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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH WILL BE A BIG DAY IN SPUR

Wednesday, April 18th, will be a big day in Spur and thousands of people will be here from every section of the great Spur country.

The occasion will be a meeting of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dickens County and judging of the sheep which have been on feed, in connection with a big barbecue and celebration by the Spur Chamber of Commerce membership. At the barbecue the Chamber of Commerce will have as their guests families of members and members of the Boys and Girls Clubs, and all who may join the Chamber of Commerce up to the 15th of this month.

Arrangements are being made to barbecue twelve or fifteen beefs for the occasion, and a hundred or two more members are expected to join the Chamber of Commerce by the appointed time in order to "get in" on this big celebration, since admittance can be had only through membership cards issued by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

An elaborate program arranged by County Agent Johnston will be rendered by the boys and girls, in connection with the sheep judging contest, and addresses will be delivered by prominent speakers on subjects of interest to the entire country.

Remember the date of this big celebration, and don't neglect to have your name enrolled among the Chamber of Commerce membership before April 15th, and join with us in a united, cooperative effort to push and promote not only commercial but agricultural and livestock interests of town and country.

TWO MEN AND TWO WOMEN ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD

In the election held Saturday for the purpose of selecting four new members to the school board of the Spur Independent School District there were two men and two women elected. On the election ticket there were printed the names of eight men and four women as nominees from which to select and express a preference for the place, the vote being as follows:

Mrs. J. M. Foster 124; Mrs. M. E. Manning 104; H. O. Albin 95; L. R. Barrett 86; G. H. Snider 81; P. H. Miller 54; S. R. Bowman 46; Robert Gibson 39; L. L. F. Parker 38; E. L. Caraway 35; Mrs. Hill Perry 28; J. H. Busby 27.

The new members of the school board are Mesdames Foster and Manning, and H. O. Albin and L. R. Barrett; the holdover members already on the board being W. S. Campbell, Ned Hogan, and G. R. Elkins.

We are confident that the selection of women to serve on the school board will contribute to the betterment of school management, selection of teachers and general conduct of school educational work.

W. S. CAMPBELL BUILDING FINE BRICK RESIDENCE

W. S. Campbell is having a fine, two story brick residence constructed on his lots on Hill Street in the north part of Spur. The foundation of this building has already been placed and the laying of brick will be commenced within the next few days.

This will be one of the finest and most modernly constructed residences of the city. The plans call for nine rooms, four rooms being on the ground floor, and five rooms on the second and upper floor.

Spur is ever building and progressing in the most substantial manner, and is admittedly one of the best and most substantial little towns in all of Western Texas. When we get that West Texas College located here you will see the town converted into a real, live, extended city within the course of a very few years.

CALVES DYING OF SOME CHARACTER OF PARALYSIS

E. B. Shaw, of Croton, was in Spur Saturday. He informed us that he had lost practically all the calves dropped on his range up to this time this season. The calves appear to suffer of some character of paralysis, being unable to stand on their front legs. He has swung and doctored numbers of them without effect, all dying after a few days at most.

Mr. Shaw says that on the Mata dor Ranch many calves are lost from the same disease.

In 1894, Mr. Shaw stated, a similar disease visited this section, and at one time four thousand hides were hauled from the Spur and Mata dor ranches. He attributes the cause to the dry season, weakness of cows and possibly in feeding too much cake at times. It is thought that at least twenty five per cent of the calves are dying of this paralysis.

Conservatism

We have found from many years of experience that conservatism is the best policy--for both the Bank and its customers.

That this policy is appreciated is evidenced by the new accounts that we are placing on our books almost daily.

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLD EASTER SERVICES HERE

Easter Sunday the Spur-Jayton Commandery of Knights Templar held Easter services in Jayton at 3 p. m. The members of this splendid order met at the Masonic Hall and headed by the Jayton Band playing "Onward Christian Soldiers," marched to the Methodist Tabernacle where an inspiring program was carried out to the gratification of a crowded house.

Rev. Parker of Spur preached a wonderful sermon on the resurrection of Christ, explaining what this event meant to the world in the past and present ages. His sermon was eloquent, logical and inspiring.

Special music was furnished for the occasion by Miss Bernice Alexander, Miss Margaret Kenady, William and Arthur Bob Alexander.—Jayton Chronicle.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS SINGING CONVENTION AT McADOO

The Dickens County Singing Convention met Sunday at McAdoo, and it is said that the largest crowd congregated which ever attended a convention of this kind.

Singing was conducted by various leaders throughout the day, and at the noon hour one of the finest dinners ever served was prepared and spread on the ground by the good ladies of the McAdoo community.

Unaffected melodies of voice are more inspiring to us than any music and while we did not have the pleasure of attending this singing convention we know the many who did attend enjoyed the occasion to the full limit.

A FORD CAR STOLEN IN SPUR SUNDAY NIGHT LAST

A Ford car, owned and driven by two drummers from Jones county, was stolen from in front of the Spur Inn Sunday night. No trace or indication of the thief or in which direction he departed was found, and the probability is that the car will be a clear loss.

Last week Sheriff Cole took charge of a Ford car which had been abandoned near Soldier Mound. A stranger drove the car up to near the Mound, went to a nearby house and told the people he had stolen this car and intended to leave it where it stood. Soon after the stranger departed Sheriff Cole was notified, but no trace of the stranger could be found. The car was returned to the owner at Roby in Fisher county.

DICKENS COUNTYITES GOING EAST ON SQUIRREL HUNT

G. W. and Tom Dodson, Lon Kizziah and Thomp. Johnson left Sunday for Montague county on a squirrel hunt, and incidentally to fish a little and visit with C. A. Gladdish and family who moved from Dickens county last year. Thomp. Johnson and Lon Kizziah have made a bet on which could kill the largest number of squirrels, and they each advised us to engage squirrel meat for them in Spur for delivery upon their return. They are making the trip through the country in a Ford truck.

EX-CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS ATTEND ANNUAL REUNION

J. H. Sparks, L. T. Cochran and John Buchanan, ex-Confederate Soldiers, accompanied by Misses Kittle Powell and Ruth Glasgow as sponsors, left Spur Sunday for New Orleans to attend the annual ex-Confederate Reunion.

As a mark of honor and respect to these veterans of Civil war days, the people of the town and surrounding country contributed to a fund made up by Mrs. R. E. Dickson to defray their expenses of this, probably the last, reunion they may ever have the opportunity to attend.

There is a feeling of reverence, respect and hallowness inherited by the sons and daughters toward these old soldiers and everything pertaining to the Lost Cause. This same feeling will never be cherished in like manner from any other war than that of '65. No men ever fought more courageously, nor lost a cause more valiantly and honorably than did these old veterans of 1861 to '65. We love, respect and honor them every one. They fought a good fight sacrificed for home and country and no doubt will wear a crown of gold in the Great Beyond.

BEEF CANNING DEMONSTRATION AT McADOO FRIDAY

The McAdoo Community Club met at the home of Mrs. J. J. Hickman, on Friday, April 6th, for the purpose of canning a beef. The work was directed by Miss Wilkins, County Demonstrator, in a very efficient manner.

The beef was killed the evening before and work began about 10 a. m., the ladies of the club doing the cooking and canning. Three pressure cookers were used and were kept busy every minute. Most of the cuts were processed one hour under pressure of 15 pounds of steam. All cans were tested in water for leaks immediately on opening the cookers and only two showed bubbles. These were resealed and reprocessed and came out O. K. The beef was a two year old and dressed about 400 pounds. The hind quarters were cut into steaks, roasts and the balance was made into roasts, mince-meat, chili and soup stock. The bones were removed and only clear meat was canned. There was no waste as the bones were cooked until the meat fell off. The beef netted 300 cans of the various kinds of meat and soup.

The neighbors took quite an interest in the proceedings, about 45 being present during the day.

It was the general opinion that the demonstration was a success and several of those present decided to can a beef later on.—Mrs. J. J. Hickman.

You are cordially invited to attend the Baptist Sunday School Sunday.

R. M. Slack, of the Cat Fish country, was here recently trading and meeting with his friends. He informed us that the roads in his territory are being graded and hardsurfaced over the sandy parts, thus making it possible for residents of that section to get to town without scratching sand.

METHODIST PROTRACTED MEETING BEGUN SUNDAY

A Two weeks protracted meeting was commenced Sunday at the Methodist church. Rev. May, of Missouri, is conducting the services, while the three Wisdom sisters conduct the song services.

The Wisdom sisters render the old time religious hymns in a soul inspiring manner, and their song services contribute much to the interest and spiritual uplift of the large congregations in regular attendance.

Rev. May is a forceful speaker and revivalist, and his sermons in combination with the singing are effective in encouraging a more consecrated religious observance, Christian activity and fellowship in our midst.

The meeting will continue two weeks and everybody is invited and urged to attend the services with the assurance that each will be benefited.

J. B. HOOSER DIED MONDAY AT HOME NEAR SPUR

J. B. Hooser, an old citizen and Freewill Baptist preacher, died Monday at his home in the Antelope community, his remains being interred Tuesday in the Girard cemetery with Masonic honors.

J. B. Hooser was a consecrated Christian gentleman and practiced his religion in his everyday life as well as preaching it from the pulpit. He was an old timer of this Western country, and in the earlier days was well fixed financially. However, at his death he possessed little of this world's goods, his riches consisting almost entirely of Christian faith and a hope of greater riches in the Great Beyond. We knew J. B. Hooser well, and sincerely regret his passing at this time over the Great Divide.

U. S. AFTER OIL PROMOTERS AND BOOTLEGGERS

With oil fraud indictments imminent, with the Government preparing to render the promoter-swindler impotent by barring him from mails, with 200 cases already investigated and with plans made to extend the oil probe to Dallas and Wichita Falls United States District Attorney Henry Zweifel revealed late Saturday that the halfway mark had not yet been reached in the investigation of oil promoters beginning here last October.

"Two years will probably be required to clean up all the investigations and violations already uncovered," Zweifel asserted. "Recent disclosures have established that the oil probe is not yet at the halfway mark. It is likely that, in view of developments, additional investigation into the oil promotion game in North Texas will be extended at least 12 months."

Zweifel further expressed a determination to rid the Northern district of Texas of the fraudulent oil promoter the bank embezzler and the bootlegger. The large force of prosecutors under him will exert its efforts to that end, he explained.

"North Texas can and will be made dry," he declared. "The bootlegger and the bank embezzler will be prosecuted vigorously and without delay, and severe penalties will be urged."

Preparatory to launching investigation of oil promoters in Dallas and Wichita Falls, Zweifel has asked the department at Washington for two additional postoffice inspectors, experienced in mail fraud work. He intimated that the probe in Dallas would uncover fraudulent operations on a wholesale scale.

The increased magnitude of the oil investigation has been an outgrowth of nationwide publicity given by newspapers to the recent roundup in Fort Worth. Zweifel has been deluged with letters from all parts of the United States and Canada, furnishing data on oil companies not yet under probe. Similar correspondence has poured into the office of United States Commissioner George Parker. Some has been directed to the grand jury now engaged in the probe of oil frauds.

GROUND-SOAKING RAIN FALLS OVER COUNTRY WEDNESDAY

The great Spur country is now in ideal condition with respect to crop seasons and agricultural interests in general. Approximately one half inch of rain fell slowly throughout Wednesday and Wednesday night, covering every section of the Spur territory.

Farmers in every community have their lands bedded and prepared for planting, and with the good season now in the ground the country never had more inviting and promising conditions for big crop production and bountiful harvests this fall.

The rain of Wednesday covered practically all of West Texas.

THE WATER PROBLEM OF SPUR HAS BEEN SOLVED

Securing an adequate supply of water has been a vexing problem since the beginning of Spur. Large wells were sunk fifteen or twenty feet in the quicksand over the hill from which water has been supplied the past several years, but this proved unsatisfactory and inadequate because of being unable to control the quicksands. However, these problems have now been solved and Spur is assured of a permanent and adequate supply of good, pure water.

Five wells, some four or five feet square and twenty feet deep, have been dug and the walls and bottom concreted. In the middle of each of these wells a ten or twelve inch hole forty feet deep has been drilled, a two or three inch perforated pipe for pumping placed in the middle of the holes and then packed around with gravel to prevent the quicksands from interfering. A tunnel connects each of the five wells at the bottom and in which a larger pipe is run to connect up and pump from each well at the same time. Twenty gallons of water per minute throughout twenty four hours can be pumped from each well, which now gives the town's water supply a capacity of one hundred gallons every minute of the day.

The City Commissioners are now planning to sink seven other wells, install another pump of two hundred fifty gallon capacity, and thus not only have a surplus water capacity but be prepared for any eventualities. The two pumps will be installed in concrete basins twenty feet deep to obviate raising the water to the surface from the wells.

This second strata of water at a depth of forty feet is pure and in inexhaustible quantities, therefore Spur's water supply will be limited only in the number of wells and the capacity of pumps installed in the future.

SAM TANNER OF STONEWALL GETS FIVE YEARS SENTENCE

We learn that Sam Tanner of this county, who has been on trial in Jones county for selling whiskey, received a sentence of five years, we also hear that he will appeal the case to the higher courts.—Aspermont Star.

FIRE DESTROYED McCOMBS RESIDENCE IN JAYTON

Tuesday night the Cecil McCombs residence in Jayton was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The family, we understand, was away from home at the time.

Cecil McCombs also lost his gaso line filling station in Jayton in the fire which burned four or five business houses several weeks ago. This is the third fire to occur in Jayton during the past several months.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BRYANT-LINK CO. EX. BOARD

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Bryant-Link Company chain of stores was held in Spur Wednesday of this week. Messrs. J. C. and R. B. Bryant, J. A. Smith and Joe Payne, of Stamford, and Guy Speck of Post, and Geo. S. Link of Spur, were in attendance.

The Bryant-Link Company is one of the biggest and strongest mercantile establishments of the West, having stores at a dozen digger points in this section. This one corporation which has a soul and brains as well as financial capital in the conduct of its business.

J. M. FOSTER BUILDING NEW RESIDENCE IN SPUR

The foundation was laid and work commenced this week on a new and modern residence for J. M. Foster in the eastern part of the city. This residence is being constructed on another street from that on which the Foster home was recently destroyed by fire. Another residence will probably be constructed on these lots at a later date.

The building progress of Spur has been continued and most substantial in the past, and at the present rate and manner of building Spur will soon become recognized as a real city of beautiful homes.

PARENTS-TEACHERS MEETING

The Parent-Teachers Association met with 11 members present on April 10. Important business was discussed. The election of officers was postponed until the next regular meeting, April 24. All patrons of the school and others are urged to attend that meeting.

M. C. Donaldson, a good citizen of the Midway community, was among the crowds in Spur the past week.

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There Was a Bridesmaid

By **METTIE MILLER**

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Miss Venn jumped quickly from her typewriter desk when Bob Rayner came into his office that Saturday morning. She rapped a salmon-pink sweater she had been knitting down into a lower drawer, regardless of dropping stitches. She beamed and kept on beaming.

"We didn't expect you in this morning," was what she said.

"Go on with your knitting," said Bob Rayner testily, unnecessarily so even. "I'm not here officially. I shn't look at my mail and don't want anyone to speak to me about business."

"It is the day of the wedding, isn't it?" asked Miss Venn, looking a little alarmed.

"Yes, my sister is to be married this afternoon at five—Miss Venn," Bob snapped, and Miss Venn, who had always designated him as "the easiest boss she had ever worked for," didn't know whether to weep or give notice. She did neither because Bob didn't give her a chance.

"How tall is that new girl in the stockroom?" he demanded. "How much do you think she weighs?"

"She's not quite as tall as I am," conjectured Miss Venn. "I should say she was heavier, though."

"I don't know how much you weigh," was the curt reply. "Is she over 125?"

"I should think so," Miss Venn said. "But she is very punctual, and I know she is going to night school and she supports her grandmother—"

"I don't care about her grandmother or what she does nights," growled Bob Rayner. "How tall is Miss Boyd in the filing room? Is she over 125?"

"Oh, that Miss Boyd, she's given notice. She's going to be married in June—"

"Cut out the footnotes," demanded Bob. "All I care about is proportions. I'm looking for a girl about five feet, weighing not over 120. She needn't be pretty, but she mustn't be a frump."

"You're too heavy," Bob interrupted.

"Besides, dad's friends and some of mine have seen you. They met you in the office. We want some one who isn't known. Say, Miss Venn be good enough to get a list of all the girls in the office—there must be twenty of them—and jot down their heights and weights for me—approximately."

"Still in the dark, but used to taking orders from Rayners, senior and junior, without questioning, Miss Venn did as she was told.

This disclosed the fact that there were two girls of the requisite height and weight. One was the switchboard girl, Pansy O'Grady, and the other was Susan Sears, the newest addition to the office personnel, who copied records all day long for fifteen dollars a week.

Pansy O'Grady, on being asked if she wanted overtime work that afternoon and part of the evening to the tune of ten dollars, replied that she had a date with a "gentleman friend" that couldn't be broken.

So Susan Sears, with smooth olive cheeks and smooth brown hair, a rather demure young girl, who didn't seem quite in her element in an office, was told that it was really imperative that she consent to do the work. She accepted with pleasure. Then Bob Rayner called her and Miss Venn into his office, locked the door and told them to sit down.

"My sister is to be married this afternoon. At the last minute one of the bridesmaids from out of town decided she wouldn't come—"

"Was it Miss Brook?" gasped Miss Venn, who knew a great deal concerning Rayner family history and who had an idea that Bob was engaged to Miss Brook. She had accidentally read many a telegram that he had sent to her from the office. "Is she sick?" she asked.

"No, she's not sick," said Bob. "She's just changed her mind. The point is her dress is all ready and everything is planned for four bridesmaids. My sister couldn't ask any of her friends to be a stopgap at the last minute that way, so this morning they told me I needn't come back until I found a girl who would fit that bridesmaid's dress. They seemed to blame me because of the failure of Miss Brook to come. I'll call a taxi and we'll start home in half an hour, Miss Sears," said Bob, noting with satisfaction that the impromptu bridesmaid looked well bred and as well born as the aristocratic Miss Brook whose place she was to take.

Bob had nothing much to say on the trip home and Miss Sears was either too embarrassed or too wise to break into the silence.

"Of course the family'll know who you are," he commented in a brief lapse from silence. "But nothing is going to be said about the failure of the other bridesmaid to come on. She isn't known here and if you don't mind we'll just introduce you as Miss Brook—it doesn't really matter to you, I suppose—there always are some busy-bodies who ask questions—you understand?"

Fortunately for Susan Sears' peace of mind the Rayner family was much too preoccupied with the plans for the wedding to take more than brief notice of her. Bob's sister, the bride and their mother glanced at her with impersonal scrutiny and assured Bob, before Susan, that she would do very nicely, just as if she were a bouquet or some other inanimate accessory of the wedding. "She's really prettier than Daisy Brook, judging from her pictures," added the mother, hurrying from the room. Luncheon was an informal repast snatched from the dining-room buffet at odd times by members of the Rayner family. Only Susan Sears seemed to have time to eat in peace and comfort and by that time she had been completely forgotten. After she had finished, a maid showed her a room on the third floor—a small guest room where the gown and various accessories intended for Miss Brook had been stretched out on the bed.

"If you need anything else or if the slippers or gloves and things don't fit you," said the maid, "Mrs. Rayner says you are to go downtown and get what you need. You can charge everything at Blank's and there will be one of the cars to take you any time now and you're to ask Mr. Bob for money."

Fortunately Susan found that not only the gown intended for Miss Brook but all the accessories fitted her if not to perfection at least well enough so that no observer might have guessed that they had not been made for her.

With the help of the maid she dressed and then in a room below stairs where the three other bridesmaids, the maid of honor, and the excited bride were assembling she was given a glance of hasty approval by Mrs. Rayner and so she even took the trouble to introduce her. One or two of the party addressed her as Miss Brook and asked her if she had just arrived that morning, and when Bob appeared he went out of his way to call her Daisy and Susan noticed that the other bridesmaids watched her with considerable interest whenever Bob appeared.

After the ceremony in the church Susan found herself facing Bob Rayner and following the lead of the others as they walked down the aisle together. For some reason, she realized, her heart was beating very fast and she was blushing with great happiness as she felt the eyes of the guests focused on her and Bob.

"They'll be the next ones," she heard one of the guests remark. "Isn't she beautiful—by all means the prettiest bridesmaid."

"And so aristocratic," commented another guest.

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It was all part of a fairy trance for Susan. She remembered being in a group of laughing, excited young people waiting at the foot of the stairs for the bride to throw her bouquet. One young man, obviously a friend of Bob's, said: "Congratulations, Bob. Every man here envies you. Why don't you persuade her to announce your engagement right now? Every one has guessed it."

All eyes were on Susan. The people seemed to have forgotten to watch for the bride and the bouquet at the top of the stairs. Then Susan felt Bob's arm around her shoulders. She saw him look down, tenderly, gravely into her face, and then to every one's delight and her own supreme embarrassment he kissed her.

"I'm only waiting for her to answer," he said and then he whispered, "Susan Sears, will you marry me?"

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All eyes were on Susan. The people seemed to have forgotten to watch for the bride and the bouquet at the top of the stairs. Then Susan felt Bob's arm around her shoulders. She saw him look down, tenderly, gravely into her face, and then to every one's delight and her own supreme embarrassment he kissed her.

"I'm only waiting for her to answer," he said and then he whispered, "Susan Sears, will you marry me?"

After the ceremony in the church Susan found herself facing Bob Rayner and following the lead of the others as they walked down the aisle together. For some reason, she realized, her heart was beating very fast and she was blushing with great happiness as she felt the eyes of the guests focused on her and Bob.

"They'll be the next ones," she heard one of the guests remark. "Isn't she beautiful—by all means the prettiest bridesmaid."

"And so aristocratic," commented another guest.

Susan played her part so well that she forgot at times that she was playing a part at all.

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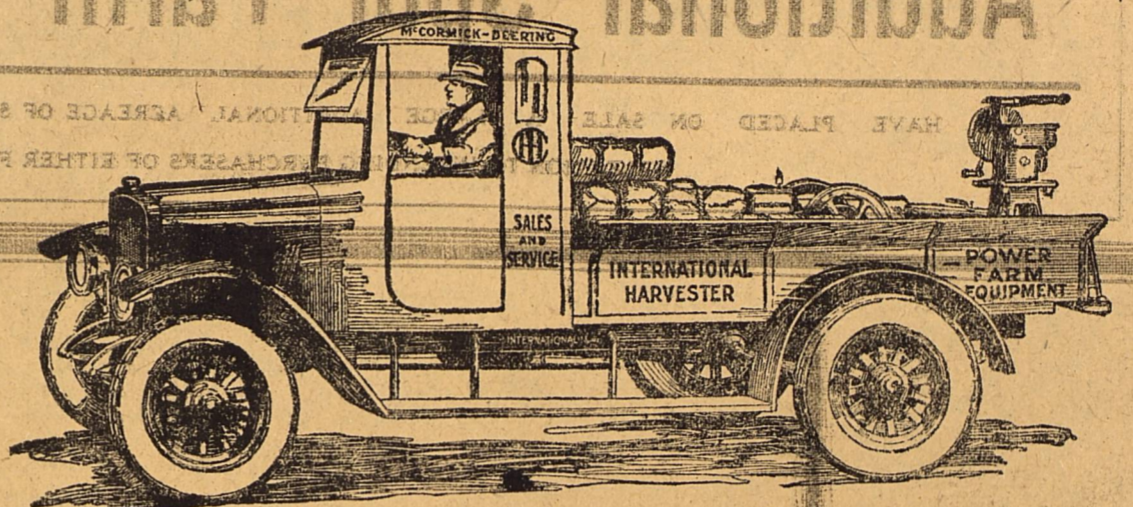
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SELF-DEFENSE TO BE PLEA OF COWMEN IN SLAYING

Lubbock, April 8.—Self defense will be the plea of Tom Ross and Milt Goode, indicted in the killing of Dave Allison and Horace L. Robinson at Seminole, Texas last Sunday night. This was announced here this afternoon by the Defense Counsel Senator W. H. Bledsoe, Homer L. Pharr of Lubbock and G. E. Lockhart of Tahoka.

Following a conference with the District Judge Clarke C. Mullican, the latter set April 12 as the date for the habeas corpus hearing at Seminole. The trial will be held at Lubbock June 18, before Judge Mullican. The writer, accompanied by Sheriff H. L. Johnson and his deputy, Les George, interviewed both defendants at the jail this afternoon and found them fully recovered from the wounds inflicted when Mrs. Robinson wife of one of the slain men, fired upon them at the hotel. Both were in good spirits, but Ross, who owns a 10-section ranch in Gaines County, refused to go into details of the shooting. He did offer the following statement: "It would not be proper for me to discuss the case for the public at this time, but I am confident that when all is known that the public will justify me. I am confident that I will obtain bail and that I shall be acquitted and then I will go back to my ranch near Seminole. I greatly appreciate the expression of friendship that many have given me."

Cattlemen here today in discussing the tragedy said that Ross is the most expert marksman in West Texas. He is credited with being able to drive a tack into a wall 20 feet away and killing with a pistol shot a bird on wing.

Goode is 34 years old and has the appearance of a college athlete. He also is smooth shaven, his hair is black and his weight about the same as that of Ross.

Ross is wearing the same belt, the buckle of which was half shot away by a bullet fired by Mrs. Robinson. Everyone in West Texas is talking about only two things, the Seminole tragedy and the location of the Technological College. Wherever one goes in stores, hotels, offices or on trains, these two subjects take precedence above all else. It is expected that the trial here in June will draw the largest crowd that ever attended a trial in all West Texas and both sides are making vigorous preparations for a hard battle. District Attorney Gordon McGuire of Lamesa will have charge of the prosecution and will be assisted by Dayton Moses of Fort Worth, general counsel for the Cattlemen's Association.

CLUB MEETING

The Midway Home Economic Club met at the Baptist Church and carried out the work outlined, that of making "Tailored Finishes." We made two different kinds of set in pockets also some French Bindings. In addition to this Miss Wilkins gave us an interesting, as well as practical demonstration in poultry judging.

The Club will meet with Mrs. G. C. Overstreet, April 17th, and we will make a Dress Form.

We are getting some mighty fine helps in this club work and those who do not come are surely missing an opportunity, you are cordially invited to come. —Reporter.

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We grind any day save Sunday. Don't waste your feed, have it ground. We have the Seeded Ribbon Cane Seed for distribution. Come and get it. Plant a big cane crop and lets make lots of syrup. This is the best country in the world, if we will try and make it that way. Plant plenty of feed. If you have a surplus, we will buy it.

Citizens Gin & Power Company

Eb. Johnson, Mgr.

A. Fry was here the other day from his Cat Fish farm and ranch. He was in good spirits and very optimistic of big crops and good prices again this year.

W. J. Elliott came in Saturday from his Spring Creek ranch, spend ing a short time here attending to business matters and meeting with his many friends.

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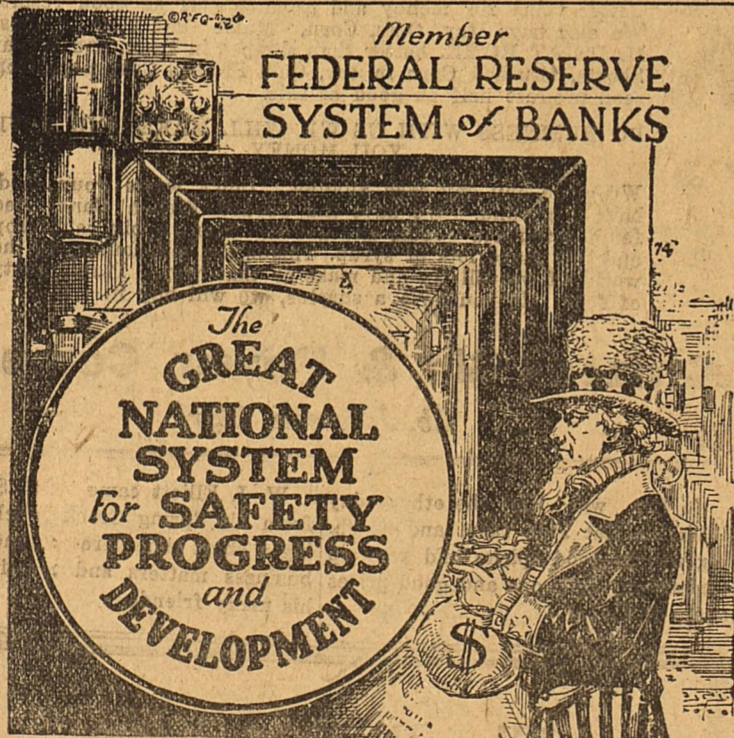
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T. L. Desler, another of the many gold citizens of this territory, was on the streets recently meeting with friends.

J. W. Baze, who is a teacher of "young ideas how to shoot", was among the large number of business visitors in Spur last week.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You Are Hereby Comanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereto, in a news paper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas, To all persons interested in the Estate of John McMath Deceased, Mrs. C. C. Cooper has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for letters of temporary administrator upon the Estate of said John M. McMath Deceased which will be heard at the next term of said Court commencing on the Third Monday in April A. D. 1923, at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Dickens, Texas, this 21st day of March A. D. 1923.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk
County Court, Dickens County, Texas.

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Porter McClain, of Cat Fish, was in town trading the other day.

OUR CIVILIZATION IS FOUNDED ON TWO FUNDAMENTALS

Corpus Christi, April 8.—Declaration that Texas today has more law breakers than the entire nation 100 years ago, was made by Judge A. W. Cunningham of the Twentieth District Criminal Court, in a speech before the Rotary luncheon in this city.

Judge Cunningham was making talk on "citizenship", and stated that "our civilization is founded on two fundamentals, personal liberty and the right of property."

"When these fail," the judge declared, "civilization fails." He said that citizenship was a local duty, and that any citizen was vested with the right to make arrests when he saw a felony committed.

"A warrant is not necessary. If the citizen thinks it necessary he can call on others to help him," Judge Cunningham asserted.

He added that outlawry in the nation was on an increase and that unless all citizens took more interest in upholding the laws, civilization would fail.

The judge declared that he was an optimist, and not a pessimist, saying that an optimist differed from a pessimist in that the former could see the doughnut while the latter could see only the hole in the doughnut.

C. H. Brinnell, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, was in the city Saturday transacting business affairs. Mr. Brinnell is one of the most successful truck farmers of this entire western country. In season he daily markets in Spur some of the finest truck grown anywhere.

The Racket Store

Look for the Racket Store ads. They mean money to you. We sell everything right. We buy and sell everything. We buy lots of slipper for ladies and children. Why pay more Buy them here.

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PROPER CARE OF LAMBS IS URGED

Rapid Development and Profitable Gains During Growing Period Are Important.

FACTORS TENDING TO STUNT

Young Animals Should Not Only Be Properly Nourished but Also Kept Free From Various Ailments—Diseases Cause Loss.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The rapid development and profitable gains of lambs depend largely upon their freedom from disease and upon the nourishment they get during the first few months of their lives, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Both disease and lack of nourishment, if continued for a number of days or weeks, tend to stunt the young animals. An animal once thoroughly stunted requires a long time for recovery. In fact, four months, which is usually a desirable age at which to sell lambs to the best advantage, is not sufficient for the animal to recuperate and develop into a choice market lamb, say the department specialists. Lambs, therefore, should not only be properly nourished, but must also be kept free from the various ailments of young lambs if the greatest amount of money is to be realized from them at market time.

Proper Care Prevents Disease.

Lambs from well-fed ewes which are properly cared for have few troubles or diseases. There are, however, several ailments which sometimes appear among lambs which, if not given attention at the proper time, may cause considerable loss or affect their early development and hence their market value and profit.

Some of the infectious diseases of lambs, such as joint ill and others, may cause quite serious losses. Some of these diseases do not respond rapidly to treatment, but they can be prevented by proper sanitary conditions. Clean, well-bedded and well-ventilated quarters should be provided for the ewes and lambs in order to prevent these diseases. Sore eyes or a sore mouth often develop, particularly if the flock is kept in unsanitary quarters or if they are exposed to rainy weather and the udder and flanks of the ewe become wet and dirty. In case of sore eyes among the lambs the eyes should be cleansed each day until cured with a 3 per cent solution of boric acid or a 15 per cent solution of argyrol. If the lambs are troubled with sore mouth all the scab and diseased tissue should be scraped away and the sore covered with sheep dip or carbolated vaseline.

Remedy for Constipation.

Constipation is one of the most common ailments of young lambs. This may be remedied by giving one or two ounces of castor oil or linseed oil.

White scours is another infectious disease of lambs which may become quite serious and affect large numbers of the lambs where the flock is kept in unsanitary quarters. Lambs and their dams so affected should be taken from the flock and isolated. Such lambs should be given two teaspoonfuls of castor oil, which should be followed for several days by daily doses of one-half teaspoonful of salicylic acid.

Best Site for Garden.

In locating the garden there is every reason why the farmer should not place it on the poorest piece of land or at the most distant point from the house. It should be near the house and should be fenced.

Seed Testing Important.

Don't overlook the very important matter of seed testing. Plant only tested seed of known origin, of good germination and free from weed seeds.

Time to Sow Clover.

You can sow clover seed or sweet clover seed any time after the first of the year.

Place for Surplus Manure.

If you are in doubt as to where that load of manure should go, put it on the garden.

Getting Alfalfa Started.

A difficulty in getting alfalfa well started is to get a good inoculation well distributed so that all the plants may have the proper bacteria.

Bulletin on Wheat.

Wheat growers should send for Bulletin 1074, "Classification of American Wheat Varieties," to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Trim Fruit Trees.

Trim fruit trees any time when the wood is not frozen.

USE PUREBRED SIRES IN IMPROVING HERD

Fifteen-Year Experiment Recently Ended at Iowa Station.

Milk Production of Scrub Cows Increased 83 Per Cent by Their Half-Blood Daughters—Many Farmers Are Afraid.

The value of purebred sires in building up a dairy herd is shown by a fifteen-year experiment recently concluded at the Iowa Agricultural college. By the use of purebred Holstein bulls, the milk production of the scrub cows was increased 83 per cent by their half-blood daughters and 180 per cent by their three-fourths blood granddaughters. The butterfat production was increased by the daughters 53 per cent, and by the granddaughters 123 per cent.

The offspring in nearly every case showed improvement also in body conformation, persistency of milk flow and more economical production. A good flow of milk for a short period is not desirable. Animals which have a large milk flow and a long sustained milking period are always to be preferred.

The superiority of purebreds and grades over scrubs in actual average monthly production is clearly proved by the figures. One of the main reasons the scrubs showed such poor production was their lack of persistence. The improvement in the offspring in this respect is due entirely to the pure blood of the sire.

Many farmers milking a string of scrub cows want to own better cattle but fear the cost. They are anxious to improve the milking qualities of their herds and really enter in the dairy business. They fear to "buy in" and do not "grow in" because they are unaware of the rapid progress possible in grading up. The Iowa investigation shows that a herd of profitable producers can be built from a foundation of common cows where the initial expense is a good purebred sire.

FARMERS ON PUREBRED BASIS

Many Live Stock Owners Are Following Methods Leading to Further Improvement of Herds.

More than 9,500 farmers since the last census have placed their breeding operations on a strictly pure-bred-sire basis and are following methods leading to further improvement, records of the United States Department of Agriculture show. This has been a development of approximately three years. At the present rate of enrollment the number will pass the 10,000 mark within the next three months. This number of live stock owners represents the ownership of more than one million head of stock, all of which is improving by the use of purebred sires. An additional requirement for enrollment in the campaign is that sires must be of good quality in addition to being pure bred. The department issues an attractive emblem of recognition to live stock owners who co-operate in this activity.

FEEDING VALUE OF CLOVERS

Because of High Protein Content They Are Valuable for All Growing Farm Animals.

Clovers make excellent feed whether used as pasture, as hay, or as soling crops. Because of the high protein content they are valuable for growing animals and a good supplement to corn. One ton of clover hay has a feeding value for fattening animals equal to one and one-half tons of timothy hay, three-fourths ton of shelled corn, or two-thirds ton of wheat bran.

CONTROL OF ORCHARD PESTS

Thorough Tillage, Pruning and General Care of Great Importance—Keep Weeds Out.

The thorough tillage, pruning and general care of orchards is of great assistance in pest control. An orchard full of weeds, grass and trash of various sorts offers favorable conditions for the harboring and propagation of some enemies. Dead and dying branches attract bark beetles and are a handicap and menace in other ways. Weak, neglected trees are unable to outgrow injuries and are also more susceptible to successful attack by their enemies. Keep the trees pruned, tilled and fertilized as well as sprayed.

Brood Sows.

Lighten the grain ration of sow four or five days before farrowing. Provide individual pens. Watch for constipation.

Spray for Potato Bugs.

If the bugs bother the potatoes spray with some good solution.

Stop Laxatives

Which Only Aggravate Constipation

Nujol is a lubricant—not a medicine or laxative—so cannot gripe. When you are constipated, not enough of Nature's lubricating liquid is produced in the bowel to keep the food waste soft and moving. Doctors prescribe Nujol because it acts like this natural lubricant and thus secures regular bowel movements by Nature's own method—lubrication. Try it today.



Keep Your Skin-Pores Active and Healthy With Cuticura Soap

Soap 25c, Ointment 25c and 50c, Talcum 25c.

WHAT FUN IT IS TO BE HUNGRY!

YOU can't be well and hearty unless you are properly nourished—you can't be strong unless your appetite is good.

For a keen appetite, good digestion, rich red-blood, and the "punch" and "pep" that goes with perfect health. You need Gude's Pepto-Mangan.

Take Gude's for a short time and note the big difference in the way you look, eat and feel.

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Gude's Pepto-Mangan
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The Perfect Hostess.

Mrs. Parke—My husband doesn't look well—he seems quite thin and tired.

Mrs. Lane—You haven't said that to him, have you?

Mrs. Parke—Oh dear, no; I thought you would rather tell him yourself.—Life.

For your daughter's sake, use Red Cross Ball Blue in the laundry. She will then have that dainty, well-groomed appearance that girls admire.—Advertisement.

His Diagnosis.

She—I have a lot of new wrinkles in my face since I married you.

He—Too bad! I presume they come from worrying over dressmakers' bills that I can't pay.—Boston Evening Transcript.

One who can appreciate a real landscape is as cultured as one who can appreciate a painted one.

MATTER COULD BE ARRANGED

Rather Embarrassing, However, the Frankness With Which Ruth Discussed the Idea.

We had a wealthy bachelor, terribly stingy, living across the hall in our apartment. He came to our apartment frequently to play cards.

He and our little four-year-old daughter, Ruth, became friends. He always tried to get her to call him "Uncle Frank."

I remarked to my husband I would teach her to call him uncle if I thought he would leave her something in his will.

One evening in the midst of our card game, Ruth touched him on an elbow and said, "Mother says she will teach me to call you uncle if you leave me some of your will."—Chicago Tribune.

How Some Laws Are Made.

He was a spectator in the house during the closing hours of the legislature. He had edged his way well up toward the front, and succeeded in finding seat room on the corner of a representative's desk.

The commotion had reached the point that all one could hear was "The ayes have it."

A vote was being taken on a bill. "Say, what are they voting on?" excitedly asked a representative of the visitor.

"I don't know, but vote no."

"No!" he called out, with the loud chorus of others.

"The ayes have it," came above the din.

Remarkable New Alloy.

A young French chemist named Mazarin has invented a new alloy resembling gold and it has been termed "areum." It has the brightness, durability and inoxidizability of gold, which qualities will permit its substitution in jewelry and other manufactures where gold is now used. No particulars as to composition seem available.

Versatility Required.

Detroit Ad—"First-class cook—Will pay good wages to one who can cook frogs' legs, male or female."—Boston Transcript.

Weak and Miserable?

Are you dull, tired and aching—bothered with a bad back? Do you lack ambition, suffer headaches and dizziness—feel "all worn out"? Likely your kidneys are to blame. Lameness, sharp stabbing pains, backache and annoying urinary disorders are all symptoms of weakened kidneys. Don't wait for more serious trouble. Get back your health and keep it! Use Doan's Kidney Pills. Thousands of folks tell their merit. Ask Your Neighbor!

A Texas Case

Mrs. E. Stormfeltz, Fannin St., Goliad, Texas, writes: "I suffered from a dull pain in my back day and night and had awful dizzy spells and black specks appeared before my eyes. I felt tired and worn out all the time. My kidneys annoyed me by their irregular action, too. A friend told me about Doan's Kidney Pills so I used them and one box cured me."

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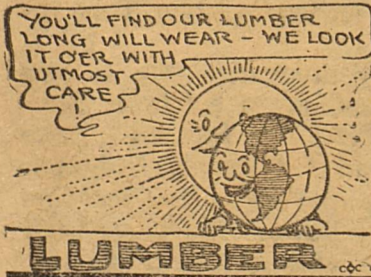
C. C. Cornelius was in Spur the past week from his ranch home over in Kent county, spending some time here trading and meeting with his friends.

C. C. Haile and wife returned this week from Oklahoma where they spent several days visiting with relatives, making the trip through the country in their car.

T. G. Bass, of Dry Lake, was in town the other day and had the Texas Spur sent to his son, J. L. Bass at Brownfield, for a short time.

D. G. Simmons, of Duck Creek, was among the many business visitors on the streets Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Alexander and children, accompanied by A. E. Wilson and N. H. White of Jayton were business visitors to Spur Saturday afternoon.



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P. H. MILLER

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones left Monday for Fort Worth where he was called to attend a meeting of the Board of Regents for the new West Texas Technological College. The report has gone out over the country that C. B. Jones has resigned from this college, and which is a mistake. Mr. Jones did resign from the appointment by the Spur Chamber of Commerce to a place on the local committee seeking to locate the West Texas College at Spur, because of his place as a member of the Board of Regents for the college. Mr. Jones will continue to serve the college wherever it may be located, but it will be more convenient for him to have it located in Spur.

Judge H. A. C. Brummett came over Monday from Dickens and spent some time in Spur on official business and also greting constituents.

J. A. Kaansman, of Croton, was among the many in Spur the past week.

W. B. Bennett, of Gilpin, passed through Spur Monday returning home from the north part of the county where he preached Sunday.

We met Bert Duncan Saturday on the streets of Spur. Bert and family have been wandering over the country the past two or three years, in the oil fields a portion of the time, and getting out as far as Arkansas before deciding to come home. They are now living near Roaring Springs, having purchased a nice farm home in that section and are again settling down to comfortable living.

J. E. Arthur, an old timer and one of the best citizens of West Texas, was among the crowds in Spur Saturday. He says everything is progressing nicely in the Midway community to the north of Dickens.

Attorney B. G. Worswick was here Saturday from Dickens. For several years Mr. Worswick has been promising to write a series of historical articles pertaining to the early settlement and activities of Dickens county. Such articles would be interesting to every citizen of today.

Will Tallent, of south of town, was among the large number on the streets Saturday. Will says every thing looks good.

J. I. Greer and Tom Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch to the west of Spur, were meeting with friends on the streets during the past week. Tom, who had a close call in a recent severe illness, is now able to resume his farm work. J. I. states that he has served his day for pleasure and to relieve the monotony. Some day we too are hoping to be in this same position.

J. M. Hahn was in Spur Monday from his Dockum Valley farm to the north and west of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Horn, of the Girard country, were trading in Spur Saturday.

J. H. Hooper, of the Twin Wells community, was meeting friends on the streets of Spur the other day. He says he is up with his farm work and now beating time till planting season with the expectation of making bumper crops.

A. W. Jordan and wife, of Duck Creek, were among the many shoppers and business visitors in Spur Saturday.

W. O. McCrary was in the city one day the past week from his farm home to the west of Spur. He states that he has fine prospects for good crops.

Fort Worth Record at Red Front.

Walter Jordan, of Duck Creek, was in Spur Saturday trading and meeting friends.

J. H. Jones was here the latter part of the past week from his farm home to the west of Spur. He, too, is optimistic of big crops and fair prices this year.

L. C. Arrington, of west of Dickens, was in Spur the past week, informing us that he has his land all ready for planting has fine seasons and ideal prospects for bumper crops of all kinds. Mr. Arrington is one of the best farmers of the whole country.

M. L. Borden was here Saturday from Dickens spending the afternoon here trading and meeting with his many friends and acquaintances. Mr. Borden was in the meat market business in Spur during the earlier days.

R. W. Dismuke, of the north part of the country, was a recent business visitor in our city.

A. C. Gentry, of near Dickens, was in Spur recently meeting friends and trading with the live-wire merchants of the city.

E. L. Blakley, of north of Dickens, was among the many in Spur the first of this week. Mr. Blakley has been in poor health the past several years and we are glad to note that he is now apparently regaining former good health.

W. J. Clark, of near Dickens, was here the other day and we heard him say that he would be willing to shell out a thousand cold, cash dollars to have that Technological college located in Spur. If every man in this country felt just like Mr. Clark about this proposition there would be no doubt in our mind that Spur would get the college. We need this college and must get it.

T. M. Green was in Spur the past week from Dickens, spending a short time here on business.

W. L. McAteer, of "Egypt," was greeting friends on the streets the first of the week, and also wearing the smile of satisfaction and contentment, encouraged by the promising conditions now prevailing in every section of the great Spur country. The indications now are that the year 1923 will be the biggest crop year in our history.

T. J. Harrison, of the Duncan Flat community, was on the streets Saturday meeting with many friends. He says his section is in fine shape with good seasons and promising prospects for bumper crops.

G. R. Wood, of north of Spur, was among the many trading in Spur Saturday.

FOR SERVICE—A registered Jersey Bull located at the O. K. Wagon Yard, at \$4.00.—A. G. Rush. 24-8t.

J. A. Kerley, of east of Spur, had business in the city one day the past week.

T. E. Love, and old timer and leading citizen of the Tap community, was in town greeting friends and acquaintances the past week.

M. S. Faver, of east of Afton, was among the business visitors on the streets of Spur Tuesday of this week. He says his section has had plenty rain and everything now indicates bumper crop yields.

Berry Williams, of Sipe Springs, spent several days of this week visiting friends in Spur.

A. V. Womack, of McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday trading and talking good times. A. V. Womack is another booster who never fails to smile.

J. A. Caple, of Wake, passed through Spur Tuesday on his way to Stamford. He is this year improving a new farm near Wake, putting in 185 acres to cultivation, building a new house and otherwise getting ready to live comfortably again. J. A. Caple has built more farm houses and improved more farms for the other fellow than any other man of the country.

Fort Worth Record at Red Front.

BIDS WANTED
Bids for the construction of curbs and gutters on Burlington Avenue and Harris Street in the City of Spur will be received by the Board of Commissioners until April 23rd. Specifications may be obtained at the City Secretary. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.—S. T. Clemmons, Mayor. E. J. Cowan, City Secretary.

You are cordially invited to attend the Baptist Sunday School Sunday.

United States Marshall Huddleston, of Abilene, spent several days of last week in Spur investigating matters pertaining to charges made of federal offenses.

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METHODS OF FEEDING UNDER VARYING CONDITION

What can the cattle feeder do to increase his profits in years when corn and grain sorghums are high in price? Can he afford to leave them out of his rations entirely and go back to the old-fashioned standard oil mill ration of the South, cottonseed meal and cottonseed hulls? And is it most profitable for him and best for his community that he should fatten mature steers not yet fully grown? These are the questions which were answered in part at least by some experiments carried on during the present season at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Substation No. 7, Spur, Texas.

Farmers, cattle feeders, county agents and others interested in building up a more profitable agriculture and a higher type of farm life gathered at Spur on an afternoon and evening of March to hear the scientists of the experiment station tell what they had learned this year from the behavior of these steers in the feed lots. The steers were there, too, silent but convincing witnesses of the effects of different rations impartially fed. The feeding and cost records were also there open to the inspection of the visitors so that they might see just how much feed of each kind it had taken and how much it had cost to get each group of steers into the condition in which they stood before the eyes of the visitors. Representatives of the packers were there to tell why they liked or disliked each pen of cattle as prospective beef.

The question of whether a cattle feeder can afford to leave corn or the grain sorghums out of his ration and feed only cottonseed meal and cottonseed hulls was answered in the negative by two pens of coming three-year-old steers which had been fed for 120 days. One pen of eleven head had been fed a balanced ration of corn, cottonseed meal and cottonseed hulls balanced as perfectly as possible. Briefly, what these steers did was that the lot receiving corn gained about 30 per cent faster, required much more grain and much less hulls to produce each pound of gain and finished out so much fatter and more evenly that they were much more desirable in the eyes of the packer, and when they were actually sold four days later in

Fort Worth they topped the market for that day, out selling the steers which received only meal and hulls by 84 cents per 100 pounds. From the financial standpoint this may be summed up by saying that it cost a little more to put a hundred pounds of gain on the steers which received corn but they were sold for so much more that the net profit was \$2.60 greater per steer for the lot which received corn. The price which the Station had to pay for ground corn delivered was the extraordinarily high one of \$1.01 per bushel while the cottonseed meal and hulls cost only the moderately high price of \$36.60 and \$9.92 per ton respectively. This handicaps the corn much more than usual prices do, and yet with corn costing practically as much per pound as cottonseed meal it was not found profitable to leave corn out. Therefore the experiment station animal husbandry workers confidently assert that they do not expect the prices of corn and cottonseed meal ever to get so far out of line with each other that cattle feeders in Texas can afford to feed meal and hulls alone. The day of cottonseed meal so cheap that it could be fed for its energy value alone have probably gone forever. The cattle feeders and dairymen of the North and East have waked up to the value of cottonseed meal as a protein concentrate and the supply of linseed meal, its most important rival as a protein concentrate, is so limited that North and Eastern dealers will always be in the Southern markets bidding for cottonseed meal on its protein value, and the feeders of Texas should plan to get their energy from some cheaper feeds. In the grain sorghum belt, which means most of West Texas, that cheaper feed will nearly always be some of the grain sorghums which experiments have shown to be almost or quite the equal of corn as an energy-containing feed. This year has been an exception because the near-failure of the grain sorghum crop put their price much above that of corn.

An interesting sidelight showing the effects of freight rates upon even the agricultural industries of a community lies in the fact that, for the two lots together, 17,725 pounds of feeder steers plus 83,461 pounds of feed equaled only 24,755 pounds of finished steers. That is, fifty and one-half tons of raw material were manufactured into twelve and one-third tons of finished steers which could be sent to market with very little more freight than the original eight and one-third tons of feeder steers would have required. This virtually amounts to saving almost the entire cost of marketing forty-two tons of feed. So long as there is any feed being shipped out of a community that feed sets the price at which the livestock feeder can buy feed locally and therefore this freight saving will mostly accrue to the man who feeds grain and roughage bought locally. High freight rates thus stimulate the feeding of grain and roughage where it is grown, and the men who feed livestock profit to some extent from the hardships which high freight rates impose upon their neighbors who sell grain.

Texas always has the cattle and the cottonseed meal, and the grain and sorghum belt nearly always has a surplus of grain and roughage which is rich in energy. Many parts of Texas also have corn and alfalfa in abundance and many parts produce feeder sheep. It is the part of good business for every community which has an excess of feed to bring these things together and reap the profits, if any, of manufacturing their own finished livestock, and incidentally to keep much of the fer-

only at home in the form of manure.

The question of whether it is best to feed younger cattle was answered by a pen of fifteen coming two-year-old steers which were fed corn, cottonseed meal, and cottonseed hulls in comparison with the lot of coming three-year-olds. Briefly, the younger cattle gained more slowly but made their gains more economically. The younger cattle gained 15 per cent less per day but for each hundred pounds gain they ate about 10 per cent less grain and about 5 per cent less hulls. Therefore, older cattle require a greater digester between the price at which they are bought as feeders and the price at which they are sold as finished than do younger cattle if they are to be as profitable to the feeder. Therefore, there is more dependence upon market conditions and more risk for loss as well as greater chance for profit in the feeding of older cattle. It is more of a speculative and less a manufacturing business than feeding younger cattle and it is not so much to the interests of society as a whole. Hence the practice of feeding calves and yearlings is growing. Nevertheless, there are times when market conditions are such that the feeder of older cattle makes the most money. Because of their more rapid gain, it does not require so long a feeding period to finish older cattle. The younger cattle in this experiment made \$4.12 per head more profit than the older cattle. The men who work in animal husbandry for the experiment station cannot always tell how to make a profit in feeding because unexpected changes in the market may have a big influence on the profit, but they can tell many things about which rations are best when different feeds are available at different prices and they are always eager to find out the answers and questions about new feeds and new combinations of old feeds and they conduct experiments to find out the answers to such questions as rapidly as the funds appropriated by the State will permit.—J. L. Lusk in Farm and Ranch.

LANGUAGE OF LAWYERS

A lawyer thus illustrates the language of his craft: "If a man were to give another an orange, he would simply say: 'Have an orange,' but when the transaction is entrusted to a lawyer to be put in writing he adopts this form: 'I hereby give and convey to you all and singular, my estate and interests, rights title, claim and advantages of and in said orange, together with all its rind, juice pulp and pip, and all rights and advantages therein, with full power to bite, cut suck or otherwise to eat the same or give the same away with or without the rind skin, juice, pulp, or pips anything herein before or hereinafter or in any other means of whatever nature or kind whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.'"

"And then another lawyer comes along and takes it away from you." —Boston Globe.—Southern Plain.

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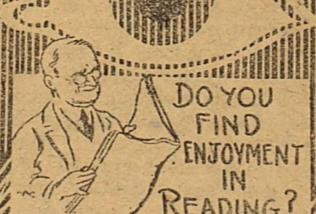
We are glad to extend to you credit and appreciate every one of you, but our finances are such that we can not extend longer than thirty days credit, having to pay cash for cattle, hogs, feed, labor and other items of expense. We are always cramped for funds and if you impose on us a longer period than thirty days you do us an injustice. Trusting you will be more thoughtful toward your credit.

We beg to be yours to serve.—C. P. Harris, Central Market. 28-24.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson left Tuesday for Seminole where they will spend several days on business and visiting with friends.

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MARRIED

Miss Edith Mitchell of this city, and sister of Mrs. B. E. Morgan, was solemnly married to Mr. Milo Thomas of Moran, Texas, Sunday at 9 a. m. Rev. Parker uniting the couple who immediately left for their future home at Moran, Texas, where the groom is associated with a large oil concern as production manager. Miss Mitchell is a young lady of high standing as a professional nurse and has been connected with the Nichols Sanitarium since her stay in Spur. While we regret the loss of Miss Mitchell we join with the people of this community in wishing the couple a long and happy life.

W. E. Duke, of Watson community, was among the busy crowds on the streets Saturday.

L. A. Grantham, a substantial citizen and successful stockfarmer of east of Spur, was here recently trading and meeting with friends and acquaintances.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles north east of Spur, was here Saturday trading and meeting with friends and acquaintances. Mr. Farmer is one of the most substantial citizens of the great Spur country, is successful and always on the right side of public questions.

J. C. Campbell, of Munday, came to Spur Tuesday to accompany his father who will remain here some time with his son, W. S. Campbell and family.

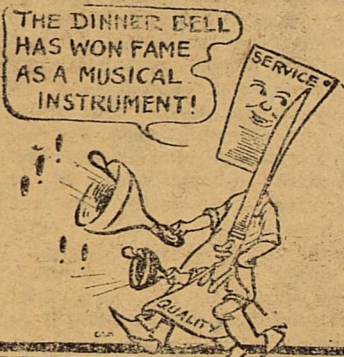
E. L. Adams made a trip this week through the country to Haskell where he spent a day visiting among relatives and friends. Mrs. Adams, who has been spending some time in Haskell with relatives, returned home with him.

Dr. J. N. Haney, leading physician, merchant and citizen of Afton, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

J. M. Aston was one of the large number of business visitors in Spur the past week.

L. V. Basham, of near the city, was among the crowds of traders and visitors on the streets the past week. Mr. Basham wandered away from Spur a year or two ago, but is now back on the job with the expectation of harvesting rich rewards this fall. So note it be.

Bill McArthur was in town a few minutes Tuesday of this week.



The dinner bell is music to a hungry man's ears if he knows he is going to partake of a particularly choice portion of nutritious meat. He can feel certain of the quality of his dinner if the meat course was purchased here.

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Unpack the clothes you've laid away and have them cleaned—it sure will pay.

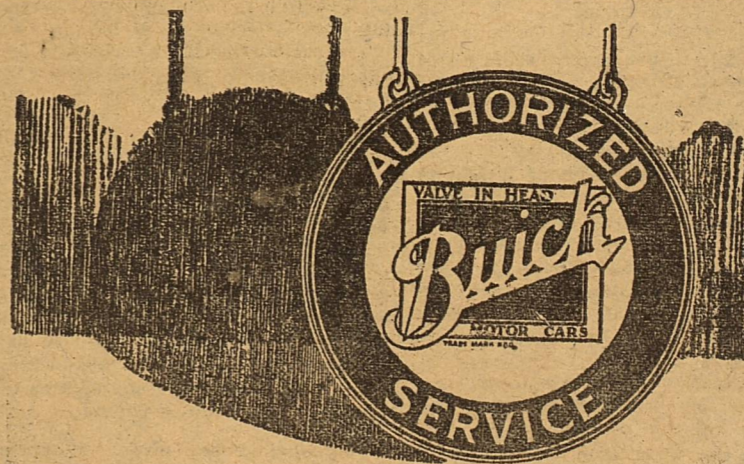
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WHY NOT START TODAY. STOP IN AND TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR LOCAL FORD DEALER. HE WILL BE GLAD TO FULLY EXPLAIN THE DETAILS OF THE PLAN AND HELP YOU GET STARTED TOWARD THE OWNERSHIP OF A FORD CAR.

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SPUR, TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting—

J. N. Luce, administrator of the estate of Daniel E. Thomas, deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Daniel E. Thomas, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for twenty days preceding the return day hereof in a newspaper regularly published in Dickens County, Texas, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the April Term, A. D. 1923, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at court house of said County in the town of April, A. D. 1923, when said final Dickens, Texas, on the 16th day of

account and application for discharge will be heard and considered by said court.

Witness: O. C. Arthur, Clerk of the County Court of Dickens County. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this 21st day of March, A. D. 1923.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk, County Court, Dickens County, Texas.

A True Copy, I Certify:
H. P. COLE, Sheriff, Dickens County, Texas. 21-4t.

You are cordially invited to attend the Baptist Sunday School Sunday.

FOR SALE—White Leghorn eggs. Best of breeding, won prize at N. W. Texas State fair. \$1.00 per setting.—Mrs. D. J. Gilbert, Spur, Texas. 20 5t.



THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You Are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of Truett M. Cooper a minor has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Truett M. Cooper Estate of said Minor which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court commencing on the third Monday in April A. D. 1923, the same being the 16th day of April A. D. 1923 at the Court House thereof, in Dickens,

at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 27th day of March A. D. 1923.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk County Court Dickens County, Texas. 22 3t.

FOR SALE—S. C. White Leghorn eggs for hatching also baby chicks by the last of March my chickens are from the famous F. W. Kazmeier farm. Eggs \$1.50 for 15. Will replace all clear eggs once. Baby chicks \$20.00 per hundred.—Mrs. J. E. Renfro, Box 87 Dickens, Texas. 13-3mp.

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Don't forget now is the time to have your car Painted. Come and see us and let us talk it over with you. We also have Mr. Mageors with us who is a good sign painter.

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Get ready now for the rains and hot sun let us put on a new top. Our tops are the best and they fit. Have your cushions repaired and your upholstery fixed. Our prices are right.

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When your fenders break or bend bring them to us we will straighten them up and weld them.

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TAX-DODGING

There is a great cry in the State against tax-dodging.

It is all directed at the "other fellow." Occasionally you hear a fellow say, "Well, I would render my property all of it if the 'other fellow' would."

The situation from this angle is comparable with the mental state of the citizens of the world, as depicted by Mark Twain. He tells of an agreement among the peoples of the world that at a certain minute in the day, every human being would shout with all his might not produce a shout that could be heard round the world.

On the appointed day, at the appointed moment, humanity rose in the posture of one just about to shout a far, emphatic call—and only one shouted, a deaf lady in Hong Kong—the rest remained silent to hear the shout!

When we voluntarily or involuntarily become citizens of a government or any organization we expressly or

tacitly agree "to support its institutions."

Then we begin to heckle ourselves into dodging what our consciences dictate that we should do, with the lame excuses, "I'm willing to do my part, but Smith isn't doing his part, and I'm not going to do more than Smith!"

"This is true in the State, county and municipal affairs as well as in church, lodge and other organizations.

The cry that is going up over the State is timely, but the least bit unwholesome in two particulars:

The first error being made by the proponents of the cry for equal and uniform rendition is that they are bringing to bear as an argument in proof of the unequal tax-paying situation, the fact that many counties receive more money from the State treasury than they pay in.

Second, they bring the charge of tax-dodging against sections of the State.

The money returned to the several counties is based upon two con-

siderations, the scholastic population and the court requirements of the county. And there is absolutely no relation between a community's wealth and its scholastic population or crime.

Tax-dodging is not a matter of east and west, north or south; but it is as universal and as widespread as the habit of man. Wherever you find governmental demands upon the purse of man you will find men dodging the payment of revenues into the government.

Tax-dodging is indigenous to every section of Texas, and should be dealt with.

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There is but one adequate and effective penalty for non-rendition, and that is forfeiture to the State the property not rendered.

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The Master thinker said, "straight is the gate that leadeth unto life."—Texas Commercial News.

STATEMENT

Statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc. required by

the act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

Of The Texas Spur published weekly at Spur, Texas, State of Texas County of Dickens ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Oran McClure, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor and Publisher of the Texas Spur and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership management etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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ORAN McCLURE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of April 1923.

E. J. COWAN, Notary Public. (My commission expires June 1, 1923.)

ESPUELA ITEMS

Our school is progressing nicely, and especially the girls, as they have got back to playing "volley ball," again.

The good dinner which was served after church, here Sunday was enjoyed by all. Anyone did not quit hungry for there was plenty of it.

There was a large crowd at singing Sunday afternoon and at church Sunday night.

Every one seemed to be quiet interested in the Espuela Items Friday night, at the party, at Mr. Jennings, especially Milton Foreman. Eula Shockle took supper with Ezma King Sunday night.

Lavera Jennings attended Sunday School at Foreman's Chapel Sunday. The Twins will move over and give room for some one else to sit down and awhile.—Espuela Twins.

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The Custard Cup

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LETTIE

SYNOPSIS.—Living in a barn, converted into a dwelling, Mrs. Penfield is manager of an apartment building known as "The Custard Cup," originally "Cluster Court." Her income is derived from laundry work, her chief patron being a Mrs. Horatius Weatherstone, whom she has never seen. Living with her are "Crink" and "Thad," homeless small boys whom she has adopted. They call her "Penzie." Thad tells Penzie a strange man was inquiring for her under her maiden name.

CHAPTER II.—Continued.

Above these rooms was a loft, once used for hay but now entirely cut off from the ground floor. It could, however, be approached by a ladder on the outside—and was so approached by Crink during winter rains, when it was the last resort for drying clothes.

It was September. The California summer was in its glory; the days were warm and bright, not yet edged with the crispness of fall. Crink being in school, Mrs. Penfield was managing alone.

She had taken up her basket of clothes and started for the yard, when the bell rang. This was strictly in accordance with the usual routine, because Mrs. Penfield rarely finished anything without interruption. She put down her basket and went to the door.

"Good morning, Mrs. Bosley. Come right in." A young woman stood outside. She was carefully groomed, smartly dressed, striking in appearance without being exactly pretty. She and her husband lived in The Custard Cup, but no one could understand why. They were apparently free of all responsibilities and devoted themselves to good time; in short, they were everything that the other members of the community were not.

"I can't stop, Mrs. Penfield. I'm going downtown, and I wondered if you'd let me leave this package with you. It's got a few trinkets in it, and I'd feel safer."

Mrs. Penfield hesitated. "I hadn't got any safe place," she said slowly, "and I'm in and out—" Gussie Bosley broke in eagerly. "You needn't feel any care about it. Nobody'd take it, but I've got a feeling—I'd rather leave it here. I put a newspaper round it, so 'twouldn't look of any value whatever." She passed over a small package.

Mrs. Penfield took it with some reluctance and carried it into her bedroom. She was accustomed to all sorts of strange requests, but it was the first time she had been asked to guard valuables.

"I expect she thinks nobody'd look here," Mrs. Penfield reflected; and with that she dismissed the matter altogether and went on out to the yard with her basket. As she wiped the lines, she sang under her breath in sheer blitheness of spirit. This was the happiest part of her work; she loved the air, the sunshine.

"Mornin'," called a rasping voice. "Why, Mr. Wopple, good morning!" she returned briskly. "Ain't it a grand day?"

"Well, pretty fair," conceded Mr. Wopple grudgingly. He never so far encouraged anything, even the weather, as to give it unqualified approval.

Mr. Wopple was a night watchman in some vague building near the water front; and no one in The Custard Cup questioned his being eminently adapted to exactly that work. Watchfulness was the keynote of his personality; he sacrificed many hours of possible daytime sleep by bringing his professional activities into the home field.

"Yes, it's a grand day," repeated Mrs. Penfield, quite as if she had received more encouragement. "How are you feeling, Mr. Wopple?"

"Jest middlin'," he replied, in a drawl. His small, beady eyes were filmed for a moment, out of deference to this sentiment. He gazed at Mrs. Penfield with a new shrewdness which she would have sensed at once if she had been less occupied.

"I see Thad's got a new rig," continued Mr. Wopple, in the manner of one who delivers a preamble.

"Yes, bless the baby!" laughed Mrs. Penfield. "I finished that up last night. I'm sorry it's pink, 'cause it don't go with his hair the best ever, but that nice gingham couldn't go to waste."

"I expect Thad's lucky to get as much's that," Mr. Wopple now began on the main argument.

"Sure. He was a little dis'appointed 'bout the color, 'cause he ain't struck with pink, but that's good for him. I figger a child ought to be dis'appointed at least once a week, in order to

get used to life." She discarded a broken clothespin and reached into her pocket for another.

"I guess likely you aimed to have folks think he was your own kid," insinuated Mr. Wopple, testing the strength of his old pruning-shears.

"Land, no. I never claimed he was. He's mine 'cause I adopted him and love him, and 'cause he loves me. That's all there is to it."

Mr. Wopple thought otherwise. "It's easy said, Mis' Penfield, but I'll bet there's a lot more to it. Where'd you get Thad, Mis' Penfield?"

With a quick movement she lifted the sheet and pinned it into place. "The records are for Thad when he grows up."

"You got some records, then?" "Mebbe," she returned, on guard. "I don't see what difference it makes."

"Well, I should say it made a lot. 'Course you'd want to know what kind o' folks he had. Might be things that'd crop out. You'd be the one to be dis'appointed if he was to turn out a robber or murderer or some'n."

Mrs. Penfield shook out a white skirt and smiled. "All you got to do, Mr. Wopple, is to look at Thad once and you won't talk that way. He's as sweet a baby as ever was, and there ain't nothing in his face that ain't good and dear. If he ever turns out bad, it won't be his fault; it'll be 'cause I failed him."

"Shaw! More like it'd be some'n in his birth."

Mrs. Penfield jammed down a clothespin with a violence that snapped it in two, but her voice was still pleasant. "Thad's got past his birth by 'most four years, and he won't never get mixed up with it again. He didn't inherit nothing that I'm afraid of, and one of the main reasons I'm living is to see that he develops just the way he's started. It's a good way; I like it; and if the Lord spares me, he'll be ready to meet the world face to face when he's grown up."

Her neighbor's thin lips twisted. "All is," he said slowly, digging his broken shears into a post, "I thought mebbe you'd like to know there's talk started. You see, Ben Simmons come in 'tother day and he saw Thad. He said he couldn't get over it—Thad looks so much like a kid he knew about, a year ago. Perfect image, Ben says!"

Mrs. Penfield made no reply. A flush rose in her cheeks, but she placed her pins carefully in the last garment.

"Well, Ben says this kid didn't have no family he could be proud of. Seems his mother run off somewhere and died of it, and his father was 'rrested for some'n and—"

Mr. Wopple was gazing at the post, and therefore did not see Mrs. Penfield's reception of his speech.

"Stop!" she cried. He looked up in injured bewilderment. Mrs. Penfield was standing in front of him. The color was high in her cheeks; her dark eyes blazed dangerously.

"You stop!" she repeated in a low voice. "You look so small to me that I can't scarcely see you 't all. But if you're still there, you'd better lay hold of one thing; you let Thad alone. Ain't nobody's business where he came from, nor who his folks were. And if you can't find nothing better to do than to treat little children to pieces, you'd better sleep twenty-four hours a day steady."

Mr. Wopple dropped his shears and assumed a reproachful attitude. "I jest thought you'd want to know what's bein' said—"

"Well, I don't," she interrupted. "And if you've got a grain of sense, you'll put your mind on other things. Ev'rybody lives in his own generation; he ain't just reflectin' what's been lived before him. I know where Thad came from, and it's all right. Do you think you can remember that, Mr. Wopple?"

Mr. Wopple, with some hesitation, admitted that perhaps he could, Mrs. Penfield having hitherto been a satisfactory neighbor; and she acknowledged his courtesy by a smile, half conciliatory, half abstracted. But when she had taken up the empty clothes basket and gone back into the house, she sat for several minutes looking into space, her busy hands idle, a mist of compassion in her dark eyes. Once her lips moved. "Why, why can't I wipe out the han-aleaps entirety?" she breathed. "Don't seem right for any child—"

She was still sitting there when Thad came in. Mrs. Penfield gathered the boy into her arms and kissed him. "Penzie," he gasped, "squeeze me softer, please. I 'most can't breathe. What you do it so hard for?"

She laughed. "Bless your baby heart! I expect I was keeping ev'ry-thing away."

"Why, Penzie, ain't anything here—just you and me." "Sure enough," she said, more lightly. "And we mustn't sit here, doing nothing. I've got to get to

work, and you trot along and play." A few minutes later he came running to her in great glee.

"See, Penzie, I found some'n." He held up a small package. It was flat, oblong, tied with cord.

"Where did you get that, Thad?" "In your room—all done up in paper."

"You shouldn't have touched it—" She took the package, to carry it back to her room; then paused in astonishment. The cords were fastened with wax; the seals had not been broken. She turned it over. It was simply the name "Bosley."

"That's never the family jewels," she thought, as she went into the bedroom. "Next time I'll let her keep it to home. I'll bet it ain't nothing I want in this house."

CHAPTER III

The Invasion of Lettie.

Having delivered the final order of groceries for the day, Crink Penfield varied monotony by taking a new route home, and was rewarded by a sight that made him stop suddenly and catch his breath with joy. In a large lot, where he distinctly remembered a tenement house, there was only an enormous heap of debris.

"Cracky!" murmured Crink. "Wa'n't that a grand fire? Here's where I get busy."

He hid his basket behind a mass of shattered masonry and plunged into exploration of the highest mound of ashes. Crink lived the life of salvage. A bit of human wreckage himself, he had an unflagging attraction for all the material wreckage that came within range. Young as he was, the boy was an expert with a bent piece of iron, flicking scrap heaps for those fragments which have been thrown out, not because their usefulness is exhausted but because their owners have been lacking in ingenuity. Even as Mrs. Penfield had rescued him, so had he in turn rescued countless bits of wood and cloth, iron and tin, and pulled them back into the field of service.

Squirming to the top of the mass, Crink discovered an incredible piece of luck, the wheel of a dismembered sewing machine. He grabbed it, but at the same moment another hand also grabbed—a small, thin hand. A pair of bright black eyes confronted Crink, the eyes of a girl about his own age who had been conducting a series of investigations of her own from the rear of the lot.

"Hey, leggo there," cried Crink.

"Leggo yourself," retorted the girl.

"Shan't. I got here first."

"You didn't neither. If you had, you'd ha' taken it, wouldn't you?"

For a moment the boy was staggered. He had been prepared for action, but not for reasoning, and the latter had driven him into a corner where speech would merely weaken his cause.

By a quick movement Crink lifted the wheel, but the girl's counter-pull flopped it back again with a smart whack that sent a cloud of ashes into the air. The contestants gulped, coughed, ignominiously sneezed, glared at each other with reddened eyes but with no diminution of will.

"Now look here," began Crink, in a voice intended to be terrible, "you ain't gaining nothing. This here wheel's mine."

"Prove it, why don't you? Rummy-dummy!"

"Gosh!" he writhed. "Quit calling names, you little fighting devil."

"Now you got my number," she returned. "Just you make me one bit madder, and I'll show you."

"How'll you show me?"

"I'll punch you into purgatory, so!"

"Huh! You couldn't."

"Could, too."

"Couldn't, neither."

"Would you like to stay and live with us, Lettie?"

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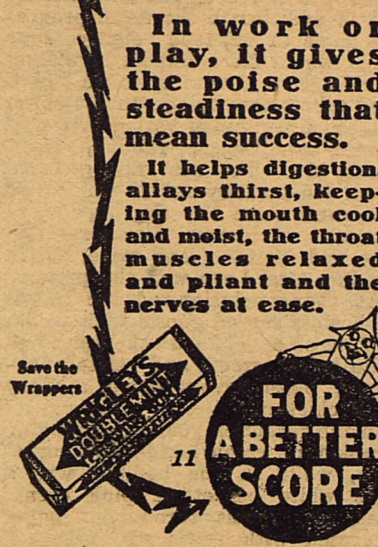
Wire Telegraphy for Mines.

In a mine disaster it frequently happens that the same agency that causes the disaster puts the telephone system out of order. That is why mining engineers are experimenting with the wireless system. In recent tests near Pittsburgh a receiving station 50 feet underground got short-wave signals from outside distinctly, but the audibility fell off rapidly as the distance underground was increased. In experiments in England a three-tube set placed at a 2,000-foot level communicated easily with the pit mouth, and better results were obtained at great depths than at points comparatively near the surface.—Youth's Companion.

Noiseless Riveters.

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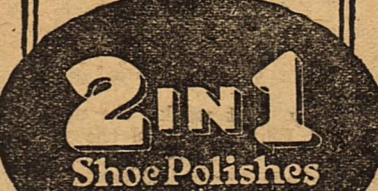
Constipation is a very common affection that many babies suffer from and if not corrected will lead to more serious troubles. Teethina is very efficient in such cases, removing the cause and insuring healthy and regular habits. In this connection Mrs. C. C. Walters, Bradley Junction, Fla., relates an interesting experience with her baby. Says Mrs. Walters: "My baby was constipated all the time and her bowels never moved without the aid of suppositories until I gave her Teethina. She is now perfectly well and never has any more trouble that way."
If Mrs. Walters had begun giving her baby Teethina from the first she would have been saved many hours of anxious care and the baby much distress.
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EASTER PARTY

Friday afternoon from three thirty to six o'clock a most beautiful Easter party was given by Mrs. F. W. Jennings and enjoyed by a large number of friends.

After the guests had been graciously greeted by the hostess, dainty score cards decorated with a little Easter bunny were passed and which also conveyed the glad tidings that in addition to the usual progressive game of 42, lone eighty four hands would be indulged, entitling each to draw favors from an improvised rabbit nest hidden on the porch and which contained varied prizes of colored candy eggs, rabbits, hens, chicks, etc. The nest was guarded by an old mammy rabbit which was the grand prize for the high score winner. Mesdames Brothers and Love tied for the grand prize, but in the draw Mrs. Love won the prize.

At the conclusion of the games the hostess served guests with a dainty plate of angel food cake, pink and white brick cream and salted almonds, plate favors being a tiny white chicken.

In the reception room was hanging a basket of green hand-made carnations, while in the boudoir was a large white basket of pink carnations, the rooms throughout being decorated with bowls and vases of beautiful bouquets.

B. M. Blackmon recently received a message informing him of the death of his mother in Robertson county to the southwest of Waco. Mr. Blackmon did not receive the message until after the death, therefore did not attend the funeral. His mother was eighty two years of age and had been in good health until a recent attack of influenza which caused her death.

G. G. Wynn, of Seagraves, while being carried through the country from his home to Mineral Wells to take the baths for treatment of dropsy, died in Spur Monday. His condition became more serious on the road, and those accompanying him placed him in the Nichols Sanitarium where he died a short time after their arrival. Mr. Wynn was seventy odd years of age.

A negro woman, wife of Orange Williams, died Monday in the Nichols Sanitarium following an operation in the removal of a tumor of some character. Dr. Nichols stated when the operation was performed Saturday that there was but one chance in one hundred for her life. They had no money, therefore a subscription of a dollar a piece from the citizens of the town and country was donated to the amount of fifty dollars to partly reimburse Dr. Nichols for expenses of the operation. Drs. Morris and Hale assisted Dr. Nichols in the operation.

WATSON ITEMS

This report everyone at Watson is doing very well. All being able to be on the go.

There was a nice crowd at singing Saturday night, and also a visitor of whom some of us didn't know.

Watson is a very busy place these days as there has been a lot of work done around the school house, and lots of gasoline being burned.

Rev. W. E. Duke has been very busy and also using his time well. Saturday morning before he went to fulfill his second Sunday appointment he was out electioneering by sun rise.

It is said that H. R. Witt was wanting to be trustee for he was out electioneering. But couldn't have gotten lonesome while he was out because he had too much company.

If the election had only lasted long enough the price of gasoline could surely have knocked a hole in the sky.

Saturday while the wind was blowing hard Mrs. Jim Crump was ironing and had to close all the doors to keep the stove from smoking. The children could not stay either in the house or out, which soon exhausted her patience when the smoke came rolling out and filling the room in stantly. One of the children came in and left the door open. In an instant there came a woman's scream from the kitchen, "Shut the door!"

The child walked to the door and said, "Someone is in here." And of course she went to see behold! there stood the Rawleigh man looking very excitedly back over his shoulder to ward the yard gate.

Some of you good basket ball teams come over and play Watson. Come prepared for a hard game for Mrs. H. C. Parsons and Mrs. G. E. Morris are going to pitch goals.

Jim Crump was seen sitting watching the sun and almanac and a new alarm clock and was heard to say, "my clock was set at town and it is right. I'm no fool. I don't believe everything I read. That sun is slow."

LOST—Between Watson school house and W. E. Duke's residence one set of false teeth.

Ben Thompson likes the game, Brother I'm Bobbed, so well that after learning it at a party recently

he played it at ever recess next day at school.

It is true enough that women should be instructed how to vote their first time. For when the votes were being counted Saturday on one ticket was written, "Sam Grizzle is the best looking man at Watson."

Wounded—Warren Tucker. A Watson school teacher is suffering a broken heart.

We heard that you heard that I heard that they heard that he heard that she heard that we heard that it is said that Bro. Duke said that he could beat the devil scheming and half of the time.

Friday night April 13th the Watson School is going to have a good program for which a small admission fee will be charged, which will be used for the school library. Every body is invited.—A Fried and the Maiden Aunt that trained the other Schemer.

PREMIUM LIST, DICKENS COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Mr. F. G. Collier of the Spr National Bank, who has taken a very active part in promoting boys' and girls' club work, possibly getting part of his inspiration from Mr. W. B. Lee, Vice-President of the same institution, and known and appreciated as the best friend of every country boy and girl in the county, stepped out on the street with a premium list Thursday morning, and in ten minutes returned with the following splendid list of premiums, which were offered by various business houses of Spur.

Every business house visited contributed, and the only reason that the other places of business were not allowed to contribute was because all the premiums which Mr. Johnston, had suggested were already given.

Below is given a list of the premiums offered:

To Feeder Making Best Gains For Entire Period, Jan. 24 to April 18th.
1st prize, Free trip to Dallas Fair, value \$35.00, contributed by Spur National Bank.
2nd prize, Pair of Pure-bred Lambs, value, \$10.00. Contributed by Bryant Link Company.
3rd prize, \$5.00 in Merchandise. Contributed by Riter Hardware Co.
4th prize, 0 baby chicks, Contributed by Spur Candy Kitchen, C. A. Love, and W. M. Hazel.

To Feeder Making Best Gains Last Half of Period, from Feb. 27 to April 18.
1st prize, Free trip to Dallas Fair, value \$35.00 Contributed by Love Dry Good Company.
2nd prize, Pure-bred Lamb, Contributed by Godfrey and Emart.
3rd prize, \$3.50 Fountain pen, Contributed by City Drug Store.
4th prize, Girls' Special, \$2.50 in Merchandise, Contributed by Red Front Drug Store.

J. J. Albin was here the first of the week from his farm home at Highway. He is putting in a big lake on his place with a capacity sufficient to irrigate his entire farm.

The lake was formed by damming up the creek which runs through his farm. He is stocking the lake with a variety of game fish and expects to make his living through the summer selling privileges to these town sports to do some heal fishing. It has long been known that by damming creeks, building tanks and reservoirs throughout West Texas, moisture will not only be conserved and the country materially benefited in this manner, but that the rainfall would also be increased by such a procedure. We actually believe that commissioners in every county render an invaluable service to the country as a whole country by building solid bridges over every creek, thus serving not only as a creek crossing but in conserving West Texas waters and holding it in our own territory to benefit home people instead of flowing on down to enrich Eastern people.

W. C. Messer, a good citizen and successful farmer of the Spur territory, was among the number of business visitors to town recently. He is very optimistic of bumper crops.

W. S. Leach, of Dry Lake, was here the other day and handed us the coin to renew his subscription. Mr. Leach owns three farms in the Dry Lake country, and is considered one of the most substantial citizens and successful farmers of the county.

C. N. Kidd came in last week from the Dry Lake community, spending a few hours here trading and on other business. He was wearing a smile of contentment and satisfaction at the prevailing conditions and prospects for bumper crops this year.

W. A. Smith, one among the old settlers of this territory, was in the city Saturday from his place on Red Mud. Mr. Smith says things are looking good and every indication is that this will be a most prosperous year in every respect.

R. J. Hairgrove, of the Dry Lake country, was here Saturday mingling with the crowds on the streets and trading with the merchants.

A. C. George, one of the best citizens of the Highway community, had business Wednesday in Spur. He reports everything progressing nicely and satisfactorily in his part of the country.

DICKENS COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION AT McADOO

The Dickens County Singing Convention convened with the McAdoo class Sunday, April 8th. By ten o'clock a good crowd had gathered and the program was started.

Opening song was led by the President, E. L. Williams, followed by prayer by Mr. Poteet.

The morning session was devoted entirely to singing with such good singers as Prof. Morgan of Crosbyton and Prof. Lewis from Spur as leaders, and a number of others whose names the writer fails to recall.

Just before the noon hour little Annie Lauri Lewis, age 4 years sang "Carry me back to Old Virginia."

At the noon hour a feast of every thing good to eat was spread by the ladies of the McAdoo community, and such a feast, everything from chicken and dressing down to good old fried peach pies. There were 1200 or 1500 people there but there was plenty for all.

The afternoon session opened with a song by the President. A few more good songs were sung then came the election of officer for another year. Mr. E. L. Williams was reelected President, W. R. Lewis reelected Vice-President and Mrs. W. R. Lewis Sec.-Treas.

There were four classes entered the contest singing: McAdoo, Midway, Prairie Chapel and Duncan Flat.

Prairie Chapel made the highest grade thereby winning the Banner. The grades were as follows: Prairie Chapel 92; McAdoo 91; Midway 89; and Duncan Flat 85 1-2. After the contest singing was over the rest of the afternoon was spent in class singing, quartets, and etc.

There were several good leaders present from Floydada and other places quite a distance away.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given the people of McAdoo for their courtesy and hospitality shown each and everyone during the day.

About five o'clock we adjourned to meet with the Midway people the second Sunday in October.—Secretary.

John Self, a good citizen and farmer of the Red Mud country, was a recent visitor and trader in Spur.

C. R. Gunn, of near Dickens, was among the many in Spur Saturday, trading and meeting friends here from all parts of the country.

C. H. Scott, of Duck Creek, was among the crowds here Saturday. He reports everything in good shape in his part of the country with most promising prospects of bumper crop yields.

J. C. Weir, of just east of Spur, was in town during the week. He is very optimistic of good harvests this year and has several hundred acres in cotton and feed stuff.

W. F. Foreman, of the Espuela section of country, was here Saturday greeting friends, talking good times and boosting for the Tech College. Let it come, we are willing and ready.

Ed Hufstetter, of northwest of Spur, came in Wednesday of this week, spending a short time here buying a few supplies and attending to other business matters. He, with all other farmers of this section, is expecting big harvests this fall—and if some calamity does not befal these expectations will be fully realized.

Hugh Gray, one of the biggest farmers around Spur, is putting in more new ground for cultivation in connection with several hundred acres of old land. He stays on the job and harvests good crops every year, rain or shine.

R. L. Carleton was in town Saturday. He is now teaching the Dry Lake school and reports good progress in the school work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Walton, of Winfield, left Thursday for Hamlin, after spending several days in this city.

Buster Robinson, a successful farmer and all-around good citizen of the Highway community, greeted his friends here Saturday. He is this year putting in new ground and enlarging otherwise improving and enlarging his place and farming operations. However, he wants little said about it for fear that it may effect the price of cotton on the world's market. We are betting that big crops are made and big prices paid this fall. We have felt it in our bones all along.

Jeff Smith, of Dry Lake, was here the other day trading and meeting with friends and acquaintances. He, too, expects to harvest big crops this year and is now setting his pegs to that end.

Jim Smith, of Dry Lake, was in the city Saturday. Jim now owns a farm at Dry Lake which takes in a few acres of the lake. He is this year plowing up the lake bed for cultivation. He is of the opinion that this lake bed acreage can be made productive of some character of crop should it fail to produce maize and cotton—and we are of the same opinion. Jim has built a new home and is making other improvement on his place.

MRS. BUSBY HOSTESS

Mrs. J. H. Busby gave a party Friday evening complimentary to her niece, Miss Louise Douthit and nephew, Mr. Jim Sample. After a number of games of "42" delightful refreshments of angel food cake and strawberry ice cream were served to the following young folks: Misses Floye Richbourg, Willie Lee Gilbert, Mabel Harris, Katie Ellis, Louise Douthit, Gladys Millhollon, Lola Stamey, Latham, Hedrick, Norma Jackson, Gussie Mae Love. Messrs. Jim Sample, Ed Hart, Dr. Zachary, Moses, George Glasgow, Faust Collier, Grimes, Jenkins, Jack Rector, Tracey Gorham and Joe and Preston Wohlford.

Grandma McCarty, mother of W. F. McCarty of Spur, fell Monday morning at her home near Afton with the result that her leg was broken or hip joint dislocated. Grandma is eighty odd years of age, and it is feared that this injury may prove more serious than to a younger person.

Beginning April 15th the Wichita Valley Company will restore two daily passenger trains between Abilene and Wichita Falls. Sleeping car service will also be reestablished on this line to Fort Worth. Travelers from this section will be greatly con venienced by both the addition of passenger trains and sleeping cars.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hickman, of the plains country near McAdoo, were in Spur Tuesday of this week shopping with the merchants and visiting among friends of the city and those here that day from the surrounding country. Mr. Hickman advised us that he is this year "taking a rest", having rented his farm land, while he is merely putting in new ground, raising hogs and stock and keeping up the corners around the place.

Heretofore Mr. Hickman has devoted a greater part of his acreage to wheat and small grain, while this year only row crops will be cultivated on the place.

R. S. Holly came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur greeting friends and acquaintances.

M. W. Chapman, of four miles southwest of Spur, was here one day the past week shaking hands with friends and acquaintances.

W. C. Cartwright, of the Soldier Mound community, was among the crowds on the streets Saturday, trading and also donating his share for humanitarian purposes. All of the people of this territory are big, broad and liberal. Such men lay the foundation for the greatest country in the world.

H. C. Eldredge was among the visitors here the first of the week from the plains country. The McAdoo country now gives promise of producing forty bushels of wheat to the acre, and a considerable acreage is sown this year to wheat in that section.

A. J. Richey, of Croton, was in Spur recently trading and on other business.

H. C. Allen may be a hard worker and earned a reputation for staying on the job, but when a bunch of rabbit drivers pass by he can not resist the temptation to join in the sport.

Fount Harrel and wife, of the Tap country, were visitors and shoppers in the city the past week.

J. R. Karr, of Espuela, was among the many business visitors to Spur the past week.

C. M. Buchanan, of north of Dickens, was here trading and on other business the first of the week.

W. A. Valentine came in to Spur one day the past week, reporting everything moving along nicely in his section.

John Randall was among the many visitors on the streets of Spur the past week.

Mr. McLaughlin, of the McAdoo country, was in Spur Tuesday trading and looking after other business matters.

Jake Scott, an old timer of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week for the first time in many months. Jake has been out at Hot Springs, New Mexico, the past year. Hot Springs must be a wonderful health resort, since every one who goes there is cured of ailments, and especially rheumatic ailments. Jake gives evidence of growing younger.

Mrs. W. M. Winkler, of Croton, was a visitor and shopper in Spur Tuesday of this week.

L. W. Bilberry received a message Wednesday informing him of the death of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Peacock, at their home in Plainview. The remains of Mrs. Peacock will be interred at Petersburg, their former home. The Peacock family is well known throughout this section of country, having lived for years in Stonewall county, the town of Peacock taking its name from this family.

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Mr. W. J. Cook, representing the Abilene business college, spent several days in Spur and vicinity. Mr. Cook is one of the pioneer settlers and relates many interesting experiences of the old days on the range.

Mr. John K. Fullingim, proprietor of the City Hotel, at Crosbyton, was shaking hands with friends in this city Saturday. He states that every thing is running smoothly about the capitol of Crosby, and judging the physical appearance of Mr. Fullingim, who only weighs 387 pounds, we opine that there must be no short age in the supply of eats in his city.

S. J. Ousley states that he has all his land bedded and prepared for planting, has a good season and expects to make bumper harvest. Col. Ousley is an optimist, a booster and builder at every turn of the row.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore were in the city Saturday from their ranch home, visiting and shopping among merchants and friends.

Jim McArthur was here Tuesday.

R. L. Emert and wife, of the Espuela community, while in Spur Saturday dropped in at the Spur office and had his subscription renewed in combination with the Dallas News. Mr. Emert reported everything in good shape in his section at this time.

D. C. Hubbard, of Mineral Wells, has located in Spur and will be associated with the Spur Produce Company hereafter. Mr. Hubbard is an experienced produce man and will contribute much in aiding Mr. and Mrs. T. Lindley in pushing and promoting the Spur Produce Company, business in the great Spur territory.

G. M. Mageors made a business trip this week to Fort Worth and other metropolitan cities of the East.

L. C. Ponder is again preparing this year to supply the market with other produce than cotton. He is a diversified and successful farmer.

H. C. Parsons, of west of Spur, was among the many traders and business visitors in the city the past week.

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