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## ROWELING R...AROUND

By H. G. H.

"Roweling Around" is a new department being added this week for various and sundry reasons—perhaps more sundry than various—the most sundry perhaps being to fill up this hole on the front page of the paper.

Before getting too deep into the column, we want to pause long enough to extend to, through the chamber of commerce, all civic organizations and residents of the community, a hearty West Texas welcome to Mr. G. F. Wacker and associates as new citizens of the community through purchase of the Speer Variety store.

Over in the cafe Monday morning while sipping his usual early cup of coffee, A. C. Hull, who runs the chamber of commerce, some half dozen farms, more or less, and at odd times helps Frank Watson run the Red Front Drug, was noticeably pessimistic over the war situation.

Up in Mayor Brannen's dental office the other morning and found out something on the Mayor. He is a stickler for saving the taxpayer's money and for economy in running the city government.

Over in Dallas, the big down state town deep in the black land belt, comes the report that the report that the stork is working wonder if the long-beaked bird draws time and a half for the extra hours. Could be!

Up in one of the Eastern states, where people sometimes are not as patient as they are down here in Texas, the state of Sunshine and Sandstorm fame, they were registering for War Ration Book Two, which you have to have this week to draw canned beans, etc., from your grocer's shelves.

Speaking of rationing, we are indeed glad for our good friend Willard Blakely, that shoes are rationed by stamp and not by size.

Up at Joe Long's drug store a few days back. You know him—the man with the winsome smile for all customers, cash and credit alike.

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the men of our armed forces are fighting and dying on the far-flung battlefronts of the world—from the steaming jungles of New Guinea to the sunbaked sands of Africa—on the sea and in the air; and

WHEREAS the success of our forces in preserving a world where men and women may be free depends on the support and inspiration they get from the peoples back home; and

WHEREAS it is the privilege and duty of every man and woman and child to serve the cause of humanity in every manner possible and to as great extent as possible;

WHEREAS it is the aim of peace-loving people of our nation to contribute in sweat and toil and sacrifice—sacrifice of luxuries and comforts to the support of those men who are risking and giving their lives for us; and

WHEREAS at the same time our home front must be prepared to cope not only with possible attack on our shores but with natural disasters, such as earthquake, flood, hurricane, tornado, drought, fire, explosion or epidemic; and

WHEREAS the American Red Cross is equipped and ready to carry on in our own and every community such indispensable welfare programs as public health nursing, home nursing, first aid, water safety and accident prevention, and through the Junior Red Cross in the schools, to act as the medium for service by our young people; and

WHEREAS the American Red Cross is able and ready to render protection and relief in case of the aforementioned disasters;

THEREFORE I, M. H. Brannen, mayor of the City of Spur, Texas, in accord with the President of the United States who has proclaimed March as Red Cross Month, do call on all public spirited people of this community to make every effort to support the 1943 Red Cross War Fund. I urge every man and woman, boy and girl to give their support by contributing through our local chapter to the Red Cross War Fund; and I further proclaim that it is the sense of all of us who are residents of Spur and Dickens county that our gifts must be larger than ever this year, in order to enable this great national organization of ours to meet whatever demands are made upon it.

Signed: H. M. BRANNEN, Mayor, City of Spur.

## Preparations For Taking School Census Being Made

Parents are notified to have the names of all children on the census roll if they will be six years old before the first day of September and do not reach their eighteenth birthday before Sept. 1 of this year.

The census will be taken in the following districts by these individuals: Duck Creek, Hugh Hagins; Red Mud, Mrs. Tom McArthur; Dry Lake, Archie Powell; Highway, Mrs. Luther Denson; Wichita, Lee Mims; Peaceful Hill, Mrs. O. M. McGinty; Spring Creek, Joe McDaniel; Wilson Draw, Alvin Wilson; Patton Springs, trustees or Mr. McAdams, Spur, Dickens and McAdoo will arrange for census trustees in each respective district.



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Steel received word from their son, W. E. Steel this week, who is somewhere in the Pacific, that he had just gotten the Christmas present they sent him. He is doing well and gaining every day.

Staff Sgt. Joe B. Ousley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ousley of Dickens, writes his parents that he has been transferred from Tyndal Field, Fla., to Will Rogers Field, Okla. Sgt. Ousley is an aerial gunner in the Air force.

Sgt. Corbett Everett Roberson of class 43-8, Feb. 20, 1943, has successfully completed the Flexible Aerial Gunnery course at the Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo. Upon graduation, he was promoted to his present rank and received the coveted Aerial Gunnery Wings. He is now eligible to take his important position as a member of an Army Air force combat crew.

William J. Bridges has passed his examination at Lubbock, as a Naval Reserve candidate.

Petty Officer (2-c) Dupree Allen, who is serving in the Navy, has been transferred to St. Andrews, Fla. from Portsmouth, Va., where his wife will join him at a later date.

Pfc. Johnny Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds of Dickens, who is now stationed in Alaska, is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents and with friends.

Pvt. Noble E. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Webb, who is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific, writes his mother he is well and sends his regards to his friends. He would like to hear from his friends in Spur. His address is Pvt. Noble E. Webb, No. 38060486, Troop G, Cavalry, APO No. 502, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

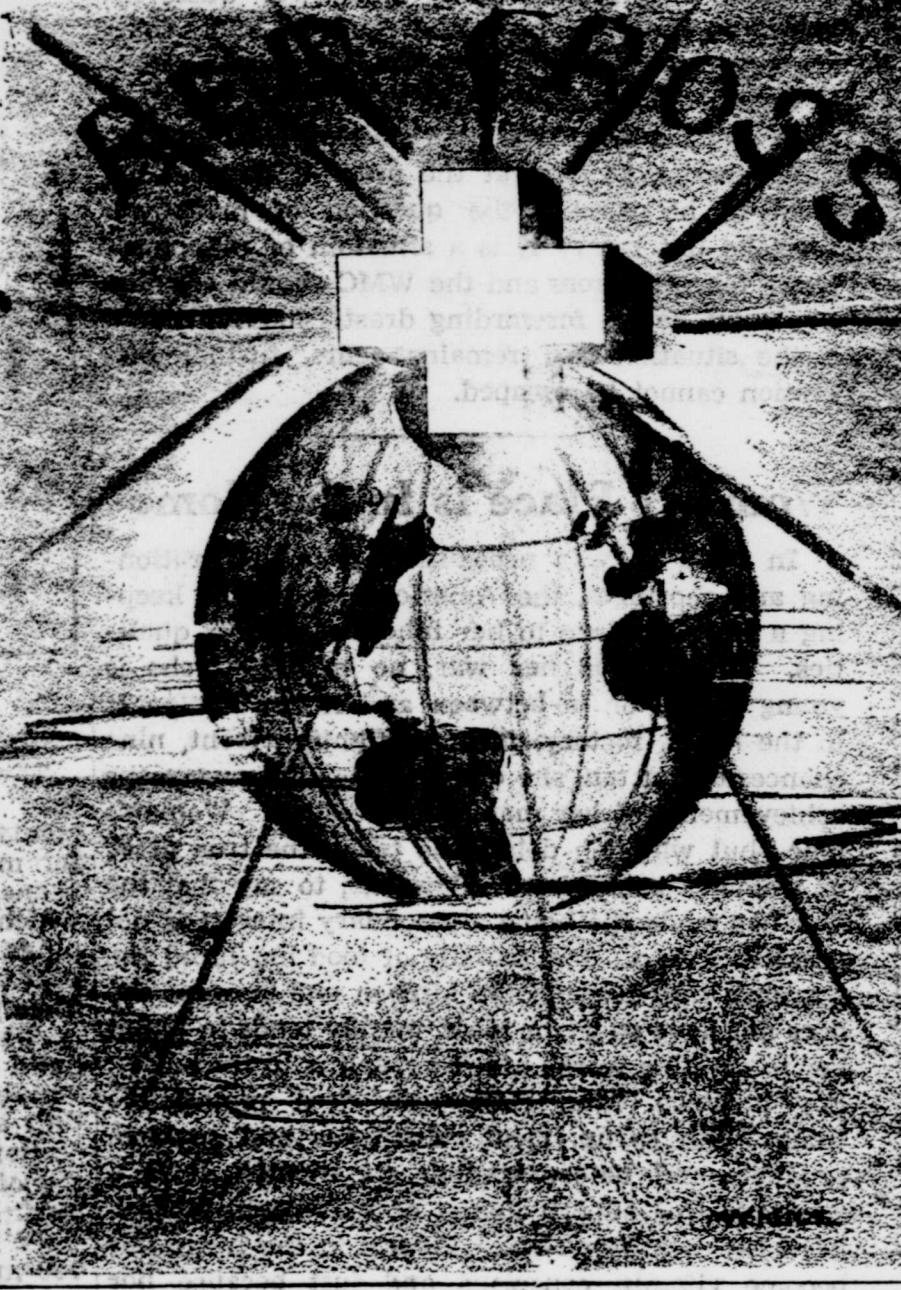
Pvt. T. W. Dodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dodson of Elton, who is stationed at Leonard Wood, Mo., 8th QM Battalion, is here on furlough visiting his parents and with friends.

Corp. Earl J. J. Grubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grubbs of Kent county, is stationed at Camp Bowie at Brownwood. His parents he is going along fine, and is helping to train the other fellows now.

RENEWS SUBSCRIPTION TO TEXAS SPUR 32ND TIME. Cooperating in the gasoline and rubber conservation program, Alvin Smith loaded up four of his friends from over in Kent county and drove over to Spur to do their weekly trading with the local merchants. While here G. W. Grubbs dropped around to The Texas Spur office to renew his subscription for the 32nd time. Thanks, Mr. Grubbs, we hope to have you for one of our subscribers for another 32 years.

FIRE DOES SMALL DAMAGE TO HOBART LEWIS HOME. The local fire department answered a call Tuesday morning about 11:05 o'clock to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Lewis, where a drapery caught fire from a gas stove, burning the shade and damaging the wood-work. The fire boys responded quickly but by the time they arrived, Mrs. Lewis had extinguished the blaze. The damage was estimated at about \$150.00.

## One Bright Spot in The World



## Mrs. Emma Shields Death Brings Grief To Host of Friends

Bringing sorrow to the greatest number of genuine friends of any person in this area, the death of Mrs. Emma Shields last Sunday morning climaxed a truly beautiful and useful life. She was a pioneer mother, having come to this county some 47 years ago. Although living among hardships that came with pioneering, Mrs. Shields never lost sight of the finer things of life and was truly a cultured woman, by her gracious and kindly nature, endearing every one to her with whom she came in contact.

She was converted at the age of 16 years and united with the Methodist church, living a consecrated Christian life.

Mrs. Shields died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Blackwell of Spur, Sunday morning, Feb. 28, at 6 o'clock, following a two months illness.

Funeral services were held Monday, at 3 p. m. at the First Methodist church. Amidst a beautiful arrangement of lovely floral offerings, Rev. H. L. Thurston, pastor of the church, paid the last respects to the deceased. Interment was in the Dickens cemetery beside the remains of her two small children. Preceding her also in death were her oldest son, Tom Shield, who died in 1908, and her husband, the late R. D. Shields, who died about 12 years ago.

Campbell Funeral chapel was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Reece McNeill, John Steadham, Johnnie Williams, Andy Walker, Clyde Starrett and O. C. Arthur.

Emma Madora Havins was born in Indiana March 26, 1870; came to Texas in early life and was married to R. D. Shields in 1890 in Brown county where she lived for a number of years, later moving to the West and locating at Dickens in 1895, where Mr. Shields established one of the first places of business in the town. The old timers will recall how Mr. Shields led the fight against whiskey in Dickens county and was instrumental in making Dickens county dry, which was almost unheard of in the West.

Later when the bank was located at Dickens, Mr. Shields was its first president.

The Shields home was famed for its gracious hospitality. Mr. Shields bringing many of his customers by for a noon day meal. Mrs. Shields never knew how many to prepare for, but always could care for one or two extra.

For the last few years Mrs. Shields had lived in the Broadway community near McAdoo with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Steadham, and up until four or five years ago was active in taking care of her little grocery store there.

It was here in Dickens county that her family were reared to manhood and womanhood, seven of whom survive. They are: Mrs. Frank Gilkerson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. T. H. Blackwell, Spur; Verner Shields, Mrs. Archie Doty and Mrs. J. B. Steadham, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. Helen Harrison, Fort Worth; Mrs. Roy Griffin, Houston. Sixteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Julian Emmons of Brownwood, also survive.

## Red Cross War Fund Drive For Dickens County Under Way

The first Red Cross War Fund campaign of the present global war is on with a vengeance. Every living man, woman and child in America is asked to contribute to the largest objective in Red Cross history—\$125,000,000. This year of 1943 the annual membership enrollment usually held in November, but which was not held last year, and the war emergency effort has been combined into one major enterprise. During 1942 the public was not asked for any money purposely.

Dickens county has been apportioned a quota much smaller than its proven ability. Before Pearl Harbor and during the year 1941 the pre-war emergency fund, held before our hostilities began, Dickens county was the sixth in the state of Texas to raise its quota, surpassing the National office with an amount of \$1,900. One month before the annual membership drive brought an unprecedented sum of \$1,000. This makes a total amount raised for Red Cross from Dickens county in less than 30 days of \$2,900.

This year the need is so apparent that no loyal American can fail to contribute to his limit. Our boys are already coming home for treatment by the trainload from the battlefronts. And this is only the beginning. Our Home Service department ministers to the needs of the soldier family and to the bolstering up of the morale of the man in action. Besides, during the year 1942 there were more national disasters than in any previous year. While this information was not generally known, because the war news got the head lines, the need is greater today than ever for your help.

Giving to Red Cross will boost the morale of the boy at the front. Sixty-five per cent of the National budget goes to the armed forces. Eighty-five per cent of your gift is earmarked for this cause. Last year there were 18,500 Home Service cases in Texas—7 times as much as the preceding year. Texas, who has furnished 30 per cent of the Marines and 28 per cent of the Navy, with but five per cent of the total population of the United States, will not fail. Only 15 per cent of your gift will stay at home for the telegrams and supplies needed to aid such pressing calls as come from war related homes. Not a nickel goes to any individual in Dickens county as salary or for services rendered.

Jack Christian, County War Fund chairman, Clyde Walthall and Morris Golding, with their planning and soliciting teams, are endeavoring to get in touch with every citizen in the county. Every neighborhood community has its appointed chairman and its day and night committees. Christian emphasizes the important fact that "the very largeness of this campaign forbids house-to-house canvassing... everybody must be war conscious... many individual givers will be omitted, unless they take it upon themselves to look up the local chairman of your community and present your donation... please, therefore, bring what you have for Red Cross immediately either to me at the Texaco Gasoline station, Spur, or to your community leader in charge of this campaign, who is serving with me, the county chairman of the campaign."

Let us surprise the National office in Washington with not being sixth in the counties of Texas, but first to raise its quota. The leaders who are doing a masterly job desire to complete this not later than Wednesday night. Please, all community chairmen, report to Jack Christian immediately upon completion of your quota. Let us go over the top away beyond what is expected. And you, American donor, let us give and give and give until we feel this cause as our best Christian privilege. "God is more blessed to give than to receive."

JOHN C. RAMSAY, County Chapter Chm.

## Election of School Trustees Set For Saturday, April 3

School trustee elections will be held in all of the school districts of Dickens county, Saturday, April 3, it was announced this week by O. L. Kelley, county school superintendent.

Common school districts will elect one trustee each, except in the Patton Springs district where two will be named. The independent districts will elect two and three trustees each. Districts to elect are: Duck Creek, Red Mud, Dry Lake, Highway, Wichita, Peaceful Hill, Spring Creek, Wilson Draw, and Patton Springs. Independent districts are Dickens, McAdoo and Spur.

Present county school trustees are G. W. Bennett, W. F. Ragland, W. T. Lovell, R. R. Wooten, and J. L. Karr. Three trustees will be elected for precinct one, precinct two, and five years ago was active in taking care of her little grocery store there.

## All Motorists Must Stop While Passing Halted School Buses

County School Superintendent O. L. Kelley and the county school board this week jointly issued a warning to motorists that it was unlawful for any automobile to pass a bus any time if the bus was stopped. Many motorists, Kelley and the school board pointed out, are violating this law by failing to stop while a school bus is loading or unloading. They were quick to add, however, that up to date no accident had occurred in Dickens county by motorists school buses while they were loading or unloading, and expressed the hope that this record could continue to be maintained.

A school bus has the right-of-way on any road when it is at a stand-still. No motorist can plead unavoidable accident if a child is hit while the bus is stopped, no matter where the child is when run down or injured by a passing vehicle, they further pointed out.

A concerted effort is being made to bring to a halt illegal driving past school buses when being loaded or unloaded. The child has the right-of-way and motorists must be made to realize that it is the driver who is responsible for the protection of our school children.

The bus driver has a great responsibility, the warning further emphasized, in seeing that his students are unloading and across the road before moving his bus. HELP SAVE A LIFE BY BRINGING YOUR CAR TO A COMPLETE STOP BEFORE PASSING A SCHOOL BUS WHILE IT IS LOADING OR UNLOADING.

## Airmail Stamps To Be Sold in Book Form

There is always something new under the sun. Airmail stamps, now being put up in book form, six stamps to the book, and will go on sale at the local post office around April 1, Postmaster O. C. Arthur announced this week.

The book of six 6-cent stamps will sell for 37c.

Washington and tell you how to run your business.

O. B. Ratliff is hobbling around with one foot all tied up this week. When asked how come, to some he said he stuck a nail in it; to others that a door with a nail in it fell on the foot; still to others that a hog bit him. One thing to keep fresh on your mind, O. B., is that the need of manpower is too great to let the hogs get you.

An ex-member of the German reichstag says Hitler is much nearer his doom than he realizes. Just how near the big braggart is to the big stumble, we will not hazard a guess. But one thing we know—the man over in Russia with the igh curling moustache and big black pipe fame, has yanked a lot of potatoes out of his ego.

## Rev. Herman Cole Accepts Pastorate First Baptist Church

Rev. Herman Cole, pastor of the Baptist church at Happy, has accepted the call as pastor of the First Baptist church of Spur, the pulpit committee has announced.

Rev. Cole, who has pastored various churches for the past 12 years, comes to Spur highly recommended as a church leader and worker.

According to announcement of the committee, Rev. and Mrs. Cole and their young daughter will arrive in Spur some time this week and he will assume his duties as pastor Sunday, bringing both the morning and evening message.

## Funeral Service For County Pioneer Held In Dickens Monday

Funeral services were held for Simeon Moss, 71 years old, who died at his residence in Dickens Friday, Feb. 26, were conducted at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Dickens Church of Christ.

Mr. Moss had been a resident of this area for 22 years, coming to Dickens county in 1921 with his family. His first wife preceded him in death 21 years ago. He was later married to Miss Miene Watson.

Mr. Moss had a host of friends who had been very loyal to him during his long illness. This friendship was manifested by the lovely floral offerings at the funeral.

Rev. R. C. Brown of Spur officiated. Burial was in Afton cemetery.

Mr. Moss is survived by his wife, three sons, Grady Moss, Post; Harry Moss, Kismet, Kan.; Covey Moss, Dickens; two daughters, Mrs. H. E. Jones, who resides in California, and Mrs. Alfred Stephens of Orwell, N. M.; five brothers and thirteen grandchildren. All were present for the funeral services.

Pall bearers were O. D. Thompson, E. H. Ousley, J. L. Koonsman, K. W. Street, Watt Holly, and Cecil Meadows. Flower girls were Miss Neta Hawley, Sue Gipson, Louise Partidge, LaNell Christopher and Jo Ann Bellamy.

## Improving From Accident Suffered January 13

Mrs. J. H. Hooper of El Monte, Calif., formerly of Spur, is convalescing from an accident suffered Jan. 13 when she fell through a trap door leading to the basement of her home. Both legs were badly bruised and much of the flesh had to be cut away.

Infection set up but is now under control, however, she is still unable to walk. Friends wishing to send her a word of cheer may address her at 1137 Klingsman Ave., El Monte, Calif.

Harold Cargile, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cargile, former residents of Spur now living in Abilene, was here this week visiting.

Harold is waiting call preparatory to entering the Marines.



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## March Is Red Cross Month

President Roosevelt has designated March as "Red Cross Month." During March the American Red Cross War Fund appeal will be conducted throughout the nation. Hundreds of volunteer workers in cities, towns, and crossroads hamlets will offer every American an opportunity to contribute to the Red Cross and its work.

In peacetime many persons have been satisfied to become members of the Red Cross by subscribing the minimum membership of one dollar. Surely, this year, few of us will be content to make such a contribution. Global war, which has made necessary the dispatch of a dozen A.E.F.'s to the far corners of the world, has multiplied many-fold the work of our American Red Cross.

Wherever United States fighting men go there, also, the Red Cross goes.

This week, and for the next several weeks The Texas Spur will endeavor to tell the story of Red Cross activities; work that is now going on and that will be continued and expanded according to the support the Red Cross receives from the public.

It is our sincere belief that if the public realized the extent of the job being done by the Red Cross, it would not need to be asked for a contribution to this worthy cause. The greatest "selling point" for the Red Cross is the work it does.

Today the American Red Cross is the only non-military organization operating within military and naval reservations. It is the liaison between the people and the soldiers who fight to defend them.

Here are only a few of the things that the Red Cross is doing for the soldier who may be your husband, your son, or your neighbor:

At home and on foreign soil, Red Cross field directors—sometimes called "trouble busters"—are ever present, offering friendly counsel and assistance to servicemen in personal and family problems. For soldiers with our expeditionary forces, Red Cross overseas clubs for servicemen are a touch of the America they love so well transplanted to foreign soil. In the midst of the opening phase of the Battle of the Solomons, Red Cross personnel were with our Marines, distributing cigarettes and comfort kits as a reminder that we, the American people, were there beside them. For more than one serviceman, the Red Cross has been the only means of communication between him and his family.

It has provided recreation for fighting men convalescing from sickness and the wounds of battle. Red Cross volunteers by the millions have produced surgical dressings by the tens of millions for our soldiers. In the form of food and medical supplies, the Red Cross has brought hope and succor to the victims of war and to our Allies. Whenever disaster has struck within our own boundaries, it has extended its assistance, always without being asked to do so.

That is the American Red Cross—an organization of the people doing for the people what no other organization can do. It has been truly named "The Greatest Mother."

And that is why the Red Cross is worthy of your larger contribution in this second year of war.

## Congress and the WMC

Apparently there is a grab for manpower and manpower control. The WMC issues a warning that fathers in non-essential industries are soon to expect service calls and immediately Congress starts action that is meant to retain its grip upon the driving lines of manpower control. The whole situation is confusing to say the least. We know that we have a Congress that is anti-Roosevelt and we are certain of strong bureaucratic controls in Washington and both factions are working opposite in the distribution of manpower. But one advantage of the whole mixed-up affair is the fact

that Congress and Mr. McNutt each acts as an incentive and as a check upon the actions of the other.

Without a doubt, manpower is unevenly distributed and the problem is certainly clear that, distribution must be broken and wisely placed. Whether Congress or Mr. McNutt succeeds in the process, one thing remains certain that a great deal of opposition is bound to occur. When it comes to telling Mr. American in Georgia that he must work in Seattle, Washington and when it comes to Mr. American bartender with six children that he must work in a shipyard or be drafted into the Army—well, we can imagine the upheaval and opposition and it doesn't matter whether Congress or the WMC gives the orders—it is disruption to the American way of living.

There is a great deal of manpower waste involved in the policies of labor and we know there are governmental men that could be questioned as to their necessity toward the war effort, but Congress and the WMC are both steering clear of such controversies, at least at the present. It does not seem to be wholly the question of manpower shortage but rather it is a situation of manpower waste too—Congress and the WMC should consider this point before forwarding drastic moves, then—if the situation still remains acute, further disruption cannot be escaped.

## Woman's Place Is In the Home

In spite of war necessities, priorities, rationing and shortages, the American woman is keeping a standard true to her inherent pioneer qualities. This war is her war, no matter if she is young or old or in-between and if her station is in the home, factory, farm or fighting front, nine chances out of ten, she excels even the courageous achievements of her maternal ancestors. Woman's place—but who can determine today the true place of woman's usefulness? However, to say that the war has made the home a secondary interest is not altogether true. The scarcity of food has lured the woman's skill back to the kitchen and because she does not have sugar or meat, merely tends to tempt her to creating works of art appealing to the palate. For instance, Mrs. Housewife does remarkable things with syrup, meat substitutes and soybean products and before another six months, it is a good bet that superb loaves of bread will emerge from her war workshop. Milady in the home has become vitamin conscious and just because her grocer's supply is limited is no reason that her family is not going to be nutritionally supplied.

Mrs. Housewife, because of a war has become conscientiously conservative. She guards each scrap of wool and in no time at all a young American has a suit that rivals in workmanship any tailor's skill. Milady's interest has not dwindled from the home but rather it is there she is achieving wonders just because there is a war and because there are so many impediments that her achievements are so important. Woman's place in the home was practically forced upon great grandma but her illustrious descendants are making home their place because, it is there so many vital and colorful interest and experiments are developing. Mrs. Housewife is helping to win a war in her home, why should she seek monotonous roles in business, politics and industry!

## Postwar Wonders

According to Arthur W. Hixson, professor of chemical engineering at Columbia university, the average postwar American family may own a small helicopter, which while taking up no more room than the present-day cars, will be able to hover and rise or land vertically in the back yard or on the tops of tall buildings.

No less amazing is the prediction that houses and furniture may be so light that they can be moved to new sites by giant helicopters. You could take your home to the country with you in the summer and bring it back in the fall.

The future can hold a rosy picture for the common man. He knows that when improvements come he will benefit from them because industry's mass production genius will place new things within his economic reach.

It is unusually easy to see in others the faults to which we are blind to ourselves.

Elmer says that Dora is so hard that it takes a diamond to make an impression on her.

Then there was the travelling man with a wife so ugly that he had to always take her with him. He never had courage enough to kiss her good-bye.

There are a lot of artists' models but few model artists.

Many a wife doesn't get the dirt on her husband until after he's under six feet of it.



Cary Grant and Ginger Rogers put the Nazis on the spot in their rippling comedy drama, "Once Upon A Honeymoon."



## Our New Pioneer Days

They didn't call them "shortages" in the old pioneer days when plenty of American families lived for much of the winter on dried beans, side meat, and corn bread which they spread with the drippings from the pork. That was part of the price these adventure-some people paid for the chance to go West and take up new land and build settled communities in what had been a wilderness. Nor did they speak in frightened tones of "rationing" when a dwindling supply of food was carefully divided up in order to make it last until some one could make the 50- or 100-mile trip to the nearest trading center and lay in a new store of supplies.

This was just part of the technique of living on the frontier where men were face to face with inexorable nature and wholly dependent on their own ingenuity and industry to survive. From such experiences they learned independence and developed the amazing "know how" that is characteristic of the United States and holds sway in the great factories of this nation.

Today the ease and convenience of our everyday living is rapidly being whittled down. We too are

having to get personally acquainted with shortages. We're beginning to learn what dividing things up means. And, as service all along the line decreased, we're being thrown back on our own resources and initiative. We too are living in a kind of pioneer period of transition.

Will we be able to stand up to the deprivations total war demands? Will we be able to "take it" as ease disappears and we face the basic realities of life? If we're made of the same stuff that was in those pioneers we'll rise to this emergency. We'll discover that in each of us lies a great reservoir of independent initiative—that we too have the gift of "know how" that has enabled our industrial system to change over from peacetime production to war manufacturing in to space of months and now to be turning out an incredible amount of war materials.

We'll discover, too, how precious is this new feeling of independence and personal initiative. And having rediscovered it we'll value it so highly that when the war is won we'll demand a freer scope for private enterprise and independent initiative than this nation has known for many years!

workers have been greatly increased. In this war, the Red Cross has a million more volunteer workers, plus several hundred more field workers.

## RED CROSS Questions & Answers

**Q. Are any of the funds of the Red Cross supplied from federal or other taxes?**

**A. No, all Red Cross funds are voluntary contributions, though occasionally it distributes relief supplies purchased from U. S. government appropriations.**

**Q. How are Red Cross accounts audited?**

**A. All Red Cross accounts are audited by the War department, and a report, copies of which are available to the public, is submitted annually to Congress. The national organization requires periodical audits from each chapter.**

**Q. For what general purposes is the Red Cross War Fund used?**

**A. The Red Cross War Fund is used chiefly for services to the armed forces, disaster relief, civilian war aid, foreign war relief, and health, education and safety services.**

**Q. Does the Red Cross sell anything to soldiers?**

**A. It is the policy of the American Red Cross to make no charge to any soldier for any Red Cross article or service. However, at the request of the War department, food and lodging are provided at cost, and in many cases, below cost, in the Red Cross clubs located in overseas leave areas.**

**Q. How fast did the Red Cross get into action after Pearl Harbor?**

**A. At Hawaii and Manila the Red Cross evacuated and cared for refugees and injured civilians so quickly as to win Army commendation. Its personnel since has moved with the Army on world-wide assignments. A Red Cross field director landed with the Marines on Guadalcanal and a number of field directors accompanied the American expeditionary forces to North Africa.**

**Q. Did the government mobilize the Red Cross when was declared?**

**A. No, this was not necessary since the Red Cross is always in a state of readiness for disaster through its national disaster relief staff and chapter disaster relief committees. It merely expanded its personnel and facilities to meet the demands of the war emergency.**

**Q. How do Red Cross services in this war differ from those of the last war?**

**A. The services are substantially the same, but the number of facilities as well as the number of**

only medium through which messages from persons in the United States to civilian relatives in occupied countries may now be forwarded. Both inquiries and messages must be made out on standard forms obtainable in the Red Cross chapter.

**Q. What does the American Red Cross do for Americans in enemy hands?**

**A. The American Red Cross endeavors to provide regular shipments of food parcels, toilet and comfort articles, clothing and medical supplies to men in the armed forces who have been captured, and for Americans held as civilian internees.**

## YOU'LL LIKE OUR COOKING

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## BURIAL PROTECTION

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## Santa Fe Reports

on its first year of war operation



During 1942, Santa Fe moved 79 percent more passenger-miles . . . and 122 percent more freight ton-miles . . . than in 1918, during World War I.

And all this was done with 26 percent fewer locomotives than we had in 1918.

These figures indicate the greatest volume of business we have ever handled.

They also indicate why you may have experienced some difficulties and inconveniences in traveling or shipping by train during the past year.

**Crowded Trains** Our passenger traffic volume was up 102 per cent last year as compared with 1941. Gasoline rationing, in our territory, will increase that volume even more this year.

The Santa Fe must handle this additional load with its present passenger cars, as no more cars will be built during the war.

**Late Trains** In these days of unprecedented passenger volume it is not always possible to maintain schedules with on-time regularity . . . and since military trains have the right-of-way over everything else, they often cause our regular passenger trains to be delayed.

At many stations along the line, mail and express are heavier than in normal times—and take longer to load. This is another reason why trains are delayed.

**Car Shortage** Special troop trains are becoming almost routine on the Santa Fe. In just one case, we moved an entire division from one camp—and it took 55 complete trains to handle the men and equipment.

We must also keep our passenger cars in constant service to handle the increased traffic all over the line. For this reason, we cannot always concentrate extra cars at any one point.

**Freight Cars** Due to the submarine menace and the diversion of freighters to other services, almost all of the intercoastal freight tonnage formerly handled by ships through the Panama Canal was hauled by the railroads in 1942.

This brought about an unusually heavy demand for Santa Fe freight cars . . . increased considerably the average length of haul . . . and occasionally caused delays in delivering empty cars at some loading points. It also indicates Santa Fe has many busy months ahead.

**Keep 'Em Rollin'!** Please remember there's only one thing we want to do more than keep trains on time and supply cars as promised—and that's keep troops and war freight on their wartime schedule. And we know that's the way you want it!

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## Social Happenings

### MARRIAGE VOWS READ FOR HELEN RUTH LEE AND LT. SAM L. AUGUSTINE

Mr. and Mrs. Lawis Lee are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Helen Ruth Lee, to Lt. Sam L. Augustine, at Bay St. Louis, Miss., Feb. 28, at 2:30 p. m.

Vows were exchanged before an improvised altar of greenery and baskets of cut flowers, in the Solarium of the Reed hotel.

They were attended by Mrs. Roy Russell, maid of honor, and Lt. Roy Russell attending the bridegroom as best man.

Rev. E. E. Sample, pastor of the Methodist church, read the double ring ceremony, in the presence of a host of friends.

The bride wore a black fillet suit with white chiffon blouse, white gloves. Her hat, shoes and bag were black. Her corsage was of gardenias.

Mrs. Augustine is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawis E. Lee of Spur. She is a graduate of the Spur high school and was a student of Texas Technological college, Lubbock. She was a Junior there at the time of her marriage.

Lt. Augustine is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Augustine of Sterling City, ranchers of Sterling county. He was a student of Texas Technological college at the time of his enlistment in the armed forces.

Mrs. Augustine went by plane to St. Louis, Feb. 20. On arriving there she found her fiancé in the hospital with a leg and eye injury.

Friends of Lt. Augustine met Miss Lee and she remained in their home until the time of her marriage.

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### MRS. J. W. HENRY PRESENTS STUDENTS IN RECITAL LAST FRIDAY EVENING

Mrs. J. W. Henry presented her students in recital at her home last Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

The rooms were decorated with greenery, and the little ladies were attired in evening dresses and wore ribbons on their hair.

The following program was rendered:

Piano duet, "Skaters Waltz" by Waltz, Bonnie Beth Henry and Norma Sechrist; reading, "When I Dit Drowed" by Hills, Jennings Long; piano solo, "Humoresque" by Dvork, Bonnie Beth Henry; violin solo, "Dance of the Rosebud" by Keats, Virgil Bert Elliott; reading, "When I Am All Dressed Up" by Hare, Gale Reese; vocal solo, "Tulips, Receipt for a Valentine" by Gaynor, Virginia Ruth Shugart; reading, "My Ma She Knows" by Arnold, Joe Bruce Long; piano solo, "Dance of the Tiny Soldiers" by Munn, Betty Sechrist; reading, "Sonny Meets the Smiths" by Hare, Franklin Gabriel; violin solo, "Old Refrain" by Ambrosia, Bonnie Beth Henry; piano solo, "Serenade" by Schubert, Norma Sechrist; vocal quartette, "Beautiful Dreamer" by Foster, Patsy Jean Hyatt, Virginia Ruth Shugart, Patsy Jo Dupree, Bonnie Beth Henry; reading, "The Kid" by Hare, Robert Penn; violin solo, "Whispering Hope" by Willard, Bonnie Beth Henry, Virgil Bert Elliott.

At the close of the musical hour, the hostess served a refreshment plate of hot chocolate, cookies and wafers.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Penn, J. W. Henry, Mrs. Shap Reese, Mrs. George Gabriel, Mrs. Hobart Lewis and daughter, Vennie Marie, Mrs. Tex Sechrist and small daughter, Mrs. C. H. Elliott and Mrs. J. A. Koon and son Jimmy.

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### "REPAIRING THE HOME" LESSON SUBJECT FOR TRI-COMMUNITY CLUB

"Repairing the Home," was the subject of the lesson given by Mrs. S. Clark when the Tri-Community club met at her home, Feb. 25.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Joe Watson. "America" was sung by the club, led by Mrs. W. W. Picken. Roll call was answered by some repair and plan to make. Five cents per member was collected for educational fund.

After a short business session, each member told her most embarrassing moment, and the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Clark told of repairs she had made in her home and repairs she plans to make in the near future. Mrs. Arner Watson showed some very interesting and helpful articles she had collected on home repair.

Hot chocolate and cookies were served to Mrs. Joe Watson, Mrs. Alvis Wilson, Mrs. Arner Watson, Mrs. W. W. Picken, Mrs. Lee Parker; two visitors, Mrs. Brink Carlisle and Mrs. Bertha Warren, and the hostess, Mrs. Clark.

The next meeting will be March 11, at the home of Mrs. Bernice Booth. Time 2:30.

### MRS. HORACE WOODS ENTERTAINS SPANISH STUDENTS WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Horace Woods was hostess to her second year Spanish class last Wednesday evening at 7:30, with a Spanish dinner served buffet style.

The lace covered table was centered with peach gladioli in a crystal bowl. The table was lighted by peach tapers in crystals holders.

The tables, laid with service for four, were covered with Mexican table cloths and set with fiesta dishes.

The menu consisted of jugo de frutas, frijoles, tamales, arroz, espanola, tortillas and ensalada de legumbres.

After the dinner hour, several games of "42" and dominoes were enjoyed by the following guests: Virginia Crockett, Elizabeth Ramsey, Norma Thurston, Jean Woodrum, Charles Powell, Nelda Jo Hindman, June Condron, Billy Dee Starcher, Duke Aiken, Robert Yarbrough, Zane Freeman and Orville Robinson.

### MISS MILDRED KINMAN AND EDDIE MIDDLETON MARRY FEBRUARY 16

Miss Mildred Kinman, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Robinson of near Spur, was married to Eddie Middleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Middleton of Doole, Texas, Monday afternoon, Feb. 16, at New Home, Texas, in the home of Rev. Collins Webb, brother-in-law of the groom, who read the marriage ceremony.

The bride wore a soldier blue dress with black accessories. After a short wedding trip to San Angelo and Doole, Texas, where they visited the groom's parents, they returned to Spur where Mrs. Middleton will continue her work with the Farm Security office. Mr. Middleton reports to Ft. Sill, Okla. Monday to enter the Air Corps.

### MRS. C. V. ALLEN HOSTESS TO EXCHANGE SEWING CLUB

Mrs. C. V. Allen was hostess to the Exchange Sewing club last Wednesday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. C. V. Allen, presiding. Members answered roll call with a current event.

After a short business session, two hours of fun and sewing followed. At the conclusion of the social hour, a lovely refreshment plate was served.

Guests present were Mmes. M. A. Lee, Sullivan, and Dalton Johnson; members, Mmes. Fred Kinney, R. L. Benson, J. W. Carlisle, Troy Laxton, L. R. Barrett, Dee McArthur, Floyd Barnett, J. C. Payne, Richard Ensey, Burley Moore, and the hostess, Mrs. Allen.

### SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY GIVEN FEBRUARY 27 FOR MRS. REX CARLISLE

A surprise birthday party honoring Mrs. Rex Carlisle was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Boothe, Feb. 27. Forty-two and other table games preceded the game of Fortune by which the gifts were presented. Mrs. Rex Carlisle's "Fortune" proved to be the gift-laden table with a birthday cake of pink and white.

Refreshments of cake and lemonade-orangeade were served to the following guests:

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Edwin Earth and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Forbes and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pierce and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wright and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Jess White, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Carlisle and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carlisle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cherry and children, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blair and children, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Jordan, Mrs. Ola Sullivan of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Boothe.

### MRS. GEO. S. LINK, MRS. L. R. BARRETT HOSTESSES TO BLUEBONNET CLUB

Mrs. George S. Link and Mrs. L. R. Barrett were hostesses to the Bluebonnet club Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Link.

Several games of "42" were enjoyed during the afternoon after which the hostess passed a refreshment plate of congealed fruit salad, with open-faced sandwiches, cookies and hot tea.

Guests present were Mmes. Cleland Wilson, E. M. Baird, C. L. Gollihar, G. H. Snider, Pauline Clemmons, H. L. Thurston, V. C. Allen and Rose Elkins.

Members were Mmes. E. C. McGee, E. L. Caraway, J. M. Foster, Ned Hogan, W. F. Gilbert, W. C. Gruben and the hostesses, Mrs. Link and Mrs. Barrett.

### STORK SHOWER GIVEN FOR MRS. F. B. HUDSON

Mrs. Alto Smith and Mrs. Ed Nolan of Calgary were hostesses to a stork shower Feb. 28 for Mrs. F. B. Hudson. Games were played and refreshments served to:

Mrs. Otis Pierce, Ila B. Smith, Clyde Smith, George Stokes, Mrs. Maz Jeune Hudson, Elsie Smith, F. B. Hudson, Reese Grubbs, Otis Smith, Marie Hudson, Velma Smith, R. R. Smith, Sam Grizzle, Bert Robinett, E. A. Maze, H. E. Fisher, A. J. Harens, Homer Robinett, and J. R. Summers.

Those sending gifts were Dolph Shields, W. B. Ford Sr., W. B. Ford Jr., Buck Taylor, Mary Taylor, Marie Taylor, Miss Summerline, Ruth Billingsley, Doc Love, Bob Hlea and daughters, and the co-hostess Alto Smith, Virginia Smith, Virginia Nolan, and Ed Nolan.

### TWENTIETH CENTURY STUDY CLUB MEETS TUESDAY WITH MRS. A. M. WALKER

The Twentieth Century Study club met Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the home of Mrs. A. M. Walker. Hot tea and sandwiches were served as the guests arrived.

After a short business session a very interesting program on Texas Day was given. The meeting adjourned in order to attend a book review by Mrs. Luckett of Matador, given by the 1917 Study club with the Twentieth Century club as their guests.

Members present were Mmes. O. C. Arthur, Cliff Bird, E. L. Caraway, E. D. Cook, J. M. Foster, P. J. Gollihar, B. F. Hale, O. M. McGinty, P. C. Nichols, L. D. Ratliff, O. B. Ratliff, and the hostess, Mrs. Walker.

### MRS. C. D. COOK ENTERTAINS WITH BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. C. D. Cook entertained with bridge Friday afternoon of last week. St. Patrick's day motif was carried out in decorations and serving.

A lovely refreshment plate was passed to the following guests: Mmes. Truman Green, L. D. Ratliff, W. T. Andrews, O. B. Ratliff, W. M. Hilly, Geo. Glover, Nellie Davis, Hill Perry, Jack Christian, Bynum Britton, Carl Proctor, Harvey Holly, M. C. Goding, Fred Jennings, O. C. Thosling, Lynn Busby, Clyde Bingham, C. H. Elliott, Mack Wodrum, and the hostess, Mrs. Cook.

Mrs. Busby was awarded high score, Mrs. Goding second high, Mrs. Perry the cut prize.

### PAUL LOES HOLD FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion was held in the Paul Loe home one mile north of Spur Sunday, Feb. 21. Mrs. Loe's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Murphy of Spur, and Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Loe and daughter, Miss Sue Loe of Arton, were present for the bountiful dinner. The afternoon was spent visiting.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the kind deeds and beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Moss, Covey, Wanell and Fae Katherine Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Moss and family, Mrs. Alfred Stephens and family, Mrs. Harry Moss and family, Mrs. Everett Jones and family.

### MRS. O. R. CLOUDE HOSTESS TUESDAY AFTERNOON TO 1933 STUDY CLUB

The 1933 Study club met Tuesday afternoon, March 28, at the home of Mrs. O. R. Cloude. Mrs. J. W. Carlisle led the annual Texas day program. Answers to roll call, "My Favorite Texas Beauty Spot," showed great appreciation of Texas beauty, varying from the local West section of rugged hills, canyons and plains to the Eastern luxuriance of growth, the balmy gulf coast, the arid deserts and fruitful valley sections.

The program continued with a fine study of Texas industries by Mrs. Bob King, an amusing cowboy poem with local color of this section, read by Mrs. John C. Ramsay and a paper, "West Texas Today," prepared by Mrs. Lonnie Lewis and read by Mrs. Thurmond Moore, on account of Mrs. Lewis' illness. Mrs. J. L. Koonsman discussed "Cowboy Ballads" and played Texas songs for group singing.

The hostess served a salad plate to the following: Mmes. J. W. Carlisle, L. L. Adams, Dee McArthur, Thurmond Moore, J. C. Payne, John C. Ramsay, Coy McMahan, E. H. Boedeker, W. F. Gilbert, R. R. King, and J. L. Koonsman.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Morning worship and the Word. Message: "Do We Deserve Victory?"

7:30 p. m.—Kingdom Highway League.

8:30 p. m.—Evening worship and the Word. Message: "Trade Ye Herewith Till I Come."

Mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesdays.

Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Coy McMahan, president, on Mondays, with the month of March.

The evening hour for all services changes, as is seen above.

The pastor of the church, Rev. John C. Ramsay, Th. M., can be reached at any hour at The Manse, 321 East Hill street, or at telephone 257-W.

The public is most cordially invited to worship at this church. Let no true American feel that he can serve his country best by continuing to remain away from the source of all supply, the house of God. The first line of all defense is the church of the living God. As never before men ought to come to church and learn God's ways. None of us can ask God to be on our side. We must ask God for permission to be on His side. Not might but right will decide the global war issue. This is the little church that calls for heroic people to "carry on" in sincere faith. He will give us the victory even through difficulty.

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### SAVE PENNIES

Sailor Ishmeal L. Blankenship of Seminole, Okla., and Miss June E. Winchell, 20, of Bangor, Me., got married the hard way. They saved pennies for four months to pay for the \$2 marriage license.

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## To The Public:

I Will Be in Spur At the City Hall March 26th and 27th

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU HAVE YOUR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AND REGISTRATION RECEIPT FOR 1942 IN ORDER TO PROCURE YOUR NUMBER PLATE for 1943.

During the 1943 registration year, a small license tab, size 1" x 4" will be used to validate the 1942 plates. The 1942 license plates must remain on the vehicle. The tab contains only one bolt hole. Registrants please be advised that the 1943 tab must be securely fastened to the 1942 plates now on the vehicle but no specific place for attachment is required.

I solicit your cooperation in complying with the above requirements.

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Many West Texans in all walks of life are being introduced to a new variation of the old "hop, skip and jump" remembered from school days. It never became popular with top athletes who considered it "silly" ... even "crazy".

Revival of this form of gymnastic in conducting the Nation's domestic affairs in time of emergency, and while fighting for survival, likewise is believed ridiculous by more and more thousands of people.

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### Ollie Alexander Funeral Services Held Here Monday

Last rites were read for Ollie Alexander, 55 years of age, who died at his home in Spur Monday at the First Baptist church.

Mr. Alexander was a native Texan, born in Denton county, Feb. 11, 1888. He had lived in Dickens county about 20 years and in the Afton community for a number of years, where he leaves many friends to mourn his passing. At the time of his death he was living in Spur.

He was married to Miss Irene Hill Dec. 16, 1917, at Argo, Texas, where he lived before coming to Dickens county.

He was converted in 1931, and joined the Baptist church.

Rev. A. P. Stokes of Afton officiated at the funeral services. Interment was in Spur cemetery,

with Campbell Funeral chapel in charge of arrangements.

Pall bearers were Jack Henson, Kermit Cunningham, Charlie Finch, D. B. Ince, Chester Powell, and Ray Morrow.

Survivors other than his widow are five children. They are: Mrs. Marshall Powell, Spur; Vivian Irene Stencil, Medista, Calif.; Joffalonia Finch, Spur; O. V. Alexander, Spur.

Other relatives surviving are one sister, Mrs. Mallie Badsen, Dallas; one half-sister, Mrs. Lee Jenkins, Dallas; two half-brothers, Lawton and Arnold Alexander, Argo, Texas, and three grandchildren.

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## Personal

Mrs. James H. Bowman and little daughter, Jimmie Nell, accompanied by Mrs. C. B. Chandler, left Thursday of last week for Crpous Christi, where Mrs. Bowman will look after business interests and visit with friends. Mrs. Chandler will be with her husband, C. B. Chandler, who is stationed there in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry of Afton were business visitors in Spur last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCulley left Friday for Abilene where they were to meet their son, Lt. Alton McCulley, who was en route to the East coast. They were accompanied by Miss Pat Patterson.

Mrs. Lucy Cowan is moving this week to Lubbock, where she will make her future home, having recently purchased a large, modern residence there. Mrs. Cowan was one of the earlier residents of Spur, and we regret to see her move from our midst.

Pvt. Ralph Sherrill is spending a few days in Spur visiting with Mrs. Sherrill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Martin made a business trip to Dallas last Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Leon Reagan, Eugene Taylor, and Mark Tuberville made a business trip to Abilene Thursday.

Mrs. Andy Hurst made a trip to Dallas last Thursday. While there, she visited her son, Rev. Lance Hurt and wife.

Will Watson, who suffered a painful injury to his knee cap last Thursday afternoon, was brought to the Nichols hospital for treatment.

Mrs. E. W. Johnson of Haskell, Mrs. J. A. Potts and daughter, Wanda Lou of St. Petersburg, Fla spent the past week end in Spur visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dunwoody, daughter of Mrs. Johnson, and sister of Mrs. Potts.

Mrs. E. L. Adams returned last Friday from a three weeks visit with her father, T. W. Flenniken of Haskell.

Mrs. Lillie Pillow of Wichita community was in Spur last Saturday talking with friends and trading with Spur merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Taylor of Wichita community were in Spur last Saturday trading with the Spur merchants.

Mrs. L. D. Ratliff of Haskell is visiting in the home of her sons, L. D. and O. B. Ratliff.

Horace Hyatt and children, Patsy Jean and baby Bradley, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Demps Bulls, made a trip to Shamrock Sunday, returning Mr. and Mrs. Bulls to their home there, and leaving baby Bradley for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce were in Spur Wednesday trading with Spur merchants.

Joe Paul and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Alexander of Kirksville, Mo. arrived in Spur Monday to spend a ten-day visit with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander. Joe Paul and Ted are medical students at Kirksville. They were accompanied to Spur by a friend, Miss Joyce Farmer, also of Kirksville, who is a guest in the Alexander home this week.

Mrs. Christine Wolfe of Adrian, Mo. was a guest last week end of Mrs. Edward Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor visited her sister, Mrs. Dolph Shields, who is a patient in the Lubbock General hospital, Thursday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Shields are the parents of a son born last

Thursday, weighing eight pounds. Both mother and little son are doing nicely.

David Hull visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pike in Sudan last week end.

Mrs. D. A. Forbes of Lubbock is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Cook of Spur.

Mrs. B. F. Hale and daughter, Miss Helen, returned to their home Friday of last week, after a three weeks visit in Fort Worth and Mineral Wells where Mrs. Hale took the baths and Miss Helen took a much needed rest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Eubanks and daughter, Miss Bessie, and little son Jean, made a week end visit in Crosbyton the past week.

Miss Sue Loe, student at ACC, Abilene, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Loe of Afton, and visited friends in Spur.

C. H. Elliott made a business trip to Lubbock Monday.

Miss Thelma Osteen of Abilene visited relatives in Spur Friday of last week, returning home Sunday.

D. W. Hughes of Roaring Springs was in Spur Tuesday on business and visiting with friends. While here he called at The Spur office to renew his subscription to The Texas Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Armstrong, daughter and son, Glyneth and Charles, former residents of Spur, now living in Lamesa, were here for the week end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kidd, and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

Jack Alexander of Colorado City spent an over-night visit here Monday night with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander.

Judge Alton Chapman of Plainview was in Spur this week visiting his mother and with friends.

Mrs. Ann McClure, accompanied by Miss Patsy Mitchell and Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin, visited in McAdoo Saturday night and Sunday. Mrs. McClure was a guest in the home of her brother, M. C. Baum. Mrs. McLaughlin visited her son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Dennis.

Miss Sue Loe of ACC, Abilene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Loe of Afton, was an honor student of the college this month.

Mrs. J. F. Hughes left Wednesday for Alabama, going by plane from Fort Worth to be with her mother, who is seriously ill.

Miss Jimmie Nance, waitress at Mrs. Smith's cafe, is spending the week with her parents in Cisco.

C. T. Wallace from McAdoo was in Spur on business Saturday.

### Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given of an election to be held at the first building north of the City Hall of the City of Spur, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, 1943, same being the 6th day of April, 1943, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners for the City of Spur, Texas.

M. H. BRANNEN,  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF T. W. COLLIER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the Estate of T. W. Collier, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 1st day of February, 1943, by the County Court of Dickens County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to me, within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Spur, County of Dickens, State of Texas.

RUBY WALSWORTH.

### TROOP 36 NEWS

Members of Troop 36, Boy Scouts, met at the high school gymnasium Monday night at 7:30 for their regular meeting.

Those present in the Rattlesnake patrol were Alvin Cause Hardy Dement, Clifford McDonald, Milton Reynolds, Thural Garner, and Thurman Wright.

Present in the Panther patrol were Mac Brannen, Johnny Dan Smith, Truman Holder, Bobby Wright, Dicky Walthal, and one new member, J. D. Williams.

Present in the Bob White patrol were Homer Wilcox, Bill Dyess, Tommy Towels, a new member, and David McAter.

Present in the Flying Eagle patrol were William Gollihar, Ernest Roberts, Howard Wilson, Billy Murrell Randell, Bob Stelle, Bob Lae, and Jimmy Cox.

Deputy Walthal, Eldon Aiken and Visitors were: Neal A. Chastain, Bunky Adcock, and Scoutmaster Cecil Fox and Senior Patrol Leader Pete Adcock.

Refreshments were served. Doyle Aiken, Scribe.

### Did You Know

Vanilla is the cured pod of one of the orchid family of plants.

Passenger car registrations in the United States in 1941 totaled 28,856,000.

Ninety-four per cent of the New Zealand population is of British origin; four per cent are native Maoris.

More than half of Morocco's export trade and 70 per cent of its imports pass through the port of Casablanca.

Shuffle-board was played as early as the fifteenth century.

Iraq is the first full-fledged Moslem member of the United Nations.

Canals from Euphrates dam now irrigate the supposed site of the Garden of Eden in Iraq.

### COLORED FOLKS DO THEIR PART IN RED CROSS DRIVE

Prof. Kerr, principal of the colored school, states that they are getting ready for their War Fund drive and the colored women are making preparations to enter the Home Nursing class. Mrs. Goldstein says they hope to have a large group to attend these classes. Spur has several of her colored boys in the service.

### USE SPUR WANT ADS

### TO PREACH SUNDAY

Rev. John A. Winslow of Lubbock, will hold church services at the Episcopal church at 3:30 p. m. Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### SOES AND HOSE FAVORED

Thieves are showing favoritism for articles on the scarcity list. While Raymond Kankowski was making a delivery in Chicago, thieves stole three cases of shoes from his truck. Grant Brammon told Chicago police that among articles stolen from his home were six pairs of nylon hose.

### PUFFS HIS CHEST

Claim to fame of A. "Insurance" Myers of Caldwell, Idaho, was that he became a grandfather twice in three hours. A daughter was born to a son and daughter-in-law in Spokane, Wash., and three hours later a son was born to a daughter and son-in-law at Caldwell.

### NEEDS SIX PAIRS

She ought to get six pairs of shoes a year instead of three, the woman told a Dallas rationing board. She wears a No. 5 shoe on one foot, and a No. 7 on the other—so three pairs would really be only one and a half, she explained. The puzzle is en route to Washington.

### DRAFT BOARD ERRS

The draft board at Caribou, reclassified John W. Keene as 1-A, then discovered he was blind and 90 years old.

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Somewhere, every minute of the hour, every hour of the day, every day of the year, the Red Cross is helping someone.

Won't you help, too?



J. F. Hughes, M. D.