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## Trial of J. Frank Norris Causing Much Interest; Pastor Is Ill Tuesday

The trial of J. Frank Norris, who is charged with murder for killing D. E. Chipps July 17, which is now in progress in the Criminal District Court at Austin, is causing much interest through Texas and the Southwest. The selection of the veniremen was completed last Thursday and the first witnesses were called to the stand.

The State examined only five witnesses and rested the case. The chief witness for the State was Mrs. Roxie E. Parker, of Fort Worth, who said she was an eye witness to the killing. She stated she had just arrived at the top of the stairs when shots rang out and D. E. Chipps sunk to the floor, and Dr. Norris had a gun in his hand. She stated she had heard no treats or conversations between the two men.

Mrs. Parker told how she had visited Rev. Norris' study for the purpose of selling her 80 acres to his First Baptist church, as a Sunday school picnic ground.

Question: "Did you visit his offices on the day Mr. Chipps was shot?"

Answer: "Yes."  
Q. "Tell what you did."  
A. "As I came into the ante-room, I saw a man coming through the door."

(Here the witness indicated on a model of the pastor's suite, a door representing the one that opens into his study from the ante-room, the witness continued.)  
"I saw this man as the door opened, and saw the man turn and face the open door. He raised his right hand like this (holding her hand to the level of her chin) and I heard the man say: 'I'll be back.'"

Saw Norris With Gun  
"Then, I saw Dr. Norris. He had a gun. There was a shot. The man staggered and I turned and went back down stairs."

She heard other shots as she hurried away, the witness added. She was excited so much that she nearly was run down by an automobile as she moved across a street to the south of the church. There, her daughter had parked their sedan.

Question by McLean: "Who did that shooting?"

Answer: "Dr. Norris."  
All the power and skill of Marvin Simpson, failed to shake the testimony of the little old lady with the light brown hair, that even 70 years haven't turned gray.

Again and again did Simpson try to catch Mrs. Parker on facts. He seemed to fail. For

example:  
Q. "Did you see a pistol in Dr. Norris' hand?"  
A. "Yes."  
Q. "What color was it?"  
A. "I don't know. I have a gun myself, yet I don't know the color of it."

Q. "Did the first bullet hit the man you say you saw?"  
A. "I don't know. He staggered when the gun was fired. Whether he staggered from the bullet or not, I can't say."

Undertakers Testify  
O. W. Phillips, Fort Worth undertaker, who prepared the body of Chipps for burial, said he had probed for the bullets. One of them entered the heart, he said.

F. W. Spreen, another undertaker said he had called in an ambulance for the body.  
C. D. Bush, Fort Worth city detective, was the fourth witness. Five officers, including the chief, went to the scene of the shooting. He testified. He said Nutt was there.

Question—What were Norris and Nutt doing then?  
Answer—They were standing there in the ante-room.

Question—What did you find?  
Answer—I found Mr. Chipps' body in the northeast corner of the study.  
Question—When you got in there what was the condition of the body?  
Answer—It was lying on the right side and the blood was oozing from the mouth.

(Objection. Overruled.)  
Scene Described  
McLean—Go ahead now and give a description.

Witness—There was a chair close by his shoulder. I didn't think he was quite dead. Mr. Hinkle, a fellow officer, called an ambulance, came back and searched the body.

Question—Tell the jurors if there were any arms in the effects—what did you find?

The witness described a pocket book, a cigarette holder about four inches long, a tin of tobacco, and he staggered into the study and died there; also that there was plenty of room between Chipps and Norris.

Simpson, cross examining, tried to show that Officer Bush did not see the blood clot until after the body was removed by ambulance men.

According to testimony of John Question—Did you see his pockets carefully searched?

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## Wilkes & Son Change Stores

The firm of J. P. Wilkes & Son have rented the J. D. Powell building now occupied by Layne-Yates Company and will move into it as soon as it is vacated. This will be a much better location than where they are now, and it will be in a good first class brick building.

The firm will carry about the same line they are carrying at present. Their stock consists of furniture, wall paper, stoves, some dry goods and other lines of merchandise that border on a variety store.

J. P. Wilkes & Son have been in Spur nearly eleven years and have been housed in the same building all the time. This indicates they do not believe in moving around much. When they get into their new location they expect to make their excellent stock of merchandise show up much better.

## Bryant-Link Co.

"Where there is no vision the people perish," comes from the Book of Books, and carries with it a great truth.

We are now entering upon the duties of a New Year, 1927, is a reality and while 1926 may not have been all we had hoped, we cannot change its history, but we can have a vision of what 1927 may bring us. And why should not this vision be one of expectations that "worth-while things" will come to us this year.

Bryant-Link Company expects this year to have a happy ending. We believe we have all been taught a lesson of economy forced upon us by low priced cotton, that will enable us to cut expenses and do better even though cotton should be low again this fall. What we all need to learn is to handle our affairs under present conditions and not expect a year like 1919 to come again.

Work and economy will make conditions good. Every man should determine that he is going to pay his debts if he owes. No man can be happy or successful and leave behind him bills unpaid. He may apparently prosper for a time but the end will come. There is but one way to success and that goes by the route of honor and labor. The easy way never develops character.

Some one has well said "The harder the job the greater the honor of doing it well." This is no time to quit but the time to show your grit. Its no time to grieve because we didn't make money during 1927, because we didn't more intelligently plan than we used during 1926.

"They do me wrong who say I call no more  
When once I knock and fail to find you in;  
For every day I stand outside your door  
And bid you wake and ride, and fight and win.

"Wait not for precious chances passed away,  
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!  
Each night I burn the records of the day.  
At sunrise every soul is born again.

"Laugh like a boy at splendors that have fled,  
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;  
My judgement seals the dead past with its dead,  
But never binds a moment yet to come.

"Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep  
I lend my arm to all who say 'I can';  
No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep  
But yet might rise and again be a man.

"Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell;  
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be

## Revival Going In Full Sway

The great town-wide revival, which began in Spur last Sunday in real earnest, is drawing large congregations and is growing in interest with each service. Rev. Starnes is bringing some wonderful messages to the people who are responding readily. There have been some twelve or fifteen additions to the various churches by letters and by baptism.

Three church denominations are fostering the meeting. These are the Christians, the Baptists and the Methodist. The Presbyterians are lending their aid and influence in the cause and are considering that they have a part in the meeting with the others named. The Church of Christ did not vote to co-operate in this meeting as they had a meeting planned to begin the same day the town-wide meeting was to start. But they were very liberal and extended the time of their meeting February 6th, and the members of that church are lending their encouragement and many are attending the services at the large tent.

It was soon found that no church auditorium would be large enough to accommodate the great number of people attending and arrangements were made at once for a large tent. This was placed on the vacant lots between the Times office and C. R. Edwards & Company, and is readily accessible to the people. The seating capacity of the big tent is adequate to take care of all the people that are coming or will come to the services.

The singer, pianist and orchestra are furnishing so excellent music and the people are entering into the spirit of the services in a great way. Rev. Starnes is preaching practical, old time sermons—the kind that people enjoy and get much good from them.

The invitation is open to everybody who will come to these services, and to feel welcome in every respect.

SPUR NATIONAL BANK  
ELECTS OFFICERS

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Come on with the crowds and bring the children.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

## Layne-Yates Close Out Business Here

The firm of Layne-Yates Company will close their business here Saturday with a big sale on everything in stock. They are making some fine bargains in dry goods and are featuring their last day with the hopes of a big business.

This firm has been in Spur for some time and has always done business on a high class scale. However, it is the intentions of the general management to consolidate all stores into one large one at Stamford and this necessitates the closing out of their stock here.

Ralph Jackson, who has been the manager here the past year, is a young man of many business merits. He has gone after business this fall and has sold goods to the satisfaction of his employer. We understand that he will continue with the firm as a department manager in the Stamford store. These people will do well to keep him as he is honest, straight-forward and wide awake to business. Again, he knows dry goods and has an excellent way of commanding an influence over his customers which induces them to buy.

Yes, we regret to lose these people from our town. It will mean one business enterprise less to Spur. However, we hope they are doing what is best, and that some other good business will fill the vacancy left by them.

MIKELS WELL TO RESUME DRILLING TODAY

The Mikels well on the Pitch Fork Ranch, is supposed to resume drilling again today if all arrangements are carried out. The work has been temporarily closed down for a few days on account of some business arrangements, but work will begin in real earnest again.

Mr. Mikels came in from California the last of the week and states that all preparations are ready to go again. The formation is showing fine and those who are in charge have great hopes of a good well. It has been said by one who is in a position to know, who has had years of experience in oil field work, that all they have to do is to go down deep enough—the drill will tell the rest.

According to reports there is a fine showing in the Jones No. 1, which is under the operation of the Moutray Oil Company.

From all indications this may become a greasy country along with the many other counties that lie in the same dip with this one.

DAVIS SERVICE STATION TO MOVE

D. A. Davis bought the Maples Garage the last of the week and will move the Davis Service Station and Oldsmobile Agency into that building in the near future.

The Davis Service Station has been in the Sullivan building just east of the Postoffice since the business was established in Spur.

With the new location Mr. Davis expects to place his business on a greater plane. He is a real business man and has a vision of what it takes to make a business successful. He expects to move his family to Spur before long, placing his business at Roaring Springs in the hands of his brother, Clyde Davis, and make Spur his future home.

The agency will put in a fine display of Oldsmobile cars and will be able to supply their customers in all types of that high classed automobile.

SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a special Conclave of Spur Commandery No. 75 K. T. Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Work in the Red Cross Degree. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

F. G. COLLIER, Com.  
JACK RECTOR, Sec.

## Moody Takes Office as His 'Sacred Trust'; Ceremonies Are Very Brief

As the youngest Governor Texas has ever had entered on his duties, Mrs. Mariam A. Ferguson, the first woman Governor, retired to private life with her husband, former Gov. James E. Ferguson, after a stormy two years.

With the cheers of the greatest throng that ever witnessed the inauguration of a Texas Governor ringing in his ears, Dan Moody of Williamson County, took the oath of office as the chief executive of the State on the steps of the granite Capitol Tuesday at noon.

At the same time Lieut. Gov. Barry Miller of Dallas, veteran of many a political battle, was sworn in for a term of another two years. The oath of office to both officials was administered by Chief Justice C. M. Cureton of the Supreme Court.

From every part of Texas came the multitude that eagerly watched and heard the impressive inauguration services, marking the seating of the 33-year-old, auburn haired young man in the Governor's chair and the drawing of the curtain over the regime of the Fergusons.

Townpeople from Taylor, home of the new Governor, farmers, business men, ranchmen from the Western ranches of the State, who had cheered for Dan during his campaign over Texas, and university students congregated on the walks and grounds on the south side of the great structure to see and hear enacted the final chapter in the thrilling romance surrounding the rise of Dan Moody.

Six Former Governors Present  
It was not as colorful an event, perhaps, as that which surrounded the inauguration of Mrs. Ferguson two years ago in the Hall of Representatives. The glitter and glamour of that day were replaced by a spirit of hopefulness for a successful career for Moody and good days for Texas under his guidance. To the crowd, the new Governor imparted an idea of his earnestness and of a sense of keen realization of the responsibilities he has assumed.

"I recognize that the people of Texas hold their public officials in sacred trust," Moody said in his inaugural address, "and the officials of Texas, in the proper appreciation of the attitude which the people have toward public office, should feel that from infinite spaces of this State they said to their officers that the Lord said to Moses in the wilderness on Mount Sinai: 'Put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.'"

As the new Governor spoke, he was appraisingly surveyed by six former Governors of Texas, all of those surviving who have held that high office. Seated on the

platform was Joseph D. Sayers, 84 years old, a true patriarch and staunch supporter of Moody in the recent campaign; Oscar B. Colquitt of Dalas, equally staunch in his belief in Moody and his principles; W. P. Hobby of Houston, who succeeded James E. Ferguson as Governor, and for Moody from the start; Pat M. Neff of Waco, who appointed Moody District Attorney of Travis and Williamson Counties in 1922, and to whom the new Governor attributes his start in a political way; James E. Ferguson of Temple, removed from the governorship in 1917, and Mrs. Ferguson, the first woman Governor and the retiring chief executive.

Mrs. Moody, wife of the new Governor and first lady of the State, did not sit on the platform with her husband and the wives of the former Governors. But from her place on the front row directly below the stand, she proudly watched every movement and listened to every word from the lips of her husband. Avoiding the attention she felt that her presence on the platform would draw from the vast audience, Mrs. Moody preferred to witness the event from a seat with her family and the relatives of her husband. They were married April 20, shortly before he announced for Governor.

Moody's inauguration was unusual in many ways. For the first time in the history of Texas, or of modern Texas, at least, the ceremony was held under the open skies. It marked the ascent into the Governor's chair of the State's youngest chief executive. He will be 34 years old June 1. His wife, who was Mildred Paxton of Abilene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Paxton, is the youngest first lady. The crowd that witnessed the event was beyond all comparison the largest at any inauguration, for in past years the ceremony has been held in the Hall of Representatives, which can accommodate only a few thousand at the most. The assembly before the south entrance of the Capitol was conservatively estimated at 10,000 persons. And the ceremony was unusually brief, lasting less than an hour.

The sky was overcast with dull, gray clouds and there was a sprinkle of rain only a few minutes before the new Governor and his party arrived on the platform. No rain fell after the inauguration was under way. The wind was unusually brisk, but the ceremony was on the south side of the Capitol, the bite of the breeze being stopped by its high granite walls.

The "old home town" band from Taylor, thirty-five miles north of Austin, spiked and span in natty

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

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**LYRIC THEATRE**  
SPUR, TEXAS

**Monday and Tuesday  
January 24th and 25th**

The Triumphant Return  
**THE FOUR HORSEMEN**  
OF THE APOCALYPSE  
REX INGRAM'S  
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HELP PREVENT ACCIDENTS

The brakes on your car concern you very little as long as they are working properly; but when they wear out, where will you have them relined and adjusted?

Brakes are just as important as the motor under the hood—in fact there are times when a sudden stop is of greater importance than quick acceleration. The brakes on your car may seem very simple, but it takes a good mechanic to install new linings and adjust them up properly. The mere fact that relined brakes will stop the car quickly is not conclusive evidence that the job has been done right. Is the adjustment such that full and satisfactory service can be received from the lining?

We have a machine for applying the lining to the bands in a workmanship manner, and we use only the best brands of brake lining.

Why not have those worn out brakes fixed, and fixed right. It costs no more to have a thing done right, in the long run.

Don't wait till the lining is all gone, and you have a collision before having your brakes fixed. Have it done now!

We have the lining that will wear well, the equipment to do the work with, and the experience to finish the job in a workmanship manner.

Respectfully, MOTOR HOSPITAL

Old Longfellow Home Saved by Sentiment

The old Longfellow house, in Pittsfield, Mass., had a narrow escape from destruction lately. The high school commission endeavored to secure possession of the land on which the old mansion stands, in which case the structure would have been demolished.

The city council refused to adopt the suggestion. The high school commission announced, however, that if the house had been demolished it was prepared to salvage the staircase and incorporate it into the new school building on account of the special historic interest surrounding the stairway.

Longfellow wrote many poems during his residence here and among them was "The Old Clock on the Stairs." The clock stood on the stairs long before he occupied the house and when it was owned by a relative of his wife. Longfellow and his bride spent part of their honeymoon in this house and afterward acquired it by purchase.—Chicago Journal.

Desire to Own Land

Old as Human Race The instinct to acquire and own land is as deep rooted in human beings as almost anything about them.

History offers innumerable texts for sermons on the wisdom of land ownership and proves the foresight of the founders of our nation in acquiring great territories for unlimited expansion.

Land ownership, mistaken for national pride, has caused the majority of the world's great conflicts. William the Conqueror, in establishing the feudal system, founded the law of primogeniture so that great estates might be preserved intact, and the holders obligated to the crown in terms of men and money.

The effect it had was to send forth adventurous younger sons in search of lands of their own. Even feudalism could not successfully combat the instinct to acquire and own land.

For That Tired Feeling

Meat seems to be almost at the head of the list of iron foods; oysters are not far behind; spinach is as valuable as we have been taught to regard it; other leafy vegetables, such as cabbage, lettuce and chard, cannot compare with spinach. Many of the fruits and vegetables are low in iron, much lower than some of us have believed. Prunes and raisins, however, deserve a high rank, just as we have supposed. Potatoes are surprisingly good; indeed, they are better than many of the other vegetables, that is, if they are not depleted by careless preparation. Eggs are valuable. Whole cereals and bread made from the entire grain are important sources of iron. Dried beans are good iron foods. Although the glass of milk does not contain much iron, if taken in customary large amounts milk becomes quite important as a source of iron.

—See— HAMBURGERS McCOMBS Buy a Hamburger for A DIME And bank the Difference.

The World Too Much

It seems to me that everybody needs occasionally to get away from people and things. They crowd in on you, so that you can't think things out, quietly and surely. Life gets all muddled up. You can't see where you are going. You don't know whether you are thinking your own thoughts or merely thinking the echoes of other people's.

I believe a place of escape keeps you from losing yourself, if you get away and find out whether the thing you are doing is what you really intended to do.—Glenn Hunter, in the American Magazine.

Ravages of Epidemics

Four and five centuries ago, the Black plague ravaged mankind with a severity and a ferocity unparalelled today. During one great epidemic one-fourth of the world's populace was depleted in the short space of two years.

Like a great festering, miasmatic wave, periodically the foul tentacles of plague have swept over the world. Centuries ago it was leprosy, then syphilis, then the Bubonic or Black plague, then smallpox and later the great respiratory plagues of influenza, pneumonia and sometimes infantile paralysis.

Medical Mistletoe

In the former days it was believed that the mistletoe had some mysterious medicinal virtues, but, it was thought, to become a really efficacious remedy all mistletoe used medicinally must be plucked from an oak tree upon which the parasite rarely grows. It was considered unlucky to cut this, or to sell it. In 1657 the only oak known to bear mistletoe grew in Norwood, England. Some persons cut this mistletoe and sold pieces to London apothecaries at 10 shillings each. Accordingly we read that of these "sacreligious wretches one fell lame, each of the others lost an eye, and the ringleader broke his leg."

Unshaved Saints

English artists in stained glass have been perturbed by the com-

plaint of the chancellor of the diocese of Chester that ecclesiastical windows do the saints sparse justice in presenting these holy men wearing beards. Artists in stained glass retort that they aspire to present their subjects with as much accuracy as possible, and that history shows most of the saints wore beards, especially as they labored in countries where conditions rendered shaving difficult and unusual. Thus, despite protests of the offended chancellor, stained glass windows in churches will in future, as in the past, present views of saints "bearded like the pard."

Something in the Line of Real Salesmanship

"Salesmanship is a great game, but you got to have the personality," said the man in the window-corner seat of the smoker. "I just sold \$125,000 worth of gravy ladies to an Omaha hotel company, and now I'm going to be made a vice president of our concern and get a nice fat bonus as well." "That's good," said his vis-a-vis. "I'm always glad to see a fellow doing well. I sold half a million dollars' worth in my line this trip. Now I'm going to retire and see the world. Guess I'll do Rome and Paris first." "Excuse me, gentles," apologized the passenger in the corner near the cuspidor. "I couldn't help overhearing your conversations, because when I hears salesmanships being talked on I got to listen, and I see as how you gentles is perfect salesmen in your own way. But I now tell you what is real honest-to-God salesmanship, like as what I got to know in my business; which I tell you now is just a small retail, good-as-new, misfit parlor, second-hand garments on Hester street; maybe you know the place, already, eh? Well, last week she came to me, Mrs. Ekelstein, what her husband died of being killed by an automobile, and she says she's a widow but that Ekelstein wasn't much good; but all the same, if she gets it cheap, she likes maybe to buy a new suit for to bury him in. Well, gentles, I tell you I sells her the extra pair of pants with that suit. Now, that's what I calls salesmanship."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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The following reductions have been made on Overland cars:

- Whippet Coach \$70.00
Whippet Coupe \$60.00

Take advantage of these reduction now.

Henry Motor Co. At Sunshine Service Station

WHAT PRICE BEAUTY?

"Won't you please tell me how some girls manage to keep their skins so lovely and soft, despite the ravishing Winter cold, snow and winds."—A Reader.

It's really very easy to keep the skin from becoming chapped and red, if one will use a little foresight.

The face and hands should never be washed in soap and water just before going out in the cold. Even though they are carefully dried afterwards, the washing eliminates, temporarily, the surface oils from the skin, thus leaving it dry and susceptible to chapping.

The skin should be washed thoroughly at night, with warm cloth. Be sure to rinse free from all soap. After drying, massage a soft cleansing cream into the skin, allowing it to remain on for a few minutes before it is wiped off. Follow this with several applications of hot towels and then close the pores with cold water or by massaging the skin with a piece of ice wrapped in a soft cloth.

Then before going out, a cleansing cream is used rather than soap and water. After the surplus cream has been removed use cold towels or ice until the skin tingles and glows—then dry it very carefully and thoroughly. If vanishing cream is used, apply it next. Your skin is then ready for the rouge and powder.

So much for the prevention of rough skin—now for its remedy. There are, of course, any num-

ber of remedies for chapped skin, but what helps one person will not always relieve another because of the wide variations in skins.

Glycerin and water is an old standby and most people find it very efficient. But if you've tried it and found it unsatisfactory you might experiment a little by using different proportions. Possibly a little more glycerin and less rose water, or visa versa will prove more effective. Almond creams are good and camphor ice massaged into the skin in the same manner one would use a cold cream is especially good.

All of these remedies should be applied after the skin has been thoroughly softened by washing so they can penetrate easily.

Chapped lips offer a real problem to some women and for them I know of no better remedy than to cultivate the regular use of the white pomade lipstick.

AFTON SCHOOL DOING SOME FINE WORK

The Afton Public Schools are having the best year of work in their history. Prof. Attaway, the Superintendent, is handling the management in a very congenial manner and the citizenship of the community are giving the schools their full support. The various teachers, three in number, in the grades are trained instructors and are inducing the student body to take much interest in their work. There seems to be no reasons for

rigid discipline as the pupils are systematic with their work and are mannerly in their general deportment.

The teachers and students have also worked up a great deal of school spirits in an athletic way. The basket ball teams have been meeting with good success. The boys team in a recent game defeated Prairie Chapel in a 22 to 20 contest. In another game they carried off the laurels from the McAdoo team 24 to 15. The girls had a game with the Prairie Chapel team which resulted in a tie, 10 and 10.

The people of Afton have reason to be proud of their schools. They are having a real school this year and the greater per cent of the success is the result of the entire community co-operating with the School Board and teachers. By this the pupils are securing their best results which is the aim of the school.

WHY RUFUS WUZ ALLUS LATE

"This is the fourth morning you've been late, Rufus," said the man to his negro chauffeur. "Yes, sah," replied Rufus. "I did oversleep myself, sah." "Where's that clock I gave you?" "In my room sah." "Don't you wind it up?" "Oh! yes, yes; I winds it up, sah." "And do you set the alarm?"

"Ev'ry night, sah, I set de alarm sah." "But don't you hear the alarm in the morning, Rufus?" "No sah, dere's the trouble, sah. Yer see, de thing goes off while I'm asleep, sah."

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

SPUR REBEKAH LODGE No. 178 Meets every Friday Night. Members be present; visitors welcome. Mrs. T. A. Rodgers, N. G. Ada Berry, Secty.

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

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

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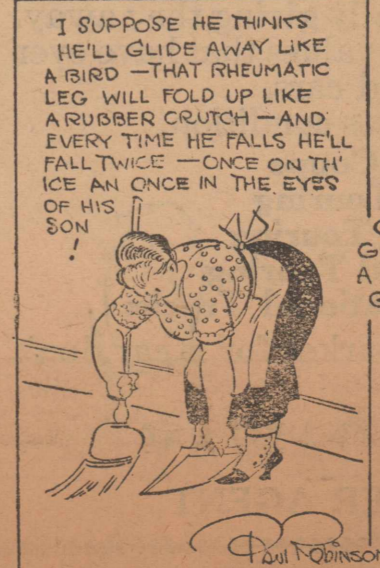
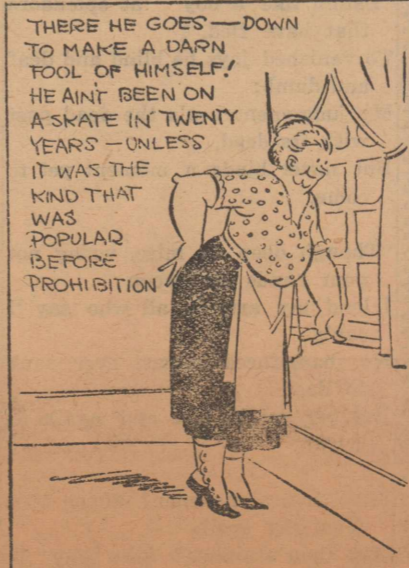
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SEARCH AND SEIZURE ARE HELD LAWFUL

Austin, Texas, Jan. 12.—The Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday held that a peace officer is authorized to stop and search an automobile for liquor without first obtaining a search warrant, providing the search is made on probable cause, "that is to say, upon a reasonable ground or suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong in themselves to warrant a cautious man in the belief that the person accused is guilty of the offense with which he is charged." It is the first time the court has passed on this issue.

Legality of Arrest Attacked

According to the record, 205 bottles of whiskey were found in Battle's automobile. He attacked the legality of the arrest, search and seizure on the ground that it was in violation of the Bill of Rights, forbidding unreasonable searches and seizure without probable cause supported by oath or affirmation, that is, without a search warrant.

The court held that Article 690, penal code of 1925, is, in its judgment, "sufficient to sanction the receipt in evidence of the testimony showing the result of the search in the present case, provided the search was made on probable cause."

The uniform rule controlling the State courts in holding the seizure legal, as well as those holding it illegal, is in consonance with the announcement in the case of Carroll vs. United States, supra, the opinion held, "that is to say, that the search of an automobile upon the public highway may be made without warrant where the seizing officer has knowledge or information of facts constituting 'probable cause' as above defined. The legality of the search is to be determined alone upon the existence of 'probable cause' before the search is made, and is not justified by knowledge ascertained through the search. The search can not be justified upon mere suspicion."

Rehearing Is Granted

In the case of R. Odenthal, from Cass County, convicted of violating the liquor law, the court granted Odenthal's motion for a rehearing and reversed and remanded the case, with Judge O. S. Latimore dissenting.

Odenthal contended that his automobile had been searched without a warrant and that his arrest was illegal under the search and seizure act. The majority opinion held that there was not evidence to show that the arresting officer had probable cause for making the search and seizure without a warrant, and for that reason a reversal of judgment was ordered.

DIVORCE—THE TWO EDGED SWORD

Dear Miss Flo:—

I am a girl twenty-four years old—and married to a very fine man. He is everything that one could ask of a husband, but I like to go to dances and theatres—and he is a stay-at-home. Recently I met a younger man who has told me he loves me—and wants me to get a divorce. I think I would be awfully happy with him but I hesitate to take the step. Please tell me what you would advise. M. C.

I should think you would hesitate and hesitate a long time before taking such a rash step. I would advise that you give the situation most careful consideration, and make sure you would not be giving up a fine, kind, generous husband for a dancing partner, likely to tire of you eventually. Of course it isn't easy for a girl who likes pleasure to be tied to a serious minded, un-

motional, stolid sort of a man whose idea of enjoyment is to get into slippers and sit by the fire with a paper and a pipe, especially when the girl is young.

A husband is inconsiderate and lacking in understanding when he does not take his wife's temperament into consideration and when he fails to realize that if he does not give her the pleasure she wants he will drive her to seek it elsewhere. It is when a man quits kissing his wife that some other man begins, and it is when he makes home dull and boring that a woman runs away from it.

But those are things that must be considered before marriage. The point I am trying to make is that no matter if your husband isn't all you would like him, if he is good, kind and generous, you are not justified in throwing up your job because he no longer entertains and amuses you. Then, too, perhaps, you love gay times more than you should.

Of course, if you find yourself in love with another man then divorce is the only solution. You cannot make your husband happy if you love somebody else. It happens often, however, that a woman thinks love for her husband is dead, when she is only fed up with too much of his society.

A short vacation, or a trial divorce, often results in both husband and wife discovering they prefer the old love to the new. Give a woman time to forget the mean things her husband said to her when she asked him to take her to a dance, and she will think a long time before she exchanges her good provider for a smooth love-maker. And give a man time to forget his wife's nagging, and his secretary will not look as good a risk after all, as his faithful wife.

For the lure of the other man, or the other woman is chiefly that they seem unattainable—a charm that will quickly vanish when divorce makes it possible and familiar.

PRIMARY HERE TO STAY

The great minds of Mr. Mellon and Mr. Vare, of Pennsylvania, and of Col. Smith, of Illinois, are likely to be strained somewhat in arriving at an answer asked by Senator Beveridge of Indiana.

Mr. Mellon, Mr. Vare and Col. Smith, it will be recalled, advance the piteous plea that corruption is inseparable from the primary system. Pity these poor politicians forced into buying seats in the Senate by our pernicious primary system. Why, as has been pointed out by one of these high financiers, contributing money to be used to buy seats in the Senate is "just like giving money to a church."

But the question Senator Beveridge would like to have answered is: "If the primary was the cause of flooding two states with millions, why did not the same cause produce the same effect in other states?"

Senator Beveridge will likely wait a long time for an answer. Mr. Mellon, Mr. Vare and Col. Smith favor the old convention system. Under it, politicians with plenty of money and no compunction about spending it, could plunk down their cash knowing the business transaction would remain effectually concealed.

The primary system has its faults, as has all the other works of human hands and minds but it can hardly be blamed for the high cost of Senate seats in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

Men with more money than morals are to blame for this.

Senator Beveridge's question will probably have far reaching results in Indiana. There the foes of

the primary are banding together to repeal the law. Senator Beveridge has thrown down the gauntlet to them, and has virtually announced that he will again champion the primary system and defeat their carefully concocted scheme, as he did once before.

A FIRESIDE CHAT

"Keep the feet warm, the head cool, and the bowels open." I was told by the old college professor, that strict obedience to this command would insure a healthy body at all times.

I can think of at least fifty serious disorders, including fatal disease of the kidneys, and dangerous liver disorders, that have their origin in constipation. From ordinary auto-intoxication we go from bad to worse; the kidneys break down in their futile attempts to carry away the body-poisons; the gall-bladder becomes infected; the stomach rebels; the blood becomes more vitiated; the heart finally weakens dangerously—and all because of neglected bowels. A stitch in time is worth nine applied too late.

The question of cold feet is increasingly evident in these winter days. The low-pattern shoe is the correct thing in fashion; but I am yet unconvinced that the low shoe is not a shortener of life, and I know it is a menace to health; especially for women. The silk stocking, the "goose pimples" beneath and the congested lung, make the thoughtful physician wonder if the added attractiveness is worth the price!

Light head dressing should be worn, summer or winter. Tight-fitting hats are conducive to bald heads, which are perhaps minor effects of head-wrapping; both scalp and face are freshened and invigorated by contact with winter air. The idea of enveloping the neck and head in fur and feathers, and the lower third of the person in thin silk, carries little appeal from the healthy race standpoint.

KEEPING FIT AND PERFECT

Flesh reduction is a never-ending source of interest and concern to the majority of women and girls, because despite the occasion-

al fashion notes sent out to the contrary, this is the day of the slender silhouette. The overweight, heavy-weight not only unshapely and unfashionable, but unhealthful as well. And so she sets about reducing.

But there is another note of warning—when reduction is carried too far it will lower the vitality and resistance. The fact of the matter is that while it is bad form to be too fat or too lean—beauty cannot be apart from health, and weight reduction below the normal level should be avoided.

Systematic daily exercise, begun gently and gradually increased as the system responds, and intelligent dieting, will not only take off weight, but will improve the health and posture as well.

Just as most persons eat too much, so they exercise too little. Regulation of the diet and exercise go hand in hand. Exercise will not bring about any radical change in weight if you partake of sweets and fat making foods, and certain rules must be rigidly enforced. For instance, never eat between meals, and never drink while eating. Opinions differ as to the number of meals to be taken daily, but those who have had the greatest amount of experience upon this matter commend three light meals a day, consisting chiefly of green vegetables, steamed fruits, dry toast or hard bread—and lean meat once a day or once a week.

Here is an exercise that has been recommended by a doctor of a well known insurance company who claims that women suffer many ills because of the way they let the abdominal muscles and those of the lower part of the body slump when they get past thirty.

GET 'EM HERE

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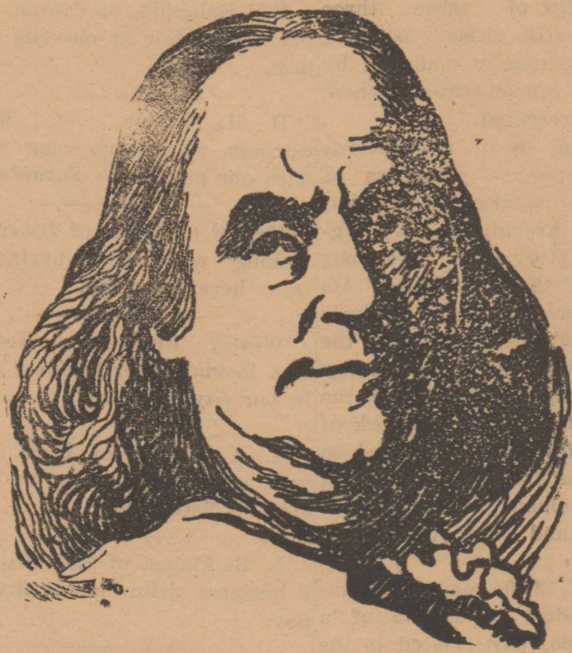
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DAD'S GREATEST JOB

I may never be as clever as my neighbor down the street; I may never be as wealthy as

some other men I meet; I may never have the glory that some other men have had; But I've got to be successful as a little fellow's Dad.

There are certain dreams I cherish that I'd like to see come true,

There are things I would accomplish ere my working time is through;

But the task my heart is set on is to guide a little lad, And to make myself successful as that little fellow's Dad.

It may never come to glory, I may never gather gold; Men may count me as a failure when my business life is told. But if he who follows after shall be manly, I'll be glad, For I'll know I've been successful as a little fellow's Dad.

It's the one job that I dream of; it's the task that I think of most;

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If I'd fail that growing youngster, I'd have nothing else to boast; For through wealth and fame I'd gather, all my future would be sad, If I failed to be successful as that little fellow's Dad.—Selected

IMPOSSIBLE TASK

The Boss—Robert, I hope you try to save half what you earn. Office Boy—I don't get that much sir.

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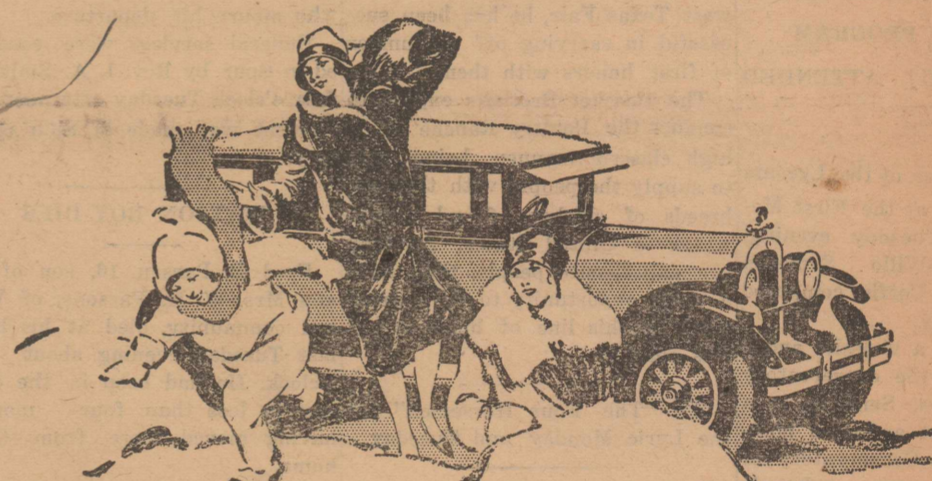
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### THIRD LYCEUM PROGRAM WELL ATTENDED

The third number of the Lyceum course was given at the First Methodist Church Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. DeWillo Semeran and Miss Ethel Coffin composed the concert party.

Miss Coffin is a violinist and a post graduate of the conservatory at Cincinnati. Mrs. Semeran is a soloist and pianist and is a post-graduate of the Conservatory of Chicago. Mr. Semeran who is manager of the company, stated he is a post-graduate of Dickens, Texas, and when people heard him make his various renditions on the concertina Grand all decided that any school should be glad to include him in their alumni.

The program was appreciated greatly. Every minute of the time and every number given was received by the audience in a great way. Those rendering the program are real artists who have specialized in their work, and those present did not have to be told of their ability.

The Concertina Grand was of great interest to the people. When folded up, it was not much larger than a traveling bag, yet it is said to have cost more than \$2,000. Mr. Semeran is the inventor of the instrument which is the fourteenth one he has made with added improvements, and there is not another instrument just like this one in all of America. He has this one patented and will not give consent for others to be made. He plays deep rich tones on it and can render any kind of heavy classical music as well as the modern music.

The Spur Lyceum course this year is a treat and people who are not seeing these programs are missing a great deal. There are two more numbers this year, and it is hoped that everybody will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing these excellent programs.

Mrs. T. A. Bingham came in from the Ranch Monday to look after some business affairs.

W. J. Smith, of Highway, was making some purchases in our city Saturday.

Lee Watson, of McAdoo, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs here Saturday.

"THE BAT"

### SPUR POULTRY RANCHE SELLS

F. B. Crockett and his brother bought the Spur Poultry Rancho this week and have taken charge of the business. Mr. Crockett, who is a barber, is considered one of the best poultry men in the State. He has had a very fine flock of chickens at his home in Spur ever since he has been here, and when he entered his birds at the Northwest Texas Fair, he has been successful in carrying off a number of first honors with them. The Crockett Brothers expect to conduct the Poultry Rancho in a high classed manner, being able to supply the people with the best breeds of chickens found anywhere in United States. As they are experienced people, they have a great opportunity to do a great work in this line of business in this country.

See "The Four Horsemen", at the Lyric Monday and Tuesday.

J. A. Brown, of Elton, was looking after business affairs in our city the last of the week. Also, he was selling some produce from his farm which enables him to pay part of his farm expense.

Fred C. Haile, of the Spur Mutual, was in Jayton last week where he delivered a 1,500 dollar check to Mrs. J. H. Mourland as payment of the death claim on the policy held by her husband.

WANTED—Each person bringing a live BAT to the Lyric Theatre will receive a free pass good for one admission, January 31st or February 1st.

Y. J. Zinn, of Watson, was a visitor in our city Saturday.

Jim Hahn, of Dry Lake, was among those on our streets Saturday.

Mrs. Parsons, in the West Pasture, is reported confined to her bed on account of pneumonia.

C. B. Bell, of Twin Wells community, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

A. M. Hoover, of Twin Wells, was looking after business affairs here Saturday.

Miss Ethel M. Brooks, of Clairemont, was doing some shopping in our city Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Pickens, of Highway, was doing some shopping with Spur merchants Saturday.

T. V. Shockley, of Soldier Mound, was in Saturday and stated that everything was looking good for another year.

### JAYTON MAN DIES WITH ONE HOUR ILLNESS

J. H. Mourland, 58, died at his home in Jayton very suddenly Tuesday of last week. He was in the field picking cotton when he was attacked with a severe case of acute indigestion. This was about eleven o'clock. He was conveyed to his residence and died about one o'clock.

Funeral services were held in Jayton Wednesday and interment was made in Jayton cemetery. Mr. Mourland was a man held in high esteem in his community. He was a good business man and provided well for his family. He had been a member of the Spur Mutual four years at the time of his death, holding a 1,500 dollar policy with the organization.

### A. C. EVANS PASSES AWAY

A. C. Evans, 42, died at his home on the J. W. Carlisle place six miles southeast of Spur, at seven o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Evans was afflicted with influenza in 1918 and never did regain his health. He gradually grew worse during the fall.

Mr. Evans had been picking cotton over in the Dumont country and had been with Mr. Carlisle only about ten days. He came from Oklahoma to this country. He leaves a wife and four children who mourn his departure.

Funeral services were conducted in Spur by Rev. I. A. Smith at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in Spur cemetery.

### WATSON BOY DIES

Fred D. Parson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parsons, of Watson community, died at his home last Tuesday evening about ten o'clock. He had been in the community less than four months, having moved there from Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held in Spur Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in Spur cemetery.

### WATSON ITEMS

There was a large crowd at the surprise party at John Howl's last Friday night but the surprise liked to have gone the opposite way.

Fred Parsons is in a serious condition, but the doctor thinks he will pull through alright. They have a trained nurse at present.

Last Thursday evening a horse fell on Arnold Loyd Cross smashing his foot pretty badly. He will not be able to walk for a few days.

W. F. Foreman, of Espuela, was doing some trading with Spur merchants Saturday.

R. L. Foster, of Red Mud community, was a business visitor in our city Saturday.

O. M. Smith, of Afton, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

E. J. Lassetter, of Espuela, was doing some trading with Spur merchants Saturday.

M. E. Tree, of Highway, was in the first of the week talking over business with other farmers.

J. C. Dopson, of Dry Lake, was among the visitors on our streets Saturday.

J. Vernon Powell, of Highway, was greeting the boys in our city the first of the week.

Woodrow Harris, north of town, was in making some purchases Saturday.

J. H. Daugherty, of McAdoo, was a business visitor in our city Saturday.

## Filming of "The Four Horsemen" A Gigantic Task

Twelve Thousand People in Cast Of Ingram's Greatest Film

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A Vividly True Picturization of One of the Most Popular Novels of All Times

To the vast multitude of theater-goers who are witnessing the picturization of the immortal story of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," a Rex Ingram production for Metro-Goldwyn with Rudolph Valentino and Alice Terry in the leading roles, its magnitude and costliness can be only partially appreciated. This triumphant return of this screen picture will be celebrated at the Lyric Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

In thus transferring this historical romance to the screen from the pages of the world-famous novel of Vicente Blasco Ibanez, whose 166 editions have thrilled more than 20,000,000 readers, Director Ingram undertook an artistic task whose gigantic nature was apparent even before the opening scene was "shot." In making this million dollar cinema premiere as adapted by June Mathis, practically every known record of the motion picture industry was broken.

New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles, three key cities, representative of the middle and coastal sections of the country, immediately acclaimed "The Four Horsemen" as the greatest of cinema productions rivaling in dramatic power and intensity the best offerings of the speaking stage. The popular verdict of these three widely separated cities is being just as emphatically endorsed by other great municipalities where it is being presented.

The setting up of new records for motion picture producers of the future to equal or surpass has come about through the very bigness of the story of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." Its character work out their destinies on two hemispheres. From the Argentine, with its far-flung ranges, to the capitals of Europe, the characters in this master work of fiction are faithfully portrayed on the screen as the story works out its tense human drama against the background of a world in arms.

A total of 12,500 men and women or the adult population of a city of 60,000, participated in the filming of the picture, either before the camera or as workers on the big sets. The cast interpreting the roles in the most widely read book of all time, excepting the Bible, contains two dozen principals, who in other productions would be rated as stars.

I. E. Abernathy, of Soldier Mound, was greeting friends on our streets Saturday.

J. T. Grizzle, of Red Top, was doing some trading with our merchants Saturday.

W. T. Harris, of Dry Lake, was looking after business affairs in our city Saturday.

Mrs. Bob Cross, of Lost Lake up community, was doing some shopping in our city Saturday.

Miss Anna Mae Lassetter, of Espuela, was doing some shopping here Saturday.

J. P. Sharp, of the county seat, was over looking after business interests Saturday.

A. J. Slaton, north of town, was in doing some trading Saturday in our city Wednesday.

### PANSY TEACHER BECOMES HOUSE KEEPER

E. R. P. Holcombe, former East Texas citizen, and Miss Dorene Hulsey, of Pansy community, were united in marriage at eight o'clock last Wednesday evening. Rev. W. B. Bennett, a former pastor of Pansy church, officiated.

Mr. Holcombe has been in the Plains section only a short time, but comes from East Texas with a good reputation. He will now be a citizen of West Texas, and will be engaged in the farming business in Pansy community.

The bride has been teaching in Pansy, having been principal of the school there for the past two years and was teaching her third term when she decided to change her name. However, she has kindly consented to continue with the Pansy school until the close of the present term. During her three years of teaching in the community she has won a great appreciation from all the people and especially has she been held in high esteem by the student body of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Holcombe will make their home in Pansy community where they were concerned with the work of their farm.

See "The Four Horsemen", at the Lyric Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Starcher is spending this week the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Z. Cagle, at Abilene. She will be home about Saturday.

T. J. Schoonover, of Dry Lake, was looking after business affairs here Saturday.

A. E. McClain, of Watson, was making some purchases in our city Saturday.

Edd Hemphill, of Croton, was a business visitor in our city Saturday.

D. M. Thomas, of Roaring Springs, was doing some trading with our merchants Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Cobb, of Dickens, was looking after some business affairs here Saturday.

Wesley Frazier, of Red Top, was looking after business affairs in our city Saturday.

T. A. Bailey, of Duck Creek, was greeting friends on our streets Saturday.

L. B. Fuqua, of Red Mud, was a business visitor in our city Tuesday.

Jeff Smith, of Dry Lake, was greeting friends in our city Saturday.

Bob Hahn, of Dry Lake, was doing some trading with our merchants Saturday.

A. W. Woods, of Twin Wells, was making some purchases in our city Saturday.

See "The Four Horsemen", at the Lyric Monday and Tuesday.

John K. Fullingame, good citizen of Crosbyton, was greeting old friends on our streets Monday.

T. P. Davenport, of Girard, was transacting business Saturday.

P. F. Pope, of Twin Wells, was doing some trading in our city Saturday.

Miss Juanita Newberry, of Afton, was doing some shopping in our city Saturday.

O. O. Love, Roaring Springs business man, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in our city Wednesday.

## SAFE Insure Now!

You are a firm believer in police—in safe de- everything that increases safety; yet your house, or your property, even your life may be entirely unprotected.

Tomorrow may be too late! Don't wait for the fire bell or the ambulance bell to ring!

## AUTOMOBILE, PROPERTY, LIFE, FIRE, DEATH, LIGHTNING, STORM CLEMMONS INSURANCE COMPANY

Miss Hazel Hinton, who has been with the Nichols Sanitarium for a number of years, left Wednesday for Breckenridge where she takes charge of the X-Ray work for the West Side Hospital. Miss Hinton has been doing the X-Ray work in the Nichols Sanitarium here, and will devote her entire time to the work at the hospital in Breckenridge.

H. C. Allen, of Dry Lake, was greeting friends and transacting business here Wednesday.

Leslie S. Cooper, manager of the City Drug Store, returned Saturday from Meridian where he and Mrs. Cooper had been visiting relatives. While away Mr. Cooper experienced a very serious accident just a few miles from Waco by driving his car over a very steep incline some fifty feet in length. The car turned over some three or four times and was completely wrecked, but Mr. Cooper escaped without any injuries. He had to buy a new car before he could return to Spur. He is now driving a new Pontiac—the car W. W. Flurnoy is selling here.

R. L. Westerman, of Crosscut, has purchased a section of land from H. O. Albin and is moving to Dickens County. We also understand that he has purchased the S. R. Bowman home in west Spur and will reside in town as soon as Mr. Bowman can arrange to build a new home. Mr. Westerman is one of those progressive farming type of men who believes in good horses and everything else on the farm to be the best.

J. I. Hayes, manager of Swift Gin, here stated that they ginned 53 bales of cotton Monday. This was a very damp day and cotton ginning a little tough, but the new gin machinery in this plant handles the cotton rapidly and in good manner.

J. F. Womack, Roaring Springs dry goods merchant, was transacting business in our city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gibbs, of Hanley, are moving to our city, arriving here Tuesday. Mr. Gibbs has a position with the Tri-County Lumber Company.

Historians say that 5,500 years ago there was rural mail delivery in Egypt and it likely won't be long now until some band of archaeologists will be digging up a Ford with the engine still running just as one of the Egyptian rural mail carriers left it.

P. A. Ramsey favored us this week by asking us to send the Times to his old friend, R. M. Hamby at Lubbock, but formerly of Dickens.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Jersey cow for sale. Mrs. C. Fite.

WANTED—Each person bringing a live BAT to the Lyric Theatre will receive a free pass good for one admission, January 31st or February 1st.

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Phone 27.

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

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. Smith.

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

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

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

FOR RENT—after January 15, a stucco house. It is beautiful, modern in every respect, clean, completely furnished, and very highly desirable. D. Y. Twaddell.

C. D. Copeland, east of town, was in looking after business interests Monday.

J. C. Strong, of Twin Wells, was greeting friends on our streets Saturday.

O. F. Scott, of Watson, was looking after business affairs here Saturday.

Mrs. E. C. Bailey, of Tap, was doing some shopping with Spur merchants Saturday.

Johnnie Jones, of Dickens, among those on our streets Saturday.

W. H. Chidron, northeast of town, is reported ill with symptoms indicating pneumonia.

Miss Maggie Mathews, one of efficient teachers, was doing some shopping in our city Saturday.

J. A. Havins, of Watson, was transacting business here Saturday.

"THE BAT"

# Eleven-Cent Cotton and Forty-Cent Meat

Mrs. S. C. Ford, Frisco, Texas

Eleven-cent cotton and 40c meat  
 How in the world can a poor man eat?  
 Flour up high, cotton down low,  
 How in the world can we raise the dough?  
 Our clothes worn out, shoes run down,  
 Old slouch hat with a hole in the crown.  
 Backs nearly broken, fingers all sore,  
 Cotton going down to rise no more.  
 Eleven-cent cotton and ten dollar pants!  
 Who in the world has got a chance?  
 We can't buy clothes, we can't buy meat,  
 Got too much cotton and nothing to eat.  
 We've got no homes, got no wealth,  
 Losing our credit and ruining our health.  
 Can't help each other. What shall we do?  
 I can't solve the problem—so it's up to you.  
 Eleven-cent cotton and a carload to tax,  
 We're a good set of farmers, we all know well.  
 But there's something wrong as sure as—well!  
 We all worked hard, we groaned and sweat—  
 Now we are running—we are a blowed-up set!  
 No use talking, any man's beat,  
 With eleven-cent cotton and forty-cent meat.

## The Problem Solved

W. E. Lewis, Celeste, Texas

When cotton's low and eats are high,  
 It appears to me to diversify  
 Would be a sane and easy way  
 To bring about a better day.  
 With butter at fifty cents a pound  
 And cream at forty the whole year around,  
 With turkeys high and going higher,  
 Is enough to kindle a great desire,  
 To raise more birds and a little less hell  
 In a land where opportunities dwell.  
 If we'd give more time to the dairy cow,  
 And better feed to the old brood sow,  
 We'd not worry about the price of meat—  
 For we'd have plenty ourselves to eat.  
 With fifty-cent eggs and a six-bit hen,  
 Why, oh why, will the children of men  
 Ruin their fingers and break their backs  
 Picking eleven-cent cotton and dragging a sack.  
 With corn in the crib and chickens in the yard,  
 With meat in the smoke-house and tubfuls of lard,  
 With cream in the pitcher and honey in the mug,  
 With butter on the table and lasses in the jug—  
 Things to you won't seem so high,  
 For you'll be selling—won't have to buy.  
 Now stop the grumbling for the fault is your own,  
 You expect to reap where you haven't sown;  
 If you stay at home and help your mate  
 Others, then, you won't berate  
 And you'd live in Paradise;  
 This to you is my advice.

### WHAT IS THE USE

There have been many people talking about hard times. Well, it is not making anybody a dime. Hence, let us all stop the hard times talk and put our energy into thinking of a plan out of our present situation. People who grumble about things never have visions of the future. It takes all their time and strength to think about the grumbling.

When people have tried out a plan and it has failed, then it is not a good idea to follow that plan any longer. We have raised too much cotton—all of us see it now—so let's begin to think about raising something else. Let's face the future with a confidence, and as old "mother earth" has always been faithful and Providence has generally smiled on this country, then we should go forward with a faith in the future.

We will get by all right—we may not get all we want, but probably we would not need it. The farmers will take more interest in raising a living—things to eat—on the farm, borrow less from the Banks, pay for what they buy when they buy it, raise some cotton and arrange to sell some eggs, poultry and cream. Hogs are scarce but they can be raised and soon a few hogs will go on the market each month.

With twenty or thirty acres of broom corn to each farm would give the farmers an opportunity to make \$400 or \$500 each this summer. It would be money to them about September 1st when they will need it greatly. Practically no expense until time to sell it. Let's try a little—substitute a little cotton acreage with broom corn.

Above all, let's not spend our time grumbling about conditions that have passed, but let's look forward with new plans to the future and try to profit by our past mistakes. It costs about the same to boost as it does to grumble and everybody admires a booster. It will mean more to our lives and to our country.

### WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS TODAY

Manager Homer D. Wade of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has gone to Austin to establish the legislative bureau of the regional organization there during the session of the Fortieth Legislature, and to watch legislation of general interest. Member towns of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce are free to call upon the bureau upon any matter which they consider of interest to West Texas.

Contract for 24,397 yards of pavement to be constructed on the principal streets of Spearman has been signed by the city. The contract calls for a pavement construction of 2 1-2 inches of Vitri-fied Brick on a four inch concrete base. The price agreed upon is \$3.47 per yard, the deal representing an expenditure of approximately \$104,000.

The home beef canning movement inaugurated by the County Home Demonstration Agent is showing increased interest on the part of farmers in Jack County communities. The Shannon Community came out 25 strong with halves of two beeves for a canning program. A number of rural citizens, in addition to those already served are planning to can beeves.

Construction work on "The Nimitz," Fredericksburg's new \$125,000 hotel is well underway. The structure is to have 50 guest rooms a 100 capacity dining room, a ball room that can be converted into a 350 capacity banquet hall, several sample rooms, and free.

A five mile extension is to be made by the West Texas Utilities Company to serve a number of farm houses southwest of Clyde garages for guests. All modern conveniences and equipment will be included in the building.

A. W. Woodruff, pecan expert, and E. E. Risen & Son, nurserymen, of San Saba have contributed six fine pecan trees to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for planting in front of the new headquarters building. The trees, scientifically grown by Risen, are world's only pecan breeder,

the "highest of highbrow" pecans, according to Woodruff. They will be set in front of the regional chamber's new building with fitting ceremony at an early date.

Representatives from more than twenty-five Texas towns are expected to attend the first West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention of 1927 to be held at Stanton January 25. Delegates will be members from the Central West Texas District, large delegations coming from Big Spring, Midland, Colorado, Snyder, and Post. B. Reagan of Big Spring will be master of ceremonies. A number of prominent speakers have been secured for the convention, with the general trend of the program along agricultural lines.

W. B. Hamilton, well known oil man and city builder of Wichita Falls, has been appointed general chairman for the annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be held at Wichita Falls May 16 and 17. Hubert Harrison, secretary of the Wichita Chamber, is now enroute for New York and Washington to do work in the interest of the convention. He will try to interest the National Geographic Magazine to devote an issue to the convention, and will undertake to secure a staff representative of the National Geographic Society to attend the big pageant, "The Congress of Nations."

### "THE BAT"

M. V. Smith, of Dry Lake, was selling some of the fleecy staple on Spur markets Saturday.

### PLL SAY SO!

Grandmother: I suppose you have to stay up very late at college.

Grandson: Yes, but really Grandmother, it's worth it.

### SECRETS OF THE OFFICE-BOY TRADE

Brown—How's your new office boy getting along?

Grey—Fine! He's got things so mixed up that I couldn't get along without him.

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO MAKE BIG EXTENSIONS**

Approximately \$12,500,000 will be spent by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Texas during 1927 in extensions and expansion of service, according to announcement of J. C. Pinson, district manager of the Southwestern Bell Company here today. This expenditure will provide facilities to take care of the expected growth in telephone business during the year.

This enormous sum will be expended throughout every Bell company in the State. In some sections new central office buildings will be erected and new and improved central office equipment installed. In others the present central office equipment will be enlarged and expanded to care for service needs.

Other exchanges, where new buildings and central office equipment are not needed, will benefit by outside plant extensions including new local and long distance cable facilities and other improvements. In these ways every office of the company in the State will benefit from the extensions planned.

According to plans of the company \$3,710,000 will be spent for additions to the aerial circuits throughout the State, including both local and long distance lines. This expenditure includes the cost of poles, wire and lead cables. In addition to this amount \$1,049,000 will be spent in placing overhead wires underground.

To care for the increasing long distance business over the State, the company will construct approximately 7,092 miles of additional long distance lines. With these new lines the long distance service throughout the entire State will be vastly improved. In addition to this improvement in long distance facilities 174,738 miles of wire, enough to reach around the world seven times, will be placed in overhead and underground cables in the local central office areas.

"This extensive expansion program on the part of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Texas for this year is necessary to take care of the increasing demands for telephone service, both local and long distance, and to adequately provide for near future service demands," Mr. Pinson said. "Unlike a great many organizations, the Telephone Company must determine where service will be needed in advance of the actual need and provide equipment to give the service before the need exists. In expending this large sum in the State during 1927 we are endeavoring to keep a step ahead of the demands for telephone service."

"According to present estimates of telephone engineers, about 24,000 telephones will be added to the Bell System in Texas during 1927," Mr. Pinson stated.

**THE HIGHWAY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB**

The Highway Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. J. Vernan Powell Jan. 12. The club had a lesson on Kitchen Improvement. There were three new members added to our club and two visitors. All had a good time eating popcorn and playing the piano. The club will meet with Mrs. M. E. Tree Jan. 26.

**JUST CURIOUS**

Willie: "What is a 'rank'?"  
Teacher: "Why do you ask?"  
Willie: "Well my book says Mr. Edison was an inventor of the first rank."

**HOME DEMONSTRATION**

**Club Meetings**

The Dickens girls met Monday morning with nineteen present. Demonstration on the finishing of furniture was given. The girls are planning to fix over their bedroom for a home improvement problem. Several rooms have been scored.

The women met with Mrs. Crengle having a demonstration on kitchen improvement. All the women are planning to make all improvement in their kitchen.

**Tuesday**

Mrs. Perrin at Wichita had her kitchen scored for the kitchen contest.

Red Hill, Wilson Draw and Duck Creek were met with to reorganize clubs.

**Wednesday 12th**

The Highway girls were reorganized and plans of work were given them. The girls were given certificates for completion of a year's work. The women met with Mrs. Powell, demonstration given on kitchen improvement.

**Thursday**

The Dry Lake girls were met with to re-organize for a new year of work.

**Friday**

The Croatan girls met at the school, having sixteen present. A demonstration was given on bed room improvement. Several rooms are ready to be scored.

**Sausage**

Pork sausage should be made only from clean, fresh pork. The shoulders, neck and lean trimmings are usually used for sausage. Unless part of the fat is removed and used for lard the sausage is likely to be too fat. To each eighteen pounds of lean meat allow six pounds of fat. Mix the lean meat and fat together in choppings. After it is cut the first time, spread it out thinly and season. Eight ounces of pure, fine salt, four ounces of ground black pepper, four ounces of pure leaf sage, rubbed fine, and one teaspoonful of red pepper to each twenty-four pounds of meat will suit the taste of most persons. The meat should be run through the cutter again to mix the seasoning thoroughly. For immediate use the sausage may be packed away in stone jars or crocks, to be sliced for frying. Many people stuff it into casings made from the small intestines of the hog. When this is done the intestines must be turned inside out and carefully cleaned.

A good substitute for casings may be had in narrow muslin bags. These when filled, should be two and one-half or three inches in diameter and eighteen to twenty-four inches long. If the sausage is to be kept for some time, melted lard should be rubbed over the outside of the bag. This excludes the air. Sausage may be kept for some time in a large jar if a thin coat of hot lard is poured

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**Mixed Sausage**  
This may be made from a mixture of pork and beef in almost any proportion. A good proportion is two pounds of lean pork, one pound of fat pork, and one pound of lean beef, chop together fine and season the same as for pork sausage. Pack in jars, muslin bags or casings.

**Bologna Sausage**  
To each ten pounds of lean beef use one pound of fat pork, or bacon if preferred. Chop finely and season with one ounce of salt to each four pounds of meat, one ounce of the best black pepper (ground, pure) to each six pounds of meat, and a little ground coriander. Stuff into casings called "middles" or beef "rounds". If stuffed into middles, make the sausage ten or twelve inches long and allow them to hang straight. If stuffed into rounds, make them twelve to fifteen inches long, and tie the ends together so as to form rings. Smoke for ten or twelve hours. Cook in boiling water until the sausages float. Dry on clean hay or straw in the sun, and hang away in a cool place until wanted.

**Liner Sausage**  
(Beef, veal or hog liver)  
Remove the membrane and cut away the large blood-vessels. Soak in water 1 to 2 hours to draw out blood. Boil in fresh water until done. When cooled put through a food chopper. Take as much boiled fat pork as liver. Divide this fat into two portions, chop one portion into one-quarter-inch cubes, pass the other portion through the food chopper, mix all together thoroughly, add salt, ground cloves, pepper, and a little grated onion to taste. (For a liver weighing 1 1-2 pounds add 3-4 pound fat pork, 3 to 4 teaspoons salt, 1-2 teaspoon cloves, 1-2 teaspoon pepper, 1 small onion, 1-4 teaspoon thyme, and a pinch of marjoram. This mixture is stuffed in large casings. Cover with boiling water, bring to a boil and boil for ten minutes. Pack in cans, fill in with water in which the sausage were boiled. Cap, exhaust 5 minutes if cooled (if packed hot, exhausting is not necessary), tip and process.

**Pork Sausage Cakes**  
4 pounds lean pork, 2 pounds fat pork, 2 or 3 tablespoons salt or salt to taste, 1 teaspoon black pepper, 1 teaspoon red pepper, 1 teaspoon chili pepper, 1 teaspoon allspice, 2 or 3 teaspoons thyme, 2 large onions, 1 clove garlic, 2 bay leaves, 1 teaspoon celery seed, crushed, 6 to 12 tablespoons dry, finely crumbed bread or cracker crumbs, 2 eggs beaten together. 1-2 to 1 cup of sweet milk. Knead well, form in cakes, fry in deep fat until nicely browned, pour off excess of grease, add water and make gravy. Two or three cooking. May be made in one lot grease. Pack the browned sausage cakes in cans, fill in with hot gravy to within one half inch of top of can. Cap exhaust 5 minutes.

**DRIED FRUITS**  
Winter now being on, the human family may well consider the item of the best obtainable fruits for the dietary. Fresh, native fruits are difficult to obtain at this season.

Fortunately, we do not need to accept inferior substitutes; we have in dried apples and peaches, as well as prunes and apricots, not only the equal, but actually the superior of most of the fresh fruits that come to our tables. As an article of fruit diet, there is nothing finer than the old-fashioned, home-dried apple, which may be stewed, and partaken of three times a day, with the utmost benefit to the system. Preserved fruits, which are necessarily sugared, are more difficult of digestion. The "dried-apple pie" is safer to indulge in than many of the factory-made chemicals which are incorporated into too many of the fashionable pies of today.

Drying fruits, especially in the sun, does not remove anything of value from them. The watery content of the apple is taken away by evaporation in drying; the vitamins are left, along with the acids and bases peculiar to the variety of fruit dried. People who eat dried fruits in abundance are seldom afflicted with constipation, indigestion, ulcer of the stomach, and many nervous disorders—a statement which does not hold good when excesses of fresh fruit are taken.

Dried fruits are in no way experimental; they are a time-tried, proven, preventive of disease. I have never been called to treat a patient suffering from an overdose of stewed, dried fruits.

**WHAT ABOUT YOUR KITCHEN ARRANGEMENT?**  
Is your kitchen equipment arranged so that:

1. In preparing food you go in the most direct route and shortest distance possible, from the:
  - (a) Storage center—pantry, refrigerator, ice box, etc. to the—
  - (b) Preparation center—table or kitchen cabinet to the—
  - (c) Cooking center—stove or fireless cooker to the—
  - (d) Service center—tray on wheels or dining table?
2. In clearing away food:
  - (a) The dining room is close to the stacking center at the right of the
  - (b) Sink, and this is close to the
  - (c) Drain board to its left, and the drain board is as close as possible to the—
  - (d) China closets or shelves to the left of it.

If not, you are cross tracking yourself, taking useless steps, and wasting energy in your kitchen. Storage, table, stove, water, should be in a six foot radius of each other. No two pieces should be more than twelve feet from each other.

**TIMELY TRICHINOSIS WARNING**  
"Cook pork well" is the seasonal warning of the United States Department of Agriculture. Uncooked or poorly cooked pork may result in the serious illness known as trichinosis. This disease, which is painful and frequently fatal, is caused by a small parasite that sometimes occurs in pork.


Hogs that harbor the parasites of trichinosis show no symptoms, and pork containing the parasites looks exactly the same as other pork. The most practical means of preventing the disease is thorough

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World Slow to Hail Genius of Hawthorne

Some of us know that great as Nathaniel Hawthorne was, it was not until 1837 that through the persuasion of his friends he allowed himself to publish some of his stories in book form under the title "Twice Told Tales," says Dr. Frank H. Vizetelly. The tales were received coldly and proved that their author could not live upon his literary earnings. At Bowdoin he wrote "Seven Tales of My Native Land," a manuscript which, after many journeys to publishers, was sent to the flames. After that he wrote his first novel, "Fanshawe," published in 1828, but it received chilly reception. In 1825 he joined his mother and sister at Salem, where the ladies lived in seclusion.

Here Hawthorne led the life of a recluse, seeing little of the members of his family, having most of his meals served alone and rarely taking exercise save after dark. He wrote once to a friend: "We do not live at our house," then announced his intention of taking up literature as a profession. A second series of "Twice Told Tales" and "Mosses From an Old Manse" obtained small profit for their author, who in 1851 complained that for many years he was "the obscurest man of letters in America."

This was the author of that immortal work, "The Scarlet Letter," which he published in 1850, and followed with "The House of the Seven Gables," and "The Blithedale Romance," three books that are universally acknowledged ranking among the literary masterpieces of the world.

Popular Johnny Cake Traced to Shawnees

It has been generally claimed by students of words that "Johnny cake" is a corruption of "Journey cake." Apparently there is no evidence to support the theory. Will H. Lowdermilk, in his History of Cumberland, has advanced a theory which seems to be more plausible. A favorite article of diet among the Shawnee Indians who lived in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio was a cake made of corn beaten as fine as the means at command would permit. This was mixed with water and baked on a flat stone which had been previously heated in the fire. The early hunters and trappers in this region followed the example of the Indians in making these cakes, which they called "Shawnee cakes" after the tribe. After the lapse of a few years "Shawnee cake" was corrupted by those who did not know its origin into "Johnny cake."

Noiseless Auction

A noiseless auction is the latest boon to mankind that has come out of Holland. It sounds impossible, but the scheme is simple. Everybody who attends the auction and wants to bid is provided with a seat. Each chair is numbered, and connected with wires to a big dial on the auctioneer's platform. On the dial are numbers representing prices from the lowest to the highest amounts.

When the sale begins, the auctioneer describes his wares, and then calls for bids. The hand on the dial on the platform starts to move up the range of prices, and whenever any bidder wants to drop out, he signals such by pressing the button on his chair. When all have dropped out but one, a bell rings and a light flashes on the dial board, and the highest bid is thus ascertained without any noise or confusion.

Tibetan Customs

In Tibet it is the custom of the natives when meeting friends to stick out their tongues as a mark of respect. A peasant who would accost a person of higher caste without doing this would be regarded as grossly discourteous.

Another custom is the "scarf of welcome." When calling upon a Tibetan gentleman it is necessary to send a servant in advance with a white scarf which is presented to the host, and he then presents a similar one to the guest. The scarf the visitor takes away he presents to another official on his next visit.

Such social visits always entail tea drinking as well, no matter what time of day it is. Tea in Tibet is emulsified with butter flavored with soda, so that it is really more like soup than tea.—F. K. Ward, in the Wide World.

Oh, Because

"A little boy, seeing a glass eye in a shop window, asked what it was, and, being told, inquired if people could see with false eyes. He was told that they couldn't.

"A day or two later he wished to know whether people could eat with false teeth, and was told that they could.

"Then, if people can eat with false teeth," he said, "why can't they see with false eyes?"—London Tit-Bits.

Commune With Nature

In those vernal seasons of the year, when the air is calm and pleasant, it were an injury and silliness against nature not to go out and see her riches, and partake in her rejoicing with heaven and earth.—John Milton.

Heaviest Known Substance

The heaviest substance known is the metal osmium. It weighs 22 1/2 times as much as an equal volume of water. Osmium is very rare and is of the same metal group as platinum.

Condemned Son to Death

The Roman Emperor Constantine the Great in 324 put his eldest son, Crispus, to death for high treason. Crispus is said to have been the victim of an intrigue on the part of his stepmother, Fausta.

Absence of Standard Recalled Heroic Deed

Although one of the officers of the corps of gentlemen-at-arms, the principal bodyguard of King George of England, always has borne the title of standard bearer, the corps was without a standard for centuries. Its colors were lost at the battle of Naseby, when the bodyguard of gentlemen-at-arms was destroyed. King Charles I while defending King Charles I from the Roundheads, holding the latter in check so as to permit the monarch and his son, afterward Charles II, to escape, recalls a writer in the New York Sun.

The standard vanished on that occasion and presumably has been destroyed, for it never has been seen since. Neither Charles II nor his successors saw fit to present new colors to the corps and the very absence of the standard served to recall the heroism of the gentlemen-at-arms at Naseby until the four hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the corps in 1909, when King Edward presented his bodyguard with a new standard, a beautiful affair, embroidered by the wives and widows of former captains of the corps, all peeresses of the realm.

Monks' Orange Trees Began Big Industry

A few orange trees brought from Spain by Franciscan monks in 1739 and planted in mission grounds marked the beginning of a citrus industry in California which approaches a yearly turnover of \$100,000,000.

The first orchard of any size was planted in 1804 or 1805 near the San Gabriel mission, ten miles from where Los Angeles now is. Four hundred seedlings covered six acres.

Early records say extensive orchards were developed and were exceedingly prolific, although John C. Fremont, who visited the Franciscan establishments after their secularization in 1834, said little remained of the orchards then. The navel, California's winter orange, was planted extensively in the '70s on desert land which had been considered worthless. The navel orange of today is one of the big four of citrus fruits.

The Valencia orange was brought from the Azores islands in 1805. Lemons were imported from Australia and Sicily.

Last of Aztec Rulers

Montezuma was the last ruler of the Aztecs of Mexico, whose fame is due chiefly to his conflict with the Spanish conqueror, Hernando Cortez. Montezuma had been ruling 17 years in Mexico when the Spaniards arrived. His rule was so weak, however, that the invaders, a mere handful in numbers compared to the native population, soon established themselves securely. Montezuma was taken prisoner, and when the Aztecs could no longer tolerate the overbearing conduct of the Spanish they called on Montezuma's brother to lead a revolt. While this rebellion was in progress Montezuma died. Some say he was killed by the Spaniards, and the invaders themselves gave out the story that he was killed by a stone hurled by one of the revolted, while he was attempting to quiet them from the room of the palace.

Orchids With Your Bread

The mold you see on unwhipped cheese and deferred bread—did you know it was a flower you look at? We scarcely can notice the mold plant until it blossoms. Under the microscope we then see as rich a display as a bouquet of orchids might furnish if they were done in black and white instead of color. The plant proper takes root and spreads a mass of fine filaments deep into its soil before it is ready to send flowering stalks toward the night and air. The seeds, invisible pollen, are shed dustlike into the atmosphere, so numberless that you cannot expose a disk of warm gelatin anywhere for one minute without a dozen spores taking root and sprouting on this superlilliputian garden plot.—Mentor.

The Explanation

"My dear," said Mr. Hemmardhaw, "I hope you are not planning to buy a lot of new furniture."

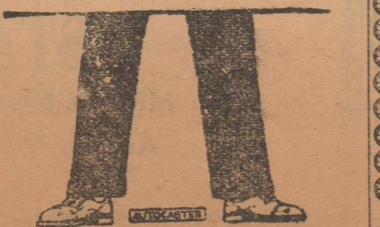


IF

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

Dickens County Times

"A West Texas Paper for West Texas People"



"I am not," replied Mrs. Hemmardhaw, "and I don't know what gives you the idea."

"This shopping list gives me the idea."

"What shopping list?"

"On this paper which I just picked up off the floor is written, 'wash stand, parlor chairs, dining room table, writing desk, refrigerator, tabouret, piano stool, pedestal, stepladder, cedar chest, music cabinet and garbage can.'"

"Oh, that is just a record I was keeping of the things the baby has fallen from this week."

Old Idea Overruled

The old maxim that "silence gives consent" is not accepted by English law, under a recent ruling of the court of criminal appeals in England. A prisoner, accused of receiving stolen goods, had remained silent when asked whether guilty or not guilty, and his silence was taken as a plea of guilty. He was sentenced by the lower courts to five years of penal servitude. But the court of appeals ruled that his silence was not adequate evidence of a plea of guilty by the prisoner, and discharged the convicted man.

Mended "Busted Eggs"

What the old story-book legend declares "all the king's horses and all the king's men" could not do by way of repairing "Humpty Dumpty," has been accomplished by an expert of the Field Museum of Natural History in assembling the fragments of an ostrich egg believed to be some 6,000 years old. It was found in the ancient ruins of Kish. —Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Remarkable Resemblance

Feature for feature, inch for inch and ounce for ounce, Kazuo Kaneko and Tsuguo Kaneko, twins, in Tokyo, are so much alike that even their parents were unable to distinguish between them. In voice, manner, likes and dislikes they are duplicates. Called to the colors recently, the examining officers could find no identifying marks so were forced to affix marks to their earlobes so that commanding officers might know to which one they were giving orders.

So to Speak

Talkative Visitor (trying to cheer up convalescent)—Well, my dear, you've had your ups and downs, and now I'm sure it will soon be all up with you!

THIS WEEK

By Arthur Brisbane  
Dr. Work, Secretary of the Interior, says of the 1927 outlook: "There is not a single distress

sign on the whole economic horizon."

Secretary Work doesn't sit at his desk, guessing. He travels over the country constantly, studying opportunities for national improvement. He knows conditions, and his opinion is important and encouraging.

"Should millions of women read of the death of Sir Oliver Lodge, Marconi, Millikin and a dozen other great scientists the majority would say, 'That's too bad,' and be not much interested.

Every one of millions will be interested to hear that Jean Phillippe Worth, the famous dressmaker, has gone to land where there is no sewing.

His house dressed queens and empresses of state and finance, also young ladies with whom their sons ran around in Paris. His word meant more in real authority to the world's women than all the decisions of a thousand high judges.

Be patient with static, when it interferes with jazz music or prize fight news coming sweetly over your radio. Professor Pupin, of Columbia College, says static and "fading," enemies of radio enthusiasts, really indicate that other planets are trying to talk to us. They send powerful messages that interfere with our feeble radio, and Pupin thinks we shall understand those messages within twenty-five years.

If planets millions of years older than our earth could tell us what they know, our science might jump ahead as rapidly as a child advances in knowledge after it has learned to talk and read.

We light little bonfires, heat steam, and thus obtain power. Mars might teach us to harness the power of the sun, and transmit energy without wires, which would do away with engines or fuel on flying machines, and give us unlimited power.

It is said that in this country there is more commercial "flying mileage" than in any other.

For that thanks are due to President Coolidge and Postmaster General News, who have encouraged air mail routes. But flying back and forth by mail carriers, most desirable, does not mean building

up national aerial defense.

Our age listens indifferently to that news, but no man can exaggerate its importance.

And for our commercial flying we depend on private initiative, citizens building planes that will "get by" and enable them to make money carrying mail. That isn't a Government programme for promoting aviation.

Clergymen are protesting against the abbreviated "Xmas," which reduce the name of Christ to "X."

The abbreviation is disrespectful to the most beautiful word in history, and it is disrespectful to the English language. Anybody who was in too much of a hurry to write out "Christmas" should not use the word.

Wise men in Milwaukee will devote three days to discussing high question, including this, "Can Christianity be of any practical use in changing existing conditions?"

Christianity has been changing existing conditions for about nineteen hundred years, there is no reason why it should break down now. To "love thy neighbor as thyself," trying to help him, instead of trying to rob him, will always improve conditions, if men mean it.

Another suggestion before Congress is to forbid experiment with a scientific study of poison gas. The peak of absurdity is to suggest that we must not KNOW about poison gases. Can we not trust ourselves.

N. E. A. MEETS IN DALLAS IN FEBRUARY

The National Educational Association will hold its annual convention in Dallas from February 27 to March 3. This is the first time in history that this organization has held its meetings that far southwest. Dr. Randall J. Condon, Superintendent of Schools for Cincinnati is president of the Association and will preside at this meeting.

The various chairmen of the Dallas committees are: L. V. Stockard, Publicity and Hospital; J. T. Dorsey, Information; J. O. Mahoney, Meeting Places; and Miss Etta Harlan, Exhibits.

It is estimated that there will be a large attendance at this convention as many teachers will avail themselves of this opportunity to see the great Southwest.

BUYS HOME EVEN IF COTTON IS LOW

J. D. Huffman, who has been farming a few miles east of Spur, has decided to be a renter no longer. He purchased 160 acres in the West Pasture just over in Garza County and is making preparations to move onto it soon. Purchase was made from S. M. Swenson & Son.

Mr. Huffman was one of the cattle men who sustained severe losses during the years of 1917-18 on account of the extreme droughts. However, he saw what was coming and sold what he had and was able to satisfy his creditors, and did so even at the sacrifice of a home. He says he is anxious to get back on his own farm and start life over.

W. T. Lovell, of Wichita community, was in town the last of the week looking after business affairs. He said he was still managing for him to still have three meals per day and did not know just how long it would last. However, he was feeling hopeful Mrs. Lovell is preparing to go into the turkey business this year. He stated she had about ten nice turkey hens and was preparing to raise all the turkeys possible for the market.

John Parker, of Pansy community, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs here the last of the week. He stated that everything on the plains was looking encouraging for another

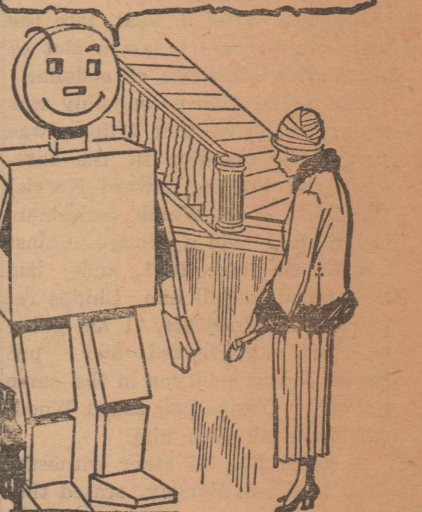
RHEUMATISM

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.

year, and that people were expecting to go right on just as if they had raised 20-cent cotton this year.

Read the Dickens County Times!

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TRIAL OF DR. NORRIS

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Answer—Yes. Q—Any knives, pistols or knuckles?

Found No Weapons A—I saw none. I made a purposeful plan to look for arms, I went all through his pockets and felt around. I found no kind of weapon. Searched him thoroughly.

Q. Could you tell if he was breathing when you got in? A. I thought he was. I couldn't exactly tell. But I thought he was.

Q—Did you notice yourself any other blood than that which you have described? A.—Yes. After I went into the little ante-room, I saw a clot of blood about the size of a dollar.

The prosecution presumably was trying to prove that Chipps was shot while standing in the ante-room and lunging toward Norris; Woodruff, Fort Worth policeman, Chipps had held a grudge against Dr. Norris since 1921, and had threatened to kill him. Chipps remarked to Woodruff, "I am going to start a graveyard, and put Frank Norris and you in the same grave." Chipps had asked Woodruff to drink with him.

A great line of other witnesses that testified Monday, stated that Chipps was a very bad man when intoxicated. They also stated that he had threatened the life of Dr. Norris on numerous occasions. Many club members stated that Chipps was kind and congenial when sober, but was just the opposite when drunk.

W. P. McLean, special prosecutor, and Marvin Simpson, defense counsel, clashed during the testimony.

Woodruff testified Chipps was intoxicated when he made the threat. Chips, the witness testified, said:

"I'm going to start me a graveyard and put you and Frank Norris in the same grave."

This mortuary plan did not suit Woodruff, who told Chipps:

"I don't think I'll go into a grave with Norris. Who is he?" To this, Chipps is said to have replied:

"A blankety-blank preacher."

Woodruff's testimony, in itself merely a small part of today's overwhelming trend along the same line by many witnesses "that Chipps was an habitual drinker and a bad one when under the influence of liquor," provoked a hot interchanged between defense and prosecution.

Simpson objected to McLean referring to Norris as "the prisoner at the bar." He added that Norris was at liberty on bond signed by some of the most worthy citizens of Fort Worth. McLean retorted: "That's the correct name to call a man being tried on a murder charge. Just read your law book."

McLean dwelt on Woodruff's testimony at length, asking the witness:

"That was 4 1-2 or 5 years ago. Yet you didn't tell Norris—he didn't kill Norris, did he?"

Q—In 1922, Meacham (mayor of Fort Worth), and other men now called the city fathers, had not been talked of by Norris—they didn't even have the commission form of government than did they?

Accused Before Attacks The witness replied no and McLean succeeded in bringing out testimony that the supposed threat occurred before Norris' attacks on Meacham and others in his church magazine, "The Searchlight."

Attorney Simpson said such attacks had been made in 1922 when Meacham was foreman of the grand jury.

McLean said: "If you can show me any testimony to this effect, I'll show you it's a bald-faced perjury." Simpson said to McLean: "Will you let me alone for a minute?" "Yes," answered McLean "for a year."

McLean, seeking to show that Chipps never made a physical attack or carried weapons, asked Woodruff:

"With all those supposed drunken actions of Chipps and his various threats, you never heard of him even slapping anyone, did you?"

"I saw him do it," was Woodruff's reply. He then recounted four fights he had had with Chipps. During one of them he started to tell how he had found an open knife under Chipps after a fight, but the evidence was excluded on the ground the weapon was not on Chipps' person. Chipps once threatened to cut Woodruff's throat the later testified.

The stories of Chipp's drunken misbehavior varied but little.

Wanter to Work Beat

Trying to slug policemen—one time the officer testified, when he would not let Chipps work his beat for him—voicing threats, continued imbibing—all the witnesses piled up a mountain of bad character testimony over the grave of Chipps. Wayne Wheeler must have regarded Chipps as America's leading consumer of spirituous beverages.

One witness, Williams, heard of threats against Norris, uttered by Chipps. A few others had known of cases when Chipps was armed, but he never did any actual damage with his borrowed guns.

Altogether, it was not a day calculated to cheer the prosecution. It was hinted that Mrs. Chipps, the widow who divorced Chipps, a year or so before the tragedy, may be called to the stand in rebuttal. However, certain well informed persons scouted this move, inasmuch as Mrs. Chipps, in her divorce action, is said to have charged drunkenness and cruelty.

J. O. Pemberton, retired banker, and once a deacon in Norris' church, supplied a whole chapter to Chipps' "career of riot and rum." Special Prosecutor McLean shouted at the elderly Pemberton in cross examination:

"He was quarrelsome, you say, when you were playing cards and drinking with him?"

The former deacon replied: "I don't think I ever took a drink with him. I may have played pitch with him."

Dr. Norris Ill Tuesday Trial of Dr. J. Frank Norris will be resumed in district court Wednesday, following a day of recess because of the defendant's illness.

Dayton Moses, Norris' attorney, stated positively late today that the defense would be ready to continue when court reconvenes at 9 a. m., Wednesday.

Dr. Norris remained in bed at his hotel suffering with inflammation of the throat and a severe cold.

The jury was not told why the trial was delayed. The 12 men were cooped up in the jury room throughout the day, coming out only for meals and a brief walk. They viewed the inauguration of Governor Dan Moody from the courthouse windows facing the Capitol steps where the inauguration was held.

Jury Not Told The state objected to the jury being told of Norris' illness.

Telephone conversation will play a part in the testimony tomorrow, it was revealed today. A hotel telephone switchboard operator, who made the connection when Chipps is alleged to have telephoned Dr. Norris just before he visited the pastor's office, is to be called, Mr. Moses said.

There is another telephone conversation which has remained somewhat of a mystery. This is said to have been between two principals in the case, but attorneys did not reveal what it was.

May Not Call Meacham It is now probable that Mayor H. C. Meacham will not be called by the defense.

While the defendant rested, his attorneys were busy re-arranging their list of witnesses. They said they had only a few more witnesses on details connected with the killing and that most of the remaining testimony would be character evidence.

IN MEMORY OF MOTHER

On January 12th the death angel visited our home and took from us our dearest earthly friend, Mother. Though our hearts are crushed with grief, we sorrow not as those who have no hope. For a more devoted Christian never lived than that sweet Mother of mine. Though the way seems so dark, I know God is just. And such things teach us impressively that there is a brighter world than this and that the passage to it is speedy.

In our homes sweet Mother we miss you. Though we know our loss is thy eternal gain And some day mother we will come to thee. Sleep on sleep on our precious darling Where the surges cease to rool In that land so free from sorrow Thou hath riches now untold. In a Saviours care we leave thee May thy rest be ever sweet. When Jesus calls, we too, shall come, Till then Good-by, Dear Mother, Good-by.

Mrs. C. E. Skelton

"THE BAT"

SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a special Conclave of Spur Commandery No. 75 K. T. Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Work in the Red Cross Degree. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

F. G. COLLIER, Com. JACK RECTOR, Rec.

COW TESTING ASS'N IN TEXAS AT LAST

Wise county boasts of having the only Cow Testing Association in Texas, and one of the two in the whole South. The association is the result of long effort on the part of dairymen and the county agent, E. C. Jameson, the Association began operations last July with Guy Powell, assistant county agent, as the tester.

The idea of this, or any other cow testing association, is to test and weigh each cow's milk and keep a cost record in order that the unprofitable cows may be weeded out and the production of the remainder be increased through economical rationing.

This is understood more readily by examining a monthly report of the association. During November 342 cows were tested, having an average production of 471 pounds of milk, or practically 2 gallons per day. The average production of butter fat was 26.9 pounds with 29 cows making over 40 pounds during the month. The feed cost for the 161,221 pounds of milk, produced was \$1364.54, or practically 84 1-2c per 100 pounds of milk. The highest individual producer belongs to Dr. J. L. Ward, with 951 pounds of milk yielding 80.8 pounds of fat.

Officials and members of the association seem to be well pleased with the results obtained thus far. There are many instances where unprofitable cows have already been discovered and weeded out of the herds.—Extension Service.

A FACT THAT SHOULD BE A WARNING

The world consumes each year 15,000,000 bales of American cotton.

The crop for 1926 is estimated at 18,400,000 bales. This is 2,900,000 bales more than will be consumed for the year. Add to this 3,000,000 bales carried over from last year's crop and we have 5,900,000 bales already produced for the next year's crop, (1927).

Deduct 5,900,000 from the normal of 15,500,000 for the next year and we have a crop that should be produced in 1927 of 9,600,000 bales.

If that is all that can be produced next year that will be profitable why produce any more? If the United States were to produce next year another 18,000,000 bales—? Well you know what the result would be—DISASTER!

Shall we walk into the pit with our eyes open? Shall we knowingly bring certain disaster upon ourselves?

Think it over! Diversify! Plant something to eat for both family and stock!

THIS IS A MIGHTY GOOD YEAR TO "RAISE YOUR OWN"—Semi-Weekly Farm News.

"THE BAT"

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Denison, of Dry Lake, was making some purchases in our city Saturday. Mr. Denison is principal of the Dry Lake schools.

REBEKAHS INSTALL OFFICERS

The officers of the Rebekah Lodge were installed in an impressive way last Friday evening. Mrs. R. D. McCombs is retiring Noble Grand. Mrs. T. A. Rodgers, Noble Grand. Mrs. D. B. Ince, Vice Grand; Mrs. Tom Teague Chaplin Ada Berry, Sec.; Mrs. H. S. Denton, Tres.; Juanita Johnson, Warden; Callie Mae Brittan, Con.; Mrs. A. C. Burgeson, R. S. to N. G.; Mrs. Dera Nichols L. S. to N. G. Mrs. A. H. Howe R. S. to V. G. Mrs. H. P. Berry L. S. to V. G. Mrs. Geo. Snodgrass I. G., Mrs. J. I. Hayes O. G.

All those who missed the installing of officers missed a fine time as there was a social hour following.

TERRACING SCHOOL; ITS ADVANTAGES

Terracing is an old practice and quite common in the older farming sections of the United States. The farmers on the hilly and rolling lands of Europe have been terracing for several hundred years.

The washing away of the soil depletes the land more rapidly than cropping does. That lost through washing is the black fertile top soil, which contains the most plant food.

The majority of the years in West Texas are perhaps too dry for the largest possible crop yields. Terraces properly made will hold on the land all the water that falls there. At the same time no washing takes place. The time will come within a few years when all the rolling lands of this part of Texas will have to be terraced or suffer a loss in yielding power. It is a logical thing to terrace and keep the land in its virgin state by crop rotation along with terracing.

The County Agent is constantly getting calls for terracing demonstrations. He also has numerous other duties that must not be neglected. The 1925 census shows that Dickens County has 967 farms, half of which really ought to be terraced. Two days are necessary to run the lines on the average farm. That period between the last of harvesting crops and the spring plowing, a period of 60 to 90 days, is the only time available for terracing. That means that not more than about thirty farms can be terraced by the County Agent a year. At this rate 30 years would be required to get around to the farms.

Terracing School Since it is a physical impossibility to get around to get around to personally terrace all the farms desiring this service, a method has been worked out whereby each man may learn to terrace his own farm. Arrangements have been completed to hold a two day terracing school in each community.

The County Agent is an employee of the A. and M. College, whose duty it is to teach by demonstration, in the county. It is an injustice for a few men to monopolize his time in personal service. If you are one of those wanting terracing done watch for the date of the school nearest you and attend. Terracing is plain "horse sense" and any man can master it in two days.

County Agent Reynolds will conduct a demonstration on the Bob James farm in Dry Lake community Wednesday and Thursday, January 26 and 27. That will be next week and it will be well for all farmers who can to attend this school.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Royal Ambassadors met last Sunday with fourteen present. A very interesting program was rendered. Albert McCulloch as leader.

The following program for next Sunday, January 23.

Subject: "Ways of Winning" Leader: Billy Parker. Song: "Jesus Saves" Scripture Study—Words that Win. Selected by Leader.

Solo: Wonderful Words of Life. Novice Owsley. Sentence Prayers, that during this year every R. A. boy shall find a way to tell the "Words of Life."

Reading: The Gospel According to You." Stafford Forbis. "Songs that Win": Cecil Wolf "A Story that Wins": J. D. Powell, Jr. Benediction.

See "The Four Horsemen", at the Lyric Monday and Tuesday.

MOODY TAKES OFFICE

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blue uniforms, vied with the cowboy band of Simmons University of Abilene, home town of Mrs. Moody, in turning out music for the new Governor and the great assembly. And then there was the Austin high school band, the young musicians strikingly attired in red and white uniforms.

Among those present was Miss Mary Moody, sister of the Governor, who had sponsored all of Dan's opportunities since the death of his mother. She still lives at Taylor and is charge of the old home place.

FARM PAPER WRITES ABOUT OUR COUNTY AGENT REYNOLDS

Fred S. Reynolds was born at Ruston, Louisiana, January 1, 1892. He was reared on farms in Louisiana and Oklahoma, and graduated from the Oklahoma A. & M. College in 1915 and the Iowa State College in 1916. Since September 1, 1925, Mr. Reynolds has been county agent for Dickens County. He had previously been an agricultural teacher and also county agent.

When Mr. Reynolds came to Dickens County he decided that the most pressing problems confronting the farmers of that county were alfalfa production, dairying, poultry, and terracing. Dickens County is situated at the foot of the Cap Rock, and it has a large area of sub-irrigated land in the creek bottoms, which is suitable for alfalfa. As a result of the work of Mr. Reynolds, several thousand acres of this type of soil have been planted to this wonderful legume crop.

Dairying is another plank in the farming program that Mr. Reynolds has set himself to work out. Recently Swift & Company established a poultry and egg buying station in Spur. As a result of Mr. Reynolds' good work, a number of well bred dairy bulls of high individual merit have been brought into the county in connection with the establishment of bull circles.

Right along with dairying goes poultry and, therefore, Mr. Reynolds has interested himself in the development of the poultry industry in Dickens County. He has done this by encouraging the selection of breeding pens, the production of infertile eggs, and the keeping of records. The business men of Spur have built a hatchery of 12,000 egg capacity.

The fourth plank in Mr. Reynolds' agricultural development program is terracing. As terracing is the first step in the conservation of soil and is also essential to the storing of moisture in West Texas soils, Mr. Reynolds has devoted a large amount of time to this project.

DICKENS FRESHMAN CLASS

The Dickens High School Freshmen organized their class. They elected officers as follows: Dorothy Lee Love, President; Okanee Gladish, Vice-President; Monte Bele Hawk, Secretary; Louise Gay, Class Reporter.

Our class colors are purple and white.

The class motto is: "The elevator broke, taking the stairs." Reporter.

MANY GIRLS EARN WAY THROUGH UNIVERSITY

About 380 girls enrolled in the University of Texas are earning all or a part of their expenses while attending school, according to a statement recently issued by the assistant dean of women. Of this number 205 are earning all of their expenses. The work done by the girl students takes a wide range. Some act as student assistants to various professors of the University, some wait on tables, some do secretarial work, either on the campus or down town, and some look after babies while the parents attend movies or other entertainments.

Mrs. C. S. Pence, of McAdoo, was making some purchases from Spur merchants Saturday.

W. M. Dement, of Afton, was greeting friends and transacting business in our city Saturday.

Rev. W. B. Bennett, of Duck Creek, was in our city the last of the week looking after business affairs. He stated that Mrs. Bennett had been in Oklahoma with a sick aunt for several days and that he was now chief cook and bottle washer.

Rex Carlisle, of Duck Creek, was doing some shopping with Spur merchants Saturday. Rev. J. V. Bilberry, of Dickens, was over Monday looking after business in our city.

Mrs. J. L. Taylor, of Red Mud community, was making some purchases from Spur merchants Saturday. Miss Stella Henderson, teacher in Croton community, was doing some shopping with Spur merchants Saturday.

NOTICE TO ALL

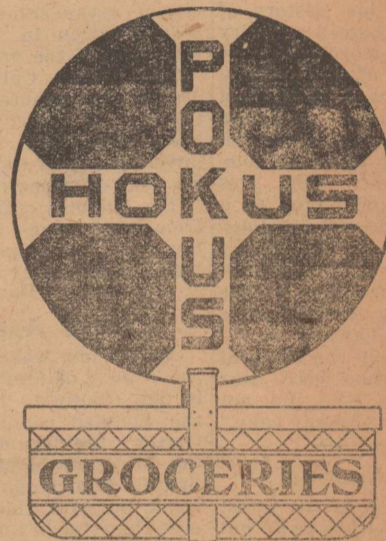
THAT OWES LAYNE-YATES CO.

We want to ask everyone that owes us to come in by JANUARY 22, 1927, and fix it up. Now if you will do this it will save your time and money for we do not want to turn your account over to a collectors agency unless necessary, but we will have to do this unless you come in and see us.

Yours truly,

LAYNE-YATES COMPANY

In GROCERIES it's QUALITY FIRST!



Groceries are foods—that nourish and sustain the body. They must supply the cells and tissues with energy and strength.

Groceries must above all be pure and rich in quality. So many stores make a practice of underselling and handling so called "just as good" brands. For standard well known quality products they will substitute inferior products. We handle only the very best. Our groceries and everything we sell is highest quality—and priced as low as that quality will permit.

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SPUR GROCERY

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, so we urge you to see us on or before the 10th of the 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 DAYTON THOROUGHRED AND FEDERAL TIRES

SUNSHINE SERVICE STATION

MRS. O. MOORE HALL, Prop.

Ask for Blue Saving Stamps