

Byron C. Langley Is Transferred To Stephenville Post

Byron C. Langley, agronomist at the Spur Agricultural Experiment Station for the past nine years, has been appointed superintendent of the new West Cross Timbers station at Stephenville, according to information received from the Texas A. and M. college.

Langley came to the local station in 1931 as an expert in measurement and control of runoff water. He graduated from the John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville and received other degrees at A. and M. where he joined the Experiment Station in 1929.

Ranch Hand Is Killed In Wreck

Herman Bilberry, 25, employee of the J. D. Patterson ranch north of Peacock was killed Sunday afternoon when his automobile overturned three miles west of Aspermont.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Oricena.

Bilberry was a son of W. A. "Uncle Billy" Bilberry, pioneer resident of Claiborne in Kent county. Several relatives live in Spur.

Rites Are Held For Gregory Baby

Funeral services for Vernon Darwin Gregory, six-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gregory, were held Friday at the Church of Christ. The child died Thursday.

Ministers Miles and Burba officiated. Burial was in the Spur Cemetery.

Financing Of City Library Discussed

A committee meeting was held last Thursday in the Public Library for the purpose of re-organizing and discussing the ways and means of financing the Dickens County Public Library. Mrs. M. H. Brannen acted as chairman. Mr. O. L. Kelley gave a short talk and explained different phases of the public library.

The following officers and committees were elected and appointed: Chairman, Mrs. M. H. Brannen; Vice-chairman, Charlie McLaughlin; Secretary, Mrs. Johnnie Koonsman; Treasurer, O. L. Kelley; Book Purchasing Committee, Mrs. Oscar McGinty, Mrs. Leo Speer, Mrs. Jack Barton, Mrs. Thurmond Moore; Publicity Chairman, O. L. Kelley. Mrs. McGinty, Mrs. Barton, and Mrs. Moore were appointed by the Chair to draw up the constitution and by-laws.

The Dickens County Library Committee is composed of the following: Fred Jennings, City of Spur; Charlie McLaughlin, Co. School Board; M. B. Gage, Commissioners' Court; Dr. Lilburn Standiford, Spur Rotary Club; E. H. Boedeker, Spur Civic Club; Mrs. Clark Forbis, Afton H. D. C.; Mrs. Leo Speer, Dickens P.T.A.; Mrs. Geo. Pierce, Wichita P.T.A.; Mrs. O. M. McGinty, 20th Century Study Club; Mrs. Thurmond Moore, 1933 Study Club; Mrs. M. H. Brannen, 1917 Study Club; Mrs. Jack Barton, 1931 Study Club; Mrs. Johnnie Koonsman, City Federation of Study Clubs.

Other committees and co-workers will be appointed at the next meeting. Every community in Dickens County will have a representative.

Meeting To Start At Red Mud Church

The Red Mud Church of Christ will begin a gospel meeting Friday August 23 at the Red Mud school building, it was announced today.

C. V. Allen of Spur will conduct the services. Dalton Johnston will lead singing services.

Theme of the sermons will be "Sin," "Righteousness," and "Judgment." Evening services will be held only, and will start at 8:15. Open air seats will be available.

Special morning and evening services will be held Sunday as a forerunner to the meeting, it was announced.

John Albin Leases Grocery, Station

John Albin, who has been in the grocery business on Burlington Ave. for the past two and a half years, has leased the filling station, grocery store, and tourist camp northwest of the city on the Dickens highway.

Albin has put in a complete stock of groceries, including a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. He will also offer complete filling station services.

Hundreds To Be At Dickens And Motley Reunion

Committees were appointed and other business matters attendant to the annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Association reunion were transacted Saturday by directors in a meeting at Roaring Springs.

The reunion will be held August 22 and 23 at Roaring Springs.

The Spur high school band will lead the parade the morning of August 22 which opens the celebration. The band will also give two concerts during the day.

The first day of the reunion has been designated as "Old Settlers Day," and entertainment has been planned especially for them, according to Association officials.

Citizens of Spur have been requested to see that old settlers of their acquaintance have some means of transportation to the picnic. Many old people cannot attend without someone accompanying them because they either do not have cars, or, are too feeble to drive them, it was pointed out.

The openingday parade is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock a. m. A concert by the Spur band will follow, with memorial services under the tabernacle scheduled next. After lunch another band concert will be held, and following will be a special entertainment program for old timers.

Thursday night old timers, and perhaps a few youngsters, will join in square dancing and other dances of the bygone days.

Rodeo events and baseball games will provide other entertainment.

A dance will be sponsored next Tuesday night by the Association to raise funds for payment of premiums to rodeo winners.

In addition, a carnival will be on the grounds to provide other fun. All amusements will be free except the dance.

Early Work To Get Early Pay In Farm Set-Up

The sooner a farmer completes his soil-building work under the AAA program, the sooner he will receive his agricultural conservation payment.

This was the information released today by AAA officials.

Efforts are being made by the county office to have things in readiness for acceptance of conservation payment applications in September. Completion of enough soil-building work to earn the maximum allowance before the close of the program will thus enable the cooperator to receive his conservation payment earlier than those who fall short on their improvement work, officials stated.

HOSPITAL NOTES

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Rainbolt, who live east of Dickens, on August 7.

Mrs. "Dogie" Graves is at her home following a recent operation.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Love on August 2.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Martin of Dickens are the parents of a son born recently.

A son was born to Mrs. Dewey West of north of Spur.

Miss Ann Lee underwent an appendicitis operation recently.

Misses Pearl and Billie Myers, accompanied by A. L. Spraberry, spent Sunday in the home of the girls' parents at Jayton, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Myers.

Former Resident Killed In Auto Accident Saturday

Tom Rummfield, 40, former Spur resident, was killed Saturday night in an automobile accident near Ontario, California, it was reported here Monday.

No details of the accident were available, but it was said that Rummfield's body was badly burned.

Funeral services were held Wednesday and burial was in the Ontario cemetery.

He is survived by his widow and a son, W. C. 13, who had been living with Rummfield since June. Other survivors include his mother, Mrs. Minnie Rummfield of Anson; three brothers, Hoza, Rube, Theibert; and five sisters, Mrs. Jane Boyd, Mrs. Lula Farmer, Mrs. Monroe Tabb, Mrs. Cecil Brown, and Miss Viola Rummfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Rummfield moved to the Spur area from Anson in 1927. In December, 1938, Rummfield moved to California.

Pitchfork Cowboys In State Paper

Camera shots taken on the Pitchfork Ranch, which lies in Dickens and King counties, made up a "spread" in the rotovature section of Sunday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Taken by Frank Reeves Sr., well-known ranch reporter, the pictures showed various steps in the branding process, the beautiful English Colonial type ranch headquarters, a scene at "chuck" time, and Foreman Harvey Adams on his favorite mount.

Other cowboys providing camera material included Floyd Adams, Lassiter Hensley, "Peel" Leonard, "Dumas" Oliver, Fred Dawson, John Owens, Lloyd Dillon, "Buck" Scott, "Boog" Powell, "Pine" Johnson, and Alvin Durham.

Meeting Is Set By Members Of Local Association

Another milestone in the progress of the Spur National Farm Loan association will be reached September 14 when members convene in Spur for their annual meeting, according to James B. Reed, secretary-treasurer.

Reed said the meeting has been changed from the first Saturday in September to the second Saturday, in order that a representative from the Federal Land Bank may meet with the stockholders.

Organized in 1922, the association has made 425 Federal Land Bank loans for more than \$1,225,000. In addition, 232 Land Bank Commissioner loans amounting to approximately \$345,000 have been made.

Aside from important reports, election of directors, and other business matters scheduled for the meeting, Reed said there would be an entertainment program, including a picture show and other features.

Dickens Family Discovers Frame Garden Answer To Gardening Problem In County

The worth of frame gardens has been demonstrated beyond question this summer by Mr. and Mrs. Murray Lea of Dickens.

The Leas have a garden measuring six by 24 feet, and from this small plot they have been supplied with various kinds of vegetables all through the dry summer. An ample crop of spinach was grown in the garden. Twenty-eight pints of spinach were canned, and the Leas have 15 quarts stored in the Spur cold storage locker, in addition.

The Dickens residents are enthusiastic about small-scale gardening. Mr. Lea said: "I think so much of that garden I'm going to build two more for next year."

The frame garden is ideal for this section of the country, where wind, sand, and a shortage of moisture, prevail, according to Miss Elizabeth Brooks, county home demonstration agent. "A frame garden can provide

Pierce Brooks To Speak Here Today

It was reported Wednesday that Pierce Brooks, runoff candidate for railroad commission, will speak in Spur this afternoon.

Brooks, who is opposed by Olin Culberson, will also make appearances the same afternoon at Crosbyton, Rotan, and Roby.

Garza Only Area County Revealing Population Climb

The eight counties surrounding Dickens county followed a general trend through West Texas and the Panhandle in loss of population during the past ten years, a check of final census returns reveals.

Dickens county also showed a loss, dropping from 8,061 in 1930 to 7,864 in 1940.

Of the eight counties touching Dickens county only Garza county showed an increase, and that was for only 82 persons. Cottle county, which touches this county on the northeast corner, felt the biggest loss, dropping from 9,395 to 7,060.

Following are census reports from this area:

	1940	1930
Crosby	10,050	11,023
Floyd	10,655	12,409
Garza	5,668	5,586
Kent	3,408	3,851
Stonewall	5,586	5,667
King	1,065	1,193
Cottle	7,060	9,395
Motley	4,995	6,812

New Grid Coach To Arrive Soon

Woodrow Duckworth, new Spur football coach, is expected to arrive here about August 20.

Duckworth will immediately make plans for starting of the training season September 1.

Duckworth, a graduate of Texas Christian University at Fort Worth, succeeds G. B. Wadzeck as head of the Bulldogs.

While at TCU Duckworth lettered three years on the Harned Frog aggregation.

Baptists Holding Successful Meeting

Large crowds and good interest at the revival meeting being conducted at the Bethel Baptist Church was reported today.

The meeting is being conducted by Rev. W. T. Priddy of Haskell. Final services will be held next Sunday.

"Lost Man," "Wages of Sin," "Last Roundup," "Signs of the Times," are typical subjects of sermons being delivered.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Spur National Farm Loan Association will be held at Spur, Texas Saturday, September 14, 1940. All members are urged to attend.

Opening Of City Schools Is Set For September 9

Spur schools will open Monday, September 9, it was decided Thursday night at a meeting of the school board.

Date was also set for the formal dedication of the new \$40,000 high school building. Completion of the structure will be observed Monday September 2. Representatives of the Works Progress Administration, building contractor, will join with members of the local school board and patrons of the district in dedicating the edifice, which fills a need of many years by the Spur school system. Efforts are being made to obtain a prominent Texas educator to make the principal address, school officials said.

Regarding the new school year, O. C. Thomas, superintendent, said: "The pupils, patrons, and faculty may well enter the new school year with much pride and satisfaction in knowing that the school will be well-housed and equipped." He pointed out that not only is a new high school building available but that the grammar and ward school buildings have undergone extensive programs of modernizing and painting.

Two courses, chemistry and farm shop, will be offered for the first time in the local school, Thomas said. Housing facilities and equipment are said to be excellent for these types of study. The superintendent stated that addition of the two courses will give the high school 36 credits of affiliation.

Basketball will become a popular sport in this area now that an indoor court is available for the first time in the history of the school, sport fans predict.

Officials of the Highway school recently decided to send students in that area to Spur, according to Thomas. Wilson Draw, Peaceful Hill, and Spring Creek will send students to the local school. The Spur high school has been taking high school pupils from these schools for many years for high school purposes, Thomas said.

Mattress Program Is Completed In Four Communities

Four Dickens county communities have completed mattress making programs, and four other communities are awaiting arrival of cotton and ticking before beginning new ones, according to Miss Elizabeth Brooks, county home demonstration agent.

Afton, Midway, Glenn, and Esquepa residents have made 75 mattresses. All that was required of applicants was the labor, the ticking and cotton being furnished by the surplus commodities division of the federal government.

Twelve bales of cotton and a large quantity of ticking must be received before the program can be brought to the Spur, Dickens, McAdoo, and Highway communities.

Revival Begins At Girard Friday Night

Minister B. C. McCarley of Houston will conduct the annual revival meeting which starts Friday night at the Girard Church of Christ.

Services will be held twice daily, except Saturday, at 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. No morning services will be held Saturday, although evening services will be held at the regular time.

Singing will be in charge of local musicians. Services will be held under a brush arbor, with plenty of seats available, it was said.

Mrs. John Hazelwood and son, John Jr., and Richard Gipson visited relatives in Midland recently. John and Richard joined a party and made a fishing trip to the Chisos mountains and the Rio Grande river.

Several graduates have expressed a desire to enroll for post-graduate work, the superintendent said. Graduates will be allowed to enroll in classes after the regular students have completed enrollment, and post-graduate work will be allowed in classes not filled by undergraduates.

Thomas stated that no NYA jobs will be allocated until all students have registered. "These jobs will be awarded strictly on the basis of need."

Mrs. Jeanette Barbee is the only teacher to resign this summer.

Mrs. Charles Cravey of Highway and Miss Bess Thurman of Patton Springs will be new teachers. Mrs. Cravey and Miss Thurman will teach in the grammar school. Miss Thurman is a graduate of the University of Texas and her home is in Carbon, Texas.

High School faculty members follow: O. C. Thomas, superintendent; G. B. Wadzeck, high school principal; Edith Cavness, math; Ethel Green, homemaker; Cecil Ayers, agriculture; Aline Low, commerce; Leonard King, band-history; Woodrow Duckworth, coach-physical education; Marie Simpson, health-physical education; Jeanne Gollihar, music; David Sisto, Spanish-English; Mrs. Thelma Emery, English; Winifred Aycock, English; and Margaret Maloney, science.

Grammar School:
Robert Williams, principal; Nella Francis, seventh grade; Mrs. A. O. White and Mrs. Laura Latham, sixth grade; Mrs. Charles Cravey and Miss Bess Thurman, fifth grade.

East Ward:
Dallas Smith, principal; Mrs. Carl Patton, fourth grade; Francis Graham and Helen Joyner, third grade; Dorothy Walker and Mrs. Leonard King, second grade; Mary Nelda Voughter and Mrs. E. D. Engleman, first grade.

Colored School:
Kelley E. Bolden is colored school principal and Mrs. Theresa V. Goldstein is the other faculty member.

Singing Will Be Held At Red Hill

A sing-song will be held at Red Hill Sunday, August 18, it was announced today.

Invitations are extended everyone. Singers are urged to bring their song books.

Singing will get underway at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

4-H Girls Will Convene Saturday

Dickens county 4-H club girls will meet Saturday afternoon in the auditorium of the First Baptist church for a business session and picture show entertainment. The business session will start at 1:30.

Miss Della Dean Baxter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Baxter of McAdoo, will be presented the Gold Star 4-H Medal for her outstanding work last year as a member of the McAdoo club. The Gold Star award is presented each year to the most prominent club girl in the county. The remainder of the session will be taken up in discussion of plans for the 1941 club year.

Following the business session, the girls will be guests at a picture show.

ATTEND REUNION

Ed and Lon Fuqua, and daughter and two sons of Lon, Flora, Alfred, and Ross, and Fay Lewis, a niece of Messrs. Fuqua, all of Red Mud, attended a reunion of the Fuqua family at Gentry's Mill in Hamilton county August 3. More than 175 persons were present. Ed Fuqua reported that it was the first time in 38 years that he had been back to his "old stomping grounds."

W. R. "Uncle Bill" Stafford, one of the genuine pioneers of this area, who lives at Afton, was a member of the crowd in Spur Saturday.

Social Happenings

Shugart - Powell Marriage Event On Saturday

A marriage of wide interest was that of Saturday evening when Miss Pauline Shugart became the bride of Eldon Powell.

The marriage rites were read Saturday evening at 8:30 in the home of Minister and Mrs. R. C. Brown, with Minister Brown in charge of the single-ring service.

The bride wore a navy sheer trimmed in white, and with white accessories. A corsage of pink asters added to her costume.

Mrs. Powell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Shugart of Red Hill. She finished at the Spur high school with the class of 1939, and is also a graduate of Arlene's School of Beauty Culture at Lubbock.

Mr. Powell, a son of J. Vernon Powell, is a graduate of the Spur high school, finishing in 1934. He is a leading young business man of the town.

Mr. Powell began his business training at the Foodway Market. He has been connected with the Spur Bakery more than two years.

Mrs. Powell will continue her position as an operator at Rita's Beauty Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell are at home in the Fox apartment over the Spur Bakery.

Mrs. T. E. Milam Is London Bridge Club Hostess

Mrs. T. E. Milam was a hostess at a lovely morning party Thursday when she entertained members of the London Bridge club at her home on East Second Street.

Mrs. Truman Green won high club score, and second honors went to Mrs. Harvey Holly. Mrs. Martin Pope was winner of the high guest prize. Each lady was presented an appropriate prize.

Following the bridge games a salad refreshment course was served to guests.

Attending were Mesdames Charles F. Hardwick, Harvey Giddens, O. E. Ratliff, Jack Senning, Lynn Buzbee, and Mrs. Martin Pope.

Party Announces Marriage Of Miss Shugart, Mr. Powell

Miss Pauline Shugart, bride-elect of Eldon Powell, was honor guest for a lovely announcement party and miscellaneous shower given Wednesday afternoon of last week from 3:30 to 6:30 o'clock.

The courtesy was extended by Mrs. W. P. Shugart at her home at 601 North Keeler.

Bowls and urns of sweet peas and zinnias were used in decorating the reception rooms.

Guests were met at the door by the hostess and presented to the honoree. Receiving with the hostess were Mrs. Fannie Sullivan and W. F. Shugart, maternal and paternal grandmothers of the bride-elect.

Mrs. W. P. Foster, Jr., presided at the table where guests signed their names in the register, a beautiful hand decorated bride's book.

In the gift room many lovely gifts attested the popularity of the honoree and bridegroom-elect.

The dining room was decorated with sweet peas and ferns. The table presented a lovely picture with its cover of lace cloth and centerpiece, which was a crystal platter holding a crystal punch bowl and encircled with sweet peas and ferns, and crystal sticks holding lighted candles.

Presiding at the refreshment table where refreshments of punch and sweetheart cookies were served was Mrs. T. J. Seales.

Plate favors were miniature bags of rice with cards attached revealing the date of the approaching marriage.

Miss C. na Belle Wolfskill, who has been working at Norman, Okla., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolfskill. Miss Wolfskill graduated from the University of Oklahoma last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smiley of Glenn were business visitors in Spur Thursday.

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Mrs. H. C. Cravey Has 75th Birthday

Mrs. H. C. Cravey, who lives 15 miles southwest of Spur, celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday last week when she was honor guest at a dinner prepared by her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Cravey who is known as "Aunt Bettie" by her many friends, came to this part of the country with her husband and children in 1896, traveling from San Saba county with her husband and children in covered wagons. The family filed on the land on which Mrs. Cravey still lives.

Mrs. Cravey is young in spirit and enjoys good health for a person her age. She does her own housework, believing that the way to keep young is to keep busy.

As an early settler Mrs. Cravey can relate much history of this section of West Texas.

Miss Hope McClain, home economics teacher in the Lazbuddie school in Parmer county, who has been on a vacation the past two weeks in Ruidosa, New Mexico, returned last week to her home in the Catfish community.

Miss Nedra Hogan, assistant secretary at the City Hall, is spending her vacation with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Dill of Austin.

Charles McLaughlin of McAdoo was in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speer of Brownfield spent the weekend in Spur as the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Slaton and family.

Mrs. Edna Edmonds of Fort Worth arrived Sunday to look after property interests and to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Blassingame of East Afton were here Saturday. S. T. Lambert, merchant of Wichita, was in Spur Monday buying supplies.

Miss Lona Joyner, who has been working at Speer's Variety store, has left for Fort Worth to attend business college.

Mrs. Dewitt Twaddell of Colorado has been in Spur the past week looking after business interests.

Mrs. Dick Sampson of Clairemont was shopping and visiting in Spur Saturday.

O. C. Newberry of Afton was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slayden of Espuela were in Spur Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Garner of Lubbock visited in Jayton Sunday.

W. B. Ford and son, R. D., of the Calgary community were in Spur Monday morning.

Mrs. Clark Forbis, Afton, was in the city Monday.

Carl and Hugh Hagins of the Duck Creek community were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Godfrey and her mother, Mrs. Lenora Luckett of Matador, returned Wednesday from a vacation spent at Lake City and Colorado Springs, Colorado.

M. E. Tree of the Highway community was here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gruben were in Royston Sunday visiting her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hawley and son visited her parents at Ft. Worth the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sparks of Highway were in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Koonsman of Wichita were in the city Saturday.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our darling baby. We also want to thank Dr. Nichols and his nurses for their faithfulness. May God's richest blessings rest on each one of you is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gregory
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swaringen and family
Mrs. T. E. Gregory and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Wade spent the weekend in Jayton as the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wade.

Floyd Barfoot of Lamesa spent the week in Jayton as the guest of his parents. He visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Langston in Spur Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Taylor and Mrs. Cecil Meador of Dickens were in Spur Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. L. D. Ratliff returned to her home Saturday from the West Texas Hospital at Lubbock where she underwent an operation ten days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Westfall and small daughter of Red Hill were here Tuesday.

Mrs. Burnett Haney and children were in Spur Tuesday shopping and visiting her mother, Mrs. Hicks.

Ted and Joe Paul Alexander returned Sunday from Fort Sill, Okla. where they attended the Citizens Military Training Camp.

Mrs. John O. Gilbert, of Borger, was here Monday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh and family.

Do You Know Texas?

Q—Where is the Bryan Mound Sulphur Dome located?
A—In Brazoria County.

Q—How many courses are offered in the University of Texas?
A—Forty-four subjects and 1,241 classes.

FACTUAL: The first fire company in Texas was organized in Houston in 1836—before the city was chartered—and was known as A. C. Allen's Bucket Brigade and Protection Fire Company No. 1.

S. J. R. NO. 6
A JOINT RESOLUTION
proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas amending Section 26 of Article IV so as to provide that Notaries Public be appointed by the Secretary of State of the State of Texas; providing for the submission of this amendment to the voters of this State; and providing for the necessary appropriation to defray necessary expenses for the submission of this amendment.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
Section 1. That Section 26 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so that the same will hereafter read as follows:

"Section 26. (a) The Secretary of State shall appoint a convenient number of Notaries Public for each county who shall perform such duties as now are or may be prescribed by law. The qualifications of Notaries Public shall be prescribed by law.

(b) Nothing herein shall affect the terms of office of Notaries Public who have qualified for the present term prior to the taking effect of this amendment.

(c) Should the Legislature enact an enabling law hereto in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such law shall not be invalid by reason of its anticipatory character."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at a special election to be held

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on the 5th day of November, 1940, at which election all voters favoring such proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS PROVIDING THAT NOTARIES PUBLIC BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS"

and those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS PROVIDING THAT NOTARIES PUBLIC BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election quired by the Constitution and ex- and have the same published as re- sisting laws of the State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any fund in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of said publication and election.

S. J. R. NO. 4
A JOINT RESOLUTION
proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas giving the Legislature authority to provide for appeal direct to the Supreme Court in cases involving injunctions granted or denied on the

grounds of constitutionality or un- constitutionality of any statute or on validity or invalidity of administra- tive orders; providing for the sub- mission of this amendment to the voters of this State; and providing for the necessary proclamation and expenses of publication.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGIS- LATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 3-b, which shall read as fol- lows:

"Section 3-b. The Legislature shall have the power to provide by law, for an appeal direct to the Supreme Court of this State from an order of any trial court granting or deny- ing an interlocutory or permanent injunction on the grounds of the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of any statute of this State, or on the validity or invalidity of any administrative order issued by any state agency under any statute of this State."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitution- al Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the general election to be held on the 5th day of Novem- ber, 1940, at which election all voters favoring such proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS DIRECT TO THE SUPREME COURT IN INSTANCES

INVOLVING CONSTITUTIONAL- ITY OF CERTAIN LAWS AND ORDERS." and those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS DIRECT TO THE SUPREME COURT IN INSTANCES INVOLVING CONSTITUTIONAL- ITY OF CERTAIN LAWS AND ORDERS."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the neces- sary proclamation for said election and have the same published as re- quired by the Constitution and ex- isting laws of the State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of said publication and election.

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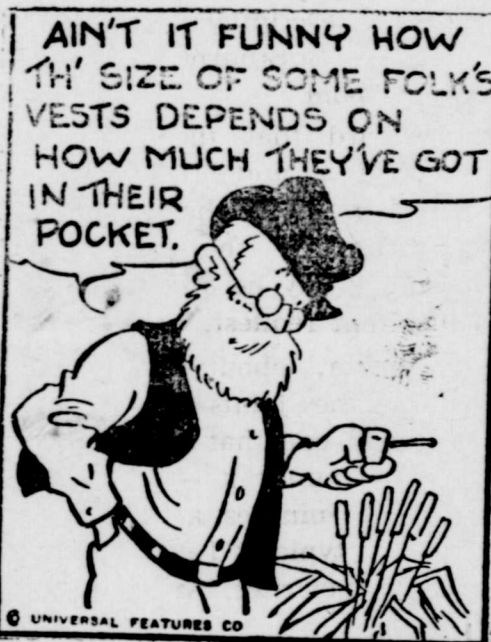
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Announcements

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For Congress 19th District:
GEORGE MAHON
(Re-election)

For Senator, 30th District:
MARSHALL FORMBY

For Representative, 118 District:
A. A. (PAT) BULLOCK

For District Attorney, 110th District:
JOHN HAMILTON

For County Judge:
EDWIN H. BOEDECKER
G. W. BENNETT

For County Attorney:
L. D. RATLIFF

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
FRED CHRISTOPHER
JOHNNIE KOONSMAN
(Re-election)

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

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:
S. T. (Tomp) JOHNSON
K. W. (WILLOW) STREET

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

For Commissioner, Precinct 3:
W. H. HINDMAN
For Commissioner Precinct No. 4:
M. B. GAGE
(Re-election)

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

KENT COUNTY

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:
JAKE JONES

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ponder of Kilgore spent last week here as guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ponder, who live two miles east of Spur. Other guests in the Ponder home this week are their daughter and grandsons, Mrs. H. L. Peninger, and Ernest Lee and Bobby, of Elvasville.

Mrs. T. E. Milam and mother, Mrs. Cora Harrell of Ralls, left for Lone Wolf, Okla. Wednesday afternoon, where they were to be joined by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Howell in a trip to New Albany, Mississippi to visit Mrs. Mattie Gregory for two weeks. Mrs. Gregory is a sister of Mrs. Harrell and Mr. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hickman and two daughters and son, Verna Mae and Ona Grace, and Guinn, of McAdoo, were visitors in Spur Saturday. Mrs. Hickman was a caller at The Spur office.

Mrs. J. O. Harkey returned Sunday from a weeks visit with her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Boss Estes and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Box and family of Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McDonald and Mrs. John Bucks of Antelope were here Saturday.

INVITATION

We invite you to come here the next time you are hungry. We know our good food and efficient service will please you.

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Boyce House

Now that Texans are about to have an opportunity to see "Boom Town," the motion picture on which your columnist served as technical adviser during the writing throughout the past winter in California perhaps the reader would be interested in a peep "behind the scenes" long before the cameras started turning.

When I reported for duty at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's that bright October morning, I went first to the office of Kenneth MacKenna, the head of the script department, who had sent me the telegram employing me—and I never saw him again after that one meeting. For that matter, I never did meet James Edward Grant, who wrote the story—"A Lady Comes to Burk Burnett"—on which the film was based. Grant, by the way, it was my understanding received \$15,000 for the motion picture rights and was to receive \$1,000 a week for five weeks to aid in writing the script but, when the time called for arrival, the company wasn't ready, so he was paid the \$5,000 additional, anyway.

From MacKenna's office, a very nervous Texas newspaperman was escorted to the sumptuous quarters of Sam Zimbalist, one of the greatest of the producers—tall, dark, calm, handsome and urbane. After a cordial greeting, the famous producer himself took me down the hall to the room assigned as my private office, told me to make known my wants and gave me the first task—a description of an oil town, such as Burk Burnett, at the height of a boom.

Having heard that the property department of a studio could produce anything, from the asp that stung Cleopatra to the bat that Casey used the day he struck out, I gave a different request:

"A typewriter, about ten years old, stiff in the joints from long hard usage and one that really clatters when you punch it!"

And in five minutes a man was there with a typical Texas newspaper office typewriter. And I went happily to work!

Of course, describing the main street of a boom town wasn't hard for one who had "seed the painter and hear'n the owl"—and that probably was the reason the suave Zimbalist had given that as the opening assignment, to establish the newcomer's confidence.

At the first story conference (attended by Jack Conway, the director, and John Lee Mahin, chief writer), Zimbalist opened proceedings by asking me how I liked California, to which my reply was "Fine and I think I'm going to like it better because I plan to see the world's welterweight boxing champion in action tomorrow night and the U.C.L.A.-Oregon football game Saturday."

A friend had cautioned me that, would be wanted only on matters pertaining to Texas and to oil and even then to wait until called upon, but Zimbalist (who must have been a mind-reader along with his other talents) said: "We want any ideas you have at any time about anything; this is your picture as well as ours." It was seldom during the weeks that followed that the technical adviser took advantage of this invitation but it had the effect at once of making me feel that my work really counted.

Hardly had I returned to my office after that story conference than the phone rang and a voice said, "This is Mr. Conway's secretary; he requests you to call at the box office of the athletic club tomorrow night for two ringside tickets." And an hour later, the phone rang again: "This is Mr. Zimbalist's office; can you step down here a moment?" Upon entering the producer's reception room, two doors down the hall, I was greeted by Miss Margie Warden, the Secretary, who extended an envelop with "Mr. Zimbalist wanted you to have this"—"this" proving to be two tickets to the football game!

Appreciated though such hospitality was, needless to say my plans for attending future athletic events were not divulged any more.

(To be continued, maybe).

S. B. Compton, publisher of the Crawford Sun, has been elected

justice of the peace by an overwhelming vote. And my friend Deskins Wells, Wellington publisher, led in the first primary for Congress, going into the runoff with genial Gene Worley of Shamrock.

Are these old enough?
Wife to husband who comes staggering home at 3 a. m.: "Drunk again!"

Husband: "So am I."
And the similar one:
Friend—"Drunk again?"
Other—"No—yet."

And we'll sign off with this one: "Is Jones dead? Well, if he ain't, they played a mean trick on him; they buried him."

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity to thank the many friends who so liberally and generously helped us in a time of great need, the loss of our home by fire. We are sincerely appreciative.

M. A. Ware and family

Frank Laverty and daughter, Opal Jean, and son, James Franklin, of Fort Worth, arrived in Spur Sunday to spend several days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hill Perry and Mrs. Hattie Turvin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Langston have as a guest this week their daughter, Mrs. Floyd Barfoot of Lamesa. Mrs. Barfoot will leave for her home Friday.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Dickens

Whereas, by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the District Court of Crosby County, Texas, on the 18th day of November, A. D. 1921, wherein W. S. Posey and R. I. Tubbs are Plaintiffs, and C. C. Crausbay is defendant, on a judgment in said court against said Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiffs, for the sum of Twenty-two hundred Eighty-eight and 55-100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I have levied upon and will on the 3rd day of September, A. D. 1940, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. at the Court House door of said County proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of C. C. Crausbay in and to the following described property, levied upon, to-wit: 747.7 acres of land situated in Dickens County, Texas, consisting of 421.7 acres out of Liberty County School Land, Patent No. 42, Vol. 23, Abstract No. 319; 42-100 acres out of Survey No. 2, Block No. 12, M. G. Leatherwood, Grantee, Abstract No. 1407; 161 acres being all of Sub-division No. 12 of Edgar Scurry's Subdivision of Lee County School Land Leagues Nos. 1-2-3 and 4 and 165 acres being all of sub-division No. 13 of Edgar Scurry's Subdivision of Lee County School Land Leagues Nos. 1-2-3 and 4 making a total of 747.7 acres, more or less, described by metes and bounds as follows:— BEGINNING at the SE Corner of sub-division No. 12 of Edgar Scurry's sub-division of Lee County School Land, Leagues Nos. 1-2-3 and 4 as shown by the plat of record in the Deed Records of Dickens County, Texas, for the SE Corner of this 747.7 acre tract;

THENCE N. 89 degrees 4' West 1948-1-3 varas to an iron pipe set under fence for the SW Corner of this 747.7 acre tract;

THENCE North 2135 varas to an iron pipe set under fence on South side of Highway No. 53 for the NW Corner of this 747.7 acre tract;

THENCE N. 88 deg. 46' East 1948-1-3 varas to a point on South side of Highway No. 53, for the NE Corner of this 747.7 acre tract;

THENCE South along the East side of sub-division Nos. 13 and 12 of Edgar Scurry's Sub-division of Lee County School Land, Leagues Nos. 1-2-3 and 4, 2212 varas to the place of BEGINNING, containing 747.7 acres, more or less.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment of \$2288.55 in favor of Plaintiffs, together with all costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds to be applied to the satisfaction thereof.

J. L. KOONSMAN, Sheriff,
Dickens County, Texas.

H. J. R. NO. 45
A JOINT RESOLUTION
proposing and Amendment to Article 8, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new Section thereto to be known as Section 9-A; providing that the Commissioners Court of Red River County, after a majority vote of the resident qualified electors owning taxable property therein, shall have the authority to levy a tax not to exceed Twenty-five (25) Cents on

the one hundred dollars valuation for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) years for the purpose of refunding the outstanding warrant indebtedness of the General Fund of the County by the issuance of bonds under the provisions of the General Laws regulating the refunding of outstanding debts of the County; providing for the necessary proclamation; and appropriating funds to defray the expenses of the proclamation, publication, and election.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article 8, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding thereto another Section to be known as Section 9-A, which shall read as follows:

"Section 9-A. Upon the vote of a majority of the resident qualified electors owning rendered taxable property therein so authorizing, the Commissioners Court of Red River County, Texas, may levy an annual tax not to exceed Twenty-five (25) Cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) years for the purpose of refunding all the outstanding warrant indebtedness of the General Fund of such County and issue bonds under the provisions of the General Law regulating the issuance of bonds to refund said indebtedness.

"At such election, the Commissioners Court shall submit for adoption the proposition of whether such outstanding warrant indebtedness of the General Fund of such County shall be refunded into bonds, the amount of special tax to be levied, and the number of years said tax is to be levied. The funds raised by such taxes shall not be used for purposes other than those specified in the plan submitted to the voters.

"The provisions of this Section 9-A shall apply only to Red River County; and the provisions hereof shall be self-enacting without the necessity of an enabling act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, but shall become effective immediately after the official canvass of the result has been made and it is determined that this amendment has been adopted by a majority of the voters of the State."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1940, at which election all voters favoring such proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "For the Amendment to the Constitution providing that the Commissioners Court of Red River County, upon a vote of the qualified electors therein, levy a tax and issue bonds to refund the outstanding warrant indebtedness of the General Fund of such County;" those voters opposing such Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "Against the Amendment to the Constitution providing that the Commissioners Court of Red River County may, upon a vote of the qualified electors therein, levy a tax and issue bonds to refund the outstanding warrant indebtedness of the General Fund of such County."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation and to have necessary proclamation for said election, and to have same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election, which shall be refunded to the State of Texas by Red River County out of its General Fund or any other available fund. Provided that no election shall be held until Red River County shall first deposit with the State Treasurer the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) with which to pay such expenses of said election.

H. J. R. NO. 8
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas to be known as Section 30b of Article 16; providing that the provisions of Article 16, Section 30, of the Texas Constitution limiting the duration of all offices not fixed by the Constitution to two (2) years, shall not apply to appointive offices of any municipalities that are placed under the terms and provisions of Civil Service but the duration of such offices shall be governed by the provisions of the Civil Service Law applicable thereto; providing for an election on the question of adoption or rejection of such amendment; making an appropriation therefor; providing for the proclamation and publication thereof; prescribing the form of ballot.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That the Constitution of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto a new Section to Article 16 to be known as Section 30b which shall read as follows:

"Section 30b. Wherever by virtue of Statute or charter provisions appointive offices of any municipality are placed under the terms and provisions of Civil Service and rules are set up governing appointment to and removal from such offices, the provisions of Article 16, Section 30, of the Texas Constitution limiting the duration of all offices not fixed by the Constitution to two (2) years shall not apply, but the duration of such offices shall be governed by the provisions of the Civil Service law or charter provisions applicable thereto."

Sec. 2. Such proposed Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas at the general election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the 5th day of November, 1940, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or

have printed on their ballots the words:

"For the Amendment to the State Constitution providing that Article 16, Section 30, of the Constitution shall not apply to appointive offices of any municipality placed under the terms and provisions of Civil Service."

Those voters opposing said Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "Against the Amendment to the State Constitution providing that Article 16, Section 30, of the Constitution shall not apply to appointive offices of any municipality placed under the terms and provisions of Civil Service."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast is in favor of the Amendment the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published, as required by the Constitution for amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

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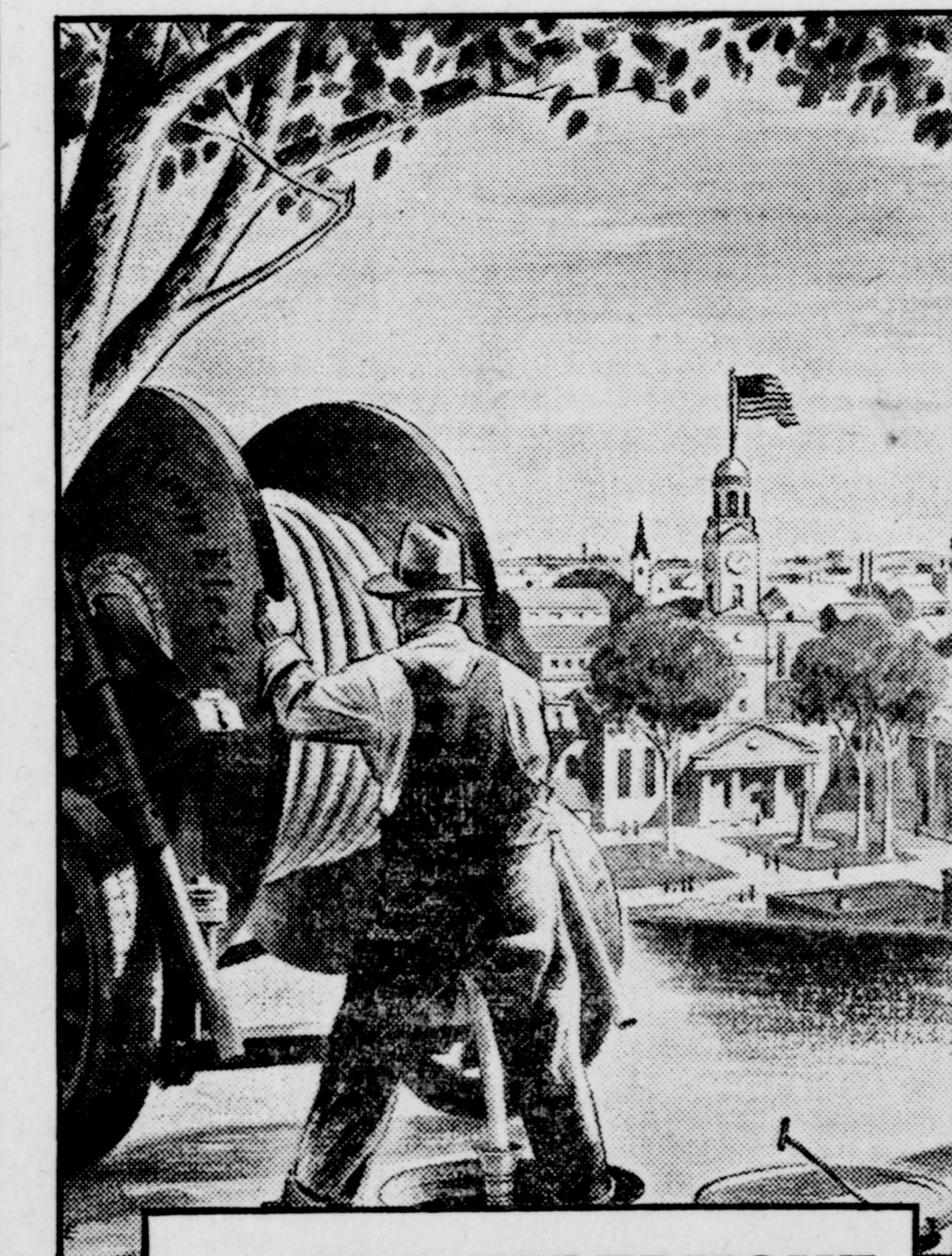
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23 YEARS AGO

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

C. D. Pullin, of near McAdoo on the plains, was in Spur Saturday to get the market price of wheat. He cut and threshed wheat from sixteen acres on his place, and from which he secured eighty-one bushels, or just a fraction more than five bushels to the acre. He was offered two dollars and fifty cents a bushel for the wheat delivered in Spur.

W. C. Mitchell, of Tap, was in Spur Thursday and informed us that the biggest rain of the past several years fell in that country Tuesday night, and the people were all now busy putting up water gaps that were washed out. He estimates that five inches of rain fell during the night.

J. M. Aston, of four or five miles north of Spur, was here Saturday. John was one of the first men drawn for the draft in Dickens county.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake community, was among the many in Spur Saturday.

J. B. Morrison came in Saturday from his ranch home a few miles southwest of Spur.

Jesse Fletcher, of six or seven miles east of Spur, came in Saturday.

Bert Duncan and family of Dickens were in Spur Saturday.

Bill Cherry of Kent county was here Saturday.

W. L. Grubbs, of Red Mud was here Saturday selling produce from his farm.

O. C. Henry was in town Saturday. He has purchased a new farm six miles east of Spur and which he is now improving and cultivating.

Tom Dodson came in Wednesday with his parents and younger brother who departed for eastern states to visit relatives.

Rube Brooks and family and Blufford Webb and family, of Moran, were in Spur Monday spending a

short time in the city with Mr. and Brooks' daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper.

C. D. Copeland came in Saturday from his farm home east of Spur.

W. L. McAteer came in Wednesday from "Egypt" and reported another good rain in that section.

J. M. Foster of the Croton country was in Spur Saturday.

D. D. Hagins of the Duck Creek country was a recent visitor in Spur.

Sheriff Bob Goodall of Kent county was on the streets of Spur Monday of this week.

C. Senning and family returned recently from a trip to "cool Colorado."

J. I. Greer of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur called by Wednesday. He, too, had a big rain Tuesday night.

P. Hinson of Tap came in one day last week and spent a short time in the city buying and selling.

Miss Mary Copeland of East of Spur was in the city Monday shopping and visiting her young lady friends.

Miss Ella Garner returned recently from an extended visit to relatives in Wichita Falls.

John Self of the Cat Fish country was in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. Burl Harrington of near Spur was in the city Saturday.

Mr. Hellums of Hico is in Spur visiting his daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Grace.

Deputy Sheriff John Hazlewood made a trip to Crosbyton last week on official business.

Jake Raines came in Saturday from the ranch and spent the day here with friends.

LOST—A pair of pants between Spur and Dickens. Finder return to John Ham or the Texas Spur office.

Mrs. W. T. Andrews left Thursday for a visit to her parents and other relatives and friends in Stamford.

Monday afternoon at five o'clock A. W. Springer and Miss Hyacinth Grace were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. R. E. Dickson, the Rev. E. E. White officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons made a trip to Lubbock Sunday, spending the night with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Walker.

Mrs. R. M. Hamby returned recently from Benjamin where she

Conservation To Be Emphasized In 1941 Farm Setup

Next year's AAA program will continue emphasis on soil conservation, give increased opportunity for adapting the program to fit individual farm requirements and provide features that strengthen the Ever-Normal Granary program of balanced abundance and production, according to information received by Dickens county AAA officials.

These were the recommendations of the National AAA conference held recently in Washington, D. C. and which was attended by George Slaughter, chairman of the state AAA committee.

It was pointed out at the conference that former recommendations for strengthening the Ever-Normal Granary and for more conservation are an important contribution for the national defense, the chairman declared.

Several new soil-building practices have been recommended, he continued, and expansion of the grant-of-aid plan, under which farmers receive advances of lime, superphosphate and other materials necessary for conservation against payments earned under the program, was endorsed. Recommendations also were made to extend special wind erosion control programs to a larger area in the Southern Great Plains.

Special suggestions were outlined for improving the handling and storing of crops in the Ever-Normal Granary.

Specific recommendations of importance to Texas included the following:

Allotments: (1) That no payments be made on "new farm" cotton allotments. (2) That allotments on farms consisting of newly-developed or cleared land be limited by state committees to make them relatively smaller than allotments on nearby "old farms" where substantial adjustments are being made by old growers.

Crop classification: That fall sown oats in areas subject to serious water erosion during the winter months and where there are no locally adapted biennial or perennial winter cover crops be classified as a non-soil-depleting crop.

Orchards: That three practices be adopted, featuring maintenance of permanent cover in irrigated orchards and vineyards, contour irrigation on sloping vineyards and orchards, and contour planting of fruit and nut trees.

Commercial vegetables: That, as in 1940, commercial vegetable allotments be established in counties designated as commercial counties. That this designation apply to counties in which more than 400 acres of commercial vegetables are normally grown on farms producing more than three acres. Upon recommendation of the state committee the allotment may be omitted in the state and a vegetable limit placed on farms having other crop allotments. In such areas no payment would be made directly on vegetables. Commercial vegetables would include perennial as well as annual vegetables, with processed crops classified as vegetables under the program unless it is determined that they are not in competition with fresh vegetables.

Crop insurance: That the crop insurance program be extended to other commodities, such as corn, cotton and tobacco, as soon as the necessary actuarial data and legislative authority are available.

Great Plains area: That county-wide practice programs for controlling wind erosion, where producers favor such action, be extended under the 1941 program. Similar programs are being effectively carried out in 17 Great Plains counties in 1940.

Grant-of-aid: That the grant-of-aid program be extended to additional areas in 1941 and expanded to include the advancing of other materials where practicable.

Soil-building payment: (1) That the minimum payment of \$20 per farm be continued in 1941. This allowance was first approved in the 1940 program. (2) That, because of budget limitations, the \$30 tree planting allowance, as provided in the 1940 program, be discontinued.

Commodity loans: (1) That in order to assure orderly marketing of

had been on an extended visit with friends.

J. Carlisle of near Gilpin was among the many in Spur Saturday.

J. C. McNeill and family and Misses Robby and Donnalita Standifer are in New Mexico spending a vacation.

Price-Fixing Issue To Be Revived In Texas Legislature

Austin—The issue of price-fixing, one of the most bitter controversies of the last regular session of the legislature, was revived here by news that the Federal Trade Commission is almost ready to release its survey of the effects of the so-called Fair Trade law in other states.

Militant Texas housewives and an aroused Texas press in 1939 arose against the Fair Trade and Anti-Discrimination Laws but the group of lobbyists supporting the two price-fixing laws had done their contact work so early and so thoroughly that the Fair Trade law was passed. After an opinion by Attorney General Gerald Mann, Gov. O'Daniel vetoed the law, which would have invalidated the Texas anti-trust laws by legalizing "price maintenance" contracts between a manufacturer and one retailer by which all retailers in the state would have been bound.

The Anti-Discrimination law would have fired selling price of all items at about ten per cent above the wholesale cost of the merchandise.

The newspapers and the housewives both are watching this year for a resumption of the "contact work" done by the price-fixing lobbyists. Recently reports began trickling in from all sections of the State that the candidates are again being approached and that the lobbyists are trying to make all of them agree to support the laws regardless of what they do to the state's anti-trust laws or to the consumers the anti-trust laws are designed to protect.

Next Major development in the price-fixing campaign will come when the FTC makes its report. In 1934, the FTC made a survey and reported that the Fair Trade Law had resulted in raised prices without any compensation in the form of higher wages or increases in raw material costs.

Apparently to be used as an antidote against the government's survey, a national druggists' association is conducting a survey of its own, results of which obviously are being withheld until the FTC survey is released. The druggists' association says its survey will not be prejudiced.

The Fair Trade Act has been passed by 44 states, but is not being enforced in that many. Texas, Missouri, Vermont and Delaware have not yet succumbed to the Fair Trade, and the law was invalidated in New Jersey. About 12 states have the Anti-Discrimination law in varying forms. The Fair Trade law has been chiefly applied to drug items and whiskey, but recently the principle of the "price maintenance" has been applied to food in Ohio. Any item which carries the name of its manufacturer, whether branded or trademarked, can be governed by Fair Trade contracts.

The Anti-Discrimination act's "cost plus" principles are reportedly most effective on fast-selling, low-profit staple food items which sell in bulk such as rice, sugar, flour, shortening, and salt pork. This bill did not even pass the House last session while the Fair Trade sailed through the House and wormed its way eventually through a most determined senate filibuster.

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION PASSES RESOLUTION

The Texas Press Association expresses its opposition to efforts to fix prices and otherwise restrict free competition under the guise of prohibiting unfair competition. The Texas Press Association urges its members to request candidates for the legislature to carefully consider all such proposals in the light of their possible effect on the cost of living at a time when the people will

wheat the maturity dates be staggered. (2) That where loans are made on grains other than special crops, such loan rates be set at a lower percentage of parity price than those established for parity crops. (3) That cotton loan price differentials be developed on a zone or area basis rather than on an individual warehouse value basis. (4) That cotton loans be made on a net weight basis, in the belief that such a plan will encourage the use of cotton as bagging. (5) That cotton loans be made at the highest rate justifiable under existing conditions.

These recommendations as drafted at the conference will form the basis for drafting the provisions of the 1941 program, Slaughter explained. In general, the program will follow the same lines as the 1940 program.

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YAMS, new . lb. . 4c bu. \$2.00

SUGAR, granulated, blk, 20lbs . 98c

BINDER TWINE, 8 lb. ball 73c

TEA, 1-4 lb. with pitcher deal .. 25c

HOG LARD, bulk, pound ... 7 1/2c

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COFFEE, Rio, bulk, 8 lbs ... \$1.00

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George Harris of McAdoo was in Spur Saturday.



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need to conserve every resource and when the natural result of war conditions will be to increase prices without encouragement or stimulation from government. The Texas Press Association is opposed to the passage of the so-called Fair Trade and Anti Discrimination bills on the ground that they would not confer any benefits upon the people generally nor would they, in fact, afford the protection to the independent merchants claimed for them by the sponsors. These conclusions are based upon the experience in other states where similar legislation has been tried.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harkey of Katemey, Mason county, spent Sunday night with their son, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Harkey and family in the city. They were enroute from Lubbock and Littlefield, where they visited sons, Roy and Newt, to San Angelo to visit two other sons, Clem and O. K. Harkey. Mr. Harkey is 83 years of age and Mrs. Harkey 80, both enjoying good health and very active for their age. They were accompanied to Spur by Roy Harkey of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Blenden, former residents of Spur who live now near Lockney, were in Spur Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Blenden formerly operated the Spur Produce. After leaving Spur they managed a business in Glenn for awhile, then moved to a farm near Lockney. Mr. Blenden marketed a load of potatoes grown on his irrigated farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cannon and son, Joe Blaine, of Silver City, N. M. are here visiting his mother and sister, Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Monk Rucker, and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Orie Smith, and other relatives and friends.