

THE TEXAS SPUR

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40% OF TAXES ARE NOW PAID

Deputy Tax Collector Fred Arrington states that approximately 40 per cent of the total taxes due in Dickens county were collected up to February 1st. 926 passenger cars were registered which was slightly less than a year ago.

169 commercial cars and trucks were registered which showed a loss of more than one hundred from last year. This would indicate that the people are turning to Old Dobbin for mode of conveyance to and from market. Feed is so cheap that it really has no value and our thrifty farmers are helping themselves stem the tide of depression by using the cheapest mode of transportation available.

Auto License Time Extended to April

A recent act of the Texas Legislature extended the time of payment of automobile and truck license to April 1st. Many people in Texas were unable to acquire the necessary tags up to February 1st due to the depression eliminating their sources of income. So the extension of two months has been made that everybody may have more time to raise the money.

Cars and trucks may operate, as this newspaper understands it, under the 1932 tags until April 1st. We have seen quite a few Dickens county cars operating with the old tags since the emergency extension was given.

Bankrupt Sale Is Now On In City

The Stone Department Store which has been closed the past few weeks will reopen for business in Spur today with a Big Bankrupt Sale. Stocks from three stores have been assembled in Spur by the purchasers of the Stone string of stores and are being offered to the public at prices in keeping with the low figures the purchase was made of the U. S. Bankrupt Court.

Messrs. Claude Reid and E. E. Donahoo and Miss Mildred Williams, former employees of the Spur store, are again on the job. Mr. C. W. Durnham has arrived from Plainview to be associated with the business and Mrs. W. T. Andrews of Spur is employed as saleslady.

Sells Two Cars of Flour in 30 Days

Melvin Landers of the Landers Store No. 1 of this city was all smiles when a Texas Spur representative called there Monday. He said: "See 'em unloading that car of flour, Dick? That's the second car we have received in less than 30 days—our flour business is good and getting better all the time."

Spur as a trading point has no superior anywhere in cities of like size and those of the merchants who go out after business in an intelligent way are reaping a real harvest in volume of trade. Of course they have to make price concessions in line with depression times and their profits are small—but the volume brings up the shortage for those who advertise discreetly and then deliver the goods in a fair and happy way when the customers arrive.

Has Read The Spur For Past 23 Years

A letter from Mrs. T. A. O'Reilly of Coalinga, California, states: Mr. Dick Hyatt, Editor of the Texas Spur, Spur, Texas. Dear Sir: I think my subscription to the Texas Spur is about out, and as I do not wish it to expire I am enclosing money order for \$1.50 for one year's subscription. Having been a subscriber to the Texas Spur since 1910, I don't like to miss a single copy; always glad to have the news from my home state. Respectfully, Mrs. T. A. O'Reilly.

City Tax Payment Time Is Extended

L. R. Burrow, manager for the City of Spur, states that the City Commission has issued an order extending the time for payment of 1932 taxes to April 1st. If the 1932 taxes are paid before that date no penalty or interest will be added. This action was taken in line with a general movement of leniency in regard to taxes due to the scarcity of money everywhere. Most government agencies are doing everything in their power to help make tax burdens lighter and give property owners every opportunity to meet their obligations.

Mercury Hits A New Low Here

Tuesday night of this week marked a new low for temperature in Dickens county insofar as records are available when the thermometer at the State Experiment Station near Spur, according to Ray Dickson, superintendent, hit the low mark of seventeen degrees below zero.

The lowest temperature prior to this as revealed in the records kept at the Experiment Farm since 1909 was on January 18, 1930, when it registered eight below.

The blizzard started a little before nine o'clock Monday night when sleet followed a slow, warm rain which started a little before dark. By midnight it was plenty cold and the mercury didn't get higher than two above zero all day Tuesday.

Newspaper reports from Lubbock indicate that a temperature of 17 below was registered at the airport and that it was a new record though old timers allege that it got colder than that in the year 1898.

Approximately four inches of sleet and snow accompanied the low temperature.

News of Patients at Nichols Sanitarium

Denham Redings left Thursday for his home at Roaring Springs after a three weeks stay in the Nichols sanitarium.

Mrs. Marion Thannish, of the Wichita community, will be able to sit up today. She submitted to a serious surgical operation several days ago.

Edward Hicks, of Afton, who was injured by a javelin on the Afton school grounds last week, is convalescing and will be allowed to sit up some today.

Mrs. G. T. O'Guinn is numbered among the Sanitarium patients who expects to sit up some today.

Mrs. Preston Boothe, of the Steel Hill community, submitted to a surgical operation Wednesday and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Charles Browning, of the Red Mud community, underwent a surgical operation Tuesday. She is doing nicely.

Clyde Beam, of Clairemont, is still putting up a battle with his severely fractured leg.

Eland Johnson, of the Red Mud community, who submitted to an appendix operation last week, is doing quite nicely.

Mrs. Wilkey Bumpus continues to improve.

MRS. TWADDELL OFF TO AUSTIN

Mrs. Madge D. Twaddell, Dickens County Superintendent of Public Instruction, left Tuesday for Austin, Texas, to attend to matters concerning state aid and apportionment for the schools of this county and other important matters concerning said schools.

Stamford Minister Starts Broadcasts

Beginning February 10th Rev. Sam Morris, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Stamford, will be heard in a series of messages on the second coming of Christ and related events over radio station KGKO (570 k. c.) Wichita Falls. The broadcasts will be made at 1:15 P. M.

Marion Thannish, of the Croton community, was among the visitors, traders and shoppers in Spur Saturday.

Spur Recognized As Market Center

Henry Alexander of the Henry Alexander & Co. store of this city left the first of the week for Dallas to purchase spring and summer merchandise.

Mr. Alexander, who was associated with his father at Haskell in the mercantile business for many years, came to Spur a little over a year ago with a bankrupt stock he had purchased, figuring to close out as rapidly as possible and seek another location for a business of some sort. He met with such success in his initial endeavor here that he soon figured a better location than this could not be found, so moved to a better business location here and began "stocking up."

Spur is recognized all over West Texas as one of the very best trading points. It has the largest trade territory of any town of like size on earth (we presume) and if a merchant knows his stuff and is live and alert he can secure a liberal patronage right here in Spur, Texas. Of course nobody can get rich while a depression of world wide magnitude is on, but we'll venture the assertion that the substantial and alert merchants of this city are enjoying a greater volume of trade than those of any city of like size in the State of Texas.

Improvements Made At E. Ward School

Culverts are being placed and the streets graded and graveled around the grounds at the East Ward school building in Spur. Quite an improvement is being made in the appearance of that part of town and the streets will be much more accessible.

The City of Spur is furnishing all the material for this work and a portion of the money for the labor. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation Fund is furnishing the remainder of the labor money.

Mr. Watson Has Plenty To Eat

A. Watson, enterprising young farmer who owns a farm just east of the Spur townsite, will read the Texas Spur a year, having traded us some very delicious home canned corn for the paper.

Though Mr. Watson was in the hail strip this past year and didn't make any cotton at all, the crop most everybody depends upon for ready cash, he is getting along just fine from a good living standpoint. He stated that he and his wife had a year's supply of all sorts of canned foods and meats; that he milked six good jersey cows and had two dandy brood sows to raise meat for another year and some pigs for sale. He said also that he had enough feed in the barn and in stacks to last two years without raising another grain or stalk and that he figured he was in pretty good shape after all.

Mr. Watson owns his farm which is so conveniently located near Spur and diversifies in his farming endeavors.

Everts Worked On Wrong Day

About the gloomiest fellow the Texas Spur editor struck the first of this week was H. O. Everts. No, he wasn't gloomy about his Palace Theatre business—said it was O. K.—but was lamenting mightily that he worked the wrong day up at the ice plant. After letting the plant set in cold weather order for many weeks he decided Monday that he would go down and get the outfit in shape to start making ice, so arose about 6:30 and got on the job tuning up the ice plant and getting it in apple order to start in on the freezing season. But when he arose Tuesday morning he found that all his Monday's energy had resulted in bursted pipes. It's a sort of sore spot with him and we would advise that you don't ask him too many questions.

LARGE CROWD HERE MONDAY

The editor of this newspaper looked out the back door last Monday afternoon to view a large congregation of people assembled. We couldn't figure out whether early spring fights had opened up or some fakir had assembled a bunch to watch his antics. We had thought nothing about it being First Monday—in fact no advertising of any sort had been done to indicate that the monthly trades day would be on the program.

Nevertheless there were many people down on the Swapping Lot, some with horses, others with cows, chickens, etc., and much bartering in trade was in evidence. The auctioneer of general commodities who has been crying his wares in this city most every afternoon for many weeks was also on the job and a former carnival fellow (we presume) was making small pictures within a few minutes time.

The Spur citizenship originated this First Monday Trades Day a few years ago and up to a few months ago offered valuable cash awards and other inducements for the people to come participate in the trades day event. Depression and other hindrances caused the Spur bunch to discontinue their part of the affair but it appears that the crafty farmer's of Spur's big trade territory are carrying on just the same. The Texas Spur commends the farmers over the country for their action in the matter and congratulate them on the large crowd present Monday and the volume of trades consummated. It is a good thing, in this day of little money, to have a sort of clearing house where people from all over the country may assemble and trade things they don't need for those articles they can conveniently use. Spur as a central point affords convenient setting for such a day.

The Texas Spur also believes that it may behoove this city's business and professional citizenship to get in behind this First Monday Trades Day again and show the hundreds of farmer friends over this territory that we appreciate their interest in First Monday and in this city as a central trading place.

Good Farmers Are Independent

W. C. Messer, substantial farmer of the Espuela community, called at the Texas Spur office Saturday to renew his subscription. Mr. Messer stated that he moved to Dickens county in 1917, subscribed immediately for this newspaper and has been reading it ever since.

He stated that though his cotton crop was cut short or almost eliminated by the hail storm last year, he had put up plenty of canned foods, meats and dried peas and beans to do a lot of good eating.

Such stories come from the thrifty farmers all over this country. The old one crop idea has lost away in this territory and the farmers devote considerable attention to making a living outside their cotton production. Just think how deplorable the situation would otherwise have been for those who lost all their cotton by hail storm and worms. Intelligent diversification makes the farmer the most independent person on earth—he knows he has a living, and living-making has become a real problem to many thousands of citizens of these good old United States.

Attends Abilene Store Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stinson went to Abilene Monday to attend a meeting that night of all the Safeway Store managers and other employees of the Abilene district. Stinson states that every employee of the sixteen stores were present except C. A. Hamilton of the Spur Store. Stayed here to manage the business and states that Monday was one of the very best week days the store had had in some time.

Mr. Stinson states that the talk made before the group of Safeway employees by M. G. Skaggs, president of the company, who resides at Oakland, California, was very entertaining and calculated to stimulate far greater desire of the gang to help make 1933 a banner year.

Stinson added that announcement was made at the meeting that Eddie Peabody, who is an accomplished musician and performs on 32 different instruments is broadcasting for Safeway Stores every Wednesday night at 9:30 over station KFI.

W. K. Watson, substantial farmer of the Twin Wells community, was a pleasant visitor at the Texas Spur office Saturday—just came in to get acquainted and make a friendly call.

County Court Is Now Adjourned

County Court was dismissed on February 3rd until the 17th of April.

C. M. Bursett was found guilty of operating an automobile for hire without a permit from Railroad Commission and fined \$25.00 and costs.

The case of The State of Texas vs. J. H. Coltharp, charged with drunkenness, was continued until next term which will convene on April 17th.

Demonstration On Shugart Farm

G. J. Lane, Dickens County Farm Demonstration Agent, advises the Texas Spur that a public demonstration in the making of hollow tile from concrete and laying same so as to best sub-irrigate gardens in this country, will be had on the Pen Shugart farm about five miles east of Spur Monday, February 13th, starting at 10 a. m.

M. R. Bentley, Agricultural Engineer with the Extension department of A. & M. College, will direct the demonstration.

Sub-irrigation of gardens in this country has never attained considerable proportion but those who have properly used such method have met with wonderful results. It is much more practical and attains far greater efficiency in the raising of vegetables than does the surface irrigation method.

All are invited to attend the demonstration on the Shugart farm and see just how cheaply practical tile can be made and laid.

Raymond Hodge Died in Sanitarium

Raymond Hodge, 18 years of age, of the Jayton community, died in Spur Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock after having submitted to a surgical operation for a ruptured appendix on the previous Wednesday morning.

Funeral services were held at Jayton with Rev. S. H. Sifford, former pastor of that city, officiating. Interment was made in Jayton Cemetery.

The deceased was the son of Buck Hodge, prominent citizen of the Golden Pond community east of Jayton.

Our Canned Meat Is Complimented

A. E. Conner, extensive farm lands holder and property taxpayer in Dickens County, appears to be well pleased with the diversified farming and home-making activities of County Agent G. J. Lane and Home Demonstration Agent Clara Pratt.

In a communication recently addressed to them he stated:

"I have the canned meats for which you were responsible from the two pigs that I put in the killing pool, and I want to say that the variety and quality of the sixty cans of products in addition to the standard products such as ham, shoulders, sausage, and lard, will furnish to any home a variety and quality of food as will make a pig worth about twice its normal value to any farmer or townsman. Speaking as a taxpayer in Dickens County, I want to say that if anything like such a variety of food as this has been put up for the hogs that have been killed in Dickens County this past winter, the added savings have amounted to a great deal more than your combined salaries, and, in my opinion, Dickens county gets more for the money contributed to your work than is the case for any other money spent."

Other pantries seen on this tour were those of Mrs. B. F. Kemp, of the same community and the winning pantry in the Fisher county contest in 1932, that of Mrs. W. G. Swan of Rotan. The group inspected Mrs. Kemp's living room which was first place winner in the state living room contest in 1930. On the return trip the pantry of Mrs. Abb Gallagher, pantry demonstrator of the Clipper home demonstration club in Kent county was studied.

Those making the tour were Miss Johnnie Reed, home demonstration agent of Kent county, Mrs. Bill Daniels and Mrs. Abb Gallagher, demonstrators for Kent county, and Mrs. W. R. King, Mrs. Cecil Fox and the home agent of Dickens county.

Intentions To Wed Filed in County

The following couples filed intentions of marriage at the County Clerk's office in Dickens from January 26th to February 6th:

Johnnie Lyman Beeshly and Miss Allie Gunnels, Dickens.

Aubrey Baker and Miss Thelma Havzood, Swenson.

H. A. Hammons and Mrs. Fern Miller, McAdoe.

Guy B. Karr and Miss Lois Chandler, Spur.

WATER SYSTEM STANDS TEST

The efficiency of Spur's water system was severely tested Monday and Tuesday nights of this week, especially Tuesday night when the mercury hit the lowest point in the history of this country. The City gang were smiling mightily when we called there Wednesday morning and proudly said: "We haven't had a call to fix pipes on any part of the city's system."

It appears that back in 1930 when a similar blizzard struck that it took many hands to patch the bursted places in mains all over town, so Manager Burrow, who was new on the job then, got busy placing the pipes below the frost line and of course he was jubilant Wednesday when the system had capably stood the test.

Demonstration Club Activities

(CLARA PRATT)
Women and Girls to Improve Their Bedrooms

As a part of the 1933 program of work the home demonstration club women and 4-H club girls will improve their bedrooms. The goals for the cooperators in the demonstration are as follows: 1. Remove all unnecessary accessories and arrange furniture to conform to lines of the room; 2. Add a pair of sheets and a mattress cover; 3. Build or improve clothes closet by having hanging rod, shelves for storing of flat articles, hat and shoe shelf. The demonstrators are expected to make a hooked rug and finish the floor. The home agent is giving a demonstration on hooked rugs in the February meeting with the women and will give a demonstration on floor finishes in March.

Last year the improved clothes closet was one of the goals and 44 were reported made and improved. This year there should be even more than that. The club women who put in clothes closets last year are quite enthusiastic over them. "I believe my room looks larger and I know it is easier to keep clean since I have a clothes closet. Then it keeps our clothes in so much better condition," says Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, who was bedroom demonstrator for the Soldier Mound community club last year.

Demonstrators Tour Fisher Community Pantries

"Approximately 4,000 containers of food was canned with my canning equipment last year," said Mrs. W. F. Myers, farm food demonstrator for the McCauley home demonstration club in Fisher county, Saturday to a group of Kent and Dickens county demonstrators and home agents. "More than half of that amount was canned with non-club members when I was helping them to fill their canning budget as part of our expansion program," she added.

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The Cold Weather "Freezes" Rowel

Superintendent Sam Z. Hall of the Spur schools states that attendance was cut to a very low record this week due to the blizzard. Only about fifty pupils were present in High School Wednesday.

For this reason news was not assembled for the Rowel, so this feature is lacking in this week's publication.

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THE WAR ON HIGH TAXES

In the Boston News Bureau,
Sherwin C. Badger explodes the
theory that the tremendous in-
crease in per capita federal govern-
ment outlay is primarily the
result of war.

If the war years are omitted
entirely, and all war costs—such
as interest and sinking fund pay-
ments arising from war borrow-
ings, veterans' expenses, etc.—are
deducted, the cost of government
in 1932 was \$22 per capita—
three times pre-war cost. If Re-
construction Finance Corporation
and Federal Land Bank subscrip-
tions are included, the cost was
\$29.12—nearly four times pre-war
expenditures.

What happened was that the
cost of government was immen-
sely increased during the boom
years, when gigantic revenues
accrued from income and similar
capital taxes. Governmental act-

**Spur Barber
Shop**

HAIR CUT 25c
Tonic and Oil 25c
Plain Shampoo 25c

Other work in proportion.
EARNEST GEORGE, Prop.

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Do you like to be served just a few bites or had you rather
have a full grown man's feed. We specialize in giving
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For Singer Sewing Machines, Singer Vacuum Cleaners, Sing-
er Crafts, Oils, Needles, Bands and other extras or repairs
and parts. Let me fix your machine of any make at depres-
sion prices.

SINGER AGENT IN DICKENS AND KENT COUNTIES

ivities of all kinds were broadened,
new departments and bureaus
came into existence by the hun-
dreds; thousands of new employes
were given places on the govern-
ment payroll. Now taxes have
lost their potency in producing
revenue, and government is at-
tempting the impossible—to oper-
ate on a boom standard at a
time when the national income of
its people is the smallest in a
great many years.

When times change for the
worse, business and individuals
make necessary changes to com-
pensate—they adjust outgo to in-
come. Government must do pre-
cisely the same thing if the def-
icit is to be conquered, the bud-
get balanced, the national credit
maintained and save the taxpay-
ers from ruin.

**CURBING THE CLAIM
RACKETEER**

The number of men and wo-
men in the United States who
have been making a living by
swindling casualty insurance
companies, constitute a consid-
erably army. Every year their
frauds run up into millions.

However, claim swindling is
becoming a very hazardous oc-
cupation to judge from recent re-
ports of arrests and convictions
on charges of getting or attempt-
ing to get easy money from what
are called "phantom accidents."

A band of 28 in Rochester, N.
Y., united to defraud insurance
companies by automobile acci-
dents which never happened,
have been brought to book; 53
men and women who preyed on
companies in Oregon and Wash-
ington have been arrested and
nearly all sent to prison; 22 in
Detroit, 5 in Buffalo and a good-
ly number in St. Louis have suf-
fered from a "crime depression"
period.

Companies have united to meet
the attacks of the racketeers.
They have organized index bu-
reaux in various centers and have
increased the work of the claim
Department of the National
Bureau of Casualty and Surety
Underwriters.

Every claim now made in any
given territory is reported to an
index Bureau where it is classi-
fied in various ways. The result
is that if an individual appears
to be actively engaged in pressing
demands upon insurance compa-
nies, or if a doctor or a lawyer is
too energetic, it cannot escape
appearing in the card index sys-
tem. When circumstances look
suspicious, cases are reported to
the Claim Department of the Na-
tional Bureau, which takes suit-
able action.

This work should be welcomed
by every person carrying casualty
insurance. It means that the
companies have launched a scien-
tific, relentless warfare on claim
cost, that must, sooner or later,
be reflected in the rates.

**THE DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL
ORGANIZED A GLEE CLUB**

The Dickens High School
students met Tuesday of this
week and organized a Glee Club.
Everyone was very enthusiastic
and we feel sure that it will be
a success. The following officers
were elected: Vesta Arthur, presi-
dent; Harvey (Dude) Nichols,
vice-president; Marion Berset,
secretary and treasurer; and
Blanche Harvey, reporter.

The club is to be directed by
Miss Mary Estes, whose ability
and experience will help to make
it one of the greatest accomplish-
ments of Dickens High School—
reporter.

Economic Highlights

*Happenings That Affect The Din-
ner Pails, Dividend Checks and
Tax Bills of Every Individual.
National and International Prob-
lems Inseparable From Local
Welfare.*

As is usual at this time of
year, business sentiment is some-
what mixed. Reports from vari-
ous parts of the country point
to a change for the better in in-
dustrial activity, always an en-
couraging sign. Financial ob-
servers seem to be a trifle more
optimistic. Even the high per-
centage of commercial failures
impresses many as having a fa-
vorable side—elimination of weak
units in the industrial machine
is essential to getting it to go-
ing again at full speed.

At the recent retailer's con-
vention, it was forecast that sales
would drop 20 per cent during
the first quarter of 1933 with
improvement in the second quar-
ter. A majority of retail au-
thorities believe that prices are
gradually being stabilized.

To many, one of the good
events of 1932 was a decline in
the cost of living of 9.4 per cent.
This, too, has its other side—the
continued decline in commodity
costs is one of the most stubborn
influences in prolonging depres-
sion. Another barrier to indus-
trial rehabilitation is the growing
fear of heavier taxation and the
possibility of a general sales tax
that will further damage pur-
chasing power. The state of the
public finances continues to be
unhappy, with the deficit hover-
ing around the \$1,200,000,000 mark.
Federal receipts are below ex-
pectations, due principally to the
lost potency of the income tax.

Consumption of electricity, like
car loadings and bank clearings,
always plays an important part
in the making of business baro-
meters. It is, therefore, cheering
to know that since July sales of
power have been constantly in-
creasing and in greater propor-
tion than the normal seasonal
increase. The December advance
marked a greater percentage
gain than did the increase in the
same month of 1930—a year of
extraordinary electric consump-
tion.

Latest reports on major in-
dustries show:

BUILDING—Improved, with
contracts ahead of same period
last year.

LUMBER—New business con-
tinues to exceed production, and
in Southern pine district is 13
per cent ahead of last year.

STEEL—Fell off after moder-
ate expansion; consensus of opin-
ion looks to improvement in
next few months.

COPPER—Profitless at present
5c price; best side is that domes-
tic consumption leads produc-
tion.

WOOL—Sales close to normal
so far this year.

OIL—The drop in crude from
\$3 to 28c per barrel, in the face
of proration agreements, and be-
cause of overproduction, is one
of the most discouraging of re-
cent events.

NEWSPRINT—Price cutting
has led to losses.

**SHOES, SILKS AND AUTO-
MOBILES** show definite im-
provement.

Employment declined 4 per
cent in December, with four out
of seventeen major industrial
groups marking increase. White
collar workers constitute 23 per
cent of those out of work. Even
slightest change upward purchas-
ing power should be immediately
reflected in employment statistics
as stocks of finished goods of
all kinds are now at an irreduc-
ible minimum and only demand
is needed to make factories hum.

While farm conditions show
little change, a good sign is that
the fundamental supply and de-
mand situation in regard to
wheat is steadily improving, thus
warranting the opinion that price
improvement will come in the
future. There have been some
farm price setbacks, with cattle
and hides holding tenaciously to
the upward trend. Foreign de-
mand for cotton has been moder-
ately good.

Of national interest is the fact
that forced farm sales totaled
9.5 per cent of all the farms in
the country during the five
years ending March 1, 1932. Tax
delinquencies were responsible
for 3.5 per cent of these.

A rise in prices—probably tem-
porary—recently occurred in Bol-
ivia, with but little change in the
other South American countries.
Basic British industries are re-
ported to be more active. For
the first time in 30 years the
Nationalist Government in China
has succeeded in balancing its
budget. Roumania showed a
large favorable foreign trade bal-
ance for the first nine months of
1932. Canadian business con-
tinues low.

**MONETARY SYSTEM IS
BLAMED FOR DEPRESSION**

Lubbock, Texas, Jan. 25.—The
failure of our monetary system
and not overproduction, is the
principle cause of our present de-
pression, according to Dr. J. O.
Ellsworth, head of the depart-
ment of agricultural economics
at Texas Technological College.
He continues:

"Just because overproduction
at times does cause low prices,
we are prone to attribute the
present low prices to that cause.
Statistics do not confirm such
an idea in the present condition.
It is true that goods in some
cases are accumulating, but such
surpluses are the result of the
depression and not the cause of
it. Unemployed consumers are
poor customers.

"Authentic production data,
compiled by Warren and Pearson
of Cornell University, indicate
that the total production in the
United States increased 1.7% per
year from 1840 to 1915, and on-
ly 0.6 percent per year from
1915 to 1929. Similar conditions
apply to the production of phys-
ical goods for the entire world.
Production has increased less
since 1915 than for the 75 years
previous.

"If only the prices of a few
commodities were low we might
justly think overproduction to
be the cause; however, when all
goods are low in price some oth-
er factor must be at the bottom.
Price is the ratio of the supply
and demand for gold. Gold, the
basis of our money system, acts
like any other commodity. When
it is over abundant it is cheap
and when traded for other goods
the goods are high priced. This
situation existed during the war
when most of all nations, includ-
ing the United States, were prac-
tically off the gold standard. Na-
tions were not bidding for
gold, so gold was cheap and the
price of goods was higher in
terms of cheap gold. After the
war governments again began to
bid for gold, making it higher
and higher in price and the price
of goods consequently continued
downward.

"We need an annual increase
of 5.6 percent in our gold supply
to care for the increasing needs.
In 1932 we needed 32,000,000
ounces of new gold; we mined
only 21,000,000 ounces. This means
the supply did not equal the de-
mand, thus gold advanced more
in price and goods went down.

"Debts and taxes were con-
tracted largely at a price level
of 1926 to 1929. At that time
all debts amounted to 56 percent
of our national wealth. In 1932
debts were 85 percent and in 1912
they were 34 percent of our
wealth. Business is unlikely to
materially revive until either the
debt is lowered to the price level
or the price level is raised to
the debt level. Debts and taxes
may be lowered through the pro-
cess of continued bankruptcies
and receiverships, and will re-
quire ten to thirty years to com-
plete. This is the process of de-
flation. Reflation, or the raising
of the price level, may be done
by Congress revaluing the dol-
lar. We have 93 billion grains
of fine gold back of our United
States dollars. At 23.22 grains
to the dollar we have four bil-
lion dollars. Revalued at, let
us say, 15 grains to the dollar,
we would have six billion dol-
lars enough to restore the 1925 to
1929 price level. This might al-
so be accomplished by monet-
izing silver.

"A more satisfactory solution
seems to be one favored some-
what in England at the present,
which consists of summatism,
or placing a certain number of
grains of gold plus a certain
number of grains of silver back
of the dollar. The exact quan-
tity should vary from year to
year in ratio to the variation
of new gold and silver coming
into use. Either the quantity
of metal back of the dollar must
vary or the value of the dollar
will vary. All business needs
is a stable dollar or stable value
in the medium of exchange.
With a uniform value of the
dollar, the value of any one
commodity would vary with its
supply and demand. At present,
this is not the case."

T. F. D. CLUB MEETS
The T. F. D. Bridge Club met
Monday, January 30, at the home
of Ava Shepherd with the fol-
lowing members present: Margaret
Koon, Robbie Lee Abernathy,
Dorothy Carson, Nell Collett, Vel-
ma Snodgrass, Winnie McKeever,
Ann Lee, Martha Nichols, Weldon
Bell and Ava Shepherd.
Cake and cocoa were served
as refreshments.—Reporter.

Mrs. G. H. Stack, who now re-
sides at Chico, Texas, is in Spur
this week for a visit with friends.

Miss Velma Stephens, of Dick-
ens, was shopping and visiting
with friends here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Murphy, of
Espuela, were shoppers and vis-
itors in Spur Saturday.

Spur News Items

Riley McMahan was in from
Espuela Saturday to trade with
Spur merchants and mingle with
friends.

Harry Ellis was in from the
Rocking chair Ranch Monday to
attend to matters of business
and mingle with friends.

Howard McKnight, of Dickens,
transacted business in Spur last
Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Martin, of
Afton, were visitors and shop-
pers in Spur Monday.

Mrs. Peyton Legg, of the Cro-
ton community, was numbered
with the First Monday visitors
and shoppers in Spur.

Mrs. Don Perrin, of Dickens
was shopping and visiting friends
in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham and
Miss Leale Howell of the Spur
Ranch were shopping and visit-
ing in Spur Wednesday.

Lawrence Murphy of the Col-
bert Ranch was a visitor in Spur
Wednesday.

Elmer Shugart was in the city
Tuesday from his farm home a
few miles east of town.

Cliff Bird, of a few miles west
of Spur, was here Thursday on
business.

S. B. Scott, substantial citizen
of the Calgary community, was
transacting business in Spur last
Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Parr and
son of the Pitchfork Ranch were
Spur visitors Saturday.

NEURITIS

If you have been searching for
relief from neuritis and have not
found just what you need, you
will be glad to hear how thou-
sands have gained relief from this
terrible ailment.

Nature, after all, is the great-
est healer, and that is why the
natural mineral water, Crazy
Water, is so effective in wash-
ing away the poisons of the body
and leaving the system clean
for Nature to heal. Crazy Water
does not just temporarily relieve
pain—it washes away the cause
of the trouble. When this is
done, Nature is free to restore
the body to good health. Many
thousands are now drinking their
way to health with Crazy Water.

You too can drink Crazy Water
inexpensively in your own
home by merely adding Crazy
Crystals to your drinking water.
Crazy Water Crystals are nothing
but the minerals extracted from
the Crazy Water of Texas. Noth-
ing is added. Crazy Water Cry-
stals is non-habit forming—it
isn't a drug. It is merely Na-
ture's greatest mineral water,
for you to use to enjoy proper
elimination without irritation. Re-
member, just add Crazy Water
Crystals to your drinking water.
Crazy Water Co.—Mineral Wells,
Texas. adv.

Cloris Harris, of McAadoo,
was mingling with Spur friends
Wednesday and Thursday.

Bob Dickson of the Swenson
White Camp was a business vis-
itor in Spur Wednesday.

**WITHOUT RAILROAD PROS-
PERITY—WHAT?**

An article in Railway Age on
"Railway Purchases—A Vital
Force in Business Recovery",
brings out vividly the influence
of the transport problem on the
lives of all workers, all farmers,
all producers.

In the five years previous to
1930, railway purchases averaged
over two billion dollars a year.
In the past three years reduc-
tions in these purchases have
amounted to almost \$3,000,000,000.

This decline is greater than all
the loans and appropriations
made by the federal government
for public works and relief.

It has brought distress to a
multitude of communities, has af-
fected every state in the Union,
and has thrown hundreds of
thousands of workers, in a large
number of industries, out of em-
ployment.

The iron and steel industries,
the lumber and copper industries,
the oil and coal and electric sup-
ply business, in the past, have
counted on the railroads for a
heavy percentage of their sales.

Restoration of railway purchas-
ing power is indispensable to busi-
ness recovery. No one can
doubt that stimulated rail activ-
ity would be one of the greatest
blows we could strike against un-
employment, against low general
purchasing power, against de-
pression.

Bill Sauls of the Colbert Ranch
was in Spur Thursday. He was
on his way to Jayton after a
herd of cattle.

This is Real Coffee Weather

And a cup of REAL COFFEE such as we brew from the
FAMOUS WHITE SWAN adds warmth to your
anatomy and pep up your entire system.

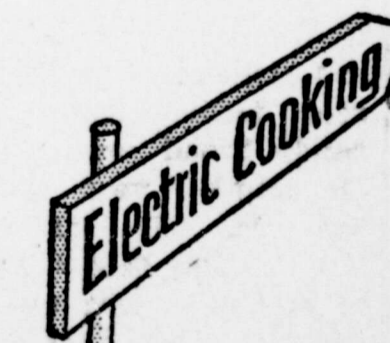
PLENTY OF GOOD THINGS TO EAT, TOO!

BELL'S CAFE



**It Will Pay You
to Follow
These Signposts**

Two willing servants—the Electric Range and Electric
Refrigerator—are waiting to lead you to better living.
... And these modern servants require no salaries,
either ... for they pay their own way with the savings
they make!



It will pay you to employ
Electric Cookery and Elec-
tric Refrigeration. The mod-
ern Electric Range will give
you more healthful, more
appetizing and more attrac-
tive meals ... at a great

saving in food and fuel! The Electric Refrigerator will give you
increased efficiency and dependable convenience. It will improve
food-flavors, assure safe, healthful refrigeration and eliminate the
waste and danger of food-spoilage. And, like Electric Cookery, the
Electric Refrigerator also will save substantial sums for you.



Don't consider these modern and efficient automatic Electric
Servants as longed-for luxuries ... recognize
them as dividend-paying necessities ... for that's
what they are! They pay for themselves!

We will be happy to arrange an interesting
demonstration of proofs for you. No obligation,
of course. Convenient Terms on one or both of these household
necessities simplify immediate purchase.

Do you know that your increased use of Electric Service is billed on a
surprisingly low rate schedule ... and adds only a small amount to your
total bill?

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

DRY LAKE NEWS

Rev. W. E. Duke filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night. Everyone enjoyed his sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stanley were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Delwood Stanley of near Spur, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hairgrove were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Loren Stanley and Francis Haven spent Saturday night with Ruby Mae Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kerney of Spur, visited her mother, Mrs. W. I. Smith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Rogers were trading in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. Charlie McMahan and little son, Lynn, took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ivey McMahan.

Glady's Hindman took dinner with Lois Smith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kidd were canning a beef at the canning kitchen Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bass were trading in Spur Saturday.

Orle Warren visited Opal Hairgrove Sunday.

Lorene Stanley, Francis Havens, Clarence Coffman, Henry Rogers and Doty Smith took dinner with Ruby Mae and Jessie Lea Smith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hutto were visiting in the Red Mud community Sunday.—Reporter.

IS AMERICAN INITIATIVE ONLY A MYTH?

The people of the United States have a reputation for initiative and enterprise.

They start things and they finish them.

They have a chance now to demonstrate their ability as never before.

"Everyone is waiting for 'business to pick up.' But business won't pick up of its own accord. It will pick up when the desire and the determination to do something rises again in our national consciousness.

There are about 25 or 30 million families in the United States. This means that there are some 30 million men who are actual producers.

Payrolls depend on construction activity—the building and upkeep of homes factories and enterprises which consume every imagin-

able product.

Building has been going down steadily for the past several years until it has become almost stagnant. Thousands of structures are deteriorating because of lack of repairs, paint, rotting foundations, leaky plumbing, worn out heating plants, crumbling chimneys and a thousand and one other things which have been let go.

Never in years could repair work or new construction be done as cheaply as today.

There are millions of individuals in this country that have savings and are well able to carry on necessary improvements now.

Starting a few million jobs, varying in amounts from ten dollars to a few thousand dollars each, would release an avalanche of money and start the wheels of industry.

Employment would increase; our nation would take heart and commerce and industry would slowly regain a normal stride.

Before long this improvement would be reflected in other nations.

No amount of legislation or political panaceas involving increased taxation and greater public burdens, can do a fraction of the good that the people can do for themselves by exercising our much prized American initiative and enterprise.

Do it now! Investment and employment are cheaper than charity!

Industrial Activities In State of Texas

Brady has a newly established creamery that is now in operation.

One month's production of salt from the mines near Grand Saline, Van Zandt County, totaled 420 carloads.

Refinancing of the paper mill at Orange is announced by its owners. It will manufacture different kinds of paper from Southern raw materials.

The Tem-Tex Dairies, Inc., plant at Temple, recently damaged by fire, will be rebuilt as soon as possible, according to announcement from A. E. Chiles manager.

Texas packers are being forced to go outside the State for their hogs to slaughter. One

Dallas packer recently paid \$3,000

in one day for a shipment of live hogs shipped from Kansas City, Mo.

In 1910 Texas was producing 8,899,000 barrels of petroleum and ranked second among States of the South. In 1931 Texas produced 331,544,000 barrels and led not only the South but the Nation, being more than one-third of the total production of the United States as compared with one twenty-third in 1910.

A new paper, with 75 per cent of its content raw lint cotton, has been put on the Texas market. It has good printing qualities, is strong and, while too new definitely to know, looks to be as durable as rag-content paper. Wide use of the paper would measurably increase the consumption of cotton, for every 2,000 pounds of the paper accounts for the use of three standard-sized bales of cotton.

T. E. L. CLASS HAS VALENTINE PARTY

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church was entertained on Wednesday afternoon with a Valentine Party at the home of Mrs. Nichols. Mrs. Nichols was assisted by Mesdames S. C. Fallis, Henry Gruben, A. R. Howe, A. S. Lawrence, F. G. Rogers, O. R. Boothe. A short business session was held followed by the devotional. During the social hour Valentine games and contests were played. Mrs. Fallis having charge.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches heart shaped cookies with hot tea were served to the following Mesdames: Terry, Ivey, Sloan, Green, South, Wilbur Perry, Hazel, Ives, Godfrey, Moore, Wolfe, Berry, Powell, Nichols, Rogers, Fallis, Lawrence, Boothe, Martha Frances Nichols and Dorothy Rogers.—Reporter.

Mrs. Nettie Littlefield, accomodating district clerk, was over from Dickens Monday and made the Texas Spur a pleasant visit. Mrs. Littlefield stated that she liked her new work fine and is getting acquainted right along with the duties of the office.

Mr. Ousley, district manager West Texas Utilities Co., of Stamford, was in Spur this week visiting with the local WTU Co. crew.

WHITE RIVER

Willie Rogers was in Crosbyton Friday on business.

Henry Slack of the Swenson ranch was visiting in the R. M. Slack home one day last week.

Alf Brown, of the Peaceful Hill community, visited his sister, Mrs. Fred Reid the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Peterson were Spur visitors Monday.

Boots Walker was a Crosbyton visitor Monday.

Misses Velma and Ophelia Cozby visited Mrs. Willie Rogers Friday.

Ed Martin was in Spur Monday attending to business.

Robert Cannon was attending E. Y. P. U. at Kalgary Sunday night.

Mrs. Ida Rucker and father, Mr. T. G. Rankin, were in Spur the past Saturday.

W. O. Slack spent the past Saturday night in Spur with his children, Neville and Anna Mae. Mesdames Cliff Bird, Mamie Ward and J. I. Greer of Highway, visited Mrs. W. J. Rogers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and little son moved the past Thursday to the Red Mud community where they will live this year.

Mrs. Ivey Slack was in Spur shopping last Saturday.

Norville Rogers was in Crosbyton Tuesday trading.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Peterson visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rogers last Tuesday.

J. T. Cozby and daughters were shopping and trading in Spur Saturday.

Robert Cannon was in Kalgary Monday with a bale of cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed and daughter were in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. J. T. Cozby visited Mrs. H. C. Peterson Monday afternoon.

Willie Rogers was in Spur Saturday on business.

Robert and Ross Cannon and mother, Mrs. C. T. Cannon, were in Spur Saturday.

Fred Reed was in the Highway community Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Rogers has been ill but we are glad to report her some better at this writing.

Mrs. Ivey Slack and Mrs. H. C. Peterson visited Mrs. W. J. Rogers Friday.

Mr. Feister, of Highway, was in the Reed home Thursday.

H. C. Peterson visited in the A. L. Walker home Friday.

Fred Reed and daughter, Audie, were in Spur Friday.

Orle Smith and Velma and Ophelia Cozby attended an entertainment at Red Mud Wednesday night.

Dr. Edge of Crosbyton was in the community Wednesday to see Mrs. W. J. Rogers, who is ill.

R. M. Slack was in Spur Saturday greeting friends.—Reporter.

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, Co. of Dickens.

By virtue of an order issued out of the Honorable 78th Judicial District Court of Wichita County, on the 10th day of December, 1932, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Doc Burleson versus Curtis Martin et al No. 26305-B, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in March, A. D. 1933, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Dickens County, in the Town of Dickens, the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract No. 338, Survey No. 1, Cert. No. 172, W. T. Ry. Company, Original Grantee; 640 acres.

Abstract No. 1234, Survey No. 2, Cert. No. 2, T. J. Blankenship, Original Grantee; 540 acres.

Abstract No. 1242, Survey No. 1, A. J. Hudson, Original Grantee; 548.5 acres.

Abstract No. 1243, Survey No. 2, A. J. Hudson, Original Grantee; 446.5 acres.

Abstract No. 1247, Survey No. 3, J. C. Keller, Original Grantee; 635.4 acres.

Abstract No. 1248, Survey No. 4, J. C. Keller, Original Grantee; 622.2 acres.

Abstract No. 1249, Survey No. 5, J. C. Keller, Original Grantee; 614.6 acres.

Abstract No. 1250, Survey No. 6, J. C. Keller, Original Grantee; 337.6 acres.

Survey No. 1; T. J. Blankenship, Original Grantee; 640 acres. Levied on as the property of Curtis Martin Et Al to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$17,403.04 in favor of Doc Burleson and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 7th day of February, 1933.

W. B. ARTHUR, Sheriff. 15-4c

A. M. Lay of the McAadoo Mercantile was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

Claud Reid made a business trip to Plainview Monday.

E. L. Hunsacker, of Dallas, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

BANKRUPT SALE

— NOW IN FULL BLAST —

We absolutely believe this will be the Greatest Sale in merchandising history. This stock was bought from the U. S. Bankrupt Court at less than 50c on the dollar and we are passing the savings on to you. Stocks from three stores have been assembled in Spur which gives you a big range to select from. Let nothing keep you away—come, stay all day.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

Clark's o. n. t. Sewing Thread, b-r price, per spool, --- 3c
36-Inch Percales, bankrupt price, per yard, --- 5c
(Beautiful Spring Patterns. Limit 10 yards per customer)
9-4 Bleached Sheeting, b-r price per yard, --- 15c

COATS and DRESSES

We don't want a Dress or Coat left by Saturday night. These things were bought cheap and they will be sold cheap. Read these prices then come and buy.

\$12.50 Garments, - \$4.95
\$9.95 Garments, - \$3.95
\$5.95 Garments - \$2.95
\$2.95 Garments - \$1.95



LADIES' COATS

VALUES TO \$25.00 — Bankrupt Price—
\$9.95 and \$4.95

Men's Dress Shirts
Bankrupt Sale Price,
50c each

\$1.00 VALUE HOSE

Silk to the top, picot top, 45 gauge, good colors. These are the hose that were guaranteed and sold for \$1.00 per pair.
BANKRUPT SALE PRICE—

50c PAIR

Extra Quality Turkish TOWELS

Large Size colored borders
BANKRUPT SALE PRICE—
9c TOWEL

LADIES' HATS

Big stock in all colors and styles. All former prices will be sold Friday and Saturday at one price—
50c

MEN'S DRESS HATS

All snappy new styles. Values to \$5.00.
BANKRUPT SALE PRICE—
\$1.00 and \$1.98

Men's Work & Dress Sox

Blacks, tans and greys. Limit 2 pairs to customer.
BANKRUPT SALE PRICE—
5c PAIR

MEN'S OXFORDS

Unheard of values for the well dressed man. Values to \$5.00.
BANKRUPT SALE PRICE—
\$1.79 --- \$2.95

Stone Department Store
Incorporated.
Spur, Texas

Economic Highlights

Happenings that affect the dinner pails, dividend checks and tax bills of every individual. National and international problems inseparable from local welfare.

As the year gets underway, business shows a determination to balance budgets and make both ends meet. New retrenchment is anticipated.

Heavy industries are still sluggish. Surplus of raw materials are formidable with stocks of finished goods low. This oversupply of raw materials, plus reduced buying power, darkens the business picture at present.

Best sign is the mental attitude of business—it is entering the new year with more morale and honest confidence than for several years past. Securities and commodities, of late, have shown considerable strength and the fact that depression has forced on industry a new meaning of efficiency should cause earnings to jump fast when the turn comes.

Expectations are for better grain prices in 1933, unless production is heavily increased. The winter wheat crop is forecast at 400,000,000 bushels, smallest sowing since 1923. The cotton crop is expected to total 24,000,000 bales, smallest in five years.

Livestock market and price level reported firm.

Raw steel output in 1932 was 13,000,000 tons, lowest since 1900. Steel mills operated on an average of 19.41 per cent of capacity.

Heavy engineering construction contracts for the last week of year rose to 38,328,000, a weekly figure surpassed but twice during 1932.

oil industry is at last working out of depression. Supply has balanced demand, a relative degree of price stability has been reached. Since 1930 crude inventories have been reduced by 88,000,000 barrels.

Shipping men look to future with hope, as result of Sixth National Merchant Marine Conference. High government officials favoring continuance of Federal aid for maintenance and protection of the Merchant Marine.

New official figures show that copper production in 1932 was about one-half of 1931 and that refinery production was 54 per cent lower.

Full-fashioned Hosiery Manufacturers Association of America, Inc., favors 30-hour work week, and bill limiting operation of any equipment in excess of 12 hours per day.

The rail wage controversy grows steadily more intense. The 6200,000,000 deficit incurred by Class 1 lines last year has made drastic economy unavoidable, and it is believed that wage cutting is one of the few possible ways to achieve this.

Automobile interests prepared to make a strong bid for better business this year. They point to the new low price levels, the improved products and the obsolescence of so many cars now in use as justification for optimism.

Congressional leaders of both parties now considering advisability of broadening powers of the R. F. C. to give it wider discretionary authority in making loans to railroads for their immediate needs.

Buster Foster of the Swenson Ranch was a business visitor to Spur Thursday.

Guy Barclay, of Espuela, was numbered among the numerous farmers doing business in Spur Thursday of last week.

We'll Come Clean With You!



WE HAVE DISCOVERED that one of our neighborhood girls was "beating around the bush" to some extent when she prayed last week: "Oh Lord, I ask nothing for myself, but do PLEASE send my mother a son-in-law."

You want be long in discovering that our family finish service protects your finest linens and apparel. The latest and most approved laundry equipment and skilled specialists enable us to set a new example in economical and faultless service. Why burden yourself with tedious wash day tasks?

PHONE 344
SPUR LAUNDRY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY
HAS MADE THIS THE WIFE-SAVING STATION

Landers Store No. 1

SPUR, TEXAS

Just Unloaded Another Car of Super Quality PEACEMAKER FLOUR

This is Our Second Car in Less than 30 Days!

THAT SHOWS THE PEOPLE WANT QUALITY—THIS THEY ARE ASSURED IN PEACEMAKER FLOUR

— MARKET SPECIALS —

- Fancy T-Bone Steaks, per lb., 12 1/2c
- Fancy Round Steaks, per lb., 14c
- Fancy Loin Steaks, per lb., 12 1/2c
- Good 7 Steak, per lb., 10c
- Flat Rib Roast, only per lb., 6c
- Pure Pork Sausage, per lb., 10c
- CHILI MEATS (Ground) only 6c
- Fancy Ham Roast (from young hogs) per lb., 10c

— GROCERY SPECIALS —

- 5 lbs. Choice ONIONS, only 9c
- 1 Gallon Country SORGHUM (to close out) 39c
- 6 Lb. Box CRACKERS 59c
- Kuner's No. 2 Can Green or Wax BEANS 10c
- 1 lb. Good CANDY 8c
- 3 lb. can White Swan COFFEE (super quality) 98c
- 20 lb. Sack CREAM MEAL (not Pearl), only 25c

(Don't forget we are giving away a nice White-Face Cow with Young Calf—Come on down).

Your Business Appreciated

HOME OWNED, RUN BY HOME PEOPLE

Yours Truly,

MELVIN LANDERS

ASK THEM?

SPUR

NEXT WEEK
AT THE
PALACE THEATRE
SUPREME IN ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY NITE PREVIEW — SUNDAY MATINEE
MONDAY NITE

WILL ROGERS
in
"DOWN TO EARTH"
NEWS 10c 35c NOVELTY

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
WARNER BAXTER
MIRIAM JORDAN
in
"SIX HOURS TO LIVE"
10c 25c

THURSDAY — FRIDAY
O. K. AMERICA
with
Lew Ayres
10c 25c

SATURDAY — OPEN 12:00 NOON
TIM McCOY
in
"THE END OF THE TRAIL"
and first chapter—
"Heroes of the West"
10c 25c

COMING! — Joan Crawford in "RAIN"

DUCK CREEK 23 YEARS AGO
IN SPUR, TEX.

Rev. Sifford filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night. He brought stirring messages which were enjoyed by a large crowd. Every officer and teacher in the Sunday school were present and an increasing number of members were also present.

Bro. and Mrs. Sifford and children had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hagins, then supper with Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Simmons.

The Rev. Sidney Cox, of Jayton will preach here next Sunday morning.

The improvement work in the school building and on the grounds is very noticeable. One room has a new coat of paint, and the floor has been oiled. Others will receive the same in a few days. The ground is being leveled, weeds burned, and new gravel walks made. Thirty new books have been added to the library. A number of new pupils since the holidays have enrolled. Several of the patrons visited the school last week. The teachers are very desirous that all the patrons visit the school often. Nothing encourages both teacher and pupil more than to have a father or mother come see what is being done. The try-out in spelling was had Friday and the following Monday. Mildred Lewis and Katherine Thatch won first place for grades six and seven. Marguerite Bural and Ruth Matlock in grades four and five. Robbie Lou Driggers and Wayne Stull won second places and will be used for substitutes.

A number of friends enjoyed some good music in the home of D. D. Hagins Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. E. Durham spent Sunday with his brother near Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Durham and baby are spending several days with his parents near Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison of Jayton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hagins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lewis attended church services in Spur Sunday. Mrs. Cunningham and Evelyn came home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hagins and Pauline visited Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofton Bennett had Sunday dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory.

Mrs. Mamie Thomas and children of Spur, were out to see Mr. and Mrs. Sol Thomas Sunday.

Joe Craft, of Swenson, came up to be with his sister, Mrs. Bilberry, who is still quite ill.

Brother Bennett and wife came out Sunday to enjoy a good country dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Bural and Mr. Bural.

Brother Bennett doesn't like to miss Sunday school so we had the pleasure of having him with us. Mrs. Bennett felt that she needed the rest so enjoyed the morning with Mary.

Mr. E. Durham and family attended the funeral services of young Mr. Hodge at Jayton Saturday.

Miss Vivian Applegate and Miss Lillian Thatch were week end guests of the Misses Simmons.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was a jigsaw puzzle and forty two party in the pretty home of Mr. and Otis Driggers Friday night. These folks are royal entertainers and much fun was had. A delicious plate of sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate was served to Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hagins, Mr. and Mrs. V. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. C. Evans, and the host and hostess.—Reporter.

HE DIDN'T KNOCK
L. R. Burrow went to Lubbock Monday for treatment by a specialist for sinus trouble. This reminds the writer that we went into his office along when the flu epidemic was at its height and said: "Well, are you sick, too?" Burrow answered: "Thunder no, I never was sick a minute in my life." We countered: "Better knock on wood old boy." He didn't and has had considerable trouble with his physical condition since.

STARTING RIGHT
Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Jones will receive the Texas Spur a year at their home in Dickens. These fine young folks were recently married and are starting home life off aright by taking the old home paper. Mrs. Jones corresponded for this paper from Espuela prior to her marriage a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Fain spent Sunday afternoon at the Spur Ranch visiting Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bingham.

Harold Wood Harris is spending this week at the Swenson White Camp with Mr. and Mrs. Allie Sifers.

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Use cotton goods. The government should be induced to use cotton goods in preference to others. The previous words headed a lengthy article urging that the government use cotton cloth for sacks instead of jute.

H. H. Hazelwood, who has been visiting and prospecting in Spur the past several days, left Wednesday for Albany to get his things and move to Spur and make this his permanent home.

San Dunn returned this week from Gorard where he had been drilling wells the past several weeks.

N. Q. Brannen had his name added to the growing subscription list.

Mrs. R. C. Morrison, who has been on an extended visit to relatives at Hico, arrived in the city this week and will make this her home in the future.

J. C. Asher, of Clarendon, is in Spur looking after the erection of a business house on Harris Street. The building is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

W. D. Gilpin is reported to be quite sick in this city this week.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce that Rev. Mike M. Young of Dickens will preach at the school house in Spur the first Saturday night and Sunday in February.

Jake Rains was in Spur Saturday from Spur line camp in Garza county. Jake Rains is one of the oldest Spur ranchers, he having been employed by the former triangle outfit which was absorbed by the Spurs years ago.

J. B. Hawley, construction engineer of sewerage systems of Fort Worth, was in Spur this week making a survey of the town preparatory to putting in a sewer system in Spur. He returned later to Fort Worth and at an early date will send assistants to Spur to run levels and begin work of installing the system. The system as planned will cover the whole of the original townsite, and the mains to be laid will be sufficiently large to extend the system later as the town grows.

A ten pound boy was born Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harper of the city. This is the first boy born in Spur, and the Texas Spur wishes that he may be honored in manhood and may he live long and prosper.

A girl was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard of the city.

J. E. Sparks and Clay Rash, of Tap, returned this week from a visit to Joe Lambert of Motley county.

Mr. Whitaker, an old time citizen of the north part of Dickens county, was in Spur Tuesday trading.

The Texas Spur is informed of the recent death of Mrs. J. M. Rogers of near Clarendon.

Miss Ruby Walker, of Rotar, came to Spur last week and will be employed as one of the teachers in the Spur school.

The Stamford Ice and Refrigerating Company have just completed an ice and cold storage building in Spur and will be prepared for business at an early date.

Sales of building material to out of city customers are reported as follows: Dave Sparks of Dickens, who is building a five room residence; C. D. Copeland who is building two houses on the nine hundred acre tract of land recently purchased six miles east of Spur; Al Sullivan who is building a house and home on his place six miles southeast of town; T. A. Ham, of Dickens, who is putting up a five-room residence; W. B. Lewis who is building a four room house on his place ten miles west of Spur; Mr. Garrett who is building a nice house on his place in the Red Mud country.

W. S. Campbell of the Campbell & Campbell Furniture Store returned Wednesday from a visit with his family at Munday. Mr. Campbell reports that a recent fire in Munday destroyed a whole block of business houses with the exception of one building on the east side of the square.

Dr. Harrington, superintendent of the State Experimental Farms was in Spur last week looking after the establishment of the experimental station at Spur. Work on the farm here is now in progress, building fences, houses, etc., and will be in shape to do demonstration work this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, spent the past week end in Denton with Miss Era Belle who is a student in C. I. A. James Hill Perry accompanied the Hogans and spent the week end in Dallas, Texas.

P. T. A. Organized For Espuela Folks

A meeting was held in Espuela community Friday night, January 20th, in response to a call by S. L. Benefield, teacher of the school, for the purpose of organizing a Parent-Teachers Association.

With Mr. Benefield in charge the organization was perfected with the following officers elected: Mrs. Spivey, president; Mrs. Crockett, vice-president; Mrs. S. L. Benefield, secretary and treasurer; H. T. Harris, reporter; Messdames Wiley Ball, Riley McMahon and Ralph Karr, program committee.

All the officers were asked to stand so everybody could see just how good looking they were and it was surprising at the rare judgement the community had employed in the selection of the officers for this organization.

Mr. Luther Karr made a good speech urging everybody to pay their poll taxes by February 1st in order to vote this year.

S. L. Benefield spoke of the importance of affiliating the local PTA with the National organization. At the conclusion of his talk the money was raised for dues to the National P. T. A.

Harold Karr made the statement that it had been arranged by the community to sell some pies to derive money to purchase some song books for the church and singing class. Mr. Karr did a bang-up job of auctioning the pies—sold some to boys who did not even make bids—just knew that they were made by young ladies they were interested in and let them have 'em at a fair price. \$7.50 was derived from the sale of pies and the song books have already arrived as I write this article; all of us are proud of them and happy.

An optimistic tone prevailed at the meeting and the future was made to look so bright, a young couple, Mr. Bernice Jones and Miss Cora Messer, decided to get married and made a date with the Rev. H. T. Harris for the following Sunday morning at 9:30 to perform the ceremony.—Rep.

Methodist Church

Sunday School meets at 9:45 with Brother Geo. S. Link as Superintendent. Some of the classes are making fine records, yet we notice that the attendance is not as large as it should be. Let us insist that all who are not coming to Sunday School and Church, come next Sunday and never miss any more through the year unless providently kept away. That kind of loyalty to God and the Church will mean a great deal to you and to many others. Do not wait until conditions are better to start to Church, but start now. There never has been a time when people needed God any more than today.

Dickens Citizens Oppose Division

Dickens, Feb. 3—About 50 Dickens county citizens meeting here last night named a local committee to oppose further division of the gasoline tax from highway department funds.

H. A. C. Erummett, former county judge, is chairman of the committee. Other members are Z. W. Fowler, G. S. Dowell, O. C. Arthur, Fred Slough, and Frank Speer.

Representatives of the committee were in Lubbock today to confer with J. C. Watson, a district representative of the Texas Good Roads association. The committee here was named after a meeting of good roads boosters in Lubbock recently.

WORSWICK CHILD DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Little Roberta Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. (Bob) Worswick, of Spur, died at the family home here at 7:45 A. M. February 4th, after a short illness of pneumonia. She was born December 18th, 1932.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon by the Rev. H. T. Harris and interment was made in the cemetery at Dickens, the Worswick family being pioneer citizens of that community. Many friends of this good family were present to extend condolence.

LOST—Chevrolet crank and long jack handle Wednesday—Swafford Coal Co., Phone 32.

Methodist Church

Last Sunday was marked by signs of progress and we press on in the work of our Lord. The pastor will speak on The Motive of The Church, Sunday morning, and Say It With Flowers, Sunday night. We are asking each one to bring a word of appreciation for some one who has been a help to you on a slip of paper and drop it in the box in the vestibule Sunday morning. The services Sunday night will be our Valentine Service. Come and bring your friends with you. A hearty welcome awaits you in any of our services. There will be special music for both Services.

Joe E. Boyd, Pastor.

NOTICE TO AUTO AND TRUCK OWNERS

For the convenience of people of the Spur country who may want to pay your motor vehicle license I have placed numbers with the Spur Motor Co. and Godfrey and Smart where you may obtain the numbers and receipts.—W. B. Arthur, Tax Collector. 1c

Prairie Chapel Girls Dye Much Hosiery

The clothes line held an array of bright colored stockings at Mrs. Lee Glenn's at Prairie Chapel school Monday when the club girls had a dyeing demonstration in preparation for their work in making braided mats for their bedrooms. Each girl is to bring her mat to the next club meeting.

The following girls were present for the demonstration: Ruth Goodwin, Lyndell Mae Glenn, Vera Livingston, Gay Nell Cornett, Alma Hale, Ima Gene Wilson, Eva Lee Nance, Merle Bennett, Paula Mae Johnson, Willie Galloway, Velma Perry, Irene Blasingame, Hazel Benham, Alma Novelle Hensarling.—Reporter.

SPUR CLUB MEETING

The Spur Club held a business and social meeting Friday night, February 3rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moreman, 2421 19th Street.

A roll of members who are to be in the group picture to be placed in the annual was taken and changing the name of the club was discussed. The club name is to remain the same.

Over forty members of the club and their guests attended. Games were played and refreshments were served.—Reporter.

Dickens Club To Meet On Monday

The Dickens Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. Nannie Cobb February 13th at 2:00 P. M.

We urge every club member to be present and any one who wishes to join.

Miss Pratt will meet with us.—Reporter.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method to express our sincere thanks for your kindness during the illness and death of our beloved little Roberta Mae.

Each kind word and act was like a soft ray of light cast thru the somber shadow of the Death Angel. May God bless each and every one of you and send you just such help when you are called to face the ordeal of losing a loved one.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Worswick and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rutledge, Mrs. W. P. Evens, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Newman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Day and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morrow, Mr. Henry Ferris.

P. C. Club Activities

The Prairie Chapel Club met at the home of Mrs. N. S. Morris Wednesday, February 1st, to elect new officers.

Miss Pratt gave a demonstration of hooked rugs.

Those present were Messdames E. J. Offield, E. T. Varnell, K. L. Glenn, H. E. Bennett and the hostess.

The club will hold its next regular meeting Wednesday, February 15th, at the home of Mrs. R. L. Glenn.—Reporter.

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Jack Cravey, substantial farmer of the Red Mud community, was numbered among the business visitors in Spur Monday.

Choice Dried PEACHES

One of the most popular of dried fruits. Keep some on hand to serve as a breakfast fruit or in desserts.

2 -pound cello bag 19c

SAFEGWAY STORES
DISTRIBUTION WITHOUT WAIVER

Fri. and Sat., Feb. 10 and 11, in Spur.

Fresh Foods	
Lettuce	FIRM HEADS each 5c
Cabbage	FRESH FROM VALLEY 4 lbs. 5c
Potatoes	NO. 1 10 lbs. 15c
Lemons	FULL OF JUICE Doz., 25c
Apples	NICE SIZE DELICIOUS 2 Doz. 33c

<p style="text-align: center;">SUGAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PURE CANE Cloth Bags</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25 lbs. . \$1.12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COFFEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Airway Brand</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 lbs. ... 59c</p>
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OATS	Gold Medal Pkg. 12c
SOAP	Large Size 5 bars 19c
SALT	Yellow Bars 3 boxes 10c
TISSUE	Waldorf Brand 3 rolls 15c
PEACHES	No. 2 1/2 Hillsdale Tin, 10c
CRACKERS	Brown's Saitines 2 lbs., 23c
MILK	Maximum Tall Size 4 tins 23c
Tomatoes	NO. 2 3 tins 19c
PINTO BEANS	No. 1 Recleaned 8 lbs., 23c
Peanut Butter	Our Choice Quart 19c
RAISINS	Seedless 4 lbs., 29c
MUSTARD	Polo Brand Quart 13c

Rice

Choice Rice

4 lbs., 17c

JOWLS

lb. 6c

BOLOGNA

lb., ... 10c

CHEESE

lb., ... 17c