

THE TEXAS SPUR

AND THE DICKENS ITEM

Hockley County Men Inspect Local Terracing Projects

A delegation of farmers, bankers, business men and professional men from Levelland and Hockley County visited the Spur Experiment Station Monday of this week for the purpose of inspecting the work that has been done here in terracing and contouring. The whole thing started right here at Spur, although the benefits of terracing has been known for centuries, the idea of employing an economical method of soil and water conservation on a large scale and on farms where the fall was slight, originated and was worked out here at the local station chiefly by R. E. Dickson. From here the movement spread until it is nation wide.

During the past few years numerous delegations from all parts of this and other states have inspected the terracing work at the Spur Station, and although terracing is now being done all over the state this is still considered the fountain head of information on the subject, thus the visit of our Hockley County neighbors.

Among those here for the day were: W. T. McGee, County Agent; Professor A. H. Mathis, County Judge; J. P. Potts, Commissioner; Presly Shofner, A. N. Riley, W. P. Wheeler, T. C. Perry, H. W. Walker, W. M. Brown, J. T. Codell, Henry Daniels, Walt G. Young, G. L. Hensley, Latham, H. B. Newton, J. E. Guery, W. F. Brown, Ed. M. Hart, W. C. Edwards, Joe M. Howard, Editor W. J. Baldwin.

Mrs. Hazelwood Hostess Tuesday

Mrs. John Hazelwood was delightful hostess of a party Tuesday night honoring Miss Esta Lee Mitchell, of Midland.

Following many enjoyable games, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following guests: Sybil Hazel, Nellie Meem, Weldon Bell, Tommy Brittain, Rowena Saxton, Nellie Bristow, Ellene Hutto, Lucy Hargrove, Lucil Mae Shockley, Polly Barnes, Nadine Westernman, Velda Crouch, Margaret Koon, and Messrs. William Rogers, Cecil Wolfe, Morris Laine, Luther Garner, Mancil Hinson, Donald Ensey, Dick Lewis, Truman Moore, Jack Hargrove, Jack Tuning, C. T. Dodge, Monroe Tunnel, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gibson and the honoree, Esta Lee Mitchell.

Walter J. Wade Died at Groom

W. J. Wade, 51, Baptist Minister and Editor, died at his home in Groom Wednesday, August 19, following an illness and failing health for several months.

Mr. Wade had been a minister for twenty years but for the past few years had been engaged in the newspaper business. He established the Jayton Chronicle and for several years published it in partnership with his brother, L. F. Wade, present publisher. Four years ago he moved to Groom and established the Groom News which he published until the time of his death.

Refinery at Stamford

One of the things to come Stamford's way is a refinery for gasoline. The building is located near the viaduct on the Abilene and Anson road and will soon be in operation. This refinery is the property of L. D. Prewitt, who owns a similar place in Abilene. We learn the business will start right up as soon as the machinery can be placed in position, which will be about the first of September.—Stamford Leader.

The Real Cotton Problem

It would seem that the prevailing craze of the moment is that of proposing "solutions" for the cotton problem. Following the Federal Farm Board's brain-storm on the subject, there has come a veritable tumult of advice from every conceivable source, including, of course, all the South's most picturesque politicians. As the Dallas Times-Herald very pertinently remarks, one would think a prize was being offered for the most absurd suggestion. Some want the cotton producing states to enact legislation restricting next year's acreage to one-third of the cultivated land; some want the Farm Board to purchase the 1931 crop on condition that the farmers plant no cotton at all in 1932; some want the planting of cotton next season prohibited altogether by law; some want all existing low grade cotton destroyed and some would burn the "surplus" cotton; and at least one savior of the farmers wants a special session of Congress to fix the price of cotton at twenty cents a pound or even thirty cents. And there are divers other suggestions of the same general character.

If the objection is raised to any of these plans that it is impractical, its advocates immediately counter with the challenge: "Well, what would you propose to do? Something must be done!" The suggestion, however mildly made, that it may really be too late to do anything that will change the situation very much will not be tolerated by these eleventh hour messiahs. Anybody who says that does not care what becomes of the farmer. You must favor doing something, and thus add to the confusion of counsel, no matter whether you are sure it will help the situation or not.

The truth is that those who refuse to become hysterical in the face of the present situation are precisely those who have been truly concerned about what would become of the cotton farmer ever since the Peace Conference. They are those who have recognized all along that the plan to make Germany pay all international debts of the Allied nations, and something else besides whether just or not, would inevitably destroy the export market of the United States, including the export market for cotton. They recognized that an absolute collapse of the export market in the United States could only be prevented so long as investors, chiefly those of the United States were willing to provide purchasing power by investing in foreign securities. They knew that sooner or later the investors would call a halt.

The investors called a halt in 1929, long before the American stock market boom collapsed, for during that year the purchase of foreign securities in the United States fell off by more than 60 per cent, the total being about \$300,000,000 as compared with \$900,000,000 the previous year. As a result cotton exports for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1930, fell off 1,400,000 bales in the face of an increased consumption of cotton outside the United States of about 600,000 bales. By the Spring of 1930 the price declined \$30 a bale, and those who understood what had happened warned the cotton farmers of the South that unless there was a drastic reduction of acreage they would face ruinous prices. Texas bankers ran full-page advertisements in the papers setting forth the necessity of reducing acreage. But acreage was not reduced. The acreage harvested in 1930 was not two per cent less than that of 1929. And the price declined another \$25 a bale.

With a decline of \$55 a bale in two years, with one of the biggest carry overs in history, and with no improvement in demand, the plea for acreage reduction was made again in 1931, but the re-

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3 New Election Precincts Created In the County

AFTON AND SPUR PRECINCTS DIVIDED

As will be noted by an official writ appearing elsewhere in this issue of the paper, three new voting boxes have been created in the county by the Commissioners Court.

The increase in the population of the county during the old precincts troublesome to handle and has made it necessary for the convenience of the voters to make these divisions of the larger boxes.

The two Spur Precincts Numbers 10 and 16 have each been divided making a total of four voting boxes for this place and the Afton Precinct, Number 3, has been divided, creating a voting box for Prairie Chapel.

Exact boundaries of the newly created precincts are listed in the official notice.

Revival in Progress at Red Mud Church of Christ

A revival meeting is in progress at the Red Mud Church of Christ to last through next week and possibly longer. Services are being conducted by A. G. Hobbs, Jr., evangelist, student of A. C. C.

Among the most interesting subjects of the meeting is, "The use of Instrumental Music in Christian Worship" which will be discussed by the evangelist Saturday night. Other subjects for night sermons are:

Friday night—The Conversion of Cornelius.
Sat. night—The Use of Instrumental Music in Christian Worship.
Sun.—Things that Save.
Mon.—Can a Child of God Sin to the Extent that He will be Eternally Lost?
Tue.—The Church.
Wed.—Can a Person be Saved out of the Church?
Thur.—Why I am a Christian Only.
Fri.—Doing God's Will.
Sat. The Prodigal Son.
Sun.—How Shall We Escape if We Neglect?

J. R. Biss Returns From Pennsylvania

J. R. Biss returned here Saturday of last week from his former home at New Hamilton, Penn., after an absence of two years, and will reopen the Farmers Cafe for the fall business.

Mr. Biss in speaking of the general economic conditions over the country states that this section is in so much better shape than the crowded sections of the north and east that there is no comparison. In his home state of Pennsylvania he says that over 200,000 have been idle and dependent on charitable organizations during the summer and that the most conservative estimates of the unemployed this winter place the number at 2,000,000.

The cafe will probably be opened about the first of Oct., and as formerly, will specialize in tamales and chili.

Broomcorn \$100 Ton

According to the Broom Corn Review, the best price paid in the Lindsay district up to Wednesday was \$110 per ton; numerous other sales being made at from \$90 to \$100. Reports from Beeville state that the corn in that section, which has been rain stained, is selling from \$50 to \$60. The government estimate shows this year's crop to have been reduced around 10 per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Martin left Monday for a visit in Beaumont.

DICKENS OPENS SCHOOL TERM MONDAY, 24TH

(By Fred Arrington)

Dickens School opened two weeks earlier than usual. The Board of Trustees and Supt. Dowell selected the date because it will enable them to complete six weeks or two months school work before the cotton picking is in full swing. By then it might prove that the school will not have to be stopped for the harvest. So far as is known there is no objection on the part of patrons, as the children are not working and that there will not be any work until then. We think this was a wise idea and it was approved by several State men.

The opening exercise will be Monday, Aug. 31. All patrons, pupils, and friends of the school are urged to be present. Enrollment and issuing books began Monday of this week. There were three hundred and seven enrolled. A larger enrollment than ever before in the history of the school. The school also has full affiliation.

This years faculty is as follows: G. S. Dowell, Superintendent; J. H. Merchant, Coach; Mrs. G. S. Dowell, Miss Mary Estes, Mrs. John H. Merchant, Mrs. Robert Reynolds, Misses Ruth Dittrich, Bernice Tidwell, Cleone Newberry. All teachers have had two or more years of college training and several have degrees. The school has advanced greatly in the last two years and this year looks like a record-breaking session under a fine faculty.

Coach Merchant has predicted a real football team for the season.

Mrs. Bynum Britton Hostess at Shower

Tuesday morning Mrs. Bynum Britton and Miss Charlie Hayes entertained at the home of the former with a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. O. D. Thompson, a recent bride.

Bridge served as a diversion of the morning and high score prize in the form of many lovely gifts from the guests was awarded Mrs. Thompson.

Lovely refreshments were served to the following: Vera Shepherd, Lena Snodgrass, Royce Blackwell, Dorothy Carson, Velda Parks, Louise Rogers, Margaret Koon, Dorothy Hisey, Lynn McGaughy, Clarice Thannisch, Mesdames Joe Butler, Richard Gibson, and the hostess and honoree.

Rev. Applewhite Preaches Farewell Sermon Sunday

Rev. M. H. Applewhite, who has been pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Spur for the past two years, was called to the North Fort Worth Presbyterian Church recently, and is leaving here September 1st.

Bro. Applewhite has been an active citizen, as well as pastor of the church. He has worked with the Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, Red Cross and many other civic groups and organizations whenever called upon to serve for the good of humanity, and his works has been greatly appreciated.

Rev. Applewhite says he regrets very much to leave Spur, and that he has never worked with or lived among people who have meant more to him. His many friends here will also regret to see him go. Regular services will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday at which time he will preach his farewell sermon to the congregation.

"Pee Wee" Lerher and Brooks McKinney, of Abilene, were visitors in this city Friday.

Charlie Black left Saturday for California where he has accepted a position with a large bank firm.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cathy were in Spur Monday of this week.

Petit Jury List For Second Week

Following is a list of petit jurors summoned for September 7th, for District Court which is now in session at Dickens:

E. J. Offield,
J. R. Robinson,
B. F. Middleton,
I. E. Abernathy,
W. D. Robinson,
W. E. Putman,
Leslie Roberts,
R. L. Littlefield,
Turner Harris,
L. C. Murphy,
Frank Speer,
B. Williamson,
D. I. Lee,
J. M. Robinson,
W. L. Pullin,
S. I. Powell,
O. L. Lovern,
E. F. Simmons,
L. L. Slayden,
J. Frank Smith,
J. O. Allison,
J. F. Phifer,
T. C. Ensey,
T. W. Stephens,
D. O. Blasingame,
H. O. Goodman,
J. L. Hutto,
L. J. Varnell,
D. Y. Twaddell,
Joe Kellam,
G. H. Stack,
R. S. Mobley,
D. M. Vranell,
C. W. Taylor,
H. L. Offield,
J. L. Beechley.

Please Pen the Hens For a Month Or So

A lady who wishes to grow a fall garden, but who is unable to do so because of her neighbors chickens, asked us to drop a gentle hint in our columns to those who keep chickens, that if they would be considerate they could, with little trouble and expense, keep them up from now until frost.

Undoubtedly there are many here who would like to have and really need a fall garden, but who will not attempt one for the same reason—the neighbors chickens. And who will never mention it for fear of hurting a neighbors feelings.

If you who have chickens, will but stop and think for a moment you will see how simply it can be arranged to keep the old hens penned up for a month or so—and perhaps you, too, will then be able to have nice garden.

Spur Mutual Absorbs Crosbyton Association

The Crosby County Mutual Insurance Association, with Aubrey Ashley as its secretary, has been transferred to the Spur Mutual. It was announced here this week by C. C. Haile, secretary of the Spur organization.

The transfer was made here Monday and all policy holders in the Crosby County Mutual, number 88, and all funds were transferred into that of the Spur Mutual. Aubrey Ashley was secretary of the Crosby County Mutual and Judge E. A. Watson, president.

C. C. Haile is secretary of the Spur Mutual and F. W. Jennings is president. The Spur Mutual is ten years old and it has never failed to pay a claim immediately, Mr. Haile said here this week. The policy in the Spur Mutual is \$1500.—Crosbyton Review.

Revival to Begin at Christian Church

A CORRECTION

In last weeks issue it was stated that a revival meeting would begin at the Church of Christ.

The revival is to be held at the First Christian Church and will begin as reported, Sunday, August 30. Rev. Walter P. Jennings, of Lubbock, will conduct the services.

Dock Ellis Placed In Charge of The Spur Rancho

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Ellis moved to Spur this week from Throckmorton. Mr. Ellis having been transferred here to take the place of the late Joe Eriksen, as general manager of the Spur Ranch.

Dock Ellis has many friends in this section he having been employed at the Spur Ranch in the early days before it was acquired by the Swenson interests and on up until several years ago when he moved to Mexico. For the past fourteen years however he has been manager of the Swensons Ranch at Throckmorton. Bob Criswell was placed in charge of the Throckmorton Ranch.

Delphian Library Adds New Books

Spur Delphian Library this week made the addition of several new volumes which will be of interest to members as well as patrons.

The books are, "That Other Love" by Geoffrey Moss; "The Godfather" by Nablo Bartley; "Young Man of Manhattan" by Katherine Brush; "Blood on the Moon" by Jim Tully; "East is Always East" by Pamela Wynn; "Mother India" by Katherine Mayo.

In addition to these, 33 volumes of children's books have also been added.

7,500 Cans Distributed in Crosby Co.

About 7,500 cans were distributed in Crosby county this week to those who were unable to secure the cans, Judge Edgar Hutchins, Red Cross chairman said Tuesday. 3 dozen cans was the minimum for man and wife, and one dozen for each member of the family up to six.

While it is not compulsory, all who received cans are asked to return a fifth of them filled. Judge Hutchins said. Cans thus returned will be used during the winter for relief work.—Crosbyton Review.

Local News Items

Ewell George, of the Highway community was transacting business in the city Tuesday.

Ben McWatters is here this week from Adrian, Texas, on a visit to his father and brothers.

W. A. Kimmell, of Twin Wells was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

G. W. Woods was in the city Tuesday from his farm home a few miles north.

Larry Burrows left Thursday for San Angelo on business.

W. B. Lee Jr. Left Thursday for Louisiana to work for the Gulf Co.

"Sheeter" Lewis and Travis Holly of Jayton were in Spur Thursday of this week.

Miss Nell Pratt of Plainview is here visiting her sister who is a nurse in the Nichols Sanitarium.

Rayburn Evans was here the first of the week visiting with friends and relatives.

Miss Chloe Darden, Luna Lain and Hortense Sandell of Jayton were visitors and shoppers here Wednesday.

Miss Addie Fae Boothe returned last Sunday from Floydada where she has been working.

Mrs. T. A. Rogers and daughter, Louise, returned last week from a six weeks visit in the lower Rio Grand Valley.

Miss Lavada McClung is seriously ill at her home in this city.

E. C. Robertson of McAdoo was in Spur Wednesday of this week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

John Goodall, prominent citizen of the Girard section was in Spur, Saturday, and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

W. L. Thannisch was here Saturday from Deer Lake.

Home Demonstration Notes

(CLARA PRATT, County Home Dem. Agent)

VEGETABLE CANNING DEMONSTRATIONS

152 women attended the eight vegetable canning demonstrations given by the home demonstration agent this month. An average of five varieties were used in each demonstration. Peas and corn have held first place, with okra, squash, and beans being used often.

A chicken canning demonstration was given Thursday morning. Twice fried chicken demonstrated with the vegetables. After the rush of vegetable canning we will be interested in culling our chickens and canning the culls.

WOMEN'S ENCAMPMENT

The Women's Encampment will be September 1 and 2 at Roaring Springs. Don't forget the date. We are hoping to have a good delegation from the county. Perhaps the rush of corn and peas canning will be over and we will enjoy the camp all the more.

An interesting program has been planned for the time. Each club will be responsible for a stunt or game, for the entertainment Tuesday night. Then we will have an inspirational and educational program Wednesday morning. Wear a broad smile and come prepared to have a good time.

CANNING KITCHENS

In the first week of its existence there were an even thousand cans filled in the Spur Canning Kitchen. At the present even better. The Dickens Kitchen has a similar record of work. Peas and corn are proving to be the most popular vegetables canned by about a nine to one majority.

The Spur kitchen has been in use every night last week and is signed for more than a week in advance for the daytime and for nearly a week at night. The record for any day's work is 208 cans, and 51 for a night.

Let's be there by 5 o'clock!

CAN-A-CALF CLUB

Membership in the Dickens County Can A Calf Club has increased more than a hundred percent since last count. At the time of our last report we had a hundred and eight signed up. Our membership today is 217.

The standing of the clubs are as follows: Dry Lake 65, McAdoo 42, Soldier Mound 31, Steel Hill 11, Espuela 6, Midway 4, Prairie Chapel 2, Red Mud 1. Some of the clubs are working like smoke judging from the number of cards they are taking out. Someone is going to get the surprise of their life on the finish of this drive. The campaign ends Saturday September 5th or one week from next Saturday. Afton took second place in the race this report and shoved McAdoo down from first to third by the help of Dry Lake who stepped up into second place. Some of the folks have been holding cards back on us hoping to step up in to the lead at the finish. Don't be surprised at what happens in the end.

Remember the campaign ends at 6 o'clock Saturday September 5th and all cards expected to be counted must be in by that time. The official count will be announced in the following issue of The Texas Spur. We are not publishing any of the new members this week but will publish the whole list with the final report. The report as contained above is the count of families signed up and not the number of calves it is intended to kill.

Lubbock Co. Gives Cans for Half of Products Canned

The Commissioners Court of Lubbock County met last Monday and decided to use county funds in issuance of cans in return for half of the products canned.

Announcing-

The Beginning of My
Fall Term
Class of Music in Piano
September 1st.

All lessons to be given at
my home until the opening
of school.

Maude Clemmons

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Garner were visitors in Floydada Sunday.

Semon Reynolds and Jack Dillshaw have returned from a trip to Raymondsville, in the Rio Grand Valley.

Pike Nichols Jr. left Wednesday of this week for Abilene where he will attend school this fall.
San Clemmons and W. E. Lee Jr made a business trip to Post Sunday.
Mr. and Mr. Clark Forbis were visitors in Spur Tuesday from their farm and ranch home north of Afton.

Pat Watson returned this week from a visit to his parents in Arlington, Texas. He drove back a big new Dodge eight.
Mrs. Joe Stotts and daughter, Joan, are spending the week in Lubbock with Joe who is now located at that place.
William Anderson McAlpine left for Blanket, Texas, Tuesday where he will spend a few days visiting with friends and relatives. Mrs. McAlpine and Mrs. Clemmons will accompany him home.
Miss Mildred Williams was a visitor in Lubbock Sunday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cluck, of Cisco, spent the weekend in Spur, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hull.
Mrs. W. R. Stafford is in Meadow this week on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Stearnes and family.
Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale and daughter Helen, returned last week from California where they have been vacationing the past month or so.
Mrs. Charles Walling Jr. of San Angelo, and Miss Jackinette Jones of Stamford, have been the visitors of Miss Mary E. Hogan for the past week. Mrs. Walling was a classmate of Miss Hogan during the latter's first year at C. I. A.
Mr. Wilson of Eastland is here this week to occupy his position with the Spur Power Machinery Company.
Pat Patterson and Bill Andrews have the envy of all local fan in making a 'hole in one' on the club links Sunday.

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Mrs. Cash Wilmon was a charming hostess on Thursday evening with bridge at her home in East Spur.
Attractive bull-dog tailies were used.
Mrs. Weldon McClure received high score prize. A set of green cut glass wine glasses.
Vanilla salad and iced tea was served at the conclusion of the games to Mesdames E. Watson, E. Scott, Proctor, W. Stafford, J. Stotts, W. McClure, and Mesdames Mildred Williams, Nell Albin, Alice Brashear, Pauline Brown, Sybil McDaniels, and Louise Collier.
Miss Mavis Stafford left Friday for California where she will attend school this year.
Miss Clara Carmack, of Matador, is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. W. D. Starcher.
Mrs. Elza Watson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Stearnes, in Meadow this week.

Real Cotton Problem

moment that the North set about the task of achieving economic independence from Europe by development of manufacturing. Export cotton was the chief cause of the Civil War, one of the greatest calamities in our national history. But more grievous than any of these evil results, is the fact that export cotton created a submerged class of white people in the South, and has continued to keep it submerged, a class which lives at a bare subsistence level most of the time, is helpless to improve its condition and absolutely hopeless so far as any outlook for economic progress is concerned. It is export cotton that has been the cause of the poverty, of the illiteracy, and of the general backwardness of the South.
All of this, we say has been true from the beginning. But it is truer today than ever before, because the changed financial situation which has resulted from the World War makes it increasingly difficult for foreign nations to buy anything from the United States. I view of this it becomes imperative for the South to give less and less attention to producing things for foreign nations on the other side of the globe, and to give more and more attention to producing things for itself. We mean all kinds of things, on the farm and in the factory; things other people in other sections of the United States are now producing for us. At present prices, for example, Texas must sell about 1,500,000 bales of cotton, probably to Japan to pay for the pork it will import from other States during the coming year. And like examples could be cited of other things, including many manufactured products, for which we must pay with the proceeds of exported cotton, and which we ought to be producing ourselves. We receive the foreign price for cotton, and we pay the home market price for these other things. We must begin to produce more for the home market, beginning with our selves, and less for the foreign market. That is what we mean by revising our economic set-up. The only way we can free our people from the intolerable bondage to export cotton is by patiently and persistently revising our ways of doing things in the South, keeping at it from year to year, regardless of whether the price of cotton is low or high, and thus reducing, year by year, the percentage of the energies of our people devoted to the production of cotton.
What we may do now or next season to affect the price of cotton cannot possibly be of as much importance as whether we shall take fully to heart the lesson of the present situation and resolve that, by patient and persistent effort, we shall free the Southland from the scourge of export cotton, at whatever cost, and in the face of whatever seemingly insurmountable obstacles that bar the way.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Drury returned to their home here Monday. They have been in Wink for the past several months conducting a laundry business.
J. H. Latham, of Red Hill, was in the city Monday with a load of produce. Mr. Latham has a large patch of tomatoes this year and states that the entire crop is being canned by himself and his neighbors.
Mrs. J. E. Morris and daughter Francis returned from a months vacation in Galveston, Monday.
Mrs. Chattie Ferris, of Lubbock was a visitor in this city Monday.
Mrs. W. J. Elliot and Miss Virginia were shoppers and visitors in the city Monday.
C. A. Brinnell, of Spur Ranch, was a business visitor in the city Monday.
Miss Billie Macha, who has been here on an extended visit to her aunt, Mrs. Cal Ramsey, returned Sunday to her home in Lubbock. Miss Elouise McCrary accompanied her home for a short visit.
Dot Lisenby is in Crosbyton this week the guest of Miss Carter.
G. T. O'Guinn was a business visitor in Spur Monday.
Mrs. D. E. Ince and Miss Alva Jo Ince are spending the week in Strawn.
Mrs. Plez Curd and children of Stamford are here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stafford.
Mr. Pennybaker, representative of the Fairbanks Morse Co., was in Spur the past week looking after company interests.

Labor Meeting Held Tuesday

A meeting of Spur contractors, merchants and laborers was called at the Red Cross room Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the employment problem and offering safe guards against the invasion of outside labor, since all towns in the country are doing the same. After outlining a workable plan to relieve distress during the coming winter, officers were elected as follows: Chas. Whitner, Pres., T. J. Seale Sec. The President then briefly outlined as to past practices of owners of private and public buildings, enlisting the aid of out of town talent in the erection of these buildings. It was driven home to those present that every dollar spent for home labor stayed at home and every business in town was benefitted in a direct or indirect way. Every member was requested to enlist the sympathy of prosperous builders and assist in the live at home program and to work for the promotion of public construction, by the municipality, to furnish a livelihood for the families of workers during the coming winter. Everyone was called in and agreed, on behalf of the Red Cross, to give each member 80 cents, if needed, for the purpose of preserving food. Most of those not having food already canned responded and have reserved the Chamber of Commerce kitchen during the entire week, beginning September 7th. The League will meet at 8 o'clock each Monday night at the Red Cross office and request the attendance of business men and city officials to assist in working out further plans for the success of the organization in relieving distress. The following resolutions were adopted and the meeting adjourned.
RESOLUTION
Whereas a crisis exists in the Economic Structure of the entire world, and labor seems to be burdened with a greater share of the load than any other institution, we believe real suffering is eminent during the winter months among the unemployed of our town unless some relief measure is provided. The unemployed do not want Red Cross or Welfare Aid. We believe that a "buy home" program serves the best interests of every resident in Spur, and we believe that every dollar spent for home labor will find its way back to the channels of business in Spur. Our labor is boycotted in every town in the country because they want to take care of their own labor. Most of our men own their homes in Spur, are tax payers, members of the churches, patrons of the schools, and in normal times help support these institutions in financial way.
Therefore be it resolved That we request the sympathetic cooperation of every business institution in Spur in securing what constructive work is projected during the coming year and that every effort be put forth looking the promotion of building of a public nature during the winter months thereby enabling labor to care for its self in a self respecting manner.
Be it further resolved that we condemn the practice of institutions employing married women where the husband has employment, instead of employing a member of some unemployed family who may be just as capable and make that family an asset instead of a liability. We further condemn the practice of business institutions in curtailing their forces as an economic measure instead of reducing salaries to affect the same measure. We believe in the adage that "a half loaf is better than no loaf at all."
Be it further resolved that copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our organization and a copy be furnished both the Dickens County Times and The Texas Spur for publication.
Respectfully submitted
Chas Applegate
H. P. Berry
J. R. Laine
Chas Whitner
Committee
Editors Note—Anyone having any surplus vegetables are free to notify Chas Whitner or the Spur Chamber of Commerce and will be called for and distributed for canning, among those who do not have a garden.

The Spur National Bank

CAPITAL & SURPLUS, \$125,000.00

SPUR, TEXAS

After talking with people from every nook and corner of our trade territory and checking up on the physical condition of this section, we feel that everyone will come to the conclusion that we are in excellent shape, comparatively speaking, and have a lot for which to be thankful. We have just been too busy talking 6c cotton and hard times to realize it.

A careful analysis and comparison of conditions one year ago and today will substantiate this. Please get this comparison if you do not get anything else out of this letter. Then re-read it and THINK IT OVER. We believe you can hit on some optimistic note the next time you talk to your neighbor who will be encouraged rather than further depressed in his contact with you.

One year ago, we had no feed; practically no cotton in sight; workstock were poverty stricken; dairy cows were not paying for their feed, poultry was being kept at an expense, many of us did not know where the next meal was coming from; and, we were facing the necessity and embarrassment of appealing to the Government and Red Cross for help to sustain life. If kind Providence had not smiled on us with good wheat pastures last winter, the Lord only knows what might have happened.

To-day, we have one of the best cotton crops in the history of the country in the making; all kinds of livestock in excellent condition; an abundance of feed already made, to keep the dairy cows and poultry up to a high standard of production without any outside expense, and far beyond the requirements of this year; an enormous supply of roasting-ears, beans, peas, potatoes, okra, squash, cantaloupes, watermelons, etc. In fact, everything along this line heart or stomach could wish for. In addition to this, a fine prospect for fall gardens with which to further enlarge our pantries.

Through the kindness, foresight and good business judgement of Judge Newberry and the County Commissioners, Dickens County will furnish cans to any and everyone, who cannot get them otherwise, for canning all kinds of farm products, including milk-pen calves, for a nominal toll of 25 per cent of the finished products. This will mean the saving of an enormous amount of wholesome food which would otherwise go to waste.

A kitchen has been equipped with canners and sealers in the Chamber of Commerce building in Spur, one each at Dickens, McAdoo and Afton for free use of those who do not have this equipment at their command. These canning plants will be supervised by Miss Clara Pratt, Home Demonstration Agent, and the club women of the County.

With all these conveniences at your command and an abundance of good sustaining food ready to can, there will be no occasion for any family going hungry. From one to two year's supply of good, wholesome food should be in every pantry by the first of January. It is imperative that this kind of program be carried out in its fullness, because the **RED CROSS IS NOT GOING TO HELP THIS WINTER AND SPRING.** Well filled pantries and an abundance of feed to fatten some calves and pigs for the market and keep the dairy cows and poultry in production during the next twelve months will go a long way toward solving the big "bug-a-boo"—back debts—because this will release the present cotton crop for their payment.

Six cents is a ridiculously low price for cotton, but, unless there is a world-wide readjustment of economic conditions, it seems that we cannot reasonably expect a better price. Therefore, we must face facts and adjust our plans and ideas accordingly. Even at this price, there will be around \$15.00 per bale left for debts after deducting rent, picking and ginning, or \$22.50 where there is no rent to be deducted.

After all, the value of any product is what it will buy. In 1926, we had to pay \$2.25 for a 48 pound sack of flour; \$2.25 for 25 pounds of sugar; \$1.85 for a 10 pound bucket of lard. To-day, for equivalent amounts, we pay 85c for flour; 85c for lard; \$1.25 for sugar. In 1926, our cotton was bringing close to to-day's price, so it is a fact that, exchange values considered, we are actually buying staples on a relative 12c to 15c basis of cotton as compared with 1926.

Our salvation in liquidating debts lies on the enormous crop we expect to harvest. Barring disaster, the average farm should produce 50 bales of cotton, meaning an average liquidation of \$750.00 by tenants and \$1125.00 for land owners. This will pay a lot of debts, and, by living at home and practicing rigid economy another year, these old debts will soon be out of the way and you will be back on the road to prosperity.

All of us have learned some valuable lessons in thrift and economy. With these old obligations behind us, prosperity should return to this country by leaps and bounds, because we have learned to provide a living and get by without cotton. Our surest, quickest and most substantial relief from this period of depression lies in an intensive live-at-home program by every home in the county.

We have the utmost confidence and an abiding faith in Dickens County and her citizenship. The fine way in which you have weathered these dry years and the depression, supported by your wholehearted desire to meet your obligations, prompts us to pay you a tribute of respect and appreciation.

After comparing our condition one year ago with that of to-day, we really and truly feel that we all have so much to be thankful for and sincerely believe that the next few months will show a marked improvement in the financial condition of the people of this trade territory, regardless of low priced cotton.

We can win out if we adopt and live up to this doctrine:
Feed, vegetables, dairy, hogs and poultry products for the family living. Cotton for our debts.

Most cordially yours,

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

P. S. Don't forget that winter pasture.
S. N. B.