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### Whoa, Now!

By Grady Lackey

We proudly salute the men of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District for their contributions toward a better tomorrow for our area's agriculture.

### Spur Team Wins T-O Roping Contest

A trio of ropers composing the Spur team, Bobby Bird, Bill and Fred Dalby, turned in the best combined time Thursday night, September 2, to win top honors in the two-day Texas Oklahoma matched calf roping contest at Rice Springs Arena in Haskell.

The two day event brought together 24 of the best known ropers of the Southwest, who competed as three-man teams in the matched contests and as individuals in a number of added roping events.

### Dickens Sophomores Elect Class Officers

The sophomore class of Dickens met Friday morning, September 10, to elect officers to serve this school year.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HELD AT BATTLES HOME

Friends and neighbors are meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Battles for Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

### 8th Grade Class Officers Elected

The Spur Junior High eighth grade class elected officers on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

### 140 Persons Attend Initial Meeting Of Patton Springs Agricultural Club

Conservation of the land and the need for agricultural clubs was stressed at the Patton Springs Community Agricultural Club meeting Monday night, Sept. 13.

### Sheriff's Posse To Travel To Paducah

The Dickens County Sheriff's Posse will travel to Paducah tomorrow, Friday, to ride in the Cattle-King Co. Horseshow and Rodeo parade.

All riding members are urged to be ready to leave at 12:30 p. m. Friday, stated Everett McArthur, president of the organization.

The parade will begin at 5 p. m. with free barbecue for all riding club members to be served at 6 o'clock.

Saturday night the posse will again take to the road and will meet the undefeated Tom Green Co. Sheriff's Posse of San Angelo in a palmetto polo game at Colorado City beginning at 7:30 p. m.

### Fair Boosters To Visit Spur Tuesday

Several busloads of Lubbock businessmen and a group of special entertainers will be in Spur next Tuesday afternoon September 21 to renew acquaintances with their friends and to give a personal invitation to the town to attend the Panhandle South Plains Fair in Lubbock from Sept. 27-Oct. 2.

While one group of businessmen visits friends in the business district, a second group will go to the schools where they will distribute souvenirs to the youngsters and leave free tickets for all of the students with school officials.

### Haynes School P-TA Officers Installed

The officers of the Haynes School PTA were installed Friday night, Sept. 10, in a program held at the school auditorium.

### Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting Announced

The Gamma Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma honorary society for women educators, will hold its first meeting of the fall on Sept. 18 in Ralls, home town of the president, Mrs. D. E. Wells, Sr.



DICKENS COUNTY FARM BUREAU QUEEN MISS KATHLEEN KELLEY will represent the county in the district contest in Lubbock tomorrow night. Miss Kelley was selected from a field of six young ladies at a program held in Dickens last week.

### Chamber of Commerce Doings... 200 BALES GINNED IN COUNTY; LOCAL BUSINESS PICKING UP

Looks like fall is just about here. The gins have gotten started pretty well on their way, ginning 104 bales in Spur and possibly 200 bales in the county.

### Dickens Co. WMU To Meet At Dickens

The annual meeting of the Dickens County Association of Women's Missionary Union will be held at the Dickens Baptist Church on Friday, Sept. 17.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. Vernon Barclay of Brownwood is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Steele, this week.

Dr. E. H. Martin has returned from Galveston where he attended the medical convention for the Texas chapter of General Practitioners last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watters and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Glenn and Brad visited with Mr. Watter's sisters, Mrs. Earl Coleman and Mrs. Woody Kubens, in San Angelo over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gilbert, Mickey and Ronnie, attended the Sudan Fall Festival in Sudan this week end.

### PVT. ROBERT SMITH SERVING IN KOREA

Pvt. Robert R. Smith, 20, son of Mrs. Rosa Smith, 622 N. Parker, is now serving with the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea.

## Duck Creek District Observes Soil Conservation Week

### SPUR BEATS MATADOR; TO PLAY AT RALLS FRI.

Coach Sam Hawkes' young but hefty gridsters took a 16-7 win over the Matadors here last Friday night as the Spur Bulldogs opened the 1964 season.

George McAteer, running alternately at the full and quarterback slots scored both of Spur's touchdowns after Tackle Bruce Johnson had earned the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead, trapping a potential Matador punter behind his own goal.

The visitors got their lone tally late in the game after the Spur boys had the game lead.

### Spur Bullpups Down Slaton Cubs 33-0

Meeting the Slaton Cubs in Jones Stadium for their first game of the season Tuesday night were the Spur Bullpups who came out on top with an easy 33-0 victory.

From the moment that Jimmy McAteer made the first kickoff opening the game, it seemed to belong to Spur. Making the first tally was Loy Miller in the first quarter, followed by two by McAteer in the second, one by Joe Copeland in the third, and the final one by Kent Morgan. McAteer kicked three out of five extra points.

Spur recovered two fumbles from the Cubs with Slaton returning the favor in the fourth quarter by recovering a Bullpup fumble. Copeland intercepted a Slaton pass in the fourth quarter.

Clyde Blair is the coach of the team.

Charles Love, reporter

### OLD HYMN SINGING AT EAST WARD, SUNDAY

A singing will be held at East Ward Auditorium Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19, for the singing of old time hymns only, according to C. C. Halle.

The singing will begin at 2 p. m. with all of those who enjoy singing hymns or those who like to listen are invited to attend.

### GIRARD CARDS TO PLAY AT PEACOCK TODAY

The Girard Cardinals will journey to Peacock Thursday for their first conference game of the season.

Game time is 8 p. m. between the two 4-B six-man teams.

Mrs. R. L. Westerman visited her brother, Will Mann, in Glenrose during the week end.

### District Governor, Football Team Are Lions' Guests Mon.

The Spur High Football team and their coaches were honor guests of the Spur Lions Club Monday night at a banquet given in the Lions hall.

Jim Ed Waller of Plainview, district governor of 2-T-1, was speaker for the occasion. He was introduced by Alfred Walker, president of the local club.

Coach Sam Hawkes introduced his assistants, Bill Hahn and Clyde Blair and 40 members of the football team. Coach Hawkes reviewed the prospects for the 1964 season stating that he has the youngest and yet the heaviest squad in the nine years he has coached here.

Wives of the Lions and coaches were also guests at the annual affair.

A board meeting followed the program of the evening.

Revival services at the First Baptist Church will begin tomorrow evening, Friday, Sept. 17, and continue through Sunday evening, Sept. 26.

The top rating 4-H boys and girls of Dickens county were honored Saturday night, Sept. 11, as more than 100 boys and girls, their parents and friends gathered on the court house lawn at Dickens to see them receive certificates of promotion.

Rita Joyce Williams, vice-chairman of the Dickens County Council, was program chairman.

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### HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE DUCK CREEK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By J. H. Taylor  
(Work Unit Conservationist, SCS)

Under the provisions of the Federal Standard Soil Conservation Act and the Texas State Soil Conservation District Law which enabled groups of landowners to form local soil conservation districts, a petition was sent to the State Soil Conservation board in the spring of 1939 requesting that a district be formed including parts of Dickens, Kent and Stone-wall counties. A hearing was held following this petition at which no opposition was heard and the State board called an election for the district's formation to be held March 9, 1940.

Following the favorable vote for formation of the district two district supervisors were appointed: R. R. Wooten of Dickens county and J. M. Johnson of Kent county.

Three other district supervisors were elected. They were Oscar McGinty of Spur, Clark Forbis of Afton and A. A. Fry.

A charter was granted which legally set the district in motion on April 30, 1940. Garza county landowners petitioned the State board about this time requesting that they be included in the district and an election was held December 14, 1940 which carried to include them.

The entire district now covered by the certificates of organization dated May 12, 1941 included most of Dickens county, all of Kent and Garza counties and a small portion of Stone-wall county. The area was named the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District No. 101.

Land owners in the district set about to develop a district program of work and work plans as follows:

218,875 acres contour farming, 40,071 acres cover crops, 184,259 acres stubble management, 436,919 acres range management, 4,123 acres pasture seeding, 2,612 acres irrigation improvement, 100 water facilities installed, 4,671 miles terraces built, 78 farm diversions built, 275 farm ponds constructed, 40 waterways developed, 9 erosion control dams built, and 358 acres rotation hay and pasture.

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on how they would operate and proceed in attacking the soil conservation problem. After these plans were made a memorandum or working agreement was entered into with the U. S. Department of Agriculture whereby the Department would assist them in furnishing technical assistance, educational guidance, and financial assistance in carrying out their program. A staff of Soil Conservation Service technicians were assigned to the district and work unit staffs were established at Spur and Post during the spring of 1941, followed by a staff at Jayton in 1952.

The present board of Supervisors includes Charles P. Witt of Calgary, chairman; E. F. Shugart of Spur, vice-chairman; Giles McCrory of Post, secretary; Clark Forbis of Afton, and Joe Hunicutt of Jayton. These men have the responsibility of administering the affairs of the district.

As of last Dec. 31, approximately 80% of the district's land area was under cooperative agreement and had developed conservation plans thereon which included 82% of the landowners. This includes 1251 plans covering 1,112,655 acres.

During this time conservation measures have been carried out as follows:

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### Dickens P-TA Plans Chicken Supper

The Dickens P-TA met on Sept. 9 in the school auditorium with the superintendent, H. F. Collins, making the opening talk.

Mrs. Foy Jackson was elected secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made for a chicken supper to raise funds to buy new equipment for the home making laboratory. Everyone will be invited to attend the supper with admission prices set at 50c for adults and 25c for children.

### PATTON SPRINGS RANGERS DEFEAT BENJAMIN 25-0

Patton Springs Rangers defeated the Benjamin Mustangs in a Friday night clash 25-0.

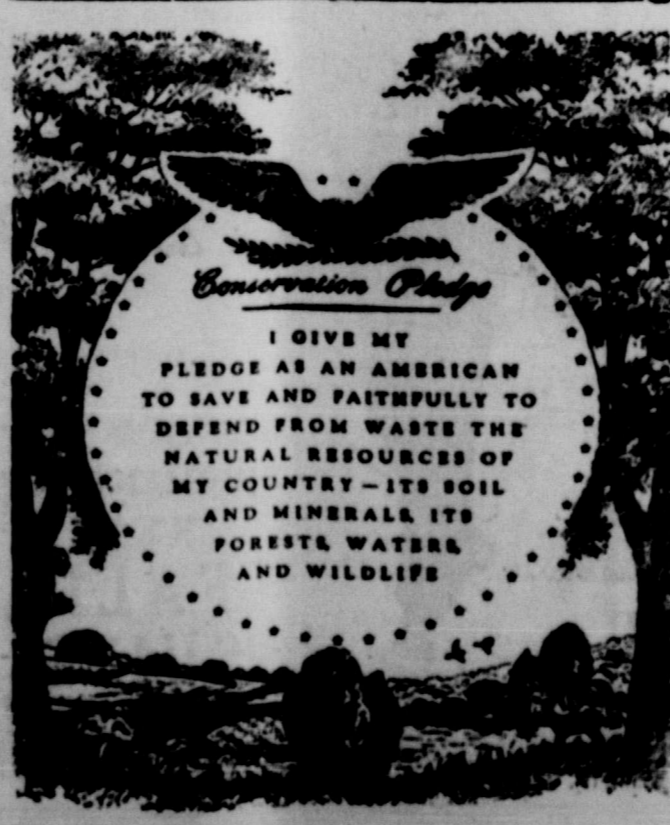
Valdeez Goodwin carried the ball over for three touchdowns and Doc Edwards caught a pass for the fourth tally.

Ronnie Stokes kicked for two extra points with the other two made by passes.

### GIRARD P-TA TO MEET MONDAY, SEPT. 20

The first meeting of the P-TA of Girard School is set for Monday night, Sept. 20 at 8 p. m.

J. R. Whitnire will be the principal speaker with Rev. E. J. Crafton taking part on the program.



CONSERVATION PLEDGE  
I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY TO DEFEND FROM WASTE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY—ITS SOIL AND MINERALS ITS FORESTS, WATERS AND WILDLIFE

# GOD OPENS HIS INFINITE HAND AND THE SONS OF MEN ARE FED

By Cal C. Wright

Every one who thinks carefully of our beginning, and the source of our "daily bread", firmly believes that God opens His infinite hand and the sons of men are fed. We believe that all we are, all we have, all we hope to be, and hope to have, comes from God.

When the ancient Jewish people sought to establish and to maintain a civilization they did it under a form of government known as a Theocracy - a government under the direction of God, who is all wise and all powerful. God wanted a social order that, in all respects, would honor Him, serve every succeeding generation, and preserve the good things of life.

In order to establish an enduring civilization God gave His people certain clear, fair, and just laws, known to us as the Mosaic Laws. This code was based upon the Ten Commandments, and pertained to marriage, divorce, the rights and duties and the dress of men, women, and children. It regulated building codes, sanitation, health rules, debts, other obligations, and every contact in life. The purpose? To establish a good civilization, and to keep it good



Rev. Cal C. Wright, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Spur, Texas

for the generations to come. Along with other codes there was one regarding the care of the soil - the source and the maintenance of human life. We came from the soil; we live from the soil; we shall return to the soil; the soil belongs to the uncounted generations; we cannot take the soil with us; God expects us to preserve the soil.

The ancient civilization believed in the Divine ownership of the soil, and accepted the Divine code that the soil should have a Sabbatical Year - one year of rest in every seven years. And that the fiftieth year was the Jubilee period, when every one gave thanks to Almighty God for the life that the land produced and maintained.

We live under a democracy. Thoughtful people are thankful for it, and good people distinguish between liberty and license. Good people try to keep the things of value, and that one thing of the greatest value, in our natural resources, is the soil. It maintains government and social orders, because it maintains life. There are proven methods to preserve the farming and grazing lands of our mighty nation, and, as good citizens, we are bound under God to consider the generations, the government, and the social orders that shall follow after us - and save the soil.

## Dry Lake Community News.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer Powell visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nickles of McAdoo Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Draper drove to Abilene Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Aldredge to visit their children, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Saxon and Tommy Aldredge who has entered school at Hardin-Simmons University.

The lesson Rev. Charles Pickens gave at Foreman Chapel church on Sunday morning was taken from the 26th chapter of Acts, "When the Sun Goes Down in Your Life". The evening lesson from "When he slay me, yet will I trust him". There was good attendance at both services.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Skinner are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Barrett, and Leonard is looking for work.

Miss Nancy Powell was a Sunday guest of Miss Mary Nell Grogan.

Those from Dry Lake Home Demonstration Club attending the accessories demonstration at the Legion Hut last Thursday were Misses J. B. Karr, Lon Bass, E. J. Lassetter, Billy Bing-

ham, Ellis Draper, Jeff Smith and Mrs. Archer Powell who modeled a beautiful dress.

Larry Don Bass had as his guests for Sunday dinner Ronnie Hill, Mark Parsons, Lee Kidd, Wilburn Hairgrove and Gene Taylor.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lassetter Sunday were Rev. and Mrs. Charles Pickens and boys, Dale and Rex.

Visiting from Levelland in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy McMahan Saturday night were his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Coy McMahan and son William Coy.

The W. M. U. met at Dry Lake Baptist Church Monday at 2 p. m. for a mission program. Everyone is invited to attend the W. M. U. meeting each Monday afternoon.

Dub Karr, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Karr, left Sunday for Abilene where he will enter Hardin-Simmons University.

Miss Dorothy Powell was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Margaret Pierce.

Billy Bingham made a business trip to Friona Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ballard

had as their dinner guests Sunday, Mrs. Billy Bingham and children, and Jeanne Kay Cole.

Miss Joanne Wilson visited Miss Wanda Wright Sunday.

Randy Cole had dinner Sunday with Ray Coursey.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy McMahan and William Coy visited her sister and brothers, Miss Mattie Sue and Henry and Carter Robertson while visiting in the community from Levelland for the week end.

The Methodist Brotherhood meeting will be held at Foreman's Chapel Monday, Sept. 20 at 7:45 p. m. Every man and boy is urged to be at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aston had all of their children at home Sunday. Jiggs from Galveston, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rennels of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGaughlin and children, Donna Rae and Jerry, and a friend, Patsy Painter, all of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Rickels of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bass accompanied their son Larry Don to Dickens on Saturday night for the 4th picnic.

Miss Dorothy Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archer Powell, was the contestant from Dry Lake in the Farm Bureau queen contest.

Going to Spur Monday night to the Foreman Chapel parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Pickens for a business meeting were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dugan, and Mrs. E. J. Lassetter. After the meeting punch and cookies were served to the group.

Miss Clovis Ann Coursey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Coursey, was operated on Monday afternoon for appendicitis.

Foreman Chapel Sunday School will meet at 10 a. m. Sunday. After Sunday School, all who wish will drive to Duck Creek where Rev. J. E. Shewbert, district superintendent, will preach. There will be a quarterly conference in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer Powell visited Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Cloude Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cole visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lassetter on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Saxon and Mrs. John Coursey returned from a vacation in East Texas on Monday afternoon.

Mr. W. R. Caplinger and granddaughter, Miss Sandra Caplinger, were visitors at Foreman Chapel on Sunday.



# SAVINGS EVENT

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27x27 Birdseye DIAPERS 1.49 doz

8 oz. Red Ball OVERALLS 2.29  
BLUE OR STRIPES



FAMOUS MUNNING NYLON SLIPS  
In lovely white and pink with dainty lace trim.  
Regularly 7.95.  
3.95

NYLON HOSE  
51 gauge, 15 denier  
59c pr.  
Limit 2 pair to customer, please.

ONE GROUP LADIES' Wash DRESSES  
COTTON PRINTS. CLOSE OUT!  
1.98

ONE GROUP LADIES' Wool Sweaters  
All colors. 2.98 values.  
1.98

USE OUR LAY-AWAY!

ONE GROUP LADIES' DRESS SHOES  
High and medium heels in black and brown calf or suede. Reg. to 8.95. Special!  
6.95

ONE GROUP MEN'S DRESS SHOES  
Size, 6-11. Values to 7.95. SPECIAL! SAVE!  
5.95

MEN'S WORK SHOES  
All sizes 6-12. A regular 5.95 value. SPECIAL!  
4.95

HY-TEST STEEL TOE Safety BOOTS  
Laced. In cord or leather sole. Reg. 14.95 value.  
12.95

## Fri. Sat. & Mon. at Gabriel's

GABARDINE PANTS  
DICKIES or HAWK SUSTAN or BLUE  
2.98  
Shirts to match 2.98

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS  
Reg. 2.98 values. Solids or Fancies. This week end ONLY  
1.89

BOYS' JEANS  
DICKIES or HAWK. Zipper fly, riveted at all points of stress. All sizes  
1.99

MEN'S DRESS SOCKS  
Long style. Sizes 10 - 12 Regular 50c  
25c

## BEDDING VALUES

FAMOUS GARZA SHEETS  
Size 81x99  
1.65

BEAUTIFUL COLORED SHEETS  
A good brand Pepperell muslin. Size 81x108. Save!  
2.29

CHENILLE SPREADS  
Full size. Lovely colors. A 5.95 value. SAVE!  
3.99

BLANKETS  
FIRST QUALITY. 5% WOOL SATIN BINDING. 66x80 SAVE!  
3.59

PURRY BLANKETS  
SIZE 72x90. 12% WOOL. 88% RAYON. WIDE SATIN BINDING. A REAL 10.95 VALUE!  
7.49

CORDUROY 69c  
Mill runs in 1 to 16 yard lengths. Popular narrow 16-wale. All colors. per yd.

CORDUROY 89c  
Narrow 16 wale. Full bolts. Good grade. All colors. per yd.

80 SQ. PRINTS 29c  
Beautiful array of colors and designs per yd.

CHAMBRAY 20c  
In colorful stripes and gay solid colors. per yd.

DOMESTIC 25c  
Heavy unbleached. per yd.  
5 yards for 1.00



## Men's New Fall SPORT COATS

100% wool, many fine Curlees and others to select from . . .

22.95 to 29.95

SEE OUR NEW SHIPMENT OF NEW FALL SUITS - Curlees, others



## Conserve Today For A Better Tomorrow

We proudly salute the personnel of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District and the numerous farmers and ranchers who are cooperating in this fine soil and water conservation program. We acknowledge their vital contribution to a better way of life for today, and to the assurance of an even better way of life in years to come . . .

George Gabriel

## Roaring Springs News ...

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Winegar and daughters visited recently in Crosbyton with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker and sons and Mrs. Sallie Phipps spent the week end in Amarillo as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mitchell and other relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Rigby is in Cove, Ark. visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winfield.

Mr. and Mrs. David Campbell and sons visited near Floydada Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell, and uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clem and daughter Kathy are visiting in Paris with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Clem.

Mrs. J. H. Williams visited recently in Amarillo with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Williams.

Mrs. David Campbell and sons, Gary, Gale and Gregg, attended the Hickson family reunion in Lubbock Saturday.

Mrs. Luther Winegar of Crosbyton is the house guest of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Winegar.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown and children of Fort Worth visited and attended to business here and in Plainview recently.

Mrs. Howard Osborn and children, Susie, Johnny and Penny, of Petersburg were Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Hazel Bridge.

Mrs. Clayton Bridge visited in Lubbock recently with her daughters, Mmes. Mills and Tinley.

Mrs. Ethel Brown who has been in Fort Worth for several weeks visited here in her home during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swim returned Saturday from a visit in Wilberton, Okla. Their granddaughter Cynthia Swim accompanied them home for an extended visit.

Mrs. Minnie Davis and M. E. (Mid) Long of Lorenzo were

married at Clovis, N. M., Wednesday, Sept. 8. They will make their home at Lorenzo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Harmon and children of Spur visited here recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Harmon.

Charles Long and Dale King made a business trip to Las Cruces, N. M. and to points in Mexico recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Schumacher of San Bernardino, Calif. visited here from Saturday until Tuesday with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hamm. They drove on to Hatfield, Ark. where they visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hutson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brooks of Meadow were here Saturday visiting and looking after business.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Byrd are at a Lubbock hospital with their baby who is very ill with polio. Their parents, the Drew Byrds and the Melton Brooks are with them.

Miss Beas Ferguson and John Ferguson looked after business and shopped in Lubbock Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leveles, Bennett and Jerry of Lamesa were week end guests of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meason returned Saturday from College Station accompanying their son, John Leslie, to A & M College.

Relatives who were called here during the week end by the illness of Miss Esther Peck were Mr. and Mrs. Carol Peck and Joe Peck of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffith and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith of Abilene, Mrs. Mable Heath, Mrs. Ora Dugg, Mrs. Una Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Heath of Plainview, and Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Badgett and daughter Er-dia Faye of Wilcox, Ariz. Miss Peck is a patient in Stanley Clinic in Matador.

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Mrs. T. H. Rigby and Mrs. S. J. Tutthill of McAdoo shopped and visited here Thursday.

Mrs. Bob Cooper and daughter Gwen and Mrs. Joe Gibson visited and looked after business in Lubbock Saturday. Gwen returned to Lubbock Monday and enrolled at Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carpenter and children Kay and Louis spent the week end in McKinney with their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Judd.

Mrs. M. L. Kelly of Afton attended to business and shopped here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Downing of Wichita Falls were visiting friends here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Cross and children of Lubbock visited relatives here Sunday.



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# Land Is Sacred Heritage Points Out Baptist Pastor

By Tommie Allen

Moses recognized the great heritage of the Children of Israel. Standing before him now on the border of the promised land is a new generation of people. Moses sees the need of reminding them of their great heritage and of their taking that with them as they go forth to conquer the land which the Lord God had promised them.

He begins by telling them of the many great miracles, and blessings that God had showered upon them. They had heard the "voice of God speaking out of the midst of fire." They had been "chosen of God from the midst of another nation. God had accomplished this by "signs and wonders . . . by a mighty hand, and an outstretched arm" before their very eyes.



Rev. Tommie Allen

Yes, they could boast of a great heritage. God had taken them out of the land of Egypt, led them across the Red Sea dry shod, guided them through the wilderness by a pillar of fire by night. He had provided them with food when they were hungry, he had given them water when they were thirsty and at Mount Sinai they had heard his voice and had been given the Law. They had always been victorious over their enemies when they were obedient to Jehovah.

Moses was seeking to set before them their responsibility for their heritage and that they must be true to that heritage if they were to conquer the land. He had only about 30 days left in which to live but he did not spend that time drilling them on how to fight. He knew that if they were obedient and true to their heritage they could overcome any enemy however strong.

This Soil Conservation Week should bring to our minds the great heritage which is ours. The land which the Lord God gave to Israel is our land—not in the same place, but in the same land. The soil which we own has been handed down to us in the condition it was in when we received it. Generation in the future shall till the same soil, therefore it is a binding responsibility to conserve and keep it well.

What a debt we owe to history! How grateful we ought to be for all that has come down to us from the ages that have passed.

A century and a half ago a little handful of colonies asserted their right to be a self-governing people and today the nation that was born there stands at the very front of the great nations of the world. Within about a century and a half she has explored a continent, she has transformed a wilderness

of the world, and the oppressed of every land are seeking our shores. This is our heritage and we must be responsible for it.

It is our responsibility to conserve the soil which has brought forth so plentifully across the years. It is a grievous sin to mistreat and destroy that which God has given us.

We must remember that the cattle upon a thousand hills belong to God and we are only His stewards. All of these things which we have and enjoy do not belong to us, but they were put here for our use and for those who follow in our train.

It is as much a sin to mistreat and misuse and destroy the land which God has given us, as it is to mistreat and destroy our own bodies.

Centuries ago God recognized the sacredness of the soil and saw the necessity of conserving it when He said to Moses: "The seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord; thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which growth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed; for it is a year of rest unto the land." (Lev. 25:4-5)

Conserving that which God hath created is a sacred and religious thing.

## "More To Farming Than Planting And Plowing" Says Spur Student

By JEAN BOOTHE  
Winning Essay of Spur High School

"Conserve Today for a Better Tomorrow"

Before a person can really know whether or not he is "conserve today for a better tomorrow," he must thoroughly understand what conserve means. Webster defines conserve as "to keep in a safe or a sound condition - to preserve."

When our forefathers settled this home land of ours, it was not in cultivation. With their crude methods they cleared the land and planted their crops. Today we have acres of fine farm land and very little land which is not in cultivation. Most of the land which is not in cultivation makes up the pastures of many ranches.

Our forefathers found there was more to farming than just planting and plowing. They found that the rains often caused the rivers and creeks to rise out of their banks and wash their crops away. This has helped the farmer to become inter-

ested in conserving his land. Terracing has been a great help to the farmer today. These devices have saved the farmer several acres of land and a lot of money.

Leaves have been built along water streams to keep them from changing their courses. Often a creek will cut through a farmer's land and destroy his money crops and cause considerable damage to his land.

The sandstorms caused our forefathers here in West Texas a lot of heartaches and headaches. Often there was a dust bowl which would completely destroy crops and blow the topsoil off to the hard pan or clay. When this happens it leaves the land almost impossible to work.

Improvements such as contouring have helped to keep the land from blowing. This has perhaps been one of the best improvements for West Texas farmers.

Another problem which faced the early farmer was the "Drouth". Right now we are in perhaps one of the worst drouths that has ever occurred. One way many people have tried to carry on with their crops without rain has been with irrigation. This has been an improvement, but it will never take the place of the wonderful rains.

Our forefathers gave us this land to farm to provide for ourselves and the generations to follow. Conservation is becoming greater and more necessary. Without conservation our land will ruin and the farmer would soon become extinct. Without the farmer the whole of the nation's population would cease to be. For the welfare of the following generations let's all join in and "Conserve Today for a Better Tomorrow"

## Conservation Viewed From 5 Different Walks Of Life By McAdoo HS Student

By CAROL TRAGUE  
Winning Essay of McAdoo High School

I would like to discuss "What Soil Conservation Means to Me" from the five angles of five entirely different people. First of all, of course, is from the standpoint of a farmer, who is directly dependent upon the soil. Secondly, I would like to cast myself as a school teacher. My third role will be that of a banker. Fourth I will take the place of a merchant. Last of all I will discuss my own, a high school student's position.

The farmer is the actual tiller of the soil. He is perhaps more closely connected with soil conservation than any other person.

If he does not practice soil conservation he faces poverty and perhaps an even worse fate. The farmer realizes more fully the value of soil conservation because he sees it in effect. Soil conservation means a life, an occupation, a good economic position and perhaps a raised social level for him.

The school teacher is indirectly affected by soil conservation. It really means an occupation for him. His occupation is related to soil conservation because if soil is not conserved the school district will not prosper. In this case the teacher could not prosper. More than likely the school will lose students and may even

be forced out of operation. This would quickly cast the teacher into the ranks of the unemployed which would be an unpleasant situation for any person.

A banker would certainly be affected by soil conservation. If soil is conserved wealth will increase and money will be placed in the safe-keeping of a bank. When prosperity reigns, the banker's lot is a good one. If on the other hand, soil is not conserved, there will be no deposits in the bank. If the people lose too much money, withdrawals from the bank are a natural course of action for the people. The people may borrow from the bank and not be able to repay the loan, thereby jeopardizing the stability of the bank.

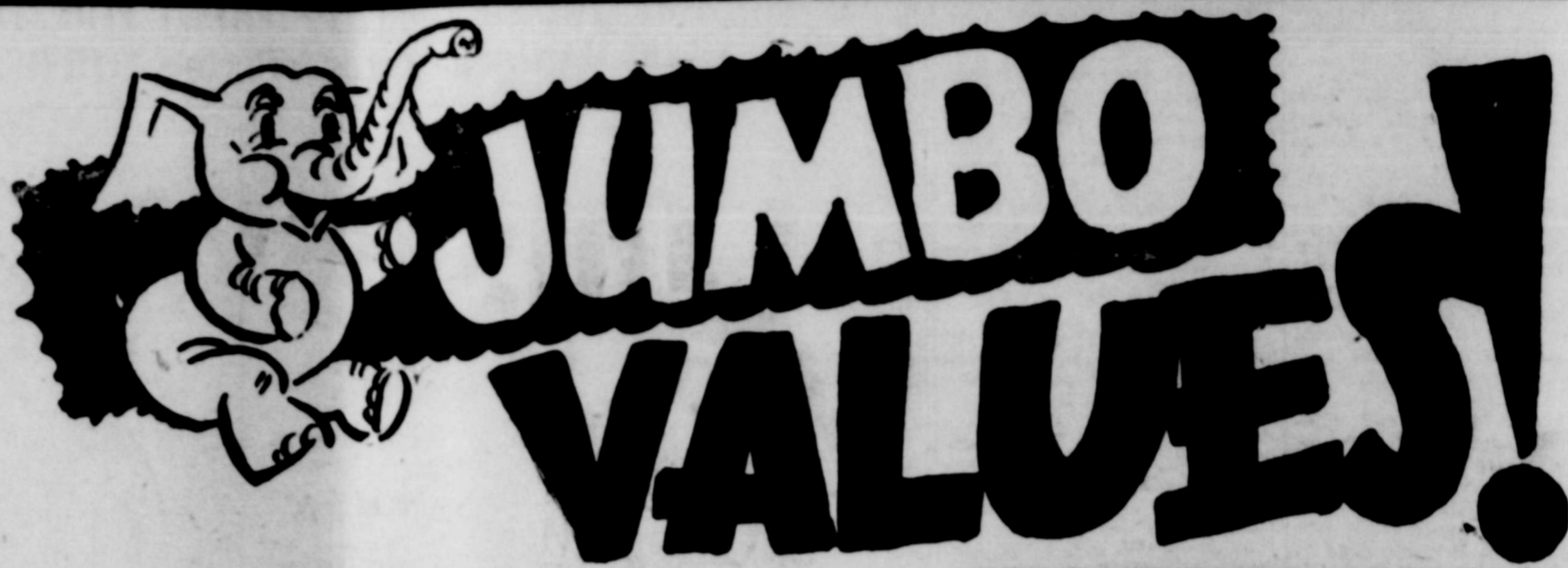
It might be said that a merchant is directly affected by soil conservation. If soil conservation is neglected economic conditions might become serious. If eco-

nomie conditions are at a low ebb there will be no money with which to buy. The merchant suffers because he can make no sales; therefore, he loses money and may lose his business also. But, if on the other extreme, soil conservation is diligently practiced by the merchant's community, money will be plentiful and sales will be made. Thus, the merchant prospers and profits.

Last, what does soil conservation mean to me, a high school student? It means more leisure time and easier living. It means many opportunities to make something of my future life. It gives me a chance for learning and expanding. It helps to further my education and the increased economic status of the community raises my chances for more cultural background.

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# Spur Super Market

**Mrs. W. R. Weaver Is Guest Speaker For P-TA Meeting**

The East Ward P-TA held its first session of this year on Tuesday, Sept. 14, with "Who Are The People?" as the program theme.

Mrs. William Nichols was elected as vice-president to fill the place of Mrs. George Stanford, who is teaching this year.

Announcement was made of the District P-TA workshop to be held in Spur on Oct. 9.

Mrs. Jack Moore led the group in singing which was followed by an introduction of the theme of the program by Mrs. C. O. Fox. Mrs. W. R. Weaver, assisted by a group of ladies, gave a talk on "The People and P-TA." Refreshments were served in the cafeteria following adjournment.

**Harmony Club Opens 1954 Session With Dinner Tuesday**

The Harmony Club opened its 1954-55 session with an alfresco supper at the home of Mrs. J. C. Reese on Tuesday evening.

The dinner featuring fried chicken was served buffet style on the back lawn of the Reese home.

For the opening program, Mrs. A. C. Williams presented a preview of the yearbook on the theme "Our Musical Heritage." A vocal ensemble accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Julie Bingham sang "Some Enchanted Evening" by Hammerstein. Members of the ensemble were Mesdames Jack Moore, John Green, Joe Bell, E. C. King, Dick Gibson, Albert Fry, and Miss Barbara Speer.

Mrs. J. E. Berry brought the president's message to the club and introduced Mrs. R. G. Nunley as a new member and Mrs. Sam Blacklock as a new associate member.

Mrs. Jim Barron made a talk on the relation of World Neighbors to the Harmony Club to conclude the program. Mrs. Sam Hawkes served as leader.

Attending the meeting were Mesdames W. T. Andrews, Williams, Bell, J. E. Swenson, Berry, H. A. C. Brummett, Billie Powell, Bingham, Van North, Nell Davis, Moore, Jerry Ensey, Joe B. Long, Fry, King, Cecil Green, Grady Lackey, Tom Johnston, Blacklock, Nunley, W. M. Hazel, Hawkes, Fred C. Hall, W. F. Gilbert, John Green, Gibson, Miss Barbara Speer, Miss Jennie Shields and the hostess, Mrs. Reese.

Mrs. Joe Bell served as co-hostess.

**Mrs. Ollie Bural, Lawrence Hunnicutt Feted At Dinner**

Mrs. Ollie Bural and Lawrence Hunnicutt were honored with a birthday dinner Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Stinnett of Girard.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bural and Jim, Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Chism, Sherry and Vicki, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Goodall and Debra, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Edwards of Jayton, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hunnicutt, Davy and Lawrence of Lubbock, Miss Gracie Stinnett of Lubbock and Mrs. W. R. Goza of Anson. Calling in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hunnicutt and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wyatt.

**"Prosperity Is A Direct Result Of Conservation" States Dickens Student**

By JODIE CONAWAY  
Winning Essay of Dickens High School

"Conserve Today for a Better Tomorrow"

Since the first soil conservation district was organized in 1937, farmers and ranchers have organized more than 2,300 districts covering some 234 million acres. The purpose of these organizations is to help people protect and conserve our many land and water resources.

The pioneers of this country thought little about soil conservation because land was plentiful and when their land would begin to decline in productivity and usefulness they would merely move and leave the land to erode. As a result of this, much good fertile land has been wasted.

When people finally realized the importance of soil conservation, many land and forest resources were lost forever. Statistics show that this nation has lost forever one third of its valuable topsoil. As a result of soil conservation work erosion has been checked, but this nation still loses five billion tons of soil material each year.

People are trying in joint efforts to prevent this erosion by the use of terraces, contour plowing, strip cropping, windbreaks and shelterbelts.

Woodlands also were once wasted by over-cutting and

**WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES**

**Tailored Dress Revue Presented Thursday For Dickens County HD Club Women**

More than 40 Dickens county home demonstration club women gathered in the American Legion Hut on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 2:30 p. m. to view the newest in tailored fashions.

The Epuseta Club presented a skit entitled "The Tired Homemaker." Mrs. Frank Adams' club presented means the homemaker often overlooks in making herself more attractive.

Mrs. Dee McArthur modeled three tailored costumes from Gabriels, a figured cotton, a sports suit and a wool two-piece suit.

Mrs. Darrell Grogan and Mrs. Brink Carlisle modeled a wool two piece suit and a tailored one piece dress from Dunlap's.

Charcoal grey, black and winter green were the popular colors shown. Small hats and matching leather bags and shoes were also displayed.

Two methods of planning a wardrobe were presented by Lou Jeffers, county home demonstration agent. The first method suggested was to select one good dress or suit each year and give it variety with accessories.

The alternate method was to select one set of good accessories and give it variety with suits and dresses. Either plan will give a balanced wardrobe if thought and planning are done before shopping.

**Catherine Fite Circle Studies City Missions**

The Catherine Fite circle of the WSCS met Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Bill Gregory.

Mrs. Max Eckel's brought the lesson on "City Lights and Shadows." The scripture was read by Mrs. Jim Humphreys and Mrs. C. A. Leek.

Mrs. Tom Johnston is chairman of the circle, and the program for the year was discussed. Those present were Misses Johnston, Eckel, Humphreys, Gregory, Leek, Cal Wright, Paul Marion, W. D. Blair, W. S. Campbell, Dee Hairgrove, J. A. Koon and Lela Evans.

**Birthday Party Given For Lynna Lehw**

Little Lynna Kay Lehw was entertained with a party on her third birthday, Friday, Sept. 3.

A duck theme was used featuring a centerpiece of a large mother duck under which were tiny packages for each child containing little plastic ducks. Crepe paper caps with duck bills were presented to each child. Duck placecards, were also used.

Birthday cake and ice cream were served to Cindy Walker, Jane Haralson, Tenny Fry, Jan Godfrey, Kay Lackey, Vickie Clifton, Dana Watson, Vickie Watson, Betty Jean Allen, Jeanne Martin, Joe Dennis Lehw, and the honoree, Lynna.

Sending gifts but unable to attend were Myra Kay Smith, Sandra Davis and Dana Beth Kidd.

**Mrs. John Adams Is Breakfast Hostess For Bagby Circle**

Mrs. John Adams entertained the members of the Bagby circle of the First Baptist W.M.S. with a 7 o'clock breakfast Wednesday morning at her home.

Miss Jennie Shields gave the invocation. The meeting was closed by prayer for the revival services which will begin at the church Friday night.

Those attending were Mesdames Cretia Brooks, G. B. Morris, John Brockwood, Bertie Jones, Hattie Turven, Mary Francis, S. J. Shebley, Roscoe McCombs, W. M. Hazel, T. J. Eaton, Myrtle Whitwell, Miss Shields and the hostess, Mrs. Adams.

Water, another one of our important resources, is being wasted also, and one of our greatest causes of erosion. The waste of water is being checked by keeping forest growing to check the flow of water, by keeping grasslands growing to hold water until it can soak into the ground and by keeping watersheds planted in grasses or other cover crops to prevent the washing of gullies. This water is also being caught by dams which may be used as a habitat for fish and as a means of irrigation.

Thus we see that if we conserve today we will have a better tomorrow because we will have better land to farm and better crops as a result of this good, increased productivity and prosperity which is a direct result of conservation.

**CARD OF THANKS**

To the members of the Home-making Class of the First Baptist Church and to all friends who helped us in any way, we want to express our gratitude for their kindness to us following little Bill's accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hahn

**Mrs. Clyde Bearden Is Shower Honoree**

A layette shower honoring Mrs. Clyde Bearden was given at the home of Mrs. George Stanford, 401 W. Hill, on Saturday morning, Sept. 11, at 10 o'clock.

Co-hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames H. M. Allison, Earl Burnett, Archer Powell and Curtis Lisles.

Pink roses were used to decorate the receiving rooms.

Coffee and sweet rolls, with plate favors of tiny clusters of grapes tied with pink and blue ribbon, were served to 20 guests.

**Bridal Shower Fetes Mrs. J. Rigsby**

A miscellaneous bridal shower was given as a courtesy to Mrs. J. Rigsby, the former Melva Jo

Swearingen, at the home of Mrs. Walter Driggers on Friday evening, Sept. 3. Guests called between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Driggers were Mesdames Cecil Durham, Elmer D. Hagins, Ed Brown, Jack Smithy, Myrtle Webb, Lane Bachman and Wayne Beadle.

Decorations were in blue and white, the bride's chosen colors. Fruit punch and cookies were served to approximately 35 guests who called.

**Vows Exchanged By Couple September 6**

Mrs. Vera Lenora Brooks of Ceres, Calif. and Martin Luther Crafton were united in marriage in the presence of a few relatives at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, Sept. 6.

Vows were read at the home

of Mrs. C. H. Spraberry, sister of the bride, at 806 N. Burlington. Rev. B. J. Crafton, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Girard and grandson of the groom, officiated for the ceremony.

The bride was attended by a grandniece, Miss Ann Gannon. The bride wore an aqua crepe suit with pink and brown accessories.

A reception was held following the ceremony, also at the Spraberry home. The bride's table was laid with a hand drawn cloth with a centerpiece of cut flowers in fall colors.

Members of the houseparty were Mrs. B. J. Crafton, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Schoonover of Miami, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. V. Barrett and Mrs. Spraberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Crafton are at home at 223 S. Cowan St.

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**McGaughy - Bryant Vows Read In N. M.**

Miss Lynn McGaughy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGaughy, became the bride of Ivan A. Bryant, son of Mrs. Edna E. Chapman of Lubbock, in a single ring ceremony read recently in the Trinity Methodist Church in Roswell, N. M. with the Rev. R. C. Cantrell officiating.

The bride wore a Joe Wylie original oyster white linen suit with white pine accessories.

Mrs. Bryant has been employed by Pittsburgh Plate Glass company in Lubbock for the past two years.

Mr. Bryant, formerly employed by S & Q Clothiers, is now district manager for the Micropoint Pen company.

The couple is at home in Lubbock.

**THDA Meeting Report Given For Gilpin HD Club**

The Gilpin Home Demonstration Club met at the Community Building on Wednesday, Sept. 8, with Mrs. Cecil Durham as hostess.

Mrs. Howard Thomas gave a report of the State T. H. D. A. meeting she attended in Dallas on Aug. 11, 12 and 13.

Presenters were Mesdames Elizabeth Emmett Haines, Thelma Fitts, I. W. H. Driggs, Julie Swearingen, Edd S. H. M. M. Webb, Va. Simpson, Arthur Hollingsworth, Frank Galt, Arville White, Jim Swearingen, Wade Wright, Jack Sweeney, Howard Thomas and the hostess.

The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 4, at the home of Mrs. Jim Swearingen.

Go to Church Sunday

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Cello <b>CARROTS</b> bag <b>10c</b>	Libby's PINEAPPLE <b>JUICE</b> 46 oz. <b>32c</b>
<b>CABBAGE</b> lb. <b>4c</b>	Sun Spun <b>OLEO</b> 2 lbs. <b>45c</b>
Yellow <b>ONIONS</b> lb. <b>5c</b>	Pet or Carnation <b>MILK</b> 2 lge. cans <b>25c</b>
Carton <b>TOMATOES</b> ctn. <b>15c</b>	Sun Spun <b>CATSUP</b> 12 oz. bottle <b>15c</b>
Sun Spur Pure Peach or Apricot <b>PRESERVES</b> 2 lb. Jar <b>39c</b>	Gladiola <b>FLOUR</b> 10 lbs. <b>89c</b>
Wolfe <b>CHILI</b> No. 2 Can <b>49c</b>	Heart's Delight <b>PEACHES</b> 4 2 1/2 Cans <b>1.00</b>
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Fresh Dressed <b>FRYERS</b> lb. <b>45c</b>	
Bosa Brand <b>WEINERS</b> 12 oz. pkg. <b>27c</b>	
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Wisconsin Longhorn <b>CHEESE</b> lb. <b>45c</b>	

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## Observe Soil Conservation Week Sept. 12-18

The picture above shows what has happened to hundreds of square miles of fertile farmland that was carelessly exploited and left unattended for year after year.

Had it not been for a sound Soil Conservation program that came out of the Dust Bowl days of the 30's, America might never have regained and returned to production the vast blighted section in the Southwest and Midwest that were swept by winds into seas of sand.

Today, however, it is a different story, and we have thousands of farmers working together as a united front against the elements that would return the days of the dust bowl.

During this special week set aside, September 12-18, for the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District, we take pleasure in congratulating the district and cooperating farmers for their untiring efforts to save land.

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5. Pack Front Wheels	1.50	5. Fill Shocks	.75
6. Minor Engine Tune	3.60	6. Pack Universal Joints	4.60
7. Service Oil Bath Cleaner	.60	7. Criss Cross Tires	1.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10.15</b>	9. Adjust Brakes	1.40
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# Water Conservation Listed Among Many Benefits Of Brush Control

E. Fisher and C. H. Meadors, Superintendent and Technician, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Spur.

Today there probably is more interest in the control of undesirable brush on native grassland than at any other time in the history of the grazing industry. In much of the southern range area one can scarcely go a distance of ten miles without witnessing some attempt to control either mesquite, sand pine, cedar, or one of the several species of oaks. Some of these, frequently one can observe attempts to control prickly pear, white brush, black brush, sage brush, tar bush and many other species.

This interest has undoubtedly been stimulated by the development of highly efficient herbicides commonly known as 2,4-D, 2,4,4-T and more recently those which lend themselves to large scale application. Moreover, the adaptation of mechanical equipment such as power grubbing, root plows, churning and liming, heavy discs, large stalkers and brush beaters has created new interest in control of brush. In some instances successful methods of seeding native or improved grasses or other crops on the more productive areas has made it desirable to control brush. In other instances these new tools have offered considerable promise of thinning old existing stands of brush more profitably.

Nevertheless, the underlying factors that fostered brush control on extensive areas of native grassland are due largely to economic conditions and to the realization that early day methods of control were generally inadequate and too costly to cope with the brush problem. With increased costs of land, cattle and labor the ranchman today must produce more and wool more efficiently than ever before to obtain fair returns on his investment.

**BENEFITS OF CONTROL** — Whether or not it will pay to control brush depends on the potential productivity of the land and kind of brush that is present.

Does it spread and establish itself rapidly under well managed grazing? Does it compete for moisture, soil nutrients and light with more desirable forage plants? Does it interfere with working of livestock? Does it have browse value or retard soil erosion or runoff during critical seasons of the year, and does it contribute directly or indirectly to death losses?

Factual information is lacking on the value of controlling brush, yet some information is available. In the mesquite area grazing trials conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station have shown that the control of moderate stands increased steer gains an average of 34 pounds per head during the summer months over a 9-year period of study. In dry years steer gains

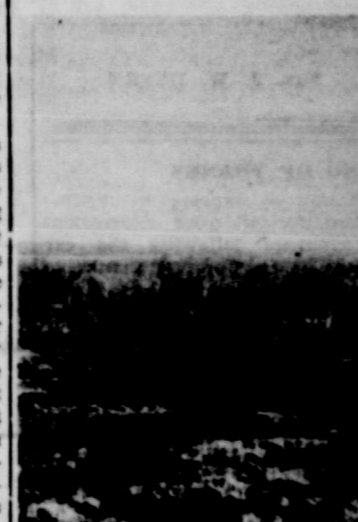
were increased up to 63 pounds by controlling mesquite. Moreover, stands of desirable forage grasses were improved materially and the cost of handling livestock was reduced by one-half.

At Woodward, Oklahoma, E. H. McIlvain working with sand sage brush found that where this pest was controlled the pasture carried 24 percent more cattle, increased steer gain 31 pounds and produced 48 percent more gain per acre during the summer months. Even greater returns were obtained where sage brush was controlled and pastures were grazed year long. In the post oak and black jack area in central Texas R. A. Darrow and associates found that thinning of dense stands of trees increased the production of native grass from 229 to 1382 pounds of dry grass per acre. Similar results have been reported for control of big sage brush in the west. On the other hand, there are large areas of brush infested land that are too low in potential productivity because of low rainfall, poor soils, topography or for other reasons to justify an extensive control program under present conditions. Proper management of grazing livestock together with the use of low cost control measures on a few of the more heavily infested sites often represents about all that can be accomplished economically. Typical examples of this problem include creosote and tar brush growing on thin droughty soils, mesquite under semi-desert conditions,

sage brush and shinnery under unfavorable soil and moisture conditions, juniper growing on rough broken land and certain species of oak that occur on extremely poor soils.

### Control or Elimination

Experience has shown that use of effective control measures is about all that can be economically justified on extensive areas infested with moderate to dense stands of brush. For example, under grazing mesquite, and to a lesser extent sage brush and shinnery, have spread or stan-



The BEFORE and



AFTER of effective Brush Control

have thickened tremendously during the last 100 years. Mesquite is an aggressive and persistent weed on large areas of grazing land in the southwest and its control is closely similar to that of noxious weeds on cropland. In the initial invading stage costly elimination measures such as grubbing or oiling may be used to advantage along with good range management practice to control this shrub. On the other hand, once extensive areas become infested with old seed bearing plants, repeated use of low cost control measures, such as aerial application of 2,4,5-T or a combination of churning and spraying, offers the greatest benefits for the money invested. Some of these low cost measures may not give high initial effectiveness yet repeated use at intervals of 5 to 10 years, or even longer periods of time will largely control reinfestation from sprout growth, from large num-

ber of seed in the soil and seed brought in by grazing animals, coyotes, rabbits and other rodents. Under these conditions attempts to eliminate mesquite by grubbing or oiling would prove prohibitive in cost. For instance, an experimental pasture at Spur, cleared in 1940 by grubbing and oiling, had an original infestation of only 213 trees per acre. In 1945, 109 new seedlings were taken up and in 1952 an additional 185 seedlings that had reached grub size were removed per acre. Moreover, detailed studies have indicated that from 400 to 600 seedlings are present per acre on the land that are too small to observe readily.

With other kinds of brush reinfestation may be less severe and repeated treatments can be used less often to occasionally thin existing stands and to con-

## GIRARD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wyatt moved to Lubbock Sunday. He will enroll in college there.

Rev. Jack West of Anson will preach Friday night in Spur at the home of Edgar Higginbotham in the Smart addition, for the Primitive Baptists.

The ex-student council met Monday night to discuss arrangements for the homecoming which is Nov. 12. Pete Sherer and George Darden were elected buyers. Willie Roy Rodgers, Don Fincher, A. B. Simpson, Pete White and Charles Hunnicutt will cook the barbecue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mor-

ganthaler of Tulsa, Okla. visited T. C. Willis over the week end.

Mrs. M. J. Hoosier visited her son, Joe Hoosier, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Edwards of Ranger visited friends and relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bailey are moving to Austin.

Remember football at Peacock Thursday night: Girard Cardinals vs Peacock.

A number of cotton pickers are moving in around Girard.

Coach and Mrs. Sales made a trip to Post and Lubbock.

W. K. Williams and son and families are on a fishing trip at Possum Kingdom. The Williams are here visiting J. C. and Rex Carr and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Luna from Arizona have been visiting their parents here.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Luna met at home Sunday for a reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Darden attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Janice to Cecil Austin of the Air Force at Lubbock Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKenney and grandson Butch of Shreveport, La. spent a few days here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hagar and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hagar spent Sunday and Monday in Kermit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Olliff.

The Home Demonstration club met at the school house Tuesday evening to get organized for this year's work.

Miss Wanda Smith underwent surgery for appendicitis this week but was able to return home Tuesday.

A car collision between Girard and Gilpin put two in the hospital but both are recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Finnis Butler from Spur were Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George who have been living in Wyoming have moved back.

Miss Donnell Young entered college in Abilene this week.

Last Wednesday a pink and blue shower was given Mrs. Willis Long at the H. E. school house. A large crowd attended.

Mrs. David Williams honored the senior class with a party in her home assisted by Mrs. George Darden and Mrs. M. H. Galbreath.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sales and son Alan J. made a trip to Lubbock Saturday to purchase small items of homemaking equipment for the Girard Schools.

C. P. Peck of Girard was in Spur on Tuesday morning attending to business.

Mrs. Roberts Puschel is visiting in Spur for a few days. Her home is in Alamosa, Colo.



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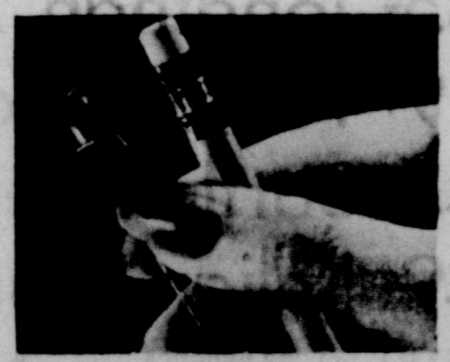
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## Vocational Ag. Boys Makes Study Of Soil Conservation

One of the major problems of study for students taking Vocational Agriculture in high school is Soil Conservation. Future Farmers are conscious of the importance of soil conservation in order to maintain and improve our way of life.

The students of Vocational Agriculture receive instruction in soil conservation through the study of contouring, water conservation, cover crops and range management. This instruction is given both in the class room and in the field.

Many Future Farmers put into practice the new ideas of soil conservation on their own crop projects.

The FFA chapters of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District care for the equipment owned by the District.

The teacher of Vocational Agriculture works with all interested parties in soil conservation and tries to instill in the students the importance of soil conservation to improve our living standards.

## Water Is Biggest Problem To Today's Farmer Says Agent

By C. A. Taylor  
County Agent

The greatest problem facing farmers and ranchers in Dickens County and the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District is soil and water conservation. Talk to any group about problems related to Agriculture and first and foremost in the minds of the people on farms and ranches is water. It requires more water in the form of rainfall and irrigation to produce good crops now than when the land was first plowed. There are many reasons for this. First we believe that we have lost most of the organic matter that nature supplied for us during the many years our soils were in permanent cover. Land still in permanent cover requires more rainfall to produce a good cover of grass because we have overused the range in dry years thus reducing the stands of grass. This reduction in grass has permitted run off and erosion on range land.

The Extension Service has worked with farmers and ranchers for a good many years in trying to solve the problems in

connection with water and soil conservation. When the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District was organized the Extension Service assisted Farmers and ranchers in getting this organization into operation and has assisted the District in bringing the program to farmers that they might benefit from the program.

We believe the program of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District is sound. That it meets the needs of the land and while it may be impossible to treat the land exactly as recommended each year because of economic conditions that a near approach to the recommendations will go a long way in solving many of the problems of soil and water conservation.

Most of the people are aware of the need of water and soil conservation but many times we fail to recognize the opportunities for doing a good job of soil and water conservation on our individual farms and ranches. Why not let the Soil Conservation District help by pointing out some of the advantages of this program on your farm or ranch.

TOP FARMER OF THE DUCK CREEK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS W. E. MURCHISON. Though his small frame is badly crippled by arthritis, he always has a happy smile and a jolly word for his many friends.



## Murchison Is Tops In Conservation

W. R. Murchison of the Wichita community has been chosen as the outstanding farmer of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District in accordance with the state-wide program sponsored by the Fort Worth Press and the Soil Conservation Service.

Murchison was named to this honor for his outstanding accomplishments in soil and water conservation during 1953.

He has been a cooperater with the local district in the soil conservation program since March of 1951 and by the end of 1953 he had completed all conservation work planned for his stock farm by that time.

On his stock farm of 553 acres, Murchison had 136 acres of crop land terraced and on the contour. He had 25 acres of cover crops for residue management.

Under a rotation grazing program he had 400 acres of range land. He seeded 38 acres of pasture and had 33 acres in a rotation hay and pasture program.

He had installed an irrigation system including 600 feet of pipe and bench-levveled 18 acres. He constructed one irrigation reservoir for flooding and constructed 12 spreader dams. He has two livestock dams stocked with game fish.

He was recently presented a plaque by the Spur Lions Club in recognition of his accomplishments in conservation.



Murchison Inspects the Bench-Leveled Portion of His Farm.

## Duck Creek District Is Part Of Nation-Wide Program

By John H. Taylor,  
Work Unit Conservationist, S.C.S.

The Soil Conservation Service is a technical agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and operates under Public Law No. 46 which authorizes the Service to assist landowners in Soil Conservation Districts to develop and carry out complete conservation plans. The Service also administers the Department's upstream flood-prevention program and assists the Agricultural Conservation Program of the Department by furnishing needed technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who participate in the A. C. P.

A nation wide staff of specialists including soil conservationists, soil scientists, engineers, range, biology, and agronomists work personal and coordinate the Services' activities on a national basis. The state program of the S. C. S. is directed by H. N. Smith State Conservationist of Temple.

Twenty five area offices in the state give direct help to local work unit S. C. S. staffs. These area offices are headed by an Area Conservationist and includes several specialists who assist several work units. Homer Taff is area conservationist for the Lubbock area which includes the Duck Creek S. D. C.

Local work unit staffs include one or more professional conser-

vationists and one or more conservation aids who work directly with farmers in the District.

Work unit offices in the Duck Creek District are headed by John H. Taylor, Spur; Guy Nutt, Post; and Ben D. Oliver, Jayton.

A farmer or rancher who applies for assistance through his district receives help in the following manner:

1st. A soil survey or inventory is prepared of his land and thus classified according to land capability. This survey shows the land slope, soil type, degree of erosion and current use.

This information is used as a basis for determining the treatment needed as well as land use, such as cultivated crops, grasses, etc. Range condition is also determined for the range land.

2nd. With this known technical information, the S. C. S. technician and the farmer or rancher jointly develop a conservation plan which spells out the treatment needed and agreed upon for each land use on the farm or ranch. The most urgent conservation problems receive first attention and the other problems are taken care of as time and resources will permit - until a complete plan has been applied and is being maintained on each acre of land on the farm or ranch in accordance with its need and capability.

It is the responsibility of the landowner and his Soil Conser-

vation District board of Supervisors with the aid of all available resources in the district, to "Conserve today for a better tomorrow".

## CREED OF THE SOIL CONSERVATIONIST

I believe God created the earth by His divine processes for the benefit of man, not one man, nor one generation, but mankind for all time.

I believe the Almighty gave man an inheritance of the earth, not to be hoarded as a miser guards his treasure, but to be used with wisdom and in the fullest for the perpetual benefit of all men.

I believe all of mankind regardless of race or creed are entitled to a fair and equitable share of the earth's bounty commensurate with their own efforts. But in so believing, I hold the irrevocable conviction that man himself owes earth a debt of respect and fealty.

I believe that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap; that he who manages his field, pastures, woodlands, and streams with respect and wisdom shall reap the bountiful harvest and so shall his descendents while he who uses them selfishly, thinking only of his own immediate gain, shall bring to grief his land, himself, and his children's children.

Holding these beliefs to be true I dedicate myself to the task of helping my fellow men realize their own personal responsibility in conserving the earth for the generations which follow them. To this end I shall devote my best knowledge in guiding the efforts of those who till the soil so that the land which nurtures us shall be fruitful without end.

For truly, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but the responsibility for its stewardship is vested in man.

-C. W. GEE

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## PIONEERING OVER, CONSERVATION NECESSITY, SAYS SPUR BANKER

All that we have and use to sustain us in the daily necessities of life in this area comes from the soil.

The fertility of the soil to produce fine grazing and to grow rich agriculture served to lure the pioneer settler and later the farmer to develop this great area. As late as 30 years ago this area beckoned to the man with vision and energy to develop. Then a man could mine the soil of its fertility and move on to another new and undeveloped territory. That is not true today.

Land is becoming more closely held and is becoming more difficult to own. This means that that we must approach the care of the soil with a different method of handling than we have in the past.

If you live in Dickens County or any of the County's adjoining in this great area you are dependent on the soil for your livelihood regardless of what your profession may be.

The Farmer and the Rancher produces the raw materials from which our commerce is generated. Those of us who serve in this area are inseparably linked together. The Merchant, Farmer, Banker, Rancher, Doctor, Lawyer or any other profession are

bound together in a common interest for the well being of the entire area.

A community can rise no higher than the composite average of all the people in the area. A lot of conservation has been done in our area. We can be thankful that the warning has been sounded and steps are being taken to keep our community from being mined out before it was too late.

No group has the complete answer to the problem, but our Soil Conservation District is trying to get the answer, and help us to a better and more stable way of life. In the institution which I represent we are keenly aware that a lot of study and thought must be given to Soil Conservation, by that I mean from Wind, Rain and Drought. We must seek to determine the proper use of the land involved. Maybe we should work with Nature a little more than against it so much.

At any rate we are inseparably bound to the welfare of the people in this area and what is good for them is good for us. There is no other way to figure the question. Let us save the soil for a better living Now, and for our children Tomorrow.

Hubert Lewis, President  
Spur Security Bank

## Patton Springs Student Says Soil Conservation "Most Important Thing"

By RONALD DEAN SMILEY  
Winning Essay of Patton Springs High School

Soil conservation is one of the most important things in man's life. If man did not try to conserve the soil it would either all wash away or all blow away. I believe that every man should take a hand in trying to conserve the soil because the soil raises all of the foods that we eat and many more things that are useful to us.

Experts say that 3,000,000,000 tons of our richest soil are washed into the rivers every year - an annual loss of \$400,000,000. Besides this yearly loss, much of the land that is not being washed or blown away has been so exhausted that it will not raise crops.

As a result of all the carelessness and waste, the United States today finds herself with just half the available farm land she had when the Pilgrims landed.

The United States is faced with the terrible fact that, if the farming industry is allowed to go on as it is going at the present, she will be hopelessly on the decline as a great nation in another one hundred years.

Now what are we going to do about it? What steps are Americans taking to save their great land from the catastrophe that threatens to close in upon it? In 1933 our national government established a bureau of experts known as the Soil Conservation Service. This is a branch of the Department of Agriculture. With this service and a number of other agencies, the men that run them are trying to get people to start a good soil conservation program.

I believe that soil conservation should mean a lot to every man, woman and child because their life depends upon it, and they should co-operate wholeheartedly with all of our conservation programs.



STUMBLE MULCHING IS EFFECTIVE IN BOTH PREVENTING WIND EROSION AND CONSERVING WATER.

## Terracing, Grass Seeding Lead Area ASC Program

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Association offers assistance to farmers in the conservation of the oil through direct financial aid on practices recommended for the county.

The most important practice in Dickens county has been terracing. During the past six years approximately one thousand and five hundred miles of terraces have been constructed with government assistance.

It is estimated that about 70% of the land in the county is protected by terraces.

In 1946 the deep plowing practice was introduced into the county. The purpose of this practice is to surface clod forming subsoil to protect the land from wind erosion. The ASC has contributed to the cost of plowing about 17,000 acres, of which about 16,000 acres have been plowed since 1951. About 38,000 acres have been subsoiled for better water penetration by shattering the hard pan.

To encourage conservation on rangeland by a better distribution of grazing, assistance has been given on building tanks and drilling wells. Partial pay of the cost has also been made on eradication of mesquite and prickly pear.

More interest has been shown in 1954 in the blue panic grass seeding than in any other practice. Approximately 1,700 acres have been seeded though heavy rains and drought has destroyed a considerable portion of it. At

this time a special practice has been requested whereby ASC could refund to the farmer 80% of the cost of seeds and superphosphate used in establishing a fall cover crop to protect against erosion.



Pictured above is Dallas Kennedy of Jayton, standing beside the first irrigation well in the immediate Jayton vicinity. The first year this irrigation well was used, a measured half acre of land produced 90 bushel of oak.

# Care Of Land Taught In Bible Stresses Johnson

Harry E. Johnson

The word "soil" is only found one time in the Bible, Ezek. 17:8. The word "conservation" or "soil conservation" I do not find anywhere on the pages of Holy Writ. However the idea of taking care of the land or soil is plainly taught in the Word of God.

In Adam's day God cursed the ground because Adam ate of the forbidden fruit. "And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it: thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." (Gen. 3:17-19) He sent him forth to till the ground: "Therefore from the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken." (Gen. 3:23) Now this was done because Adam and Eve committed ONE SIN. Every thorn, every thistle, is a reminder to us of how much God hates sin. Because Cain killed his brother, Abel, God said the ground would not yield her strength unto him: "And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand: when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth." (Gen. 4:10-12) This was the first murder ever committed that we have a record of, and God recorded it that we may know how much He



Harry E. Johnson  
Minister, Spar Church of Christ

hates murder and murderers. When the children of Israel were brought forth out of the land of Egypt, God gave them a Law, statutes and judgements. Among these He commanded them to give the land rest. In Lev. 25:1-12 we read: "And the Lord spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the Lord. Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard; and gather in the fruit thereof; but in the seventh year shall be a sabbath for the Lord; thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed; for it is a year of rest unto the land. And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and

for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee, And for thy cattle, and for the beast that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat. And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee, and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land, and ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you; ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you; ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field." This shows that out of every 50 years the land was to rest eight.

In Lev. 26:32-43 we read a prophecy telling what God would do if they failed to keep ALL his law. As we follow their history through we find recorded in 2 Chron. 36:20-21 how that God finally drove them out of their land and made them spend 70 years in Babylonian captivity "until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths." Now this again was the result of SIN. God still hates sin; he is unchangeable, Mal. 3:6. Jesus said: "... for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." (Matt. 5:45) However this shows that He can withhold it if He so desires. We should remember "... that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." (Dan 4:25,

## DRY LAKE Community News

Miss Dorothy Powell accompanied her FFA teacher to Lubbock on Saturday to purchase pep squad uniforms.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bass had all their children home Sunday for a birthday dinner honoring their son Carlos on his sixteenth birthday.

Mrs. John K. Johnson and Mrs. T. A. Johnson had as their guests Friday afternoon Mrs. Leburn Delisle and Mrs. Don Delisle of Soldier Mound community.

J. C. Dupson and Loyd Robinson shipped by truck two decks of fat lambs to the Fort Worth market Monday.

Miss Lois Craft and twin brother, Clois of Dallas, and Mrs. Leonard Lusk of Edgewood are visiting their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coursey over the week end holiday.

Mrs. Jim Price and daughter Margie visited Mrs. Lon Bass Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. T. A. Johnson is sick this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Johnson.

The Dry Lake WMS met Monday afternoon at the church for their regular Bible study.

Judge and Mrs. Brummett were Monday morning visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dupson. Mr. and Mrs. Brummett are living on their farm in Dry Lake Community most of the time now.

32: 3:21) We should strive to learn how to use all the wonderful blessings he has given us in the way he intends they should be used. Then take the time to read and study His book, the Bible, and learn what his will is concerning us as given in the New Testament. God can still punish people by withholding the rain and making dust bowls and sending all kinds of insects to damage our crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Dossan of Glenn visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Johnson Sunday afternoon. They are the parents of Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

Next Thursday night at 8 o'clock is the regular meeting night of Dry Lake neighborhood progress meeting. Everyone plan to be there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aston had as their guests Sunday their

daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mc-Glaughlin, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Robertson, all of Lubbock. The group went dove hunting Sunday afternoon and stopped at a roadside park for a picnic supper.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Draer Thursday were Mr. Draper's sister, Mrs. Mary Keene and daughter Viola of Levelland, Mrs. Howard Baldwin and Darold and Olajean of Wellman.

## "SAVE THE SOIL AND YOU SAVE WEST TEXAS"

Land - thousands upon thousands of acres of farm and pasture land - is the real basis of West Texas prosperity... and two unrelenting foes, wind and uncontrolled water, combine with a lack of water and with outdated farm and ranch practices to rob our children of their birthrights.

Combining erosion and improving production through modern conservation practices are problems which concern the merchant and professional man as well as the farmer and ranchman. Local, self-governing soil conservation districts provide an excellent means for saving top-soil and insuring a continued prosperity.

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# MEN OF GREAT VISION BELIEVED IN SOIL CONSERVATION AND THEY STILL DO!

# AND MEN OF GREAT VISION ALSO BELIEVED IN COTTON AND THEY STILL DO!

Any lad who reads the pages of this country's agricultural history will discover that the men who truly had great vision for the future were those men who believed in SOIL CONSERVATION.

Likewise, any true chronicle of the history of the world will reveal that COTTON has played a most vital part in the development of man and his civilization.

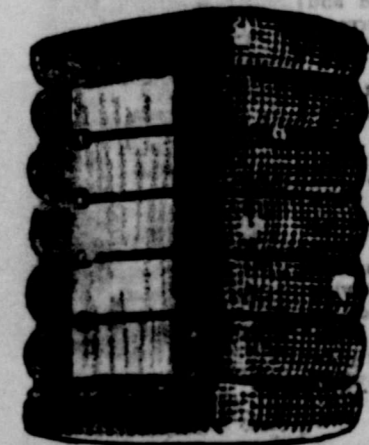
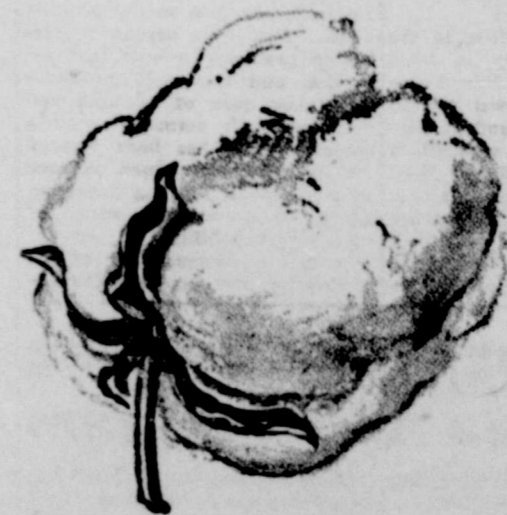
During this special week set aside for the observance of Duck Creek Soil Conservation Week, Sept. 12-18, we think that we who draw our living from the soil should remember that it is the source of all that we have; our food, our clothes, yes, even our majestic buildings.

Surely it would be foolhardy for we as caretakers of this vast natural resource to use our good earth in a wasteful or greedy or careless manner. Surely we all can see the need for a continued effort to preserve and improve the soils of America - the most richly endowed nation in all the earth.

PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK THAT YOUR SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS DOING FOR YOUR LAND.

Now, let's talk about cotton. This, the number one cash crop of Texas, has increased tremendously in importance in our own area over the past few years. We took notice of this trend several seasons ago, and as a consequence have provided our area with a modern gin which is operated by competent personnel.

We would certainly enjoy doing your ginning for you this fall, and pledge to you the best service possible.



# Farmers Co-op Gin

LLOYD HINDMAN, Mgr.

Spur, Texas

# Store Water In Soil To Combat Drouth Urges Experiment Station Superintendent

By C. E. Fisher, Supt. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Spur

The water and soil conservation studies by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Spur since 1925 have shown that much can be done on the farms and ranches to reduce the hazards of drouth in most years.

First of all, drouth is rather common in the southwest but this fact is often overlooked when a few good years come along. Long time records at Abilene, Texas, from 1886 to 1952, show an annual rainfall of 24.26 inches. For this 67-year period the annual rainfall varied from a low of 10.85 inches to a high of 48.77 inches.

The rainfall averaged six inches or more below normal about once every four years. It was eight inches or more below normal once every six years and as much as 10 inches below normal once every 17 years. Two-year drouths occurred once every 13 years; three-year drouths about once every 23 years.

Fortunately the occurrence of years with above normal rainfall set about the same pattern as that of the dry years.

If these records at Abilene are typical of rainfall in West Texas, it becomes evident that we must conserve a maximum amount of water, forage reserves and farm feeds during the good or wet years to carry us through the dry years.

To overcome the hazards of drouth we must learn to make better use of the soil as a storage place for water. For the most part the soils in West Texas are fertile and deep and have ample room to hold nearly all of the rainfall that normally occurs. The roots of buffalo grass, tobosa, and other perennial grasses along with such crops as cotton and wheat will use moisture to depths of six feet or more when the rainfall becomes scant.

On rangeland, conservative stocking to maintain a good cover of grass and litter will greatly reduce runoff and evaporation losses and increase moisture penetration. Grazing trials over a 10-year period at Spur have shown that stocking to utilize 50 percent of the season's growth of native grass increased steer gains an average of 53 pounds per head, when compared with pastures that were stocked to utilize 75 to 80 percent of the forage each season. Acre gains were increased by lighter stocking and more reserve feed was left on the ground for use during drouthy years.

This feed often was low in quality but did maintain the cattle with use of protein supplements, and it helped greatly to reduce runoff following the torrential downpours that are common during dry years.

For instance, in 1953, the second of two very dry years, moisture penetration averaged only nine inches deep on heavily grazed pastures following a torrential rain of four inches in August. Yet on pastures that were moderately grazed, moisture penetration ranged from 20 to as much as 40 inches deep, depending upon the amount of grass cover and litter present on the soil surface. Moisture penetration

was nearly always greater on land with tobosa grass than on buffalo grass because of the greater amount of cover and litter present.

The control of mesquite is another method of making better use of the rainfall. Pounds for pound it takes about four times as much water to grow mesquite as it does grass. Grazing trials during the summer months at Spur from 1945 to 1952 show that the control of mesquite on the average increased steer gains 33 pounds per head each season. During drouthy years, however, when water was scarce, the gains of steers were increased as much as 62 pounds per head by the control of moderate stands of mesquite. Figuring beef at 20 cents per pound the annual loss from mesquite sapping the ground was approximately \$1.00 per acre in the nine-year grazing test.

On grassland where the soils are shallow and steep slopes occur conservative stocking and control of undesirable range plants such as the mesquite offers the most economical method of maintaining a good cover of grass to reduce runoff and erosion.

In cases where the grass cover has become thin and sparse, it may be advisable to use temporary mechanical measures such as contour listing, furrowing or range pitting to reduce the runoff and increase absorption of additional water to hasten recovery of grass cover. The first step in bringing back a good cover of grass, however, should include conservative stocking and in many cases control of undesirable brush and weed growth. Over-seeding along with native and introduced grasses seldom has been found successful for restoring drouth stricken grassland.

**LIVIN GWITH DROUTHS** g 2 On other areas of grassland where the soils are deep and slopes are relatively flat excellent opportunities exist for use of water spreading dams to increase penetration and storage of moisture for grass production. On the Spur station use of a few spreader dams along Spade Draw more than doubled the gain of yearling steers. In 1953, there was enough grass left after stocking at a rate of one steer to five acres for the year to mow about 1/4 to one ton of grass hay per acre.

Control of mesquite together with water spreading practices made this grassland go from the bottom to the top in production of beef.

The last but by no means the least important factor in reducing the hazards of drouth include, the production and storage of reserve feeds as silage and bundle feeds during the good years. The use of trench silos offer excellent opportunities to store feed for long periods of time without any appreciable loss in feeding value. Modern machinery for harvesting sor-

ghum forage crops as silage have greatly reduced the cost of storing and maintaining a fire proof and rodent proof supply of feed.

There are many additional ways by which the serious nature of prolonged drouth may be lessened, however, it is well to keep in mind that the future of West Texas is largely dependent on efficient use of water reserves. By making full use of our rainfall and maintaining good reserves of forages both on the range and on our farms, drouth should become a less serious factor in the future.

## Afton News . . .

(Delayed) Mrs. Charlie Gage and Mrs. Jimmie Koonsman visited with Mrs. Odie Holly on Monday.

Geneva Gage of Croton has accepted a job at Dr. Stanley's.

School opened with a packed house Monday morning at Patton Springs. Everyone in the community seemed to be there.

A short program was presented featuring Billy Jane Ann and Martha Sue Goodwin accompanied by Mrs. Maurice Goodwin and Carolyn and Rosemary Hicks who sang a duet.

A short talk was given by Mr. Huey on the program for the year and faculty members were introduced.

Care Offield left Monday afternoon for Las Cruces, N. M. to attend New Mexico A & M.

Miss Patsy Gage of Croton will represent the newly organized Patton Springs Community Agriculture Club in the Dickens Co. Farm Bureau contest. The contest will be held September 7 at Dickens.

Ott Stokes has been on the sick list for several weeks, but is better now.

Jimmie Perryman and wife visited the Ott Stokes on Sunday.

Rev. Magee, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is in the hospital at Crobyton. His place was filled Sunday by Bro. Stokes of Afton.

Mrs. Ralph Bennett and Mrs. Bunch Williams of Midway were present for the opening of school.

Mrs. Ira Sullivan of East Afton attended the program at Patton Springs, Monday.

There were 16 boys and girls who enrolled in school for the first time, and who will be taught by Mrs. Sallie Huey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Roberts of Chandler were here to help with the opening of school.

The program committee consisting of Jack Lawson, chairman, Odie Holly, Darr Blasingame, Lula Forbis, Leola Goodwin, Charles Taylor and Martha Hicks met at the home of Mrs. Maurice Goodwin to work up a program for the Patton Springs Community Agriculture Club for September 13.

Mrs. Ralph Bennett left Tuesday for Wichita Falls where she will teach this next year.

Several graduates were here for the opening of school: Jerry Hicks, Toots Scott, Sidney, Carol Roberts and Tommie Hicks.

Red Dunlap of Muleshoe was visiting the Hollis on Saturday evening.

Patton Spring, will have the first football game Saturday night here with Bula.

The band will have all concessions this year at both football and basketball games.

## HIGHWAY NEWS

The Highway Progress Club met Friday night at the community center. The meeting nights have been changed to the first and third Tuesday nights during football season. Sandwiches and punch will be served the third Tuesday night of September.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomason and children of Hereford brought his mother, Mrs. Earl Thomason, and Wanda Hoffe Wednesday.

Earl Thomason took his mother, Mrs. Walter Thomason, and Miss Ada Mitchell to Cisco to attend the funeral of his cousin, who was killed by lightning.

Shirley Moore of Dry Lake and Molly Teague of Spur attended the party Friday night and were overnight guests of Anna Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Pace visited Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Putman on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Pace and Mr. Putman are possessing Johnson grass.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hahn and Nelda visited his brother Billy Hahn and family, one night last week and viewed television.

Marvin Alexander found a parakeet in his barn Monday morning. He was out visiting neighbors to find the owner.

Ike Simmons made a business trip to Amarillo on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Pace, Mrs. Ava Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slack, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Slack went to Abilene Friday to fish. They returned Saturday, reporting a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor and daughters, Martha and Bettie, of Levelland are visiting Emery Thomason.

Dinner guests in the home of Earl Thomason Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Conley Smith and daughters, Katherine, Connie and Nettie Jo of Red Mud Community, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor and daughters of Levelland, Emery Thomason and Nelda Hahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hahn of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hahn ate Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Putman.

"The Christian Life" was the lesson taught by Bro. Loyd Womack Sunday morning. This Sunday completed two years that Loyd Womack has been preaching at the Highway church.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Walden and children of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hunt and children of Post, Mr. and Mrs. Pugh Walden, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Walden of San Antonio were

visiting the Clarke Morgans on Saturday night. Miss Anita Kidd was Sunday dinner guest of Miss Ann Austin on Sunday.

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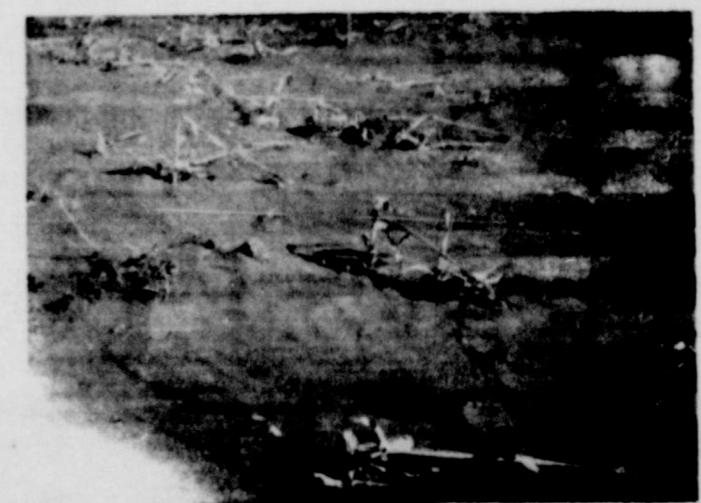
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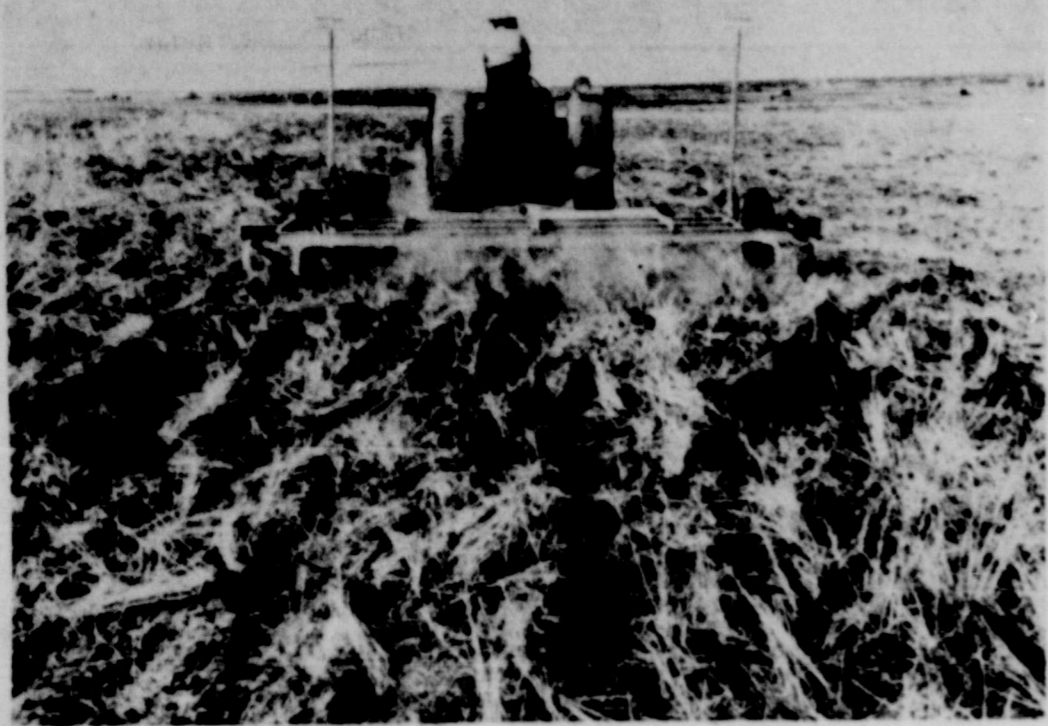
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**Parliamentary Procedure**  
Studied By Girard P-TA

Mrs. Jack Robertson of Halls taught a study course on parliamentary and procedure rules on Sept. 7 to 16 ladies of the Girard P-TA.

Mrs. Robertson was accompanied by Mrs. Clanten, also of Halls. The study was enjoyed by everyone present.

**Annual Reunion Of Former Henderson County Residents**

The third annual reunion of former residents of Henderson county, Texas will be held Sunday, September 26 at Mackenzie State Park in Lubbock. Each family is asked to bring a basket lunch. Drinks will be furnished.

It will be an all day meeting with lunch served at 1 p. m. Signs will be posted at both entrances of the park giving directions for finding the group.

Each person is urged to contact any former resident and ask them to attend.

Grandmother Fry, Mrs. Urshery, and Betty Lee Thompson, of Spur, and Mrs. Junior Martin and daughter of Littlefield, and Mrs. Harry Martin and daughter of Hamlin attended church services at Highway on Sunday morning.

Tow Wilson of Girard was in Spur on business Tuesday.



**PUZZLING**—Elmer Wilson, 5 foot 4 halfback, last year was voted "Texas Tech's Most Handsome" in 1954.

**Girl Scouts**

The local council regrets that Mrs. Wayne Wyatt has moved from Spur. She was a leader in Troop VI and had made many plans to give assistance to the members of that troop. Although her leaving will be a loss to Spur Scouting, we send best wishes with her for new plans she is beginning in Lubbock where she will live.

**TROOP VIII**

The new Scouts of Troop VIII met on Monday, Sept. 13. They studied Scout laws, song and pledges, and made plans leading to projects which will end in a Christmas Bazaar.

**TROOP XI**

The Brownies of Troop XI met on Wednesday, Sept. 8 and made plans for the new year.

All except two members were present: Priscilla Wood was out of town and Patsy Bragg was excused due to illness in her family.

New officers were elected as follows: president, Carmen Starfield; vice-president, Dana Hartfield; secretary, Teresa Dean; treasurer, Janie Sharp; telephone reporter, Louise Jackson; news reporter, Priscilla Wood; scrapbook chairman, Carol Mc-Lemore; song leader, Kathy Hurst; game leader, Neida Hagling; manners director, Vicky Jo Arrington; and time keeper, Mary Katherine Fisher.

Dana Hartfield is a new member of the troop. She came to Spur from Victoria, Texas.

**TROOP VII**

The members of Troop VII met at the regular meeting time on Thursday, Sept. 9 in the Girl Scout Little House and continued the arranging of outlines for badge work.

**TROOP VI**

The leaders of Girl Scout Troop VI presented and discussed plans for new projects at the regular meeting time on Wednesday Sept. 8 in the Girl Scout Little House. Special plans were made for articles to be used in the Christmas bazaar in December.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin and children of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Martin and children of Littlefield spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Martin and Mrs. Cecil Estep and children.

A large group of Highway folks attended the first football game at Spur Friday night. Highway folks always boost the Bulldogs on to victory.

Melvin Stanley is staying with his uncle, Wilbur Stanley, and is attending school at Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith and son, Weldon, and Mrs. Dot Price and daughter Janice went to Hereford to visit their children, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, Friday and returned Sunday night.

Cecil Estep and Earl Thomason left last Tuesday and will work at Hereford for a while.

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**Revival Services Sept. 17 - 26**

**First Baptist Church**  
Spur, Texas

**Pastor—Tommie Allen**

**Evangelist—Weldon Franks**

**MORNING SERVICES**  
7:00 A. M. TO 7:50 A. M.

**EVENING SERVICES**  
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.  
Worship 8:00 p. m.

**Singer—Cecil Green**

**EVERYONE INVITED COME AS YOU ARE**

## Don McGinty's 4-H Achievements Include Conservation Projects

When they write the record of 4-H Club work in Texas, they can't overlook Don McGinty. It would be hard to talk about the achievements of Texas 4-H'ers without talking about this personable 18 year old boy from Spur.

Don entered 4-H Club work in 1943. He lived on a seven-section ranch a few miles out of Spur, so naturally his first club demonstration was feeding beef calves.

**Outstanding Conservationist**  
But his list of demonstrations steadily grew. He branched out to do good work not only in steer feeding, but in dairy cattle, hog production, field crops, range cattle, soil and water conservation, wild-life conservation, youth leadership and achievement, public speaking and others. Being a ranch boy, his club

work revolved pretty closely around beef cattle. He showed the grand champion steer twice at the Dickens County 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show. He caught a scramble calf at the Houston Fat Stock Show and the next year showed the animal as reserve champion in the scramble calf division.

**Wins Conservation Award**  
Don's personality and leadership ability were beginning to show too. In 1950 he won the state 4-H public speaking award. The next year he was winner of the state 4-H soil and water conservation award.

In 1953, his record won him a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and the National 4-H Club Camp at Washington, D. C., an honor considered by most adult club workers to be just about the highest that can come to a 4-H youth.

Just as his 4-H career was gaining speed, Don lost that which a boy needs most—the companionship of his father. When Oscar McGinty died, Dickens county agriculture suffered a blow, for he was a leader in every project that meant betterment of farming and livestock raising. And he, along with his wife, had an ambition—that Don would reach highest honors in Texas 4-H Club work. The record tells that the boy fulfilled the ambition.

And a man named Charles Taylor shouldn't be left out of the record, either. He, as county agent has supervised Don's work from the day he first joined 4-H. You'd have to argue long and late to convince Taylor that there's a better or more outstanding lad anywhere in the nation than Don McGinty.



McGinty at the Keyboard—

He's an accomplished pianist, church song leader, all-district high school guard, a 'pretty fair' cowboy.

Don's work on the ranch also shows up well. He can show you how the McGinty cattle have made it through some tough drouthy times with a minimum of feeding. The reason—some old, eroded fields which have been seeded to blue panic grass which has furnished a tremendous amount of grazing. He can show you, too, and identify them all, the plantings of blue, hairy and sideoats grama grasses and weeping love and sand love

grasses which are reclaiming some old eroded fields.

And he can point to the mesquite control work underway on the ranch, and the diversion terraces protecting land subject to erosion, and the ponds he has stocked with game fish.

And now, thanks to that calf he showed to the reserve scramble championship at the Houston Fat Stock Show, and to his record which was judged along with the steer, Don will enter Texas A & M this month on a scholarship.

We haven't heard the last of McGinty.

(Photos and info. courtesy the Humble Oil publication.)



McGinty calms the cows . . .

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### PFC DOUGLAS EDINBURGH IN TOP ARTILLERY UNIT AT ULM, GERMANY

Army PFC Douglas W. Edinburgh, 22, whose wife, Emma, lives on Rt. 2, Crosbyton, shared honors with others of the 84th Field Artillery Battalion in Germany after it was recently named the 9th Infantry Division's best field artillery unit in VII Corps competition.

Edinburgh, who is assigned to the battalion's headquarters battery, has been overseas since last January.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Edinburgh, McAdoo, he entered the Army August 1953 and completed basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

The Girard P-TA executive committee met Monday evening to make plans for the new school year and the first P-TA meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hodges have returned from the valley and were in Spur Tuesday on business. They are making their home in Abilene at the present

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Annual Meeting

Dickens Baptist Associational W. M. U.

First Baptist Church, Dickens, Texas

Friday, Sept. 17, 1954 10:00 a. m.

“UNITED WE GO FORWARD”

United In Planning

- 10:00 a. m. Song Service
- 10:15 a. m. Devotional, Mrs. C. P. Scudder
- 10:30 a. m. Recognition of Churches, Announcements
- 10:40 a. m. Reports
- 11:15 a. m. District President's Message, Mrs. Henry Heck
- 12:00 noon Lunch

United In Service

- 1:00 p. m. Song Service
- 1:15 p. m. Devotional, Mrs. L. W. Langston
- 1:30 p. m. Special music, Mrs. R. G. Nunley
- 1:35 p. m. Message, Mrs. Ruth Moss, Missionary to Venezuela

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# Typical Rural Community Spirit Portrayed In History Of Highway

The Highway Community began making history in the early years of World War I. A few years earlier when the Swenson Land and Cattle Co. broke their ranch land up into farms and offered them for sale, new homes came to life on most every 100 acres.

The name "Highway" came as a result of our first graded road connecting Spur and Crosbyton.

The new homes brought the need of more school facilities, and by subscriptions, a school house was built on land given by the Swenson Company.

That placed two one-room schools in the district. The first was known as the Dockum Springs School. The new one became "Highway". The schools were operated thus until 1924 when an agreement was reached to merge and buy a bus to transport the Dockum Springs pupils to Highway, and add another room to the school. The one-room building was moved to a site near water, and the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vernon. After the room was added, two teachers were obtained.

Soon, the need of better roads became evident and the entire community joined forces in talking roads and better schools.

Within a few years, we had advanced to four teachers and a three-room building with one room large enough to divide into two class rooms. We obtained graded roads but this still didn't solve transportation problems, for it rains in Dickens county sometimes, and we had the problem of getting our roads gravelled.

Today, we are able to call it an all-weather road. In 1930 we secured a farm-to-market road from Spur, to within one mile of our community.

In 1943, we voted to consolidate our school with Spur, and a school bus transports our children to a much better school in Spur.

The Highway school building was then used as a community house. The Baptist church used it for services in the mornings,

and the Church of Christ had services in the afternoon each Sunday. In 1940 the Church of Christ took up collections among its church members, and members of the Spur church and some of distant places donated money to build a building of their own. Frank and Valley Walker donated two acres of land on which to build the church. Every man in the community helped to build the building. The women varnished the interior.

A few years later we lost our school building, leaving us without a place to have community gatherings. We had a few parties and club meetings in our homes. We then saw the need of a community building.

We entered the Farmer-Stockman Good Neighborhood contest with the hope of securing a community house. Kelsey and Mary Putman donated three acres for a playground and community house. We joined forces and cleared the land of mesquite and prickly pear. Through the efforts of Clarke Morgan we were able to get half of a barracks building donated to us by the city and county school boards. The next big problem facing us was getting it on the site for the Community Center.

The men contributed generously of their time and money to pay for the moving of the building. The labor on remodeling and repairing was also furnished by the men of the community.

Nails were contributed for our needs by W. F. Gilbert and Lawrence Lee. Scrap lumber furnished by the local school board was hauled to the grounds by Earl Thomson and Cecil Estep. A quantity of water paint along with two gallons of deck enamel donated by Brashear Supply was applied.

Benches and a serving bar were built. Stoves, chairs, tables, curtains, pictures, a rug for the kitchen corner and linoleum for the serving bar were added.

The building was wired for electricity by Larry Gene Hahn. Ten pounds of floor sweep con-

tributed by John Dunaway of Spur Super Market, helped us complete the task of cleaning the building and having it ready for our first party. This party was an appreciation luncheon honoring all those who had helped us in any way to secure the building and make it usable.

After paying for wiring the building, we found we were out of funds and began plans to issue an invitation to the Spur Rotary Club for a dinner party. Through Charles Taylor, our county agent, the invitation was presented to and accepted by the Rotary Club. We served an informal dinner realizing a nice profit for our efforts by their generous contributions.

We held our first club meeting in the building by observing National Home Demonstration Week and inviting our entire community. There were 33 persons present for the observance.

We bought playground equipment for our young people and a spotlight for night-time outdoor activities.

Our annual picnics are held as planned. We also made our flag and observe United Nations Day. We hold one party each month with all families of the community coming together for visiting and recreation. One meeting each month is devoted to business when all committee chairmen give reports of the progress made.

Due to heavy work and illness in the community during the latter part of the contest year of 1951, our building lacked the outside finish and our pockets were empty. Having the wire, paper and sand on the ground lent us encouragement to work all the harder to complete the job before spring plowing began among our farmers. Our wire and paper had been contributed by Clarence Alexander, one of the lumber merchants of Spur. A scrap drive conducted by the men and boys helped to pay the \$185.00 we owed for the iron for the roof, and the cement and labor for the outside mixer.

Charlie Hawley of Dickens, helped us by furnishing his cement mixer. The men and boys furnished labor, the ladies prepared lunch and the walls were finished in two days. Mr. Hawley charged a nominal fee for his time.

In 1952 we realized it took money to keep an organization going, and since there was a drought we didn't know where to get the funds. A bake sale in Spur was planned by our finance chairman. The ladies' quilt cakes and pies to be sold. The teenagers added cakes and pie to the sale so they could buy a volley ball set.

To our surprise, at the end of the year, we learned that we had won fourth place in the state contest which paid \$200. Just as we began to plan what we could buy with the prize money, we learned we had won \$250 in the pasture improvement contest, sponsored by the Dallas News and the Extension Service at College Station.

We needed so many things, but heating the building and a means of cooking were uppermost in our minds. Willie Smith donated a two-burner electric hot plate to solve the cooking problem.

When our purchasing agent, Forrest Martin began looking for a heater and butane bottle, he contacted Lynn Busbee and Van North. They figured with us for a heater and then gave us a new gas range with two ovens and two broilers.

The Red Cross called for blood donations, and Mr. and Mrs. Crell Godfrey met with us, and almost everyone donated blood. While there, Mr. Godfrey offered to donate a gas refrigerator for the community center, so the men took a pickup and loaded the refrigerator and installed it. A map has been made for the fire department of Spur so they can locate any house in the community quickly.

One week was spent making signs giving directions to each house in Highway. Also, signs

## GIRARD NEWS

(Delayed)  
Mr. and Mrs. Arvis Gilbert of Abilene have been visiting their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spradling of Amarillo spent the week end with his mother and other relatives.

Visiting Annie Harris this week were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris of McAdoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Bowen of Loveland visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Luna. Mr. Luna has been quite sick but is improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lankford have been on vacation to Galveston and Austin.

Mrs. Alice Carr visited friends in the Antelope community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pike Murphy of Lubbock were visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker have been visiting her sister and husband in McAdoo. Capt and Mrs. E. J. Burney, formerly stationed at Burwood Air Force Base in England, Capt Burney will be stationed at Kelly Field in San Antonio.

Shirley Parker of Lubbock is visiting here for a few days before starting back to Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gieslin and boys of Jayton had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Darden and Mr. Ted Darden attended the Darden reunion at Possum Kingdom, August 28 and 29.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. O'Keefe and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hahn and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Haile in O'Donnell. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn have returned to Corpus Christi where Norman is stationed in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dink Hunnicutt and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hunnicutt and Carolyn spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hunnicutt. Tom says his best news yet is the inch rain received Monday night.

Mrs. D. J. Young and Donnell attended the graduation of Al Ray from Texas Tech on Friday night, August 27. He received a bachelor of science degree in education.

Mr. and Mrs. Pike Murphy received many beautiful gifts at their shower on Saturday night.

Mrs. Sandlin, Sr. has been visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodrum in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Swarington from Matador spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Boone.

Major and Mrs. Herbert Carr

and son of Turner Field, Georgia are visiting Mrs. Carr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Blackwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Williams have their daughter and family (Marjorie) of Amarillo visiting this week.

Mrs. Peak has a sister from Wyoming visiting here this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stiles had as their guests this week end Mr. and Mrs. Chester Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams and baby Carlan Renee, Mr. and Mrs. E. Blumberg, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nance.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Spradling and family from Gravitt, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thompson and son of Irving have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Spradling and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Cooper of Sweetwater spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. George Matt Darden of Lovington, N. M. spent the week end here with his parents.

The Girard Cafe opened Sept. 1 and is ready for business.

Arthur and John Boland visited their sister near Lampasas on her 32nd birthday.

Lon Davidson and John Boland had business in Jayton Tuesday morning.

The farmers here are all needing cotton pickers now.

Mrs. Ted Darden and her

sister, Mrs. Tom Russell, are in Temple this week where Clyde Russell is undergoing a gall bladder operation.

Several local ropers are practicing every Sunday at the pens here.

Remember Girard vs. Spade at the football field here Thursday night. Girard won over Southland last week 32 to 0. Every man on the football team saw action.

Janice Darden and a boy friend from Lubbock visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Darden here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simpson of Spur visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hollingshead enjoyed a visit from friends in Abilene this week end.

Troy Hagar from Kermit was a week end visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Peak have had her parents from Idalou visiting.

Marvin Goodall and family of Borger was here visiting.

Nadine Page and children of Abilene have been here visiting relatives.

Vernell Cooper was in Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. George Goodall and Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Goodall visited in Borger last Thursday.

Carlos Dickerson, Buster Chisum and Wes Stinett went fishing at Brownwood.

Johnny Dickerson and Dorothy Long of Kermit visited the J. A. Oliff.

Pete Hagar and C. V. Hagar took a load of cows to Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brooks of Fort Worth were visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hooser.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Drennon of Hays, Kansas, and other children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hooser visited them over the week end.

Willie Fay Tatum was visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Tatum.

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**MULLING WITH MULLER**  
By Edna M. Muller

All families, I think, look forward to and enjoy weekends... and we're no exception! Car washing or grass cutting is the usual Saturday morning chore for the men while the girls do marketing, laundering or maybe a shampoo in preparation for a Saturday night dance or get-together. Often we each go off to separate affairs... but come Sunday... that's family day and we want and do spend it together... friends joining us if they wish. Think we've found one of the nicest ways to top off a pleasant weekend too... we all gather to listen to "The Greatest Story Ever Told" on the ABC network from 5:30 to 6:00. This most honored program presents the teachings of Christ applied to our present conditions. It's been on the air for eight years and although sponsored by one of the country's largest corporations has never once given a commercial or institutional message. And that's pleasant too!

Because it can be raised or lowered to proper air-down heights for all kinds of work—an old piece of steel, brightly enamelled—makes a mighty handy tool for the kitchen!

Our ally hat, Miss Patch, will sit up and beg like a trick dog for an olive! She then rolls on it, snags it in the air and tosses it gradually before sitting down to the sheer bliss of eating. I wonder if there is something in olive skin to camp!

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ALWAYS BOOSTING SPUR

# Use Of Mulches Is Effective As Crop Booster, Water Conserver

By Earl Burnett

Studies have been underway at the Spur substation of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station for many years to find means of increasing the amount of water available for cotton production.

The average rainfall at Spur is 20.85 inches. Of this amount, approximately 20 percent occurs in ineffective showers that are rapidly lost by evaporation.

Loss of water by evaporation from the soil surface on land in fall averaged over 70 percent of the total rainfall during a three-year period at Spur. Even on cropped land evaporation losses are high. On land with

straight rows loss of water by runoff accounts for approximately 20 percent of the total rainfall. The practice of contouring supplements by closed level terracing has eliminated the loss of water by runoff which in turn has resulted in increased cotton yields. During the period 1927-1932 an increased gross return of \$16.82 per acre per year has been realized from this practice when compared to straight row farming. Figured on the basis of present terrace construction costs, an increased acre return of \$96.80 can be expected over a ten-year period for an investment of \$5.00 to \$9.00 per acre

for terrace construction.

In 1948 exploratory studies were initiated to determine if mulches could be used to further increase the conservation of available water by reducing evaporation. These studies were not set up to find an economic means of increasing cotton production, but merely to find out if production could be increased and how much mulch would be required to do the job. It was realized from the outset that few farmers had a source of materials that could be used for mulching purposes.

Twenty tons per acre each of manure and sorghum litter were applied to plots in 1948 prior to cotton planting. The total rainfall in 1948 was 14.33 inches which adversely affected the yield of cotton. The average yield of lint cotton per acre was 69 pounds, 141 pounds, and 149 pounds respectively where no litter was applied, where 20 tons of manure was applied, and where 20 tons of sorghum litter was applied. The increase in yield as a result of applying the sorghum litter was 116 percent.

In 1949 and 1951 the various treatments were made on areas with rows in the direction of the slope, rows on contour, and rows on contour supplemented by closed level terraces. In both years the litter applications produced a smaller percentage increase on the areas with more extensive conservation practices. For example in 1949 the cotton yield with no litter treatment was 177 pounds compared to 328 pounds with sorghum litter on plots with rows in the direction of the slope. The percentage increase in yield was 85. The corresponding yields on contoured and terraced plots the same year were 443 pounds and 491 pounds or a percentage increase of only 11. On the basis of this data it appears that closed level terraces on relatively level land accomplished a large part of the water conservation job and only moderate increase can therefore be expected from use of mulches. On more sloping land the results might have been different.

The lesser effect of mulches on closed level terraced areas coupled with the lack of response to commercial fertilizers indicates that soil fertility is not a limiting production factor on the heavy clay loam soils on which these experiments were conducted.

During the three year study there was one dry year, one normal year, and one wet year. A three-year average yield increase of 93 pounds of lint cotton per acre or 59 percent from the use of large amounts of sorghum lit-

ter was realized. This increase in yield was the equivalent of an increase gross return of \$34.53 per acre per year. Although the increase would not justify applying such large amounts of litter every year, it does indicate the value of the litter. Where litter is available, a farmer can use it to advantage by applying it in the inter months when other farm work is not pressing.

In May of 1953 three types of organic litter (cottonburs, manure and sorghum residue) were applied at four rates (0, 4, 8, and 16 tons per acre) in a randomized block experiment. Rainfall was deficient until July and the plots were not planted until July 25 following a rain of 2.96 inches. No rain occurred after planting until August 18 and stands of Early Hegari were poor except on the litter plots which were growing rapidly. Following a rain of 3.82 inches the depth of moisture penetration was determined by sampling. The results are presented in Tables 2 and 3 together with the air dry forage yields of sorghum.

Table 2. Effect of kind of litter on moisture penetration and forage yields of Early Hegari on Abilene clay loam soil.

Kind of litter	Moisture penetration, inches	Yield, lbs. per acre
None	15	1346
Sorghum	20	2045
Cotton burs	33	3857
Manure	27	3573

Table 3. Effect of rate of litter on moisture penetration and forage yields of Early Hegari on Abilene clay loam soil.

Rate, tons per acre	Moisture penetration, inches	Yield, lbs. per acre
None	15	1346
4	23	2793
8	24	2911
16	30	3216

Total rainfall from May 1 to October 31 was 13.91 inches. It is obvious from the data that the application of litter produced marked difference in moisture penetration and forage yields.

Present research at the Spur station is pointed toward the development of tillage methods that will not destroy the litter. If this can be accomplished there is reason to believe that one litter application may be of benefit for several years. There is also the possibility that litter can be grown on the land in the form of forage sorghum which would eliminate much of the labor necessary in making litter applications. This would, of course, sacrifice one year of cotton production which would mean that the sorghum residue would have to produce beneficial effects for a period of several years in order to make up for the year of lost cotton production. However, this may not be as difficult as it sounds. It has been found at the Spur station that cotton yields may be rather accurately predicted by knowing soil moisture conditions at planting time. In approximately one-third of the years when soil moisture was limited economic yields were not produced. Those years produced only about 10 percent of the total cotton production; yet, in many of those years sorghum production was good to excellent.

By growing sorghum on part of the land in those years when cotton prospects were poor the reduction in total cotton produced would be small and the sorghum could be used for litter purposes, thus eliminating many of the bad features of missing a year of cotton, especially when the prices are good.

## ONE DOLLAR BUYS A LOT OF INFORMATION FROM SOIL TESTING LAB

Getting the most production from every acre on the farm is just good business.

To do this, says M. K. Thornton, extension agricultural chemist, more information is needed than can be gleaned from actual working the soil and watching crops grow on it. The chemical laboratory with its test tubes and machines and expert technicians is needed to get information which can be used by the farmer to increase yields and the returns from farming.

The basis for soil building, says the chemist, should be a soil testing program. Fields on which winter pasture and legumes will soon be planted should be tested now. Thornton points out that several days are required to complete the laboratory work on the soil samples, to analyze the results and write up the recommended practices and

# CONSERVE, MAINTAIN THE SOIL IS ADMONITION OF GOD SAYS MINISTER

By John L. Floyd



Pastor, First Christian Church

Conserve the soil; maintain its fertility! God has entrusted it to our care. It belongs to him "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." (Ps. 24:1). Most of our food, our clothing, a portion of our building materials, and a number of other everyday necessities come from the soil. "Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field." (Eccles. 5:9). The soil can blow or wash away if we let it much faster than nature and man can build it up. We can exploit the soil and in a few years rob it of its minerals and organic contents so that it no longer produces abundant crops and nutritious foods. Let us save our soil and put back as much as we take out of it.

We are God's stewards of the land. "The land is mine," the Lord says. (Lev. 25:23). "The earth he hath given to the children of men." (Ps. 115:16). He expects us to use it wisely and carefully and to pass it on to succeeding generations in good

shape. The welfare and wealth of the nation is bound up with soil conservation. The continuing prosperity of communities, families, individuals, schools, churches, and businesses is dependent upon having and maintaining the fertility of the land. It is wrong to fall in our stewardship by misusing the land. It is a sin to abuse it.

We in Dickens and surrounding counties have in places at least abundant and fertile virgin soil. Let us pray that we shall be able to keep this soil for the years ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kyser of Spur spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thomson.

## Schedule For 4-B Football Announced

The 1954 schedule for district 4-B six man football was announced this week. The district includes Roaring Springs, Flomot, Girard, Peacock, Patton Springs, Guthrie, Jayton and Dickens.

The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 3—Southland at Girard.  
Sept. 9—Spade at Girard.  
Sept. 16—Roaring Springs at Flomot and Girard at Peacock.  
Sept. 23—Guthrie at Patton Springs and Dickens at Girard.  
Sept. 24—Flomot at Jayton.  
Sept. 30—Guthrie at Girard and Jayton at Peacock.  
Oct. 1—Roaring Springs at

Patton Springs.  
Oct. 7—Girard at Flomot and Patton Springs at Peacock.  
Oct. 8—Dickens at Guthrie.  
Oct. 9—Roaring Springs at Jayton.  
Oct. 14—Dickens at Peacock and Patton Springs at Flomot.  
Oct. 15—Jayton at Guthrie.  
Oct. 23—Flomot at Dickens (afternoon), and Girard at Roaring Springs (night).  
Oct. 22—Jayton at Patton Springs.  
Oct. 29—Flomot at Peacock, Girard at Patton Springs, Dickens at Jayton and Roaring Springs at Guthrie.  
Nov. 5—Peacock at Roaring Springs.  
Nov. 4—Dickens at Patton Springs and Flomot at Guthrie.  
Nov. 11—Peacock at Guthrie.  
Nov. 12—Dickens at Roaring Springs and Jayton at Girard.  
All games up to Oct. 15 will begin at 8 p. m., and all games after Oct. 15 will begin at 7:30 p. m. unless otherwise designated.

## "SMALL BUSINESS"

There are indications many are puzzled by some campaign strategy being released in November election year up.

Most confusing appears to be commonly used assertion to justify anything and everything that "we must not forget we are new T H E world power."

Yet many people are analyzing this repeated claim. Since days of the Caesars there have been many world powers. Yet in C. W. Harder each era, the world power represented a bastion which was accorded world wide respect. But never in history has any nation become the world power, or maintained that position by playing Santa Claus every day of the year, year after year.

From the Napoleonic Wars until 1914, England was the world power. And with the exception of a little brawl with the Boers, England maintained that position without fighting anybody. In addition, she maintained it without charity, for the sun has yet to set on day England gives away as much as a shilling.

So today's peculiar happenings provoke many questions.

As example there is recent transaction of Foreign Operations Administration, chief dispenser of American billions to practically every country. Communist Yugoslavia included. In this particular transaction, it was decided U. S. taxpayers would give the railroad system of India 100 locomotives.

Immediately, one is that India's boss man, Nehru, is on record as not being too annoyed by Communists; in fact many feel he is quite friendly. The second point is that the Indian railroad system is a government operated socialist venture.

Also in line with New Look in shoveling American taxpayers billions to world in form of goods, everybody was invited to bid on building the locomotives.

Successful bidder was Japan. Rolling Stock Exporter Association, part of Japanese cartel system that reappeared after General Douglas MacArthur was recalled. This cartel bid \$81,470 each, less than half the lowest American bid of \$178,200 each.

Japanese cartel gets the business. American business and labor who pays the taxes, receive nothing. Thus American free enterprise system is taxed to pay cartel to produce goods for use of socialist operation with communist sympathies.

Other fantastic manipulations are being revealed in Washington. For example, Paul Kermick, chief investigator for Senate Appropriations Committee headed by Sen. Styles Bridges, has filed report to effect U. S. taxpayers are paying heavily to build up a British aircraft monopoly under guise of defense necessity.

Meanwhile there appears tendency to yawn whenever a campaign speaker defends extortion of U. S. taxpayers as necessary because U. S. is now THE world power. Many feel situation is similar to that which would exist if a bank embarked on a campaign to become community's leading bank by giving away money to any and all comers with free hand.



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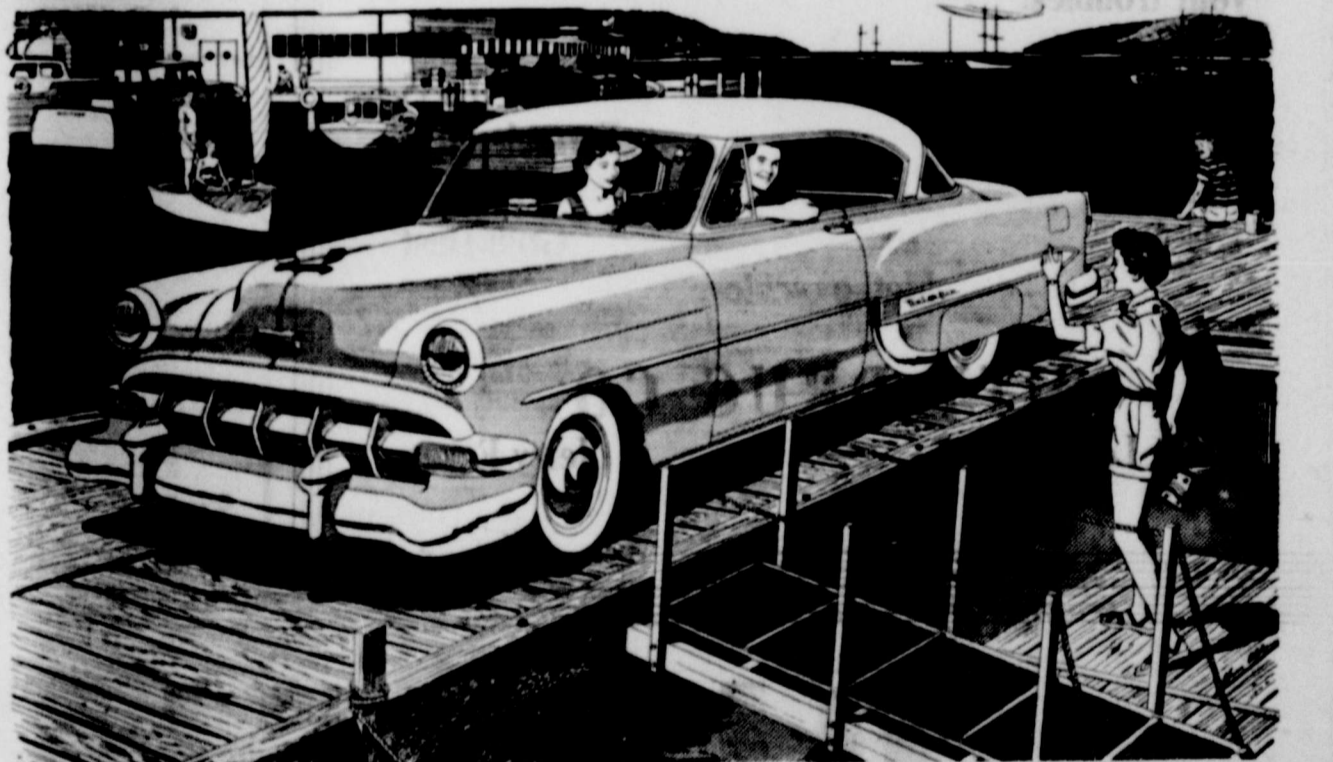
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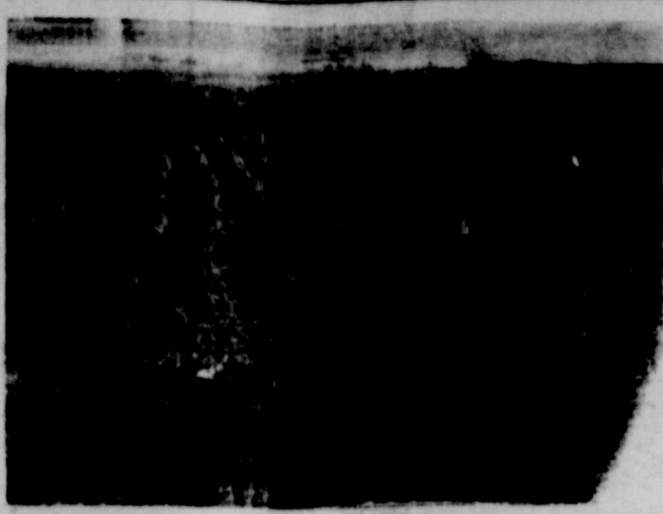
The main program of the F. H. A. is a production and subsistence loan which is made to eligible farmers, both renters and owners, to purchase livestock and equipment to carry on a diversified program on a family type farm. The Congress appropriated money for the F. H. A. to lend to farmers to carry out improvements for soil and water conservation. Funds are available for establishing and improving pasture and hay crops, constructing terraces and waterways, land cleaning and leveling, drainage, and paying for other approved soil conservation and improvement measures. The F. H. A. administration urges each borrower to take advantage of these soil conservation practices to aid him to carry on a better diversified farm program.

The Farmers Home Administration's other programs are farm ownership loans to farmers to buy, enlarge or improve farms; water facilities loans to obtain and improve domestic water facilities. For the past four years the F. H. A. has had charge of an emergency loan program made available to this area when the drought became so serious that additional credit was necessary to keep the farmers on the farms. This program works in close cooperation with the banks and PCA's in that the F. H. A. can lend annual operating expenses while the first lien holder maintains his lien on livestock and equipment.

Mrs. Robert Thompson and daughters of Spur spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Morgan.



**A PICTORIAL LESSON IN CONTOUR FARMING**—The two pictures were taken only minutes apart following a three-inch rain. The contour rows in the top picture held the water on the land while the straight rows in the picture below permitted a quick runoff and loss of much-needed water.



**SUMMER LEGUME—GUAR** is a promising summer legume that has been grown in the district during the last three years. It's extensive root system breaks up hard pans and its seed have a commercial value. Cotton and grain sorghums following guar have produced one fourth to one third higher yields than that produced by cotton following cotton.

### BASS-WARREN REUNION HELD IN LUBBOCK

A reunion of the Bass and Warren families was held in Mackenzie State Park recently. Each family brought a picnic lunch for the noon meal and watermelon was served in the evening. There were 71 who attended.

Attending from Spur were Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bass and children, Arthur Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Graden Bass and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gannon and D'Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith.

The Spur High School chapter of Future Farmers of America met Tuesday morning to elect officers for the new year.

Bill Gregory presided as chairman to elect Forest Estep as president of the organization.

The new president assumed his duties immediately and other officers elected were Carlos Bass, vice-president; Charles Sonnemaker, secretary; Jerry Thomson, treasurer; Ted Hindman, sentinel; George McAteer, parliamentarian; Billy Morgan, historian; and Thurman Morrow, reporter.

Harold and T. J. Brantley and William Gardner are fishing at Elephant Butte Dam, this week.

Mrs. Orvin Callihan was able to return home, Monday after several days confinement in the Crosbyton Hospital.

Mrs. Edd Blackwood and children of Dallas, were supper guests Thursday night in the J. J. Griffin home.

Mrs. William Gardner spent the week-end in Springlake with Mrs. Mable Laughlin.

Mattie Nell Elinburgh entered Draughts Business College, Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Rigby of Spur visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rigby and attended service at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. G. F. Smith visited relatives in Benjamin, last Saturday.

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