

Old Timers Start Gathering Today For Dickens Picnic

Walter Dickson, Red Mud Storekeeper, Buldgeoned; Dies In Winslow Hospital

Walter L. Dickson, for the past two years keeper of a small grocery store in Red Mud, about 10 miles southwest of Spur, and who reportedly had sold his property previously to starting for California to live, died in a Winslow, Arizona, hospital Tuesday night, officers believing that he had been brutally beaten by two youthful hitchhikers whom he had "given a lift" on the highway.

Carried Big Roll

Statements here varied as to the amounts of greenback that Dickson had on his person, estimates ranging from \$200 to \$1400, but perhaps more accurate are beliefs of two or three men from Red Mud that he had approximately \$500 when he left Spur Saturday morning. Press reports stated that in more than one instance a re-check revealed that

SPELLING DIFFERENCE IS NOTED IN NAMES

Noting a difference in the spelling of names of Dickson and his brother, Ben Dickerson, it was explained by the sister, Mrs. Wristen, that Dickson had dropped the two inner-letters from his name several years ago. In transacting business in Red Mud, as well as in Spur, Dickson had used the dropped form of spelling in all instances, in preference to the longer name.

two young men had been riding in the car with Dickson previous to the time that he was found on the highway five miles from Holbrook, fatally beaten and unconscious, and a search was being made over that area by descriptions sent out by Holbrook officers.

Leave for Winslow

A brother and a nephew, Ben Dickerson senior and junior, and Biddy Hicks, filling station proprietor of Spur left here yesterday morning about 9:00 o'clock for Winslow where Dickson's body was being held pending instructions. Dickerson farms near here, and his son is employed by Bob's "Oil Well" cafe and Filling Station at Matador. Prior to departing, the brother stated that Dickson would likely be buried in Winslow following their arrival.

Dickson is also survived by his wife, who has been in California for some time, and whom he was to join on arriving in California, and a sister, Mrs. W. H. Wristen, who lives in Baird. Mrs. Wristen was unable to go to Winslow with her brother for the funeral.

Struggle In Evidence

According to an Associated Press report, Holbrook law officers described the scene in the car as having been place of an intense struggle. Blood stains were on the cushions, and the handle-mountings of a pistol was found on the floor. Dickson, the officers stated, had probably been left in the car for dead, but had left the car, and by walking and crawling had gone about five miles from the vehicle. He was unconscious at the time he was found. Physicians attributed death to a basal skull fracture.

RETURN FROM AUSTIN

Superintendent Moyné L. Kelly, Mrs. Kelly and the two daughters, Betty Lou and Helen Juanita, returned from a ten day visit in Austin Tuesday. They motored down July 8th to visit Mrs. Kelly's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Whitley.

Mrs. E. D. Engleman and daughter Jean, and Ida Lee Golding returned Saturday to their homes in Spur after a six weeks sojourn in the Santa Fe National Park near Los Vagos, New Mexico where the archaeological and biological research field class of Texas Technological College was located during the first summer semester.

Mrs. Alton B. Chapman and sons Brooks and George are spending a month or six weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Borganier, of Lott, Texas. Judge Chapman says that if the wife continues her visit he is certain of attaining proficiency in the culinary arts; maids work and even the laundress will have to make a bow as he is getting in a bit of practice along that line as well as all other home making assets.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hindman and small son and his sister, Miss Ruth Hindman, spent the week end in Lubbock the guests of their sister, Miss Gladys Hindman.

Will Rape Dies At Steel Hill Home Saturday

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 16th, at 5:00 p. m. o'clock at the First Methodist Church of Spur, for W. E. (Will) Rape who died Saturday afternoon about 3:00 at his home six miles southwest of Spur, in the Steel Hill community.

Rev. L. W. Kitchen assisted by Rev. E. Denton officiated at the services.

Pall bearers were Edgar McClellan, C. C. Kimmel; Bailey Kimmel, Ab McClanahan, Bert Cherry and Morris Yandell. Interment was made in the Spur cemetery with Ward Funeral Home in charge.

William Edward Rape was born March 11, 1885 in Hill County, Texas, being 54 years 4 months and 4 days old at the time of his death.

In 1908 with his mother and other members of the family he came to the West and settled in Motley County where he lived near Roaring Springs until 1919 when he came to Spur and established his home on the Sulebenberger farm in the Steel Hill community where he has resided since.

He was married to Miss Etta Wood in February 1936 and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Frances La Nell 2 years of age.

After leaving his old home in Hill county, Mr. Rape had neglected to transfer his church membership until 1938 when he joined the Methodist Church at Duck Creek.

Surviving are his widow and daughter, Frances La Nell; three brothers, Howard Rape of Lockney; Tom and Bascom Rape, Spur; and two sisters, Mrs. E. A. Bailey and Miss Lillian Rape, Spur.

Fifty Years Of Wedded Bliss Celebrated By S. R. Bowmans At Spur Home July 15

With an example of faith, hope and good works, a neighborly and congenial spirit of good will as a background from which to pass on to more happy and full years, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their North Burlington home here last Saturday, July 15, with the huge guest list signifying their graciousness and popularity in the minds of Spur citizens.

The entertainment was held from 3:00 to 6:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon in a revolving hour fashion for guests. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, and a magnetized interest evidenced in the attractiveness of the dining table laid in lace cloth with a centerpiece of golden colored flowers—this the gift of guests, and beautifully influenced in interest by many other lovely gifts adorning.

Refreshments of Gold and White brick ice cream, with individual angel food wedding cakes inscribed with the dates, July 15, 1879, and July 15, 1939—representing fifty years of fine accomplishments for the couple.

Three daughters of the Bowmans, Mrs. S. H. Twaddell, of Amarillo, Mrs. Lee Sanders, Albany, and Mrs. G. B. Whittle, of Cleburne, assisted in entertaining and serving. Other children present were A. M. Bowman, a son, and his family and another son, Lewis Bowman, all of El Monte, California.

About 70 people called during the entertaining hours, the list including Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ramsey, W. C. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Long, Mrs. Kate Morris, Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, Mrs. Nellie Davis, Miss Eva Murphy, Mrs. W. H. Suddeth, Mrs. L. E. Barker, Mrs. L. A. Hindman, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dobbins, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hinson, Mrs. J. E. Dozier, Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Billberry, Mrs. Ernest George, Mrs. S. I. Powell, Mrs. Edd Lisenby, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Jonyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cathey, Mrs. E. L. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett, Mrs. Geo. M. Williams.

W. R. Weaver, H. B. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lea, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Burnam, Miss Mary Louise Burnam, Miss Jennie Shields, Mrs. Hattie Turvan, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Seale, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell, Mr.

Grady Kinsolving, Corpus Publisher Closes Book

Grady Kinsolving, editor of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, and for a number of years a resident of Abilene, died Tuesday in a Temple Hotel, marking finish to a colorful career as soldier, news reporter and newspaper publisher.

In the words of Col. Dick McCarty, publisher of the Albany News, and respectfully titled "The Mark Twain of West Texas," by a large dominion. "Grady Kinsolving had more friends than Napoleon had soldiers, and has sufficient character to catch and hold more."

Col. Dick's words typify the Corpus Christi publisher. He will be missed from Texas newspaper circles, as well as in many other fields of work.

Infant Of Rev. And Mrs. Fred C. Cairnes Dies In Conway

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Cairnes will learn with sorrow of their recent bereavement in the death of their infant daughter. The baby was born Saturday morning at a hospital in Conway, Arkansas, and lived only a few hours, death occurring Saturday night.

Mrs. James B. Reed, mother of Mrs. Cairnes left Saturday shortly before noon for Abilene where she entrained for the remainder of the trip to Conway, where she will remain indefinitely to attend Mrs. Cairnes. Mr. Reed and Rev. R. C. Joiner who accompanied Mrs. Reed to Abilene returned Saturday afternoon to Spur.

According to latest news from Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Cairnes condition is reported as improving satisfactorily.

Mrs. Mattie Lisenby has had as guests the past two weeks her daughter, Mrs. Decard Barnes and son, Decard, Jr., of Abilene and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Pannel of St. Louis, Mo.

and Mrs. W. D. Starcher, Mrs. J. P. Carson, Sr., Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Mrs. Lucy R. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laine, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Mrs. Edna B. Daniels, Mrs. R. E. Dickson,

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Fox, Mrs. L. E. Lee, Attorney and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff, Miss Myra Alice Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Pen Shugart, Edd Potts, Miss Petie Stokes, Miss May Belle Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Martin, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Langston, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gibson, Mrs. Pauline Clemmons, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mecom, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patton, Mrs. Ella R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wolfe, and possibly others.

Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bird of Matador, Mrs. Ella Murphy, a sister of Stoneburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Murphy, brother and sister of Mrs. Bowman, of Girard; Billy G. Bowman, a grandson of California; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowman, son and daughter of California; Mrs. Lee Sanders, a daughter of Cleburne; J. Lewis Bow-Twaddell, a daughter, and Miss Mable, a son of California; Mrs. S. H. Lorelle Twaddell, of Amarillo Mrs. C. P. Enrey, of Colorado; Mrs. B. F. Norris of Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hill of Hubbard, Mrs. T. E. Wright, a sister of Haskell.

About 70 called during the entertaining hours.

SING-SONG IN AFTON NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 23

The regular Fourth Sunday Sing-Song of Afton will be held in Afton next Sunday, July 23, beginning at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Place was not given out, but as usual it will be held with one of the churches, or at the school building.

The general public has been invited out to take part, and a special request is made of singers to be in attendance.

Messrs W. M. Hunter and son W. M., Jr., and Billie Hillie returned Thursday from a ten days vacation and trip to California to visit the Fair on Treasure Island and other points of interest while in California also while en transit to and from there.

Appear On Pythian Program Here



ALVIN R. ALLISON

Lubbock Pythians Entertain Big Group Here

If Damon and Pythias could have been present here Thursday night of last week when a Lubbock delegation of Pythian Knights acted as hosts to fraternal brothers of Spur, a dozen members of the Paducah Lodge, as well as representatives from Dickens, Aspermont, Levelland and Throckmorton, both would have made a bow of approval for the friendly spirit and evidenced loyalty that prevailed throughout the meeting.

Although Spur Lodge No. 419 has been dormant for some time, the Lubbock visit from Lodge No. 488 may serve as a gesture of revival for the local group, and a committee composed of W. T. Andrews, L. R. Barrett, and O. C. Arthur, was appointed at the Thursday night gathering to make a study of probability for immediate reorganization and launching of the order.

From the host group of Lubbock G. Hubert Ater addressed the seven-city delegation, emphasizing advantages the importance of "Pythian brotherhood" in the present era, and shared time on the speaker's stand with several others.

John Lee Smith, of Throckmorton, member of the Supreme Pythian Cabinet and District Deputy Chancellor for Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, gave pointers on the friendly relations that advantage cities as well as men of today.

Others making short addresses were J. L. Howell, and Welder Mouldin, Paducah; Alvin R. Allison, State Representative, Levelland; H. A. C. Brummett, Dickens.

Response talks from the local group were made by J. W. Meadows, Charlie Powell, L. R. Barrett, and O. C. Arthur.

In the host group from Lubbock were G. H. Ater, Elmo Payne, Ace Cope, Ralph Brock, Walter Davies, Odie Rich, Royal Ferguson, C. O. Campbell, H. G. Brock, Willard Goughly, Maxie Fann, J. B. Shannon, Randolph Manning, Clarence Tisdell, Sam Counts, and Russell Harden.

From Paducah were J. W. Dalton, J. L. Howell, Rupe Tye, Bill Handley, Joe Shadid, Homer Biddy, J. V. Payne, Roy Powell, Welder Mouldin, Reese Tye, C. A. Brock, and Hubert Lee.

Fred Stockdale of Aspermont represented that city.

The local group in attendance at the Hall were J. W. Meadows, Chas. Powell, W. T. Andrews, J. R. Laine, F. B. Crockett, Mack Tidwell, L. R. Barrett, Commie Hisey, C. F. Apple-gate and O. C. Arthur.

REV. CRUTCHFIELD, KITCHENS MAKE TRIP TO VEERNON YESTERDAY

Rev. Finis Crutchfield, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Kitchens, left here yesterday following the early services in the revival meeting that is being held at the Methodist Church for Vernon, Texas where Rev. Crutchfield had been called to deliver a funeral address. The deceased was a relative.

Rev. and Mrs. Kitchens made the trip and visited relatives in that city while Rev. Crutchfield officiated in services at the bier.

E. H. Dodson, Maytag salesman with Thacker-Godfrey for the past several months resigned his position with the firm to establish a Maytag dealers business at Childress and with his family recently moved to that city.



JOHN L. SMITH

1940 Budget To Be Adopted Monday For County

Dickens County Commissioners will meet Monday with County Judge Marshall Formby to adopt a budget for 1940, it was announced this week.

Commissioners Horace D. Nickels, E. J. Offield, W. H. Hindman and M. B. Gage will meet in special session to discuss the budget which has been prepared by the county judge for next year. The commissioners may either adopt the budget as it has been prepared, or they may make as many changes as they desire. Usually the budget is adopted in practically the same form as prepared by the county judge and county auditor, Merriman and Campbell, Lubbock auditors, assisted in preparing the Dickens county budget.

Indications were that the 1939 tax rate, which will be set sometime after August 15, will be somewhat lower than it has been in the past. Bond requirements will be about the same for 1940 as in 1939, but a surplus which has been accumulated will bring about a reduction in the levy for bond purposes. Also less money is being spent at the courthouse, Judge Formby said.

Under a plan of dividing the money spent by the four county commissioners, each commissioner is allowed a certain sum to spend during the year. "If the tax rate is reduced for 1939, which we think it will be," Judge Formby said, "it will be due to the cooperation of the four commissioners and other officials in spending less money. We have been on a cash basis and that has saved the county money also. The county commissioners are to be commended, as well as other officials in their united effort to bring about more efficient county government on less money. Our county commissioners are maintaining their roads better on less money than in the past and this fact alone will help us reduce our tax rate."

The commissioners and county judge are urging all Dickens county citizens interested in discussing next year's budget to meet with them at the courthouse next Monday.

Sam Newberry Named Head Of Co-Op Gin At Afton

At a meeting of the stockholders, officers and directors of the Afton Co-op Gin Monday night, July 10th, S. M. Newberry, of Spur was chosen to fill the post of manager made vacant by the resignation and removal from Afton of Joe Tom Jackson, who had served the Co-op Gin as manager for the past five years, succeeding Newberry who served as manager the previous season.

Mr. Newberry at that time came to Spur and entered the tailoring business and also engaged in farming operations.

Every morning Mr. Newberry with Mrs. Newberry and their household effects left Spur to fill the post to which he has been elected and to reestablish a home in Afton.

VISIT IN WELLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brasher and two children, Margie and Wilburn, are spending a few days in Wellington with relatives. Their plans are to return here the latter part of this week.

2-Day Celebration Features Good Program

Early today will be the beginning of a trek for many hundred people to the capitol of Dickens County, when the Dickens Picnic and Old Settlers Reunion flings open its doors for the 10th annual affair, featuring one of the best and most varied programs that has ever been offered the Old Settlers and the general public.

It has been intimated by committeemen Sheriff Johnnie Koonsman, Cayce Allredge, County Clerk Eric Ousley, Fred Arrington, and Cecil Meadors, that awards will be similar in size to the list last year, but that additional features would likely run the amount to a higher figure.

The Reunion will begin this morning and run through tomorrow night, and has on its program Old Folks Square Dances, Baseball games, Amateur Night, Goat roping, Dances for the young people, Carnival attractions, and also features this year a big chuck wagon lunch both days.

Other prizes include winners in the Old Fiddlers Contest, Young Fiddlers Contest, awards to the Oldest Settlers in this county, and a pair of Spurs to the all-round best average in the two-day goat roping contest.

The chuck wagon is sponsored by the Dickens football boys, and cost of a "feed" is only 35c. Proceeds will be used to buy new equipment for the gridsters the coming season.

Frank Reeves To Be Honor Guest At Barbecue

Frank Reeves, veteran reporter and photographer, and for many years a staff member of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, will be the honor guest at a barbecue given tonight, about 7:00 o'clock, at Charles A. Jones Memorial Park, when members of the Spur Rodeo Association act as hosts.

The courtesy, Ty Allen asserted, is a gesture of appreciation from the Rodeo Association to Mr. Reeves for his cooperation and friendly publicity aids during Spur's recent Round-up and Rodeo, combining as well the genuine friendship for the West Texas-spirited photographer and the writer of the famous "Chuck Wagon Gossip" column so familiar to all West Texans.

Mr. Reeves will stop over enroute to the Dickens Picnic and Old Settlers Reunion that has its opening tomorrow morning for a two-day run.

Ty Allen and George Sloan, president of the Rodeo Association, arranged the program and barbecue fete.

Singing To Be Held At Antelope Sunday

A singing will be held at the Antelope Church Sunday, July 23, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, and the general public, Clayton Willis informed a Texas Spur representative, is cordially invited to come out and help—or just listen, if they prefer.

Clayton also stated that a singing school would start there on Monday, the 24th, with J. W. King of Lorenzo, being in charge. School will be in session each day from 9:00 until 4:00.

Two New Teachers For Patton Springs

According to a statement here yesterday by Moyné L. Kelly, superintendent of the Patton Springs School, two new teachers were elected the past week for that school, both to teach in the primary department.

They are Miss Foy Heathington, of Hale Center, and Miss Jack Powell, of Brownwood.

MEETING CLOSES AT RED MUD FRIDAY NIGHT

Describing the meeting as a very successful revival, and expressing appreciation of the fine cooperation of the people of that area, Rev. Rufus Kitchens stated here the first of the week that he and Rev. R. I. Hart, visiting pastor doing the preaching, had closed the revival at Red Mud Friday night.

Rev. Kitchens is pastor of the Red Mud Church, and stated that fine influences were evident from Hart's splendid messages.



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ENVOI CHAPTER LXVI

By 1920 many changes had taken place in this country. Jim and Mrs. Roberts had gone on the lone trail. The children had sold the Heart Ranch to others. My friend Pete Brady had leased it from the new owners. When passing I would stop if it was nearly dinner time and listen to Pete "belly-ache" about the low price of cattle and how broke we were all going to be soon. He was a true prophet.

The spring rains that year were plentiful and Innes Creek was often bank full. One of the boys while riding the range noticed where the creek bank had sloughed off, disclosing what looked like an old well. At dinner time he told us about it, and asked who could have dug a well there. As no one could give him any information he had to go unanswered.

Somehow I kept thinking about that old well and next day went with Pete to see it. We dismounted and got down in the creek bed to examine it better. The first thing we noticed was

an old iron bucket nearly covered with sand.

Without much thought of anything I pulled the bucket from its bed, and on looking into the hole left by it, we saw some bones. On taking out one of the bones we knew them to be human. Immediately the story just told flashed to my mind, and then I knew what had become of Ray Davis, Nita's grandfather. Several of the boys helped and we gave what was left a better resting place. I have never been able to find any one who knew when or who dug the well. It might have been dug during buffalo times, and being covered over with brush and broom weeds had escaped notice.

There have been several unburied human skeletons found in The Spur Country, and no one now living can tell who they were or what was the cause of their death except in one instance, the man had been murdered, shot through the top of the head with a 30-30. The bullet came out through the roof of the mouth.

THE END

Muse Terpsichore Smiles On Many From Spur Who Enter Contests Tuesday Night

Terpsichore, the Muse of Dancing, cast a pleasant smile on many of the Spur contestants who entered the Childress contest held Tuesday night of this week, a number of first places having been awarded the local people.

In the foursome of pairs that entered the square dance were Bill McArthur and Mrs. Dulaney Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham, and Mr. and Mrs. Doss Shields.

Although the Stamford group carried away first place in the square dance competition, the Spur group paired off in other contests and chalked up some high marks.

Mr. and Mrs. Shields took honors of first place in the Berlin; also copped two or three other second and third places. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elliot won first place in Schottische, first place in Waltz, and also took second place in the Berlin. Bill Elliot and Mrs. Dulaney Davis paired for an old favorite, "Pop Goes The Weasel," and took first place from the throng of entries. Mr. and Mrs. Elliot also took first place in the "New Shoe" contest. Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham took several second and third places from the big list, and Mrs. Bingham took first in a jig solitaire.

W. W. (Bill) Ellis won first place in the Fiddlers Contest.

Grand Award for the entire dance program went to Stamford.

The occasion was the 51st Annual Old Timers Celebration for Childress, and many other people from this county went up for the big event. Among other musicians from here were Jack Kizzah, the Brown boys with their instruments, and George Bradley served as one of the judges for the Fiddlers contest.

A post card of recent date from Mrs. J. A. Koon who is spending the summer in Concho, Arizona, reports the weather delightfully cool and that after a nine thousand fifty feet climb up the pine covered mountains, snow on the top most peaks was sighted. The face of the card carried a most amusing epic poem "Indian Vs. Oil" along with a picture of an oil derrick and Indian chief.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cathey, of three miles south of Dickens were shopping in Spur and visiting with friends while in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Thompson and Bob Weaver returned Friday from a two weeks vacation spent fishing in the Ozark Mountain streams and visiting his parents and other relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speer, of Brownfield, spent the weekend in Spur, the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Slaton, of four miles south of Dickens, and her sisters, Misses Gillie and Lona Slaton and Mrs. Poll Cato and Sonny Cato of Spur. Sonny accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Speer on their return trip Sunday for a few days visit in the Speer home in Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith went to Lubbock Monday to return home their daughter, Louise, who has been receiving treatment the past several days for blood poisoning in one of the lower limbs. Louise will be at the home of her sister, Mrs. Alvis Bilberry, of Spur, until more fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gabriel and sons, Franklin and Nelson, are spending a few weeks vacationing in Colorado. Earlier in the week they were seeing Colorado Springs, according to word received by Vernon Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Thannish, of Wichita were business visitors in Spur Monday. Mr. Thannish was hobbling around on a crutch as a result of blood poisoning in his right foot and for which he has been receiving treatment for the past several days and was well on the road to recovering his former good health.

See Elliott for used Ice Boxes and Kerosene Ranges.

GILBERTS VACATIONING

W. F. Gilbert, manager of Tri-County Lumber Company, Spur; Mrs. Gilbert and son Wade in company with Bill Vencil, manager of the Tri-County Lumber Company of Jayton, Mrs. Vencil and their two children returned Wednesday to their respective homes in Spur and Jayton from a vacation since Friday spent touring the Rio Grande Valley and a trip across the border in to Old Mexico.

Commissioner and Mrs. W. H. Hindman, of Highway, were shopping with Spur merchants Monday. Mrs. Hindman had recently returned from a visit with her daughter, Gladys, at Lubbock.

C. A. Baker, of Wichita Falls, District Field Superintendent of the Minneapolis Moline Tractor and Implement Company was looking after business interests in Spur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Godfrey spent Sunday in Matador, guests of her mother, Mrs. Leonora Luckett.

Mrs. Emma Lee and daughters and son, Misses Ann and Regina and Charles, and Misses Martha Nichols and Beatrice Spivey, returned Sunday from a vacation since Sunday before in Ruidosa, New Mexico. A wonderful time was had according to Miss Regina.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Bursett and her mother, Mrs. Stapleton, returned Sunday from Cooper, Okla., where they spent a week in Mr. Bursett's parents' home.

C. A. Gladdish, merchant of Dickens, and daughter, Mrs. Abbie Overstreet, manager of the Dickens Inn, were business visitors in Spur Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Brown motored to Aspermont Sunday where Rev. Brown filled the First Christian Church pulpit at the morning services.

SPANISH WAR OVER, PLAYS SOON TO BE SHIPPED

Long delayed by the Spanish Civil War, a shipment of 5,450 Spanish plays ordered by University of Texas library officials in 1937 from a Madrid book dealer is on its way here at last, Donald Coney, librarian, disclosed today.

Until recently, the crisp notation "cancelled until war is over" was the final word on the library order blank which topped four years' correspondence in Spanish between Mr. Coney and Julian Barbazan, the Spanish book merchant who found his wares bound by war-time postal restrictions. The collection was offered for sale in 1935.

Following advice from Barbazan, May 4, 1939, that mail service for packages of printed matter was about to be resumed, Mr. Coney reconfirmed by cable the original order.

Texas population has increased from 7,000 (estimated) in 1806 to more than 8,000,000 persons (estimated) in 1939.

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Texas Leads Nation In Restoration Of Game

Texas, leading the nation in Pittman-Robertson game projects, is eligible to receive \$71,696 of federal game funds during the 1939-40 fiscal year, according to word received by the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission from Washington. That sum will be augmented by \$17,924 by the Game Department, as required under the Pittman-Robertson Act, it is announced by Will J. Tucker, Executive Secretary of the Commission. The money will be used to continue research work by biologists into game conditions and for financing several important wildlife restoration projects in a number of sections of the State.

Texas, the first State to submit a program of game restoration last year when the Pittman-Robertson Act went into effect, is leading the nation in the work.

Mrs. H. B. Thompson is leaving this week to spend a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baxter, of Albany, and to join them in a trip and week or ten days vacation and visit to Santa Anna, their former home.

Jim Robinson, an extensive farmer of the McAdoo section of the county, was attending to business matters while in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hagins of Duck Creek were buying supplies of the merchants and visiting with friends while in Spur Monday.

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Mrs. B. F. Crump Honored With Dinner Party Last Week

(Obey your earthly parents that your days on earth may be long—Scripture)

Mrs. B. F. Crump, more familiarly known as Mother Crump, had the pleasure of having with her for dinner Sunday, July 9, all of her living children, their families, a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with several friends, at her Kalgary home. Of the 43 people present, 39 were there at the dinner hour and enjoyed the feast.

Although Mother Crump has not been able to see for several years, and has not enjoyed the best of health, she sat with the table group, and before them was spread a magnificent birthday dinner. Directly before Mrs. Crump was placed the lovely white cake whereon flickered 80 beautiful pink candles, arranged in figures to signify "80."

Mother Crump's family and friends were gathered around while the Blessings and Guidance of God were entoned by a son-in-law, John McKeever. Her birthday is on July 10th, but a number of the children could not be present on that date, and the previous Sunday was chosen for the gathering.

Those present for the birthday dinner were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKeever and daughters, Winnie and LaFern, Amherst; Mr. and Mrs. John Aston and son, J. M., Spur; Mr. and Mrs. John Crump, Crosbyton; Mr. and Mrs. George Crump and daughter, Norma June, Crosbyton; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crump and children, Marna LaDell and Larry, Spur; Mr. and Mrs. Buford McKeever and two children, Aspermont; Rena Dell, Doris, Melba Jean, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cooper, Lub-Cecil and Clyde Grizzle, Kalgary; back; Mrs. Firm Self, Spur; Dorothy Atkinson, Amherst; Mary Baugh, Aspermont; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gilmore, Kalgary; and those of the family home, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Crump and two small daughters, Miss Frances Crump, and Newton Clemmons.

Arriving later were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rennels, Snyder. Mrs. Rennels is a granddaughter of Mother Crump. Also Leonard Ward of Higgins, and Oran Spraberry, Kalgary. — Continued.

Mrs. Lloyd Johnson returned Tuesday from Houston where she has been visiting her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Craig and new son.

Why be a Ham in Carving One? Expert Shows Easy, Modern Way

If they snicker when you start to carve, you'll be comforted by these kind words from Max O. Cullen, carving authority. "It's easy to learn the right way, and the right way is the easy way," says Cullen, who is shown at the right explaining to Pete Smith, producer of motion picture shorts bearing his name, and Ann Morris, M-G-M player, the fundamentals of carving a ham, during the recent filming of "Culinary Carving," an educational short in which Cullen was featured.

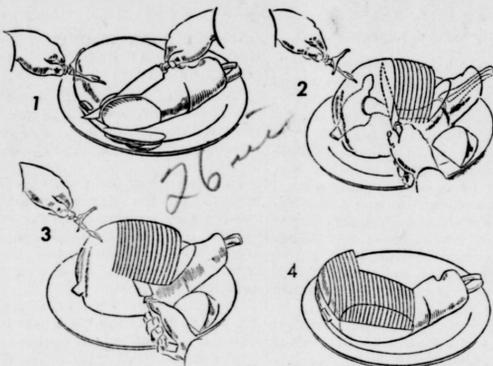
Proper tools and a sharp knife are of first importance, says the expert. Then you can proceed with confidence, if you will follow his simple directions as shown by the diagrams and instructions below.

1. Place ham with fat side up, shank end to carver's right. Cut two or three slices parallel to the length of the ham from the smaller meaty section.

2. Turn the ham so that it rests on the cut surface. Holding firmly with the fork, cut a small wedge shaped piece from the shank end. Then proceed to cut thin slices down to the leg bone until the aitch bone is reached.

3. With the fork still in place, release the slices by running the knife along the bone and at right angles to the slices. For additional servings, turn and carve other side of ham.

4. If more servings are required, the ham is turned back in its original position on the platter with the fat side up and the slices are carved at right angles to the bone. These slices are not so large as those from the cushion section, but they make attractive servings for second helpings.



NELMA SPRABERRY MARRIED TO E. G. FINCH HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

In a quiet marriage ceremony solemnized Saturday evening at 9:00 o'clock in the Bethel Baptist Church, Miss Nelma Spraberry became the bride of E. G. Finch, with Rev. J. V. Bilberry, pastor, reading the votive words.

Mrs. Finch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spraberry, and is one of the most charming young ladies of Spur. Characterized by those finer qualities of sincere friendliness, she enjoys a wide circle of admiring friends, and merits the high esteem and respect accorded her splendid family. She is a graduate of Spur High School, finishing with the class of '39.

At the altar the bride wore a gown of deep orchid, magnifying her natural loveliness with its chartruce trim and accessories of white. She was attended by Miss Juanita Culberth.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Finch, family of long standing and highest respects here. E. G. is a graduate of Spur High, and has a host of friends in the area. Best man for his marriage ceremony was Otis Finch, cousin to the groom.

Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Finch left for a honeymoon trip to California, but upon their return will be at home to their many friends in Spur.

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Smith Family Has Round-up Sunday

Mrs. Lee Hilburn, of Amarillo stopped over Saturday night for a few hours visit with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Eb Smith while on her way to Aspermont to spend a visit with a sister, Mrs. Joe Martin who is gravely ill at her home at that place.

Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Smith and small daughter, Mana Fay motored to Peacock where they were joined by other members of the Smith family in a sumptuous dinner served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith. Dinner guests included Mr. and Mrs. Eb Smith and daughter Mana Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Grantham and family, Mrs. Lee Hilburn of Amarillo, and the hosts and family.

In the afternoon the entire dinner party repaired to the home of the invalid relative, Mrs. Joe Martin to spend a visit before returning to their respective homes. Mrs. Hilburn remained for a more extended visit.

GATHERING AT GIBSON HOME SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, four daughters and one son, and members of their families met Sunday at the H. P. Gibson home in Spur for an all-day session of feasting and visiting with one another. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lee were co-hosts with the Gibsons in serving a very delicious repast at the noon hour and in making the day one of real enjoyment and pleasure to the parents and other visiting members of the family.

Coming from the remotest distance were Mrs. Hayden Pierce and two children, Delbert and Elizabeth Ann, of Los Angeles, California; Mr. and Mrs. D. S. (Tink) Abernathy and children, Shirley and Don, of Menard; and others present were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Caldwell of Crosbyton, Misses Frances and Doris Gibson, Winifred and Helen Ruth Lee, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lee, and honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy.

BERRY FAMILY HAS REUNION

Mrs. Annie Berry is enjoying a visit of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Murphy and daughter, Mildred, of Hardy, Arkansas and a reunion of her children during the visit of Mrs. Murphy, who arrived Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Berry's family consists of four sons, Babe, Bob, Johnny and Hudie and their families, Spur; three daughters, Mrs. Murphy and family of Hardy, Arkansas; Mrs. W. W. Ogdon and family, of Rotan; and Mrs. Gay Williams and family of Spur, with whom Mrs. Berry makes her home.

Mrs. Neal A. Chastain and son, Neal A., Jr. returned Sunday from a visit of a week with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Barnett, of Littlefield.

1938 QUILTING CLUB MET WITH MRS. E. ROBERSON

The members of the 1938 Quilting Club met with Mrs. E. Roberson Thursday.

The president, Mrs. Sam Blair, read the report of the first half of the years work. Thirty-five quilts having been completed for club members during that time.

Members present and enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Roberson were: Mesdames Sam Blair, W. W. Pickens, S. Clark, A. Watson, C. Greogry, W. A. Chambless, R. T. Gibson, D. Pickens and W. P. Qualls. Visitors present were Mesdames E. Cross, J. B. Karr, A. M. Karr, Websters, Paul, and Williamson.

SAVE STEPS IN THE KITCHEN THESE HOT DAYS, FOOD SPECIALIST ADMONISHES HOUSEWIVES

Hot weather is the most logical time for increasing kitchen comfort, according to Mrs. Bernice Claytor, specialist in home improvement for the A. and M. College Extension Service.

While reducing the number of hot foods and eliminating as nearly as possible the use of the oven are two factors in making the average kitchen more habitable, reducing the number of necessary steps in the kitchen can not be overlooked by the efficient housewife, Mrs. Claytor suggests.

"A good housekeeper moves in orderly sequence from the refrigerator to the work table and sink, to the range, and to the dining table without crisscrossing of paths," Mrs. Claytor has pointed out.

In an effort to aid each housewife in analyzing her own kitchen efficiency, the Extension specialist cited these pertinent questions: Does the homemaker have to cross the room continually to secure her food materials, or are they close at hand? Is the refrigerator as near as possible to the food preparation table? Once prepared, is the food near the stove? are the implements for cleaning pots and pans convenient to the sink? Are the dishes for setting the table near the dining room?

Since the kitchen is frequently the hottest room in the home, Mrs. Claytor also has suggested that the housewife form the habit of serving meals in the dining room. "But be sure," she cautioned, "that the setup is so arranged that the housewife will make no unnecessary steps."

With the four kitchen work centers efficiently arranged, the next step in summer work saving is to eliminate articles infrequently used in hot weather, Mrs. Claytor concluded. "Decide what utensils might supplies needed in winter baking and seasoning," she advised.

John Howard Bailey, with the C. C. C. at Santa Fe, New Mexico, arrived Saturday night to spend a vacation of ten days or two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bailey, of Spur and other relatives and friends in and near Spur.

MEETING CALLED FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE FRIDAY NIGHT

County Superintendent O. L. Kelley has called a meeting of the School Superintendents and School Boards of all the schools in the county to meet in his office at the Court House Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting, it was pointed out, is to discuss with interested parties the probability of securing a full-time health nurse for Dickens County. This is a part of the program sponsored by the State Department of Health and the Federal Government. A large part of the funds for this work are available, but it is necessary to have the cooperation of all officials and the general public.

Any individual interested in this phase of work is invited to attend the meeting Friday night.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

John C. Ramsay, Minister
10 a. m. Sunday School, J. C. McNeill, III, Superintendent.
11 a. m. Morning Worship. Theme: "The New Birth."
7 p. m. Young People's League, Miss Polly Clemmons, Adult Advisor.

This church dismisses its services at night and requests the congregation to attend and cooperate with the Methodists of Spur in their gracious Revival.

The public is always cordially invited to attend each of the above services.

HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. A. B. Watson and daughters, Betty, Dorothy, and Mary, of Los Angeles, California, are visiting her sister, Mrs. E. M. Bailey, Spur, and her brothers, Jack and Foy Gipson, in Dickens, for a few weeks. Mr. Watson plans to join them here in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tink Abernathy and son, Don, returned Tuesday to their home in Menard, following a visit in Spur since Sunday. Their daughter, Shirley, remained for a more extended visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Joe McDaniel returned Wednesday night of last week from a few days visit with her father, E. J. Stapleton, of Cado, Oklahoma. Mrs. McDaniel was called to attend her father during an illness of heart trouble, and which was very much improved at the time of her leaving for Spur.

We take this means of thanking everyone of our friends for things they did for us while Louise was in Lubbock Sanitarium.

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It would probably be surprising to many farmers to learn by a check up that Texas farmers have reduced cotton acreage by approximately one-half since 1926. These are the figures given out by the Houston Compress Company, and lists the thirteen years in thousands—or in other words, add three naughts (000) to the given figures and you will have the full number.

The report covers by name 16 states, and of the group it is noticeable that both California and Arizona have increased their acreage while all other states have decreased cotton ground.

Figures For Texas

Year	Planted	Harvested
1926	18,393	17,749
1927	16,108	15,689
1928	17,409	16,887
1929	17,578	16,875
1930	16,689	16,138
1931	14,979	14,754
1932	13,592	13,334
1933	11,069	11,069
1934	10,685	10,097
1935	10,964	10,657
1936	12,080	11,597
1937	12,769	12,539
1938	9,163	8,784

In other words, in 1926 Texas planted to cotton 18,393,000 acres, and harvested from 17,749,000 of them, against the 1938 crop of 9,163,000 acres planted, with harvest from 8,784,000 acres. Comparing the figures, Texas harvested 1,181 less than half of cotton acres in 1938 than she harvested in 1926.

Another feature it is interesting to note in the figures is that Texas farmers had begun to reduce acres to some extent before the cotton program was born during the early years of the "depression."

If you care to look at the figures for the entire nation, or rather for states that produce cotton, a like drop is seen as a whole. All cotton producing states planted to cotton in 1926 about 45,839,000 acres, harvesting 44,248,000 acres. In 1938 25,018,000 acres were planted and 24,248,000 acres were harvested. For 1938 Oklahoma harvested about one-third of the acres that she harvested in her 1926 crop, and Louisiana harvested almost as much last year as she did 13 years ago.

Figures were not given for the 1939 acreage, but we may estimate a still greater decrease for Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott motored to Stator Sunday for a short visit with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Scott formerly resided in Stator.

Garden Payments Backed

Eyes of Texas farmers this week turned to Washington, D. C., where recommendations for the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Program of the AAA were to be shuffled on the conference table.

From Texas went George Slaughter, chairman, and C. L. Thomas, member of the State Agricultural Conservation Committee, and E. N. Holmgren, state AAA administrator, to discuss suggestions for the coming year with representatives of nine southern states.

Slaughter carried instructions from his thirteen-man committee of farmers and ranchmen to urge, among other things, the inclusion of home gardens among soil-building practices aided by Triple-A funds.

"The committee feels," he said, "that stimulating in this manner the practice of gardening for home consumption would pay dividends in health and morale many times worth the cost."

Other Texas recommendations, he reported, aim to increase the effectiveness of the AAA as a soil-building agency; improve relations between landlords and tenants; add flexibility to the rule of acreage allotments; speed up the distribution of checks.

The ideas were compiled from a questionnaire circulated among county AAA committee-men, all active farmers.

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County Schools

By O. L. KELLEY
County School Superintendent

There are a large number of children in Dickens County who attend school outside their own district. It will be necessary for parents to transfer such students to the school of their choice before August 1st, both high school and grade school. Transfers may be made from any district within the county to any other district in the county. Transfers out of the county can be made only to adjoining or contiguous districts.

Parents should be aware of this fact: if a child's grade is taught in the home district, the parent will be expected to pay transportation charges, and the school to which the child is transferred may charge tuition after free time is used up.

Parents wishing to transfer students to Dickens, Spur, or McAdoo, should see the superintendent of the districts, or the county superintendent, and have a transfer made. The parents should be careful to see that a child's money is in the district to which he expects to attend school.

In a recent ruling from the Department of Education, pupils under six years of age on September 1 will not be permitted to enroll in the school if the school is a standardized school or expects to standardize.

John L. Beard, former deputy State Superintendent for this district, located at Childress, has accepted a position with the Wellington Schools as superintendent. Mr. Beard is one of the outstanding deputies in the Department of Education and his loss will be keenly felt in this district.

Mr. Beard will continue with the Department of Education through the month of July and a part of the month of August. He will be a visitor in Dickens County Thursday and Friday.

The school terms for 1939-40 are soon to begin. Dickens, Wichita and Patton Springs will likely begin on August 28th. Spur and the rural schools in the south end of the county likely will begin their work on September 4th. All teachers have been selected for the rural schools. Some of the teachers are away in school; others attended school only the first six weeks.

Many of the schools of Dickens County have been accustomed to stopping their schools for cotton-picking. However, it is hoped that such will not be the case this fall.

The first assistant State Superintendent, Miss Ellen Wilson, recently issued a Standardization Certificate to the Peaceful Hill School District. This certificate is issued in recognition of the good work done by that school, both the teacher, pupils and patrons. Miss Maurine McArthur taught the school during the past term and did an excellent job. The patrons and pupils also are to be commended.

The permanent standardization for Highway and Dry Lake was retained. These schools have been standardized for three or more years. The teachers and patrons of these districts are to be commended for their efforts in maintaining a rural school of this high type.

Although the other schools are not standardized, they are to be commended for the work they have done and it is hoped that all teachers, students and patrons work to bring their schools to the highest standard the coming term. A standardization score card can be secured from the County Superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Meter, of McAdoo were business visitors in Spur Monday, spending a brief time in the city buying supplies of the merchants.

Huge Livestock Show Planned

Plans are being made to have one of the largest livestock shows ever held in the entire South at the 1939 State Fair of Texas, October 7 to 22, it has been announced here by Frank P. Holland, director in charge of livestock.

Premiums have been increased in practically every classification of livestock. Beef cattle alone has been increased to more than \$20,000, and one of the features of the livestock show will be the Hereford classification for which \$10,000 in awards will be made.

Due to the increased herds of dairy cattle in Texas premiums for this classification has been increased to \$7,500, as have the awards offered in the various swine classifications.

Texas has rapidly forged ahead during the past few years as the outstanding beef cattle state in the entire union, and are selling many animals of registered stock to farmers of the South and Southwest for breeding purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gibson and children were shopping and visiting in Spur Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Willard had as guests over the week end her father, Mr. Griffith, principal of the Wichita School and her sister, Mrs. Nell Brandon, of Wichita.

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