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## Primary Grades In New Building

Last Monday the primary grades of our schools moved into the new east building. This will give our schools a much better facility since it will remove the crowded conditions. The entire system is being changed to some extent and will require a little time to get everything and every body into good working condition. It is believed that the people will like the new arrangement when once it is the plan.

All of the Primary Department and including the Fourth Grade in the Grammar School department are located in the new east side building row. The grades from the Fifth to the Eighth inclusive are located in what was the Grammar School building and these divisions now compose the Junior High School. The Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh grades are in the High School building and will make up the Senior High School Department. There is one thing they would like about this new system were we attending school. We know we could get into the High School so much earlier than we could under the old system. You see when a boy gets into the fifth grade he is in the High School Department. We are sure all the boys will want to be High School students before long.

As soon as the mid-term examinations are over and the papers graded, a new classification will begin. There will be what is known as the high and low divisions of grades. There will be a low first grade and a High First Grade; likewise a low and high second grade and others in the various grades. There is a beautiful feature about this. In former years when a student had had luck, was sick, or other causes which prevented him from making his years work, he had to lose the year practically and go over the work again. Now he will lose only that term and be ready to join the class at the beginning of the next term. Let's all be patient with our superintendent and teachers and get the new system to going just right and then all of us will be glad the changes were made.

## Roaring Springs Citizen Passes Away

F. M. Clifton, a widely known citizen of Roaring Springs died at his home Thursday afternoon of last week. Mr. Clifton had been in a very feeble for two or three years and an attack of influenza proved fatal.

Mr. Clifton was one of the first settlers of the Roaring Springs community, having reared his family there. He was familiarly known as "Grandpa Clifton" and was called by that title by practically everyone who knew him. Having almost reached his four score years, he was looked upon as the fatherly adviser of the community. Everybody consulted him in regard to moral questions and always found him manifesting a broad and wise attitude.

He was an active member in the Baptist Church and took a great deal of interest in all church activities. Until the last three or four years he always made it his custom to attend all church associations, fifth Sunday meetings, workers councils and any other meetings pertaining to the interests of the church. Unless he was ill he could be depended upon being in some church meeting every Sunday. In this respect he was liberal in views relative to other church organizations. During revival meetings of other denominations he was there trying to do his part in the cause. He was a student of the Bible, making it his chief text book in life. He endeavored to make its precepts an example in his life before his fellowmen.

He was of cheerful disposition, and when he met his friends he enjoyed telling them of some funny incident that happened in his life. Even in the late years of his life he was known to engage in a scuffle with his many friends. He never permitted his age to interfere with him spreading happiness in the lives of others. For this reason he will linger in the memory of his friends.

Funeral services were held in Roaring Springs Friday afternoon, one of the largest congregations known attending the services. Interment was made in the Roaring Springs Cemetery.

Mr. Clifton leaves his wife and a large family of children to mourn

## J. H. Biggs City Judge

At their meeting last Saturday afternoon the City Commissioners appointed J. H. Biggs as City Judge to fill the vacancy made by S. B. Roddy who was elected Justice of the Peace. In making this selection the Commissioners feel they are getting a good man of mature judgment who will deal squarely with everybody. Mr. Biggs has been here a long time has many friends, he believes in the right and while he has a human attitude relative to people he believes in executing the law.

Mr. Biggs is now in charge of the office and when any officer makes an arrest he knows where to find the City Judge.

## Ralls Class Visits Spur Station

The Vocational Agricultural Class of Ralls visited the Spur Experiment Station yesterday. The director, Mr. J. L. Young, accompanied the class here and assisted in going over the work of the station with them.

The work of Spur Station is attracting a great deal of attention at this time, and it is of such nature that the schools are securing information that they cannot acquire from any other source. Superintendent Dickson gladly went over the work with Mr. Young and the class.

## Human Skeleton Found Near Spur

A human skeleton was found nine miles southwest of Spur a few days ago. Judge Roddy and Constable Rawlings went out Thursday afternoon to make inspection and to report to county authorities.

In speaking of the event Judge Roddy said it looked as if the body had been buried and then buried in a very shallow grave. He stated that dirt and ashes could be found near where the bones lay. A portion of a hand was found which was in a very good condition yet, and indications are that the body had been placed there just a few months at most. The shoes were found and buckles which indicated that the person was wearing overalls at the time of his death. Judge Roddy stated that in his opinion the man was about his height. The skeleton was found in Mr. Orlands pasture and he reported the event to the authorities.

## Buys Business In Stamford

Roy Carson who has been manager of the Piggly-Wiggly here, purchased an interest in the Help-Seify Grocery at Stamford and has gone there to assist with the business. Since coming to Spur Mr. Carson has made a great number of friends and has built up a good trade for the Piggly-Wiggly.

T. J. Walker is the new manager for the Piggly-Wiggly here having assumed his duties in that capacity last Monday. Mr. Walker is an experienced groceryman, and will carry on the business in the same high class manner as it has been.

## Ford Dealers for Ford Service Godfrey & Smart.

P. F. Pope, of Twin Wells, was transacting business with our merchants Saturday.

O. E. Day, of Soldier Mound was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Vernon, Powell, of Highway, were doing some trading in our city Saturday.

I. J. Hurley of Dickens was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

U. E. Cook, of McAdoo, was looking after business affairs with our merchants Saturday.

J. A. Murphy of Espuela, was greeting friends on our streets Saturday.

## Ford Dealers for Ford Service Godfrey & Smart.

Mrs. W. L. Lusk of Dickens, is reported on the sick list this week, the trouble being pneumonia.

W. T. Finn of Seymour, was talking business with merchants in our city this week.

His departure. He left the example of a Christian life with them, and every member of his family are honest and respected citizens.

## Spur Merchants Hold Meeting

A number of the Spur merchants and other business men held a meeting last Friday evening in regard to reorganizing the Retail Merchants Association. After some talks relative to the benefits of the Association, a motion was made and voted to appoint a committee to nominate a Board of Directors to recommend to those present. The committee made its report which was accepted. The Board of Directors was then asked to retire and select officers for the organization, and this request was carried out.

It was the opinion of those present that a full time secretary should be employed to look after the business. Many merchants stated that there is valuable information to be secured and that there should be someone whose duty it is to look after this information.

There was another opinion prevailed. There seems to be some people in this country who are not very prompt about paying their store accounts. The merchants are very strong in regard to this class of people being placed before the organization. Merchants who have delinquent customers. Persons who are prompt in meeting their obligations will have no trouble in getting credit. But there were reports that would lead one to believe there are a few people who do not look after their obligations and who are considered not favorable risks that will not be extended credit very liberally. One never knows when they will need a favor, and it is always best to make good when extended an accommodation.

Merchants will meet again Friday evening to complete the organization.

## Hope To Do Something About Highway

At their meeting this week the commissioner's court hoped to be able to take some kind of action in regard to the highway between Dickens and There has been money appropriated to pave this highway which should be a very valuable thing to both the towns and especially to those people who own farms along this road. The Commissioner's Court will have to furnish the right-of-way and it seems there are one or two parties with whom they have not been able to get settlement. They hope to have the work going soon.

## FORMER SPUR LADY PASSES AWAY

The many friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. W. E. Lessing which occurred at her home in Abilene Wednesday evening of last week. The Judge and Mrs. Lessing were once citizens of Spur and had a host of friends here. Mrs. Lessing died as a result of influenza and pneumonia.

G. F. Smith was selling some cream to the local creamery and looking after other business matters here Monday.

## Spur To Get Natural Gas Soon

W. W. Graves, representative of the West Texas Gas Company was in our city the last of the week and made arrangements relative to installing natural gas lines into Spur. The West Texas Gas Company was granted a franchise to our city some months ago and have been making other arrangements preparatory to bringing the gas here.

Mr. Graves stated that the company would start the survey next week from our neighbor city Crosbyton and would begin laying the line about April the first.

At the same time they started the line at Crosbyton the company would install lines here through the streets and alleys and would have everything ready by the time the main line reached here. It is the intention of the company to turn the gas on here about July 1st.

In former years the West Texas Gas Company have been contracting the laying of their pipe lines to different construction companies. It is understood that they have changed their policy in this matter and will have their own construction crew now.

There is nothing that will add more to our city at this time than getting gas here. It is economical, clean and convenient and usually forms the basis of bringing other industries into our town.

## Spur Get Music Shop

A. B. Smart is installing a music shop in our city and will handle a complete line of musical instruments. His line will include pianos, phonographs, string instruments, radios, and in addition to this he will have a good line of sheet music and records. The business will be known as the "Smart Music Shop."

Mr. Smart will sell the Baldwin line of pianos, and the R. C. A. line of radios. He will be located in the north division of the Godfrey and Smart building at present, but stated he hoped his business will grow until he will need a much larger place.

Mr. Smart has been in the music business in Rotan for several years he has a nice business there but will leave it in charge of his father. He will come to Spur and be the manager of the business here.

He is a brother of our fellow towns man V. C. Smart of the firm of Godfrey and Smart.

## Ginners Report

According to reports turned in at two o'clock yesterday, there had been 9370 bales of 1928 cotton crop ginned in Spur. Dickens reported 1950. Croton reported 1196 bales. This makes a total of 12,516 for the three places.

Cotton was selling from \$14.00 to \$15.50 at both Spur and Dickens, the grades ruling the price.

## Baptist Church

We had a good crowd and a very interesting Sunday School lesson last Sunday. Bro. Ayers preached a wonderful sermon on "Three Viewpoints, the world, man, and God's." It was a very inspiring message.

We had a good B. Y. P. U. and Bro. Rogers brought another good message for the evening service, with one conversion and one addition to the church. Come worship with us, you are welcome. Sunday School: 9:45 am. Preaching at 11:00 A. M. B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 A. M. Preaching at 7:00 P. M. —Reporter.

## Spur Commandery Elects Officers

The Spur Commandery of Knights Templar Masons have elected and installed officers as follows: Jimmie Sample, Eminent Commander; L. E. Lee, Generalissimo; W. F. Godfrey, Captain General; W. R. King, Senior Warden; J. L. King, Junior Warden; T. C. Ensey, Recorder; and F. G. Collier, Warder.

The Spur Commandery is making good progress at this time and has quite a good deal of work going on. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

## Commissioners To Aid Terracing

Viewing the importance of farmers terracing their farms, the County Commissioners Court have passed an order to encourage the work as much as possible. They feel that the work needs some financial encouragement and have offered to assist in buying terracing machines. Their proposition is that the county will pay for one fourth the price of a machine, provided it does not cost more than \$100. In other words, if three or four farmers co-operate in buying a machine that costs one hundred dollars, the county will pay one fourth of the amount which is twenty five dollars. Also the court decided they will assist in this manner until fifty machines have been purchased.

It is a compliment to our county to have a Commissioners Court that takes so broad a view of farming interests. One member stated he hoped the farmers would get into this business of terracing for he felt it would be worth lots of money to the county.

A Mr. Cannon who lives on the Fred Hisey place near the experiment station came from down east where he terraced. He stated that it is the most economical work the farmers could do. Our Commissioners are to be commended for the interest they are taking.

W. A. Kimmel, west of town, was in Tuesday doing some trading and looking after other business affairs.

## IN MEMORY OF H. C. CRAVY

One more "old-timer" has gone from us in the person of Mr. H. C. Cravy. He was born in Shelby County Texas, June 22, 1845. He departed this life January 9, 1929 at the age of 83 years, 6 months, and 17 days. Mr. Cravy served as a soldier in the Confederate army when only a young man. He was married to Miss Bettie Thompson and to this union were born two children, one boy and one girl both now living.

Sometime after the death of his wife, Mr. Cravy married Miss Bettie Smith, to this union were born ten children. Two died in infancy and eight are still living.

Mr. Cravy moved from San Saba County to Kent County in 1896 and settled on what is now known as the Lower Red Mud, on a pre-emption and lived there until his death.

Mr. Cravy was converted and joined the Baptist Church when a young man although he never identified himself with the church after coming here, making the mistake that so many others make in not uniting with their home church.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church at Red Mud after which he was laid to rest in the Red Mud Cemetery. His going leaves a wife and ten children to mourn his death, but our loss is his gain. The writer admonishes all of us to look to God and trust our Savior for eternal life.

J. V. Bilberry.

## Contract For Power House Let

The last of the week the City Commissioners let the contract for building the City power house on the corner of Sixth Street and Burlington Avenue. W. P. Nugent & Company secured the contract. The building is to be completed at the earliest possible date for the installation of the city's new light and power plant.

In the erection of this building the City Commissioners took into consideration the growth of Spur and secured plans for the building by which it may be enlarged as soon as is needed. The present building will be large enough to install three very large engines and dynamos, and it is so arranged as to be able to enlarge it by building an addition any time.

It is hoped to have the new power plant in running condition sometime during the summer.

## Former Spur Man Accidentally Shot

Word was received this week stating that W. H. Birdwell had been injured by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. January 8. Mr. Birdwell is in the Sanitarium at Almagordo, N. M. He had to have his right hand amputated just above the wrist on account of the wound. Dr. Fred B. Evans of Almagordo did the surgical work and wrote this week that Mr. Birdwell is getting along fine.

Mr. Birdwell was one of the first members to join the Spur Mutual when it was organized. He has been away from Spur some five or six years but has always kept up his membership in the Mutual. This week the secretary of the Spur Mutual sent him a check for \$750.00 to pay his accident claim. He has many friends here who regret to hear of his accident but will be glad to know he is getting along all right.

## McAdoo Mercantile Sold This Week

T. M. Brantley and A. M. Lay have purchased the McAdoo Mercantile, one of the largest mercantile establishments in our county and are now in charge of the business. Both of these men are experienced merchants and no doubt will make a success of this business.

H. P. Edwards who has been manager of the business for the past several year has done a great deal to work up good will for the business and has helped many people as a merchant. He was in town Monday and stated that he was spending his time now getting in collections and looking after other things pertaining to his past business career.

The McAdoo Mercantile has always enjoyed a good business and it has been through the persistent efforts of Mr. Edwards. It was the first store established in McAdoo and has held a good prestige ever since it started. Mr. Lay and Mr. Brantley are very fine men and the people of McAdoo will still receive the same kind of consideration that they have had in former years.

A. M. Wimberly of Roaring Springs was looking after business affairs in our city the last of the week.

## SOME INTERESTING FACTS

In the past seventeen years there have been 861 rains fallen in Spur country, making a total of 374 inches of rainfall.

Of these rains 754 have been less than one inch.

In the past seventeen years there have been only 35 rains that have been greater than two inches.

There has been more rainfall from June 1st to June 10th than any other 10 day period in the year. April 21st to 30th comes second.

The spring rains in 1928 started at five o'clock in the afternoon of May 12th, the rainfall amounting to 1.49 inches. There was a period of nine days rainfall amounting to 3.70 inches.

Rainfall for January last year, 1928 was three-tenths of an inch. For February it was one half inch.

Eighty five per cent of our total annual rainfall comes during the summer months.

**BRING US YOUR CREAM**

We can still use a little more cream to supply our demands. We are still paying the top price for cream and we want the farmers to know we are with you in building up a great dairy business for Dickens County. We are just trying to run our business and at the same time help those who have cream for sale.

Try our Espuela Brand Butter and be convinced that we are making the best butter you ever ate. We can trade you butter for your cream and save the trouble of churning at home.

Your for a bigger cream business.

**THE SPUR CREAMERY**  
Home of "Espuela Brand" Butter

A Good Safe Place To Trade  
**B. SCHWARZ & SON**  
 SPUR, TEXAS  
 The Store of Little Profit

# 4th ANNIVERSARY SALE

## Starts THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 17th to 26th

This is a store wide sale and nothing has been spared in radical reductions. Every article has been tagged and upon each tag is written a price that will insure immediate sale. Time means money and we want to make it plain at this time that we are not trifling with half hearted reductions. This is the always eagerly awaited B. Schwarz & Son Anniversary Sale. A Sale bringing to our customers mark downs that are invariably below cost to us.

Its here Thursday January 17. Its the kind of a sale that offers new sparkling merchandise, no "pawed over" stuff, just the kind of a sale to inspire every person to go through their wardrobe with notebook and pencil and make a list of their needs for months to come. **What have you? What haven't you? Look over the list of bargains below.**

Every Ladies Winter Dress in the House. Values up to \$39.75. Sale--

**\$5.00**

Every ladies Winter Coat in the house. Three value giving groups:

**\$39.50 to \$49.50 Coats \$15.95**  
**\$22.50 to \$24.05 Coat \$12.95**  
**\$22.95 to \$15.95 Coats \$7.95**

All Coats not listed:

Allen A Hosiery \$1.95 value

**\$1.29**

Ladies Novelty Slippers \$6.45 Value

**\$3.95**

**\$3.50 to \$4.45 Values \$2.85**

Arch Support Shoes \$5.45 to \$6.45 Values

**\$3.95**

All Childrens and Boys Shoes 20 percent reduction.

Best Grade 36 in. Outing

**12 1/2<sup>c</sup>**  
Yard

27 in. Outing only

**5<sup>c</sup>**  
Yard

36 in. Fast Color Percal only

**15<sup>c</sup>**  
Yard

Table Oil Cloth

**19<sup>c</sup>**  
Yard

Palmolive Soap 5 For

**25<sup>c</sup>**

The Genuine Anna Mae Pongee Only

**24<sup>c</sup>**  
Yard

Rayon Bloomers Pastel Shades 2 Pair For

**\$1.00**

Genuine Kotex  
**25<sup>c</sup>**  
box

3 lb. Cotton Linter Batts Only

**44<sup>c</sup>**

Ladies Imitation Alligator House Slippers Moccasin 95c value, Sale--

**44<sup>c</sup>**  
Pair

Ladies Felt House Slippers. All the Wanted Colors All Sies

**37<sup>c</sup>**  
Pair

Hope Domestic, Full 36 in. wide. Best Grade 8 yds.

**\$1.00**

Best Grade Linen Finish Sheeting 9-4 and 10-4 or Brown. Values to 50c yard only

**33<sup>c</sup>**  
Yard

Cotton Spool Thread, Black and White. All Numbers Four Spools

**15<sup>c</sup>**

32 in. Dress Gingham

**10<sup>c</sup>**  
Yard

Shirting Chevoit

**10<sup>c</sup>**  
Yard

Childrens Genuine E-Z Union Suits only

**79<sup>c</sup>**  
Garment

Genuine 12 Momme All Silk Pongee Red Label First Quality only

**36<sup>c</sup>**

A Regular 69c quality

Fine Cotton Blankets In Pastel Plaids and Woven For Service

**\$3.95 VALUE \$2.95**  
**\$3.45 VALUE \$2.69**

Men's Leather Coats \$9.95 and \$10.95 Values

**\$6.95**

Mens Genuine Cowhide Leather Coats \$12.95 and \$14.95 Value only

**\$9.95**

Men's Winter Weight Union Suits \$1.00 Value

**79<sup>c</sup>**

Men's Extra Heavy Winter Weight Union Suits \$1.20 to \$1.40 Value

**99<sup>c</sup>**

Heavy Blue Denim Overalls

**89<sup>c</sup>**

Jumpers to Match

**89<sup>c</sup>**

65c Men's Silk Hose

**39<sup>c</sup>**

Mens Work Pants Poudre Blue, Sand and Hong Kong, all sizes \$1.40 to \$1.65 values, each

**\$1.19**

Boys Heavy Blue Overalls All Sizes up to 18, only

**79<sup>c</sup>**  
garment

Mens and Boys Adjustable Caps

**79<sup>c</sup> Values 49<sup>c</sup>**  
**\$1.00 Values 79<sup>c</sup>**  
**\$1.65 Values \$1.29**  
**\$2.00 Value \$1.59**

Boys Extra Heavy Unionalls all sizes up to 15 years \$1.00 and \$1.25 values

**79<sup>c</sup>**

Men's Outing Pajamas only

**\$1.05**

Mens Dress Shirts \$2.50 and \$3.50 shirts

**\$1.66, 3 FOR \$4.75**

Boys Dress Shirts \$1.00 and \$1.25 Values

**79<sup>c</sup>**  
Each

Mens Full Size Blue Work Shirts

**48<sup>c</sup>**  
Each

Men's Best Grade Work Shirts Poudre Blue, Sand, Hong Kong, Grey and Blue, \$1.00 and \$1.25 Value

**79<sup>c</sup>**  
Each

Mens Dress Pants, Values From \$5.45 to \$7.95

**\$3.95**

Mens Dress Oxfords, Freeman-Beddon Quality \$7.50 and \$6.50 values

**\$5.20**

Mens Dress Oxfords Freeman Quality \$5.50 and \$6.50 values

**\$4.20**

**THREE BIG GROUPS**

Mens Fine All Wool Suits and Overcoats.

**\$29.95 to \$32.50 Values \$19.95**  
**\$19.50 to \$24.50 Value \$15.95**  
**\$15.95 Values Only \$9.95**

Mens Dress Shoes

**\$6.50 Values \$5.20**  
**\$5.50 Values \$4.40**  
**\$4.65 Values \$3.69**

Now folks, please bear this in mind, every item advertised in this paper is backed up with large quantities of merchandise, so you can be reasonably sure, that you will not be disappointed. May we suggest once more to get out your little notebook and pencil and make out a list and come to our 4th Anniversary Sale. You will not be disappointed.

## DO YOUR HENS AVERAGE 18 DOZEN EGGS EACH PER YEAR?

If so, your income will be about \$5.40 per hen per year.  
Your feed bill, housing and other necessary items will be about \$2.90 per hen.  
Your net profit - \$5.40 less \$2.90 - will be \$2.50 per hen, per year.

Your expense can be decreased by proper up to date methods and quantity buying.  
Your profit can be made greater than this by keeping your flock up to pure blood lines and standard qualifications.  
This higher price will be available through

the SPUR POULTRY FARM AND HATCHERY for your HATCHING EGGS.  
Ask us about it.  
Bring your eggs for custom hatching any Monday.

Telephone 9011-F1

Herbert E. Hantz,

Owner and Manager

### SPUR POULTRY FARM AND HATCHERY

#### General Conference Panhandle-Plains Baptists

PLAINVIEW, Jan 10.—"Where a man's treasure is, there is his heart also." It can also be wisely stated that where a man's money is there is his interest, Baptists from all over the Great Panhandle-Plains country have money invested in their beloved institution—Wayland Baptist College. However the influence Wayland fields is far greater than her financial investment.

President McDonald feels that every Baptist on the plains should know every detail regarding the achievements of their school and therefore has set aside a time each year for the assembling of the pastors and laymen of the church in the territory contiguous to the college that they may better know the institution which they are helping to support. Every Baptist church should be glad of the opportunity to assist in the advancement of such a school as Wayland.

The following program has been thoughtfully arranged and the capable speakers for the two days program will bring a spirit of progress and throw a new light on the potential possibilities of the Panhandle-Plains Baptists. Marcellus Watkins, College Evangelists is making an urgent plea for the united support of all Baptists in Attendance at this conference. May ever Baptist church be represented.

Song Service will be conducted by

J. D. Riddle of Amarillo.  
11:30 A. M.—Devotional—Rev. E. V. May, Brownfield.  
11:30 A. M.—Potential Possibilities of the Panhandle Baptists—Rev. B. G. Holloway, Slaton.  
12:30—Lunch.  
2:00 P. M.—Devotional—Rev. C. E. Dick, Crosbyton.  
2:30 P. M.—Unity of Baptist Sentiment—Rev. V. M. Cloyd, Hereford.  
3:00 —. M. The Budget—A Major Objective—Rev. E. T. Miller, Memphis, (Followed by a Roundtable Discussion.)  
7:00 P. M. Devotional—Rev. D. H. Truhite, Pampa.  
7:40 P. M.—Christian Education As a Mission Factor—Dr. W. R. White, Lubbock.

#### FRIDAY

9:45 A. M. Devotional—Rev. C. R. Joyner—Wellington.  
10:15 A. M.—The Women's Part in the Panhandle Plains Baptist Program—Mrs. E. W. Provence.  
10:50 A. M.—Making Wayland Baptist College Permanent. How?—Rev. J. Pat Horton, Trustee, Plainview.  
11:30 A. M.—Panhandle-Plains Baptists Building for Tomorrow—Dr. G. L. Yates, Amarillo.

Arrangements are being made for bed, breakfast and lunch for all who come. Pastors are urged to bring representatives from their churches and if possible notify us of the approximate number. Help us to make this a great occasion.

#### MRS. B. J. HOWELL OF ESPUELA COMMUNITY DIES

Sister B. J. Howell, wife of B. J. Howell of the Espuela Community died Monday, Jan. 7, after an extended illness. The passing of this Godly consecrated Christian Mother to her reward, is most deeply regretted. The absence of her presence among us is not only felt by the immediate family but by all who knew her.

Sister Howell, whose maiden name was Ola Chandler, was born at Neches Anderson County, Texas, July 1, 1883. She became a Christian at the age of fifteen and joined the Missionary Baptist Church at Neches. She was married to B. J. Howell June 27, 1909.

and to this union there was born three children, all of whom were girls and who are still living.

Sister Howell was a member of Espuela Missionary Baptist Church and a most faithful member. Her place will be hard to fill in the church life of Espuela.

By special request made before death, her former pastors Rev. L. S. Bilberry and Victor Crabtree assisted the present pastor in the funeral service. She was interred in the Espuela Cemetery Tuesday. The following poem was written in memory of this mother and wife.

Dear Mother and wife so true  
So tender, loving and so kind  
You've left us for a better home all new

But thoughts of thee are precious in our mind.

We are glad dearest mother  
That from pain and toil you do rest  
We would not call you back to them  
mother

The grief for thee is painful in our breast

Thank God for thy loving care  
Thy sacrifice and gentle tears  
For thy Christian Spirit and humble prayers.

For they shall strengthen us through many years.

The prayers of the entire membership of the Espuela Baptist Church the present pastors are that God will heal the wounded hearts and give strength to the noble husband, daughters, brothers, sisters and aged mother who remain to mourn her going.

Victor Crabtree

#### WEST TEXAS GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT SNYDER

The Spur Girls High School Basketball team has been officially invited to attend the West Texas Girls High School Basketball Tournament that will be held at Snyder, February 14, 15 and 16 under the sponsorship of the Snyder Lions Club. Plans are being laid to entertain more than fifty girls teams during the three days.

R. H. Schulze, Dallas southern com-

#### ANNOUNCING

To My Friends and Customers:  
I will be in Dallas Monday and Tuesday for the purpose of purchasing and taking instruction on the Realistic Permanent Waving machine, as I feel that the ladies of Spur and West Texas are entitled to the latest and best in Beauty Culture.

MRS. McCOMBS

#### SCHRIMSHER & STACK BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOPPE

#### LIHGT CRUST FLOUR

You never ate better biscuits than those made from Light Crust Flour. Your wife never enjoyed making biscuits from any flour as much as she enjoys the Light Crust Flour. We have it... why not keep happiness in the home by getting your flour from us.

#### "M" SYSTEM GROCERY

Ford Dealers for Ford Service — Godfrey & Smart.

#### LODGES

**SPUR LODGE**  
No. 771 I. O. O. F.  
Meets every Monday night. Visitors welcome.  
A. C. BURGESSON, N. G.  
H. P. BERRY, Sec.

**SPUR COUNCIL**  
No. 277  
Royal and Select Masters Meeting when called,  
A. L. McCLELLAND, T. I. M.  
J. RECTOR, Recorder

Stated Meeting of  
**SPUR CHAPTER**  
No. 340 R. A. M.  
Monday night on or after each full moon. Visitors welcome.  
M. E. TREE, H. P.  
J. RECTOR, Sec.

Stated Conclave of Spur  
Commandery No. 76 K. T.  
Second Tuesday in each month. Visiting Sir Knights welcome.  
T. C. ENSEY, Com.  
J. RECTOR, Recorder

**SPUR REBEKAH LODGE**  
No. 178  
Meets each Friday night. Members be present. Visitors welcome.  
MRS. A. C. BURGESSON, N. G.  
MRS. T. A. ROGERS, Sec.

**ROTARY CLUB OF SPUR**  
Meets every Thursday at 12 o'clock at Spur Inn. Visiting Rotarians welcome.  
GEORGE LINK, Pres.  
DODGE STARCHER, Sec.

Stated Meeting of  
**SPUR LODGE**  
No. 1023 A. F. & A. M.  
Thursday night on or before each full moon. Visitors welcome.  
C. J. CROUCH, W. M.  
W. R. KING, Secy.

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Certain American people are getting on in the world. Many of them are just starting. But they're headed up the ladder. Their ideas of luxury and beauty are expanding. They want finer homes, finer furniture, finer automobiles.

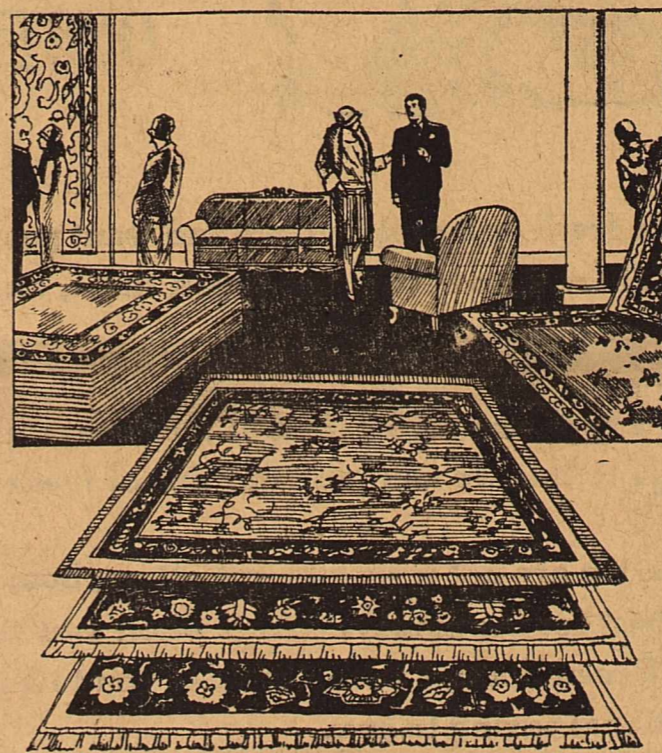
During the past three years, hundreds of thousands of these progressive Americans have been buying the Pontiac Six. Some of them have bought it as the first car they ever owned. But to most of them, Pontiac has represented the first big step up from the lowest priced field.

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**BELLE BENNETT MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Members of the Belle Bennett Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met with Mrs. Jack Rector on Monday afternoon.

A business session was held and the following new officers were elected to serve during the coming year.

President—Mrs. G. H. Stack.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Leonard Joplin.  
Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.—Mrs. Mack Tidwell.

Treasurer—Mrs. Barrow.  
Supt. of Study—Mrs. A. O. White.  
Asst. Supt. of Study—Mrs. D. H. Zachry.

Voice Agent—Mrs. Jack Rector.  
After the business a social hour was held which was enjoyed very much. The guests were entertained with contests and musical numbers.

Mrs. Rector served refreshments of hot chocolate, cake and mints, to the Meses. Leonard Joplin, G. H. Stack, Lester Ericson, D. H. Zachry, D. Y. Twaddell. The Society will meet with Mrs. D. Y. Twaddell next Monday afternoon at 3:30.

J. E. Wells of Espuela was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

**MRS. C. A. JONES HOSTESS**

On Tuesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones were most entertaining hosts to the directors of the Spur National Bank and their wives, at the Spur Inn. Being the forty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, their guests presented them a beautiful engraved silver coffee service. This was most fitting for the occasion, since Mr. Jones has been president and a director since the organization since the organization of the Spur National Bank in 1909.

On Wednesday Mrs. Jones was a charming hostess again when she entertained a few of her lady friends with a luncheon at the Spur Inn.

A lovely menu was served upon this occasion when Mrs. Jones list included Mesdames W. S. Campbell, Oran McClure, W. T. Andrews, Sr., Nellie Davis, Margaret Newman, J. C. McNeill, W. C. Pressley, G. L. Barber, Reese McNeill, Geo. M. Williams, R. E. Dickson, C. B. Jones and Miss Julia Mae Hickman.

**1925 BRIDGE CLUB**

Mrs. W. D. Wilson entertained the members of the 1925 Bridge Club on last Thursday afternoon.

A business session was held after which an hour of bridge was enjoyed. Attractive tallies and score pads added to the occasion. When the scores were totaled, Mrs. F. W. Jennings held high and was given a beautiful pitcher. Mrs. Nellie Davis, being low received a lovely gift also.

Refreshments of pie and coffee were served to the club members: Meses. M. C. Golding, Nellie Davis, J. B. Reed, R. E. Dickson, F. W. Jennings, C. L. Love, L. H. Perry, Oran McClure, Shirley Dobbins, Riley Wooten, E. L. Tanner and W. D. Wilson.

**MRS. W. T. ANDREWS, SR. HONORED**

On Tuesday afternoon of last week Mrs. E. L. Tanner entertained a few friends complimenting Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Sr. of Sweetwater, Texas. Two tables of bridge were in play during the afternoon.

At the conclusion of the games Mrs. Tanner served lovely refreshments of gelatine Salad, cheese straws, candied grape-fruit peel and coffee to the following: Meses Shirley Robbins, W.

T. Andrews, Jr., Nellie Davis, L. H. Perry, James B. Reed, R. E. Dickson, and the Honoree.

**WEDDING BELLS RING AGAIN**

On Saturday evening, January 5, Miss Johnnie Belle Hargrove and Mr. Richard Gibson were married at Dickens.

Mrs. Gibson is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hargrove and is a young lady of refinement, much loved by a large circle of friends.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson, and a young man of high standing in the community.

Both the bride and the groom are graduates of Spur High School and have had two years of college training.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will join the Times in wishing them much prosperity and happiness through the coming years.

Gordon Barrier, of Bryant—Link Company who has been ill of the influenza, is able to be back at work again.

I. J. McMahan, of Dry Lake community was transacting business in our city Monday.

Bob H. Ferguson of Roaring Springs was doing some trading with our merchants Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Askins were in our city Monday doing some trading. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding and children spent the week end visiting friends in Stamford.

Mrs. E. L. Caraway and Mrs. B. F. Hale were in Lubbock Saturday visiting Miss Thelma Caraway and Ben Murray Hale who are students in the Texas Technological College.

Mrs. Bud Morrison and Miss Estell Collett were guests of friends in Lubbock Saturday.

Horace Hyatt, who has been with the City Grocery for some time is now with the Piggly-Wiggly.

J. P. Wilkes was in Lubbock Monday looking after business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mort Smith were called to Lubbock Sunday where Mrs. Smith's mother underwent an operation. They report the mother is getting along all right. Mrs. Smith is still with her.

Joe Gaines, of Afton was transacting business in our city Monday.

J. N. Lawton, of Afton, was transacting business in our city Monday and also paid the Times Office a pleasant call.

The Marrs brothers of Elton were in our city Monday looking after business affairs.

R. C. James of Dry Lake was attending to business interests in our city Tuesday.

J. W. Hilton and son, of Afton were in our city Monday looking after business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Orwin Lambert of the Pitchfork Ranch were guests of Mrs. H. C. Cravy of Red Mud community Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Cravy is reported very ill of pneumonia.

**Ford Dealers for Ford Service—Godfrey & Smart.**

W. S. Patrick, secretary of the Spur Chamber of Commerce was in Matador Tuesday of last week attending the meeting of the Matador Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ellis Vaughn is very ill of the influenza at her home on east side of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Maples of Hamlin are here this week visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Maples is with the Barrow Furniture Company of Hamlin.

Mrs. C. L. Cook, of Stamford is here this week with her daughter, Mrs. Vaughn who is ill.

Mrs. F. W. Jennings who has been in Stamford afflicted with influenza

was able to come home last Sunday and is getting along alright.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Legg and son J. P. Legg all of Croton were transacting business in our city last week.

L. B. Wilkes of Amarillo, was visiting friends in our city the first of the week. Mr. Wilkes may locate in our city later and help make Spur a greater town.

Uncle Sam Rather is reported confined to his bed on account of pneumonia. He seems to be holding his

own at this time and friends think that he will be able to be out soon.

E. W. Holder of East Camp was transacting business in our city Monday.

A. J. Shackelford of Red Mud community was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

J. L. Bowman north of town, was in doing some trading Saturday.

T. D. Hale of Afton was in our city Saturday taking advantage of bargains offered by Spur merchants.

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As to groceries we are not trying to outsell anybody, but we are giving you the best for the money. And when you trade with us you get S & H Green Stamps which entitles you to a nice present. This is an additional saving to you.

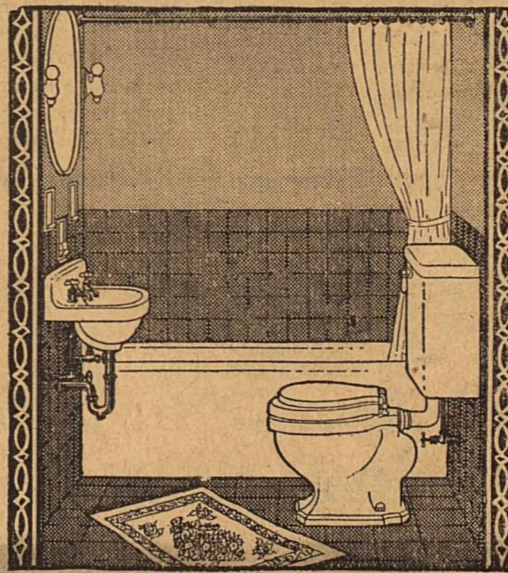
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Your bath room equipment and plumbing fixtures when properly installed add greatly to the pleasure of your home. We want to talk business with you on these lines. We have everything you need and have it in quality material. Then, we have experienced men who will install them right. We want to talk with you about this work, assist you in making your estimates and then see that you get a guaranteed job.

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**WANT ADS**

**FOR SALE**—2 well improved farms east of Spur to sell. For price and terms write or phone. J. E. Sanders, 1233 Palm St. Abilene, Texas, Phone No. 6430. 205 tn.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—1926 Ford truck, also some Jersey cows fresh. See B. J. Howell at Clapp Place. 212-4p

**WANTED**—Well matured maize as trade for poultry supplies, custom hatching, or orders on baby chicks—Spur Poultry farm & Hatchery. 2cx

**WANTED**—To sell house and lot in Corpus Christi, or trade for western property—Dickens County Times

**FOR RENT**—Furnished apartment close in.—See Mrs. Lee Hammock.

**NOTICE**—J. W. Hilton, of Prairie Chapel, owns a good registered Jersey bull which will make the season.

**FOR SALE**—Three used pianos in good condition. See them at Bryant-Link Furniture Department. Will let these go at a bargain. Bryant Link Furniture Department.

**SEWING WANTED**—Childrens clothing a specialty. See Mrs. T. J. Walker at J. H. Davis place. 1-31-3tp

**WANTED**—First class sewing of all kinds. Dress making a specialty. See Mrs. Turvan. 2-7-4tp

**STRAYED**—Large Black Jersey cow, dehorned. Notify Birl Hight at Tri-County Lbr. Co. 1-1c

T. E. Hinson of Roaring Springs was a business visitor in our city the last of the week.

**Terracing And Its Effect on Soil Moisture**

For the past two or three weeks our County Agricultural Agent, E. L. Tanner, has been devoting his time to conducting terracing schools in the county. Just what effect these schools will have on the agricultural condition will depend on how extensive our farmers will carry out the project of terracing.

We never have been much to write articles just to fill up space in the paper, but have always tried to give our readers things that are practical. For agricultural data we have always relied on the Spur Experiment Station because we have always felt that institution as it is being managed at this time, is an invaluable asset to the farming interests of this country. Many of the experiments of the Spur Station are failures, and the superintendent knows before he starts them that they will be failures. But it is necessary that these experiments be carried out to see the extent of failure they are. But the experiments on terracing that have been carried out by the Spur Station have proved a success to farming there, and that piece of land is considered one of the poorest in regard to farming that can be found in the country, considering its natural standpoint.

The great majority of farmers in this country attribute the failure in farming to lack of soil moisture. They say, "We cannot get enough rainfall and cannot get it at the right time. When it comes, it comes in a dash and runs off and the land is not saturated very deep."

One of the objects of terracing is to prevent the water from getting away from the soil. This is one of

the projects our experiment station has been working on. There was a very neat little test made last summer. There were two plats of land arranged both of them had about the same natural slope. One of them was terraced with the terraces having a slope of three inches per hundred feet. This is a very small slope and most of us would think that it did not amount to anything. In a certain rainfall which amounted to 1.65 inches there was 3-4 of an inch of that water ran off the soil. That only left nine tenths of an inch to go into the soil for crop raising.

Let's look at it in another way. In that 1.65 inches of rainfall there was 44,921 gallons of water fell on an acre. On this piece of ground which had a slope of only three inches per hundred feet, there was 20,688 gallons of water per acre drained off and did not do the crop any good at all. Every time we have an inch of rainfall there is 27,225 gallons of water falls on an acre of land and the average farm is not able to use half of the amount for crop production.

Now lets consider the other plat of land and see if the method of terracing has anything to do with holding water on the soil. This second plat was terraced on a level. It lay along side the other plat, with the same natural conditions equal. With the same rainfall coming the same day, and the same shower and falling similarly this piece of ground with level terraces lost only .17 of an inch of rainfall by run-off water. In other words with a rainfall that deposited 44,921 gallons of water to an acre of land, this piece of land lost at the rate of only 1,680 gallons per acre.

On the one piece of land with a slope of three inches per hundred feet there was a loss of nearly half the rainfall by run-off water. On the other plat where the terraces were level there was a loss of only about one-twenty-fifth of the rainfall. If to the loss in run-off water we should add the loss in moisture incurred by evaporation and otherwise, we would be safe in saying that farmers lose around sixty percent of the rainfall that hits upon their land. Our rainfall per year is about 22 inches, plenty to handle any kind of agricultural pursuits if properly handled. But after considering the loss in soil moisture that we incur from various sources the farmers in this country are producing crops with an average of eight to nine inches of rainfall actually utilized in crop growing.

Did the two plats above mentioned produce any different amounts? We hesitate to tell you that the plat with level terraces produced almost double what the other one did. We realize that it is difficult for you to believe this story. Hence we ask you to go to the Experiment station and get the actual figures on the production. In fact it will be well for you to visit the station and learn some golden truths about the business you are following—farming. It does not cost you a penny to make this visit and you will get a vision of farming you had never dreamed of. The superintendent will be glad to show you the results obtained, and all about the various experiments. There are many of them that you will enjoy knowing about. As we said in the beginning the station makes many experiments that are failures, but it is better for the station to make these failures for farmers than it is for the farmers to incur the expense of making them.

There is another object in terracing. That is to keep the soil from washing away. Many of the people down in the Brazos Bottoms are farming the soil from Dickens County farms. If we can prevent the run-off water, at the same time we can preserve the soil on our farms and keep it rich and productive.

The terracing schools that our County Agent is now conducting will be worth millions to our farmers if they will take advantage of the schools. Just how well your farm produces, and just how much money you accumulate in the business, depends largely on your methods of procedure. You may not be able to make your farm 100 percent efficient but you may be able to double your

income per year by using proper methods.

**PONTIAC ENLARGED**

**PRICES HELD DOWN**

PONTIAC, Mich., Jan 15—One of the major surprises registered at the first showing of the New Pontiac Big Six, is the fact that the Oakland Motor Car Company has been able to retain the original base price of \$745 on a car so completely eclipsing previous Pontiacs in size, speed, performance and beauty.

"Immense purchasing power and the vast economies of quantity production are the secrets behind the increased value which the new Pontiac Big Six Represents" explained W. R. Tracy, vice-president in charge of sales.

"Incidentally, when an automobile is improved and enlarged so radically as is the new Pontiac Big Six, the major changes in factory tooling and equipment in all the infinite detail of building a motor car, present a genuine problem which subjects the cleverest manufacturing brains to the ultimate test," Mr. Tracy continued.

"A new model only slightly different from the previous lines may be placed in production after relatively simple changes in equipment and production arrangements. Under such conditions the factory within a week or two may attain maximum production on the new model.

"But in introducing a greatly improved model, the task becomes multiplied many fold because the amount

of preparatory work is in direct proportion to the number and the importance of the improvements. In preparing to turn out a practically new Pontiac Six our production department faced the most complex problems in the history of the Oakland Motor Car Company. Changes had to be made all down the line, from foundry specifications to the finish of the tail light. The new gear and axle plant, the motor lines, assembly lines, sheet metal stamping department—even the shipping department required revamping in preparation for building this new Pontiac which we are positive will bring us the greatest volume year in our history.

"But with the factory changes all completed with cars rolling from the assembly lines as rapidly as possible while conforming to our rigid precision and inspection standards delivery of the new Pontiac Big Six to the ultimate consumer may be expected to take place soon after the car has been placed on display at the dealer's showrooms."

T. C. Birdwell, of Leuders was attending to business matters in our city Monday.

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

The Missionary Society met Jan. 14 at 3 P. M. with Miss Stokes and Miss Etta Fite in social meeting.

Also the new officers for the coming year were installed. Bro. Vaughn conducted the services then contests were held and delicious refreshments

of sandwiches, salad, cake and tea were served to the following: Bro. and Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Payne Rogers Lane, Campbell, Johnson, Keene, Joplin, Fite, Manning, McCrary, Barret, Mott, Carson, Hogan Smart Simmons, Newberry, Lea, Barber and Misses Fite and Stokes.

W. R. Baker, of Dickens was attending to business affairs here Monday.

D. F. Jackson, of Croton, was greeting friends on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bennetfield teachers at Espuela School were doing some trading in our city Saturday.

B. J. Howell, of Espuela, was looking after business affairs in our city Saturday.

Rev. G. M. Ayers, of Lubbock, preached at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning by invitation of the pastor, Rev. G. F. Rodgers.

**GIRARD SCHOOL NEWS**

Mrs. C. N. Kennon who is teacher of the primary room has been very ill and was unable to be in school most of last week.

Miss Johnny Hawkins of Paducah is now teaching music in Girard. She has something like fifteen pupils, which is a good beginning for the first week.

Mr. Robert Williams ex-senior of Girard visited in school Tuesday.

Mr. Sanford Cooper was ill last week and unable to attend school.

Miss Zaida Bell Waggoner who has been unable to attend school since Christmas was able to be back in school last week.



**Ally of Man**

It has been said by an eminent scientist that "electricity is life." Certainly today it is man's greatest ally in almost everything he does.

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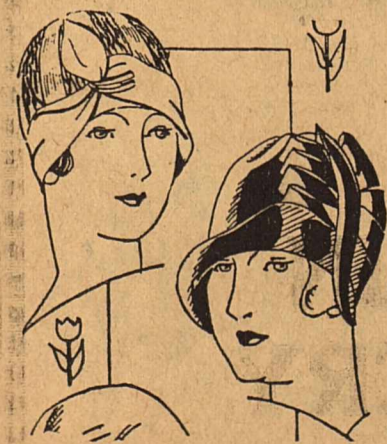
Beautiful Spring Coats of Superior quality. Coats hold a secure place in fashions favor this spring, and no wonder, for never were the styles so attractive, the materials so varied and prices so reasonable.



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**COTTON YIELDS AT THE SPUR EXPERIMENTAL STATION ON EXPERIMENTAL FIELD AREAS 1928**

By R. E. Dickson

These are the yields secured on field areas where a study is being made of various forms of terracing in order to prevent the loss of water

as run-off and the loss of soil from erosion. These field areas are approximately 10 acres in size and furnish a fair indication of what the cotton crop would have been in this region had the land been terraced.

Plot 1. Rows running with slope of land, no terrace 154 lbs seed cotton per acre. No. of acres required to produce a bale, 9.7.

Plot 2. Rows, on the level but no terraces 288 lbs of cotton per acre. No. of acres required to produce a bale 5.2

Plot 3. Level terrace, with two foot

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fall between terrace 466 pounds of seed cotton per acre. No. acres required to produce a bale 3.2.

Plot 7. Level terrace with ends closed, holding all of water 586 lbs seed cotton per acre. No. acres required to produce a bale.

Plot 5. Terraces with a slope of three inches in 100 feet along the terrace 293 lbs. seed cotton per acre. No. acres required to produce a bale 5.1.

By applying these figures to a 100 acre field, which is about the average acreage handled by each man in this section of the state it will be seen that the cotton yield per farm would be a little better than 10 bales which is not far from the yields actually being secured. If this same land had been terraced so as to hold all the water that fell more especially those fine spring rains last May, a yield of 40 bales would have been made on the same 100 acres, as indicated in plot 7. There is little doubt that all of the water that falls on the land can be used to advantage by the growing crops and that much can be done toward successfully trapping this water with properly constructed terraces.

Attention is called to plats 5 and 6. The only difference in these two plats is that plat 5 has a slope of 3 inches to 100 feet along the terrace and that on plat six the terrace is level. Plat 5 made at the rate of 19.5 bales to 100 acres and plat 6 31.3 bales per 100 acres or an increase of 11 bales on 100 acres.

These figures to many of the readers will seem large, exaggerated and impossible, but they are very much in line with the results that have been secured by the farmers all over the country. The results secured at the Spur Station the past three years are very convincing as to the beneficial results that can be secured by obstructing the water movement off the land. It is certainly one of our dependable ways of securing farm relief

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB**

The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. W. M. Hunter, Jan 18 with eleven members present and one new member, Mrs. Preston Hooper. We had a very interesting lesson on basketry with a demonstration. Several have entered the living room contest and linen contest and have begun work on them.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Justee, Jan 21. The lesson will be on "pictures" or "Art in the Home." We have bought a new canner and expect to do much more in the New Year than in the past.

—Reporter

Jeff James, of Dickens, was looking after business affairs in our city Saturday.

S. C. Thomas, of Duck Creek, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

W. J. Elliott, of Spring Creek, was attending to business matters in our city Monday.

C. D. Copeland, east of town, was in Tuesday attending to business affairs.

W. G. Causey, of Red Mud Community was transacting business in our city Tuesday.

Henry Parnall of Croton community was attending to business matters in our city Wednesday.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To The Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once a week for ten days exclusive of the first publication before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year, the following notice:

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To all Persons Interested in the Welfare of Thomas C. Gaines, Dorothy Marie Gaines, J. D. Gaines, and Mary Lucille Gaines, Minors:

You are hereby notified that Joe M. Gaines has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, Texas, an application for letters of guardianship upon the estates of said minors, Thomas C. Gaines, Dorothy Marie Gaines, J. D. Gaines, and Mary Lucille Gaines, which will be heard at the next regular term of said court, commencing on the Third Monday in January, 1929 same being the 21st day of January, 1929 at the courthouse thereof, in Dickens Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may appear and contest such application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein, Fail Not, but have you before said court on the first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Dickens, Texas,

this 8th day of January, A. D. 1929. (SEAL) Robert Reynolds, Clerk County Court of Dickens County.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Dickens, NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Whereas, by virtue of an Order of Sale and Execution issued out of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, on a judgement rendered in said court on the 27th day of November, 1928, in favor of James V. Gowans against J. D. White and Thelma White and A. V. Lester, in cause No. 1031 on the docket of said court, foreclosing a deed of trust lien on the lands hereinafter mentioned for the sum of \$1971.91, with interest at 10 percent per annum from November 27 1928, and costs of suit, and to me directed and delivered, I did, on the 3rd day of January 1929, at 10 o'clock A. M. levy upon the following described lands and premises, situated in the County of Dickens and State of Texas, as directed by said order of sale, to-wit:

80 acres of land out of Survey No. 7, Certificate No. 328, A.B. & M., fully described by metes and bounds in said judgement, situated about 7 miles north of Dickens Texas, and known as the A. V. Lester, 80 acre tract.

And on the 5th day of February,

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1929, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. D. White, Thelma White and A. V. Lester, and to said above described property.

Dated this the 3rd day of January, 1929.

G. L. Barber, Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, Jan. 10-17-24.

C. R. Edwards and C. J. Hicks left for Dallas Wednesday where they will spend some time buying goods for the firm of C. R. Edwards & Company.

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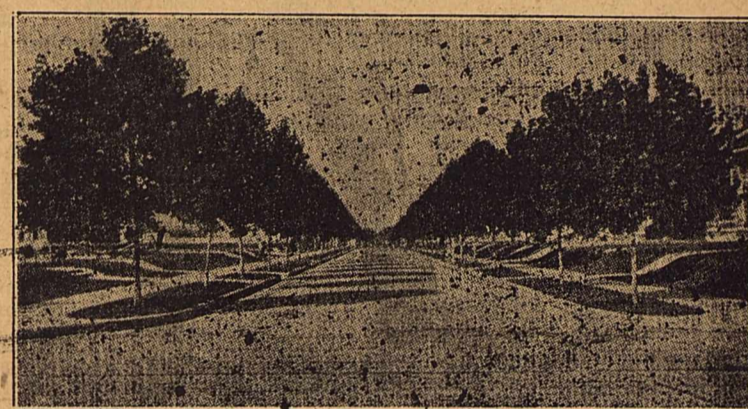
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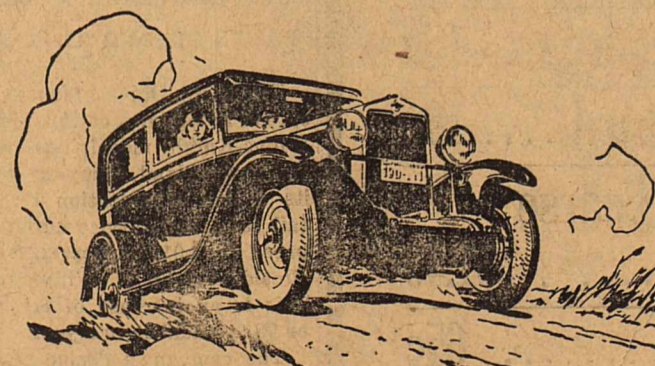
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The Sedan	\$675
The Sport Cabriolet	\$695
The Convertible Landau	\$725
Sedan Delivery	\$595
Light Delivery Chassis	\$400
1 1/2 Ton Chassis	\$545
1 1/2 Ton Chassis with Cab	\$650

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<p><b>PRINTED BROADCLOTH for Fine Pajamas, etc.</b> 49<sup>c</sup></p>	<p><b>PRINTED CREPE The Newest Patterns for Spring</b> \$1.49 — \$1.95</p>	<p><b>CREPES in Plain Colors</b> Sold in most stores at \$1.50 98<sup>c</sup></p>

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### Willys-Overland Boosts Production

Daily Output Now 1,500 Cars While January Shipments May Exceed 30,000

TOLEDO, Jan. 7th—Production of Willys-Overland Company's Willys-Knights and Whippets will be stepped up to 1,500 cars daily from the pres-

ent figure of 1,200 according to information given out here today by President John N. Willys. The company now has a payroll of approximately 25,000 and this force, stated Mr. Willys, will be enlarged by 10,000 with in the next thirty days.

January orders booked for the new superior Whippet fours and sixes and the New Style Willys-Knight models are breaking all previous January re-

ports. Mr. Willys said that at the present rate January shipments are expected to pass the 30,000 mark.

"With the introduction at the New York Automobile Show of the New Willys Knight cars and the simultaneous price reductions on all types of the Willys-Knight Model 66, followed closely on the heels of the nation-wide presentation of the New Whippets, it appears certain that we will succeed in our expansion program calling for the production of 130,000 in January, February and March," said Mr. Willys. "This is nearly half the goal of 300,000 cars set for the first six months and compares with a production of 73,000 units during the first quarter of 1928, or an anticipated increase of 78 per cent.

Steady growth of Willys-Overland over the last few years is shown by total sales during 1928 of approximately 318,000 units, compared with a total of 184,127 units in 1927. This compares with the best previous year, 1925, when sales totalled 214,460 units. All departments of the company's plants at Toledo, Elyria, Pontiac and Los Angeles are operating day and night to keep pace with the production plans while employment of skilled laborers is keeping pace with increased schedules.

During 1928 Willys-Overland products led the industry in new car registrations with an increase of 86 per cent.

### WILLYS-OVERLAND EXPANDS DEALER ORGANIZATION

TOLEDO, Ohio, January 12—Wide spread acceptance of the Whippet and Willys-Knight models has enabled the Willys-Overland Company to expand its dealer organization to 7,152 retail sales and service outlets as compared to 4,013 dealers last January, President John N. Willys announced. This is an increase of 3,139 dealers, or 78 per cent in one year.

The company's dealer organization will be further increased with in the next few months to handle Willys-Overland's aggressive production and sales program which calls for production of 100,000 units during the first quarter of this year and 300,000 during the first six months. Mr. Willys is confident that the dealer organization will exceed 10,000 before the end of the current year.

Reports from all points reflect the unprecedented reception accorded the new Superior Whippet Fours and Sixes and the new style Willys-Knight. Dealers have been drawn from hither to considered impregnable organization in the industry who have been attracted by Willys-Overland's new line. January orders on the books are breaking all records and shipments for January are expected to exceed 30,000 cars.

W. B. Nowlin, of Cisco, representative of the Western Advertisement Company at Lamar, Texas, was interviewing our merchants this week with a line of calendars.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Dawson, of Roaring Springs were doing some trading in our city Saturday.

T. E. Gregory, of Steel Hill, was attending to business matters in our city Monday.

Ford Dealers for Ford Service — Godfrey & Smart.

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1 Gal. East Texas Blackberries. 55c

Lettuce (Fancy and Crisp) head. 9c

Oranges (nice size) per doz . . . . 23c

Jello, all flavors . . . . . 8c

16 oz. glass Canova peanut butter . . . . . — 27c

16 oz. can cooking salmon . . . . 16c

1 qt. jar prepared mustard . . . . 19c

70 lb. Diamond Crystal Coarse Michigan Salt . . . . . \$1.40

24 lb. Globe Corn Meal . . . . . 65c

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