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## Whit Bumpus Opening New Cafe Here

Whit Bumpus is this week opening a cafe in the building north of the Crockett Barber Shop on the east side of Burlington Avenue. The new cafe will be electrically equipped throughout and will specialize in short orders and sandwiches.

The Andrew Green Cafe, which formerly occupied this location has been moved across the street into the domino parlor recently opened by J. D. McWatters.

## Crop Report Shows Decrease in Cotton in Texas

Dallas, Aug. 26—A considerable decrease in the amount of cotton to be produced in Texas this year is indicated by the Southland Life crop report for July and August as compiled by the Department of Public Relations. Three important factors are responsible for this development.

1. There has been a very considerable decline in the cotton crop in East Texas because of deterioration caused by hot weather and dry soils.

2. The crop in Southeast Texas, especially in counties near the Gulf, was considerably injured by the storm of August 13th.

3. And, finally, boll worms, weevils, grasshoppers and a number of other enemies to cotton have injured the crop in other sections.

These, of course, are in addition to the decreased crop brought about by agitation for a decreased cotton acreage.

Reports indicate, finally, that there has been a little more abandonment of inferior crops than was expected.

Business conditions appear to be the most hopeful for many months although, with very few exceptions, none are reported normal. In the main a spirit of optimism has taken place of the pessimistic attitude prevalent earlier in the year. Almost without exception, farmers are reported as better than ever before in their history fortified for the winter except as to real cash.

All reports indicate that the crop this year has been produced at the smallest price in the history of Texas.

## To the Voters and Citizens of Dickens County

This being the last opportunity in which to make a public statement thru the press before the good people of Dickens County go to the polls to vote in the second primary, August 27th.

First I want to thank each and every one of you at this time for your wonderful consideration and vote in the last Primary election. As you remember I made a public statement immediately after the past election, about my getting around to your house and asking you for your vote in the coming election; it was impossible for me to visit all the houses so I have missed any house during the time this campaign first started.

I can assure you it was not intentionally. So if I have failed to give you a card and ask you for your vote and support please take this as a personal appeal for the same.

You remember the statements and speeches I made in the first Primary and if you are willing to accept me for your next County Judge go to the polls Saturday and give me your vote. In conclusion with this statement, if elect and during my administration I shall try to make it possible for every one to say Jim Clour made one of the best Judges Dickens county has ever had. Hoping you see fit to give me the honor of being your next County Judge of Dickens County.

Respectfully yours,  
JIM CLOUD

## Rev. Wright Randolph to Conduct Revival Meeting

Wright Randolph, pastor of the Church of Christ of this city left this week for Comanche where he will conduct a revival meeting beginning Thursday and lasting two weeks.

## Vote for Dickens County Candidate

For the first time in the history of Dickens County we have an opportunity to place a man in the state department of government. The chances are unusually good. Dickens county's candidate, Fred Haile, is fully capable of handling the affairs of the office with distinction; he is unusually popular with all his constituents; and has a business and personal record that is above reproach. Another thing that Mr. Haile's chances of winning the office so good is the fact that in the first primary he gained a plurality of more than 500 votes over his four opponents, all of whom were prominent and worthy men.

Fred Haile was born at Afton and with the exception of the years that he has spent at college and in the navy, has made his home in this section all of his life.

In his college studies, Fred Haile 'majored' in government economics. This is a study of the workings of the government of the nation, states, counties, and cities, and better equips a man for any governmental office to which he might aspire.

In his military record Fred Haile needs no commendation. He at the present time holds a high office in the local American Legion, The Boyd M. Williams Post at Spur, Texas.

As to his business ability, Fred Haile has proven himself to be not only one of the most successful but one of the most up right and integrity business men of this community. Since taking charge of the Spur Mutual life insurance company some years ago, Mr. Haile not only carried the business on successfully out has well established himself as a man of business ability and honesty and has made himself a real friend of the people over his district.

A vote for Fred Haile will not only be a vote for a local man who has our interests at heart but will be a vote for a man who is capable and wants to push West Texas forward. And he will appreciate your vote.

## The High Cost of "Regulation"

"Regulation" of public utilities is costing the American people a million dollars a day in excess charges for light and power. That is the estimate of Stephen Raushenbush in his book just published on 'The Power Fight'; and LABOR thinks that Mr. Raushenbush underestimates the case.

Regulation was hailed as a great gain for the people; but the utilities have taken possession of the regulating bodies. Mr. Raushenbush exposes the tricks by which the public is robbed; and really, they are rather simple in essence, though the average man cannot follow them through the wilderness of book-keeping figures.

Regulating commissions, backed up by the Federal courts, have allowed utilities fantastic "valuations" on their plants. Raushenbush gives instances in which the valuation methods upheld by the courts have doubled even the book value of the utility. Then, the courts allow 7½ per cent as a "fair return" on this inflated valuation. And when that is done, the "holding company" comes in with its "write-ups" and its "management charges" which are thinly disguised swindles.

The upshot of it all is that the average American household is paying more than three times as much for light and power in his home as the household of Ontario is paying under public ownership. Moreover, every city in the United States which owns its power plant has cheaper rates, or makes a big profit which goes to the public treasury, or both.

Mr. Raushenbush's figures are too low. Judson King estimates the power graft at \$700,000,000 a year; and LABOR is far from certain that Mr. King has exaggerated. Think of such a toll being collected by legalized brigandage in times like these!

## Cast Your Ballot for Neal Fortson

I hope that when you go to the polls Saturday, you will select me as your next County Clerk. I shall keep my word, and do my own work, thereby saving the taxpayers of Dickens County about one thousand dollars per year. If you are in favor of cutting expenses and lowering taxes, cast your ballot for me, because I can do my part with my five and one-half years experience as Deputy Clerk.

If I am not elected, I shall be without a job, with no business or position that I can depend on, and the citizens of this County know how almost impossible it is to secure a job during this depression. Don't you think that I deserve a trial? This is my first time to ask for a public office, and my future depends on whether or not you will elect me your County Clerk.

So friends, if my qualifications will be worth anything to you in the future, vote for me, and I can promise you an efficient and economical administration.

Most sincerely,  
NEAL FORTSON

Reuben Morgan, who is employed in the city of Oakland, California, is here this week on a visit to his father Wylie Morgan and family, and his many friends and acquaintances here.

## Spur Holds all Day and all Night Roque Tournament

Monday and Monday night of this week roque teams from Dickens, Afton, Tahoka, Merkel, Post and this city, went through a continuous stream of games to determine the championship of this district. Conder and Grayson of Merkel carried off the honors winning the red and green balls and mallets awarded to the winners. They were played closely however by the Post team.

The games were followed by quite a few enthusiasts who remained the entire twenty four hours to watch the play and see who would be victorious. Scores of the tournament are as follows:

## Heal and Lead

First Round—Court No. 1  
Proctor and Kidd, Afton — 15  
Ince and Aldridge, Spur — 7

Floyd and Gallehon, Post — 18  
Allison, (2 balls) Spur — 18

Floyd and Gallehon, Post — 27  
Allison (2 balls) Spur — 11

Andrews and Holly, Spur — 5  
Hale and Powell, Spur — 21

First Round—Court 2  
Teague and Smith, Spur — 13  
Haugen and Williams, Merkel, 7

Powell and Sumrell, Spur — 12  
Andrews and Floyd, Afton, — 14

George and Berry, Spur, — 7  
Johnson and Halseon, Afton — 14

Wilson and Reece, Spur, — 11  
Berry and Brummett, Dkns., 12

First Round—Court 3  
Brittain and Berry, Spur — 26  
Clem and Williams, Post — 7

Eraton and Raney, Tahoka, — 21  
Grayson and Conder, Merkel, 21  
Eraton and Raney, Tahoka, — 4  
Grayson and Conder, Merkel, 32

Second Round—Court 1  
Berry and Brittain, Spur, — 13  
Proctor and Kidd, Afton — 12

Second Round—Court 2  
Andrews and Floyd, Afton — 22  
Hale and Powell, Spur — 12

Second Round—Court 3  
Johnson and Halseon, Afton — 8  
Gallehon and Floyd, Post — 26

Berry and Brummett, Dkns., 5  
Smith and Teague, Spur — 20

Third Round—Court 1  
Grayson and Conder, Merkel, 32  
Floyd and Andrews, Afton — 5

Third Round—Court 2  
Gallehon and Floyd, Post — 23  
Brittain and Berry, Spur — 5  
Teague and Smith of Spur forfeit, third game.

Now for the finals we see Post and Merkel go in two of the fastest Roque Teams in West Texas.

There were three full games to be played for the premium: First game, Post 32, Merkel 23. Second game, Post 29, Merkel 32. Third game, Post 14, Merkel 32. Merkel took the premium.

## Demonstration Club News

(By CLARA PRATT, H. D. A.)  
HOME AGENT RETURNS FROM NEW MEXICO  
The Home Industries Conference for the Home Demonstration agent of District 2 held in Las Vegas, N. M., last week was a source of inspiration and pleasure to each agent. Miss Mamie Lee Hayden, Extension Specialist on Home Industries in Texas gave training in dyeing for rug and mat work and in the design and technique of hooked rugs which is one of the oldest industries of the early American home.

Miss Zetha McInnis, also Extension Specialist in Home Industries gave work in pickle making. One day was devoted to the study of quality products in an effort to raise the standards of home canned foods both for use in the home and for the market. Miss Myrtle Murray, district home demonstration agent conferences with each agent concerning plans for next year's work.

The conference was held in the picturesque old Montezuma college which has been turned into a tourist resort. The college is six miles northwest of Las Vegas in the Gallinas mountains, and is surrounded with beautiful scenery. Before and after the conferences many of the agents visited Taos and Santa Fe and other places of historical interest in that section of New Mexico.

COUNTY COUNCIL TO MEET SATURDAY  
Plans for the club exhibit will be completed at the regular meeting of the Dickens County Home Demonstration Council Saturday afternoon in the home agent's office at 2:30. Each club should be represented and be prepared to make suggestions for the demonstrations to be given next year. Your club is not keeping in step with the others in county if it fails to be represented in the County Council.

Last Minute Campaign Lies  
The candidate who would circulate, or permit others to circulate, last minute campaign lies, is a political and moral coward in the eyes of every sane voter today. The custom of former years has become obsolete in this age of enlightenment.

That candidate who would unleash the lightning of his wrath and pour vials of hatred upon his opponent simply because he feels himself slipping, is unworthy of th consideration of any one.

Last minute appeals made to voters by casting reflections upon the character or standing of an opponent should be condemned. The fact that such information could have been publicly stated at public gatherings when the victim has the privilege of defense, and such information was withheld, instantly brands the statement as false regardless of who is in the running or who makes the statement.

No office is worth a campaign of lies. If any candidate has information that would disqualify an opponent, the only honest method to pursue is to let the public have that information long before the closing hours of the campaign.

Beware of campaign lies which are brought forth at the last minute. If such lies reach your ears, do not condemn the victim without a hearing. Give him or her the same right that you would demand for yourself—the right of defense by giving you both sides of the controversy. American people believe in fair play in the main, and Texas should be no exception though a campaign is in full blast.—Clarendon Leader.

Preston McClanahan Moved Back to Spur  
Preston McClanahan, who has for the past few months been in active management of his Red and White Store at Calgary has this week moved with his family back to Spur and will take charge of his store here.

The Calgary store has been placed in charge of Bob Hale.

## General Mercantile Store Opened at Calgary

Mr. Session, Wednesday of this week opened a new general mercantile store in Calgary. The new store will occupy the building at the old Howard Reed Stand.

Presbyterians Have Annual Picnic  
The annual picnic and barbecue of the Presbyterian Church and Sunday school was held Tuesday of this week at the J. C. McNeill, Alamo Stock Farm and Ranch.

Several families from this city attended.

## Local News Items

Paul Lowe was in Tuesday from his farm home north of the city a few miles. He is at present cutting his alfalfa and states that he will make an excellent crop.

T. E. Rucker was in Monday from his Dry Lake farm home.

Judge H. A. C. Brummett was over from the capitol city Monday attending to business matters here.

Miss Thelma Gilstrap, a teacher of the Croton schools has been visiting in Spur this week the guest of Mrs. O. Moore Hall.

Harvey Stack who has been critically ill and who was taken to Lubbock last week for an examination by specialists, has returned to his home here and is reported on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fletcher returned to their home in Pecos after a weekend visit here with his mother, Mrs. Harry Patton.

Misses Pauline and Estelle Oliver are this week visiting their brothers at Slaton and Amarillo.

W. C. Gruben and children returned this week from Royston where they have been for the past few days on a visit to his mother.

Glady's Gilbert, of Lubbock, is here this week on a visit to her sisters, Mrs. Henry Gruben and Mrs. Luther Powell, and other friends of this section.

Misses Mary Estes and Ruth Deitrich, teachers in the Dickens school have returned from their summer vacations.

Buck Neilson, principal of the Spur High School, returned this week from his summer vacation.

Mrs. Twaddell, county school superintendent, returned Sunday from South Texas where she had been called to be with her father Mr. Day, who was seriously injured in the recent hurricane over that section.

Mrs. Rash returned this week from San Angelo where she had been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Horace Hyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding of B. Schwarz and Son, returned this week from a merchandising trip to St. Louis where they purchased much new fall merchandise for the fall and winter season. Mr. Golding states that the recent improvement in business conditions was very noticeable in the wholesale markets and that merchants over the entire country were more optimistic than they have been in years.

Lem Corltharp was in Tuesday from his farm home northeast of the city. He states that his cotton is suffering considerable damage from worms and is fighting them by dragging sacks saturated with kerosene and creosote over the plants. This is a very effective method of fighting the boll worm since it shakes loose and covers up a great number and kill all worms touched by the saturated sacks.

C. D. Copeland was here from his farm home east of the city a few miles Tuesday. His cotton is badly infested with boll worms and he is also using the kerosene and Creosote method of setting them back.

Sebe Lambert of the Croton store and filling station was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week. He states that crop conditions in his section were good.

J. W. Bragg was here from his Duck Creek farm home Tuesday, attending to business matters and meeting with friends and acquaintances.

C. N. Kidd of the Highway community was meeting with friends and trading with merchants here Tuesday of this week.

## FERGUSONISM VS STERLINGISM

At the beginning of the present Gubernatorial campaign many newspapers over the State decreed the fact that Texas would again be thrown into a disgraceful and unpleasant era of mudslinging. It is obvious, at this the conclusion of the campaign, however, that all the dirt has been thrown one way—at the Fergusons.

The press of the state has not given the Fergusons even as much consideration as they gave Tom Hunter. We do not mean it has failed to give them publicity, but it has all been detrimental and of a notorious nature. Every important daily in the state has been so prejudiced and antagonistic that people who do not live in Texas are mystified that such a person as Mrs. Ferguson could lead the ticket, and as to why 400,000 people would vote for such a character. And even we who live in this state fail to understand how every single one of the big papers have the audacity to be so radically against and adversely criticize the sentiments and judgment of those people who represent such an overwhelming plurality.

There has been such a great volume of contradictory publicity, contradictory sworn and unsworn statements, about matters of importance, that a great many people are confused and do not know what to believe. In fact it would take an average lifetime to read all the propaganda and appeals to prejudice that have been issued during this campaign.

There is one factor worthy of consideration in this Governor's race, however, which is true beyond any question of a doubt. And this is the fact that not only the big newspapers, but the big oil companies, and "Big Business" of this and other states are fighting the Fergusons with every weapon they can muster, fair or foul. They are not only "again" Ma Ferguson but are expending large sums of money to discredit her and to advance the interests of Mr. Sterling. No one believes they are doing this for nothing nor for the pleasure they could derive therefrom; neither does anyone believe that these "big boys" are spending their money because they believe it to be for the best interests of the people that Gov. Sterling be re-elected.

It does not necessarily follow that anything which is to the interests of "big business" is against the interests of the common people. But there are those who believe that prosperity and government protection should begin with the tillers of the soil and small home owners rather than that they should be forced to depend on being benefitted by the crumbs dropped by a protected and enriched aristocracy.

The following letter written by Clint Small a former candidate for Governor, to

will serve to throw some light on the two candidates who are striving for the Democratic nomination in tomorrow's primary. Do not think that Mr. Small wanted this letter published nor that it was done so with his permission, but it has nevertheless found its way into the channels of the press, and so far as we know no one has claimed that the signature placed thereon was a forgery. The letter follows:

Amarillo, Tex., Dec. 29, 1931

Dear Bill:

I am in receipt of your special deliver letter enclosing the communication from our friend Pool. I think Pool is almost correct in his view of the situation. I think I could get a good vote against Sterling and it might be possible to beat him provided I had a good campaign fund, yet the chances are not worth the risk. I meet many people who come right out and say that Sterling has no chance even against Jim and Ma and it may be possible that we have not interpreted the real sentiment of the silent masses but I had rather risk my own judgment than that of people who have not studied the situation and I have decided not to run against Sterling. Of course the next sixty days might bring about some change that would alter my views but I had

## Highway Cafe Being Decorated

The Highway Cafe is this week being completely re-decorated, beautified and placed in readiness for a big fall business. The walls have been repainted as well as all the woodwork and the furniture and fixtures have been refinished.

The new appearance of the cafe makes it one of the most up-to-date in West Texas and the food served there is as good as can be found anywhere.

I do think there is every reason to believe that Ma will run. I was told in Houston that Jim said while there the day before I got there, that Ma would be in the race. He will no doubt run a better race against Sterling than any one else. I would be embarrassed because I came out for him the last primary. Jim would have full sway and would be able to present some very ugly facts that could not be condoned. I think that Ma would be a very dangerous opponent for Sterling. She would carry this country against him in spite of all that could be done. Of course I could get this country out here but I could not get Jim's strongholds and I do not think I would be particularly strong against Sterling due to the fact that that I told the people one time to vote for him. Put this down in your book to remember, "If Ma runs against Sterling look out for another Ferguson administration."

My Friend Dave Shanks, a Tom Love from up on the north end of my district, has announced for the Senate. He was county clerk up there for years and was defeated last time on account of his fight on me. He is in fact a republican and has always fought me teeth and toe nail. If I do not run in the Governor's race I will run for the Senate and I expect to have some fun watching old Shanks kill himself.

Sterling told me he would let me know early in January what he intended to do. He told me he had enough and that if he consulted his own feelings he would not run. But unfortunately Sterling is not "captain of his own boat" and if he gets his orders to run, he will be in the race with plenty of money for a campaign, regardless of the fact that he is broke world without end. Big business will be for him. They know they are safe with him. As for the oil companies it would be rank ingratitude for them not to support him. He has always signed on the line fixed for his signature and they would be very foolish to experiment on some one else at this time. I think he will run or rather I think they will run him. These people have nothing against me but they know that I would do as I dam pleased and this might not please them.

Business up here is at a standstill. The depression in all its fury and oppressiveness, has finally overtaken us. It is impossible to make any money as my friends are up against it. I guess I should say "To hell with politics" but I am not going to do it. I will stay on for a better day. A fellow cannot afford to quit at forty-three. Some day they may want a real conservative and I will try not to get crippled up so that I will not be available.

I do not know when I will be down but I am going to Austin before the 15th of Jan. I will see you on this trip. In the meantime remember me to Mrs. Langley and accept every good wish for the happiness of each of you. Excuse this letter as I am my own "steno."

Yours,  
Clint Small



RISING STAR GOSSIP

The revival meeting at Rising Star has had large crowds for the most part of the week and we are glad to know the folks of this community feel that way. Many folks from Clairmont, Red Top and others from communities nearby, have been with us. We are glad to have them and cordially invite all others that care to come, for the rest of our meetings, which may continue for a week or so yet. Bro. Odie Thompson has been with us more than a week and Bro. Henry Smith also has been with us. He is assisting Bro. Thompson. We have been hearing some wonderful sermons, and may God help them to deliver many more and even greater ones.

Kalgary News

Sunday School and E. Y. P. U. was well attended Sunday and Sunday night. Rev. S. A. Sifford of Spur will begin a revival here next Sunday. The Literary Society will take the play, "Eyes of Love" to Smith Ward this Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sessions have moved this week into the Howard Reed building (now owned by Mr. Link) and have opened up a grocery. Mrs. Robert Walker and little daughter of Coleman are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Parsons. Mr. Amos English left Monday for Arizona. Messrs. J. L. Parsons, Tom Howell, Joe Gilmore, Sam and Jake Grizzle left Thursday of last week for Arizona on a prospecting trip. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hale of the Red and White Store made a business trip to Spur Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rankin of Red Mud were visiting his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Springer of Kalgary Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Rankin and family of White River were visiting relatives in this community Sunday and attended E. Y. P. U. Sunday night. Messdames O. F. Scott, S. B. Scott Sr. and son, S. B. Scott Jr were visiting and shopping in Spur Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Springer and sons, Orville and Roland were Spur visitors Tuesday and to have the Doctor take some stitches out of her hand that were taken a week ago. Mrs. Springer had the misfortune of getting her hand cut pretty badly while working with fruit jars when one was broken, cutting her hand. Ayrel Dee Cross who was taken to Lubbock last Thursday and underwent an operation for appendicitis was doing some better at the last hearing. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pope of West Kalgary were Spur visitors Friday, returning home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lyckman and daughter Corene were Spur visitors Monday. Messrs. Wiley and Wilson Springer are this week doing some repair work on the gin for A. Pinkerton, getting ready for the fall season. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Smith of West Kalgary were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Scott Monday and visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Saddler of the Ranch. Misses Estelle and Novella Witt were in the Red Mud community the past week-end visiting with their sister, Mrs. Dock Love and attending the revival at that place. Mr. John Stokes of Afton who has been visiting with his sister on the Porter Ranch near Grass Burr spent Thursday night of last week with O. F. Scott and family. Mrs. William Burrow, sister of W. M. Hazel, died at her home at Fruit Vale, Texas Saturday and was buried Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hazel and daughters, Evelyn, Syble and Melba Joe, attended the funeral returning home Tuesday. Mrs. W. B. Arthur and children were Spur visitors Wednesday. H. M. Buchanan was greeting friends in the city Tuesday.

Girard News

The Church of Christ people started their meeting Friday night. Rev. W. D. Black of Petersburg is doing the preaching. Mrs. Matt Darden, who has been visiting her son at McCaulley has returned home. Mrs. Lem Young and children returned to their home in Abernathy after a weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams and Mrs. Dean Young. Mr. and Mrs. Harper were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Young, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Woody has moved to Miss Luttie Blackwell's house. Miss Luttie has moved to Rule to start her school. Her mother Mrs. Blackwell returned with her. Maxine Goodall spent Sunday with Erma Gene Mayfield. Ima Gene Hyatt, Jewell Wilson and Syd Phipp and Ruth Phipps spent Sunday with Emma Gene Goodall. Mr. and Mrs. Oliff spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Curt Sherman, Dorothy Goodall visited Ernestine Mayfield Saturday night. Mildred McDaniel visited Maggie Lee Harvel Saturday night. Mrs. Stockton of Spur, was visiting her sister, Mrs. Dean Young, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Harper, of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Kennon Wednesday. Mrs. Dean Young visited in Spur, Sunday. Ernestine Mayfield spent Tuesday night with her grandmother Mrs. Mayfield. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Peek are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peek at Bond Chapel. The W. M. U. met August 22 We had a very interesting lesson in the Bible, Exodus 36:37 chap. conducted by our teacher, Mrs. Tom Cooper. We planned to clean the yard and do some work in the church. Those present were Messdames Tom Cooper, Hanes, Jay, Wallace, Smith, Williams, Kellett, B. P. Woody and Mayfield. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Luna spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Goodall. Miss Ruby Bess Darden, of Abilene is here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Darden. Mrs. Dean Young was shopping in Spur Friday.

Prairie Chapel

Crops in this community are looking much better from the rain that fell on them Monday. The ball game at Afton Wednesday was well attended by several of this community. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ritchie and family went to the primitive Baptist Association at Wellington Friday and returned Sunday. Several of this community have been attending the revival at Afton. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sharp were trading in Afton Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Jonnie Hale of Mt. Pleasant is visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hals. Several enjoyed their supper Friday night with the cow boys of the Matoro Ranch which are in this community this week. John Dee Parnell of El Paso is visiting relatives in this community this week. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Middleton returned home Tuesday after a pleasure trip in New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hale were trading in Afton Friday. Mr. Drue Byrd made a business trip to Spur Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hickman entertained the young folks with a social Wednesday night which there were several of Afton present everyone reported a nice time. Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hale and family attended the Baptist Association at Wellington this week end. Mrs. Homer Allison who has been ill in this community for several days is able to return to her home at Roaring Springs. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hale and family and Mrs. R. D. Sharp attended preaching at Gravel Hill Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hickman moved to Afton Thursday. Little J. T. Hale has been visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parnell of Croton the past week. Miss Rosa Lee was visiting Miss Irene Blessingame Friday. Alvie Parnell of Croton and H. J. Thannish of Wichita were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hale Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rainboat spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sharp. Misses Velma and Vera Allison are visiting their brother, Mr. Homer Allison at Roaring Springs this week.

Spur Barber Shop

Friends of the family will learn with regret the serious illness and death of a brother of Jack McCulley at his home at Paducah Monday night. Mr. McCulley and family left Spur Tuesday morning to attend the funeral. Mrs. Madge D. Twaddell returned Friday from Free Port where she was called last week to attend her father who was very seriously injured in the gulf storm at that place having a scantling driven into his back from which wound blood poisoning had developed however he was very much improved at the time Mrs. Twaddell left him. The attending physicians assured her that her father would recover. Mrs. Twaddell reports the wreckage of the towns of Free Port and Velasco as something very disastrous and the building on the island all demolished, not even pieces of houses to be found. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harolson of Anal celebrated their golden wedding anniversary August 15 and also had a family reunion which has been an annual affair for the past 15 years. J. B. Harolson of Spur and Terrence Terry of McAdoo attended. Mrs. Evelyn Holly of Lubbock is spending a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hazel and family. Mrs. Young of Abilene has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Lollar the past week. James Hill Perry and Guy Karr went over to Lubbock Tuesday to see the air derby race. Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols returned home Sunday from a vacation trip in New Mexico. W. R. Stafford was down from his farm home in the Afton community Monday, transacting business and greeting friends. Geo Erath was transacting business in town Tuesday.

"OUT OUR WAY" Twin Wells -- S. Hill

After a two weeks series of good sermons the Full Gospel revival meeting at Twin Wells school house came to a close Sunday. I am sure every one was benefited by the meeting and will miss Bro. Smith. There was a large number of visitors at the Twin Wells Sunday school and church services Sunday. Among those were Mrs. Johnnie Waters and daughter, Bobbie and Len and Cecil Bronson. Mrs. Joe McDonough and Mrs. Clarence Waters and little daughter, Bobby Lou have returned from a visit with friends and relatives at Cross Plains. Mr. Willie Hamlin of Muleshoe who has been visiting Clyde Jackson has returned home. Wynell Waters has returned home from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Emmet Pierce of Oklahoma. Mrs. Levi Meadors of this community is quit ill and in the Nichols Sanitarium.

Spur Barber Shop

HAIR CUT \_\_\_\_\_ 25c  
Tonic and Oil \_\_\_\_\_ 25c  
Plain Shampoo \_\_\_\_\_ 25c  
Other work in proportion.  
GEORGE & ALLDREDGE

A Vote For Mrs. Oran McClure Will Be Appreciated

At this late date I take this last opportunity to solicit your vote for County Clerk, Saturday, at the elections. It has been my purpose to see each of you personally, but owing to the illness of my little daughter and other unavoidable hindrances have been kept rather close at home since the July Primary. It is with the deepest gratitude that I thank you for the splendid vote given me in the July Primary. If you voted for me I want you to know that I thank you from the bottom of my heart. If you voted for an opponent I grant you that privilege and would be the last person to offer any criticism regarding your choice and I am now respectfully soliciting your support at the coming election, promising only the things that are consistent and reasonable and if you elect me to serve, when you come to the office you will always find a hearty welcome and willingness on my part to serve you in a friendly, efficient manner. My idea of life is that we are all just folks together and that we should be good friends and neighbors, helping one another whenever and wherever the opportunity is afforded. I am not a politician—don't know anything about "swapping votes" or building up imaginary grievances to induce people to vote for or against any person or thing. I am just a woman with the responsibility of a family and am forced by necessity to seek employment to make a living. As a tax-paying citizen I realize fully the necessity of lower taxes and if there is any way the County Clerk can assist in relieving in any measure that tax burden I will feel it my duty to do so. It is not my purpose to promise you anything that I cannot do, but if it is possible to help reduce county expenses in the Clerk's office, I will willingly do so, feeling that it should already have been done months ago when the depression first started hampering the welfare of the tax-paying citizens. Again I thank you for the splendid vote given me and if you think I am competent and worthy and will help my candidacy Saturday, I will appreciate it most fully and try to repay you in services rendered should I be honored with election to office.

Most Respectfully,  
MRS. ORAN MCCLURE

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An old negro in the river valley was caught in flood water. He climbed a tree and the water was about to reach him when he thought he had better pray as he saw no other means of help. His prayer was as follows:

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Friends, in this time of depression we need experience help in the administration of our county affairs as you know no school board, merchant, banker or corporation will employ an inexperienced person for their manager. I offer you my experience and solicit your support Saturday, August 27th.

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- BRICK CHILI, 1/2 Pound Block \_\_\_\_\_ 10c
- BREAKFAST BACON, Sliced, per pound \_\_\_\_\_ 17c
- HAMS, Cured, Half or Whole, per pound \_\_\_\_\_ 18c
- SLICED CURED HAM, end cuts, per pound \_\_\_\_\_ 19c
- CHEESE, 1-2 pound package (Pimento, Swiss or Brick) 14c
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC Expressive of our belief in a policy of GAME PRESERVATION for West Texas, we have declared our property in Dickens and King counties into a GAME RESERVE and will permit no hunting within the next five years. The public is requested to respect our wishes in this matter and to encourage the adoption of a more widespread policy of this nature. FITCHFORK LAND AND CATTLE CO.

Blackwell Gossip

Isn't this wonderful weather for work? And sure fine nights oh boy! how we do sleep. Everyone is just about up with their work. Crops are fine, better than they've been since 1919. We are all gonna get rich off of such fine crops and prices. Mr. S. W. Altmore is having syrup made this week. Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Jackson are spending the week at Girard. Mr. Clyde Jackson and Mr. G. C. Oliff had business in the Blackwell community Saturday night. Oh yeah! Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Briggs spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Altmore. We have changed our prayer meetings to Sunday night. Every one is welcome. There was quite a crowd out to prayer meeting Sunday night. Misses Lois, Ida and Eva Gunn attended prayer services Sunday night. Mr. Pete Gilbert come out from town Tuesday morning to see Mr. Altmore about buying some yearlings and pigs. Misses Lois and Eva Gunn went to the dance at Mr. Bob Griffins at Gilpin Saturday night but there wasn't one there. Try again. Miss Bula Mae Brooks was at prayer meeting Sunday night. Mr. Rube Woodson gave a party Thursday night. Wasn't a very big crowd but every one reported a very good time.

Quite a few of the Blackwell folks have been attending the meeting at Rising Star. Mr. Pete Sherer is 'up and going' again we are glad to report after an illness of four weeks. Mr. Doyle Gunn came home last week, he has been at Plainview working. Mr. and Mrs. George Goodall were at church Sunday night. Miss Lois Gunn and Mr. Clyde Jackson attended the dance at Mrs. Guthrie's last Monday night. Misses Verna Chester and Corene Edwards are visiting the Woodson girls, Barthenia and Allene. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cox of Birds Texas have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. W. Woodson. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cox of Birds have also been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Long. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith of Jayton attended church Sunday night. Miss Bula Mae Brooks has been looking for her "side kick" to return home. He has been away at work. Mrs. Ethel Long spent Saturday with her mother Mrs. Luna at Girard. Mr. Smythe of Plainview wrote down to Mr. Altmore wanting to know when his big patch of watermelons would be ripe. He is coming after a truck load to take them back to the plains to sell. Mr. Buster Chisum and Mr. Wesley Baxter of the Rising Star community were at the party at Rube Woodson's Thursday night. Mr. I. D. Rodgers attended the party also. Mr. A. V. Jackson's little nephew, Lee Roy Joiner of Roswell N. M. was recently kicked by a horse and is in a critical condition. His nose and cheek bone were broken badly which caused an operation to have to be performed on his face. A letter received lately says he just lapsed in a stupor. Mrs. Gerome Blackwell is on the sick list this week. Mr. Manley Gunn made a trip to Spur Wednesday. Mrs. Gray Brooks and daughter, Bula Mae were visiting in the Altmore home Wednesday morning. Burnice Ray Goodall, little son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Goodall is on the sick list this week. The Rising Star reporter calls us "Red Top" folks but our real name is Blackwell folks.

Miss Elva Lee is here this week on a visit to her brother, Lawis Lee and family, and her many friends of this city.

ESPUELA

Miss Julia Shockley is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. S. J. Shockley and daughter, Carmen. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregson and children returned one day the past week after a years stay in Brawley, California. Mrs. Lola Booth and daughter spent Saturday night and Sunday with Flora Lee, Bill and Cora Messer. Misses Carmen and Julia Shockley were dinner guests of Faye McMahan Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and family and Leona Earnest were dinner guests in the home of G. H. Watson Sunday. Reuben Morgan is here from California for a weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Morgan and family. Jess Warren spent Saturday night with Woodrow Harris. W. C. Messer and daughters, Cora and Flora Lee, and Mrs. Lola Booth and daughter were visiting in Spur Saturday. Mr. W. E. Ball and Grandpa Ball were trading in Spur Saturday. Mrs. Vernon Hahn and Dow Miller of Lubbock were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith Sunday. E. J. Howell and daughter, Lealee and Mr. J. A. Murphy and daughter, Allene were visitors in Spur Saturday. J. W. Cook spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Battles. Misses Reba Kirby and Anne Bateman of Afton spent Saturday night and Sunday with Cora, Bill and Flora Lee Messer. Woodrow Harris was supper guest of Jess Warren Sunday night. Miss Faaye McMahan was supper guest of Julia and Carmen Shockley Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gentry of Elton spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Messer and family. Miss Pauline Foreman spent Tuesday afternoon with Beatrice and Ruth Spivey. U. J. Martin is on the sick list this week. Daisy Ball spent Sunday with Adren and Wilma Morgan. Jess Warren returned home Wednesday night after a few weeks visit with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Warren and family of Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bailey returned home Saturday night after two weeks visit with relatives and friends south of Spur. Bernice Jones was a visitor in the home of W. C. Messer Sunday. Arthur Watson was a visitor in the Messer home Wednesday afternoon. The Senior B. Y. P. U. enjoyed a watermelon feast on Duck Creek Wednesday night. Everyone reported a nice time. Raymond Collum spent Sunday with Herman Messer. Mr. Willie Smith was a business visitor in Spur Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham were trading in Spur Saturday. Several people from this community were among the many in Spur Saturday evening to hear the speaking. Noel Crafton spent Saturday night and Sunday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Crafton and children. Mack Cook visited Walter Messer Wednesday afternoon. Miss Lois Hulsey spent Saturday night and Sunday with Imogene Neaves. She was a visitor at Sunday school, Sunday. Mr. Earnest Gregson and Nick and Clifford Mitchell were visitors in Spur Saturday. Mr. Paul Bateman, Clarence Alexander and Misses Mona Mae Perry and Lacy Mae Howze were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Messer Sunday. Mrs. Wiley Morgan and daughters, Wilma and Adren and Misses Nina Faye and Doris Neeves were in Spur Saturday. Raymond Collum and Horace Cook were in Spur Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Crafton and children were among the visitors in Spur Saturday.

BIRTHDAY PARTY Mrs. W. G. Crego, Dickens, honored her little niece, Doris Parker, with a party on her 4th birthday, August 17. Games were played and several nice gifts were received. Refreshments were served to the following: Wilma Dell Nichols, Billie Collier, June Harkey, Joyce Green, Allie Beth Arthur, and the honoree Doris Parker. Mrs. Boss Estes and sons, Douglas and Weldon, of Rockwood are here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Harkey and Family. She also visited her sister, Mrs. Garnet O. Reeves of Lubbock.

Soldier Mound News

Mr. Gorham is heading broom corn this week. Cecil Tullis and Cecil Duggins attended the ball game at Spur Sunday. Miss Neomi Gragston is recovering from a serious attack of appendicitis. Mr. B. E. Stephenson and family returned Thursday from parts of East Texas where they have been visiting relatives. Mr. Stephenson states that he caught some fine fish. Mr. Cecil Duggins has returned from his trip to New Mexico. Misses Zelma Aston and Sammy Jo Houston spent Sunday with Miss Francis Stephenson. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Christophel and children, Mary and Oren and Mrs. Harvy Holly and little son Lanoy, returned from New Mexico last week where they have been visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hobson are the proud parents of a baby boy. Frances Stephenson spent Tuesday with Mary Christopher. Misses Ethel Lee Shockley, Lacy Mae Howze and Alvernia Sprayberry attended the party at Dud Walkers Saturday night. We wish to congratulate Mr. Pat Robinson and Miss Maggie Hobson who were married June 18th and left last Tuesday on their honeymoon. Woodrow Gorham and John Jackson Payne are this week visiting Clyde Dickinson of Clovis N. M. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowman and children returned this week from Ft. Worth and other parts of East Texas. Miss Francis Havens spent Thursday of last week with Miss Iris Armstrong.

RED HILL NEWS

Some of the farmers of this community are stripping cane and hauling it to the syrup mill. Bill Henze spent Friday night with his sister, Mrs. W. S. Young of Steel Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Westfall spent Wednesday with their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Kimmel of west of Spur. Garner Young was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Grantham and children and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young have been attending the meeting at Girard. Mrs. F. E. Henze and Mr. and Mrs. Chester McAlpine were guests of Charlie McAlpine and family last Sunday. Mrs. Elmer Frazier was shopping in Spur Saturday. Richard Westfall visited in Girard over the week end. Albert Latham returned to the A & M College Tuesday. Millard Smith was greeting friends in Spur Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Young were visitors in this community Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kimmel were guests of her mother Mrs. J. A. Kerley Sunday. C. C. Haile of Afton was attending to business in Spur Tuesday.

Central Market

M. L. RICKLES

Table with 2 columns: Left column lists 'BACON' (12 1/2c lb) and 'SAUSAGE' (10c lb). Right column lists 'Vienna Sausage' (2 lbs. for 25c) and 'CURED HAMS' (16 1/2c lb). Includes 'ARMOUR'S BREAKFAST' and 'FRESH' headers.

SAFEWAY STORES

Large table listing grocery items and prices: SPUDS (10 lbs. ... 19c), BANANAS (2 dozen .. 25c), Milk, Soap, Blackberries, Crackers, Rice, Tea, Corn, MEATS (Sugar Cured Brisket, Bacon, Dry Salt Bacon), Flour, Meal, Malt, Extract, Coffee, Pineapple, SUGAR (100 lbs. .. \$4.39), Shortening (8 lb. pail ... 63c).

FRED HAILE

CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE 118 DISTRICT UPON THESE PLANKS I REST MY CANDIDACY

- 1. I am for AN EQUITY TAX. A taxing system by which the owner of property pays taxes in proportion to the amount of equity he holds in same and the holder of the mortgage pays taxes on the notes he holds against the property. How many home-owners—would be home owners; who hold one thousand dollar equity in a home; the loan company the other nine to ten thousand; and the would be home owner paying taxes on the entire amount. 2. I am for A BANK BOND LAW. This is needed for the protection of depositors of our state, many of whom have made deposits to their sorrow in banks of this state, never to see the return of all their money. I am in favor of a Bank Bond Law with teeth that will protect our depositors. 3. I am for passing a law for the purpose of regulating the public utilities of this state; a law to prevent unfair means to be used for the purpose of destroying competition or attempts to fix prices, etc. I am against creation of a Public Utilities Commission. 4. I am in favor of giving to our Ex-Soldiers of the State of Texas—that State which furnished the immortal Thirty-Six and other divisions—privileges just as every other state in the Union does. Alabama has Poll Tax exemptions for veterans. All Disabled Soldiers, 10% or more, are exempt up to \$25.00 state, \$25.00 county, and \$25.00 city license tax. California has tax exemptions up to \$1000 assessed valuation and every other state in the Union except Texas has something for the soldier. 5. I favor reduction of car registration license to about one-fourth of the present cost. Upon the principles I base my candidacy for Representative of the 118th District and pledge myself to rededicate the efforts of the Legislature to the preservation of those fundamental principles of government established by our fathers, and more especially to guarantee equality of all men before the law and the equal protection of their rights.

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