

23 YEARS
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Taken from the files of The Texas Spur, published 23 years ago this week. Oran McClure, Editor and publisher.

D. Hufsteler was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

J. R. McArthur and wife, of the Tap country, were visitors in the city Saturday.

Chas Cannon, of the Dry Lake country, was among the number in the city Tuesday.

Carl Patton made a trip the first of the week to Paducah where he spent a short time visiting friends.

Tom McArthur was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

L. W. Bilberry was here from Gilpin Saturday.

W. A. King was in the city Tuesday from his home on Cat Fish.

J. E. Cherry, of Kent county, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday.

J. C. Weir, of three miles east of Spur was in the city one day this week greeting his friends and looking after business matters.

T. W. Bass, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake country, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday, coming in to bring a bale of twenty cent cotton.

W. L. Grubbs, of the Red Mud country was in the city the first of the week trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owen came in Saturday from their ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur and visited their many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sampson, of twelve miles southwest of Spur were here Tuesday, spending some time in the city shopping with the merchants and visiting friends.

L. C. Arrington, of nine miles east of Spur, was among the large number of business visitors in the city Tuesday. He says everything is moving along nicely in his neighborhood.

W. J. Elliot, a prominent and prosperous citizen and farmer of seven or eight miles southwest of Spur, was a business visitor here the first of the week, spending some time in the city trading with the merchants and conversing with his friends. He reports everything progressing nicely in his section of country.

H. T. Garner was in the city Wednesday of this week.

M. L. Blakely was here from the Afton country Monday.

Lee Payne came over from the Dickens country Tuesday.

Howard Campbell, a prosperous farmer of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Wednesday greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

Hunters Warned Game Law Is To Be Enforced

In a generous warning here Tuesday Sheriff Johnnie Koonsman made the statement that so many complaints were coming to his office of law violations throughout the county in regard to the hunters trespassing on protected farms and ranches that he would be forced to take action in the future.

Citing the liberties of farmers and to hold their lands in reverse from hunters, Sheriff Koonsman pointed out that they are cooperating with State and National agencies to build up game stores, and that he would cooperate with land owners and people generally in trying to keep the preserves clear of hunters, where permission had not been given.

In complying with the law, the Sheriff advised, it will be necessary for hunters to get permission from persons having the property in charge, and he stated definitely that complaints made would be followed with prosecution if hunters persisted in hunting on preserve ground.

In other words, Sheriff Johnnie says he wants to be fair with the hunters, but they should recognize from the start that entry into posted land constitutes law violation.

Mrs. R. L. Westerman is in Lubbock to be with her brother, Mr. Mann, through a major operation.

Santa Will Arrive In Spur Next Monday

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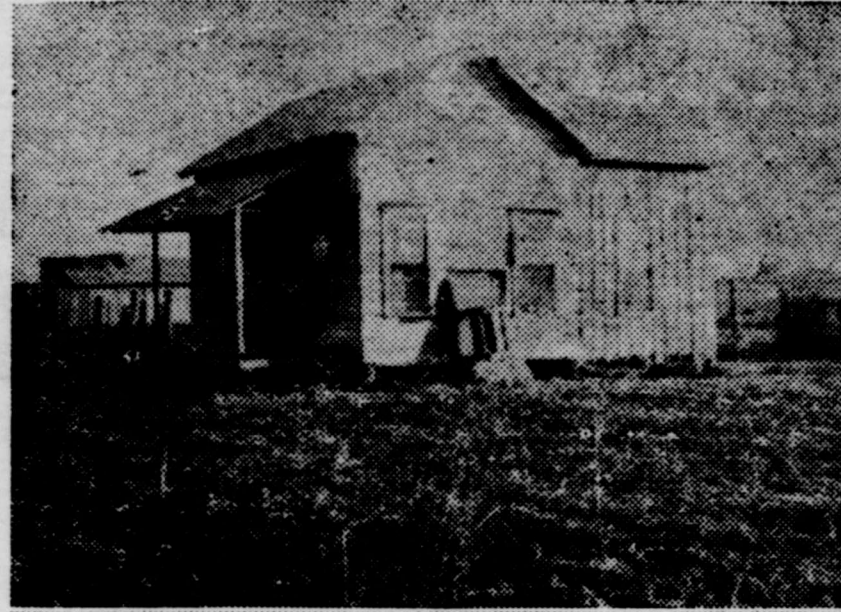
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HOW DRIFTING FARMERS ARE ANCHORED

These pictures show some of the steps in stopping the drift of farmers away from the land, which will be explained in a tour and mass meeting to be held in Dickens County on December 14, 1939.

S. E. Wheatley is the farmer shown in these pictures, with two of his children at the door of the work porch of his new home, which he is building with a loan from the Farm Security Administration. In the upper left picture is the old home upon this farm, which was about to be foreclosed for the debt when Wheatley was enabled to buy it, and another small farm next to

it which was also about to be foreclosed.

Separately, neither farm was large enough to make a profitable unit, but together they take in 127 acres. This acreage will provide a reasonable living and enable the farmer to pay off the FSA purchase debt, as is shown by the fact that he has already placed in a trust account enough to meet the first installment of principal and interest, due December 31. The trust account consists of one-fourth of the money from sale of farm products such as usually constitute the landowner's portion.

The terrace in the lower left picture is one of many laid out on this farm by the Soil Conser-

vation Service, which made a complete land use plan for the farm and built not only terraces, but also fences, and sodded pastures and ditches, cleared woods, etc. Wheatley did much of the work himself and also labored on the new house, shown at lower right. The dwelling was built partly with material salvaged from one of the old houses, and cost only \$600, although it is well constructed and has six rooms.

Farms where plans similar to this are being carried out will be visited on the tour, and pictures of them will be shown at the mass meeting, details of which are printed in an adjoining column of this paper.

A "Real Chuck Wagon Feed" Is Spread In West Pasture Thanksgiving Day

If you have been to one of those "genuine, old time chuck wagon feeds," and don't have the scene confused with some of the newer type dude ranch carryings-on, you will be familiar with the scene that was enacted on in the Swenson's West Pasture last Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

Two of the Swenson cow-country patrols, or in short, the Red Arroyo outfit and the West Pasture outfit met to swing lariats (or ritas) together, and rounded up around four hundred head of cows and calves—just a routine job that was all in the day's work for the branding outfits, but while the cowhands were tossing some mean loops and flankin' out the dogies, other important things were going on at the chuck wagon.

Veto Austin, one of the wagon cooks who carries a license to yell "come an' get it," when the beans are ripe, spooned out a real feed, and then a double feast was tied to it. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dixon brought along a turkey, some salad and plum pudding; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ericson carried out a turkey; Mrs. Buck Taylor, Aunt Mary Taylor, Mrs. Henry Slack, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Swanner, Mrs. Kirkland, and others brought along a few tons of other food, including cakes, pies, salads, pickles, and plenty of whipped cream.

Now you can use your own imagination as to what you would do if you were a cowhand, crawled out early and did a day's work before high noon, especially wrestling dogies without a wrestling-mat and shook roundup dust off to head for that feed. And of course maybe the ladies had some rather sharpened appetites—but it isn't polite to dwell at length on the latter topic.

Those connected with the Swenson camps were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kirkland and children, Mr. and Mrs. Veto Austin (Continued On Back Page)

Hey, Kiddies!

You know Old Santa Claus will arrive in Spur Monday, and it is getting about time that you wrote your letters to him. We have already had word from him, and he says tell all the good little boys and girls that he is expecting letters as usual. But you know, too, what Santa likes best about kiddies—he wants them to help their mothers, be nice to little friends, and of course not to ask for too much, because there are many other kiddies that want toys.

Old Santa reads The Texas Spur, so mail them to him here and we will print them.

It is all right for school rooms to group their letters.

George Mahon To Make Address December 14

Drifting of farmers away from the farm, and how government agencies are moving to check it, will be the theme of a mass meeting to be addressed at Spur, Texas by Congressman George Mahon, Thursday night, December 14th. The meeting will be preceded by a tour of areas where this program is being put into action.

Motion pictures will be shown, featuring especially the international prize-winning feature "The River." State officials of the Farm Security, Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, and other agencies will take part.

Arrangements are being directed by M. B. Oats, district supervisor of the Farm Security Administration. "Drifting of our farmers off the land is the most disastrous erosion of all," Mr. Oats said, in explaining (Continued On Back Page)

REA Project Is Being Worked Up In This Area; Rurals Show Approval At Meetings

Koonsman Takes Pair From Bus in the Co. Capitol

In a report that came from Dickens yesterday afternoon, it stated that Sheriff Johnnie Koonsman relieved an east-bound bus of two of its passengers at 8:30 Tuesday night.

Names of the boys were given as Billie Don Sorrels, age 15, and Mile Nickley, age 13, both of Waco.

A series of incidents pieced together stated that a car was stolen in Waco, driven to Colorado City and deserted, and another car in Colorado taken. The latter car, a Mercury, was driven about three miles west of Claremont, turned into a pasture and parked in a clump of small cedar trees.

Sheriff Koonsman, in furnishing other details, stated that the boys may have thumbed rides into Lubbock and took the east-bound bus through Dickens. They were lodged in jail at Dickens Tuesday night, and after being notified Colorado officers came to Dickens yesterday morning and returned the boys to Colorado City. Charges were not described.

Crash Victims In San Angelo Hospital

In a serious automobile accident, of which details were meager here, that occurred Thursday afternoon about five miles north of Sweetwater, three persons were injured in returning to their home in San Angelo after spending Thanksgiving at Highway. How the accident occurred was not described.

The injured were: Wayne Cliff, broken back and many body bruises and lacerations.

Mrs. Cliff, broken leg, broken nose, and three different head injuries.

Miss Sarah Bee Draper, broken arm, three broken ribs, bruises and minor lacerations.

The injured persons were first treated in a Sweetwater hospital, and removed Friday to a San Angelo hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cliff and their five year old son, of San Angelo, came to Highway, west of Spur, to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Cliff's mother, Mrs. Ovia Draper, and a sister, Miss Sarah Draper. Miss Draper was returning to San Angelo with the Cliffs to visit in their home when the accident occurred near Sweetwater. The small child was not injured.

Thursday night George Sloan, of Spur, took Mrs. Draper and another daughter, Mrs. Joe Hahn, and Mr. Hahn to Sweetwater, where the injured people were receiving treatment.

Mrs. Draper continued on to San Angelo to be with her daughters and Mr. Cliff.

Spur Cafe Opened Monday; Pretty Fixtures

In a surrounding of glistening white, completely redecorated and rearranged with much new equipment the Spur Cafe had its opening Monday morning. It is located in the old Spur Sandwich stand, next door to the Thacker-Godfrey Company store, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Griffin and R. V. Griffin of Abilene are the proprietors.

Rearrangement of the Cafe from former style gives the place 20 stools at the counter, and there are 7 tables that will seat about 20 people. Up-to-the-minute style has been the trend in refurbishing, with sufficient help and utility equipment to care for the trade.

There is also a counter in the rear of the establishment to care for the colored trade.

The newest major project for development of rural sections in this territory is announced this week with formulating work already under way to secure signatures for electric service to reach a large percentage of the homes in the area.

Many rural people have given similar projects throughout the country some study, many expressing a desire to avail themselves of the service, but little had been done previous to the opening of the campaign here the last few days.

A meeting was held at Dry Lake School House Monday night of this week for the purpose of introducing the REA program in this territory, at which time J. P. Sharp was appointed temporary secretary-treasurer. Willie Hindman, J. C. Dopsin, and S. L. Benefield were appointed as a committee to select a board of incorporators. L. D. Ratliff, Jr., Spur attorney, was present and discussed the legal phases of the REA program, and pointed out the benefits to be derived from the project by the rural sections.

R. A. Brister, representative of REA, appeared before the group and explained ways and means by which the project may be obtained. He also explained the methods used for financing and management.

Several membership fees, officials reported, were paid at this first meeting.

To carry out the schedule, three other meetings were slated in the opening program. A meeting was held at Girard Tuesday night, at Jayton Wednesday night, and another is to be held at Patton Springs tonight, in the school auditorium. Ellis Draper and F. B. Crockett were appointed on a membership committee from Dry Lake and Espuela communities.

No office, officials stated, has been established at this time, but a central point place would be selected and opened within a short time. Until the office is opened, all interested persons are urged to attend the meetings that are being held over the area. Detailed information and plans will be given out at each of the gatherings.

Mrs. Kennedy, 74, Dies In Dickens Sunday

Mrs. Caroline Kennedy, 74 year old pioneer Dickens woman, passed away at the family home in that place Sunday afternoon after about two years of illness. Heart ailment was pronounced the cause of her death.

Mrs. Kennedy had lived in the county for about 38 years and was familiarly known to a broad circle as "Aunt Caroline."

Mrs. Kennedy was born Mary Caroline Conner in 1865 in Miles County, Texas. She grew to young womanhood in that area, and in 1885 she was married to Sam Kennedy, the wedding ceremony taking place at Brownwood.

In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy moved with their family to Dickens County, having made their home in Dickens. Eight children were of this union, the eldest and youngest children and the husband having preceded Mrs. Kennedy in death.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Dickens Christian Church, with Rev. Mike M. Young, former pastor and friend of the family officiating. Ward Funeral Home directors were in charge of interment in Dickens cemetery.

Pallbearers were Fred Arrington, Lee Payne, J. H. Meadows, Tomp Johnson, Luther Edwards and Sebe Kennedy.

Flower bearers were Mesdames Lee Payne, Emma Shields, Dor. Street, King Kennedy, Murdock and Middlebrook.

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SPUR, TEXAS

SECRETARY WALLACE ANNOUNCES NEW POLICY

How drifting farmers can be anchored to the soil is the keynote of a tour meeting in which all agricultural agencies of this county will unite on December 14, 1939. State heads of the various agencies will take part in the tour, and the meeting at night will be addressed by Congressman Geo. Mahon of Lubbock. Motion pictures covering the work of the various agencies will be shown which will not only be informative but also very interesting entertainment.

The public is invited to both the tour and the meeting.

The committee in charge of the program has released extracts from a statement by Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, announcing a new policy of closer relations between various agencies. The tour and meeting to be held December 14, 1939 will be a preliminary step toward putting the new policy into effect.

Extracts from the Secretary's statement follow:

Human Conservation First Goal

Damage to the land is important only because it damages the lives of people and threatens the general welfare. The whole purpose of conservation goes back to that fact. Saving soil and forests and water is not an end itself; it is only a means to the end of better living and greater security for men and women. I hope we never forget that, vital as the need for soil and forest conservation may be, human conservation is our first and greatest goal.

So that we may get the picture before us, let us take a panoramic view of the conservation army of American agriculture and forestry, which is serviced by helps from local, State and Federal Government in the war to defend our basic resources.

In the forefront are the millions of families who operate the farms and ranches. Their decisions are the important decisions in this conservation campaign. Farm by farm, they say whether the measures of

defense will be applied. Then there is a smaller battalion of forest land owners and operators who decide, tract by tract, whether the forest resources shall be used wisely and preserved for the future. Next is a still smaller company of Federal and State government officers who are the public's trustees over the land in public ownership.

Supporting our conservation army of farmers and forest owners are the divisions of public servants operating all the many sorts of public services needed in waging this fight of a million fronts.

There are many such services. All are indispensable somehow in the fight.

Agencies Must Work Together

These agencies have sprung up, one after another, in response to the demands of the people and these demands have not been focused exclusively upon land conservation. To a large extent they have been concerned with immediate and pressing human problems.

As a result, there is a vital need for coordination of the work being done in the land-use field.

No one would claim that the tremendous amount of work done toward conservation within the last few years had been wasted. Substantial progress had been made. But when we look ahead to the tremendous task still facing us, we realize that all that we have done is only a start. For we have not yet succeeded in holding our own in this conservation battle. Land is still wearing out faster than we are able to restore it. We cannot even begin to breathe easy until we know that the forces of destruction are at least balanced by the forces of repair.

Where We Are Falling

To what extent are the present programs inadequate, and why?

When we look at the Triple-A program, for example, we find that, while much progress had been made, there are still millions of farms where conservation practices fully adequate to keep the soil in place do not yet prevail. When we look at the Soil Conservation Service program, we see that its intensive demonstrations have been carried

out only on tiny areas, here and there. The soil conservation districts covering a total area of more than 100 million acres which the Department is assisting give promise, but they are really only in the formative stage. Making them effective instruments for intelligent land use is still a challenging task. The flood control program of upstream land treatment administered by the Department is only now ready to emerge from the survey stage. Submarginal land buying goes ahead only slowly on the restricted funds available.

The Farm Security Administration field workers, through consultation with borrowers, are doing valuable work in guiding low-income farm families toward conservation practices. . . . But these families have to make a living, and they cannot save their soil unless they save themselves at the same time. The FSA tenancy program is getting under way, and eventually we hope this will be of great significance. But at its present pace only a few farms are being purchased each year in each of about one-tenth of the counties in the United States. And even on these, very little improvement in conservation practices has yet resulted from their acquisition by owner operators. State and local planning is an indispensable aid to conservation, but it is only getting under way. We must bear down and make sure that as rapidly as possible the separate programs are brought together in one effective unified effort which will serve the farmer on his farm in a common sense manner.

BACKACHE CAUSED BY—

Backache may be caused by sluggish kidneys. If excess acids and other wastes are not regularly eliminated it may also lead to getting up nights, burning, scanty or frequent flow, leg or rheumatic pains, headache or dizziness. Keep kidneys active same as bowels. Get a 25c box of BUKETS from any druggist. Your 25c back in 4 days if not pleased. Locally at GRUBEN DRUG & JEWELRY.

MAYBE UNCLE SAM WANTS FEMALE ARMY, EH?

Even the United States Army makes mistakes.

Miss Fenton Clark, Iowa Park, and Miss Jo Martin, Abilene, seniors in Texas Christian University at Fort Worth, can verify this statement. This week they both received invitations from Army headquarters to join the U. S. Air Corps.

Evidently it was the masculine names of the two coeds that threw the Army for a loss.

But the girls are resigned to the error, after long experience.

"I'm always getting some kind of advertisement for men's clothes," Miss Clark says. "I've gotten to where I just take it as a matter of course and throw the letters away."

A CORRECTION

We would like to call to readers' attention a statement that appeared in the Campbell Burial Association advertisement in last week's Texas Spur. Under the signature a line stated that it was established in 1909. A misplaced line brought about the error. It should have appeared at the top of the ad signifying that Campbells established their original business in 1909. It was not the intention of W. S. Campbell and son, Spencer, nor of this newspaper, to publish a misleading statement. Thanks.

THINKS FARMERS CAN SAVE BY BUYING SEED NOW

By purchasing their cottonseed for planting this fall rather than waiting until spring, Texas cotton farmers can save money. F. E. Lichte, cotton gin specialist for the A. and M. College Extension Service points out that fall prices are ordinarily cheaper than those quoted after January 1.

Pooling of orders will increase the savings to farmers since they can get the benefit of wholesale price. In many instances cotton ginner and cotton warehouse men in Texas have been aiding in the purchase and distribution of planting seed in lots.

SO, NO SHORTAGE—

If cotton farmers in the United States didn't plant a single cotton seed in 1940, the present supply of 26,000,000 bales would be ample for normal consumption needs, since demand is expected to be around 12,000,000 bales annually.

MOTH BALLS MAY BE UTILIZED AFTER FIRST USE

Moth balls which have served their time among the woolens stored for the summer may see additional service in a flower bed. Tulip lovers who want to protect their bulbs from rats and moles can place two or three moth balls close to each bulb or spread a tablespoon of moth flakes (paradichloridebenzene) about an inch from the bulb, according to J. F. Rosborough, horticulturist for the A. and M. College Extension Service. Poison bait can be used for mice and gophers, but moles are carnivorous, he explains.

TO DALLAS MEET

W. F. Foreman, Joe M. Rose, E. F. Shugart and J. L. Karr motored to Dallas last week to attend an important agricultural meeting.

EARLY LONG HERE

Early Long, of Vera, Texas, was here from Monday to Wednesday visiting his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long and the boys. This is Early's first time to see his youngest grandson, Jennings Long—and he's of the opinion that the young man is very handsome like his grandfather.

Lanier Gilbert, of Houston, was a guest during the holiday season in the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gruben. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jackson of Roaring Springs, were visitors and in Spur shoppers Saturday.

M. B. Gage, Commissioner from up Afton area, was in Spur yesterday attending to business matters.

VISIT HERE AND WITH THE MCKEEVERS AT AMHERST

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Young and son of Anson came up for a week end as guests of the A. Biggs, two miles north of Spur. Saturday all the guests, joined by Mr. and Mrs. Biggs, motored over to Amherst to visit in the John McKeever home, returning here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. McKeever and family are former Spur citizens.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Harrell spent Thanksgiving with Rev. Harrell's mother, Mrs. Mattie Hamill of Breckenridge and relatives in Young County; and visited Mrs. Harrell's sister, Mrs. Harry Ward in Breckenridge and nieces there.

A REAL ORNAMENT

For fifty years Ballard's Snow Liniment has been the favorite for easing the muscles made sore by over-work or too much exertion, strains, sprains, and bruises. Get a 50c or 60c bottle and keep it handy.

CITY DRUG CO.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Bronchitis, acute or chronic, is an inflammatory condition of the mucous membranes lining the bronchial tubes. Creomulsion goes right to the seat of the trouble to loosen germ laden phlegm, increase secretion and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding that you are to like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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For Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Your Cold Cough Is Tough On Your Friends, Too!

You can't blame your friends for wishing you would go somewhere else with your cold and cough; colds are highly contagious and cause more loss of time from illness than all other diseases combined.

Get Mentho-Mulsion. Mentho-Mulsion is guaranteed to stop your cold cough immediately and rid you of that cough entirely, quicker than any medicine you ever tried, or every cent of the cost will be refunded without question.

Mentho-Mulsion is the formula of the dean of pharmacy of a large mid-western university. It contains vitamins A and D to build up your cold resistance, and seven soothing,

healing oils and unguents, with highest quality beechwood creosote for penetration. Genuine California fig syrup gives Mentho-Mulsion a taste you will like and makes it cling to your irritated membranes so its healing ingredients act more quickly and effectively.

Feverish, irritated air passages are fine nesting places for stray germs, including even such dangerous ones as flu, pneumonia and tuberculosis. It is dangerous to take a chance with a cough due to a cold.

Mentho-Mulsion is endorsed by your neighbors and guaranteed by leading druggists everywhere.—adv

Keep Your Money at Home

Trade with your local merchant and no doubt your dollar will reach your pocket again. The merchant who trades at home will also keep the local dollars in local circulation. Trade with your own: Municipal light and power plant.

The City Of SPUR



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For Women and Clubs



H. J. Parks, of Highway, was a business visitor in the city Saturday. Buster Robinson, progressive farmer from out in the Highway section, was attending to business and seeing friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Godfrey of the Thacker-Godfrey Furniture Store were Lubbock visitors Tuesday morning.

Mrs. L. Luckett, of Matador, spent the weekend in Spur, the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Godfrey.

Mrs. H. C. Foote and daughter, Miss Dorothy, of Calgary, were shopping and visiting friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Armstrong, of six miles north of Spur, was shopping and visiting in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shugart, was home from a beauty school in Lubbock. Dan Hisey was home from Tech to spend his time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hisey.

Elmer Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, was home from Tech. Victor Joyner, of Lubbock, and Pauline Joyner, Brownwood, were home for the holiday to visit parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Joyner.

Gladys Robertson came home from Tech to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Greer Cross 67th Wedding Anniversary, December 5

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Greer of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch were not exactly celebrating here Tuesday, but it was more of a friendly visit with the people of Spur and area—just shopping, they said, and feeling a bit gay for that day in their lives.

And it was really an event! Mr. and Mrs. Greer had been married 67 years Tuesday.

It is a far-flung era back to that day, December 5, 1872, down in Limestone County, Texas, when J. I. Greer and Miss Mattie Thomas walked to the altar of wedlock and took the vows of "Until Death Do Us Part." And it is also a good span of time back through 47 years that Mr. and Mrs. Greer have lived in this county. They came to Dickens County from Coleman County, having lived there about three years after leaving Limestone County.

Throughout the 47 years in Dickens County Mr. and Mrs. Greer have made their home at Lone Oak Farm and Ranch. Mr. Greer will be 88 years of age the 19 of January; he is an ex-Ranger, and makes the annual trek to the Texas ex-Rangers' Convention. Mrs. Greer will be 85 years of age on February 23, 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer have eight children living. One son, L. J. Greer met death in a car mishap out in New Mexico about four years ago. W. H. Greer lives near Brawley, California. Mrs. N. M. Smith makes her home with her parents at the farm-ranch home. Others are Tom Greer, Brawley; W. I. Greer, Kelseyville, California; Mrs. E. M. Cox, Los Angeles; Mrs. Mamie Ward, Los Angeles; R. A. and R. D. Greer, both of whom make their home with the parents.

When it became known here that Tuesday was Mr. and Mrs. Greer's wedding anniversary, and the 67th at that, they were the recipients of numerous lovely gifts from friends here, along with a multitude of good wishes for many more happy wedding anniversaries.

MRS. HENRY ALEXANDER BRIDGE PARTY HOSTESS

One of the lovely social affairs of last week was the party Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Henry Alexander entertained her 1925 Bridge Club and a number of invited friends at her home, 515 North Willard.

Chrysanthemums and rose buds from her flower garden made beautiful room decorations.

Mrs. C. H. Elliott played high for club members, and Mrs. B. C. Langley for guests.

A lovely refreshment plate was passed by the hostess to party guests including Mesdames B. C. Langley, Hollis Atkinson, R. E. Dickson, H. P. Gibson, and smallwood, of Dallas, and club members, Mesdames A. C. Hull, Hill Perry, Nellie Davis, F. W. Jennings, C. H. Elliott, M. C. Golding and Miss Julia Mae Hickman.

Mrs. H. C. Peterson left Sunday for Meadow, Texas, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stearnes and family, and Mrs. A. L. Walker, former residents of Dickens county.

Mr. and Mrs. Fount Harrell, good farmers of the Red Mud country, were shopping and seeing friends here Saturday.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Isn't Far Away . . .

—but in the meantime you can have many delicious meals. It doesn't have to be a holiday for us to plan appetizing menus. Our "regulars" can give you a tip on fine foods that we serve.

How about next Sunday out of the kitchen? Plan now for the entire family to dine out and we'll have a delicious dinner ready for you.

Mrs. Smith's
NU-WAY CAFE

MRS. JOHN ALBIN HONORED IN FRIDAY SHOWER

Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. E. Morris, with Mesdames Lester Ericson, Murray Lea and J. C. Payne acting as co-hostess, Mrs. John Albin was honored with a shower. Mrs. Morris met the guests.

A vocal number, "Love's Old Sweet Call," was rendered by Sammie McGee and Peggy Hogan with Robbie Clemmons at the piano.

Louise Ince gave a reading, "The Soul of a Child."

Mrs. Murray Lea presented the gifts.

Refreshments consisted of pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream, and Sanka coffee.

Those present were Mesdames W. B. Francis, Ned Hogan, Joe D. Giddens, W. S. Campbell, John Mims, H. O. Albin, Floy Barfoot of Lamesa, A. O. White, Harvey Giddens, D. J. Dyess, F. F. Vernon, E. J. Laster, A. M. Shepherd, L. W. Langston, Floyd Barnett, Neal Chastain, Bill Walton, J. J. Albin, Wallace R. Wilkinson of Dallas, and Misses Nell Francis, Alice Wright of Monahan, Mary Lee Cherry, Ann Laster of Monahan, and hostesses and program members.

Those unable to attend but sending presents were Mesdames D. B. Sauls, W. C. Gruben, J. B. Johnston, Geo. Gabriel, C. C. Carney, T. C. Sandlin, J. P. Carson, L. R. Barrett, Poll Cato, W. E. Ballard, Jno. A. Moore, O. C. Arthur, Chas. Fox, Monk Rucker, Robert McCormick, L. E. Barker, M. A. Lea, Ferrel Albin and Jane Ann, W. E. Putman, M. V. Tidwell, T. E. Milam, B. F. Hale, Dick Speer, Alf Glasgow, Henry Alexander, G. A. Sloan, M. C. Golding, Henry Stiles, Henry Gruben, Murl Foreman and Merla, Thurmond Moore, and Misses Dorothy Young, Vera Shepherd and Hazel Watson.

HOME FOR THANKSGIVING

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander enjoyed a home-coming of their children for the Thanksgiving here. Those trekking home for the holiday were Miss Bernice Alexander, teacher in Sweetwater public schools, and Ted and Joe Paul, students in Baylor, Waco, and Jack, of Colorado City.

MISS MARLENE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Slim Roberts Thursday morning, November 30, a seven pound girl, named Marlene, and already appointed boss around headquarters.



METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
Sunday School 9:55
Morning Worship 11:00
Young People's League 6:15
Evening Worship 7:00
W. M. S. Monday 3:00
Wednesday Night Prayer Service 7:15

At the Worship Service Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the subject: "The Dry Brooks of Life." Special music will be rendered. Sunday Night the pastor's sermon topic is to be: "The Voice of God." Worship with us Sunday. Visitors are welcome.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
John C. Ramsay, Minister
10 a. m. Sunday School, J. C. McNeill, III, Superintendent
11 a. m. Morning Worship and the Word. Theme: "More Than Conquerors."

6:30 p. m. Young People's Kingdom Highways League, Mrs. Pete Robinson, Adult Adviser.
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship and the Word. Theme: "But Where is Zebedee?"

Every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting. The public is cordially invited. If you have not a church home, won't you give this church the privilege of making you welcome in the work of His vineyard?

DICKENS HOMEMAKING GIRLS HAVE SPECIAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Homemaking II A girls of Dickens have been studying dinner planning and preparation and for the last week in November planned a special dinner for Thanksgiving. The dinner was served Tuesday, November 28 since school turned out Wednesday.

Each girl made a plan for a Thanksgiving menu of three courses considering cost and time for preparation, and availability of the food. The menu used was as follows: Tomato juice cocktail, fricaseed chicken, candied sweet potatoes, buttered onions, cranberry salad with celery, pumpkin nut pie, hot rolls and butter.

Mr. Banowsky was the guest, Mr. Fred Arrington was invited to act as host so the class could have a situation to experience as a normal family, and Anne Murphy was hostess. Ozella Drennen, Winona Reynolds and Mona Adams were members of the family.

This dinner could be served at any farm home in the community without much expenditure of time or money.

It is probable that most families in the community raise their chickens, tomato juice may be canned at home, onions can be grown easily, and it is a fact that many people grow pumpkins every year and some raise sweet potatoes.

By having a garden and with suitable care and preservation of food that is grown, one may have most of his Thanksgiving dinner at home.—Rep.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carson, residents of Spur for the past ten or twelve years, left Thursday for Artesia, New Mexico. Mr. Carson was with Spur Creamery during their time here, coming to Spur from Abilene.

Holiday Visitors

The holiday season of Thanksgiving saw again the trek homeward of many students from the various schools of the Southwest, some coming in to spend only a day, others here for a weekend of visiting with parents, or other relatives and friends.

Billie Louise Powell was up from C. I. A., Denton, to see her father, Luther Powell, and many friends.

Alton and Joyce McCully, McMurry students, visited in the home of parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCully, and Selba.

Miriam Reed was home with parents, the James B. Reeds. She is a student in Baylor.

Billie Dee Bell spent Thanksgiving with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bell. He is in McMurry. Jane Godfrey, senior home-ec student in Tech, was here to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, the W. F. Godfreys, and Flke.

Ruth Hindman, from Tech, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hindman.

James, Ruth and Ruby Cowan, students in Tech came over for Thanksgiving Day with their mother, Mrs. E. J. Cowan. Other guests in the Cowan home for the occasion were Gene Tarleton, of Albany; Aline Comer, Sagerton; Wynell McClure, Tech students, and Mrs. McClure.

Reginia Lee spent her Thanksgiving time from Tech in the home of her mother, Mrs. Emma Lee.

Johnnie Nichols, Tech, visited his parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols. Wilson Garner was home to see his parents, the W. W. Garners. He attends school in Las Vegas.

"Swat" Jones, also of Las Vegas, was here to visit his mother and grandmother, Mrs. M. L. Jones and Mrs. S. E. Garner, and Miss Ella Garner. He plans to join his father at the Jones Ranch near Bledsoe. Pauline Shugart, daughter of

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MAHON—

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the objects of the tour and meeting. "Farmers are being displaced from the land by bankruptcy, by lack of proper tools and livestock, by lack of operating capital, by lack of knowledge of proper farming methods, and by the spread of mechanized farming and large-scale operations. The public will be informed at this meeting and on this tour what is being offered them to remedy these conditions."

Farm Security Administration is the Department of Agriculture's agency charged directly with the task of checking this "human erosion," and the tour and meeting will demonstrate how other agencies are providing additional guidance and assistance.

The tour will start from Spur at 1:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with local business men taking the lead in welcoming the congressman

and visiting officials of government agencies. Stops will be made at farms which have been bought by former tenants with loans from Farm Security. New homes have been built or old ones remodeled upon these farms, through Farm Security loans. A complete soil conservation plan for each farm has been worked out and put into practice, through the Soil Conservation Service, including not only terracing and strip cropping, but also the requirement from cultivation of certain parts of the land. This has been properly planted to grass, with sodding ditches to prevent erosion.

Mr. Oates said that the motion pictures to be shown at the meeting will not only be instructive, but will be very dramatic. "The River" had a big run at the leading motion picture theatres of New York, and other large cities, and drew record crowds recently when shown at open air meetings in East Texas. Among the more dramatic moments are scenes along the Mississippi taken during the last great flood.

KENNEDY—

Survivors are, including their families, Tack Kennedy, Roswell, New Mexico; Jeff Kennedy, Wilcox, Arizona; Hampie Kennedy, Carrizozo, New Mexico; G. W. (Shorty) Kennedy, Aspermont; Mrs. Dock Fate, Roaring Springs, and Mrs. Ida Thompson, Hobbs, New Mexico. There are also three sisters, Mrs. Sallie Brown, Mrs. Docia Brown, and Miss Emma Conner, and one brother, Frank Conner.

Sees New Lister-Planter

Mr. L. P. Jeffers returned Monday from Dallas where he had been to inspect the new two-row lister-planter for the Ford Tractor. He stated that "the lister is all more than I expected to see. We will have one here next week for a demonstration. Shipments will be coming out of the factory in carload lots starting next week. (adv.)

Ministers Alliance Met Saturday, December 2

The Ministers Alliance of Spur met in the Methodist Church study at 10 a. m., December 2nd, president C. R. Joyner, presiding. Those present were Reverends C. R. Joyner, J. E. Harrell, Wendall Burba, E. O. Pior, C. W. Henderson, and John C. Ramsay.

After prayer by Reverend E. O. Pior the minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Reverend E. O. Pior, pastor of the Assembly of God, and Reverend Wendall Burba, new pastor of the Methodist Circuit, were introduced and welcomed.

Reports of the Union Armistice Day Service at the Palace Theatre held November 12th, and of the Union Thanksgiving Service, held November 29th, at the First Baptist Church were made.

Plans of the Methodist Young People to have a Watch Night Service were announced by the pastor, Reverend J. E. Harrell, and other churches were invited to cooperate. The secretary by common consent was asked to thank Mr. O. C. Thomas, School Superintendent, for his fine spirit of cooperation in changing the usual pep rally from the Wednesday evening prior to the Thanksgiving football game Thursday afternoon, so as not to interfere with the Union Thanksgiving Service. Considerable discussion was put on simultaneously pre-Easter Services in all the churches with the pastors doing the preaching was entered into. Many expressed a hearty approval of the plan, subject of course to the action of the individual churches. This latter matter was docketed till next meeting in the hope that at this January meeting fuller plans would be formulated.

Upon motion the Alliance adjourned with prayer by Reverend Wendall Burba.

—John C. Ramsay, Secretary

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BREAD 2 loaves 15c	BULK SUGAR , 10 pounds ... 49c
POST TOASTIES , pkg . 10c	BEET SUGAR , 25 lbs. \$1.25
PURE CANE SYRUP , gallon 50c	CANE SUGAR , 25 lbs. \$1.29
NO. 1 CAN TOMATOES , No. 1 can . 5c	FLOUR , Lilly White 24 lbs . 59c 48 lbs . \$1.15
DEL MONTE - NO. 2 CORN , 2 cans 25c	NO. 2 CAN TOMATOES , 3 for 25c
ONE POUND 40 PERCENT BRAN FLAKES 10c	NO. 2 CAN PEAS , No. 2, 3 cans ... 25c
PEACHES 10 lb. box \$1.35	FOLGER'S COFFEE , 2 pounds ... 55c
SWIMMER'S BEST - LIGHT CRUST FLOUR , 48 pounds . \$1.55	8 POUND CARTON SHORTENING 77c
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PORK CHOPS , lb. 15c	PURE HOG LARD , pound 9c
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Officials Warn Against Over-Vote

According to a notice sent out by the Extension Service, strict rules will govern voting in the Cotton Referendum on December 9, and farmers are urged to study the applied laws governing same. In families where more than one person helps produce cotton under a single lease or cropping agreement, only the person who enters into the lease or agreement is entitled to vote on the marketing referendum.

Sheriff Johnnie Is Eligible For A Diploma

The past few days when the opportunity presented itself for Sheriff Johnnie Koonsman to "start to school" again, he took advantage of it—and the nice part about it is our Sheriff got no spankings, had no trouble with the teacher, and brought home a good report card. Mrs. Koonsman and Johnnie, Jr., checked the work, and so the Sheriff is in good standing at home, too.

And about the school work. Uncle Sam has been sending his G-Men over the country conducting schools for law enforcement officers, giving them new ideas—and maybe they snap up some usable ideas themselves from "laws" out our way occasionally.

The school was conducted for ten days in Lubbock, with the area officers being given examinations and various types of coaching on carrying on their duties. Sheriff Koonsman attended nine of the ten days, and took the count for an "A" card.

REAL FEED—

and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slack and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Gradon Swanner and daughter, Aunt Mary Taylor, Burl Smythers, Bannie, Cherrie and Tommie Smith, Loyd Jones, Lonnie and Tom Gilmore, Coy, Voil and Claud Drennen, and Giggie McCombs.

The guests out with the Swenson group were Mrs. Fred O. McFall, Miss Boothe, Miss Velma Witt, Miss Shirley Nichols, Mrs. Doc Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ericson and son, Lester Laine.

Spencer Campbell of the Campbell Funeral Home here, was in Slaton Monday to relieve his uncle, Weber Williams, of duties at the Williams Funeral Home. Mr. Williams has been confined to his bed for several days from illness.

Mrs. Carl Murray went to Graham Thursday morning to visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Teague, returning here Sunday.

Spur Lets Climaxing Tilt To Floydada Whirlwinds Here Turkey Day, 6 - 27

In a closing round Thanksgiving Day when the curtains swung together on the honorary count that had already been made for 1939, Spur Bulldogs penciled 6 with the over-the-Caprock eleven carrying home a neat 27 for their hope chest.

Definitely Spur didn't put the pressure against Floydada that the Lockney Longhorns felt, but an all-around featured program of enjoyment was not lacking.

The kickoff to Spur at 2:30 Thursday afternoon and follow-up wedging made a sluice of fans forget that they had just had a turkey dinner, and Spur from the beginning

Four-Square Glance

Spur	Yds. Passing	Floydada	70
0	Passes Completed	4	5
12	First Downs		17
4-82yds	Yds Ret Kickoff	123	yds
7-235	Yds on Punts	7	251
221	Yds. Rushing		312
18	Yds Losses		57
2	Fumbles		0
0	Recoveries		2
4-50 yds.	Penalties	5-55	yds
6	SCORES		27

missed out on some of the breaks that they had in earlier games.

Partly decisional, the last game for both teams put Floydada to face no mobile standing, but put Spur on the pendulum for third or fourth place in district count—and the loss spelled fourth.

In the first quarter Spur's fumble changed countries with the ball. Floydada's 30 yard line. In the first six minutes of play the up-country boys staked a claim, Lider going through center for the 1 yard. Kick blew out.

In the middle of the second quarter the Floyders put more push behind Lider, with his swing around right end paying dividends. Kick fell on rich soil for the 13 mark.

In the first of the second half Gollightly trailed Lider's second run for 4 yards around the wing, and kicked pay.

Dodging the clock by about two minutes, Bulldog Power took the ball through Floydada's center for 2 yards in third, but the one point to stack on top failed.

With three minutes to play in the fourth, Lider rallied for the Whirlwinds in a center advance, covering up 3 yards for the final heavy pay. Kick lined up for a final 27.

SEASONAL CLOCK
(Point Standing For 1939)

Spur	Rule	Opponent	0
19	Snyder		13
6	Haskell		20
6	Silverton		7
(Conference Games)			
7	Matador		7
19	Ralls		6
6	Crosbyton		0
20	Paducah		25
0	Lockney		12
6	Floydada		27
101	Total Points		117

Mrs. W. J. Higgins, of Red Mud, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday. Accompanying Mrs. Higgins was a guest from Crosbyton, Mrs. W. A. Grubaugh.

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