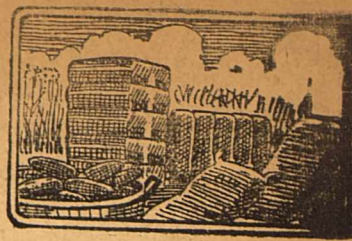




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### Directors Set Fair Dates For October 10, 11, 12; Best Ever

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors the dates for the Northwest Texas Fair in Spur has been set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 10, 11, 12. According to reports from Secretary W. S. Patrick, this is to be the biggest fair ever held in Dickens County. The dates were placed a little late in the fall for a real purpose. In the event rain produced late crops there would be time for crop development before the fair. And it looks favorable for the rain to come.

In speaking of the premium list secretary Patrick said, "There will be a great number of grand championship prizes awarded. In this we want to give the people something worth their time and expense of making an exhibit. There will be about the same number of prizes awarded as has been awarded in former years, but they will be bigger and better prizes. A good housewife works and prepares an exhibit of canned fruit. She may take home two or three dollars as individual prizes, when her exhibit really should bring \$25. We want the prizes to go on the basis of merit this year."

The exhibits will consist of farm products, Home economics, Girls Club exhibits live stock poultry, and others. According to plans now being made by the officers and directors they are expecting the greatest exhibit this year that has ever been known in Northwest Texas.

In addition to the exhibits of various classes, there will be a big line of entertainment. It will be of a class that will create fun, laughter and good feeling and yet be clean in nature and then the children will enjoy the entertainment and parents will not feel uneasy about letting the children enjoy the programs. Prepare now to attend the Fair in October. It is just two months away now.

### GETS EYE PAINFULLY HURT

Edd Williams, who works at the Sunshine Service Station, received a very painful cut over his left eye Tuesday afternoon. He was working with a car jack under a car, and another jack with a long lever was under the same car. In some manner the weight caused the long lever to fly up striking Mr. Williams across the face, lacerating the flesh over the left eye.

He went to Nichols Sanitarium where a number of stitches were taken to close the cut. While the injury is very painful, he is getting along all right and is able to be back at his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Perry and baby of Wellington, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Perry, Sunday.



**HON. DAN MOODY**  
Governor of Texas. Now serving his second term and was elected by the greatest majority ever accorded a governor of the State.



**HON. MARVIN JONES**  
Congressman for the 18th Congressional District of Texas in which Dickens County is included

### Rotary Club Has Good Meeting

The Rotary Club held its usual meeting in the Spur Inn today and enjoyed a great feast and a great time. A number of the members were away with the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts on their encampments, which holds our attendance record down for the present, but all those fellows will make up attendance at some other Club.

Chas. Whitener made a very fine talk to the Rotarians in regard to the present needs of Spur. He greatly complimented the city for its progressive attitude, and especially did he recommend the city officials for the good judgement they have used in regard to public improvements. He spoke of the fine sewer plant, the 1,000,000 gallon daily supply of water and the fine electric light and power plants in our city. Then he stated that to make this balance up just right we needed a city auditorium large enough to accommodate a goodly number of people, we need our streets paved and we need some kind of a system to finance our park improvements. It was really good to hear him say these things for every progressive citizen in our town feels that he is correct.

### Spur Schools A Training Plant For Children

The schools of the Spur Independent School District are becoming more and more a training plant for young people of the community as the years go by. This feature was well remembered in the past term by the various practical courses offered.

Among the training given, that of the school publication was very valuable. There were a number of young men and young ladies who received practical experience in a business way that will mean much in their future. The publication had a complete organization including the editor-in-chief, associate editors, sport editors, the various class editors, the business manager and assistant business manager. Each officer had his distinct duty to perform, and here is where teamwork came in. Miss Jane Douglas Wilson was the chief editor and C. W. Barrett finished out the year as business manager. Upon these two young people fell the greater part of the responsibilities of the publication.

Then through the Vocational Agriculture course, a number of young men were given practical

### This Week's Times A Little Extra

This issue of the Dickens County Times is a little larger than it usually is for the reason that we desired to make mention about the progressiveness of Spur and Spur country. Such editions require an extra amount of co-operation on the part of the business men. We are indebted to the progressive business men of Spur for the kind consideration they have given. There are other business firms who are not very extensively represented, but we know their desires and wishes are just as strong for the town as anyone's could be. They were just not in a position to lend cooperation in our work at this time. We appreciate their position and know they are whole heartedly in favor of our movement.

We are indebted to the Adams Studio for photographs from which many of our cuts were made. They gave us every consideration asked for, and were on the job all the time on our behalf. Thanks to a good home studio. We trust our readers will find the historical sketches of much interest and after reading the paper they will send it to some friend in other countries who want to know about West Texas.

training relative to farming. This is the chief industry of Spur country and this course proved to be both practical and interesting. In addition to these there are courses in Domestic Science and Home Economics, being offered this year. Also a commercial course including book-keeping, short-hand and typewriting, will be at the disposal of the student body. All of these are practical courses and every student needs training one or more of them.

Relative to the finances of the schools, it is found, through examining the depositors books that great improvements are being made. Three years ago the school had a deficit of several thousand dollars hanging over it at the close of the term at that time. All of this indebtedness has been cleared and in the treasury. In addition to and today the school has some mon this indebtedness the district has voted bonds and built and equipped one of the finest school buildings in West Texas. At this time the district has \$118,000.00 in bonds these bonds have been cleared up. The interest and sinking fund for with a nice little sum now to the credit of that fund.

There have been a number of additional teachers added during the past three years. This year there will be several special teachers. All of this requires special expense which has been provided for out of the receipts of the district. This year the income of the schools will be several thousand dollars over what it was last year. Of course there will be some added expense along with this but it looks as if our schools are getting along in very fine condition.

All of these conditions of finance have been brought about by a fine cooperative school board. With the assistance and suggestions of our superintendent the School board has made some excellent improvements in the financial conditions of our schools. The Superintendent says the school board is bringing the schools out in good financial condition. Some of the board members say the superintendent is responsible for the fine conditions of the school. It is not which is responsible, but it is very fine to have a school board and a superintendent that are capable and willing to handle our schools in the fine way they have handled them the past years.

It is hoped that these conditions will continue on and our schools remain in good financial condition.

Many people make the mistake of thinking our superintendent should be a fine teacher. He does

### Bryant-Link Grocery Is Burglarized

The Bryant-Link Wholesale Grocery was burglarized about one to two o'clock Tuesday night by unknown parties. There were two cartons of cigarettes carried away and had not the thieves been intercepted there would have been several more cartons gone. There had been about \$1300.00 placed at the front of the store ready to load into a car. "Bully" Clay was out rather late, and was crossing the street east of the wholesale grocery when he noticed people loading into a car. He gave an alarm which caused the thieves to drop one carton in the street and escape.

The robbery was of a rather bold nature since there is a light left on every night on the awning of the Wholesale Grocery and also there is a street light on a corner nearby. The robbers started to load the stolen goods with both of these lights still on.

There was a boy sitting around on the sidewalks until late at night. Some seem to think that he was a spy on the lookout for the nightwatchman. It might be a good idea to have strangers who loaf around town at night questioned and find out the reason for their being out so late. In many towns plainclothes men have an interview with such parties and sometimes they do not have as much business in town as they at first think they have.

### Free Delivery Of Express in Spur

The ten cents per package that in former days has been added by the drayman for delivering express packages to business firms, is now obsolete. The drayman had no other method of getting his pay for the service rendered and he was forced to add the fee. However the American Railway Express Company has ordered that all express packages shall be delivered in Spur free of delivery charges and that decree is now in effect. Beginning with August and all future months the people of Spur will be favored with free express delivery through the kindness of the above named express company. All of these favors pertain to the progress of the town and it appears that the express company is willing to do its part in this way.

less teaching than any one in school. But he should be a good executive, a good organizer, and know how to finance our schools. He comes into contact with the student body very little as a teacher but the whole system depends on him as an organizer.



**F. W. JENNINGS**  
Manager for Brazelton Lumber Company and President of the Rotary Club in Spur.

### Much Building Now Going On

Mrs. D. G. Hisey is building another nice residence in block 9 of Highway addition. It will contain six rooms and all modern features. J. A. Marsh has charge of the work and Tri-County Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

W. M. Hazel is building another nice residence on Harris street. It will have five rooms, bath and built in features. W. B. Skelton is doing the work and Musser Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

H. O. Albin is building a new barn on his farm northwest of town. It is a frame structure 14 x 72 feet. J. K. Albin is doing the work and Brazelton Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

C. W. Denson is building a new home on Calvert Avenue between first and second streets. It will have five rooms and bath. D. L. Booth is doing the work and Tri-County Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

O. L. Driggers merchant at Gilpin is building a nice little residence. It is three rooms and modern conveniences. Orville Booth is doing the work and Musser Lumber company is furnishing the material.

Dan McMahan, just west of town is putting a new roof on his barn and building an addition to it. He says he wants enough barn room to house a lot of alfalfa hay. He is doing his own work and Brazelton Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

G. A. Sloan is building a new home on Calvert Avenue between First and Second streets. It will be a brick veneer structure with six rooms, bath and modern conveniences. T. J. Seale has charge of the work and Tri-County Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

Repair work on the Wendell building is in progress at this time. The second story is being converted into office rooms, and new hardwood floors are going down and new plaster and decorations are going on the walls. W. P. Nugent & Sons have charge of the work and Musser Lumber Company are jointly furnishing the material.

John Luce is building a big concrete reservoir on his farm in Red Mud Community. It is stated that it will require more than 100 sacks of cement to complete the job. He is doing his own work and Brazelton Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

Mrs. Janie L. King completed a new garage at her home in Highway Addition last week. Edwin Morris did the work and Tri-County Lumber company furnished the material.

Goodwin Gin at Prairie Chapel is building a large addition to the gin houses. They are doing their own work and Brazelton Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

Dr. J. E. Morris is building an addition to his home on Burlington Avenue. He is also having some changes in the home made. Edwin Morris is doing the work and Tri-County Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

Work on the Wilson Draw school building is being finished this week except the painting. It is a nice structure with modern conveniences. T. J. Seale has charge of the work and Brazelton Lumber company is furnishing the material.

T. J. Morrison, west of town, was in Saturday looking after business matters.

Henry Williams, northeast of town was in Saturday taking in the bargains offered by our merchants. H. W. Arnold and father of Okmulgee, Okla., visited their uncle and brother, L. L. Arnold of Duck Creek, this week.

### Largest Edition Ever Printed In Dickens County and Portrays Developments of Recent Years



**C. A. JONES**  
General Manager for the Stamford and Northwestern Townsite Company at the founding of Spur. Mr. Jones managed the sale of lots in Spur when they averaged a sale per minute at times. It was through his influence that the town was located where it now stands. For some years he has been with the New York office of S. M. Swenson & Sons.

### Citizens of Seymour Visit in Spur

A number of citizens of Seymour were in our city today interviewing our city officials in regard to Spur's municipal Light and Power Plant. It appears that the Seymour citizenship have learned something about the advantages of a city owned light and power plant and are building one of their own. The visitors reported that they expected to start operating their new plant within a short time.

In speaking of their new plant the visitors stated they were convinced that the municipal plant was the best and most economical means of lighting their town. They stated they had already heard how smoothly the new Spur plant was running which inspired them to greater zeal for their own plant. They mentioned that around ninety percent of the business firms in Seymour would patronize the city plant just as soon as it could be put into operation. They took a survey of our city and stated that they could not see any reason why the Spur plant should not be a success, seeing the fine patronage they are receiving.

Among those who were guests in the city were J. A. Britain, Mayor of Seymour, H. K. Jackson, City Clerk, Chas. Randal, Luther Briggs, T. E. Craddock and Lin Bellows.

The visitors complimented the fine accounting system our City Commissioners have installed at the city office. They also spoke highly of our fine water and sewer plants.

Mrs. W. W. Flournoy, who has been in Mineral Wells several weeks on account of her health was able to return home Saturday.

C. R. Edwards manager for C. R. Edwards & Co., is in the Eastern Markets this week buying new stocks of merchandise.

I. Lynn, one of the pioneer citizens of Guthrie county, was greeting old friends in our city Monday.

C. H. Perry and family visited relatives and friends at Leuders last week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Weaver of Highway community, were in our city Monday doing some trading.

J. A. Sanders of the Paddle Ranch, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

This week's edition of the Dickens County Times is absolutely the largest one ever published in any paper in Dickens County and it is believed to be the largest in this section of West Texas. This Industrial Edition is all home print and covers every phase of city and rural development during the past few years.

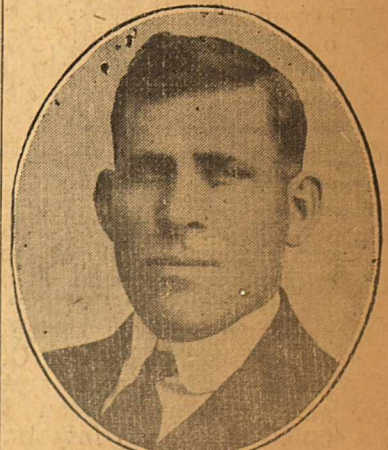
This edition is replete with feature stories of actual developments and progressive movements of the county and the various towns of the county. These stories are often illustrated with cuts taken from actual photographs of the subjects featured. In this paper the editor and news force have striven to give the people facts as they found them, and those who read this publication will rest assured that conditions exist as they are pictured here.

The enormity of this paper may be understood when it is known that weeks of work were placed upon it by all the force of the Dickens County Times with outside assistance in both front and back offices. It took more than two tons of paper to print it on. It took more than sixty hours of presswork to print it. And if all the type required for the make-up in straight matter and advertisements were piled in one great heap it would take one man five thousand, four hundred and thirty-two hours after Gabriel blows his horn to straighten it out again. If the paper used were stretched in single sheets on a straight line it would extend from Spur, Texas to Lubbock Texas and still have enough left to give one hundred citizens of the latter town a paper each. If the paper were folded twice and placed one on top of the other, it would form a column reaching into the air practically as high as Washington's Monument.

All in all it is hoped that you enjoy this edition. The staff has worked hard and diligently to make of it a thing really worth while.

It is believed that this paper will constitute the greatest bit of constructive publicity this county has ever received. The paper will reach many parts of the county outside of Dickens County. It will be mailed to every daily paper in the state with featured stories telling of what it comprises. Many of the commercial organizations of the State and Union will receive copies also. Copies of this paper may be obtained at the office as long as they last. If you have a relative or friend that you believe would be interested in this section of the country it might be well for you to send him a copy.

G. T. O'Guinn of Dry Lake was attending to business matters in our city Monday. He stated there was a nice little shower fell at his place Sunday evening and a good shower fell on the Mings place about four miles west of Dry Lake



**R. E. DICKSON**  
Manager Agricultural, Perimeter Station and Chairman of the Boy's In Spur

are Store.



Abilene, Texas  
Aug. 12, 1929

Dickens County Times,  
Spur, Texas,  
Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. Starcher

The last two issues of your paper have carried articles leading to the promotion of small oil engine plants. I believe our customers and the people of Spur would like to have further information on this subject.

I am asking that you print this letter together with the attached statement which I have prepared. I am not asking that you run this as an editorial article, similar to the one published in your July 25th issue but I will pay you for the same at your regular advertising rates.

I am sure there are a number of questions the people of Spur as a whole would like to have answered.

Yours very truly,

McW:G

E. M. WILSON,

### SMALL TOWN MUNICIPAL AGITATION

Speaking of community "knockers" who continually hold up their home town to unjust ridicule, through howling that every modern convenience—electric, telephone, and water is "bad", and this regardless of the facts thereby driving away capital from investing and providing the more progressive and constructive citizens of adjoining towns with legitimate argument as to why business should locate there, the Tipton, Mo., Times has this to say:

"You remember that Noah had to work a long time on that Ark. It was uphill business too, at best, building a boat away out on dry land while the local Anvil and Hammer club sat around whittling his pine boards with their jack knives and telling him what a fool he was for expecting a big rain in a country that was too dry to grow alfalfa. But he kept at it. Finally the flood came and every mother's son of the croakers was drowned. This is the only instance, we know, in either sacred or profane history where a bunch of knockers got exactly what was coming to them."

A controversy in any community, divides the efforts of the community as a whole takes up the individual's time that could be more profitably spent in concentration on business activities with much more profitable results. The detriment and harm to the community is out of all proportion to the proposition causing the continual controversy.

Of all the necessary commodities in the home, electric service is the only item that is showing a steady decrease in cost, yet there are some people in a few small communities who are willing to be led to play up in a socialistic political way the battle cry of small oil engine plant manufacturers. This does not come within the community as a whole. Practically in each of these cases it is apparent that the community is getting better service, lower rates by a large public utility who are able to give an unlimited power supply and assist in the development of the community. No municipal agitation was raised, you see, as long as the plant was operating or purchasing or in a position to purchase equipment from oil engine manufacturers. In any particular case, which you may know of, the parties most active in the agitation are parties who had previous dealings with the oil engine people. So, when you step back, or step outside and look at the situation it is amusing, you can see, that the cost of electric service is a small item compared to the investments necessary to render same, or compared with other items such as candy and drinks. For instance the investment made to render service by West Texas Utilities Company alone in this section amount to more than \$40,000,000 yet the investment required for the candy and drinks is only a small fraction of that amount, and the average family spends more on candy and drinks or tobacco. Then what is the cause of this controversy,

and how is it possible to stir up such agitation and promote the sale of such equipment?

The public utility service has advanced very rapidly and is beyond the knowledge of the people.

**Electric service has advanced faster than the information and understanding as to its development has reached the people. This lack of knowledge is preyed upon by promotional activities of oil engine salesmen, especially this is true in a few small towns where it is possible to make the desired political contacts.**

The layman and the small town politician is not aware of the hidden expenses and tricks of finances connected with the sales, promotion and operation of such equipment. At first the activity consists of propaganda citing other communities who are operating this equipment at a so-called profit. You will find most all such communities have indebtedness higher on the first of each January than that of the year previous, the plant has bought oil engines, is further in debt and is still of insufficient size to render service to industries of the community or to finance rural extensions, or to promote city development.

The next procedure is to take or direct these small town political representatives on a tour to see oil engine plants which they have been able to maintain in operation by the city. The last trip over municipal plant properties in this section of the State by representatives of a small town where promotion of the sale of this equipment is now under way resulted in the party picking out one town as having the best oil engine plant among the three or four visited in the State.

They were not aware that this particular town has \$437,000.00 bonded indebtedness, and that half of this is on the water and light plant, that the tax rate has been raised practically as high as possible and this year it is necessary to raise tax values (in order to get enough money to meet current expenses, it will require an increase in taxes of 43%). Further that money has been borrowed from the sinking fund until it is in a deplorable condition; loans have been obtained from private citizens and a large amount of Deficiency Warrants have been issued without the general knowledge of the people. It was cited sometime back, in Spur, that this particular municipal plant and another in this section had double the number of customers of the city of Spur, yet had considerable higher rates than Spur and higher than previous rates charged by the Utility Company. This and another oil engine plant were then immediately induced to lower their rates, even with their finances in the deplorable condition mentioned above. It is not the top step in the rate however that determines the cost of electric service. Some people in that particular community have been led to believe that the oil engine plant is, in reality a competitor to the present day utility service. A picked num-

ber of these citizens were called upon who made such statements to visiting political representatives of the community where the promotion of the sale of oil engine equipment was in progress. All of this procedure of course, will only last a year or two until the people become informed, same as they have become informed on rubber and oil stocks.

Electric service has advanced to where, with mass production, transmission and distribution, together with group management, it will be possible within the next three years to make further major reductions in the cost of electric service to the home. Even with the present rate structure it is possible to double the amount of current used without any increase over the bill as paid a few years ago.

It can be readily seen that such electric service and extensions of transmission lines to small towns, communities and rural sections, is shutting down the oil engine plants of the small towns communities and rural sections, including small oil engines on pumps for water, power for gins, and even large engines previously used in pipe line pumping where fuel oil is practically free; that is, where present day utility service can be obtained, it is preferably used, as it is more economical and more reliable than oil engines.

Therefore, to sell such oil engine equipment it is apparently now becoming more necessary to prey upon the small town's political representatives with a well organized or developed promotional scheme for the installation of a so-called municipal plant. These political representatives have even been led to enter into a contract without asking for competitive bids and agree to a proposition which includes in extra profit to the engine company.

They have no knowledge of the actual value of the equipment, not what the equipment might be worth at the end of six years, even if it were possible to pay for it. They do not even note that in some cases the gross income would not make the payment on the plant; it is operated under the guise of a municipal plant, yet the oil engine company is careful to retain title to all of the equipment until and unless all indebtedness of whatever nature is paid. The city has been led to furnish a lot and building, and in some cases they are even led to spend more, as in the case of Spur, if they have any money from some other department in their treasury.

Taking the case of Spur, it is now reported that the oil engine company is offering to take 30% less for the plant if they can get the city under direct obligation by issuing bonds or warrants so as to assure the collections for their equipment and get out. Propaganda is now under way to lead the people in this community to believe the oil engine plant can be operated and payments made without loss to the city, whereas, if the proper operating expenses are charged to the oil engine plant, they will be in excess

of the plant's gross income and the deficit will necessarily have to be paid from the water revenue account or through issuing Deficiency Warrants to be paid by the people. This in the face of the fact that the Spur Water Department is paying the oil engine plant a 25% higher rate for power for pumping water than they paid the utility company on its standard pumping rate. This is also true for street lighting.

They have installed a large number of street lights and the energy charge for street lights is 25% in excess of that included in the rate of Utility Company that is, the citizens of Spur are losing 25% in lighting service and in their power bill for pumping water. It is reported that only one-half the salary of the man recently added to operate the oil engine plant is being charged to that department, the other half is going to some other department. However, this does not reduce the total expense of the city since this man was added, due to the operation of the oil engine plant.

Those not familiar with the cost of operating such a plant can obtain accurate information at the Utility Office. A layman can count the cars of fuel oil that are shipped in; he can add the cost of lubrication as between one-sixth to one-half that of fuel oil, depending on the age of the engines. He can add the cost of an automobile or truck; he can count the added employees to the City Payroll, and total their salary. These items alone will total approximately the same as the present gross income of the oil engine plant. Where is the payment for insurance, maintenance, office and miscellaneous expense, let alone the payment of interest to come from? Depreciation reserve necessary to maintain the value is also left out. This is one of the largest items and cannot be escaped; someone must pay or bear it.

We are calling your attention to the six statements which were run in the press during the month of March this year. They show the methods used in endeavoring to operate this oil engine equipment in the city of Spur without Public Utility competition. Your attention is also called to an article written by someone as an editorial, published in the July 25 issue of the Dickens County Times.

The city had signed up more than 85% of our customers to take service exclusive, for five years, from the oil engine plant. The Federal Court declared these contracts invalid. In spite of subtle threats against our customers, we have steadily gained back customers to where we now have a little over 50% of the load as indicated by the plant output meters, not including city water pumps and street lights. If the oil engine plant has approximately 50% of the customers the meter deposit made by these customers will be in excess of \$1,500. You will recall, or it was reported, a bank employee was brought into a recent meeting of those most active in the promotion of the oil engine plant, to show there was \$1,200 remaining in the bank, so part of these customer's service deposits have also been used to defray operating expenses. Still the editorial article appearing in the Dickens County Times July 25th, made the following statement: "Now as to the light plant we will say we were surprised to know it is yielding an income of more than two to one over the expenses."

A payment of interest and principal was due last week to be paid out of the savings. Since there was no savings, but an operating deficit, was this payment made, if so from what account? What was the loss on operating this plant and where did the money come from to pay it?

Despite appreciable increases in all phases of operating costs, electric rates now average 30% below pre-war

level. The average commodity prices are now 50% higher, construction costs are about 70% higher skilled labor wages are more than double; the per capita state and local taxes have increased 300%, yet the cost of electric service has steadily declined since 1913.

Utilities are striving to give the best possible service at the least possible cost. Last year the average profit of electric companies was a little over 7%. This is only a half or a third of the profit enjoyed by many similar lines of industry. The reason for the lower electric costs is found in increased efficiencies and economies, in better utility management and a trend toward consolidating the small units into great systems. Mass production and distribution not only cut costs but provides a standard of service not thought of a few years ago. More and more utilities

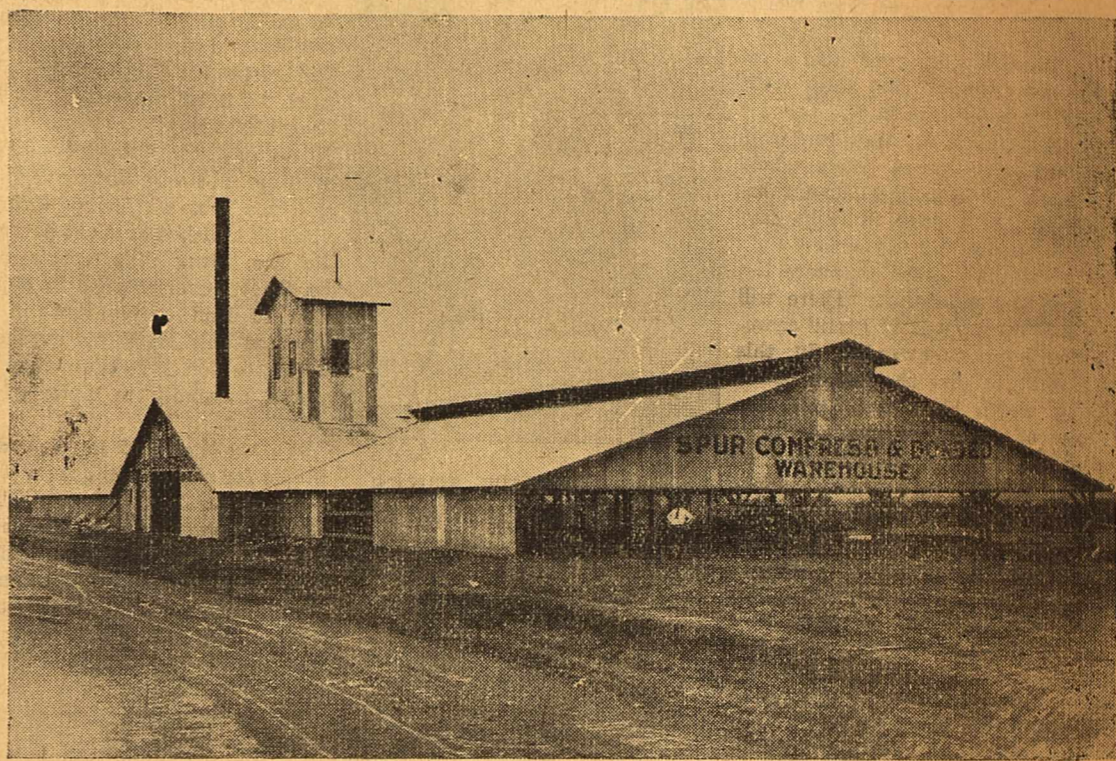
are giving voluntary reductions as improved conditions make them possible. Electric service is not only the most necessary of present day agencies, but one of the cheapest. Service heretofore enjoyed only by large cities is now being extended to the small towns and communities and even to rural homes.

Modern public utilities are great because they represent the money and the needs of millions of our citizens, and they have provided this nation with the world's highest standard of service at an amazingly low cost. Public Utilities will go on progressing in gas they have in the past, secure in the knowledge that private business on a large scale is a social and economic necessity and that the general and personal prosperity is dependent on corporate prosperity. No dollar that is spent today buys more than that one spent for electric service.

The average lighting bill runs less than \$30 per year, less than the minimum tip, or shoe shine per day. The average family spent \$420 last year for automobile expense, spent in excess of \$100 on tobacco and in excess of \$48 on candies. Numerous small items of luxury were in excess of the electric service bill, so step back and look at the situation and answer for yourself, what is the real cause back of the local controversy?

Municipal government must be maintained but it must be protected from bureaucratic control which extends its activities outside the sphere of governing, encourages inefficiency and adds numberless employees to the public payroll. The taxpayers, to foot all political bills, must be ever watchful and take decisive action when necessary.

E. M. WILSON  
—Advertisement



# Enlarged Capacity

## WILL ADEQUATELY TAKE CARE OF EXPECTED DEMAND

To take care of the demands undoubtedly that will come to us this Fall, for Compress service, we have recently enlarged our capacity more than fifty percent. Our business, like the city of Spur, has experienced a wonderful growth during the years of existence here. The demands of last year were entirely too heavy for us to take care of as we would like, so this year we have made all necessary preparations.

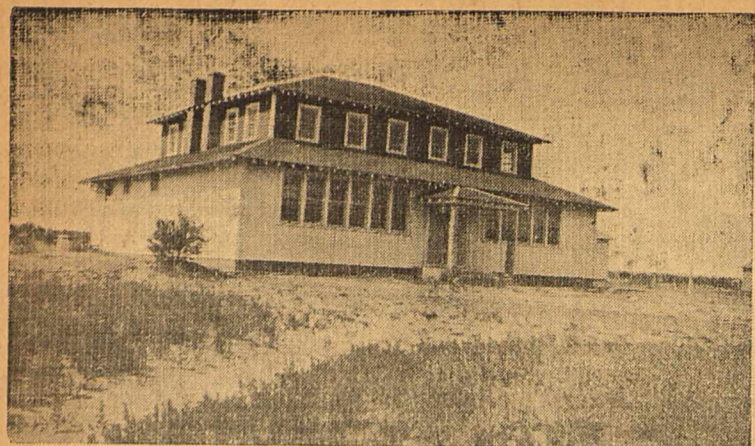
We will be able to handle all cotton ginned in this section of the State. Our territory covers a great scope of country in this part of Texas and we are hoping to increase it by preparing to handle it.

We are firm believers in the future of Spur and Dickens County. The prospects are, we believe, unlimited. To the farmer who wishes to find a permanent place of abode, we will say that here in Dickens County is to be found rich and productive soil, a hospitable people and an ideal climate. All together makes for peace and contentment.

# Spur Compress

A. M. WALKER, MANAGER





CROTON SCHOOL BUILDING

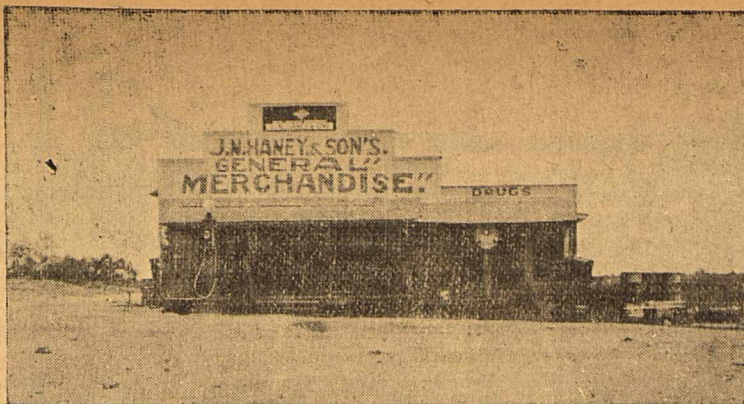
This is one of the consolidated schools in our county. Five teachers are employed to do the teaching and four large trucks are used to convey the children to and from school each day. Croton Community has been fortunate in their school life and at this time have one of the leading schools in the county.

CITIZENS TAKE OVER FILLING STATION

A number of citizens of Spur country have organized the Consumers Fuel Association and have taken over the Lucky Corner Filling Station. Each person in the association buys so much stock and is entitled to purchase gas at a considerable discount. Whether or not the organization has been chartered has not been announced.

The station is in operation at this time with S. E. Boothe as manager. They are buying gas under the standard gravity test and are giving the people good service. Mr. Boothe says he is interested in making money for the association and at the same time save them money on their gasoline and oils.

Mrs. Chalk Brown and daughter Mrs. Lowell Putnam of Stanton, are in our city the guests of Mrs. Ed Lisenby.



STORE OF J. N. HANEY & SONS  
One of Afton's progressive mercantile establishments. Afton is an inland town but does a great amount of business.

B. Y. Love of Fort Worth, was in our city Wednesday looking after business affairs and greeting friends. He was at one time pioneer ginner at Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kellam, who

have spent several days in eastern markets buying goods for their store, returned the last of the week.

Miss Cynthia Litcelle of New York, a skin specialist who has

been at the Spur Drug Store the past few days, is leaving today for Dallas where she puts on another course for the Hudnut cosmetics.

News From Nichols Sanitarium

Mrs. A. C. Rose of McAdoo, underwent an operation Friday and is getting along fine at this time.

H. B. Lewis of Croton is in the Sanitarium as a result of a badly mangled hand. His hand was caught in a lead chain on his well drill which crushed the index and second fingers on the right hand and badly bruised other parts of the hand. This first and second fingers had to be removed. The accident occurred Wednesday evening of last week. He is getting along fine at this time.

Miss Virgie Atkinson of Croton who has been in the sanitarium several weeks as a result of a pus case is improving at this time and will be able to be up before long.

"Buster" Cherry is still in the sanitarium but is able to be up now. He will return to his home at Soldier Mound before long.

OFF FOR VACATION

Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols and children are planning to leave Saturday for a much needed vacation in the mountains of Colorado. The Doctor has been kept very close to the sanitarium during the summer and has had lots of work to do. He expects to be away about two weeks.

While Dr. Nichols is away, Dr. J. E. Morris will take care of the work at the sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Tennessee, arrived back home Sunday. They state that they had a wonderful trip.

Miss Jennie Legg, who has been visiting relatives in Missouri, returned to her home in the Croton community Saturday.

Mrs. D. H. Dunn of Croton, was doing some shopping in our city Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Price of Croton, was in our city Monday doing some shopping.

E. F. Laverty of Bryant-Link Company who has been in Dallas on business returned Monday.

Miss Frankie Stephens of Girard, is in our city this week the guest of her Aunt, Mrs. S. Smith. A. B. Smart of the Smart Music Shop, is in Rotan this week looking after business affairs.

A. Russell of McAdoo, was in our city Monday attending to business matters, he stated that he had received some very good showers of rain on his crops.

Miss Dorothy Love returned from Dallas, Monday, where she had been buying goods for the Love Dry Goods Company.

Mrs. Janie King of Bryant-Link Company, returned from Dallas Friday where she had been buying a stock of ready-to-wear for her company.

T. C. Ensey who had been in St. Louis and other markets the past two weeks buying merchandise for Bryant-Link Company, returned the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hull have moved into their new home in High way addition and soon will be fus-sin' just like the rest of us old married folks.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Parmenter are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born Tuesday. Mother and child are doing fine.

W. F. Neaves, of Dickens was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

L. W. Scott, who lives in Jack County was a guest of his cousin M. A. Lea Sunday. Mr. Lea stated that he had not seen Mr. Scott in a number of years.

T. D. Darnell, of 24 ranch was looking after business matters here Saturday.



WEBBER WILLIAMS  
President of the Retail Merchants Association, and Assistant manager for Campbell Furniture Store.

# 3 NEW CHRYSLERS

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TO SURPASS and thereby to render obsolete the transportation standards of more than a quarter-century of motor car building—that is the extraordinary achievement of Chrysler engineers in these newest products of their science. In the new Chrysler "77" and "70", equipped with MULTI-RANGE GEAR SHIFT Chrysler again transcends all ideals of power, of riding ease, of roomy luxury, of smooth operation, of quality and of value.

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We invite you to an early inspection and demonstration of these remarkable cars.

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**MULTI-RANGE GEAR SHIFT**—Gives new pleasure to driving; makes gear-shifting a joy even to the inexperienced; widens the power range; shift gears as always, but with new ease, new quickness, new quiet.

**DOWN-DRAFT CARBURETOR**—Not merely a gravity manifold but a new principle of fuelizing; complete carburetion; smoother power; higher mileage; quicker operation. Extra-large mechanical fuel pump.

**SYNCHRONIZED POWER SYSTEM**—Engineered as a unit from radiator to rear axle; new flexibility, smoothness and economy; still longer life.

**LARGER ENGINES**—Greater piston displacement; greater horsepower, torque and operating economy; seven-bearing counter-balanced crankshaft; Invar Strut pistons; full pressure lubrication; oil filter.

**ARCHITONIC BODIES**—New in principle, non-squeaking, non-rumbling dreadnought construction; new strength and safety; new slanting non-glare windshield.

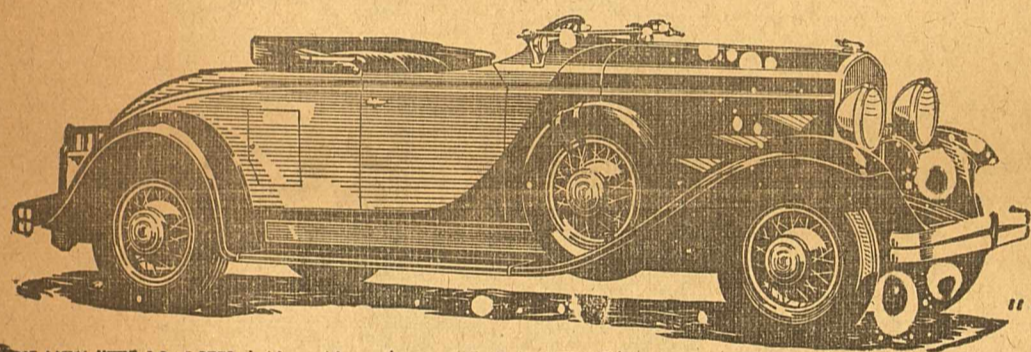
**NEW SPACIOUSNESS**—All bodies 3 inches wider; 3 to 5 inches longer according to type; greater head room; adjustable front seat and steering column.

**NEW BEAUTY**—Dynamic symmetry; chromium girdle moldings; arched windows with chromium architraves; Pennon louvers; scance-type parking lights. Wide color choice with upholstery to match.

**NEW INTERIOR LUXURY**—Newly designed seat cushions; luxurious willow-grain upholstery; metalware executed by Cartier, New York and Paris, world famous jewelers.

**NEW RIDING COMFORT**—New Frigidaex springs; new chimney-type rubber shock insulators; extra-depth girder-type double-drop frame; hydraulic shock absorbers. Oversize 6-ply balloon tires.

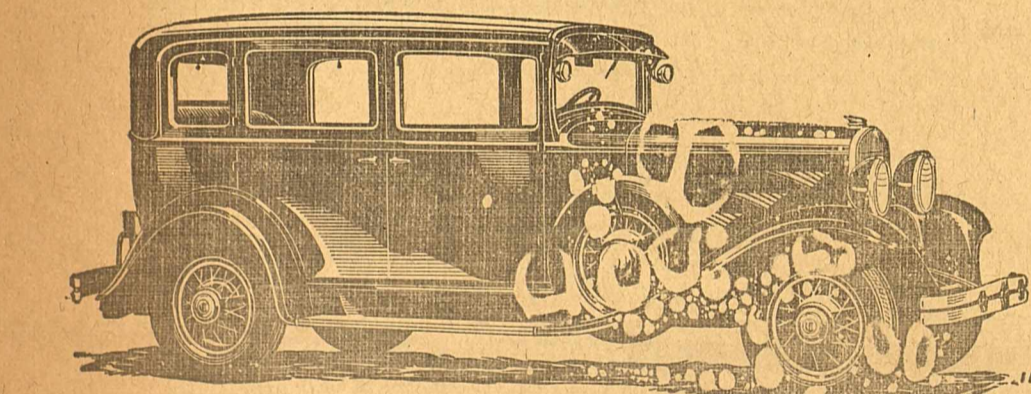
**NEW DRIVING EASE**—Chrysler light-pressure weather-proof internal-expanding 4-wheel hydraulic brakes; finger-thin sure-grip steel reinforced steering wheel; easy, non-clashing gear control; new cam and lever positive action steering gear; extra-short turning radius; centralized-instrument panel.



THE NEW "77" ROADSTER, [with rumble seat] \$1625, F. O. B. DETROIT (Special Equipment Extra)

WITH MULTI-RANGE GEAR SHIFT

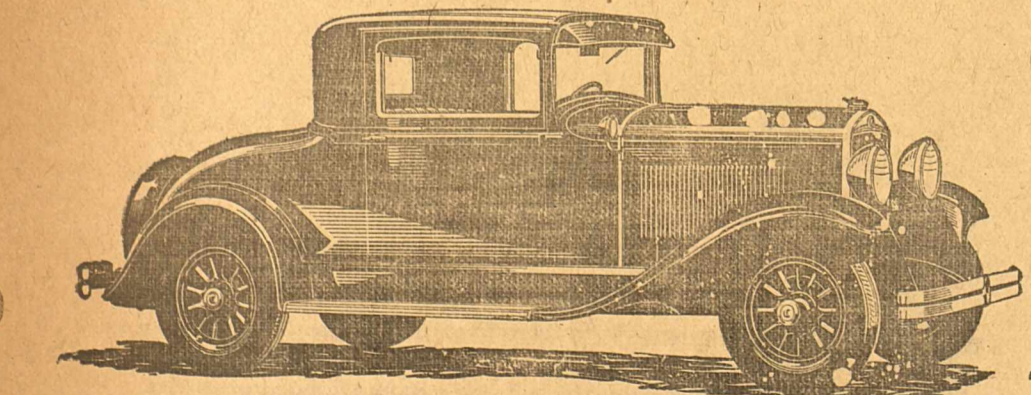
THE NEW "77"



THE NEW "70" ROYAL SEDAN, \$1395, F. O. B. DETROIT (Special Equipment Extra)

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THE NEW "70"



THE NEW "66" BUSINESS COUPE, \$985, F. O. B. DETROIT (Special Equipment Extra)

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THE NEW "66"

\$1595 AND UP

NEW CHRYSLER "77" PRICES

BUSINESS COUPE	\$1395
ROADSTER	\$1625
(with rumble seat)	
ROYAL COUPE	\$1625
(with rumble seat)	
ROYAL SEDAN	\$1395
CROWN SEDAN	\$1775
TOWN SEDAN	\$1775
CROWN COUPE	\$1775
CONVERTIBLE COUPE	\$1795
(with rumble seat)	
PHAETON (including tonneau, cowl and windshield)	\$1795
F. O. B. DETROIT (Special Equipment Extra)	

\$1245 AND UP

NEW CHRYSLER "70" PRICES

PHAETON	\$1245
ROADSTER	\$1295
(with rumble seat)	
BUSINESS COUPE	\$1295
BROUGHAM	\$1295
ROYAL COUPE	\$1345
(with rumble seat)	
ROYAL SEDAN	\$1395
F. O. B. DETROIT (Special Equipment Extra)	

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BUSINESS COUPE	\$985
ROADSTER	\$995
(with rumble seat)	
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**FLOODS IN NEW MEXICO CAUSE DESTRUCTION**

**SAN MARCIAL, N. M.**—Aug. 14 Adobe houses of this pioneer town melted under an onrush of flood waters, presented a picture of desolation Wednesday while crews of volunteer workers fought to prevent further destruction. Inundated by overflow of the

banks of the Rio Puerco San Marcial was threatened also by the Rio Grande. Three breaks occurred in the walls restraining the latter stream, but workers were able to patch the holes.

The crest of the flood in the Rio Puerco passed Wednesday and the town was left in water standing from two to six feet. The Harvey Hotel and two or three

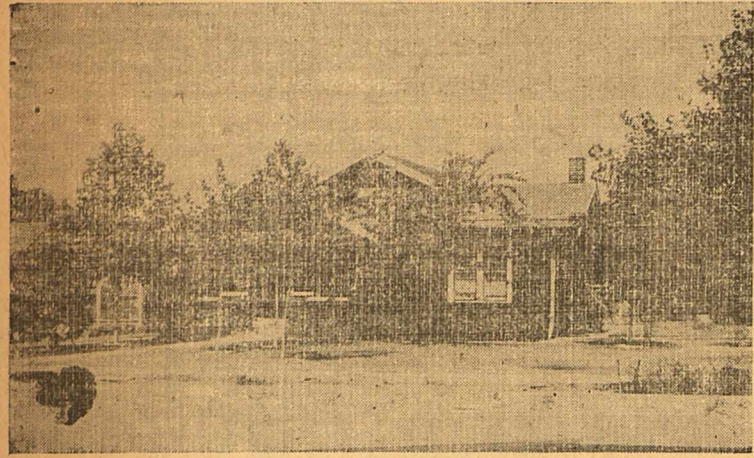
other buildings had resisted the flood.

Optimism which has ever prevailed in this region against the ravages of floods reasserted itself and residents were ready to start rebuilding the place on the old townsite as soon as the flood recedes.

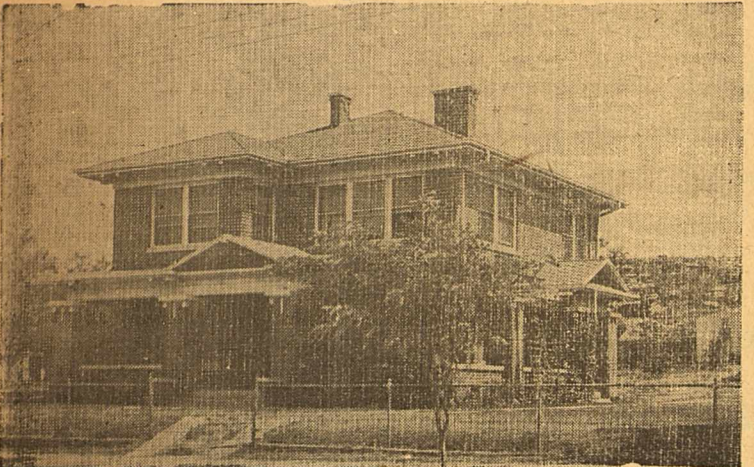
San Acacia, another small settlement suffered heavily, virtually all of the buildings being swept away from their foundations or dried mud by the overflow.

An unverified report was received that the village of San Antonio had suffered the same way.

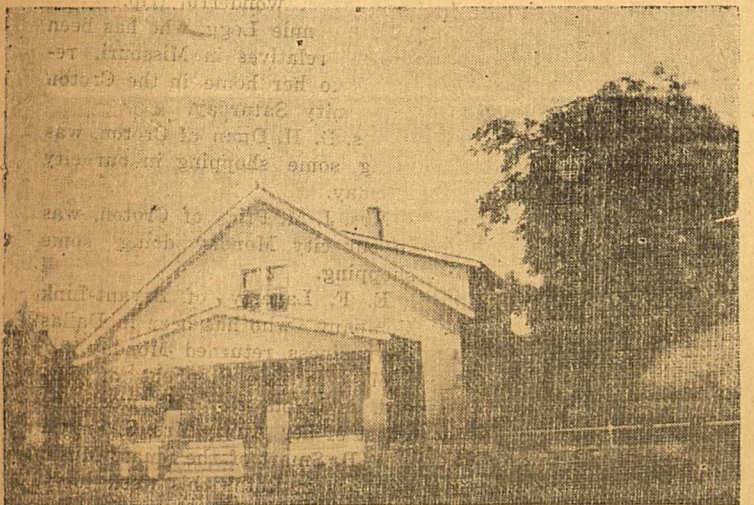
Relief work directed by the Red Cross and Governor R. C. Dillon was in progress today and the State Public Health Bureau had taken measures to prevent sickness as a flood aftermath.



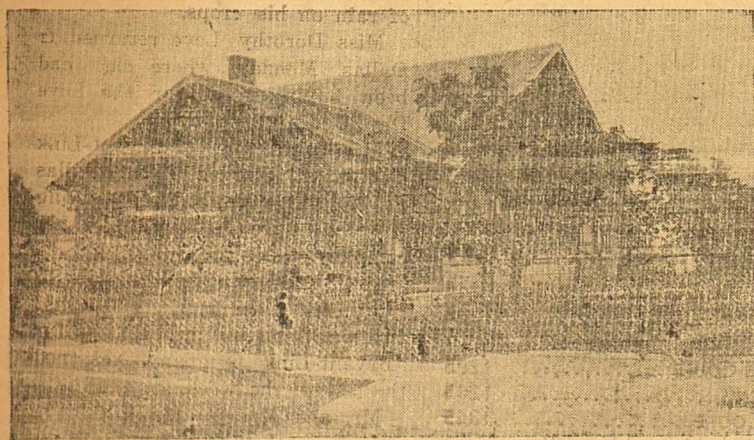
**DR. J. E. MORRIS HOME ON BURLINGTON AVE.**



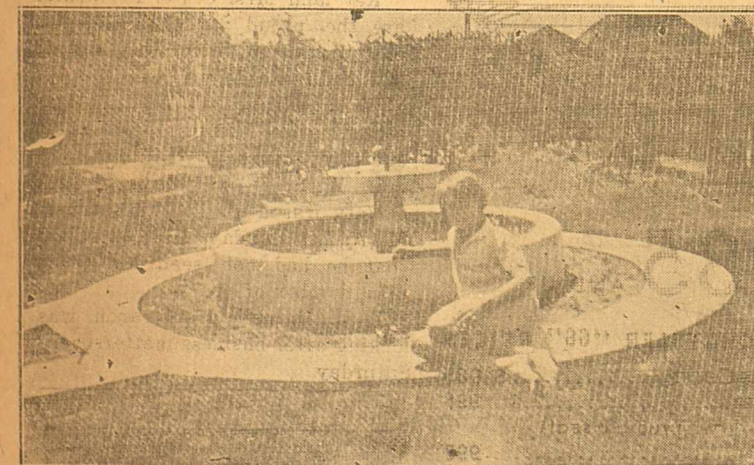
**W. S. CAMPBELL HOME ON HILL STREET**



**MRS. SAM KELSAY HOME ON HILL STREET**



**C. L. LOVE HOME ON TRUMBULL AVE.**



**LOVELY FOUNTAIN IN THE YARD OF CHAS. WHITENER ON NORTH CARROLL AVE.**

**OKLAHOMA BANK LOOTED ROBBERS ESCAPE**

Peace officers of Greer and Jackson Counties, Oklahoma, continued search all through Wednesday night for two youthful bandits, who held up and robbed the Willow State Bank, kidnapped a customer and made their escape in a red Chevrolet Coupe. It is estimated they secured between \$4,000,000 and \$7,000.

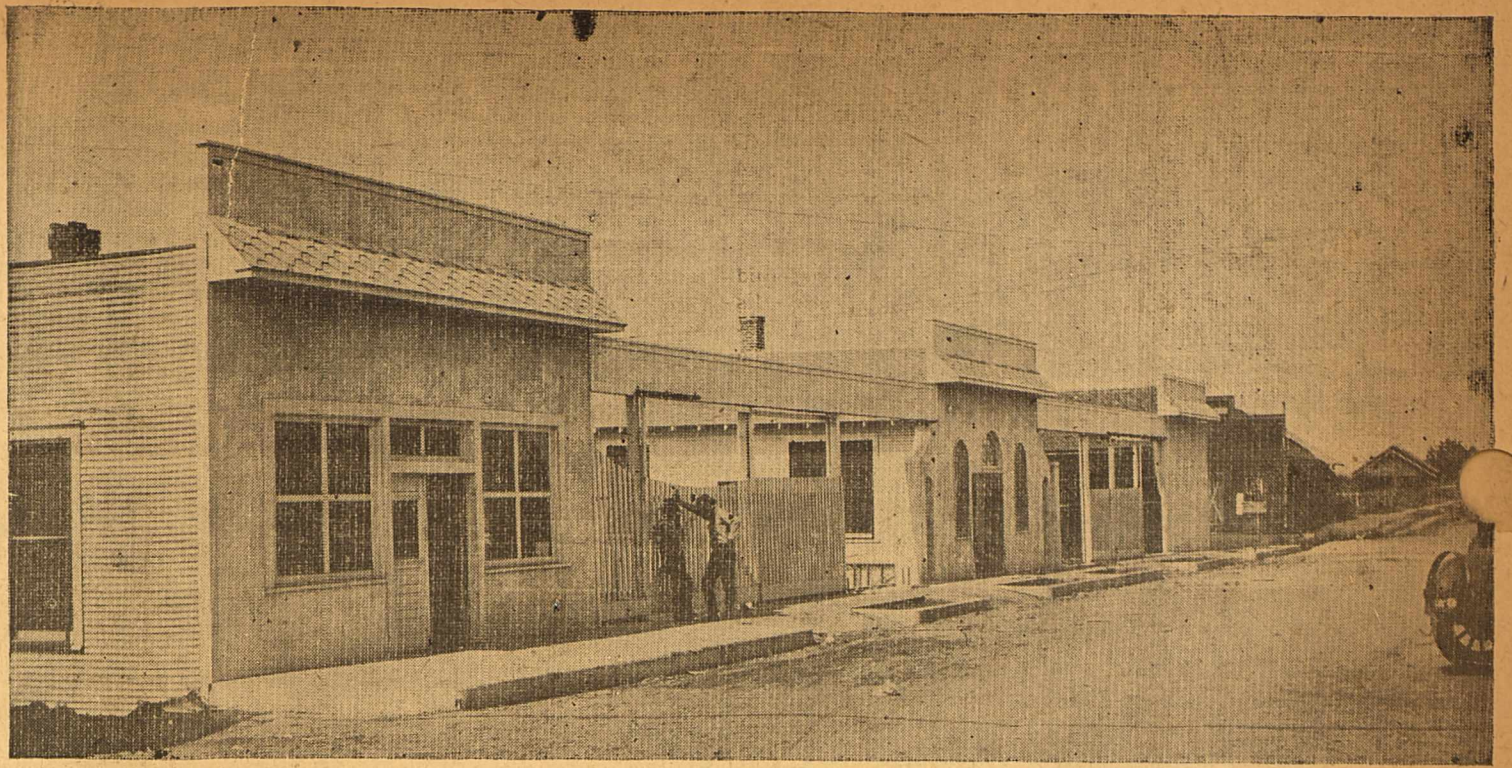
The bandits entered the bank about 1:30 Wednesday afternoon and at the point of guns forced J. H. Ford, cashier and Gordon Keves an employee of the bank into the vault where they were locked in. On leaving the bank they met George Richardson, a Willow Produce merchant. They threw their guns on him and forced him to accompany them in their escape. They headed north from Willow.

Four men followed the bandits to a half mile north of Willow where they turned for a half mile and the turned south. At times the officers were within 75 yards of the fleeing car but were afraid to fire on it on account of Richardson, the unwilling passenger. Trace of the bandits was lost as they neared the Jackson County line, but officers in that county were notified to take up the chase Richardson had not returned home late Wednesday evening.

**KILLS AGED WIFE**

After seeing her suffer for more than two years and knowing there was no chance for her to get relief except through death, Fred Erb of Lawrence Kans., shot and killed his wife Susan Erb, Mr. and Mrs. Erb were each 75 years of age and had been married 58 years. Erb stated he could not bear to see her suffer any more, knowing that she was bed-ridden and had no chance to get well.

After shooting his wife he attempted to commit suicide with the same pistol but was prevented by his son-in-law. He then called the officers and told them what he had done. Before the funeral



**TRI-COUNTY LUMBER COMPANY BIRL HIGHT MANAGER**

services Monday he requested to see his wife once more. He was given this permission but was refused the privilege of attending the funeral services. He has been sentenced to spend the remainder of his days in the state penitentiary. On account of his advanced years and the worry he has undergone it is thought he will live only a short time.

**CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO OLD SETTLERS**

E. G. Senter, of Dallas, an avowed candidate for Governor of Texas addressed the Old Settlers Reunion at Alvarado Wednesday. In his opening remarks Mr. Senter said, "I charge, and shall prosecute this campaign upon the indictment, that, considered from all points of view, Texas is the worst Governed state in the Union; that it pays more for what it gets in the way of public service than any other state; that its laws are not enforced, that its legislature is definitely worse than a joke, and that its administration departments are so grossly maladministered that the public despairs of material improvement."

Mr. Senter is a very able man in our state who has not sought public office for years, and it not in politics for any personal gain. He served the state as State Senator and was one of the leaders in the State Senate that put over the primary election system.

Mr. Senter spent his boyhood days in Johnson County near Stubblefield mills. It was there that he earned his first money, picking cotton at 75c per hundred. Saving his money he established a chicken business from which he made good money. Also he worked in his brother's store and engaged in trade when greenbacks were at a discount.

**DR. SNOOK FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER**

He stated he knew all about hard work and hard times. Judge Senter claims the primary is good in that it shows the sentiment of the thinking people. He favors a reform of courts and advocates many other measures which would save the state a great deal of money if put into effect.

**DR. SNOOK FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER**

Dr. James H. Snook, who has been on trial the past several days for the murder of Theora K. Hix was declared guilty of murder in the first degree by court jury Wednesday afternoon. Miss Hix, who was a medical student in the University of Ohio and Dr. Snook who was a teacher in the same university had carried on an illicit love affair the past three years. Dr. Snook who is married, made self-defense as a plea but openly confessed to killing the beautiful university coed with a hammer.

Dr. Snook and Miss Hix had enjoyed a love affair practically ever since she entered the University as a medical student. He rented a nice apartment which he and the young lady had jointly used during the time. However, he claimed that she had become addicted to the use of drugs during the past few months and had become very quarrelsome with him. According to his statement on the witness stand, Miss Hix had threatened the life of both his wife and his mother.

On the evening of July 13th, he and Miss Hix had eaten of drug laden sandwiches and had given him the same kind of sandwiches to eat which he did. He stated that the drugs which were in the sandwiches deranged his mind and also caused the young lady to become deranged, and uncontrollable. A fuss ensued in which she fought and attempted to kill him. He sta-

ted he struck her with a hammer at first to quiet her and finally to save his own life.

The jury was out for deliberation 33 minutes. The venire consisted of eleven men and one lady. Just one ballot was taken and the decision of guilty in the first degree was unanimous.

Defense attorneys made application for a new trial and in case they are denied they will appeal the case to higher court. Monday is the day set for the hearing by Judge Henry L. Scarlett of Cleveland, judge of the Common Court of Pleas.

**MEETING AT AFTON STARTED SUNDAY**

A protracted meeting is in progress at Afton this week under the auspices of the Baptist Church. All churches in Afton are assisting with the work and it is reported a great meeting is in progress.

Rev. Malone of Abilene is doing the preaching. Rev. Malone was

educated in Simmons University and is a very able man. He is bringing great messages to the people according to reports and much good is being accomplished. The meeting will continue on throughout the week. Local talent is in charge of the singing.

W. H. Smith of Red Mud community was looking after business affairs here Saturday.

**FEED**

**Will Be Scarce This Fall You Can't Afford To Let Any Of It Waste**

**Repairs are much cheaper than feed**

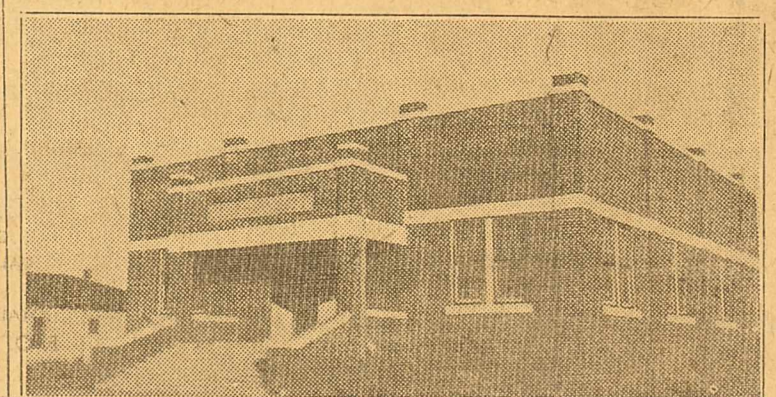
**Prepare Now To take care of the feed you make—or buy.**

**Let us figure a new barn for you, or the repairs on your present barn. We carry a complete line of material of truck beds, trailers, etc.**

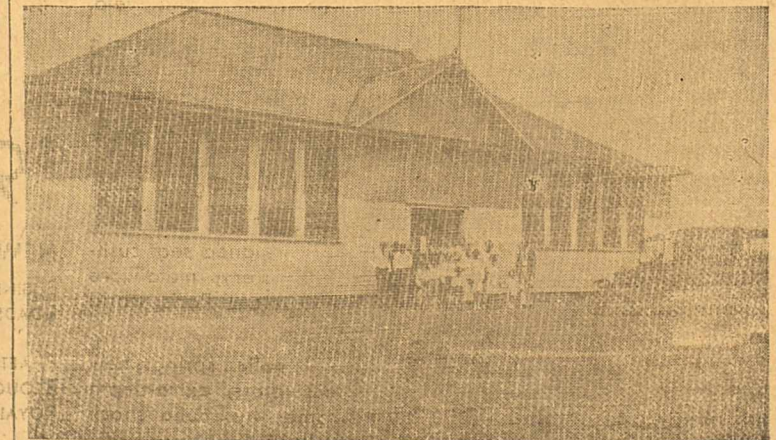


**C. W. BARRETT Business Manager for the Rowel, the publication for Spur Schools**

**TRI-COUNTY LBR. CO.**



**CHURCH OF CHRIST, REV. F. J. BERRY PASTOR**



**DUCK CREEK SCHOOL HOUSE DICKENS COUNTY**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Effective as of August 13th, I am no longer connected with the TP Motor Inn, having assumed full control of the

**SPUR SERVICE STATION**

Thanking my many friends for their patronage at both stations during the time Jimmie and I have had them and assuring each and everyone

**SMILIN' SERVICE**

At the Spur Service Station in the future, I am,

Yours for better service,

**BOZO.**

Remember that our Refrigerator-Sale will continue through this week. Don't miss these low prices. You can save money during this Special Sale.

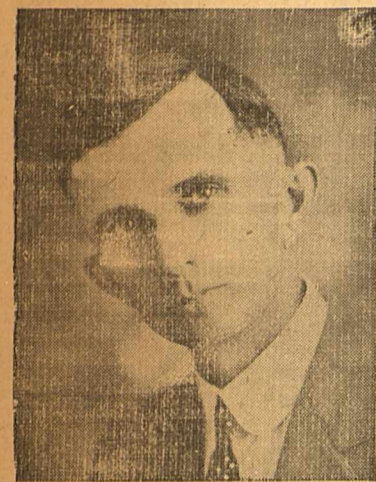
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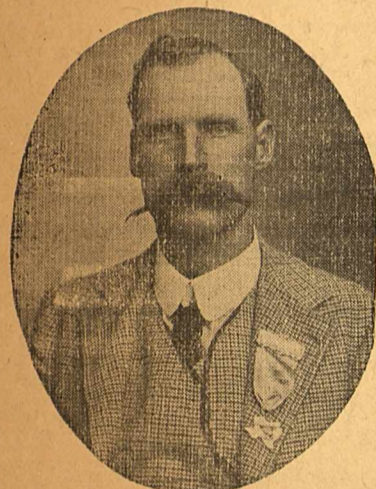




**S. H. TWADDELL**  
Manager for the Hokus Pokus Grocery and President of the Northwest Texas Fair Association.



**C. R. EDWARDS**  
General Manager for C. R. Edwards & Co.



**W. R. STAFFORD**  
Generally known as "Uncle Bill" and one of the early cowmen in Dickens County

**THE EDUCATED MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY**

"I believe that you are too well educated to be sent to the penitentiary on your first offense," Federal Judge J. C. Hutchinson told a defendant in his court at Houston recently.

The defendant, charged with violation of the liquor law, was said to be a graduate of Harvard. His penitentiary sentence was suspended and he was punished by a fine of \$100 and a 30 day jail sentence. But the judge, according to dispatches, considered the offenders' education as something that should save him from a penitentiary sentence.

Most of us are unable to follow that line of reasoning. Ignorance of the law excuses no man. That is a maxim in the courts. It appears now that education does sometimes excuse him. To most of us, the obligation of the educated man is greater than that of his less privileged brother. His offenses, when he does offend, would seem to be much more serious than that of the individual who lacked to consider before he transgresses the law, not afterward. We hope that the offender in this instance will justify the judge's leniency.

—Kichita Times Herald.

"We should be open minded toward new truth."  
—Selden Peabody Delany. (The North American Review.)

"There is one sure way to become a leader—make something people want."  
—Henry Ford.

"The qualities that recommend young men are a willingness to work courage in the face of disappointment, the habit of thrift, and a sense of fairness."  
—William Feather

"Success is but another name for service. As we serve so do we succeed."  
—Theodore F. Merzeles.

**THINKS MUNICIPAL POWER PLANTS BEST**

That the municipal power plant is the most successful to the people of any city or town is not doubted as the opinion of Arthur Brisbane, according to his general contributions to various publications over the country. He definitely expresses himself in regard to the



**W. F. GODFREY**  
Partner in the firm of Godfrey & Smart and the retired President of the Chamber of Commerce.

municipal power plant of Tacoma, Wash. In his articles he brings such thoughts as follows:

Tacoma prospers because its hydraulic power plants are used to build up Tacoma, and not to enrich power company stockholders in New York. Tacoma owns its light and power plants and sells more power more cheaply than any place on the continent outside of Canada. They have brains in Canada, also, and honest officials.

In commenting further on the proposition of municipal light and power plants owned by the people in any city or town, he conveys this idea: If you want a handful of men to be prosperous, let them have your power plants and get fat dividends; but, if you want the people to be prosperous, keep your power plants an dnatural monopolies for yourselves.

In speaking of the finances of a municipally owned plant and again using Tacoma as a basis of comparison he leaves this thought: To build Tacoma's power plants cost \$100. per horse power—private power companies are bonded for \$450 per horse power, to say nothing of stock issues.

From these thoughts put out by a great American, it seems that it is best for the people of any town or city, to own their own light plant and use the money made by their light and power plant for public improvement, such as Tacoma is doing. There are hundreds of other towns and cities that have made a success with the city owned plant.

**ONE KILLED, 4 INJURED WHEN AUTOS COLLIDE**

AMARILLO, Aug. 14—John Thomas Towles, 45, of Amarillo was killed and his small son and Mrs. E. M. Starker and her two children of Stratford were injured when two motor trucks collided on a highway 30 miles north of here Tuesday night.

Towles and his son were riding in one truck and the Starkers in another. Towles is survived by his widow and eight children.

**GOV. MOODY TO PALACIOS**

Governor Moody Wednesday left for Palacios without calling a meeting of the Automatic Tax Board to fix the state rate. He will be absent from his office until Saturday he said.

The Governor will visit the Texas National Guard Encampment. Mrs. E. A. McBroom is returning to her home at Brownfield this week.

Mrs. Sam Koonsman of Croton community was doing some shopping in our city Monday.

E. G. Mobley of Twin Wells was doing some trading with our merchants Saturday.

W. D. Baker of Dickens was attending to business affairs here Saturday.

Walter McKay of Red Mud, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

W. J. Diggers of Gilpin, was looking after business affairs in our city Saturday.

W. O. Davenport of Twin Wells, was doing some trading in our city Saturday.

W. F. Foreman of Foreman Chapel, was attending to business matters in our city Monday.

Walter Smith of Dry Lake, was in our city Saturday doing some trading.

T. F. Martin of Dry Lake, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

J. M. Hahn of Dry Lake, was attending to matters of business in our city Monday.

**THE EXPERIMENT STATION ADVOCATES**

—The growth of cotton as a money crop.

—The growing of more feed and feeding of cattle sheep and hogs for the market when cotton far-

—Caution against over-cropping.

ing becomes less profitable.  
—Clean cultivation of all crops.  
—Moisture conservation by every method known, the chief of which are terracing, good preparation of the land and clean cultivation.

—The planting of the best tested variety of field crops, they are: Dwarf Mellow milo, Red Top Cane, Mebane Cotton, Sudan pasture and Feterita for bundle feed or late crop.

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OUT OF GAS?  
CALL 140  
SPUR  
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**L. N. RITER**  
President of Riter Hardware Company, Spur's Exclusive Hardware Store.

**Pioneering  
the Hardware  
Business In Spur**

Institutions, like individuals who have led long and useful and honorable lives in the same community, attain to a degree of public confidence that is, indeed remarkable to observe. Such is the case with the Riter Hardware Company of Spur. One of the first institutions to establish itself in Spur, it has built a reputation that is enviable and justly so, for through the years of Spur's and Dickens County's growth it has maintained the good will and felicitations of all.

This institution was built on service. The management has made a study of the conditions and needs of the people of this section and has met those needs and conditions well. The people have found here just the articles in hardware, implements, and electric conveniences they desired most for their conveniences and necessity.

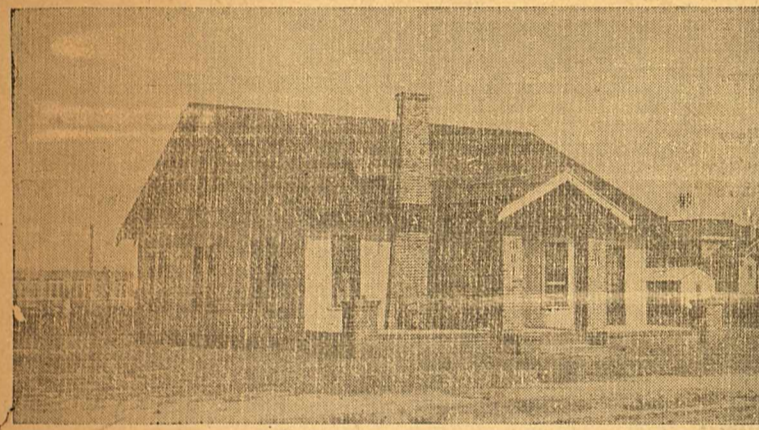
**EVERYTHING IN HARDWARE AND FARM IMPLEMENTS**

The Riter Hardware Company carries everything in the way of Hardware, implements and electric machinery for refrigeration and heating, together with nationally advertised gas and oil stoves. Here is sheif hardware, builders hardware, and the most up-to-date farm implements on the American Market!

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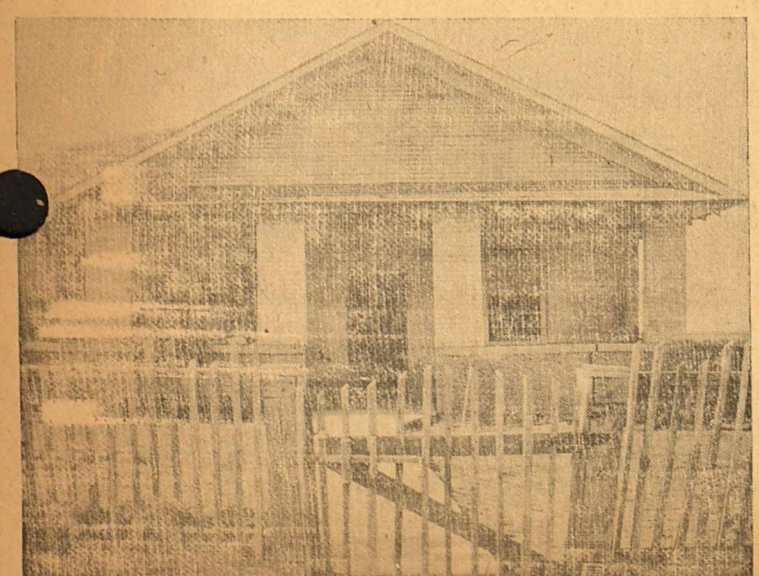
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HOME OF BIRL HIGHT ON NORTH TRUMBULL



HOME OF W. M. HUNTER, EAST OF SPUR



HOME OF H. P. EDWARDS, McADOO, TEXAS



**G. R. ELKINS**  
Manager for the Red Front Drug Store



# No Tips Please

## When We Check Your Air Pressure

and this applies not only to our regular customers but to everyone. Just drive in, sit in your car a few minutes and drive on. No obligation—no tips. They aren't necessary here. First, if you don't know the exact pressure your tires should carry, ask us about it.

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Spur, Texas

baths at the wells. He said he felt much improved after his baths. In speaking of the crops in Central Texas he said corn was looking fine but cotton was not doing so well in places.

While Mr. French is nearing his 72 birthday he is a very strong man for his age. Most people guess him ten to fifteen years under his age. He stated that he had worked hard all of his life and that he did not think work hurt anyone.

#### OLD SETTLERS REUNION

The seventh annual reunion for Old Settlers of Dickens and Motley counties will be held at the Roaring Springs, just north of the Motley-Dickens county line on Thursday, August 29th. The invitation is extended to everybody,

the only request is that well filled baskets of good things to eat be included with your attendance.

According to the by-laws of the association any person who has been a continuous resident of West Texas for a period of twenty years is eligible to membership. Of course it is expected that they live either in Motley or Dickens counties.

This reunion has been an annual affair since 1923, and there has always been a good program and very enjoyable time at each annual meeting. An opportunity will be given all the pioneer settlers to tell of their early experiences, and there will be many historical incidents related.

The exercises will begin about ten o'clock in the morning and will continue over until afternoon. Basket dinner will be served at twelve o'clock, all persons coming will

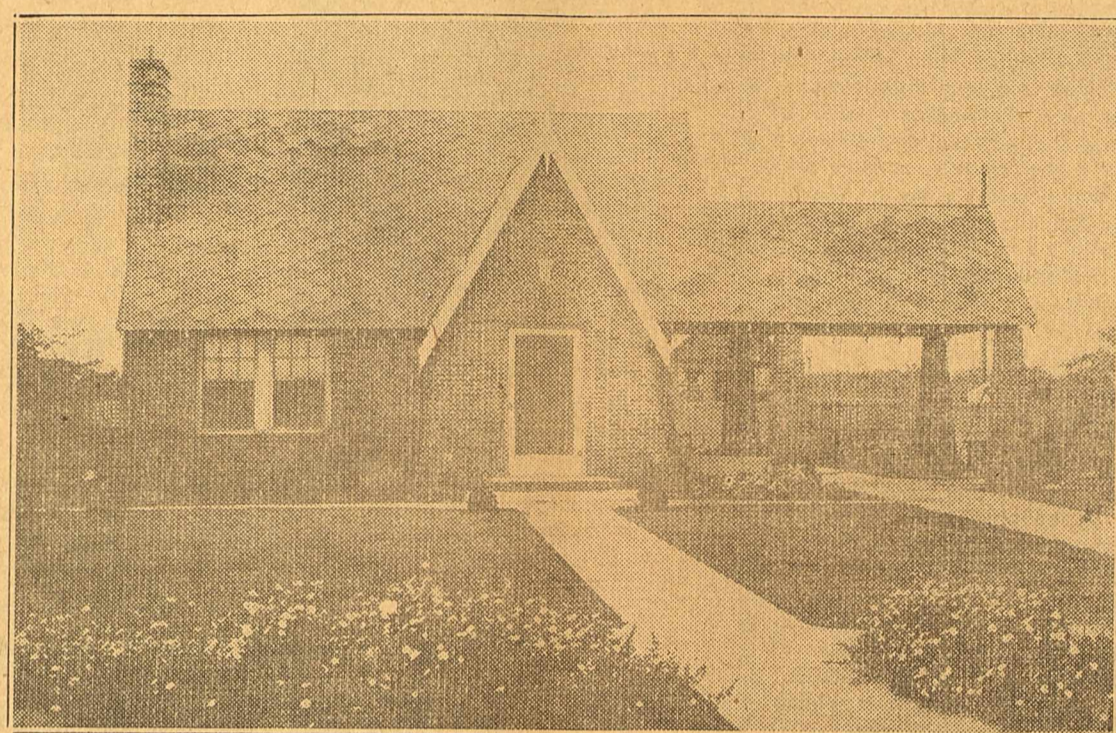
be expected to furnish a basket of good eats prepared. The Roaring Springs is a beautiful spot, and to spread a good dinner, and ideal place for an all day meet-

#### DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP

H. O. Everts and J. O. Smith have dissolved partnership in the filling station business. By mutual agreement Mr. Smith takes over the T-P Station near the Spur Inn, and Mr. Everts will have charge of the Spur Service Station near the Hotel Wilson.

Both of these stations are going on a cash basis and will be operated as two separate businesses.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McAlpine are leaving today for Dallas where they will be looking after business and visiting relatives.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stovall located on Harris Street in Highway Addition. This home is a representation of the progressiveness of the citizenship in that section of town. Three years ago there were three homes in that addition, today there are twenty homes of desirable type in that section. Lots are selling rapidly at the Land Office and there are plans being made for more residences in that addition soon. The requirements are that each residence must cost at least \$2,000.00

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#### RETURNS FROM VISIT TO ARKANSAS

J. M. French of Prairie Chapel passed through our city Wednesday enroute home from a long visit with relatives and friends in Arkansas. Mr. French stated that he was with his mother who is 83 years of age at this time. Also he visited his brother in Howard county, Ark. He stated he had not seen his brother in 36 years. In that section of the state people grow lots of fruit. His brother has charge of a big orchard there, and Mr. French stated he enjoyed all the fine ripe fruit he cared for.

He stated he was at Dirks which is the location of a big saw mill. His old home is close to this place and he so much desired to visit the spring on the old home place and get another good drink of water. He said he was within one half miles of the spring, but that fields had grown up with sassafras brush so much that he could not muster courage to find the old spring. The big lumber companies had purchased all the land to get the timber and the settlers had to move out, letting the fields grow up in brush. Mr. French spent two weeks at Marlin and took treatment and



Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dawson who recently made Spur their home. Mrs. Dawson is pastor of the Nazarene Church at this place. Their former home was Tulsa, Okla., where Mr. Dawson held a position with the Frisco Railroad and Mrs. Dawson did relief and rescue work in the city. She held a revival meeting in Spur in June and the results of her work justified the organization of the church here. Since organizing the church has held services regularly as purchased lots for a parsonage and a church building and at this time practically have the parsonage completed. They plan to start a church building during the fall or winter. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson have been builders in various ways since coming to our city.



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SPUR, TEXAS

### Leased Motor Hospital Station

H. A. Booth has leased the filling station at the Motor Hospital from Leslie Roberts and took charge of the business the first of the month. Mr. Booth is local agent for the Gulf Refining Company and sells Gulf Products strictly. Mr. Roberts is devoting himself strictly to the mechanical work in his shop. He is one of the best machine shop men in this country and has one of the best equipped shops found in Texas.

#### EXHIBITS COTTON

WELL FRUITED

V. G. Burnett, who lives in the Red Hill Community was in town Monday with two stalks of cotton and both were well fruited. Beside a great many squares one stalk had twelve fully developed bolls and the other one had fifteen. Mr. Burnett stated that he had

about fifteen acres of this cotton which was the first that he planted

He stated that his younger cotton was better developed than this and was showing a great plan of fruitage than the older cotton. He said the community had enjoyed some good showers all along and they had a good rain there Thursday of last week. He lives on the Bryant-Link farm. It is noted that he is either very lucky or a very fine farmer considering his crop conditions at this time.

#### A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and sincerest appreciation to every one who assisted us in any way during and after our loss by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Fuqua and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mort Smith of the Smith Shoe Store, are away at this time enjoying a vacation. Mrs. J. O. Owen is in charge of the business during their absence.













# A WEST TEXAS PAPER FOR WEST TEXAS PEOPLE Dickens Co. Times



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## Spur Creamery Is Real Asset To Dickens County

### A Balanced Program Correctly Carried Out Would Double The Farmer's Income Here

Estimated on a very conservative basis, if the farmers of Dickens County were to follow consistently a diversified program, their annual income would equal that of more than 30,000 bales of cotton, or in other words, more than double their present income. Their total income for the past year, less what cotton they actually raised in the county, was equalled to practically 20,000 bales according to actual sales on the Spur and other County markets.

This statement is based upon the facts as worked out in other counties of Texas that have followed the diversified idea. The income from a cow that will give only about two gallons of milk a day is equal to a bale of cotton over a period of a year's time, provided the feed for the cow is raised on the farm. It takes a year to produce a bale of cotton, and the income from this bale of cotton is based upon the fluctuations of the market. During the same period of time the income from the cow is steady and the price of the product seldom varies. From cotton the farmer receives all of his money at one time while from the cow he has ready money at all times during the year.

Enough feed can be raised on every one of these 1100 farms of Dickens County to support from ten to fifteen milk cows with out having to spend a penny for commercial feeds. The raising of this feed would necessitate possibly the turning down of a few acres that have usually gone in cotton, but in time the fertilization resulting from the dairy herd would more than balance the difference. Barn yard manure is recognized as the best possible fertilizer. Thus, when properly used, will enrich the land to such an extent that more cotton and other products can be raised on the acre.

Ten to fifteen cows to the farm in Roosevelt would equal some fifteen thousand bales of cotton in annual income. This is not an impossibility at all. Many other counties over the state and especially in West Texas are doing this very thing with increased profits to the farmer every year.

An increase in poultry for Dickens County of twenty-five thousand and laying hens, all of which the County could easily take care of with only about half the farmers of the county going into the poultry business very strongly, would render an annual income that would equal practically five thousand bales of cotton. This income, like that from the cows would be distributed over a period of a year. This income would be from eggs alone. The increase naturally resultant from these flocks through the sale of meat fowls would equal another five-thousand bales.

An increase in the number of turkeys in proportion together with an increase of hogs would take care of another five thousand bales of cotton. Thus with fifteen bales of cotton equalled by ten to fifteen cows on the different farms of Dickens County, with five thousand equalled by an increase in laying hens; with another five thousand equalled by an increase in turkey and hog raising, more than 10 thousand bales of cotton could easily be equalled by a strict program of diversification.

#### A CARD OF THANKS

We wish by this means to express our appreciation of the sympathy, kindness and help to all who so tenderly came to us in our grief and great sorrow in the loss of our loved ones, Henry Smith, Escel McBroom and Herman McBroom. We feel that we could not have borne it but for the strength that God gave in answer to prayer, and our

### Advertising Has Helped Cotton Sale

Newspaper advertising has helped to make cotton styles popular. Large space in daily papers have met with favor in all parts of the helped Eastern department stores to sell an enormous quantity of cotton goods. Styled cottons have United States, a report by Walker D. Hines, president of the Cotton Textile Institute shows.

Enormous volume of cotton fabric five months of 1929. Finishers stated that there has been an increase in that period of more than 130,000 00 yards of printed cotton goods over the same period last season. Some 770,000,000 yards of this class of goods were finished.

Something had to be done with cotton. For some years cotton dress goods were neglected. A slump hit the mills and business suffered. Then the Cotton Textile Institute got busy. It secured the direct cooperation of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, State Cotton manufacturers, and the American State Cotton Shipper's Association and the American Cotton Grower's Exchange. Stores fell in line. Something was done. The forecast last winter that this year would find cotton styles to the fore was realized.

Cotton styles are not to stop with summer dresses. Already the Cotton Textile Institute is making special effort to interest the trade in fall cotton goods patterns. It has established a swatching service which shows some of the choice fabrics selected by special committees. The Dallas News has received a set of these and it can be stated that the quality and beauty of the new foulards, cotton tweeds, and art prints are alluring. Never have silks been more beautiful than are these new cotton creations. It merely shows what can be done with an established fiber, which threatened to become more or less passeé when the are of the designer is associated with an effective campaign of stimulation.

Texas, the greatest cotton state is concerned in anything which will stimulate demand for raw cotton. Cotton must be sold. It cannot be eaten. It has no other outlet than the cotton mills of the world. Means had to be found to sell more cotton and stylists and special writers were hired to "sell" the public on the value of cotton. The cool character, its washing qualities and its comparative cheapness were heralded. Cotton became fashionable.

Not only vanity was appealed to but utility was stressed in the advertising campaigns which swept the country. One Boston store advertised in the daily papers:

"No more blue Mondays, but a fun day, just like Sunday, for fashion takes to the washtub with all the thrill of a new sensation. It's very chic to wash your own and boast about it."

prayer is that if ever sorrow comes your way that you will be blessed in God's most bountiful way. We covet your prayers in our dark hours of loneliness to follow.

Mrs. H. R. Smith and two children Arlie Boyd and Nona Carroll. Mrs. Escal McBroom and daughters Marie and Avis. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith and Granddaughter Claudia. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. F. V. George. Mrs. Minnie McBroom. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harris.

### Breeding and Not Feeding Increases Milk Supply

The claim has been made a good many times lately that the quality of dairy cows around Wichita Falls could be improved a great deal by the mere matter of better feeding and better management. It is an established fact that a dairy cow has bred into her the capacity for a certain performance. Beyond that capacity for milk production it is very difficult to get, no matter what kind or amount of feed is used.

But there are many cows that are not producing up to their capacity. There are some cows that are not producing up to their capacity. There are some cows that are not getting much more than enough feed to take care of their body requirements, which usually comes first and consequently there is little to produce the quantity of milk. Some cows are getting a sufficient amount of food but it is not a properly balanced ration and the quantity of milk suffers.

To get the best results from any cow, it is first necessary to use a properly balanced ration. This is one that contains all of the elements necessary to maintain the physical condition of the cow and to produce the quantity of milk that she is capable of doing. This combination of the right cow and the right kind and amount of feed is a most profitable one.

J. D. Morrow, a dairyman of the Henrietta road has a cow that is good proof of this. He knows how to feed a cow for the best production and he is one of the men who does not keep a cow unless she can produce profitably when fed right. He bought a cow that had none of the outstanding points of a milk producer, but he had reason to believe was a good producer. The cow was put on a balanced ration, given the proper quantity of feed and is producing 43 pounds of weighed milk each day. This is exactly five gallons per day. This cow produces enough income to pay for herself in 80 days. In ten months... the usual lactation period... this cow will bring to her owner at least \$200.00 above her feed cost, which is almost twice what she cost.

Contrast this with the average Texas cow, that has a production of about 112 pounds of butter fat and which will pay about \$14.00 per year above her feed costs. The first cow will pay more profits than 14 of the average cows. The average cow of the Wichita Falls area however, is considerably better

than the average cow in Texas. The production is probably nearly double, but in keeping one such as the first over two or three of the latter. More milk from fewer cows is just as much to be desired as more cotton on fewer acres. Large production from the individual cows will bring prosperity to the dairy farm.

Every dairyman and farmer should know what each one of his cows can produce. The only way to do this is to weigh and regularly test the milk and to weigh the feed to each cow. Guessing about a business is always unsatisfactory and ruinous. Actual figures will build it up.

### Rotary Speaker Says Cotton Will Make

In an address at the Rotary Club meeting last Thursday E. L. Tanner, County Agent for Dickens County stated he had made a very good crop survey of the county and that conditions of the cotton crop are more favorable this year with the drought than they were last year with the boll worms. Continuing further in his talk he said, "In my opinion we will make as much or more cotton this year than was made in the county last year." He stated that the upland cotton which is located in the dry section would not be benefitted much with rain now and that the lowland cotton would make a fair crop should the rain come within the next ten days or two weeks.

Conditions in the North side of the county are very favorable according to Mr. Tanner's view. This section has had a great deal of rain at times when the Spur country did not get any rainfall. Taking into consideration everything, it looks favorable for the county to make as much or more cotton than made last year.

**GIRARD, KENT COUNTY.** Girard is a prosperous, growing little city in the northeastern corner of Kent County, Texas, on the Stamford and Northwestern Railroad and on the Texas Transcontinental Trail from Dallas and Fort Worth to Lubbock.

The best farm and ranch land to be found in the west surrounds our town. Girard has an excellent high school, three churches, two girls' two hotels and cafe, five filling stations, one general mercantile store, two groceries, one feed and produce house, one hardware and furniture establishment, one barber shop a picture show and a bank. Girard has a hearty welcome

### What's Doing In West Texas

**DIMMITT** will enter enthusiastically into the preparations for the 28th Annual Anniversary Picnic of Castro County. Hundreds of sandwiches will be prepared and wrapped for the guests. Concession rights have been sold and speakers are being procured.

**OLTON** will be reached by the new High line of the Texas Utilities Company. It will come in by Hart, thence south to Olton into the main plant, dropping back one mile north to the Lee Highway and on into plainview, tying up all their plants into one.

**FRIONIA'S** Home Beautiful Contest being staged by the Women's Club is announced to close on August 15th. The two classes of homes entered will be judged on points gained, front yard, and curb, back alley and yard, trees, and shrubbery, flowers, lawn, painting, and general attractiveness being counted.

**CALIFORNIA** will welcome another caravan of West Texas post-graduates, dairymen and farmers soon. B. M. Whiteaker of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will conduct the tour of perhaps thirty people who want to learn the productive California methods of raising crops, chickens and cows.

**CROSBYTON** will entertain all old settlers on August 15 and 16. Public speaking, rodeo performances, old time square dances, old fiddlers contests, rides for the children and a ball game each day are some of the attractions that will draw settlers to the Blanco Canyon where the reunion will be held.

**MCLEAN** has gained 11 affiliated credits during the time Supt. Tummins has been head of the schools. Three of the credits were gained recently in Spanish and chemistry. The school has a total of 27 1-2 credits. Better work is expected in the new buildings.

**CLARENDON** is doing quite a bit of building. The Latson building on the corner of Kerney and Second streets will be started in the immediate future. The new building will be of brick and will cover the entire fifty foot lot and will extend back to the alley.

**ALLANREED** will have lights and power in the future since a contract was recently consummated with the Panhandle Power and Light Company for these modern commodities. New oil derricks on the edge of town are causing an increase in population and a shortage in hotels and residences.

**WEST TEXAS TODAY** for August will be out the first of next

### Manufacturers Espuela Ice Cream And Espuela Butter; Both Finding Ready Market In West Texas

week. The wheat crop comes in for its share of attention in this issue. Several towns where much building is being done have stories illustrated with pictures of the largest buildings.

**PAMPA** will entertain the second annual American Legion Rodeo August 30, 31 and Sept. 1. Lon Blanscet and Bill Jackson of Pampa will manage the affair. Rodeo stars from Cheyenne, Wyoming will be present. A purse amounting to \$2,130 has been guaranteed for the prizes.

**BIG LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will open September 3. Prof. Caverns who was instrumental in the building of the splendid school has resigned as Superintendent to enter other fields of work. The school has 13 1-2 credit of affiliation.

**LOCKNEY** is bidding for a new postoffice. Congested office conditions caused by rapid increase in population during the past several years was the reason given for the enlargement of quarters.

#### JAYTON, KENT COUNTY TEXAS

Jayton is the largest town in Kent County and the largest town between Stamford and Spur on the Spur Branch of the Wichita Valley Railroad.

The population is about 1200. The business interests consist of one bank, several large mercantile establishments, drug stores, lumber yards, garage and service stations, automobile dealers, a live news paper; about 35 business houses in all.

One of the largest cotton oil mills in the state and four gins. Jayton has a good light and power system and have just completed a municipal water system, sufficient for the needs of the town for several years.

A new and modern school building was erected in 1924 at a cost of about \$70,000.00.

Four church buildings, and four active church organizations to take care of the religious interests of the town.

The chief exports are cotton, cattle, poultry and dairy products. Cotton and cotton seed alone bring in about \$2,000,000.00 annually. Many train loads of cattle are loaded out each year.

Kent County land is rich and productive while many thousands of acres have never as yet been put in cultivation and can be bought at reasonable prices and on good terms

One of the chief industries of Dickens County is the Spur Creamery. This is practically a new institution in Spur, having been in operation under the present management and with its present equipment for only a few years. Yet, this is an institution that has shown considerable growth and development during its short existence. With the steady increase in dairy herds over the county and the ever increasing demand for creamery products by the people of this section, there is a wonderfully bright future in store for this institution.

The Spur Creamery manufactures Espuela Ice Cream and Espuela Butter. These are the only two products they are attempting to produce at the present, however, as time may demand other products may be had.

Espuela Ice Cream comes in all the various flavors and in both the brick and bulk. It finds a ready sale in this immediate territory as well as in various parts of West Texas. In fact one may find Espuela Ice Cream in towns within a radius of more than a hundred miles around Spur. The quality of this cream is attested by the fact that practically every concern in Spur that goes in to sell ice cream is handling Espuela Ice Cream exclusively. No better recommendation for a product can be obtained than that of the people where the product is manufactured are so well pleased with its worth that they insist upon having it in preference to all other makes. That is what is happening to Espuela Ice Cream: When one buys ice cream in Spur he is sure of getting Espuela, there is practically no other to obtain.

Practically every grocer in the city of Spur and other towns of this section handle Espuela Butter and it, like Espuela Ice Cream, is finding a ready sale among the people of this section. It is manufactured from home produced milk brought from the farms of Dickens County.

The Spur Creamery is one of the greatest assets to the development of Spur and Dickens County. An institution that makes it possible for the farmers of this section to market their products at prices that can be obtained in larger places only—a market that is sure and steady, that institution is a real asset. Not only does the Spur Creamery afford such a market for the farmers of Dickens County, but it gives employment for a number of people who have become citizens of Spur adding their income to the wealth and prosperity of the city.

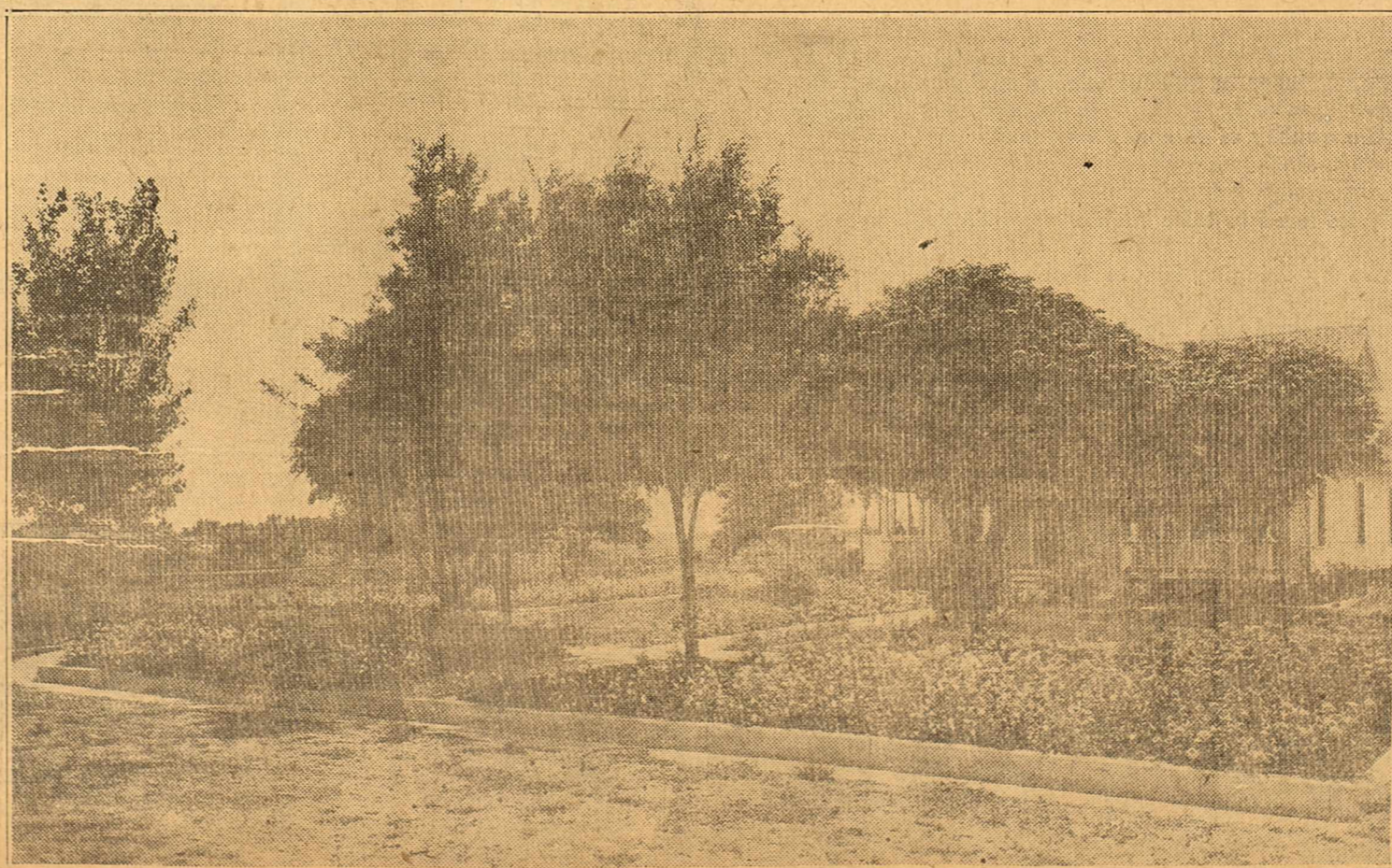
To the prospective citizen of Dickens County, who expects to locate on any of the farming lands of this section, the Spur Creamery offers added attractions. It will assure him of a market for his dairy products at all times of the year regardless of market conditions elsewhere. This is one of the great features in inducing prospective farmers to this county, to know that they can find a market for their produce when they have it for sale.

H. A. Porter of Lewisville was here the first of the week visiting his son G. A. Porter of Croton community. Mr. Porter paid the Times office a visit since he is interested in newspaper business and acts as scribe to the paper at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McArthur of Red Mud community were in our city Saturday doing some trading.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roberts and children of Perryton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Starche Sunday. Mr. Rodgers reports conditions fine on the north Plains.

J. P. Sharp, of Highway Community was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.



BEAUTIFUL HOME OF W. R. LEWIS



# Business and Banking Interests Are Now Backing Dairy Industry

Never before in the history of the Southwest has there been such profound interest in dairying. This industry may be traced to a number of reasons. Chief of these is the following:

Recognition on the part of business men, particularly bankers together with public service organization of the value of dairying as a means of insuring or stabilizing agriculture.

The successful experiences of the farmer during the past four years who has kept a few cows, and who as a result has become thoroughly sold on the dairy cow.

The activity of county agents, whose responsibility is to promote diversified and safe farming programs. And last, but not least, the rather wide publicity now being given through the state press by both agricultural and general newspapers to the value of dairying and its part in a balanced agriculture.

Should Continue to Grow  
This industry should continue to grow and expand in the Southwest because it is fundamentally sound. No phase of agricultural production is more necessary to the general prosperity of a community than is dairying. To begin with, it provides the one indispensable food

product, a product that goes to the very heart of the community, State or Union, in that 70 percent of the children under the age of 12 months of age depend exclusively on the dairy cow for their sustenance. The child between 1 year and 12 must have a liberal supply of milk and its products to maintain health and proper growth and the adult with a weak constitution and of general debility must resort to this vitalizing food for renewal of strength and health. Economically, dairying is sound because the cash returns are constant and regular. The dairy cow produces human food more economically than does any other farm animal. Dairying has been responsible for the rebuilding of worn-out soil, and time goes on and the natural fertility of the soil becomes exhausted the dairy cow is a big factor in rebuilding this lost fertility.

It is therefore, reasonable to assume that the present growing interest in dairying is not a mere bubble but is a practical, permanent movement that will materially aid to the wealth of Dickens County and the State of Texas, building better rural communities and provide those essentials of home life that make for more prosper-

ous and happy rural people. There are many problems in the industry that will have to be met, and a thoughtful, well-directed leadership is needed to insure its permanent stabilization. These problems might be summarized as follows:

1. Economical production.
2. Standardization and improvement of Quality.
3. Efficient manufacturing, more effective and orderly marketing.

**Economical Production**  
This applies to the production of milk on the farm and will be referred to in this treatise as the raw material.

This problem is receiving the careful consideration of every agency in rural development. It involves a more careful management and feeding of dairy cows and the raising of the standard of production of dairy cattle through the use of purebred dairy bulls.

Through the activities of county agents, service and economical organizations, this problem is being rapidly solved especially with reference to the distribution of purebred dairy bulls. They are being distributed in large numbers and under conditions that will insure maximum results. It is indeed pleasing to note the general interest that is manifested in this problem, and those of us who pioneered in this field are profoundly gratified.

**Efficient Manufacturing**  
The dealer in turn is interested principally in a commodity that has selling appeal created by a demand of the housewife, which will insure him a rapid turnover at a small margin of profit. Illustrative of this fact, the consumption of a creamery butter in the Southwest has more than tripled in the past ten years as the result of constructive advertising campaigns of the part of manufacturing concerns, featuring trade names.

The successful handling of dairy products from producer to consumer involves many features often over-looked by those who have not made a close study of the various problems and steps involved. Take for instance the perishability of milk, or of some of the products derived there from. To reach out some 50 to 100 miles and gather a milk supply for a city of 200,000 people, and insure its delivery in one and two pound containers in a condition satisfactory as to its palatability and safety, is a tremendous problem under climatic conditions favoring maximum deterioration. The same thing applies to butter and other products.

creasing the population of our larger cities at a tremendous rate, and regardless of whether this is the best for our country as a whole, it is a condition existing, and must be considered in the merchandising of our food commodities.

Again, dairy products of all kinds are perishable and must move into the channel of consumption in a rapid orderly and well established manner. The spread of time between the purchase of the raw material and the sale of the finished product must be reduced to the limit to minimize the speculative feature. Thousands of dollars can be lost in a short period of time by carrying large inventories, either through a drop in the market or deterioration in quality. This but illustrates the importance of effective and orderly marketing of a standardized quality product which has been efficiently and economically manufactured.

**Buying Public Discriminating**  
Before a product can be effectively and orderly marketed there must have been a demand created, a demand that is fairly constant, and that has as its basis public confidence established through the years of satisfactory service. The buying public today is more discriminating than ever before as relating to food products. Present methods of merchandising food commodities encourages personal inspection and selection rather than discriminate ordering, as the housewife today buys largely those commodities that she knows to be of standard quality and products that are nationally or sectionally advertised.

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es the dry years of '17 and '18, too. We have had very light rainfall for 1929.

## MANY ACCOMPANY SCOUTS TO CAMP

A number of business men are out of the city this week, having accompanied the Boy Scouts to Ruidoso for their summer encampment. Among those going were: Dr. T. H. Blackwell, M. C. Golding, W. F. Godfrey, Mrs. J. H. Grace, James B. Reed, H. P. Schrimsher, W. B. Lee, Rev. A. G. Abbott, Geo. S. Link, R. E. Dickson and others whose names we could not secure. The scouts will be away for two weeks studying camp tactics and other arts of scoutcraft. There is a good representation of the entire troop in the camp this time.

## CARD OF THANKS

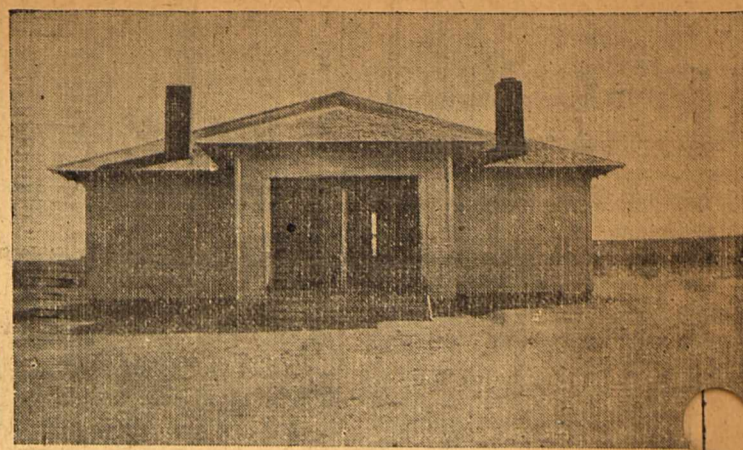
We take this means of telling our friends that we appreciate the many kind things done and the sympathetic word spoken during the illness and death of our wife daughter, and sister. We thank the physician and nurse for their efforts. We are not able to express our gratitude as we feel it, but we want you to know we appreciate everything said or done at this sad time.

- Alec Ragsdale
- Mrs. J. R. McMahan
- Mrs. Hugh Gray
- Dan McMahan
- Ivy McMahan
- R. C. McMahan
- Coy McMahan
- Charlie McMahan

P. A. Watson who has been in charge of the Love Dry-Goods Company while Mr. and Mrs. Russell were off to the Market, returned to Spur Sunday and is now on the job at Love Drygoods Company here.

Mr. and Mrs. Koney Cobey of Lubbock who has been visiting Mrs. Cobey's brother, Mr. J. V. Dement returned home Monday. Mr. Dement has been very ill but is much improved at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Cobey were with him during his illness.

Attorney J. E. Cowan favored us this last of the week with the price of a subscription, stating that he wanted the Times because it con-



HIGHWAY SCHOOL BUILDING

tained valuable information. Thanks Judge.

F. C. Walker of Twin Wells, was looking after business affairs here Saturday.

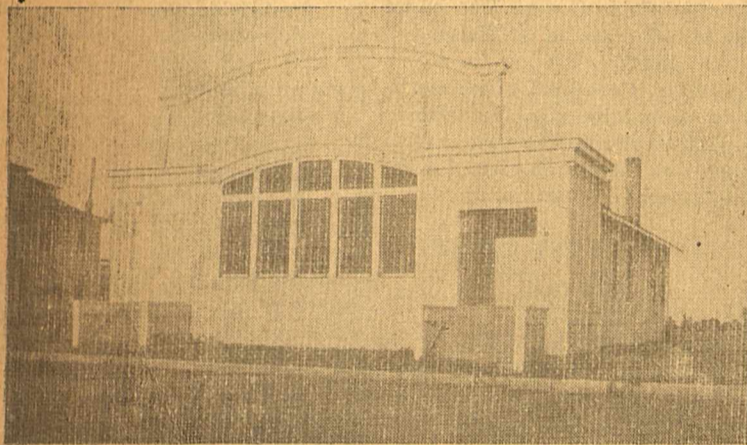
P. Morgan of Afton, was greeting friends on our streets Saturday.

## STRAW MIXTURE INEX-

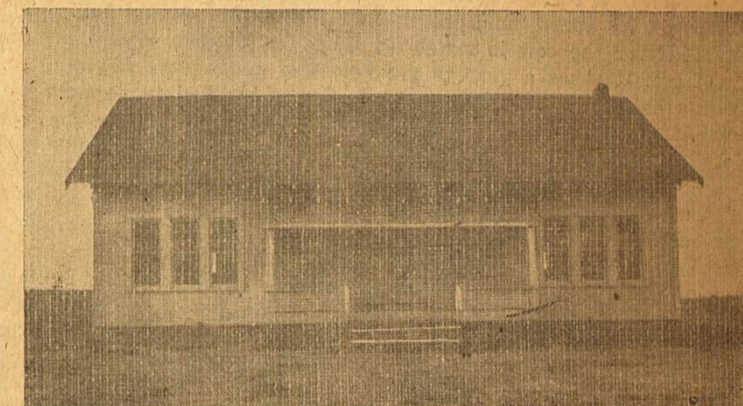
## PENSIVE FERTILIZER

Manure equal in quality to the best barnyard fertilizer can be produced from farm grown materials and without the aid of horses or other farm animals according to a series of experiments that have been carried out by the soils department of the University of Missouri for the past two years. Ordinary oat or wheat straw is used and a simple inexpensive chem-

ical mixture combined with rain is the chief manufacturing element which changes the straw to manure. The process, briefly is: A percent agricultural limestone and simple chemical mixture of 45 percent ammonium sulphate, 40 percent agricultural limestone, and 15 percent super phosphate is mixed with the straw at threshing time at the rate of 150 pounds to the ton of straw. The straw is blown into flat piles not over 5 or 6 feet deep in order that they may take up water from rains and start the rotting brought about by the chemicals through their effect on the bacteria and molds in the straw. The length of time necessary to change the straw into manure depends on the depth of the piles of straw and the amount of rainfall as water is one of the very necessary chemical agents in the process.



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# Bell's Cafe

SPUR'S BEST

## MOVEMENT TO PAVE HIGHWAY FROM STAMFORD TO SPUR

W. S. Cooper, manager of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, went to Spur yesterday, where he was in conference last night with Clifford B. Jones, and others, relative to the starting of a move to get Highway 18 paved on out thru Spur and on to Lubbock. Of course towns along the route, such as Sagerton, Old Glory, Aspermont, Swenson, Peacock, Jayton and Girard will benefit by the paving, therefore they are all interested and pulling their best to get the work started at once.

This is a fine movement and we hope to have something very tangible for our Friday paper about the matter, Stamford Leader.

## YEAR 1929 IS SHORT ON RAINFALL IN DICKENS CO.

That the year of 1929 in Spur has been a year short on rainfall can be discerned by the record below. The first column gives the rainfall by the month up to and including July, while the second column gives the average for the past seventeen years for the same months. The figures were taken from the records of the Spur Experiment Station and are obtained through the courtesy of Superintendent R. E. Dickson.

Here is the record:

	1929	17 yr. Av.
	Inches	Inches
January	.29	.31
February	.21	.51
March	1.49	1.04
April	.02	2.57
May	2.80	3.07
June	1.23	2.65
July	1.17	1.95
Total	7.19	11.57

It will be noted that May is the only month in which we had anything near normal rainfall. The months of April, June, and July were very much below normal. The total rainfall for this year is only 7.19 inches which is 4.68 inches below the average for 17 years and this seventeen year period includ-

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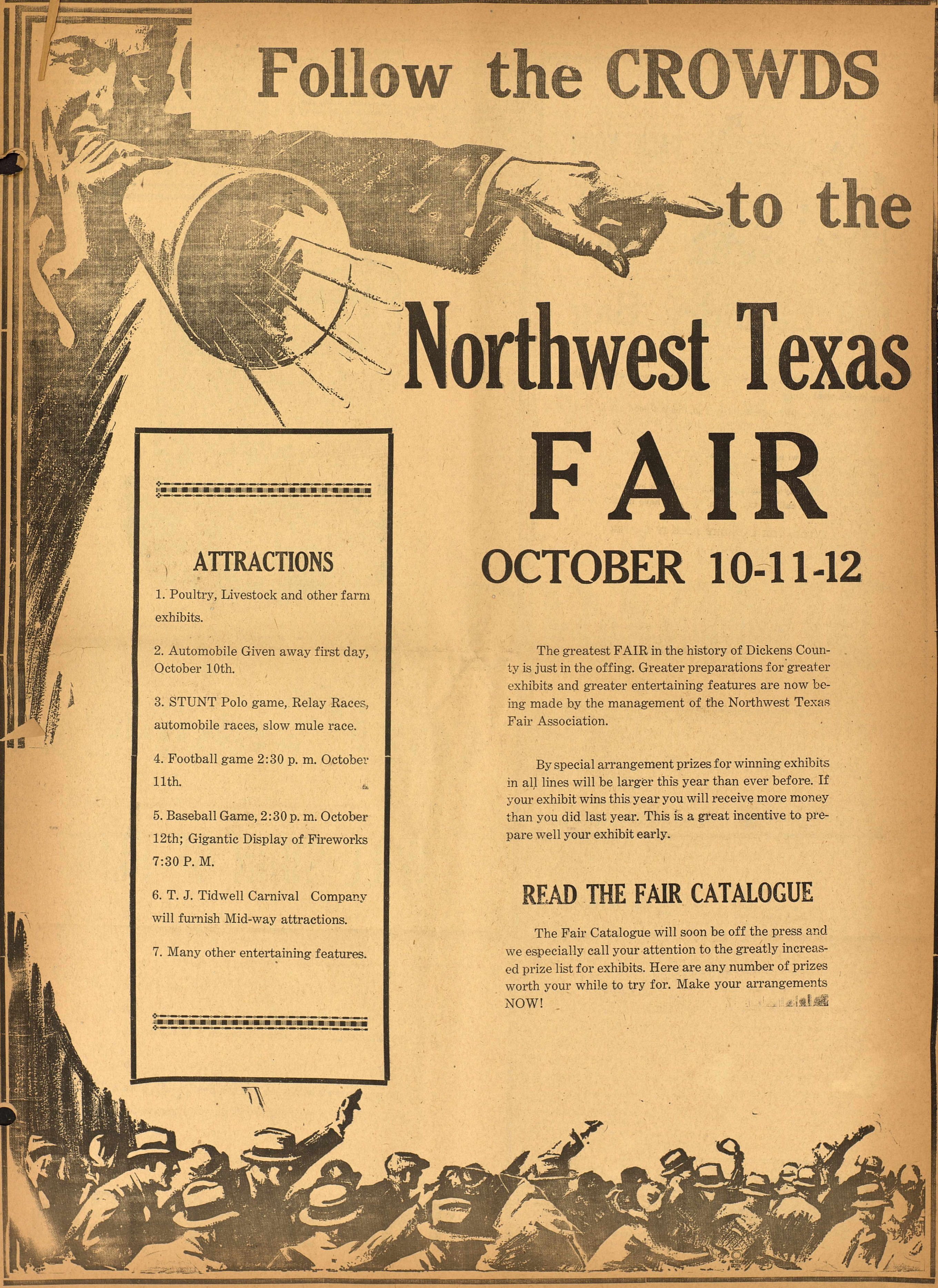
1. Poultry, Livestock and other farm exhibits.
2. Automobile Given away first day, October 10th.
3. STUNT Polo game, Relay Races, automobile races, slow mule race.
4. Football game 2:30 p. m. October 11th.
5. Baseball Game, 2:30 p. m. October 12th; Gigantic Display of Fireworks 7:30 P. M.
6. T. J. Tidwell Carnival Company will furnish Mid-way attractions.
7. Many other entertaining features.

The greatest FAIR in the history of Dickens County is just in the offing. Greater preparations for greater exhibits and greater entertaining features are now being made by the management of the Northwest Texas Fair Association.

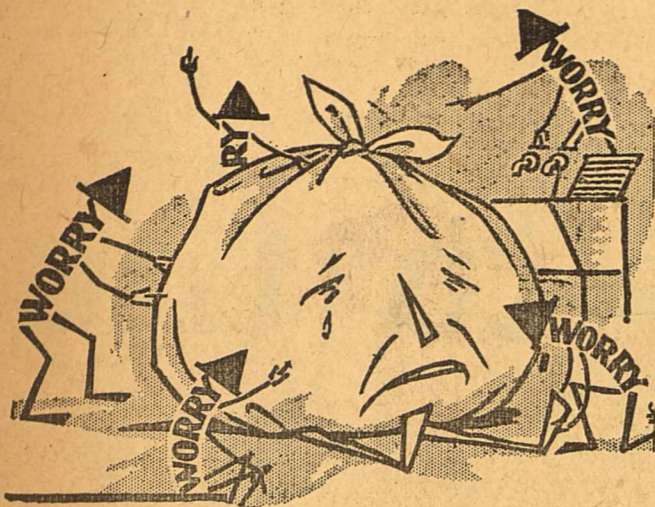
By special arrangement prizes for winning exhibits in all lines will be larger this year than ever before. If your exhibit wins this year you will receive more money than you did last year. This is a great incentive to prepare well your exhibit early.

READ THE FAIR CATALOGUE

The Fair Catalogue will soon be off the press and we especially call your attention to the greatly increased prize list for exhibits. Here are any number of prizes worth your while to try for. Make your arrangements NOW!







**PACK YOUR  
TROUBLES  
INTO**

## the Laundry Bag

Life is filled with too many worthwhile things to wear away scrubbing over a wash tub.

Does your wife still do her laundry, if so, this is a good day to make a resolution; hereinafter send the soiled clothes and linens to the Spur Laundry Company, where prompt service, careful work and small charges combine to win your favor. Just ask friend wife and hear her vote the affirmative.

We make a specialty of family wash. So just pack everything in the old laundry bag and call for the wagon. We will have it back to you when you want it.

**THEN, TOO, THE LAUNDRY DOES IT BETTER**

Phone 344 for the delivery and we will call.

# Spur Laundry Co.

### Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Woods Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Woods, who live just north of Spur, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 30. Mr. and Mrs. Woods were married July 30th 1879 at Hazel-dell, Comanche County, Texas.

Eight children graced their home six of whom are still living, and five were present for the golden anniversary ceremonies. They have 21 grand children and 9 great grand children.

The children that were present were: Mrs. J. R. Robertson of Houston; Mrs. W. W. Allen of Abilene; Mrs. John Kinsall of Laredo, Dorris and Ford Woods of Spur. The other son W. C. Woods who lives at Channing was unable to be present for the occasion. These are the children living. One girl of the family died when an infant, and a son, R. J. Woods, died at the age of 35 years.

Mr. Woods was born in Comanche County and spent most of his boy hood days there. Mrs. Woods, whose maiden name was Anna Chancelor was born in Smith County. After their marriage they settled in Comanche County where they lived a number of years and then moved to Bosque County. They lived in Bosque County eight years and then moved back to Comanche county where they made their home for a while. After that they wended their way westward and resided in East-land County eleven years. From there they moved to Fisher County

where they made their home three years and then moved to Dickens County, settling on their farm just north of Spur in December 1916. They will have lived in Dickens County thirteen years next Decem-ber.

Mr. Woods stated that neither he nor his wife had been over the boundary line of the State. Both of them having been born in the state of Texas and they have always remained on Texas soil. He stated further that when he and Mrs. Woods were married that they started life in a tent. They have reared a large family, fed, clothed and educated them to a certain extent, and in the meantime have accumulated a nice little home here. Their farm is rich valley land and they have adorned it with many shade trees. The residence is made very inviting with a large number of shade trees they have added fruit trees and have enjoyed a number of luxuries of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods married at a rather young age. He was eighteen years of age and she was sixteen. They have worked together and have made a success in life. At this time Mr. Woods is still very active and strong. He does quite a lot of work yet and takes a great deal of interest in community affairs. However Mrs. Woods has been in ill health for sometime. The

day of their anniversary she was confined to her bed, and when the picture of the family was made that day she had to be assisted to a chair in, order to be in the group. She remained up just long enough for this work and then she went back to bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods are both loved and respected in this community. Mr. Woods is the type of man who stands for the right principles, and has a desire to see the country make progress in a moral way as well as financially. He has brought his family up believing in those same principles.

### We Correct the Dog Story of Last Weeks Issue

According to Bill Arthur, the hustling Whippet salesman, the story related in last issue about the dog having fits was just about half told. Mr. Arthur stated that what was related was after the dog had completed his worst fit and was resting up for the next one.

This is the way that Mr. Arthur said it should have been. The dog started the fit just back of the Spur Whippet-Knight sales shop. He made a few extra circles with fox chase yelps which attracted the attention of everybody in the building. A Mr. Austin, who was a customer landed on top of the work bench, knocking off a saw and several other tools. Shorty Ellison the mechanic climbed on top of a Chevrolet coupe and Bill Arthur ran into a closet and closed the door tight. As for C. Hogan, who usually holds out at the front of the business was out of town and failed to get in on the thrill. However Mr. Arthur, thinks it would be fine if the city authorities would take over the dog problem and deal with it, since it takes lots of energy to chase from a dog that has fits.

A correspondence course in Esperanto supplemented by radio talks is given by the general extension division of the University of Minnesota. In 1926 an elementary radio course in Esperanto was given to 2,000 persons. In an advanced

course 500 are enrolled.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sanders of Abilene, are in our city this week visiting their son, Attorney T. J. Sanders.

Charles McLaughlin of McAdoo, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hairgrove of Sdan were guests of Mr. Hairgrove's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hairgrove of Highway Community last week. Mr. Hairgrove is moving to Justiceburg at this time.

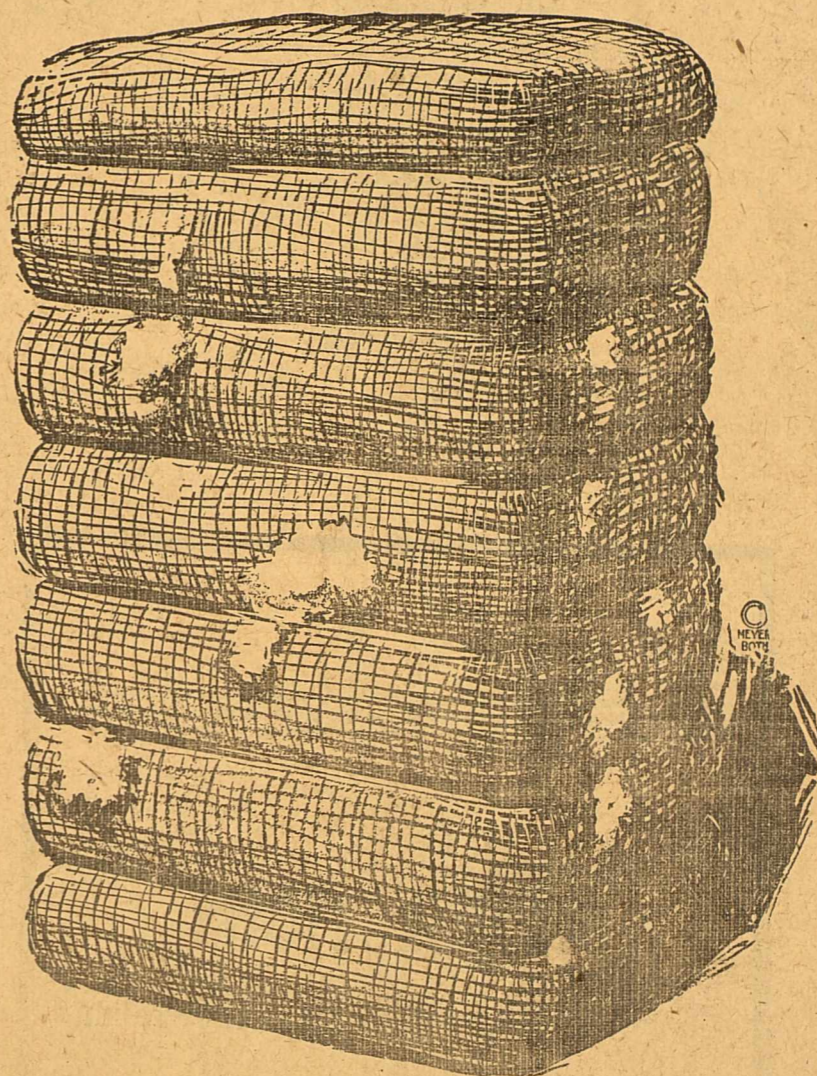
### GOING UP THE OLD COW TRAIL WITH KAEPERNIK IN THE SEVENTIES

"I rode along the open range, Cowpunchin' wasn't slow. I've turned the longhorn cow one way, And the other the buffalo. I went the trail in the 80's, Oh, the hardships I've stood, I've drunk water from a cow track Boys, when you bet it tasted good."

That is about the way E. C. Kaep-ernik, born in Cleveland, Ohio, talks of his experience on the open cat-tle range of Texas when the State was young. With memory leaping back to weeks of weary travel, re-quired to leave the old home state behind, Mr. Kaepernik was remind-ed of days of constant driving ac-ross plains, mountains, through canyons, and tangled creek beds, sometimes dry, again full to the bank with raging torrents. Of mountain peaks that barred the

way and the narrow crevasse, pro-hibiting a straight line route. A half, or whole day's journey with-out seeing a man, or sighting a habitation was not unusual, so far removed were they from highly organized or specialized civilization. It was a land of tremendous dis-tances, colorful, careless and strange. The adjustment of values as a mental process, comes unobtrusive-ly to one in such environment; but it comes inexorably and

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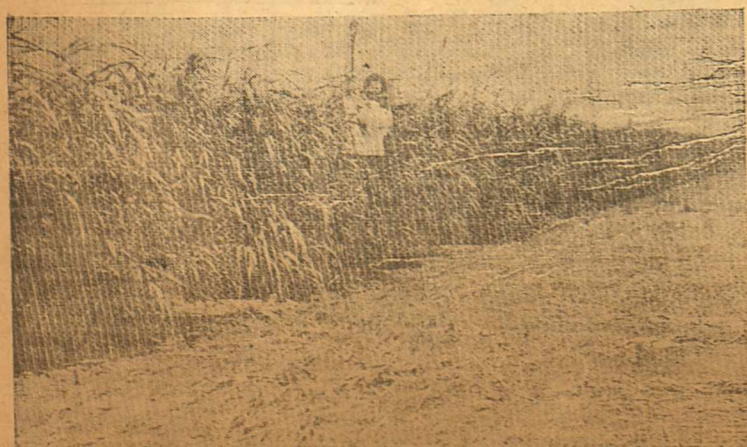
# COTTON PICKING time

## WILL SOON BE HERE

It won't be long NOW! Cotton will soon be ready to pick and of course you'll want it ginned where you can get the best results. The Swift Gin is that place

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# The Swift Gin



A FORAGE CROP IN DICKENS COUNTY



possession. And there was, always the six-gun's trigger to be considered; for redskins were alert and the peaceful hills might reverberate with the fiendish yell of the blood thirsty savages.

But Texas was the cattlemen's mecca, with Longhorn's in the star role and trails to the northwest centered in the spotlight.

Came Joseph McCoy, a cattleman of Illinois, to whom most of the credit is given for originating Texas and Kansas trails. Noting such discrepancies as rustlers, short grass and other hindrances that cut deeply into profits of owner and driver, McCoy decided that to succeed, as merited, such transportation must be cut to the minimum. To do this required the extension of the railroad to the nearest market point. Selecting Abilene Kansas, as the most available for such a venture he interviewed the nine Pacific officials, opened their eyes to latent possibilities, was laid to Abilene and the trails and in no time at all a branch line were teeming with droves of longhorns, until they closed.

It was the Goodnight trail, leading from West Texas to New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado that engaged the attention of Mr. Kaepernik in 1887. The cattle on the pasturage. The herds were driven trail were not seeking market but from Fort Concho up to Concho to its head. There were two offshoots of the Goodnight trail leading to Arizona, but the principle one followed the Pecos River nearly to the 35th parallel, crossed the divide, ran up the river to within twenty miles of La Centa and entered Colorado through Trinchera Pass. Mr. Kaepernik will pick up the story here:

Reaches Colorado in Winter of 1887  
"Clide Barber had a good sized herd and I had a few longhorns of my own when we decided to hit the trail for Colorado. It was the winter of 1887 when we got there cold as kraut on the bald prairies and no shelters of any kind for the cattle. No, we didn't feed 'em, once you start feedin' a cow she

quits rustling and waits for you to throw ti to her. We fooled along with em, done pretty well too, considering that both we and the cattle were new to the country. They increased right along and our number had grown considerably when along in 1892 we drifted over to Clifton Arizona. We hadn't more'n set down and got things going good when cattle jumped to the top notch. We got \$15.00 for yearlings, \$18.00 for 2's and our 3's brought us \$21.00, old Texas Longhorn stuff at that, but I'm keen on that sort. Comin' and goin' there ain't no better breed and few half as good. We cleaned up on em, or I did on mine.

Clyde held on to his, selling just what he thought was necessary to pull through.

"Speaking of Longhorns, I've watched blooded cattle here and there, managed and left to run wild; protected and out in the weather, and I'm in dead earnest when I say I don't want any of them. I know the owner of a certain ranch about fifty miles from us over on Eagle Creek. He got the "breed-up" craze and bought a lot of registered Hereford bulls. Fine bred, good looking they were, but there was too much money tied up with them to start with, more expense of course and in the long run they cost him a darned sight more than he ever got out of his cattle that were bred to 'em.

Something About Ticks And FEEDING

"There is another thing about thoroughbred cattle; ticks take to them like flies to molasses and there's the added expense of course of inspection and dipping as often as the government requires. If they don't die of tick fever, they're pretty likely to from the dip, and it's a draw either way. I was talking to a man from South Texas the other day and he told me he had pulled a tick off a cow, put it in a bottle, corked it up tight and it lived and done well for ten days. Now if they can live that long on nothing at all, they will get fat on dip. That is my main reason for hanging on and rattling with the

Longhorns. They don't have ticks, nor fever, that's a fact, but put em alongside of blooded stock and see how they stack up breeding.

Six Years Drouth and Government Grazing Land

"I sort of got in advance of my story dipping all those cattle didn't I? Well Clyde and I stayed in Arizona, around Clifton and Morenci—the town that's straight up, you know, and she a'int nothin' else either, slap dab on top of a mountain with not more'n two houses on the same level. As I was saying we worked our cattle until a six-year drouth struck and cleaned up every blamed cattelman in that country. I didn't have many to lose having just begun to build up another herd, after selling out, but Clyde and me watched all of this, and he had a fine bunch, to die down to an even hundred head, and he gave them to the bank to square up. I sure did feel sorry for that boy for he had worked hard and done without most anything to get that start. But he wasn't by himself in it. There was some of the sure enough big cattlemen of the State who could have sold his holdings in cattle alone exclusive of ranches and horses during the World War Crisis for a cool \$40,000.00. He went clean broke. Didn't have even a baby calf left. there were lots of others in the same box out there. That drouth was the worst I ever went through.

"Along about that time the Government took a hand and reserved something like a million acres of pasturage. That's right smart scrap of land when you come to think about it. Well when the season hit right again and grass greened up pasturage was offered cattlemen at \$1.00 per head yb the year and this man told me it was plumb full all the time. Of course, just how many they could run would depend on how often the drouths come.

Idea of Breeding Up

"Talking about the breeding and the longhorns again, with my reasons for selecting him, as a breed added to his preference for not feeding ticks and his fattening qualities, I would say that he is among the best rustlers. If there's anything to eat he's done swallowed it and its back for a cud, while the shorthorn is looking for it. The South Texas cattlemen are making a good cross with him and the Brahma. Now, there's a good breed; big, good rustlers, tick shedders, and fine for beef. But they are the outfightest sons-of-guns on this side of God's green earth and you'd better have your eye on a gate or a safe place to shinny up when you're admirin' them for they sure do shake a wicked horn. Getting down to the possibilities of this breeding business, I have an idea that took root when I was over in Scotland last year. Sort of got stuck on those black, woolly polled Angus cattle they have in the highlands over there. They are a splendid beef cattle and I have decided that if I ever start into the breeding business, I'll go up northwest and cross Angus with the Longhorn and in my opinion I would have an ideal animal.

Imports Race Horses

"When I was a cowpuncher I had a sort of mania for running pony races and I have never got past it yet; so last year I went over to London and on Christmas Day, as it happened, I bought Wholly Innocent, as pretty a little race mare as you would want to see. But if ever a horse was named the op- She's just as intelligent as she is. Just got too darned much sense that's all. I have had her wait three weeks to give me a kick that she was saving up for me all the time. She's just as intelligent as she can be but she is like most women, the rougher you treat her, the better she likes you. Whenever she shoots that hind leg out at me I let her have the whip good and plenty and she will nose around and eat out of my hand after that until she gets the sulks again. Of course like all men who own race horses I think I've got a world beater, and she is a classy animal alright, but she went sour on me and I have never got any good out of her yet. "What is "going sour?" Well, it just means, in race track lingo rics have been sold during the first that a horse refuses to start at times. Usually it is caused by wrong breaking methods, but in this case it was from incorrect saddling; the saddle was placed so that it hurt her back and she got to balking and just refuses to start. "I have her up at Tulsa, Okla., now with a trainer trying to coax her to forget she ever had her back hurt. If he succeeds I will enter her in the mile and a half class at Havana. She has the looks is registered in the English Stud-book and it takes forty years of breeding to get on in that, which is a requirement now to get on the track. Yes, I am proud of the little mare alright, but sometimes I hop

to have another ranch stocked with long horns. Then I will be just as happy as when "I was riding up the Goodnight Trail, with my hat in my hand and a heifer by the tail."

Automatic Piston Turner Speeds Up Production

Two machines that are almost human in operation and that work with precision and regularity far more capable than any human hands are in operation at the Plymouth automobile plant in Detroit. These are in automatic piston turning machines which together turn out 200 completed pistons fully grooved and rough machined each hour.

On a shelf at one side of each of these machines are placed the pistons which have been cast and are ready to be machined. These pistons are fed by gravity down an incline to within reach of a mechanical hand which picks them

up one at a time and places them into the machine, at the same time properly lining them up for the cutting operation. The piston then starts to revolve and blades and other cutting instruments are automatically moved into position to cut the grooves for the piston rings, and to machine the entire piston to exactly prearranged measurements. This process of machining and grooving takes but 32 seconds. The piston is then lifted from the machine by another mechanical hand which places it on a conveyor table which takes it to the finishing operations.

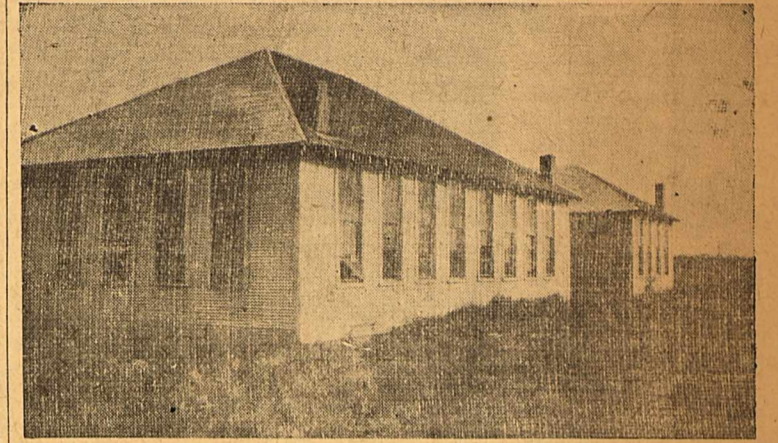
The entire operation—from the time the rough piston is placed on the shelf next to the machine until it reaches the conveyor table—is automatic. Thus the possibility of error is reduced to the minimum.

"It is with machines such as these that we are able to maintain an enormous production without sacrificing quality in the making of Plymouth cars," says P. C. Saurbrey, operating manager of the Plymouth corporation. "Throughout the plant may be found the very latest of time saving and labor sav-

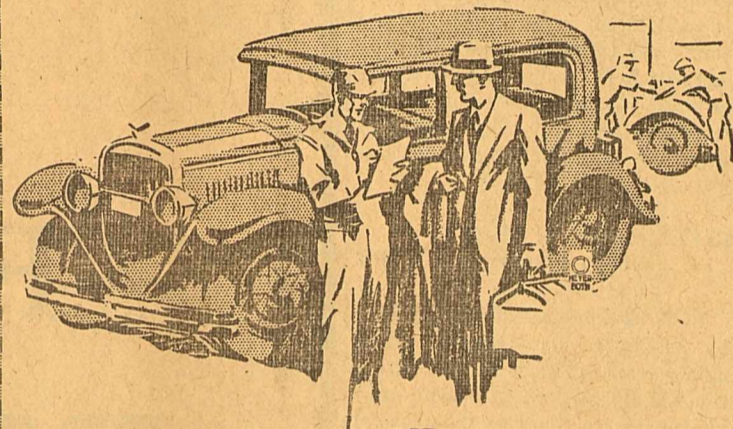
ing devices and precision machinery. Our plant is one of the best newest and most modern in the industry. It was built and laid out particularly for the purpose of providing facilities that would enable us to build a quality product in an enormous quantity on an efficient, economical basis. The automatic piston turning machines are only two of the many machines we have in operation that represent

the very latest developments in the industry.

"At this season of the year there are thousands of visitors to Detroit from all parts of the world and any of these tourists who desire to see one of the most modern quantity production basis are heartily invited to inspect the plant of automobile plants operating on the Plymouth Motor Corporation at any time."



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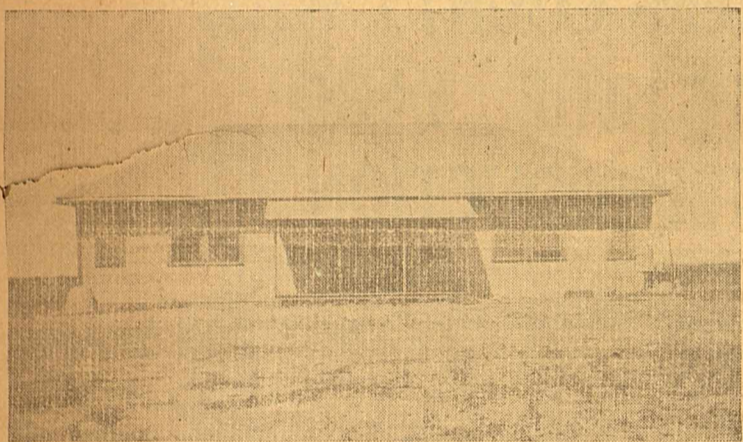
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## Steps Necessary For Progress In Dairying

Dairying is a business in itself a new business to those who have tried it, so there are many things to be learned, new systems, new feeding, new methods, more about feeding, about by-products, about manure, about increase in crop yield and dairying as a side line.

The second thought that comes to our mind is a better market, organization, cooperation and greater profits.

We, that is, most of us have considered the cow as an animal that we milk two teats and give the calf the other two, maybe we milk her three or four months and then turn her out on grass and go get another one, feed her a little if we happen to have anything and maybe she will give a gallon or two. We may not be to blame, but as land becomes higher, and cows and feed higher, we must, if we are to make the old cow pay a profit, look out for a few things.

The primary purpose of dairying is for profit, now if it can be demonstrated that the dairy cows on the farm as a side line can be made to pay a real profit then, and not until then can we build up dairying in Dickens County.

First we must get a class of cows that when fed and handled right will pay a profit.

Build up a good herd. This best can be done by getting some real sure enough good bulls from high producing tested cattle. Along with this get a few real registered and tested cows so that the county can raise its own bulls that can be sold to others who need such animals. Good cattle is the first step you might do all the other things necessary, but if you do not have the right kind of cows you will become discouraged.

It will be necessary to learn how to feed in the most efficient manner and what feed to use that will give the cheapest milk.

After we have learned a lot about handling, got good high producing cows, built manure pits, secured a manure spreader, terraced our land so that the manure, when placed on the soil will not wash off, learned how to balance a ration, and we have balanced our dairying with the rest of our farm operations, then we are ready for the next step, marketing.

We must secure a market for our dairy products or we will never make it a paying project as we want it. Here comes the part where organization and cooperation will play a great part.

The world is more and more demanding and is willing to pay for a superior and standardized product and this, fact has to be recognized by us and we must produce what the world wants and will pay for at a fancy price. We must learn what this demand is and our best methods of reaching it.

Dickens County has a superior market right now, right here at home, a creamery where sweet milk and sweet cream as well as sour cream can be sold at a good price. But before the creamery was established it was necessary to have volume before one could operate at a profit. According to the management of the Spur Creamery, this organization can handle more cream locally than they are handling at present. In fact a good percent of the cream bought by this establishment is being shipped in at the present time.

Now if we are in earnest and want to make some money it can be done through a few good cows on the farm but they must be good ones. They work together and sell your products through the market you already have, and organize and cooperate to produce it, and then dairying will be made a suc-

cess.

### Proper Feeding

All will agree that a cow on a good pasture will produce more milk than when the pasture gets thin and dry. Now if we are to get the best results we must try and keep cows on good pasture or give them some kind of green crops that will be similar.

Different cows vary in their ability to give milk, some will use their feed for production of milk, while others use a lot for laying on fat. So watch your cows and keep only those that will use their feed for the manufacturing of milk.

About half of the feed that is fed is used by the cow to maintain her body, the other goes to the production of milk or fat. The most economical way to feed is to know what is the production of each cow and then feed according to what she will convert into milk.

A good cow that is given a large amount of milk is doing work in as true a sense as the horse that pulls the plow. Now a cow uses a lot of roughage, but just roughage and no concentrate will not give good results. The amount of grain feed fed will be largely determined by how you dispose of your milk or cream.

A good pasture is very essential and here in Dickens County, cows can be run on pasture a good part of the year. The native grasses are usually fine in early spring but as summer comes and hot weather sets in, some other thing is needed. Cultivated pastures are mighty good, such as sudan, cowpeas, sweet clover, sorghums. These pastures is used will keep the milk flow all through the summer.

Roughage, peanut hay, Johnson grass hay, sorghums, native grasses are all good feed and they should be fed all the roughage they will eat. The amount will vary according to the kind of pasture.

The concentrate or the grain ration should be fed as to the ability of the cow to give milk. A good rule is to give 1 pound of grain to 2 1-2 to 3 pounds of milk. A cow that gives 24 pounds of milk should have eight pounds of grain.

### Suggested Ration

Ration No. 1.—Corn or maize meal 400 pounds; bran 100 pounds, cottonseed meal 100 pounds.

Ration No. 2.—Corn meal 400 pounds, ground oats or bran 200 pounds; cottonseed meal 100 pounds.

Feed with the above grain rations about all the roughage that they will eat. If possible have them run on good pasture, for then you can cut your feed bill nearly in half.

### DEVELOPMENT SEEN FOR DAIRY AND POULTRY MARKET

New methods now being developed in the merchandising of dairy and poultry products are expected to have a far reaching effect on these industries, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture.

Recent developments include the dressing of poultry at the packing establishments, the use of paper containers in retailing milk and cream, the increasing use of canned chicken products, and the rapidly expanding business in frozen eggs. Tank trucks, hauling milk in bulk are steadily replacing the once familiar milk can.

At New York and Chicago it is possible for consumers to buy poultry already drawn, with feet and head off. The poultry is dressed at the point of shipment, thereby effecting a saving in transportation costs. This innovation in marketing poultry, says the government marketing experts, may lead

ultimately to the retail sale of birds in parts, such as a quarter or half of a chicken, or just the wings or legs.

Steadily increasing use of canned chicken, in which the consumer buys only the meat, and canned chicken products is reported. This trade, the bureau believes has been greatly stimulated by the recently established Government service at some canneries of inspecting for wholesomeness the chickens that are used in canned goods. The packers are permitted to show in the labels that the chicken has had government inspection.

The greatly increased consumption of bakery products, salad dressing and candy in recent years has produced a marked expansion in the frozen egg business in this country. These eggs are used chiefly by bakers, confectioners and mayonnaise manufacturing concerns. The use of frozen eggs by these industries has been a logical development, says the bureau, if only because of easier handling. A baker who can use a crate of eggs a day, for example finds it more convenient to buy frozen eggs than to break the shells for use.

Whether the retail sale in parts of poultry would increase the total consumption of poultry, the government investigators do not predict. It would seem however that chicken thus sold would become an every day article of food. Many housewives would doubtless buy chicken for week-day meals if they could buy for just one meal, with nothing left over.

### GIVE YOUNG TURKEYS GOOD FEED NAD CARE

Baby turkeys are more affected by improper temperatures than chicks, consequently special attention should be paid to provide ample means for keeping them warm and protected from inclement weather, especially during the first few weeks after they are hatched. It is especially advisable not to allow them to become chilled or wet.

The temperature at which poults should be brooded depends largely on their actions. If they are too cold they tend to crowd or hunch together; if too warm they will pant. The temperature should be such that they will spread themselves in a ring at a little distance from the source of heat. In general the temperature when the poults are first placed in the brooder will be about 90 degrees at the outer edge of the hover and remain at that point for several days. The temperature is then gradually reduced about 5 degrees a week so that by the end of the third week the temperature will be down to about 75 degrees and will remain there as long as artificial heat is required. Be sure to get the poults out in the sunshine just as soon as the weather permits.

It is generally considered safer not to brood more than 250 poults in one house. A house large enough for this number should be about 2 by 14 feet in size and a hover large enough for 500 baby chicks is best.

Sanitation plays a very important role in the raising of baby turks and chicks. It is best to brood poults on new ground upon which poultry of any kind hasn't previously ranged. If necessary, however, to use old ground it should be covered with coarse gravel, or used other means that will make it sanitary. Keep house and all utensils scrupulously clean. Use disinfectants freely.

The poults should be fed for at they are 48 hours old. Sour milk harm not to feed them before they are 60 hours old. To start them at, least, it is advisable in most cases to secure a good commercial mixed feed and follow their directions in regard to the feeding. The following feeding schedule is either instance however it may be necessary to teach the poults to eat and drink.

Water and milk, preferably sour should be before the poults after they are 48 hours old. Sour milk is especially important during the first few weeks of feeding. In order to encourage the maximum consumption of sour milk, one can withhold the water until along in the afternoon. Since milk is an especially good medium for the growth of bacteria, one should take the precaution of keeping the containers thoroughly cleaned and scalded daily. It is not a bad precaution to follow the system of souring the milk by using a small amount of sour milk as a starter in order to have as few organisms as possible present that are detrimental to the health of the birds. Clean, sour milk is one of the best intestinal antiseptics for both baby turkeys and chicks.

The following starting mash should be fed five times daily at intervals of 2 1-2 hours at first

leaving the mash before the poults for 10 minutes and gradually increase this time so that by the end of ten days the mash will be before them all of the time.

25 pounds of yellow corn meal; 20 pounds oat flour; 15 pounds of wheat bran; 1 pound salt, 10 lbs. finely ground meat scraps; 5 lbs. dried buttermilk; 3 lbs. bone meal 1 pound charcoal;

If liquid milk is being fed the dried buttermilk may be eliminated. At about six weeks of age the starting mash may be changed to

a growing mash by substituting ground oats for oat fould, eliminating the dried buttermilk and increasing the bone meal to 5 lbs. If liquid milk is being fed reduce the meat scraps to 5 pounds.

If a commercial feed has been fed up to six weeks it may be advisable to change to the growing mash providing it seems economical to do so. However, any change in the system of feeding should be made very gradual.

Rev. J. Will Wade of Roaring

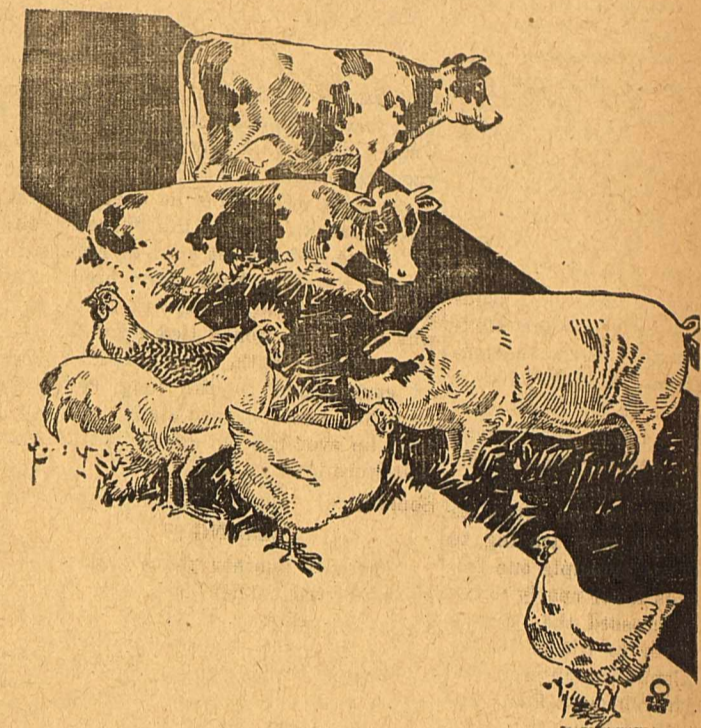
Springs is having his name placed on our subscription list this week. We trust our columns will meet his approval for years.

Leo Klingman who recently married and became a citizen of the highway addition is starting life right by taking the home town paper. He will read the Times each week.

Mrs. Fred C. Neal of Fort Worth and Mrs. C. L. Wright of Anson, were in our city the last of the week the guests of their sister Mrs. Birl Hight.

BOITNOTT WIL LHEAD  
AMARILLO COLLEGE

AMARILLO, Texas, Aug. 8.—D. W. Boitnott, president of the South Park Junior College, Beaumont has accepted a conditional two-year contract as head of the Amarillo Municipal Junior College at a salary of \$5,000 a year. His employment is contingent upon an election the latter part of this month to determine whether the college will open this fall.



# Future PROSPERITY OF SPUR AND DICKENS COUNTY WILL BE MEASURED BY THE YARD STICK OF FARM PRODUCTION

The ready cash that the merchants of Spur have on hand or place on deposit in the Banks of Spur will depend upon the amount of ready cash the farmers of Dickens County have to spend.

The increase of population of Spur will depend upon the increase of farmers in Dickens County.

Any increase of wealth or population among the farmers of Dickens County will depend upon how well a balanced farm program is introduced, stimulated and maintained. The local farmer must be able to produce more on the acreage he now has before other farmers can be induced to settle here. The merchants financial salvation depends upon how well he assists the farmer in making his land produce more.

Dairy herds have proved the greatest medium for enriching land and increasing production the farmers have ever tried. Not only are dairy herds among the best resources for income on the farm, but the resultant fertilization of the land enhances its value and production.

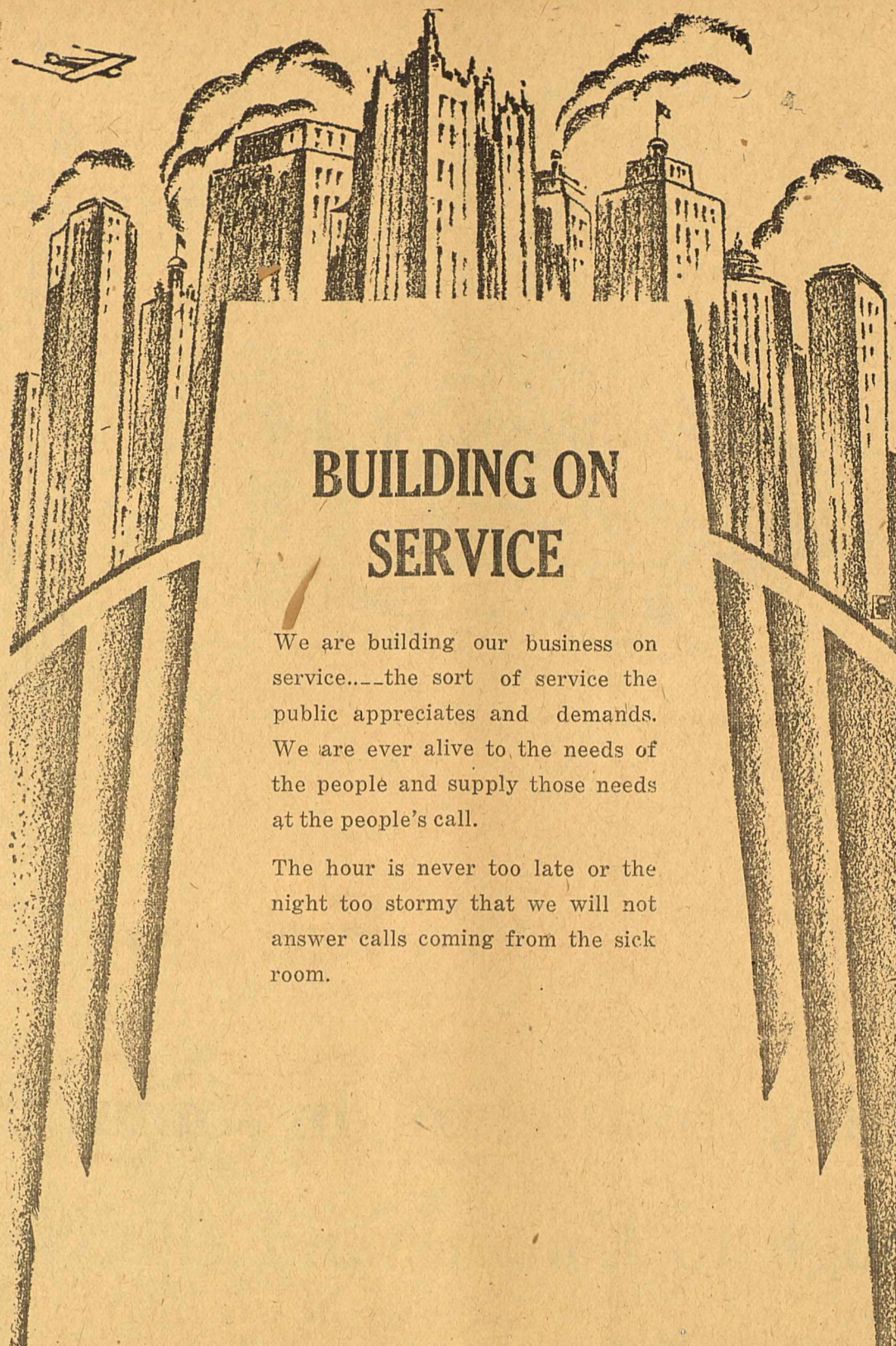
We will buy all your cream, sweet or sour and pay the highest market prices for it.

# Spur Creamery



SORGHUM CROP ON D. G. SIMMONS FARM IN THE LUCK CREEK VALLEY





### SPLENDID FOUNTAIN

We have one of the best equipped fountains in West Texas. During these hot, August days, you will find it a pleasure to stop with us refresh yourself with a cool stimulating beverage of your choice, or your favorite flavor of ice cream.

Our soda dispensers know how! One trial will convince you of that fact.

### BUILDING ON SERVICE

We are building our business on service...the sort of service the public appreciates and demands. We are ever alive to the needs of the people and supply those needs at the people's call.

The hour is never too late or the night too stormy that we will not answer calls coming from the sick room.

### CANDY AND CIGARS

You will find here the most delicious chocolates...the kind that simply melt in your mouth and they come in delightfully artistic containers. And there is a box suitable for every occasion, made by Pangburn.

We carry a full line of all makes of cigars and cigarettes. You will appreciate our selection of tobaccos.

## Offering A Service For Your Health First

The primary object of the Sanders Pharmacy is to render a drug service. We are, first, in business for your health. We have stocked this store so that the public might be able to obtain what they want when they want it.

We are carrying a full and comprehensive line of Drugs and Drug Sundries. We are now selling the best known lines of drugs in the whole country. We invite your business. We invite you to our store whether you make a purchase or not. We want to get acquainted with you and want you to get acquainted with the superior service we are rendering.

A registered pharmacist is here on duty at all times to properly fill your prescriptions. He is fully competent, having had many years experience and graduated from one of the leading schools in the country.

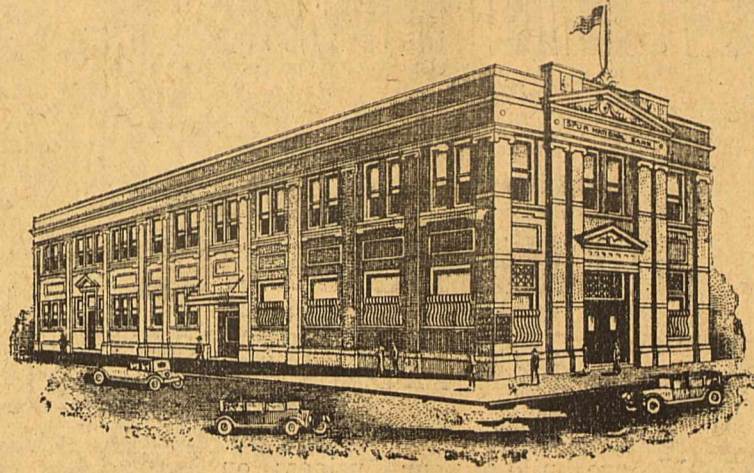
# Sanders Pharmacy

FREE DELIVERY

WE APPRECIATE YOUR TRADE

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The Oldest Banking Institution In Spur, Established Long  
Enough to Understand the Needs  
Of Our People

**LONG** enough for us to learn to appreciate Dickens County—a county fortunate in natural resources—in geographic location and in diversified opportunities and products.

**LONG** enough for us to learn to appreciate a citizenship endowed with and well-grounded in honesty, common sense and industry.

**LONG** enough for us to try to build a banking institution firmly established and fortified in experience, careful management, ample resources and the conservative forward look.

We have confidence in the county and in the people. We have tried to conduct the affairs of this institution so that they will have confidence in the bank

**Spur National Bank**





# A WEST TEXAS PAPER FOR WEST TEXAS PEOPLE Dickens Co. Times



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## WATER AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS MEAN MUCH TO SPUR

When the town started everybody here was anxious to get started into business. As a result of this anxiety, we were what might be termed a town of shacks. This does not mean that the buildings were small, but they were mostly of wood structure and built in a hurry. Just how long the town would have remained in this condition would be difficult to determine had not the citizenship been of the most progressive type.

In 1913 many of the progressive citizens of the town realized the need of a good water system. A bond issue was called for and the bonds carried by a good majority. This was not a large amount but enough to supply the town at the time and for future years. As a result of this the people began to gain confidence in the future of the town, and insurance rates began to slump since the fire risk in town was lessened.

In the Spring of 1923 a volunteer fire department was organized in Spur, with Roy Stovall of the Spur Cream and Bottling Works as chief. A very good truck was purchased and a good string of hose was added. At that time the key rate for property insurance in the town was 69c. Taking into consideration the bad conditions that existed, there were numerous additional penalties added until the insurance rate in some instances was as high as \$2.36. The establishment of a water department had held rates down some but it could not do all the work. Some one must be prepared to use the water in case fire broke out.

In 1927 a new and much better truck was purchased by the city. This was equipped with a force pump and also a chemical pump. The city extended the water system to meet demands and when the fire siren sounded the fire boys were on the job at once with plenty of water to take care of the fire.

Since the organization of the fire department and the purchase of a new truck there have been no very destructive fires in our city. However, there have been a number started that would have developed into a bad situation had not the firemen been on the job with good equipment to stop the conflagration. The lack of fires in Spur has been remarkable in the past five years.

The city is now buying and installing a new system of pumps which will operate automatically and will not need the attention of a man to look after them. The elevated reservoir will be kept full of water giving the town more water pressure which means a great deal in fighting a fire. Force against a blaze has more to do with extinguishing it than merely the amount of water used. As the building in Spur grows taller the water pressure must necessarily be stronger.

Just a few weeks after the big new truck was purchased a fire broke out in the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company's Warehouse. No one knows what started the fire, but it was started. A strong wind was blowing that morning and would have driven the flames into the main building within a few minutes. By persistent efforts the firemen were able to stop the flames by the time they reached the main building and saved the owner many thousands of dollars in both stock and property. This once incident was enough to justify the buying of the truck. There are a few instances where fire started was stopped at once.

Both fire trucks are equipped with chemical tanks. The fire department is furnished with about 2,000 feet of standard hose, there is a good building to house all the equipment. Another feature that has meant a saving to the citizens and that is in the insurance. Our key-rate was 69c and now it is 53c. In addition we enjoy a 15 percent credit which comes off the entire amount of the insurance premium. The saving in insurance to the town each year will more than pay for the fire departments equip-

## FARM NOTES

By E. L. TANNER,  
County Agent, Dickens County  
**BEWARE OF THE LEAF WORM**

This is not a scare story. It is not like the sign on the gate that says beware of a bad dog inside, and it is not like the sign telling of a bad bull inside. But it means just this: Cotton leaf worms have been poisoned in Dickens County for the past ten days and they are present in practically over the entire county. Good showers have hit a great part of the county in the past week and this means that cotton will green up to the point that another crop of worms will be out and hard at work a few days after this gets to press. At this time of year the leaf worm stays webbed up about eight days before he comes out to lay more eggs. POISON IS SCARCE ALL OVER TEXAS!

At the time this is written there is about 1200 pounds in Spur. I wish I had a sign and could hang one on every farm gate in the county. It would read something like this: "BEWARE OF THE LEAF WORM HE WILL SLIP UP THE DRAW ANY NIGHT NOW." And then instead of printing a skull and cross bones below I would have an empty pocket-book there.

J. C. Christopher of Afton community says that he poisoned last week. At the time he was in town after his poison he says that some of his cotton would be ruined in 24 hours if he did not get to it.

W. A. Valentine of Red Mud poisoned. He said that he counted 132 bolls, blooms and squares on one stalk and he sure wanted to have a good patch of cotton.

R. F. Harrel of Red Mud was in Sunday School last Sunday and happened to look out of the window and see the stock in his field. He went out to get it out and found four acres in the middle of his field that was about ruined before he could get poison on it Monday. He had no idea that there were worms in the country.

S. F. Ross of Steele Hill had to poison 100 acres out of 400.

**HERE IS A HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR SOMEONE**

The fair is going to come off at Spur regardless of the weather. The catalogues have gone to press and will be out pretty soon. The Spur National Bank is giving \$100 for the best individual exhibits. This will be \$50 for the best individual farm exhibit, \$30 for the second and \$20 for third best. This is where farmers who feed farm are going to show up. I'm take pride in having a well balanced looking for some real exhibits in this class. Wonder which community in this county is going to have the pleasure of saying that old so-and-so has the best farm in the county? If you are not going to enter be sure to pick out the neighbor who you think ought to do so and work him over until you convince him and his wife that they ought to be the ones. A score card will be published soon, maybe next week covering this entry.

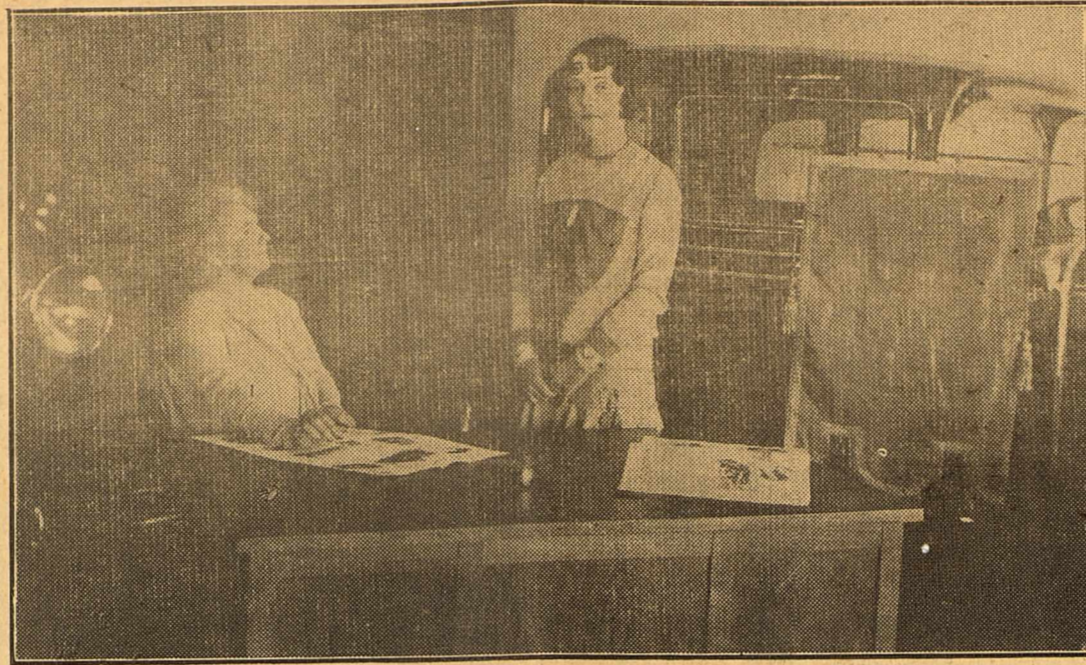
The prizes are going to be all bigger and better this year than ever before. Help us make this a real one. If you have anything on the place that will improve the fair get it up and bring it in. Good feed is going to be a little scarce, both bundle stuff and ten head exhibits. Maybe you have just the stuff to make that corner of the fair just what Dickens County will be proud of.

## NOTICE

Percy Jones will hold services in the Presbyterian Church in Spur on Sunday morning, August 18th. The public is cordially invited to attend.

W. D. Robinson of Dry Lake was looking after business matters in our city Monday.

ment. Also these boys serve the people without salary.



The above picture shows the office of the Foley Motor Company. Located on Harris Street just East of the Post Office. The lady sitting is Mrs. W. A. Foley, owner of the business. The lady standing is Miss Donnamae Lairson, general manager of the sales department. The business was established in Spur August 1, 1928, with W. C. George, now of Sweetwater as manager. Miss Lairson assumed management of the sales on January 1st, and has been the means of making the business a success since that time. Mrs. Foley, who owns and finances the business does not take much active part at this time, but comes from her home at Valentine occasionally and checks up and sees that the people are getting their money's worth when they buy a Studebaker car. The business started off with a bang and has kept pace ever since. This year they have sold six straight eights not to consider the many sixes and Erskines that have gone out from the salesroom.

February 12th the business moved into its present location from the Ramsey Garage and Service station where it started. The company has purchased three lots on Burlington Avenue, and the Studebaker Corporation has furnished plans for a nice new building which will be erected in the near future. Mrs. Foley is a town builder and is adding her part to Spur.

## Rains Fall Over Parts of County



J. B. REED  
Cashier of the City National Bank and who has taken much interest in farming industry

Several sections of Dickens County were favored with rainfall Monday evening. Mr. Atkinson of the Croton Community stated they received about two inches of rainfall there. Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Hindman of Elton, were in town Tuesday and said they had good rain. A. B. Wimbler who lives just over the county line north stated that they received a good rain Sunday afternoon and another one Monday afternoon. He said there was plenty of rain in his community. There was a good rain between Soldier Mound and Dickens but none fell in Dickens.

The country as far west as a lagoon on the Plains received a very good rainfall. There was just a shower at Spur but a good rain fell close to town on the west. Mr. A. C. Hindman just north of town, stated Tuesday that it rained about 1-4 inch or more at his home just north of town.

We understand that there was no rain fell in the Red Mud Community or at Watson Southwest, but a good rain fell in the Post



V. C. SMART  
Partner in the firm of Godfrey & Smart and one of the men who has made the Ford Car famous in this Country

Country. Let's hope for more rain until all the country is saturated.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching services at 11 a. m.  
Young peoples meeting in all divisions at 7:30 p. m.  
Ladies Bible Class 3:30 Monday

## B. Schwarz & Son Enjoy Big Business In Spur

### Presbyterians To Hold Revival

Beginning August 25th at 10:00 A. M. and continuing for one week, there will be a revival Meeting at the Presbyterian Church, in the rear of the church building—Plenty of room for everybody, and out in the cool. The morning services will be conducted inside of the building.

The preacher for the occasion is the Rev. Thos. W. Currie, D. D. President of the Theological Seminary at Austin, Texas. Dr. Currie not only possesses splendid personality, but is an excellent speaker. His work for the past several years has been the preparation of young men for the Gospel ministry. Surely you can expect to hear a wonderful speaker. He brings the Gospel message to his hearers in simple language, in a way that is gripping—that stays with you. We consider ourselves very fortunate in being able to secure him for a meeting at Spur.

Good music will be provided. The local Pastor, Rev. M. H. Applewhite will be in charge of the musical part of the meeting. We solicit the cooperation of all denominations, both for attendance and assistance in the singing. Also, we invite any who have musical instruments to help us. If you so desire to volunteer for this part of the meeting, kindly notify Miss Maude Clemmons, whose telephone number is 122.

We are looking forward to a happy season of fellowship and spiritual ingathering. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." Don't forget the dates—August 25th to September 1st. Come and bring your friends.

M. H. Applewhite, Pastor.

### J. W. TURPEN PASSES AWAY

James W. Turpen, of Afton, died at the Nichols Sanitarium at nine o'clock Saturday evening. Mr. Turpen has been suffering some time with a large tumor on his face which had affected the large parotid glands and had extended down into the large veins of the neck. He came to the sanitarium some time ago, and it seemed the only chance for his life was to open the tumor. This was done, and quite a great deal of pus was taken out. He seemed to get relief, his fever went down and for several days it was thought he was improving. However the trouble had become deep seated and the poison went in to the blood streams of the body and became fatal. There was no way to overcome this feature of the case and death resulted.

Funeral services were conducted at Afton by Rev. Brannen Sunday afternoon. Interment was made in Afton cemetery, Webber Williams acting as funeral director.

Mr. Turpen leaves his wife, one daughter, three sons and three brothers to mourn his departure. He was an honest, upright man who believed in the principles of the right.

Friends join in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Prayer meeting 8:30 Wednesday night.

Brother Howard Stubblefield gave an interesting talk to the young people Sunday evening on the Christian Race.

A number of elder members were present and we urge all that can to visit the meetings all the time.

The program for Sunday will be Subject; "Christians, what they should not be."

1. Be not Faithless, but Believing—Jno. 20:27—Gladys Johnson.  
2. Be not Conformed to the World—Rom. 12:16—Herman McArthur.

4. Be Not Unequally Yoked Together with Unbelievers—Bessie Mae Cross.  
5. Be Not Deceived—Gal. 7:8 Lorine Biggs.

The firm of B. Schwarz & Son are comparatively new people in Spur, but since they came into our city they have been greatly pleased with the business situation. It will have been four years October 15th since these people came to Spur and during that time they have enjoyed a very lucrative business.

The firm was introduced into town by Mr. Harry Schwarz and Mr. M. C. Golding, both of Hempstead. Mr. Ben Schwarz, the founder of the firm at that time had been doing business in Hempstead for more than fifty years. He had built a business on the principle of honesty and fair dealings and has become one of the largest firms in South Texas. Coming to Spur, Mr. Schwarz and Mr. Golding started the business here on the same principles believing that honesty and fair dealing is the best and surest way by which to make business success. They have succeeded.

When these gentlemen came to Spur they made some inquiries about the price of property. They seemed to be more anxious to know how much money would be required to buy a business building than they were to learn about the prices rent. They bought the building in which the building is now located, paying cash for it. They started in to be an asset to the town, to help build it and make it a great trade center. It was not long before they learned that their store building was too small. They built an addition and then in a short time they built a balcony which was equivalent to another large room. Today they have a store building that is not only stocked but in addition has every-able storage place atken up goods including, piece goods, dresses, ready-to-wear, millinery, slippers, mens suits, childrens clothing, mens wear, in other terms everything the family needs in the clothing and drygoods line. There is a large number of clerks who are always willing and ready to serve the people who go into this store to trade. They take pride in learning what they want. They are expected to make money. No one is in business for their health and friends and patrons of any business want to see it succeed. The business of B. Schwarz & Sons is purely one of service with a close margin of profit, saving the people all the money possible on merchandise.

There is another feature of B. Schwarz & Sons. They have been boosters. They have contributed in various ways to the support of the boys work in the town, to the girl scout work, to both the boys and girls club work in the county, to the Chamber of Commerce work and to the Retail Merchants work. In every community activity they have always been ready and willing to do their part. They have added greatly in community work. During the practically four years they have been in our city there has not been a firm more eager to see the town and country grow nor has there been any firm that has been more willing to do their share than has B. Schwarz & Son to do their part.

Mr. Golding, the manager has often said that he respected a man because he is a man. Honesty means much to this firm and management. Customers are treated with a feeling of interest. Humanity in general is extended an appreciation and the town has always had a booster in the firm of B. Schwarz & Son and their management.

6. Be Not Weary in Well Doing—Durward Woodward.  
We urge all the young people that can to come help us carry on these meetings and help to spread the work of the Lord.—Reporter.

L. W. Daniels of Twin Wells, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday. Reports crops failing there.



Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Woods and five children who live just north of Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Woods celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 30th. See the account in another section of the Times of this week.



## Hayes Gin Is Rebuilt and Newly Equipped with Modern Machinery

The Hayes Gin, or what is known as the Swift Gin, is nearing completion with a new gin house and new machinery thruout. The machinery is the Cen-Tennial type thruout with Layne-Bur Machines. The gin is equipped with five 80-saw gin stands with 4-drum cleaning feeders.

The cotton enters the gin thru the air line to the first cleaners and then to the dropper and from here it can be sent direct to the cleaners over the gin stands in the event it is picked cotton, or if it be snapped cotton, it can be sent through the bur machine. After going through the bur machines it then goes through two more cleaners before going to the cleaners over the gin stands. By the time the cotton has entered the gin stand it has passed through twenty cylinders in its cleaning processes.

The gin is equipped with a new set of seed scales and as the cotton is ginned the seed are conveyed to a large bin over the scales where it is weighed, and every farmer can know just how many pounds of seed he is getting before it goes into his wagon.

The gin is equipped with a standard square bale press. There is a set of steel packers to the press and these are automatically equipped. The cotton is packed evenly in the press which has much to do with the looks of the bale when tied out.

There was a bale ginned Friday just try out the new machinery. This was not cotton from this year's crop, but the new gin turned out a good sample and would have made any farmer feel that he was getting a square deal.

The gin is driven by steam power. It has a 150-H. P. Corliss engine. With the amount of power the speed of the machinery can be well regulated since there is not a full load on the engine. This affords an evenness in the machinery that gives a better class of ginning. Then as a prevention of fire all electric wires in the gin are placed in conduit.

In speaking of the gin Mr. J. L. Hayes, the manager, said, "It is by far the best gin I have ever run, and I believe it is the equal of any other gin in West Texas."

He explains a pride in talking of the new gin since it has always his aim to give the public ginning service. In speaking of its ability to gin cotton Mr. Hayes said, "I hope we are able to get all the cotton we can gin on those five stands. I feel that we will be in a situation to give good service and get the farmers cotton out to them in quick time."

The gin is a very fine plant, and we feel that all the farmers who patronize the gin will do so with a feeling of pride.

Jeff Smith of Dry Lake, was marketing farm produce and looking after business here Saturday. Earl Daniels of Soldier Mound, was doing some trading in our city Saturday.

Mrs. Jack Rector and little daughter visited friends in Plainview the last of the week.

J. E. Wells of Espuela, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

## Women Find Important place In Community Today

Women's work, like man's work, is making the community a better place in which to live. Sometimes we do not realize what we are doing, or what we are failing to do for our boys and girls.

Sometimes we are so interested in trying to make money that we let our boys and girls get away from us. Suppose we do get a larger farm, but the boys have become disgusted with farm life and gone away. What have we gained? We must carry the boys and girls along with us.

A very important part of the woman's work is doing for the community the little housekeeping jobs that the men neglect to do.

Referring to some of the things women can accomplish in community building it may be said that we need both women's and men's view in the community. Community development in anything that is going on elopment requires the attention of someone whose business it is to keep up with the new and worth while things, and I think that in some ways women are just a little more qualified along that line than are men, especially in things relating to the home.

Not only are home economics needed in the schools, according to best statistics, but these subjects should be taught in the intermediate grades and not left for the high school, which some pupils never reach and which always has a crowded program. Organization is necessary if we are to get very far in any movement. Connections between the Grangers and other farm organization and women's clubs should be perfected. In one county in Colorado many old families from the big ranches had moved into town, but the women kept up their membership in the rural clubs and also had joined the city clubs. They also influenced some women who had never lived on ranches to join the country clubs. In this way a cooperation between the town and country clubs was formed which resulted in many improvements in the affairs of the entire community.

Again emphasizing the importance of making country life attractive so that children will remain on the farm, let us point out that no one would raise a cow, horse or pig to maturity and then let someone take it away from them yet we raise our boys and girls and then let them go away.

Every county needs a home demonstration agent. We often wonder how a county can get along without one. Another thing needed is a good school house. We would not let our boys and girls live in a home as bare as some school houses are, but we let them go to school there. We must make life pleasant for the children if we want to keep them with us.

We should study the wants and needs of our children and try to make home attractive for them. As one of our oversights in this

respect, let us call your attention to the fact that we think our daughters should have a room of her own, but few of us think that our sons should. The appearance of our home is another important factor in influencing the young folks in deciding whether to stay on the farm or go to town. Some folks have no trees or shrubbery or anything attractive about the place to make the children want to get back home.

Another job for the women of the community is to check up on the health and sanitation in their county. Do you have more tuberculosis, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, or other diseases than has the average county in your state? If so why not stamp them out?

### BOX SUPPER

We wish to announce the box supper and musical program which will take place at Red Top, twelve and one half miles southwest of Spur, Friday night, August 16th. The program is the closing of the singing school which is being conducted by W. Roy Huffstедler of Abilene. The Spur Quartette will entertain, with the Red Top String Band. Mr. Huffstедler who is a radio artist, also will entertain on his "uke." Ladies and girls, bring your boxes, and boys come and buy them. The program will begin at 8:30 Everybody invited.—Red Top Community.

### BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. Mac Watson entertained with bridge at the C. L. Love home Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

Prizes for the morning went to Mrs. James V. Smith and Mrs. David Burns.

A most refreshing plate was passed at the conclusion of the games to Misses Nig Lisenby, Nellie B. Albin, Hazel Watson, Sybil McDaniel, Faye Jamison, Ernestine Weatherford, Maud Clemmons, Jane Douglas Wilson, Pauline Brown, Jettie Windham, Mesdames Joe Stotts, D. H. Zachry, W. E. Flint, J. O. Smith, Horace Hyatt, C. I. Love, P. A. Watson, H. O. Wooten, Richard Gibson, E. C. Edmonds, W. D. Wilson, David Burns, R. C. Carter, W. D. Starcher, Sol Davis, M. C. Golding, Charlie Powell and Shirley Robbins.

### BELLE BENNETT MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Members of the Belle Bennett Missionary Society were most delightfully entertained Monday afternoon by Mrs. Faust Collier.

After the usual devotional and business meeting three tables of players enjoyed several games of Bunco.

Lovely refreshments were served to Meses. Herman Everts, J. O. Smith, A. O. White, Barrow, Walker, Hawley, D. Y. Twaddell, W. B. Williams, G. H. Stack, David Burns, D. H. Zachry and the hostess.

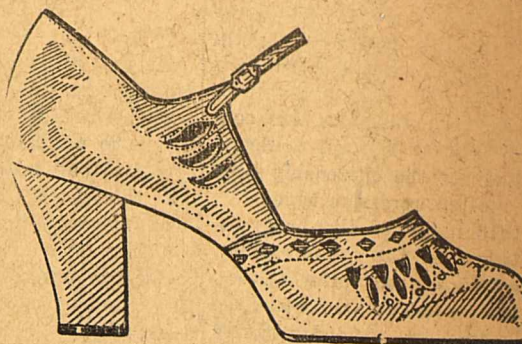
### HAYRIDE

On last Monday evening members of the Epyorth League of the Methodist Church enjoyed a hayride. The crowd was ivided and two trucks were used. Chaparons for the evening were Mrs. J. R. Laine, and Mrs. J. C. Payne.

Out of town guests were: Misses Mary Mary Powell of Abilene and Beatrice Thompson of Haskell.

A GOOD SAFE PLACE TO TRADE  
**B. SCHWARZ & SON**  
SPUR, TEXAS  
The Store Of Little Profit

Our buyers are in the Eastern market and we are receiving our new Fall goods daily—so we want you to feel more than welcome to look through our new merchandise. We have many bargains left. Don't fail to see our final reductions on our summer dresses.



FAREWELL CLEARANCE

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SCHWARZ'S EXQUISITE SUMMER SHOES

\$2.95

A pair

All Whites—Sunburn—Pastels—Satin—Beige—Patents.

Phone your friend be here early and dont procrastinate as this will be a whirlwind brief event.

## FINAL!—FINAL!

Well—we have come to the parting of the ways with these Dresses Summer Dresses are non persona grata here from now on—no matter how desirable they may be in other ways.

Our buyers are in the market—New Fall Merchandise is beginning to arrive—so these summer styles must go at once.

It is now no time for dilly-dallying—no time to try and make a profit. It is a question of clearance—So this means positive rock bottom reductions—and FINAL! \$16.50 and \$18.50 Dress values only—

\$5.00

## NEW FALL HATS



A big selection of new fall hats now at your disposal. In buying our stock of hats, we have taken particular care to get the best selections that the market afforded. We are giving you the styles and shapes the city lady enjoys hats that will make you feel dressed up when in company with your friends.

## BREAD

FOR CAFES AND HOME CONSUMPTION

Well-Bread folks have got the habit of demanding "Butter Kist Bread." On their tables or at the restaurant they regard it as an indispensable accessory to the perfect meal. Made in big, golden brown loaves, crisp, fresh and delicious it is a daily favorite with lovers of good food. "Watch the butter fly."

### Home Baked Pastries

Our pastries come to you fresh every day. This is more than can possibly be accomplished by out of town concerns that sell pies and cakes. They are at least five or six days old before they reach you. Our come to you the day they are baked—and how fresh and delicious.

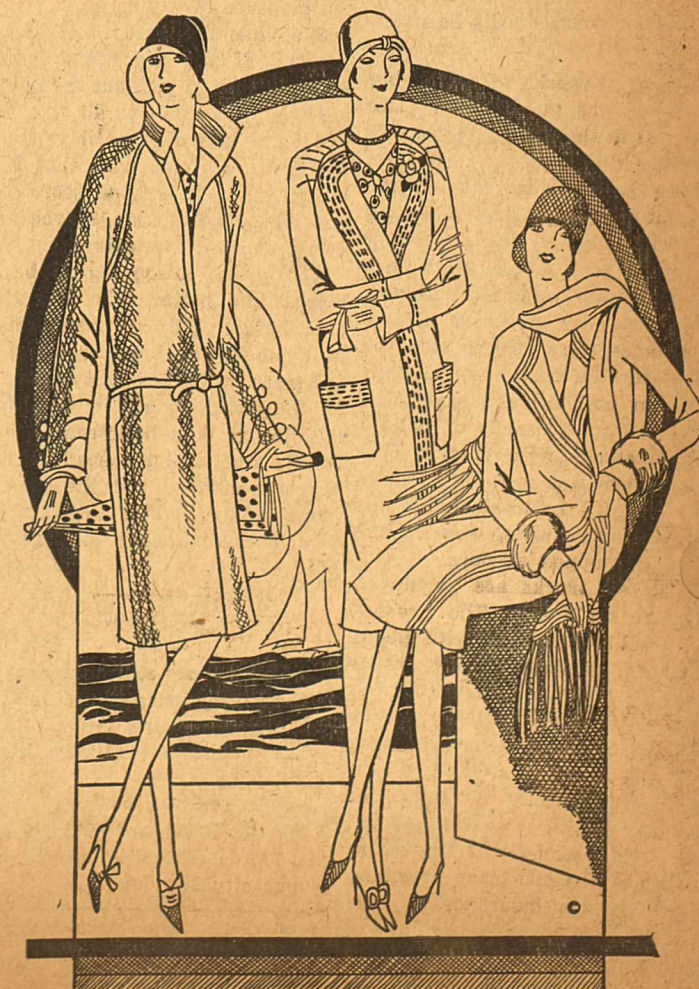
**SPUR BAKERY**

## NEW FALL COATS

The season is advancing and you are beginning to think about that new fall coat. Come to B. Schwarz & Son where you will have the privilege of selecting from a big line. We have them all prices and will give you quality in your selection.

## NEW FALL DRESSES

In this department you will find all the latest colors and shades. And in addition we want to say that you will get quality with these combinations. We take pride in saying we offer you the best selection in new fall dresses that has ever been our privilege to assemble. And at right prices. We want you to see our line of new dresses.





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Quality and Quantity  
All Kinds of Building Material  
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Phone 299

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hilton and little son, Lloyd Harold, were doing some trading in our city Saturday. Mr. Hilton stated crops were still doing fine in Priarie Chapel community.

**LODGES**  
Stated Meeting of SPUR LODGE No. 1023 A. F. & A. M. Thursday night on or before each full moon. Visitors welcome.  
**Jack Rector, W. M.**  
**W. R. Kind, Secy.**

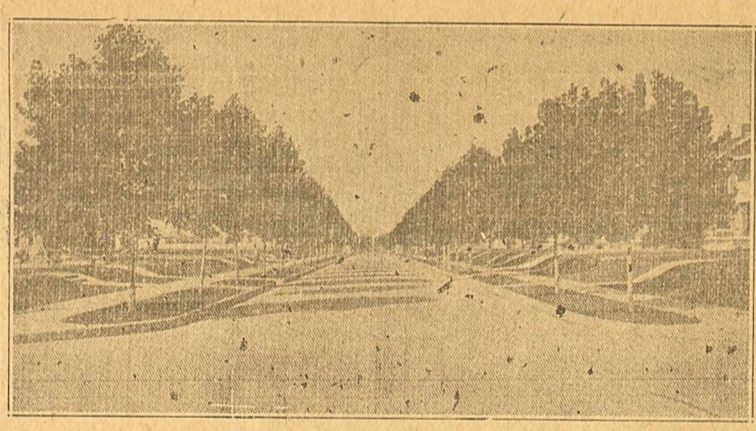
**ROTARY CLUB OF SPUR**  
Meets every Thursday at 12 o'clock at Spur Inn. Visiting Rotarians welcome.  
**WALTER LEE, Pres.**  
**DODGE STARCHER, Sec**

**SPUR REBEKAH LODGE**  
No. 178  
Meets each Friday night. Members be present. Visitors welcome.  
**Mrs. Lula Hail, N. G.**  
**Mrs. Minnie Rogers, 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**

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.**

**SPUR LODGE**  
No. 771 I. O. O. F.  
Meets every Monday night. Visitors welcome.  
**Jerry Ensey, N. G.**  
**C. F. Applegate, Sec.**



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By Beautifying Your Home, Your Block, Your Street by Planting a Tree, a Flower, a Sidewalk, Curb, or Flower Bed. See me for suggestions in either.  
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**THE COW, THE SOW, THE HEN!**  
But the cow is the basis of all of them. She gives milk that furnishes the cream, and then provides much of the food for the other two. But the greatest good done by the cow is furnishing the proper balanced foods for the family, and also, giving the family a daily income. Selling the cream keeps the farmer from being broke more than one day. We pay the steady price the year around, one that the farmer appreciates. Bring us your cream, and let's work together to build a big farming industry fostered by home people. Don't forget to try our Espuela Brand Butter, and that Bulgarian Buttermilk is hard to beat.  
**THE SPUR CREAMERY**  
Home of "Espuela Brand" Butter

**Oldest Chevrolet Still In Use**

SAN ANTONIO, July 31—A Chevrolet with a chassis built in 1913, a full year before the world war began, and a motor that was assembled when our doughboys were encamping back in 1917, is still in daily use at Goliad, Texas. It is called "Spark Plug" by its proud owner, Hugo Wilks and of the millions of Chevrolets in use today on both hemispheres it is perhaps the oldest. True, the 1929 Chevrolet with its smooth six cylinder motor can out-climb, out-speed and out-haul it. True too, that "Spark Plug" appears a bit antediluvian when contrasted with the handsome new Fisher bodies of the 1929 Chevrolet. But "Spark Plug" can do plenty of climbing, speeding and hauling on its own account and is beyond a question an outstanding example of a long lived and dependable automobile.

On several occasions Wilks has hitched a trailer to Spark Plug and pulled a load of 2,000 pounds, plus the 815 pounds which the trailer weighs, all the way to San Antonio 125 miles distant. Not long ago he piled it high with a 1515 pound load of cotton bales and drove it through a dry creek bed—a road which no other driver in the section would dare traverse in a modern car. Many times he has driven it in water up to the floor boards. No hill in the section is too tough for "Spark Plug" and Wilks says that it is sufficiently economical, continuing to give as good as 20 miles to the gallon. One objection, however, is lodged against it by Wilks and this is a friendly one. It is his complaint against the crowds which his car invariably attracts when he drives it into San Antonio. "Spark Plug" had many owners, eight to be exact, before Wilks purchased it from the Voght Chevrolet Company of Schulenberg, Texs, nine years ago. For four years he got splendid service from the 1913 motor which might yet be encased beneath the 1913 hood but for an accident which occurred five

years ago. At that time a 1917 Chevrolet motor, owned by one of Wilk's brother's caught fire and its chassis was destroyed. The motor was unharmed, so it was decided to give the original motor a well deserved rest and substitute the newer one.

"Spark Plug's" total mileage is indeterminate. Since Wilks has had it three speedometers have been in use. One registered 75,000 miles, the second 60,000 and the present one has run up 15,000. The total repair bill during Wilks nine years ownership has been \$150. In this connection, however it might be stated that Wilks does all his own repairing. Recently 15 new rings were placed in the car and other minor adjustments made. All of the Wilkses are mechanically inclined and all prefer the Chevrolet. The father of "Spark Plug's" owner has had four Chevrolets. One of the brothers has a 1917 model and another brother has a 1924 model.

**No Change in Personnel of Willys-Overland**

Toledo, O., July 17—That there will be no change in the personnel or policies of the Willys-Overland organization was indicated here today in a statement by Linwood A. Miller, who succeeds John North Willys as president of the company. Mr. Miller said: "The development that makes Mr. John N. Willys Chairman of the Board and gives Willys Overland a new president, does not mean any change in the personnel or policies of our organization. "For the last two years, Mr. Willys has felt the need of curtailing his personal activities. He has been a tireless worker, both at Toledo and when traveling in the interests of the company. He has undoubtedly visited more domestic and export distributors and dealers than any president in the automo-

bile industry. "In spite of this desire for release from some of his responsibilities, Mr. Willys deferred selling his stock until he felt that he had developed an organization that would carry out his policies. We shall continue to have the advice and counsel of Mr. Willys. In fact he has just played an active part in mapping out our production program for the next eighteen months. "Our board of directors is greatly strengthened by the financial experience of Marshal Field and Charles F. Gore, selected as members at the July 16th meeting. The other members of our board have served for many years. Most of them are manufacturers whose practical experience is most valuable in the formulation of our plans. "Over the last five years we have steadily been turning back profits into our plant so as to have it in the best condition for an expanding volume of business. We have also established our assembly plant in Los Angeles. Our subsidiary plants at Pontiac, Elmira

and Elyria were never in such excellent shape. We have on our books more distributors, dealers and authorized service stations than ever before in our history. Moreover our product has been so well received by the public that 1928 established a new record of 314,000 cars so far. "We all recognize the importance of maintaining a satisfied and prosperous distributor and dealer organization. The same policies that made Mr. Willys so popular with our retailing organization will be continued. "The future of our company, in the judgement of us all can best be served by carrying out the policies of its founder, and this will be the goal of our efforts. Mrs. J. W. Johnson of Greenville, was here last week visiting her brother, J. P. Simmons, the Pierce Oil Co. Agent. Mrs. Johnson stated conditions are looking fine in Hunt County at this time and they would harvest much cotton.

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beautiful new bodies—which are available in a variety of colors—represent one of Fisher's greatest style triumphs. And its safety and handling ease are so outstanding that it's a sheer delight to sit at the wheel and drive. In fact, the new Chevrolet Six has completely changed every previous idea as to what the buyer

of a low-priced car now has a right to expect for his money. You owe it to yourself, as a careful buyer, to see and drive this car. For it gives you every advantage of a fine six-cylinder automobile—in the price range of the four and with economy of better than 20 miles to the gallon! Come in today.

**The COACH**  
**\$595**

The ROADSTER	\$525
The PHAETON	\$525
The COUPE	\$595
The SPORT COUPE	\$645
The SEDAN	\$675
The IMPERIAL SEDAN	\$695
The Sedan Delivery	\$595
The Light Delivery Chassis	\$420
The 1 1/2 Ton Chassis	\$545
The 1 1/2 Ton Chassis with Cab	\$650

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COMPARE the delivered price as well as the list price in considering automobile values. Chevrolet's delivered prices include only reasonable charges for delivery and financing.

**SPECIAL RADIO PROGRAM**  
The Chevrolet Motor Company will present a special radio program Wednesday, August 14, over the Columbia network, 8—8:30, Eastern Standard Time, celebrating the millionth Six-Cylinder Chevrolet delivered in less than 8 months' time.

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Spur, Texas

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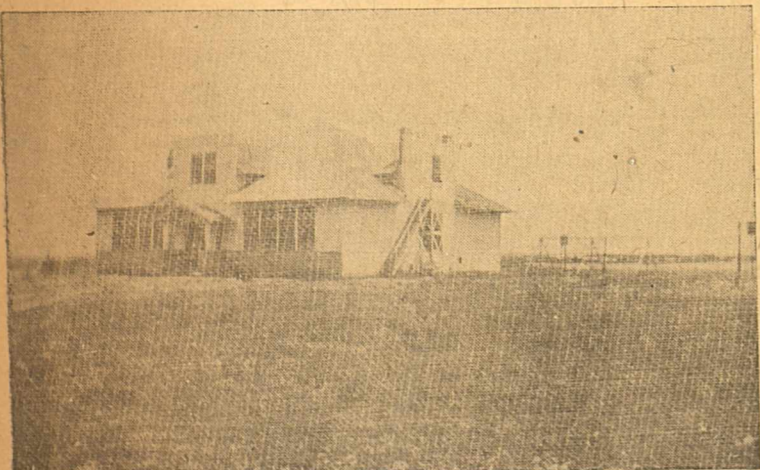
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## SPUR MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

C. C. HAILE, Secretary,  
FRED C. HAILE Asst. Sec't. and Field Manager

## DICKENS COUNTY ENJOYS STEADY GROWTH

In all of its history Dickens who purchased lands would be able county has never experience whatto make good their contracts. As a it was a section that comprised foreclosures on farms in Spur of ranches with just a few farmscountry and neither has there ever scattered over the territory. Aboutbeen a rush for lands here. that time S. M. Swenson & Sons The country began to settle up who owned large acreages in this and farming indstry began to country placed 500,000 acres of take on new life. Within the course fine farming lands on the market.of a few years the county had a Their terms were of such naturepopulation of good, thrifty, farm- that any one with reasonable meansers who had a desire to make good could secure a farm home, but theand ambition to acquire reasonable company was careful that thoseamounts of this worlds goods.



AFTON SCHOOL

There has never been any form of high pressure salesmanship used in regard to lands and when people come into this country now to purchase farm homes they have an opportunity to understand the whole situation even before they make a purchase. This is true it matters not who the salesman may be.

For the last few years there have been an average of about 75 or more farm homes established in the county each year, and in every event the purchasers of these homes are being able to meet all their obligations and payments. In addition to this there are a number of people who come into the county temporarily to lease lands and get a start in life. In a course of a few years many of these accumulate enough money to make a substantial payment on a farm and then become permanent citizens. The town of Spur has kept pace with the growth of the county. Within the past five years the town has doubled in population. The scholastics in the schools have more than doubled within the past three years. Within the time there have been many added industries, such as the establishment of a creamery, two wholesale grocery houses the establishment of a big power line and a utilities office, the erection of a new city light and power plant and other industries. Spur enjoys the cheapest electric rates of any town its size in West Texas It has more electricity to encourage



F. G. COLLIER  
Assistant Cashier of the Spur National Bank and Treasurer of The Northwest Texas Fair Association

## VIRGIL SMITH GROCERY

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industry than any other town its size in the State. It has three large school buildings and six church organizations. It had a population of 1100 in 1920 and today it is close to the 3,000 mark. This growth has been made with rather unfavorable conditions since there has not been a normal crop since 1923. But Spur and the whole country has gone forward.

Good roads and good schools have been two planks in the program of county progress. The two main thoroughfares through the

county are graded and nearly all are graveled or hard surfaced. As for the schools most of them are being run on the consolidated plan and with the exception of two there are two or more teachers in each school district.

Recently farmers have conceived the idea of making a diversified farm program. Many of them have planted alfalfa, and have added dairy cows hogs and chickens. Many farmers today are paying their current expenses from income of cows and chickens. Dickens County will grow many varieties of crops and fruits, making it one of the best diversified farming districts in the great Southwest.

We do not know of a better place for any one to secure a start in life than in the valleys and on the plains of Dickens County.

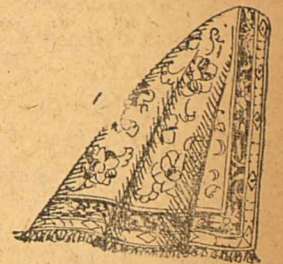
J. E. Poteet one of the good farmers on the Plains was attending to business matters in our city Monday.  
T. D. Hale of Afton was transacting business with our merchants Monday.  
G. C. Pierce of Croton community was in our city Monday doing some trading.  
E. V. Rogers was in our city in Tuesday morning doing some trading. He stated there was inch rain fell at his place Monday evening.

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CRYSTAL GLASS TUMBLERS  
Set of six crystal glass tumblers. Clear glass first quality—9 ounce capacity. Specially priced for Friday and Saturday only at 6

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### RAG RUGS

Japanese imported rugs 24x48 inches. now—

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### BED SPREADS

Crinkled Crepe. 80x90 inches only—

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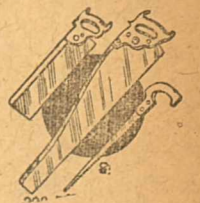
Men's Athletic Style Union Suits Values to \$1.19— each—

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## Communities of County Are All Progressive

### HIGHWAY LIES IN SUB-IRRIGATED DISTRICT

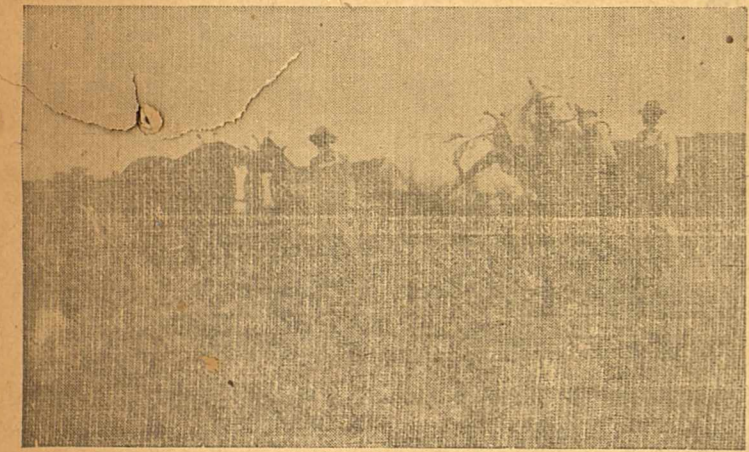
Lying in the sub-irrigated district of Dickens County, Highway is one of the most progressive and growing communities of the county. Much fruits and vegetables are raised here annually for which a ready market is obtained in Spur and other neighboring towns. Diversification is practised throughout the community. Practically every farm has its dairy herd and poultry yard. People in this community live happily and independently. They raise almost everything they eat. Here is one of the best consolidated high schools in the country.

### DUCK CREEK HAS DEEP FERTILE SOILS

Duck Creek is located some few miles east of Spur on a tributary to the Brazos River. The soils here are very deep and rich and productive. Here reside some of the really progressive farmers of Dickens County who go in for diversification and are now producing much of the cotton, feedstuffs, fruits and vegetables, poultry, turkey and dairy products sold on the local market. Duck creek has a splendid school system and maintains one church building.

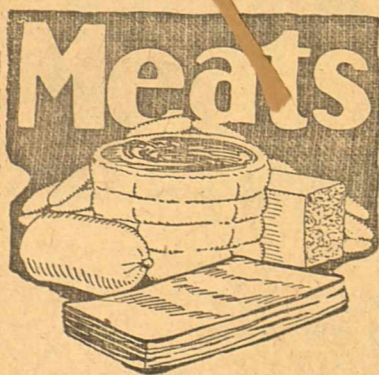
### RED TOP HAS MANY LARGE FARMS

Contrary to the implication of the name, Red Top is a country of deep black loamy soil, similar to the Central Texas Black Land Belt. Cotton and grain sorghums are the principle crops although wheat and oats are also grown in large quantities.



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### DUNCAN FLAT A THRIVING COMMUNITY

Duncan Flat is a thriving community at the foot of the plains is a sister community to Prairie Chapel and Afton has the same splendid farming conditions and nestles just at the foot of the plains possessing in addition to its wonderful farm land of great fertility and drought resisting quality, a vast amount of rolling pasture land. Here are found some splendid small ranches and much land can be had at a very reasonable price combining agricultural land with profitable pasture.

### MCADOO ONLY COMMUNITY IN COUNTY ON THE PLAINS

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McAdoo has one of the best school systems of any community in this section of the state, recently completing a new school building where all the high school subjects are taught.

Cotton, and feedstuffs grain and fruits are the main crops of this section of the county. Many of the farmers have good dairy herds and poultry yards.

### MIDWAY IS A GOOD FARMING COMMUNITY

Midway community, located half way between Dickens and the town of Afton, has many advantages for the home seeker. The soil is a sandy loam, and some of the best orchards in the whole county are found here, and the crops of grain and sorghum and cotton and garden truck are seen at almost every farm.

A splendid rural high school is maintained, employing the best of teachers.

### DICKENS, THE COUNTY SEAT

Dickens is one of the older towns of the county and is the county seat. Here the courthouse was located many years ago on account of its central location in the county. The town is beautifully located, nestled among a small range of hills, from which some large springs gush cold pure water in considerable column. The town has splendid school and church facilities.

### AFTON, A RAPIDLY GROWING COMMUNITY

The town of Afton, in the northwest part of Dickens County is a rapidly growing little city with twenty business houses, two gins and a splendid school house and three churches.

Some of the best farming lands of Dickens County surround Afton on all sides. The soil is deep, rich and varies in structure from a sandy loam to a waxy black lime. Cotton is the principle crop raised. During the past several years much attention has been given to diversification and many of the farmers of this section are going in for poultry and dairying. One of the large ranches of this section is found near Afton, owned by the Matador Land and Cattle Company. Some of the highest bred herds of the country are raised here.

Afton offers many opportunities for the land owner and farmer and especially to the ones who desire to go into diversification.

### ESPUELA, THE OLDEST COMMUNITY OF DICKENS COUNTY

Espuela was the first community settled in Dickens County. In fact there was no Dickens County when Espuela was settled. The town of Spur derived its name from Espuela, which in Spanish means Spur. Espuela was originally the headquarters of the Espuela Land and Cattle Company which in recent years sold to the Swenson interests who still maintain local headquarters there. However, much of the land adjacent to the community has been sold into farms and are now occupied by some of the most progressive farmers of the county.

At Espuela, Zane Gray wrote "The Thundering Herd" and here too, George Patulla and Emerson Hough obtained much data and information for their later writings.

### DRY LAKE IS A PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY

Dry Lake is located five miles northwest of Spur in what is supposed to be an extinct lake. The soil around this community is very rich showing characteristics of depositary or alluvial soils and is very productive. The principle crop is cotton however, much feed stuffs are raised as well as fruits and melons. This community has one of the best school systems of any rural community in the county.

### PRAIRIE CHAPEL HAS RICH, PRODUCTIVE LANDS

Prairie Chapel lies some few miles east of Afton in one of the richest land areas of the section. This is one of the smaller communities of the county but one of the most progressive. The farmers are all alive to diversified interests and have some wonderful results. The community has a splendid school building and church.

### SPUR BUSINESS MAN MARRIES HASKELL GIRL

Jewel Mauldin, manager of the Sander's Pharmacy, eased off to Haskell Saturday and captured a life partner. Mr. Mauldin had considered this his own business and as a result a number of friends

here were a little surprised to learn of his procedure.

Miss Dixie Surratt, of Albany is the lucky lady, and the marriage was performed by Rev. Forrester, pastor of the Christian Church at Hakell Saturday evening. There were just a few friends present to witness the ceremony and extend congratulations.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Surratt of Albany. She is a lady of business ability and has been in the employ of the Gulf Refining Company at Albany for some time, acting in the capacity of book-keeper for that firm.

Mr. Mauldin has been associated with the Sander's Pharmacy ever since the business was established in Spur. Before coming to Spur he was manager of a very fine drug store in Albany for some time and was also associated with the Sander's Pharmacy in that city for a number of years. Since coming to Spur he has made many friends and is rapidly building himself up in a business way.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauldin arrived in Spur Sunday morning and a number of friends greeted them. Mrs. Mauldin returned to Albany Monday where she will remain with the Gulf Refining company until they can secure a competent book-keeper to take her place then she expects to come to Spur where they will make their home.

Our little city is to be congratulated in securing fine young people such as these as citizens. All join in wishing them much success and happiness all through life.

Monday looking after business affairs. T. G. Cherry of Soldier Mound was greeting friends and trading in our city Monday.

W. G. Causey of Red Mud was attending to business matters in our city Tuesday.

## a Shoe Sale FOR THE FAMILY

For mother, father, sister and brother— hehe's a sale for all of you! You know the quality fo our merchandise—and you know too, that reduced prices here mean a sizeable saving to every member of the family.

## Kellam Dry Goods Co.

THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MORE

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## A New Car Service For A Used Car Price

The three things you want when purchasing an automobile are: Excellent service, sufficient speed and riding comfort. Everyone of our cars on display here, thoroughly renewed and renovated, offers you this happy combination. Why buy a new car when you can buy motor satisfaction here at less than half the cost of a new model?

Cars and trucks have good rubber and motor in splendid running condition.

Ford Roadster '27 Model	\$200.00
Ford Coupe, '27 Model	300.00
Ford Touring '25 Model	100.00
Chevrolet Roadster '27 Model	\$175.00
Chevrolet Coupe '27 Model	250.00
Chevrolet Sedan, '27 Model	350.00
Ford Sedan, '27 Model	175.00

Three good used trucks at a bargain.

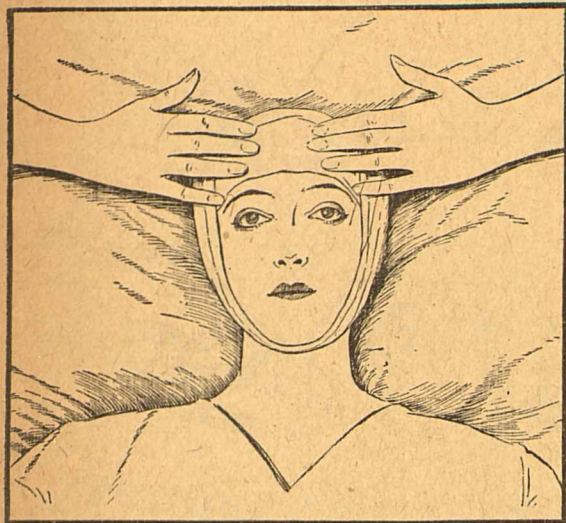
## Caraway Chevrolet Co.



## The Year Without A Summer

Last week Mr. M. M. Cornelius city, visited our office and handed us the following story, as it was

produced in a little magazine entitled "The Sovereign Visitor," and which we are reproducing for our readers. The story is not recorded in historical textbooks, and we feel that Mr. Cornelius is making a fine contribution to the people of this country by favoring us with the story. Here is the story:



### Elizabeth Arden's Morning Treatment

Never go out into the dust, glare and wind of out-of-doors without first protecting the delicate tissues of your skin. In the morning, after Cleansing, Toning and Nourishing your skin—with Venetian Cleansing Cream, Ardena Skin Tonic and Venetian Orange Skin Food—Elizabeth Arden recommends that you complete your daytime treatment with one of the following Preparations:

**Venetian Amoretta Cream.** A delightful protective cream. Smooth it on face and neck under powder. It gives the skin a becoming finish. Prevents roughness and sunburn. \$1, \$2.  
**Venetian Lille Lotion.** Exquisite finishing lotion, corrects a moist oily shine. Leaves a flattering bloom

on the skin. Prevents sunburn and freckles. Six shades. \$1.50, \$2.50.  
**Venetian Waterproof Cream.** Gives the skin a superb finish that is waterproof. Excellent for sports. Prevents roughness, sunburn and freckles. A beautiful foundation also for evening make-up. \$3.

ELIZABETH ARDEN'S Venetian Toilet Preparations are on sale at

## SPUR DRUG CO.

ELIZABETH ARDEN, 673 Fifth Avenue, New York  
LONDON: 25 Old Bond Street PARIS: 2 rue de la Paix

Known as the "year without a summer," 1816 was, throughout the United States and Europe, the coldest ever experienced by any person then living. There are persons in northern New York who have been in the habit of keeping diaries for years, and it is from the pages of an old diary begun in 1810 and kept unbroken until 1840 that the following information regarding this year with out a summer has been taken, says the Danbury (Conn.) News.

January was so mild that most persons let their fires go out and did not burn wood except for cooking. There were few cold days, but they were very few. Most of the time the air was warm and spring-like. February was not cold. Some days were colder than in January but the weather was about the same.

March from the first to the sixth was inclined to be windy. It came in like a small lion and went out like a very innocent lamb.

April came in warm but as the days grew longer the air became colder and by the first of May there was a temperature like that of winter with plenty of snow and ice. In May the young buds were frozen dead, ice formed half an inch thick on ponds and rivers, corn was killed and the cornfields were planted again and again until it became too late to raise a crop. By the last of May in this climate the trees were usually in leaf and birds and flowers were plentiful. When the last of May arrived in 1816 everything had just been killed by the cold.

June was the coldest month of roses ever experienced in this latitude. Frost and ice were as common as buttercups usually are. Almost every green thing was killed all fruit was destroyed. Snow fell 10 inches deep in Vermont. There was a seven inch fall in the interior of New York State and the

same in Massachusetts. There were only a few moderately warm days. Everybody looked, longed and waited for warm weather but warm weather did not come.

It was also dry, very little rain fell. All summer long the wind blew steadily from the north in blasts, laden with snow and ice. Mothers knit stockings of double thickness and mittens for their children. Planting and shivering were done together, and the farmers who worked out their taxes on the country roads wore overcoats and mittens.

On June 17 there was a heavy fall of snow. A Vermont farmer sent a flock of sheep to pasture on June 16. The morning of June 17 dawned with the thermometer below the freezing point. About nine o'clock in the morning the owner of the sheep went to look for his flock. Before leaving his home he turned to his wife and said jokingly, "Better start the neighbors soon. Its the middle of June and I may get lost in the snow."

An hour after he left home a terrific snowstorm came up. The snow fell thick and fast and as there was so much wind the fleecy masses piled up. Night came and the farmer had not been heard of.

His wife became frightened and alarmed the neighborhood. All the neighbors joined in the searching party. On the third day they found him. He was lying in a hollow on the side of a hill with both feet frozen. He was half covered with snow, but alive. Most of the sheep were alive.

A farmer near Tewksbury, Va., owned a large field of corn. He built fires. Nearly every night he and his men took turns in keeping up the fire and watching that the corn did not freeze. The farmer was rewarded for his labor by having the only crop of corn in the region.

July came in with snow and ice. On the fourth of July ice as thick as window glass formed throughout New England, New York and some parts of Pennsylvania, Indian corn, which in some parts of the East struggled through May and June gave up, froze and died.

To the surprise of everyone, August was the worst month of all. Almost everything in this country and Europe was blasted with frost. Snow fell at Barnet, 30 miles from London, England on August 30. Newspapers received from England in 1816 stated that the year would be remembered by the existing generations as the year without a summer. Very little corn ripened in New England. There was great privation and thousands of persons would have perished in this country would have perished had it not been for the abundance of fish and wild game.

to pass several rigid tests the most important of which was the salt spray test. Those who live near the seashore know that salt is one of the worst known corrosive agencies and to prove the ability of the chromium plate on these door handles to withstand corrosion, samples of the door handles were lashed for hours by a strong saline bath. It was only after they had survived this test without harm that they were considered eligible for use on Chrysler cars.

"Tests given other parts of Chrysler cars are just as rigid. A Chrysler body for example, is taken from the assembly lines and placed in a compartment that is lined with steam pipes. The door is closed, the steam is turned on and the mercury in the thermometer mounts to a blistering temperature. Only the finest of finishes can withstand the ravages of this terrific heat test but unless the Chrysler body can stand it without harm to the finish it is not fit to be placed upon the Chrysler chassis.

"In testing the different colored lacquers that are used on Chrysler cars samples of the lacquers are periodically subjected to the violet ray test. In this test, beams from the violet ray machiens beat upon pieces of metal finished with the lacquer for days at a time until the effect of several years of sunshine is duplicated. If the acques stands this test it is ready for use on Chrysler car.

"Four hundred fifty part of Chrysler cars are made of rubber and consequently a great deal of precaution is taken to be certain that the rubber used is of the very best quality. When a shipment comes into the Chrysler factories, specimens are immediately selected and put to test. They are roasted for hours at a time in the rubber for strength and "stretchability" ageing ovens. Then they are tested in tensile machines to prove their quality under the most severe conditions. Only after the specimens have passed all the tests satisfactorily is the shipment of rubber passed for use in the making of the cars.

"One of the final tests at the Chrysler laboratories is the Belgian roller test. It is for the purpose of determining whether or not the completed car is correctly made and flawlessly assembled. In this test a car is picked at random from the final assembly line. It is anchored over a series of eccentric rollers and there it runs under its own power. Road conditions far worse than any it will ever encounter on the open road are here produced. The car bounces from one side to another, as it would over the roughest roads at high speeds. It is twisted and strained in every possible way and when it withstands this test Chrysler engineers know that it is properly made and properly assembled."

#### VISITS BROTHER HERE

Mrs. J. W. Johnson of Greenville is here visiting her brother, J. P. Simmons, and family. Mrs. Johnson stated that conditions in Hunt county were looking very fine at this time. However, she said she thought the county was looking in bad condition until she got out into other sections which makes her feel much better about Hunt county. She stated that she and Mr. Simmons ad spent their childhood days in the northern part of Hunt county but said that J. P. had strayed out West. She said West Texas is a great country and she seemed greatly surprised to know that crops were holding up so long after rainfall in this country.

Sam Koonsman of Croton community, was transacting business in our city Saturday. Stated that his immediate neighborhood had not received rain, but just east of him there had been some good showers.

#### NEW REPAIR SHOP OPENED

I have opened the repair shop at the Sunshine Service Station with a complete equipment prepared to take care of your auto troubles.

Also, Acetylene Welding and fender rolling.

JOHN MIMS  
Give Me a Trial

# ALIVE

with spirit and the will to go

Once you drive a new Dodge Six, you'll never cease to marvel at its dash, its vim, its sparkling alacrity. It is so much more than just a piece of machinery. It is fairly surcharged with life and animation—alive with spirit and the will to go. It typifies the finest, most modern design and construction. In the quality of its materials and the precision with which it is manufactured it is unsurpassed. Scores of other refinements give the new Dodge Six a zest, a smoothness and a flexibility unapproached by any other car comparable in price. It is, indeed, an unmatched value.

**New Dodge Brothers Six**  
EIGHT BODY STYLES: \$945 TO \$1065 F. O. B. DETROIT CHRYSLER MOTORS PRODUCT

SPUR AUTO WRECKING CO.

### Quality Is Key-note in Building Chrysler Cars

"If the world's worst driver could take a Chrysler car and drive it for days in the worst of weather and over the world's worst roads the punishment the car would receive would not be equal to nor would it even approximate the punishment inflicted upon cars under test in the engineering laboratories of the Chrysler Corporation at Detroit." This is the statement of J. W. Frazer, General Sales Manager of the Chrysler sales Corporation.

"In building Chrysler cars" he continued "no part is considered too small nor too insignificant to receive the most thorough tests that engineers are able to devise for it."

"An example of this was brought out recently when a certain make of chromium plated door handle was considered for use on Chrysler cars. Before Chrysler engineers would consent to its being placed in production on the cars, it had

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**RETAIL MERCHANTS  
ASSOCIATION**  
SPUR, TEXAS

## Brazelton Lumber Company

A FULL LINE OF WALL PAPER  
A GOOD YARD  
IN A  
GOOD TOWN

"THE OLD RELIABLE"

### Clemmons Insurance Agency

Spur National Bank Building  
SPUR, TEXAS  
PHONE 84

Insurance — Loans — Bonds

## REPAIR SERVICE

After you have brought your car into our shop for a complete overhauling, and for the necessary repairs, it will perform much more smoothly. Our skilled mechanics work quickly, skillfully, and for a reasonable charge.

### SPUR BATTERY STATION

With the Whippet People

#### GREASE AND DIRT DESTROY CLOTHES

When a man's best suit receives a tear, He's ready at once to give it repair; But when damage comes from grease and dirt, It comes so slowly that he can't see the hurt. And many a suit has been thrown away Because its owner failed to prevent its decay.

### Hogan & Patton

Phone 61

The Man's Store

Phone 61

## SERVING THE PEOPLE

Is our Specialty. And to carry out this purpose we have the best oils and greases on the market and a good rack on which to place your car while we apply them. Alemite service, wash rack and good reliable men to attend to your car needs.

We want to call your attention to our new brake testing machine which we have just installed. It works to your satisfaction.

JUST GIVE US A TRIAL

### MISSION SERVICE STATION

W. E. PUTMAN, Mgr.

## SPUR FARM LANDS AGAIN OFFERED FOR SALE

We are glad to announce that we are again offering for sale (at no increase in price) farm and small ranch tracts in Dickens, Kent, Crosby and Garza Counties.

Terms one-fifth cash. Balance on easy terms.

### S. M. SWENSON & SONS

SPUR, TEXAS

Clifford B. Jones, Manager



## A DRUG STORE OF UNEXCELLED SERVICE

We are one of the older establishments of Spur. We have been here long enough to appreciate the needs of the people in the drug line. We have studied their needs and have stocked our store accordingly. You will find this stock, truly, unexcelled in Spur. Not only that but our SERVICE is also unexcelled.

We invite your inspection at all times. We want you to come into our store and get acquainted—to learn something of the superior quality of our merchandise and our service. We believe that a single trial will convince you of this.

## everything in the drug line

Our stock of drugs and drug sundries are both complete and comprehensive. In fact, it is our belief that we have the largest and most complete stock of drugs in the city of Spur if not in this section of West Texas. We handle one of the best known lines of drugs on the American market today. Also, there is to be had at all times the nationally advertised and known patent medicines.

### Registered Pharmacist

A regular registered pharmacist is in charge of our prescription department. He is competent and has possibly filled more prescriptions than any other pharmacist in Spur. You can depend upon his service—and that service is yours both day and night if you wish.

## Spur Drug Co.

## DAIRY COWS BRINGING FARMERS GOOD RETURNS

It is remarkable how the dairy industry in this country has grown within the past five years. Farmers are interested in keeping dairycows on their farms now that five years ago would not so much as keep a cow to supply butter and milk for the family. In return they are acquiring a nice income from the sale of cream today and have a pay check at least once per week. There are many farmers in the county at this time who are selling cream to the amount of fifteen to twenty dollars per week. Little as one may think of this amount, it is enough to buy the groceries and many other needed articles of the average family. To figure it out the amount seems small at first, but when you multiply it by fifty-two, the number of weeks per year, the income is from \$750.00 to \$1000.00 per year. Then in addition to this are a number of farmers in the county whose cream checks amount to \$40.00 to \$50.00 per week. Now if we make a calculation of this amount for a whole year, one can readily see that it will run into thousands of dollars. A 50-ollar per week check is \$2,600.00 per year—more than many people can possibly make off a cotton crop. Yet we have farmers in the country who are doing that well with their cows. In fact, we heard one who once planted large fields of cotton, say a few days ago that he expected to cut out the cotton to a great extent and depend upon the income from his cows. Just to contrast the cream and

dairy business now and four years ago, we want to call attention to the following figures which are a conservative estimate of the conditions. In April 1925 we took the time to make a check of the business. We went to the various produce dealers in the county, told them our purpose and asked them to give us figures. They did so, and at that time according to their estimates, the cream, egg and chicken business of the county amounted to just a little over \$28,000 annually. This week we took the liberty to consult with some very dear friends telling them what we desired and they gave us estimates on the cream business alone for the county and found it amounted to conservative figures since present \$147,000 annually. These are very conditions were used as a basis for the calculations, and everybody knows the cream business at this time is below normal, both in price and production. Since the establishment of the Spur Creamery two years ago, the cream business in the country has more than doubled. The chief reason for this is the fact that farmers at this time are receiving from ten to twelve cents per pound more for cream than they received before the creamery was installed. Then, with this condition in price much advanced the farmers have begun to realize the importance of a "pay as you go" plan, and the cream and poultry industry is the only means for that plan in this country.

Another feature that farmers have found of great advantage by using the dairy business in connection with their cotton farming. It matters not how much feed is grown in the country, there is always a demand for it. By feeding the grain sorghum and other feeds to the dairy cows they realize a better and more stable price for it. Again, they are beginning to find they can better preserve their soils. It has been found by actual experience that land with cotton growing on it will waste away more by heavy rains than lands that are planted to feeds. In the course of years this means something to the farmers. The replacement of fertilizers by the dairy route is going to mean something in the course of years. Today, with several bull circles, already established in the country, and with a number of registered cows being placed on the farms, there is great possibility that the dairy business will grow, that it is here to stay and that if there is not more demand created for cotton to enhance the price, farmers will more and more rely on the income from old Jersey.

J. P. Koonsman of Wichita community, was greeting friends and attending to business matters here Saturday. He stated the crops were beginning to need rain in his country.

L. L. Delisle of Espuela, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

## Studebakers to Ceebrate Anniversary of Record

On August 9, Studebaker will celebrate the first anniversary of the record breaking feat of the President Eight which sped 30,000 miles in 26,326 consecutive minutes on the Atlantic City speedway last year, according to Foley Motor Company, Studebaker-Erskine dealer here.

"The anniversary of this phenomenal demonstration of endurance and speed, without equal in history will be all the more impressive inasmuch as twelve months have passed without the Presidents achievement even being approached much less duplicated.

"This outstanding run made between July 21 and August 9, 1928 not only eclipsed all previous motor achievements, but found a parallel for sustained speed only in the flight of comets, meteors and other heavenly bodies. No other automobile ever traveled so far, so fast. This amazing feat won for Studebaker 11 world, 23 international and 115 American official

stock car records for speed and endurance.

"The closest approach to these new records set by the President Eight was a previous run by Studebaker Commanders. In the Fall of 1927 two Commander Sport Roadsters each covered 25,000 miles at an average speed of 65.31 miles an hour and a Commander Sedan attained an average for the same distance of 61.98 miles per hour.

"The Presidents which took part in the Atlantic City Run were certified Stock models. Prior to the run, representatives of the American Automobile Association visited the plant and picked at random two President Eight Sedans and two President Roadster models from the Assembly line. These cars were official sealed.

"The cars were driven to the speedway under A. A. A. Supervision, and here they were torn down so each part could be checked again for stock car specifications. It is worthy of note that at the end of the gruelling run—30,000 miles of the most stringent tests any cars has ever been given—all the seals on the roadsters were still intact.

"For 19 days and 18 nights those President Eights roared around the track. Fourteen drivers piloted the cars turn and turn about. Through

rain, sunshine, and heat the Studebakers plunged ahead, halting only at intervals for gas, oil and tires. Every lap of the 1-2-mile speed-bowl was checked by A. A. A. officials armed with split second calculating machines.

"The leading Roadster passed the finishing line at 4:27 p. m. August 8, having averaged 68.37 miles per hour in 26,326 consecutive minutes of elapsed time. The other roadster finished 3 minutes later averaging 68.36 miles per hour. The sedans averaged 64.15 and 63.99 miles per hour respectively.

"Among the features of equipment on the Presidents which came in for a considerable amount of observation during the record breaking run were the ball bearing spring shackles, pioneered by Studebaker. The shackles were found to have stood the test with flying colors. Studebaker recommends owners to inspect their ball-bearing shackles once a year or every 20,000 miles but these shackles, traveling 30,000 miles without any attention whatsoever, were found to be functioning at the close as quietly as the day the car started.

"Studebaker is justly proud of the phenomenal achievement of its President Eight. It represents engineering genius and precision

workmanship carried to the height of perfection. The cars which took part in the run were standard fully equipped stock cars such as are sold throughout the country over. No wonder then that Studebaker owners are satisfied owners, carrying the fame of Studebaker to the far corners of the world.

MISS WILSON ENTERTAINS

Miss Jane Douglas Wilson entertained last Monday afternoon, honoring the Misses Louise and Evelyn Edmonds of Dublin, the house guests of Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

Three tables of bridge were in play during the afternoon. At the conclusion of the games, awards for good playing went to Mrs. E. L. Tanner, Miss Maud Clemmons and the Honor Guests.

Lovely refreshments were served to Mesdames J. T. Sanders, E. C. Edmonds, Shirley Robbins, W. A. McAlpine, E. L. Tanner, Dalas of Libbok, Oran McClure, W. T. Andrews, Jr., Misses Maud Clemmons Evelyn and Louise Edmonds and the hostess.

L. W. Daniels of Twin Wells, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday. Reports crops failing there.

As a result of Studebaker's Big Price Reduction

YOU CAN NOW BUY A

# STUDEBAKER

## STRAIGHT EIGHT 4-Door Sedan

FOR ONLY

# \$1235

at the factory

and a Straight Eight 2-door sedan at \$1185

Luxurious motoring becomes economical motoring! For Studebaker—the world's largest builder of eight cylinder cars—now offers at \$1235 a luxurious four door sedan, powered by a thrifty straight eight motor, the type of power plant used by an overwhelming majority of the finest European and American cars.

The beauty of this car will delight your eye—full 115 inch wheelbase,

smart, new colors and distinctive body lines. Its champion performance will thrill you—for it inherits the brilliance of design that has won every official stock car speed and endurance record for Studebaker. And lastly, its price will appeal to your good judgement and convince you that no other car offers so much for so little! ...Come, see it, drive it!

And imagine. A Dictator Six four door Sedan as low as \$1095—an even better car than the Dictator Six which sold in big volume at \$1345

All Prices at Factory

# Foley Motor Co.



# Spur Farm Lands

## SMALL RANCH TRACTS

from one to several sections in extent are available at reasonable prices to those who again will enter the cattle business as conditions right themselves. Of good turf—well watered—and in one of the best cow countries known.

## FARM LANDS

A large acreage offered in Dickens, Kent Crosby and Garza Counties at very reasonable prices, on terms of one-fifth cash—the balance on long time. These lands are contiguous to the well-known towns of Spur and Girard and are offered direct to the home seekers by the owners—no selling commissions of any sort.

## NO BOLL WEEVIL HERE

As an investment of safety, good farms and town property have few equals. "Buy a home and save rent" is good logic.

## TOWN LOTS OFFERINGS

A wide range of selections at Spur and Girard on easy terms. There are many lots in the Highway Addition for sale. This section of the town is growing rapidly. It lies west of Spur on the Highway south of and convenient to the schools.

# S. M. Swenson & Sons

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager





# A WEST TEXAS PAPER FOR WEST TEXAS PEOPLE Dickens Co. Times



## City Is Building Substantially

### Modern Trade Policies Bring Much Trade to Kellam's; One of the Leading Department Stores in Spur

The Kellam Dry Goods Company represents the last word in modern merchandising and brings much trade activities to the city on account of their modern policies.

This modern store is really a department store. The vast stock of merchandise is systematically arranged under the various departments and people are placed in charge who thoroughly understand the stock and this makes shopping easy as well as facilitates the work of the sales force. To enumerate the many departments would be useless as they have thousands of articles and are continually adding everything that is new and demanded by the people.

The large patronage and close buying place them on a basis of quick turnover of money and this makes prices very reasonable. They are an economic factor in the merchandising life of the territory they serve enabling the public to have much more for their money and thus to live better and happier.

It is distinctly a family store as they have merchandise for all members of the family and one does not have to run from place to place looking for this and that. Clothing and furnishings and specialties for men, women and children, piece goods and millinery and a thousand and one articles are features of this large stock.

Mr. Kellam has always maintained the policy of one price to all and has become to this section of the country a reliable source of merchandising. He has established a trade that can depend on his word in the matter of price and quality.

Here you will find ready-made garments of which the names are household names throughout the country. Every patron of this shop is assured of standard quality, exclusive style and a price that is consistent with the conditions of the market and standard whether you buy in this shop or the foremost establishment of the country.

The haberdashery department has had a reputation for many seasons for being stocked with the latest and most select accessories of dress.

The shoe department is very complete and features the latest in style as well as the highest in quality. A specialty is made of the fitting of feet and the aiding in the selection of styles that are becoming.

Clothing that is of the very latest styles for men and boys have been purchased for the season and they have an unusually large stock. Very reasonable clothes can be secured here at prices that defy competition.

Individuality and distinctiveness of design are noted in the millinery and ready-to-wear from this establishment and this in a large degree accounts for the success of the store, and its extensive trade.

All of the goods for the store come from the arbiters of fashion of the east and are of rare beauty. Specialties and garments from this store are not just ordinary but have a style of their own. A large stock is on hand for the accommodation of the public and no matter whether it is a street, sport dress or dress suit in any design, you get it here and it will be becoming and give you caste and good looks.

bacon to farm implements was sold and Mr. Kellam had a share in selling each of these, a training that has become invaluable in the years of business for himself.

In 1909 Mr. Kellam engaged in business for himself in the city of Kaufman. Later he moved to Madill, Oklahoma where he maintained one of the leading stores of this city until he moved to Spur in 1927. At that time he purchased the Salem stock which was located in the building next door to the post office. Here he conducted his business for some two years at which time he purchased the Barrier Bros. Stock and consolidated the two concerns and moved into the Sol Davis building next door to the City National Bank. In this building it will be remembered by old-timers of Dickens County that Sol Davis did an enormous business for many years.

Mr. Kellam is in full charge of the business, while Mrs. Kellam has charge of the Ready-to-Wear and Millinery departments, doing the buying for these concerns each year.

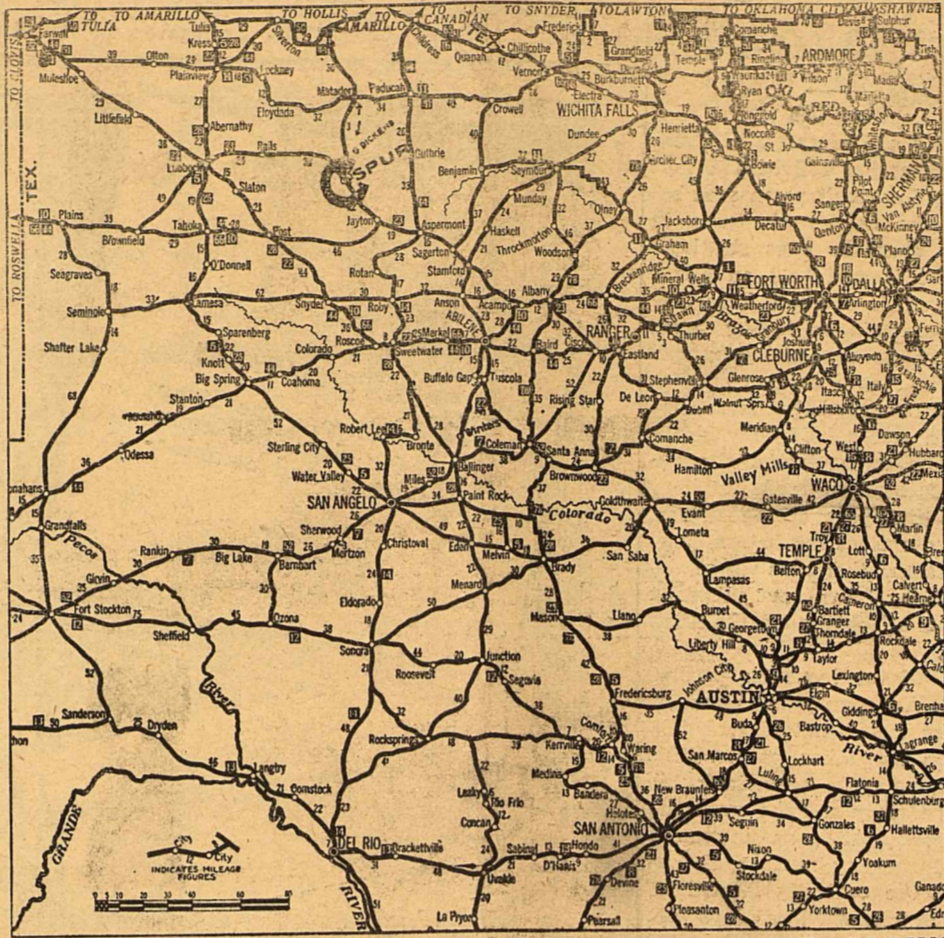
In remarking upon the success of his business, Mr. Kellam said, "We do a strictly cash business having one just price and just one price to everyone, handling good, dependable merchandise and selling it at a low margin of profit. We are able to keep our prices down by keeping our expenses down. We have only the one store, giving it all of our personal attention selecting merchandise that years of trading tells us that we know is correct and selling it to the public at reasonable prices with an added personal service that the public appreciates. This policy has rightfully earned for us the slogan "The store that saves you money."

In response to questions asked concerning the possibilities of Spur Mr. Kellam said: "We are sold on Spur and West Texas. We believe in the future growth of Spur and the surrounding territory and are behind it in every forward movement for the betterment of this community."

Russia proved to European allies and to Uncle Sam that she could not be controlled from the outside. The allied nations, humiliated retired before Bolshevism.

Jefferson Potlocks is wondering what he is going to do for stove-wood the rest of the summer as he has now used up all but one panel of his yard fence.

Spain exported nearly 6,000,000 pounds of olive oil in a recent month.



ALL ROADS LEAD TO SPUR, THE GATEWAY TO THE PLAINS

### Natural Resources and Industries Guarantee Prosperity To Dickens County and Development Assured

The future of Spur and Dickens County is assured. Her natural resources, like those of the entire state of Texas, are unlimited. The attention of the whole United States is centered upon Texas and that which is a part of this great state must receive its proportionate share of that attention.

No part of the country will receive any more of the development and prosperity that is inevitable in the Southwest than Dickens County. With her abundance of raw materials and diversification in production this county bids fair to enjoy a prosperity yet undreamed up in the annals of history.

In the next few years will see in Texas and the entire Southwest an influx of industries that will startle the world and make this country the Mecca of thrifty loving people. Already this development is fast pushing its way toward the West and evidenced by the rapid growth of population and wealth in every section. Never in the history of the Southwest has its material expansion been of such magnitude, so rapid and of such diversified character as it is today.

The business people of all sections are realizing that with its marvelous resources the Southwest is destined to be one of the greatest industrial centers in the world. The trend of industry is pronouncedly toward the Southwest.

Money is being poured into the

Southwest as never before by the greater capitalists of America.

Railroads in this section are making much larger earnings than those of other sections.

Hydro-Electric developments on an enormous scale are going forward all over Texas, New Mexico and Arizona and many other sections electricity is being generated by power coal, lignite and oil at a cost which is bringing about a great industrial development in this section of Texas. Every manufacturer in America is interested in studying this situation from the viewpoint of the ever increasing demand for machinery and supplies. The natural assets of the nation... Texas is now being developed on a scale which will match, if not surpass the most active development in the United States and that means the world.

In agriculture, high prices prevailing assures one of the most prosperous seasons in Texas and especially in the West and Great Plains Section. Millions of dollars and more will be received by Texas farmers who will soon begin to pour a golden harvest flow into the marts of trade for necessities and luxuries, all of which will call for the increase of output to supply the demand.

Dickens County's wealth and prosperity will be measured by the yardstick of agricultural production... of fine bred hogs, poultry,

goats, sheep and dairy cattle; fruits, garden truck, corn feed stuffs and cotton.

Farm developments have been more strongly in evidence this year than any previous year in the history of Dickens County. According to the county agent, considerable interest has been shown in terracing and artificial fertilization to reinvigorate the land.

During the coming year terracing schools will be held. Bull circles have been established to breed up a better grade of dairy herds, and finer stock cattle have been introduced into the country by progressive farmers and ranchmen. More cotton was planted in Dickens County this Spring than ever in the history of the county. New gins are going up in different parts of the county to take care of the expected increase in production. Greater diversification will result and larger incomes from the farms and ranches will be realized. Dickens County cannot help but develop with the rest of Texas.

Tobe Mosely while sitting and looking in admiration at the Excelsior Fiddling Band, recalled how big things can grow out of little ones, as he can remember away back yonder when the band didn't have any member nor no instruments and couldn't even strike a tune.

### Rapid Growth is Due to Promotion of a Better Balanced Farm Program Among the Farmers

Located just below the cap rock east of the South Plains, Spur has through the years shown a steady substantial growth, with no boom to mushroom her progress, but a healthy, onward movement that justifies the faith of the investor. A town where civic pride builds churches, schools, homes and parks—a place more beautiful so that she may be a better community in which to live.

It has been said that a town is just what the people are who live within its boundary lines. A truer statement could not be made of Spur. The prideful, enterprising people of this city have contributed to the factors that have made Spur what she is today, pulsating true progressiveness, enterprise and civic pride. She stands as an example to other towns and communities, showing just what a model town should be. Spur is blessed by nature with a wonderful climate, pure crystal water in abundance, and surrounded by a country that varies in soil formation from a sandy loam structure to a deep, black, waxy lime. An elevation of more than three thousand feet assures the city and surrounding territory an even temperature throughout the year. Seldom are there extremes in either summer or winter.

#### Water Supply

The Spur water system is municipally owned and operated. The system is considered one of the best in this section of the state. On account of the economy in operation of the pumping plant and the shallow nature of the wells, (wells forty feet deep) the system is operated at a low cost to the taxpayers of the town. The water is pumped from wells within the city limits. Chemical analysis shows the water to be 98.62 per cent pure, with practically no bacteria and no hydrating substances. A standpipe with a capacity of 75,000 gallons is located in the northern part of the city. A reservoir is also located just north of town and has a capacity of approximately 500,000 gallons. There are approximately seven hundred and fifty meters in use throughout the city at present.

An extension program was carried out several years ago whereby water mains were laid throughout the city limits with sufficient fire plugs to cover the needed fire hazards as required by insurance companies. Spur is given a very low key rate of insurance, in fact, one of the lowest key rates on any city in this section of Texas.

Aiding in maintaining the key rate, and protecting the homes of Spur is one of the best volunteer fire departments in the State of Texas. The Spur Fire Department is equipped with a La France fire truck, pumped and sufficient fire hose connection, chemicals, apparatus and ladders, etc.

During recent years sewerage bonds were passed and a sewerage system placed in the city. No sewerage mains have been laid in practically every part of the city, and plans are to make this more complete within the coming year.

An adequate disposal plant is located in the southern part of the city which adds much to the health and sanitation of the city.

#### Business Opportunities

Nothing speaks more eloquently for Spur as a splendid business point than the fact that with new places of business constantly being erected, there is not a single vacant business on any of the streets of the city today, and new business houses are eagerly being sought by prospective tenants.

Another significant fact is that a large percentage of the business men own their own houses, indicating their faith in Spur as their permanent abode. There is nothing that contributes more to the constant development than institutions built upon a foundation

whose founders and owners are interested in the future of the town and county. Upon them devolves the responsibility of keeping the town and county to the forefront, and in their efforts is reflected their belief and faith in the home community. No better reason for Spur's remarkable march cityward can be given than her business who have led the way; they have placed their own business on a firm footing by first building the community which they serve.

#### Spur A Trade Center

Spur is the logical trading center, as well as the distributing point, of this section of West Texas, and its influence covers an immense territory. The fact that Spur's trade territory supports two wholesale grocery houses, a creamery, bottling plant, several produce houses and seven gins, is conclusive evidence of Spur's predominance over all towns in this section. During the past several years diversification has entered greatly into production factors of the country.

The diversified interests being developed throughout the rural sections have served to give Spur a steady increasing, all-year-round business, and to this fact is attributed much of Spur's continued growth and development.

#### A City of Homes

Spur is inhabited with home builders and home lovers. In recent years the number of home owners in Spur has grown in astonishing numbers, until a recent year the far greater majority of the citizens own and are housed in their own homes.

It has been estimated that Spur's population has increased some thirty per cent during the past year.

The spirit of pride and love of home in Spur is not without its cause and reason. To Spur's many advantages of ideal climate, water supply and general prosperity must be added that invaluable asset—a friendly and hospitable people. Once a person stops in Spur he is no longer a stranger, for he is made to feel that he is so well liked that he is induced to stay, and the longer he stays the better he likes Spur.

#### Spur, a School Town

The Spur school system, with its three schools and more than eight hundred pupils, has been a vital factor in Spur's rapid growth, each year bringing more families to Spur who locate here in order that their children may take advantage of the excellent training which the curriculum offers. A new high school building was erected only a few years ago at a cost of more than \$100,000.00. This school building is one of the finest in this section of the state. Even later than the high school building was erected a junior high school home, which is pointed at with pride by the citizens of Spur. A grammar school building is located in Spur that adequately takes care of the grades and primary work. A picture of these buildings can be seen in another part of this paper.

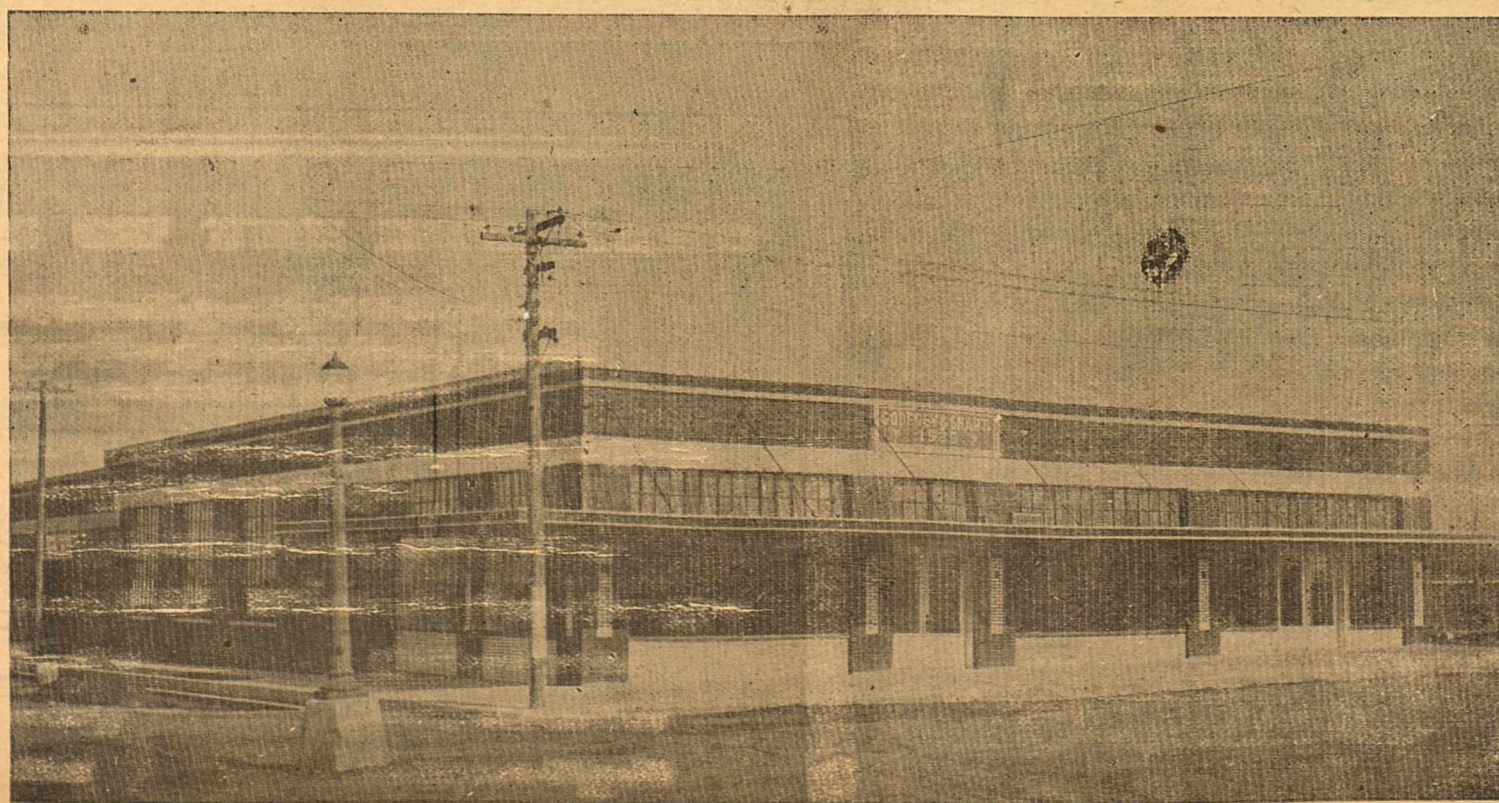
The Spur high school has a total of 25 units credit, and is on the lists of Southern Accredited schools. It has a commercial department and offers courses in home economics and manual training.

#### A Church Town

A city is usually judged by the moral atmosphere it presents. That five denominations have church edifices in Spur substantiates the fact that Spur can be placed among the highest class, morally.

Churches represented here are the Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Church of Christ and Presbyterian. Aside from this there are two churches for Colored within city limits. Some of the

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The modern home of Godfrey & Smart, Ford Dealers. This building was erected in 1925 and contains the sales and service departments of this progressive firm. The service department which is located in the rear is modern in every respect and expert mechanics are kept to look after the repair and service work at all times.



# AGRICULTURE STRESSED IN SPUR HIGH SCHOOL

Joe Williams, instructor in vocational agriculture, Spur High School, has just returned from A. & C. College where he has been making some special studies in dairying and poultry. Last year Mr. Williams outlined a 3 yr plan of teaching vocational agriculture in this community, the first year covering the selection and feeding of livestock and poultry, also the selection and improvement of plants. This year the program will cover plant and animal diseases and terracing with special emphasis on diseases of poultry and dairy animals.

The state high school division has just granted one and one half units of affiliation in vocational agriculture and a request will be made at the close of the '29-'30 school year for an additional amount of credit equal to the affiliation granted for the first years work. Mr. Williams will spend his time from now until the fall term begins in visiting projects, closing up last years projects and in securing new pupils for his classes.

Working with the County Agent and the chamber of commerce, Mr. Williams will organize at least five evening schools to be taught in the communities adjoining Spur. Each community that wishes to secure the evening schools will have the privilege of selecting the subject and the phase of it that they wish to study, that is if a community wishes to study the feeding of poultry, Mr. Williams will give them the instruction that comes nearest meeting their needs. It will be the policy of the department of school to assist in building up thru vocational agriculture in the Spur boys projects and evening schools a balanced program of farming in Dickens County.

## Pans to "Sell West Texas to the World"

A program of advertising and publicity for the purpose of "selling West Texas to the world" was agreed upon at the meeting here Tuesday of the advisory committee of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Among the resources of West Texas to be stressed in the campaign are agriculture, dairying, poultry raising and beef feeding.

A. M. Bourland, of Vernon, president and acting manager of the organization presided. Committee members present were R. W. Haynie, Abilene, Joe A. Wheat, Seymour, and Ray Nichols, Vernon. Grady Shipp, manager of the Vernon chamber was selected to act as personal assistant to Bourland until after the October convention in El Paso, when the permanent manager for the organization will be selected.

Rumors that Shipp is a candidate for the position of manager of the West Texas Chamber were put to rest with a statement issued after the meeting, in which it was said: "Mr. Shipp is not now, has not been in the past and will not be in the future an applicant for any office in connection with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce."

Shipp's services have been loaned the organization without cost to it by the Vernon Chamber of Commerce. After the election of a manager in October, Shipp will return to his duties at Vernon.

The statement issued after the meeting also stressed the fact that neither Bourland, nor other members of the committee present at the meeting had any intention of suggesting who may be selected at the El Paso Convention.

The statement on this subject read: "Our sole purpose in undertaking the obligations imposed upon the committee by the directors at Abilene, June 20 was to continue the work of the organization and have its affairs in the most splendid condition possible at the time of the El Paso Convention and to this purpose the advisory committee has pledged itself and calls upon the friends of West Texas Chamber of Commerce to render every assistance to bring this purpose about in order that the organization will present a record of accomplishment equal to any year's work in the past and enjoy the most wonderful convention of all times."

Opening of a branch office organization in New Mexico was authorized at the meeting.

direction of an advisory board composed of Coe Howard, Portales, chairman; Sam Seay, Secretary of the Portales Chamber of Commerce; Claude Simpson, Roswell, Bob Arling, Clovis, and J. D. Hamlin, Farwell.

## Diversification What It Means

As old as the bunk of the politicians is the theory of diversification but as rare as the keeping of campaign pledges are the counties or sections that have tried it. But it works in Dickens County where the citizens have been forced to use it.

No county has received so much publicity from the variety of its products as has Dickens County. Its own citizens realize but little the effect of this publicity but from Texarkana to El Paso and from Dalhart to Brownsville the public has heard of Dickens County and recognized it as the name of a county where a variety of products were grown and where, no matter what happened to the market of some product there is something else raised that enjoys a high price.

Dickens County is populated of that determination that overcomes all obstacles and when from necessity some years ago when it was thought the cotton acreage had to be cut down, while among the leading cotton growing counties in the entire state, the county's best business men and its more substantial farmers turned their attention to a more balanced program as a county at the same time profiting from farming in order to continue to produce more and create wealth secure homes for them selves and educate those dependent upon them.

Due to the variety of soil formations in this section of Texas, Dickens County has followed a more or less diversified farm program since the very advent of agriculture as a profession here. Various kinds of grain and forage crops have always been grown and with more or less success, as have green vegetables and fruits. For many years, however, cotton was relied upon for the dependable crop from which to realize a livelihood. But when a few market failures left the cotton growers without much money with which to pay the grocery bills, the grocer as well as the farmer began to figure on other staple crops from which to realize the deficit.

Then came the advent of the hog raising, using milo maize kafir and corn crops to fatten them. From this start the poultry and dairy industries had their beginning. In fact these industries are just now in their infancy, but are believed by those who are in a position to know the best possibilities for a substantial future development.

The possibilities for dairying in this section are almost unlimited, offering as it does a wide range of feed crops, economical production of dairy products, a mild climate and unusual market facilities. Spur has an up-to-date creamery, modern in every sense of the word, which furnishes a local market for these products. Although dairying is not done on a large scale yet many farmers have inaugurated a plan whereby small dairy herds are being used and the nucleus of all farm operations. The cow, the sow and the hen have been found to be indispensable factors on the farms of this county. A dairy association has been organized and this association working with the other agencies in the county to the end that there will be an increase in the quality and number of herds. Several shipments of purebred Jerseys have been received at Spur during the past year.

To help in the promotion of better grade dairy herds in Dickens County the local chamber of commerce during the past year purchased a number of purebred Jersey heifers and have been giving these away as a community trade proposition. Farmers from over this section have evidenced considerable interest as it is shown each trades day in the city of Spur by the large crowds who attend. Each month a farmer gets a fine Jersey cow without cost to him. This is a slow process, yet it is having its effect and those who have received the free cow have usually purchased others and have started a dairy herd or increased the one they already possessed.

Poultry raising is one of the most successful industries of the county. It can easily be seen that with the cheap and abundant feed, climate, a strong local market and excellent shipping facilities, the poultry industry of Dickens County has untold possibilities. A poultry show is held annually in connection with the county fair and a noticeable fact at each succeeding show is the increasing quality of the exhibits over the preceding years exhibits.

## The Old Setting Hen to Lose Job

The old setting hen is out of a job in this age of specialists, and must confine her activities to laying eggs. The poultrymen even begrudge the energy she uses in cackling over the eggs she lays, and there is said that an effort is being made to breed hens that will concentrate on laying eggs and leave the advertising to specialists in that line.

It was estimated that more than a million and a half baby chicks were added to the feathered population of the Spur trade territory during the past spring season, when the various incubators, huge mechanical mother hens whose single hatching turn out literally thousands of chicks totalled their hatches.

Much of the incubator production of the county is commonly known as custom hatching...hatching eggs for other people. This has become quite an industry in Dickens County and the surrounding territory. It is no uncommon sight to see any number of farmers at the centrally located incubator or hatchery these days with anywhere from 120 to a thousand eggs, where they leave in care of the hatchery man and receive instructions to return in a given number of days to obtain his custom made chickens.

Hatcheries in the city of Spur possibly contribute more than any other to the number of chicks incubated in this territory. However there are a number of hatcheries over the section with large capacities which have totalled several thousand chicks during the past season.

There are any number of private incubators over the country that have contributed their part to the feathered population of the country. These together with the numerous old setting hens that are fast losing their jobs totalled it is estimated more than a million and a half baby chicks the past hatching season.

For the most part, pedigreed stock of White Leghorn varieties are raised in the Spur territory for laying purposes. It is given up to be a fact that the White Leghorn hens are the best layers and for that reason have become very popular in poultrydom, not only in this section but in many other of the poultry sections of Texas. It is the opinion however, that for general farm use and for meat purposes, other breeds with larger bone and stature should be used as they bring more on the market. In some sections of the county caponizing is carried on with very good success. Some poultrymen are finding this method profitable in disposing of the annual crop of cockerels, as they attain considerable weight and produce a very tender white meat.

Prize winning stock has come from the poultry farms of Dickens County. Among the popular breeds to be found in this section are: White Leghorns, Brown Leghorns, White Orpingtons, Rhode Island Reds, Barred Rocks, White Minorcas, Anconas, Silver Laced Cornish and White Laced Wyandottes.

## THE BURNING OF THE CAPITOL, IN 1881 HISTORY

On the afternoon of November 9, 1881, the old capitol building which had been built shortly after annexation, was completely destroyed by fire. A special session of the Legislature was immediately called by Governor Roberts to formulate plans for the creation of a new building and for housing the Government until the new structure should be completed.

A corporation of British and Chicago capitalists were given the commission to build the capitol house with the agreement that three million acres of land in the Texas Panhandle would be exchanged for the completed structure. Built of the famous red granite of Burnet county at a cost of approximately \$3,500,000 it is said to be second in size only to the national capitol building at Washington, and is regarded as one of the world's finest examples of architecture. It was completed in 1888.

## HOW TEXAS AND HER LEADING TOWNS GOT THEIR NAMES

TEXAS—Contact of the early Spaniards with the Indians of the region "Amichel," brought about one permanent result. When the country was referred to, the name of the Mission San Francisco de los Tejas was used. This was shortened to the single word Tejas, the name of a neighboring tribe of Indians. Official naming of Texas is attributed to Captain Alonzo de Leon. The word itself means "friends."

DALLAS—The city of Dallas, was named in honor of George Mif-

flin Dallas, vice-president of the United States during the administration of James K. Polk, 1845-49. In this way he was rewarded for his friendship to the Republic of Texas. Prior to that time the settlement was known as Peter's Colony.

AUSTIN—The city of Austin, bears the name of Stephen Fuller Austin, the son of Moses Austin, both of whom are among the most revered of the Texas patriots. First sale of lots in the capital city was conducted on August 1, 1839.

SAN ANTONIO—Shortly after the discovery by Ramon and St. Denis in 1716 that San Pedro Springs on the San Antonio River

would make a splendid site for a settlement the presidio of San Antonio de Bexas was established and later the Mission. San Antonio de Valera, nearby. Here the Alamo was built.

HOUSTON—The city Houston founded in 1836 by two promoters John K. and A. C. Allen, was named in honor of Sam Houston. At first it was selected as the seat of the State government. Its strategic location and the deepening of the channel to the sea has made Houston one of the leading cities of the state.

FT. WORTH—The present site of the city of Fort Worth was selected in 1847 for a United States

Army Post by General Winfield Scott. The original name was "Camp Worth" in honor of Brig. General William J. Worth of Mexican War fame. This was changed to Fort Worth two years later.

EL PASO—The settlement named El Paso del Norte, meaning the northern pass was the first in the Rio Grande Valley and was made on the Southern side of the river. The name of this settlement was later changed to Ciudad Juarez in honor of Benito Juarez. The first house on the northern bank of El Paso now stands was built in 1827.



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# THE SAFETY OF THE NEW FORD

**S**AFETY, comfort, reliability, economy, speed, acceleration, beauty—these are the features that make the new Ford such a good value. Of all, there is none more important than SAFETY.

The safety of the new Ford comes not only from its efficient brakes, but from many other factors. Among these are ease of steering and control, the Triplex shatter-proof glass windshields, and the sturdy balanced construction of the car. This includes the enduring quality of mechanical parts as well as the structural strength of the body.

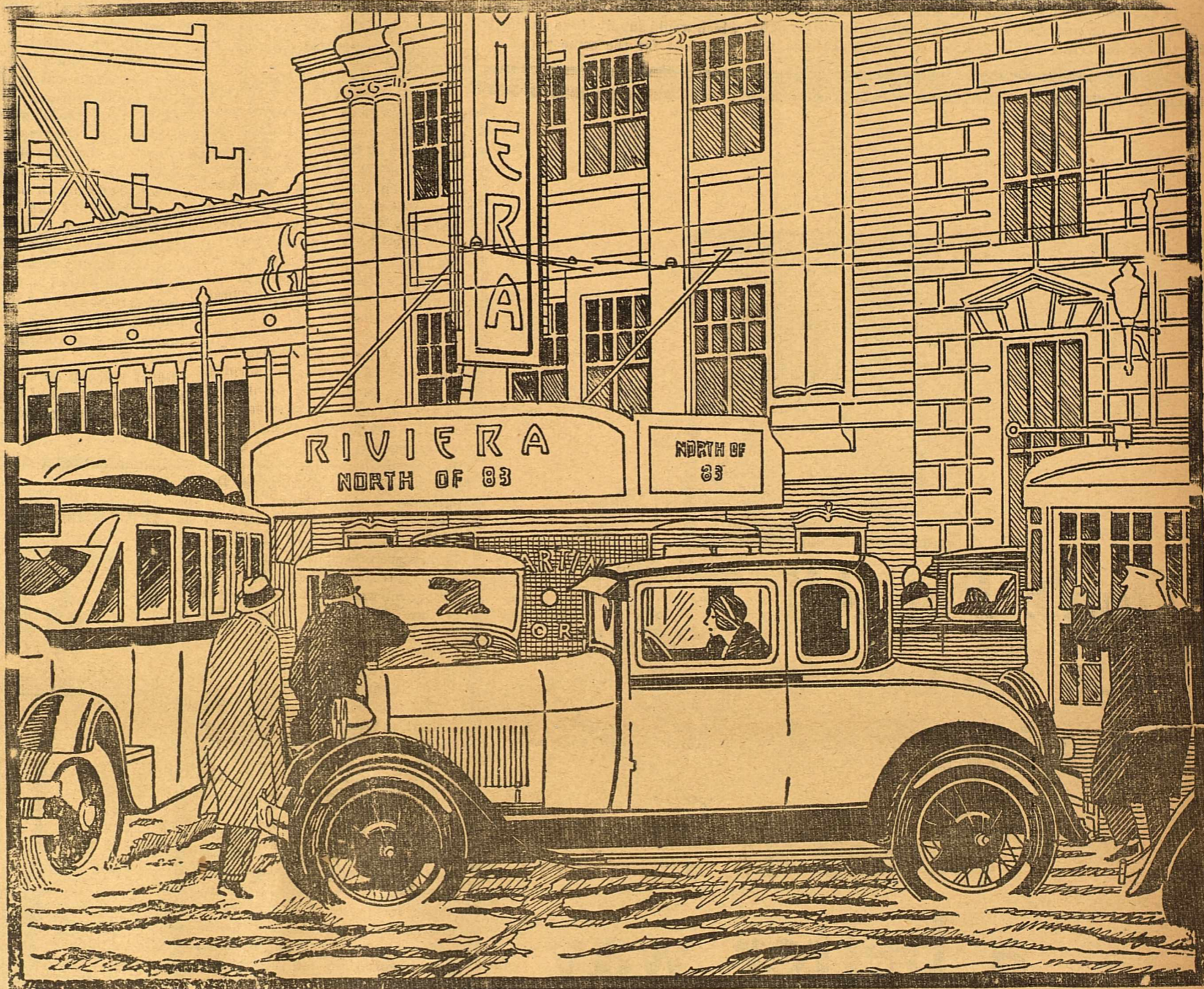
A particularly interesting feature of the Ford car is the manner in which electric welding has been carried forward to new usefulness through the creation and development of hundreds of special machines.

### Electric Welding Gives Simplicity and Strength

This very important and increasingly valuable tool of modern manufacturing makes it possible to use one-piece units instead of several parts riveted together, with resulting gain in strength and simplicity.

Electric welding also permits the use of steel forgings instead of castings or stampings, without increase weight or greatly increased cost.

Steel forgings are used not only in the front axle, steering gear, transmission, clutch, drive shaft and rear axle housing of the new Ford, but also in the shock absorber parts, the emergency brake lever, the torque tube flange and everywhere where great strength is required. The strength of forgings makes for unusual safety.



Another safety factor worth noting is the manner in which the new Ford holds the road at all speeds. This is due to the low center of gravity, the carefully planned balance or distribution of structural and mechanical weight, and the low ratio of unsprung weight. The coordinated action of

the transverse springs and Houdaille hydraulic shock absorbers control exaggerated bouncing.

### All Six Brakes are Fully Enclosed

One of the outstanding features of the new Ford, of course, is its mechanical, internal-expanding six-brake system. This is unusually reliable and effective because the surfaces of all six brakes are fully enclosed. There is no possibility of water, dirt or oil interfering with brake action under any condition.

The silence of these brakes is another thing you will appreciate... Screeching and groaning

have been eliminated by a special self-centering action—an exclusive Ford development which brings the entire surface of the brake shoe in uniform contact with the drum the instant you press your foot on the pedal.

The value of the protection afforded by the Triplex shatter-proof glass windshield of the new Ford is shown by a recent survey indicating that 65% of injuries in automobile accidents are due to flying glass. The windshield in the new Ford is so made that it will not shatter under the hardest impact. Particularly where there are women and children, it is an important safety factor.

Ease of steering and

control are additional factors in the safety of the new Ford. The steering gear is what is known technically as three-quarter irreversible. This means that the bumps and jolts of the road are fully absorbed by the wheels and steering mechanism of the car and are not transmitted to the hands of the driver. A slight touch is sufficient to guide the car. Yet you always have the necessary feel-of-the-road.

The ease of shifting gears, quick acceleration, abundant power and speed for every emergency, and full vision front, side and back, are other points to remember in considering the unusual safety of the New Ford.

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## Godfrey & Smart

Spur, Texas



**CITY IS BUILDING SUBSTANTIALLY**  
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nominations are represented but have no place of worship. The high moral atmosphere of the town and the county is reflected in the district court docket, which for the past several years has been the lightest of any in this section, and this fact has been the occasion of complimentary mention on more than one occasion by the bench on opening court session. Chamber of Commerce organization whose business and system, etc., there must be some schools, water supply, sewerage. With all the business institutions, duty it is to look after enterprises that go to make a town, and for the improvement of the country around us. Various advertising for city and county as a whole must be looked after, visitors must be entertained, prospective citizens must be told of the wonderful advantages offered by Spur and this county. Many other matters must

be looked after that are everybody's business, yet nobody's business. In Spur this commercial organization is one of the greatest assets, and has gained much for the town and county during its many years of service. The success of this paper was due largely to the efforts of this organization.

**BEGINNING OF TEXAS HISTORY**

Within thirty years after the landing of Columbus the entire coast of Texas, at that time called "Amichel," had been explored. Reports sent back to Spain by native map-makers and explorers pictured the country as a land of giants and pigmies. Thus began the glorious and colorful history of Texas with the first roamings of the adventurous Spaniards, searching for the fountain of youth and similar fancies.

In 1684, Louis XIV King of France granted permission to La Salle to establish a colony at the mouth of the Mississippi river. The expedition to that place was un-

fortunate in that two of the four ships were wrecked by storms and one captured by Spaniards. La Salle, driven past his goal, established one camp on the shores of Matagorda Bay and another where Indianola now stands. Strife arose within the colony and on March 16, 1687, La Salle was slain. The colony was then abandoned.

Spain incensed at the attempt of France to gain by force any part of the lands claimed by the former nation sent an expedition under Captain Alonzo de Leon to recover the land. He learned of the departure of the French from the Indians. Texas was ceded to Spain in 1762. Spain made slow headway in settling Texas, and it was not until the United States concluded the great Louisiana purchase in 1803 that real immigration into Texas began, and then from the United States.

The most expensive animal to keep in captivity is the walrus. Its food bill is \$2,000 a year—a sum which would supply three elephants with food for the same period.

**Will Farm Relief Be a Reality Under the New Farm Bill?**

What may farmers expect from the 1929 "Agricultural Marketing Act," as the new farm relief bill is called? This is a question which not only farmers, but other industrial groups all over America are now asking.

One opinion which a great many people will endorse, in view of the meager results from other widely proclaimed measures of relief, is expressed by Will Rogers. Referring to the Federal Farm Board members, Will says:

"It looks like an awfully simple problem they have to solve. All they have to do is to get the farmer more money for his wheat, corn, and cotton without raising the price to the man who buys it. The committee will meet, and then appoint a sub-committee and the sub-committee will appoint an investigating committee, and just before the next Presidential election the investigating committee will turn in a report:—

"After due examination, we find the farmer really in need of succor, and we advise making one out of him at the coming election."

A somewhat similar vein of pessimism ran through the comment we quoted on page 6 recently from Wallace's Farmer, edited by Henry A. Wallace, a son of Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture in the Harding and Coolidge administration until his death. These "grave defects" of the bill were enumerated by our Iowa contemporary: "It makes no provision for handling the exportable surplus. It permits control by a board of men whose chief interest may be business rather than agriculture. It opens the way for loans to imitation cooperatives. It provides means for the dismembering of the Department of Agriculture."

On the other hand, let us next consider the views of Sam H. Thompson, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Thompson was a staunch advocate of the old McNary-Haugen Bill with its equalization fee but nevertheless regards the new legislation as giving agriculture a wonderful opportunity. Says he:

"Signing of the Agricultural Marketing Bill by President was the final step in laying the foundation of a national agricultural policy, a policy forecasting an immediate turn in the economic position of the farming industry. Farming will become an increasingly profitable business. For the past 150 years the farmers have struggled against inequalities arising from the fact that other groups in our national life existed under an economic system based on governmental aid and protection that resulted to their advantage. The fact that farming has been able to survive throughout its long struggle has been due, I believe to this nation's almost unlimited resources. In the past few years, however, agriculture has reached the limit of its endurance. The farmers could not suffer much longer or more severely without serious impairment to the prosperity of all groups. The farm relief measure comes at an opportune time and I am confident that with the assurance of stability which this bill now gives agriculture, we can start again, confident of constantly improving prosperity."

So run the conflicting opinions. And perhaps after all, the best conclusion is that of the Prairie Farmer of Chicago which said before the membership of the board had been named: "Everything depends on the kind of men who are appointed to the Federal Farm Board. Let us hope that President Hoover may choose wisely."

We feared at first that President Hoover might appoint a board composed primarily of business men who would proceed to give agriculture the benefit of the wonderfully superior intelligence and business skill which bankers, traders and manufacturers are still supposed to possess—in spite of the fact that practically none of them ever succeed in making their farms pay when they try out the advice with which they overload the farmers! We were, however, much reassured by the President's prompt announcement that he would mainly put on the board men of large experience in handling the farmers own cooperative enterprises, representing the most important farm commodities and the leading agriculture sections. The appointment of Mr. J. C. Stone of Kentucky and of Carl Williams of Oklahoma has naturally pleased the Southern farmers interested in better marketing of our two great Southern staples, tobacco and cotton, and the wiser management of the perennial "surplus problem" of

lation plus effective organization farmers may be able to achieve a large measure of relief for themselves.

**A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

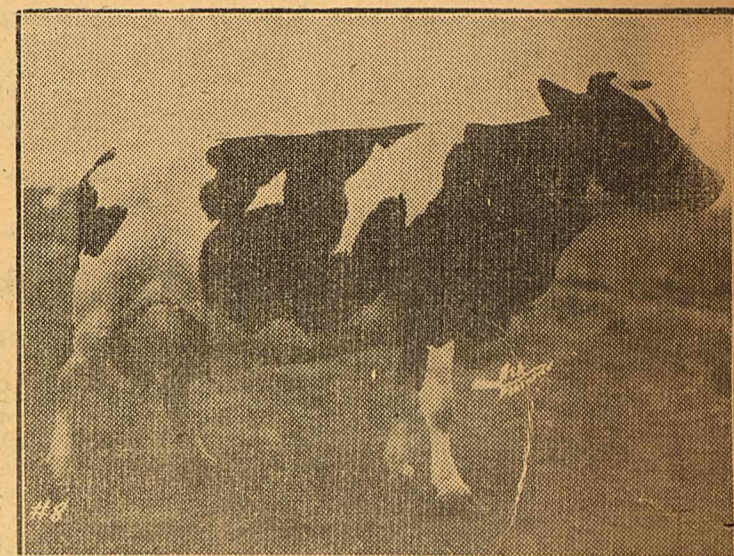
Health and longevity come from the easy rules of moderation and temperance in all things, but there are mental and temperamental experiences more important. I found as everybody does, many years ago that every member of the family brought back in the excursions of the day, in business or shopping or society, sorrowful news or irritating experiences. I had a rule adopted that all disagreeable matters should go over until the next day, and every one, as far as possible, contribute something out of the day's adventures which would help for that circle, at least the

gality of nations. The universal objection I hear when stating this rule is that it is impossible, and yet if you get into the habit it is the easiest of accomplishments. —Chauncey M. Depew on his 89th birthday.

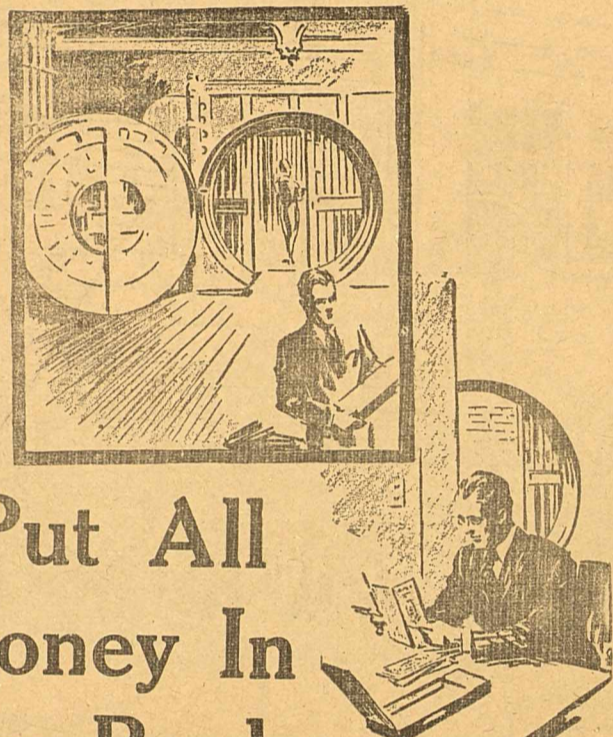
**THE SEAL OF TEXAS**

At the signing of the Declaration of Independence at San Felipe late in 1835, Texas had not yet adopted a seal. When the need became apparent on this occasion, as are Smith provided the solution who moving from his coat a large button, decorated with a single star. The star of that button, the first Texas seal, has to this day remained the chief feature of the Texas seal. The seal now is a star surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves.

**Hales' Champion Holstein Cow**



Holtex Echo Hartog Elsevere, owned by H. B. Hales of Amarillo was the senior and grand champion Holstein cow at the Panhandle-Plains Dairy show.



**Don't Put All Your Money In A Savings Bank there's a better way**

Newspaper Item: "Thieves get \$1700 loot. Yesterday burglars broke into the First National Bank and stole money and securities worth \$1700. Police were unable to find clues."

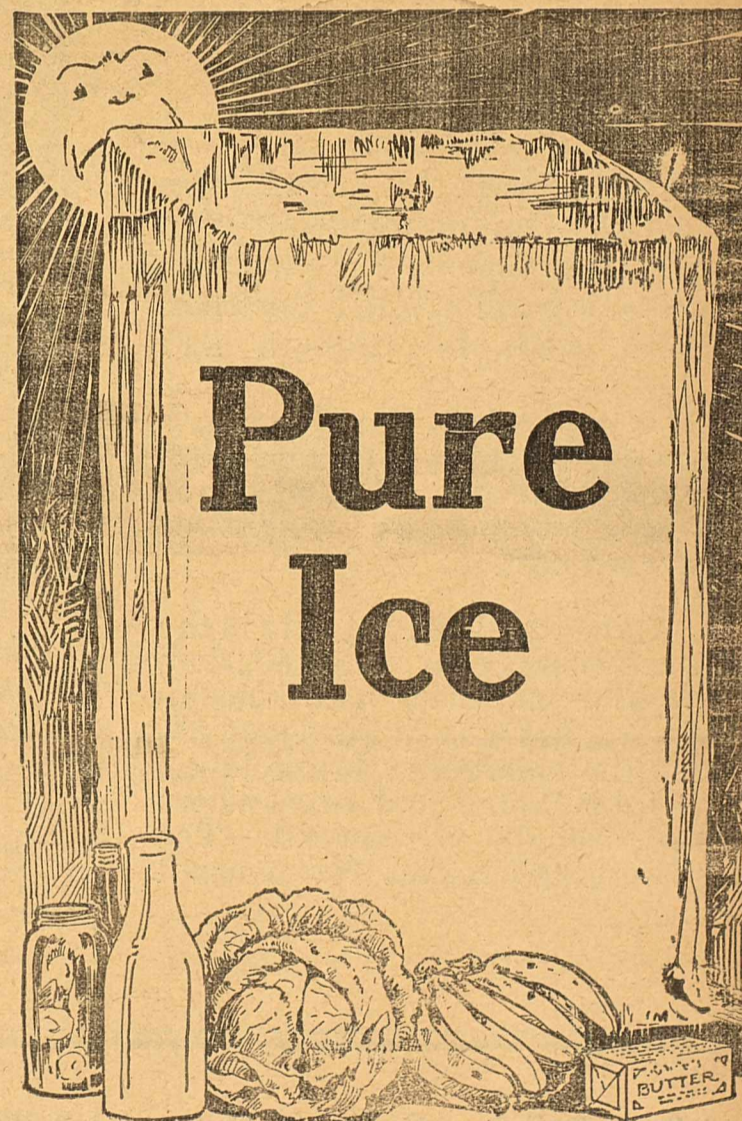
But here is an item you did not see: "Burglars took savings in an insurance policy held by G. W. It just simply can't be done. The safest way to save money is to

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# Sunshine Service Station

## A Georgians Idea of Diversification And How to Actually Diversify

The doctrine has been preached continuously in my native state for the past ten years, or ever since the advent of the boll weevil made impossible the profitable growing of the fleecy staple which for generations has been the only support of the farmer, and indirectly of all commerce in Georgia.

After the war, when the famous "bull market" in cotton raised the price of that crop far beyond the wildest dreams of its growers, the whole state, and, I suppose, the whole South, went cotton crazy. Every field and every back yard were put into cotton; orchards were cut away and gardens abandoned, old ground saw renewed cultivation and new ground was hastily broken and every acre that might be coaxed into producing any part of a crop of cotton was planted.

Cotton went to thirty cents and kept on climbing. The farmers who a few years before were delighted to receive twelve cents a pound for the crops, were holding for fifty. Supposedly safe and sane business men were volubly arguing to their own satisfaction and that of their eager listeners that it was an impossibility for the price to fall, ever again, below thirty cents; that unlimited production at high prices, and that the millinium for the cotton farmer had dawned in Georgia.

And that the boll weevil, the unelcome guest from Mexico, was gradually making his way toward the Atlantic.

He hit South Georgia, and the cotton crop of Georgia ceased to be a thing worth counting in the market. But the farmers of the northern part of the state, blinded by the decrease in supply and the steady demand, went out the next year and hunted up more land to plant to cotton. And that year the "pesky bug" arrived in our section of the state.

The result was immediate and paralyzing to commerce. Counties that had gained ten thousand bales reported five hundred or less; new gins that had been purchased and erected to take care of the enormous

crop expected were never opened; many oil mills were shut down for lack of seed to crush and the resounding crash of the financial and mercantile structure of the state was heard and felt in the markets of the world.

A House built on the sand cannot stand when the floods hit it, and a financial system built on cotton proved to be equally unstable in time of storm.

Tenants flocked from the farms of the state to the industrial centers of the North and East. Many of them unaccustomed to the rigors of the climate, died, many survived and remained there, held by the steady and high wages which they received. Others returned to the South, whose conditions they could not understand.

Georgia had always been a one-crop state, and now the profit in that one crop was a thing of the past, apparently. The farmers were groping in the darkness of ignorance seeking a way out of their misfortune.

Someone, (I think it was the editor of the South Georgia weekly newspaper) raised the cry of diversification, and it was taken up and repeated all over the state. It was proclaimed in the press, preached from the pulpit, taught in the schools, and orated upon in political meetings. Diversification! The birth of a system that would make old Georgia once more blossom like the rose, fill her tottering banks to overflowing with the coin of the realm, and build for the farmer palaces where log huts and lean-tos were standing. By all means, diversification.

But your Georgia farmer has been driving mules so long a time that, by constant association, he has acquired some of their characteristics.

He said: "All right, this diversification business looks like a good thing; we'll try it. Now let's find something to diversify with."

A farmer or a small group of farmers in the central part of the state put a few acres in peaches knowing that their soil and climate were ideally located to the production of that crop. Carloads of

peaches were later shipped to market and brought a good price. The growers had plenty of money, and their neighbors, who were still trying to produce more cotton than the weevil could eat, had nothing but an added weight of debts.

The next year more peaches were planted and still more money was brought into the state. And then the thing happened that might have been expected at the beginning. All the farmers in that section awoke to the fact that some of their neighbors were making money out of peaches. Here, then was the ideal thing to diversify with. Peach orchards began to spring up as by magic all over that part of Georgia. Every hillside and valley was covered with them. Every dooryard and barnyard had its quota of peach trees, later in the spring and early summer with their burden of fruit. And when the market time came the price of peaches hit the bottom with a heavy smash.

Last year the peach trees were still in full bearing, but the hopes of the orchardists were not to be given away. Hundreds of carloads were dumped in the ditches and gullies and along the roadsides. They were left in the orchards to rot, in some cases the owners even paid to have them hauled away.

And thus went the effort at "diversification" by means of peach growing.

Now the would-be diversifiers by the peach method are pulling up their orchards and once more seeking a suitable crop to diversify with.

Further south in the part of the state south of Montezuma and Fitzgerald the same thing was happening, at about the same time, in the lines of peanuts and tobacco.

A few farmers made good money on those crops for a year or two—and then the deluge. Overproduction; production without any thought of the application of the law of supply and demand; production without a hint of a marketing system; production with a blind hope that Providence or some other force would intervene to get the crops to market and to hold the price at a level above the cost of production until the stuff was sold always planting heavier crops in the hope that "the other fellow" would reduce his acreage and so

help to keep up the price; and first and foremost, making of agriculture a sort of combination of "follow the leader" and "blind man."

And some of the neighbors were still trying to surfeit the ravenous appetite of the boll weevil; still sinking deeper into debt in the vain effort to plant more cotton than their boarder could destroy. Thousands of dollars were borrowed and spent for various kinds of dopes and poisons, most of which the weevil appeared to relish exceedingly. There were few fences and cows and mules and hogs seemed irresistibly drawn toward the poisoned patches of cotton. The results were far more uniformly fatal in the case of this livestock than in the case of the invader which the poison was supposed to eradicate. As one farmer remarked to the writer after losing some stock and most of his bees; "I swear, I believe that stuff will kill anything in the world except a boll weevil."

Now this is the story of diversification as it should not be of a form that is not really diversifica-

tion at all. A mere fiction, more complete the change may be. The fact that one man in a community plants a new crop and makes a financial success of it is far from being an indication that every man in the country or state can do likewise with equal success. On the contrary, the fact that this one man is making a success of his specialty should incite his neighbors to plant other crops for which there is an equally good demand. Competition may be the life of trade, competition in agriculture is anything but the life of the industry.

Another point to be taken into consideration is that a strong and sufficient marketing organization is absolutely essential to success in the growing of any crop or system of crops. Without it, the effort is doomed to failure at the outset. No matter how good the market for your commodity may be, it is of no benefit nor interest to you if you cannot reach that market, or if that market is going to be ruined by the dumping of too heavy crops before you reach it. A marketing organization should be

so conducted that it will serve to regulate the flow of the crop to market, so that there is at no time an excess of supply over demand in sight. To do this may necessitate the erection of warehouses, canning or cold storage plants. To provide these means of regulation should be one of the first considerations of an adequate marketing association, and such arrangements should be made before and not after the market has been flooded.

Furthermore real diversification should begin in the mind of the farmer, rather than in the fields. We have all heard of the difficulty of convincing a man who has a "one track mind," is just as bad. He must see the evils of the one crop system, and be willing to make an effort to rid himself of its shackles, before he is competent or able to take any steps toward true diversification. Otherwise he is only too likely to fall into the error of the peach growers of Georgia, as noted above—to make an abrupt switch from one "one crop" to some other "one crop" which will eventually leave him in the same con-

dition in which he was at the beginning. Get the idea of true diversification the growing of food crops and feed crops and staple crops, and of crop rotation, and the practice of this system will be far easier than if the one-crop mind tries to adjust diversification to itself, rather than itself to diversification.

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# County Farmers Sell Half Million Dollars Worth of Produce Here

Produce from Dickens County brought to the farmers of this section during the past year more than one half million dollars, according to a careful estimate obtained from the records of produce buyers of this county. This was all cash business and the money went into the hands of the farmers at regular intervals during the entire year.

The production of cream was the leading factor in bringing this amount of money to the farmers of this county. More than a third of the amount came from the sale of cream and other dairy products. It is estimated that more than fifty percent of the farmers of the county have dairy herds at present. This amount could easily be doubled during the coming year and will possibly be. When those who have small dairy herds increase them and a number of farmers who have never tried the dairy route for an income delve into it. Farmers over the county milk from one to twenty cows from which they sell practically all the cream to local buyers or the local creamery. Very few attempt to sell milk but feed the skim milk to the hogs and chickens. They find that this is practically the cheapest as well as the best they can obtain for fattening hogs and producing eggs from laying hens.

Practically every farmer in this section of Texas has his flock of chickens. For the most part they are small, ranging from a few dozen to a few thousand. From these the farmers are receiving a steady income that is helping to enhance the prosperity of the county as a whole. Each day, if one but goes to the various produce bases of Spur, will find from a dozen to a hundred farmers unloading a few chickens and a few dozen eggs. With these he is able to meet the grocery bills instead of waiting until the fall when the crop is gathered. This poultry business brought into the county the past year more than a hundred thousand dollars. There is always a steady and ever increasing market for eggs and poultry. This year will find the farmers of Dickens County increasing their flocks and their production.

It is believed that most of the better flocks of the country are of the White Leghorn variety, but among the smaller flocks are to be found a preference for the Rhode Island Reds, and larger birds. The reason for this is given that the Reds are heavier meat producers although they do not lay quite as well as the Leghorns. The average farmer is and rightly so, interested in marketing the culls and cockerels of his flock as he is in selling his eggs. He naturally gets more for his Reds than the Leghorns, for the simple reason that they weigh more, and are in greater demand as fryers.

During the past year or so the turkey industry has mounted to considerable proportions. In fact last year, turkeys brought the farmers of Dickens County more than a hundred thousand dollars. These birds are very easily raised, requiring only very little attention except when they are exceedingly young. They are natural rustlers. Thus very little feed is required to raise them large enough for the market. Then, too, turkeys bring more on the market than any other fowl that has ever been raised on the farm.

The turkey marketing season is always short not lasting more than three months. That is the only reason more people do not go into it. But the profits are sufficient to justify the attempt. A good heavy turkey brought on the market last year from five to eight dollars.

The produce industry of Dickens County is just in its infancy, but there is no limit to its possibilities it would seem. Feed stuffs in the way of small grain can be grown annually with little trouble. Few years have been absolute failures in the growing of milo maize and alfalfa. Thus, with an abundance of feed the poultry and dairy business is coming into its own in Dickens County.

While fishing in Strabane Canal in Ireland, recently, a man hooked a roach, and as he was landing it a large pike, taking the roach as a bait was also caught on the hook.

## DAIRYING IS GIVEN STRESS AT FARMERS COURSES

COLLEGE STATION, Texas—July 31.—Dairying as a growing phase of farm operation in Texas and the place it fills in a well rounded agricultural program made up the theme of the discussion at Wednesday's general session of the Farmer's Short Course at the A. & M. College of Texas.

Probably no phase of agriculture will do more to relieve the evils brought on by the one crop system of farming than dairying, Charles N. Shephardson, head of the dairy husbandry department, A & M told farmers gathered at the meeting. Not only the farmers but the business men as well have come to the realization that there is real need of dairying in the Texas farm program, he went on to say.

"But," he added, "if we expect to compete with other sections of the country in dairying we must improve the quality of our cattle." In substantiation of this statement Professor Shephardson pointed out that the average production of the cow in Texas is slightly over 3,000 pounds of milk a year, while the average for the country as a whole is about 4,000 with the average in some of the leading dairy states over 5,000 pounds.

Other speakers included J. H. McClain, Dairy Husbandryman, of the United State Bureau of Dairy Industry and Jack Shelton, manager of the Luling Foundation, Luling. Mr. McClain stressed the need of economical production. Mr. Shelton cited the strides dairying has made in Texas in recent years, but emphasized the need of the better feeding and handling.

## WHO IS TO DRINK IT?

The following was secured by us through the courtesy of the Benjamin, (Knox County) Post:

This is the report of an actual dialogue which took place between two American citizens the other day—one of them a business man and the other a clergyman, to whom the business man spoke frankly, as one does to a good friend.

"Well," said the layman, with an air of finality, "Prohibition is a failure and we must get used to the idea of making America wet once again."

"But who is to drink the liquor?" queried his friend. "Will you?"

"Why no," he replied "you know I am a teetotaler."

"Will your son drink it?"

"No, that shall not be!"

"Would you want it to come back for the sake of your clerks?"

"No, it is my practice to discharge any clerks who drink liquor."

"Do you want your customers to drink it?"

"No, I would much rather not; I am sure that those who use strong drink will not buy so much from me nor pay their bills so promptly."

"Will you want the engineer on your train to use it?"

"No, I admit I don't want to ride on a drunkards train."

"Ah, then you want this liquor for the men whom you meet driving cars on the public highway?"

"No, of course not, that is dangerous to everybody."

"Well, then, who is to drink this liquor in America, pray tell me."

"I am not so sure that anybody should drink it. I guess we're much better off without it."—The American Issue.

## HORSE AND BUGGY DAY LAW INVOKED TO BEAT MODERN TRAFFIC RULE

BEAUMONT, Texas—Laws passed in the horse and buggy days can still be put to good use.

This was demonstrated here by State Representative B. E. Quinn in Corporation Court.

The Jefferson County solon parked his automobile too long on one of Beaumont's downtown streets. He got a ticket. The usual fine of \$1 was imposed.

Then it was that Corporation court Judge C. E. Casey got a letter in substance as follows:

The State law provides that no State Representative, while on duty as a legislator or en route to or from Austin is subject to arrest. Further, that the law allows a Representative to return to his home at the rate of twenty miles per day, and that since the State Representative resides in Beaumont and Austin is 270 miles away, and since the Legislature adjourned Saturday, he would not be liable to arrest until noon Friday, Aug. 2, being theoretically, and by law, en route from Austin to Beaumont.

The letter ended by asking that the fine be remitted. It was.

## LIVESTOCK REGULATION PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

An act requiring drivers of trucks, automobiles or other vehicles to have and exhibit to peace officers upon demand, written permit covering movements of livestock and domestic fowls contained therein, or to make written statement in the absence of said permit and providing penalties for failing to exhibit the same or to make said statement or for making false statement or having false or forged permit and declaring an emergency.

SECTION 1. Any person who is the driver of any truck, automobile or other vehicle containing any live stock or domestic fowl which upon being driven upon any land of which said driver is not owner, lessee, renter or tenant, or which is upon or being driven upon any highway, public street or thoroughfare, who fails to have in his possession and exhibit to any person or peace officer upon demand a written permit authorizing said movement, signed by the owner, or caretaker of said livestock, or domestic fowl or from the owner or any person in control of land from which said driver began said movement shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00 for each head of livestock and each domestic fowl in said movement, unless said driver upon demand of any person or peace officer makes signs, and delivers to said person or peace officer a written statement containing the information here required to be included in permits. Said driver shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00 for each head of livestock and each domestic fowl in said movement which is not covered by all the following information. Name of place of origin, including name of ranch, market center, packing house or other place; number of livestock or fowls with description thereof, including kind, breed, color and also marks and brands if there would be any. Failure or refusal of such driver to exhibit to a person or peace officer said permit or to make said statement, shall constitute probable cause for any peace officer to search said truck or vehicle to ascertain if it contains any stolen livestock, or stolen domestic fowls and to detain said movement a reasonable length of time to ascertain whether any livestock or stolen fowls are contained therein. Any driver who has in his possession any false or forged permit or who make false written statement shall be fined not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$500.00 or he shall not less than sixty days nor more be imprisoned in the county jail than six (6) months, or he shall be punished by both such fine and imprisonment. It is further provided that all provisions of this act shall apply to slaughtered livestock and domestic fowls and butchered portions thereof.

SECTION 2. The fact that there are numerous thefts of livestock and domestic fowls and that the said stolen livestock and fowls are being hauled in trucks, automobiles and other vehicles from ranches, pastures and premises along public roads, thoroughfares and highways and that there is no adequate law regulating the movements of livestock by trucks automobiles and other vehicles whereby such thefts may be prevented and detected creates an emergency and so imperative public necessity exists that the constitutional rule requiring bill to be read on three several days be suspended and the same is hereby suspended and this act shall take effect and be in force as set out in its provisions and after its passage and it is so enacted.

It's only issued weekly, and its not made up for style, But when it arrives, I gladly put my dail by a while, I don't read in its pages what the wise and great men say, But I see that "Silas Jiggers brot some wood to town today." And that "Grandma Parks is better or that "Old Bill Jones is dead, And it tells you what the parson in his Sunday sermon said, It may be crude and homely, that same little county sheet, And the make-up of its pages may be rather obsolete; It is damp when I unfold it and the print is sometimes blurred, Yet, its always more than welcome and I read its every word. And reading to a city man, no greater joy can give, Than the little county weekly, printed "where he used to live."

I see again the faces of the friends I used to know, In the dim and distant fancies of the happy long ago. And I read u pin one corner how the fall winds howl and blow And that "Uncle Nathan Smith predicts an early fall of snow" Or that "our debating club will give a social next week, At which our fellow townsman, Abner Brotherton will speak,

There are never learned essays on the questions of the day, But it says that folks are looking for another raise in hay. I can see no glaring headlines of the last election fight, But it says that "Tom Shaw marries Ella Edgerton tonight." And my thoughts somehow fonder grow when the old folks names I see, Telling that Rev. Tomkins was invited there for tea.

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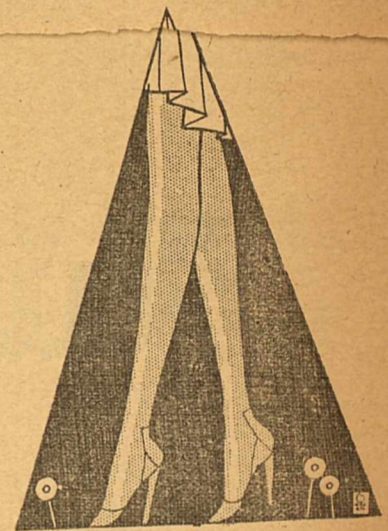
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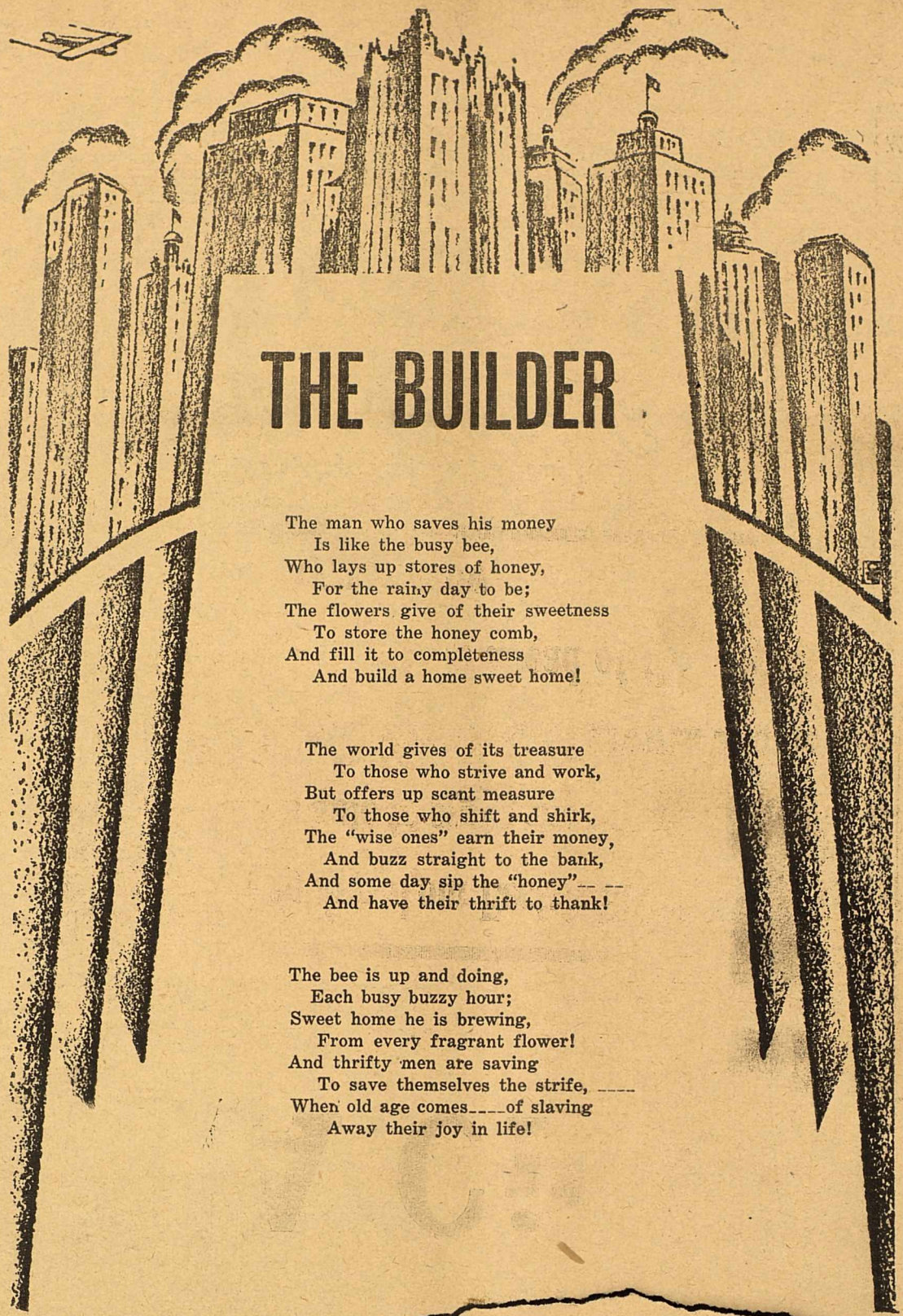
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The flowers give of their sweetness  
To store the honey comb,  
And fill it to completeness  
And build a home sweet home!

The world gives of its treasure  
To those who strive and work,  
But offers up scant measure  
To those who shift and shirk,  
The "wise ones" earn their money,  
And buzz straight to the bank,  
And some day sip the "honey" ---  
And have their thrift to thank!

The bee is up and doing,  
Each busy buzzy hour;  
Sweet home he is brewing,  
From every fragrant flower!  
And thrifty men are saving  
To save themselves the strife, ---  
When old age comes --- of slaving  
Away their joy in life!

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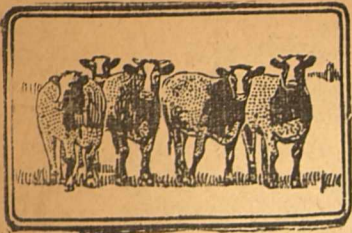
# Building A City At SPUR

We have equipped our Electric Plant so that we may be able to serve the future need of this community reardless of growth and demand. We have built ahead of the City so that the city may grow.

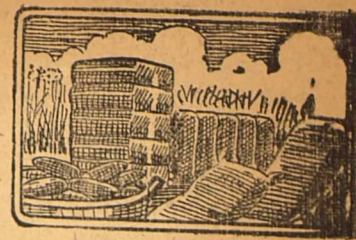
# The City of Spur

"WE OWN OUR OWN"





# A WEST TEXAS PAPER FOR WEST TEXAS PEOPLE Dickens Co. Times



## Bryant-Link Has Enjoyed 19 Years Business Here

### Wholesale Grocery Has Extensive Trade

Established shortly more than a year's time, the Bryant-Link Wholesale Grocery Company, is now enjoying one of the largest businesses in this line in all of West Texas. Within a radius of more than a hundred miles the Bryant-Link Wholesale Grocery company has accounts in practically every town.

This is a record of which they're justly proud. One any concern would be justified in boasting of. A little more than a year ago, this concern started under the management of W. R. Lewis, who has in that short time accomplished the remarkable. Each week finds thousands of dollars worth of merchandise placed in the hands of the retail merchants of this section of West Texas through this organization. Huge trucks leave the company doors each morning loaded to capacity delivering groceries and other kindred lines to various parts of the plains section as well as toward the central west.

The Bryant-Link Wholesale Grocery Company handles nationally known and advertised lines of merchandise exclusively. The reader will find in other parts of this paper advertisements of lines that are handled. Mr. Lewis chose these lines of merchandise because of their recognized worth, together with a recognized demand for them in this particular section.

In speaking of the success to which the Bryant-Link Wholesale Grocery Company has attained in its short existence, Mr. Lewis remarked that service was its greatest building feature. Mr. Lewis has ever striven to give an unexcelled service since the very inception of the business. With his corps of assistants, Mr. Lewis has established a wonderful service giving institution. He stated further that this success and service could never have been attained had it not been for the wonderful co-operation of every one connected with the concern.

### THE NEW THEATRE WILL OPEN AFTER SEPT. 1

The new theatre which is under construction in block 27 on Burlington Avenue will open its doors sometime just after September 1st. The name attached to this new theatre is the "New Palace" and will be one of the best equipped theatres in the State of Texas. It will have talkie and movietone equipment. There will be a seating capacity of about 900, all equipped with cushion opera chairs.

E. M. Remington, the manager, for the New Palace tells us the first picture will feature Billie Dove in "Careers." This is a hundred percent talkie, a full vitaphone picture. It will be hard for us West Texas folks to realize that we are looking at a picture on the screen and at the same time listening to the characters talk during the action. But this will be true when the New Palace opens for entertainment in September, and this new theatre will be in Spur—our



THE FURNITURE DEPARTMENT OF THE BRYANT-LINK COMPANY AT SPUR, TEXAS.

### Pioneer Merchants of Spur Contributing Much to Growth And Prosperity of Dickens County

History is more or less interesting to everyone. To many of you the history of West Texas and those many individuals and institutions that have contributed so materially toward its development, is well known. But even to you it might be interesting to recall to your memory something of the history of Bryant-Link Company. Everything has its beginning but sometimes we find it hard to definitely ascertain when some events or happenings do originate. If we were in the research business we might go back and dig up some story of the play store days of J. C. Bryant, way back in Missouri when he plowed one gray mule to a Georgia Stock and incidentally hooked the plow under a root and then and there decided he would leave off farming and become a merchant.

We shall begin this story by saying that once upon a time, more than forty years ago, Mr. J. C. Bryant, who is the senior member of the firm in years and service opened a little hardware store in Anson, Jones County, Texas. His capital was much less than one thousand dollars. Of course at that time we are sure Mr. Bryant did not dream of this little store growing into one of the leading institutions in West Texas. In fact, West Texas at that time was only the grazing ground for long horned cattle, and the home of a few wily cowboys. The population of Jones County at that time was about 600. This little store had a gradual growth. Sandstorms, and drouth, etc., came then and people had not learned how to resist them as well as now, so it took real courage to stay and wait for more substantial development. The average new-comer expected too much and in about three years he was ready to go back home as he called the place from where he came; but a few would stay and the country was gradually settled by a hardy set of dependable people.

Jayton, Texas in 1908. The Stamford and North Western Railroad was built into the townsite of Spur in 1910. A store was opened by the company at the very earliest date possible to get a temporary building erected, which was a sheet-iron building placed on the back of the lot where the furniture department now stands. The stock of goods was kept in this building while the brick building was being built, which is now occupied by the Drygoods and Men's Furnishings department. This was, in fact, the first brick building erected in Spur and by this act this company helped to lay well the foundation of this splendid little town. R. B. Bryant who had just married at that time brought his bride to Spur and had charge of the store for a few years until it became necessary for him to move to Stamford to assist his father with the fast growing interests there. R. B. Bryant is now active Vice-president and supervises all the stores. In 1914, Knox city was placed on the list of the Company's stores. In 1917 Post, Texas saw a Bryant-Link Company store with Guy Speck as manager. Guy Speck is a director and one of the executive board. During the oil boom stores were opened at Albany, Breckenridge, Caddo and Sipe Springs all of which proved unprofitable and were closed and the merchandise moved to other points.

Stores were opened at Snyder, and Ralls, later and in more recent years stores have been opened at Lamesa and Anson, Texas; also at Hamlin, Texas where W. J. Bryant has charge. Petersburg was recognized as a good point and a store opened there a few years ago. These are all the regular stores of the company. They have a small grocery store at Afton and Swenson, Texas. Through the years, the policy of the Company has been to build with others to help further the interests of every town in which they have stores. You will find their managers and employees among the leading citizens in advancing the interests of Church, Schools and Commerce in the community in which they live.

We attribute the gradual but substantial growth of the Bryant-Link Company to the fact that they have tried as near as is humanly possible to adhere to the Golden Rule. Do not think this Company has not met hardships. There has come years when they carried on their books accounts and notes to the amount of a half million dollars when there was nothing tangible in sight for their customers to pay them with and all was based upon the honesty and stickability of their customers; and the ones that stayed always paid eventually. There have been many dark days, but more bright ones. The Company does not make big dividends, they are happy if they can make 10% on their capital invested.

You will not find in a town the size of Spur an organization such

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### Solving The Present Day Problem Of Soil and Moisture Conservation



W. R. LEWIS, MANAGER BRYANT-LINK WHOLESALE GROCERY

Wilburn S. Patrick, Secretary, Spur Chamber of Commerce. The Agricultural Experiment Sub-Station at Spur, Texas, is conducting a new experiment to determine the soil and water losses from the limited amount of rainfall (21 inches) that it receives annually. This experiment was begun sometime in 1926, and has not been running long enough to show what the final investigation will be, but sufficient information has been gathered to attract the attention of Extension Workers from all over the United States, and some of the States are making preparations to duplicate the experiment.

Under the supervision of Mr. R. E. Dickson, water gauges of a special type that would show the amount of rainfall and the time that it fell, were installed. Eight plots of 1-20 of an acre, each, were fixed so that all the rain that fell on them would have to run into a vat or remain on the plot. These vats receive the surplus water and soil that is in the run-off, and from calculations based on the amount of soil and water in the vats the percentage determinations are made. However, each plot was cropped different to determine the effect of various plants on the soil and moisture losses.

In order to keep a check on just what the experiment amounted to, plots of ground were farmed on the Station farm just as is done by many of the farmers throughout the state. Some plots were fixed with closed terraces, some fixed with open terraces on the level, and some terraced with a two foot fall between terraces with a 3 inch fall. Checking up at the end of about six months after the experi-

ment started it was found that during this time the rainfall had amounted to 25 inches, and the bare plots of 1-20 of an acre had lost soil at the rate of 41 tons per acre. The following year with 15 inches of rainfall this same plot lost 7 tons per acre. The plot of equal size cropped in cotton for 1926 showed a loss of 27 1-2 tons per acre, and in 1927 the loss was only 1 3-4 tons per acre. The grass plot, due to the fact that it was not well sodded, showed in 1926 a loss of 11 tons per acre, however there was no loss in 1927.

This factor herein shown coincides with Mr. Bennett of the Bureau of Soils, in his statement relative to the sheep ranges which became washed when pastured too close, but when they were allowed to sod down again there was practically no loss of soil to the ranges.

That terracing will correct this loss both of soil and moisture is an assurance, but the paramount thing that the farmers receive from the prevention of this run-off is an increase in yields for his labors. There are those who oppose terracing and contouring of rows simply because they do not like to have crooked rows, but that question has been answered in this way. Are you farming for rows or production? These figures taken from the Experiment Station records will help to explain why the Station is doing a wonderful piece of work. On a plot where the rows were contoured, but the land was not terraced, the yield of seed cotton was 288 pounds per acre, where the rows run with the slope of the land the yield was only 154 pounds per acre, where there was a two foot fall between terraces with a 3 inch fall the yield was 293 pounds per acre, the plot having 2 foot fall between level terraces yielded 46 pounds per acre, while the plot that was level terraced and the terraces closed so that the plot did not lose any of its rainfall, the yield was 586 per acre. Pointing out the difference between the plot that had its rows with the slope of the land, and the increase was 432 pounds, or plot that retained all its moisture, at least 1-4 bale of cotton per acre, which in itself is worth considering.

Hamburg Germany may add more three deck motor buses.

The Graf Zeppelin finished his second successful crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, this time without mishap. Truly this is the day of the "air minded."



REV. A. G. ARROTT, PASTOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SPUR

### TELEPHONE COMPANY ADOPTS NEW PHRASES

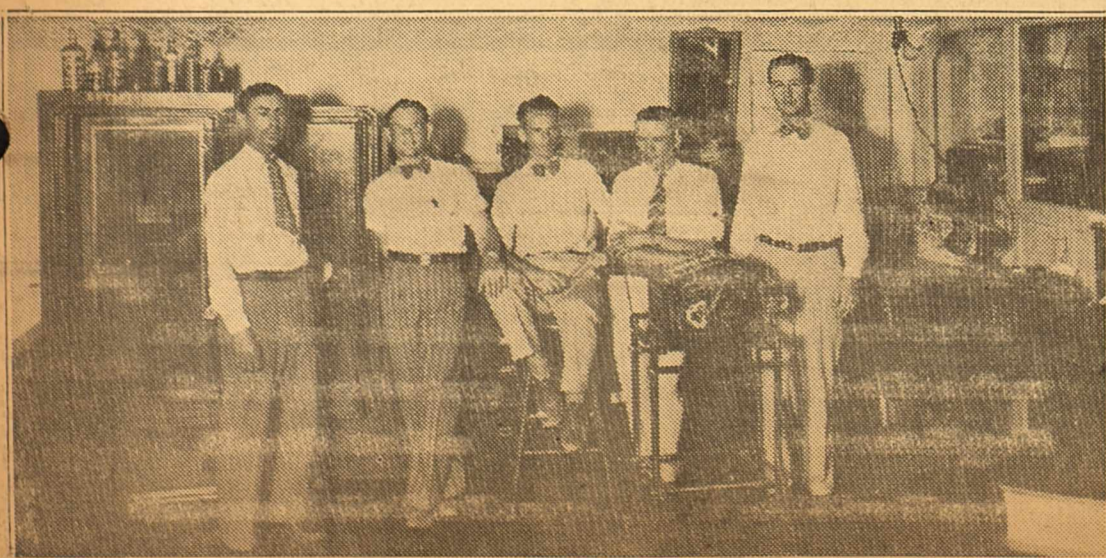
"Thank you", the courteous phrase that has been the telephone operator's response for the last few years, now will be supplemented by other answers that will serve to make contact between the operator and subscriber more personal and natural, according to an announcement made today by J. C. Pinson, District Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

"All right, sir," "All right, Ma'am," "Yes Sir" and "Yes, Ma'am" are among the new phrases that will be used by the operators here in the future.

"Of course, I expect that 'Thank You' will retain its popularity," said Mr. Pinson, as it is quite the natural thing to say in most cases but it will no longer be the stereotyped answer to all subscribers."

Mr. Pinson said that this new latitude in phraseology merely is an effort to give patrons a more personal service.

Poland received nearly \$1,600,000 from its state lottery last year



OFFICE FORCE OF BRYANT-LINK COMPANY, SPUR, TEXAS



BRYANT-LINK WHOLESALE GROCERY COMPANY



**THE H. D. LEE  
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Offers congratulations for a long and successful business career.

We believe the future will be even more prosperous because of the sure foundation upon which you are building.....a foundation of honesty in dealings and quality in merchandise sold.

Our best wishes to the

**BRYANT—LINK CO.**

Note: The H. D. Lee Mercantile Company are manufacturers of the famous Lee Overalls and Uninals.

no harm, of course, to give more serious consideration to the valuable and the necessary elements of his diet. Variety is beneficial but intelligence in the search for variety will avert mistakes and lapses.

Throughout the country the fruit and vegetable industries have grown tremendously in the last two decades. That growth has been due not so much to the increase in population as to the distinct changes in food habits. The popularity of various substitutes for bread is too widely known to need emphasis. Indeed, one Western agrarian statesman, has suggested, half facetiously that the best solution of the farm relief problem lies in prohibiting the consumption of bread substitutes.

Dr. Bundeson, health editor of the Daily News has recommended a model one day menu. It well illustrates the principles of a sound and normal diet. And it is easy for all sorts and conditions of people in cities or in rural communities to live up to the rational principles he proposes.

If life is worth living—which it is—and if health is a blessing—which no one disputes—then discriminative thought about one's food is not unworthy of even the most cultivated human beings.

**ERADICATION OF LEPROSY FROM U. S. IS HOPE OF HEALTH CHIEF**

WASHINGTON—Hope that leprosy may be eradicated from the United States through increased knowledge of chaulmoogra oil therapy and further research into the way in which the disease is transmitted was expressed Thursday by Surgeon General Cumming of the Public Health Service.

Among the latest ingredients to be combined with the oil in experimentation is iodine, he said, citing a new report on the work being carried on under the supervision of Dr. N. E. Wayson of the Public Health Service in Kalihi, Hawaii.

At the same time Dr. Cumming announced that three more former sufferers from leprosy are to be released this week from the leprosarium at Carville, La. This brings the total of cases arrested in eight years to 48, he said, and among them only one has been readmitted for treatment.

"The disease gradually is being conquered," he declared.

"Treatment with chemical derivatives of chaulmoogra oil is proving to be useful, and with further studies the therapy should be improved, and the disease finally eradicated in this country."

Pointing out that children have been born at Carville of parents afflicted with the disease, and have been prevented from contracting it, he observed that exposure thru association appeared to be the most important factor in transmission. One new theory is that it is contracted through the respiratory tract.

Extensive studies going forward in Louisiana and Hawaii include work with groups of patients and many experiments with rats. Besides the addition of iodine to chaulmoogra oil, cod liver oil administered separately is being tried out and one group of patients is being subjected to minor induced fever to speed up body processes. The latter attempt was tried after it was found that with local inflammation following injections of the oils, the primary disease appeared to subside.

You can sharpen scissors by cutting several times through a sheet of sandpaper.

But about four ounces of radium have ever been mined.

The population of the world is now estimated at 1,849,500,000 persons.

The dull red tint of the Red sea arises from millions of microscopic plants called algae.

**Texas Growth Has  
Been Marvelous**

Texas is a marvel of assured future economic development and all that follows from an abundance of domestic support. Very few of the people of America have any conception of its mighty possibilities in the galaxy of states.

Look at the State's power to sustain population. America's census will doubtless be nearly, or quite, doubled before 1970, in the period from 1930 to 2,000. Many people now living will see this nation of two hundred and twenty five million to inhabitants, by an increase of about eighteen million every ten years.

Steadily but surely, all present equipment in Texas and the United States for supplies of food, clothing, housing, transportation, commerce, will grow ridiculously inadequate. Suppose railroads, ships, trucks, and airships had to carry double the present tonnage, what would happen? Simply paralysis in supplies and delivery. And such carrying facilities for Texas and this nation will have to be far more than increased 100 per cent long before 1960.

There are big emergencies that will have to be met even in the near future. Herbert Hoover, and many others who have been close to the problem, say that All American waterways will have to be added to the other forms of transportation as soon as the improvements can be made so as to relieve the already overworked railroads. Some idea of why this is impending may be had from a glance at the drive of population gains.

In 1860 the census of Texas was 604,215—about three times that of Fort Worth at the present time. By 1900 the Government count reported 3,048,770 for the state. In 1920 the enumeration rose to 4,663,228, and for 1928 the population was quoted by a national authority at 5,487,000.

The gain for 1928 on 1920 was 823,772 or 17.66 per cent in eight and one-half years, a per cent average of 2.08 yearly, and forecasts at least 20.8 per cent from 1920 to 1930. In number of people thus added in the decade, such a growth

will mean 969,995.4—probably 1,000,000 gain between 1920 and 1930. It also practically assures a state total in 1930 of 5,663,179.

It seems certain that Texas has arrived at the point when it will have to add from 1,000,000 to 1,400,000 each ten years to its population, and all the mighty requirements of service in proportion.

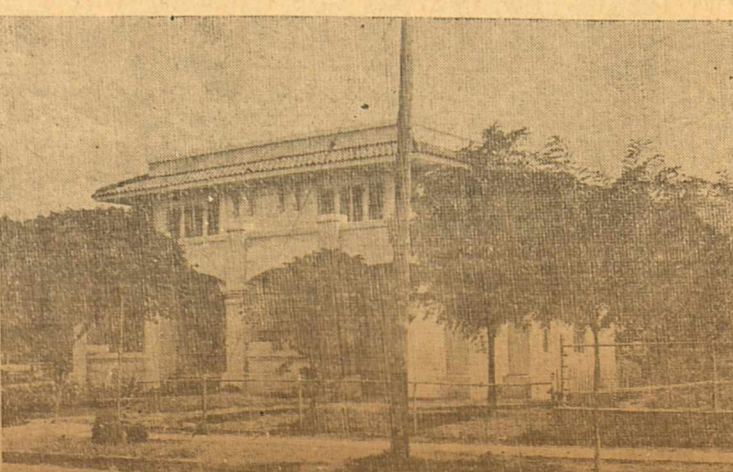
It may be reasonably expected that the State will add another 20 scarcely apply to the future more because it is gaining many forms of business momentum all the time. Per cent between 1930 and 1940. Past gauges of expansion will than a very few years.

**CHANGES IN AMERICAN DIET**

Chicago Daily News: Physicians as well as economists have been discussing the significant changes that have taken place in the eating habits of the American people. Remarkably enough, science now finds that generally the empirical changes have been of the right kind, and that the present diet conduces to good health and longevity.

A German proverb says that "man is what he eats." Modern science adds that man's future depends on his foods and his way of consuming it. The average person has had little disposition to study in detail the vitamins and other materials he requires in his food, but he has learned, roughly that the more varied his diet the better for his physical and mental health.

It would do the average person

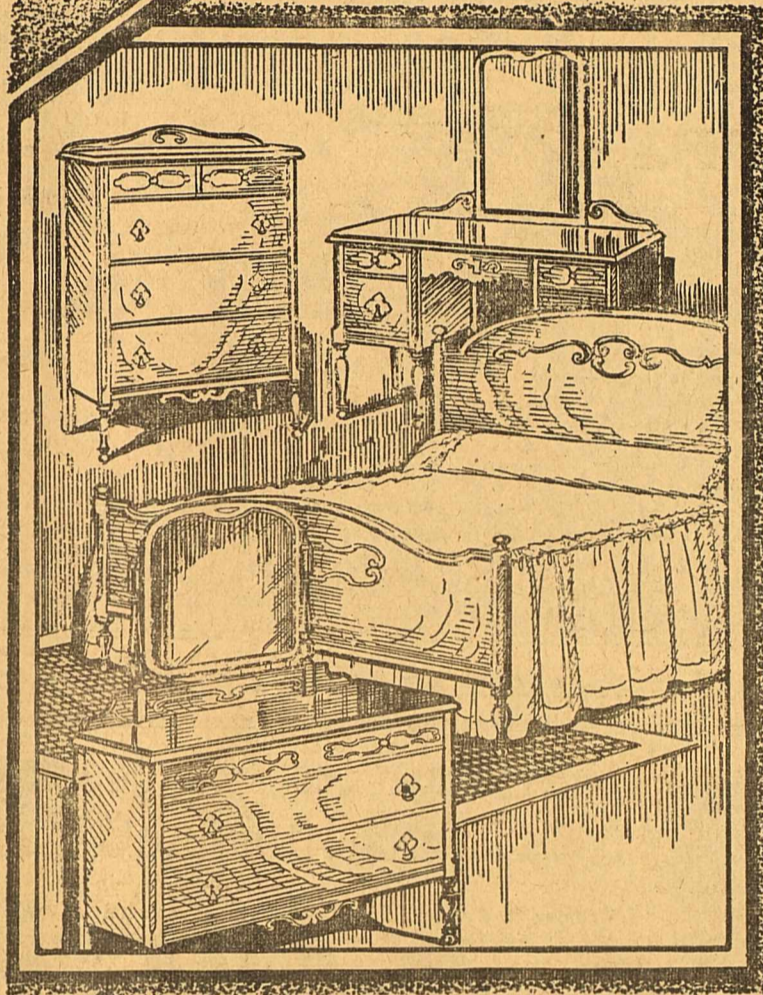


BEAUTIFUL HOME OF E. L. CARAWAY, SPUR

**If Fall Comes!  
Then You Will Want to Refurnish  
Your Home**

**EASY  
TERMS**

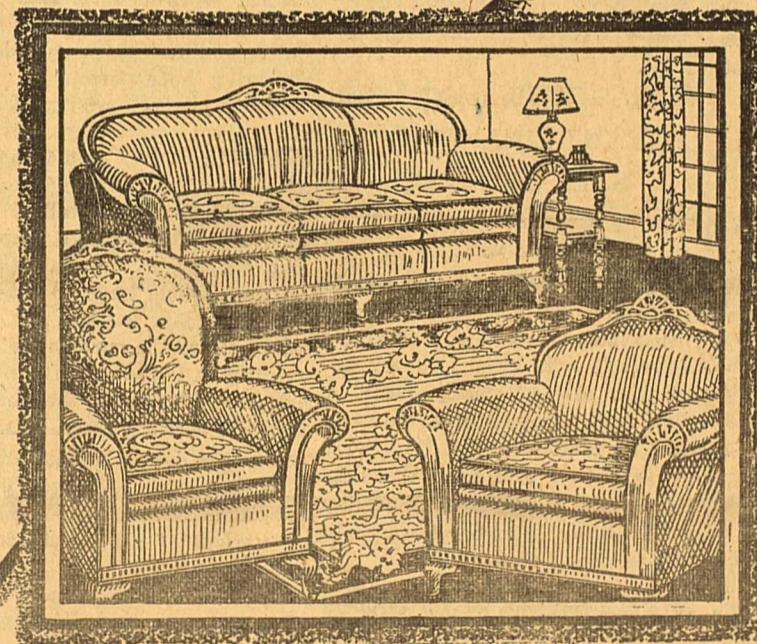
**RESTFUL BED ROOM SUITE**



This fine bedroom suite is one of the feature values of this season. The veneering is two tone walnut, effectively employed to produce a rich appearance. Our low price includes Bed, Dresser and Chest of Drawers. See this lovely bedroom suite here at your convenience.

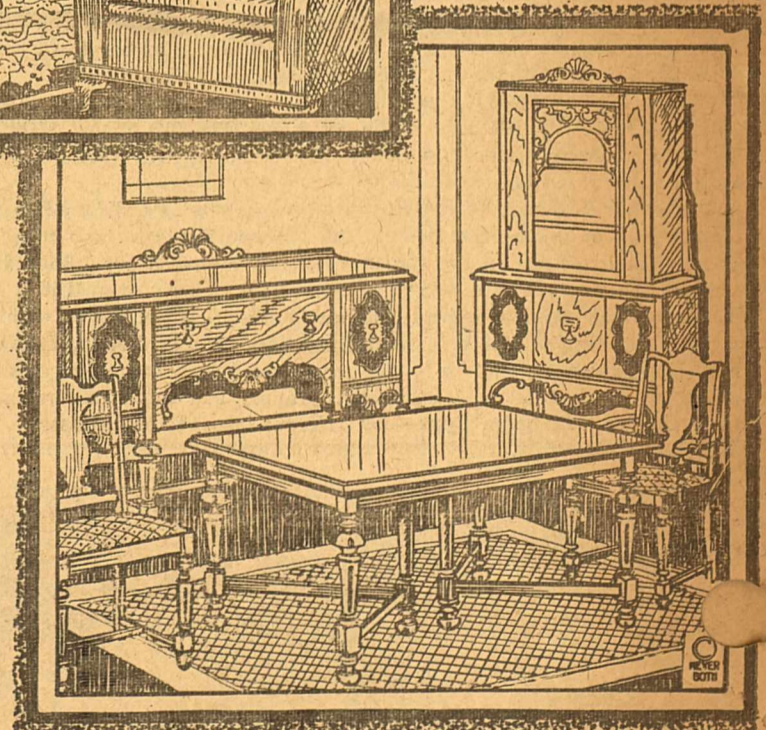
**Living and Dining Room Suites**

A suite you will be justly proud to own. The upholstery is a rich three tone jacquard soft and silky. The loose spring filled cushions are reversed in a high grade linen damask. The davenport has the new and pleasing pillow arms as pictured. This suite is made to give long and satisfactory service at a moderate price.



The current prices on rugs and floor coverings help your money do double duty.

The price is low, but the quality is satisfyingly high. We want value-informing shoppers to see and compare this suite with others selling for much more. Consists of extension table and 6 chairs. Walnut veneered. We recommend this suite highly to discriminating buyers.



**Bryant-Link Co.**

FURNITURE DEPARTMENT



## Members of WTCC Motorcade Party Learn Much of West Texas and East New Mexico

Knowing Texas and East New Mexico is the purpose of the annual motorcade conducted in the summer months by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. This year the fourth party representing this organization made its way through the scenic territory under its supervision.

Thirty persons registered before noon on July 10 receiving badges for themselves and flags and stickers for the eleven cars which were to begin the cross country trek. Members of the party were entertained at a Rotary luncheon at the noon hour, being given the opportunity to become acquainted with their traveling companions and the citizens of Ballinger. B. M. Whitaker, member of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce staff and manager of the fourth annual motorcade, introduced the party and President A. M. Bourland spoke.

At two o'clock, A. C. Cooper, Stamford, pathfinder of the party led the way out of the city onto the highway for San Angelo. Stops were made at Rowena and Miles where a local citizen entertained at a drug store and several speeches were made.

The Chamber of Commerce San Angelo, provided entertainment for the delegation. At Christoval, one of the summer play grounds of Texas the citizens served a supper of barbecued beef and kid, prepared in a style peculiar to that section and past competition as barbecues go. The following morning breakfast was served in one of the hotel dining rooms.

Thursday morning the party took the highway into the oil fields, passing through Barnhart, Big Lake, Texon, and the numerous little towns which have sprung up over night. Just out of Rankin they were met by the secretary of the local organization and Mrs. Rankin. At the swimming pool and pavilion just outside the city a band played while cold punch was being served by the women of Rankin. A short program consisting of several speeches one of which was the invitation from the McCamey organization to a luncheon there.

The Lions Club, McCamey, were hosts to the delegation at the noon hour. Leaving there the party arrived at Fort Stockton in the late afternoon.

In this city is a beautiful spring which flows 55,000,000 gallons of water daily. Here members of the party enjoyed a swim in the clear cold water before going out to the country club for a fish fry. The Fort Stockton clubhouse is built near the edge of one of the most mysterious lakes of Texas. The water which comes from an unknown source was allowed to run off into small marsh pools until a few years ago when a dam was built to hold it. Now fishing and boating on this vast surface are two of the sports Fort Stockton has to offer visitors.

The morning drive from this place to Alpine was one of the rare scenic beauty spots seen, passing through far-stretching valleys and over the foothills of the Davis Mountains. The local Chamber of Commerce entertained the guests with a luncheon, with Co. John Perkins presiding. Several members of the party spoke to the citizens of Alpine. Following the luncheon, the short drive through the Sul Ross State Teacher's College campus was made.

Arriving at Marfa that afternoon the motorcade party were guests at the opening of the Marfa White Way and several blocks of new pavement. Following the short

program a street dance was held. Next morning an ice cold watermelon was put into each car in the line.

At Van Horn, the annual meeting of the Big Bend District of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was held. The morning was spent in discussion of West Texas problems and opportunities. One of the interesting divisions of the program was Col. R. Durrill's reminiscences of Van Horn fifty years ago; his painting in vivid pictures of the first "good old days" when there was a thrill in new board walks or a new stile.

Huge tables spread out on the courthouse lawn held a barbecue lunch for all visitors that day. Directly after the business session of the convention the motorcade, led by two Carlsbad citizens left for that city. Another drive of beauty astonished the people of the table lands of Texas. Along the valley just to the east of the Gaudalpe Mountains under the shadow of Signal Peak, which stands higher than any other peak in Texas, it ran through marvelous color.

After a breakfast given by the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Sunday morning members of the party visited the caverns whose beauty and startling formations will be the topic of conversation which is inadequate of description. Supper at Artesia that evening was the compliment of the local Chamber of Commerce and the next morning the little town of Hope proved its appreciation of the West Texas organization by the large number in attendance at the program and the refreshments served the visitors.

To Mayhill, half way up the Pecos River at the foot of the Sacramento, go the honors for "chicken dinners." The few merchants and the farmers from miles up and down the river brought to the school house huge baskets of home-made pies, cakes, salads, vegetables, chicken in every style cured hams and home canned goods. The visitors were urged to eat what they could and take away whatever they wanted. No greater hospitality was manifested through out the entire trip.

Most of that afternoon was spent in Cloudercroft, the city above the clouds in the heights of the Sacramento. Here the time was spent in golfing and sightseeing from the noted Cloudercroft Lodges. Comin down another beautiful mountain drive the crowd passed through High Rolls and Tla Rosa on their way to the Ruidoso. At the end of this drive nearly fifty cars wait near the entrance to the small city of Ruidoso, leading the guests to the resort over a four mile winding street. Following a dinner at one of the lodges the party was entertained with a band concert, speech es, some Indian Dances and a dance at the Ruidoso pavilion.

Another district convention this time the Intermountain District, was on the motorcade program, being held at Roswell. Following a mornings program of speeches and discussions members of the party were guests of the Kiwanis Club as were representatives of all towns in that district.

After the business hour, rides to all points of interest near Roswell were made. The visitors saw the artesian wells, the irrigated districts and the wide expanse of bottomless lakes. The ride terminated at the Roswell Country Club where swimming was enjoyed before a picnic lunch was served. That night the guests were honored at a dance on the roof garden of the White building.

After a short program at Por-

tales the crowd came to Clovis where the Kiwanis Club entertained at a well appointed luncheon. At Farwell the party was taken to the ranch of Judge J. D. Hamlin where an hour or so was spent and after a short stop in Hereford came into Canyon where the Chamber of Commerce had prepared a supper.

On the morning of the eighteenth a delegation from Amarillo met the party and a tour to the famous Palo Duro Canyon was made. One of the interesting points of the tour was the Devils Kitchen, in this gorge which is accessible from one of the playgrounds of that section of the country. This little pleasure resort at the end of a beautiful winding drive is located on the Harding ranch and it is through the ranch owner's courtesy that the people of Texas may see these beauty spots along the canyon walls.

At Amarillo, the Rotary Club and the Board of City Development were hosts at luncheon. Members of the motorcade were introduced and several were asked to address the assembly. It was with regret that the party left Amarillo after so short a stay.

At Panhandle the citizens gathered at the hotel where the travelers were welcomed and were served vanilla and chocolate drinks made with pure Guernsey Milk.

Not even the towering magnificence of Signal Peak could have been more beautiful to the eyes of the motorcade party than the miles and miles of wheat fields at harvest time, stretching out in never-ending gold to meet the Panhandle sky. Through this section of wheat country, touching White Deer, Pampa and Miami the party came into the low green hills about Canadian. Just outside the city the delegation was met by numerous cars and escorted to the ranch of Judge H. E. Hoover where barbecue and "all the trimmings" waited, followed by an excess of home made cream. And, again, to Canadian goes the honors for hospitality. Hotels were not to be spoken of this night. Each member of the party was provided with a card on which was the name of his host for the night. These citizens believed not only in supper, but in bed and breakfast for their guests.

Coming down out of the hills through the historic old town of Mobeetie, through Shamrock, the party reached Wellington where the Chamber of Commerce was responsible for lunch. On account of threatening weather conditions, Eselline and Memphis were cut out of the route and the party turned to Quanah where they stopped or half an hour.

At Vernon the last chicken dinner awaited. After this meal, provided by the citizens of Vernon, testimonials and farewells were said by each member of the party. This last meeting the expression of the motorcade as to the success of the tour and the desire to make the trip each year proved the good will of the people toward the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and their efforts to sponsor these annual educational tours.

Most of the party remained in Vernon overnight where they were the guests of President-Manager and Mrs. Bourland and Secretary of the Local Chamber of Commerce Grady Shipp and Mrs. Shipp.

The register of the motorcade included the names of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cooper, Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Bourland, Mr. and Mrs. Shipp, Vernon. B. M. Whiteker, Majorie and Mary and Emma Whiteker, Maye Belle Taylor, Miss Nevada Baker and Miss Myrtle Kennedy, Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jones Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Jones and Janie Sue Jones, Fluvanna; Mrs. G. M. Reading, Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Pw. Campbell, Abilene; Guy Glascock, Fort Worth. Others who made part of the trip

## Proof Readers Please Note

We'll begin with boxes, the plural is boxes  
But the plural of ox should be oxen, no oxes,  
One fowl is a goose, and two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of mouse should never be meese.  
You may find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice,  
But the plural of house is houses, not hiee.  
If the plural of man is always called men,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be pen.  
The cow in the plural may be called cows or kine,  
And the plural of vow is vows, never vine.  
If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet,  
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
If one is a tooth and the whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth.  
If the singular is this and the plural is these  
Should the plural of kiss ever be written keese?  
The one may be that, and the two may be those  
Yet hat in the plural would never be those.  
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
We speak of a brother, also of brethren,  
But though we say mother we never say methern.  
So the English, I think you will agree

Is the funniest language you ever did see!

## THE TEN BUSINESS COMMANDMENTS

1. Don't lie. It wastes my time and yours. I'm sure to catch you in the end, and that's the wrong end.
2. Watch your work, and not the clock. A long day's work makes a long day short, and a short day's work makes my face long.
3. Give me more than I expect and I'll pay you more than you expect. I can afford to increase your pay if you'll increase my profits.
4. You owe so much to yourself that you can't afford to owe anybody else. Keep out of debt or out of my employ.
5. Dishonesty is never an accident. Good men, like good women, can't see a temptation when they meet it.
6. Mind your own business and in time you'll have a business of your own to mind.
7. Don't do anything here which hurts your self respect. The employee who is willing to steal for me is capable of stealing from me.
8. It's none of my business what you do at night, but if dissipation effects you the next day and you do half as much as I demand, you'll last half as long as you hope.
9. Don't tell me what I like to hear, but what I ought to hear. I don't want a valet for my vanity but I need lots of them for my dollars.
10. Don't kick if I kick. If you are worth correcting you are worth keeping. I don't waste time cutting specks off rotten apples.

Rune stones dug up at Lund, Sweden puzzled archaeologists until it was found they were a hoax.

Tea was probably the first artificially concocted human drink. The tea habit in China dates back 4,700 years.

## Proper Pruning Of Shade Trees

Within the past few weeks quite a number of the local citizens have been trimming up their young shade trees.

For the purpose of encouraging well balanced, symmetrical growth the importance of proper shaping of young trees by pruning or trimming cannot be over emphasized, especially in case of the trees like the Chinese elm, of which there are many in Spur.

This tree is inclined to throw out numbers of side branches which cause the tree to head out too low and to take on a dwarf appearance making the tree unsightly.

### New Tastes

A little shredded white onion, or a bit of chutney, chili sauce, sour cream or horseradish give piquancy and novelty to the same salad dressing you have served for some time.

Plenty of sunshine is healthful, but that healthy tan is beneficial only when the sunburn is acquired gradually.

At the death of the former Lama, his spirit was supposed to inhabit the body of a child born on the same day. Search revealed the present Lama with marks on his body said to have been placed there by Buddha.

The combined exports of 23 of the world's principal trading nations in 1927 amounted to \$23,740,000,000 which was 4.4 per cent more than the previous year.

The consumption of wheat flour per person decreased from 223 pounds in 1900 to 203 pounds in the pre-war period.

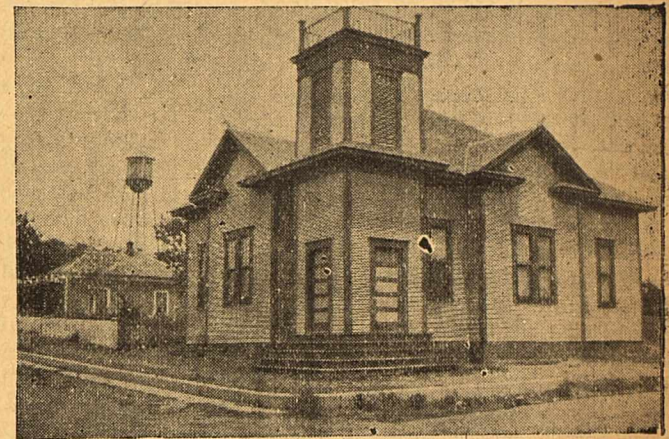
In 1928 the New York State Baumes commission estimated that general crime, as distinguished from financial crime, costs \$13,000,000,000 a year.

### Sunburn Busters

Treat sunburn blisters as if they were burns. Salve for burns often is efficacious in drawing out the heat. Oil is good too.

The cinema was first discovered in Europe but developed in America.

American automobiles now predominate at Danzig.



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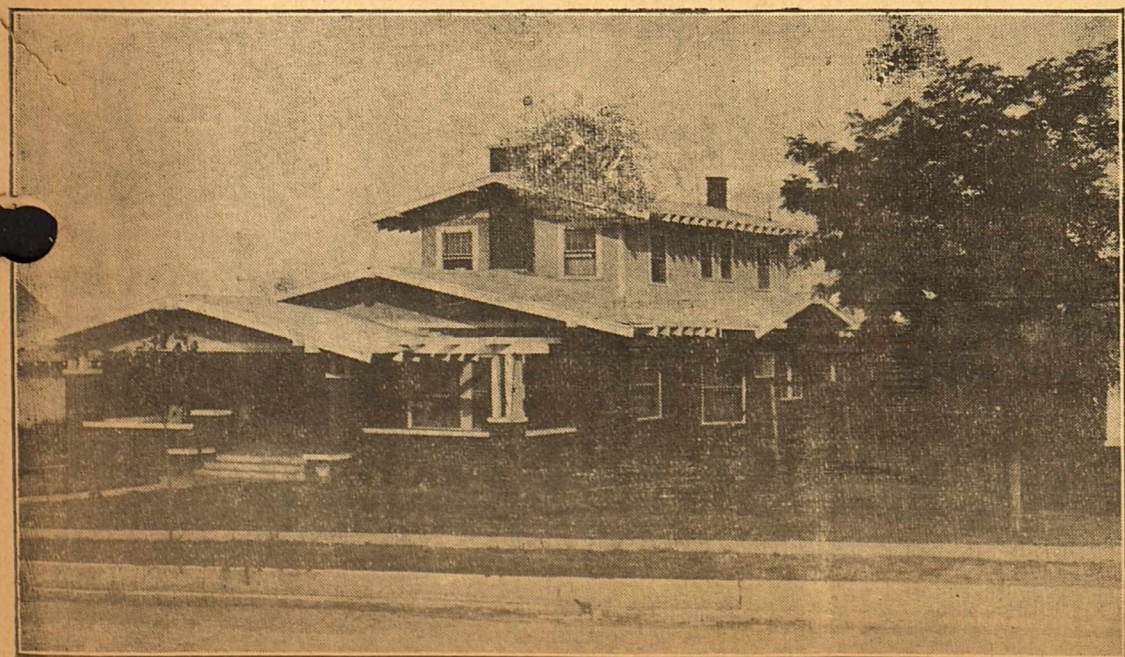
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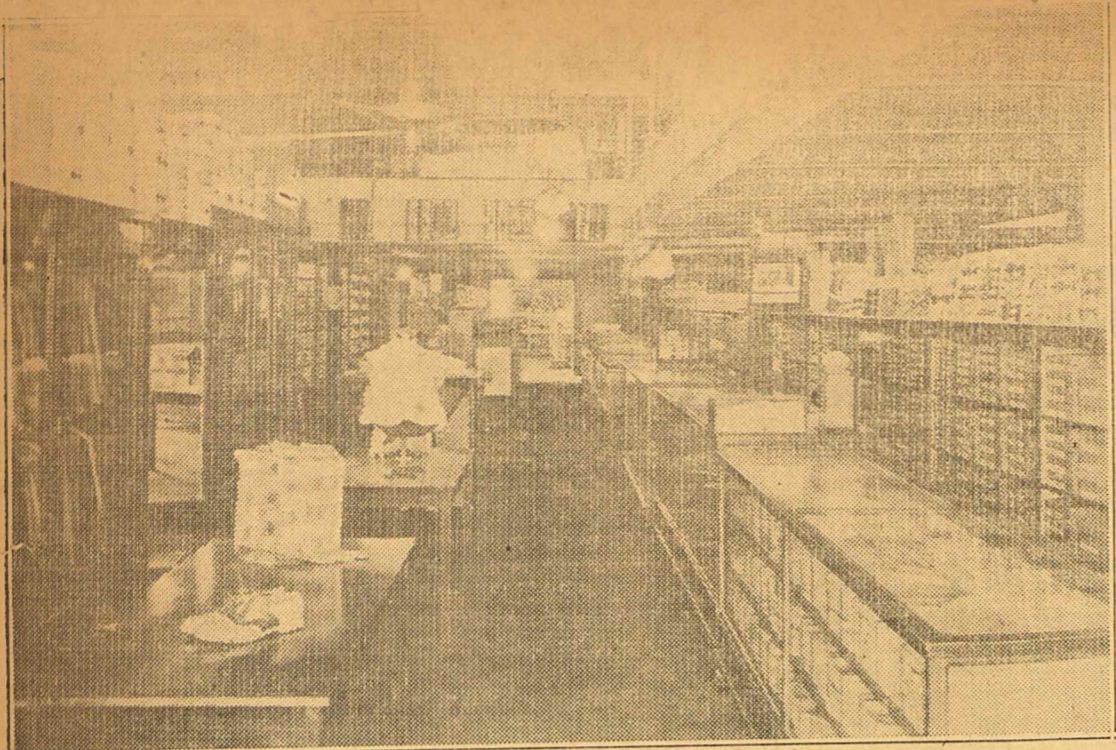
# Bryant-Link Co.

DRYGOODS DEPARTMENT



HOME OF NED HOGAN, MAYOR OF SPUR





GENT'S FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT, BRYANT-LINK CO.

**A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY**  
(Continued from Page One)

as Bryant-Link Company, Spur, Texas. Every Department under efficient management and carrying merchandise of the highest quality. When you trade with Bryant-Link Company you are assured of quality and service.

We have failed to mention the Wholesale Grocery Store which was opened in March 1928. The forward looking Company saw that Spur was the proper location for a Wholesale Grocery and organized a crew of efficient men under the leadership of W. R. Lewis, he being under the direction of Geo. S. Link. Some people smiled when the store was opened, but the stocks have been increased and the business has grown from that day until the present. And perhaps no one business has done more to help develop Spur and this country than has Bryant-Link Company, Wholesale Grocery Store, since, and the Wholesale Grocery Company has some making Spur recognized as a Wholesale town. In fact, Bryant-Link Company have been trail blazers in West Texas. They are especially proud of the rapid growth of the Wholesale Store and new lines are being added all the time. The merchants can buy many items other than groceries in this wholesale house. This concern does not boast its men are of the kind who want to be considered just average men, trying to make a living and to help make West Texas a better place for those who shall follow.

**My Nearest To Getting Drunk**

(By M. C. Scott in the Quanah Tribune Chief)

This article is written by request of several friends who want me to tell my experience with wild women and that I tell nothing but the truth. This puts quite a limitation on what I am to write upon this subject, because it would require such a stretch of imagination for me to tell of more than a few scissings and being called all manner of vile names because they have been unable to inveigle me into their dens of iniquity. Of course, I have had temptations, but as I am going down the western slope of life at the age of 65 I can say my life has been as clean from my youth up as I would want my wife or daughters to live.

Don't ask how I came to escape some of the temptations that have come my way, for I don't know except that the old Bible is true when it says, "There has no temptation beset you, but God is able and will not permit you to be tempted above that which you are able to bear, but will at all times make a way of escape." If I were to write of some of the escapes no one would believe it, for they are so remarkable that it does not seem possible that they have come as they have even to me after I have passed through them. And with all this I do not put myself up as an example for others to follow, and can only say that after all I am only just a sinner saved by Grace.

However, there is another phase of my life under which I have been tempted that I can tell of and also of my escape. To date I have never been drunk but the nearest I ever came to being so was the last time I ever tasted whiskey. And I was one of seven out of a crowd of forty-five who didn't get drunk that night.

It was back in 1882 and I was a boy of eighteen when we belled Charlie Rosser in Dodds, Ohio. What we called a belling back in that state is what is known as a shavari here. To start the occasion off it was an orderly crowd of boys and young men and we belled Charlie good and proper. His mother wanted him to give the boys a jug of whiskey but he said "No, mam, that's my whiskey, and if they want it they will have to bell me right.

That set a match to the fuel and as a result caused a belling that to date still lingers in the minds of the oldest citizens as the greatest belling that ever took place in that section of Ohio or elsewhere. It caused the crowd to go down the road to an old sugar camp and get two big stew pans. Returning to the house, which was built T-shaped with a gallery on each side of the T, they put the stew pans on each gallery and they crowded around them and with sticks and stones set up a bedlam that only the devils in hell would delight to hear.

Added to this, men with the old muzzle loading shotguns would load up blank charges and shoot them so close to the windows that the concussion would break the window panes. After nineteen of these were broken Charlie came to the conclusion that it was about time to give in, and the whiskey, as I understand since, being doped was turned over to the crowd. But the crowd was decent about what they had done and took up a collection to pay for the window lights they

had broken. I think I was the first or at least one of the first to get a swallow of the whiskey. I took one swallow, and they said, "Oh Mart, take some more." I took the second swallow and strangled on it, and it was that strangle that saved me from getting drunk, for when they urged me to have more I said "No, I've had enough."

From my earliest recollections I made a practice of early to bed and so after I got what I wanted I went down to the farm where I was working about a quarter of a mile and went to bed. When I awoke the next morning I looked around for the young man who was to sleep with me that night, but could find him nowhere until I went to the barn and I found him sleeping in one of the stalls with the horses. When we asked him how he came there he said he did not know, as the last thing he remembered was starting to the house and when he looked down at the ground it flew up and hit him in the face and the next thing he knew was when he woke up in the stall. I never knew myself how many were drunk that night until my last trip to Ohio in 1920 and I found that most of them would admit being drunk. I took dinner with one of these on July 1, 1920 and when I asked him if he was drunk that night he said he guessed he must have been because the ladies told him he said something he knew he wouldn't have said if he hadn't been drunk, but it was the last time for him.

When I asked the bridegrooms brother if he was drunk, he said "No, Mart, I was having too much fun watching the others to get drunk myself." I then asked him how he came to sleep under the gooseberry bush if he wasn't drunk. When I asked another man if he was drunk, he said no, as he had had all the beer he wanted to drink that day down in Lebanon, but when I spoke to John Pintsett about it he said, "Oh, no, he wasn't don't tell me I didn't lay him away that night in Jake Rosser's barn along with 15 other drunks." It may be that neither of these young men were drunk that night, but I will always live under the impression that they were. Besides the number laid away in Jake Rosser's barn there were others scattered along the fence rails, in corners, and some in outhouses and some where they happened to fall. When I asked Ambrose Fecker if he wasn't drunk that night, he said if he wasn't it was the best imitation of a drunk he ever experienced. When I asked Frank Venable the same question he said he was the drunk-

st that night he ever was in his life and that if that wasn't a drunk he never wanted to experience the real thing.

From that day to this I have never tasted whiskey and drank only one glass of beer, a year after in May 1883, in Cincinnati.

Vainly my guardian angel must have lingered near that night in answer to mother's prayers that kept her boy from going the way so many others went that night on a drunken debauch. Yes, the angel must have been near and I came

safe through the ordeal, which is the narrowest escape I ever had in my life.

**UNDER SIX FLAGS**

Dating from the arrival of La Salle, February 1685, Texas has paid allegiance to the flags of six nations. The lilies of France, flying over La Salle's fort at Matagorda were soon replaced by the banner of Castile and Aragon, with the arrival of the Spanish. Texas, a part of Mexico flew a new flag

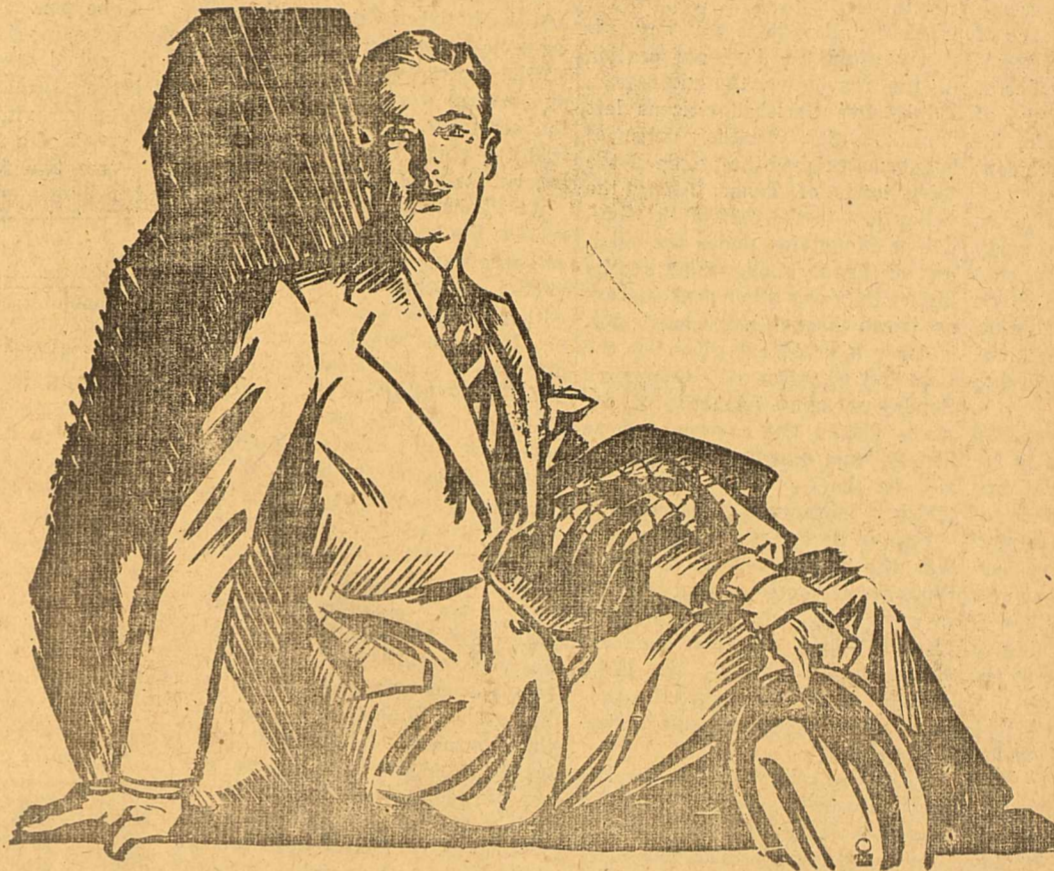
when its independence was gained from Mexico. This banner remained official until Texas was annexed as a part of the United States. Taking her stand with the other sons of Dixie during the civil war Texas adopted the stars and bars of the Confederacy.

After Lee's surrender the State changed flags once more and swore allegiance to the Stars and Stripes forever.

Chili has taken a stand against both strikes and lockouts.

The president of the United States' flag consists of his seal in bronze upon a blue background, with a large white star in each corner. The design of this seal may be seen in the floor of the entrance to the White House.

They have nothing in particular to do and it doesn't make the slightest difference on which side of the ocean they stand or how long they remain aloft. But they don't know that.



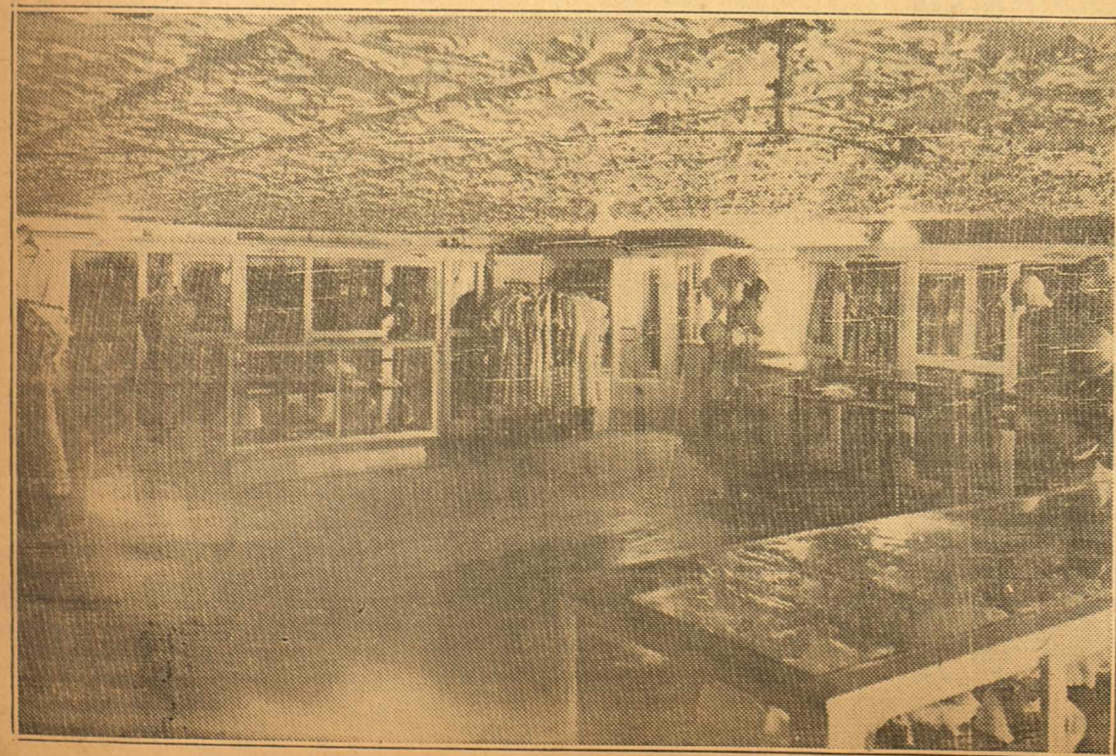
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cal summary of Washington's movements in the revolution and each of his battles. For the first two years he itemized his expenses in terms of pounds sterling but after 1777 his accounts were in terms of both dollars and the English currency, the latter column being headed "lawful money."

Washington evidently did not attempt to conceal from the new American government his reverses on the battlefield. In his 1777 accounts he recorded expenditures "during the retreat through the Jerseys to Pennsylvania," and later in the same year a \$1,037 item for expenses on the march from Germantown Pennsylvania "until we huddled at Valley Forge for the winter."

Frequently entries were made for reconnaissances of the commander in chief "sometimes with and sometimes without the army but generally with only a party of horse." The expeditions, these records show were to scout the British forces or to lay out the American army battle plan or defensive positions by personal observation. They constituted a major item of his accounts a total of \$42,755.

Jeff Smith of Dry Lake was transacting business in our city Saturday.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BETTER

Two men were on their way to bail out a widow's son who had first gotten into bad company and next (of course) into trouble. Said one to the other: "It is a fine thing for you to be willing to leave your work and put yourself out to help a boy who is no kin of yours, has no claim upon you, and may never justify your efforts in his behalf." The other man then gave this significant and memorable reply:—

"I have always made it a rule to try to do whatever good I can for other people, and then if they don't appreciate it—well, that is just their own affair. If I can feel that I have done my part, I am perfectly satisfied."

And this plain man's saying here in 1929 carried us back eighteen centuries to the time of Marcus Aurelius Antonius when that ancient Roman sage uttered a sentence of almost supreme wisdom when he said:—

"How much trouble he avoids who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks, but only to what he does himself, that it may be just and pure."

"But what has all this to do with rural comradeship?" someone may ask. Just this: No man in any

neighborhood can follow the policy of high behavior such as this without creating by his example a greater spirit of helpfulness and brotherliness throughout the community.

In Lowell's fine phrase—  
"Be noble! And the nobleness that lies  
In other men's hearts, sleeping but never dead,  
Will rise in majesty to meet thing own."

London women are wearing party wigs.

The velocity of light is 186,713 miles per second.

The United States adopted standard time in 1883.

The largest bell in the world is in Moscow.

Everybody is in a hurry, particularly the rich travelers that buy expensive suites.

It takes an ordinary Ford employe one day to learn his job.

Continually changing styles of embroideries in America is reducing China's shipments of the ornaments into this country.

What Spur's Municipal Light Plant Might Mean to the Citizens

There is always more or less skepticism attached to every new and untried project. This seems to be the case relative to the municipal light plant that Spur has just installed. There is one criterion that we might go by that would indicate the success of the Spur plant in the event the people give it the proper patronage. The first thing that the people must bear in mind is, "That this new light plant is the property of the people." There is another important factor that the people might observe, "When you patronize the Spur Municipal Light Plant, you are patronizing your own institution." There is another thing worth considering. "All profits that are derived in the manufacture of electricity by the municipal light plant when patronized by the people, are turned back into the treasury of the city and in after years will relieve the people of taxes, or promote future improvements needed in our city."

Then considering these facts, we might say that the city light plant will be a success. If the people will give it the patronage they should, why should it not be a success? We have had individuals who have made money in the light plant business in our town. In fact there are people today who would like to have the business in Spur, and there are plants individually owned in other towns not as good as Spur that are making good profits for their owners.

We want to give you a few statistics taken from an annual statement sent out by Ponca City, Oklahoma. In 1912 Ponca City voted \$30,000 in bonds for the purpose of constructing a city water plant and a city light plant. A site was purchased and the plants were installed. Business grew as a result of the people patronizing the new institutions. They felt it was their duty to do so. As a result the plant had to be enlarged and in 1918, another \$40,000 in bonds was voted. In 1919, \$25,000 more bonds were voted and the plants increased. In 1924 the resources of the water plant and the light plant of Ponca City were \$714,417 at the close of the fiscal year in June. In 1928, at the close of the fiscal year of last June, the resources had increased to \$1,412,134. However, at this time there was a bonded indebtedness of \$778,000, leaving net resources earned by both plants of \$453,000 in the four years time. In other words, the light plant and the water plant earned for the citizens of Ponca City \$453,000 in four years time. Had not the city owned these two plants, these earnings would have gone into the pockets of corporations who would have been selling water and electricity to the citizens.

We quote from a statement that was sent out from the City Clerk's office last fall, which is as follows: "Out of the profits derived from the Water and Electric Light departments of Ponca City, the expense of the City government has been paid in a large measure. This includes the cost of maintaining the sanitary department of the city, by which garbage and refuse is removed free of cost to the citizens of the community; the maintenance of an up-to-date fire department; the cleaning of our streets; supporting of library; maintenance and improvement of our

park system and such other items of general improvement expense which citizens ordinarily pay for by voting direct taxes upon properties of each particular community. The records in the City Clerk's office show that for these purposes, funds have been diverted out of the profits of these departments for the various years in amounts as follows:

- 1924—\$83,663.00
- 1925—\$83,663.00
- 1926—\$89,378.00
- 1927—\$133,125.00
- 1928—\$221,358.00

"In other words, during each of these years, Ponca City has been able to enjoy expenditures for the purposes indicated above, made out of the profits of its municipal water and light plants which could not at all have been possible except for the fact that these enterprises are owned by the people of Ponca City.

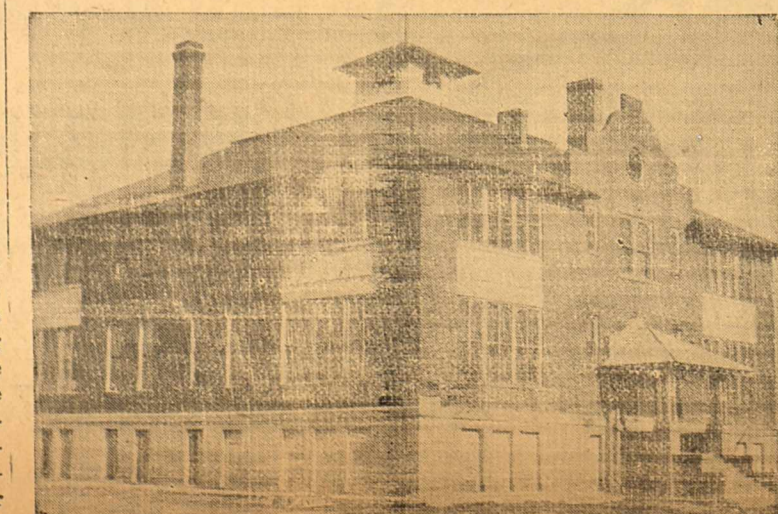
"As a result, we have had in Ponca City, for several years no tax levy for general expense purposes, all of the general expense of the city government being paid out of the profits of the water and light departments."

Supposing Spur had an industry that would relieve the people of taxes such as the water and light plants of Ponca City have relieved the people there? Well, we can have that within a few years if we will lend our patronage to our present city light and water plants. Ponca City started with a 30,000 dollar plant just a few years ago. Today Spur has a water and light plant that easily is worth \$250,000. We have no cumbersome bonds voted on our city for the light plant such as Ponca City had. The plant is paying itself out from its own earnings. Within five or six years, if the people stand by it, it will have earnings running around \$25,000 to \$30,000 annually, on its present basis, which can be turned into improvements for our town and thereby relieve taxes to that extent. "What Spur Makes, Makes Spur."

COLONIZATION OF TEXAS

Mexico declared her independence from Spain in 1821 and since Texas was a part of Mexico this opened the way for the colonization of Texas. Texas was settled by Americans under a system by which individuals were granted large tracts of land for colonization purposes.

Moses Austin of Missouri journeyed to Mexico and obtained a permit to settle the colony of Texas.



DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, DICKENS, TEXAS

He died shortly after his return to Missouri and his son, Stephen F. Austin carried out his plans, settling several hundred families in 1821 on the banks of the Brazos at Old Washington, now Washington county. Other Americans established colonies in various parts of the state and the development of Texas went forward at a rapid rate until friction arose between them and the Mexican inhabitants resulting in Mexico's closing Texas to American homesteaders.

Texas was united with Coahuila a union which proved very objectionable to Texans. Austin was sent to Mexico to prevail upon Santa Anna who called himself the "Napoleon of the West" then president of Mexico. Austin not only was unable to gain an audience with Santa Anna but was seized and thrown into jail and kept there for two years. This so thoroughly incensed all Americans in Texas that in the latter part of 1835 Texas declared her independence of Mexico at the San Felipe Convention. A call to war was sounded Sam Houston made commander in Chief and volunteers from Texas and the United States rallied to the new cause.

After San Jacinto, where Houston crushed the proud "Napoleon of the West" and Texas Independence was established for good, again Texas began with renewed energy to build up an empire.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S LEDGER GIVES COST OF THE REVOLUTION

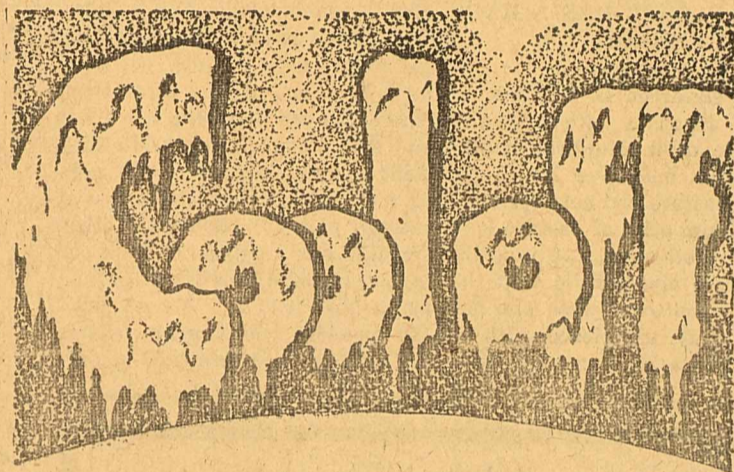
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—George Washington's revolutionary ledger showing that as commander in chief of the new republic's forces in its long war of independence he spent only \$160,074 of public funds, has just been removed from the government's files for the use of American historians.

The ledger covers the eight year period from Washington's assumption of the revolutionary army's command in June 1775 to the signing of the peace treaty in Paris and for nearly 150 years has lain thick with dust in the records of the government's general accounting office.

In it Washington daily recorded with quill and ink his expenses and with careful and explicit notations accounted every expenditure, noting whether it was for household expenses "reconnaissances of the enemy forces" or for purchase of equipment and filling about 100 pages which now form a priceless manuscript.

The ledger shows that between 1775 and 1781 he spent \$17,617 on his spy system, listing various payments to "unnamed persons".

The book presents a chronologi-



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the year in the Southwest, should by all means be averted if this might be done in a fair and proper way.

There were in transit and on hand at Galveston Tuesday 8,600 cars of grain, an increase of 1,600 cars between date of embargo issued on that port and actually effective, notwithstanding that 900 cars were released during the same period. Accumulations are being reduced daily, the report says.

At Houston Tuesday there were 1,000 cars of grain in the yards

and 600 in transit, but no congestion as yet, but since the Galveston embargo became effective Saturday at midnight rapidly increasing accumulations of wheat shipments for export through Houston now at port and in transit without definite outlet created considerable concern among shipping interests and railroads and congestion would seriously cripple transportation.

The railroads agreeing to the embargo are:

The Santa Fe, The Trinity & Brazos Valley, Missouri-Kansas-

Texas, Southern Pacific Lines and Missouri Pacific Lines.

Russia seems inclined now to prove that she can't be invaded, can invade others. She starts in the orthodox way, shipping high powered cannon, airplanes and POISON gas to the frontier. The League of Nations refusing to deal with Russia except as a repentant, submissive prodigal made a mistake.

All the bookkeeping machines in Madrid Spain are from America.

Mr. Wickersham, head of President Hoover's law enforcement commission, wants the state to divide prohibition enforcement with the Nation. States would handle retailers the Nation would handle wholesalers, rum running by ships automobiles and airplanes.

British Malaya sent 56,984 tons of tin to the United States last year.

The lobster's skeleton is outside its body and its muscles inside the skeleton.



Congratulations!

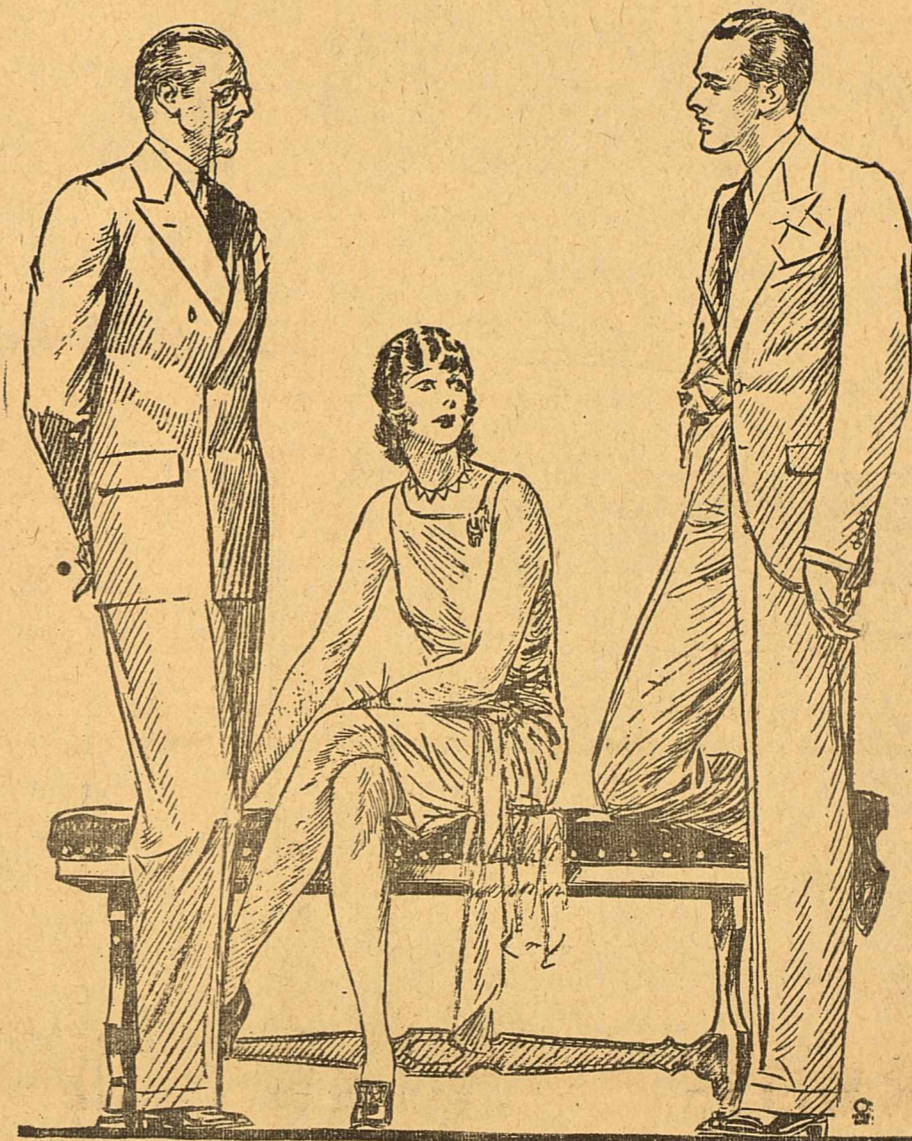


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**Best Seed Corn Easily Can Be  
Obtained From Stalks At Home**

Select From Own Patch Ears of Type Desired

The home gardener who does not select his own seed corn from his own patch is missing some of the pleasure of gardening, say specialists at the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell. But they add that one should know just what type and characteristics he wishes to perpetuate in his corn patch and then use care in selecting and gathering the seed ears.

Those who wish earliness, for example, mark the stalks which produce the earliest ears of the correct type and also the earliest and best ears on these stalks. These ears are allowed to mature on the stalks and then are picked with the husks on, hung up to dry in an airy place away from rats and birds, and left there until winter early spring.

After they are cured, the ears are sorted and only those of the most uniform type, shape, and size are used for seed. The best ears are well filled, solid, with good kernels and well dried, the college says.

Shelling is usually done by hand and the kernels from the butts or tips thrown away. Before shelling, several kernels from each ear should be tested for germination. When one has developed the type, it is well to produce at least twice as much seed as will be necessary for home planting; something may happen to the crop the next year, and this extra seed can be carried over. Continued selection and careful growing will be necessary if the desired characteristics are maintained.

**AGRICULTURAL SQUIBS**

Farmstead beautification pays well.

Barns, hog pens poultry houses and yards should be kept disinfected.

Garlic imported into the United States last year was valued at \$6,179,000.

Wild morning glory is one of the most persistent weeds found in cultivated fields.

For successful marketing the farmer needs two things: knowledge of what he has, and knowledge of what it is worth.

More money for better seed is not an extravagance; it is a profitable investment.

On soils containing sufficient lime, the most productive grazing crop known today is sweet clover.

It is generally considered best not to plow limestone under, and if it is plowed, the depth should not be great.

The use of crank-case oil around hog pens, poultry houses and barns is very helpful in keeping down fleas, lice and mites.

Both the rotary hoe and the spring-tooth harrow or weeder have proved to be excellent tools for soy bean cultivation. The ordinary peg-tooth harrow is also a satisfactory bean cultivator.

Being a legume, soy beans should

be inoculated before being planted. Upon examination later in the growing season you will find the nodules on the roots about the size of beans and a large number of them.

**EMBARGO ON GRAIN TO  
HOUSTON FOLLOWS CON-  
FERENCE OF ROADS  
TO PREVENT CON-  
GESTION THREAT**

HOUSTON, Texas—To prevent further congestion of railroad yards elevators and port facilities an embargo on all grain destined to be reexported or diverted to Houston will go into effect July 25, after which date grain shipments to Houston will be accepted only on conditions that consignments have a definite outlet. This announcement was made by R. C. Andrews, district manager of car service division of the American Railway Association, who has been in Houston this week following placing of an embargo on grain destined to Galveston.

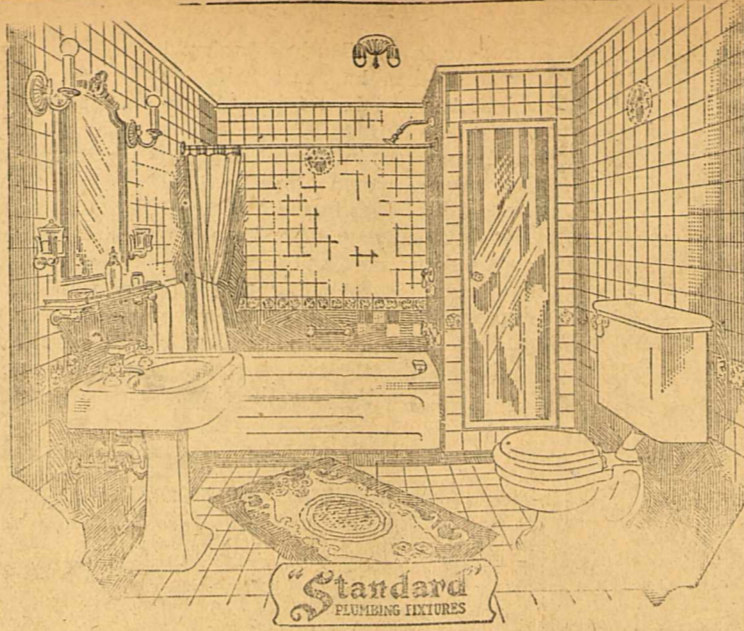
Mr. Andrews was in conference at a called meeting Monday of all railroads entering Houston, attended by port officials and R. C. Stone, chairman of the Houston Terminal grain committee, to consider ways and means for coping with the situation. Tuesday a resolution was unanimously passed recommending a permit system embargo to preclude the possibility of flooding transportation and elevator facilities with grain which has no immediate outlet, thereby interfering with shipments that can be unloaded and forwarded.

It was realized, said Mr. Andrews, that danger of congestion so closely preceding the seasonal movement of cotton, which is always the major crop movement of



**Must Have Trade-Mark**

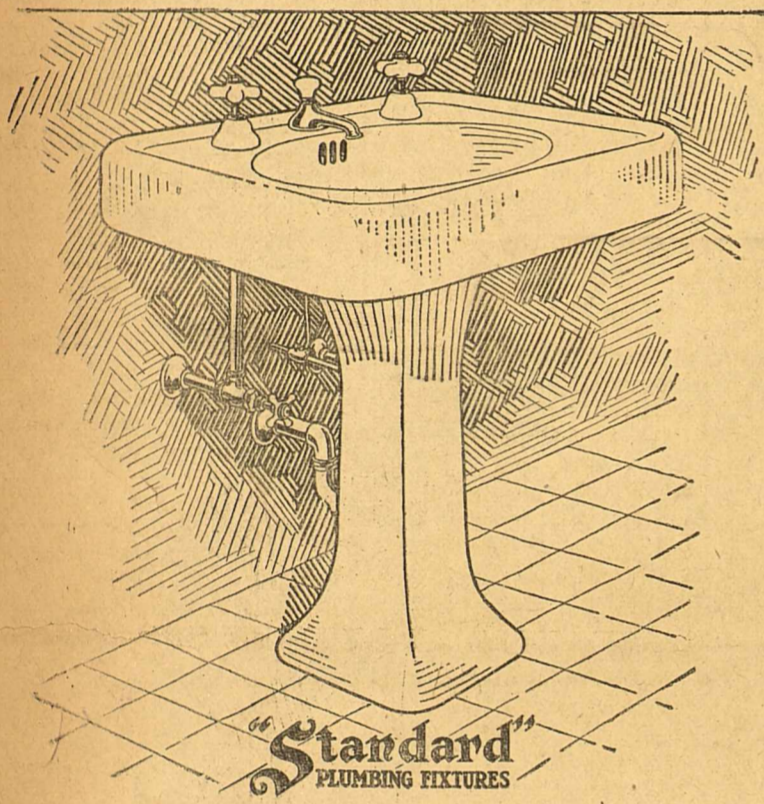
Every Standard Enameled Plumbing Fixture with regular enamel has the trade-mark "Standard" pressed permanently in the enamel. All other articles manufactured by Standard have the same trade-mark.



**Many Colors in Designs**

Bath room fixtures come in many shades for your selection and to suit the individual taste. Visit our show room and see some of these. Ask for our booklet, which explains in detail the charming effect color will create.

# WHO Is Your Family PLUMBER?



**THE LATON**  
Laboratories for the  
**Discriminating**

The Laton is by no means the highest priced laboratory made by Standard, but they are fixtures that the home owner may well take pride.

The Laton comes in two designs. Like the one pictured above, with the single spout supply fitting and the Laton which has a cast-in integral overflow with chain and rubber stopper, and individual hot and cold water faucets. Fitting may be had with china handles and nickled brass parts.

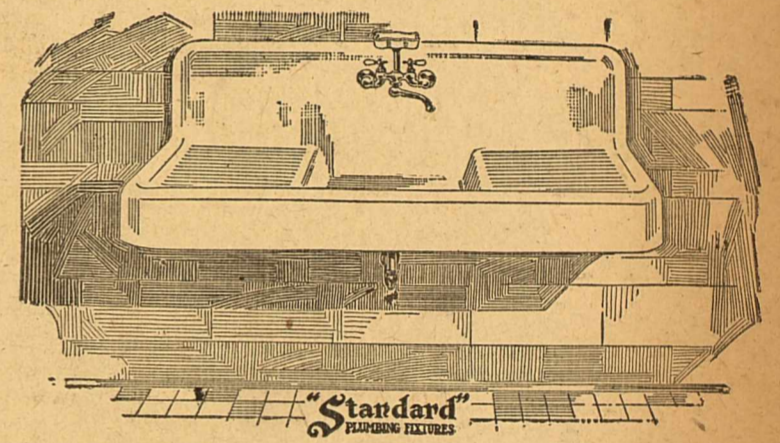
Have you one? You should have, by all means. He is as necessary to the health of your family as is your family physician and should be chosen with equal care.

He is the physician who will cure the ills in your sewerage, and water systems, .... the places where a neglected leak might seriously impair the health of your family.

Counsel with him when you are planning the plumbing of your new home. He is as essential when you are building as are the contractor and the builder. His knowledge of what fixtures are best suited for installation is invaluable. Trust his judgement as a specialist in his business. He is a reputable merchant who takes pride in giving you an installation which is correct and which will assure satisfaction.

Ask him as a specialist about the merits of Standard Plumbing Fixtures. Visit his display and see the actual fixtures. That, after all, is the best way to make your selection. Here in Spur his show rooms are never cramped or limited and you can see a complete display of Standard Plumbing Fixtures before you make your final selection.

These showrooms are maintained so that Standard may give you, your Plumber, Architect and Contractor the fullest cooperation in the selection of plumbing fixtures. To make use of this service is to assure yourself of complete satisfaction in your plumbing fixtures and their installation.



**Double Compartment Sinks**

Some home owners prefer a double-compartment sink. The Hampton, pictured above, and the Raleigh both have two large sink compartments. The Raleigh has a drain-board on each side of the double-sink compartments.

These sinks are furnished with Acid-Resisting Enamel or regular enamel and Chromard finish or nickled-plated fittings. Each is fitted with a single swinging-spout faucet which supplies both sink compartments, and each has sink strainers, a continuous drain which runs from both outlets to the trap.

**"BURNETT"**  
Water Softener

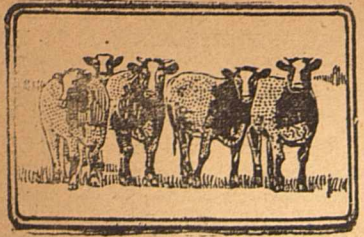
The "Burnett" water softener is an unusually efficient and dependable piece of equipment. It embodies the latest water softening principles, which makes it possible to offer the utmost in quality and capacity at unusually low prices.

It is built of the highest grade materials obtainable, including "ARMCO" rust-resisting iron, fully galvanized for further protection. Only the very best softening material obtainable is used in the BURNETT softener. It represents the ultimate in water softeners at prices everyone can afford.

# BRYANT-LINK CO.

Hardware Department





# A WEST TEXAS PAPER FOR WEST TEXAS PEOPLE Dickens Co. Times



## Enormous Buying Power Makes For Economies

### Community Development Is A Big Factor in Constructive Policy Of the Bryant-Link Company

By W. D. Starcher

It is no more than fitting to say that this progressive firm has held an interest in the welfare both benevolent and philanthropic. Being the second store in our city to open for business, it has been among the first in line in boosting community progress. There is evidence of a financial difference in the ability of the firm now and twenty years ago when it first opened its doors in our town, but the same true, honest principles that were injected into the business at that time are the same with it today. The business plan has changed and widened out too, but the principles involved were just as rich at the beginning as they are today.

The Bryant-Link Company has not devoted its efforts to making money, but to the contrary, its efforts have been devoted as a service to humanity and making money has been a side issue. There are hundreds of people here and some have moved to other parts of the country who have received help at the hands of these liberal benefactors. If the people made it their policy to do the square thing toward their fellowman, they need not be ashamed to go to the office of the company and ask for an accommodation. If a man received credit privileges from the company, when pay time came it was not a question, "Did he pay?" but "Did he do his best to pay?" Many citizens who received help from this company, by so doing were able to make a success on the farm and eventually own good homes of their own. Some have complained that this firm has been a little rough on them in some respects but when everything was sounded down and all evidence in, it proved that the records of the debtor would not bear favorable investigation. We have studied many instances and wondered why Bryant-Link Company could afford to extend accommodations at the time they did. We have seen them help people when it looked as if the whole country would end up in financial failure. But the country never failed and it appears that Bryant-Link Company came out all right.

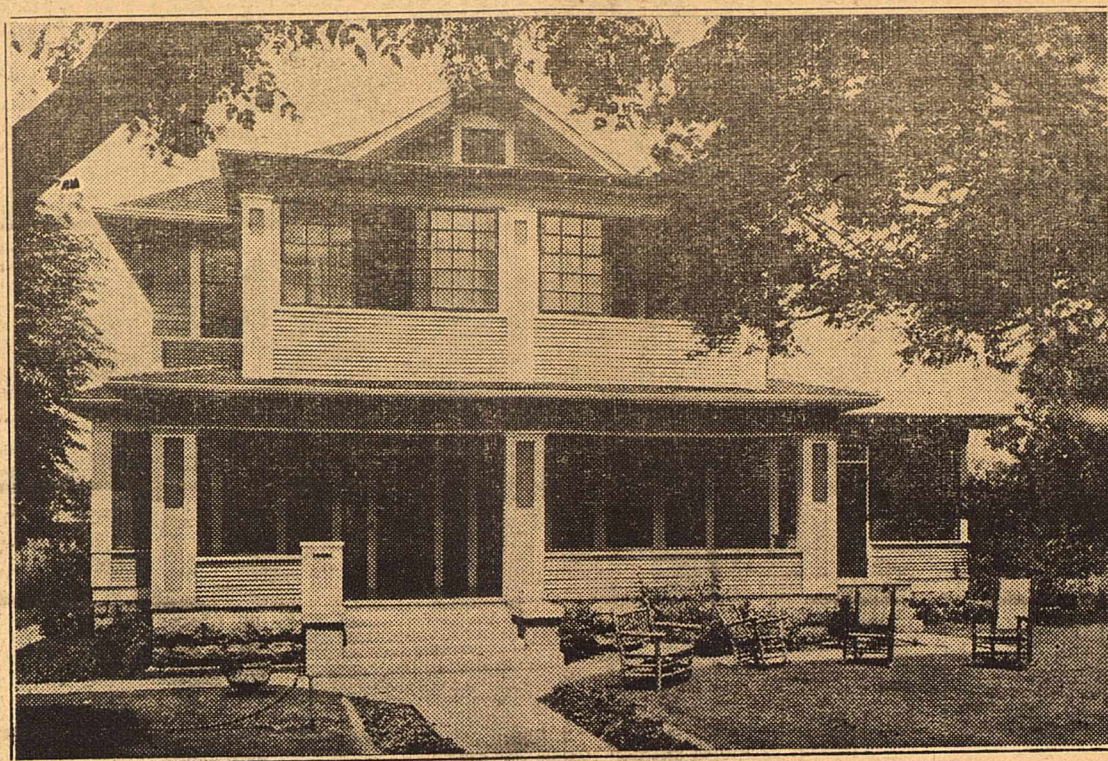
From a civic standpoint the records of this company is one that any firm might be proud of. In fact, the management rather encourages those who work for the company to try to secure a home own property, etc., feeling that such ownership makes a better citizen of a man. They believe in the fostering and accumulation of wealth and appear to be happy when they see their neighbors in prosperous condition. It matters not what the civic motive of the community for improvement may

be, Bryant-Link Company has always been with the community for good.

From a moral standpoint the business was founded upon the principles of the "Golden Rule". Honesty has always been the basic principle, and if an employee wants to get his final pay check without asking for it, all he needs to do is let a manager catch him short weighting a customer. They have always believed that it requires sixteen ounces to make a pound and thirty-six inches for a full yard and it has been their policy that every customer gets full measure and weight. They feel that it is a poor policy to preach anything on Sunday that cannot be practiced during the week in a business way. They believe in the church in its broadest terms and practically every person working in the company takes some interest in church work. The humanitarian side of life seems to be their principle objective.

From the standpoint of merchandise, they have never handled any thing but standard lines and nationally advertised merchandise. They have held to the idea that the best merchandise is the most economical. They have sold lines of merchandise that factories were willing to guarantee, and which Bryant-Link Company was willing to guarantee. For this reason they have always been able to command the respect of the people who were their customers. A satisfied customer is easily sold, and merchandise of good quality always makes a satisfied customer. Generally people pay for just about what they get. When they pay \$6.95 and feel they are getting a \$15.00 value they are deceiving themselves and time soon proves the fallacy of their idea for long before the merchandise is gone it begins to look cheap and soon is out of form and is unfit to be used on many occasions. The standard lines of merchandise hold up and if it does not hold up the factory or dealer makes it hold up. That is the advantage of better lines of merchandise such as Bryant-Link Company have always sold. Through their enormous buying power they have been able to furnish the standard lines of merchandise at about the same prices that cheaper lines are sold. They buy direct from the factory and give the customer the jobbers profits. In this manner they have saved the people of this country many thousands of dollars. This has been one of the great aims of the company — to save the people everything they can, and thru this one feature alone they have done much good.

Bryant-Link Company has plead-



HOME OF GEO. S. LINK, MANAGER BRYANT-LINK CO., SPUR.

### The Plumbing Department Big Asset In Developing Town and Community

Bryant-Link Company saw the need of a real modern plumbing line of supplies and fixtures so in March 1928 this department was added to the Hardware department.

David E. Burns of San Angelo Texas, A State Licensed Plumber was employed to take charge of this work handling and supervising all installations. Mr. Burns has proven to be a very capable man, energetic, courteous and last but not least a real good plumber. L. R. Barrett, manager of the Hardware Department assists Mr. Burns in various matters especially in the buying of fixtures as Mr. Barrett has had quite a lot of experience along this line.

When the plumbing was added to the Hardware Department in March 1928 one lavatory, one sink, and a tub was considered a stock of this merchandise but at present the stock consists of six to a dozen of the above named fixtures as well as a complete line in the new

STANDARD Enamelware which consists of various colors. The sewer tile is now bought by the carload, thus always having an adequate supply on hand at all times.

This business has now grown to such an extent that Mr. Burns has two helpers. C. W. Barrett, Jr., and Tom Barrett are the two assistants and are certainly real and able-bodied helpers. These men assure the city and community of prompt and quick service as has been proven several times in cases of emergency. At present this department has been so rushed that Mr. Barrett and Mr. Burns called in the services of Mr. Jim Linville of Rule, Texas, a licensed plumber to assist in the work of various jobs now on hand.

This department has installed quite a few jobs in the country, giving the farm home the conveniences of the modern town home. They also have installed a number

of jobs around in the surrounding towns giving them the same efficient service that may be obtained here in Spur.

Some of the more recent jobs have been the installation of the new colored lavatories, tubs, etc. This fine merchandise used is the famous Standard Enamelware, advertised in all of the leading magazines and papers.

Mr. Burns and his helpers are equipped with the best tools and equipment that money can buy, which is an asset in any line. Two trucks are included in this equipment enabling the quick delivery of tools, supplies, fixtures no matter where the job may be located.

Truly this department is a big live asset to this town and community and they ask that any time that they can be of service to any one in the town and community to just let them know and they will be on their toes to serve you.

### Tin Shop Is One Of Best Equipped In West Texas

One of the best equipped shops in West Texas is the Bryant-Link Tin Shop of Spur, Texas. Practically every known machine used in the tinning business is a part of the equipment of this shop. Every machine is operated electrically and thus economically and efficiently.

This shop was made a part of the Bryant-Link establishment several years ago and at that time was a very meager department with only slight equipment and turned out very little work as compared with that of today. Today this plant turns out everything that can be manufactured from tin and galvanized iron. This department makes a specialty of galvanized water tanks. The success with which this department is meeting in this line is manifested by the unusually large number of water tanks throughout this section of the country that bear the name of Bryant-Link Company.

The same thing may be said of milk coolers. There are more Bryant-Link Milk Coolers in the Spur trade territory in the home of rural people than any other make known. The Bryant-Link Tin Shop makes a cooler that is different from all other makes on the market and it is believed by those who have used them to be far superior.

The Bryant-Link Tin Shop is under the management of Mac Tid-

### Store Is On Profit Sharing Basis With Its Customers Assuring Them High Quality and Savings

for this concern.

During the ginning season this shop renders an invaluable service to the gins over this section of the country. Many times during the past season the management of this establishment was called out in the middle of the night for a repair job on some gin. Mr. Tidwell says that he is only too glad to be of any accommodation to those who need him regardless of the hour.

With fifteen stores within a territory extending through West Texas in a radius of about one hundred miles around Spur and with a buying power of several million dollars, the Bryant Link Company is not only one of the constructive institutions of this town but plays a great part in the economical welfare of the people.

This enormous buying power and rigid honesty in dealings have created untold good will among the manufacturers and jobbers of the country. It has also created much and keen competition among the people who produce for the retail trade. These facts have made it possible for the Bryant-Link Company to buy in quantity lots at much lower prices than they ordinarily would have. The advantages of this enormous buying power is used further than their own interests so much as to pass on savings to the people.

It has been a big factor in the history of Bryant-Link Company that they have in making a success for themselves, given their patrons quality merchandise at low prices. Just because they were able to purchase merchandise in quantity lots and thus at lower prices they did not roll up big profits for themselves but shared those profits with their customers in the way of savings on things to eat and wear.

The Bryant-Link Company, thru its many departments carries every need for the home and everything for every member of the entire family. There are drygoods, ready-to-wear millinery, gents furnishings, hardware, implements, building supplies, kitchen utensils, electric appliances and accessories, and furniture, musical instruments, radios, lighting systems, plumbing fixtures, groceries, refrigeration systems and tinning.

of groceries.

Married, Miss Susie Scruggs and Horace Griffin. The bride is a very ordinary girl who flirts with every traveling man she meets and never helped her mother three days in her life all put together. She is anything but a beauty, resembling a gravel pit in the face and walks like a duck. The groom is a natural born loafer and bum. He never did a lick of work in his life until his step daddy ran him off from home last fall. He went to the country seat and rather than starve to death he accepted a job as chamber maid in a livery stable. As soon as his ma found out where he was she went up and got him and brought him home. They now reside at the home of his wife's father and have no definite plans for the future. Susie will have a hard row to hoe.

### Sounds Too Good But Many Editors Would Enjoy It

A West Texas Editor, so runs the story, wearied of being called a liar because occasionally a typographical or other error appeared in his publication of commonplace news items.

In wrath he announced: A lot of people in this town fall out with the editor and brand him a liar when the ordinary mistakes of life show up in the paper. You have a little charity and fellow feeling for every man in town but your editor. You claim you want facts and D-I-I-d if we don't get them to you. Read the next issue of this sheet and you will see facts with the bark off.

I admit that I have been a liar, an editorial liar ever since I have been editing this sheet, but I have never printed a lie in the columns except to keep somebody's feelings from being hurt. I am not afraid of any of you and I'll be dad blamed if I don't print the truth from now on or until some of you get out of the habit of calling me a liar every time I make some unavoidable typographical error. Now watch my smoke!

Here are some of the paragraphs out of the next issue:

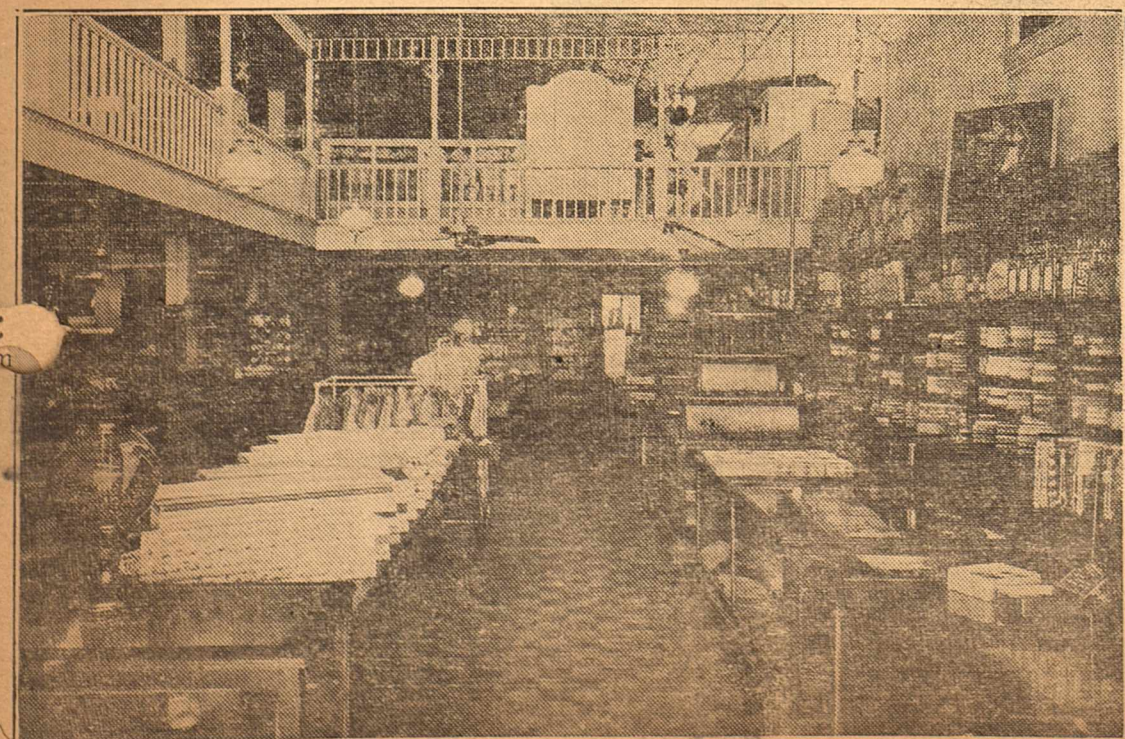
John Bennin, the laziest man in town made a trip to Bellevue Saturday.

Tom Spardin married Miss Carol Meadows last trades day at the county seat. It isn't generally known, but the marriage was brought about mainly by a Remington shot gun manipulated by the brides father. Tom concluded that marrying was the healthiest thing he could do until other arrangements could be made.

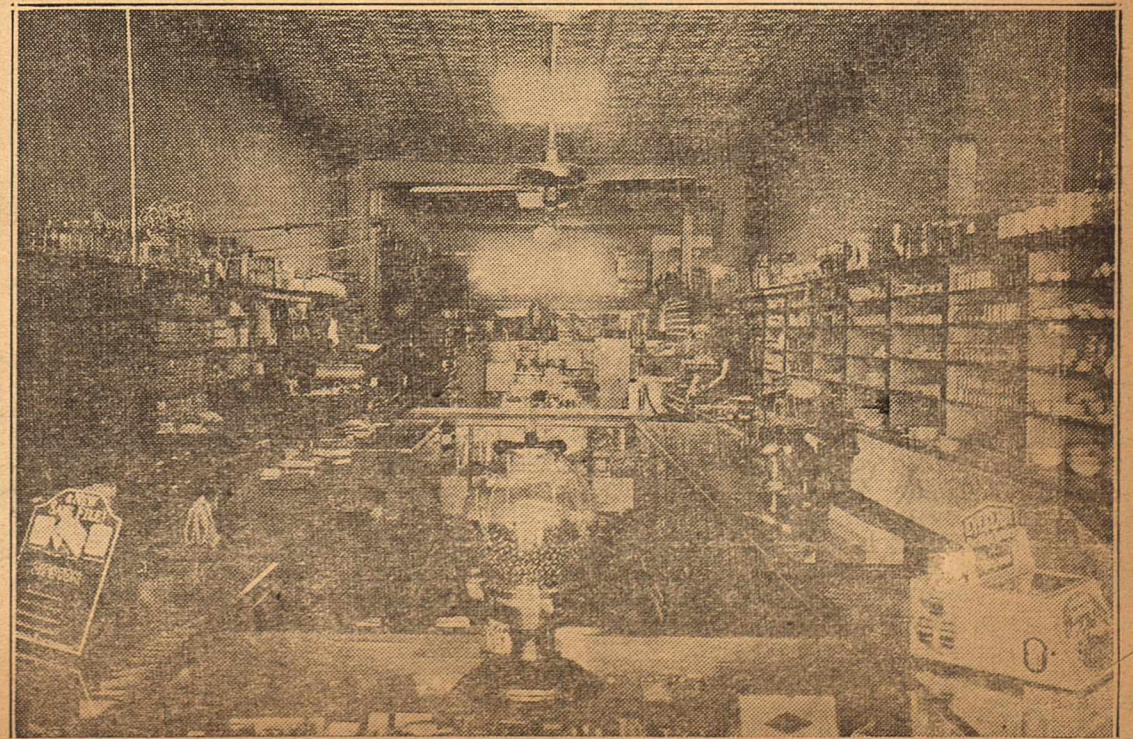
Regan Lloyd, cashier of the State Bank of Willow Grove, died last Wednesday and was buried by the Odd Fellows at Pleasant Mound cemetery. He had been taking the paper for several years and had not paid us a cent. We thought that, being a banker, he would certainly pay some time. We will sell the account for two-bits worth

well, an expert tinner whose reputation in his line is far reaching. In fact he is given up to be the best tinner in this part of Texas and compares favorably with any tinner found in the larger cities of the state. He is ably assisted by Geane Taylor, who is himself an exceptional tinner.

To give an estimate of the amount of work turned out regularly by this concern, is evidenced by the fact that supplies in the way of tin and galvanized iron are now purchased in car load lots. Recently a car load of galvanized iron was unloaded in Spur



DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT OF BRYANT-LINK COMPANY, SPUR



HARDWARE DEPARTMENT BRYANT-LINK COMPANY, SPUR



## "TEST THE TASTE"

In syrups, the one thing that counts most is the "TASTE." The blending of its flavors properly is most essential to those who wish to discriminate. And that is what you do when you buy "West Tex Surup" — Discriminate.

We carry a full line of West Texas Products Company, Inc.'s products and we recommend them most highly.

### Bryant-Link Company

### Making Hay While The Sun Does Not Shine

Alfalfa demonstrations in creek bottom lands in Kaufman County are proving successful, according to County Agent J. N. Wheeler who has recently shown that this crop can be saved during rainy weather by the use of improved machinery. In cooperation with an implement company a crop of alfalfa in a 1,000 acre field on the Trinity Farms was successfully harvested after it had blown down and lay close to the ground. Guard lifters on the mowers picked it by air instead of bleaching it. Raking with an improved rake on two successive days cured the hay by air instead of bleaching it with the sun, thus giving it a permanent pea-green color. This field cut one and one-half tons to the acre.

According to the Ohio Experiment Station, there is a certain number of times that alfalfa should be cut, both from the stand point of the largest yield of high quality hay and the most beneficial effect on future crops. If the cuttings are too few, you don't get as much hay or as nutritious hay. If cut too often the stand is weakened. In Ohio, three cuttings a year were best, but the number of cuttings will vary with local conditions.

It was found that the last cutting in the fall should be made early enough to allow a growth of 10 inches before cold weather. This furnishes a protection against cold weather, and enables the roots to store up material for future crops.

The first cutting of alfalfa should be made at somewhat earlier stage than the second or third because it usually loses in quality more rapidly than the other cuttings if cutting is delayed.

The shoots at the crown should be ignored as an indication of when to cut alfalfa, say these Ohio investigators. The best indications are the slowing up of growth and the stage of bloom. When the vegetative growth stops, there is a

slight yellowing of the field, which indicates that it is time to cut. As far as the stage of bloom is concerned, the best time to cut is about five days after the first blooms appear up to full bloom.

#### HELPING TO BUILD TEXAS

Snyder is proud of its modern airport which pilots say compares favorably with the best in the country and is a model for cities under 100,000 population. Snyder has 5,000 population.

From 1911 to 1925 the manufacturing output of Fort Worth increased 906 per cent, according to Census Department figures.

The record single carrot shipment was made by a Texas firm which shipped ten carloads to a New Jersey soup company at \$10 a ton in the field. The carrots shipped were too large for regular markets and in the past have been either disked under or fed to livestock.

"Floresville shipped 15 cars of Green Corn;" "Wison County shipped 76 cars of Watermelons," "Stockdale Ships Out 10 Cars of Tomatoes." These were the headlines in successive columns on page one of the Floresville Chronicle Journal of June 21 indicating the successful development of the truck shipping industry in Wison County within the past couple of years.

Employing 60 workers and built by local capital, the Nacogdoches Canning Plant started business a few days ago. It will can only tomatoes at first, with 300 acres in that crop pledged for its use. But later, beans, beets and other vegetables that can be successfully grown in that section will be added to its output.

Following the shipment of two carloads of Wise County cream to Philadelphia, the Tennessee Dairies plant at Decatur shipped a full carload of powdered milk to the same destination.

Three-fourths of an acre yield west of Paradise, Wise County, was 6000 pounds of merchantable potatoes for Clate Allgood, which

he sold at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$3.25 per cwt, according to the Decatur News, which also reports sale of a ton of cucumbers by Oswald Scott of near Decatur with more to come off his six acre cucumber plot.

Expansion of the Dallas Power & Light Company plant from a capacity of 57,500 to 82,500 kilowatts made necessary by increasing demand upon it, will be completed by January 1, 1930 at a cost of \$3,000,000. Some concrete idea of the magnitude of the 110,000 horsepower plant may be had from the fact that the spray pond of the completed expansion will require 120,000 gallons of water a minute or more than the requirements of the entire city of Dallas.

A Donley County tenant farmer tired of raising cotton exclusively with all the hardships that that means, started in a small way in the dairying business in the fall of 1926, according to the Clarendon News. He still tried to farm the 265 acres in 1927 and with the aid of seven dairy cows and a flock of hens came out even at the end of the year. In 1928 he sub-rented 215 acres to thirteen negroes keeping 50 acres for his own use. To his cows and chickens he added 17 pigs which he fed on skimmed milk from his separator. From his 28 bales of rent cotton and from the amounts realized from his cows chickens, pigs, roasting ears and other products of his 50 acres at the end of the year he didn't owe a cent and had \$2,000 in the bank and was getting ready to move his eight cows, a sow, seven pigs a gilt, six teams, a cream separator and a truck over to the farm he had bought for himself. And the change came about in three years time.

Texas will soon have the largest single rock salt mine in the world in operation when the new mine a mile south of Grand Saline, Van Zandt County, is opened up for work. A solid salt structure more than 1,000 feet in thickness was discovered by borings made by the Morton Salt Company of Grand Saline and a 30 foot shaft 200 feet deep will be sunk to the salt formation. The vein is known to

exist over an area of several miles of hills and valleys in the vicinity. The East Texas Tomato crop will add between \$2,125,000 and \$2,500,000 to the wealth of the counties of that section, Editor Schoffel-mayer of the Dallas News estimates. Daily shipments have been averaging 115 cars a day, worth approximately \$200,000.

The Slaton Creamery has been shipping carloads of butter to New York and churned more than 50,000 pounds of butter during the

first month of operation with increased output in succeeding months.

A carbon black plant with capacity of 10,000,000 feet of gas and 15,000 gallons of gasoline extracted in the process has been established by the Huber Company in the Gray County Gas Field.

Texas farmers bought 194,377 tons of commercial fertilizer from September 1, 1928 to June 1 1929 an increase of nearly 55,000 tons over the preceding year. North

Carolina in 1927 used 1,171,499 tons South Carolina 726,000 tons and Georgia 408,000 tons indicating that fertilizer is still far short of general use in Texas, which in 1927 used only 80,000 tons. In the United States in 1928, 8,000,000 tons were used.

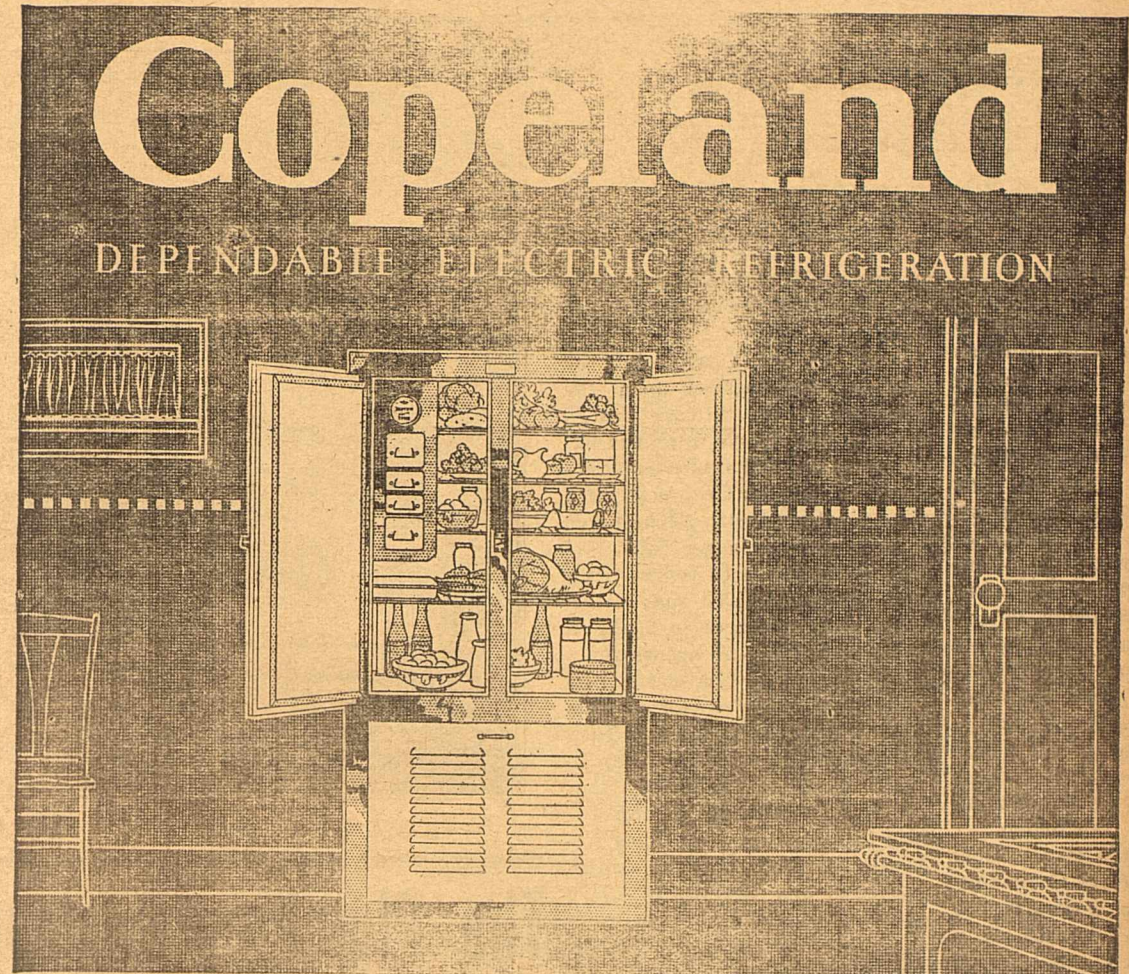
#### \$400,000 FOR TOMATES

Over \$400,000 has been paid to tomato growers at Troup and at this writing the crop is still being marketed.

Mrs. Edith Carlson of Chicago arrived on the scene just in time to prevent her husband's marriage to Miss May Roake.

When her husband demanded that she buy him a suit of clothes, Mrs. Marguerite Hayward of Detroit sued for divorce.

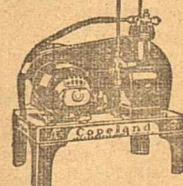
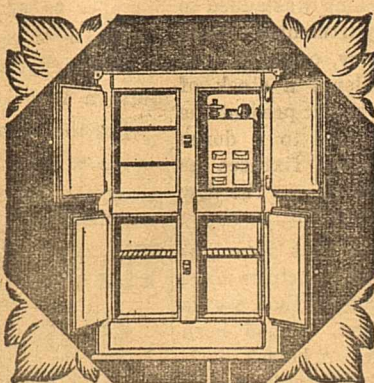
Evelyn Foltz of Enid, Okla., after being speechless for 18 months awoke one morning to find that she could talk again.



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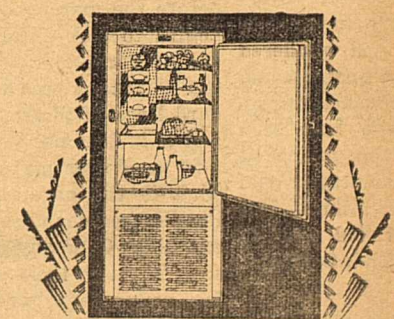
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**Real refrigeration from the ice box you now have**

Telephone us and we will have a man call and explain about protecting the health of your family. Or call at our store. No obligation to buy — just a helpful exchange of information.

For a few dollars down you can have an efficient, noiseless Copeland unit hooked up to your present ice box. Then your food is properly preserved. Let's talk it over, anyway.



**Convenient!**

The famous Copeland N-5 fits in anywhere; it is entirely self-contained — ready to plug into the nearest light socket; not even a drain pipe connection is required! All the space the small family needs; all the ice cubes (108) you will ever use at one time. Can be bought for a few dollars a month. Come in and see it!

**SOLD BY**

## Bryant-Link Company



# Not Your Town Or My Town Says George S. Link Manager Of the Bryant-Link Co., But Our Town

"Communities are made of folks," George S. Link, Manager of the Bryant-Link Company Store in Spur observed and pointed out that this town of ours is "not your town or my town, but our town." It is something common to persons living in it, a community organization and to have a real town we must have a community spirit not a one man spirit.

"To many of us," he said, "the word means a group of buildings separated by streets and alleys, containing some stores, some factories, some banks, some residences, a few churches and school houses, but that is not the proper idea of a town. It is not in accordance with a community idea of a town."

"There are two elements in any thing that involves human life under civilized conditions. They are production and distribution. Some people must labor to produce others must labor to buy and sell. The two are essential; either alone is a weakness, in fact, impossible."

"The place we usually call a town is merely a business district or trade center. Around it are the farms or mines, or the fisheries where men labor to produce and from where they come to buy and transact the business end of their labor. I have heard it said that the town and country are separate, and their interests are not mutual. This is a great mistake. Each depends upon the other. Each is as necessary as the other."

"The country cannot live without the town neither can the town live without the country, but the town and country by uniting what they have of production and distribution can create such condition of comfort and happiness as will constitute a real community of human beings."

Mr. Link declared he was not undervaluing the importance of the physical phase of man's life but was striving to emphasize the human side.

"Communities are made of folks,"

he said, "and not of houses and farms and factories. The houses, farms, mines, factories, banks and stores are all necessary, but the human life and energy and intelligence back of them determine what they are to be. The higher the type of people, the better the physical plant of the community."

"The difference between this community today, its houses, its institutions, all its physical conditions, and the same community when the Indians lived here is to be traced to the difference between the people who were here then and the people who are here now."

Mr. Link suggested that we study our town. In some communities, he said, the people look on the town as though they are not responsible for it, and as a result they are dead and their town is dead.

"Too often we have to go away from home to learn the news," he said. Do you know the things in your town that should be boosted and the things that should be corrected? We work ourselves in to the frame of mind that the things at home are not worthwhile. There is a lifetime study in this community that is of the utmost value to you. Every bit of it is full of practical knowledge. Every bit of it refers to your community."

"Some of the things you should know about your town are its homes, schools, churches, and workday life, the government of the community, the health conditions, the division of boys and girls in educational matters. All of these things are to be found on the greatest page of history, on the open page of every day life. Without a good, wholesome, social life there can be no wholesome school life, church life, or home life...no wholesome government."

Mr. Link described a town that moved away when the mines that supported it played out. The buildings were there but the people were gone. The town had been composed of people and these

people had once lived prosperous and happy. They had labored and sung, and a lively community existed, but one day the supply of mineral being dug from the earth gave out and simultaneously the people were without wherewithal to exist there longer. They moved out and the town moved out with them. Only the houses remained. No business, no schools, no churches, no community life, because there were no folks. When labor quit, business quit and the thing depends upon the human element."

He declared that the selfish, unreasonable person is never of much good to a community, because he never works with anybody else nor will he let anybody else work with him.

"There is an anonymous slogan that has always appealed to me"

said Mr. Link, "It is just one sentence and as simple as it is is profound with community building. It says, 'Cooperation is living so other people can work with you.' Get that point and you will get the spirit of what I am driving at."

Mr. Link declared that one of the most embarrassing experiences for anyone who has pride in himself is to find out that he has been following or acting upon some half truth or some rumo rbased on false logic.

The people of this world who stand out above the masses are those who do not act until they are sure they are right. Start something in this community and keep your ears open for the statements of radical people, of half truths, or prejudiced propagandists

and you will see clearly what I mean.

"But who you know the truth about anything you are practically invincible. Everybody listens to you. You are a leader. You are worthwhile. It is one of the most forceful things in the world to get the truth about things before you act. But it is difficult now. It costs time, money and a great deal of self-control."

He related an anecdote of some negroes who debated the question "Resolved: that the moon is of more value to the earth than the sun is." Those who favored the sun were about to get the decision when one negro got the floor and won the debate by reminding the judges that the sun shines in the day time when we do not need light while the moon

shines at night when we need a light.

"In practically all questions we are called upon to decide we meet the logic of the negro. While sometimes, by the use of logic we carry our point we are not victorious. It is worth while to get right on any question."

Mr. Link cautioned the community against getting what he called "the disease of somewhere else," and then explained what he meant by saying.

"From a radio program coming from a Nebraska city out on the great prairie, I listened in when a group of children sang. The manner showed that great care had been taken in preparing to sing that song, and they sang, down there in their flat, level, country, resplendent with miles of yellow

grain, kissed with the dew of the early morn, 'My Heart is In the Highlands.' That is 'somewhere else.'"

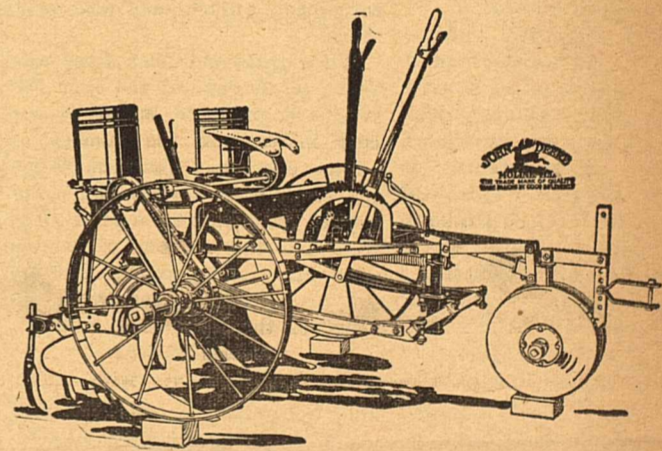
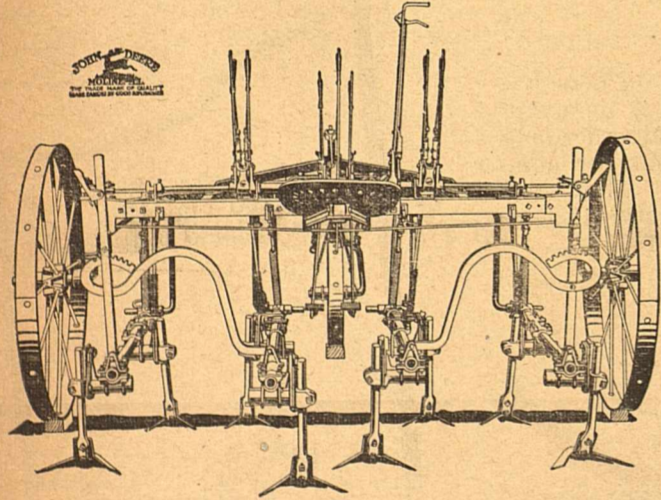
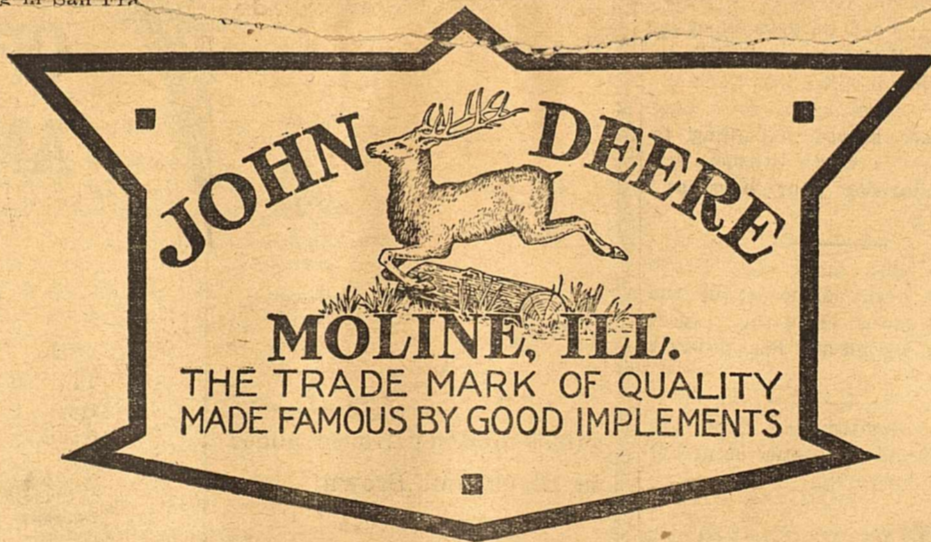
"Over in Ohio I picked up a program and a splendid quartet sang with spirit and sympathy, 'Sleep Kentucky Babe,' and then I felt like saying that if I were in their place I would write a lullaby about Ohio babies and let the Kentuckians put their own babies to sleep."

"Then I tuned in on Louisville Kentucky, Kentucky made immortal by Stephen C. Foster through his folk songs that will live as long as the heart of man beats true to the impulses of emotions and I expected to hear them sing some of those heart moving songs but in Kentucky they sang to me

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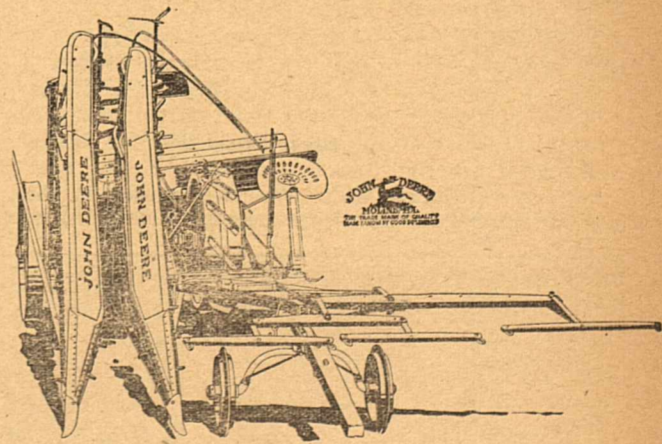
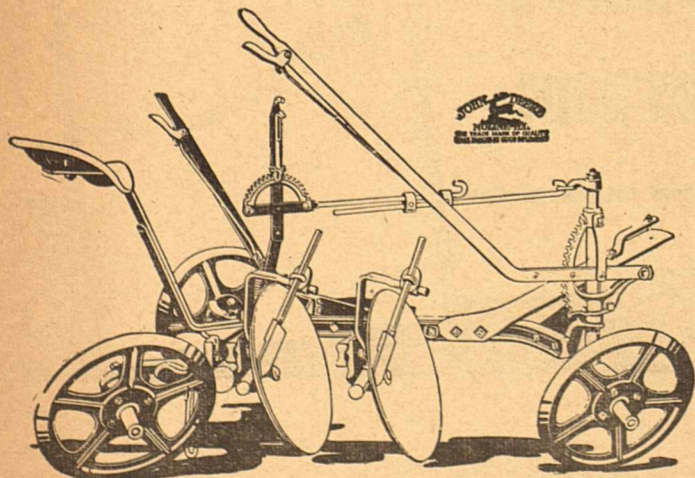


Panhandle Hogs

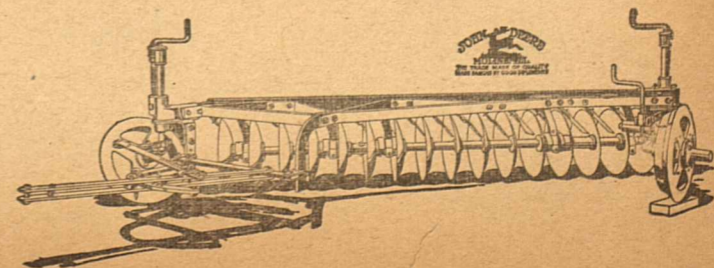
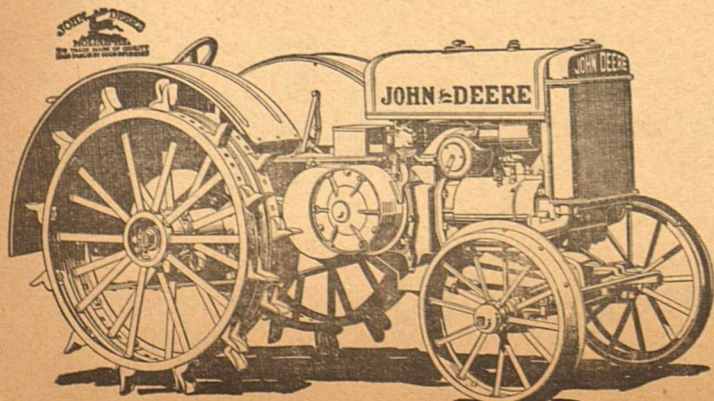


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# EARLY HISTORY OF AGRICULTURE IS FOUND AMONG AMERICAN INDIANS

If social distinction in the vegetable kingdom is based on long and honorable service, the corn pone, blackeyed peas hickory nuts and wattle berries, which all true country folks pronounce huckle berries, are the aristocrats of early American foods, antedating the Mayflower's arrival.

Early explorers found the Indians raising corn, beans, potatoes, tobacco, watermelons, cuscaws, and squashes, tomatoes and garden peppers and using edible nuts and wild berries of various kinds. The Indians had a definite system of raising corn from which the present practice is descended. All this has been brought to light in an interesting volume entitled "The Beginning of Agriculture in America" by Lyman Carrier Agonomist of the United States Bureau of Plant Industry.

Corn was planted in hills and rows about a yard apart, a custom which surprised the European settlers, who usually planted their crops broadcast and allowed them to grow as they might. The writing of the explorers and early settlers indicate that the Indians had the flint corn of the Middle West and the more prolific ones of the South.

**Early and Late Corn**  
There were four general types, two early and two late. The smaller early corn was described as making an ear about the size of the handle of a caseknife, growing up on a stalk three or four feet high, ripening about the middle of June. A larger type of early corn, and ripened about two weeks later. The early crop was used at once while the late crop was stored.

The chief difference in the varieties of late corn was in the size of the grain, one kind being plump while the other was shriveled with a dent on the apex of the grain.

The grain was prepared for eating by pounding it to a flour, mixing it with hot water and rolling into a ball which was baked on a smooth dry stone. An early Maryland settler wrote: "They, (Indians) live for the most part on a kind of paste which they call *pone*, and *homin*, both of which are made of Indian Corn." Other writers refer to *homin* from which our present day hominy undoubtedly is derived. The Indians "Journey Cake" made of corn meal and used while traveling is apparently the antecedent of the "Johnny Cake" of the South.

**Potatoes in Europe**  
Both sweet and Irish potatoes are natives of America. There is no specific record as to the manner in which the white potato, which is a native of Peru was introduced into Ireland, but apparently it came about through a piratical expedition of Sir Francis Drake in 1585 into the west Indies, where this potato had been established by the Spaniards. He returned by way of Roanoke Island and took the destitute survivors back to England. Sir Walter Raleigh who was a friend of Drake's had just purchased an estate near Cork Ireland at that time and it is believed that Drake gave Raleigh the white potatoes to Raleigh who tried them out in Ireland.

The food was not popular on British tables for many years because the English farmers allowed them to grow too near the surface of the ground where they became rank and at times poisonous. Their general use in Ireland is credited to the discovery that fields of potatoes continued to thrive after the armies engaged in a civil war trampled down the fields of

corn.  
The sweet potato was discovered by Columbus in Cuba and was exported later by various Spanish exporters in Mexico and South America. The Indian names were batatas and padades, which were not applied to the Peruvian Ancestors of our modern Iris potato which they called papas.

**Mystery of Cotton**  
Certain varieties of cotton were found in the tropical regions of America also and it is the consensus of opinion that the upland types of the Southern states are developments of the native cotton. This conclusion however cannot be verified since records of the origin of many shipments of seed are not available.

The peanut is a native of Brazil. Exporters who saw only the nuts and concluded that they were grown in the ground without either roots or vines and so stated in their writings. The crop was quickly adopted in Africa and is believed to have been introduced into the United States by Slave ships which either brought the seed direct from the former continent or picked it up in ports of South America and the West Indies where they stopped. It is indicated in various private papers that on many of these slave vessels the only food given the unfortunate blacks was peanuts boiled in the shell.

### SKIM MILK IN RATION OF HEN IS PROFITABLE

An increase of 20 percent in the number of winter eggs produced was caused by the substitution of sour skim milk for the usual dry mash in the ration of laying hens at the Kentucky Station of Experimentation recently. As Texas prices average 50 per cent higher in the winter month than during the summer, a shift of one-fifth of total production to the period of better prices would add materially to the profits of the poultry business. At the same time it would afford an outlet at 50c per hundred weight for skim milk which is wasted on many farms. Six experiments were made at the Kentucky Station, five of them with milk in some form. All hens were given a grain ration of 70 parts corn and 30 parts oats and the mash used in some of the tests consisted of equal parts bran, shorts corn meal, ground oats and meat scraps.

When grain and mash alone was given, an average of 156 eggs per year was produced but a 30 per cent increase in the number of winter eggs was obtained. When the mash was dropped and a ration of grain and skim milk alone were fed the number of winter eggs was slightly smaller but the net profits were greater on account of the lower feed costs.

**Buttermilk tests**  
Three experiments with buttermilk were made. A combination of grain, mash and dry buttermilk afforded the greatest winter production but the cost of both buttermilk and mash reduced profits slightly below the skim milk and grain ration. The same thing was true of the cost of other buttermilk tests which were made with the condensed product.

Profits are calculated by the Kentucky Experiment Station do not apply to Texas conditions, as they are based on the retail price of eggs. Production per Leghorn hen is greater than that of the White Wyandottes used in these

tests, however and for the purpose of comparison the following is given:

Ration	Profit pr. Hen
Grain and mash	\$3.43
Grain, mash and skim milk	3.29
Grain and skim milk	3.42
Grain, mash and condensed buttermilk	2.61
Grain and buttermilk	3.07
Grain mash and dry buttermilk	3.37

While the grain and mash combination returned approximately the same as the grain and skim milk, the latter produced a larger number of winter eggs which is of greater importance in Texas than in Kentucky because of the limited storage qualities of summer eggs of this state. It also affords a use for skim milk which otherwise might be wasted. In stead of requiring the purchase of mill feeds for mash.

At the same time this skim milk and grain combination is the simplest of the entire group.

### NOT YOUR TOWN

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"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" an din Virginia, a land of romance an dpoetry t,ehy sang like they meant it, "Out Where the West Begins.

Then when I tuned in on Fort Worth, the one place that boasts of where the West really starts, they sang "Yankee Doodle."

People, this somewhere else is a wonderful place, but we cannot put our hearts in other places and other people and dream dreams and see visions of things foreign to our home town, and people and community and at the same time be and do in the same place what we ought to be and do. Some of this "over yonder" doctrine is all right but too many of us have too much of "somewhere else."

Mr. Link said that it is a good thing to get acquainted with all of our neighbors, but it is equally important to get acquainted with our own neighborhood.

"Towns are building manhood and womanhood an dare exporting them to other communities," he said. If they instilled into them appreciation of their own town they would have stayed. According to law a boy is worth \$13,000. Are you capitalizing your boys and your girls."

Texas, with more than 16,430 miles of railroad, leads all the states of the union in this respect Illinois is second and Pennsylvania third.

It is estimated that there are 44,000 thunder storms occurring daily on the earth.

The little rotating aluminum disc in the electric meter rotates 3,000 to 4,000 times to register a kilowatt hour of energy.

There are two distinct species of camel in the old world. One is the one-humped camel, the Arabian and the other is the two humped camel, the Bactrian.

During the reign of Augustus, in Rome, there were 300 public bakeries, which did much of the work for private homes.

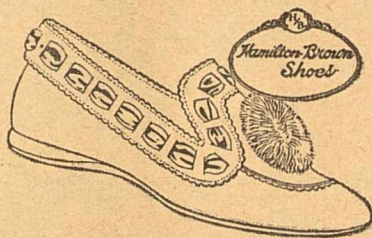
A U. S. Department of agriculture report says that a stationary population will be attained in from 50 to 75 years at somewhere between 175,000,000 and 200,000,000.

# When Fall Calls

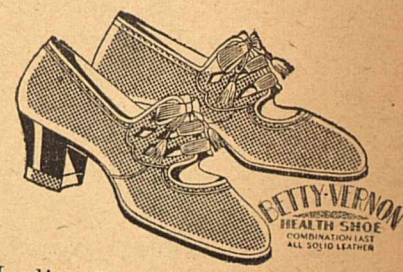


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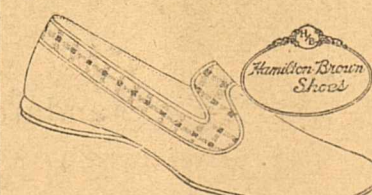
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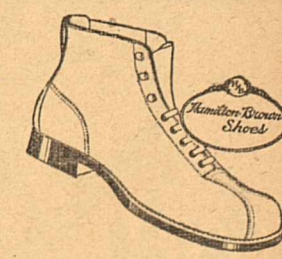
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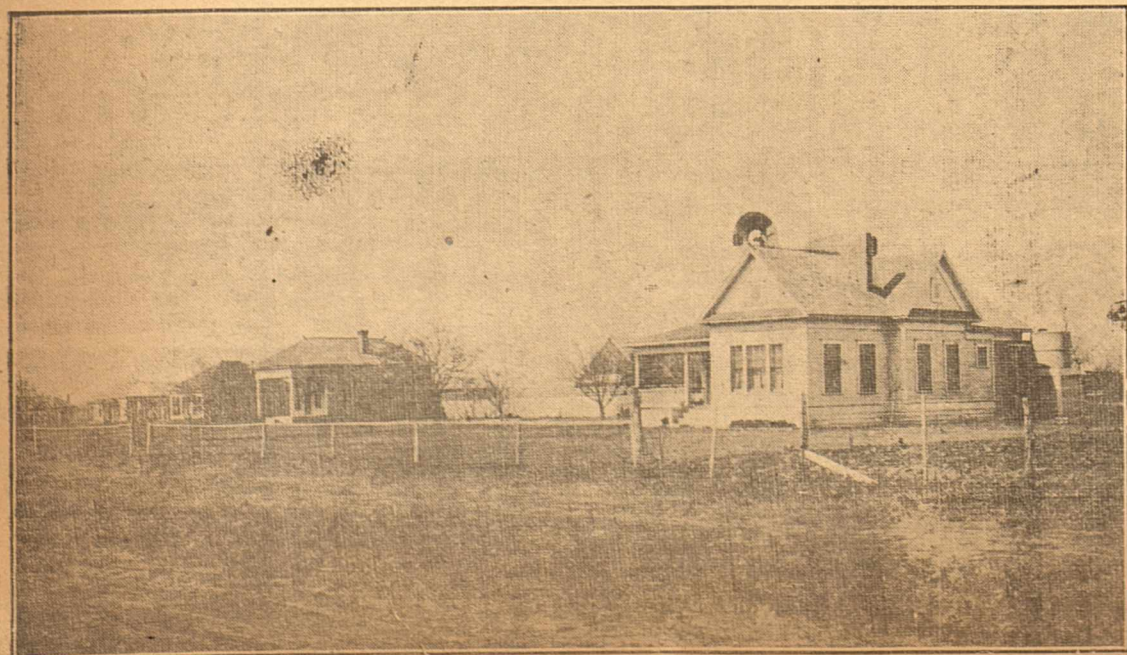


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## Lowly Can Opener Is Now Given Title Of "Boss of the Kitchen"

"Boss of the Kitchen" is a title the one maligned can opener may now carry with some degree of justification, some of the officials of the United States Food Administration state when their attention was called to an article in a national magazine in which the can opener was so designated.

Before the passage of the Federal food and drugs act a generation ago, suspicion and enmity were felt for the inoffensive can opener, and for canned foods.

Dishonest and careless canners not only gave the honest, forward looking canners competition of a most unfair nature but also tended to give the entire industry a reputation for products which could not always be depended upon for purity, quality or full measure.

Small wonder the intruding can opener was held up in alarm as the symbol of canned foods. The factory product it was said, could never equal that put up by the housewife. There was also some talk in those days about the can-opener breaking up happy homes ruining American cooking and playing havoc with American cuisine traditions.

Today the modern housewife may buy satisfactory canned foods and preserves and the cost is frequently as low or lower than when she puts them up herself, if her time and labor are considered. Fruits, vegetables, soups, fish and shellfish are recognized as important adjuncts to the well-planned meal and every day diet. Via the can opener the new "Boss of the Kitchen" these foods come from all parts of the world to be consumed anywhere, any time.

This change represents the shift in American social and economical habits brought about by the gradual passing of home canning to factory canning with mass production bringing low unit cost for products of standardized nature, free from adulteration and contamination.

Twenty years or more of constructive effort on the part of canning industry backed by the continual pressure in behalf of sound honest products exerted through the enforcement of the Federal food and drug act have been responsible for the justified confidence and dependence now placed in canned foods.

**Adulterations Once Common**

When the act was made effective in 1907, violations were extremely common in the industry. Honest manufacturers had to compete with those whose cans were habitually "slack-filled." Water was a handy substitute for the food the cans should have contained and the pumps did a rushing business in many canneries. Low grade and even partially decomposed products were occasionally packed and the use of artificial colors or chemical preservatives was not uncommon. The American consumer paid the bill and the ethical canner's reputation suffered along with the shyster's.

By limiting the amount of water allowed in canned foods, as well as by requiring the container to be true index of the amount of food packed, the food administration officials believe the food and drugs act has done more to give the consumer his money's worth in buying canned food than by any other single project the administration has carried on. By paying for eight and even 25 per cent of excess water in cans of vegetables and shellfish a generation ago, the consumer was subjected to a water tax of several cents on each can, which might readily have run into millions of dollars annually had not the enforcers of the food and drugs

act put a stop to "slack-filling."

Officials, inspectors, chemists, bacteriologists and others whose duty it is to enforce the food and drugs act recognize the American canners are universally committed to the policy of giving the consumer an honest product conforming with every reasonable regulation, not only because it is the right thing to do but because it is the best business policy. They realize that the food and drugs act is designed to protect not only the consumer but legitimate industry and that its broad purpose is corrective rather than punitive.

### NO RELIEF NEAR FOR HIGH PRICES OF HOGS

Consumers can expect no relief from the high prices of hogs, until toward the end of 1930, when the present upward swing of the price cycle will have reached its apex from which time the cycle is expected to swing downward. Supplies of hogs for slaughter during the twelve months are expected to be somewhat less than during the past year, but if the farmers react as usual supplies may increase in the later part of 1930, according to the hog outlook report just issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture.

Current storage holdings are reported as smaller than the unusually large stocks in July a year ago, and no marked change in either domestic or foreign demand is anticipated for the next eighteen months. If producers respond to the situation as they have responded to similar conditions in the past, an increase in hog production will probably occur in 1930, and a production in that year equal to that of 1928 would probably bring a price high enough to result in about an average hog-corn ratio, says the bureau.

"Hog prices," says the report, "are still on the upward swing of the cycle which had its beginning early in 1928. Prices throughout the year to date have been well above those prevailing during the corresponding period last year. The average price of hogs slaughtered under Federal inspection in the seven months ending May, 1929, was \$9.77 compared with \$8.52 for hogs slaughtered in the same period a year ago. Although prices early last winter receded almost to the low levels of the winter of 1928-29, prices started upward about mid-December and advanced more than \$3 per 100 pounds by the latter part of March. A slight recession from then until the end of May was followed by the usual summer rise which is now under way."

**Price Rise to Continue Later**

"Last year many hogs which ordinarily would have been marketed in the summer were held over until fall because of the scarcity and high price of corn. This resulted in market supplies being smaller than usual during July, August and the first half of September, and relatively large from mid-September until early December. This unusual distribution of supplies caused prices to advance rapidly during the first part of the period and then to decline in the fall earlier and more than usual.

"Feed conditions and other factors favor a more normal distribution of market supplies during the remainder of the present year. The price rise now in progress is likely to continue over a longer period than it did last summer. The price decline which comes in the late fall following the summer rise is expected to be more gradual and smaller than that which oc-

curred last fall since marketings are expected to be more normally distributed. Prospective supply and demand conditions point to a higher average hog price for next winter and spring than \$9.77 for the past winter and spring. The spread in prices between the winter low and spring high will probably be less marked than a year ago.

### SNAPPY STUFF

A "house of art" will be established in Montevideo, Uruguay, in which symphonies, concerts, choruses and motion pictures will be held.

### Needed No Coaching

Nick Stuart needed no coaching to enact the part of a traveling news cameraman in "Chasing Through Europe." Movietone romance in which he is co-featured with Sue Carol. Before he became a screen player he was a handy man around the lot. He held jobs from script boy to property man and at one time was assistant cameraman.

Budgeting your day in summer inevitably saves time and gives zest to work. Somewhere in each hot day time should be listed for a cat-nap, bath and hour of relaxation such as reading.

The first player cast for the "King of Jazz" outside of Paul Whiteman, its star, is Andre Beranger whose last appearance was in "The Small Bachelor."

An excellent sandwich filler for hot days is spiced cheese. Use a package of cream cheese, soften with cream, and add chopped nuts and maraschino cherries seasoned with one saltspoon of mixed spices.

### Five Home Towns

Janet Gaynor, diminutive screen favorite who will be co-featured with Charles Farrell in the forthcoming Movietone romance, "Lucky Star" has had five home towns in her 22 years. She was born in Philadelphia, and lived there until she was eight years old. Then her family moved to Chicago where Janet finished grammar school. Another move took the family to Melbourne Fla., for Janet's first two years in high school. The Gaynors were living in San Francisco when Janet received her diploma. Now they live in Beverly Hills.

The arrangement would suit bootleggers who like to deal with divided authority. But some States or state governments do not want prohibition enforced; other would welcome the cost of enforcement.

The entire police force of New York could hardly deal successfully with the city's 32,000 speakeasies even leaving bribery out of consideration.

The noble earl pronounces his name as though it were spelled "Darby." The British are weak of pronunciation.

Lord Derby once said, "Senator Borah seems to think we British are ogres." Borah replied, "No I admire the British who have always been loyal to their flag and which I think is worth preserving."

Joseph E. Widener is said to have offered Lord Derby \$1,000,000 for a thoroughbred horse, a record price. Lord Derby interested in horses, not in money, would not sell.

Joseph E. Sheedy, energetic young president of the steamship line that bought the Leviathan from Uncle Sam, will build two ships bigger than the Leviathan.

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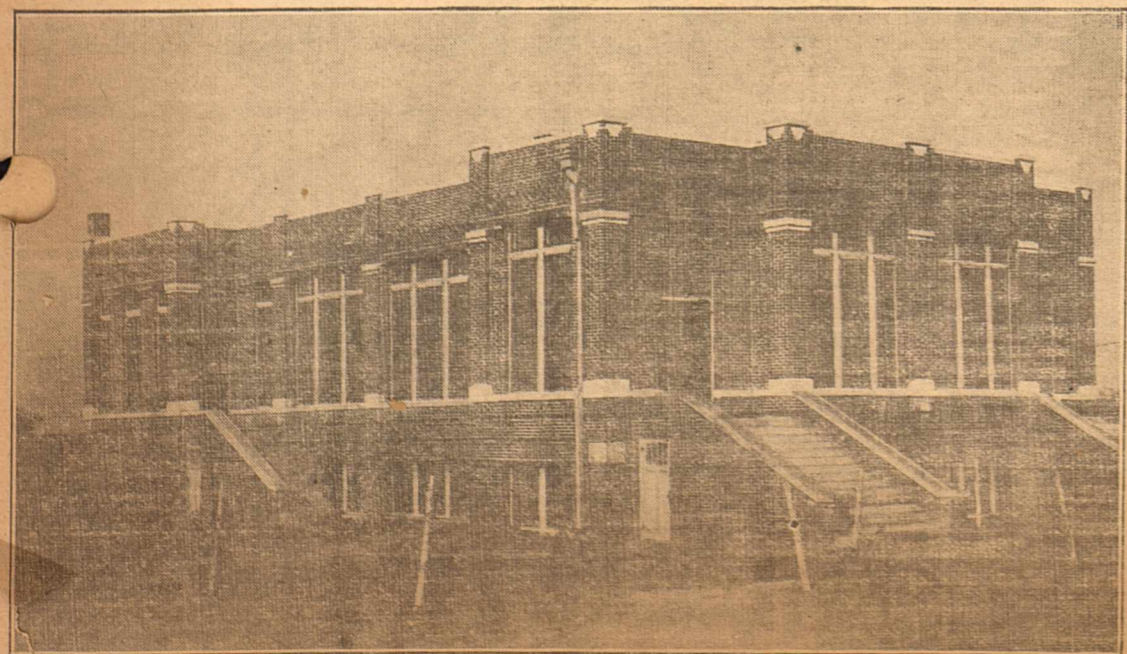
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**How To Fight The Bitterweed**

The effect of bitterweed on milk differs in two respects from that of most weeds and from the effect of highly flavored weeds says the United States Department of agriculture. The bitter flavor from this weed is much more pronounced in the whole or skimmed milk than in the cream. It is of greater importance, however, that the effect of grazing on bitterweed does not disappear in a few hours or between milkings but often persists as long as 24 hours.

Cows do not eat bitterweed from choice. The weed cannot always be avoided when it is abundant in a pasture, and considerable quantities frequently are consumed. The only practicable method of preventing bitter milk in localities where bitter weed is abundant according to expert weed investigators, is to

keep cows off of infested pastures until the weed is eradicated or subdued effectively. M. W. Talbot, a department botanist, recommends in permanent pastures a combination of mowing, fertilization, and carefully controlled grazing as a good remedy for the weed.

Two or three times a year or whenever the weeds show their yellow heads, and before the seed has ripened, the pasture should be mowed. In the first mowing, the cutter bar should be raised about six or eight inches above the ground so that the second crop of blossoms will not develop so close to the surface as to escape the second mowing. It may be necessary to continue mowing two or three times a year to prevent re-seeding.

Bitterweed seems to flourish in poor soils and in over-grazed pastures where desirable grasses are eaten so close that they do not reproduce effectively. For this reason, Mr. Talbot says, frequent top-dressings of manure, together with occasional use of fer-

tilizers, reseeded of the thin and bare spots, and carefully controlled grazing are necessary to obtain good stands of desirable pasture plants.

No practical way has yet been found for removing the bitter element from milk, skimmilk, or buttermilk, but the investigators found that it was possible to make butter, which, when properly washed was free from the bitter flavor.

**TELEPHONE FACTS**

It takes the voice about one-quarter of a second to travel from Stockholm to Los Angeles.

The telephone in Italy has long been a government enterprise, but at the present time there are five private telephone companies in that country.

Since 1914 eight telephone cables have been run through the Pennsylvania Railroad Tube from New York to New Jersey.

London has now more than 600,000 telephones, or slightly more than one third of the telephones in England, Scotland, Wales and Ulster. Texas has 614,657 in 1927 and the United States had over 18,000,000

Recently the first automatic dial telephone exchange was opened in Paris, with a capacity of 6,000 lines. Four more automatic exchanges are scheduled to be "cut in" soon.

Charging that her husband smeared his face with red ink and pretended that he had killed himself to cause her anguish, Mrs. Delores Higgs of Marion, Ind., filed suit for divorce.

**WE WONDER IF YOU CAN BEAT THIS ONE AS A GENUINE FISH STORY**

While fishermen have a reputation for occasionally stretching the truth when it comes to stories concerning their favorite piscatorial sport, editors are known for their absolute veracity. However when a man is both an editor and a fisherman and tells a story such as the following, we can only repeat it as given and let every reader make his own deductions. H. U. Hartzell, is editor and

publisher of the Courier at Orangeville, Ill. Last week Mr. Hartzell turned the key of his shop over to the "devil" and with his wife and family drove to Lake Waubesa, Wis., to enjoy a few days fishing and outing. In a letter to the editor of the Auxiliary Mr. Hartzell writes.

"Two years ago we accidentally dropped a \$5.00 gold piece into the lake and the first fish we caught this year had the coin in his stomach. Suppose some sorehead will wonder where an editor got a \$5.00 gold piece."

We have no reason to doubt the truth of this statement and if any of our readers can beat this we will be glad to hear from them

**THE OLDE TIME ADVERTISERS**

But long before Samson's time there was a Pharaoh who took a page and brought thousands of customers for his corn from far away Palestine.—Leavenworth (Ken.) Times.

Didn't Moses take a stick and strike a gusher?—Kansas

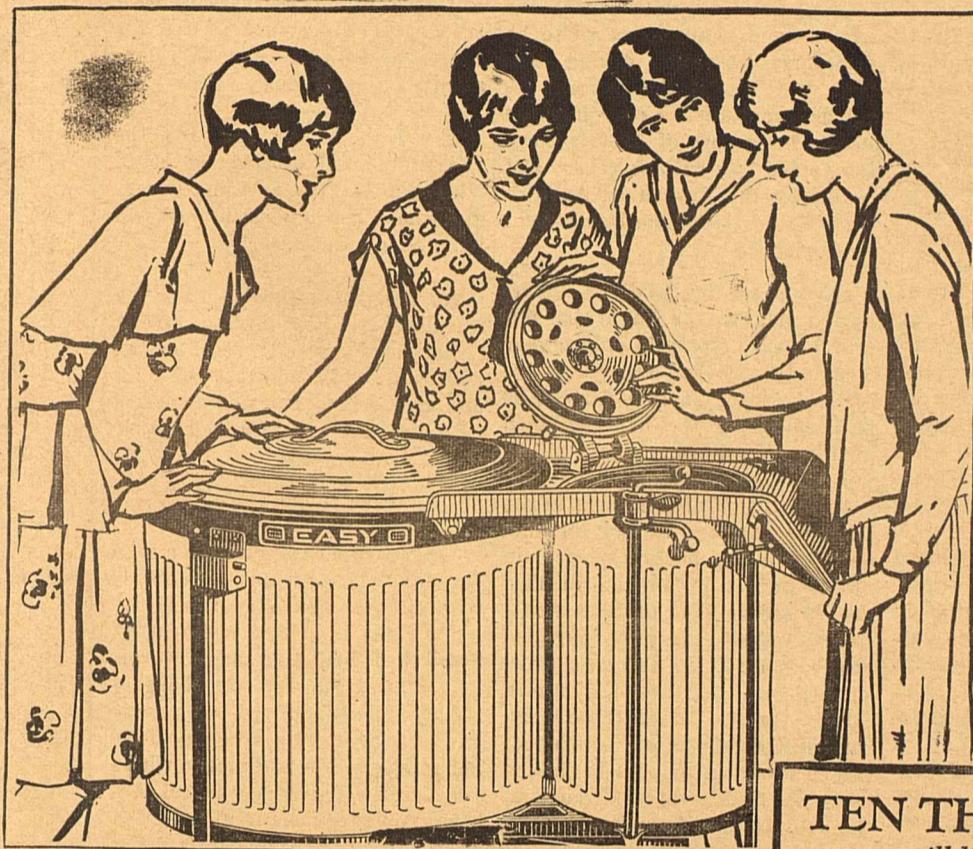
Notes." Kansas City Star.

A convict threw a Bible at Governor Wilkinson of Barlinnie prison in Glasgow while attending religious services.

Gladys Smith, 17, of Cardiff, Wales, was sentenced to prison for a year after she confessed to sitting fire to six building "just for excitement."

Three Chicago women found George Ryan robbing their home and marched him to the police station.

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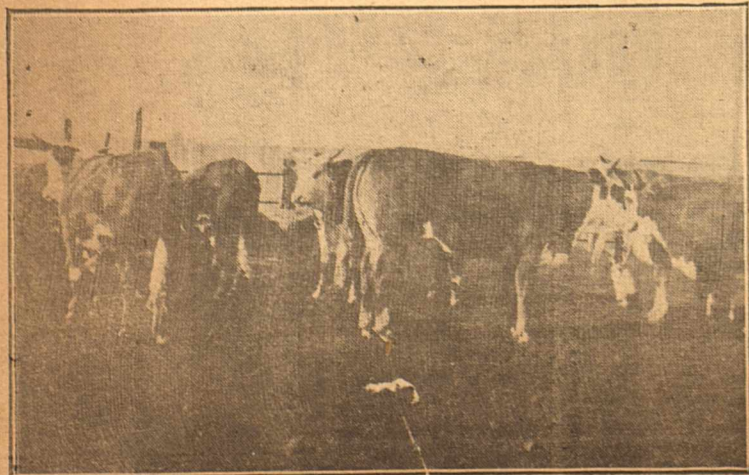
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Beef Cattle Raised In Dickens County



# IMPROVING OF THE GRAIN SORGHUMS

By R. E. Dickson, Superintendent of Spur Experiment Station

The grainsorghums were brought to the United States probably as early as the colonial days but did not find a place in the system of agriculture in those days. It was in 1878 that the first of the family found a permanent home in America when the Egyptian Corn successfully grown in California. Later introductions of kafir, 1874, milo in 1885 and feterita in 1909, became established in the Southwestern states, feterita being the latest one to arrive, being planted at Chillicothe Texas in 1903.

Practically all of the grain sorghums came from Africa where they were found growing in a wild and semi-cultivated state by agricultural explorers. The types now in general use in the United States have been greatly improved by agricultural workers of the State Experiment Stations and by the Federal Government.

The Texas Experiment Station has been the leader in the improvement of the grainsorghum crops, probably doing more work along this line than all other forces combined. Twenty years ago A. H. Leidigh, at that time superintendent of the Experiment Station at Amarillo, but now assistant Director of the Texas System of Experiment Stations was engaged in this work. A few years later A. B. Conner who is Vice Director of the Texas Experiment Station started work in grainsorghum improvement at the Chillicothe Experiment Station and has been spending considerable portion of his time in this field of crop improvement to the present time. Leidigh and Conner are responsible for our improved strains of kafir and milo. About ten years ago, Karper of the Lubbock Station, Cron of the Chillicothe Station and the writer started to work to further improve the grainsorghums and have been successful in developing several new and distinct varieties with superior qualities.

According to work done by the Texas Experiment Station with

grainsorghum cross fertilization in the field to the extent of six percent. This amount of crossing under ordinary field conditions, together with the mechanical mixture which takes place at threshers, and otherwise, has been so great that a field of uniform pure grain sorghum is seldom seen. New varieties of grainsorghums are springing up in ever increasing numbers, few of which have proved their ability to compete successfully with the ordinary varieties of kafir, milo and feterita in their pure and improved condition. One can therefore, spend his time much more profitably in selecting and purifying the varieties he has by some systematic method than by growing or experimenting with new varieties which have not proved their worth.

In starting work in improving the grain sorghums the foundation stock or head selections should be secured from the standing stalk in the field for what it appears to be worth. In picking the heads or plants it is well to have some definite idea in mind as to what type of plant or crop is desired and what use is to be made and the following to be taken into consideration:-

Seed heads should be chosen from plants which have equal growing conditions, so as to avoid the overestimating the value of the plants that have unusual growing conditions due to stand or other factors.

Choose no plants growing near other varieties or off type or hybrid plants with which crossing might have taken place.

Choose plants with good head exertion, i. e., heads that are fully free from the upper leaf sheath.

The greater the number of heads chosen the greater the possibilities are for getting the best type of plant for increase.

If the grain sorghums are to be used as a bundle feed due consideration should be given the amount and the quality of the foliage, a plant containing a high percentage of sugar being desirable.

There are three general meth-

ods by means of which seed improvement by selection can be accomplished. These are as follows:

1. By mass selection.
2. By individual plant selection
3. By hybridization.

The first two methods are the most commonly used with field crops. The subject matter in this article will discuss only these two methods, both of which are perfectly satisfactory as a means of improvement. The third method, hybridization, is not recommended to the inexperienced as a means of accomplishing improvements.

Mass selection is the most common method of seed improvement and is practiced more widely at the present time than any other system. This process does not accomplish rapid improvement but is a sure means of gradually improving the crop. Mass selection is the practice of selecting a sufficient number of heads to plant a crop, either in the field or in the bin, the field being much more desirable. By selecting from year to year in this manner the inferior plants are eliminated. There has been much discussion of what kind of heads to select and as to whether the sucker head or the main head should be used to keep the plant dwarf. The only rule to follow is to select the kind of plant desired. In mass selection all of the plants and heads should be as near alike as possible and conform to some well defined idea as to the type desired. If followed from year to year this method gradually improves the quality, purity and productiveness of the crop.

The individual plant method of selection is based on the fact that a field of grain is composed of a population of many different races or strains, differing in one or more characters. The population of field yields at the rate of the average of all the races contained and therefore, any process which separates races from the population is conducive to securing these particular races separately for qualities such as high productiveness.

This method of plant improvement is the most rapid known to plant breeders of the present time

To determine the relative productiveness of the different individual plants or representative races so secured it is necessary to conduct what is known as a head-to-row test or a performance test in which the several individual plants participate.

The performance test involves the planting parts of each selected individual head in separate rows in such a manner that the several contestant heads will be grown under equal conditions of moisture and plant feed. Certain factors must be considered in the selection of the land and the planting and growing of the test. The following is a detailed statement

of directions for operation.

Select a uniform piece of land, approximately 4x2 0 rods in size. Exercise care to select a level piece of land that is uniform in fertility and that has had similar previous cropping and treatment.

Plow and cultivate this land uniformly throughout the season and if, fertilizer is applied, the application should be made uniformly throughout, distributing it the long way of the area.

Number the selected heads from one to 100 or more and fasten the numbers to the head secured as foundation stock so as to identify the good heads after the per-

formance test has been made.

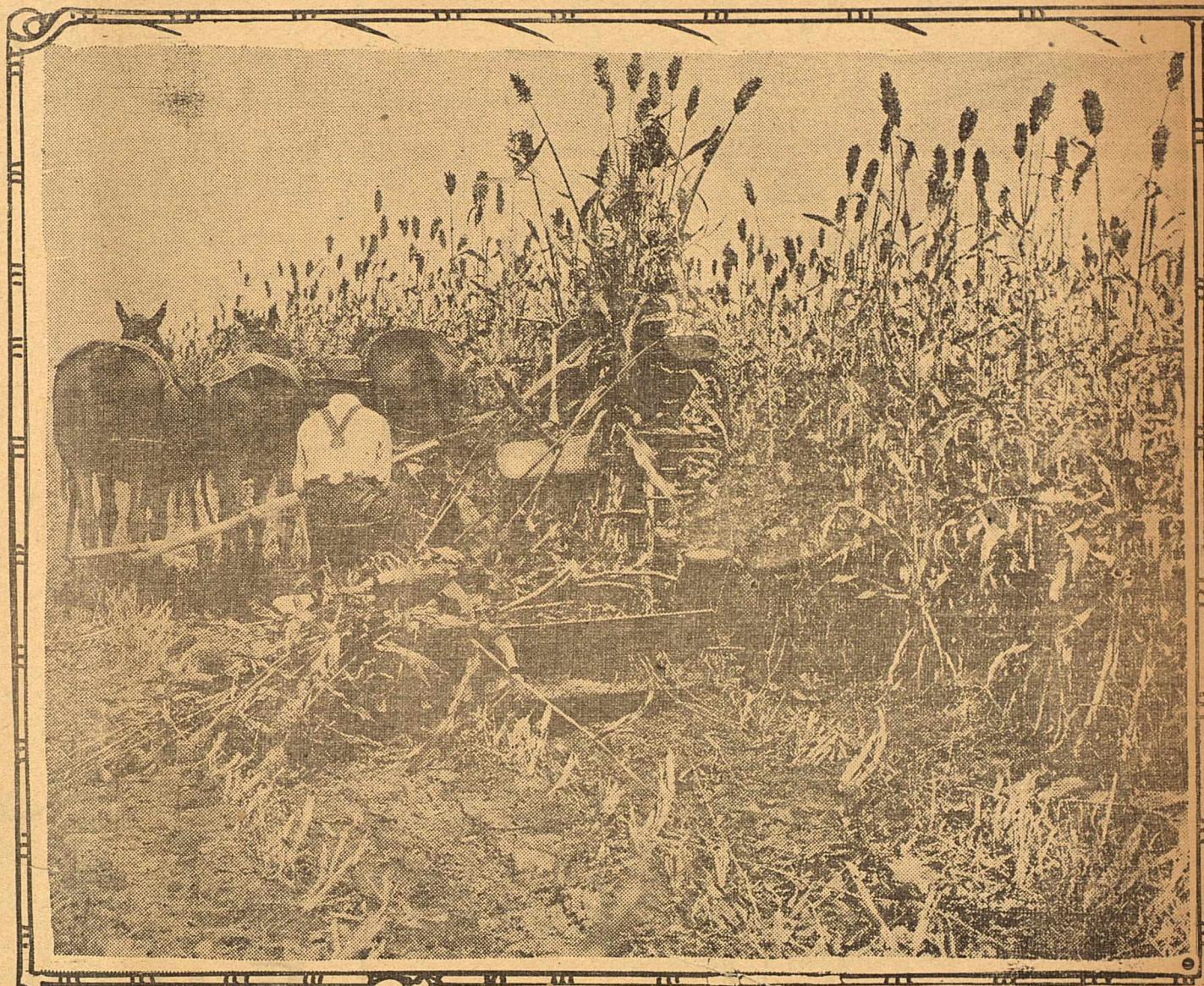
Mark off the rows three feet apart, running them the short way of the area. Remark the long way of the area so as to secure cross marks three feet each way and plant on cross marks.

At the time the grain sorghum starts beeting and before any part of the heads shows, place a paper bag over the head and tie to the stalk with twine. The sorghums are cross-fertilized by the winds and the heads under the sacks will be pure and can be used for planting purposes in an isolated place another year. The remainder of the grain from the original head can be used in this planting. By bag-

ing five heads of each row, enough seed will be secured to plant 1-10 acre patch the next year which will in turn produce enough seed under favorable conditions to plant several hundred acres.

A reserve amount of seed from the initial planting and each succeeding year should be reserved for emergencies and to avoid a total loss from crop failure, insect pest or other causes.

Testifying in her divorce suit, Mrs. Caroline Pelham of Chicago said she was married last Christmas, but that her husband was "an awful gift."



Feed Crops to balance Cotton



SUMMER COMFORT and delicious meals

With summer suns taking all her ambition away, Mrs. Housewife wonders what to serve that will be well balanced, appetizing and easily prepared. Try some of these suggestions, all tested, straight from the Plato-Pancrust Home Economics Departments kitchen laboratory.

### Eggs-Spanish Style

Fry 2 strips of bacon until crisp, remove from pan, and break up. Add 4 tablespoons of Plato Salad Oil and toss in 2 chopped green peppers, 1 teaspoon chopped onion, 2 chopped pimientos. When partly cooked add five well beaten eggs to which have been added 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce, 1 teaspoon salt, and 2 tablespoons milk. Cook until eggs are firm, stir thoroughly, garnish with strips of bacon.



### Egg Timbales

Beat 4 eggs with 1 cup of milk, flavor with 1 teaspoon finely chopped onion and 1 teaspoon salt and one tablespoon Plato Salad Oil. Grease custard cups well with plato and pour in the mixture. Set in a pan of water, bake in a slow oven (350 degrees) until firm. Serve with pimento or tomato sauce.

### Fruit Shortcake

Any seasonable fruits may be used, orange, banana, apricot, raspberry, peach, cherry—fresh or canned. 2 cups flour, (pastry preferred) 4 teaspoons baking powder, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1-2 cup Pancrust, Enough milk to make soft dough... Sift flour with dry ingredients, cut in Pancrust then add liquid gradually, using about 3-4 of a

cupful. Toss together with spatula and turn out on floured board. Divide dough into two sections, pat into round cakes not more than 3-4 inches thick to fit into well-greased pans. Place one section in pan, brush well with melted Pancrust, then place the other section over it and bake in hot oven (400 degrees) for about 25 minutes. To serve lift sections apart, cover

bottom layer with fruit, place top over it and spread with more fruit. Top with sweetened whipped cream and fruit. (For children it is wise to use simple cakes or cookies for the "shortcake" and serve with rich milk instead of whipped cream. Graham crackers or toasted squares of white or brown bread are delicious for this "shortcake.")

## PLATO-for successful salads

The salad dressing makes the salad—and for dressings that delight the whole family, use Plato Salad Oil. Plato is a pure vegetable fat in a liquid form. Easily digested, supplies the body with necessary heat and energy in a wholesome, appetizing form. Also very popular for deep fat frying as Plato does not scorch easily or absorb odors and tastes of other foods.

## PANCRUST for delicate cakes-flaky pies

There is no secret about Pancrust. It is a pure and unadulterated vegetable product. Being of vegetable origin, it is more easily digested than animal fat—lard. Pancrust is richer in food value than butter and the cost is lower. Less Pancrust is required than lard so it is more

economical to use. The same Pancrust can be used to fry different foods because it does not take up odors. Use Pancrust for shortening, frying or whatever you would use a wholesome vegetable fat for.

## MAGNOLIA

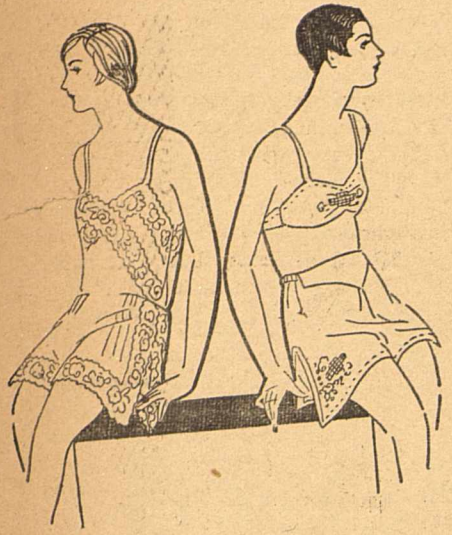
A vegetable fat shortening or frying agent. Pure, wholesome, economical may be bought in bulk or packages. Try it next bake day for pleasing results.

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## BRYANT-LINK COMPANY





### Under Things

Dainty Underthings that have the right sort of appeal to the women who are particular and discriminating. Beautifully designed in all the various shades rayon and glove silk.

### Fall's First Showing

Fall's First Showing of ready-to-wear, shoes, hosiery and everything is always to be found at Bryant-Link Company. Within the next few days will be shown in our various departments the very new in wearing apparel for Milady.

### Fall Fabrics

So that you may see and revel in the exquisite new fabrics of fall, we have restocked our entire fabric section with the very new in Prints, Velvets, Satins, Woolens, etc.



Printed Silks  
Per Yard  
\$1.00 to \$2.00

Crepe-de-Chine  
Per Yard  
\$1.75 to \$2.00

Black Satin  
Per Yard  
\$2.50

Georgette  
Per Yard  
\$1.75

# The Modes of Autumn



### FALL FROCKS

Intriguing satin and transparent velvets again come to the fore as the leading material for fall frocks. The one sketched is typical of the lovely models we are showing from. Apfelbaum-Stern. Note the tight swathed girdle, the front flare, the smart vestee.



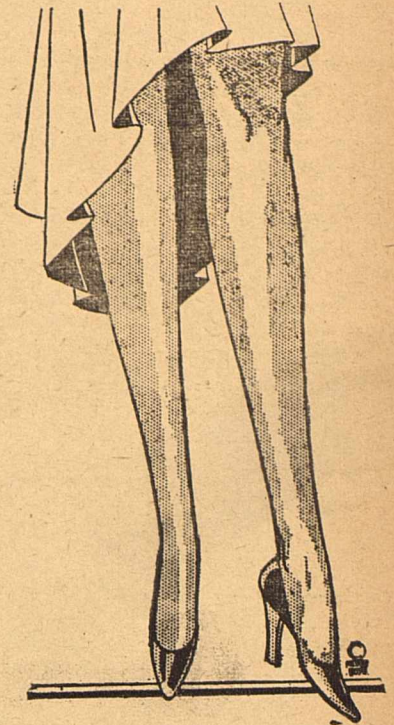
### FALL COATS

When madame and mademoiselle step forth with fashion this fall, coats very similar to the one sketched, will be worn. Every new autumn coat mode is here! Every new fur trimming! Every new color!



### Rumble Seat Coats

The style details of the new coat are smart, original, we might even say unique. Sport coats, thus, the name, Rumble Seat Coats. Warm fur trimmed and exceedingly stylish.



### Silk Hosiery

Hosiery of the sheerest silk and come in all the important colors. We have a complete collection to choose from..... for sport, day-time and evening occasions. The pair.....—\$1.00 \$1.50 \$2.00

### Nationally Known Merchandise

Every article sold in this store is not only backed by the reputation of the Bryant-Link organization but by some of the larger manufacturers of the country. This merchandise is nationally known and nationally advertised and because of this fact must be of the highest quality.

### New Autumn HATS



Velvets - Felts  
\$5.95 - \$10.50



\$6.50

### Footwear

A sporting procession of the finest shoe creations flows into our store and steps out in smart feet. Here every woman will find something new, original, and ahead of the general trend in feminine footwear.

\$7.50

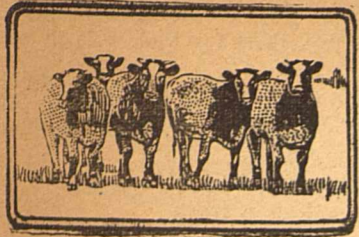


## Bryant-Link Company

Millinery, Ready-to-Wear and Dry Goods Departments







# A WEST TEXAS PAPER FOR WEST TEXAS PEOPLE Dickens Co. Times



## OVER ONE HUNDRED NATIONALLY KNOWN BRANDS SOLD

### Gold Plume and Bryant-Link Are Synonymous Terms For the Best Quality and Service

The two names are almost synonymous in West Texas. All Bryant-Link grocery departments have boosted Gold Plume Tea and coffee long and loyally and have got these items thoroughly established as a fixture in the kitchens of our locality. It is customary for ladies phoning Bryant-Link Company for coffee, to say, "It's hardly necessary for me to tell the Bryant-Link clerk that I want Gold Plume."

There is one thing that the men higher up in Bryant-Link have thoroughly drilled into their force, and that is: Select only the best for exclusive brands and after the selection is once made stay with these articles and sell them. Many grocers lose out by changing their exclusive lines every time a specialty man comes along with an attractive deal. But not so Bryant-Link. For instance, ten years ago the officers and store managers in executive sessions at Stamford decided on the Gold Plume line and ever since that time they have preached Gold Plume in season and out of season and they practise what they preach. George Link and Ralph Lewis drink Gold Plume for breakfast and therefore conscientiously urge its sale by their employees and its use by the ultimate customer. And the excellent example set by Messrs. Link and Lewis has been so effective that the Spur community consumes more Gold Plume than any other size in the world. In fact, the Spur Bryant-Link Grocery department flaunts the proud legend:

"World Champion Seller  
Of  
Gold Plume Coffee"

Now, don't get the idea that the local Bryant-Link Grocery could not sell anything but Gold Plume. A dozen years ago this store had the reputation of being the largest retail distributor of Maxwell House. A picture taken of the store about that time showed Uncle Bill Perry dressed in Maxwell House labels even unto his hat, with the square Maxwell house can of that day heaped to the ceiling and completely filling the store. Will Russell was in charge of Spur grocery department at that time, but when he went to Spearman the place was taken by W. R. Lewis. Since Maxwell House was then, as now, handled by all the groceries in Spur, Mr. Lewis cast about for a brand of coffee that he could control on an exclusive basis, though the retiring grocery manager, Russell, insisted that nothing would sell in Spur but Maxwell House. Lewis bought Gold Plume in October, 1920, and by January 1 had ordered out sixteen cases. Within three years Lewis and Uncle Bill Perry and M. H. House, now in charge of Bryant-Link grocery at Ralls, were selling far more Gold Plume than they had ever sold of Maxwell House or any other brand. This proved clearly the contention of R. B. Bryant and George S. Link that a man can sell any good piece of merchandise that he makes up his mind to sell.

One reason that Bryant-Link has such a hold on its trade territory and can put over its exclusive lines like Gold Plume with such a swing is

because the Bryant-Linkers are public spirited to the Nth degree. And their brand of public spirit is not the kind that sits back in a swivel chair, smoking a big cigar and dishes out soft soap to the active community workers. Not on your life. When the Spur Boy Scouts entertained a Lubbock troop George S. Link joined the ring about their camp fire and ran vigorously after the boy who had swatted him on the rear with a bean bag. And when a call came to close the Spur stores for a day and help the farmers gather their cotton crop, this same Mr. Link promptly responded. Did he go as a matter of form, just to show his good will? Oh, no! He proved his faith by his works and picked 378 pounds of cotton, beaten by only one other business man, W. R. Lewis, manager of the Bryant-Link Wholesale Brocurey. R. B. Bryant, active Vice-President of Bryant-Link, is also an exemplar when it comes to public spirit. Just think! As District Governor he is now in active charge of the Rotary organization for all of West Texas. And yet he will continue to pay personal visits every month to each of his fifteen stores, in spite of the tremendous tax public spirit has made on his time.

West Texas has made vast strides in development in the past decade. When the writer was a school boy the geographies all showed the Llano Estacado and its environs as an uncharted and presumably arid desert. But the agricultural statistics for 1923 show that this supposedly waterless waste produced 18% of the Texas cotton crop. It is important to bear in mind that when Bryant-Link Company began opening their stores out here the raising of the main cash crop, cotton, was purely in the experimental stage. But J. C. Bryant, George S. Link and W. A. Baker, a partner in the firm in the earlier days, had faith in the future of this section. One year a drought burned to a frazzle crops and range and one of the West's biggest supply houses announced the withdrawal of all credit, spot cash only. W. A. Baker drove his buggy through the dust to Stamford and told J. C. Bryant that Baker-Bryant Company would have to bear the biggest share of the credit burden in these burned out counties unless they followed in the footsteps of their competitor and adopted the cash rule. There was no hesitation about Mr. Bryant's reply: "We won't do it. These people have to eat, even if they have nothing to buy with. They have been loyal customers of ours, and Will Baker, you and I are not going to allow them to starve as long as our resources last." And this has always been the policy of Bryant-Link Company: Live and let Live.

No institution has done as much for the upbuilding of West Texas as has the Bryant-Link Company because their help has been practical in all its aspects. Help others to help themselves has been their slogan. Those who would see West Texas rise to still greater heights should patronize Bryant-Link, particularly its exclusive lines, of which one of the greatest is Gold Plume Tea and Coffee.

### Bryant-Link Co. Has Served West For Forty Years

In 1929 the Bryant-Link Company celebrated its forty-first year in business in West Texas. It is the largest, as well as the oldest, general mercantile establishment in the great western part of Texas and the history of its forty years and more in business is a history of business building and making friends. Having grown every day and every year with the community, a member of the big family of Southwest.

Because of the long years, many of the people of this part of the state of Texas have been dealing with this reliable firm since its inception, taking advantage of the superior service and dependable merchandise sold. In fact, this trading with the Bryant-Link Company has become just a matter of course with many people. Nobody is surprised when they get a little better merchandise and a little better service at the Bryant-Link establishment. They expect it and they get it. Since the establishment of the business the men who have been in charge of things have been high grade business men, and its tremendous growth in that time is not surprising. The Bryant-Link Company started a jump a head of the community in 1888 and has kept its pace during the passing of the years.

The original store was established in Anson 1888 known then as Anson City, and one of the oldest towns of West Texas. With the building of railroads to the various towns of West Texas, stores were established in numerous other towns until today there are a total of eighteen stores in the principal towns of this section of the state.

Naturally such an immense business with a central wholesale and buying arrangement has attracted the confidence and caused the closest possible competition among manufacturers and the large jobbers. Among these there is a spirited contest for the business of the Bryant-Link Company which gives the local company many advantages in prices which they un-



GEO. S. LINK  
Manager of the Spur Store

grudgingly pass on to retail buyers. The Bryant-Link Company has been the biggest factor in Spurs' reputation for being the lowest priced town in West Texas in which to buy staple and dependable merchandise. This reputation of the town has made Spur the trading point for a large surrounding community—the industrial center and trading mart of a great scope of country.

A visit to the different departments of the Bryant-Link Company is needed to appreciate the modernness of the business. In the lines for men and women, styles demanded by those of discrimination are shown as well as serviceable goods for the work day. It is a fact that styles for men and women are shown here at the same time they are introduced in the larger centers of population and virtually every known brand of apparel, as well as other advertised and demanded items are found in the different departments of the local Bryant-Link store.

### GAS CONSUMPTION IN- CREASES 400 PERCENT IN TWENTY YEARS

Consumption of natural gas was 400 billion cubic feet in 1908. In twenty years it had grown to 1,600 billion or 400 percent. Industrial consumption went from 260 billion to 1,150 billion and domestic from 130 billion to 450 billion.

### Community Inter- ests Advanced By Bryant-Link Co.

The object of this special edition of the Dickens County Times is not so much historical as to tell of the present day opportunities offered by Dickens County and Spur. This history of the county and the city of Spur, however, cannot be written without giving prominent space to the biggest mercantile house in the section that came with the first movement of development, continued during the intervening years and still goes on growing day by day and year by year.

The members of the firm today as they have been from the beginning are active in the civic, industrial, and financial institutions of the community. They are aligned with every movement intended for the advancement and betterment of the town, county and West Texas. They give liberally of their time and means for community upbuilding from patriotic motives as well as from a realization of the fact that in advancing the community they are at the same time building up their own business.

The spirit of community building invades every member of this establishment and has been demonstrated numerous times in the past. When there is a shortage of labor on the farms surrounding Spur, the Bryant-Link Company lends them a helping hand for a day or a week as the need exists. They have helped gather crops when occasion arose to demand assistance from outside sources. They have striven to give assistance to the farmer whenever he needed their help. When dry years have come they have carried many families on their backs until better conditions developed. They have gone into the smaller communities of the county and helped with enterprises that tended to build those communities and make a more happy and contented people. Thus this company has grown in the hearts of the people and that is the safest foundation on which to build a business.

### Merchandise Selected As To Quality Before Retailed To the Public By the Bryant-Link Company

Second only to the service rendered in the success building of the Bryant Link Company is the quality of merchandise sold. Through the years the management of this company has striven to make connection with manufacturers whose products have been tested in the crucible of usage and whose requirements have met the approbation of the buying public.

Practically every article sold in the various departments will be found advertised in the national publications every week. This is, in itself, one of the strongest tests of quality. Any product that stands up to the requirements exacted by national publications must be of highest quality. More than a hundred of these nationally known and advertised brands of merchandise are sold exclusively by the Bryant-Link Company.

Below are listed complete lines as carried by the Bryant-Link Company.

#### DRYGOODS DEPARTMENT

Ely & Walker  
Hamilton-Brown Shoes  
McElroy-Sloan  
Munsingwear  
Elmo Toilet Articles  
Hunmingbird Hosiery  
Hanselman-Johnson Silks  
Bradley Knit Goods.  
Iron-Clad Hosiery.  
Tom Sawyer Clothes for Boys.  
GROCERY DEPARTMENT  
Pillsbury Mills Products  
Liptons Tea.  
Gold Plume Coffee and Tea.  
Tropical Brand Coffee.  
American Salt.  
Mortons Salt.  
Campbell Soups.  
Kelloggs Products.  
Brown Crackers and Cakes.  
National Biscuit Company Lines  
Gebhardt's Products.  
Holsum Products  
Certo  
El Food Products  
Post & Baker Products.  
Hostess Cakes.  
West Texas Products Inc.,  
GENTS FURNISHINGS  
E. & W. Shirts  
Pools "Sweetpruf" Shirts and  
Pants.  
Munsingwear.  
Hart Schaffner & Marx

Rose Brothers  
Stetson Hats  
Lion Hats.  
Cortley Clothes  
Hamilton Brown Shoes  
McElroy-Sloan Shoes  
Dr. Austin Shoes  
Busby Gloves  
Interwoven Sox  
Ironclad Hose.  
H. D. Lee Overalls.  
Tuf-Nut Garments  
Rodeo Outdoor Clothing.  
Cheney Neckwear.  
MILLINERY AND READY-TO-WEAR  
Apfelbaum Stern Dresses  
Redfern Coats.  
Lucette Coats.  
Mary Jane Frocks (Wash Line)  
Good Morning Frocks (Wash Dress Line)  
Frenchy Frocks (Wash Line)  
Lucette Frocks for Little Girls  
Peggy Jane Frocks (Wash Line)  
Clarice Hats  
Patricia Hats  
Miss Muffett Hats for little Girls  
HARDWARE DEPARTMENT  
John Deere Farming Equipment  
Massey-Harris Farming Equipment.  
Diamond Edge Cutlery and Garden Tools.  
Peters Ammunition.  
Perfection and Florence Oil Stoves.  
Community Plate Silver  
Atwater Kent Radio  
Majestic Radio.  
Kolster Radio.  
Easy Washing Machine.  
Copeland Electric Refrigerators  
Kohler Automatic Light Plants.  
Nesco Saffemantic Gasoline Stoves (Non-Explosive)  
Standard Plumbing Supplies.  
Leval Separators.  
Eclipse Lawn Mowers.  
International Pressure Cookers and Sealers.  
Daisey Churns.  
Coleman Lamps and Irons.  
FURNITURE DEPARTMENT  
Olive & Myers Line  
Wm. Walker & Co.  
Simmons Beds and Mattresses  
Columbia Phonographs and Records.  
Quaker Linoleum  
Congoleum  
Hoover Electric Cleaners

## BRYANT-LINK MEETS THE EVERY NEED, CITY OR RURAL

Bryant-Link is one of the few general department stores that remain successful in the country today. Unlike many stores their chain of department stores never had its weakened link and as a result today this great store stands as a unit, selling almost every known line of merchandise and filling the needs of the general public regardless of their requirements.

Every department of this store is housed under the same roof. Each Department is a separate and distinct store of its own, under a manager whose long experience in his particular line has fitted him for his job above all else. He looks after his department as though it was a separate and distinct store and as though he was the sole owner.

In this way the Bryant-Link Company is able to render a service that is not found elsewhere. In fact, the success of the Bryant-Link Company in this section has been attributed to service. The people have found this company dependable and reliable in every way and as a result many patrons have given their business to the Bryant-Link Company ever since it opened its doors in Spur. Below are listed the personnel and managers of the various departments.

George S. Link—Manager of Store.  
Drygoods Department.  
T. C. Ensey, Manager.  
Mrs. Burl Hight,

Mrs. Ruth Ensey  
Spencer Browning  
Elmo Townsend.  
Hardware Department  
J. R. Barrett, Manager.  
Tom Teague.  
Perry Prior,  
Wm. Manning Electrical Expert  
M. V. Tidwell, Tinner.  
E. S. Taylor, Tinner.  
D. E. Burns, Plumber  
Tom Barrett, Assistant Plumber  
C. W. Barrett, Jr., Assistant Plumber.

Furniture Department  
J. G. Barrow, Manager  
Troy Wright.  
Grocery Department:  
V. L. Patterson, Manager.  
Coy McMahan  
G. A. Stinnett  
Millinery and Ready-to-Wear Department  
Mrs. Jane King, Manager  
Alma Sanford  
Office Department  
Leland Campbell, Manager.  
Coba Cozart,  
Willis Giddens  
Harry Giddens  
Credit and Collection Department  
E. F. Laverty.

#### STORE LOCATIONS AND THEIR MANAGERS

ANSON, Chesley Speck.  
AFTON, M. D. King.  
ASPERMONT, J. C. Link.  
HAMLIN, W. J. (Billie) Bryant.  
JAYTON, Thomas P. Johnston.  
KNOX CITY, Roy Smith.

LAMESA, Guy Travis.  
PETERSBURG, C. T. Huddleston.  
POST, Guy Speck.  
RALLS, W. F. Taylor.  
ROTAN, G. P. Baker.  
RULE, P. H. Campbell.  
SNYDER, A. V. McAdoo.  
SPUR, George S. Link.  
SPUR, (Wholesale Grocery) W. R. Lewis.  
SWENSON, George Bradshaw.  
STAMFORD, R. B. Bryant.

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS—

OFFICERS:  
J. C. BRYANT, Chairman of the Board.  
GEO. S. LINK, President.  
R. B. Bryant, Vice-President and General Manager.  
R. V. COLBERT, Vice-President.  
GUY SPECK, Vice-President.  
JOE H. PAYNE, Vice-President.  
W. J. BRYANT, Vice-President.  
J. A. SMITH, Sec. & Treas.  
DIRECTORS:  
J. C. BRYANT, Stamford.  
R. B. BRYANT, Stamford.  
R. V. COLBERT, Stamford.  
J. A. SMITH, Stamford.  
W. J. BRYANT, Hamlin.  
GEO. S. LINK, Spur.  
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GUY SPECK, Post.  
THOS. P. JOHNSTON, Jayton.  
GEO. S. LINK, Jr., Spur.  
P. H. CAMPBELL, Rule.  
W. F. TAYLOR, Ralls.  
A. V. McADOO, Snyder.

#### TEXAS GAIN IN ELECTRICITY USE IS TWICE THAT OF U. S.

The marked growth in the consumption of electric current continues unabated. The U. S. Geological survey report shows that for May the output was nearly a billion KWH greater than for May 1928, or the same increase as April showed. The average daily production during the five-month period January through May was 262,500,000 KWH against 232,400,000 in 1928 and 218,000,000 in 1927 for the same period. Average production in 1928 was 6.6 percent above that of 1927 and 1929 was 13 percent—almost twice as great—over 1928.

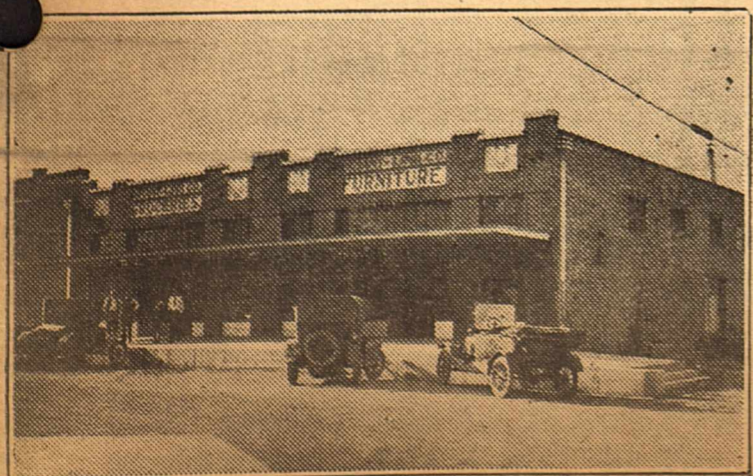
April increased 14 per cent and May, 14 per cent over the same months in 1928 over the United States, while the rate of increase in Texas was 3 and 26 percent respectively.

#### LONE STAR CELEBRATES ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Lone Star Gas Company in June celebrated its twentieth birthday with announcement of a large expansion program for the remainder of the year. The company now maintains 3,400 miles of pipe line and serves more than 200 cities in Texas and Oklahoma. Draw in gas from 21 fields. Development of natural gas facilities in Texas has been a powerful contributor to the present industrialization of Texas.

A post card mailed in California 16 years ago was recently delivered to W. V. Acheson in Melbourne, Australia.

Robert Pinnock of Cowes, Eng., left his widow \$600,000, but with a provision that it be forfeited in case she marries again.



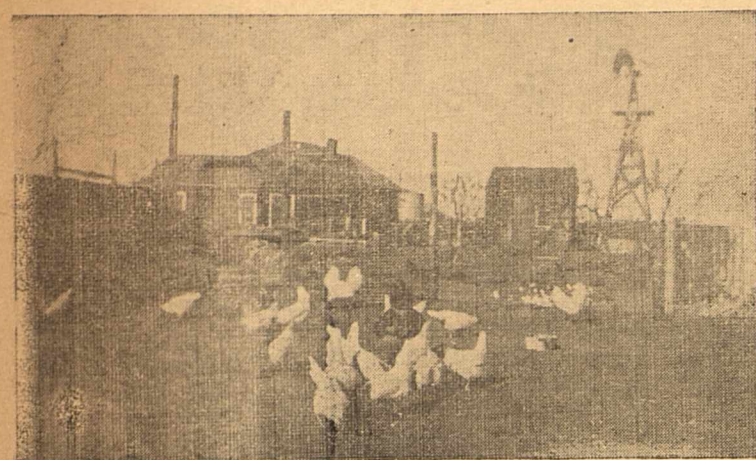
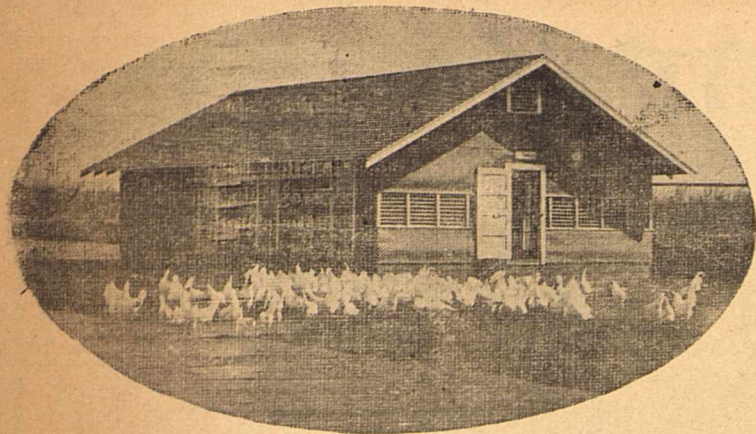
Side View of the Spur Store



Front View of Spur Store



## Why Not Make Your Chickens Pay Good In Both Summer And Fall?



The majority of farm flocks fail to make the expected profits during the summer and fall largely because birds are neglected. With proper care and attention the fall months should prove profitable poultry months.

Every effort should be made to obtain maximum production at this time. Egg prices are better than a year ago and the cost of production should be less than it has been in several years.

**Suitable Shelters and Range**  
The first requirement for satisfactory production during the summer months is a satisfactory roosting shelter. Many believe that birds will do well anywhere during hot weather. Roosting quarters should be dry, cool, free from parasites, and furnish birds protection from prowling animals.

The yards or range should be soft, clean, well shaded, and furnish abundant green feed. Hard, sour, contaminated soil causes sickness and adds the dreaded parasites. If natural shade is not available, artificial shade can be made of boards, metal roofing, or tree boughs. Perches should be placed under shade, whether natural or artificial, so that free circulation of air under birds will help to keep them as cool as possible. Birds suffering from heat lose weight, waste feed and do not give best results. It is desirable to construct shades rather than have birds staying under house or outbuildings where it is difficult to disinfect or keep clean.

**Feeding**  
Encourage mash consumption. Poultry raisers often stop feeding mash when egg prices fall because it costs more than scratch feed. A greater mistake could not be made. During hot weather it is best to encourage the consumption of mash (egg making material) and cut down the amount of scratch grain which furnishes heat and fat. There are no better scratch grains than cracked corn and whole wheat. While equal parts should be used in winter, six parts of wheat to four parts of corn should be used in the summer. At present, while wheat is cheaper than corn, three fourths wheat and one-fourth corn could be fed economically.

Milk will aid digestion, help the appetite and help keep the birds in the best of condition during the summer. Birds will not consume too much milk.

When milk is not fed, layers should be given a dose of epsom salts about twice each month. One pound to each 100 adult birds is the correct dose. This can best be administered through a wet mash. We do not approve of placing salts in drinking water because birds do not like treated water, and will not consume as much as they should. Some salts are wasted, and it is difficult to distribute the dose evenly. If the tips of the combs have a dark blue appearance, birds need salts.

Green feed should be furnished daily. When this feed becomes hard, dry and tough, it is practically worthless. Fresh new crops should be coming on constantly. Where fresh succulent green feed is not available a good legume could be provided.

**Culling**—Even with the best of care, some birds will go out of condition and production. It does not pay to keep non-producing birds; therefore, birds that go out of production prior to September 1 should be marketed as

soon as detected. Farm flocks should be laying between 50 to 60 per cent at this time. In other words, one hundred hens should be producing between 50 to 60 eggs per day at this season. If one hundred hens are laying only 40 eggs, then 80 are producing and 20 should be marketed.

Males should be disposed of or placed by themselves. Only the very best are worth keeping until next season. Infertile eggs keep better during hot months.

**Young Stock**—The present young stock will be next season's money-makers. All but a very few of the cockerels that are wanted for breeders should be disposed of as soon as possible. All weak, slow maturing, pale shank females should be marketed. Every pullet on the place is a potential layer next fall, and should be so cared for. There is little likelihood that weaklings will develop properly, so cull close. It pays to cull rigidly and give the remaining cream of the flock the best possible care.

**Houses and Runs**—As with the layers, young stock deserve and need roosting quarters that are roomy, well ventilated, dry, cool, free of parasites, and protected against animals. For each 100 young birds, up to four months of age, 35 lineal feet of perches should be supplied. For one hundred over four months of age, 50 feet should be supplied. Crowding on roosting quarters causes overheating and then colds, roup, and other disease.

**Feeding Young Stock**—A good growing mash should be available to young stock at all times in hoppers. In addition a bountiful supply of scratch grains should be given twice a day. Better still, allow scratch grain for growing birds all the time. Heavy feeding of mash will cause birds to develop sexually before they obtain desired size. Heavy scratch grain feeding will tend to produce size, bone, and flesh before birds start to lay. A pullet that starts to lay too soon will produce small eggs, will become stunted, and will seldom make a profitable layer or desirable breeder.

**Clean Range Important**—Growing stock should have a clean range if possible, where chicks have not ranged for over a year. It is better if chicks can be moved to new land once or twice during the summer. Young stock should never be allowed to range with layers because of the danger of contracting disease or picking up external or internal parasites. Round and tapeworm infestations are becoming more troublesome every year. New ground and clean houses will aid greatly in keeping infestations down.

**Roundworm Preventive**—While sanitation will aid greatly in keeping down worms, the tobacco treatment should be given to all young stock two or three times during the summer. Treatment: Add 2 pounds of tobacco dust (especially prepared) to each 100 pounds of mash. Feed this mixture for three weeks. Keep dropping boards, houses, and surroundings clean.

**Water**—Fresh water is one of the cheapest and most important requirements for birds, especially during hot weather. Fresh clean water should be placed in clean containers twice daily. These containers should be placed in cool, shady, dry places.

**Sulphur**—Adding one-half pound of sulphur to each 100 pounds of laying mash is helpful to the health

and feathering of birds. It has been found that sulphur has a medicinal effect and is instrumental in preventing or minimizing chickenpox and roup epidemics the next fall and winter.

**Control Mites and Lice**—Lice and mites should be kept down during the summer. Depluming mites also sometimes cause considerable trouble during the summer. The depluming mite bores or eats a hole through the base of the feather and the pierced feather soon dies and breaks off. To the inexperienced the bird has the appearance of molting. When a bird molts however, the feather comes out and leaves a hole. When the depluming mite destroys a feather the butt remains in the skin and a black speck is generally in evidence at the center of the feather just above flesh. It has been found that Black Leaf 40 will destroy the depluming mite. Use a 10 per cent solution and spray underside of bird.

**Field days and Short Courses**—Nearly every State college or experiment station holds poultry field days or short courses during the summer months. All who can should take advantage of these service undertakings. New facts are being found monthly and new practices being recommended to make poultry raising more profitable and interesting. Keep in touch with your college, experiment station, poultry association, etc. It is not possible to make money with poultry in 1929 using the practices of 1900.

**Poultry Tours**—A practice that is becoming more popular annually and one that should be encouraged is the poultry tour. Groups interested in poultry assemble at some central point in the country and under the direction of the county agent, home demonstration agent, or poultry leaders, visit several farms where poultry flocks as a business are sideline are being kept profitably. Many new practices will be learned and labor saving devices seen. It does one good to visit others engaged in the same business, first, for the new ideas obtained and, second, you realize that the other fellow has his troubles also and you go home inspired to do ven better with your own birds. In other words, learn while you play. On some tours basket lunch picnics are held, and after lunch a meeting is held when talks are given by successful poultry raisers and state or federal authorities. Demonstrations in culling, judging, caponizing, packing eggs, or some other important phase of the work are given. Everyone having a farm flock should attend poultry tours when possible.

**Markets**—This is a good season to look for select customers who are willing to pay a premium for eggs at all seasons of the year. Eggs should be marketed at least twice a week during hot weather.

### OF COURSE IT PAYS

In this day and time it would seem that about the most foolish question anyone could ask is "Does Advertising Pay?" But a great many local men, if they do not actually ask the question give a negative answer by their actions.

There is a reason for their belief that advertising would not pay them, in many cases. Perhaps they have used a small advertisement now and then and because their business was not doubled overnight were disappointed and concluded that it did not pay. In other cases the failure of advertising was due to poor and uninteresting copy, or an inferior medium. Again, it might be because the general reputation of the firm was not such as to give the public confidence in its merchandise.

Advertising will not make an unattractive, slipshod, or unreliable store prosperous. But if the merchant has the right goods at the right prices, displays them attractively and gives his customers attentive service, judicious advertising will be the very best investment he can make.

No tobacco company is spending \$12,000,000 this year in advertising a single brand of cigarettes, and declares that its increased business has far more than justified the expenditure already.

Of course, advertising pays, if properly done and provided the advertiser has the goods and prices to back it up.

### BACK-SEAT DRIVERS

(After Kipling)  
I've taken my cars as I've found 'em,  
And the passengers, too, in my time;  
I've hauled 'em from Dan to Beer-sheba,  
And the way I've been bossed is a crime.  
Acquaintances' friends, and rela-

tions  
Have all used me as chauffeur pro tem,  
Have advised and instructed and counseled,  
And I've learned about driving from them.

The first on the list was a sweetie I had in a long ago day.  
We were peacefully driving one Sunday.

In an asthmatic one - lunger

coupe.  
"Lookout!" she exclaimed, "there's some chickens,"  
And quickly I tried to concur.  
But in dodging a duck I was hit by a truck,  
And I learned about driving from her.

Cousin James was most charmed to acquaint me  
With the knowledge that he'd made his own,

Glad to tell what he knew, and most certain  
He knew all there was to be known.  
"To the right—no, the left, you big dumb-bell.  
Great Scott! Use your brakes!" chortled Jim.

"There's car coming, see"—and my boat climbed to tree,  
But I learned about driving from him.

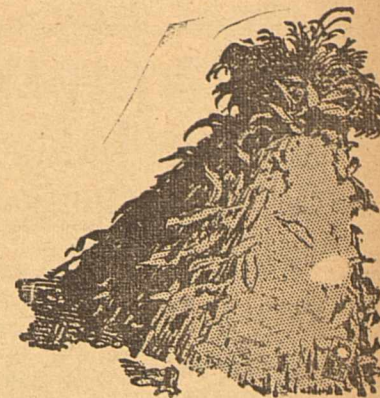
But I now do my driving with oth-

ers,  
I'm no more in the car-owner class.  
And I pass on the wisdom of ages  
In return for their rubber and gas.  
I counsel in matters of speeding,  
Their style and technique oversee,  
And from the back seat I give them a treat,  
And they learn about driving from me,—Erie Motorist.

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SPUR, TEXAS



## Marry Only the Young Man Who Desires A Home, Is The Advice Mr. Link Gives The Young Woman

Were we asked to write a theme or to deliver a lecture on a subject that we felt was of great importance to the individual family, State and National Life, we believe the basis for our thought would be, "Home." It has been said and well we think, that Mother and Heaven are the three pillars of the English vocabulary. We would begin by saying to every girl and boy starting in life to make their plans to own a home all their own, be it cottage or mansion. No life, we think, has gotten its share of this world's happiness that has not felt the security of its home nest, where the world may be shut out and love shut in. True in the language of our beloved poet, Eddy Guest, "It takes a heap o' livin' in a place to make it home." But thing of the joy of this living that makes the home. Planting the roses and training it so it will run just where it will get the blessing of the early morning sun, planting the garden, building a lattice, planting the trees, watering the flowers; these and a thousand more little duties which are real joys in disguise, taken together make the home, that Little Heaven which has within its walls secrets of joy and sorrow too small to tell the world about, yet more priceless than gold can buy.

Young man, it is Home for which every young woman dreams and hopes; it is home for which every young man should toil and save. Home is the refuge from toil and cares; the center of the family life that makes this a good world to be in. And as old age comes on, Home brings contentment and happiness, the memories of cherished days gone by and peace and happiness, the memories of cherished days gone by and peace of mind and body.

"Home ain't a place that gold can buy, Or get up in a minute. — Afore it's home there's got to

be A heap o' livin' in it."

We don't admire a recluse that lives all alone in some secluded spot and thinks not of ought but self, and yet he has a joy that some who walk the highways of social life know not of, "That Spot to him so sacred, his Home." No we do not consider the money put into a home as we do an investment, but as the clothing we wear, a necessity of life and to the carrying out of God's plans a little lower than the Angels and for his creatures which are just

We would say to the young woman, do not give your hand to any young man who does not have made in His own image, ambition to make for you a home and plan this even before you are married; and work and save and pray and make your dreams come true. Many log cabins and humble cottages have become shrines to which the traveler goes because some great man or woman was born there. And we owe to our children that sacred heritage of childhood home. Young man, be-



The old standard milo on the left and dwarf milo on the right. Improvements of this kind in field crops have been worth millions to West Texas farmers in labor saving as dwarf varieties of grain sorghums are much easier and quicker harvested than tall varieties.

gin now your own, your own, your own building fund, take from your monthly salary one-tenth which you owe your Maker and pay Him, and one-tenth place in your home building fund and keep it sacred for that purpose. Young woman, go and do likewise, so you will be prepared to furnish that home. Some girls dream of marrying a rich man. They are scarce and you would be very likely unfortunate if you succeeded, the divorce courts bear outstanding testimony of this fact. In our good State there are two outstanding rich mens' sons. One of them has six, and the other has seven living wives. So, riches don't seem to bring happiness!

We are thankful for the nice rain and are looking forward to the harvest time, which we believe will be sufficient for our needs if we our part well. Our business this far this year has been very good. We thank you all and want you to know that we appreciate your business; and that, while we do not have the Special Sales, we have at all times, values that will stand the test. We want to help make your home more comfortable and attractive by placing some new furniture, rugs, etc., in the rooms that need a refreshing touch. And think of having your own Copeland Electric Refrigerator making all the ice you need, and actually

paying for itself in the saving of food. The old ice-box is out of date, as the hack and buggy. Every home should have Electric Refrigerators, where electric current is available. And we have the New Perfection Refrigerator which fills the need of the country home. Easy Washers to make washing really easy. Too many things to mention here.

Mrs. J. C. Cluer of Montclair, N. J., is in a hospital after discovering a gas leak with the aid of a lighted match.

Mapor, a cat whose mistress left it \$25,000 three years ago was run over and killed by an automobile in Hull, Eng.

Charles Zeicher of Los Angeles sued his wife for divorce because she refused to reduce her weight.

Rev. J. A. Quail, of Stamford, England invited the young people of his congregation to use the church as a courting place.

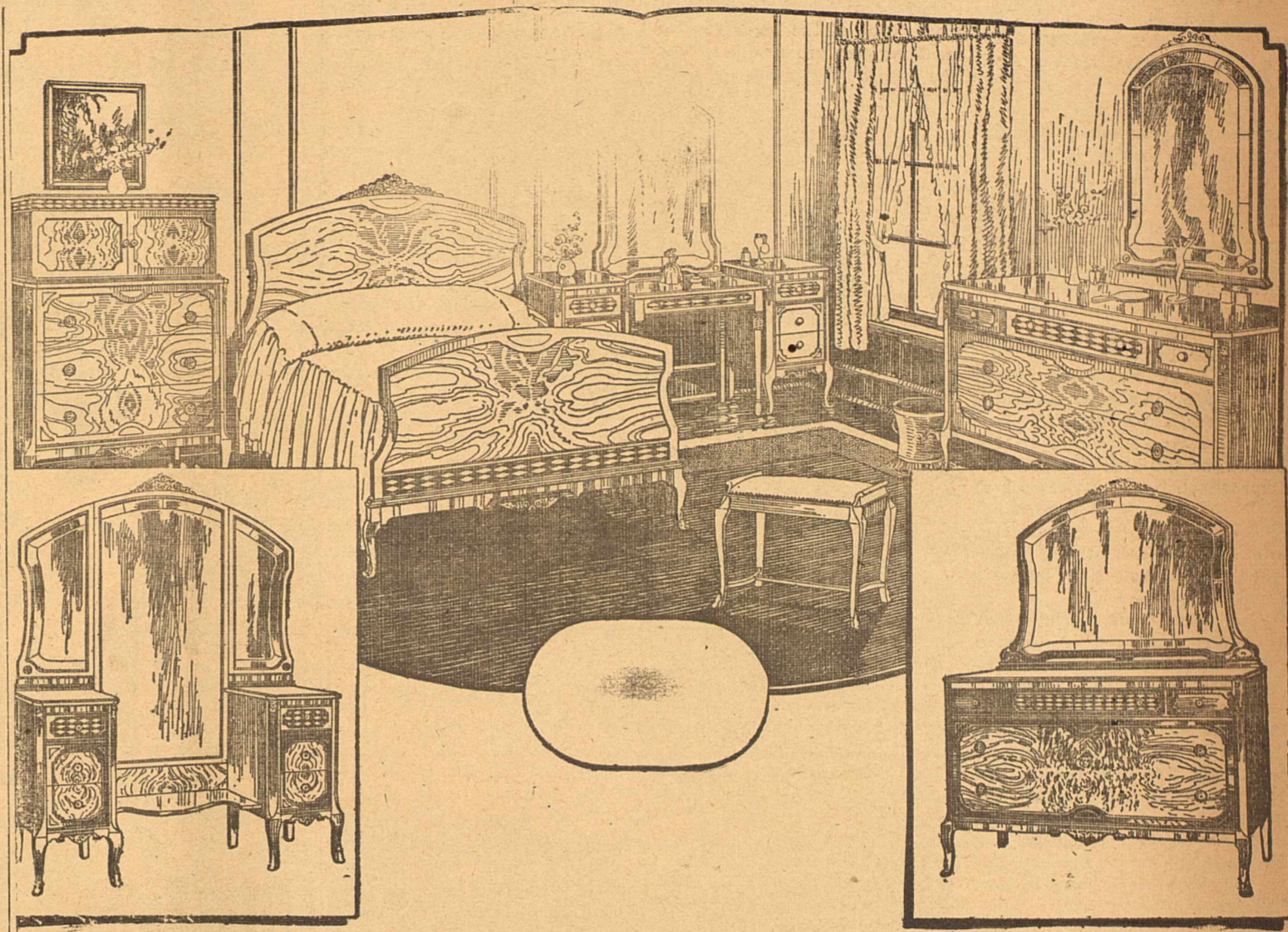
Mrs. Ella Reed, of Chicago had her 24-year-old son arrested for stealing her money.

Walter Cowley of Keighlye, England, kissed a young woman three times without her consent and was fined \$500.

Although a Chicago judge admitted that Mrs. Ada Gorham was married to a "brute," he refused to grant her a divorce.

A deserted baby about three weeks old was found in her flour barrel by Mrs. J. C. Gaston of St. Paul.

Born with four legs, a duck in Galway, Ireland is surviving after two of them had been amputated.



# Furniture That Adds Charm to the Home

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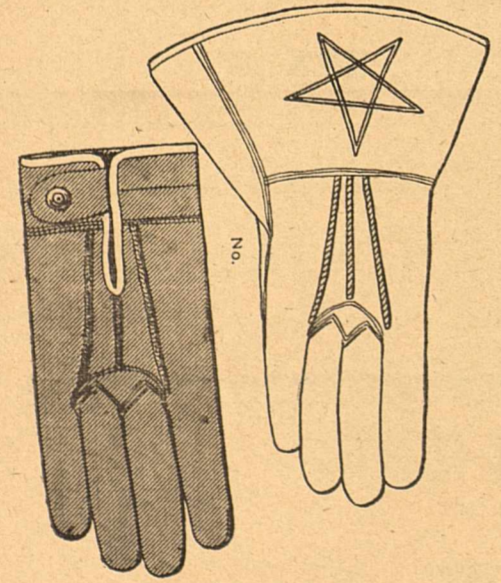
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## Herd Testing System Should Be Employed By Every Dairy Owner, Is Opinion of Reed

Breeders of pure bred dairy cattle should consider some system of herd testing or improvement registry that will eliminate unprofitable animals from the herd and from the herd books, in the opinion of O. E. Reed, chief of the Bureau of Dairy Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture.

In an address at the Wisconsin College of Agriculture at Madison, Wisconsin, February 6, Mr. Reed cited the progress made in grade herds through the dairy herd improvement association records, and expressed the belief that "If pure bred cattle are to hold their position of leadership, it becomes necessary, if not mandatory, that breeders select only the best producers for breeding stock."

Some breeders associations have already adopted a system of testing pure breeds, according to Mr. Reed and other are considering it. It is known as the herd test or herd improvement registry; records of milk and butterfat production and feed consumption are kept for each cow in the herd. It will result in an improvement of the herd and of the breed, he said.

"For many years, by the system of Advanced Register of Register-of-Merit," Mr. Reed continued, "the breed associations have been making progress in the development of their greeds and many excellent records on individual cows have been made. The herd improvement test is not intended to replace the present system of testing. Two methods should not conflict, but should be carried on simultaneously for the greatest possible development of the breed."

The expense incurred in making official records has been so great that few or any breeders have made yearly records on the entire herds. In providing for a system of testing that can be operated at less expenses the breed associations are encouraging the keeping of complete her records for definite study.

For more than twenty years efforts have been made in this country to encourage the keeping of product on records of cows in commercial dairy herds. For most part this system has been used in the herds of dairy cattle. During the past seven years progress has been made. Prior to 1920, 37,362 cows in cow-testing associations, now known as dairy herd improvement associations, made an average yearly production of 5,989 pounds of milk and 293 pounds of butterfat, and increase per cow of 1,421 pounds of milk and 46 pounds of butterfat.

During recent years more breeders of pure bred cattle have entered their herd in such associations. A study made in 1927 of the records of 100,000 cows, 70,000 of which were grades and about 30,000 pure breeds, has brought out some results that should be of interest to all breeders. The average yearly production of all pure bred cattle amounted to 7,124 pounds of milk and 303 pounds of butterfat, and the average production of all grade cattle amounted to 7,000 pounds of milk and 284 pounds of butterfat, a difference of 754 pounds of milk and 19 pounds of butterfat in favor of the pure-breds.

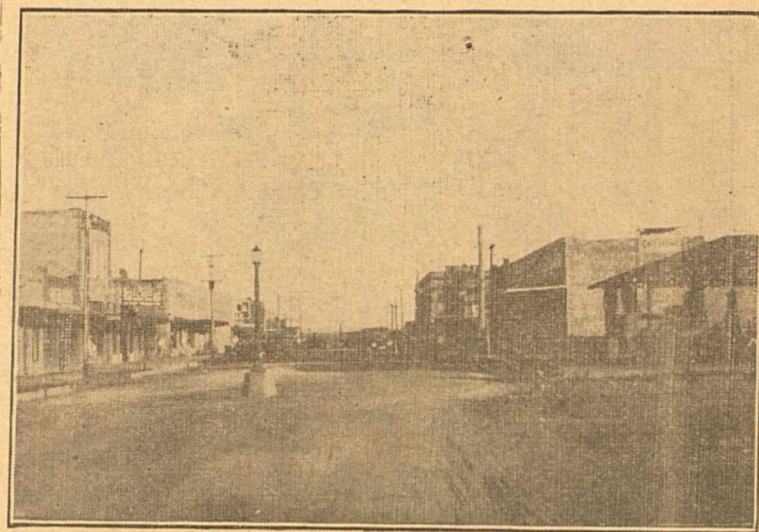
This information is not startling to those breeders who have made a study of their own herds and have had the opportunity of making general observations.

With the ever increasing interest in efficiency of productions and the consequently increase in the keeping of accurate records on our commercial herds together with the great improvement that is being made in raising the average yearly production of grade cows, it is well for the breeders of pure

bred cattle to consider some definite system that will have for its purpose the weeding out of the low production animals from their herds.

The results obtained by the Holstein-Friesian Association after one year's trial of the herd improvement registry are worthy of note. The registration papers of more than 400 pure bred cows which represent approximately 7 per cent of all cows tested, have been cancelled during this first year. These cows have been found to be unprofitable. The effort on the part of the Holstein-Friesian Association is the first step ever taken to carry out a definite system of eliminating the inferior and unprofitable cows from the breed books.

The information obtained from their records of the herd improvement test will be of use in determining the real value of the herd sires in use. More breeders are deeply concerned with the herd sire problem at the present time than ever before, and any system or any method that will aid in the selection of good sires will be filling an important need.



Street Scene In Spur

## Firm Has Enjoyed Constant Growth Since Its Inception Forty Five Years Ago at Anson, Texas

It is seemingly a far cry back to 1884, when they freighted with twenty-mule teams, or ox-teams, from the railway stations as far away as Fort Worth, and yet it is not so far back, after all. Stamford was not yet on the map; neither would it be on the map for sixteen years.

In the above years Anson, known then as Anson City, was the immediate metropolis, anywhere near Abilene, with the possible exception of Sweetwater, and Anson may have been larger than Sweetwater.

Those people who undertook to replace the Tonkawa Indians, antelopes, deers, mountain lions, buffaloes, and coyotes, to say nothing of the rattlesnakes and their kind, and many of the above named were here in that day, forty-five years ago, verily had a bigger job on their hands than they thought possible. Yet man's ingenuity knows no such word as fail. So, on they toiled, upward they looked and yonder across the seeming deserts of the future they were given a vista, and, looking, working, waiting, they conquered.

It was in 1884 that J. C. Bryant and Gorge Baker conceived the laudable notion of starting a store—of "being merchants on their own hooks," as some said it. Accordingly they caused to be erected a small wooden store, of the type usually in vogue those days—one-room, V-shaped roof, squared front—hat brim, so to speak, turn-

## ELECTRICAL WORLD IS PAYING TRIBUTE TO EDISON THIS YEAR

Every branch of the electrical world will pay its individual tribute to Thomas A. Edison by staging some sort of celebration this year as a part of Lights Golden Jubilee. Starting at the opening of the National Electric Light Association in Atlantic City May 31 and continuing through October 21 when the climacteric comes, there will be a succession of events dedicated to Mr. Edison's discovery of the incandescent lamp on October 21, 1879.

The twenty-third annual convention of the I. E. S. (Illuminating Engineers Society) will be given over entirely to the observance of the Jubilee, with the Edison invention the theme of the program throughout. Niagara Falls set aside three days in June for the "international festival of lights," as its own civic celebration of the jubilee, and this is typical of what scores and scores of other cities will do.

## SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

The number of motor cars, according to constant statistics is increasing by LEAPS and BOUNDS. Pedestrians are surviving by the same process.



It is with much pleasure that we extend our heartiest congratulations to the Bryant-Link Company, and to wish for them many, many more years of success.

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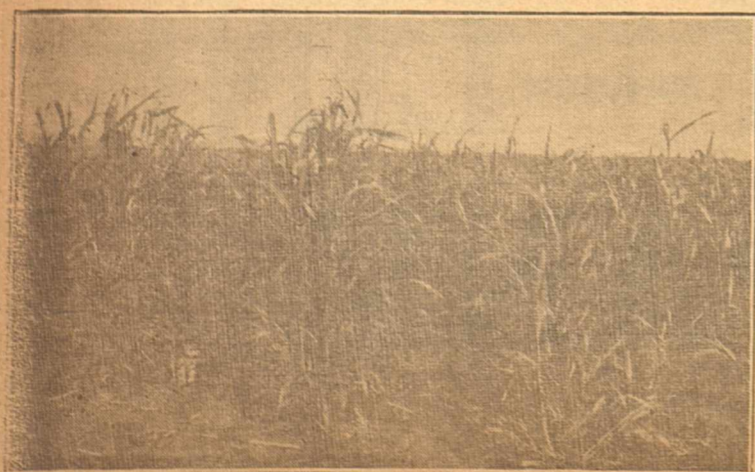
The Tuf-Nut Garment Manufacturing Company considers it a privilege to join hands with the Bryant-Link Company and other progressive institutions which have for their purpose the upbuilding of this trade territory.

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# TUF-NUT

## GARMENT MANUFACTURING COMPANY

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS



Sudan Grass, one of the best and most popular grasses which was introduced and distributed through the Texas Experiment Station

ed straight up in front like a cow puncher's. Mr. Bryant came to Anson February 1, 1884. The business ran under the firm name of Baker & Bryant till 1901, when the corporation became known as the Baker Bryant Company. This firm name obtained till January, 1920, of for nineteen years when it was changed to Bryant-Link Company, as it is at present.

The Stamford store was opened March 12, 1900, occupying two buildings of twenty-five feet front. Later two more buildings were purchased, doubling the frontage, which is used now by the one large building, under one roof.

From the very start or incipency of the business, success seems to have perched over the lintels of the doorways, and the slogan of the store, "Leaders in Style and Quality," which has ever been enshrined with the well-known Horseshoe, emblem of good luck, seems also to have lent its best influence toward pressaging safe sailing and easy harbors.

There are so many different angles to the business; so many different stores; so many different condition where these stores are located that an expert general manager constantly on the job is required to keep in touch with and be liberal and in sympathy with those many different situations, and yet, R. B. Bryant, the man who drives by day and by night to the eighteen different stores has each and every one of their individual wants, demands and fancies at his tongue's tip, where he can tell you all about them just as you name them over. This is simple justice to Bernard Bryant.

These eighteen different stores are located in a wide range of this country, an expanse that is as large as Connecticut, Massachusetts or Vermont, while Rhode Island could be put in several times and then have enough room left for a large county or two.

The stores, alphabetically arranged, appear within the border to the readers' left.

When the original store was installed at Anson, the firm was George Bawer, W. A. Baker, now of Floydada, Texas, and J. C. Bryant, and that firm enjoyed prosperity during the time it was together. J. F. Pool, now of Dal-

las, was secretary-treasurer of the original Baker-Bryant store. Each store enjoys the confidence of the people in towns where it is located, and a customer of one seems about as much at home in any of the other seventeen stores, as he does in his own in his own home town, which be-speaks confidence that has that scope of measurement which is not shaken by miles in distances, or years of time. By reason of various circum-

stances, all of which have been ever just alike. One of the most welcome things to come, just as this formal opening is at hand—just as the throngs are about to enter the store and view the pretty appointments and immense stocks of merchandise—is the word of congratulations from all points of the compass; from all kinds of merchants; from their very pleasant and valued competitors, on and on to owners of lines that do not conflict, do not

even touch them in any way, only the friendly way, which is the foundation of business, after all—the "mudsill," if we may use that term, of our Nation. These good people have been kindly towards them always. What they have in the form of good name among all is largely due to their confidence in the integrity in the company that is rated A-1 in any merchandise.

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# Fascinating Summer Fabrics

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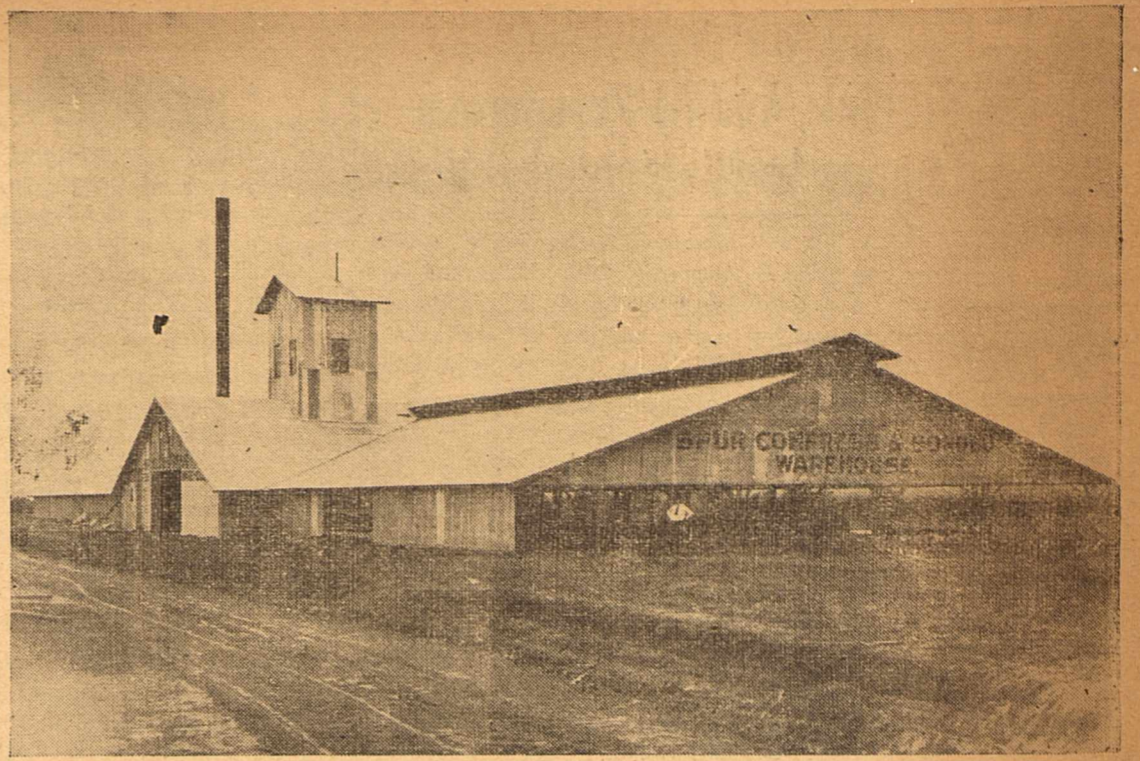
# Bryant-Link Co.

Each and every manager must have a personal touch with the community which he and his subordinates serve. If it were not so, then, that particular store would be clear out of the picture so ardently worked and striven for, and that picture bears the inscription of "Profits." With no reasonable profit, but merely "get-

ting by," no business can be conducted as very much in demand. A Bryant-Link store is a profitable store, or the managers will soon learn why, and, learning, rectification comes speedily, but not in undue haste or with venom or animus. It is a pleasure to do business with this firm. For nearly sixteen years this paper has been a customer of and a seller to

this firm. They have used space in this paper and we have patronized them. It is said with not the slightest thing but good will and a desire to further the truth on its much impeded way, at times, that we have never had better customers, nor have we ever dealt with fairer merchants. If, at any time this firm has approached the shadow of unbrag, or been guilty of unseemly merchandising, that

time is not on the calendar of even the most critical—Stamford Leader  
Raymond Reynolds of Cudahy, Wis., was sentenced to 30 days in the house of correction for tearing down and trampling upon several American flags.  
After being imprisoned for an hour under several tons of clay, Ray Tribble of Brazil, Ind., was dug out alive.



Cotton Compress at Spur, Texas

## DAIRY COW PROVING BOON TO THIS COUNTY

### WEST TEXAS TOWNS HAVE PROVEN DIVERSIFICATION METHODS ARE THE BEST

Bossy has become an animal useful for other purposes than to be driven out of the cornfield. In West Texas she not only has become one of the best markets for feed crops grown and made it possible for the farmer to have something to fall back on when cotton and other crops fail, but she also produces a steady all year round income and in many cases has become the main source of support of the farmer and his family.

Dairying in West Texas has become such a balancing factor in the agricultural program that merchants, bankers and professional men are keenly alive to its value as the farmer sees. It is no longer impossible to get financial backing on a dairy venture, even if the price of the stock to be purchased is one which would have been called preposterous in former years.

The introduction of bull circles, the holding of dairy shows and the worth-while prizes offered at them have all contributed to the growing interest in dairying. The establishment of cream routes, and the good prices paid for both sour and sweet cream have also aided materially in putting the dairy business in good favor.

One citizen in a West Texas town who started with four cows two years ago and now has fourteen, states that they are surer money than cotton. He declares he can make more money clear, year after year, than could be made on four hundred acres planted to cotton. He expects to build his own herd to 25 or 30 good dairy cows, raise less cotton and more feed, and let the other fellow worry about the price of cotton, the ravages of the boll worms, and his new relative the pink boll worm.

In Brownwood, the majority of the farmers sell their cream. Most of the farmers living close to town bring their cream into the creamery built last March at a cost of approximately \$75,000.00. Other farmers sell the whole milk.

An ice plant was built in connection with the creamery, and the cream delivered at the same time. The creamery makes ice cream, pasteurized milk and Bulgarian buttermilk.

The number of cows around Brownwood totals from one to one hundred on each farm, with the owners of the larger herds supplying the whole milk to customers in the town. From thirty to forty

bulls in circles in the county keep the standard of the stock graded high.

The bonds which recently have been voted in Brown County to improve about three hundred miles of lateral road and make all high-ways macadam will make the establishment of milk routes in every neighborhood practical and certain.

The development of the dairy industry in Spur is shown by the fact that a census to determine the number of dairy cattle in Dickens County last spring an average of four cows to every farm. Since that time the establishment of a cream factory which makes it possible for the farmers to market their cream either sweet or sour cream plant makes about 2,000 pounds of butter from sweet cream per week.

There are some \$100,000 worth of dairy cattle in the Spur territory. Thirteen head of Jerseys, which breed seems to be the most popular, were purchased at the State Fair in Dallas in October. The interest in the industry is rapidly becoming more than just a side issue with the farmers in the territory and they are studying the care and feeding of the stock and other problems relative to dairying. As there are no cream routes out of Spur the farmers have agreed among themselves to take weekly turns in delivering the dairy products in their respective communities.

At Tulia sixty dairy farmers are endeavoring to build up fine bred herds. Several years ago the Tulia Chamber of Commerce and the First National Bank purchased ten bulls at the price of \$300.00 a head. They were purchased at a price that was very low on account of the lack of demand for Jerseys at that time, and were world famous sires, which in the opinion of the Tulia authorities, could not be duplicated today for \$1,000.00 per head.

During the year 1922 dairy products barely exceeded \$100,000. Today the cream checks average better than \$1000 per day, each day of the year. The cream checks handled through one bank in Tulia exceeded \$20,000 monthly.

One hundred and twelve herds are on the accredited plan with the United States Department, which fosters pride in stock, and encourages the building of more dairy barns with better equipment.

Ranger is interested in dairying to such a extent that a series of meetings were inaugurated by dairymen and farmers on January 17, 1929. These meetings are to be held for the purpose of developing the dairy business in this territory, to create further interest in the establishment of dairies and the purchase of registered dairy cows. Feeding problems, testing, management, diseases of animals, marketing of the products, care of milk and other dairy topics will be discussed in the series of meetings.

Plainview is a leader in the cities interested in dairying in the South Plains. Plainview is the home of the Panhandle-Plains Dairy Show, and the second annual show, which was held April 2 to 5 inclusive, offered \$5,392.00 in premiums. Premiums were offered for Jerseys, Holsteins, Guernseys, grade cows, production contests, county herd, vocational agricultural students judging contest, 4-H boys judging contest, and dairy products.

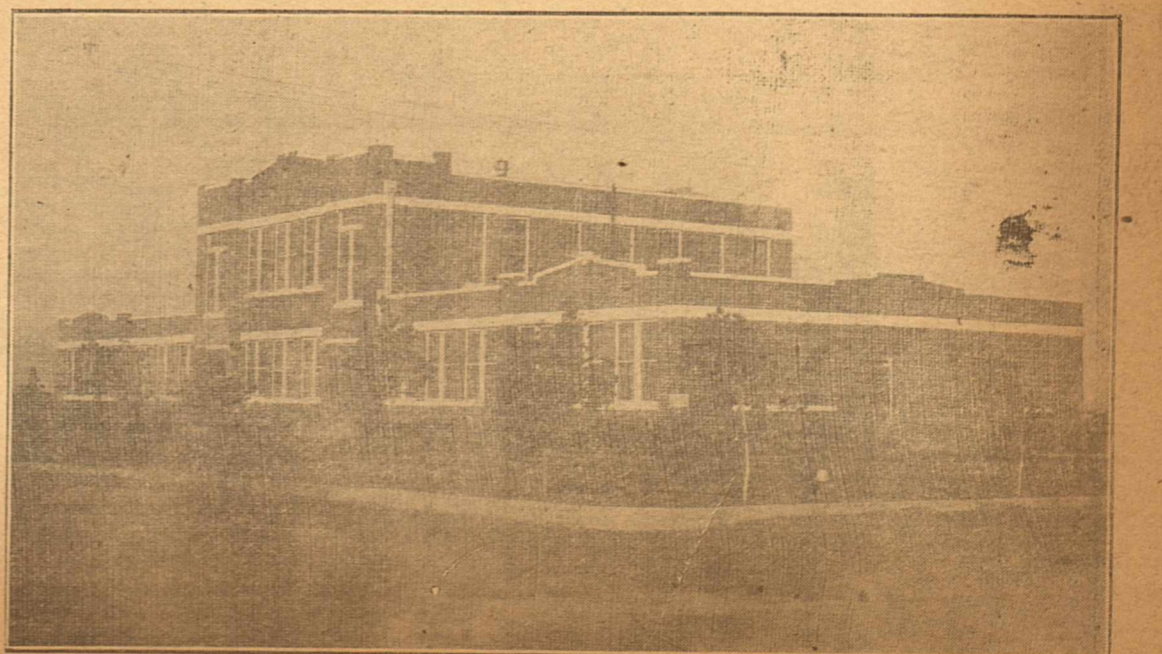
### BONUSES OF LITTLE EFFECT IN SECURING INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

That "bonuses, free taxes, free land or free factory buildings," have had little effect on the migration of industrial plants is the interesting conclusion of a survey made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Markets ranked first, the survey, which covered 2,084 communities, showed on the location of industrial enterprises. Labor stood second and transportation third.

Regarding the reasons underlying the industrial growth of the smaller cities, the survey said, "those most frequently reported might directly be related to lower manufacturing costs. Improved railway and power service has also been beneficial in the development of these cities."

Within the past five years electrical power has become available for the first time to 4,000 towns and villages formerly without service. These small towns have electric service formerly enjoyed only by large cities. They also have unlimited electric power supplied available to them to meet the expansion of their community. Factories can locate in a small town supplied with electric power from an interconnected system confident that they can have dependable electric service.

James Calkin of St. Paul asked to be sent to jail so that he might be cured of his desire to steal, and was given six years.



Spur High School Building, Modern Throughout



## Live Today, and Not Tomorrow, Says Mr. Link, And Be Prosperous And Happy And Contented at Home

Are you living now or are you dreaming of how you are going to live in years to come? Too many of us are looking for days of joy to come, feeling that some how we may gain wealth or fame and then we will really live. If we are not living now we will never live. Happiness is not a state of condition, but of mind. That person who cannot make the cottage home, cannot make a home in a mansion. If we are not doing something for the community in which we live now, we will be of no value to it in the future. We are living now, we know not what the future has in store. Some one has said, "We should live every day as though we expected to live in this world always, yet be prepared for death any day." I have known people to buy things for use in their homes and put them away for the future when they expect to use them, like a miser hoarding his gold and starving his soul and body. The things of this world are not ours, but are loaned us by our God to use the little time we are on earth; and we'd better use them now. You may think you will give thousands of dollars to good causes when fortune comes your way, but what are you doing now to help with your times and dollars. Is the house you live in a real home or do you feel that you will just let the yard grow in weeds and the back yard be a haven for tin cans? But when you build your dreamed-of house you will keep it spick and span; no you won't, you will be the same kind of folks you are now and your dream home will receive the same care. Are you living now, or simply dreaming of living in the future. I have seen happy folks living in a tent and miserable folks living in a mansion. It isn't the house you live in, but the way you live in the house that makes it home. Do we think our town a good town, or do we sit down on some well whittled goods box and say "they" are making a mess out of things. Who are they?

We are all responsible for the community in which we live and don't knock on "they"—join in the procession and say we are building an empire, and let the knockers knock. Are you living now here in West Texas, or are you living back in some state from which you came? We cannot live in the past or future. Now! Now! Now! is the time we are living! If we are really living now is the time we are serving humanity if we are really serving. It's a good world. There are flowers and birds, music and sunshine here for every eye to see and every ear to hear; and some are blind to the beautiful and deaf to the harmony of nature. Are we living now? Many are, some are not. Why not join the ranks of these who are trying to do something now? We are building an institution in Spur. Where can you find a small town with such an institution? We know many people appreciate our efforts, such organizations have helped to make every church and school house possible; and have made the value of every acre of land greater. We want to continue to be of service. We had faith in Spur. We built the first brick house here when others were building temporary buildings. We have always sold merchandise without having special sales, because we believe most people like to trade where they will pay the same price for an item to day that their neighbor will pay tomorrow. Give us your business and you will buy your goods on an average as cheap as good goods can be honestly sold. We have the largest organization of its kind doing business in this part of Texas. We naturally buy our goods as cheap as anyone can buy; we discount all bills, so know our prices are right, and our net profits are so small you would doubt our statement if we should tell you. We appreciate your patronage, your kind words, your good will; make our big store your hanging-

out place. Tell your friends to meet you here and we didn't think we would mention any special merchandise, but we want every home in Spur Trade Territory to have one sack of the best flour that can be made of wheat,—"Pillsbury's Best."

### THE USEFUL HOBO

In the minds of most persons, the terms hobo, tramp, and bum have practically the same meaning. But this idea is wrong, according to M. Leinen, agent for a large New York employment company, who declares he has hired as many as 133,000 Bowery hoboes for railroad work in a single year, and says they were "a fine bunch of men."

Mr. Leinen describes the difference between the three classes mentioned somewhat as follows: A hobo is a traveling worker; a tramp is a traveling non-worker; a bum is a stationary non-worker. While the three intermingle in the large city during the winter, and the classes are no distinctly defined, when the opportunity comes the

hobo is willing to work, while the others are not.

oboes travel from place to place seeking reasonable enjoyment, such as harvesting, railroad and other construction work, as common laborers, so they fill a real place in the country's economic system. While they are not always exemplary in morals and conduct, they are honest and industrious as a rule.

And they have sense of pride as well. The hobo wants to be known as a hobo, and he is insulted to be called a tramp or a bum.

### PAINTS HISTORIC WEST TEXAS

Abilene, Texas, July 15.—Peter Plotkin, internationally known Russian painter, has begun a series of historical paintings, depicting Texas and Southern heroes and early West Texas scenes, he has announce d from his studio here. The work is in connection with his new position as professor of portraiture and historical painting at Simmons University, he stated.

General Sam Houston, General Robert E. Lee, General Sonewall

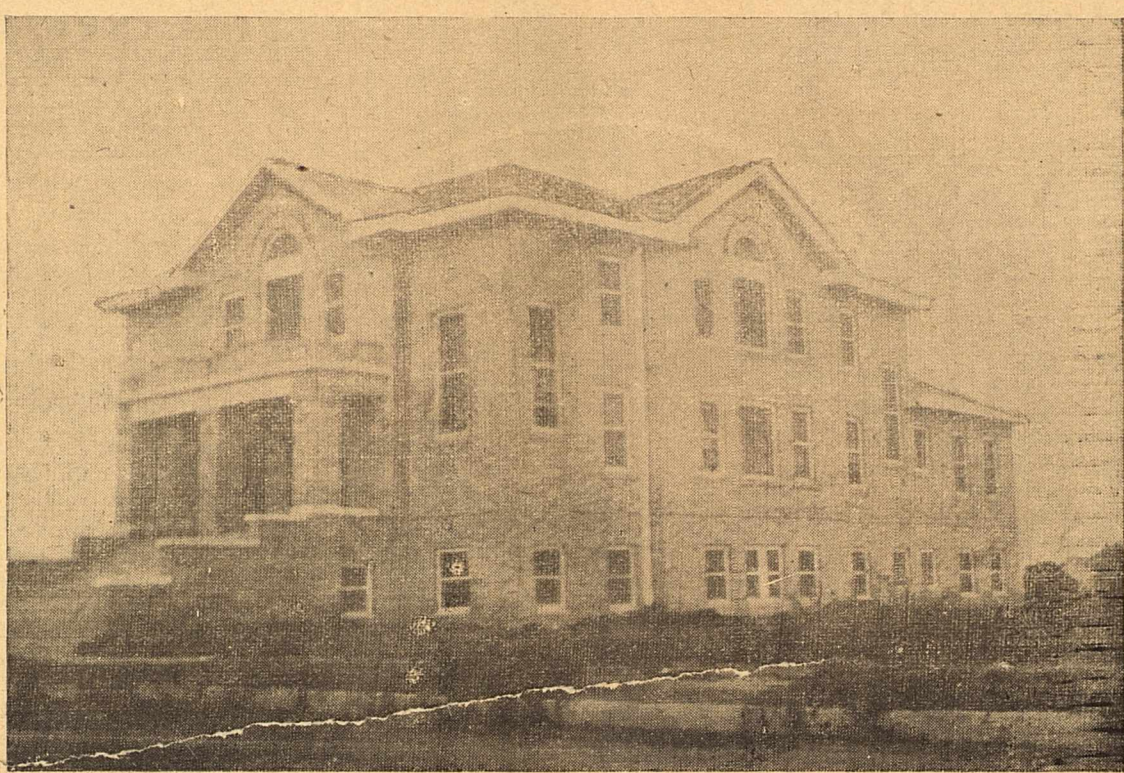
Jackson and scenery of pioneer West Texas are the subjects to be used by Plotkin. He will also paint again his famous, "Raising of Jesus' Daughter," the painting which together with the \$60,000 American Legion picture, "Never Alone," has done more than any other to make him famous.

Plotkin holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Petrograd, where he was a teacher before the Russian Revolution. He came to the United States as the official artist of the Zionist movement, was later converted to Christianity and finally last year came to West Texas.

"We want to make people over the Southwest come to West Texas," he said in speaking of his new position at Simmons, "for their art instead of going to Chicago or other cities."

Miss Dorothy Clifton of London was awarded \$500 in a suit against a hairdresser who injured her head while giving a permanent wave.

Lord Knaresborough of London willed \$11,000 to his secretary in recognition of her faithful service.



The Methodist Episcopal Church of Spur



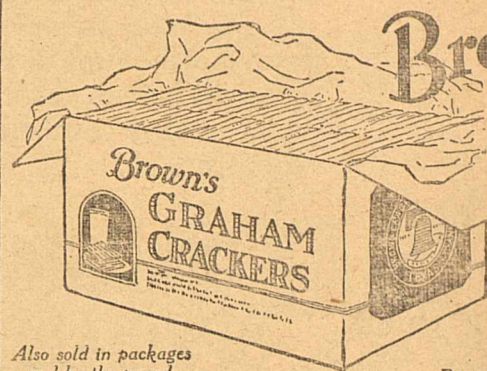
Dr. Sylvester Graham discovered the health value of the flour that now bears his name



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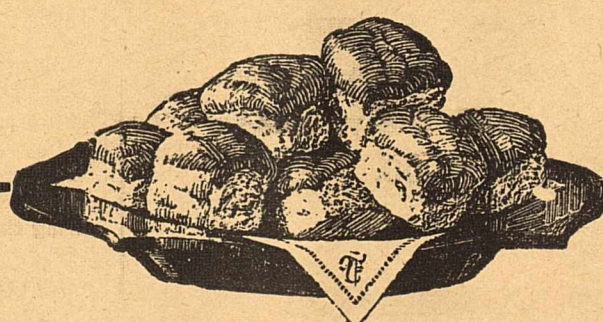
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## These Are The Greatest Times The World Has Ever Seen, Says The Optimistic George S. Link, of Spur

We have been impressed by the courage, tenacity and optimism of so many of the farmers of our country in years of drouth, pests, sand storms and especially after the recent hail that destroyed the cotton crops in parts of the country. No man said to us, this is my third planting, and he was smiling. Others have planted parts of crops the fourth time; and time for planting is near the line for making cotton. According to records that have been kept by the Experiment Station, May 1 to 20 is the best time for planting cotton in this section and yet twenty days later we find many farmers smiling and planting, looking for a harvest and we can't help believing their will be rewarded for their effort, and the spirit of resignation so beautifully expressed by those whose crops were swept away by the destructive hail are worth emulation.

"Somebody said it couldn't be done,"

But with a chuckle replied; "The maybe it couldn't but he would be one,"

"Why couldn't say so until he had tried."

So he buckled right in with the work and his face, if he worried he hid it,

He started to sing as he tackled the thing.

That couldn't be done and he hid it.

A fellow said to us just this morning that the world was all going to the Bow-wow's, that everybody was dying beyond their means, and the old time religion was not true. But we didn't agree with him and called his attention to the fact that there was more well-to-do than ever helping all classes than have ever been. The widow and father, the crippled child, on whose suffering humanity but is being better cared for than ever before. We are just putting feet to our prayers, we don't shout so much but do more of the things taught by the Book. It's true there are crimes committed these days, but they are not committed there as folks get drunk and occasionally one that gets intoxicated; but not one to where there was ten in the days of our saloons. People have always murdered, stolen, cursed, lied and drank; and these things are all bad and bring in their wake unhappiness. So crime is not new. The first family we have heard of had its murdered end by Moses slew the Egyptian. And we use history we find murder being committed in the name

the church. God has been many times by the world seems too bad when we consider all that we cannot break one of God's laws and receive the penalty. Yet we feel that the World is growing, because the nations of the world are hoping for world peace and are getting rid of their grudges of other nations. We never would have thought that a few hundred years ago the world was a moving picture. It is now a moving picture. It is now a moving picture. It is now a moving picture.

SLEEVE-VALVE ENGINES

Great Britain

The latest motor purchases of their Majesties show a continued preference for automobiles that use the Knight sleeve-valve type of engine. These models replaced models that also were powered by sleeve-valve engines and which were used by the royal family for five years before they were replaced. The new limousine for Royalty's town use is a Daimler, powered by a twelve-cylinder sleeve valve engine. A second car equipped with the same type of engine will be used for shooting on the moors while a gray sedan completes the personal cars of the British rulers.

King George's preference for cars equipped with the sleeve-valve type of engine dates back many years to the time when his late father, King Edward VII, purchased a one-cylinder sleeve-valve engine car. The King and Queen are not alone in this decided engine preference among the members of the family of Edward of Wales, the popular heir to the throne, also uses a car with a sleeve-valve engine.

The engines in the Royal cars are the same type as those employed in the Willys-Knight sixes, products of the Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, the largest builders of Knight engine cars in the world.

Convicted for the 91st time fighting, Mrs. Mary Walsh of Liverpool maintained that she was "a lady."

Seven young women recently sailed from Liverpool to Canada to conduct mission Sunday schools.

Mrs. Edith Morris of Belfast was sent to prison on a charge of embezzlement a few hours after her wedding.



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The White blocks are made from pure evaporated. The Natural blocks are made from pulverized rock salt, which contains all the necessary salt minerals at full strength.

**Bryant-Link Co.**  
Grocery Department

# The Bryant-Link Story .... is the Rose Brothers Story!

The Bryant-Link Company is over forty years old. For over two-score years Bryant-Link has been making friends out of customers. . . . in West Texas! And during these years, they have made Rose Brothers a substantial source of supply!

We are as proud to include Bryant-Link among our list of friends . . . . as they are to include you in theirs!

We respect them as a splendid example of American Business builders. . . . as an organization of square dealers and straight shooters!

## Rose Brothers Clothing Specialists New York

Among the various Rose Brothers lines carried in the Bryant-Link stores. . . . are "Long-wear" Pants, the country-famous general utility trouser. . . . and "Roseknit" topcoats, the coat that meets wind and rain with a smile. . . . and stays warm and dry!



# INSPIRATION

## Backed By Ideals

A store or an institution is in its character and methods only a reflection of the character of those who guide it through the years.

Behind every institution, formulating the ideals of its business and shaping its policies, is some personality or group to whose inspiration the structure owes its existence.

The founders of the Bryant-Link Stores, the principle stores in the principle towns of this section of West Texas, when they laid down the fundamentals of this House, had their INSPIRATION... the ideals of Quality and Service. How well they have carried out this spirit thru the years of service is attested by the steady business growth.



## Satisfying All

The Bryant-Link Wholesale Grocery justifies its existence because of its single-purposed policy of offering for sale only merchandise of character and dependability. They give a dollar's worth with every dollar spent, coupled with an aim to the customer's absolute satisfaction.

The principles first implanted at the founding of the institution are as active today in this department as they have been throughout the years. They operate in the conduct of every member of this organization and are manifested by quality, service, courtesy and hospitable spirit.

This is the fruit of inspiration passed on by the founders as a heritage to every participant in their service.

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George Bros.  
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Red Front Drug Store  
Spur Drug Store  
Sanders Pharmacy  
City Drug Store  
Gruben's Drug Store  
Spur Hardware & Furniture Co  
Riter Hardware Company  
Gambill's Variety Store  
Spears Variety Store  
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McAdoo Merchantile Company

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Self & Morris  
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### CLAIREMONT

Thomas Parker

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