

SWIMMING POOL TO OFFER MANY ATTRACTIONS HERE JULY FOURTH

A beauty pageant, exhibition diving, a water polo game, swimming races, diving contests, and a treasure hunt will be features of the July Fourth Jubilee to be held at the Spur Swimming Pool tomorrow, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

The beauty contest, scheduled for seven thirty the night of the fourth, will present many of Spur's prettiest girls vying for the title of "Miss Spur." The girls will be sponsored by local merchants. Arrangements for the beauty revue are being made through the Sub-Deb club.

Two expert divers from Abilene will perform with an exhibition of fancy diving. Swimming and diving contests with local swimmers competing for medals will be another of the attractions. The contests will be divided into two divisions. Local swimmers who would like to enter are requested to get in touch with Gordon Woods, manager of the pool.

A water-polo game between a Spur team and a team from Abilene has been scheduled. Water polo is one of the fastest, roughest games known, and the game is expected to draw a large audience.

Money will be scattered over the bottom of the pool. Money diving is expected to net many of the swimmers a bonus. Varying amounts will be placed in the pool during the afternoon, and again at night after the program.

The annual water carnival at the pool has been very successful in the past, and this year's attractions are expected to surpass them, both in the size of the crowd and in the entertainment features planned.

Proposed Load Limit Changes

The Dirt Farmers Congress, a federation of agricultural organizations established as a coordinating agency through which organized agriculture can handle all common problems, has received from the Attorney General's office the complete draft of a proposed Texas load limit bill as recommended by the American Association of Highway Officials. Bailey Ragsdale, chairman, reported today.

Copies are being sent to many commercial organizations throughout the state, not necessarily agricultural, seeking their support of the bill which would raise the load limit, Ragsdale said. The principal objective of the proposed bill as adopted by the Dirt Farmers Congress is to improve economic conditions, especially in the rural districts.

The average one-ton farm truck, without dual wheels, will be permitted to have a maximum gross weight of approximately 16,200 pounds, net load to be determined by subtracting the registered weight of the vehicle from the gross weight permitted.

"A careful study has convinced us that a reasonable increase in the load limit will not be an added highway hazard, hundreds of small Texas communities will receive immediate benefits from reduced prices of necessities, and farmers and stockmen will again be able to transport their own products on their own trucks to markets and at one-third the present cost," Ragsdale declared. "The 7,000 pound load limit law now in effect has served only to increase the cost of transportation from the markets, the burden of which has been borne by the farmer as a producer and consumer."

GILMER CAMPFIRE GIRLS SPEND MONDAY NIGHT AT SWENSON PARK

Thirty-three Campfire girls from Gilmer, Texas, accompanied by five sponsors and chaperons and a driver, camped in Swenson Park Monday night. The group was traveling by bus to a summer camp in Colorado, and stopped over in Spur because of the excellent camping facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Vernon and sons Frank and Jimmie are spending a two weeks vacation visiting relatives in California.

Golf Tournament To Be Held Here July 4th

A golf tournament will be held in Spur on July 4. Features of the tournament will be putting and driving contests.

All entrants will be required to play a qualifying round of nine holes in the morning. Score cards on these qualifying rounds must be turned in by noon. Tournament finals will start promptly at 1:00 p. m. The type of tournament will be disclosed after qualifying scores have been turned in. Prizes will be awarded the winners of the afternoon contests.

For further information about the rules for the contest, see one of the members of the tournament committee, Spencer Campbell, W. T. Andrews, Lawis Lee, or C. E. Fisher.

Ralls Banner Boasts "Tiniest Editor" In The World

The Ralls Banner boasts of the tiniest editor in the world since Monday, June 24, when a three pound, four ounce son and heir came to take over the reins of government in the home of Editor and Mrs. Carl Hyatt, of Ralls.

The young scion arrived by way of the Stork Express, and being a wee bit underweight, he was rushed over to a Lubbock sanitarium and placed in an incubator for future development.

The last report we had was to the effect that the infant had a fair chance of winning his battle for existence and that Mrs. Hyatt was doing nicely.

Carl Hyatt, the father, was formerly associated with the Texas Spur and has a host of friends here.

We join with them in extending good wishes and hearty congratulations upon the birth of this, their first-born son and heir.

Spur Business Firms To Close For Fourth

Spur is getting set to celebrate the fourth in fitting style, with almost all business firms except drugstores, service stations, and restaurants planning to close for the holiday.

Many Spur citizens will spend the day visiting relatives and friends. Many more will attend the Annual Cowboy Reunion at Stamford. A large crowd is expected to see the beauty revue and program to be held at the swimming pool here Thursday.

A holiday tournament will be held at the Espuela Golf club here, which is expected to attract many of the local golfers.

July 4 will mean a rest from business, and a chance for some much-needed relaxation.

C. D. COPELAND INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE MISHAP

C. D. Copeland, 69, received a fractured collar bone, a wrenched shoulder, and severe bruises Friday when his car overturned after being forced off the road by a truck at the "Y" east of town. Mrs. Copeland, who was with him received minor bruises.

Mr. Copeland was carried to the hospital for treatment. He returned to his home Sunday and is reported to be doing as well as could be expected.

Warren P. Andrews, vice-president of the Mercantile National Bank of Dallas, was a visitor at the local bank Tuesday. Mr. Andrews is contact man for the Dallas bank. While here, he was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Andrews.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

With all hullabaloo, fireworks, visiting, picnicing, and rodeo attending, we are too apt to forget the reason why we celebrate the Fourth of July.

July 4th marks the 164th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the establishment of a new democracy in a new world.

In these dark days of the present, when totalitarian states menace those principles of Democracy which the Declaration of Independence set forth, we should pause in our merrymaking for a few moments to honor the memory of those colonial representatives who gave their lives and their money to establish a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Let us pray that it "shall not perish from the earth."

C. A. Gladish Opens New Store In Dickens

Formal opening of the New C. A. Gladish general-merchandise store in Dickens will be held Saturday, with lots of free lemonade, cookies, and fruit for those who attend. A great many specials and bargains will be offered to celebrate the opening, according to Mr. Gladish, the owner.

The new business is located on the north side of the new highway, west of the courthouse square. The stucco building has been extensively remodeled and enlarged, and is now one of the most attractive establishments in Dickens.

The firm will feature a complete line of groceries, as well as a large stock of general merchandise.

Mr. Gladish is an old timer, having lived in this area for twenty-seven years. He has operated a general mercantile business in Dickens for the last fifteen years, and the Texas Spur wishes him every success upon the occasion of the opening of his new, enlarged establishment.

Dickens Baptist Church To Start Revival Sunday, July 7

A revival meeting will begin Sunday, July 7, at the Dickens Baptist Church, according to H. L. Burnham, pastor.

Evangelist Guy Hinton will do the preaching. Lee Frasier, "The Dream Singer," will conduct the song services and present special vocal selections. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services.

ROGERS REPORT "GULLEY WASHER" IN THEIR SECTION OF KENT CO.

J. D. Rogers, and son, J. D., Jr., and G. W. Rogers, prominent farmers from Kent county, twenty miles south of Spur, were among the first Monday visitors in Spur, and while here, paid the Texas Spur office a pleasant call.

Messrs. Rogers reported that a real "gulley washer" fell in their section during Friday afternoon and night and again Sunday, making an estimated total of four inches of rain. This should insure a bumper crop in that particular area, barring such calamities as hail, grasshoppers, or worms.

F.F.A. ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be an important meeting for all members of the FFA club last year, and for all prospective members of the club next year, at the Agriculture building behind the new school building on Friday night, July fifth, at eight o'clock. All members who plan to feed calves are especially urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Moore returned Tuesday from a visit with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Moore, of Enid, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Moore accompanied them on their return trip to Spur.

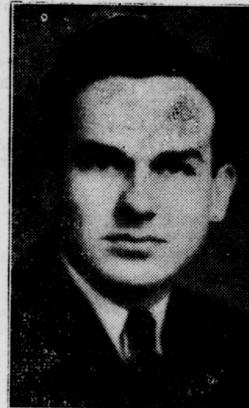
Gospel Meeting To Begin Friday At Church Of Christ

Friday evening at eight o'clock, the second meeting featuring Gospel preaching by Mr. Fred McClung of Waco will begin at the Spur Church of Christ at the corner of Third Street and Trumbull Avenue.

The citizens of Spur are very fortunate in having another opportunity to hear this outstanding evangelist of the Church of Christ.

One of the features of each of the services will be congregational singing by the audience. Mr. Dalton Johnston, well-known local song leader, will lead the services.

Mr. McClung has just closed a successful meeting at Gilmer, Tex-



FRED MCCLUNG

as. Fifteen were baptized during this meeting. Last winter Mr. McClung's meeting here was marked by a large number of restorations and several baptisms.

Due to his many responsibilities in his local work at Waco, Mr. McClung has been forced to cancel many meeting opportunities, which would keep him in the evangelistic field all of each year. It is a distinct compliment to the citizens and to the church at Spur to have him come again.

Mr. McClung's lessons might be characterized by the phrase, "the old time Gospel," inasmuch as he uses simple messages preached in a direct style characterized by his earnest, soul-stirring sincerity.

Anyone who attends this series of meetings will ever after be thankful for the privilege. The Church of Christ invites you to attend every service.

J. V. Hellums, 63, Prominent Rotan Merchant Dies

John V. Hellums, 63, grocery merchant, church official, and civic leader over a period of 33 years, died Wednesday morning, June 26, at his home in Rotan. Last rites were read at the Methodist church at Rotan Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Joe Boyd, pastor, officiated.

Mr. Hellums suffered a stroke of paralysis early in the year, but he had, in some measure, regained his health when he was stricken and passed away early Wednesday morning after a brief illness.

Born September 9, 1876 in Rogers, Arkansas, Hellums came to Texas at an early date. He is survived by his wife and seven children. Several brothers and sisters also survive.

Mr. Hellums is a brother of Mrs. J. H. Grace of Austin, formerly of Spur, who was present for the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson and daughter, Lillian Grace, and Mr. and Mrs. Ty Allen, of Spur, attended the funeral services.

SERVICES TO BE HELD AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH HERE SUNDAY, JULY 7TH

Services will be held at the Episcopal Church at Spur at 3:30 in the afternoon Sunday, July 7, according to an announcement received here. The Rev. Mr. Winslow, of Lubbock, will preach.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Grimes left Sunday for a ten days or two weeks vacation trip and visit with relatives and friends.

Spur To Have New "Lift-the-Receiver" Telephone System

Spur will have a new "lift-the-receiver" telephone system as a result of the city council's endorsement Wednesday of plans outlined by W. L. Blakney, district manager and L. R. Grimes, manager, of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

"When the new system is in operation, Spur telephone users will no longer need to turn a crank when they want to call," Blakney said. "As soon as a receiver is lifted, a light will flash on the switchboard and the operator will answer. When the receiver is returned to the hook, the light will signal the operator that the line is free for another call. No 'ring-off' will be necessary."

To provide the new system, the telephone company will manufacture and install a new "flashlight" switchboard especially designed for the city's present and future telephone needs, rearrange outside wires and cables, and furnish new "crankless" telephones to all subscribers. This will require a gross expenditure of more than \$11,000.

"There will be no batteries in subscribers' telephones with the new system," the district manager explained. "Power for signalling the operator, as well as for talking, will be furnished for all telephones by central batteries in the telephone office. The name 'common battery system' is derived from this method of supplying power.

Installation of the new system will begin as soon as engineering plans and specifications are completed and the new switchboard manufactured, a process which will require several months, it was announced.

Because of the large expenditure required to bring Spur the new telephone service, the city council agreed to a revision in rates which, however, will not go into effect until after the new system is in operation.

The new rates will be 25 cents a month more for business and residence service. However, the present 25-cent monthly charge for desk telephones on residence service will be discontinued, and, in addition, the present 15-cent monthly charge for the first year's use of handset telephones will be eliminated. This means that 40 per cent of the residence subscribers will receive the new service either at the price they are now paying or at an actual reduction in charges. Ten business subscribers (those now paying for handset telephones) will receive the new service at only 10 cents more a month, the district manager said.

"We are glad to bring improved 'lift-the-receiver' telephone service to Spur," Blakney said, "and we feel sure that telephone users here will like the fast, accurate, and dependable service we shall be able to furnish."

The Spur Civic Club, through its persistent efforts, has had an important part in bringing the new service to Spur, according to officials of the company.

The Club is to be congratulated, not only for the new service, but for the payroll money which will be brought to Spur when installation by telephone company employees begins.

SPURITES "WATER BOUND" WHILE ON FISHING TRIP TO LAKE BUCHANON

W. R. Weaver, Neal Chastain, and Charlie Fox returned to Spur Monday night from a fishing trip to Lake Buchanan, telling a tale of having been caught in a flood.

According to Mr. Weaver, they were caught in a creek by rising water which covered all but a foot of the Weaver car. After drying out the car, and flushing out the transmission, crankcase and other working parts, the party returned to Spur. Mr. Weaver said he didn't mind getting the car wet so much, but he sure hated to lose most of his fish.

They were accompanied on the trip by Ralph Kinig of Stamford.

Ray Dickson, Jr., Jack Jones, and a friend of the latter from Crosbyton left Sunday for Houston, where they plan to take a boat for Venezuela, South America, to work for an oil company.

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—MS. ORAN MCCLURE
Publisher.

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23 YEARS AGO

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

Miss Creola Richburg returned Wednesday from the Georgetown college where she has been the past year.

— 23 —
Mrs. E. J. Cairnes and son Bobbie spent a short time in the city the first of the week.

— 23 —
Luther Jones, who is now ranching about forty miles southwest of Spur, came up the first of this week and spent a day or two in Spur.

— 23 —
Mrs. Oran McClure was hostess to the Merry Wives Friday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Clemmons, Davis, Edmonds, Glasgow, Cephus Hogan, Jennings, C. A. Love, Manning, C. L. Love, Morris, Neilon, Richbough, Smart, Standifer, Andrews, Senning, Whitener, Williams, Lankford, West of Peacock, Gruben, Link, Harris of Sweetwater, Busby, White, Moore, King, Petefish of Abilene, and Misses Robbie and Donnalita Standifer and Ruth Waldon of Haskell.

— 23 —
Luther Rucker and family left this week for a trip to New Mexico for their summer vacation.

— 23 —
County Farm Agent G. L. Crawford was in Spur Wednesday from Dickens.

— 23 —
Mrs. Homer Dobbins and children returned this week from a visit to relatives down the Stamford and Northwestern Railway.

— 23 —
Joe Ericson was here Saturday from the West Pasture.

— 23 —
Miss Lottie Fite returned to her home in Spur Saturday from a visit to relatives and friends in Abilene and Cisco.

— 23 —
Miss Mary Copeland was in the city Saturday greeting her friends. She just returned last week from the University at Austin where she has been the past year.

— 23 —
Uncle Eb Garrett filled his regular speaking date in Spur Saturday afternoon at two thirty.

— 23 —
Ray Jones, son of Dick Jones and wife of the Afton country and Miss Ligion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ligon, were married Sunday at the home of the bride's parents near Afton, W. S. Taylor, of Spur, officiating.

— 23 —
Mrs. T. L. Higginbotham left Spur Tuesday of this week for an extended trip into Cool Colorado. Mr. Higginbotham accompanied her as far as Lubbock.

— 23 —
Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Brandon and Mrs. Elkins, who have been spending the past week in Spur, returned the latter part of this week to their homes in Brownwood.

— 23 —
Mrs. George M. Williams returned this week from an extended visit to relatives in Fort Worth and other cities in the eastern part of the state.

— 23 —
Miss Hyacinth Grace returned this week for an extended visit to relatives in Samford and Rotan.

— 23 —
Miss Neoma Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in the city Saturday.

— 23 —
The two new brick buildings of the Red Front Drug Store and Hogan & Patton have been completed and both firms moved Monday to the new places of business.

— 23 —
During the past week seven operations have been performed at the Standifer Hospital by Dr. Standifer as follows: Mrs. Gresham of Mt. Pleasant, Titus county, and a sister of Dr. Haney of Spur; Mrs. Kin, of Albuquerque,

New Mexico, wife of a prominent citizen and extensive cattleman of that section; Mrs. M. A. Darden, of Girard, and Mrs. Horn of Aspermont; Hugh Squires, of Afton; Andy Thomas, of Spur; and E. G. Abbott, of near McAadoo.

— 23 —
Last week a sale was consummated between H. T. Garner, of the Prairie View Stock Farm two miles northeast of Spur, and Jeff D. Reagan, formerly of Spur but now of Arizona, whereby Mr. Garner came into possession of the Reagan farm three miles southwest of Spur.

— 23 —
Boney Fields, of the Paddle Ranch, came in Monday and spent a short time in Spur on business and greeting his many friends.

— 23 —
Misses Adrienne Attebury, Ruby Love, and Mildred Williams entertained at a picnic over the hill Tues-

1940 Democratic
POLITICAL
Announcements
Subject to the action of the Primaries, July 27, 1940

For Congress 19th District:
C. L. HARRIS
GEORGE MAHON
(Re-election)

For Senator, 30th District:
ALVIN R. ALLISON
MARSHALL FORMBY

For Representative, 118 District:
A. A. (PAT) BULLOCK
For District Attorney, 110th District:
JOHN HAMILTON

For County Judge:
R. C. BROWN
W. D. STARCHER
EDWIN H. BOEDECKER
G. W. BENNETT

For County Attorney:
L. D. RATLIFF

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
FRED CHRISTOPHER
WILLIE McCOMBS
JOHNNIE KOONSMAN
(Re-election)
JACK GIPSON

For District Clerk:
MRS. NETTIE LITTLEFIELD
(Re-election)

For County Clerk:
ERIC OUSLEY
(Re-election)

For County Treasurer:
MRS ALICE MURPHREE
(Re-election)
R. E. (ELZIE) HOLLY
MRS. OVIE (H. C.) DRAPER

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:
S. T. (Tomp) JOHNSON
D. P. (Bud) SMILEY
HORACE D. NICKELS
(Re-election)
K. W. (WILLOW) STREET
WAYNE VAN LEER
AUSTIN C. ROSE

For Commissioner Precinct 2:
E. J. (Jim) OFFIELD
(Re-election)

F. L. BYARS
T. J. (Jeff) RANDOLPH
J. D. HENLEY

For Commissioner, Precinct 3:
W. H. HINDMAN

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4:
M. B. GAGE
(Re-election)

W. R. MURCHISON

For Public Weigher Precinct No. 1:
C. P. AUFILL, JR.

For Public Weigher Precinct No. 2:
JESSE BASS

KENT COUNTY

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:
JAKE JONES

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Jeffries Tractor COMPANY

day of this week at six o'clock, the chaperon was Mrs. Brag and those who were present were Misses Bona May Ford, Dorothy and Ruby Love, Lucille Tunnel, Eunis Choat, Adrienne Attebury and Mildred Williams. The boys present were: E. C. Edmonds, Claud Williams, Ackley Williams, Sterling Davis, Weldon McClure.

All that were present either brought some fruit or lunch.

— 23 —
The new auto law for automobile owners as the result of the creation of the Highway Commission will go into force on the first day of July.

Every automobile owner is required to have a state license to travel or operate any auto after the first day of July. Application for the license must be made to the Highway Commission, Austin, Texas, giving the kind of car, engine number, car number, horse power of engine, etc.

— 23 —
Edd Potts is visiting G. E. Nicholson and family, of Post City.

— 23 —
Mrs. Hawley Bryant and Billie were in the city this week from the Pitchfork Ranch.

— 23 —
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thacker, of Draper, were in Spur one day this week shopping.

— 23 —
Miss Annie King, of Lott, is in the city visiting her brother, John King and wife.

— 23 —
Cager Wade of Dry Lake was among the business visitors in Spur Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foreman and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foreman came in Saturday from their farm home in the Foreman Chapel community and spent the afternoon shopping and visiting in the city.

— 23 —
Mrs. R. C. Brown and daughter, Betty Lynn, returned last Saturday from a weeks visit with relatives in Kansas City.

— 23 —
Mrs. Lucy Cowan and family returned to Spur Friday from an extended vacation trip to California and Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Watson came in Saturday from their farm home in the Red Hill community and spent several hours in Spur shopping with the merchants and visiting relatives and friends.

— 23 —
Mr. and Mrs. Ty Allen and small daughter, Lua June, are spending the fourth in Rotan as the guests of his mother and brother and family.

— 23 —
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McGee and daughter Sammie left Friday for a business trip to East Texas.

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IDALEE GOLDING HOSTESS AT SWIMMING PARTY AND PICNIC THURSDAY

Idalee Golding entertained with a swimming party and picnic Thursday of last week honoring Bob Parr, who is to leave Spur soon. After the picnic, the group attended the show. Attending the picnic were Jean Engleman, Bob Weaver, Joe Ericson, James Victor Allen, Billy Ray Barrett, Stephen Barclay, Louise Ince, Betty Jo Woodrum, Marjorie Bell, LaVorie Lee, Belva Swan, the honor guest, Bob Parr, and the hostess, Idalee Golding.

MRS. GUY KARR HOSTESS TO TUESDAY BREAKFAST AND BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Guy Karr was a most pleasant hostess Tuesday morning when she entertained the Tuesday Breakfast and Bridge club from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock. The house decorations were summer garden flowers. Breakfast was served at the Sanders-Chastain Pharmacy and from there the party went to the Karr home, where contract bridge was played. Mrs. Neal A. Chastain made

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FOR THE FOURTH

The fourth means vacation trips; occasions when you must look your best despite the effects of wind and sun.

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PEARL'S BEAUTY SHOP

high score and was awarded the club prize.

Other club members playing were Mesdames Ty Allen, Crit McDonald, Burford Johnson, Mac Woodrum, Pike Nichols, Roy Harkey, Elton Cooke, and Alph Glasgow. Also present were Mrs. C. E. O'Dell, of Austin, a guest, and Mrs. Jack Christian, who was elected to membership at a business meeting preceding the party.

MR. AND MRS. RAY CAPLINGER HONORED AT SHOWER

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caplinger, newly married couple of the Soldier Mound community, were honored with a lovely shower Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker with Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Elmer Bilberry as hostesses.

As the guests arrived, they registered in the brides book. The evening was spent playing games. A musical program was presented by the Havens twins and others.

After the gifts were opened, refreshments of cake and punch were served to the following guests:

Messrs. and Mesdames W. R. Caplinger, R. G. Bostic, George Nally, John Aston, S. H. Nally, Venson Bilberry, Edna Bilberry, Alvis Bilberry, and Jackie, Lee Parker, E. J. Bilberry, C. W. Bostic, Pat Robinson, John Grayson, and Cecil Caplinger; Mrs. Ruby Mae Bostic and Beverly, Mrs. Willy Havens, Aron Parker, Ozell Bilberry, Cloyce Bilberry, Louise Wade, Elaine Neaves, Eldred Parker, Iva Mae Parker, Floyd and Boyd Ball, Wendell Parker, Inez Ball, Imogene and Kenneth Bilberry, Margaret and Mildred Davenport, Glenn Havens, Waldo and Roscoe Havens, Edna Futch, Thelma Kimmel, Mildred Kinman, Oleta Howe, Elizabeth Wolfe, Carl and Ruth Grayson, Johnnie Wilhoit, Earnest Caplinger, Bernice Bilberry, and Ava Nell Bilberry.

Those sending gifts were Messrs. and Mesdames Lee McCombs, Dan Worley, E. J. Bilberry, Jr., J. L. Turpin, Mesdames W. I. Smith, Jim Smith, John Wade, Cager Wade, W. L. Harris, Murray Lea, and Robbie Lou Morris.

Attorney and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff and small daughter, little Myra Alice returned last Wednesday afternoon from a trip to Austin, Houston, Corpus Christi, Galveston, and Haskell. In Haskell they spent a short time visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Hutto had as guests Monday and Tuesday his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hutto and son John, of Lawton, Oklahoma, who came to take back their daughter, Miss Geraldine, who has been here for two weeks visiting her brother and Mrs. Hutto.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Thompson, members of the personnel of the local office of the West Texas Utilities company left Sunday to spend two weeks visiting his mother, Mrs. W. M. Thompson, of Topland, Oklahoma.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School, 9:55.
Morning Worship, 11:00.
Young People Meet, 7:15.
Evening Service, 8:15.
W. M. S., Monday, 3:00.
Wednesday Night Prayer, 8:15.
"Christ's Desire for the Sacramental Feast" will be the Pastor's Communion Message Sunday morning. Special music will be rendered.
Rev. T. M. Johnston, District Superintendent of the Stamford District, will preach Sunday Night and conduct Quarterly Conference just before the service. Special music will be arranged.
In these perilous times it is comforting and assuring to worship God. Why not go to Church next Sunday? Visitors are welcome.

PERSONALS

Mrs. R. B. Stanford, the former Estelle Gipson, and baby Marie Helen, of Lubbock, were visitors in Spur last week, the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gipson.

Mrs. C. W. Barrett returned Saturday to her home in Stamford after a visit of several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bell and Joe.

Mrs. Laurie Glasgow and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Dell, arrived in Spur Monday afternoon for a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alph Glasgow. Mrs. Glasgow plans to remain in Spur for an extended visit.

Jerry Ensey left Tuesday for Silver City, New Mexico to join Mrs. Ensey and their two sons, who are visiting Mrs. Ensey's parents there.

Miss Peggy Ensey left Tuesday for Odessa, where she will spend several weeks as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Weldon Higginbotham and Mr. Higginbotham.

Mrs. Walter Garrett and five children, of Roswell, New Mexico, are spending an extended visit here with her brother and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Kearney, and Mesdames Bill Rucker of Guthrie, Earnest Wells of Duck Creek, and other relatives in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Boothe and children returned Monday from a ten days vacation visiting his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Boothe of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Boothe and family of O'Donnell and Lee Roy Boothe of Wichita Falls.

Miss Dick Arthur was one of the many Spur visitors who left today to attend the Stamford Rodeo the third and fourth.

Mrs. L. D. Ratliff and daughter of Spur visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff, Sr., Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff had been on a vacation and were joined in Austin by Mrs. Paul Pearson who will visit relatives in Haskell for a while.—Haskell Free Press.

Miss Jonisue Cogdell of Snyder is visiting in Spur this week as the guest of Miss Isabel Campbell at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, 109 West Hill St. Misses Campbell and Cogdell were room mates at Southwestern University, Georgetown, last semester.

Pershing Lee left Friday to return to Houma, La., after two weeks visit with his mother, sisters, and brother, Mrs. Emma Lee, Misses Ann and Regina, and Master Charles, and his uncle, Sterman Lee and family.

J. T. Rose, prominent farmer of the McAdoo section, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

Cecil Meadors, manager of the Dickens Lumber company at Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Monday morning.

A. Woods, of near Clairemont, spent Saturday in Spur looking after business interests and visiting his son, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Woods and daughters.

Miss Grace Foster returned Friday from Snyder, where she spent several days visiting friends.

L. C. Ponder, of two miles east of Spur, was among the business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murray left Tuesday afternoon for Graham to spend the third and fourth of July visiting Mr. and Mrs. Buck Teague. Mrs. Teague and Mrs. Murray are sisters.

Mrs. W. P. Foster, Sr., left Spur Tuesday for Hot Springs, New Mexico to spend a two weeks vacation and visit with Mrs. Frances Allen.

Miss Dorothy Kelley, of Mount Calm, Texas arrived in Spur last Friday for an extended visit with her brother, Mr. O. L. Kelley, Mrs. Kelley and daughters.

Ben Schuler, of the old A. C. George farm and ranch home in the Highway community, was transacting business affairs and visiting with friends while in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. Morris Yandell is visiting her mother Mrs. S. L. Cherry and to be with her brother Bert Cherry who is to be operated on in a Lubbock sanitarium later this week. They live in the Cedar Hill Community up near Spur.—Jayton Chronicle.

Cecil Estep, good farmer of the Espuela community, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. J. I. Mecom returned Wednesday from a months visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Bell, Mr. Bell, and baby, and Mrs. John Estes, Mr. Estes and small daughter, Rita Ann.

Little Miss Forestine Mecom returned Wednesday to Spur after an extended visit with her aunt in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Karr are in Stamford spending two days visiting with Mrs. Karr's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chandler and Jamie, and attending the Reunion the third and fourth.

L. L. Arnold, prominent farmer of the Duck Creek community, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

G. W. Biggs, of the Biggs ranch in Kent county, spent Wednesday in Spur looking after business interests and visiting with friends.

Little Miss Margaret Faye Bilberry, who recently moved to Spur from Jayton with her father, E. M. Bilberry, and family, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Pleas Curd, of Afton, was a business visitor in Spur Monday morning.

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Santa Fe Railway Purchases New Locomotives

Purchase by the Santa Fe of two 5400 horse power diesel-electric freight road locomotives, and ten modern steam engines adapted either to freight or passenger service was announced by Edward J. Engel, president of that company today.

With acquisition of the diesel freighters, Santa Fe will be the first railroad to acquire diesel power for road freight service. Decision to purchase diesel freight engines at this time, Mr. Engel said, is in line with the Santa Fe's established policy of keeping abreast of the latest developments and offering the public continually improved rail facilities of every type. Extensive

tests conducted jointly by the Santa Fe and Electro-Motive Companies early this year of the latter's experimental diesel-electric freight engine, indicate this type of power has attractive possibilities in freight service from the standpoint of average speeds and economy of operation. Order for the diesel freighters was placed with the Electro-Motive Corporation of La Grange, Ill.

The ten steam engines now being ordered are of the most modern type with 4-8-4 wheel arrangement, similar to the Santa Fe's present 3765 class engines, and will be available for use in both freight and passenger service.

These new locomotives, Mr. Engel stated, will place the Santa Fe in position to meet any demands for increased transportation now in sight on account of the national defense program and will enable it to take care of any increase in traffic presently in prospect.

TRAVEL BUREAU TO MAKE 1940 "TRAVEL AMERICA YEAR"

Plans of the U. S. Travel Bureau to make 1940 "Travel America Year" were outlined Tuesday in a statewide radio broadcast by B. Frank White, Acting State Director for the Office of Government Reports.

Pointing to President Roosevelt's proclamation calling on the American people and "friends from other lands" to join in a great travel movement to and within the United States to further international friendship, Mr. White predicted that this year would see all records for the number of people visiting this country broken.

"With travel abroad restricted this year because of war," he said, "thousands of people who have never before visited our National Parks, Forests and other scenic spots will do so. It is safe to predict that more than twenty million persons will visit the National Parks and Forests alone."

Mr. White, whose report made up this week's U. S. Government Reports broadcast, invited anyone who desires complete and impartial information on where to go for their vacation this year to communicate in writing to either of the U. S. Travel Bureau's field offices in New York and San Francisco, or to headquarters in Washington.

What Is Americanism

An airplane was drumming overhead and I thought: "look up there. See that airplane. You're living under Americanism when you can see that and not be afraid it's going to rain bombs."

After that I began thinking: Just what is Americanism? After much thought I put down the following: You're living under Americanism—

If you can crack a joke about the President.

If you can disagree out loud with the party in power.

If you can worship in any church that you want to.

If you've never been forced to take military training.

If you can walk along a street without having to meet a string of uniforms.

If you can open a letter and know someone hasn't beaten you to it.

Americanism is another way to spell Democracy. And Democracy is a one-word way of saying "Let the majority rule." But, just to be safe, we protect ourselves with laws so that even the majority can't get too dictatorial.—The Outlook, Scout Paper.

CARD OF THANKS

It is with feelings of deep gratitude that we take this method of thanking our many friends for their kindness and sympathy to us during the illness and death of our husband, father and brother.

May you have just such friends in time of need.

Mrs. J. H. Meadors and children
J. W. Meadors
G. E. Meadors
Mamie Meadors

VISITS PARENTS HERE

Clinton Barrett, who is a veterinarian with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, stationed at Little Rock, Arkansas, arrived in Spur Sunday, July 21, for a short visit with his family, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett and sons Norton and Billy Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett accompanied him to Santa Fe, New Mexico Sunday afternoon, where they spent five days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horton Barrett and son. They returned to Spur Friday, bringing Marvin, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Horton Barrett, with them for a visit in Spur. Clinton left Friday afternoon for Dallas, where he will resume his duties as cattle inspector.

Mrs. Richie, of Dry Lake, was among the business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Miss Fay Armstrong of Throckmorton is spending this week with friends in Spur.

Mrs. Lis Scott came in Saturday from her farm home in the Spring Creek community and spent the day in Spur transacting business affairs and visiting with friends.

Ol Taylor, of Duck Creek, was among the first Monday visitors in Spur.

Mrs. E. L. Caraway returned Monday from a week-end visit with relatives at Dexter, New Mexico. Mrs. Caraway left again Tuesday to spend several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cash Wileman and their son, Cash Caraway Wileman, of Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wade of Espuela were shopping with Spur merchants Saturday.

Group Hospital Service

(An Editorial from The Dallas Morning News, of Sunday, May 19, 1940.)

Not long ago a Texas youth was stricken in emergency in Calgary, Canada. Another, under similar circumstances, was taken to a hospital in Boston. In each instance, the patient was able to get quickly the hospital service he needed because he was a member of Group Hospital Service, a nonprofit organization authorized by the State of Texas. For a low monthly fee, this body offers prepaid hospital care to a membership that has now reached 56,654 and is increasing rapidly.

Bryce L. Twitty of Dallas, administrator of this organization, reports that it currently is paying to hospitals more than \$25,000 a month, which shows rapid growth since the beginning of operations last August. For 1,678 patients up to April 1, the average bill paid to the hospital by Group Hospital Service was \$40.82. The average patient remained 6.6 days, at an average daily cost of \$6.19.

This prepayment service helps both hospitals and patients. The hospital receives its payment promptly and is not tempted to turn the member away because of his credit rating. The patient is freed from financial worry by obtaining hospital service when he needs it, without concern about the bill. On an average, he pays his own bill, but he pays it painlessly in advance. If he goes long without need of the hospital care which monthly payments assure him he considers himself lucky and has no complaint. He knows his money has given help where it was needed—and he cannot be sure that he will not need hospital service the next day.

Success of this and other plans for insured hospital care has given rise to similar plan for prepaid medical care. Both plans separately or in combination, help to lighten the financial burden of the many for whom prospective doctor's and hospital bills are a source of worry.

Mrs. Charlie Kearney and Mrs. Floyd Smith drove to Amarillo Sunday to spend the day with Mr. Kearney, who is in the Veterans Hospital there. According to Mrs. Kearney, however, he is getting along nicely and is expected to return home soon following an operation to relieve the condition.

FOR CONGRESS

A Personal Word to the People of the 19th District:

During this grave emergency I have remained on the job in Washington, seeking to serve you and our Nation at this time of great crisis. As you know, it has been necessary for Congress to remain in session and the adjournment date is still uncertain.



GEORGE MAHON

I am not unmindful that this is election year. Under normal conditions, I would now be visiting among you, thanking you for past favors and seeking your continued good will and support. Not being able to be in our District, I take this means of thanking you for the wonderful cooperation you are now giving me and have always given me during my service as your Representative in Congress. May I earnestly solicit your continued confidence and support in the July Primary.

George Mahon

"THERE SHALL BE WARS"

But we must keep our balance as best we can, just "keep on keeping on." There shall be drouths in West Texas, too. And we sometimes feel we are "Gone With The Wind," but we just can't go; somebody must stay so when the rainy years come we can tell the new comers what a prosperous country this is.

We are selling some wonderful lines of merchandise on easy payment plan, if there is an easy one. John Deere Tractors and Implements, Binders, Mowers, Feed Cutters, in fact any machinery needed on the farm from go-devil blades to Caterpillar Tractors inclusive, Norge Electric Refrigerators, Norge Gas Stoves, Florence and Perfection Oil Cook Stoves.

Come to the store on the wrong Street, but the right place to buy dependable Hardware of all kinds. Plumbing and Tin work is our speciality, with two experienced men at your call.

We need your business and have tried to merit it for thirty (30) years. If you owe us and can't pay, don't stay away, we need your cash business. We believed in you when we sold you the merchandise and still do if you appear to appreciate.

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LOST—rimless glasses, gold frame in red case. Glasses lost between Spur and Jayton. \$2.50 reward. Return to Dorwin Sprouls at Spur Security Bank.

POSITION WANTED—Experienced housekeeper desires position. Washing, ironing, and house-cleaning. References.—Mrs. E. M. BILBERRY at Crouch's Mill. It

News Items About Fourth Estate

R. G. Shelton, former advertising salesman with the Wichita Falls Times, and W. C. Baldwin, publisher of the Lamesa Reporter, have purchased the Brownfield News from Charles D. Dial.

Charles Green, for several years editor of the Nolan County News at Sweetwater, has resigned and is now secretary of the chamber of commerce at Stamford.

G. B. Dealey, for twenty-one years president of the A. H. Belo Corporation, publishing the Dallas News, has announced his retirement. E. M. ("Ted") Dealey, succeeds his father, who becomes chairman of the board. James M. Moroney is now vice-president and secretary, and Myer M. Donosky is treasurer.

TRANSFERS TO WACO

Jack Kieth, with the Old Age Assistance Administration, who has been transferred from Spur to Waco, left Saturday to take up his duties at his new post. Accompanying Mr. Kieth was his young daughter, Nancy, who had been a guest in the H. P. Gipson home for the past month.

Max McClure left Friday to return to his home in Raymondville, going by way of Dallas and Corpus Christi, after a two weeks vacation spent in Spur visiting his mother, brother and sister, Mrs. Ann B. McClure, Oran, and Wynell McClure, and friends in Spur and the surrounding area.

SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO BE IN LUBBOCK JULY 13

Wilbur J. Keith, Informational Service Representative for region 10 of the Social Security Board will be in Lubbock Saturday, July 13, to exhibit a motion picture explaining old age and survivors insurance program, announced Lang Holt of Lubbock.

Keith will exhibit this motion picture Saturday morning July 13 at 10:30 at the Palace Theatre in Lubbock and the public is cordially invited to attend. Chamber of Commerce managers in all South Plains towns have been advised of this meeting and have been urged to notify those interested parties in their respective communities.

What The Flag Means

My Flag! The Flag of America, home of Liberty, soil of opportunity, tower of power rightly used—My America!

The Blue of My Flag represents Justice like the eternal blue of the star-filled heavens—its White is for Purity, cleanness of purpose, of word or deed—its Red is the red blood of men and women, ready to die, or worthily live for America.—The Outlook, Scout Paper.

Misses Nell Francis, Jane Godfrey, and Mrs. P. H. Miller left Spur Friday via Austin for a two weeks stay at Palacius attending the Baptist encampment there and visiting other places of interest.

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THE European war has re-awakened Americans to the truth of the saying, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Our liberty is not immediately threatened. But it may be if we do not prepare to defend it from any possible attack. Such preparation is an effort in which everyone can share.

We favor adequate preparedness for national defense. This country's natural position gives us a great measure of security against threats from abroad. With careful preparation we can strengthen that position until no nation would dare attack us.

National defense is not only a matter of men, airplanes, battleships and guns. It also requires us to strengthen our American institutions, which are the very things we wish to protect and preserve. They must be preserved. It would be a bitter and ironic victory if, in order to defeat an enemy, we sidetracked the system of free enterprise and the personal liberties which distinguish the American way of life from the tyrannies of Europe and Asia.

Let's keep this country American. Government experts and civilian authorities are studying how to provide for our actual defense and each citizen's part in it. Meanwhile, the rest of us can help by doing our work, whatever it is, as well as we can.

That is what all the people of this company intend to do. Together with other electric companies, we have built a system capable of supplying the nation with electric service in any emergency. This system will be maintained and strengthened and we will continue our day-to-day effort to provide the dependable electric service that makes the United States a better place to live.

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