test the present section, and if production is suitable, no immediate upward move will be made.

It was revealed yesterday, however, from an authoritative source that additional storage tanks had been ordered for the well, and everything points to an opening for thorough exploration.

Operation Restores Vision To Mrs. F. E. Henze

Emphasizing the extreme benefits, and apparent miracles of modern day surgery, Mrs. F. E. Henze, who resided at Gilpin for many years, and who for the past six years has been practically blind, will now see again in the assurance given after an operation in a Lubbock sanitarium Tuesday morning.

Mrs. W. G. Young, a daughter, and Mrs. Joe Bailey Whitener, a niece of the Lubbock patient, returned from that city Tuesday night and reports that Mrs. Henze is resting nicely. Mrs. Burton Whitener, another niece, is remaining in Lubbock with Mrs. Henze.

With a happy gesture, Mrs. Henze exclaimed that she could see the surgeon's hand immediately after the operation, and the doctors were also enthusiastic about her return of vision.

A cataract was reported to have been the trouble, although the impairment had heretofore thought to have been internal.

Plans are to return Mrs. Henze to her home at Gilpin in the next few days.

City Is Decorated For Santa's Arrival

Just to make Dear Old Saint Nick feel welcome when he hits Spur, the Christmas Spirit is in evidence through cooperation of Spur business men and merchants in a full program of decorating. Lights swing across the streets—varied colors, and store windows bespeak the Season of the year.

Monday when Santa comes sailing into town, he's going to wonder at the pretty sights that greet him . . . and that's going to be one of the things to cause him to really "strut his stuff" and show this trade territory what a real Christmas is.

Mrs. Bill Sauls was a Spur visitor Wednesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, renewing her subscription to the Texas Spur and Star Telegram.

Farmers Ready To Vote On Cotton Referendum

Representing perhaps one of the most important steps on the part of farmers since advent of the Farm Program, growers of the fleecy staple will go to the bat Saturday, December 10th, throughout the "Cotton Area" to make a decision on the life of the AAA plan.

For some time farm meetings have been held over this county, and growers here have given serious consideration to the situation. The voting standard has been based on the two-thirds majority to carry the Program into the year 1939. In other words, if the measure is voted down by more than one-third of the farmers, no marketing quotas will be in effect the coming year.

Eligibility is defined as farmers who were engaged in the production of cotton in 1938, as owner-operator, cash tenant, standing -rent or fixed-rent tenant, landlord of a share-tenant, or share-tenant or share cropper—excepting long-staple growers (one and one-half inch staple or over) of which there are none in Dickens County. No one is entitled to more than one vote, and although may vote at any one box in the county, cannot cast a ballot other than by personal appearance at that place.

McAdoo's voting place will be in the Leahy & Brantley Store; Commissioners' Court Room is designated at Dickens; Duncan Flat is to use the gin office; Afton and Croton will likewise use the gin offices at the respective places, and the Spur box will be in the Directors' Room of the Spur Security Bank. County and community committeemen will be in charge of the election boxes.

In short, only persons who have signed contracts, rental or cropping agreements, shall be eligible to vote, and on such an important decision, all such farmers should be represented.

Parent - Teachers Organized At McAdoo

Wednesday evening there was an organization meeting of the parents and teachers of McAdoo in the High School Auditorium.

A short program was rendered by Mrs. Burks' Tapping class. The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. W. R. Weaver, of Spur. Everyone who heard Mrs. Weaver speak enjoyed her pleasing voice and sense of humor. Her talk was both interesting and educational.

Miss Lenora Nickles, acting chairman, took charge and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. A. Butler; vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Potts; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Price Brownlow; reporter, Mrs. J. Walter Grist; program chairman, Mrs. H. U. Butts; entertainment chairman, Mrs. Geo. Archer; finance chairman, Mrs. Willie McLaughlin.

After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed by all in the Home Economics Cottage. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, oatmeal cookies, and coffee were prepared and served by members of the school faculty.

The McAdoo P. - T. A. will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p. m. in the High School auditorium. Eeveryone is urged to attend these meetings. They are for you and the welfare of your child and community. Don't forget the next meeting is Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p. m., in the school auditorium. Come and bring your neighbor.

Robert Butler was here Friday from his farm home near McAdoo, buying supplies of the Spur merchants and greeting friends and other visitors in the city.

S. C. Holden of Sudan was a business visitor in Spur Friday. Mace Hunter of six miles east of Spur was a business visitor in the city Friday.

SPUR FEATURING BIGGEST XMAS OF ANY CITY IN WESTERN TEXAS

Without doubt the City of Spur is featuring for its entire territory this year one of the greatest Christmas programs of any city in West Texas, and a splendid two-weeks' event that will be appreciated by old and young alike.

Getting the jump on the rest of the country, Old Santa has joined Spur in the big plan, and will arrive here next Monday for the entire two-weeks' stay. Every after-

BEST DECORATED HOME FOR THE SEASON
To make more thorough the city's decorating activities and beautification program, prizes have been offered by the Spur Young Men's Business Club for the best decorated home in Spur for the Christmas holidays. Officials stated that all decorative work, lighting, etc., must be completed by December 15. If you plan to enter your home in the contest, don't let the deadline slip by without being ready. Help Spur to beautify; it will be worth the time, even if you win no prize.

noon will greet the kiddies on the streets, giving them candies and nuts, and helping them to get ready for the big Christmas this year.

However, Santa is a pretty Old Bird, and he says that the elders like to be in on this "Christmas Doin's," too. He is going to award some person with "25 Wagon Wheels"—a shock of "long green," if you prefer—every day of this two weeks, except on Saturdays, of course. That means, beginning next Monday, for five days next week, and then again for five days the following week, on right up to Christmas.

Now if you know this SPUR SANTA, you know what that means; just what he says—ten big days of fun . . . and maybe you think 25 of those "green, silky flags" isn't a lot of fun.

The big program is sponsored by the Spur Young Men's Business Club, and they are exerting every effort to show every one a grand time. And the lid is off! If it's bargains you want, they have them. Just figure out what you want . . . even if you live many, many miles from here . . . take off your gas bill, and maybe a ticket to a good show, and you'll still have money. The price is the thing—and yet you get real quality merchandise.

In true western style, the larch string hangs outside. Just load the flivver down and head for Christmas Headquarters.

Mrs. Tom Porter Wins Turkey In Word Contest

Whew! did you say a real job checking all those papers returned to The Texas Spur . . . but then it's a lot of fun along with the work, and the big contest has proved very popular with the readers.

"It's interesting," they remark. "This spelling isn't quite so easy as we sometimes think—even though you are hunting errors. But we must say there are many good proof readers in our territory. There are many good papers that do not win prizes, but you know we must award the five prizes to the FIRST FIVE bringing the most nearly correct answers. More interesting just now, however, is WHO WINS?"

For first prize, to take the free turkey, is the entry of Mrs. Tom Porter who lives out on Route A. Mrs. Porter marked every error, or misspelled word, on the page, and her entry is number 23. Others to win a free pass to the Palace Theatre, compliments of Mr. Hardwick, are Uncle Bill Hyatt, Spur; Mrs. J. F. Williams, Roaring Springs; Mrs. A. M. Walker, Spur; and Mrs. T. J. Taylor, Roaring Springs.

The Palace Theatre passes are good good for Sunday or Monday, Dec. 11 and 12, and a real program awaits the winners. "My Lucky Star" is the big feature, and the program is (Continued on Back Page)

Community Meeting At Foreman's Chapel

Next Tuesday night, December 13th, a big community meeting will be held at Foreman's Chapel, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, at which time a very interesting and enjoyable program will be put on for the huge gathering expected out for the event. The meeting was described as generally interesting for the public, with stories and Christmas Carols to crown the entertainment. Many games will be in evidence, and one feature that everyone thoroughly enjoys from start to finish is that of a refreshment service.

With another slant reaching further into a business session, a discussion will be up concerning the AAA Program and its general workings if carried through to the 1939 crop year. G. J. Laine, County Agent, is slated to give some good pointers, along with other participants who will bring out some interesting angles.

The public is invited out to take part in the meeting.

Dickens County School Books Are Audited

The school year ends in September, so new books are opened at that time and a financial report is made by the Spur Security Bank in which every item of expenditure and every receipt is listed, and each financial transaction of the past year is reported upon.

Each year these reports are audited by the State School Auditor. All reports have been sent in and approved during Mrs. Twaddell's term of office with the exception of last year's, which is now ready to go to the State Auditor. He has never during all these years in any way whatsoever reflected on Mrs. Madge D. Twaddell, or her method of handling school money.

Below is a report made by a well-known West Texas auditor. This special audit was made this year, contrary to custom, at the request of the County School Superintendent, in as much as the state audit probably would not be approved by January 1, the time of the expiration of her term of office.

To the Honorable School Board, Dickens County, Dickens, Texas. Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request we have made an audit of the records of your County Superintendent, and submit herewith our report showing the results obtained.

The audit made consisted of a detail check and verification of all receipts and disbursements of the School Funds of Dickens County, Texas, for the period begun September 1, 1937, and ended August 31, 1938, so that the statements made herein are, therefore, submitted subject to this reservation.

The report consists of this letter, the exhibit and schedules referred to herein, all listed in table of contents immediately preceding and in the order in which they appear. It will be noted that the exhibit, Summary of all Funds, is supported by a schedule of Receipts and Disbursements within each fund, which in turn is supported by schedules showing more in detail the source of receipts and the departmental expense to which expenditures were chargeable.

All recorded cash receipts amounting to \$116,941.27 were properly accounted for and traced into the depository, Spur Security Bank, Spur, Texas. In like manner all disbursements in the amount of \$101,889.91 were verified in detail and ascertained to be supported by properly signed, endorsed and cancelled bank checks and authorized charges on file.

In conclusion, we desire to thank (Continued on Back Page)

145 Head Sold In Monday Block Auction

Showing some improvement over the previous two sales, although not reaching the figure of the first sale here, the Spur Livestock Auction and Commission Company put 145 head of cattle through the ring Monday.

The market price this week compared favorably with that of a week ago. The average quality in cows ranged from \$3.50 to slightly over \$4.00 per hundred. Butcher yearlings went at the \$5.50 to \$6.50 level, with stocker yearlings off to a better starter of \$5.75 and peaking at around \$6.50. A line-up of lighter heifers crossed the block at \$26.50 per head.

No prime bulls were offered on the Monday sale, but the block price on the offering ranged around the \$4.00 mark; and one good milch-cow caught the hammer at \$57.00.

Officials from the ring reported a larger group of buyers, with representatives from many other cities. Preston McClamahan, Jack Lewis and R. L. Benson took the lead for home buyers. Dan Hill was here from Aspermont; Charlie Lewis came down from Floydada; Plainview had representatives; and several buyers from Lubbock, including Kuykendall, Stokes, and others.

Friday will be the weekly horse and mule day at the sales barn, with the next cattle sales day on Monday, December 12.

District Sanitarian Visits Dickens Co. Schools

Mr. James E. Walker, District Sanitarian from Health Unit No. 1, Floydada, Texas, visited the schools of Dickens County this week, accompanied by Mrs. Madge D. Tawdell, County School Superintendent.

Mr. Walker and the State Department of Health are primarily interested in a safe water supply for the schools. The schools can send in monthly water samples to the State Laboratory at Austin for bacteriological analysis. The Department is also interested in sewerage disposal.

Mr. Walker thoroughly inspected the school toilets and general sanitary conditions of the schools of the county, making sane and practical recommendations. Other features discussed and stressed with the school officials were the drinking facilities, heating, lighting, ventilation, and safety devices. Mr. Walker, after making the survey, held personal conferences with school officers in which needed improvements were discussed.

The school people of Dickens County deeply appreciate Mr. Walker's very valuable help; this, and many other services rendered to Dickens County by the State Department of Health.

It's Only 17 Days Until Xmas—

But it would be a long time if you were going to do without food.

We are glad that we are going to make Xmas happier for a lot of people.

BELL'S CAFE

From **Larue** To **Rue La**
Your McAdoo Correspondent

Dear Larue:
Sunday was a gala day in our little city; the Baptist had an all day meeting to dedicate their church building. The Methodist people dismissed their services and came in a body to rejoice with them. Rev. Jeff D. Welch, co-pastor, with his brother, of Central Baptist Church, Lubbock, preached the sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. Rev. Brannan had charge of the program which included recognition of charter members, former members, former members, former preachers, and visitors. Among the visitors were: Plains Missionary Blake, Lubbock; Rev. Wallace, Crosbyton; Mr. Ike Hinkle, Crosbyton; Rev. Willis, Crosbyton; Rev. Bennett, Spur; Mr. W. D. Starcher, Spur; Miss Katherine Rose, Ralls; Rev. Welch, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brannan, Slaton; Mr. and Mrs. Gause, Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Sanders, Roaring Springs; Supt. and Mrs. Kelly, Patton Springs.
At the noon hour tables were placed upon the lawn and a basket dinner was served to all present. The menu was as varied as the food was abundant; no one needed to go away unsatisfied. Chicken, ham, roast pork, sausage, roast beef, salad of vegetables and fruits, pickles, pies of every kind, cakes too numerous to name and numberless other good dishes tempted the appetite of even the most lackadaisical person.
The farmers and their wives of this community held a meeting Tuesday night at the school house; the purpose of the club recently formed is to become versed in the new farm program and learn how to observe its provisions and profit by them.
Friday night, December 9, the Junior Class of the high school are to present their play "A Ready Made Family;" this is a comedy from beginning to end, and the only lesson it proposes to teach is "to keep vest and waist buttons sewed on tight." The proceeds are to be used to banquet the seniors in the spring.
Tuesday, December 6, the football boys were made happy by the arrival of their aunts, some of which are leather and others of satin in the school colors.
The boys and girls' teams went to Girard to play ball Saturday night. Both teams lost by a wide margin. The boys played Girard and the girls played Jayton's B team.
Thursday night, December 8, the newly organized P. T. A. is to hold its first regular meeting in the Home-making Cottage. Mrs. Robert Butler is president of the organization and Mrs. Price Brownlow is secretary-treasurer. Mrs. George Potts is first vice-president; Mrs. H. U. Butts is chairman of the program committee, and Mrs. George Archer heads the entertainment committee. The meetings will be held on each second and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning with Thursday's meeting. Each meeting will end with a social hour.

A number of members of the McAdoo Epworth League attended a meeting of the district body at Matador, Monday evening. Ruth Ward, secretary, was on the program for a report.
Friday evening of last week the annual FFA - Homemaking party was held at the Homemaking Cottage. The high school faculty were also guests. Group games and contests were the diversion of the evening. Refreshments of cookies and Oriental punch were served to about thirty guests and the hosts.
The Board of School Trustees held their regular monthly meeting Monday evening. They voted to dismiss for the Christmas holidays Wednesday, December 21.
Thursday of last week County Superintendent Twaddell, Deputy State Superintendent Beard, and several members of the local board of school trustees visited the school upon which Mr. Beard was checking that day from the standpoint of physical equipment. Mr. Beard's report was favorable, and the school was granted sufficient state aid to carry on the school according to the usual standard.
Mrs. Archer and her third year Homemaking Class served lunch to Mrs. Twaddell, Messrs Beard, Butts, A. C. Rose, Riley Wooten, Emmett Phifer, and John A. Allen. The well-appointed luncheon table and the delicious food brought much favorable comment from the visitors.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. John Mann of Hale Center were in Spur Thursday and visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Westerman, while enroute to Alcido to visit his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mann and family. Mrs. Westerman accompanied them on the trip and visit to her brothers home.
M. L. Blakely and daughter, Mrs. W. M. Arthur of Elton were shopping and visiting in Spur Thursday and while here they come by and renewed their subscription to the Texas Spur. Mr. Blakely has been reading the Texas Spur for twenty-nine years and says he considers it one of the essentials.
Mrs. Maud Gay of Dickens, representative of the Great Southern Life Insurance Co., was a business visitor in Spur Monday and while in town was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.
Miss Monte Shugart, of Galveston, arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shugart and family.
Mrs. W. N. Blackwell, of Clarendon, spent the week end in Spur visiting her mother, Mrs. T. H. Gilmore and her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Yoakum and Billie. Mrs. Blackwell was one of our neighbors when we first came to Spur.
Robert Nickles, prominent citizen and gin man of McAdoo, was a business visitor in the city Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nickles of McAdoo were first Monday visitors in Spur, returning home in a new 1939 Chevrolet, purchased of Spur Motor Company.
Mrs. Emma Johnson and daughter of Afton and Lubbock were among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday.
Mrs. B. C. Langley and son, Robert returned Saturday from a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Salmon of Troupe, Texas.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wright of Dickens were among the many visitors in Spur Monday.
Miss Dorothy Young was a week end guest of friends in Stamford.
W. R. Lewis, of the New Deal Grocery, returned Tuesday from a business trip to Fort Worth where he sold fifteen head of cattle at 8 cents on the Fort Worth market.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay, of Fort Worth, visited her father, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golf and her sister, Mrs. Clark Forbis and Mr. Forbis, of Afton, Friday to Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Matthews and children were guests Sunday of his sisters, Mrs. W. C. Gruben, Mr. Gruben, Emma Pearl and Matthews, and Mrs. T. C. Ensey, Mr. Ensey, Jack, Peggie and Mynyard.
Mesdames R. C. and Clark Forbis, of Afton, were in Spur Tuesday to attend their 1917 Study Club meeting and visit relatives and friends.
Mrs. E. M. Hale, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. I. Doss of Lipan, for the past ten days returned Tuesday to her home in Spur.
Jim Derr of McAdoo was one of the many to spend Saturday in Spur, looking after business and greeting friends.

Balkans Plan New Boundaries



Immediately following Yugoslavia's election next Sunday, December 11 international observers predict that border territories lost by Bulgaria after the World War will be returned, in exchange for which Bulgaria will join the Balkan entente to oppose Germany's "drive to the southeast." Territories to be returned include (1) a small strip of Rumania; (2) three small zones from Yugoslavia, and (3) an area near the Aegean sea from Greece. Member nations of the Balkan entente are surrounded by heavy border on above map.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mecom and daughters, Rita and Forrestine, spent the week end in Stamford with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Estes and baby, Rita Ann.
Mrs. Sam Clemmons and daughters, Elizabeth and Sue, who have been spending a two weeks visit in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan and family, and Mrs. Pauline Clemmons and family returned Sunday afternoon to their home in Amarillo. Mr. Clemmons came Saturday for a week end visit and to accompany his family home.
Mr. and Mrs. George Potts of McAdoo were shopping with Spur merchants and visiting friends while in Spur Tuesday.
J. A. Legg of Croton spent Friday in Spur transacting business affairs and greeting friends.

Buster Roberson was in town Friday from his farm home in the Highway community. He reported everything lovely and the goose honking high, that he had finished his crop, had his pockets full of money and had brought his wife to town to buy more clothes to make more pockets. Spur is a great country.

Mrs. Faust Collier, of Lubbock, spent the week end in her home in Spur, returning Monday morning to Lubbock.

James Henry Cowan, senior in Texas Tech, Lubbock, visited his parents, Judge and Mrs. E. J. Cowan Saturday night and Sunday.

H. E. Blenden, merchant and postmaster of Glenn, was in Spur Friday buying supplies for his place of business and greeting friends.

Mrs. W. E. Moore, of Colorado City, spent last week in Spur visiting her mother, Mrs. M. W. Chapman, Garland and wife and baby, Max; her sister, Mrs. Eric Ousley and Mr. Ousley and children; and Judge and Mrs. A. B. Chapman and sons, Brooks and George.

Mrs. Fred Garrett of Royalty arrived in Spur Monday of last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Loyd Johnson and Mr. Johnson.

Howard Campbell was a business visitor in the city Monday.

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No matter how many medicines you have tried for your cough, chest cold, or bronchial irritation, you may get relief now with Croomulsion. Serious trouble may be brewed and you cannot afford to take a chance with any remedy less potent than Croomulsion, which goes right to the seat of the trouble and aids nature to soothe and heal the inflamed mucous membranes and to loosen and expel germ-laden phlegm. Even if other remedies have failed, don't be discouraged, try Croomulsion. Your druggist is authorized to refund your money if you are not thoroughly satisfied with the benefits obtained. Croomulsion is one word, ask for it plainly, see that the name on the bottle is Croomulsion, and you'll get the genuine product and the relief you want. (Adv.)

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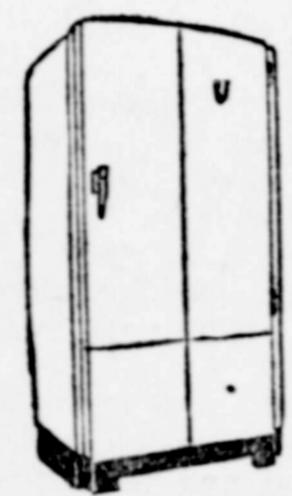
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A DANCE THAT WAS A DANCE

CHAPTER XV

The spring of 1890 was early. General rains fell over all West Texas, and once more, so far as range conditions were concerned, everything was "hunkey dorey," when what my old friend Willis Smith called an "Epizotic" broke out on the ranch. Just as summer was starting, Bud Campbell resigned as foreman of the ranch and returned to Brown County; Joe Stokes was made Range Boss in his place, and Handy Cale was given the branding wagon run. The "The Epizotic" broke out. Joe Stokes married his sweetheart, Miss Emma Mason, a sister of Johnnie Mason, now living in Post, Texas. Soon afterwards Mr. Horsbrugh married Miss May Michel, a niece of Mr. Hank Smith, of Mount Blanco, and sister to Mrs. Van Leonard. Miss Michel had shortly before come from Sandusky, Ohio. It was a sure thing she never was going to be allowed to return there if Texas could help it. John Day, one of the top hands on the ranch, had been in love all spring with Miss Luty Gilmore, a daughter of Uncle Tom and Mrs. Gilmore, who was then cook at headquarters.

John, when at the ranch, had volunteered at every opportunity, to help Uncle Tom with the milk cows. John was and is a good fellow, "nary a lazy bone in 'im," so we all wished him luck when he told us Luty had promised to be his. Preparations for "a sure enough" dance were started. "The Boar's Dive," or as Mrs. Gilmore more politely called it, "The Boys House," had just had a new floor put in it. So after getting Mr. Horsbrugh's consent, we "let Texas know" The Spurs were going to have a dance. It was decided that when John Day and Luty Gilmore got married, we would celebrate all three marriages with this dance. The folk around Colorado City, Snyder, and all between there and The Spurs, knew and loved Uncle Tom and Mrs. Gilmore. Mrs. Stokes also had lots of kinfolk around Snyder, and all of the cowmen and cowboys who had ever been to Mount Blanco we knew would come, and they did.

The old Spur boys, then at work on the Matadors, all came and brought their girls, or wives. We boys at headquarters lived high. Pies of every kind were tested out by us, and enough chuck was fixed up to be ready for the big event, which was set for Wednesday the 13th of November.

The roundups for the year were over early, and everything was set for the winter so that we had nothing on our minds but to prepare for the dance. When the day came, we dressed and polished up so that we hardly knew each other. We had an early dinner, and a good thing it was that we ate when we did for the folk commenced coming early. Horses and buggies were all over the hill. The preacher was on hand, so at four o'clock John and Luty took their places in the old Rock House. Three other couples formed the square, Parson Gates in the middle, and he gave the "life sentence."

Parson Gates was a sincere, honest, old-time preacher, well liked and respected by all the cowboys and his neighbors. So after he had married John and Luty he said, "let us pray." I cannot give you all the prayer, only the last part of it which I shall never forget: "And now, O God, bless this newly married couple, make them fruitful and multiply, and O God, bless the Spur boys anyhow, Amen." For half a minute not a sound was heard, then the fiddlers broke loose and the dance was on. After the first dance there was room for two sets, and for a time we shall leave them dancing.

My job was to care for the horses and teams that would be with us over night. I had fed all the ranch horses early, and had turned them out of the corral into the horse pasture. I had lots of help but it was dark before all were cared for. About dark it began to snow, big heavy flakes, and not a breath of wind was blowing so soon everything was white. But who cared? It would stop some time.

The little "Squawins" were bedded down in the mess room, and just anywhere else that there was room for two or three. Only room enough was left to get to the long table loaded with chuck. Near eleven o'clock supper was called and the fiddlers put up their fiddles. About then John and Luty disappeared, and while some of the boys did hunt for them they were not found. Soon after eating the dancing was resumed.

I don't know what year "The Virginian" represents in Montana, but I do know that that kid was not the first switched. Jess and Tuck were always in some devilment, and they switched a sleeping "kid" from one room to another. When it was found out that a "kid" was missing, there was some excitement. I had gone to eat something and heard the fuss, but the women wouldn't tell me what it was all about, they kept it to themselves. The baby was of course soon found, but there was always some mother "on guard" after that.

Next morning there was over two feet of snow, and it was still snowing just as hard as ever. Most of The Matador boys left soon after breakfast, also a few of the neighbors, but all the rest stayed on. There were others, besides the two who were paid to play for the dance, who could play the fiddle and the French harp. So what did a little snow matter, with lots of fire wood, a warm house, plenty of chuck, and pretty girls who never got tired of dancing? All these were ideal conditions for the first Spur Dance.

After breakfast when the dishes had been cleared up, the dancing was started again. Dinner time came and some of the girls sent Mrs. Gilmore out of the kitchen, and cooked dinner, then as soon as dinner was over, some took a nap, while others continued dancing.

In the meantime the snow, if anything, got heavier. It did not stop snowing until just before

sun down on Saturday evening, but the dance did not stop then; not until one-thirty Sunday morning. Three days and nights. If only Larry Chittenden had been there, that "Dance at Anson City" would not have been in it. When the folk all left, and the dance was over, we were about out of chuck and horse feed, but luckily there was plenty of fat beef, and lots of Johnson grass hay.

The effects of that dance were felt long afterwards. Several of the boys had "met their fate," many of them married a girl that was at that dance; and the number of horses I had to hobble, while some of the boys were off sparking those girls, would mount a regiment of cavalry.

THE ORGANIZATION OF DICKENS COUNTY

CHAPTER XVI

The settlers of Dickens County late in the fall of 1890, had perfected the Organization of Dickens County. The election for the County Seat and the officers of the County was set for the spring. The first election came off in April, and Espuela got the majority of the votes for the county seat. It was destined, however, that there were to be two more elections held before Espuela was declared to be the County Seat of Dickens County by the newly elected Commissioners Court. The reason for that was given to be the fact that, Espuela was beyond the five mile radius from the center of Dickens County. The joker was that no one then knew just where the lines of Dickens County were.

The townsite of Espuela was where Old Dickens City had been during the late seventies, and in fact till 1888, there was a blacksmith shop there. It was on the townsite section that J. H. Parrish had a store as previously mentioned. I was with surveyors and helped to set the stakes in the laying out of the townsite.

There were two other places being run against Espuela for the County Seat at the first election. They were at Brownings' Store (where Prss Goens now lives) and Frankfort, a site on Croton Flat east of the brakes. Espuela got the majority of the votes, but a second election was ordered, and again Brownings' Store and the present site of Dickens was run against Espuela.

Espuela got the majority of the votes but not two-thirds of them, so another election was ordered. This third election was between Dickens and Espuela. Again Espuela got the majority of the votes. In May 1891, the County Judge and the Commissioners Court, declared Espuela to be the County Seat of Dickens County.

The townsite of Espuela was two miles east of the Ranch headquarters at a beautiful site with plenty of very fine soft water. To start the new town, each voter in the county was given ten lots free of cost, by the Espuela Land and Cattle Company. The old Dockum store was moved and a new building erected. Very soon there were five or six other stores in operation, a hotel and Billy the boot maker, as well as many dwelling houses. Jess Pollard quit the branding outfit and opened a saloon, which he called The Elite. The mail route was changed and the new post office was named Espuela. A news paper was started. The Espuela Bulletin, with Major Mose Harris as editor. The Bulletin was always a most interesting paper; Major Mose had been with The Chicago Tribune, and knew the business from A to Z. It was more than a little country paper, and each weekly edition was eagerly sought and read with interest.

Late in the fall of 1892, the bonds for the erection of the Court House at Dickens were voted, but no contract for the erection of it was then let.

WHEN THE GODESS IS DEAF AS WELL AS BLIND

CHAPTER XVII

The first District Court was held at Espuela, on the seventh of December 1891, Judge Billy McGill on the bench. McGill was appointed District Judge by Governor Hogg. I would like to say a good deal about Judge Billy. He was like Judge Bean—a law unto himself—but he may be in heaven, and if I ever get there, should I say too much, I am sure he would commit me for Contempt of Court.

McGill was a politician of the "carpet bag" type, and was the cause of more hell in this county than any other one man. He was badly beaten at the first election held after his appointment. But the enmity he caused by his unjust arbitrary rulings is still felt in this country.

After a year or so, he ordered a new County Seat election. Everyone thought it was a joke, as it was intended to appear. Only one box was opened in Dickens County, and that at Dickens where eighteen (18) votes were cast. There was not another vote cast in the whole county, yet McGill declared that to be the election which decided where The County Seat should be. An injunction was granted against him, as judge, from acting further in the case, but that was nothing to Judge Billy, he promptly dissolved it; stating that he was The State of Texas here.

During this time of litigation another drouth and the worst depression I have ever seen in the cattle business set in. This drouth lasted until June 1893.

The first elected officers of Dickens County were: Sheriff, J. D. Harkey; County Judge, A. J. McClain; County Clerk, D. S. (Sid) Dunwoody; County Treasurer, Jimmy Jones; Tax Assessor, Jef fD. Kutch; County Attorney, Joe E. Rosson; and District Attorney, L. S. Kinder; and R. A. (Shorty) Wilkerson, Justice of the Peace.

The newly elected county judge, A. J. McClain, was supposed to have been a resident in

Dickens County at the time of his election, but it was not for several years after his term of office expired, that it was found he lived in Kent County.

It may be of interest here to tell of the first lawsuit held in Dickens County after its organization. R. A. Wilkerson, Justice of the Peace, store keeper, and Post Master at Dockum, held his court on the prairie outside the store. I forget who the six jurymen were, but their verdict was characteristic of the West then. Mr. E. Luce had filed on 160 acres of homestead land on Red Mud, adjoining this land was some 80 acres of land unfilled on. Mr. Luce had a minor daughter, in whose name he had filed on this eighty acres. A man by the name of Keltner, also laid claim to it, and brought suit for it. The verdict was, that one was a land jumper, and the other a land smuggler, and that as there was plenty of land for both, neither of them should have it.

On the day of the last election for the County Seat, Mr. Horsbrugh had to leave and go to Fort Worth, before leaving he made arrangements that the election returns should be sent to him as soon as possible after the Commissioners Court had declared the results of the election. So Jess Pollard borrowed my pacing horse, Old Tallow Eye, and with Sam Simms riding a black horse branded 6, left camp on Dockum Flat, three miles south of the ranch headquarters, just at sun down and next morning by nine o'clock they rode into Colorado City; one hundred miles flat. Jess was still on Tallow Eye, but Sam had changed at Snyder, 75 miles from camp.

In September 1891 Mr. Horsbrugh bought in Fort Worth and shipped from there, a fifteen horse power Atlas Engine, and a sixty saw cotton gin. A month later he got a French burr grist mill. The cost in Fort Worth for the engine and gin was \$879.00, and for the grist mill \$117.00. These were the first of that kind of machinery to be brought into this part of Texas.

There were a good many settlers in the Spur Country by then, and as they all had to haul their cotton to Snyder (75 miles) to have it ginned, as part of the development of the ranch, the gin was bought. We used to gin and wrap the bales of cotton for \$5.00 per bale, any size.

THE LAST OF THE MUSTANGS

CHAPTER XVIII

Just before roundup work started in the spring of 1891, the branding outfit of which I was a member, was sent to clean up the West Pasture of the stray horses, which had become a nuisance. The nucleus of the bunch were two mustangs which were owned by Jim Pritchard. Jim was then one of the farm boys, but in the early eighties made a living by catching the wild mustangs. Many of them roamed the plains west and north of here. These mustangs had gathered a bunch of mares and saddle horses and they were continually trying to steal part of the remuda. We were told to get them.

There was a big open flat on the east bank of McDonnald Creek, that was visible to a large surrounding territory. It was about a mile south of the round up grounds, and not very far from the head of the creek. This was selected as the best place to handle the bunch. We camped at our usual camping place, and located the bunch that evening, leaving them undisturbed.

Next morning we unhobbed most of the horses, and started out after the wild bunch. They were easily found and we circled south of them, driving them north along the west outside fence, towards the head of McDonnald. They broke back twice, but were quickly turned north again. Our orders were to run the bunch just as hard as we could run our horses.

In the meanwhile the remuda was scattered out on the flat, but under herd. Each of us had tied up our best horse to change to, at the first opportunity. Billy Spillman and I had just changed to our fresh horses when we saw some of the boys bringing the bunch round a high point east of McDonnald. We made for a fence corner where the fence turned east to Catfish River, and there cut them off and "laned" them into the remuda. The rest of the boys were ready for them, and we kept riding in a circle, gradually closing in the saddle horses to a compact bunch. Then the ropers got in their work.

All the strays were caught, with the exception of the two mustangs, which were allowed to escape on purpose. That afternoon those two horses died very suddenly, being mistaken, I think, for two deer by some person or persons unknown. The owners of the stray horses and mares were there to receive their stock.

I Give You Texas



Boyce House

An interesting contribution to Texas lore could be made by someone who would write a little volume on the historic hotels in Texas. These would include the Menger in San Antonio, the Driskill in Austin and the Metropolitan (recently renamed the Milner) in Fort Worth. Although new structures have replaced the original buildings, the Nemitz in Fredricksburgh and the Crosbie in Beaumont are others that come to mind. Gone, and with no successor to carry on the name, is the McCleskey in Ranger, where deals involving many millions of dollars were made during the big boom.

Politics, with its excitement, humor and triumphs, has its tragic side, too. Recently, a man who was a candidate for high office the past summer told this observer: "For three weeks before the primary, I knew I was defeated—that there wasn't a chance." (Everybody else knew this even before the candidate did). "But there was nothing I could do; I couldn't quit; I just had to keep on making speeches, shaking hands, greeting people with a smile and predicting victory. I felt like a man in Condemned Row as he counts the days separating him from the electric chair."

The other day, James V. Allred made a speech in which he came out in favor of "adequate provision for the State's insane, epileptic, feeble-minded and delinquent at any cost" and he asserted that the treatment of these unfortunates was so lamentable as to "constitute an indictment against Texas." Who has been Governor of Texas the last four years, anyway? It musta been two other fellows.

Thousands of old folks, facing a cold and cheerless winter because only a small pension—or none—has been provided under the Allred administration no doubt read with great interest that the Governor is going to recommend additional buildings to care for delinquent negro girls.

Two Jefferson citizens met in a cafe and one of them raised his arm in the Swastika salute but greeted the other with "Heil Hitler," but "Hi, heel."

And the Clarendon Leader tells of a peculiar accident. It seems that a bridge party was in progress in a home on a highway when one of those tiny cars skidded and crashed into the parlor. The driver asked the direction to Amarillo and was told: "Turn around in front of the piano, take a left turn at the gold fish bowl, bust through the front door and keep right down the walk until you drop off the curb. Turn to the right and you can't miss it."

A clever idea, and one which is being widely adopted by motion picture theatres, is to have two clocks in public view at the box office, one giving the correct time and the other showing what time it will be when the patron comes out of the show.

But let's hope that other theatres don't adopt the "barker" idea of a Dallas theatre. A man stands in front and hour after hour, he tells what the picture is, who the stars are and why you will like it. He talks longer every day than the late Huey Long when he was conducting a filibuster in the Senate.

LITTLE MOMENTS IN BIG LIVES

FRED C. CHANDLER, PRESIDENT OF THE CHANDLER MOTOR CAR COMPANY, OF CLEVELAND, WAS AN OFFICE BOY IN A BICYCLE FACTORY WHEN OFFICE BOYS WERE OFFICE BOYS.



METHODIST LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The ladies of the Methodist Church met Monday. Mrs. Graham led the devotional from Matt. 5:9. Mrs. Gilbert gave the meditation talk from the World Outlook "Christ or Crutches." Mrs. W. S. Campbell and Mrs. Benefield gave topics on "Bridging National and Racial Barriers." The Harvest Day Celebration is to be held Thursday at Haskell and a number of ladies are planning to attend.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Intermediates 6:30 Seniors 6:30 Evening Service 7:15 W. M. S. Monday afternoon 3:00 Wednesday Night Service at 7:15. Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the subject: "Success or Failure?" Be sure to hear this important message. Special music will be rendered. A real surprise is in store for all who attend the evening service. Do not fail to attend and learn what it is. You will be glad you came. We are delighted to have visitors in our services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY GIVEN TUESDAY NIGHT

Tuesday night of last week Mrs. Earnest George was hostess at a party entertaining her Sunday School class of seven boys, at her home in northwest Spur. A number of indoor games were enjoyed after which the hostess served a refreshment of cookies and punch.

Patton Springs School News Notes

PATTON SPRINGS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Patton Springs School will dismiss at 4:00 p. m. December 23rd for the Christmas holidays. School will be out the rest of the year. Work will begin following the holidays on January 2nd.

BASKET BALL

The 1938-39 Basket-ball season opened for the Patton Springs Rangers (Boys and Girls) at Dickens, Friday night, December 2nd when they met the Dickens High School Boys and Girls Teams. This was the first chance for Coaches Clack and Russell to observe the strength of their teams.

BAND

The Patton Springs Band, under the able leadership of Paul W. Pattillo, is making rapid progress. Eighteen instruments have been purchased and a number of students are asking Santa Claus to think about bringing them a band instrument for Christmas. I think Santa has promised a sufficient number that the total instruments in the band will climb to close to two dozen by the time the New Year starts. The parents of the band members and the community as a whole are really manifesting enthusiasm and interest in this organization. Band practice has been announced for Tuesday and

Thursday nights, in addition to the time spent in school.

SCHOOL ANNUAL (YEAR BOOK) PLANNED BY SENIOR CLASS

The Senior Class of Patton Springs High School is making serious plans to publish, as a class project, a year-book or annual this year. It is hoped that much good will come therefrom. A full crop of student officials under the leadership of faculty advisers, will develop and present 100 copies, for purchase at a nominal cost, to the student body of the school. No student can afford to miss having one of these "Memory Books" in his or her home. The years will pass by, and everyone who possesses one of the annuals will cherish it more and more as time passes, for it will bring happy High School Days back.

BABY GRAND OPERA AND OPERETTA

All patrons, parents, and friends of the Patton Springs School are asked to mark carefully and keep open the night of December 8th. Everyone in the District and adjoining districts or more distant districts are urged to come this night to see the Patton Springs Grammar School Students present two Baby Grand Operas and One Operetta. These presentations are being prepared under the direction of Mrs.

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For Women and Clubs



MRS. W. T. ANDREWS HOSTESS TO 1917 STUDY CLUB

The 1917 Study Club met in regular meeting Tuesday, December 6th, at the home of Mrs. W. T. Andrews. Value of Music in the Home was the lesson subject. Leader, Mrs. W. C. Gruben. Ten members answered roll call with current events on music. News notes from the musical world was discussed by Mrs. R. A. Taylor. Music Appreciation—Special music by Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Andrews. Panel discussion: A Cycle of Home in Music.

During the business session plans were formulated for a Christmas Program with Mrs. M. H. Brannen as hostess.

Members present were Mesdames W. F. Godfrey, R. A. Taylor, Henry Gruben, Clark Forbis, R. C. Forbis, George M. Williams, M. H. Brannen, J. E. Berry and R. E. Dickson.

MRS. H. C. FOOTE HOSTESS TO 20TH CENTURY CLUB

Mrs. H. C. Foote was hostess Tuesday afternoon when the Twentieth Century Study Club held a regular meeting and heard a program on Europe's Wonderland, Greece.

The following program was given: "The Ancient Land of Greece"—Mrs. Crockett. "The Golden Touch," a Greek Myth—Mrs. E. S. Lee.

"New Greece, the Centenarian Forges Ahead"—Mrs. V. J. Campbell. "In Modern Greece"—Mrs. W. S. Campbell.

"Olympian Games"—Mrs. Foote. A refreshment plate of chicken salad, wafers, cake and coffee was served to the following club members:

Mesdames F. B. Crockett, O. M. McGinty, E. S. Lee, O. C. Thomas,

J. M. Foster, P. C. Nichols, G. J. Lane, O. L. Kelley, J. A. Koon, A. M. Walker, E. L. Caraway, L. D. Ratliff, B. F. Hale, W. B. Lee, T. H. Blackwell, V. J. Campbell, and V. C. Smart.

PARENT TEACHERS TO HAVE MEETING MONDAY 12TH

Spur High School P. T. A. meeting December 12th, 7:30 p. m. at the High School.

Leader, Mrs. O. L. Kelley. Debate—Home and School Today as 25 Years Ago.

Mrs. P. H. Miller and R. E. Dickson vs. Morris Laine and Joe Fredrick.

Due to the County Trustee-Teachers meeting at McAdoo, Tuesday evening, December 13th the change in date of the P. T. A. meeting was made.

MRS. MARK WADZECK HOSTESS TO TRIPLE TREY CLUB

Mrs. Mark Wadzeck was a charming hostess, Saturday afternoon, when she entertained with contract bridge, having as guests her Triple Trey Bridge club membership.

Mrs. J. P. Carson Jr. made high score and received as prize a pottery sugar and creamer. The hostess served a lovely refreshment plate of peach salad, toasted cheese and pimento sandwiches, shoestring potatoes, olives, coffee and cookies to her guests as follows:

Mesdames L. D. Ratliff, G. B. Wadzeck, E. D. Engleman, Henry Bilberry, H. B. Thompson, Pike Nichols, and prize winner Mrs. Carson.

MISS MELBA HAZEL HONORED AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Miss Melba Hazel, Baylor University student from Spur, was elected corresponding secretary of DAP, girls' social club, at a recent meeting of the group.

TWO SPUR GIRLS GIVEN HIGH HONOR RATING

Mary Jo Collier, daughter of Mrs. Joe Collier and Annie Laurie Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lewis are listed on the mid-semester scholastic honor roll at Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas. To receive this high honor rating, a student must have made an "A", an average of 90 percent or better must be made on all work done in the course.

As is the custom of the college, the honor roll was posted the first of this week on the bulletin board in the Harding Memorial Building by the registrar, Mrs. Clara Bishop.

Will Lee Clark, Music Director; Miss Mildred Holt, Piano Accompanist; and Miss Walterena Russell, Physical Education Director. No admission charges for the entertainment.

Personal

Mrs. David Wilson, of the Spur Laundry - Cleaners, who spent last week in Clarendon as relief manager of the Wilson Brothers Laundry at that place, spent the week end at her home in Spur, returning Sunday afternoon for another week, during the absence of the resident manager, Walter Wilson, who with his bride are spending a two weeks honeymoon trip.

Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Callan were business visitors to Lubbock Wednesday.

Mrs. S. C. Mitchell of Loleta, who is here visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill of the Alamo Stock Farm, in company with Mrs. McNeill and son, Randolph, were shopping in Spur Wednesday afternoon. Other guests of Mr. and Mrs. McNeill at this time are his brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McNeill and son, L. J., Junior, of San Antonio.

Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Callan had as guests Thursday his mother and aunt Mrs. W. K. Callan of Rotan and Mrs. Branum of Sherman, respectively.

Mrs. W. K. Callan accompanied them to Rotan for a week end visit, returning Tuesday to her home in Spur. Messrs Frank and Fred Adams, who recently located in Spur with the Adams O. K. Tire Welding System business have been unable to secure a place to live until last week. A house on the J. B. Morrison Ranch was leased and Mr. Frank Adams moved his wife and baby and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adams from Sweetwater to their new home. Mr. Adams stated that he had the promise of a place near Spur after the first of the year and which would be more convenient to his place of business.

Mrs. Edna Edmonds returned Tuesday from a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. G. H. Connell and other relatives in Fort Worth and other East Texas points.

MRS. LYNN BUZBEE ENTERTAINED

Thursday of last week Mrs. Lynn Buzbee was hostess at a lovely party at her home, 423 West 1st St., when she entertained her London Bridge Club.

In the contract bridge games, Mrs. Truman Green played high and was awarded the prize. Other guests were Mesdames C. I. Raley, Charles Hardwick, William O. Leach, Harvey Giddings, A. A. McKimney and V. V. Parr. Following the games the hostess served a lovely refreshment plate to those attending and enjoying the party.

MR. AND MRS. CARL RANDOLPH VENISON SUPPER HOSTS

Monday evening, November 28th Mr. and Mrs. Carl Randolph were hosts to a number of friends, entertaining with a venison supper at their home in Afton.

On Saturday night preceding, a party of big game hunters had returned with a full quota from a week's hunting trip to the Davis Mountains.

Carl Randolph had missed making this trip and he decided that next to going on the hunt would be to get the boys together, give them a venison feed and listen to them live again those treks over the mountains.

With Mrs. Randolph as a never failing aide, they did to a queen's taste, venison steaks, roasts, and all the trimmings and issued a call for the boys including Dr. R. L. Alexander and son, Rex of Spur, Jeff Randolph, Jud Smith, Ferrell Smith of Afton and Dave Hale who had come all the way from Arkansas to go on this hunting party.

Other guests included Mrs. R. L. Alexander and son, Max of Spur, and members of the other hunters' families whose names we failed to get.

The guests departed at a late hour declaring Mr. and Mrs. Randolph as most delightful hosts.

MR. AND MRS. F. O. BRITAIN ENTERTAIN SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Brittain entertained Sunday with a 12 o'clock luncheon served buffet style, at their home 329 West 6th Street.

The guest list reads Mr. and Mrs.

U. L. Wylie and daughter, Clotile; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Westmorland and Mrs. Beatrix Watson of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Newton of Daugherty, T. N. Morgan, Jack Kazziah and Cecil Brittain of Spur. A sumptuous repast and a delightful occasion was reported by those present.

MRS. W. T. ANDREWS HOSTESS TO 1925 BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. W. T. Andrews was hostess to the 1925 Bridge Club at a lovely party Wednesday afternoon of last week at her home 519 North Trumbull.

In the bridge games Mrs. R. R. Wooten was awarded a beautiful linen dinner napkin as high score prize.

Other guests present were Mesdames Ray Taylor, Nell Davis, Della Eaton, M. C. Golding, F. W. Jennings and V. V. Parr.

A short business session was held and plans for a Christmas tree and banquet at the Spur Inn, Monday, December 19th were discussed and disposed of.

At the end of the evening entertainment and business session the hostess served a lovely refreshment plate to guests named.

FOUND-UP OF McMINN FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weaver and children, Margaret Mae, Bob and Betty, left Saturday evening to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McMinn at their home in Merkel.

Other week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. McMinn were Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Threlcastle of Ada, Oklahoma, his sister, and E. R. McMinn of Eastland, their son.

E. R. McMinn came to Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Weaver for a few days visit before going to Oklahoma where he will spend the remainder of a two weeks vacation.

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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA HAVE MEETING

The Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met in a business meeting and initiation service with Mrs. W. R. Weaver, Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A short business session was held with Mrs. Weaver acting as president in the absence of president, Miss Margaret Elliot.

Miss Thelma Logan was initiated at a very impressive ceremony. Refreshments of fruit cake and coffee were served to the following: Misses Virginia Elliot, Alta Casse, Lillie Gentry, Edith Caveness, Thelma Logan, Mildred Holt, and Mrs. W. R. Weaver.

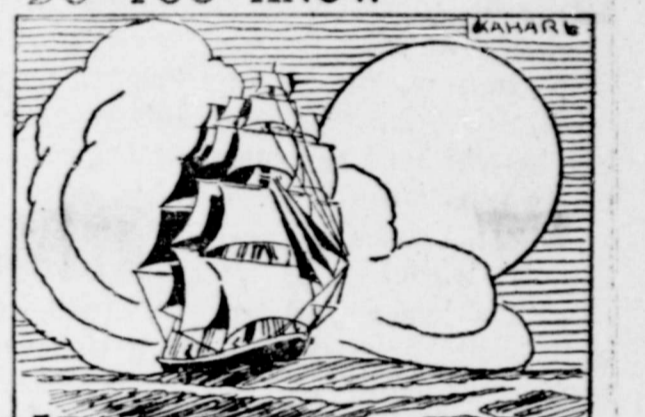
CARD OF THANKS

In appreciation of many acts of kindness and words of consolation in the loss of our baby girl, we can only invoke Heaven's blessings on each of you and thank God for such friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Sabe Kennedy and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison were among the number of business visitors in the city

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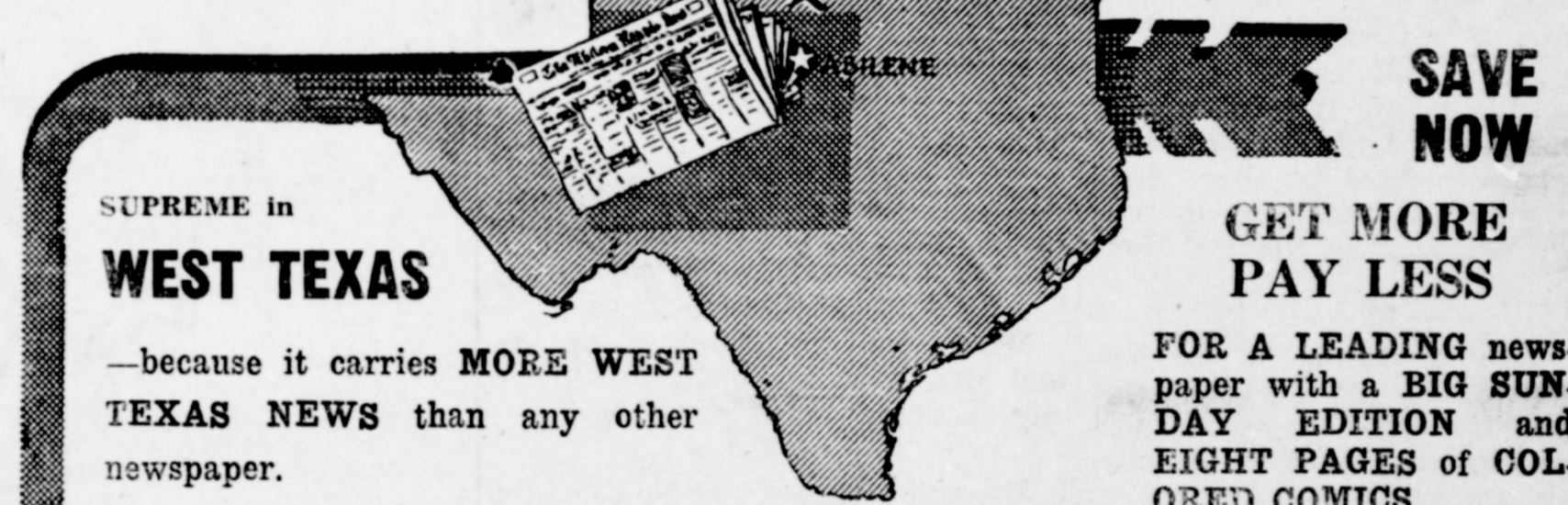
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Dickens County School Books Are Audited

County Superintendent, Mrs. Madge D. Twaddell, for her courtesies shown and assistance rendered during the course of this audit. We found her records in excellent condition with all funds properly and satisfactorily accounted for.

Mrs. Tom Porter Wins Turkey In Word Contest

slated as a top-notch. Winners may call for the passes at their pleasure, or before Sunday. The turkey will be delivered to Mrs. Porter at this office Saturday.

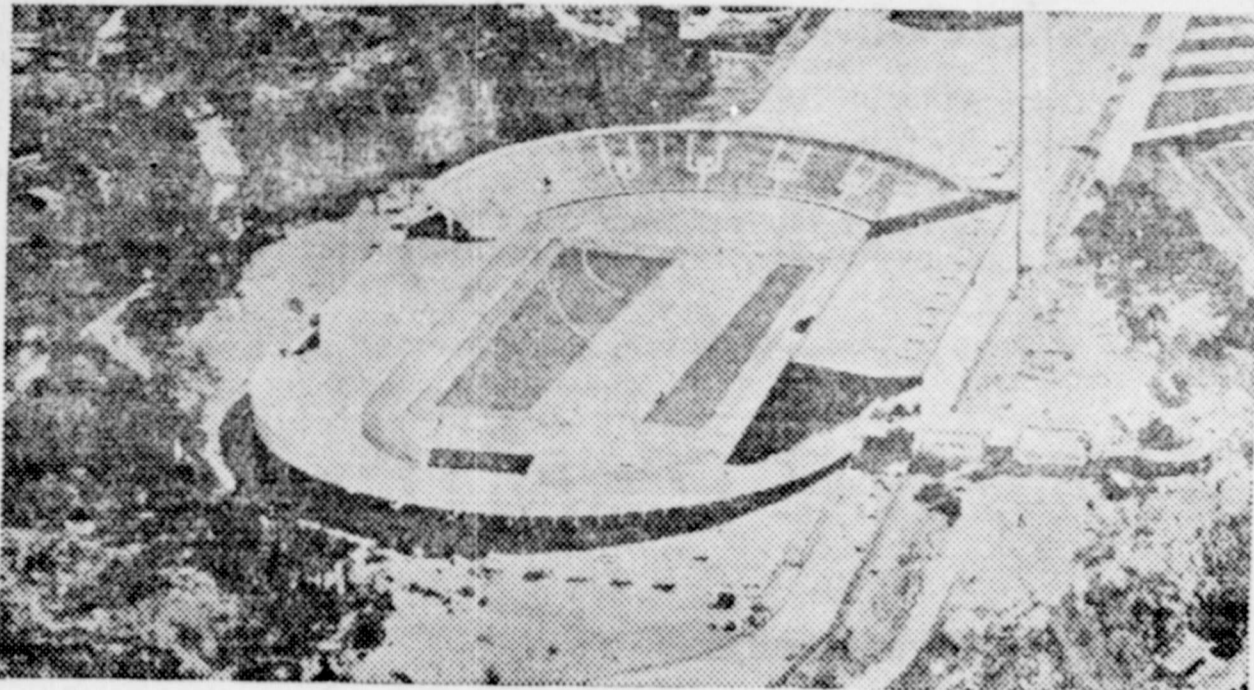
Old Age Insurance System Called Simpler

Further simplification in the old-age insurance procedure under the Social Security Act was announced today by Dewey Reed, manager of the Amarillo office of the Social Security Board.

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The United States Olympic committee accepted Finland's invitation to the 1940 Olympics at a special meeting held in New York Monday, December 5. Photograph shows the new Olympic stadium at Helsinki, Finland, where games will open July 20, 1940.

People In The News

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hines and children and Mrs. W. F. Shugart returned Monday from several days visit with their brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hines of Shreveport and Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Hines of Haynesville, La. E. H. Hines who has been spending several months with his daughter, Mrs. W. F. Shugart and son, J. F. Hines returned to his home in Haynesville, La.

Letters Reveal More Work On Cotton Situation

Mr. Mahon and I will continue to work on the matter. If you can think of anything we might do to help the situation, get in touch with us immediately. I am advising local farmers to either pay the amount due or else sign agreements attached to each notice.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

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You will, of course, note that the producer will be expected to give voluntary assignments of any benefit payments to the extent of the amount of his deficiency as determined in the tentative statement and that where such voluntary assignments are not given it will be necessary to request the General Accounting Office to withhold payments.

First Garner-For-President Club Organized

Declaring that John Garner's record of public service "is without blot or stain, a matchless record seldom equaled and never surpassed in the annals of American history," Roy Miller of Corpus Christi, Democratic leader and longtime friend of the Vice President's, delivered the principal address at the nation's first Garner-for-President rally at Detroit, Texas, Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Street of Donna, Texas are visiting his parents in Dickens, and friends in Spur.



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