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Municipal Band Budget Is Raised

The band budget for Spur was renewed this week by the various business and professional men who have been taking care of the band's expenses and providing an instructor. This assures the continuance of the band in Spur for another term at least.

The work of the Spur Band has been marvelous since its organization. G. C. Collum, who is president of the State Band Teachers' Association, has been directing the work for the past year, and was unanimously selected by the committee to continue as director. The band has given a number of excellent concerts and every member have departed themselves in a manner that is a pride to Spur citizenship.

As soon as the weather becomes sufficiently warm the band will continue the concert work, and people will be privileged to hear a fine program at least once each week.

TEXAS BAND TEACHERS TO MEET IN WACO SOON

The Texas Band Teacher Association, Inc., will meet in convention at the Raleigh Hotel in Waco, January 17 and 18. G. C. Collum, of Spur, President of the organization, will preside. There are expected to be at least a hundred band teachers present at the convention.

On feature of business that will be taken up and discussed will be plans of conducting contests between East Texas and West Texas bands. There has been much discussion as to this activity and very likely there will be some disposition of the question made at this meeting of the State Association.

THEY GET BUSINESS AT ANY COST

It seems that Chalk Brown and Jim Edd Hall are determined to make a success of life, financially, it matters not what is the cost. They are going after business and they are going to secure it on any pretense, false or real, but the business has to come. Their latest transaction was in furnishing a negro with some of "This stuff to drink", and to say they made a success of the transaction would be putting the term mildly. If they can still keep Dr. J. E. Morris as a solicitor and to direct customers to their establishments, there is no doubt but that they will close the year of 1927 with a good bank account. Anyone desiring further information may talk privately with any of the above named gentlemen.

P. S. We might state that the negro has not come back for any more "stuff". We feel it was on account of the gentlemen profiteering.

"RED GRANGE" AT THE LYRIC MONDAY & TUESDAY.

Times Ads Will Save You Money!

Fights for Primary



Meaning—Presidency



Said Gov. Al Smith of New York at his fourth inauguration last week— "Now I have no idea what the future has in store for me. No man would stand before this intelligent gathering and say that he was not receptive to the greatest position he would have to offer to any one."

Crouch Milling Plant Running

The milling plant belonging to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Crouch 1 1/2 blocks west of the Tri County Lumber Company, is now running, making some very fine meal and feed. The plant, while now is being operated on a very small scale, is destined to become a great meal and feed factory and supply great territory.

At present the plant consists of a fine meal mill, a crusher, a corn huller, all of which is driven by an electric motor. The mill is not running at full capacity as it has been in operation only two weeks and has not yet had time to build up much of a trade for the products.

The process of making the meal is a very appealing factor. The very choicest of corn is selected for this purpose. Then after it is screened through the mill there is a screening device which separates out all foreign particles that are of any size. Then there is a cleaning device which blows out all the dust, lint and other small foreign particles and insures clear corn to enter the burrs. After the meal is ground it passes through a sieving process which separates all hulls, leaving nothing but good clean meal which is put up in sacks ready for market.

The crusher is capable of taking care of a great quantity of feed stuffs such as maize, cane, kafkir, corn—both shelled and with the cob, alfalfa hay and any other products that may be crushed for feeds.

It is the purpose of Mr. and Mrs. Crouch to build the business into a wholesale manufacturing feed plant where a complete balance ration for all farm animals can be secured. This country raises the material in any form of grains, hay, cotton seed products, etc., which are essential for balanced rations for chickens, dairy cows, stocks, cattle, farm hogs and other farm animals. Then why should not Spur manufacture these grains and other feed products into a perfect food for the animals of Spur territory? It can be done.

There is one feature about the mill that is very necessary. This is the cleanliness practiced. The floors are kept clean, and the mill is housed in a building constructed of corrugated iron and is being ceiled inside to make it practically dust proof.

Many of the merchants of Spur are selling the meal made at this mill and other merchants will soon be handling it. Hence, it will not be long until Dickens County corn will be manufactured into meal by home people, sold by home merchants to home people. We might state that Mr. and Mrs. Crouch want to buy their corn and other grains from the farmers in this county. They say they will not buy corn if they can obtain it from home people. This will open a nice little market for grains.

WEST TEXAS FARMERS WIN OVER EAST TEXANS IN BIGGEST COTTON CONTEST HELD IN OUR STATE

Two West Texas Farmers Are Winners in Dallas News Journal Cotton Contest out of 7,000 Farmers Entered—Unirrigated Beats Irrigated

Of the more than 7,000 farmers who entered the Dallas News and Dallas Journal Cotton Contest, the two high winners were from West Texas. These were F. H. Littleton, of Vernon, and Mrs. F. O. Masten, of Wellington. G. Mont Adams, 1925 winner, was the first winner in upland staple. He is a Smith County farmer. C. A. Mebus, of El Paso, was winner of the Irrigation prize.

Among the principal lessons learned from the 1926 "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest records are the following:

1. That staple cotton will actually outyield short staple in practically all parts of Texas.
2. That the gross income return, if based upon basic trade values in staple markets, is much higher for staple cotton than for short staple, although the seed sells for the same price.
3. That unirrigated cotton outyielded irrigated cotton decisively.
4. That West Texas is a great potential cotton empire with rich stretches of more or less virgin soils, or soils capable of rapid upbuilding through legumes such as alfalfa.

5. That the "high" men or women in The News State-wide cotton contest had a hard time in a freakish season to produce around or above two bales an acre, thus showing that the contest is not responsible for the enormous cotton crop raised in Texas this year, which plainly is a matter of excessive acreage and a generally larger fall.

6. That the higher the yield the lower the cost of production, thus enabling contestants to meet 10c and 11c cotton prices and still show a substantial profit over cost of production.

Littleton's Hard Luck

Great as was F. H. Littleton's feat of defeating all of the 7,400 contestants in The News "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest for 1926 with a high yield of 6,070 pounds of lint, or better than twelve bales, on five acres of unirrigated land, he lost the gross income prize, to which his cotton was clearly entitled, because of its very low grades. As calculated by the Texas A. & M. department of accounting and statistics, Mr. Littleton's cotton had a commercial value of something like nearly \$1,400 if it all had been hand-picked instead of snapped and if

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A New Year Photograph



An excellent new photograph of The President and Mrs. Coolidge taken on the White House steps New Year day. Mrs. Coolidge celebrated her 48th birthday on January 2.

New Fire Hall Being Erected

The brick laying on Spur's new fire hall began Tuesday morning and it will not be long until there will be efficient housing for the fire department. The foundations and floors for the building were put in last week by Chas. Whitener, the framing at the front was set in and the sidewalk was finished off.

H. P. Berry has charge of the brick work and is rushing the walls right up. Mr. Berry is an experienced brick layer and stucco man, and the fire hall is getting the advantage of his experience.

The building will be 24x40 feet with apartments for the two large fire trucks now owned by the city. There will also be a sleeping apartment for the fire chief or for whoever may be designated by the firemen's organization. There will be a toilet, shower bath, place for the boys to hang their fire-fighting clothes—in fact, the chief object is to make arrangements for the Spur fire department that will make them feel they are appreciated by the town.

The city has just purchased a fine new fire truck, which with the help of the present truck and equipment will give Spur excellent fire fighting equipment. There will be no town of this size that will be better protected than Spur will be. We have plenty of good water with good pressure, plenty of hose, two good engines, chemical tanks and an organization of firemen that know their business.

SPUR ROTARIANS MEET

The Rotary Club of Spur held their regular meeting and luncheon at the Spur Inn last Thursday. There were a number of interesting things taken up by the Rotarians. S. H. Twaddell and W. D. Wilson spoke on the sixth object of Rotary. There were a number of fine thoughts brought out making each member appreciate Rotary more.

The Rotary meets at twelve o'clock, noon, every Thursday, and there are some fine times enjoyed. Many visitors attend these meetings, and last Thursday the Club was honored by the presence of Rotarian George Pryor, of Stamford Club.

The Rotary Club meets today at the Spur Inn at twelve o'clock.

MRS. SAM SPARKS UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Sam Sparks, of the Spur Bakery, underwent an operation last Monday, having her tonsils removed. Dr. Blackwell and Dr. Nichols did the work and the operation was a rather difficult one. Mrs. Sparks is in the Nichols Sanitarium where she is resting very well and will be able to get very soon. Her condition seemed to be rather complicated requiring special attention and care.

New Cardinal Fan



St. Louis has some staunch baseball fans—but none that will root with the vim of Miss Arline Edwards of Chicago during the 1927 season. Her engagement to Bol O'Farrell, new Cardinal manager has just been announced.

C. R. Edwards to Change Location

C. R. Edwards & Company has rented the J. D. Powell Building which has been occupied by the Love Dry Goods Company and that business will move in about February 1st. The Love Dry Goods Company will continue in the building until the first of the month at which time it will be retired from the active business in our town, the remaining stock being placed probably with the stores at Panhandle and Borger.

C. R. Edwards & Company are a high-classed firm doing business in the Davis Building near the City National Bank. In moving to their new location they will have what is recognized as the best location in town for a dry goods store. Mr. Edwards, the manager, says that he expects to give the people one of the best stocks of dry goods, ready to wear and shoes that is found in any part of the west. He is a live business man and generally put over what he undertakes. This store under his management has always sold the best in dry goods and they have done a gigantic business even while they were located in a rather distant building.

It is to be regretted that we lose the Love Dry Goods Company. This was the first dry goods firm to come to Spur, and ever since the town opened it has been one of the leading firms. As a booster for community enterprises, the manager, C. L. Love cannot be excelled. This firm has always handled the best in clothing that the market afforded and New York City had nothing on Spur when the ready to wear department of this firm was up to par.

ODD FELLOWS TO INSTALL OFFICERS

The Spur Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows will install officers next Monday night. Members of Spur Lodge went to Dickens last night to assist that lodge with the installation of its officers. A great time was reported. Odd Fellows always have a big time at installation meetings.

REBEKAHS TO INSTALL

The members of the Spur Rebekah Lodge will install officers next Friday evening. This will be their regular meeting and all members are requested to be present.

"RED GRANGE" AT THE LYRIC MONDAY & TUESDAY.

Roddys Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Roddy celebrated their golden anniversary last Tuesday, having been life partners for fifty years. Mr. Roddy had passed his 74th year and Mrs. Roddy is now 69. They were married at Alvarado, Texas, January 11th, 1876, Rev. H. C. Renfro officiating.

They have six children still living, four of whom were present with them Tuesday. These are: Mrs. C. C. Haile, of Spur; Mrs. J. T. Hall, of Chillicothe; Mrs. C. H. Johnson, of Dodsonville; Armin Roddy of El Paso, all of whom were present Tuesday; and Roy Roddy, of Corona, N. Mex., and Sterling S. Roddy, of Grandfield, Oklahoma, who were unable to get here.

Two sisters of Mr. Roddy were present. These were Mrs. Malinda Jobe, of Abilene, and Mrs. Talitha Jobe, of Scranton, Texas. Mrs. Roddy has two brothers, Bud Jordan, of Amarillo, and J. L. Jordan, of Jean, Texas. Mrs. George Vau-

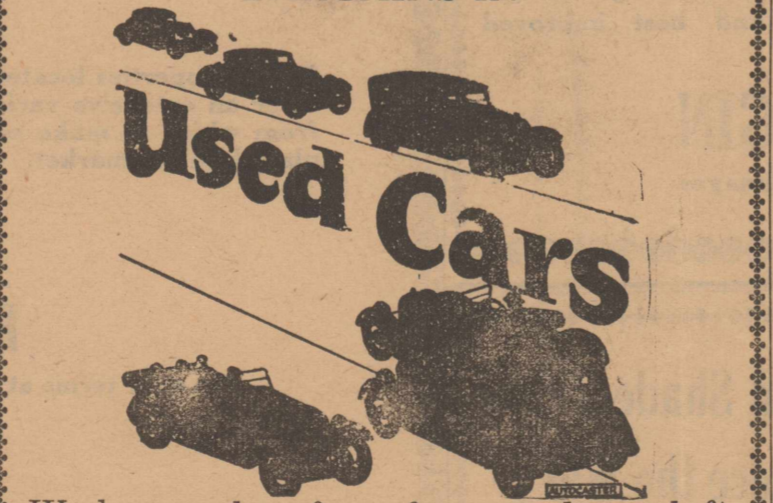
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9 MORE DAYS 9

—FOR YOU—To take advantage of our BIG CLOSE-OUT SALE! We will close our doors SATURDAY NIGHT, JAN. 22, 1927, and we want every article of merchandise sold by then! If you are looking for a bargain and you want to buy merchandise RIGHT, you had better VISIT

LAYNE-YATES CO. SPUR, TEXAS

BARGAINS IN Used Cars



We have only a few of our used cars left and we are practically giving them away. Absolutely the best values that have ever been offered in used cars. They are in first class condition.

- Ford Coupe
- Ford Touring
- Dodge Touring
- Overland Touring
- Two International Trucks

If you are in the market for a car don't fail to see—

E. L. CARAWAY CHRYSLER AGENT

FARM NEWS SECURED AT HEADQUARTERS

Carl Neely, of McAdoo does not depend on cotton for a living altogether. During 1926 he had an income of over \$200.00 from the sale of eggs from his farm flock, and over \$400.00 came from the sale of cream from his small Jersey herd. This constitutes a little more than fifty dollars per month which insures his bread, butter, eggs and chickens to eat.

County Agent Fred S. Reynolds will conduct a terracing school on the farm of R. N. James in Dry Lake community Wednesday and Thursday, January 26, and 27. It would be fine if other farmers would attend and get full instruction.

With one cow Fred Reynolds was able to supply his family with all the milk, cream and butter they could use and was able to sell \$10.40 in milk and butter in December. With 25 hens the family was supplied with all the eggs they could use and he marketed \$4.30 worth on the local markets the same month.

Some people are wondering what has become of the Dickens County 10,000 acre Alfalfa Club. We are authorized to say that there was over 800 acres planted to alfalfa in 1926; that there was some 10,000 pounds of seed sold and that there are about 180 farmers that now have good alfalfa fields who are using them for pasture and hay. Many farmers are making arrangements to get some hogs and a few more cows to consume the alfalfa. It is recommended that as many farmers who have no alfalfa as can will save a few acres for spring planting. The ground should be plowed early and fallowed to settle it so as to secure a good seed bed, then the seed should be planted with a drill sometime in April. Those who have alfalfa can arrange to sell it through the cream industry and hog markets.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST - All the services at the Church of Christ were well attended yesterday and the interest great. Two more additions to the Church and much rejoicing over the same. Our protracted meeting will begin February 6, to continue for 15 days. We trust the city of Spur and the surrounding communities will be with us in the great study of the Scriptures. Bro. Rice is at home this week,

but will return Friday and preach over Sunday.

Pastor

THE USE OF TIME

A railroad once offered a bonus to its employee who had the longest creditable record. An old man approached the president of the company, believing that he had a good chance to get the bonus. "How long have you worked for this railroad?" asked the president.

"Thirty-five years." "And you never had a complaint lodged against you?" "Never", was the confident answer.

"What do you do?" he was asked.

"Well, when the train pulls into the station here, I go down the cars and tap each wheel with a hammer."

"And what do you do that for?" asked the president.

Scratching his head, the old man said, "Damned if I know!" There are times in almost every business when we find that certain things are done in a certain

way just because that's the way they have always been done. It may be the display of goods in the window, or the advertisement in the newspaper, or the date or manner of sending out bills, or some customary method in manufacturing, or a hundred and one other things that have become fixed because of long usage. Let us look about and see if there is still a reason for doing them in the same old way. If so, do we know what that reason is, and is it perfectly clear to us what we are trying to do?

A-1 POULTRY FOR DICKENS COUNTY

The model poultry house started in November has been completed, painted white, and moved to a conspicuous place in the business section of Spur. The building is 8x12 feet and built according to plans in a poultry house bulletin from the A. & M. College. It was made small so that it can be moved from place to place as desired, although the size is sufficient to accommodate some twenty-five or thirty hens.

The house is so constructed throughout that it can be taken part by removing some twenty bolts, placed on a wagon and transported any distance conveniently. It is equipped with all the appliances necessary for a modern poultry house including roosts, dropping boards, nests (eight in number) feed hopper and water platform. All ventilators and other openings are covered with hail screen in order that the birds can be made comfortable both in winter and summer and be protected from all destructive varmints. Even the birds cannot enter the house when the door is closed.

The cost of the material at retail price in Spur is \$50.00. However, the item of cost will vary according to the price of lumber.

BANNER YEAR IN 1927 IS SEEN BY PRESIDENT

President Coolidge believes 1927 will be a banner year and that the business of the country is fundamentally sound.

His information, coming from Government sources, leads him to

see continued prosperity during the coming year. All the signs, as he reads them, are favorable.

Among the things leading him to this viewpoint are the increase in employment recently reported in New York, Pennsylvania and some of the industrial states, the plentiful supply of capital for manufacturing enterprises and the low surplus of manufactured articles.

At present prosperity exists in all parts of the country except the wheat and cotton sections, the President finds, and he believes the South will be able to emerge from the present depression resulting from low cotton prices.

Work in general is plentiful, the President understands, and the people are receiving high wages which are being spent generously so that production is being stimulated.

Railroads are in good condition, he thinks, and contracts for new equipment next year will aid business.

Manufacturing, the President is informed, is producing at far better than the average rate.

But the President recalls that dire predictions of business depression made by some at the beginning of 1926 were never realized and points to this as proof that predictions do not always materialize. But the signs, as he sees them, point to continued good business in 1927.

FOR THE TOURISTS

The Chamber of Commerce of Maryville, Mo., maintains a camp for automobile tourists who stop off in the town for one night or longer. In the area set aside as a tourist park, where a number of trees to be removed while other trees had dead limbs. The Boy Scouts of the town performed a Good Turn recently by cutting down the dead trees and removing the useless limbs from others which they chopped up for fire wood for several hundred persons and the cooperative good turn has won the complete support of the members of the Chamber of Commerce for the boys.

FOR RENT—after January 15, a

RHEUMATISM

While in France with the American Army I obtained a French prescription for the treatment of Rheumatism and Neuritis. I have given this to thousands with wonderful results. The prescription cost me nothing. I ask nothing for it. I will mail it if you will send me your address. A postal will bring it. Write today. PAUL CASE -Dept. C-1451, Brockton, Mass.

See HAMBURGERS McCOMBS Buy a Hamburger for A DIME And bank the Difference. FOR RENT—after January 15, a

Genuine BAYER ASPIRIN SAY "BAYER ASPIRIN" and INSIST! Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians 24 years for

Accept only "Bayer" package which contains proven directions. Handy "Bayer" boxes of 12 tablets—Also bottles of 24 and 100—Druggists. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monocetlic Acid Ester of Salicylic Acid

A STATEMENT By the President of Dodge Brothers, Inc. Within a few months, Dodge Brothers, Inc., will introduce a new line of motor cars, in no way conflicting with the market for Dodge Brothers present types, but occupying a considerably higher price field and produced in limited quantities. Combining Dodge Brothers well known dependability with exceptional performance and striking beauty of appointment and design, these distinguished vehicles, we believe, will instantly set a new and higher standard in fine car practice. Dodge Brothers will continue to produce their present line in maximum quantities to meet a demand which, during the year just ended, has called for an impressive total of 330,000 motor cars. Edsel B. Ford

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK AT SPUR, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1926. RESOURCES: 1. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts, sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in Item 1-b) \$ 468,268.88. 2. Total loans 468,268.88. 3. Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured, \$94.11; 94.11. 4. U. S. Government securities owned: a Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value) 25,000.00. Total 25,000.00. 5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc., owned: 9,687.53. 6. Banking House, \$18,500.00; Furniture and fixtures, \$4,000.00 22,500.00. 7. Real estate owned other than banking house 21,048.08. 8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank 35,193.05. 9. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks 60,720.67. 10. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12) 3,416.92. Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 64,137.59. b Miscellaneous cash items 7,566.98. 11. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer 1,250.00. TOTAL \$654,746.17. LIABILITIES: 19. Capital stock paid in 100,000.00. 20. Surplus fund 25,000.00. 21. a Undivided profits \$5,302.75 5,302.75. 22. Circulating notes outstanding 24,600.00. 23. Amount due to Federal Reserve Bank (deferred credits) 11,260.73. 24. Amount due to national banks 17,172.79. 25. Cashier's checks outstanding 52.23. Total of Items 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 28,485.75. Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days): 29. Individual deposits subject to check 430,376.26. Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 430,376.26. 37. Other time deposits 40,981.41. Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 35, 36, 37, and 38 40,981.41. TOTAL \$654,746.17. State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, W. T. Andrews, Jr., Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. T. ANDREWS, JR., Cashier. CORRECT—ATTEST: CLIFFORD B. JONES, NED HOGAN, GEO. S. LINK, Director. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1927. JULIA M. HICKMAN, Notary Public. (SEAL)

Handwritten notes and signatures on the Dodge Brothers advertisement, including '330,000', '140,000', '400,000', and 'Edsel B. Ford'.

Community Revival In Full Sway; Large Cows Attend Each Service

Arrangements were affected Tuesday to change the present revival that is being conducted at the Baptist Church into a town-wide revival, all churches co-operating. This movement did not meet with a single dissention. The Baptist people voted unanimously to release their authority and go hand-in-hand with the other churches of the town.

The Starnes Evangelistic company will have full charge of the services. Mr. Turner, the singer, and Miss McKnight, the pianist, are here now, and are conducting the services until Rev. Starnes arrives Friday. Rev. I. A. Smith, pastor of the M. E. Church, spoke to the people Tuesday evening bringing them a great message. The services are being conducted in the Baptist Church until the large tent can be moved here and put up which it is hoped will be in time for the Friday evening services.

The large tent will seat at least 2000 people. It is equipped with eight large stoves and can be made as warm and comfortable as any church building in town. The company have a man who does nothing but look after the tent and will keep it in comfortable condition both day and night.

Rev. Starnes has the record of being one of the greatest evangelists and preachers in America. He has been very successful in revival work, and with the co-operation of all the Christian people of Spur, it should be the greatest meeting in the West.

All the pastors of the various churches are co-operating all they can. Rev. Rice who had a meeting scheduled to begin at the Church of Christ last Sunday, called it off to let his membership attend the big tent meeting. Rev. Abbott, pastor of the Christian Church, is in Fort Worth this week on account of a big conference of his church but will be back by Sunday to start even with the others of his church.

Rev. Smith of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Parker, of the Baptist Church are already working arm-in-arm on preparations for the meeting.

It is thought the tent will be located on the lots just across the street from the Nichols Sanitarium, between C. R. Edwards & Company and the Dickens County Times building. This will make it readily convenient for everybody. Those coming from the country would rather park in the business section, and those living in town do not mind a block or two extra

walk. The main thing is to get enough people to fill the tent every night to its full capacity. It will take at least 2000 people, and if that many people get to one meeting it will be a great thing for West Texas.

The services will continue all this week under the leadership of Mr. Turner. The meeting is already growing in interest and the crowds are already about as large as the building will accommodate. Each night at the Baptist Church at 7:00 o'clock for prayer services and song services begin at 7:30. This will be the arrangements until the tent is up.

LADY AT PEACOCK IS FATALLY BURNED

Miss Annie Patterson, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Patterson, were badly burned at their home in Peacock just before noon Tuesday. The daughter succumbed and the mother is in a critical condition with little hopes for her recovery. The father is severely burned about his arms and face but is not thought to be in a serious condition.

Miss Patterson went into the kitchen to light a fire about eleven o'clock. In some manner unknown her clothing became ignited. Her mother ran to her assistance and both fought the flames with their hands until both were severely burned. Then Miss Patterson started to run, going from room to room in the home which only accelerated the intensity of the flames. Her father came to her assistance but by this time most of the clothing had been burned from her body and it seems that she had inhaled the flames.

Miss Patterson died Tuesday evening about seven o'clock. Funeral arrangements and services conducted at Aspermont about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in Aspermont Cemetery.

Mrs. Patterson is pronounced in a very serious condition and little hopes are entertained for her recovery. She is not aware that her daughter has passed away. The father is badly burned about his hands and face but is not considered in a serious condition.

NEGROES FIGHT; ONE IS INJURED

Jack Harris, negro, received very bad wounds last Sunday afternoon in an altercation with another negro at McAdoo. Harris was shot

through the left arm, the bullet then entered the face and ranged downward, lodging somewhere in his chest.

He was brought to the Nichols Sanitarium where an X-Ray examination was made and the extent of the wounds determined. The left jaw is badly shattered. However, the bullet could not be located. The negro is reported in a very critical condition and may not recover.

Harris worked for a Mr. McLaughlin at McAdoo.

P. M. W. CLUB

On last Friday evening at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Lee Davis entertained the P. M. W. Club and other guests. Four tables were arranged for the interesting games of progressive forty-two. Each time the players progressed they were presented a New Years resolution which they formed a booby. After the games the players who were the luckiest had quite a few resolutions to abide by.

The hostess served a delicious refreshment plate to the following guests: Mesdames Chas. Wolf, Lloyd Wolf, E. H. Ousley, F. A. Fallis, Jess Fletcher, Lomas, Hogan, John Hazelwood, Tom League, F. B. Crockett, Leonard Joplin, Weldon Grimes, Harvey Stack, O. F. McCombs, Rob Davis, Jud Boyd and W. S. Perry.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. G. H. Snider was hostess to the Methodist Ladies Missionary Society on Monday, January 10.

After the singing of a number of songs and prayer, we spent a merry hour in games and contests, the most interesting of which was the pie game. Paper pies cut in sections were passed among the ladies. Each section had a portion of a song written on it and these must be matched to form a trio, quartette, quintette and sextette.

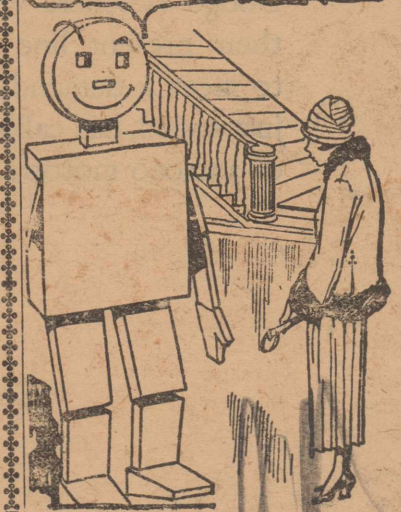
Baby Chicks

We still have a few chicks for Jan. 31 not sold. Send in your order at once if you want them.

Spur Poultry Ranch

BILL DING SEZ

A STYLISH WOMAN ALSO DEMANDS WELL-DRESSED LUMBER.



A Room you'll be proud of—yes, and one in which you never need be ashamed to take your guests, no matter how critical they may be of home furnishings. There's no doubt they'll always feel at home in any room where you have our beautiful highly polished, sanitary HARDWOOD FLOORING. The prices are very reasonable, call us today.

I'm interested in: () Beautiful Floors () Enclosing the Porch () How to Finish Off an Attic Name Address

Tri-County Lbr. Company

one lady was fortunate enough to draw a whole pie and we all envied her until we found she must sing a solo. This fortunatelady was Mrs. Whitener, who covered herself with glory when she sang "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean". Indeed much musical talent was discovered as each group sang the song found on its pie when the sections had been matched.

A most tempting refreshment plate was then passed which was enjoyed fully as much as the pie mentioned above.

Those present were: Mesdames Fite, Payne, Jones, Zachry, Rogers, Simmons, Laine, Whitener, Hayes, Smith, M. A. Lea, M. A. Lea, Jr., Morris, Snider, Blackwell and Misses Etta Fite, Petie Stokes and Frances Morris. —Reporter.

JOI DE VOI CLUB

Mrs. Floyd Barnett entertained the Joi De Voi Club and guests on Thursday afternoon. In the bridge game, Mrs. A. C. Hull won high score, Mrs. Dan Zachry high cut, and Mrs. Flint consolation.

Officers elected for the ensuing six months are: President, Mrs. Murry Lea; vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Powell; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Floyd Barnett; reporter, Mrs. A. C. Hull.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to: Mesdames Chas. Powell, Dan Zachry, Thomas Mor-

rison, Clifford Jones, C. L. Love, Flint, Murry Lea, Jack Rector, Homer Schrimsher, Jim Edd Hall, A. C. Hull and Miss Wilne Richmond.

SPUR HAS GINNED MORE THAN 18,000 BALES

According to reports from the various ginners there have been 18,610 bales of the 1926 cotton crop ginned in Spur. The gins here are kept very busy now taking care of the enormous amount of cotton that is coming in as a result of the pretty weather that has prevailed the past two weeks. Gins are running day and night in order to accommodate the farmers to get their cotton out. The Swift Gin which was knocked out for two weeks on account of fire, is running at full speed. The new machinery which replaced the damaged machinery, is giving good service. All other gins have always given good service and are kept equally busy.

The ginning records are as follows:

Hargrove	4,300
Long	1,637
Farmers	3,860
Williamson	3,370
Swift	3,113
Baker	2,330
Total	18,610

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cooper left Saturday for Waco where they will visit relatives and friends.

CLASSIFIDADS

FOR RENT—A furnished apartment. Phone 27. 112-tfc

LOST—A suit case containing lady's clothing and trousseau for a mall boy. Finder leave at Spot Cash Gro. for Mr. Kennedy.

FOR SALE—160 acres of land east of McAdoo, the second quarter. Will sell at a Rock Bottom Price Inquire at the Times office or see O. V. Woods, McAdoo, Texas. ---

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good Duroc-Jersey male. Will trade for a good brood sow. V. C. Smart.

FOR SALE—White Orpington Cockerels, \$2.00 each and 4 dozen young White Orpington Hens, \$1.50 each. Mrs. Sam Baxter, Afton, Texas. 3tp

WANT TO TRADE—1924 Model Ford Touring Car, A1 condition, for good Jersey Milk Cows. Sam Baxter, Afton, Texas. 3tp

"RED GRANGE" AT THE LYRIC MONDAY & TUESDAY.

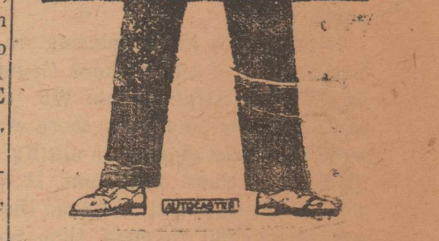
FOR SALE—A dandy sewing machine, cheap. See Mrs. B. N. Lummus, East Side Spur. 1tp

"RED GRANGE" AT THE LYRIC MONDAY & TUESDAY.



IF You have subscribed for our paper, and for any cause are not getting it every week, we want you to call, write or send and let us know, for we feel sure you are missing something well worth while.

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BRYANT-LINK CO.

The Home of Blue Stamps

Bryant-Link Company presents for Madam and Mademoiselle, the smartest expressions of the new mode. There are exquisite fashions for afternoon wear and lovely things for street. Make our Store your Store for fashions.

Sport Coats

Tweed coats with or without fur, also with swagger patch pockets and leather belts; plaid coats, gay or subdued, with beautiful fur collars, spring weights. In fact this is one of the prettiest lines we have shown.

The Compose Suit

One of the new Suits which adds so much interest to the new mode. It is of a light tan twill or of tweed in different tones, has one or four button front, very chic for street or sport wear.

THE SMART HAT IS THE SPORT HAT---

In such delightful new straws as bouquette, chouquette —pendaline and novelty — braids. And, too, silks, plain and French felts, which come direct from Paris.

SPRING FROCKS

Interesting new frocks of crepella or flat crepe. Youthful two-pieces and tucked fashions. New georgette frocks with blouses unusually tucked or self embroidered.

A GOOD SAFE PLACE TO TRADE

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THE STORE OF LITTLE PROFIT
SPUR, TEXAS

Charming Spring Millinery Modes

New Spring Materials, New Spring Shades, New Spring Styles, Clever Youthful Styles, Large Head Sizes.

\$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95, and \$5.95

All newly arrived... Each price a feature value.

New Spring Coats

For Ladies and young Ladies. Here you will find a very large selection of the newest Spring Coats direct from the leading style centers. High grade coats, beautifully fur trimmed, the kind of coats that will appeal to you. All we need to say is

C O M E

If you desire to see beautiful coats at wonderful prices so early in the season. Just received by express today another large shipment of ladies new coats that will be placed on sale as the previous shipment.

\$22.50 Coats \$16.95
\$25.00 Coats \$19.95
\$29.95 Coats \$25.00

BURNISHED BEARINGS WEAR LONGEST

When you burn out the bearings in your motor let us burn them in. "Burning in" or correctly speaking burnishing the main and connecting rod bearings of a motor is a mechanical process whereby the babbitt bearing is polished smooth as glass, made round and a perfect fit to the crank shaft, and so modified in the process that the texture of the metal is compacted making it closer grained, therefore more capable of with-standing the wear and hammer like blows to which it is subjected. Strange to say; friction, so destructive to all babbitt bearings in service, is the medium employed to adjust these same bearings perfectly and put them in the finest condition.

We have installed a "burning in" stand of our own design—just another piece of modern equipment to give you a better motor when it is overhauled. You are invited to come in and ask us to explain this process and show why a burnished bearing will wear longer than a scraped bearing.

If your car runs low on oil and burns out the bearings why not face the situation fairly and squarely? Do not fool yourself into thinking that the bearing can be replaced in a few hours, the car put back on the road with the expectation of giving the best service. Just about as reasonable as breaking your back, going to bed expecting the broken members to adjust themselves without proper surgical treatment. A motor burned up by friction caused from lack of oil will never be mechanically right until all bearing surfaces have been trued up and made to fit each other to dimensions measured in the thousandth part of an inch.

When you think of having your car overhauled, think of these things and figure with us for a job that will actually save you money in the long run—even the first cost may seem to be above some estimates you may receive.

Remember you never get more than you pay for, or the other fellow loses. You cannot buy a fine car with the price of a wagon—neither can you buy a first class re-conditioning job at the price of a "tear down, thrown together" overhaul job.

Yours for the service that serves,
MOTOR HOSPITAL

USE SCOUT SEMAPHORE

Two Eagle Scouts of Asbury Park, N. J., Albert Sidwell and Robert Manchee, both members of Troop No. 2, used their Scout training to perform a useful service for a contractor doing an important piece of construction work at the New Jersey State Camp at Sea Girt. It was necessary in the making of a survey to "run a line"

some distance out into the ocean. It appeared unfeasible to use a marine telephone for cabling and to attempt to give orders by sending men back and forth in a boat was equally impracticable. Scout headquarters was called upon and the boys, both trained experts in semaphore work, were sent to Sea Girt. One on the beach and the other off shore, they interchanged signals by semaphore and completed the job quickly and accurately.

FATHER AND SON EAGLES

The annals of Scouting contain numerous instances of brothers who are Eagle Scouts but few instances are recorded where father and son have each won the coveted high honor in Scouting. Especially unusual is an occasion when father and son are invested with the Eagle rank at the same ceremony. But such an instance occurred recently in Los Angeles. The father, B. W. Thorne, who is Scoutmaster of Los Angeles Troop No. 32, has been an active leader in Scouting affairs for a number of years. His son, B. W. Thorne, Jr., is a First Class Scout in his father's troop.

REPLANTING BURNED AREA

A reforestation project in the Angeles Forest which was burned over two years ago, engages the attention of Boy Scouts of Pasadena, Cal. Troops of Scouts at var-

ious times have been making their headquarters at the Scout camp in San Dimas Canyon, spending their Saturdays planting trees under the direction of forest rangers. The trees were supplied from the government nurseries. The replanting will restore a wide area to former forest beauty.

HELP INJURED LAD

Two unknown Boy Scouts recently performed a helpful Good Turn which attracted wide public attention in Mt. Clemens, Mich. Seven-year-old Cyril Moran, the son of a physician in that city, fell and was painfully injured, some distance away from his home. Unable to walk he started to crawl to his home upon his hands and knees when he was discovered by two Scouts on their way to school. They carried the boy home, and then themselves hurried away to school without making their identity known.

FIRST AID FOR BURN

Following the investiture of ten Boy Scouts with the Eagle Scout badge at Hackensack, N. J., recently, the Scouts visited a studio to be photographed. As it was night, the photographer used a flash light. The flash exploded unexpectedly badly burning the photographer's hand. Two of the Eagle Scouts, Wilbur Kupfren of Hasbrouck Heights and Harold Fielding of Hackensack, obtained

first aid materials from a nearby drug store, carefully dressing and bandaging the wounded member pending the arrival of a doctor.

A PERFECT EXCUSE

Nurse was bringing little Ella home from a party and took her hand to help her up a high curbstone. "Gracious me, Ella!" she cried, "how sticky your hands are!" "So would yours be," replied Ella serenely, "if you had two meringues and a chocolate eclair in your muff."

THIS IS SAID TO HAVE HAPPENED IN SOUTH AFRICA

An inspector of schools in South Africa invited some boys to join him in a swim in the lagoon. The



IT AIN'T REASONABLE THAT WOMAN WAS MADE FROM A RIB—SEEMS LIKE IT MUST 'O BEEN FROM THE JAW BONE



boys watched him undress and go in, but themselves remained on the bank.

After a long and enjoyable swim the inspector chaffed the boys for not coming in, and said, "I suppose you are afraid to bathe with an inspector?" "No, sir," said one of the boys, "but we saw a crocodile in this lagoon yesterday."

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF FATHER

Teacher—What is the meaning of the word "matrimony," Robert? Robert—Please, miss, my father says it isn't a word; it's a sentence.

Overlands Reduced!

The following reductions have been made on Overland cars:

- Whippet Coach --- \$70.00
- Whippet Coupe --- \$60.00

Take advantage of these reductions now.

Henry Motor Co.

At Sunshine Service Station

THE PROFLIGATE ONE

Judge—Sir, you are fined \$10 for contempt of court. Man—Judge \$10 won't express my contempt for your * * * court here's \$20.

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Times Ads Will Save You Money!

SPUR LODGE NUMBER 1023 Meets Thursday night, on or before the full moon. Visitors always welcome. H. P. GIBSON, W. M. JACK RECTOR, Secy.

SPUR LODGE NO. 771 Meets every Monday night. Visitors welcome. C. H. PERRY, Secretary

SPUR CHAPTER NUMBER 340 Meets Monday night on or after each full moon. L. E. LEE, H. P. JACK RECTOR, Secy.

ROTARY CLUB OF SPUR Meets every Thursday at 12 o'clock at Spur Inn. Visiting Rotarians welcome. CLIFF JONES, Pres. DODGE STARCHER, Secy.

BIG SALE NOW ON

This is the time to replenish your household at a great saving.

Our complete stock including every thing, to the most durable turkish towle.

This money saving event will close Saturday. Buy here and save your money.

ALL TOILET ARTICLES ON SALE EXCEPT THE BLACK AND WHITE

- Almond Cream, regular size --- 29c
- Small size --- 10c
- Lemon Cream, regular size --- 29c
- All 25c talcum --- 19c
- Cody Powder --- 68c
- Enchanted Cream Powder --- 78c
- Jickee Powder --- 48c
- Imogene Powder --- 38c
- Evening Ismine Powder --- 38c
- Quinine Hair Tonic, per bottle --- 48c
- Palmolive Hard water Soap, 10c size, 4 bars, 25c
- Palmolive Shampoo, 50c bottle --- 25c

CANDY

Every body eats Candy—you can get the best line here for only 15c and 20c per pound

WHITE DISHES

- Plates, per set --- 54c
- Cups, Saucers --- 74c
- Fruit Dishes, each --- 5c
- Oat Meal Dishes, each --- 9c
- 7-in. Bowls --- 14c
- 8-in. Bowls --- 19c
- 9-in. Bowls --- 24c

DISH PANS

- \$1.00 size --- 68c
- \$1.35 size --- 88c
- \$1.50 size --- 98c
- \$1.65 size --- \$1.08



HOSE

One of the best values that has ever been offered will be found in our Hose Department.

STATIONERY

For that Hytone Stationery we are offering it to you at a rock bottom price

DISHES AND COOKING WARE AT ALMOST HALF PRICE

- Convex Kettle with Lid 75c size --- 48c
- \$1.00 size --- 68c
- \$1.25 size --- \$1.28
- \$2.00 size for --- \$1.38

LADIES PURSES

A beautiful line of purses just what the wife or the daughter appreciates, different colors and styles at only half price—why pay more?

A visit to our store will convince you of our money-saving prices—we want to see you!

ALUMINUM WARE

- Percolators
- 6-cup --- 78c
- 8-Cup --- 89c
- Convex Kettle with Lid
- \$1.00 size --- 68c
- \$1.18 size --- 79c
- \$1.48 size --- 98c
- \$1.75 size --- \$1.18

White Granite Tea Kettle

- \$1.10 size --- 68c
- \$1.25 size --- 78c
- \$1.50 size --- 99c
- \$1.75 size --- \$1.09
- \$2.00 size --- \$1.38

WATER PAILS

- 10-quart --- 88c
- 12-quart --- 98c

Blue Bird and Gold Band Plates

- per set --- 89c
- Cups and Saucers --- \$1.13
- Fruit Dishes, each --- 9c
- Oatmeal Dishes, each --- 14c
- 7-in. Bowls, each --- 23c
- 8-in. Bowls --- 29c
- 9-in. Bowls --- 39c
- Decorated Salad Bowls --- 24c

WHAT YOUR TABLE NEEDS TO MAKE THE MEALS COMPLETE

will always be found here!

A Big Line of Fruits, Nuts, Fresh Vegetables—the very things to complete a good balanced and Wholesome diet for the entire family

It is not so much how little you pay, but how good is the quality you get for what you pay. Our prices are right and you'll agree with us when you come to buy. The Hokus-Pokus Groceries always give satisfaction.

We want your Trade—Phone 115!

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At the "Hokus-Pokus" Sign

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WITH A STOCK TO SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS—

We have a good line of shop hardware and here you will find all kinds of tools and hammers.

Coleman Line

Yes, We carry that famous Coleman line of heaters, Cookers, Water Heaters, Camp Stoves.

Silverware

In sets and in odd pieces. The useful kind at a price you can pay. Also a big line of good Queensware, Enamelware and Aluminum ware.

Sporting Goods

Spring is not far off and you will find Tennis Rackets and Balls, Base Balls, Bats and other Sporting Goods. And here is the right place for them.

If your Casings are Gone!—

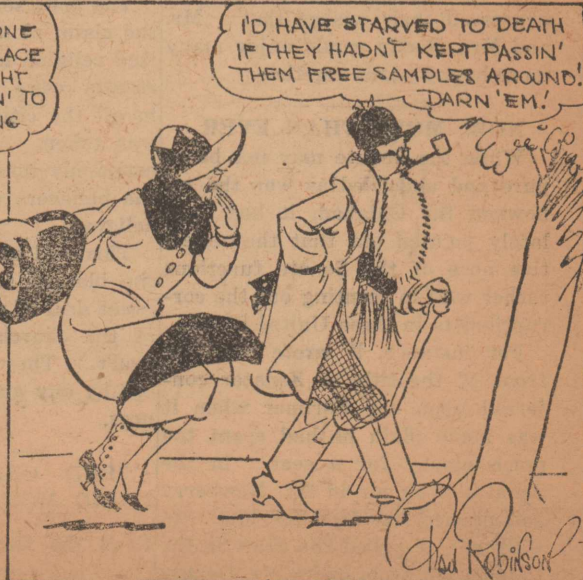
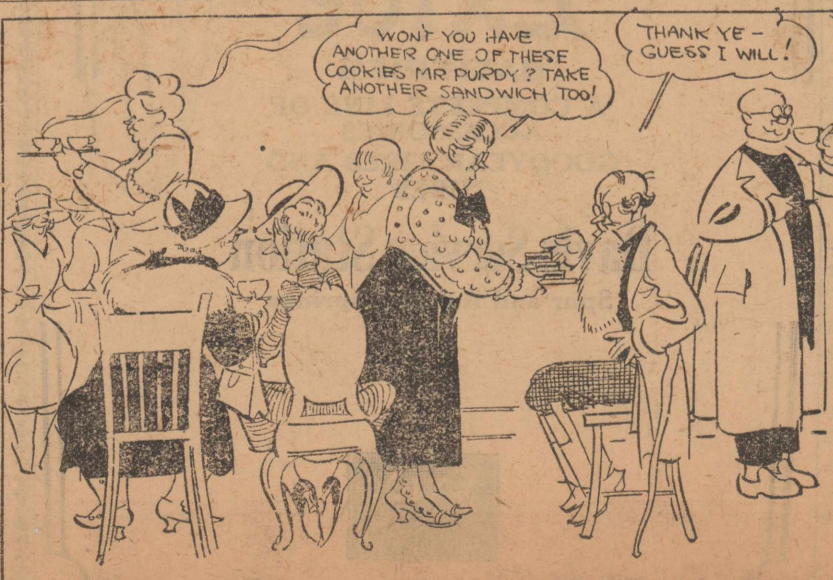
Replace them with those serviceable United States. We are here to serve the people. Come for your share.

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The PURDYS by Paul Robinson
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WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

Levelland's water and sewerage bonds went "Over the Top" in a recent election when citizens ratified proposed civic improvements and gave \$75,000 issue of a majority of three to one. City officials are now pushing preliminaries and routine incident to placing bonds on the market and will let contract at the soonest date possible. The Plains Electric Hatchery, owned by Albert Neunschwander, has recently established in Littlefield, equipped with a Buckeye Incubator having a capacity of 10,000 eggs...

FEEDING FOR WINTER EGGS By Fred S. Reynolds, Co. Agt. With eggs selling from 45 to 65 cents a dozen, it behooves us to pay more attention to the feeding and care of poultry. The bulk of winter eggs are produced by birds hatched the previous February to April, The Reds, Rocks and similar breeds begin laying at eight months of age under average farm conditions. Leghorns and other light breeds begin laying at six to seven months. This is the reason Reds and Rocks should be hatched from February 15 to March 15, so they will be ready to lay in November. Leghorns hatched in February and March are likely to begin laying in September, lay for a month or so and go through a molt, which means they will not lay again until the following spring. April is perhaps the most favorable time to hatch Leghorns for all winter laying.

you think this is impractical just come to Spur and see what the writer has in his green cupboard for his hens. Alfalfa is the first one. Rope is fine in the garden. Turnip leaves and lettuce, mustard are provided for variety. The hens dearly love the big collard leaves fed them each morning. They rush for the green onion tops from the garden, when onions are served on the table. A big hank of red beets was made in September; these will be opened in January when heavy freezes have reduced the other green feed. This is only eight green varieties in the writer's garden at present. Many more could have been provided with more fore thought—such as wheat, winter barley, rye, sweet clover, various kinds of melons, New Zealand spinach and numerous other winter plants. Wild rye on the low lands also furnish green stuff. Remember that plenty of green stuff is essential, the same in winter as in summer and spring.

the eggs. That is, see that your hens are comfortable and get a variety of palatable feed properly balanced for egg production. Housing You may do all that is recommended above and still get but few eggs, if your housing is bad. Housing for comfort is just as essential for winter eggs as correct feeding. The reason your hens lay in spring is because they are comfortable and rustle their rations in the form of hundreds of insects, tender plants, farm grains, skim milk and lots of exercise. The same intelligence, effort and money put on chickens that is put on cotton production will produce poultry and eggs at all seasons.

THANKS SPUR MUTUAL Abilene, Texas Dec. 20, 1926 Mr. C. C. Haile Spur, Texas Dear Sir and Friend: Your letter received enclosing check for \$150.00 covering my accident clause in Spur Mutual for broken limb. When I took membership in Spur Mutual I did so, first thinking that my assessments paid would help my neighbor after sickness and death in his home and that after my sickness and death these same neighbors would be willing and ready to be assessed to help those left by me. When the policy was changed and had accident clause, it never occurred to me that I would ever be a beneficiary under it, but was still willing to pay to help my crippled neighbor. I appreciate the promptness you gave. When we know each other there are no preliminary proofs, affidavits and red tape. We just get what is coming to us, and get it when we need it. Thank you for your service to me. Your friend,

Dear Sir and Friend: Mrs. P. H. Miller NOTICE TO FARMERS Anyone desiring to ship live stock are requested to see County Agent Reynolds by January 15th. If enough can be listed a car will be secured and shipping arrangement will be made. Times Ads Will Save You Money! Read the Dickens County Times! No. 412 E Mother! Watch Child's Tongue "California Fig Syrup" is Children's Harmless Laxative When your child is constipated, bilious, has colic, feverish-breath, coated-tongue, or diarrhea, a teaspoonful of genuine "California Fig Syrup" sweetens the stomach and promptly cleans the bowels of poisons, gases, bile, scouring food and waste. Never cramps or overacts. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Children love its delicious taste. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has full directions for babies and children of all ages, plainly printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

CHANGING OUR BUSINESS We have installed new fixtures to fit a CASH BUSINESS. During 1927 we will sell for cash only. With our new arrangements we can give better service and sell you groceries much cheaper. We will carry a good line of Groceries that will meet all your needs. Will sell them for cash at a little less. YOURS FOR A PROSPEROUS 1927 CITY GROCERY Spur, Texas

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SPUR TAILOR SHOP West of Spur National Bank Electrically Equipped CLEANING, PRESSING AND ALTERING Your Business Appreciated

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN Staunch Advocate of THRIFT

Wanted to Be Her Guard By MARTHA M. WILLIAMS THE dog was smallish, frisking happily through a gate left carelessly ajar, it ran after a pair a little way ahead—a stiff-moving woman dressed in neat garb, as was the small lad clinging reluctantly to her hand.

5% FEDERAL FARM LOANS Amortization Plan INTEREST PAYABLE ANNUALLY OR SEMI-ANNUALLY LOANS CAN BE RETIRED AT ANY TIME, OR AUTOMATICALLY PAYS ITSELF OUT IN 35 YEARS. S. L. DAVIS S. E. C. TREAS.

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Water Absolutely pure water is completely tasteless, consisting as it does only of two tasteless and odorless gases. In fact, absolutely pure water is also invisible and we are only aware of it by feeling it. One reason, of course, why we can't taste it is that our own bodies are very largely composed of water, and that the cells with which we taste are, therefore, aware of no "foreign body" with pure water.

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Pretty Legends Told

About "Fairy Crosses"
"Fairy crosses" are natural crosses formed of iron pyrites, aluminum silicate or other minerals and are supposed by some people to bring more good luck than the proverbial rabbit's foot.

Hoop Skirt Furnished Electrical Men Idea

The Empress Eugenie's hoop skirts made a contribution to the advancement of electricity, according to Frank H. Stewart, a Philadelphia veteran of the electrical industry.

One of Oldest Games

The game of lawn tennis, as played today, is not particularly old, but tennis is ancient, for it was played by kings and nobles of olden times.

Royal Tradition

The king of England "never dies." All that is admitted is a "demise of the crown" and the moment the sovereign passes away, his titles, dignity and power are transferred automatically to the heir apparent.

Neuter Possessive

Originally the pronoun "his" served as the neuter singular possessive. About the sixteenth century this began to be replaced with "it."

An Oversight

An irate customer entered the butcher's shop, threw down a piece of metal on the counter, and exclaimed, indignantly: "What do you call that, sir?"

Mysterious Spleen

There is still one bulky organ in the human body about which we know little—concerning what its function is, at least. That organ is the spleen.

"More Cotton On Fewer Acres"

(Continued from page 1)

The time required for maturity. It should be noted that last season was one of the freakiest in ten years.

Outstanding Achievement

The outstanding achievement of the 1926 cotton contest is that two decidedly excellent staple cottons, one a long staple, defeated all comers of the 7,400 farmers who entered The News contest.

The most striking comparison is afforded by Mr. Littleton and his son, Calvin, who raised Western Wonder, an improved half-and-half variety.

Mrs. Masten Wins Again
Mrs. Masten won the West Texas prize in 1925 and started out early to get her land into condition for a high yield.

Littleton's Methods
Though he used no commercial fertilizer, Mr. Littleton's land had been effectively enriched with eight successive years of alfalfa crops.

Littleton himself was reared on the black land in Ellis County, where he farmed for several years.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

While we appreciate each customer, and value their friendship highly; yet, we are going to be unable to carry accounts longer than the 10th of each month.

We trust that people will not ask for credit and cause us to be embarrassed by having to say, "No", and save you the embarrassment also.

WE SELL THOROUGHbred DAYTON AND FEDERAL TIRES

SUNSHINE SERVICE STATION

MRS. O. MOORE HALL, Prop.

Ask for Blue Saving Stamps

year as a contestant. Mr. Littleton cultivated his land only six times.

Insect damage was light and though the flea appeared early in the season, the owner estimates his loss by pests of all kinds at only 10 per cent.

The rain chart kept by the contestants shows only 6 3-4 inches of rainfall during the growing season.

The seed used was Delfos, planted at the rate of three pecks to the acre. The plants were thinned to a stand of two stalks to the hill with hills eighteen inches apart.

Four bales of this crop was snapped and sold as snap cotton, but the remaining bales brought an average of 185 points over 7-8-inch staple on the street market.

Mr. Littleton is a tenant on the farm of R. L. Moore and it was necessary for him to plant all the fifty acres which he rented to cotton. However, he had a flock of seventy hens and a splendid Jersey cow which supplied milk and butter for the family and a surplus to sell.

The stalks were cut and uprooted beginning Feb. 10. The soil was then thoroughly mixed with the burs and manure with a harrow and the rows laid off Feb. 19.

April 29 fertilizer with an analysis of 20-3-2 of cottonseed meal was applied at the rate of 250 pounds per acre.

One bushel per acre of Acala cotton seed was planted on the same day. No other cultivations were given until May 18, when the land was plowed with two four-inch sweeps attached to go-devil with weeder blades attached to rid the middles of weeds.

Grass and weeds were hoed out on June 10 and another cultivation, shallow this time, was given on June 21. This same cultivation was repeated on July 3 and July 20.

Mrs. Masten's five acres produced 5,719 pounds of lint, the fourth highest in the 1926 contest. Insect damage was only 10 per cent, but fleas and leafworms were present.

AIMS OF THE KITCHEN IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

(By Extension Department)
The Kitchen Improvement Contest to be conducted in the county.

new pupils. We really need another teacher. Much better work could be accomplished with one. Thelma Gilmore and Oliver Crump are back in school at Watson. We are glad to have them.

1. To give to the original kitchen, that is the kitchen at present, the greatest amount of time and thought looking to its improvement.

2. To make the kitchen as sanitary as possible and to finish or refinish the floors and walls so that they will be easily kept and yet attractive.

3. To procure at the smallest outlay of money possible the best furnishings and labor-saving equipment for the kitchen.

4. To so group and arrange the kitchen furnishings that the woman's work may be done with the greatest saving of time and energy.

Any woman interested in help in any of the above points should get in touch with Miss Daisy Gordon, County Home Demonstration Agent, at Spur, and enroll in the contest during January, 1927.

Class I. The kitchen making the greatest improvement for the least amount of money. (Cost not to exceed \$25.)

Class II. The kitchen making the greatest improvement in proportion to the expenditure. (Cost exceeding \$25.)

WATSON SCHOOL NOTES

We had a very pretty Christmas tree Christmas eve night, with old Santa Claus very much in evidence. He made the evening very merry for the little folks.

Miss Walker, our intermediate teacher, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Stephenville.

We resumed our school work January 3, with fifteen or twenty

LYRIC THEATRE PROGRAM

THURSDAY Last Times Today

TOM MIX IN

"No Man's Gold"

FRIDAY DOUGLAS McLEAN IN

"Hold That Lion"

LAST EPISODE

"Radio Detective"

SATURDAY

FRED HUNES IN

"Prowlers of the Night"

CARTOON COMEDY

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

RED GRANGE IN

"One Minute to Play"

ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
Sunday, Jan. 16th
Devotional—Our first missionary—Albert McCulloch.

Harp Music—Novice Owsley.
1. Missionary Interest of a Great President—Dick Lewis.

2. Wasn't Washington a Missionary once at least? John Hiner Wilson.
3. Missionary Arrows—Walter Dumm.

Dismissal.
Mr. and Mrs. George S. Link were guests of friends in Stamford this week. They will probably return home today.

Prof. G. W. Bennett, of Roaring Springs, was in our city Saturday trading with our merchants. Prof. Bennett is teaching in the Flag Springs community and reports that he has a very fine class of people to serve.

SANITARIUM NEWS

Mrs. T. C. Birdwell underwent an operation for appendicitis last Thursday. She is getting along fine at this time.

Mrs. T. D. Sparks underwent an operation Tuesday for a complicated condition. She seems to be getting along all right.

A. E. Freeman came in Saturday for medical treatment. He will be with us several days.

Curtis Park, of Swenson, who underwent an operation some days ago, is able to be up some now.

Mrs. L. R. Higgins, who underwent an operation two weeks ago, is able to sit up some now and will be going home before long.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Vernon are the proud parents of a very fine boy baby, born Tuesday afternoon. Mother and baby are getting along fine.

"RED GRANGE" AT THE LYRIC MONDAY & TUESDAY.

LADIES HATS

3 Price Ranges

NEW SPRING HATS—CHOICE \$3.75
ASSORTED FALL HATS—CHOICE 95c

NEW SPRING HATS—EXTRA SPECIAL \$4.95

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