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More Than 100 Lined Up With Spur Churches As Result Of Revival

The townsite revival which is being conducted by the V. B. Starnes Evangelistic Company, has had great results and with many opportunities of greater things yet to happen. There have been more than one hundred conversions and additions to the various churches in the city. Those that have lined up with the churches do not consist of children only, but people of all ages. There are young ladies and young men who are in the prime of life that are going forward and taking their stand with the church and for right. People of middle age and those whose heads are crowned with silvery hair, too, are advancing to the front and enlisting in the good cause.

Rev. Starnes is preaching plain doctrine and says things that convince people of the errors of their ways. Yet, he is fair with every one. He does not resort to bemoaning people but puts the proposition up to them in so plain a manner that they feel better to do the right thing rather than continue in their old ways of life.

Not long since a man was heard to remark, "I do not know why but that preacher preaches his sermon right at me every time I go to church. It just seems that I am his subject and I don't know of any one who has told him about me." That brother is just honest and fair with the preacher and does not try to pitch the sermon onto some one else. He knows when the preacher hits his case and is just man enough to acknowledge it.

The meeting will continue on through Sunday, closing Sunday evening. The people have manifested much interest and many have remarked that they regret to see the meeting close. So many of the young men who have not been much interested in church work, have lined up and say they expect to do their Christian duty from now on.

Mr. Turner, who has charge of the singing, and Miss McKnight, who plays the piano, have done some wonderful work with the young people and the children. There is a very fine orchestra composed of the young people, and the junior choir just cannot be excelled.

The large tent is adequate to accommodate all the people that will attend, and it is hoped that it will be filled every night. It is warm and reasonably comfortable,

and even during these cold nights no one has suffered from the cold while in the tent. It is well worth the time to hear the singing and selections given by the orchestra. Then Brother Starnes has always had a great message for those present. His sermon on the "Crucifixion" given Tuesday night, was one of the greatest any preacher ever delivered. People are uniting in these services and extend a cordial invitation to those of other communities to join them in this great work.

MURDER CHARGED IN BIG SPRING DUEL

Abilene, Jan. 22.—P. E. Little, farmer, 29, faces a charge of murder in connection with the fatal shooting Friday of Dr. Guy Longbotham, 28, chiropractor, on a business street at Big Spring, according to dispatches received here. Little is in a Big Spring hospital recovering from two wounds inflicted by Longbotham in the duel between the two.

Little will be arraigned for examining trial on the murder charge as soon as he is able to leave the hospital, according to Sheriff Frank House. His wounds, one in the left hip and the other in the left side of the neck will not prove fatal, physicians stated. —Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

POLICY HOLDER PRAISES SPUR MUTUAL

The following is a letter received which tells what some of our policy holders think of Spur Mutual Life Insurance:

Dear Mr. Haile,
I enclose find check for \$3.00 to cover death call for Mrs. R. Theal, No. 890. Please be sure to have us on your books. Our new address is 3521 Roberts Avenue. We want to get your notices promptly as we think well of your insurance company and expect to keep our membership paid up promptly.
Yours for a prosperous New Year.

Benevolently,
Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McGraw
Mr. McGraw was formerly owner of the Spur Compress and Warehouse. His establishing this business gave Spur a very fine citizen and everybody held him in high esteem.

The Spur Mutual is the poor man's insurance because the plan

Pitch Fork Ranch Boys Injured

Henry Johnson, who has been employed at the Pitch Fork Ranch for some time, met with a very painful accident last Monday. While running a feed chopper his left hand was caught in the machine, and the thumb and first and second fingers badly mangled. Mr. Johnson came to Spur where he secured the services of Dr. Blackwell. The thumb, index and second fingers had to be amputated as they were broken to such an extent that it was thought dangerous to leave them on the hand.

While he is suffering a great deal of pain, yet Mr. Johnson seems to be getting along all right. He was on the streets yesterday and was enjoying a good time talking to friends and seemed to be in a very pleasant mood.

SESQUI EXHIBIT STILL COSTS CITY \$30,000 WEEKLY

Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—The Sesquicentennial Exposition, closed officially Dec. 31, is still costing the taxpayers of Philadelphia about \$30,000 weekly.

Consulted in his home, where he is ill, after a bevy of employees had waited all day in the exposition administration building for their pay, two days overdue, E. L. Austin, the director, revealed that the exposition association maintains a staff of 60 clerks, 200 laborers, and 8 executives. A staff of auditors is costing about \$3,000 a day, Austin said.

Employees whose pay is overdue will be paid from a \$200,000 bank balance, the director added. Fear had been expressed by some of the employees that the bank balance had been attached by creditors whose \$5,000,000 claims have been held up by the city comptroller. —Star-Telegram.

Spur Chevrolet Company Moves

The Spur Chevrolet Company, which has been located in the Maples Garage since it was instituted, moved the first of the week to the Sunshine Service Station where they have opened a display room for Chevrolet Cars and Trucks. Charlie Powell will continue in charge of the business and in connection with the sales department will also have a service department where parts for Chevrolet cars may be secured.

The Spur Chevrolet Company has been very successful in placing a great number of cars in this county and they have proved to the people that the Chevrolet is worth the money. Most every owner of a Chevrolet is a booster for the car and it is for this reason that so many have been sold in this country. Then with the advantage of a service department in connection with the agency where new parts may be secured, the lives of these cars will be further extended.

It makes it possible for most any one to carry a policy. It costs on an average of fifteen dollars per year to carry a 1500-dollar policy. That is only \$1.25 per month for good, substantial insurance. Again, the Spur Mutual has proved its strength in many instances, having been able to pay as many as four claims in one month and making only two calls on its membership.

If you don't have any Spur Mutual policy, it will place you in better condition financially to secure one.

Joe T. Salem returned Saturday from a few days visit with relatives in Amarillo and also was in the Panhandle Oil Fields. He stated that everything seemed to be lively in the Panhandle counties.

Judge H. A. C. Brummett was over from the county seat Tuesday looking after business affairs. He remained over for church services Tuesday evening.

Athletic Team Meet Death

About noon Saturday at Round Rock the cream of Baylor University athletic team was wiped out in a collision with a fast international & Great Northern train. The team with friends, making a party of twenty-two persons, was enroute to Austin to engage the State University basketball team in a game Saturday night. They were traveling in one of the large privately owned parlor busses of Baylor University, and in making a crossing at Round Rock was hit by the fast train taking a toll of ten lives and injuring five others. The large bus was completely wrecked by the train.

The dead are: Ivy Foster, of Taylor; Jimmie Walker of Greenville; Sam Dillow of Fort Worth; W. E. Murray of Gatesville; J. Clyde Kelley of Waco; Merle H. Dudley of Abilene; Jack Castellaw of Ennis; Bob Hailey of Lott; William Winchester of Bob Hamah; Injured: Ed Gooch of Ennis; Fred Acree of Waco; W. V. Bradshaw of Athens; Joe Potter of West; J. G. Berry of Smithville; Jack Castellaw, one of the victims, was a very close friend of E. C. Edmonds, Jr., and was his room mate when Edmonds was a student in Baylor. Young Castellaw was a grandson of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Pender, of Abilene. Many people here know Dr. Pender for his work with Buckner Orphan Home and have heard him preach a number of times.

The driver stated that he saw the train too late to stop the bus before it reached the track. Eye witnesses stated that it seemed the driver tried to turn the bus parallel with the track when he saw the train was rushing on them. He applied the breaks but the heavy bus skidded on the wet road and went onto the track just in time to intersect with the train.

County Court Proceedings

Proceedings of County Court: Criminal.

The State vs. C. D. Davidson. Wife desertion. Verdict of guilty, with fine of \$25.00 and 10 day jail sentence. (Perhaps noted last week).

State vs. Joe Sharber. Carrying Pistol. Verdict of not guilty. There were quite a number of gaming cases in which pleas of guilty were entered and fines assessed, but I do not have a list of the cases.

Civil
Bryant-Link Co. vs. J. H. Fulcher. Action for Debt. Judgment for plaintiff.

Bryant-Link Co. vs. M. I. Clayton. Action for Debt. Judgment for plaintiff, with foreclosure of attachment lien.

Bryant-Link Co. vs. Dewey Johnson. Action for debt. Judgment for plaintiff.

Spur National Bank vs. Basham et al. Continued for service.

Gruben Bros. vs. Chas. White. Continued by agreement.

Commercial Credit Co. vs. W. B. Arthur, et al. Continued to serve defendants with cross-action.

Commercial Credit Co. vs. H. A. Boothe, et al. Continued to serve defendants with cross action.

Cases set for Thursday, January 27th
The State vs. oss, Embezzlement.
Mrs. Eula Ford Nolen vs. C. W. Frasier. Distress Warrant.
McAdoo Mercantile Co. vs. A. V. Womack. Suit for Debt.
J. J. Hickman vs. A. G. Smith. Distress Warrant.
W. J. Elliot, of Spring Creek, was looking after business and greeting old friends here Tuesday.

Room Secured For Extension Work

The Extension Work which has been carried on with the school girls of Spur Schools by the County Home Demonstration Agent, has been greatly handicapped because proper accommodations could not be provided for the work. This was brought to the attention of the School Board, and at their last meeting a committee was appointed to secure a room for the work.

The committee was composed of Chalk Brown, S. H. Twaddell and W. F. Godfrey, who held a conference with the County Home Demonstrator to see what would be required. The committee then went out to secure a room and was successful in securing one in the home of Mrs. Vernon in the large 2-story home at the corner of Carroll Avenue and Second Street.

The work that Miss Gordon is doing in Spur Schools is approximately equivalent to what would be done by a regular teacher of Domestic Science and Home Economics. Then her work is doing a great deal to train the young ladies of this community, preparing them to solve the problems of the home, and at the same time is saving our school from having to hire an extra teacher. In view of this the School Board are to be commended for the interest they have taken for there are more than thirty girls who are carrying the work. If the time grows ripe to build another school building, it will be well to make arrangements for rooms to take care of this work, along with the other school work.

The above work is not school work but is done through the Extension Department, but it covers work that ordinarily is done in schools by regular teachers. The only difference is the State pays the teacher in extension work and the School Board would have to hire a teacher if we did not have the extension work.

Mrs. Sam Rather Passes Away

Mrs. Sam Rather, 57, died at her home of heart failure last Tuesday. She seemed to be in usual health when she was attacked very suddenly and before she could reach her bed she had succumbed.

Mrs. Rather was a sister to Mrs. S. B. Scott, Sr., and also a sister to the McArthur brothers. She had lived in this community some time and had won a host of friends who are grieved at her departure.

Funeral services under the direction of Campbell & Campbell were held at the Church of Christ Wednesday afternoon. J. V. McCormick, a layman in the Church, conducted the services, since they were unable to secure a minister of that faith and order. Interment was made in Spur Cemetery where a great number of people paid their respects in the last sad rites.

A SAD MESSAGE

Mrs. Hugh Berry received a message Saturday afternoon which stated that her mother, Mrs. Murray, was dying. Mrs. Berry made her arrangements to leave and went as far as Plainview Saturday night where she has a brother, H. A. Murray. Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Murray boarded the Santa Fe train for Fayetteville, Ark., where their mother had made her home the last few years.

Mrs. Murray was a former resident of Dickens County and has many friends who knew her many years ago. She had reached her eighties and appeared very hale until a few weeks ago.

G. F. Smith, one of the good farmers of McAdoo community, was a business visitor in our city Monday.
J. P. Sharp, of Highway, was a business visitor in our city Monday.

Pastor Who Slew Lumberman Moved to Tears Over Outcome of Trial

Court Room, Austin, Texas, Jan. 25.—Dr. J. Frank Norris, fundamentalist Baptist pastor of Fort Worth, tonight stepped for the third time from the court room a free man.

He was acquitted by a jury in Travis county district court of murdering Dexter E. Chipps, wholesale lumberman of Fort Worth, whom he slew in his church office on the afternoon of last July 17.

A jury of his peers, composed of farmers, laboring men, a former sheriff, clerks and merchants, said that Norris shot Chipps to save his own life when the latter came to the pastor's private study to protest against attacks Norris had made on Mayor H. C. Meacham, of Fort Worth and other friends of Chipps.

There were tears of joy and also tears of another kind from other eyes when the brief, simple verdict of "not guilty" was read in loud tones by S. A. Philquist, court clerk.

Won Smile on Lips

The tears of joy were those of Norris and his wife. As soon as the verdict rang out in the court room, Norris stood at his seat, where he was surrounded by his wife, two sons, and a circle of friends.

There was a wan smile on his lips, but he showed no emotion until his attorney, Marvin Simpson, shook his hand. He embraced Simpson and wept.

The other tears were in the eyes of a small, brown eyed boy who has sat throughout the trial on the side of the state. He is Dexter E. Chipps, Jr., whose father Norris killed. The boy, small for his age, is 14.

Sorry For Mother

When asked about the verdict, tears came in his eyes and he choked up. Later he said: "I'm so sorry for mother. It will hurt her."

The boy was alone of all his family, and as the great crowd pressed around to shake the freed man's hand, the lad walked slowly out, virtually unnoticed.

The verdict came after 14 days of argument and testimony, which was ended with a heated appeal by William P. McLean of Fort Worth, one of the special prosecutors who said, as he pointed his finger at the jury "if you send him out to kill again he's your criminal, not mine."

"I call him the pistol packing parson," shouted McLean, and these words were ringing in the defendant's ears as the jury filed out.

Crowd Lingers On
The great crowd refused to leave the court room. The jury went out at 4:40 p. m. Just before 6 p. m., they announced they had reached a verdict, but judge, defendant, and lawyers were absent. Judges and lawyers were quickly located, but it was more than half an hour before Norris could be found. He was finally located in the lobby of his hotel with his bodyguard, Fred D. Holland, former policeman.

"I've been out for a walk," said Norris as he came into the room. The jury, which had been waiting with their verdict, for 45 minutes, then came in.

The verdict was handed to Judge James R. Hamilton, the judge first thanked the spectators for their courtesy and orderliness during the trial, and then warned them that any demonstration either for or against the defendant would bring a fine of \$100 for contempt or three days in jail.

"We, the jury, find the defendant, J. Frank Norris, not guilty as charged," said the verdict.

Two women on the front row applauded lightly. The judge rapped for order. "Mr. Sheriff arrest anyone who does that again," said the judge. By this time hands from every direction had been pushed in the direction of Norris and he was the center of a dense eddy of friends, who moved slowly about him as he

moved slowly toward the door.

His Third Acquittal
It was Norris' third acquittal on a criminal charge. He was indicted in 1912 and 1913 on charges of arson and perjury in connection with the burning of his Fort Worth church and parsonage.

The circumstances which led to the Norris murder trial had a religious and a political background, but virtually all of this was excluded from the trial by a ruling of the judge that the lawyers could not delve back too far into the life of the fighting pastor and could not bring out unrelated incidents in which it was alleged by the defense they could show the signs of a conspiracy between Mayor Meacham, Chipps and others to injure Dr. Norris.

Dr. Norris repeatedly charged that there was a conspiracy to kill him, and that Chipps was the instrument to carry out the will of the conspirators. He brought in Roman Catholicism, and linked in the conspiracy what he called "the forces of evil" in Fort Worth, and to both of these he harnessed Mayor Meacham and his city administration.

Attorney Dayton Moses for the defense detailed the chain of events which he said constituted this alleged conspiracy. He made his statement to the court, however, with the jury absent, and the judge ruled that such evidence was inadmissible. The state protested vigorously against introduction of this evidence.

Religious Phase Excluded
Virtually none of the religious phases of the Norris-Meacham troubles entered the court room in the trial. There were a number of references to the Ku Klux Klan in the examination of veniremen, and no known members of the Klan were permitted on the jury, though two former members were jurors. One venireman who said he was a Catholic was eliminated, this was virtually the only reference to Catholicism.

Norris' plea in chief was self defense, which was based on the legal principles of apparent danger, which declares that when a man is in a position in which he believed he is in danger of losing his life, he may fire in self defense.

The defense contended that Chipps came to Norris' office after threatening to kill him, that he told the pastor he would kill him if he didn't cease his attacks on his friends, and that he wheeled on Norris, and made a move to his hip pocket, saying, "I'll kill you" when Norris shot.

The only eye witness for the state was Mrs. Roxie Parker of Tarrant county, 76 year old widow who said she arrived at Norris' door just as Chipps was shot. She testified Chipps had one hand in the air.

L. H. Nutt was the defense eye witness. He was with Norris when Chipps arrived. He testified to the same effect that Norris did.

Two Ballots Taken
It is understood there were two ballots, the second ballot being taken because there was some misunderstanding among the jurors about the first.

The jury had reached a verdict within an hour and 20 minutes after going to the jury room, but the verdict was delayed 45 minutes by the absence of the defendant who had gone to his hotel.

Fourteen days of testimony and argument ended at 4:40 p. m., as McLean closed for the state with the words, "he'll be your criminal and not mine," if you set him free.

As the jury filed out to deliberate, Norris, surrounded by his friends, his wife and two sons, eyed each juror as they passed out. When they had gone, he whispered something to his wife behind his hand.

Surrounded by Friends
In a few minutes a group of (Continued on last page)

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When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all uphill, When the funds are low and the debts are high And you want to smile, but have to sigh, When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must—but don't quit. Life is queer with its twists and turns, As everyone of us sometimes learn, And many a failure turns about When he might have won had he stuck it out. Don't give up, though the pace seems slow— You may succeed with another blow. Often the goal is nearer than It seems to a faint and faltering man, Often the struggler has given up When he might have captured the victor's cup. And he learned too late, when night slipped down, How close he was to the golden crown. Success is failure turned upside down The silver tint of the clouds of doubt And you never can tell how close you are, It may be near when it seems afar, So stick to the fight when you are hardest hit, It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.—Selected.

TEN WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

- 1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. If you do come, be sure to be late.
3. If you think the weather don't suit you don't come.
4. If you attend a meeting make it a point to find fault with the officers.
5. Never accept an office. It is much easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Always get sore if put on a committee—if they do put you on resign.
7. If asked to express opinions, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how to run things.
8. Do nothing at all. When other members roll up their sleeves and work willingly for successful accomplishments of something in the organization is run by a clique.
9. Hold up paying your dues as long as possible—avoid paying them if you can.
10. Don't bother about getting new members. Let George do it.

T. V. Shockley, a leading citizen of Soldier Mound community, was transacting business here Monday.

RECENT BRIDE GIVEN SHOWER

A charming affair for a recent bride, Mrs. Elbert Jones, was the miscellaneous shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putnam Friday afternoon. The home was unusually attractive for the occasion with a decorative scheme suggestive of the occasion. After many good wishes for the bride, little Bobbie Crockett and John Reynolds brought in a large express wagon filled with gifts for the honoree.

A delicious refreshment plate was passed. The guest list included Mesdames C. A. Love, Thomas Morrison, Ella Williams, Tom Russell, A. B. Abbott, Elzy Watson, Hamp Collett, Otho Hale, E. L. Caraway, W. R. Stafford, Fred Reynolds, Tom Teague, Nellie Davis, McGathery, Bill Brown, Antz, Misses Bertie Belle Brown, Lenora Lisenby, Virginia Elliott, Rita Maples, Estell Collett, Elnora Morgan, Elenor Harris, Mildred Williams, Sbyil Brown, Willie Stafford, Beth Harkey.

\$9,000,000 FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

Approximately \$9,000,000 will be required in 1927 to maintain Texas' designated highways, according to W. T. Wheeler, manager of the Highway Club of Texas, who has just finished a survey of the State's highway needs. The next session of the Legislature will be asked to meet the demand for proper maintenance.

One of the problems facing the state is maintaining roads which counties built under bond issues, but failed to use proper construction methods. The State, having taken over these inferior roads, now face a heavy demand for maintenance, Mr. Wheeler said.

LET'S BLOT OUT THIS ABSURDITY.

The many have long advocated the repeal of the law which provided that the failure of the defendant to testify shall not be taken as a circumstance against him, forbidding the prosecuting attorney in the present of the jury, and forbidding the jury to discuss or consider such failure while deliberating upon their verdict. Recently many lawyers have adopted this view, among them Judge Lewis H. Jones, district Judge at Belton. We understand that a bill has been introduced or is to be introduced in the legislature to repeal these rules of law. Every member of the legislature should support the change. Judge Jones, in discussing this rule, used the following terse and forceful language.

"The reason for the rule no longer exists. It is not possible for a jury of intelligent men to sit on a jury for days with the man they are trying before them

and then not consider, and wonder why he did not take the stand. They have studied his movements, his face, his whole attitude, and can you wonder that they want to know why he did not tell them what happened. He knows better than any one else. If the jury discuss it or if the District Attorney should care to refer to it, then the case must be reversed. In many cases he does not take the stand for the very good reason that an astute lawyer knows that ten chances to one if he fails to testify that the jury will discuss it and then he can have the jury back on motion for new trial, and get the verdict set aside. The District Attorney should have the shackles taken off. Let him make what he can out of the jury. If the defendant does not testify then let him draw such inference as his abilities suggest in his argument to the jury.

THRILL AFTER THRILL... BROUGHT BY 'THE BAT'

Long Awaited Screen Production Of Renowned Melodrama Comes.

When the screen's big mystery melodrama, 'The Bat' makes its local bow at the Lyric Monday, the problem of its audiences will be to detect the identity of the title characters as the film progresses. Thrill after thrill, with everybody fooled to the top of their bent, that is the thunderbolt awaiting the placid fans who may suppose they will get one of those easy movie plots to solve.

As remembered for a perennial stage success and as now presented on the screen as a Rowland West production, 'The Bat' is a fascinating detective problem, with everything in it calculated to interest the most jaded audiences. 'The Bat' is one sensation after another, with no solution bubbling up until the moment the story gives its secret up. There are attempted murders and sudden encounters on every floor of the seemingly haunted mansion and its spooky garrets are filled with bales of money. There is an hysterical slavey who jumps at every shadow that crosses the wall and a comedy detective who butts in to add complications. There is the shuddery, expectant and de-

Professional Cards

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structive and unexplained evil deeds, with a dozen people under suspicion all at once. There is a bank robbery, a financial crash, and the demise of the respected president under peculiar circumstances and the sudden absconding of the teller who holds the key to the debacle, or at least to the vault that held the money. Hidden blue prints of a secret room in the house are sought by eager volunteers. Romance shines undefeated throughout all the troublesome plots and counterplots. There is not one single minute that the spectator's spine is not called upon to rise and shiver, and his throat to rattle in frightful gasps of joy.

Although tens of thousands have Hill Pery, John King and L. R. Barrett returned Friday from Dallas where they had been attending the Hardware and Implement Men's Association. Mr. Perry said that a number of fellows were present that knew just how the business should be run.

A. J. Rickey, of Croton county, was greeting friends and doing some trading with Spur merchants Saturday.

Mrs. D. A. Davis, of Roaming Spring, was in our city Saturday doing some shopping and visiting her husband.

J. G. Wilkerson, driller on the

Jonnes no. 1., was in our city Saturday looking after business affairs.

J. W. Carlisle, of Duck Creek community, was greeting friends on our streets Saturday.

R. H. Parnall, of Croton community, was a business visitor in our city the first of the week.

J. C. Strong, of Steel Hill, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

W. W. Overfelt, of Girard, was looking after business in our city Monday.

Ray Hoover, of Twin Wells, was looking after business affairs here Monday.

W. F. Cathey, of Dickens, was greeting friends on our streets last Monday.

C. N. Kidd, of Dry Lake, was chatting with the boys on our streets Monday.

G. W. King, east of town, was in Tuesday transacting business with our merchants.

W. J. Collier, of Afton, was looking after business affairs here Monday. He stated that he had a full hundred bales of cotton yet in the field.

O. M. Smith, of Twin Wells, was doing some trading with our merchants Monday.

A. Wodds, west of town, was in Monday doing some trading.

G. M. Cox, one of the progressive farmers of Soldier Mound, was taking care of some business affairs here Monday.

E. L. Delisle, of Espuela, was a business visitor in our city Monday.

James C. Dopson, of Dry Lake, was greeting friends on our street Monday.

W. I. Smith, west of town, was looking after business affairs here Monday.

G. W. Woods, of Spring Creek, was greeting friends on our street Monday.

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Herman Ernest, of Dickens, was a business visitor in our city Monday.

T. W. Settle, of Duck Creek, was doing some trading with Spur merchants Monday.

SPUR LODGE NO. 771, Meets every Monday night. Visit welcome.

C. H. PERRY, Secretary, SPUR REBEKAH LODGE No. 178, Meets every Friday Night.

Mrs. T. A. Rodgers, N. G. Ada Berry, Secy.

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.

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



INFLUENZA IS RAGING

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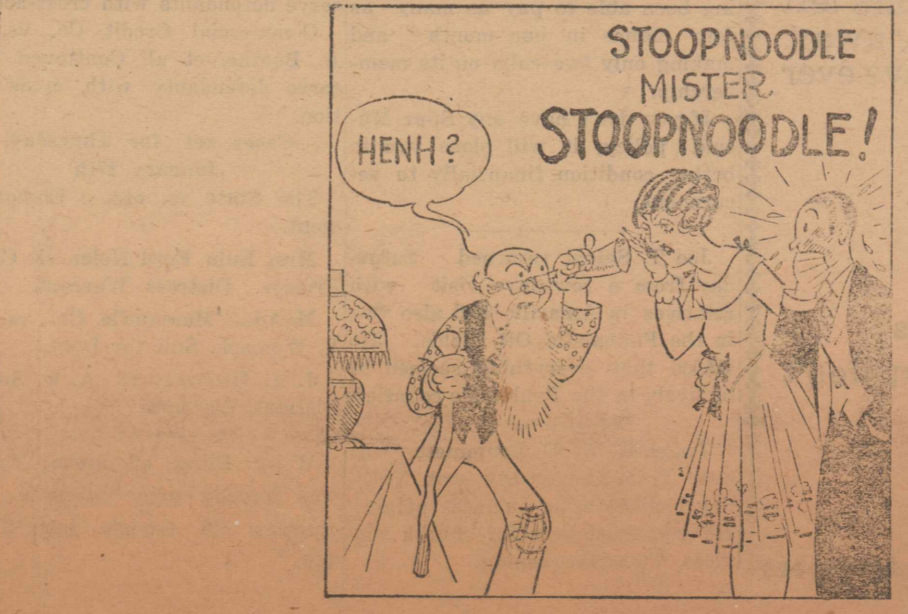
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MANY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED ABOUT BROOM CORN

Farmers have been asking many questions lately about the cultivation of broom corn and its possibilities as a commercial crop for Dickens County. There are many things to be considered when a new crop is to be introduced into a community. Soil, climate, planting expenses, cultivation, harvesting and marketing—all of these are to be considered.

The writer was once a farmer and we are still in love with farm and farm life—and we have some experience in the broom corn business. We never tried broom corn except on sandy or mixed-land soils where it grew very productively. Even the high gravelly points has made a very fine crop even in dry seasons. We have secured all amounts from 1-4 of a ton to two-thirds of a ton per acre. The average yield is from one-third to one-half ton per acre.

As to climate, it is generally raised in arid and semi-arid districts because it is a very hardy crop and stands a great deal of dry weather. There have been times when West Texas climate would have been very suitable for this crop from this standpoint. The only difference when a humid season comes is, that the corn grows taller and is more difficult to harvest, but producing a very superior brush and commanding a better price as a result of its quality. In wet seasons a little more expense is required unless a few days of sunshine could be had at harvesting time. Like small grains, the marketing value of the brush is injured when a week's rain falls on it. It is no more difficult in this respect, however, than is wheat or oats, or barley is difficult to save. Most farmers have sheds under which their horses and cattle are housed and these can easily be converted into drying plants and much broom corn housed under them at a small expense for a few 2x4's and a few hours time.

Planting expenses and cultivation is very simple. This is one excellent feature about the crop. Seed is very cheap. Enough seed to plant twenty acres can be purchased for five dollars or less. The same planter that will plant cane and milo maize can be used for planting broom corn. It should be planted in rows about as milo maize is planted when it is expected to harvest the maize for the grain. The same cultivators that are used for plowing the cane and milo maize can be used to cultivate the broom corn, and it is cultivated about as the maize is cultivated.

As to the price and marketing there is much to consider. Broom corn, like cotton always has a market. It can be grown in a wider range of territory than cotton is grown, but its field of demand is far more extensive than that of cotton. Practically all of the world is using brooms, and these brooms are wearing out rapidly as all of us have learned by experience. There is no substitute for broom corn in the manufacture of brooms as no other brush has

has yet been grown or made that suits the taste of the housewife for a cleaning device as the broom made from genuine American grown broom corn. We have known it to sell as low as \$42.50 per ton and as high as \$231.25 per ton. Both of these are extreme considerations as the price generally ranges from \$75.00 to \$150.00 per ton.

Prices generally follow the extreme of productions just as any other commodity would fluctuate. The year of 1911 was noted for high prices in broom corn markets. The crop was light that year from various reasons. Some choice brush brought the enormous sum of \$275.00 per ton. Of course, people were much encouraged about broom corn, and Oklahoma, Kansas and Illinois farmers decided they would rapidly get rich quick raising broom corn. As a result in 1912 the farmers in the broom corn growing sections made broom corn their special and most extensive crop. An over-production was the result as seasons were very conducive to production, and most farmers sold their brush around \$50.00 per ton. The farmers in the broom corn game experienced the same results that year that the cotton farmers of the South had with their cotton in 1920. There was plenty of broom corn, but everybody else had plenty of it, too. The supply exceeded the demand.

This year looks favorable for a normal crop of broom corn and also a normal demand for it. The 1926 crop did not sell on extreme markets and yet the producers received a very liberal price—\$75.00 to \$90.00 per ton—for their brush. Should the farmers of Dickens County try some twenty to thirty acres on each 160-acre farm, we doubt that the market would be affected very much. Considering the price and production for the past five years, indications are that good brush will bring around \$90.00 per ton on local markets. With the quality of soil in Dickens County this should give the farmer \$30.00 to \$40.00 per acre gross for the yield.

The harvesting of broom corn is very simple. The brush becomes a rich green in color and the seed will have a reddish appearance when it nears harvesting time. However, these are not sufficient for both of these conditions can exist and still the brush be not ready to harvest. If any doubt is obtained, then separate the straws of the brush and see if there are any white straws near the center at the stem. If so, then it will require two or three more days for the corn to reach the proper ripeness.

ness. However, if all the straw is green in color then the brush can be harvested with safety.

Each person takes his row of corn. He catches hold of the top blade with one hand and takes hold of the brush with the other hand, jerking outward with both hands at the same time, the brush is easily removed from the boot. The brush then is dropped—two or three handfuls in a place—along in the middle of the rows, usually two pullers dropping their brush together. During the day the brush is partially cured and most of the sap leaves the straw. In the evening an hour or two before quitting time, the small piles of brush should be gathered up and piled together—two or three good arm loads to each pile. Then a few stalks of fodder should be piled over these to protect the brush from the sunshine which has a tendency to bleach it and depreciating its commercial value. The brush may be left in this condition for several days unless incessant rains should set in. In this case, it is best to get the brush under a shed where it can cure, having ventilators placed in it. Rain for several days causes the brush to turn brown and sometimes black which kills its marketing power. As stated unless there is much rain, the brush may be left in large stacks in the field until the say is about out of the stems. Then it is hauled to some convenient spot and ricked with the stems to the center, the brush heading outward and sloping downward. With a small amount of fodder thrown over the ricks, there may be several hard rains without injury to the brush. A man can pull over about one acre each day. It is necessary to go over the ground twice as only about half of the brush is ready to pull at a time.

The seeding is done by a machine called a "Scraper" being moved from farm to farm and the neighbors all swapping time and helping each other out. The baler goes with the "Scraper", the seed being removed from the brush and then the brush carried to the baler where it is pressed into bales of from 300 to 350 pounds.

We have given only a short

sketch of the history of prices, but enough to enlighten the farmers in case they are interested. Next week we will tell you more about the crop as to the expense of getting it ready for market, the planting time and the harvesting time. Then people can determine whether or not it will be a practical and a profitable crop for this country.

Should any one have any questions to ask about broom corn, we shall do our best to secure the information and publish the questions and answers from time to time. If we can help people we shall be happy and take pleasure in doing so.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS REGARDING HATCHING EGGS

Your male birds must be strong, healthy and active. Your females must be healthy and high in vitality.

Eggs must not be subjected to extreme temperatures.

Eggs that have been chilled will not hatch; eggs that a broody hen has set on for any length of time will not hatch—gather your eggs often.

Eggs that are allowed to remain in one position from the time they are laid until set are very likely

to produce weak or deformed chicks—if they hatch at all. The sagging yolk upsets the equilibrium of the chick's development, and should always be avoided—turn your hatching eggs in the morning and again in the evening of each day until they are delivered to the hatchery.

Hatching eggs should not be held longer than 7 days—the fresher the better. Carefully conducted experiments have shown that after hatching eggs are five days old they begin to deteriorate at the average rate of 4 per cent a day.

Badly shaped eggs cannot develop the chick properly, and rough shelled eggs are too porous—see that your eggs are of good shape and good shell texture.

Of course, eggs to hatch must be fertile, but must also be properly handled after they are laid.

While it is a little extra trouble to properly care for hatching eggs

you will find that you will be well paid for your efforts.

MAKE COTTON OUR SERVANT, NOT OUR KING

There are, of course, plenty of folks making cotton who don't know how to succeed with other crops, or with livestock. The average old-time Negro was of this type. But the 475,000 Southern farmers who read the Progressive Farmer are of a different sort. They have plenty of brains and intelligence to succeed with other lines of farming, and it is up to them to make themselves do what we know they ought to do.

It is a peculiar fact that our fathers early began to call cotton "King Cotton." And from long experience now the South has found out this one thing; that cotton as King is a tyrant—a tyrant heartless and cruel—whereas as a servant it is invaluable and

almost indispensable. We must make cotton our servant and not our King. It must take its place as one of a variety of farm interests instead of being an agricultural dictator, crowding all other crops and interests out of its tyrant-way.—Clarence Poe, in The Progressive Farmer.

Read the Dickens County Times!

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Mother!

Clean Child's Bowels

"California Fig Syrup" is Dependable Laxative for Sick Children



Harry M. had a teaspoonful of California Fig Syrup, now will sweeten the stomach and thoroughly clean the little bowels, and in a few hours you have a well, playful child again. It cures colds, coughs, croup, constipation or full of cold, children love its pleasant taste. It never cramps or overacts. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Tell your druggist you want only the genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother, you must say "California." Refuse any imitation.

CHANGING OUR BUSINESS

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

YOURS FOR A PROSPEROUS 1927

CITY GROCERY Spur, Texas

5% FEDERAL FARM LOANS Amortization Plan INTEREST PAYABLE ANNUALLY OR SEMI-ANNUALLY

LOANS CAN BE RETIRED AT ANY TIME, OR AUTOMATICALLY PAYS ITSELF OUT IN 35 YEARS.

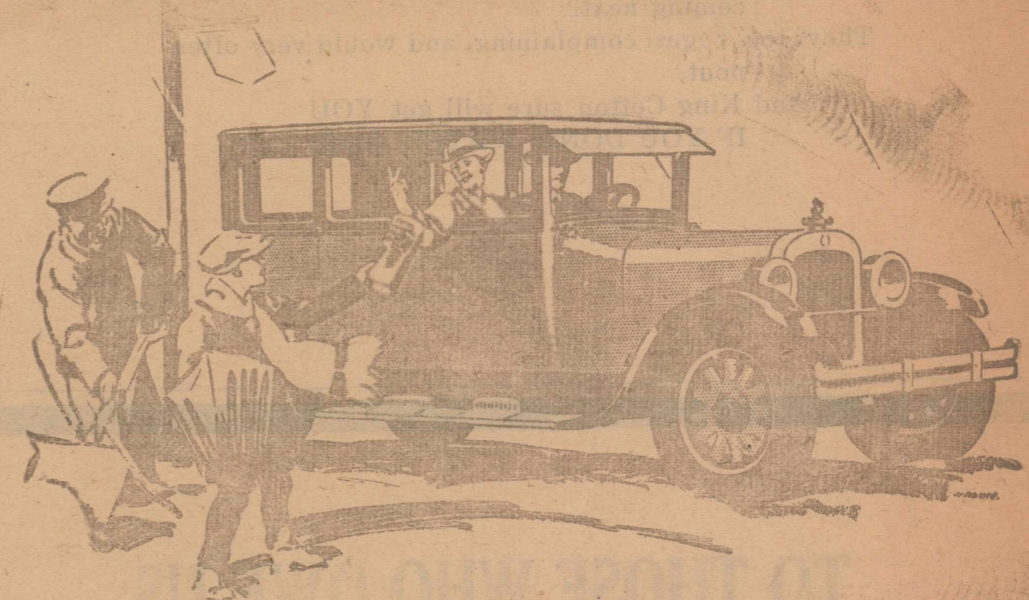
S. L. DAVIS SEC. TREAS.

OUR BUSINESS IS BANKING

We make it a study and confine our efforts to that alone. We want your business—if we can get all of it good; if not, give us part. We are in a position to give you the kind of service you want.

CITY NATIONAL BANK

James B. Reid, Cashier



The Secret... of Dodge Brothers Reputation

The secret of Dodge Brothers reputation for building a dependable product can be summarized briefly and forcefully in two sentences:

Never a type that had to be withdrawn.

Never a fundamental mistake that the public was asked to forget.

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DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CARS

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HAIRCUTS, SHAVES, SHAMPOOS, TONICS, SHINES

HOT AND COLD BATHS, AND SHOWER BATHS

Schringer & Stack Close to Post Office

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10c & 25c ADMISSION 10c & 25c

"KING COTTON SURE WILL GET YOU, IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT"

By W. H. P. Anderson

Once there was a farmer—in the spring of twenty-six
 Who planted lots of cotton—all other crops were "nix".
 He worked just like a Trojan from the dawn 'till set of sun,
 He figured that his cotton crop would bring a of "mun".
 But when the crop was gathered and hauled to town and sold,
 He didn't need a helper to count his "pile of gold."
 It made his very heartsick—of this there was no doubt,
 And King Cotton sure will get YOU
 IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT!

He didn't raise a garden and he didn't keep a cow,
 He said hogs were too much trouble for a farmer anyhow.
 He figured it was cheaper to buy his bread and meat,
 So he thought of naught but cotton—he said 'twas hard to beat.
 But the price he got was meager and filled his heart with fear,
 And he could not help but wonder how he'd get along next year.
 So he worried and he fretted 'till he wasn't very stout,
 And King Cotton sure will get YOU
 IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT!

He had some mules and horses but not a bit of feed,
 He thought his cotton money would buy the corn he'd need.
 But the price he got for cotton was so very small,
 That when he paid his hired men there was nothing left at all.
 So he talked with all his neighbors and (old hard times was his text)
 Until they too were doubtful as to what was coming next.
 They, too, began complaining, and would very often pout,
 And King Cotton sure will get YOU
 IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT!

TO THOSE WHO OWE US

Friends, we stood by you when you needed help. It enabled you to have an opportunity, and we did it because we believed in you. We need our money now, and we ask all of those who owe us anything, regardless of the amount, to come in and make some satisfactory arrangements. You can help us greatly by doing this. We expect to close out our business here, and it will be necessary to get your account, or note settled.

We trust that all will show their appreciation of the accommodation we extended you, and will be prompt with us. Otherwise we will be forced to resort to legal measures which would be embarrassing to us and difficult for you. Let's get the business settled now. Don't wait until next month, but attend to this when you come to town.

Respectfully,

LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY

PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS

The Prairie Chapel School is doing better work now than ever before in its history.

Prof. Bell has made the school what it is, and we hope to have him with us another year.

The people of Prairie Chapel are proud of their school. They are having a fine school now and are hoping that it will continue on throughout the year.

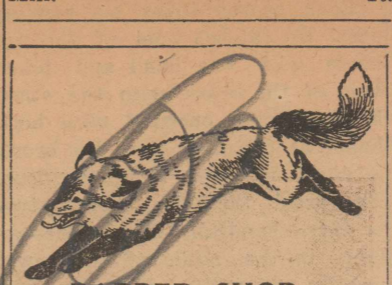
Mr. Bell believes in a peppy school and Literary Society.

The students, with the help of the teachers, will put on a program Friday night, January 28.

Everybody is invited to come and see what the school is doing.

Times Ads Will Save You Money!

Whole wheat flour at Crouch's Mill. It.



BARBER SHOP
 Shaves, Haircuts, Baths
 Ladies Work

E. C. Robertson, one of the progressive farmers of McAdoo, was selling a few farm products in Spur Monday.

Wait for
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS in
"THE BLACK PIRATE"
 Lyric Theatre, Spur
 February 7th and 8th

Whole wheat flour at Crouch's Mill. Whole wheat flour at Crouch's Mill. It.

Beauty Specialist

The ladies of Spur will be glad to know that we will have with us all next week, Miss Mullens, the Dorothy Perkins Beauty Specialist.

MISS MULLENS

Will give free facials and teach the scientific methods of caring for your complexion.

We will have a private Beauty Booth in our store.

PHONE FOR APPOINTMENT

SPUR DRUG CO.

SAFE

Insure Now!

You are a firm believer in police—in safe deposit boxes; and in fact you believe in 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

CLASSIFIDADS

FOR RENT—A furnished apartment, Phone 27. 11c

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. 2c

LOST—A suit case containing lady's clothing and trousers for a small boy. Finder leave at Spot Cash Gro. for Mr. Kenneda. 1c

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. 1c

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good Duroc-Jersey male. Will trade for a good brood sow. V. C. Smart. 1c

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

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

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

FOR RENT—after January 15, a stucco house. It is beautiful, modern in every respect, close in, completely furnished, and very highly desirable. D. Y. Twaddell. 11c

WANT TO RENT—A furnished or unfurnished apartment or small house with bath, reasonably located. Call Tri-County Lbr. Co. 1c

FOR RENT—Light house keeping apartment, or two rooms unfurnished. Phone 73. Mrs. Annie Baxley. 1c

FOR SALE—All of my household furniture. This will go at a bargain. Phone 30 for particulars. L. L. Henry. 1c

RED MUD HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETS

The Ladies Home Demonstration Club of Red Mud met Monday, Dec. 17.

Miss Gordon gave a very interesting demonstration in rug making.

The next meeting will be the 1st Monday in February. It will be held at the church house.

Red Mud Reporter

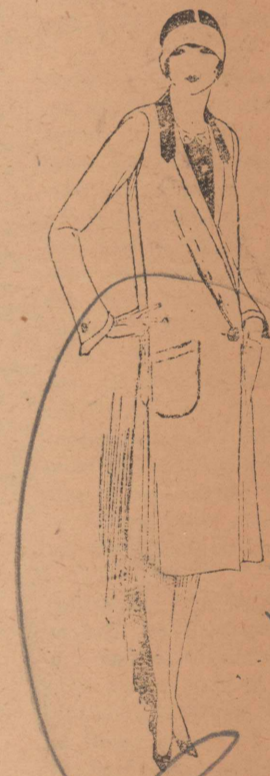
Whole wheat flour at Crouch's Mill. It.

C. W. Denson, of highway, was greeting friends on our streets Tuesday.

L. B. Forbis, of Watson community, was among those trading in Spur Monday.

New Frocks, Dresses and Coats.

WITH HERE AND THERE A TOUCH OF SPRING



A diversified collection, including the newest and smartest styles of the season. New materials, colors, necklines, sleeves and drapings are embodied in these dresses, which by their simple workmanship, will pass the most rigid test of good taste and long wear.

COATS—Swagger Tweeds in new duo-tone, and three-tone color harmonies, with matching plaid and scarfs. Tweeds in soft shades, fur trimmed or strikingly plain.

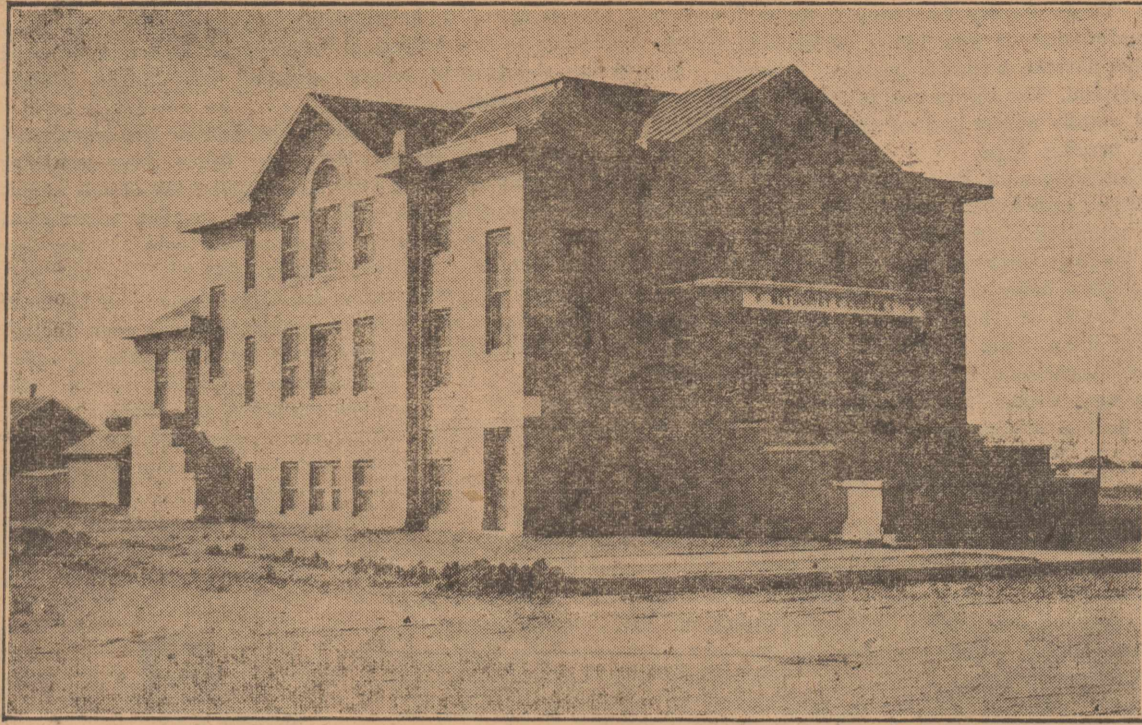
SUITS—A clever interpretation of the suit, makes its appearance. The short boyish jacket is accompanied by wrap-around skirt. In chippella of grey plaid cashmere.

BEAUTIFUL HATS

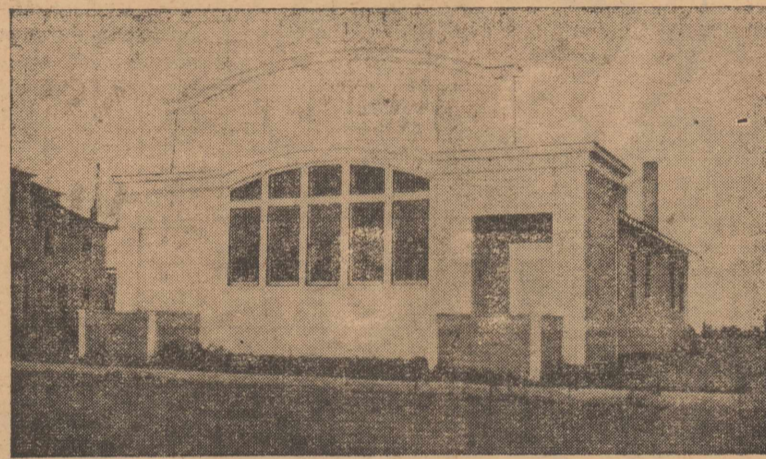
Arriving daily, tremendous saving on clever modes for mid-season wear! High colored felts, fine satins and combinations—that achieve smart effect in Beret, Cloche and Toques for the Miss

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

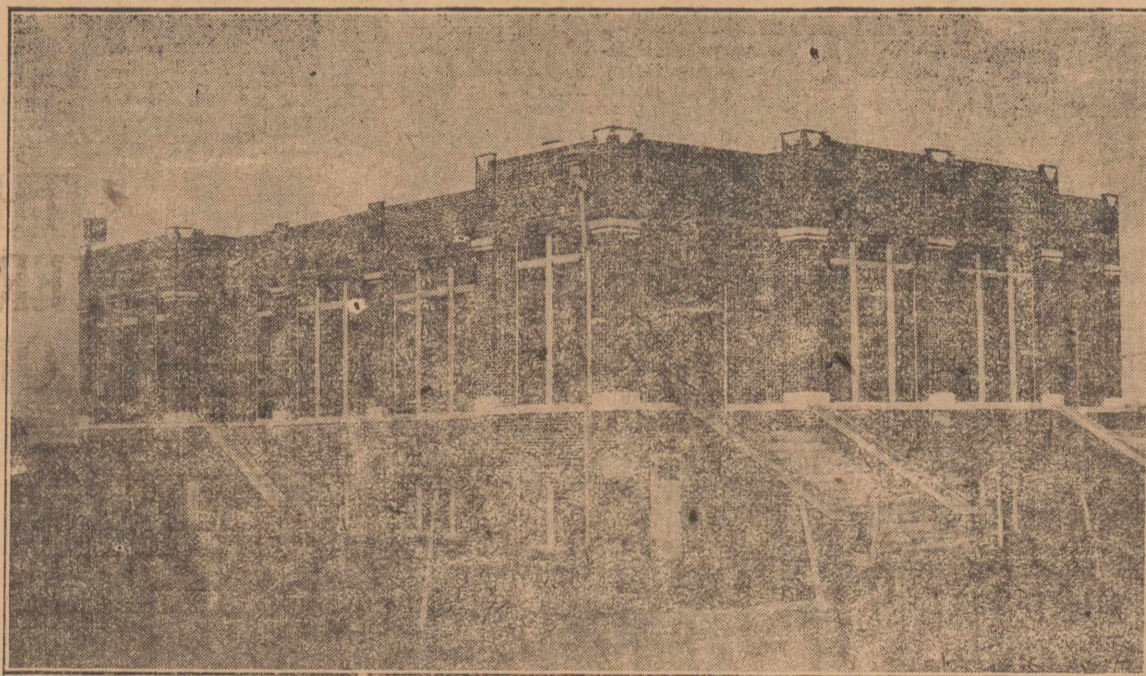
Home of Blue Saving Stamps



The First Methodist Church of which Rev. I. A. Smith is pastor. Rev. Smith has been pastor of this Church since the fall of 1923, and is now serving the body his fourth year. Under his pastorate the organization has grown, and in the meantime the membership has practically paid for the nice building they now own. The membership is now about 450.



The First Christian Church of which Rev. A. G. Abbott is pastor. Rev. Abbott has been with the organization but a few months but the membership has accomplished wonders under his leadership. Before his coming the Church had been without a pastor about eighteen months. This Church is contemplating building a new addition in the near future. The membership is about 165.



The First Baptist Church which also is a new brick structure. Rev. L. L. F. Parker is pastor and is serving his seventh year in that office. When Rev. Parker became pastor of the Church they were worshipping in an old tabernacle which was both unsightly and uncomfortable. By the persistent efforts of the pastor and a few of the membership enough courage was aroused to start the work on the above building. It is practically paid out now. There are about 400 members now.



Rev. V. B. Starnes Who is doing the preaching for the town-wide meeting. Starnes is delivering some able discourses.
Miss Alice McKnight Who plays the piano for the town-wide meeting. Miss McKnight is a great worker among the young people.
Mr. K. D. Turner Mr. K. D. Turner is an excellent baritone soloist.

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COTTON PRICES DON'T BOTHER RICHARDSON

H. Richardson, who resides 4 miles south of town, is another farmer who is not going to let himself and family go hungry this spring and summer.

He has seen the value of diversification, and is preparing to live at home. He has just started raising chickens and now has a flock of 80 Rhode Island Red hens laying from six to eight dozen eggs a week, and has just bought four Jersey cows with two young calves preparatory to the marketing of cream. He has recently killed two fine hogs and has another left.

Mr. Richardson was in the hall belt and gathered only one bale of cotton, making a profit of only \$11.68 off of his cotton crop. After the hall he went to work and planted feed. He sold two cars of feed at \$9.60 and \$10.00 per ton, respectively, besides raising 675 bushels of corn. He and his family gathered their crop without outside aid and then picked eight bales of cotton on the side.

Although he has a large family, Mr. Richardson says he will not have to go in debt very deep to keep them in something to eat and wear. Lynn county is in the market for many more good citizens of this kind.—Lynn County News

We are reproducing the above article since there has been much agitation about diversifying our methods of farming. The business men of Spur have been favorable to the people in trying new methods as many farmers have suffered close times with the one crop method with cotton. Farmers in other parts of the State are taking in the cow, the sow and the hen as partners in their business and are meeting with success when these are combined with the cotton crop.

There are many years when our fruits fail in this country, generally as the result of a late freeze in the spring. But there are many years when enough fruits could be canned and preserved to supply the farmers' families for two or three years in advance. The pressure canners are proven to be economical and successful. Vegetables canned by this process prove to be valuable for foods during the winter months. Each spring season enough vegetables could be grown and canned to supply any family with a reasonable amount for two years.

Again, if more attention is devoted to these home products, the cellars and pantries would be full of good things to eat and the cotton prices would not hurt so much because the grocery bill to be met each fall would be comparatively small. The farmers could well afford to reduce the cotton acreage then, and the cotton picking could largely be handled by home forces. Then this would make the supply normal which in turn would bring a normal price to the farmer.

It would be a great experiment to try a little home development along these lines. At least, the

living would have been secured when the cotton prices had gone down.

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

By West Texas C. of C.

Work on the city hall at Haskell is progressing nicely. When completed, the building will hold offices of the mayor, city secretary and water department as well as housing equipment of the Haskell Fire Department. A city jail is also included in the building, occupying part of the ground floor in the rear of the structure.

Nine of the 15 men named as Master Farmers of Texas in the recent contest of The Progressive Farmer are men who live in the territory served by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Though West Texas entrants in the contest were rather noticeably in the minority, more than fifty per cent of the winnings were carried off by the western section. The Master Farmers of West Texas came from the following counties: Comanche, El Paso, Medina (2), Hale, Kerr (2), Lubbock, and Howard.

Hale County has added 16 fine registered bulls to its bull circles. The animals were brought from Ohio by Paul Huey, county agricultural agent.

A two story hotel containing 24 rooms is being erected at Shamrock. Each room is to be equipped with hot and cold running water and will be heated by gas.

Brick work on the new Schneider Hotel at Pampa has started, and the building will be ready for occupancy by May 1, according to the contract. Several colors of bricks are being used in the work. Approximately a quarter of a million dollars annually will be saved by shippers of the South Plains section due to activity of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in their behalf. The West

Texas Chamber through its traffic department has successfully presented the Santa Fe differential cases to the Railroad Commission and as a result, South Plains shippers will be relieved of paying the western differential.

Lampassas' 24,000egg capacity chick hatchery has opened for 1927 operations. C. R. Oakley is in charge.

Contract has been entered with the Texas Utility Company for maintenance of fourteen street lights for the business section of Levelland. The lights are to be of 100 candle power and of the pole and bracket type.

Possibilities of Paint Rock as a summer and health resort are to be exploited if movement on part of leading citizens goes through. The town believes its location near the banks of the silvery Concho make it an ideal spot for a summer playground where swimming, boating, fishing, and hunting can be had in abundance.

AUTO HINTS

A slipping clutch can be diagnosed by placing the gears in low and letting in the clutch pedal while the brakes are locked. If the engine does not stall the clutch is obviously slipping.

Tires having dark colored treads wear longest. Never drive a car with the spark too far advanced, particu-

larly if this causes a slight pounding noise in the engine. This practice places a severe strain on bearings, crankshaft, connecting rods and wrist pins.

A dirty windshield will always cause headlights to glare. Keep the lamp brackets tight. Vibration caused by a loose bracket frequently breaks the filament in the head lamp globes.

Do not keep a new tire on the rack too long. Use it for a thousand miles, then replace it on the rack. It will not deteriorate so rapidly and is not so tempting to the tire thief.

The lubrication of the old parts of the car, such as the steering gear, transmission, rear end, universal joints, spring shackles bolts, king pins, etc., is just as important as the correct lubrication of the engine, if the parts affected are to retain their life and quiet operations.

PAY IT WITH PULLETS

"Pay it with pullets," is the slogan of farm boys and girls of Tennessee who returned 1,910 standard-bred pullets to the bankers who supplied them with eggs last spring on the "Return a pullet" payment plan. The boys and girls are members of poultry clubs conducted by extension workers co-located States operatively employed by the United States Department of

Agriculture and the State agricultural college. These pullets will be sold at auction by the bankers to interest the farmers of the State in better poultry.

"EXIDE FURNISH BATTERIES FOR PEACE TOUR"

Word has been received by D. A. Davis, the local Exide Dealer, that the five airplanes which are carrying the army fliers on their tour of goodwill to South America are equipped with Exide batteries.

As in the case of the round-the-world army fliers these batteries were selected because of the worldwide battery service maintained by the manufacturers. This service enables the fliers to get battery attention from authorized Exide service stations even though they may be thousands of miles from home. Exide service stations operated by Exide distributors are located throughout Central and South America and the West Indies.

South America motorists have already shown their good will toward automotive products of this



country in the manner in which they have patronized Exide service.

TEXAS LEADS IN EGG LAYING CONTEST

Five Texas hens laid 1,443 eggs in 365 days, and by doing so hung up another blue ribbon for Texas. This national egg-laying contest began November 1, 1925, and closed one year later. The contest was conducted by the poultry department of the A. & M. College of Texas. The result of the contest shows an average for each of the five hens of 288.6 eggs for a period of 365 days. The hens making the record are single-comb

white Leghorns, and are owned by L. C. Beall, Jr., of Washon, Washington county. The record is only eight eggs less than the highest record ever made in the United States by a pen of five hens.

CLEVER TRAMP

The tramp paused outside the gate. "Clear out!" shouted the lady of the house. "I ain't got no wood to chop, there ain't nothing you could do here." "But madam, there is," restored the wayfarer, with dignity. "I could give you a few lessons in grammar." Times Ads Will Save You Money!

NEW FORD BATTERIES \$12.00 Let us replace that old battery and avoid starting troubles of a cold morning. Remember this battery will replace any six-volt battery for Buick, Chrysler, or Chevrolet, etc. GODFREY & SMART Ford Agents Spur, Texas

Guardian of the Family MY father, who is past 75, shares our bottle of Syrup Pepsin with his little granddaughter aged three. And when I feel constipated, with headache and biliousness, I also get my share of Syrup Pepsin. We would as soon think of being without salt and sugar as not to have a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the house. Constipation Always a Danger

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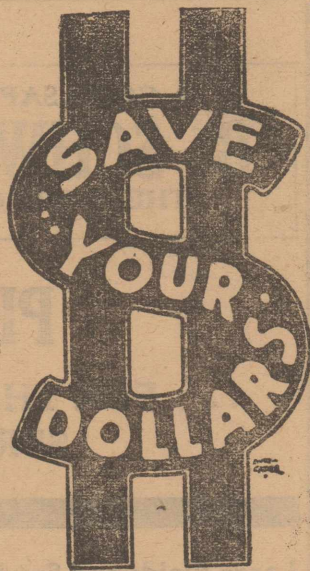
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NORRIS TRIAL ENDS

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friends had surrounded him, among whom was Fred D. Holland, former Fort Worth policeman, who has sat at his elbow for the last two days, as friends were fearful there might be a demonstration against the man who slew Dexter E. Chipps, lumberman, in the First Baptist church office at Fort Worth last July 17.

As McLean painted the preacher as the "gun toter" and "slandering of decent people," Norris' attorneys pictured him as the spiritual leader of thousands, who was saving souls while Chipps was engaged in worse than useless carousing.

"They say that after we have convicted this man of murder we must still call him 'doctor,'" shouted McLean. "I say the evidence shows he is a pistol packing parson."

Court Room Packed

"And when he goes back and begins slandering people again, and you open up the paper and see where he has killed another man, not a poor, drunken man this time, he'll be your criminal and not mine."

The defender of Clara Smith Hamon, who was freed on a charge of murdering the late Jake Hamon, called the evidence against the Oklahoma's national Republican committeeman, drew a crowd that overshadowed all other attendance

records of the trial. Spectators stood around the walls, filled the press box, and overflowed within the railing, so that even the lawyers had difficulty finding seats. Hundreds stayed throughout the noon recess, bringing their lunches.

The six hours of argument today was carried on by Attorney Isaac D. White of Austin and Dayton Moses of Fort Worth for the defense, and J. D. Moore, district attorney of Travis county, and William McLean for the state.

Moses closed for Dr. Norris with a plea of "apparent danger" declaring that if they believed Dr. Norris was in apparent danger when Chipps came to threaten him, they must acquit the defendant.

McLean, in opening, referred to his boyhood when he came to this very court room to hear the great lawyers of the day. He charged that Norris was "the judge, the jury, and the executioner" in the case of Dexter E. Chipps.

"I am more embarrassed in this case than in any of my life," he said. "Not because I am prosecuting a guilty man, but because Mr. Moses has painted me as an able lawyer," McLean of the prosecution said.

"The only success I have ever had has been based on never misquoting the evidence. No lawyer can 'preach' on the evidence and be successful."

McLean called attention to the defense charge that the state had tried to keep evidence out.

"The first motion to exclude evidence was filed by the defense. Your honor granted it, and we obeyed it."

Judge, Jury, Executioner

"Chipps threatened Norris' life, so Norris and Holland said. How was Chipps tried? Norris was the judge, Norris was the jury, and Norris was the executioner."

"Moses' Simpson's speeches were merely Norris' mouthpieces. And what did they say about Jesse Martin, our young district attorney? They said Martin hated Norris. Why, I ask you did he hate Norris? A young man who as far as I know, never took a drink in his life. Why should he hate Norris?"

"They slander us. They say I hate every bone in Norris' body. Gentlemen, I thought I was at peace with the world. I don't have a six shooter at home and I don't have one at my office and I don't pack one around with me."

McLean ridiculed the idea of the defense bringing the war into the case, and said he himself had a 17 year old boy in the war, and he expected to celebrate Armistice Day "as long as I live."

McLean described the habits of a "kildee" which draws its attackers away from its young.

"Now, this is a kildee case on the defense side," he said, stooping down and rapping on the model of Norris' desk. "They are trying to take you away from that spot."

"Nutt's own testimony convicts Norris. If you were as close to Norris as Nutt was you'd see the flash of a gun. But Nutt didn't. He didn't see the flash or smell powder. Either he's lying or there's a frame-up here somewhere."

where.

Hates a Hypocrite

"How I love a real Christian. But there are hypocrites in every church and how I hate a hypocrite. Take Nutt, now, and Brother Norris. They object to us calling him 'defendant Norris'. Let's call him Brother Norris."

"Now, what did Brother Nutt say. He said Chipps came in and said, 'Hello Nutt, why I know you. I've seen you at the bank.'"

McLean detailed Nutt's testimony about Chipps.

McLean read from Miss Jane Hartwell's testimony before the grand jury, and said that this also convicted Norris.

"Now, these fellows are talking about me being a paid prosecutor," he continued. "Aren't they pretty birds to say that? The last time I was in a law case with Dayton Moses or Marvin Simpson they were paid prosecutors and had the money on them."

"Now they keep hammering about Meacham not being here. For one long day you men were locked up in your room while we argued about a certain matter. The judge excluded that evidence we argued about, and so Meacham wasn't needed and that is why he went home. We abided by the court's ruling but they didn't."

Conflict of Details

"That man Bonner Ridgway—I call him Boner Ridgway, for instance. He said no woman came down the steps, and yet their own witness, Mrs. Rains, a stenographer in Norris' office, she says she came down the steps right after the shooting. They fix this up, of course, to try to have you believe that Mrs. Parker was not there, but they forgot about Mrs. Rains coming down. If Ridgway didn't see Mrs. Rains how can he say he didn't see Mrs. Parker?"

"They say this was self defense. I call it cowardly murder. They try to make out that when poor Chipps was bending over there in the ante room that he was trying to pick up something. Why, of course, he was bending over. Who wouldn't bend over with three bullets in his lung and his heart. He was trying to stop the flow of his life's blood, which Norris had taken."

"And, Nutt. What did the Christian Nutt and Norris do? Did they help him? Did they go over to him there as he was dying? No they wanted to murder him and they did it."

"And are you going to let this man go back home unwhipped of justice and put that self-defense stuff down your throats?"

"If you build up a character and a man who claims to be a preacher, a man who has a broadcasting machine and that contemptible Searchlight, and he reaches out his long tongue and ruins that character you have built up, and then you go to his office and protest about it, has he a right to blow your heart out?"

Moses For Defense

Attorney Dayton Moses told the jury if he had been placed in the same circumstances as Norris, he too would have shot. The only mistake Norris made, he said, was that the pastor didn't shoot soon enough.

"If I was in my office and some one came in to humiliate me or kill me, I'd do as Norris did," he said. "The minute he darkened the door, you or I would have started shooting at once."

"But Norris didn't do this. He waited until the man had come at him and after he had asked him to leave. Not until then did he shoot.—Abilene Reporter.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TO PUT ON DRIVE SONN

The cemetery association will put on a membership drive Feb. 10, for the purpose of raising money to fence the new addition adjoining the present site. Every rural community is asked to assist in this work.

People owning lots in the cemetery are requested to see Webber Williams and pay for same. We must raise this money in order to keep our cemetery in shape.

Cemetery Association—Webber Williams, Pres., Mrs. O. Moore Hall, Sec.-Treas.

GINNERS' REPORT CAME MONDAY.

According to the report that came in Monday there has been 16,609,000 bales of the 1926 cotton crop ginned. In all probability there will be 17,000,000 bales ginned of the 1926 crop. But this lacks a great deal of reaching the eight-million and one-half million bales as was reported the last time. How

ever 17,000,000 bales is an enormous cotton crop and as the production hangs around that number, there is not much chance for high priced cotton.

WATSON ITEMS

Miss Ruby McKeever and Mrs. B. F. Crump are visiting Jim Crump this week.

H. N. Springer and his son, Orval, are both pretty sick. Jim Crump and Miss Ruby McKeever went to Tulia last week.

W. B. Ford is running a road from his old home place to the north of the old Crump place which he recently bought.

H. R. Witt has bought over the lumber that was left at the Wild Cat Oil well.

CHILDS CULTURE STUDY CLUB

The Child Culture Study Club is to meet with Mrs. E. J. Cowan February 2 at three o'clock. "Birds" will be the subject for discussion at this meeting. Mrs.

L. R. Barrett will act as leader for the meeting.

The following is the program to be rendered:

1. Bird Guessing Contest—Members.
2. Reading—Nedra Hogan
3. Reading—Norton Barrett
4. Reading—James Henry Cowan.
5. Protection of Birds—Mrs. W.

B. Lee. 6. Protective Resemblances—Mrs. V. C. Smart

7. Special Paper—Mrs. J. H. Busby.

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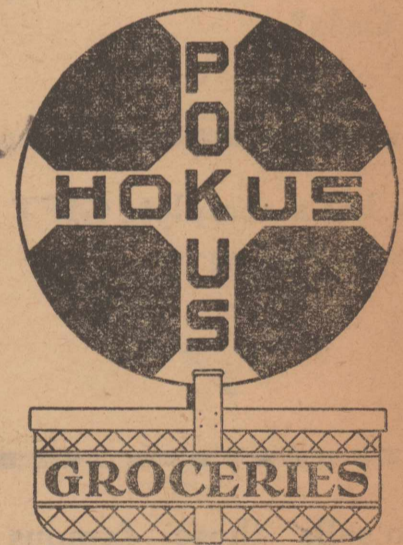
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