

THE TEXAS SPUR

AND THE DICKENS ITEM

VOLUME 21

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS,

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1931

NUMBER 24

C. of C. Elects Officers at Annual Meeting

The Spur Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting and election of officers Tuesday night of this week. Officers elected for the ensuing term were: W. B. Lee, President; John King, Vice-President; and Faust G. Collier, Treasurer. The board of directors C. B. Jones, C. L. Love, G. R. Elkins, Geo. S. Link, and Roy Stovall were re-elected with the addition of two members, Joe Kellam and W. D. Starcher.

D. L. Granbery was re-elected Secretary of the organization and adopted in commendation of his excellent efficient services during the past year. C. B. Jones was appointed delegate to represent the Spur Chamber at the convention to be held in Lubbock, May 14, 15 and 16.

A report of the years work was read, which met with the approval of all present, and a program outlined for the coming year. Among the subjects coming up for the consideration and action of the Chamber at this meeting were, Drouth relief work, Red Cross work, establishment of an air port here, the live-at-home program, development of a livestock feeding business in this section, planting of better seed, and the promotion of diversified farming by the planting of wheat, broomcorn and other crops to take the place of cotton.

Department Warns Against Misuse of Government Loans

A large number of specific cases have been brought to the attention of the Farmer's Seed Loan Office, U. S. Department of Agriculture, St. Louis, Mo., where farmers who have made application for seed, livestock and agricultural rehabilitation loans, and after having their applications approved by this office, have used a part of all the money advanced to them for expenditures other than that for which they were authorized by law.

All the funds advanced to farmers by the U. S. Government must be used for the purpose for which they were approved and granted. Flagrant misuse of the funds will not be tolerated.

It has also been reported to this office from some sections of the official seed loan territory attached to the St. Louis Office, that the U. S. Government does not seriously contemplate the collection of these loans when they are due this fall. Such reports should be corrected at once, since this office is already making extensive plans for collection of the loans.

Loans made by the U. S. Government from the \$45,000,000 appropriation, as well as the \$20,000,000 fund are secured by a first mortgage on the 1931 crop and it will be unlawful for any mortgagor to sell any part of this crop without applying the proceeds of such sales to the note held by the Federal Government. Payment of these loans must be made from the proceeds of the first crops sold. Any violations of the foregoing will be severely prosecuted.

Will you kindly see that this information is given widespread publicity in all of the local papers in your county.—T. Weed Harvey, Adm. officer in charge.

(The following is a letter addressed to County Agents and Committee Chairmen):

HIGHWAY SCHOOL CLOSED

The Highway School closed last Friday afternoon after a successful term with Miss Rhenn Richey as teacher. Miss Richey left immediately for Lubbock to attend the Texas Technological College for six months. She being re-elected as teacher of the school for the next term.

Floyd McArthur was here Sat.

Chas. Austin and Bob Fox Give Big Birthday Dance

A very enjoyable occasion of the week was the 17th birthday dance given by Chas. Austin and Bob Fox, Thursday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steele, 6 miles south of Spur.

All the old time dances were enjoyed, including squares, shot-fish, new shoes and brown jug. The Austin boys furnished the music for the evening. A bountiful supply of coffee and cake was on hand and everyone present reported an enjoyable time.

Big Attendance at Terracing School Held Saturday

By special request of a number of people of Spur the Terracing School which was held in Spur early in March but poorly attended, due to bad weather, returned to Spur last Saturday for an extra engagement. This school was conducted by the Extension Service of the A. & M. College cooperating with the Federal Land Bank at Houston and the Fort Worth and Denver railroad.

There were about two hundred people from the Spur country in attendance at the meeting and from the many expressions heard from the streets of Spur following the meeting; and in fact all C. L. Love, who has a sound and basic knowledge of broomcorn production and is a student of the broom corn industry was the first speaker on the program.

Mr. Love emphasized the necessity of some crop that would add revenue to the country at a time that he farmers and merchants bank account was usually at the lowest, or in midsummer. Broomcorn is one of the crops adapted to the semi arid sections of the west and can be grown profitably under conditions prevailing in this locality, especially on the sandier soils.

E. L. Tanner, County Agent spoke briefly on cattle feeding program which is being contemplated for this section of the State. The finishing of the cattle normally produced in the farm, including the milk pen calves, barren cows, old cows, discarded bulls and in fact all kinds of livestock that can be converted into edible meats was stressed by Mr. Tanner. After this has been religiously done the community is then in position to engage in fattening and finishing of the excellent grade of herford calves and yearlings that are produced in abundance in this section. There is little question but that the utilization of the feed crops produced in this country under normal conditions will add greatly to the farm returns and will in time be a material factor in reducing the risk element in farming.

M. B. Oats, agricultural agent for the Ft. Worth and Denver, a man well informed on the agricultural conditions and the agricultural outlook touched briefly on the many agricultural problems of the country traversed by his railroad. He emphasized the necessity of multiplying the source of revenue from farm to such an extent that the cotton crop would constitute less than one half of the cash returns received by the farmers.

In the absence of M. R. Bentley, who had to return to College Station on account of illness, a wonderful collection of slide pictures were shown on the screen by Mr. A. K. Short, of the Federal Farm Bank of Houston. This set of pictures which is probably the best collection that has ever been assembled shows portrays that has taken place in all parts of the world due to the uncontrolled movement of water over the farming lands of the world. Many of the pictures were taken in the black lands of Texas, a country that was considered the best farming lands of the world but in many places this rich black land has

Bill Perrin Breaks Leg In Fall From Tractor Last Week

Bill Perrin of the Croton community and former student of Spur High School suffered a most serious and painful injury Monday of the past week when he slipped and fell from a tractor he was operating and broke his leg. According to reports of the accident it seems that in falling he caught his foot in the wheel of the tractor which was turning, severely crushing his leg just above the ankle. At present Bill is doing nicely and his many friends will be glad to see him up and able to get about.

Wilson Draw Wins League Honors

At the recent County Interscholastic League meeting, Wilson Draw won places in the following contests:

Declamation — Junior Boy, C. V. Conatser, first place. Junior Girl, Francille Rainwater, first place.

Picture Memory — W. M. Hunter, second place.

3-R Contest — Francille Rainwater, first place.

Spelling — Ellie Bolch and Beatrice Garner, second place for Seniors. Lois Rainwater and Clifford B. Hunter, first place for Sub-Juniors.

Story Telling — Fourth Grade Girl, Lois Rainwater, first place. Fourth Grade Boy, Clifford Scott, second place. Second Grade Girl, Genece Garner, third place. Second Grade Boy, Elliot Bolch, second place. First Grade Girl, Margaret Davenport, second place. First Grade Boy, Billie Carlisle, second place.

Play at Duck Creek

The pupils and teachers of the Duck Creek School will stage the play, "The Adventures of Grandpa," Friday night, April 10. There will be no admission charge. All are cordially invited to attend. The program will begin at eight o'clock.

W. M. Graves of Los Angeles, California is visiting Miss Rhenn Richey this week.

Miss Rhenn Richey came down from Tech this week end to visit with her parents and friends

been destroyed by erosion. Instead of the black land to farm there is nothing left except white rock. Many pictures were shown of West Texas where water is the limiting factor in crop production and furnished the most convenient proof of the value of saving the rainfall through terracing and the contouring of rows. In the group were a number of pictures taken on the local Experiment Station. Mr. Short at times spoke very forcibly about the backwardness of terracing in Dickens County and said he was unable to see why Dickens County was not the foremost county in the State in this movement. The County Agent of Dickens County being the foremost agent in the State of Texas in the promotion of terrace construction, having conducted campaigns in Fisher and Jones counties before coming to Spur that placed these counties in the foremost ranks of Texas in terraces constructed. Mr. Tanner, also, according to Mr. Short was responsible for the system of presenting terrace instruction which has been adopted in all sections of Texas and in fact throughout the South. A large number of the pictures shown and much of the data presented was taken from the Spur Experiment Station. The Spur Experiment Station is the leading tract finding institution in the whole United States on terracing and water conservation studies.

After showing the pictures Mr. Short made an excellent talk on farming practices in general bringing home the fact that the greatest drawback to farm progress is that no one wants to change his practices.

E. J. Cowan Elected Mayor J. E. Johnson Water Com. W. M. Hazel Street Com.

A very light vote was polled Tuesday of this week in the election held for the selection of city officials, two of the candidates having no opponents. Those selected were E. J. Cowan, Mayor; J. E. Johnson, Water Commissioner, and W. M. Hazel, Street Commissioner. Following is a list of candidates with the number of votes polled for each.

For Mayor: E. J. Cowan... 139.
For Water Commissioner: J. E. Johnson... 136.
For Street Commissioner: W. M. Hazel... 82.
J. R. Maine... 54.

Broomcorn Move Assured Success

The broomcorn movement being sponsored by the local chamber of commerce is now, according to reports, assured of success there having been a sufficient number of farmers signed up to grow this crop this year to make it an important item in the markets this season.

Many farmers have failed to contract for seed and plant a part of their acreage to broomcorn because of being doubtful of being able to properly harvest, thresh, cure and bale the crop. However, since so many have already agreed to plant broomcorn this year that a sizeable crop is assured. The Broomcorn association is able to assure others wishing to plant that adequate machinery and storage room will be provided. The show buildings at the fair park have been secured and overtures are being made for the securing of the cotton warehouse in case it is needed for the curing of the product. Others wishing to take advantage of this opportunity to diversify and cut their cotton acreage are urged to do so immediately since Saturday, April 11 is the last day that orders may be placed for seed.

Broomcorn is a real cash crop and will grow successfully in this section as has been demonstrated in past years. It is especially valuable as a rotation crop, the green seed are good for feed and the stalk makes the best of fodder and, if so desired, the stalks plowed under are almost equal to legumes as fertilizer. It is planted along with other crops, the same planters may be used; it is harvested earlier and will interfere in no way with the ordinary farm program of this section and in fact will fit in very nicely with the idle periods of the growing of grain sorghums and cotton.

Previous reports are to the effect that the cotton acreage will not be materially cut this year and the possibility is that a very low price will prevail. On the other hand reports are that the broomcorn acreage, especially in New York state, are generally reduced and that the price will be above normal. Regardless of this, however, it will be well to plant as great a variety of cash crops as possible this year and the broomcorn movement sponsored by the Spur chamber of commerce offers an opportunity to plan a cash crop in place of king cotton.

Dick Speer, of Speer's Variety Store, is spending the week in Matador looking after the interests of his store in that city.

W. F. Godfrey made a business trip to Dallas Wednesday of this week.

T. E. L. Class Social

The T. E. L. S. S. class met with Mrs. W. M. Hazel, Tuesday evening for their monthly social. We had a large crowd present, there being 30 present. Our class is growing wonderfully and under the leadership of our splendid teacher, Mrs. Godfrey, we are growing spiritually also.—Rep.

Wire String on Kite Electrocuttes Boy

Fort Worth, March 30.—Flying a kite with a small copper wire as string, Elbert Chearis, 13, was electrocuted late Saturday when the kite wire came in contact with a high voltage line.

Elbert and some friends had been flying the kite from the street and his father, W. H. Chearis, passing by, told them to go to a vacant lot, as he warned an auto might hit them.

The boys moved toward the vacant lot and shortly afterwards Elbert was killed.

He still had the wire in his hand and his clothing was afire when J. H. Randle rushed out of a nearby house and knocked the wire away with a board.

A friend of the boy, Kenneth South, 9, was burned on the fingers when he came near the wire in an attempt to remove it.

School Trustees Elected Saturday

In the election held in Spur on Saturday of last week for the election of four trustees to fill vacancies on the Spur Independent School Board, those selected were Dr. P. C. Nichols, Foy F. Vernon, Lewis Lee (re-election), and E. A. Russell (re-election). Eight names appeared on the ballot as candidates for these places. Following is a list of the candidates with the place of E. F. Vernon, who became a candidate after his appointment and was thus ineligible. An unusually light vote was polled.

The number of votes polled for each:

Dr. P. C. Nichols... 115.
Foy F. Vernon... 105.
Lewis Lee... 22.
E. A. Russell... 107.
M. A. Lea... 44.
W. S. Perry... 9.
J. H. Cargile... 10.
L. E. Roberts... 23.

These trustees will remain in office for a term of three years. J. R. Laine was judge of the election having been appointed to during the week it was one of the most largely appreciated farm meetings that has ever been held in Spur.

Soldier Mound News

The Soldier Mound Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. W. F. Cathey on April 2 with 13 members, 2 of which were new members. The subject for discussion was, Ward Robe Space, which was discussed by all present. We agreed to meet at the Harkey Motor Co. and sell sandwiches and coffee and cake to raise our required amount. We had quiet a success and above expenses we gained \$9.90 for which we surely thank the public. We are to meet on April 16 at the home of Mrs. T. C. Ensey of Spur.—Reporter.

Women's Missionary Society

The Missionary Society met Monday April 6 at 3 P. M. After a short business session the Bible Study was continued by the following: Mesdames J. C. Payne, Rodgers, Smart, Foster, Snider, Abernathy, Hargrave, Ince, M. E. Manning, Joplin, McCrary, and Miss Etta Fite.

There will be no social for April as a very important book is to be studied for the next four meetings.

Mesdames Campbell, Vaughn, Barber are in Big Springs this week attending the annual conference of W. M. Societies.—Rep.

Spur Student Establishes Bluebonnet Seed Business

C. W. Barrett, of this city, who is a student of A. & M. College of Texas, is rendering a much appreciated service as well as helping to pay his way through the school by the gathering and distribution of the Blue Bonnet seed the Texas state flower.

This beautiful and famous flower grows naturally and bountifully in the section near the college and this enterprising young man, realizing the desirability and value of having it grown over the entire state, has established a business of gathering the seed and offering them for sale. Anyone wishing to plant and encourage the growth of Blue Bonnets may easily do so by getting in touch with C. W. at 65 Students Exchange, College Station, Texas. Enclose a dollar bill and receive a large package of seed.

Hi School Students May Now Compete For Ten Semesters

AUSTIN, Texas, April 10.—High school students will be allowed from now on to participate in activities of the Texas Interscholastic League for ten full semesters, whether they are in attendance at school continually or intermittently, according to a referendum taken among the member schools of the League by the University of Texas League Bureau. The 1930 statement of the rule governing this matter gave the contestant a period of only ten semesters after the first enrollment in high school. The change, which goes into effect immediately, will permit the contestant to participate for a longer period of time.

Ordinary Cottonseed May Be Exchanged For Pure Bred Certified Cottonseed

Fort Worth, Texas, April 16.—Hundreds of Texas Farmers have within the past few days taken advantage of an offer made by the Traders Oil Mill Company of Fort Worth, under which they can, without a cent of cash expenditure obtain the highest quality of State Certified Cottonseed for planting their 1931 crops.

The oil mill company's plan, which was worked out as a contribution to the statewide fight to combat the short staple evil which has caused Texas Cotton to lose its standing as the finest produced, has the endorsement of the Texas Certified Cottonseed Breeders Association.

may ship prime gin-run seed to the mill, and receive in return State Certified Planting seed, on a trading basis of one bushel of State Certified seed for each three bushels of gin-run seed. Farmers in various communities are urged to pool their seed and ship in car load lots. Freight is paid both ways on the seed by the mill so that the farmers may have the finest planting seed procurable in any variety they desire without a cent of cash expenditure.

County agents, Chambers of Commerce and other agricultural leaders, have taken advantage of the offer, and pooled shipments of gin-run seed to exchange for the certified seed in many communities.

The offer will remain open only so long as the present limited supply of State Certified seed holds out.

Read the Texas Spur adv.

Mr. Henry Gregory of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Linnie Parker, of Brownwood, Texas, spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nelson of near Matador. Mr. Gregory is a brother of Mrs. Nelson. They left Tuesday morning for Oklahoma City, Okla., where they were married. They will make their home in Detroit.

W. W. Lovell was in Spur Thursday of this week from his farm home near Afton.

Spur Student is On Honor Roll At S. M. U.

DALLAS, Texas, April 10.—One student from Spur was on the honor roll of Southern Methodist University of Dallas for the first term of the 1930-31 session. He was Jack C. Hogan, a senior in the school of Journalism, who earned a straight 'A' record for the past semester.

Forty-nine Texas towns, nine states and one foreign country, Mexico, were represented on the honor roll which totalled 292 students in all, 185 girls and 107 boys. Of the Texas towns, Dallas led with 215 students on the honor roll. There were 58 from other Texas towns and 18 from other states.

To be on the honor roll, a student must maintain an average of at least 'B' with no grade below 'C' for the semester. Thirty-five persons, 18 men and 17 women maintained a straight 'A' record for the period. There were 47 men and 109 women who made no grade below 'B', while 42 men and 59 women earned a 'B' average. The sophomore and senior classes tied for honors claiming 73 representatives each on the list. The Junior class was next with 72, and the Freshman last with 62 representatives.

Jack Hogan is the son of C. Hogan. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional Journalism fraternity, and of Lambda Chi Alpha, social fraternity.

Charley Binion Died On Montana Ranch

Reports were received here this week of the death of Charley Binion which occurred this week on a ranch in Montana. Mr. Binion was well known to the cow men in this section having been an employee of the O-O Ranch in Kent County during the '80s and '90s. He was an expert in his line and became famous as a roper and trick rider. His many friends in this section will regret to hear of his death.

No Foreclosures In Drouth Area By Federal Land Bank

Houston, April 5.—The Federal Land Bank of Houston has its first foreclosure yet to order in the drouth-stricken section of Northwest Texas, M. H. Gossett, president, said in a statement Saturday, April 4.

The statement, the essence of a letter Gossett sent the secretary treasurer of all federal land banks in this district, and to the Texas delegation in Congress, was intended as an answer to "public prophecies that 50 per cent of borrowers could not pay," and to public officials who "through the press had called upon the Federal Land Bank to cease making foreclosures in this drouth area."

The bank has outstanding loans amounting to \$56,343,500 in the area in question.

Petit Jury List For Second Week of the April Court Term

Following is a list of names drawn for the second week of the April term of 1931 County Court, Dickens County, to be called by the Judge:

Floyd Adams, Dickens; C. W. Barrett, Spur; Harry E. Bennett, Afton; H. A. Boothe, Spur; Mack Brown, Spur; C. N. Carr, Spur; Joe Draper, Spur; J. M. Dunlap, Roaring Springs; L. English, Spur; Clark Forbis, Afton; A. C. Gentry, Elton; J. T. Hale, Afton; W. A. Harris, Dry Lake Rt., Spur; L. A. Hindman, Spur; Dillard Jackson, Dickens; Cecil Meadows, Dickens; L. C. Murphy, Dickens; Roy Stofall, Spur.

W. W. Lovell was in Spur Thursday of this week from his farm home near Afton.

How To Secure a Good Stand Of Grain Sorghum

Good Planter, Good Seed and Seed Bed Essentials

The most important factors in securing a stand of the grain sorghums are: (1) Good seed, (2) A well prepared seed bed and (3) a properly adjusted planter. The failure to have any one of these three is almost sure to cause a poor or ragged stand in the sorghum field.

All too frequently a poor quality of seed is used for planting purposes. The soft grain sorghums, more especially the fetteritas and the milos, are susceptible to excessive moisture conditions either in the field before harvest or after being stored, and are frequently low in germination. The hard grained sorghums such as the kafirs and red top cane are usually high in germination and good stands are secured with little trouble. Seed containing trash or that have been poorly threshed and cleaned should never be used in planting as the trash or seed carrying the glume (covering

for the seed) are very apt to stop one or more of the holes in the planter plate.

We have found it to be an excellent practice to harvest our own planting seed in the field before the general harvest and to leave the seed in the head in sacks hung to the rafters of the barn until planting time the following spring. Just before planting the seed are rubbed out on rub-boards and floated in water before planting.

We have been able to secure cleaner and heavier seed in this way than from machine threshed seed. Neither do seed that have been hand threshed contain the broken or cracked grain that machine threshed grain contain.

A well prepared seed bed is very essential but the average planter is more likely to have his land in good condition than he is to have good clean seed or to have his planter properly adjusted on land that has been plowed due to the fact that the seed are more

soil on listed land. In adjusting a planter there are three essentials to keep in mind. (1) The planter plate, (2) the opening plow and (3) the covering plows.

It is well to test every planter and every planter plate for seed dropping before it is carried to the field. This can be done by mounting the planter on saw horses or jacks so as to get the wheels clear of the floor and turn the wheels with the planter in gear a sufficient number of revolutions to equal a distance of 50 feet. By keeping record of the number of revolutions the planter makes it is easy to figure the distance that two, three, four, or six hole plate will drop seed. By catching the seed at the spout it is easy to figure the number of seed that is dropped to the hill. Below is a table giving the record of seeding of a planter over a distance of 47 1-2 feet with a four hole planter plate, holes having been made with a 7-32 inch bit. A good quality of seed was used in each case.

Kind of Seed	Number of Seed	
	Dropped in 47 1-2 Feet	
Milo	36	
Kafir	43	
Feterita	14	
Red Top Cane	96	
Ave. Distance in row inches	Average Number of seed per hill	
16	1.5	
13	1.8	
40	.6	
47	4.0	

A four hole plate in this particular planter allows for a hill every 24 inches or a three hole plate would make this every 36 inches. The above plate is well suited to the planting of feterita that has a much larger seed or for the planting of red top cane where a much thicker stand is to be desired. At least an 8-inch hole plate should be used for red top cane on this planter. A four hole plate with a 9-32 inch bit hole should be used on this planter for feterita. This kind of a plate spaces hills 24 inches apart and drops an average of 2.3

grains per hill. One using a kafir or milo plate for planting feterita seed will invariably secure a poor stand and there are more poor stands of feterita than possibly any other member of the grain sorghum family and much kind of plate.

Another advantage of testing the planter plate in the work shop before taking to the field is that one can determine if he is putting in grain and planting crops. I have known planter plates that were almost perfect in grinding the seed. They seldom missed cracking one. The holes in the planter plate are reamed out with the large part of the opening toward the bottom so that the seed can fall out freely. These holes should be either reamed out with a special reaming bit or with a much larger drill bit than the one with which the holes were made and then the plate tested for each particular kind of grain that is to be planted. Warped or worn planter plates or worn planter boxes at times are responsible for the grinding of the grain and these faults should be detected and remedied before going to the field. I have known planter plates that would grind feterita and plant kafir and milo without cracking the grain. Other plates would grind the smaller seed and plant feterita and about the only sure way to know what a planter is going to do is to try it out before going to the field. Many a seed man has been censured for his poor seed when the fault was in the planter.

Another planter part on which many will disagree in the type of opening plow. An opening plow in order to function properly must not only make an open trench for the seed but must keep the loose soil out until the seed are on moist, firm soil. This is very important during the season of the year in which there are hot winds or when there is a shortage of soil moisture. A stand can be secured with a very limited amount of moisture if the seed are in close contact with the firm soil. We have our

opening plows made from cultivator sweeps and they are four inches wide. They are excellent for securing stands under adverse moisture and climatic conditions. When every thing is right any kind of opening plow will do the work.

There are a number of different kinds of covering plows all of them do good work if properly set. A covering plow that leaves the seed trench is to be preferred as the land is less likely to bake and crust following a rain than where the land is left level. An inch of soil over the seed for early planting is sufficient but as the season advances and the soil warms up from 2 1-2 to 3 inches of soil can be placed over the seed. The dragging of chains, blocks of wood, inner tubes, window weights, sacks of dirt or the use of packer wheels following the covering plows is not at all necessary if the seed have been placed on firm moist soil. Such practices as these will increase the baking and crusting of the soil following rains and are likely to result in poor stands.

Some soils run together and crust much more than others and constitutes a major problem in securing stands. Contouring, or laying rows off on the level have done more to reduce this evil than than any other farm practice. On contoured rows the water goes into the soil instead of down the row. Water running in the row is responsible for a large part of the 'cementing' or baking. If there was no other reason than that of securing stands the contoured row would be justified.

Dry Lake News

Rev. Duke filled his regular appointment Sunday. A large crowd attended the services. Mamse Burke Passhol and J. P. Bodes of Breckenridge visited Mrs. Walter L. Powell and children Monday.

Miss Melba Rogers visited Mrs. Homer E. Barnes Sunday. Miss Atha Joy Kidd, Gladys Hindman and Lois Smith spent Sunday with Ruby Mae Smith. Mr. and Mrs. John Cox are the proud parents of a baby girl. She was named Clineth Joy.

Mr. Walter L. Smith and wife and Leona Mae and Eula visited relatives in Brownsfield Sunday. Miss Jessie Leach was visiting in this community Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Millers Wednesday night.

Mr. J. L. Hutto from Morton, Tex. is visiting his folks this week. Mr. Homer E. Barnes who was ill last week is able to teach school this week.

Miss Lorene Stanley visited her sister, Mrs. John Cox of Spout Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thanisch were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barnes Monday. Mrs. Barnes and children returned home with them.

A large crowd attended the

The same thing that applies to the baking and cementing of the soil applies to the blowing or drifting of the soil. Water running down the row leaves an excellent path for the sand to blow down the row but where the water is not allowed to run the surface is left rough and the soil movement is reduced. R. E. Dixon

ball game at Georgetown St. Miss Lorene Stanley, B. Smith, Jessie Leach and Hindman ate dinner with Mrs. Jeff Smith Sunday.

All of the small children the community enjoyed an egg hunt Sunday.

Durward Stacy got skinned a bit Friday night as a tea away with him.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stanley children spent Sunday with and Mrs. R. B. Stanley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Arm and Mrs. Ola Miller, Betty and Glyneth Armend spent day with Mr. and Mrs. C. N. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hill Sunday at the home of Mrs. M. J. Smith.

Miss Vivyan Kidd is spending the week with Miss Vergie Han of Elton, Texas.

Misses Cleo Smith, Elva Louise Powell, Pauline Hutto Harris and others visited Ruth Hindman Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. V. B. attended church at Dry Lake Sunday.

TEN YEARS OF SUFFERING ENDED BY CRAZY CRYSTALS

I want to thank you for benefit received from Crazy Crystals as they have helped me wonderfully. I have had rheumatism for about ten years; I could hardly walk I had it so badly. I have tried all kinds of treatments but nothing helped. I started taking your Crystals. I can walk now.

Mrs. N. R. Marchbank, 1, Box 140, Brownfield, Tex.

Miss Jane Douglas Wilson, L. M. A. spent Easter in Spout

How Olive Palmer Sang her way to fame

Sang her way to fame

by Long Distance

AN Iowa girl just out of her teens rushed excitedly to her mother with a crumpled newspaper in her hand.

"Look, mother! Sanford Abbott, the New York producer, is reviving twenty operas. I'm going to ask for a place in the cast."

"Why Olive, dear, you'd be foolish to go to New York for that! Your chances are almost nothing."

"I'll telephone him and see!"

Let a noted newspaper tell the story (name of newspaper and date of article on request):

"She got long distance. And when a far-away voice said: 'This is Mr. Abbott speaking,' she talked as fast as she could. But Abbott cut her short. His casts were full. It was useless for her to come to New York.

"I don't want to come to New York," the girl said. "Just let me sing for you."

"And singing through those miles and miles of wire came a silvery voice—Olive Palmer singing the famous 'Shadow Song.'

"Get the next train to New York," Abbott said quietly when the last note died away."

Olive Palmer went—and made good. Every Wednesday night in thousands of homes throughout the land, radios catch from the ether the liquid beauty of her voice. A radio magazine lists her as one of the ten most popular stars on the air.

So clear is long distance that even the subtle shadings of a singer's voice are heard easily and correctly, though artist and critic be separated by half a continent.

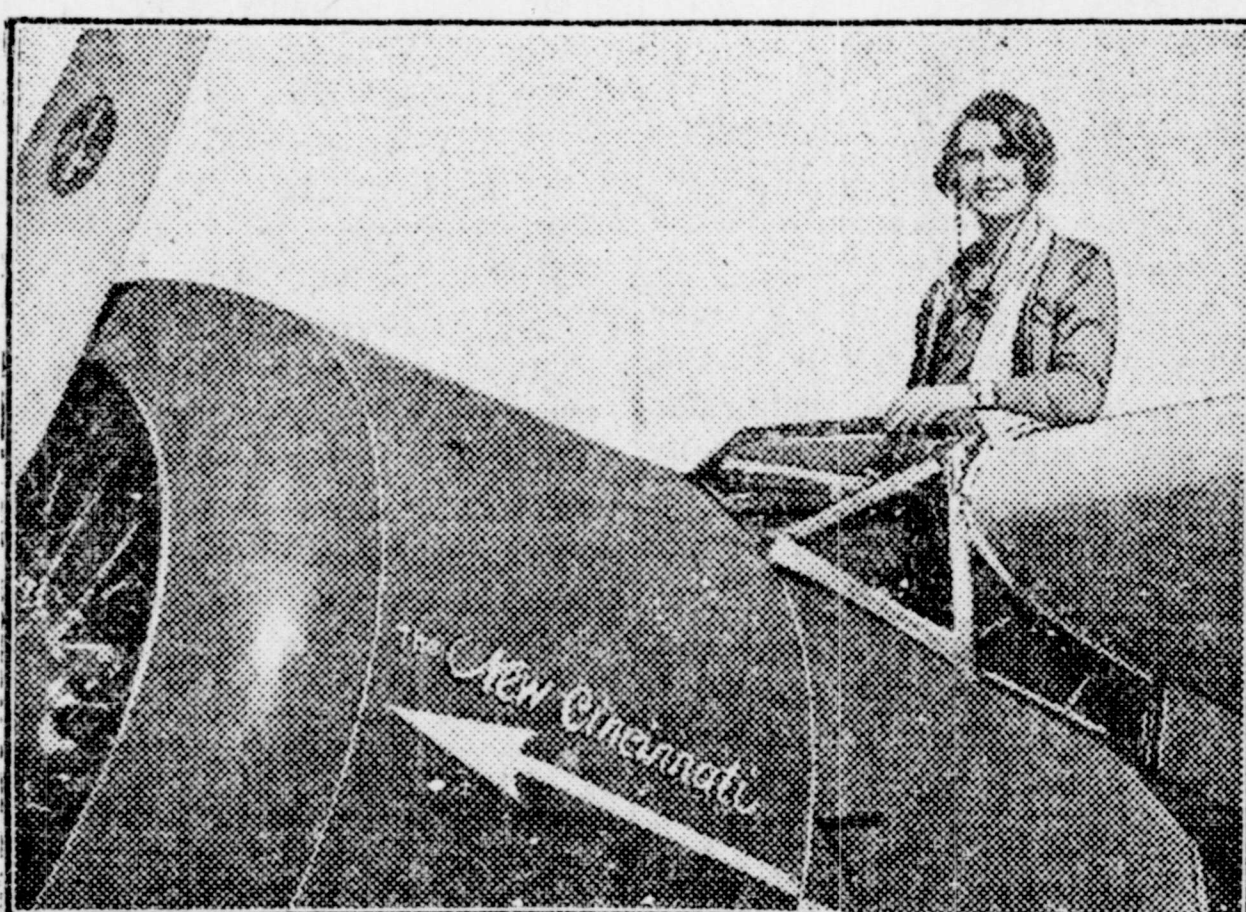
That's why you hear so clearly and understand so easily over the long distance telephone.

It's fast, too. In most cases you are connected with the called telephone while you hold the line, particularly if you call by number.

And you can telephone 100 miles for 35 cents after 8:30 p.m. (station-to-station). Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

*Fictitious name.

Coffee and Sugar Helped Aviatrix Smash Coast-to-Coast Air Record



Miss Ruth Nichols standing in the cockpit of the Crosley Lockheed-Vega in which she flew from Los Angeles to New York in 13 hours and 22 minutes, breaking the women's transcontinental record and lowering the Lindbergh's flying time by an hour.

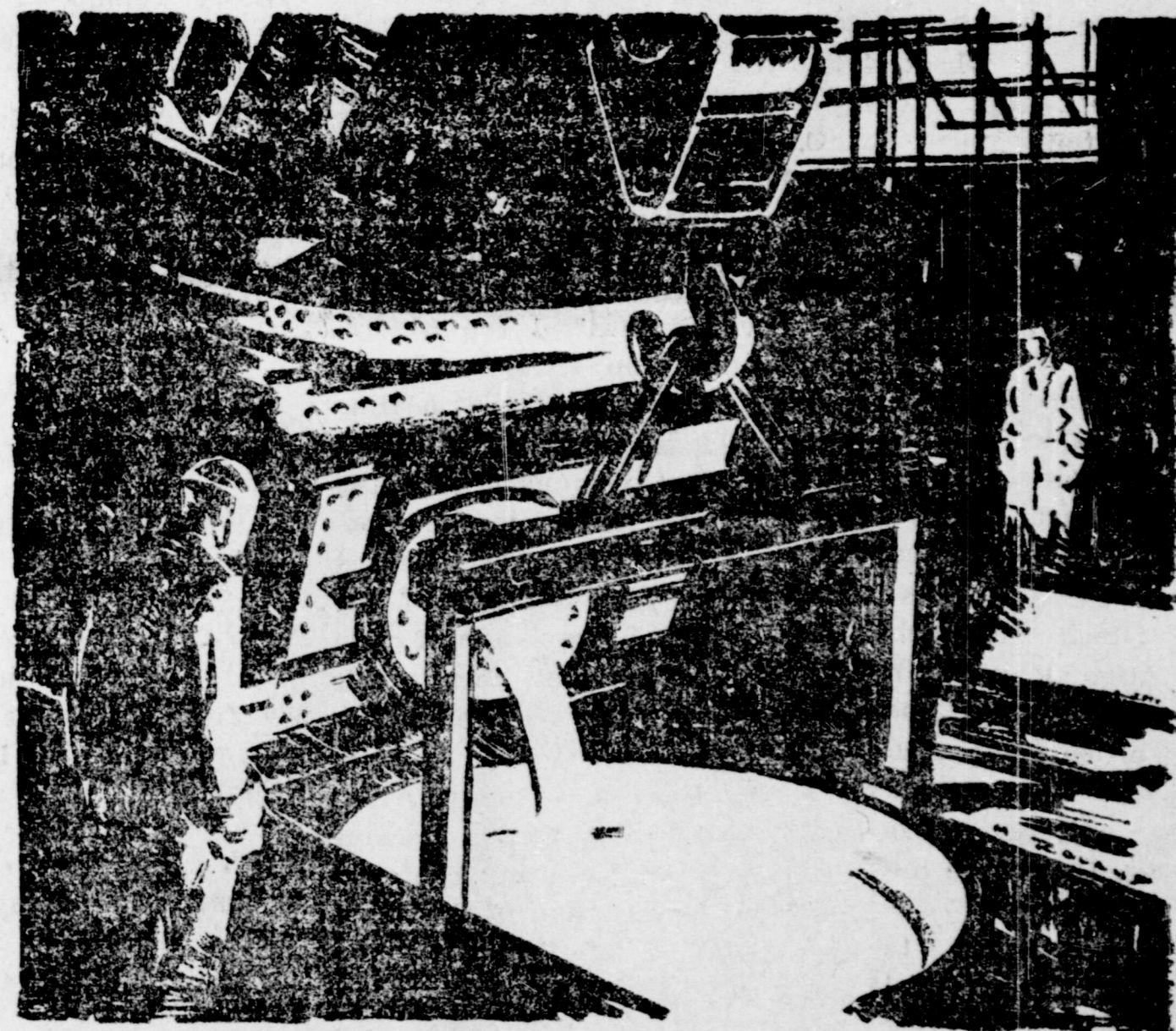
MISS RUTH NICHOLS, noted aviatrix, turned to the results of the latest laboratory research by food scientists, when she selected the rations she took with her on her recent record-breaking flight of 13 hours and 22 minutes from west to east, across the continent.

On the second lap, between Wichita, Kansas, and New York, her chief nourishment was supplied by a thermos bottle of coffee, with sugar and cream. Coffee, she says, was selected because it helps to keep the mind clear and functioning on all cylinders. The sugar it contained is now recognized as one of the best sources of the physical energy demanded for feats of endurance. The only other nourish-

ment she took during this exacting exploit was supplied by half of a chicken sandwich.

"I needed the quick mental reactions and energy supplied by the combination of coffee and sugar," says Miss Nichols, "in flying through more kinds of weather than seemed possible on this second half of the trip. There was snow, ice, fog, head winds, tail winds, cross winds and all kinds mixed.

"At times I had to rise to an altitude of nearly four miles, and the intense cold and the fatigue caused by managing the plane for so many hours required considerable endurance. I was certainly grateful for the coffee and sugar then."



Like Steel, the best Gasoline is Blended

IN the roaring inferno of the furnace, many elements blend into varying grades of steel. Iron, manganese, silicon, carbon, all join to produce a steel to suit a purpose.

In making gasoline, too, blending is necessary to produce a fuel to fit your motor. No one grade of unblended gasoline possesses a wide enough range of qualities to stand alone.

So CONOCO blends three types into a perfectly-proportioned whole... Natural Gasoline, for quick starting... Straight-run Gasoline, for surging power and long mileage qualities... Cracked Gasoline, to contribute anti-knock properties.



True, any refiner could do this. Just as any amateur could blend the same elements found in secret formulae for making steel. But in the oil industry, as in the steel business, there always are headlines... a select few whose products are eminently better.

CONOCO is definitely a member of this group in the refining of gasoline... because CONOCO has men who know how. And it's all in knowing how!

We pride ourselves on this balanced-blend triple-test gasoline. Won't you try it today? Just ask for CONOCO... wherever you see the CONOCO Red Triangle.

CONOCO

THE BALANCED - BLEND GASOLINE

RUGS RUGS RUGS

9x12 FELT BASE RUGS, Standard Brands --- \$6.20

9x9 FELT BASE RUGS --- \$4.65

This Special price is for Saturday and Monday only! Special Prices on all Furniture and Floor Coverings Also, Saturday and Monday 11 & 13

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY

"SPUR'S OLDEST STORE"

DRY LAKE NEWS

The Dry Lake boys and girls made a good record at the County Meet at Spur, Friday and Saturday. Little Billy Ray Ballard has been very ill this week. Miss Lorene Stanley spent Sunday with Miss Ruby Mae Smith. The Dry Lake baseball team played Highway at George Bros. store Sunday. Rev. J. V. Bilberry and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kidd Monday. Everyone enjoyed the singing given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith's Sunday night. Mrs. R. B. Stanley and daughter, Lorene, were shopping in Spur Tuesday. Mrs. Ola Miller and Mrs. Jeff Smith visited Mrs. Bill Ballard Sunday. Little Miss Cleo Smith spent Sunday night with Miss Ruth Hindman. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore and children, J. D. and Mable, were visiting relatives here this week end. Several from this community attended the party given at the home of Mr. Morgan near Dickens, Saturday night. Little Thomas W. William Barnes has been very ill this week. Miss Lois Smith spent Saturday night with her aunt, Mrs. Bruen Smith. Miss Orie Warren visited Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bass Tuesday night. Mrs. W. T. Smith, Leona Mae and Eula, visited Mrs. Robinson Sunday, who has been ill. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stanley visited relatives at Girard Sunday. C. N. Kidd and daughters, Vivyan and Mrs. Ola Miller were shoppers in Spur Tuesday. Mrs. Twadell, the County School Superintendent, visited our

school Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Turner Harris visited Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. D. Barton, this week end. Mr. and Mrs. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Henderson of near Girard, Sunday. Miss Gladys Hindman is visiting relatives in East Texas. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Luce visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pritchett Sunday. Mr. Loyd Hindman went to Lubbock Monday. Mrs. Mattie Smith is spending this week with Mrs. W. P. T. Smith. The Dry Lake School children and patrons enjoyed a picnic last Wednesday. Everyone enjoyed the party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ola Miller, Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hindman are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.—Reporter.

STEEL HILL CLUB

The Steel Hill Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, March 24, at the home of Mrs. Patton. There were seven members, one visitor and three new members present. The lesson was "Magazine Day." The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ramsey, Tuesday, April 24. The lesson will be "Wardrobe Demonstrations." We would like to have new members and visitors—Don't forget the time, 2:00 o'clock.—Reporter. There are two sides to every question, we are told. And each member of the Wickersham committee has won both sides. C. W. M. S. The Christian Womens Missionary Society met with Mrs. Mc-

Ge, Monday at 3 p. m. Had 15 present but hope we can report 25 next time. Our lesson was very interesting about India, led by Mrs. McGlathery. Mrs. Crockett made a talk on Indian Mothers, "Leading Double Lives." Mrs. Adams made a talk on Training Missionary Workers. The women of India excel in everything they make a study of while only 2 per cent of them have any kind of education. They lead in every line of work they undertake. They are wonderful examples. Those present to whom the hostess served a delicious cherry cream pie and ice tea were: Mesdames Crockett, McGlathery, O. L. Hale, Stafford, Teague, E. F. Hale, Dickson, Caraway, Burrows, Brannen, Keley, Adams, Lisenby, S. B. Scott, and the hostess Mrs. McGee. Next Monday we are beginning a new study of the Bible in our Womens Council and will meet at the church at 3 o'clock. All of the women of the church should come and take a part in this study as you would get a lot of good from it.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Dove are visiting Mr. and Mrs. McGaughy. Miss Ressie Owens who is here for medical treatment is reported improving. Mrs. Leland Jones and Mrs. Paul Aikin of Dickens were visiting in the city Monday. Miss Sammie Nalley of north of the city is visiting with Mrs. S. L. Davis this week. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Foley have been in Spur this week from the ranch home near Valentine looking after their business interests in this section.

BUS COMPETITION HITS RAILROADS

Bankers Association President for Even Treatment for Rail and Motor Transport—Favors Mergers

NEW YORK.—Fair treatment for the railroads in respect to highway motor competition was called for by Rome C. Stephenson, President American Bankers Association, in a recent address here. He also strongly endorsed "sound economic railway consolidation" and praised President Hoover for his initiative in this respect. "I am very strongly of the opinion that one of the measures which would help materially to put back business where it ought to be is the Eastern four-system plan of railroad consolidation as announced recently following negotiations instituted by President Hoover," said Mr. Stephenson. "Its adoption by the Interstate Commerce Commission would tend to stabilize the transportation industry, facilitate operation and exert a favorable influence on business. "It is a fact well known to business leaders that our railroads are now facing a crisis. Not only do they need protective laws to meet competitive situations arising from increased use of our highways and waterways by other carriers, but they need unification such as the proposed four-system plan." Mr. Stephenson declared that the past, present and future progress of the United States is inseparably bound up in railway welfare. In neglecting just consideration for them we are even more neglectful of the public's best interests.

A Question of Public Interest

"We are confronted with the question as to how much more the public economic interest will stand an invasion of the welfare of the railroads by forces and difficulties not of their own creating and not within the scope of their own unaided powers to combat," said Mr. Stephenson. "I refer especially to new competitors that are undermining the hard-earned position of the railroads, not only with the aid of natural economic forces but also through the aid of government policies which give competitors undue advantages over the railroads. "It goes without saying that the railroads have no right, nor claim any, so far as I have been able to discern, to complain at legitimate competition in the field of transportation, for the public is entitled to the best possible transportation at the lowest practical cost. But equally does it go without saying that this cannot be fairly brought about by using, or by failing to use, the taxing powers of government to enable competitive methods of transportation to do things they could not otherwise do as unaided private enterprises, particularly when this impairs vested rights held by great masses of our people in enterprises now serving the public well." Mr. Stephenson said it was not his purpose to argue against such competitive transportation as the highway passenger motorbus and motor truck as such when conducted under proper conditions and in keeping with public welfare and benefit. He declared, however, there is need for serious consideration whether such competition is being developed under conditions that are unfair to the railroads.

Would Investigate Bus Traffic

Railroad rights of way, he declared, represent tremendous capital investments, on which the railroads have also heavy current costs to meet. "They pay every day a million dollars in taxes and most of this is on their rights of way," he said. "Also they spend daily over two million dollars additional for the proper maintenance of way." He asserted that the motorbuses have not had to pay for their rights of way in any sense that the railroads paid for theirs. "They have simply taken possession of public highways built by public funds, both state and national," he continued, "and they have extensively made those highways vastly less comfortable, less safe and less serviceable for private motorists and others who are contributing chiefly to their creation and maintenance."

Mr. Stephenson declared that all these matters should be thoroughly inquired into by competent public bodies, both state and national, with a view of determining the equities and basic public economic interests involved, "particularly in respect to their effects upon the nation's railroads. "I venture to say," he added, "that such inquiries would show whether it is to the public interest to let things remain as they are, whether the situation calls for a new basis of motorbus and truck taxes to satisfy the equities of the case or whether it would call for such drastic action as the exclusion of this traffic from our public general highways, and the requirement that, even as the railways, it provide as a part of its own private capital investment its own rights of way and for its own maintenance of way out of operating income."

THE WAY OF LIFE

By BRUCE BARTON

When he was hardly more than a boy my friend Jim Derieux, one of the editors of the American Magazine, was secretary to the governor of South Carolina. There was a brilliant young chap in the state administration who at the age of twenty-six held the office of assistant comptroller. He had not intended to run for the comptrollership, but a political faction organized to head him off. This made him mad, and so he did run and was elected. After holding office for only six months he asked for an interview with the governor. "What's on your mind?" asked Jim. "I am going to resign." "Why?" "I'll tell you presently." They went in to the governors private room, and the young official tended his resignation. The governor was amazed. "What's the matter?" he exclaimed. "I thought you were sitting pretty." "I am," said the young man. "That's just the trouble." "But I don't understand." "Well, Governor, you know this

office that I hold is a mighty pleasant place. I'm twenty-seven years old, and it's a very pleasant place indeed. I am afraid of it." He was afraid he would settle down and become too contented. Afraid that, without hard problems to tackle and stern duties to conquer, he would get flabby and soft. Afraid that at forty he would awake up to find himself a lazy office holder with no ambition and no hope. Nobody under fifty should be in too pleasant a place. Robert Upregraff, the writer of business articles, uttered a profound business truth when he counseled: "Never complain about your troubles. They are responsible for the greater part of your income." Almost anyone can hold a job which presents no difficulties; hence such jobs pay small salaries. Men at the top are paid for their willingness to accept responsibility for the problems that they tackle and the difficulties they lick. Kind David wrote: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh to lie down beside the still waters." But when David wrote that he was fighting through the wilder-

ness pursued by enemies and wild beasts. The green pastures and still waters were all in his mind. He never did reach an entirely pleasant place. Even when he became king his life was full of problems, disappointments and hard work. But his soul gave birth to songs that are among the finest of the ages. Mrs. E. L. Cheney who has been real sick is reported improving. Claude "Buster" Williams, formerly of Spur, is here visiting old friends this week from his home in Daugherty, Oklahoma. R. E. Dixon returned Wednesday of this week from a trip to College Station and other points in the southeastern part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ponder, of Los Angeles, Calif., are visiting in Spur with his father L. C. Ponder and family. H. H. Hawley and family and B. F. Hawley and wife of Ballinger spent Easter with their mother Mrs. G. W. Rash.



FRUITS THAT ARE FRUITFUL

HOUSEWIVES are more and more demanding to know what value they are receiving for the money they spend. They are looking for labels on food just as they look for labels on clothes. And every now and then the spotlight swings around and casts its illumination on a well-known object, showing it up as something vital to our welfare. Right now, the spot-light is on fruit. America is a fruit-loving nation, and no longer are we content to have our fruit only when it is in season, or to have only the kind of fruit that grows in our neighboring orchards. If we live in Maine in the winter we are apt to want the kind of oranges that grow in California in the summer. If we live in the Southeast, we want apples from the Northwest. This demand is due, somewhat to modern transportation, and also to the fact that canneries have made it possible for us to have sun-ripened fruit from anywhere at any time. Even those people who say, "Oh, I prefer fresh fruit to canned fruit," will admit that they prefer good sun-ripened canned fruit to worthless fresh fruit which has been picked green and ripened in transit or in warehouses. Pampered Pineapple Take pineapple, for instance. Over in Hawaii, they pamper pineapples. They provide them with the finest soil conditions and with the best care to perfect maturity. The pineapples refuse to be hurried—they just grow lazily along in the tropical sunshine. Those pineapples that are picked green are sent north as fresh fruit to be sent denied their birthright have been weeks of sunshine and sea-long pineapples refuse to ship. Also, pineapples refuse to be shipped when they are fully ripe—they bruise easily and become too ripe before they reach their far destinations. The canner has solved the pineapple problem by building the

caninery right on the scene of action. The very moment when the particular pineapple has reached its stage of full sun-warmed maturity it is quickly picked and packed into cans, so that it comes to us with full quota of flavor and food value, and even its sun-glow color. Other fruits are canned in the same manner. You can even get good orange juice in cans now—the juice of sun-ripened oranges. This, like canned grape-fruit juice, is still somewhat new to many people who buy canned peaches, pears and other fruits regularly. Yet people who try these juices like them, and they like also, the convenience of having them ready-squeezed and strained. These Are Sun-Ripened Fruits For the convenience of many housewives who do not have at hand the list of fruits available in cans, the following list is printed, with the suggestion that you post it on your kitchen bulletin board and try some of the more unusual delicacies available, as well as the tried-and-true ones: Apples, Baked *Apple Butter *Apple Sauce Apples, Sliced Apples, Whole Apricots, Halves Apricots, Whole *Blackberries Blueberries *Cherries, Black *Cherries, Red *Cherries, White *Cocconut Crabapples *Cranberries Currants Figs *Figs, Texas Fruit Cocktails *Fruits for Salad Gooseberries *Grapes Grapefruit *Loganberries Peaches, Crushed Peaches, Halves

Peaches, Sliced Peaches, Whole Peaches, Diced Pears, Halves Pears, Whole Pineapples, Hawaiian Crushed Pineapples, Hawaiian Sliced Pineapples, Hawaiian Tid Bits Pineapples, Hawaiian Fingers Plums Prunes, Dry *Prunes, Syrup Quince Raisins *Raspberries, Black *Raspberries, Red *Rhubarb *Strawberries *Wine Fruit Salad Note: *Packed in sanitary enameled cans. The following recipes combine several canned fruits in new delicious dishes: Apricots and Figs on Casserole: Drain one 8-ounce can of apricots and one 8-ounce can of figs. Place in a buttered casserole. Make a roux of one teaspoon of butter and one tablespoon flour and then thin with the juice of one lemon. Add the fruit juices and pour over the fruit. Bake in a hot oven, 400 degrees, for thirty minutes. Serve either warm or cold as a compote. This serves six persons. Scandinavian Prune Pudding: Remove stones from a No. 3 can of prunes, cut in pieces and return to the syrup. Add one-third cup sugar, one-fourth teaspoon clove, one-fourth teaspoon cinnamon and simmer for five minutes. Mix one-third cup cornstarch with one-half cup orange juice, add to the hot mixture and cook in a double boiler, stirring constantly until the mixture is thick and smooth. Cool slightly, add one-half cup chopped nuts and fold in the stiffly-beaten whites of two eggs. Pour into wet molds and chill. Serve with whipped cream or custard sauce. This serves eight persons.

New-SPRING FASHIONS as Thrifty as they are Lovely. We want to take the pleasure in thanking our many many friends for visiting our NEW STORE before Easter and we want you to continue coming in for at all times we will have SOMETHING new to show you at the price you want to pay. Here we are offering a REDUCTION on all of our new charming frocks. . . frocks for every occasion are priced RIGHT. Do you want a sport type frock? Choose from dozens of smart models, showing the new plaids, prints and plain colors. All of the latest fabrics. Never before have we been able to offer such BARGAINS. The prices below include the dresses we received last week. \$4.99 Values Now \$3.99 \$8.99 to \$12.85 Now \$6.99 ALL NEW READY-TO-WEAR TO CHOOSE FROM HATS HATS HATS HATS HATS HATS We Have 'Em Priced From \$1.98 to \$5.95 Visit Our Store Every Tuesday For Extra Bargains Stone Department Store Incorporated

THE TEXAS SPUR

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

Entered as second class matter on November 12th, 1909, at the postoffice at Spur, Texas, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Subscription Price, \$1.50 Per Yr.

ORAN McCLURE, Publisher.

PROFESSIONAL

W. D. WILSON ATTORNEY-AT-LAW General Practice of Law

Sanders & Sanders ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW SPUR, TEXAS Office Spur Nat'l Bank Bldg.

H. A. C. Brummett LAWYER Practice in all Courts DICKENS, TEXAS

J. H. GRACE M. D. General Practice of Medicine, and Minor Surgery and Obstetrics Residence Phone 171 Office 94

DR. P. C. NICHOLS PHYSICIAN & SURGEON Office, Nichols Sanitarium Office Phone 158 Residence 169

Dr. T. H. Blackwell Specializing on Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat and Office Practice Office at City Drug Store, Phone 94

DR. M. H. BRANNEN DENTIST Office over Spur National Bank

Piles Treated "By Injection Method" See me at Dr. Hale's Office. DRS. SMITH & SMITH

S. L. DAVIS LOANS & INSURANCE Spur National Bank Bldg. Phone 264 Spur, Texas.

W. P. NUGENT & Co GENERAL CONTRACTORS Estimates made on all class of work We Guarantee Satisfaction

To Trade—Will buy or trade you feed for pigs and shoats—J. T. Elberry. 54t

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale—Davison Sunshine cottonseed, first year grown here. 75c per bushel.—E. F. Middleton, Afton, Texas. 21-5p

For Sale—Mules and milk cows. See J. W. McDaniel at Spur Power Machinery Co. Can fit you up with any kind of mule team desired, and at any price. 1fc

Purebred Kash Cottonseed, run one year, 90c per bushel. See J. J. Cloud, Spur, Texas. 23-4c

An extraordinary buy every TUESDAY at STONE DEPARTMENT STORE, Inc. See our windows. 23-3c

Sufferer of Indigestion; Rheumatism; Praises Crazy Chrystals

Your Crazy Crystals have been a great blessing to me. I have suffered with indigestion and rheumatism for years, could not get relief at all until I got your Crystals. Now I am eating anything I want and feeling much better than I have felt for fifteen years.

Mrs. W. A. Mourfield 311 Arthur Street Knoxville, Tenn.

The new million dollar Crazy Water Hotel at Mineral Wells, Texas, covers an entire block of ground. It is modern, fireproof and complete in every detail. It is natural to think it would be expensive to stop at this magnificent hotel; yet, you can enjoy the benefits of the Crazy Mineral Water Treatment at very reasonable rates. If you have rheumatism, stomach trouble, diabetes colitis, kidney trouble, or any chronic ailment brought on by faulty elimination, we urge you to write the Crazy Water Hotel, Mineral Wells, Texas, for full and complete information about their treatment.

CLEMMONS INSURANCE AGENCY SPUR NAT'L BANK BLDG. Phones 84 & 122

Home Canners Are Warned Against Poisons

The recent case of food poisoning in North Dakota, in which 12 persons died from eating home-canned peas, has prompted the United States Department of Agriculture to call attention again to a method of canning nonacid vegetables in the home to guard against the deadly botulinus poison.

The bacteria that causes botulism are abundant in many soils. Some may be present in most soils, and consequently may be on the vegetables to be canned. When these bacteria germinate in a closed container they form a deadly poison. They will not grow in salt solutions, however, if the percentage of salt is higher than 9 per cent and they will be killed at boiling temperature if the solution is sufficiently acid.

In the canning of nonacid vegetables—peas, asparagus, beans, corn, beets, spinach—the only safe course is to destroy all bacteria that may be present by canning under steam pressure, according to the Bureau of Home Economics. In the case of acid vegetables and fruits, such as tomatoes, apples, peaches and gooseberries, the bacteria are killed at a boiling temperature (212 degrees F.); but with nonacid vegetables there is no assurance that the botulinus organisms will be killed by processing in boiling water unless the material is heated for six hours or longer. Obviously a six-hour treatment of peas or similar vegetables would result in a very unattractive product. A much shorter heating time is required at a temperature of 240 to 250 degrees F. such as may be obtained in a pressure cooker.

Pressure cookers are now standard equipment and are readily available at small cost. The department does not recommend any particular make, although it emphasizes the importance of having the pressure kettle equipped with a thermometer and pressure gauge for proper control. There is now no excuse, the department says, for continuing to take risks involved in canning nonacid foods without adequate pressure cooking or curing or acidification.

Ordinary types of spoilage may usually be detected by the odor or appearance of the can or its contents, but the botulinus toxin may be present without any signs of spoilage. If present in small quantities this toxin is destroyed by boiling, according to the Bureau of Home Economics, therefore it recommends that all home opened for consumption be boiled at least ten minutes before canned vegetables and meats when they are tasted.

ON THE LIFT

The Winters o'er. The prairies green. The Mocking-birds are here. Tho' I no Scissor-tails have seen. The Ravens flee from fear.

I heard a bull? he seemed to sigh. Tho' it might well have been. An echo of old days gone by. While I feel awful mean?

There's naught to do but sharp plough-share. The prairies ploughed most everywhere.

The Old Range's busted up. No more the Old Round-up.

I try to see on Saturdays. Some of the Old Spur boys. It makes less long the other days. When we talk of old joys.

I like to hear Will Hyatt tell. How fierce old Flying Duck. On Hensley Flat. Near sent to Hell.

Will, but for the best of luck. Like Tom O'Shanter. Bill and horse.

Out-ran the flying arrows. They missed Old Bill, but so much worse. "Mad," a pin-cushion of "Old Tallow."

We talk of This and That and so, We pass the time till home we go.—Contributed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Applegate of north of town visited Mr. and Mrs. Howe Sunday.

EPILEPTICS—Will tell you how I was cured from dreadful malady. Nothing to sell. Write Flo Volpert, Dept. 4-38, Box 117, Little Rock Ark. 1tp

DUAL BANK SYSTEM FAVORED BY BANKER

State and National Institutions Supplement Each Other in Serving Financial Needs

RECENT suggestions that all banks in the United States be under Federal jurisdiction doing away with the chartering of banks by the various states recalls the opposition to this plan presented at the recent convention of the American Bankers Association by R. S. Hecht of New Orleans, Chairman of its Economic Policy Commission. Mr. Hecht said:

"There are just as good reasons why there should be state as well as national banks, as that there should be state as well as a national government. I do not think that analogy is far-fetched. The states should not surrender all political jurisdiction to the central government, and the local business life of the states should not be made to surrender all control over financial functions to national financial instrumentalities. There are many variations of business conditions from state to state and there are special fiscal requirements of the various states.

"It is entirely logical, therefore, that the states should retain the right to charter banks so as to mold and direct their affairs in accordance with the states' governmental and business requirements and keep them adapted to local conditions and conditions."

Federal Reserve System

"The argument is sometimes advanced that the dual system jeopardizes the life of the Federal Reserve System because under it there is a large group of banks that are free to remain out of or to withdraw from the system. Facts and figures prove that this is a specious argument.

"It is true that there has been some shifting from national to state charters especially in cases of mergers of large national banks with banks operating under state charters. However, the Federal Reserve System was not weakened in this process because the merged institutions almost universally retained their membership in the system on a voluntary basis. Moreover, the records show that state bank members are just as good members of the system as national banks and the ratio of state bank resources in the Federal Reserve System is constantly growing.

In 1922, national banks held about 65 per cent of the resources of reserve members, and state banks about 35 per cent, while in 1929, the nationals held only 60 per cent and state banks 40 per cent.

"Reciprocally the state and national banks systems have helped each other. If the national banking law has served in some respects as something of a model code toward which state banking laws more and more have approached year by year, so have the state codes developed valuable reforms which have suggested improvements for the national laws. A great many undesirable competitive inequalities have been wiped out by this mutual evolutionary process and further progress along the line of uniformity so far as is desirable is anticipated.

Two Systems Desirable

"However, I do not believe that it is a disadvantage to have two banking codes that differ in some respects. It is quite probable that the state banking code in many instances represents a closer adjustment to local conditions than could be had under the national banking laws, and this is a situation that should be retained. There should, however, not be competition between the two banking codes. Competition should be between banks themselves and not between the laws under which they operate.

The effort to offer too great allurements in one code as against the other could lead only to weak banking laws. But I do think that there should be the alternative opportunities that now exist which banking institutions and local business interests may choose, so that they can function or conduct their business relationships under that banking code which best meets the conditions of the times and of the place as they see them.

"This has been illustrated in both directions. In states where such unsound measures as the guarantee of deposits were operative state banks had the opportunity to escape the baleful effect of such laws. On the other hand, when a court decision was handed down in Worcester, Massachusetts, which rendered uncertain the position of trust assets acquired by a national bank through a merger with a state bank, it was a real advantage for national banks affected to take out and operate under a state charter, either on a temporary or a permanent basis, as circumstances make expedient.

"In my opinion, bankers, national as well as state, should combat the thought that conceives of depriving us of the vitalizing benefits of our dual system."



By JOSEPHINE B. GIBSON Director, Home Economics Dept., U. S. Home Company

ANY family coming home tired and hungry on a cold, wet night would welcome a dinner built around a casserole of delicious baked pork chops with Oven Baked Beans, a steaming bowl of bean soup, a Welsh rarebit with plum, nearly Oven Baked Red Kidney Beans, a Boston roast, or any of the countless other dishes using a can of Oven Baked Beans as the basis.

Baked Beans are coming into their own! Recent scientific investigations have proved that Baked Beans contain valuable mineral substances, as well as being a rich source of protein. This makes them an excellent substitute for meat. Many people have adopted the old New England custom of serving Baked Beans and Boston Brown Bread every Saturday evening. With crisp pickles, a green salad and dessert, Baked Beans form a nourishing and appealing dinner menu.

Your family will like these delicious new Baked Bean dishes:

Pork Chops and Oven Baked Beans in Casserole: 6 pork chops; 1 can Oven Baked Beans—Vegetarian Style; 1 cup spoon sugar; 1/2 cup Tomato Ketchup. Fry chops brown. Cover with Baked Beans, add sugar and Tomato Ketchup. Bake in a moderate oven—350 degrees F.—for 20 minutes.

Welsh Rarebit with Oven Baked Red Kidney Beans: butter; 2 tablespoons flour; 1 cup milk; 1/4 teaspoon pepper; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 cup American cheese; 1 small can Oven Baked Red Kidney Beans. Melt butter in a saucepan, then mix with flour. Scald milk and stir into the butter and flour. Cook in a double boiler until the mixture thickens, stirring constantly. Beat

in grated cheese, and when cheese melts, add drained Kidney Beans. Serve on hot toast with broiled bacon.

Baked Bean Soup: 2 or 3 cups Beans, washed; 1 1/2 qt. cold water; 1/2 lb. salt pork or fat home; 1/2 teaspoon pepper; salt to taste; 1 stalk celery, minced; 1 bay leaf; 1 onion, sliced. Brown minced onion in a tablespoon of fat, and add to the Oven Baked Beans with other ingredients. Bring slowly to a boil, simmer for 1 hour, put through a colander, and serve. This serves from 10 to 12 people.

Casserole of Corn and Oven Baked Red Kidney Beans: 1 medium sized can Oven Baked Red Kidney Beans; 1 can corn; 1 green pepper, minced; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 egg; 8 tablespoons grated cheese.

Mix Beans, corn, green pepper, salt and well beaten egg. Put in a baking dish, and sprinkle with grated cheese and fine buttered crumbs. Bake in a moderate oven—375 degrees F.—for 35 to 40 minutes. Serve with Chili Sauce.

New England Roast: 1 medium Baked Red Kidney Beans; 1 cup soft crumbs; 1 cup grated cheese; 1 medium sized onion, chopped fine; 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 egg. Mash Beans or put them through a chopper. Mix with other ingredients and bake in a moderate oven, until nicely brown. Serve with Tomato Sauce.

Tomato Sauce: 1 tablespoon butter; 1/2 cup milk; 1/2 cup Tomato Ketchup; 1/2 cup milk; 1/2 cup Tomato Ketchup. Melt butter, add flour and milk slowly. Cook until thickened, and add Tomato Ketchup slowly.

Brazilian Cabbage Salad: 1 medium Baked Red Kidney Beans; 2 cups coarsely shredded cabbage; 3 tablespoons French Chopped Dressing; 3 tablespoons Tomato Ketchup; 3 tablespoons Mayonnaise Salad Dressing; 1/2 teaspoon salt. Place beans in a sieve and rinse under running water. Drain, chill, and add remaining ingredients. Toss together lightly and chill. Serve on crisp lettuce garnished with Mayonnaise Salad Dressing.

George Harris of McAdoo, was transacting business here Thursday of this week.

L. V. Goodrich was here Thursday of this week from his home in Jayton.

Tommy Evans of Abilene moved to Spur this week and will be connected with the Model Tailors.

A. B. Smart of the Smart Music Company made a business trip to Dallas Wednesday of this week.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Dickens.

To those indebted to, or holding claims against, the Estate of John Earl Morris, deceased: The undersigned having been duly appointed executors of the Estate of John Earl Morris, deceased, late of Dickens County, Texas, by O. C. Newberry, Judge of the County Court of Dickens County, Texas, on the 11th day of March, 1931, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned executors within the time prescribed by law at their residence in Spur, Dickens County, Texas, where they receive their mail, this the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1931.

H. O. ALBIN, M. L. JONES, E. C. EDMONDS, Executors of the Estate of John Earl Morris, Deceased.

Read the advertisement—it pays.

Look Over Our HOUSE PLANS

In this varied array of plans you will be certain to find a house that exactly fits your needs. And when you have decided upon the plan you like, we can tell you to a dollar just what the material will cost. Stop in any time and look them over.

Musser Lumber Company

Bro. W. B. Bennett is reported ill with the flu this week.

Mr. Russell Hawley of Springs was in Spur Monday with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Addie Edwards returned Monday from Lubbock where she spent the week end.

Sleep on Right Side Best for Your Health

If you toss in bed all night, can't sleep on right side, try a little glycerin saline, etc. (Adlerka.) Just ONE dose relieves stomach GAS, pressing on heart, so you sleep sound all night. Like other medicine, Adlerka is on BOTH upper and lower bowels removing poisons you never knew were there. Relieves constipation in 2 hours! Let Adlerka clear your stomach and bowels and how good you feel!—Spur Drug Company.

Pale and Weak

"CARDUI is a wonderful medicine, for I improved greatly after taking it," says Mrs. A. W. English, of R.F. 2, A. Roanoke, Va. "When I was just a girl of 13, my mother gave this medicine to me, and it did me a great deal of good. I was weak and run-down. After I had taken CARDUI awhile I felt much better.

"In 1924, my health was poor. I felt miserable, and hadn't enough strength to do my housework. It took all my willpower to keep up. I was pale and weak.

"I got CARDUI again and took it. My improvement was wonderful. I can recommend CARDUI to others, for my health was so much better after I had taken a course of the CARDUI Home Treatment."

Take CARDUI's Blood-Draught for Constipation, Indigestion, Biliousness. Only 1 cent a dose.

CARDUI Helps Women to Health

Take CARDUI's Blood-Draught for Constipation, Indigestion, Biliousness. Only 1 cent a dose.

Advertisement for West Texas Utilities Company. Features a large illustration of a pioneer landscape with a covered wagon and a modern power plant. Text includes: 'PIONEERS---THEN AND NOW', 'Not so many years ago, hardy pioneers, attracted by the richness, beauty and character of West-Texas, halted their ox-drawn "covered wagons" in this section of the nation's last frontier, and sensing, perhaps, its future greatness, made it their home. Wrestling their livelihood from the virgin soil, these sturdy Empire-builders laid the foundations for our present high standard of living, our progressive cities, substantial industries, beautiful homes and alert citizenry.', 'In a comparable manner, the West Texas Utilities Company—pioneering the widespread distribution of electric energy—has made possible, through the equalizing influence of dependable and inexpensive electric power, the intensive development of West Texas.', 'Just previous to the organization of the West Texas Utilities Company, the average residential cost per kilowatt-hour in this territory was 13 3/4 cents. Now, under the modern rate schedules of this company, it has been REDUCED TO 6 1/2 cents—a REDUCTION OF MORE THAN FIFTY PER CENT! During the year 1930, monthly residential consumption averaged fifty kilowatt-hours per customer. Under the present rate schedule of this company, the customer can increase his use of service to three times that amount and only increase his total bill by 10 cents a day. Before the organization of the West Texas Utilities Company, a similar increase above the normal average would have cost more than four times that amount, or more than 40 cents a day for the additional comfort or service now available for 10 cents! In other words, you can now use an abundance of service, knowing that the added comforts and conveniences possible in this manner will make only a small increase in your total cost.', 'The building of a transmission line system, which links scattered communities and widely separated rural homes into one unit served from strategically located main generating plants, was a revolutionary theory when the West Texas Utilities Company first pioneered in this territory. This system—in a territory as sparsely settled and undeveloped as the West Texas area of a few short years ago—has increased the quantity and quality of service, and at the same time reduced rates. Only a sincere faith in the future development of the territory has warranted this investment of many millions of dollars.'

W. T. C. of C. Convention Meets at Lubbock in May

In many respects the thirteenth annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Lubbock, May 14, 15 and 16, will be staged according to a different arrangement to that followed in any past yearly conference of the regional chamber. While the entertainments and amusements offered will be sufficient to satisfy all who attend they will not be the paramount features.

Details of the arrangements for the general business plan of the convention are being rapidly worked out under the direction of the convention committee headed by Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls. This group, which in addition to Cline, will include Clifford B. Jones, Spur; A. P. Dugan, Littlefield; Chester Harrison, Brownwood; J. D. Hamlin, Amarillo; and Wilbur C. Hawk, Amarillo, will organize and plan the work of the convention, schedule the events and speakers on the general convention program, and pass on all items needing attention in connection with the affair. General Manager D. A. Banded is working in close connection with the Cline committee.

The convention work committee is arranging the program to include at least six group conferences on subjects of vital interest to West Texas. Each of these sections will be under the direct supervision and direction of a special committee, working with the general arrangement group and the actions, recommendations and reports from these group conferences will be presented to the general sessions of the convention through the convention work committee.

The Breeder-Feeder conference will attempt to develop a plan to bring about more feeding of West Texas grain to West Texas livestock in West Texas. The Industrial Development conference will attempt to evolve a section-wide plan to assist West Texas towns in securing small industrial plants and to outline a practicable and workable industrial development plan to all West Texas communities.

In the Highway Development conference, all West Texas Highway associations, local chamber of commerce highway committees, county commissioners courts and other interested groups, will be given opportunities to recommend a policy for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to adopt and statewide bond issue.

Development of a plan to restore prosperity to the West Texas oil and gas industry will be the objective of another of the group conferences.

The sixth of a series will be the Agricultural conferences where plans for the better utilization of West Texas agricultural resources; studies of crop diversification programs and other items calculated to assist in a general program of agricultural prosperity will be studied and considered. All recommendations presented and actions taken in the group conferences as well as in the ten district meetings to be held on the morning of the first day of the session, will be turned to the work of the convention committee and through that body offered on the floor of the general convention for consideration and action.

Voting in the general meetings will be based upon and allowed on town memberships in the W. T. C. C. according to the plan put in effect at the Abilene convention in 1930. Each town will be expected to elect its own directors and have them certified prior to the convention, and these will in turn elect the district directors in the district meetings.

Several prominent individuals, among them Ross S. Sterling, governor of Texas, and possibly Senator Tom Connally, will address the convention. The "My Home Town" speaking contest will be held with the preliminaries beginning on the evening of May 13 and the finals at the morning session of the convention on the last day, May 16.

An elaborate and picturesque historical pageant depicting the development of West Texas and an engineering show will be staged at Texas Technological College. Special entertainment for the press, West Texas legislators and wives and their ladies will be provided and several balls and other functions open to all registered delegates will be given.

Mrs. Oran McClure and daughter, Wynell, left Friday for Mineral Wells where Mrs. McClure will undergo treatment at the hands of a specialist. Little Miss Wynell will continue to Cross Plains where she will visit with relatives.

M. C. Golding made a trip to Dallas this week to meet Mrs. Golding, who has been visiting in Hempstead, Houston and other places in the southern part of the state for the past few weeks. They will return here the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Effie Johnson, of Clovis, N. M., is visiting friends in Spur this week.

Chas. Perrin was in Wednesday of this week from his farm on Croton and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office handling us a check for three years subscription to the paper.

The Epworth League will have a candy sale at Campbell's & Campbell's, Saturday.

More Than Million in Twenty States Fed by Red Cross Volunteers

Hot School Lunches and Balanced Rations Given to Drought Victims — Seed Programs Instituted on Wide Scale

More than 1,000,000 persons in 26 drought-stricken counties of 20 States came under the care of the American Red Cross in what developed into the most extensive relief operations in half a century of ministering to stricken humanity.

Measures to lessen the severity of the blow inflicted by drought were taken as early as last September, when seed was distributed to more than 58,000 families for the planting of rye and other pastures, and to more than 27,000 families for the planting of kitchen gardens. The expenditure for this purpose amounted to \$326,800. Green vegetables were made available up to January.

Early in February another Red Cross garden program got under way and 567,000 packages of seed were distributed in 15 States. Quarter-acre plots were planted to beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, sweet corn, kale, lettuce, mustard, onions, peas, spinach, squash, tomatoes and turnips. Once again were farm families given the opportunity to participate in their own salvation.

A comparatively mild winter contributed to the success of the Spring and Fall seed campaigns. Many habitual single-croppers were introduced to the advantages of kitchen gardens, balanced cropping and balanced diet. Numerous land-owners have expressed the opinion that this constitutes the one apparent blessing to come out of the drought catastrophe. The United States Department of Agriculture and the local county agricultural agents and home demonstration agents cooperated in making this part of the relief operations successful.

Red Cross feeding was aimed at adequacy and scientific correctness. In large numbers of schools, where children were found to be attending with little or nothing in their lunch boxes, hot meals were served at noon. A typical menu consisted of vegetable soup and bread one day; thick beef soup or stew with vegetables another day; cocoa or milk and cheese, peanut butter, or jam sandwiches, a third day.

In some places where lunches were not served in the schools, but were provided for in the regular food orders, each family having school children received extra staples for school lunches including peanut butter, raisins, prunes and tomatoes. Red Cross nutritionists instructed mothers in the preparation of lunches.

County health officers and private physicians commended the adequacy of rations procured on orders issued by Red Cross chapters. Besides the usual staples, such as corn meal, flour, lard, meat, beans and potatoes, such items as canned salmon, cabbage, tomatoes, vegetables and milk were provided, each order being adapted to the special needs of the family from whom it was issued. Where pellagra threatened, eggs, yeast and other preventives were given.

Thousands of Volunteer Workers. Many thousands of volunteers, through their local Red Cross chapters, gave freely of their time, experience and efforts, as in other Red Cross disaster operations. They searched out needy cases in their communities. Chapter committees investigated circumstances, distributed food and clothing.

More than 500 carloads of food-stuffs were contributed. These were given free haulage by railroads. Farmers of more fortunate sections embraced the opportunity to help their pastoral cousins of the affected area. Shipments ranged from live poultry to fish, from grain to grapefruit. Carloads of flour, eggs, beans, vegetables, onions, rice, corn and mixed vegetables were included.

As the result of co-ordinated Red Cross chapter efficiency, no authenticated case of starvation as a result of drought has been uncovered. Large quantities of new and used clothing were distributed. In direct consequence many school children resumed their studies, who had been kept at home for lack of sufficient protection from the elements. In some instances, rural schools that had been closed were enabled to reopen as a result of Red Cross relief.

States involved were: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia.

Many of these States had been hard hit by a succession of floods, crop failures, low prices and economic depression, and drought constituted a climax to the cycle of distress.

"Wherever I went," wrote one observer, "I made a point of asking what would have happened if the Red Cross had not been able to respond. In widely scattered points, from leading citizens, came the answer that undoubtedly there would have been many deaths directly from starvation, with epidemics breying upon the undernourished."



By JOSEPHINE E. GIBSON
Director, Home Economics Dept.,
H. J. Heinz Company

SEASONINGS and condiments, skillfully used, will do much to relieve the monotony of everyday meals and make one's table allowance go that much further. It is surprising, too, how quickly the right seasoning will tone up an otherwise drab and tasteless dish to make it zestful and appealing.

Tomato Ketchup, made of firm ripe tomatoes and choice spices, is an excellent condiment, and should be a familiar cooking aid in every kitchen. It not only can be used as a relish for steaks, chops and cold meats, but will add new piquancy and color to oven dinners, salad dressings, rarebits, quickly prepared egg dishes, and a host of other foods.

Following are a number of inexpensive dishes, skillfully "dressed up" with a dash of Tomato Ketchup. They should prove a new and welcome note to family meals this winter:

Braised Beef with Vegetables: 2 lbs. beef, round or shoulder; salt and pepper; flour; 2 1/2 cups boiling water; fat; potatoes; 1 cup diced carrots; 1 cup diced turnip; 1 cup diced onion; 1 cup diced celery; 1/2 cup Tomato Ketchup.

Sprinkle beef with salt and pepper, dredge well with flour, and brown quickly in fat which has been tried out from the meat. When turning the meat, avoid piercing it with fork, as this allows the inner juices to escape. Place in a casserole or deep pan and add vegetables. To the boiling water add the Tomato Ketchup and pour 2/3 of this liquid around the meat and vegetables. Cover closely and bake about 2 hours in a slow oven (325 degrees F.), basting every half hour with the remaining liquid. Turn the meat over once during the cooking. During the last hour, whole potatoes should be

placed around the meat and baked until tender.

Savory Meat Loaf: 2 lbs. ground beef; 1/2 lb. ground salt pork; 1 tablespoon grated onion; 1 cup moist cracker crumbs; 1 egg; 1 teaspoon salt; dash of pepper; 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce; 1/2 cup Tomato Ketchup.

Mix ingredients in the order given. Pat into a loaf, place in a baking pan and bake in a moderate oven for 1 1/2 hours, basting frequently with a few tablespoons cold water. A delicious rich sauce may be made by thickening the juices in the pan with flour.

Sausages with Oven Baked Red Kidney Beans: 1 lb. sausage; 1 can Oven Baked Red Kidney Beans; Tomato Ketchup; parsley.

Brown sausages in a skillet. Pour over them the Kidney Beans, and simmer or bake in a slow oven for 1/2 hour. Place the Kidney Beans in the center of a hot platter, and surround with sausages. Garnish with parsley and serve very hot with Tomato Ketchup.

Ham Baked with Spicy Sauce: 2 1/2 lbs. sliced ham, 1 inch thick; 1/4 cup Tomato Ketchup or Chili Sauce; 1 teaspoon sugar; 1/2 cup cold water; 1 tablespoon Pure Vinegar; 2 teaspoons flour; 1/2 teaspoon Prepared Mustard.

Brown ham in a skillet, then place in a casserole and cover with the following sauce: Ketchup or Chili Sauce, cold water, Vinegar, flour, sugar and Mustard. Bake in a moderate oven—350 degrees F.—or simmer until tender, about 3/4 hour.

Tomato Welsh Rarebit: 4 tablespoons flour; 4 tablespoons butter; 4 tablespoons flour; 2 cups scalded milk; 1/2 teaspoon salt; dash of pepper; 1/2 cups grated American cheese; 1/3 cup Tomato Ketchup.

Melt butter, add flour, and stir until well blended. Add milk and seasonings and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Then add cheese and allow it to melt, stirring constantly over a slow fire. When melted, add Tomato Ketchup. Serve on buttered toast, garnished with Preserved Sweet Gherkins.

Mrs. R. A. Jay, of Jayton, was a visitor in the home of Mrs. T. M. Verner of this city Sunday.

Miss Jane Douglas Wilson, a student of T. W. C. at Ft. Worth spent the weekend with her parents in Spur.

For Lease—2,740 acres of land 3 1/2 miles West of Spur, Texas. Good grass land, well fenced and plenty of water. Address Dr. T. E. Standifer, Turkey, Texas. 24trc

Miss Verna Edmonson, Alva Ance, Mona Mae Berry, Louise Rogers and Jimmie Edmonson drove out to the Sneed ranch last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. D. J. McDaniel of Girard was shopping in Spur Wednesday.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Hogan, who is in school at Denton, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan.

Mrs. C. 'Tine' Pope Died At Ft. Worth

Mrs. C. 'Tine' Pope, 95, died at her home at Briar near Fort Worth Tuesday, March 31. Mrs. Pope had been in ill health for some time prior to her death.

She was the mother of Phyllis and Jim Pope of this community and a sister of T. H. Tallant of

near Girard. Those attending the funeral from here were T. H. Tallant, J. S. Tallant, Pink Pope, Jim Pope, Alfred and Gilbert Pope, and J. L. Hagins.

Spencer Sullivan left Sunday for Fort Worth.

J. J. Planter, son and daughter of Texaco are visiting Mrs. Planter and a sister of T. H. Tallant of

Prices Talk

Prices Talk When Backed by Value!

Boys' and Youths' TENNIS FOOTWEAR, 95c Heavier Grades at \$1.35 and \$1.45 MEN'S TENNIS SHOES, \$1 \$1.50, \$1.65

See the Snaps in

LADIES FOOTWEAR

Two grouped prices, \$1.95 and \$2.95

Kiddies Suits

in classy effects ages 2 to 5

69c 89c

and up to \$1.25



HATS Of The NEWEST SHAPES!!

Priced for Boys' \$2.15 and up to \$4.95 for Men.

Shirts, Ties, Straw Hats, Hosiery, and Footwear and all the other little items for man and boy.

We are selling a volume of

MEN'S SUITS

Let us show the the lines! Special values in two Pant Suits

\$19.95 to \$27.50

They are properly tailored for wear and satisfaction!

May we have the pleasure of showing you The New

GOLF TROUSERS

Nifty light shades for the youth or man at \$2.95, \$3.95 and \$4.95!

Clever effects in patterns and makes.

YOUNG MEN'S PINCH-BACK COATS Priced at \$10.95

LOVE DRY GOODS CO. SPUR, TEXAS



We Invite You to Dine With Us When in Town

The Best Meals In The City At "Hard Times" Prices!

HIGHWAY CAFE

Spur, Texas

RESULTS OF GAS MILEAGE TEST

CARS HAD BEEN DRIVEN FROM 8,000 TO 72,000 MILES EACH

Distance made on one gallon of White Gas by each Model A Car as follows:

Bud Reynolds	35.8
Albert Jordan	25.8
Jerry Ensey	33.3
Elmer Shugart	31.4
Augustus Benzine	27.2
S. H. Twaddell	26.2
A. B. Logan	31.2
Abb McClanahan	23.5
Walter Gruben	38.6

Average of these cars 30.9 Miles Per Gallon

Godfrey & Smart

R. T. T. CLUB MEETING

Saturday Morning at 10:00 O'clock

Every Member Be There!

Today and Saturday—

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

in

"DANGER LIGHTS"

in

JOE E. BROWN

in

"GOING WILD"

LOTS OF LAUGHS!

THRILLING! AMUSING!

PALACE THEATRE

SPECIAL SERVICE AT NO SPECIAL CHARGE!

Now is the time to Store Your Valuable Furs and Winter Clothing!

Let us help you store them safely without the cost of Expensive Storage. We will return your clothing for the next few weeks in—

Sealable MOTH-PROOF CEDAR SCENTED CLOTHING BAGS

Bring us your winter clothing and let us clean them for summer storage and we will return them to you in one of these valuable, patent moth-proof bags—

FREE OF CHARGE!

Our cleaning process kills all Moth and Insect Eggs!

SPUR TAILOR SHOP

PHONE 18 WE CALL AND DELIVER.

See Jno. A. for That New Spring Suit!

In full appreciation of the fact Kosciuszko was commissioned in 1778 to plan fortification for West Point that would make it the "Gibraltar of the Hudson."

Washington, however, saw in West Point a utility to his army beyond its immediate strategic importance. None knew better than the commanding general the scarcity of well-trained officers in his ranks, and the situation of West Point seems to have impressed him even then as a good one for the establishment of the needed military school.

On Washington's recommendation, Congress appointed a committee to draw up plans for such a school and in 1777 a corps of officers not able to perform field service was organized in Philadelphia. In 1781 this body was sent to West Point "to serve as a military school for young gentlemen previously to their being appointed to marching regiments."

Congress had thus found time to act upon Washington's idea, and such were the beginnings of West Point. Three rough buildings had been erected, to house a library, an engineers' school, and a laboratory. Preliminary practice in gunnery also was set up. This Washington had in mind the future development of West Point is shown by the fact that at Newburgh, in 1783, he laid before his generals further plans for a more extensive academy there, for artillerymen, engineers, and cadets. But not until after the War, when he was President, had he the time or the authority to give effect to his ideas.

In 1794, during his Administration, he recommended to Congress suggestions for the rebuilding of a school for thorough and complete military training at West Point. The school was not without its vicissitudes, however. A fire destroyed what Congress had already accomplished and the academy, as it then was, was wiped out and forgotten for six years.

Still, Washington's idea survived, and in 1802 President Jefferson took up the plan and rebuilt West Point. True to his own sense of the fitness of things President Jefferson saw to it that July Fourth should be the date of reopening. On that day West Point as we know it today got down to its work with an enrollment of ten cadets. Since then nothing has impeded its work but cramped quarters and not always ample appropriations.

Certainly the American people have never lacked interest in West Point. Each year it is visited by more persons than any other Government military undertaking. Now the seventy-first Congress has authorized a move long indicated and urged, in order to carry out Washington's original purpose. General Washington had placed training in gunnery foremost in its teaching. At last, with 15,000 acres of additional land, the Academy is to have this needed artillery range, and also a training field for aviation. And no one will question the fitness of opening this new and larger West Point during the year when the nation pays its homage to Washington.

Special items at special prices every TUESDAY at STONE DEPARTMENT STORE, Inc. See our windows. 23-3

A PAT AND MIKE PARTY

WHETHER you are endowed with the sense of social security of the Irish gentleman about whom this old song was written, or whether you are just a little new at the art of entertaining—a Pat and Mike Party is sure to be a success. So send out invitations to the friends who will come in fivers and the people with the big foreign make car whom you haven't quite made up your mind to entertain yet, for Pat and Mike make excellent mixers.



Shamrocks Will Tell

For your invitation—say it with Shamrock. Buy green cut-out card-board shamrocks with envelopes to match, and on the shamrock write your name, the time and place. If your crowd is a dancing crowd, clear the rooms and provide plenty of green—both growing plants and green carnations.

If your group prefers bridge, draw for partners, matching Mike and Pat, and provide bridge score-cards of green to which are attached bundles of fagots—cigarettes which have bands of green pasted around the center.

But if the party is young enough, or old enough, to enjoy just an evening of games, this will perhaps provide the liveliest party of all. A good game to break the ice is Irish Ping-Pong. Draw a green chalk line across the center of the floor—or stretch a green tape—use green balloons for balls and the open hand for a racket. Any ball that touches the floor is out and scores for the side which succeeds in getting it over the boundary line to the side opposite. The losers must redeem forfeits.

The Battle of Erin is also a good laugh-getter. Two men—Pat and Mike—are seated on the floor, facing each other. They are told that they are to be blindfolded and that each will be given a "swatter" made of newspaper with which to take turns at hitting each other. Only Pat is really blindfolded—he sure to choose a good-natured Pat.

For the supper table a green damask cloth, especially if it is of the clover design, will be at-

"Mush, mush, mush, toora-lee-ay-hee
Mush, mush, mush, toora-lee-ay-hee
There's ne'er a gossamer in the village
Dares tread on the tail of me coat."

tractive. For a centerpiece, use a big mirror in the middle of the table, representing the ocean. Outline the map of Ireland with hard green candles. Then in the center place a tall hat of green cardboard with green streamers extending out to favors at each place—tiny pots of shamrocks, perhaps. With these ribbons, each guest draws a favor from the hat. Here is a menu of tested recipes. Each recipe serves eight persons.

- Menu**
- Shamrock Cocktail
 - Cream of Pea Soup with Whipped Cream
 - Shrimp & Green Pepper Newburg
 - Lettuce Sandwiches
 - Mint Jelly Sandwiches
 - Bread and Butter Sandwiches
 - Artichoke Hearts Parisien
 - Pistachio Ice Cream
 - Green Mints
 - Nuts
 - Coffee

Shamrock Cocktail: Cut one 7-ounce bottle green mint cherries in halves, one No. 2 can pears in quarters and four slices of pineapple in eight wedges. Arrange four wedges each of pineapple and pear, flower-fashion, around a center cherry. Garnish between each petal, near the rim of the glass, with halved cherries. Combine cherry and pear syrups and two tablespoons lemon juice. Tint the palest green with green coloring and pour over.

Cream of Pea Soup: Put one No. 2 can of peas, liquor from can, two cups water and one slice of onion in a sauce pan and simmer fifteen minutes. Press through a sieve saving out one-half cup peas for garnishing. Add one teaspoon sugar, two cups thin white sauce and salt and pepper to taste. Just before serving, add one lightly-beaten egg yolk, one cup cream and heat without boiling. Serve in cups with a few of the whole peas in each. Top each with a spoonful of whipped cream and sprinkle with minced parsley.

A Chafing Dish Treat

Shrimp and Green Pepper Newburg: Melt four tablespoons butter in a chafing dish, add two large, shredded green peppers and let sauté for five minutes. Add three tablespoons flour and stir until smooth, then add two cups milk or cream slowly, stirring constantly until smooth and creamy. Add one teaspoon salt, paprika to taste, two tablespoons sherry flavoring. Add two 5½-ounce cans of shrimps and let them heat thoroughly. Then add four finely-chopped hard-cooked eggs. Serve on toast which is prepared meanwhile.

Artichoke Hearts Parisien: Drain one can of artichoke hearts and chili. Arrange on eight individual salad plates garnished with crisp hearts of lettuce. Some time before serving to blend flavors and also chill, mix eight tablespoons oil, four tablespoons vinegar or lemon juice, two tablespoons minced parsley, two tablespoons minced pimiento, one teaspoon minced onion, salt and pepper to taste. Pour over artichokes and serve at once.

sociation, or corporation, has interest direct or indirect in said stock, bonds, or other securities than as so stated by the

WELDON C. McCLURE, Business Manager. Sworn and subscribed before me this 7th April 1931.

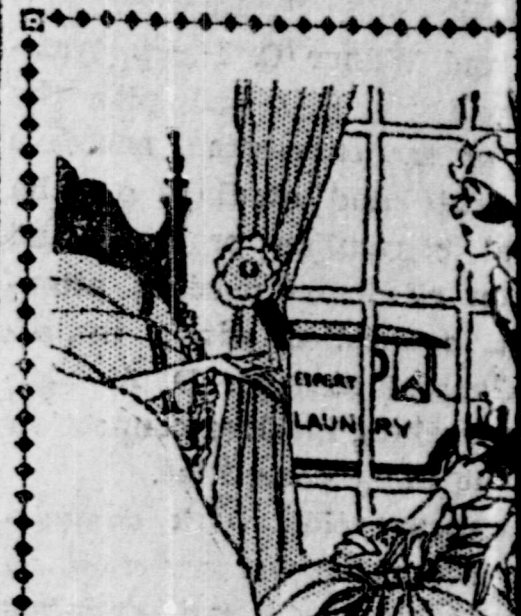
W. S. PERRY, (Seal) (My commission expires June)

Always remember that you save money every TUESDAY at STONE DEPARTMENT STORE, Inc. See our windows.

Spur Barber Shop

GIVE US A TRIAL Tub and Shower Baths

— GEORGE & ALLOREDGE



Forced!

"I was forced," said woman, "to send my things to the laundry during recent illness. Now wouldn't change for anything in the world. Why the modern laundry is revelation—and it's certainly cheap."

Spur Laundry Company PHONE 344

Washington Was Father West Point

Another project dear to George Washington will take on final form with the addition of 15,000 acres of land to the reservation of the United States Military Academy at West Point, thus rounding out the scope of the school as Washington desired it to be. The dedication of this additional land, it has been learned by the Division of Information and Publication of the Commission, has been most ap-

propriately set for next year, 1932, the two hundredth anniversary of Washington's birthday.

Probably no military locality figured more often than West Point in Washington's mind during the War for Independence. He early had seen the importance of the Hudson River. Control of that waterway by the enemy would have cut the Thirteen warring colonies in two. Command of the river by the patriots meant dominance of the military situation and was necessary to victory in the war. And West Point was the key position on the river.

THE SPUR INN

OFFERS REDUCED AND ATTRACTIVE RATES FOR ITS ROOMS BY THE MONTH, WITH OR WITHOUT MEALS.

J. T. BILBERRY, TRANSFER

PHONE 169

The next time you have anything to move give us a trial.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

OF THE TEXAS SPUR published weekly at Spur, Texas, for April 1st 1931. STATE OF TEXAS

County of Dickens.

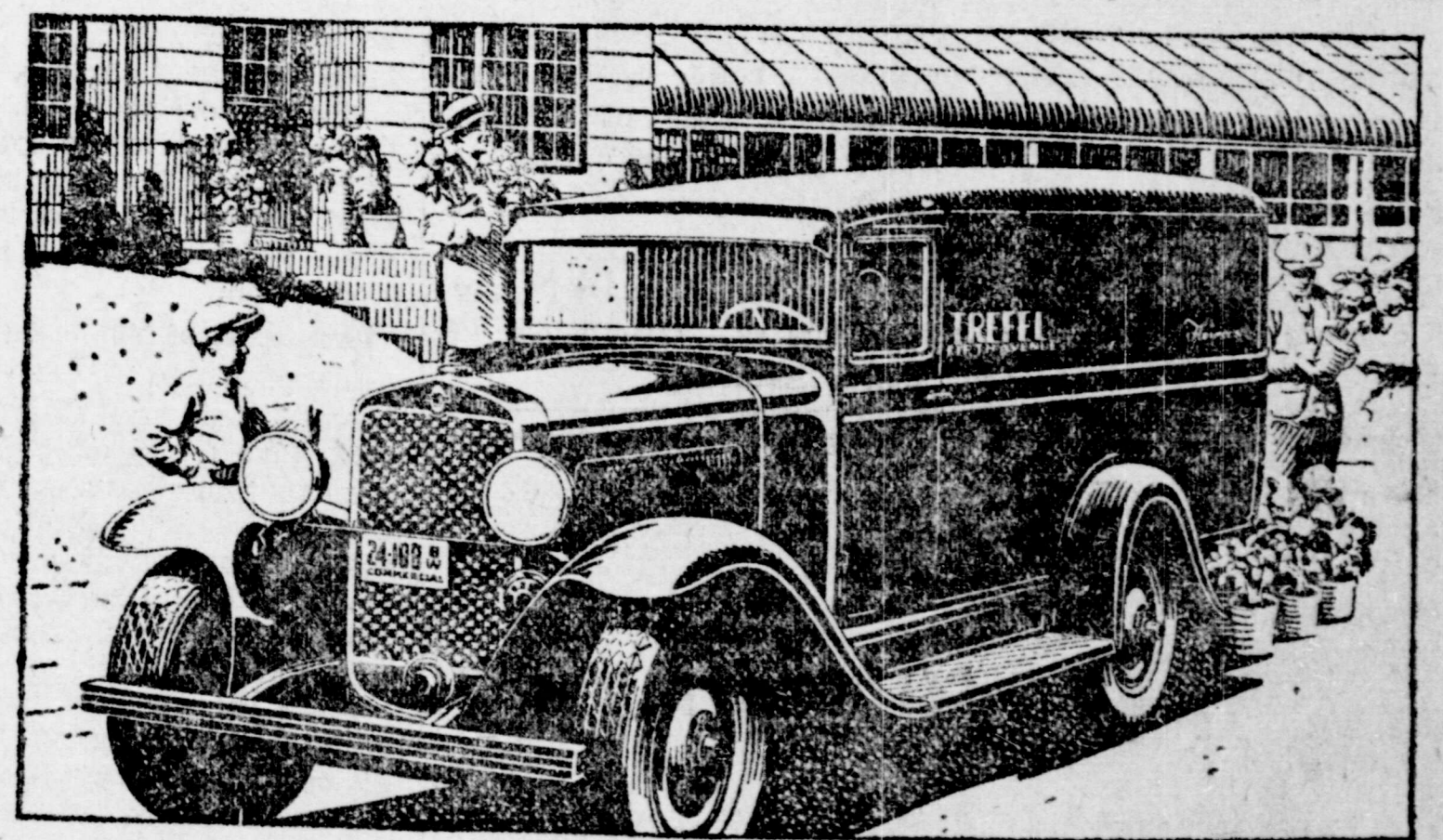
Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Weldon C. McClure, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of the TEXAS SPUR and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form: to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are: Mrs. Oran McClure, Publisher, Spur Texas; Weldon C. McClure, Business Manager, Spur Texas.
2. That the owner is Oran McClure Estate.
3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: None.
4. That the two paragraphs next above, giving the names and owners, stockholders, and security holders, if any, contain not only the list of stockholders and security holders as they appear upon the books of the company but also, in case where the stock-

holder or security holder appears upon the books of the company as trustee or any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting, given; also that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing affiant's full knowledge and belief as to

the circumstances and condition under which stockholders and security holders who do not appear upon the books of the company as trustees, hold stock and securities in a capacity other than that of a bona fide owner; and this affiant has no reason to believe that any other person, as-

Choose Chevrolet six-cylinder trucks for low first-cost and unsurpassed economy



The economy of using Chevrolet six-cylinder trucks is an actual dollars-and-cents economy that shows up, month after month, on the balance sheet. It starts with a purchase price that is one of the lowest in the market for a complete unit. It continues throughout Chevrolet's long life with an operating cost that is unsurpassed! Consider, for example, the cost-records of leading national organizations who use large fleets of Chevrolets. They prove

(1) That no other trucks of equal capacity give any better gasoline, oil or tire mileage than Chevrolet. (2) That the cost of keeping a Chevrolet in satisfactory running order is unusually low. (3) That Chevrolet trucks are exceptionally reliable and long-lived. Today, Chevrolet's proved economy is available to buyers in every truck-using field. For Chevrolet offers a new line of quality bodies that includes a type for every hauling requirement.

Chevrolet 1½-ton chassis with 131" wheelbase \$520 (Dual wheel option, \$25 extra)
1½-ton chassis with 157" wheelbase, \$590 (Dual wheels standard) Commercial chassis, \$335
All chassis prices f. o. b. Flint, Michigan. All body prices f. o. b. Indianapolis, Indiana. Special equipment extra. Low delivered prices and easy terms.

See your dealer below

SPUR MOTOR CO.

SPUR, TEXAS

ALSO DEALERS IN CHEVROLET SIX-CYLINDER PASSENGER CARS, \$475 to \$650, f. o. b. Flint, Michigan

NEWEST STYLES IN FRAMES FOR SPECTACLES

SEE OUR WINDOWS FOR THE NEWEST STYLES IN FRAMES FOR YOUR GLASSES

We Are EXPERT OPTOMETRISTS GRUBEN BROS

