



Democratic Primary Saturday

Appointment of all election judges has been made for the county, and the big party is all planned for Saturday, July 23, with expectations for a record vote in all boxes. A list of election judges is given on another page. Make your plans to vote.

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Five of Even Dozen Candidates in Race For Governor of Lone Star State



CLARENCE MILLER



TOM HUNTER



E. O. THOMPSON



BILL McCRAW



W. LEE O'DANIEL



KARL A. CROWLEY

The withdrawal of Clarence Miller of Dallas from the gubernatorial campaign leaves an even dozen to breast the waves for a place on the Texas Governor's stool. Others in the race not pictured here are Clarence Farmer, James A. Ferguson Marvin P. McCoy, P. D. Renfro, S. T. Brogden, Thomas Self, and Joseph King.

For Lieutenant Governor



PIERCE BROOKS

For The General Land Office

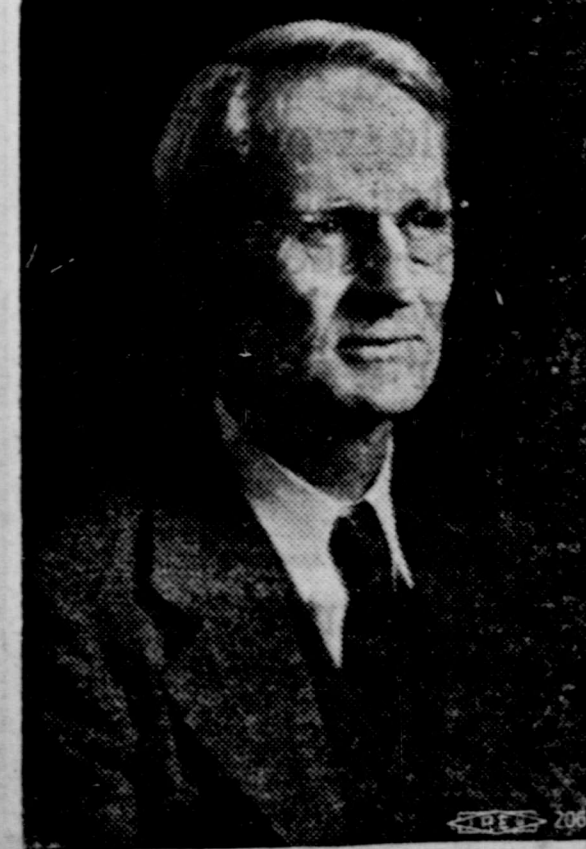


BASCOM GILES



BILL McDONALD

For Appeals Seat



HARRY N. GRAVES

For County Judge



MARSHALL FORMBY

For District Attorney



WINFRED F. NEWSOME

President Franklin D. Roosevelt



Whose Texas visit may show some influence on State politics for the coming two years, and who appointed Allred to the place of Federal Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

For District Judge



ALTON B. CHAPMAN

For District Attorney



JOHN A. HAMILTON

For Congress



GEORGE MAHON

Commissioner Of Railroads



JERRY SADLER

For Lieutenant Governor



G. H. NELSON

Three Seeking Place As State Superintendent



W. E. JAMES



S. R. (Bob) LeMAY

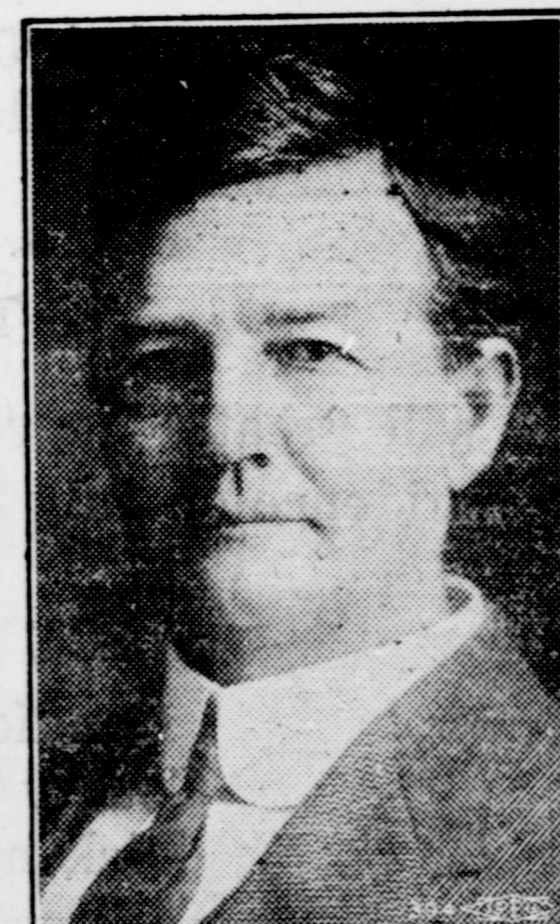


L. A. WOODS

For The General Land Office



MORRIS BROWNING



C. V. TERRELL

Pictured Below Are The Quins Seeking The Place of Attorney General



GERALD MANN



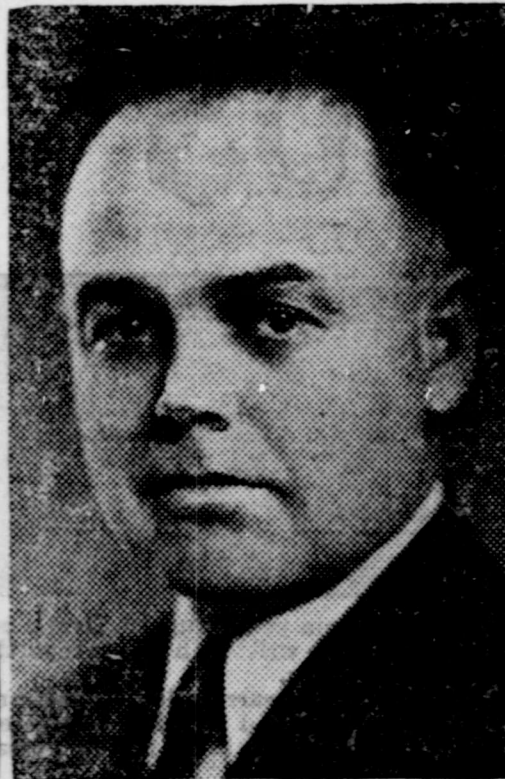
BOB CALVERT



WALTER WOODUL



RALPH YARBOROUGH



LEWIS GOODRICH



R. A. (Bob) STUART

Humanity's Tumble Weed--The Tenant Farmer Of The Southwest

Do you still have the breath of the prairie in your lungs? Can you look in your mind's eye across one of those vast, dusty stretches, see the short, burnt up grass moving in the hot wind? And can you see that tumble weed whirling along the ground, speeding away into the distance? If you have seen these things, you know what I mean when I say the Southwestern tenant farmer is the tumble weed of humanity.

The tumble weed is more accurately known as the Russian Thistle. In the springtime, it grows green and luxuriant, topped by its flowerbed of tiny yellow blooms. Then the drouth comes on, the ground dries up, the blooms and even the stalk shrivel and deaden. The irresponsible prairie breezes break it off at the ground, and what was once the luxuriant green and blooming plant goes tumbling across the prairie before any wind that blows.

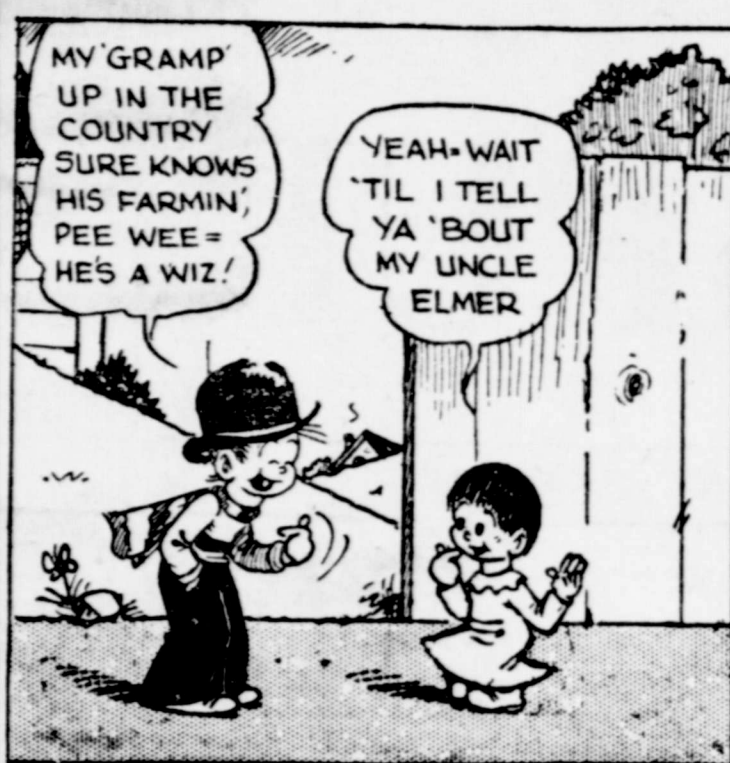
Less than half a century ago, most Texas and Oklahoma farmers were rooted to the soil. One hundred percent of them in Oklahoma were land owners, because land was to be had free merely for the planting of a stake in it. But today, as you all know, more than sixty per cent of Oklahoma farmers are tenants, and forty-one percent of these tenants, both in Oklahoma and in Texas, break loose like the tumble weed every year, and go rolling across the prairie until they lodge for a year against a barbed wire fence, only to break loose next year and go tumbling on again.

We have been asked to discuss the question, "Has the Farm Security Administration Found a Permanent Solution to the Farm Tenancy Problem." And that means has the Farm Security Administration found a means of helping these human tumble weeds take root again. All farm problems are solved, or more easily solved, once you have anchored the farmer to one spot. Not long ago, A. C. Williams, President of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, said that the man who succeeds in paying out a farm is the man who gets on one piece of land and plans to spend the remainder of his life there. And so the farm tenancy problem is first of all a problem of making the tumble weeds stay put. It would be a miracle if the Farm Security Administration, born only last year, should have already found a solution to the problem which has been giving a headache to state and federal governments since the first year that these governments were set up.

Helping the landless man to acquire land has been an objective of the United States Government since 1785. And even from the start, with land at two dollars an acre, it was realized that many settlers were not able to buy even this two dollar land without credit.

A land purchase program for the cream of the farm tenants is being carried out by the Farm Security Administration under Title I of the newly enacted Bankhead-Jones Act. Under Title II of the Act, Farm Security is administering what is known as "rural rehabilitation." Beneficiaries are drawn from the bottom of the tenancy ladder, in expectation of moving them, step by step, to the point where they also will be ready to graduate into ownership of land. A live-at-home pro-

PEE WEE



By S. M. IGER

It's a tuff World!



Every Week In The Texas Spur

gram shifts them from a one-sided cotton program to livestock and subsistence farming. Cotton farming may not be the cause of tenancy, but the fact remains that seventy-three percent of cotton farms are tenant operated. Only twenty-one percent of the dairy product farms of the United States were tenant operated in 1930, and small as the number of tenants is on dairy farms, the trend is toward a still smaller percentage. Shifting to a dairy program or other livestock program is obviously a shift away from conditions under which tenancy has developed.

A second fundamental of the rehabilitation program is to break farmers loose from the half-and-half or "Cropper" system. The cropper, who has no livestock or equipment of his own, is not even considered a tenant by the courts, but is classified as a farm laborer. Dr. J. T. Sanders, former head of the Department of Agricultural Economics of the Oklahoma A. and M. College, says that the cropper is usually the type of farmer who must have continuous and detailed supervision, but that the land owner is seldom able to give him this supervision to the extent necessary for carrying on a profitable farming enterprise. Dr. Sanders and many others with him, say the share crop system has not only resulted in destruction of soil fertility but has disintegrated the basic social fabric. Sanders, thinks that increase of industrial enterprises in the South will offer opportunity for the present share cropper to obtain other employment. He predicts that increased use of machinery and large-scale farming methods will force croppers out, whether they care to go or not.

Where croppers are qualified to become true tenants, the Farm Security Administration is financing them to the purchase of livestock and equipment and helping them to develop plans of farm and home management under which they will gradually grow in managerial ability. It is helping them to locate on better land and on farms which will give them a longer term of years upon these farms, with compensation for improvements they make upon land and buildings.

As a practical means of setting up this new standard of relation between landlord and tenant, Mr. D. P. Trent, formerly Director of the Oklahoma Extension Service and now at Farm Security headquarters in Washington, has developed a new lease, which is now being distributed throughout the United States by Farm Security Administration supervisors. Wherever possible, Farm Security Administration clients will operate under this lease, and they



constitute a large enough segment of the farm population to present a most valuable demonstration. Chief features of the lease are compensation to tenants for improvements which they make upon the landlord's property, and safeguards against termination of the lease on short notice. Expectation is that the increased interest which the tenant will take in maintaining the property and in carrying on an efficient farming system will more than pay the landlord for the concessions that he makes under this agreement. The mere fact of entering into a written agreement, to clarify the conditions which are already tacitly in effect, is considered worthwhile, even though no new principles are introduced. Trent says "the unfair attitude of many landlords and the undependable attitude of many tenants are largely the outgrowth of the unbusinesslike and unsatisfactory relationships which have existed between them, and the distrust between them is largely due to their failure to enter into a definite tenure agreement which would be mutually fair and profitable."

But after all, solving the evils of farm tenancy involves a determination like that which has been attributed to the Danes: "To control the conditions of their living and to make the machinery of life subordinate to the spirit of life." The spirit of the tenant farmer in Texas and Oklahoma is the spirit of the pioneer, questing for a new land where he can build a home to be his castle. His spirit is no different from that of his fathers who left the British Isles or the Continent in search of freedom. When the tenant farmer feels that his freedom, either political or economic, is being cramped, he picks up and moves. His fathers moved first into the older southern states, then into Texas and Oklahoma, and the sons today are moving on to California, and failing to find there a home which will be a castle, they are turning back again to Texas and Oklahoma. They are ripe for leadership which will show them the wisdom of ceasing to be a human tumble weed, and of taking root.

Back in the old countries from which their fathers came, the cousins of our tenants are working out their problems in the way which is giving them security on the land, in England, in Ireland, in Germany. The Danish farmer who now plugs along in his livestock farming, let us not forget, is descendant from the vikings who once drove pirate crafts across a stormy sea. If the Danish vikings could be domesticated, we should be able to make our human tumble weeds take root.

We can say that already, even among these families with which we deal upon the lowest rung of the agricultural ladder, they are taking root. Fruit trees and vines were planted last year by 4,627 rural rehabilitation families in Texas and by 4,819 in Oklahoma. They are being given, under Farm Security leadership, a new vision of home, even though it is a rented home. They have decided to stand and fight where they are. People do not plant fruit trees and vines unless they have hopes of eating the fruit.

M. F. HAGAR OVER FROM KENT COUNTY

M. F. Hagar, candidate for Commissioner of Precinct 2, Kent County, was in Spur the latter part of last week, seeing the voters from out in his territory. M. F. says he has seen most of the voters, but that if he has missed any, he just couldn't find them, and that he may get to them before Saturday.

TOM SMILEY'S APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS:

I am a native born Texan. My people on both sides of the house have lived in Texas for more than a hundred years and my people on both sides of the house have served in every war this country ever had. My father served in the Mexican War and in the Confederate Army. I had six uncles and seven cousins who were killed in action while serving the Confederacy. When the World War broke out, I was County Judge of Karnes County and had the appointment of District Judge. I declined to qualify as District Judge and resigned the office of County Judge and joined the Army the first day of the war. I have been in the active practice of law for the past thirty years with the exception of two years in the army and the greater part of that time being service in France and Germany.

Sixty years ago, we went to the Supreme Court and back in eight months. Now it takes about six years. I am in favor of the courts being at least as efficient as they were sixty years ago; I am in favor of the most humble citizen having an even break with the greatest corporations in the land, and the reduction of court costs to at least three-fourths of what they are now. I am bitterly opposed to the reversing of cases on trivial grounds and I know Justice delayed is Justice denied.

Respectfully,

Tom Smiley, Candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Don't miss all the fun. Swim every day with the crowd at Spur Swimming Pool.

KENNETH BAIN HERE IN INTEREST OF CAMPAIGN

Kenneth Bain, candidate in the race for district judge of this district from Floydada, was in Spur Monday in the interest of his campaign, seeing the voters, and while here placed an advertisement in the

Texas Spur's Pioneer Special. The advertisement appears on another page of the paper, and we ask that you read his note to the voters.

Water circulates continuously through Spur Swimming Pool, making it clean, pure and refreshing all the time.

Your Vote Will Be Appreciated

By

KENNETH BAIN

For

District Judge

BABY POWDER GUARDS SKIN AGAINST GERMS

Don't be satisfied with ordinary baby powders that are not antiseptic. Without paying a cent more you can get Mennen Antiseptic Powder -- which not only does everything that other baby powders do, but also sets up an antiseptic condition that fights off germs and skin infections. It stops chafing and rawness, too. Buy it at your druggist's today.

MENNEN Antiseptic POWDER

WE THINK

Harvey Hines

Should Be The Next

COUNTY CLERK

As a good citizen, a good business man, graduate of Gordon's College, experienced, accommodating in private business which points to the fact that he would be thus in public life, sincere in his efforts -- it leaves no doubt that he is thoroughly qualified to serve the people in a way that will please them.

He's wholeheartedly Democratic. Made the race for County Clerk four years ago, nosed out to close place, yet waited another TWO TERMS to ask the people for the office again.

Fairness seems to be the ticket he runs on -- and everybody admires good sportsmanship. So, in regard for fairness, sincerity and efficiency, we are going to vote for Harvey.

He has stated from the platform that he would like to have the office a second term if the people were pleased with his work as County Clerk. After that time, he is willing to turn the office to someone else -- probably some young man or young woman who has had the expense of schooling and preparing for a job, and who will be justified in asking for it. And we find that Harvey keeps his promises.

The time is here when we should give him a chance.

(This ad paid for by friends from McAdoo, Spur, Dickens, Afton, and Red Mud)

CONGRATULATIONS

to Dickens on their 5th Annual Reunion -- May the Old Settlers have many more happy Reunions.

VOTERS

I will greatly appreciate your continued confidence on July 23.

ALICE MURPHREE

Candidate For County Treasurer Dickens County

THE AWFUL PRICE YOU PAY FOR BEING NERVOUS

Check Below And See If You Have Any Of The Signs

Quivering nerves can make you old and haggard looking, cranky and hard to live with -- can keep you awake nights and rob you of good health, good times and jobs. Don't let yourself "go" like that. Start taking a good, reliable tonic -- one made especially for women. And could you ask for anything whose benefits have been better proved than world-famous Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound? Let the wholesome herbs and roots of Pinkham's Compound help Nature calm your shrieking nerves, tone up your system, and help lessen distress from female functional disorders. Make a note NOW to get a bottle of this time-proven Pinkham's Compound TODAY!



without fail from your druggist. Over a million women have written in letters reporting wonderful benefits. For the past 60 years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has helped grateful women go "smiling thru" trying ordeals. Why not let it help YOU?

Famous Showman Is Helping Kinsman For State Job

Harley Sadler, probably best known and most popular veteran showman of West Texas, is coming to the aid of his kinsman, G. A. (Jerry) Sadler in his campaign for the office of Railroad Commissioner by taking an active part in the campaign. Harley has made an appearance here, presenting the qualifications of Jerry for the office, and says "stay with me, friends."



Harley Sadler

In other words, if Harley friends do "stay with him," West Texas will likely give the young Texas lawyer a good vote. It causes quite a bit of comment, and of course leaves a good impression—because Harley's show has been making this area for years, has brought itself to first place in the hearts of West Texans, and always receives an enthusiastic welcome to set-up.

The question arises immediately—will the young lawyer put on as good a show as Harley? And the final climax is that the people do like good shows.

CAP BAZE SEEING KENT VOTERS ON THIS SIDE OF LINE

Cap Baze, Precinct 2 candidate in Kent County for Commissioner, has been ranging over in Spur recently, seeing the voters that drift over on this side of the county line, and putting in a few words in the interest of his campaign.

Cap has a lot of friends in the Red Mud area, has lived out there for many years, and says that he believes he understands the needs of the people in the way of Commissioner work. Cap farms, and says he's interested in better roads and better schools.

Mrs. Brown Smith and children, Iris Maurine and Marvin have returned to their home in San Angelo after a weeks visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Moore.

GULF OIL AND REFINING CO.



WELCOME
OLD SETTLERS

To Our Round-Up

COME SEE AND HEAR GULF SOUND TRUCK.

STOP AT GULF SERVICE STATION FOR GOOD GULF GAS AND GULF-PRIDE OIL. GOODRICH TIRES AND TUBES

W. H. PARKS
GULF DEALER
Dickens, Texas

Former Texas Man Gets Degree At Cambridge

According to The London Times, honorary degree as Doctor of Science has been conferred on Francis Peyton Rous, formerly of Texas, and well known to many of the old-timers.

Back in the days when John O. Wilkerson was "governor of the Spur branding wagon," young Rous, at that time a medical student in John Hopkins Hospital, was ordered out to this area in order for this pure West Texas Sun to extract the few remaining germs of poisoning from his system that he contracted in the dissecting room. Many of the "hands" on the Old Spur Ranch can recall his sojourn here, and remember with pleasure his fine type of young manhood, and adaptability to surroundings.

Dr Rous is a nephew of J. D. Carroll, well known hardware merchant of Quanah, Texas. For many years he has devoted his time to work in the Rockefeller Institute, New York, studying Cancer.

The London Times, quoting its Cambridge correspondent, says in part:

"A great welcome was given to-day to the Chancellor, Lord Baldwin, when he returned to his University after a long period of enforced absence from public work to confer the honorary degrees. The recipients were:—

"Doctors of Law.—The Lord High Chancellor, Lord Maugham of Hartfield; Lord Wright of Durley, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary; Sir John Anderson; and Mr. Robert Anthony Eden.

"Doctor of Science.—Mr. Francis Peyton Rous, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York.

"Doctors of Letters.—Professor Wilhelm Kroll, Professor of Classical Philology in the University of Breslau; and Mr. Thomas Stearns Eliot.

"Preceded by the Esquire Bedells, and attended by his Page, Mr. Gordon Keppel, of Trinity Hall, the Chancellor entered the Senate House at 12.30, followed by the Recipients of Honorary Degrees, the Vice-Chancellor and the Proctors, and the Professors and Heads of Houses. All Doctors were in scarlet, and hoods were worn by all Members of the Senate in honour of the Chancellor's visit.

"Before a crowded assembly the instrument of election of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire to the office of High Steward of the University was read, and a grace for sealing and delivering the instrument was approved by the Regent House."

SALT ADVISED AS A PRECAUTION FOR LABORERS

If your work is such that it causes excessive perspiration, add a pinch of ordinary table salt to each drink of water you take to help prevent heat cramps. This is advised by Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, to prevent a possible increase in the number of heat victims as the thermometer hits 95 degrees and above.

Laborers, mechanics, farmers and white collar workers whose work causes them to sweat profusely, are in danger of having their body salt content become deficient with resulting heat cramps of heat fog. Salt is a prominent constituent of sweat; the body may lose as high as 40 to 50 grams of salt during hot days.

In industry, a method of preventing heat cramps is to take a tablet of pure salt or a mixture of salt and dextrose with each drink of water. Workmen whose duties require muscular exertion should be especially careful to add more than the usual amount of salt to what they eat and drink.

JUDGE J. A. STEPHENS BOOSTED FOR SEAT OF APPEALS

Many Spur people are taking a friendly interest in the campaign of Judge James A. Stephens of Benjamin for a place on the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, and it is likely that the well known Westerner will poll a good vote in this area.

Stephens ran for this same office six years ago, polling 300,000 votes over the state. He has had approximately 40 years of practical experience in courts and the practice of law in Texas, and is termed a man that would write plain, concise opinions if elected to the place.

RAW PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTED WIDEN AS RESULT OF 1936 CELEBRATION

Recounting untold benefits accruing to Texas producers as a result of the centennial celebration in 1936, more than 100 members of the Texas Retail Grocers Association who attended the National Association of Retail Grocers in Cincinnati, returned home to renew their efforts for wider distribution of Texas-grown products.

It will be recalled that Texas independent grocers were hosts to the National Association during the great centennial exposition in 1936. That was the occasion for the first meeting of the National convention South of the Mason-Dixon line in twenty-five years. Thousands of food distributors who had never before visited in Texas, came to the Lone Star State for that meeting not only to make their contribution to the success of the centennial but to gather first hand, valuable information about this commonwealth.

steady and in many cases increased profits. Members of the Texas Retail Grocers Association did not fail to "boost" Texas products at every opportunity.

Mrs. Leon McMinn and daughter.

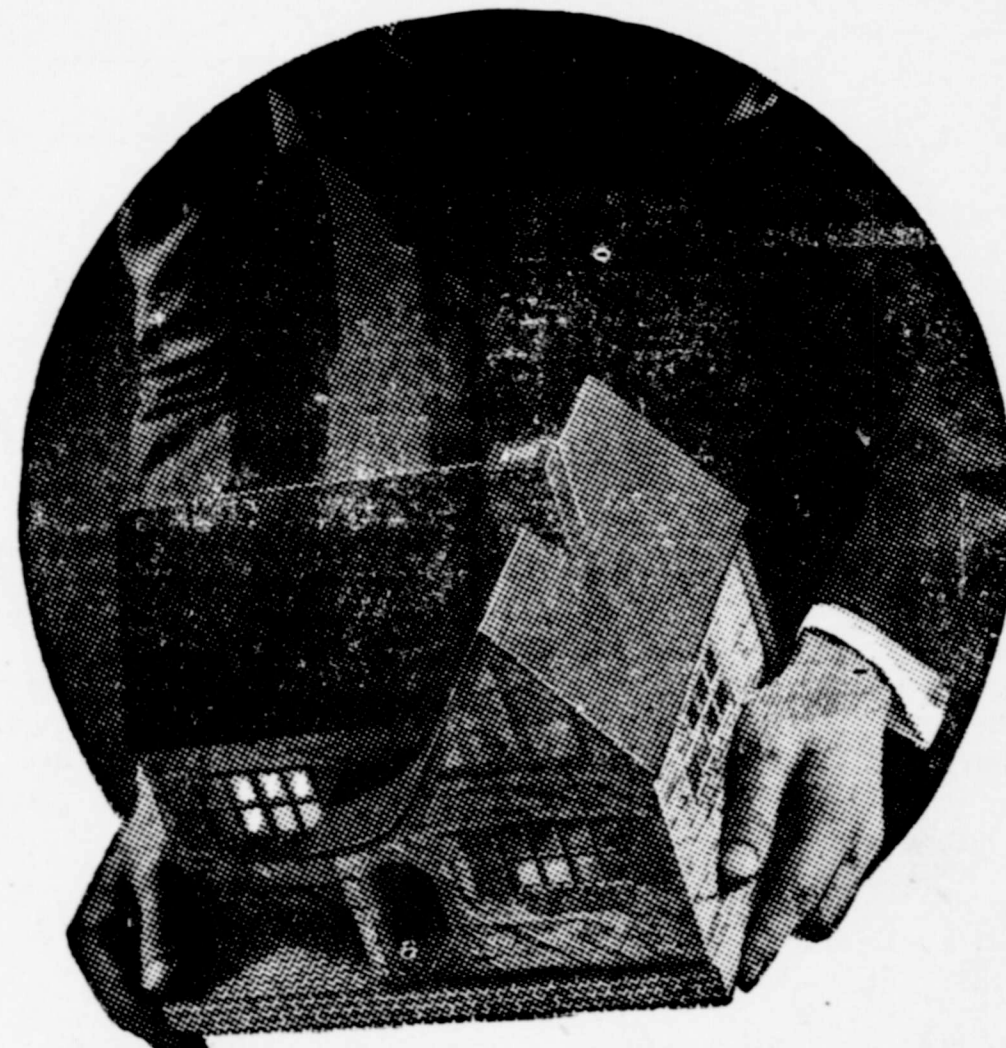
Pearl Louise, of Littlefield, and Fred McMinn of Merkel have been guests in the W. R. Weaver home the past week. They left Saturday in company with Mrs. Weaver and children to visit with Mrs. Weaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McMinn at their farm home near Merkel.

NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE

It has been my aim to see personally every voter in the County, to solicit your influence in my campaign, and to tell you that every bit of help will be appreciated. If I have been unfortunate in missing anyone, please accept this as a personal word from me. I want your help, and will ever remember it as a special favor.

C. N. KIDD

Think Seriously About Tomorrow



Are You Lucky, And Numbered the . .

One In The Hundreds....

Wherein a home is handed to you without Efforts on Your Own Part?

When you consider the very few that are fortunate to have a home handed to them by heritage, isn't it time to consider the other side of making a start for yourself if you are not so lucky? Think of the foresight some of the Pioneers have used—bought early in manhood . . . and now own their own. Or think of others, grown old . . . and yet have not made that start.

It would be foolish to believe that any man does not give an occasional thought to accumulating something for old age. Everyone does. When will you start? Remember, a start gives you a better incentive to save.

Your beginning for ownership may be listed here. Concentrate on the idea that you must make it for yourself.

FOR SALE

Good Farm, 480 acres 12 miles east Spur; 120 in cultivation; 3-room house; tank and windmill—a real bargain.

40 acres, Duck Creek bottom-land; 5-room house with bath; good general improvements; plenty of shallow water; all cultivation.

Six-room house in southwest Spur; value plus for every dollar in the purchase of this big bargain.

Four-room house in southwest Spur; a good buy for a home or an investment. The price speaks for itself.

Five-room house in northwest Spur. When you look this over you will think seriously of buying it. Good location.

Four-room house with all modern conveniences in southwest Spur. Shrubs and trees; good location. Priced to go.

Five-room house in northwest Spur. Don't keep renting when you can buy a bargain like this on easy terms. Good location.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

160 acres 10 miles east Spur; 45 acres in cultivation. Plenty of water. A nice site to build for modern home.

344 acres 9 miles southwest of Spur; 100 acres in cultivation; good 2-room house and plenty of water.

990 acres 12 miles southwest Spur; small

house. A bargain if there's one in the State. Look at it for a small ranch.

240 acres southwest of Spur; small house; good water; sandy land; 100 acres in cultivation.

Meat market for sale or trade; good grass-land considered.

20 acres 1 mile southwest Spur; 2-room house; all in cultivation.

160 acres 12 miles west Spur; good improvements; will sell crop at present stage. Here's a bargain to investigate.

100 acres Duck Creek bottom-land; rich soil; well improved; 2 houses; water piped into houses; all modern conveniences; shallow water belt; 1 mile of high school.

165 acres, all in cultivation; 3 houses, well improved; good water; 7 miles west of Spur; will trade for grassland in Shackelford, Throckmorton or Young counties.

150 acres sandy land; 6 miles north of Dickens; all in cultivation; 4-room house. If you want a good farm and home, inquire about this.

FOR SALE—160 acres. 90 acres in cultivation; 3-room house; plenty good water. Will sell teams, crop and tools. Give possession immediately. 28 miles west on good roads.

Feed and Grist mill for sale or lease, or would consider some trade-in.

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I Think What You Want For Your Vote Is

HONESTY AND GOOD SERVICE

That's the kind of Government I've Always Believed in — and I'll Try to Give It To You

HARVEY HINES
For County Clerk

Spur - Western Real Estate

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23 YEARS AGO

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

The City Commissioners are now receiving bids for the work of paving with gravel Burlington Avenue from Hill street to the Depot and this work will commence at an early date.

Tuesday afternoon a 2:00 o'clock large number of those who subscribed stock in the Dickens County Fair Organization met in the directors room of the Spur National Bank for the purpose of perfecting the organization, electing officers and beginning work in preparation for a two or three days fair this fall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jennings. Clifford B. Jones was elected temporary chairman and Oran McClure temporary secretary of the meeting. Chairman Jones called upon R. L. Collier to state the purpose of the meeting since he had been the originator and promoter of the organization of a Dickens County Fair.

A committee composed of R. L. Collier, J. C. McNeil, M. E. Manning, George T. Barnes, George S. Link, and Oran McClure to draft recommendations in the organization proceedings. The report was adopted and the following officers were elected: Clifford B. Jones, President; R. L. Collier, 1st Vice-President, M. E. Manning, 2nd Vice-President, Sam T. Clemmons, Secretary, Carl Patton, Treasurer, J. C. McNeil, Geo. S. Link, R. C. Forbes, B. D. Glasgow, S. R. Bowman and Oran McClure, Board of Directors.

Firm Self and family of Cat Fish country were in Spur Tuesday.

Miss Wilson, of Grandbury, is in the city visiting her cousin, Attorney and Mrs. W. D. Wilson and family.

E. H. Blackley of the Afton country was in Spur Thursday. He returned recently from New Mexico, where he has been spending several months for the benefit of his health.

Sol Davis and family and W. L. Hyatt and family were among those who attended the old settler's reunion on Duck Creek Friday of last week.

Roy McClure nad wife, of Silverton, were here Friday and Saturday of last week visiting the former's brother, Oran McClure and family. Mr. McClure was connected with the Texas Spur the first few months of its existence, and expressed surprise at the rapid development of the city and country since he has been away.

Mace Hunter came in the latter part of last week from his farm home five miles east of Spur. This year Mr. Hunter is among the large number of farmers who produced a

considerable acreage of wheat and oats on his place and from which he secured a good yield.

W. J. Lewis, of the Cat Fish Country was in Spur Saturday. He says he hasn't the largest pigs in the country, but he has a brother who has. He thinks they will be exhibited at the county fair this fall.

Chas. A. Jones, manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons, left this last week for New York City on business for the firm.

J. R. McArthur was here Saturday from the Tap Country and spent some time here greeting friends.

Jno. Self of Red Mud was seen on the streets Saturday.

E. J. Cowan came up the first of the week from Stamford and spent several days in Spur on business and greeting his many friends here. Mr. Cowan has considerable property interests in Spur, and formerly lived here. We would gladly welcome his return to Spur, and we believe he has hankering to return.

E. J. Carns of the Paddle Ranch in Kent County, was among the large number of visitors in the city Saturday, spending several hours here on business and greeting his many friends.

H. C. Cravey of the Red Mud community was in the metropolis Saturday on business and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smart and Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Taylor spent Sunday in Roaring Springs. They also attended the debate that day in Afton. They report a pleasant trip and an interesting debate.

Lee Payne was among the number of business visitors this week to Spur, spending some time here trading with merchants and talking good times this fall.

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, and one of the first settlers of this section of the country, was in Spur Saturday greeting friends. He reports every thing in good shape in the Gilpin country.

W. J. Elliot was in town Tuesday. He recently returned from a business trip to Post and other points in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Powell and little son, Arch Lanier, returned the first of the week from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Granbury.

C. D. Copeland was among the number of business visitors here Monday. He also reports a good shower of rain Saturday night over his section of the country.

Mrs. McMahan entertained the members of her Sunday School class last Tuesday evening.

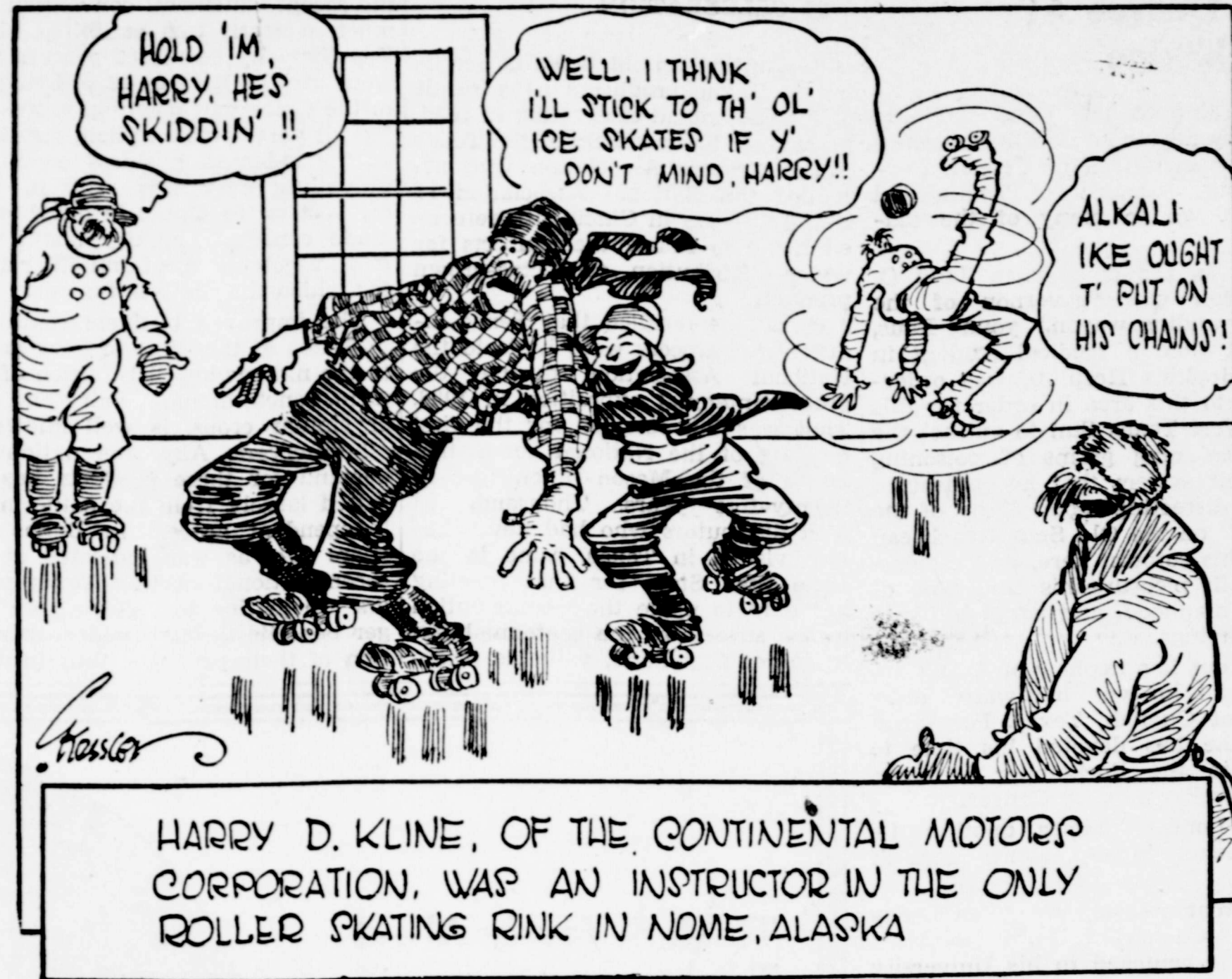
J. D. Powell and E. J. Cowan made a business trip Tuesday to Dickens.

The New York Herald-Tribune's London correspondent recently observed that if the Franco-Hitler-Mussolini combination continues to sink British merchantmen carrying supplies to Loyalist Spain, it may eventually "sink the Chamberlain government to boot."

As this column has pointed out before, sentiment in England against the Prime Minister's "peace at any price policy" is growing. A short time ago the Government suffered a major loss when Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, president of the League of Nations Union, and a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, rose in the House of Lords, declared that Chamberlain's policy was "inconsistent with British honor," and resigned his position as Conservative Party whip. That is about as startling as if Majority Leader Barkley should rise in the Senate and declare himself opposed himself to the New Deal.

For your health's sake, swim regularly at the Spur Swimming Pool.

LITTLE MOMENTS IN BIG LIVES



HARRY D. KLINE, OF THE CONTINENTAL MOTORS CORPORATION, WAS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE ONLY ROLLER SKATING RINK IN NOME, ALASKA

behind the scenes in american business

BY JOHN CRADDOCK

BUSINESS—Things are now looking up all over the nation. Farmers in the wheat country are preparing to sell a record-breaking crop at better prices than they expected. Reports from industrial centers indicate that workers who lost their jobs anywhere from three to nine months ago are being reemployed. In the last 30 days 1,500 skilled radio workers have gone back to work in Camden, N. J., and 15,000 clothing workers have returned to their jobs in Rochester, N. Y. In a steel manufacturing town in Pennsylvania idle workers have been requested to come back and register for jobs, the usual prelude to resumption of operations. The improved business sentiment, following three weeks of rising stock and commodity prices, has given confidence to buyers for retail establishments who are now in the New York market making selections of fall clothing, house furnishings and other merchandise which will soon be on the nation's retail counters.

WASHINGTON—A flood of optimism poured out of the nation's capital last week. Government economists predicted an early business recovery. Secretary of Interior Ickes declared that a billion dollars worth of building materials, including steel, glass, cement, lumber and plumbing equipment would be purchased in carrying out the government's new Public Works program. Federal Housing Administrator Stewart McDonald reported to the president that the FHA this year would insure mortgages on \$1,000,000,000 of new homes, a new all-time record for construction financed by insured mortgages. Secretary of Commerce Roper before sailing to Scotland on vacation said the process of slow economic improvement has been going on steadily for several weeks.

YOU CAN'T WIN—The observation made after the World War that neither side can win a modern war is being demonstrated again in the Orient. Both Japan, the aggressor, and China, the attacked, are much worse off today than before the outbreak of hostilities just a year ago. And all other nations are suffering too. Losses to American business and labor to date, because of the Sino-Japanese conflict, are placed at \$200,000,000 by O. O. Gallup of the Export Managers Club. That's at the rate of \$25,000 an hour. Mr. Gallup's estimate is based on reports from the Far East listing damages to American property including hospitals, missionary buildings, cultural institutions and private homes as well as industrial buildings in China. Japan has practically ceased purchasing materials from other nations except for wartime purposes because she has had to tighten her belt to finance an undeclared war which is costing \$5,000,000 a day, he said.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR—Germinical, non-slip tiling for the floors of swimming pools, showers and locker rooms; germs causing "athlete's foot" cannot survive in contact with the tiles. . . . New pencil

lead, thinner yet stronger than the old. . . . A material made of cans fiber and asphalt, to convert flat roofs into playgrounds and recreational areas. . . . Electric cord for washing machines, irons and other appliances, which takes up slack like a self-reeling tape-measure. . . . A small electric shaving light which clamps to the side of an electric shaver. . . .

CORNER GROCERS AND SELF SERVICE MARKETS—All retailers—and independent grocers particularly—have been studying closely the development of self-service stores. Corner grocers not in communities where self-service stores have been opened, and who have had no direct experience as to the effect of such markets on their business, are finding the answer in a recent survey made by the Progressive Grocer, trade magazine of the grocery business. This study, conducted in northern New Jersey and Cincinnati, disclosed that both number and sales volume of medium-sized independent stores have increased along with self-service market activity. In New Jersey, it was found that stores with from 3 to 15 employees enjoyed about \$9,000,000 more volume in 1937 than in 1935, while self-service markets with 16 or more employees increased their sales volume slightly less than \$3,000,000.

PLAY'S THE THING—Recreation is fast becoming a major source of employment in America. A recent tabulation shows that some 1,280 cities and towns in the U. S. now have 17,745 play areas employing 40,413 full and part time recreation leaders. In addition, there are about 10,878 volunteer leaders. Total expenditures for public recreation in those cities and towns last year was placed at \$47,933,781.

HEADLINES—U. S. farm population 90,000 greater than a year ago, according to the Department of Agriculture. . . . 180 patent applications a day were filed by U. S. inventors last year. . . . Population of the U. S.,



It is estimated, that every minute during the day and night a fire occurs somewhere in the United States. Each year 15,000 persons are burned to death and many thousands injured. Fires destroy property worth \$750,000,000 annually.

now estimated at 130,000,000, will reach a peak of 158,335,000 in 1980 and then gradually begin to decline, according to Natural Resources Board. . . . B. F. Goodrich trophy to be presented this week to the lodge which had the most outstanding record in the Elks traffic safety program during the last 12 months; more than 1,400 lodges participated. . . . Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey sells \$81,000,000 in new bonds for expansion purposes. . . . Post office receipts in year ended June 30 were \$726,000,000 highest in history, and equal to \$5.60 for each man, woman and child in the country.

GUS MARTIN SLATED AS GOOD PROSPECT FOR PUBLIC WEIGHTER

Gus Martin, candidate for Public Weigher in Precinct 2, is getting quite a bit of favorable comment these days as good prospect for the place of Weigher in his precinct. Gus has many friends, conducts his own business in a way that causes people to believe he would make a good "hand for the public," and it's likely that his manner of doing business will get him a nice vote.

CLAIMS BEING PAID

Workers in the broad fields of industry and commerce who have reached age 65 since January 1, 1937, are eligible to file claims for lump-sum payments. The applications should be sent to the Social Security Board, 1012 Oliver-Eagle Building, Amarillo, Texas.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"How 'Bout Turnin' Over a New Leaf? Whatcha Say, Kid?"

Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

A Frame-Up

By IRVIN S. COBB

THE telephone rang in the office of the famous manufacturer of popular priced cars. The great man's secretary answered the ring. "Well?" he said.



"This," answered the voice, "this is Mr. Henry Begins. I wish to speak with Mr. Blank."

"Mr. Blank is very busy," explained the functionary. "This is his secretary speaking. Can I take the message?"

"You cannot," was the firm reply. "I must speak directly with your chief. I am a customer of your company and what I have to communicate is something which your employer should in person hear from me."

"Well, in that case, kindly hold the wire for a moment," said the secretary. He summoned Mr. Blank to the instrument.

"What is it?" inquired the latter gentleman.

"Mr. Blank," stated the unknown patron, "you advertised lately that your concern had turned out a complete car in six minutes."

"Yes, we did. What of it?"

"Well, I'm the guy that bought it!"

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FABLES IN SLANG



DARIUS FINKEL WORKED LIKE A TURK SO HIS WIFE COULD HAVE THREE RINGS ON EACH FINGER AND ADVERTISE HIS PROSPERITY—



MR. FINKEL WAS NOT MONEY MAD, HE WAS JUST SAVING FOR A RAINY DAY— HE SEEMED TO BE EXPECTING ANOTHER JAMESTOWN FLOOD—



THERE ARE CHILDREN GROWING UP WHO NEED RINGS, SWELL THINGS AND VACATIONS BY THE SEASHORE—SO MR. FINKEL IS WORKING HARD ON THE SECOND MILLION!

By George Ade



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Greetings, Pioneers,
with great praises
to you for the noble
and unselfish spirit
of the Great Past . . .

And today we honor
you with pleasure
in this land wherein
you have built homes,
peace, security . . .
and made of it a
treasured haven.

The example of the
Old Settlers brings
to us most clearly
an understanding of
bravery, humanitarian
respect one for the
other . . . endurance
with faith, and faith
with endurance.

In tribute to your
great names we are
proud to say—"This
is my own, my native
land . . . our forebears
are the Knights of
the Old West . . . it is
our rightful heritage."

May our every effort
make better and more
pleasant your Grand
Reunion . . . and may
there be many more
of them . . . to Honor
Your Noble Lives . . .
Fathers and Mothers
of our land.



Heritage of the Old West

I've carried my scalp at a dead-on run,
'Cross valleys, 'cross hills and plains;
With only my hoss — a little Spanish Dun...
'Twas afore these cars and these trains.

I was fightin' for the wife and the kids,
A tryin' fer peace and a good home;
But once when away them devilish Reds
Took all...jest left me livin' alone.

Now, with romance gone it's kinda sad,
But thank God us Pioneers has won...
So in the end it makes my heart glad,
That we've conquered here for your son.



Texas Offerings To New Industry Studied By Steel

Important recent trends in the steel industry, tending to put steel selling competition on more of a "geographical" basis than ever before, serve to focus new attention on Texas' attractions for decentralizing industry, says a report of the All-South Development Council.

C. E. Wright, editor of Iron Age, is quoted in the report as estimating that Southern steel mills "will enjoy wider markets geographically for their products under the new pricing system, and some producers may be forced to shift to Southern territory because of freight and wage considerations, and water transportation will be employed more to offset costs."

He was referring to abandonment of the multiple "basing point" system for steel prices to consumers—in effect since 1924 when the Federal Trade Commission outlawed the old "Pittsburgh plus" system, under which Pittsburgh was the sole basing point. Recent sweeping changes involve creation of a large number of new basing points, so that proximity of mill to consumption point will for the first time become a price factor. Until now, steel producers have noted prices f. o. b. the nearest basing point and adding the freight from that location to the delivery point, even when the producing mill itself was closer to the consumption point.

With steel producers, as Editor Wright says, being forced to "shift to Southern territory because of freight and wage considerations" under the new pricing system, the question of choosing the most advantageous locations has this industry carefully scanning the southern field and evaluating labor, market, taxation and transportation factors, the report points out. Aggressive, these advantages as Texas has to offer, if combined with official reassurance of the state's receptiveness to new industry, could put Texas in the front rank of prospects for steel industry branch manufacturing and bring long-sought development of the state's many latent resources, the 100,000,000 long ton deposit of iron ore near Longview.

Thus Texas' stake in the new developments, seen as an important new phase of the general industrial decentralization movement, embraces not only more advantageous prices for steel products used in Texas building and manufacturing, but also the prospect of becoming a steel producing point, the report says. The Longview iron deposit, known but undeveloped for more than 30 years, canalization of the Trinity river, and the damming of the Red River, making available a water route for Oklahoma coal, could be fitted together to make Texas steel a reality.

The Southwest's rapid growth in population and its accompanying strong market for steel for home, factory and business building would seem to justify location of steel-producing mills as near this active market as possible to take advantage of the new competitive situation, the report says.

S. S. ACCOUNT NUMBERS ESSENTIAL TO PROMPT PAYMENT JOBLESS BENEFITS

Employees who fail to get social security account numbers and report them to their employers may have difficulty in obtaining unemployment benefits if they lose their jobs, B. H. Thomson, district supervisor of the Texas unemployment compensation commission, said today.

An employee working for an employer who is covered by the state unemployment compensation law is earning credit toward unemployment benefits to be paid to him if he loses

his job. But the employee's benefits will be based on his wages which his employer reports to the unemployment compensation commission, and in reporting the employee's wages, the employer is required to give the employee's account number so as to identify clearly the person to whom the wages are to be credited.

In turn, an employee who loses his job and wants to make application for unemployment benefits must give his account number as identification of his wage account on which his benefits will be based.

Mr. Thomson said that the district supervisors had been asked by Or-

120,000 SPIES ROAM NATION, WRITERS CHARGE

THE tombstones of millions of men of war are the heritage of the modern spy.

When war rages, if he is successful, men die because of the information he has sold their enemy. If he is unsuccessful men die because he failed to provide ranking army officers with the plans and information they so desperately needed.

Never in the history of the world has espionage reached the height it enjoys today.

There are 120,000 foreign spies working in America as you read this.

In the August issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine, for the first time, are the real facts of the underground attack being made upon the United States. A retired Marine Corps officer, Donald E. Keyhoe, and John Jay Daly, formerly with the military intelligence division, have completed an investigation of spies covering several months.

On a night in 1937, Federal agents discovered and raided a secret Japanese radio station high in the Wasatch Mountains, a short distance from Salt Lake City, and three Japanese operators were apprehended at the well hidden base.

But not one arrest was made! In Berlin three heads would have rolled. In Russia a firing squad would have prepared for three quick volleys. In Japan itself, and in a dozen other countries, death or long prison terms would have resulted.

"The amazing leniency of our laws together with our recent 'hush-hush' policy of espionage, explains the vast armies of foreign-controlled agents which have overrun the United States and its territories," say the writers of "Web Over Washington" in August Cosmopolitan.

"There are more than 120,000 spies in the United States alone according to a high Washington authority and this figure includes agents of several nations, which are bitterly hostile to each other," the authors charge.

"At the center of these webs are such varied groups as agents of the OGPU and the Cheka, Nazi storm-troopers with Gestapo connections, spies linked with the Kimitsu Kyoku, 'observers' of an unofficial system extending to Rome, and agents of other nations. Under the master strategists are thousands of organizers, propagandists, informers, 'message

boxes' and potential saboteurs," they write.

"To fight this horde America has only a skeleton force," Keyhoe and Daly maintain. "Foreign spies and their sub-agents are outnumbered by counter-espionage by at least twenty to one."

"Known foreign agents are allowed to work in the United States undisturbed principally because our counter-espionage allotments would not finance a third rate WPA project."

"There is a second reason, our peace-time rule," the writers say. "Watch known spies and learn their contacts. With skeleton organizations, our intelligence men would rather spot agents than arrest them—and have to search for inevitable replacements. A number are under surveillance—certain files at the War, Navy and Justice departments would dismay spies of various countries. But our few agents cannot keep track of the ever-increasing thousands."

In their sensational article the writers of "Web Over Washington" point out: "Washington is popular with spies—it is notoriously prodigal with information for which they would risk their lives abroad. For a small sum, many copies of Committee hearings may be had, giving valuable data on our army, navy, air services and defense plans."

The problem is simple when diplomatic immunity is used as a cloak. Some time ago, an intelligence officer observed a furtive meeting between a traitor-suspect and two attaches of an Asiatic power. He followed, and a wild automobile chase developed. But by the time he caught up with the other machine, the traitor had escaped and the attaches were entering the grounds of their Embassy. By international agreement, all Embassy grounds are "foreign soil" and immune from search. So the officer was helpless, though positive that precious navy documents were within a few yards of him.

Violation of privileges is far from the rule, but when an Embassy does overstep, it has every advantage. Sealed Embassy pouches, though suspected of containing stolen secrets, are inviolate.

But the greatest peril from these spy armies is that of sabotage, huge scale destruction of factories, transportation and communication in the event of war. It is time to destroy these webs—before it is too late!

Mat Hari, most famous of World War spies.

Von Bernstoff, he headed Germany's famed spy system.

Gridiron clash between high school all-stars to climax school.

A gridiron clash between high school all-stars from North and South Texas will be the climaxing event of the sixth annual Texas High School Football Coaches School which will begin August 1, closing Saturday night, August 7, at Texas Tech stadium in Lubbock.

Coaching the North Texas team will be Harry Stuhldreher, coach at Wisconsin University, and famous all-American quarterback of the Four Horsemen of Notre Dame. The South Texas All-Stars will have as their coach Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern University. Waldorf has coached a Big Six championship team. With Northwestern University, he defeated the famous Notre Dame team.

Two picked teams from all-stars of North and South Texas High Schools will clash on the field in what promises to be one of the top-notch gridiron classics of the century. Tickets will go on sale this week. Choice seats are 75 cents and, these seats, if purchased in advance, will be reserved; otherwise not. Student admission 40 cents, and end zone seats 40 cents. Make your reservations early by writing the Texas High School Football Coaches Ass'n., P. O. Box 561 enclosing money order or cashier's check.

Judge and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff and small daughter, Myra Alice, spent the week-end in Childress visiting Mrs. Ratliff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mac D. Bybee and family.

"Leto's" for the Gums

Gums that itch or burn can become mighty trying. Druggists will return your money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.

CITY DRUG COMPANY

Spur, Texas

EDUCATION LEADER LAUDS SERVICE OF RALPH YARBOROUGH

"During nearly six years on the State Board of Education, I have had exceptional opportunity to observe the splendid achievements that Ralph Yarbrough performed on behalf of the State Permanent School Fund as Assistant Attorney General, when he won millions of dollars in mineral rights for the schools," today declared Ghent Sanderford, member and former president of the State Board of Education.

"In naming Ralph Yarbrough as my choice in the Attorney General's race, I mean no unkindness to any of the other candidates, for they are my friends."

Sanderford concluded: "If Yarbrough becomes the next Attorney General, the rights of the schools (which, after all, are the rights of all the taxpayers) will be in safe, courageous and capable hands."

NEW COURSE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Dr. W. P. Webb, history professor and author of "The Texas Ranger," "The Great Plains" and "Divided We Stand," will resume his teaching duties at The University of Texas this fall. When the institution opens its 1938-39 long session, he will conduct a graduate seminar course on "Frontier and Democracy."

This is a new course, not only for the university, but also among other higher educational institutions.

Savings Clubs

BANKING institutions in thirty-eight States are now operating New York World's Fair 1939 Savings Clubs, according to a report just made to Grover A. Whalen, President of the Fair Corporation.

The popularity of these clubs arises from the fact that they enable individuals and families easily to finance a trip to the Fair next year through gradual accumulation of the necessary funds instead of by single demand upon financial resources. The slogan of the plan is: "Save Today to See the World of Tomorrow."

Some of the banks which have instituted the World's Fair Savings Clubs are operating them in connection with Christmas and Vacation Clubs, these having for long been in successful existence.

In one of the Southern States, such Fair clubs have been organized in colleges to aid students to set aside part of their allowances to provide means of visiting the Exposition next Spring. Banks are also utilizing the plan to encourage saving by school children.

Attendance at the Fair is expected to reach 60,000,000, according to present estimates.

Take a refreshing dip in the Spur Swimming Pool.

GRANARY PLANS ARE OFFERED TO FARMERS TO STORE SMALL GRAINS

In anticipation of an increased interest in the farm storage of small grains, the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has prepared some new plans for granaries.

Blue print plans of 500, 1,000, 1,800, and 6,400 bushel capacity granaries are available from the Extension Service, Texas A. and M. College, College Station, Texas, M. R. Bentley, extension agricultural engineer, said.

Farm storage of small grains will increase, it is expected, because of the large crop and relatively low prices.

PLANS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP FOR OPENING OF SOUTH PLAINS FAIR

With excavation work already under way on the new \$18,000 Merchants Building for the Panhandle South Plains Fair, plans for the 25th annual exposition and silver jubilee, whose gates will swing open Monday morning, September 26, call for a complete week of educational and entertainment attractions.

Beginning the first day with the formal opening ceremony to be broadcast over the radio, a quarter of a century of progress on the South Plains can be viewed. Agricultural, livestock, and commercial exhibits, together with home manufactured products, will attract thousands this year to the "Show Window of the South Plains."

The PIONEERS

Knew the value of SAVING

One of the greatest bulwarks of the Old West was thrift and economy. But for that glance into the future by the great Pioneers, there could be no solid foundation today. There is a note of wisdom in the struggles of those early characters.

Today we go on pioneering. The young man of today, the young lady of today, pioneers after the fashion of the men and women of yesterday. There must be foresight; plans for the future; ambition and thrift to build for our future a foundation of solidity and security and faith.

We are proud of the part this banking institution has taken in the development of Dickens County, the surrounding territory, and Spur. We have strived to place justice of judgment in every transaction, large or small, to stand by in the lean years as well in days of prosperity. Our aim is to merit every Pioneer's highest regards . . . trust and faith gained in walking side by side with them through the years.

Happy wishes, Old Settlers; you have had trials and troubles . . . but let this Reunion be a gathering of Pleasure and Endearing Reminders.



Spur Security Bank

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YOUR DRUGIST SAYS

Greetings,

Pioneers.

WE FEEL HIGHLY HONORED IN HAVING HAD THE PLEASURE OF SERVING MANY OF THE PIONEERS . . . WE WANT TO WISH FOR YOU A HAPPY REUNION THIS YEAR, AND THAT YOU HAVE MANY MORE OF THEM.

WE HAVE LEARNED A GREAT LESSON FROM YOUR NOBLE FAITH IN BUILDING OUR GREAT EMPIRE HERE IN WEST TEXAS, AND WE WANT YOU TO HAVE FAITH IN US.

YOUR METHODS ARE OURS . . . AND MAY WE GO ON AND ON TOGETHER.

City Drug Co.

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General Rules of WTCC Soil and Water Utilization Program

This Copy Has Been Specially Prepared By The Chamber Of Commerce, And Farmers And Ranchers Interested Are Requested To Clip And Preserve Same For Future Reference.

Republished by Request

What Is This Contest?

This contest is the result of a persistent and continuous effort of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to find some means through which West Texas farmers and ranches could curb the menace of wind and water erosion and thereby insure the proper utilization of soil moisture. In addition to the conservation practices, which are its primary aim, the contest was so framed as to serve as an ultimate aid to junior agricultural club work. The contest will be based on the calendar year, with each county within the confines of the West Texas Chamber's territory eligible to enter. The winning county will receive \$500., second place \$300. and third place \$200. This money is to be used by the winning counties to stimulate a more thorough and complete county Junior Club work program. The county soil and water utilization committee with the approval of the WTCC Agricultural Board will design a county contest through which this award money may be re-awarded to boys and girls who are outstanding in the field of Junior agricultural work. The first place, or winning county, will be ineligible to compete again for the prize in only the year immediately following; however, second and third place winners are not effected, and may compete again the succeeding year.

Duties Local Committee

The duties of the County Soil and Water Utilization committee will be interesting, important, yet not difficult. They may pursue any course they desire to arouse interest in the contest. Their initiative, quite naturally, will reflect in the success of their county program. On or before February 1, 1939, this committee will be requested to submit to their district Extension Service agent the record of their county's accomplishments for the year just completed.

Outside Aids

Farmers and ranchers in West Texas counties have ample opportunity to obtain assistance from many sources in carrying out soil and water utilization practices. The Range Conservation program, for instance, makes it possible for ranchers to earn payment for reseeded their range land, for contour listing, furrowing, or subsoiling, for contour ridging, spreader dams, earthen tanks, and for carrying out many other measures. It is interest-



D. A. BANDEEN
Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce

ing to note that almost every practice eligible for payment under this program is also found in the contest score card. The Agricultural Conservation program also offers payment to farmers who make efforts at conservation through soil building practices, in fact a deduction of \$1.00 per acre is made in many counties for failure to take precautionary measures to prevent wind and water erosion. Farmers are privileged to seek the aid of their county commissioners' court in securing for their erosion work the use of the county's equipment. All accomplishments between January 1, 1938 and December 31, 1938, carried out in any manner other than through cooperation with the Soil Conservation service, or CCC Erosion Camps shall be counted. Because many West Texas counties are not served by CCC Camps and Soil Erosion Service areas, it is obvious that it would be unfair to count the work done in cooperation with these fine agencies. The West Texas Chamber strongly recommends that all counties take advantage of the assistance being offered by the several existing agencies. Even though your county fails to win the contest and "finish in the money" you can't lose, because the soil conservation work done by you will mean much toward increasing the present and future production of your land. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce will serve the counties in every way possible. During the ensuing year, the Director of Development will endeavor, in so far as possible, to visit all counties participating in the contest to assist in the organizational and promotional efforts. All counties are invited to write the Chamber relative to any inquiry concerning the contest.

RULES AND REGULATION GOVERNING THE WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SOIL AND WATER UTILIZATION CONTEST

Under the direction and supervision of the Agricultural Board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, as organized by the President and Executive Board of that organization, and in cooperation with an Advisory Committee to be created by the Agricultural Board composed of selected representatives of various state and national agricultural services and agricultural schools, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce shall annually conduct, until further notice, a soil and water utilization contest, which contest shall be governed by the following rules and regulations:

NAME: The contest shall be known as the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Soil and Water Utilization contest.

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of the contest shall be the preservation, maintenance and rebuilding of farm and ranch land resources through maximum utilization of soil and water, and to that end, and as an adjunct thereto, the encouragement of agricultural production and conservation through junior work.

ELIGIBILITY: All counties in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce territory are eligible to enter.

ENTRANCE: Counties may enter the contest upon certification of entrance by a soil and water utilization committee which may be composed of the county judge, key banker, representative of the local chamber of commerce secretaries within the county, representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce directors from the towns within the county, two representatives from the agricultural agencies within the county, and any others that the above named may choose to add to the committee.

TIME OF CONTEST: The contest shall be on the basis of the calendar year.

Let's go take a plunge in Spur Swimming Pool . . . a pleasant way to better health!

AWARDS: At the annual West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention cash awards shall be made; \$500.00 to first prize; \$300.00 to second prize; and \$200.00 to third prize. Five additional counties shall receive honorable mention. The first winning county shall be disqualified to compete for the award in the succeeding year only; second and third place winners may again compete the following contest year.

The cash prizes, as won by the counties, shall remain in custody of the county soil and water utilization committee for the purpose of promoting another contest for encouraging and rewarding junior agricultural work within the county, it being understood that the plan for conducting the contest and awarding the money to junior work shall be approved by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Board and Advisory Committee.

MAKING AWARDS: The awards or selection of winning counties shall be made by an Awarding Committee composed of:

1. Representative West Texas Chamber of Commerce.
2. Representative of the Texas Extension Service.
3. Representative Texas Experiment Station.
4. Representative of Texas Technological College.
5. Representative of the farm press, as selected by the West Texas Press Association.
6. Representative of the Vocational Agriculture Division of the State Department of Education.
7. State Coordinator of the Soil Conservation Service.
8. Representative of the Federated Women's Club.

Procedure to be used in determining winning counties in the contest shall be:

a. The county soil and water utilization committee shall submit to the Extension Service District agent for the Extension district in which the county is located, before February 1, 1939, the record of accomplishments in the county according to the items on the accompanying score card.

b. The county soil and water utilization committee may obtain the data for the county from the records of the county AAA committee, the local SCS representatives, the county agricultural and home demonstration agents, and any other reliable source.

c. The district agents will score the counties in their district and submit the scores and records to the Awarding Committee.

d. The awarding Committee will review the county reports and select the eight highest scoring counties for the whole region, and determine the relative placings of the eight counties.

e. If deemed advisable by the Awarding Committee, an inspectional recheck in some of the high scoring counties may be made by this committee.

f. The decision of the Awarding Committee will be final.

BASIS OF AWARDS

The basis of awards and score card for awarding points shall be as follows.

Score Card

In order to give each county in West Texas an opportunity to carry out and earn points under the soil erosion practices best adapted to its immediate locality, twenty-six different items, or soil and water saving methods were included in the score card. This does not complicate the contest, it serves only to put all counties in the West Texas Chamber's territory on a more equal basis. The purpose of Item 2 of the score card, wherein reference is made to the per cent of farm and ranch participation is the same. It represents another effort to equalize the contest by giving all counties, regardless of size, the same opportunities. The number of points received by a county under this item will depend upon the per cent of farm and ranch participation within the county. For example, if forty per cent of the farm and ranch population of Fisher county completed soil and water control measures in 1938, then Fisher county would receive forty per cent of the 50,000 points, or 20,000.

1. History or summary of soil and water conservation work in the county prior to January 1, 1938. (Not more than 200 words.)—50,000.
2. Per cent of farm and ranch population of county participating in conservation work during 1938. "Participation" means work on the ground, and not just promotional.—50,000.
3. Linear feet of terraces built on crop land—3 per 100 feet.
4. Repairing, rebuild, or enlarging old terraces—2 per 100 feet.
5. Linear feet of terraces built on permanent pasture or range land—3 per 100 feet.
6. Linear feet of ridges built on pasture or range land—1 per 100 feet.
7. Acres of permanent pasture or range land contour furrowed—3 per acre.
8. Acres of permanent pasture or range land subsoiled—3 per acre.
9. Contour farming on crop land during 1938 on land not contour farmed in 1937. (May include small grain or other sowed crops)—3 per acre.

10. Strip cropping—2 per acre.
11. Vegetating waterways—1 per sq. yard.
12. Spreader dams built—1 per cu. yard.
13. Linear feet of spreader terraces built—3 per 100 feet.
14. Tanks built (earthen)—1 per cu. yard.
15. Concrete or rock masonry dams built—40 per cu. yard.
16. Wells dug—10 per ft. depth.
17. Land put under irrigation from wells, lakes or streams—20 per acre.
18. Elimination of prickly pear and cactus, mesquite, cedar or lechuguilla—8 per acre.
19. Deferred grazing of range land—1 per acre.
20. Eradicating gophers, kangaroo

rats, or prairie dogs on infested acres—1 per acre.

21. Gardens subirrigated in 1938 for the first time—20 per garden.

22. The diversion of runoff water into a garden, orchard, windbreak, or ornamental tree or shrub plot as a home yard, school yard or park—30 per plot.

23. Diking or terracing to capture rainfall on a garden, orchard, windbreak, ornamental tree or shrub plot as in home yards, school yards, or parks—30 per plot or 30 per acre whichever is larger.

24. Diverting water from any public road borrow ditch onto adjacent land, by means of earthen structures—1 per cu. yard.

25. Border plantings (Annual crops

to check wind erosion)—1 per 100.

26. Windbreaks or Shelter-belts (Perennial trees or shrubs)—20 per 100.

SPECIFICATIONS: Terracing on crop land or pastures, pasture ridging, contour furrowing, subsoiling or chiseling pasture land, and any other practice, shall be of such quality that it would meet the AAA or SCS specifications. Each item above except No. 1, refers only to accomplishments during the period January 1, 1938 to December 31, 1938.

AMENDMENT: These rules and regulations may from time to time be amended by the Agricultural Board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, working in cooperation with the Advisory Committee.



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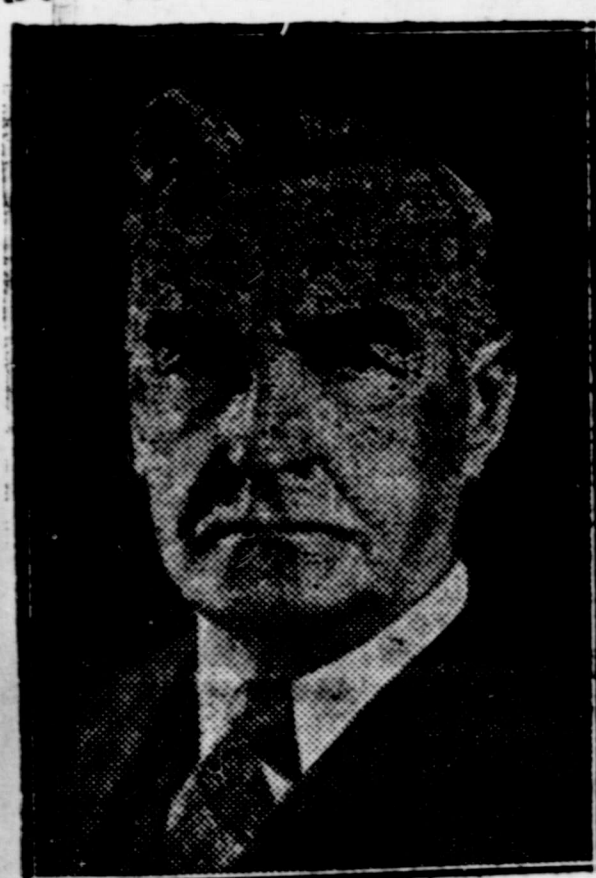
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Feeding Turkey Hens Is Discussed By Poultry Man

By R. M. SHERWOOD, Chief, Division of Poultry Husbandry.

There is an increasing demand for good turkey hatching eggs from the northern states as well as from our local hatcheries in Texas. Due to natural advantage, Texas could well be the turkey breeding state of the Union. However, if a large percentage of turkey eggs produced in Texas are infertile or the fertile eggs do not hatch a high percentage of strong poults, the demand for hatching eggs either from this state or from any other states will cease. Therefore, every effort should be made to produce the best turkey hatching eggs possible.

Suggestions for the Management of Laying Turkeys

Experiments have shown that the quality of Texas turkeys and eggs can be greatly improved by proper breeding, feeding and management. Breeders should be selected before any birds are sold from the flock. If the flock is made up of birds of several ages, this should be considered in making the selection. Large, well developed turkeys are good body conformation with the proper color markings for the breed should be selected. These should be removed from the flock that is to be sold and fed a ration richer in protein than the fattening ration.

For best results, the turkeys should be fed regularly, or the grain and mash should be kept before them all of the time. Plenty of water should be available at all times. This should be changed in the morning and at

noon. Some kind of shelter should be provided for the birds in cold, rainy weather. Nests should be provided, and the turkeys should be penned to prevent the hens from laying where the eggs cannot be found. A barrel with one end knocked out makes one of the best nests there is; it should be placed on the side with open end tilted slightly to prevent snakes from crawling in and getting the eggs. To keep the hens in the pen, one wing may be clipped; the toms' wings should not be clipped as it interferes with their mating. The toms will stay in the pens if the hens are forced to. Even with the very smallest flocks, two toms should be available. The percentage of fertile eggs may be increased by rotating the toms daily. It has been observed that certain hens would not mate with one tom, but would mate immediately if another tom was placed in the pen.

Experiments In Feeding

In order to secure data on satisfactory rations for laying turkeys, this station conducted a number of feeding tests. The object of these tests was to determine the relative value of various amounts of ground whole oats, wheat bran, and meat and bone scraps in rations for laying turkeys.

The turkeys used in this study were Bronze Turkeys of like breeding that had been hatched from the Experiment Station between the dates of March 29 and April 29 of the preceding year. These birds were selected at random in six lots with fourteen hens to the lot. The turkeys were kept in double yards with small houses. Outside roosts were put in the yards in March. Before that time the birds roosted in the houses. Green feed was available during the experimental period. Although the yards had been used for chickens previous to the experimental period, none had been kept in them for five months before the experiment started.

Four percent of tobacco dust was fed continuously during the experimental period to help control worms that are associated with blackhead organisms. Lights were used on the birds during the months of February through April giving the turkeys a fourteen hour day. The turkey toms were rotated among the various pens daily using one tom in each pen. Records were kept of feed consumption, egg production, health, and mortality. All birds were carefully observed; any that died were post-mortemed to determine, when possible, the cause of the death. Any broodiness among the turkey hens was broken up as soon as possible by keeping the hen in an enclosure in one corner of her pen until she showed no further signs of this condition. During this period of confinement, the hen was fed the regular experimental ration.

The rations used in this experiment are given in Table 1. Table 2 shows that, with the exception of group 4 which laid the largest number of eggs, there was a variation among the various groups of only five eggs per hen during the entire test. The data of this experiment do not show why the production for group 4 was so much higher than that of the other groups. Group 1 had the same combination of wheat bran and ground whole oats as group 4, yet the egg production in group 1 was not any higher than that of groups 2 or 3. Likewise, no explanation can be given for the high feed consumption of group 6. Rations 4, 5, and 6 were more costly than rations 1, 2, and 3 because they contained 5 per cent more meat and bone scraps, which is one of the higher priced components of the ration. The feeding of this added amount of meat and bone scraps did not result in a consistently higher or more economical egg production. The mortality was higher in the group receiving the higher amounts of protein feeds, (Table 2). The total mortality in the lower protein groups was three, and the higher protein groups was ten.

There was no consistency difference in favor of any of the combinations of ground whole oats and wheat bran when fed either with the high or low level of protein.

Discussion

It may be noted from this study that a turkey hen will consume eight to twelve pounds of grain and mash per month. The birds ate more grain than mash during the late winter and spring and ate more mash than grain during the late spring and early summer. It took from 0.75 to 1.00 pounds of feed to produce one egg. A decrease in egg production during the month was closely correlated with broodiness among the hens. These turkeys were in good marketing condition when the experiments closed on July 31. They had been cared for under more ideal conditions than prevail on most farms producing turkey hatching eggs. As there was no consistent difference in any of the combinations of wheat bran or ground whole oats, none of these combinations would be recommended as more satisfactory in a ration for laying turkeys than any of the others.

There was a slightly higher mortality in the groups receiving the higher level of protein, but the higher level protein did not result in higher or more economical egg production. Therefore, 20 per cent of meat and bone scraps and 5 per cent of dried milk care of the protein requirements of laying turkeys in this experiment as well as larger amounts.

Turkey producers could feed either of the rations 1, 2, and 3, Table 1, for good egg production. These rations should give good results if plenty of green feed is available and oyster shell is kept before the birds all of the time. Some modifications might be made in these three rations without altering their efficiency. If green feed is not available, 10 per cent of dehydrated alfalfa leaf meal must be included in the ration. The meat and bone scraps might be increased to 25 per cent, the dried milk left out, and 3 per cent dried whey added.

Conclusions

1. Eight to twelve pounds of feed

TABLE I RATION USED FOR BREEDING TURKEYS

Feeds	1	2	3	4	5	6
Meat and bone scraps	20	20	20	25	25	25
Dried skimmed milk	5	5	5	5	5	5
Ground yellow corn	29	29	29	24	24	24
Wheat grain shorts	10	10	10	10	10	10
Ground whole oats	15	20	10	15	20	10
Wheat bran	15	10	20	15	10	20
Salt	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chick size oyster shell	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tobacco dust	4	4	4	4	4	4

TABLE II DETAILED RESULTS FOR EXPERIMENT

DELETED									
No. Eggs		Per		Lbs. Mash	Per		Lbs. Grain	Lbs. Grain & Mash	
Rat Per Cent	No. Mortality	Total Hen	Total Hen	Total Hen	Total Hen	Total Hen	Total Hen	Total Hen	egg
1	7.1	1098	80.43	545	40.22	528	38.52	1073	78.74 .98
2	14.3	1055	83.80	545	43.62	468	36.69	1013	80.32 .96
3	0	1126	80.43	554	39.58	481	34.36	1035	73.93 .92
4	14.3	1249	98.34	521	41.04	439	34.26	960	75.30 .77
5	14.3	1121	85.05	538	41.67	445	33.59	983	75.25 .88
6	42.8	835	81.78	476	49.27	418	42.96	894	92.25 1.07

TEXAS WILDLIFE

game preserve established in Limestone county in 1926 produced some tangible results, according to a survey conducted recently by J. G. Burr, one of the field men of the Game Department.

The county had few Quail when the preserve was established, but now they are found virtually in all sections, Burr reported. The birds came from a foundation stock of 200 Quail placed in the preserve by the Department. The preserve also was stocked by 30 Deer, a few Wild Turkeys and 200 Pheasants, the latter brought from Oregon. A few deer survive along the Navasota. The Wild Turkeys have disappeared. So also have the Pheasants. Through experiments in various parts of the State the Department has learned that Pheasants, while they do well in captivity, seldom survive in the wild over most of Texas because of adverse environmental conditions.

Although Texas is not listed in the breeding range of the Woodcock, a school teacher, C. M. Ferguson, of LaSalle, reported to the Game Department that the birds had been seen in the vicinity of both LaSalle and Kosse in Limestone county. Ferguson said a few Woodcocks nested near LaSalle. The Game Department will investigate the report.

If you plan a vacation trip to the Guadalupe Mountains in extreme western Texas, watch out for porcupines.

Few people have seen porcupines in Texas, for they are very rare in this state. The other day, however, Bob Snow, field naturalist of the Game Department, killed one in the Guadalupe north of Van Horn. They are not protected by law.

The needle-skinned animal and his companions, if any, were believed to have migrated south from Arizona and northern New Mexico, where they are common.

Snow also reported seeing several black bears.

The problem of keeping deer out of gardens and fields is being tackled by some Hill country ranchers with an electric deer-proof fence, according to reports to the Game Department.

The electric fence is yet an experiment and will not be recommended until additional tests are made, officials said.

One in Kerr county, near Kerrville, is said to work to perfection. An electric wire was strung inside the regular stock fence on three sides of a large grain and truck field. During a period of one week, no deer molested crops from the three sides. Deer entered from the fourth and unprotected side, however, and had their fill.

The experiments are being watched with interest by many ranchers who have suffered heavy crop losses while conserving their deer.

SMITHS FAR IN LEAD IN OLD-AGE INSURANCE ROLLS; JONESES IN SIXTH PLACE

Claims of the American branch of the Smith family to numerical superiority over all other family groups are supported by a survey the Social Security Board has made of the 39,000,000 social security account numbers it has assigned.

According to Dewey Reed, manager of the Amarillo office of the Board, account numbers have been issued to approximately 470,190 Smiths. Next in order are the Johnses with 348,530, the Browns with more than 253,750, the Williamses with 249,312, and the Millers with 238,980. The Joneses stand in sixth place with 232,540. All variations in the spelling of a name are grouped together. For instance, Schmidt, Schmitz, and Smythe are considered part of the Smith family.

Everybody's swimming in Spur Pool these days.

per month was required to feed a turkey hen during the laying season.

2. Three-fourths to one pound of feed was required for the production of one egg.

3. The turkeys consumed more mash and less grain as the season advanced.

SALES TAX IN TEXAS IS OPPOSED BY RETAIL GROCERS

Agitation for a sales tax in Texas is meeting organized opposition from many quarters, a survey discloses. Chief opponents to this tax are members of the Texas Retail Grocers Association, composed of independents.

Group meetings have been held in 100 or more Texas cities the past three months by representatives of the Grocers Association. The sales tax was a subject up for discussion. In each instance the groups voted to oppose this form of taxation. Business and professional men, farmers, laborers and housewives registered their opposition, indicating widespread sentiment against more taxes on the consumer.

In Dallas en route to the National Association of Retail Grocers meeting, W. B. Addison of Houston, president of the Texas Retail Grocers Association said:

"We have found all lines of trade opposed to a sales tax. When I say 'all lines of trade,' I mean just that—grocers, druggists, dry goodsmen, clothiers—to say nothing of professional classes, farmers, laborers and housewives. With Texas spending \$150,000,000 annually for State expense, taxpayers can see no good reason for saddling new burdens upon them. Experience of our citizens in other 'sales tax States' has demonstrated the fallacy of this tax. This is election year... Candidates for office are, I am sure, cognizant of the organized opposition to a selective or general sales tax."

Sales tax revenue can not be applied to the Confederate pension fund deficit as it is financed by a Constitutional tax, and it is not needed to reduce the general fund deficit, Mr. Addison said. "With retirement of the 10-year bond voted in 1933, the money allocated for this

QUICK WORK

The Social Security Board's record-keeping system utilizes the most advanced mechanical equipment. On the average, it requires 1.68 minutes to establish an account for an employee. Accounts for all workers are maintained in one building at Baltimore, Maryland.

DON'T OVERLOOK CASH

Persons entitled to lump sums under the old-age insurance program are being paid 3 1-2 per cent of wages received from covered employment after 1936, and up to attainment of age 65 or death. For example, if a worker's wages during this period amount to \$1,000, the lump-sum payment would be \$35. Information concerning the filing of a claim may be obtained from the Social Security Board, 1012 Olive-Eagle Building, Amarillo, Texas.

purpose will absorb the general fund deficit," he added. He pointed out that State revenues have increased materially through new levies made by the Legislature in recent years as further proof that new taxes are not needed to meet essential functions of government. "We sadly need tax reduction and not tax increases," he concluded. His suggestion for tax reduction came before the Senate Economy Committee announced a saving of \$5,000,000 can be made in State appropriations without impairing any department or agency of the State.

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THE TEXAS SPUR

Thursday, July 21, 1938

Many From Dickens Attending Tech This Term

Showing definitely, by a percentage check of those attending college from Dickens County, that interest centered more on West Texas' own educational institutions, a good list is named here that are attending, or finished Summer Term on Saturday, July 16, Texas Technological College at Lubbock.

Those giving their home as Dickens are:

Cecil Ayers, Spur, and Manuel Ayers, Afton, who attended Short Course for three weeks. Sybil Brantley, McAdoo; Mrs. W. Burton, McAdoo; Mrs. F. G. Collier, Spur; Alba Cozby, Launa Cozby, Rozelle Cozby, Spur; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cravey, Spur; W. B. Frances, Spur; Sybil Hazel, Spur; Mrs. John King, Jr., Spur; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lovell, Dickens; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Mayfield, Spur; Hazel Moore, McAdoo; Robert McDonald, McAdoo; Gordon Miller, McAdoo; France McLaughlin, McAdoo; Coy Neely, McAdoo; Mrs. S. M. Newberry, Spur; Helen Porter, Dumont; Maurice McArthur, Spur; Everett Richardson, Afton; William Sanderson, Dickens; Anibel Speer, Lois Speer, Dickens; Willard Willis, McAdoo.

Two others who give other addresses, but teach in Dickens County, are Minibel Johnson, Lubbock, and Chestine Gibbs, Sweetwater.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS BEING MADE OF FARMS HERE

Ten Supervisors have been employed to check and report performance of all farms in Dickens County.

Aerial photographs are being made in determining performance. After boundaries, field-outline and crop identifications have been made, number of acres in each crop is determined by use of planimeters in the county office. Farmers will be notified when their farms have been checked in the county office. Much time and travel may be saved by waiting for the report of performance to be mailed, as it requires some time to prepare reports and with ten performance supervisors in the field it cannot be ascertained as to when a report might be ready for a farmer to check. All efforts possible are being made to speed-up the work and your co-operation in this matter will be highly appreciated. —G. J. Lane, County Agent

Miss Jane Godfrey is spending the week at the ranch home of her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Coody, Jr., near Haskell.



Knights of The Saddle

Perhaps little thought is given by some people to the standing of the cowboy, and yet the man and his faithful pony stand out very clearly as the greatest accomplishments in world history. In the days of old, throughout the ages of history, the horseman has been one of the greatest assets to progress and civilization.

In the olden days the Knights forth to do battle, to vie for honors, to conquer empires, on missions of romance, and were the trusted messengers of kings. To this bold and brave group even the king and queen looked to for safety and security.

But this is another world. Thoughts of the West automatically bring to mind thoughts of the cowboy. The "cowboy spirit" is a world of its own. And far from the opinion of the dime-novel readers, they are often such men as accomplishment honors the most in this world. It is a spirit that will not die, no matter to what heights the man may go.

Examples of the "Cowboy Spirit" are seen every day in the world of big business; in the world of art; in the world of literature; and in every sphere of human endeavor. Humboldt, even though at a day when the great ranches were unknown, had that spirit deep down in his heart. Alexander the Great, had no

need to drive cows, yet he was imbued with the great spirit of a cowboy. Teddy Roosevelt was a genuine "cowboy spirited" American. Charles A. Jones, whom Spur claims as her very own, was considered by Atlantic Monthly as one of America's most fluent writers; held some of the most important positions to which United States business institutions can bestow upon her sons, and yet held deep in his heart that great cowboy spirit that rides hand in hand with sincerity, friendliness, deep, quick thinking, and sound and sensible conclusions.

Clifford Jones, to whom we have very recently referred as purchasing large ranching interests, unconsciously treads along the path of his cowboy-hearted father. Equipped for practically any business career that may have carried him into the shadow of sky-scrapers, yet turns his head back to the world of ranches. It is a spirit that flows in the bloodstream of the Old Southwest—the hallmark of clear minds, the escutcheon of sincerity.

The cowboy has a universal temperament: where he would be master of himself on Broadway, his contemporary from Broadway would be last in the great world of the cowboy. From Nature comes confidence, endurance, faith in his fellowman, and unflinching judgment.

Will Rogers carried with himself forever the cowboy's heart—it was in his blood; he couldn't lose it, and didn't want to lose it. Offered his choice between King of England and the role of a cowboy, Tom McArthur would probably "slide on first" for his cowpony. W. J. Elliott, we believe, would choose in an offer preference for being a connoisseur of horseflesh, a judge of human nature, than to have the privilege of holding another place higher than Eiffel Tower.

Note the spirit of the little boy: he is honor-proud when his feet are clad in cowboy boots. It is his mark of nobility; and no king could purchase them with a jewel-studded crown.

Alas, it is one of the glories of the Pioneers—and there are hundreds of those names that grace the halls of our own history.

We pay tribute here to some of those names—and hope that it is a pardonable offense if we have missed names that rightfully belong on this list.

At a business meeting of members of the Old Settlers Association of Dickens and Motley counties at Roaring Springs on July 18, four committees to work out details were appointed. The committees follow, with members of each named:

Concession Committee—J. D. Mitchell, John Shirley, Dr. J. F. Hughes, H. Jackson.

Base Ball Committee—Paul Enloe, Chairman, Jim Smith, Jim Quinton. Program Committee—C. C. Haile, Mrs. John Smith, Fred King, Mrs. M. S. Thacker.

Ground Committee—H. D. Marshall, Oscar Caloway (Matador), Jake Cooper.

Although there were many people in this area long before 1890, it is generally believed that Afton was among the first settlements in this country—that is to say, a place wherein people began to centralize as a collective community.

In the year 1890 a group of settlers went to the Afton area, named the place Cottonwood from the many fine cottonwood trees on Cottonwood Creek. It went under this name for several years, later being changed to Afton.

Mrs. H. T. Garner recalls that there were only five "plank" houses in Dickens County in 1890, excepting of course the buildings belonging to four ranches—Spur Ranch, Pitchfork Ranch, Flying A Ranch, and Bud Browning's D. O. G. brand established in 1879. The first school activities, taught by Mrs. Whittacre, grandmother of Fred Christopher, were in the Thad Wilmore dugout; and the first students were two Garner girls, three Jackson children, two Braddock children, Paul Braddock and his sister, and two Alford children.

Rev. Stegall, father of Sid Stegall, was the first minister in the county, and Jeff Harkey was the first sheriff.

Among the first families, to which group we may refer as the very earliest pioneers, were:

Rev. G. Gates, Baptist minister and wife, J. H. Greer and family, Dr. Walker and wife, B. F. Crawford and wife, Dod McCamant and family, H. T. Garner and family—1890, B. F. Whittacre and family—1890, J. B. Cooch, Tom Stokes, Albert Jones, Widow Bradford and son, Clad, H. Alford and wife, J. A. Askins, W. C. Ballard and family, Thad Wilmore and wife, Eb Shaw, Croton—1891, Eli Harkey and family, Dickens, Jeff Harkey, As a cowboy Jeff came to the Dickens area in the year 1879, D. S. Dunwoody—1891, E. Luce and family located at Tap in 1879.

Later Arrivals—Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Bilberry, J. E. Arthur and wife, Press Goen and wife, J. D. Harkey, Bill Austin and family, Joe Jackson and family, R. C. Forbis and family, Sol Davis and family, Gill Green and family, F. F. Henry and family, H. V. Johnson and family, Mattie Sizemore, Dennis Harkey and wife, J. H. Meadors and family, W. R. Stafford and family, S. D. Rogers and family, Hamp Collett and family, A. C. Martin, B. F. Middleton and family, A. C. Hindman and family, W. P. Fretwell and family, Mr. and Mrs. French, W. W. Ellis and wife, Doc Ellis and wife, J. P. Legg and family, J. A. Murchison and family, G. W. Potts and family, Munk Rucker and wife, J. R. Elmore and family, Geo. Snodgrass and family, W. A. Harris, Dry Lake, Al Bingham and wife, C. H. Allen and family, J. J. Randal, T. A. Randalman, Albert Jordan and family, R. K. Baker, Ned Hogan and wife, Sam T. Clemmons and wife, J. M. Foster, Judge and Mrs. E. J. Cowan, W. R. Lewis, W. C. McArthur and family.

Judge and Mrs. A. J. McClain, W. F. Godfrey, L. A. Hindman, A. C. Hindman, J. A. Marsh, Dave Stokes, J. I. Meecom, F. R. Harrington and wife, W. J. Elliott and family, Tol Merriman and wife, Mr. Dobkins and wife, B. F. Law and family, Ben Law and family, W. L. Hyatt and wife, Green Turner, J. C. Davis and family, T. J. Braddock and family, A. R. Loyd and family, Henry Fox and family, Jim Hulson and family, H. P. Cole and family, Ben F. Brock and family, T. G. Flukey and family, George Harvey and family, V. H. Johnson and family, W. M. Winkler and family, Col. and

WELCOME

We wish to extend an invitation to all to come to our home town today and tomorrow for the Fifth Annual Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic. It is our earnest desire that each and every individual thoroughly enjoy the occasion—that this Reunion climax all others in interest and entertainment, and that there are many of them for our beloved Pioneer Fathers and Mothers.

Come, be with us, and we shall do our best to entertain you and give our whole-hearted aid to the Pioneers in making you welcome.

—The People of Dickens.

Dickens Reunion Opens Today

Afton Ranks Among First Settlements In Dickens County; Settled About 1890

Opening today of the Fifth Annual Reunion and Picnic of the Dickens County Old Settlers is scheduled to bring one of the largest crowds to Dickens for the two-day gathering witnessed in many years.

A varied program of entertainment, ball games, dance features, out-side roping and other activities, old and young fiddlers contests, bicycle races and parade, and many other interesting things will greet Soft ball games will be staged both the Old Settlers and visitors today. Days, dances for the young folks both nights—and it is believed that tomorrow, usually drawing the larger crowd, will climax in number all other meetings ever witnessed in the county.

Make your plans to attend both days. If it is impossible to go today, then be sure and go tomorrow. Dickens has planned well for her guests, and guarantees all visitors a royal time.

The program includes: Dance for young folks both nights, with a good floor and good music; Old Folks square dance both nights; Soft ball each day; prizes to the oldest settlers in the county; Amateur affairs both nights; prize to the oldest person who registers; skating at all times; old fiddlers contest; young fiddlers contest; goat roping both days; bicycle races for both boys and girls today (14 year limit); and a bicycle parade, with a prize for the best decorated bicycle.

Carnival attractions will be in Dickens both days.

MILAMS LEASE THE FAIR STORE BUILDING

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Milam, proprietors of the Whittacre-Milam Variety store here, make announcement that they have leased the former Fair Store building, occupied by Jorge Gabriel until his move to the Bryant-Link building, and will have their variety store as soon as the building is redecorated.

The Whittacre-Milam business has been steadily climbing, and the friendly service, with dependable merchandise, is demanding more space and display.

B. T. Moore left Monday for Galveston to spend a weeks vacation in the home of his son, Truman Moore, and Mrs. Moore.



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PLANS BEING MADE FOR DICKENS-MOTLEY REUNION

At a business meeting of members of the Old Settlers Association of Dickens and Motley counties at Roaring Springs on July 18, four committees to work out details were appointed. The committees follow, with members of each named:

Concession Committee—J. D. Mitchell, John Shirley, Dr. J. F. Hughes, H. Jackson.

Base Ball Committee—Paul Enloe, Chairman, Jim Smith, Jim Quinton. Program Committee—C. C. Haile, Mrs. John Smith, Fred King, Mrs. M. S. Thacker.

Ground Committee—H. D. Marshall, Oscar Caloway (Matador), Jake Cooper.



"Jed, ain't it grand to talk over Old Times!"

"Look, pappy, will I be an Old Timer sometime?"

"Shore, son; but it aint just a twist o' the wrist."

"Chief Whoopee, I hear there's heap big coon's in the Old Country. Squaw, she wanna go, too."

"Stay with her, son; she's a wooly booger."

"Heel it fer the tall timber, Pappy; I'm lettin' her go 'til after the Big Reunion is over."

"Grandpap showed me this—Only he stayed up there."

CENTRAL HOTEL BEING REDECORATED

Work was begun the latter part of last week on redecorating and repainting the Central Hotel, of which Mrs. Elsie Wood is proprietor. Two-tone work is featured in the painting, and aside from building improvements, some new furniture is being added to further facilitate the comfort of guests.



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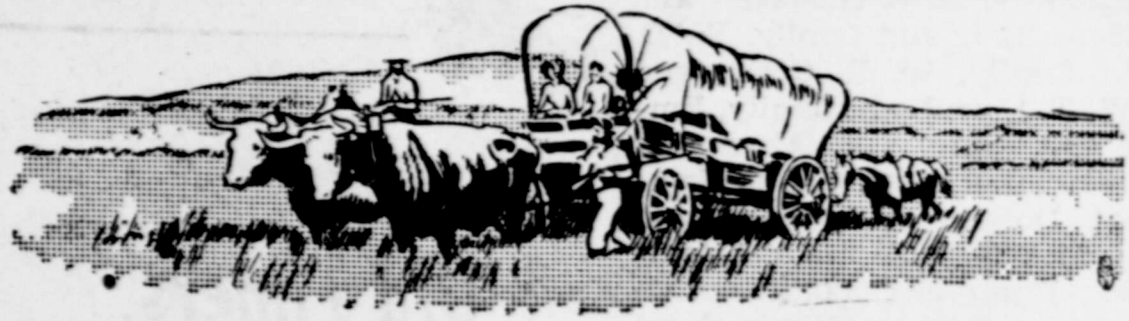
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Together we have emerged from those darker days and can glimpse a silver lining, a rift in the cloud, a ray of sunlight shining. And it was you that made it possible for the shadow to pass.

May you enjoy to the fullest this happy Reunion together.

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a record of achievement seldom attained so early in life, and definitely sets the pace for action at a high level in the House.

PERSONALS

Billie Koon returned the latter part of last week from a visit with W. C. in the Pressly home in Tipton, Oklahoma and a trip to Wichita Falls to see President Roosevelt. He reports the Pressley family are getting along nicely in their new home and their business venture as a success. Mrs. Stokes who is declining in health is not improving of which we regret to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Leach had as guest her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rountree of Whitney, Texas, Sunday and Monday, returning Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wallace and daughters, of near McAdoo were shopping and attending to business affairs in Spur Tuesday, and while there were pleasant callers at The Texas Spur office. Mr. Wallace reports prospects for a bumper crop this fall.

Mrs. Mattie Hamill of Breckenridge, Texas is spending this week in Spur with her son, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Harrell and family.

Norton (Slim) Barret returned Sunday from Lubbock Sanitarium following an appendectomy week before last. Norton is with Spur Tailors and has been sorely missed by the firm and his numerous friends as well during his absence.

Cadet Roger Garrison returned Tuesday from College Station where he has been attending A. & M. this summer.

Mrs. W. C. Gruben and daughter, Emma Pearl, left Tuesday morning for Dallas to be with her sister, Mrs. Pearl Matthews who has very recently been dismissed from a clinic following surgery. Miss Polly Clemmons accompanied them and will be under observation of specialists for a few days and will also visit relatives and friends while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wood returned the first of the week from Bryan, Texas where they attended the Farmer's Short Course from Tuesday to Friday of last week and Houston where they spent the week end visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ellis had as guests one day last week her grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Locke and baby, Helen, of Miami, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Locke were enroute to Rotan to visit her parents, Editor and Mrs. Shelton, of the Rotan Advance.

E. O. Minnix, of East Afton was marketing farm and dairy produce in Spur Saturday and buying supplies of the merchants.

Mr. C. Golihar, was a business visitor in the city Saturday from his farm home 6 miles south of McAdoo.

Misses Ann and Regina Lee accompanied by Misses Martha Nichols and guest Betty Compere of West-laco, Beatrice Spivey, and Wynell McClure motored to Lubbock Friday evening to purchase flowers for Mrs. Lee, the florist, returning Friday night to Spur.

Mrs. Raymond Powell of Highway spent Thursday in Spur visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Slim Forter.

Miss Mae Ruth Payne, of Ralls, is spending this week in Spur as relief operator at Western Union.

Miss Lazell Flores, of Ralls, is spending the week in Spur to be with Miss Mae Ruth Payne, relief operator at the Western Union office.

Miss Annie Laurie Lewis spent last week end near Levelland visiting her College chum. Monday she joined her mother, Mrs. W. R. Lewis at Lubbock in a visit of a week or ten days to points in New Mexico.

Ida Lee Golding left Friday of last week for Glenn Rose, where she will spend some time in the summer camp for young ladies at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Powell returned to their home at Forney, Wednesday, following a weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Archer Lanier Powell. Miss Elizabeth Powell accompanied them home for an extended visit in Forney and with relatives in Granbury.



CARL MURRAY

For two years Carl Murray has guided the destiny of Spur Produce—and says it's a pleasure to deal with people of this area. He says it's "a man of its own now."

SPUR PRODUCE IS 21 YEARS OLD—AND CAN VOTE

The Spur Produce Company, branch of the Lubbock Poultry and Egg firm, is now old enough to vote, according to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murray, proprietors of the institution. The firm deals in general farm produce, such as chickens, eggs, cream, hides, and what have you.

The Spur Produce was founded in the year 1917, and although has been operated at various times under different managers locally, has been in the same building throughout its twenty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Murray say that since the firm has become "a man of its own," it intends to do just as it pleases—and what it pleases to do is give better and better service as the days roll by. The building occupied by the firm has just recently been overhauled, repainted, rearranged, and is now in tip-top shape to give the best of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray have made many friends since coming to Spur, and have enjoyed a nice patronage.

Mrs. Charlie Powell and daughter, Shirley, who spent several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott, at their home in Baird returned Sunday to Spur accompanied by Charline who had spent an extended visit in Baird with her grand parents and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Carlisle were shopping and visiting while in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. Hubert Cato and son, who have been visiting her sister in Brownfield, returned the latter part of last week to Spur. Her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speer accompanied her to Spur and spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones, had as guest at dinner and Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliott, and daughter, Miss Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison and sons, Jesse and J. B. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cairnes of near Clairemont and Luther Jones, Jr., who is with the Swenson Outfit.



Make the Most of That Great REUNION, Old Settlers!

And while we're wishing for you a grand time at the big picnic, we also want to invite you to come and see us.

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PROSPECTIVE ART CLASS FOR SPUR

If enough people in Dickens County are interested in art lessons it may be possible for Spur to secure the services of Mrs. W. P. McDonald, art instructor, who lives in Stamford. Mrs. McDonald taught art lessons in Spur a few years ago, and many people are acquainted with her and her ability to teach art. She is a pupil of Prett Klepper.

Mrs. McDonald gives one lesson of two hours each week, and the cost is \$1.00 per lesson. Those people interested in organizing this class will please notify either Superintendent O. C. Thomas or Mrs. V. V. Parr.

F. F. Henry of Duncan Flat was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

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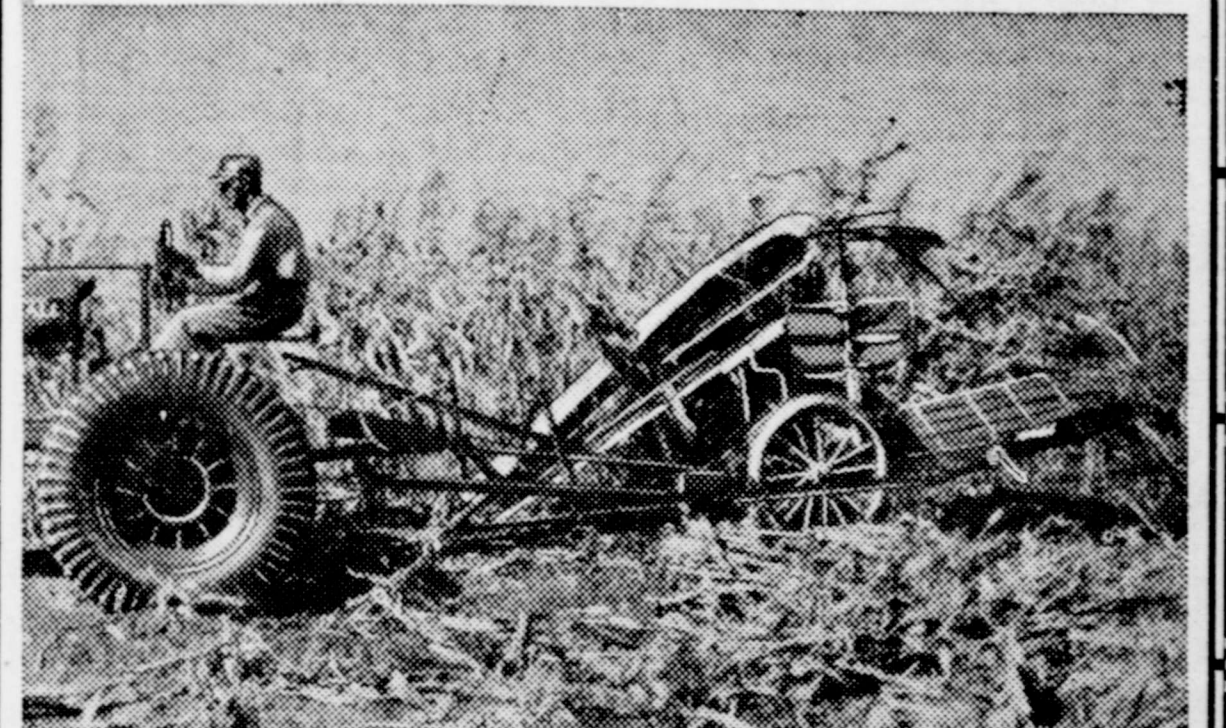
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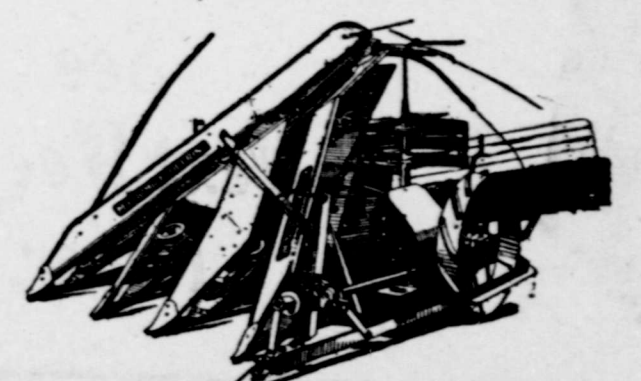


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The Farmall House

MRS. BILL WALTON IS HONORED WITH SHOWER IN CAMPBELL HOME ON HILL STREET

Mrs. Bill Walton, the former Miss Frances Morris whose wedding was announced last week was complimented by a group of her mother's intimate friends when they entertained Thursday morning from nine till eleven with a lovely miscellaneous shower at the W. S. Campbell residence on Hill Street.

The guests were greeted and invited in from the cool ivy covered porch by Mrs. Campbell and were introduced to the bride's mother, Mrs. Kate Morris and to the honoree. Others in the receiving line were Mrs. A. M. Shepherd, Miss Vera Shepherd, and Mrs. Ralph Stewart of Crosbyton.

The guests were registered in a beautiful hand painted bride's book presided over by Mrs. J. P. Carson. Mrs. John King directed the guests from the living room to the sun parlor where a large and lovely assortment of gifts were displayed. Mrs. J. M. Foster and Mrs. B. F. Hale presided here. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with pink gladioli and bowls of gorgeous vari-colored zinnias. While the guests lingered over the gifts, Misses Bonnie Campbell, Helen Hale, and Grace Foster rendered a program of vocal and piano numbers.

From the gift room the guests were invited to the dining room where from a beautifully appointed table, covered with lace cloth, refreshments were served by Mrs. T. H. Blackwell, assisted by Miss Isabelle Campbell, Mrs. Chas. Whitener and Mrs. G. L. Barber poured tea. Colors of orange, gold and blue were used in decorations and on the refreshment plate were favors of bright lantana blooms. Approximately one hundred guests called during the morning.

SHOWER IS GIVEN MRS. BILL WALTON BY SPEER'S EMPLOYEES

Complimenting Mrs. Bill Walton, the employees of Speer's Variety Store entertained with a kitchen shower Tuesday evening at eight-thirty in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Speer in the Highway addition.

The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, a color scheme of green and white being carried out throughout the reception rooms. Gifts for the kitchen were presented to the honoree after which a most attractive and delicious salad plate, carrying out the green and white color scheme, was served to about twenty guests including:

Doris Arthur, Ann Lee, Mrs. John Estes, Beatrice Spivey, Mrs. John A. Moore, Jr., Julia Mae Albin, Mrs. J. E. Morris, Mrs. Lela Evans, Grace Foster, Mrs. Earnest George, Ruth Meek, Wilda Stephens, Ollie Belle Cato, Mrs. Alph Glasgow, Mrs. Bob McCormick, Vera Shepherd, Mrs. Dick Speer, Mrs. Bill Walton, the honoree, and Mona Lawrence.

ENSEY FAMILY ENJOYS PICNIC MONDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ensey, who have been having a family reunion in their home invited the other relatives in town to meet with them for a picnic supper at the golf course on Monday evening. Over thirty members of the Ensey family were present and report a most delightful outing. A picnic luncheon with iced drinks was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ensey and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ensey Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ensey and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ensey and sons.

Messrs Eli Harkey of Dickens and Tom Raligh Harkey of twelve miles north west of Dickens were business visitors in the city Tuesday.



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P.-T. A. Has Accomplished Much Here In Recent Years

The opening of the town of Spur brought problems that were met as only pioneers can meet emergencies. Among these were the school problems and attendant support of the schools by the patrons.

One organization that is interested in the cooperation of the home, school, church, and community for the welfare of the child is known as the Texas Congress of Parents. This organization, a branch of the national movement, was started in Texas in October, 1909. Mrs. Ella Caruthers Porter was the first president and is still active in the cause of child welfare.

In the fall of 1911, there were many children in Spur that should have been in school. Some of these lacked proper clothing. Equipment was also needed and money for such equipment was not easily obtained. Probably because they caught the spirit of the Texas Congress—five women met and after discussion set about trying to meet the local needs and offer that school cooperation that would insure a successful school term. Thus was started the first Parent-Teacher Association in Spur, although it was not to be known by that name but as a Mother's Club. Its aim was to help the school and the children. This aim still prevails.

Mrs. Standifer was the first president of this Mothers' Club. Mrs. Kate Senning acted as the secretary. Mrs. George M. Williams was an active member. Clothing was supplied many children. Mrs. Williams tells of getting in her buggy and gathering up the needed clothing. She also collected donations for the equipment. She stated that she never had a refusal. A piano, a gigantic undertaking in those days because of the expense, was paid for by this club. It was burned when the school house was destroyed. Interested persons made monthly donations and the remainder was raised by community events. All agree that it was fun and progress made by the early schools testify to the efficiency of these early workers.

A complete record of the officers of the club through the years is not available due to some records having been lost. About 1920 the group came in membership with the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers and has remained since trying to do its bit toward the highest in moral, spiritual, physical, and mental education for our boys and girls. Many of the workers have passed to their reward. Presidents, many of whom have served more than one term include: Mmes. M. E. Manning, Chalk Brown, J. M. Foster, W. D. Wilson of Lubbock, L. R. Barrett, E. S. Lee, Olda Harrington, John King, M. L. Jones, W. R. Weaver, E. J. Cowan.

This past year it was decided to have a unit for each school in order to simplify and build up the needed work. The presidents were: Mrs. C. H. McCully, High School; Mrs. W. F. Gilbert, Junior High; Mrs. John Bachman, East Ward. Incoming presidents are Mrs. L. R. Barrett, High School; Mrs. Thurman Moore, Junior High; and Mrs. O. C. Arthur, East Ward. A central agency, a City Council, was recently organized with Mrs. J. R. McNeil, president; Mrs. Floyd Barnett, Vice-president; and Mrs. E. S. Lee, Secretary.

While the parent-teacher movement is an educational agency, many



MRS. W. R. WEAVER

TITLED FOR HIGHEST RECORDS

Giving much of her valued time, with an extreme interest that gets cooperation and results, Mrs. Weaver has stood at the head of the 14th District Parent-Teacher Association for little more than one term to see some of the greatest achievements the body has ever made. Mrs. Weaver was re-elected President at a recent annual meeting at Floydada.

With an increase of 1,370 in membership for the first year of her Presidentship, or the greatest ever recorded, the body is now at its peak with approximately 4,064 members. Quadrupling in number in ten years, probably a high percentage is due to the past year under the constant work of the present President.

emergencies are being met. Projects are in the limelight and are being encouraged by the state and district organization. Stand by your school and your children has become a universal motto for each of the fifteen districts into which the state is divided for convenience in organizing and encouraging the work. Each district has a president, seven vice-presidents with assigned counties to supervise, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, historian, parliamentarian, and chairman of standing committees. Spur is in Fourteenth District which is composed of 24 counties. Spur has been represented several times on the District Board. Mrs. Jack Rector, E. F. Laverty, E. S. Lee, and W. R. Weaver have served in this capacity.

With problems that confront the men and women of the future becoming greater with each passing year, the work of parent-teacher groups is broadened each year. Its workers are volunteers. They number by the millions in the United States alone. Their policy is for the benefit of one group "your child and mine." May the church, home, school and community cooperate to that end.

FARMER'S SHORT COURSE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Discussions of the most interesting features of the Farmer's Short Course at College Station will be the special program planned for the regular meeting of the Home Demonstration Council, Saturday, July 23, in the basement of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Fred Arrington, Mrs. Murray Lea, Jr., and Mrs. Roy Johnson were the three delegates to the week-end from a three-day stay at Short Course who returned this last College Station. Mrs. Murray Lea will give a report on the business transacted in the state-wide organization of women's Home Demonstration Clubs. Some of the new ideas on serving foods will be presented by Mrs. Johnson, who went as winner of the 1937 Farm Food Supply contest. Mrs. Arrington will discuss fall fashions and principles of good dress selection as presented by Jan Alden, Sylist from Chicago.

The four girls who attended the Junior section of the Short Course will also impart some of their impressions of the program which they heard. The girls who attended were: Eloise Sharp, LouWanna Dunlap, Della Dean Baxter, and Melba Robinson.

Immediately following the Short Course program, there will be a brief session of the Council. All

members of the Council and all club women and girls are urged to be present.

S. C. FALLIS, JR. CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY WITH PARTY AND PICNIC

S. C. Fallis, Jr. celebrated his thirteenth birthday, Thursday, July 14, with a party and picnic. His guests met at his home at six o'clock each bringing a birthday gift. They were carried by truck to the old bridge over Duck Creek where they played in the sand and were entertained with games by Miss Lois Jo Fallis and Mary Marsh.

Picnic lunch was served just before the shower to Lane Erickson, Barney Johnson, Jr., Jackie Paul Draper, Alfred and George Walker, Jack and Joy Fletcher of Pecos and S. C. Fallis.

Mrs. Weldon Delisle of Lubbock spent last week in Spur visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Watson. Mr. Delisle came down Saturday for a week end visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Terry and daughters, of Croton Community, were business visitors in Spur Tuesday.

E. N. Wilson, manager of the West Texas Utilities at Memphis, Texas, and formerly of Spur spent the past week and Monday in Spur.

MRS. LYNN BUSBY IS HONORED AT CHASTAIN HOME THURSDAY

Mrs. Neil A. Chastain and Mrs. Pike Nichols entertained at the Chastain home Thursday evening, honoring Mrs. Lynn Busby.

Bridge was the diversion of the evening and at the conclusion of the games, Mrs. J. P. Carson, Jr., who held high score was given a box of bath powder which she very graciously presented to the guest of honor along with a lovely bassinet of gifts from the guests and hostesses. Mrs. P. C. Nichols, Mrs. John A. Moore, Jr., Misses Beatrice Spivey and Martha Nichols were tea guests and assisted the hostesses in the serving a lovely ice course to Mesdames Henry Bilberry, Jack Senning, Harvey Holly, C. F. Hardwick, Truman Green, J. P. Carson, Jr., Guy Karr, Joe D. Giddens, Horace Hyatt, Lee Snodgrass, Wm. Leach, Chas. Taylor, A. A. McKimney, C. L. Harris, Miss Leonora Lisenby and the honoree, Mrs. Busby.

BIRTHDAY PARTY IS GIVEN HONORING JAMES E. BERRY, JR.

A birthday party was enjoyed by a number of little friends celebrating the fifth birthday of James E. Berry, Jr. Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Berry on Harris Street. Mrs. Berry was assisted by Mrs. O. P. Dupree, Mrs. Dunwoody and Mrs. Byron Perry in entertaining the little guests with indoor games. Prizes were awarded in the various contests—Virginia Dunwoody, Sonny Cloud and Patty Jo Dupree were winners. Refreshment of birthday cake and punch were served and unique favors of flags placed in gumdrops were given each guest.

Birthday gifts were received from the following children, Virginia Fay, Alberta Lynn, Lois Marie Dunwoody, Patty Jo and Ann Dupree, Patsy Jean Hyatt, Jo Nell and Bruce Perry, Myrna Dell and James Smith, Emma Pearl Gruben, Forestine McCormick, Billy Smith, Sonny Cloud, Albert Cargile, Howard Ward and Ernestine Berry.

MRS. CLIFFORD B. JONES IS HOSTESS TO THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Clifford B. Jones was hostess to the Thursday bridge club at her home Thursday afternoon at four. Three tables of contract bridge were in play during the afternoon. High score table prizes of Fiesta ware went to Mrs. Neil Chastain and Mrs. J. C. McNeill, III. The guest prize, a lovely potted plant, was presented to Mrs. L. D. Ratliff.

Mrs. Jones was assisted by her niece, Miss Dorothy Jean Barber in serving a delicious salad plate to the following guests: Mesdames Neil Chastain, Neitha Campbell, Ann McClure, L. D. Ratliff, W. T. Andrews, M. C. Golding, Ronald Smallwood, Templin, Ty Allen, J. C. McNeill, III and Miss Bernice Alexander.

HOW TO APPLY EVERYDAY MAKE-UP



June Clayworth demonstrates the manner in which she applies her everyday make-up. The rouge is applied in a triangle shape, which most young people should follow. Miss Clayworth is wearing a "butterfly" coiffure.

MRS. H. B. THOMPSON ENTERTAINS TRIPLE TREY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. H. B. Thompson was hostess to the Triple Trey Bridge Club Saturday afternoon at her home on N. Carroll Street. High score prize went to Mrs. Vasco H. Ward. A lovely salad plate was served to Mesdames L. D. Ratliff, Alton B. Chapman, Henry Bilberry and Vascoe H. Ward.

Swim more often in Spur Pool. It's healthy.

MRS. JACK SENNING HOSTESS TO GROUP AT BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. Jack Senning was hostess on Thursday afternoon to a group of friends for contract bridge. Two tables of players enjoyed a number of games after which the hostess served a refreshment plate of ice cream in meringue cups with cookies.

Those present were Mesdames A. A. McKimney, C. F. Hardwick, Truman Green, Lynn Busby, Wm. Leach, G. J. Lane, Chas. Taylor, and Miss Leonora Lisenby.

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ELSIE'S BEAUTY SHOP

1-2 Block East of Ford Station

We Are Not
PIONEERS OF DICKENS COUNTY
-- but if we live long enough, we will be.
MR. and MRS. VIRGIL SMITH
Beauticians

It Was Different With The Pioneers!



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Rinse Water

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FACT! The same water that rinses your clothes -- gives them their fresh, clean smell -- is pure enough to drink... special filtration probably makes it purer than the water you do drink!

It's soft water, -- it rushes through and over and around your clothes and gets every last bit of dirt and all the soap out of every garment. It's an extra precaution we have for making your clothes look fresher and newer, for making them wear longer.

SPUR LAUNDRY-CLEANERS

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Those Pioneers

are Proud Old Dears... they have an eye for loveliness in their wives and in their daughters--and believe us, they appreciate your very touch for loveliness.

A new permanent is the prescription for Reunion enjoyment... for you, and for them.

You must of course go to the Reunion... and naturally you want to look your very best!

WE CAN HELP YOU!

RETA'S BEAUTY SHOP
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POST OFFICE TO BE MOVED BY END OF QUARTER

According to Uncle Sam's Post Office Department methods, which are usually regulated by the quarter—or four-period basis of the year—the Spur Post Office will likely be moved to its new location by the end of this quarter. A definite time has not been set, but original specifications called for removal to the new location in the Chamber of Commerce building on West Harris sometime between July 1 and September 30, or the last day of this quarter.

According to O. C. Arthur, all arrangements have been made for removal from the present stand on East Harris, where it has been located for many years, but definite orders have not been received from headquarters as yet.

JUDGES FOR 17 BOXES IN County Appointed to hold elections in the democratic primaries

Absentee voting was climaxed on mission of a good number in several boxes as well as for Spur, and Robt. Nickels has announced that ballot boxes are now ready for delivery for use Saturday at the various voting points.

The seventeen boxes, and the jud-respective places, are listed below:

Officer	Box
Frank Speer	Dickens
A. C. Hull	West Spur
Earl Jopling	East Spur
Chas. McLaughlin	McAdoo
J. N. Lawson	AAfton
Roy Bennett	Prairie Chapel
L. A. Grantham	Red Hill
J. E. Sparks	Highway

THREE NEW HOLLYWOOD COIFFURES

ACCORDING to Dorothy Cocks, Beauty Editor of the Pictorial Review, "Girls under twenty want to wear their hair so as to look older. And the women past thirty want coiffures to make them look younger. Here are 'wish coiffures' for both.

Says Miss Cocks, "I went to those talented hairdressers on the movie lots who are so uncannily expert at creating coiffures that make a star more empha-



Dorothy Cocks

ically herself, or make her over into a different personality, as the director commands."

"Show me how you would dress a young girl's hair, to suggest that she is growing up but without in the least letting her look so sophisticated that the effect is silly or common or hard," she asked them.

The pictures show what Miss Cocks learned.



It's the designedly crooked part that does it... that takes away the babyish look from symmetrical features and gives them an unexpectedly grown-up quirk. Judy Garland shows it here. A one-sided arrangement adds to apparent age.



Conversely, a symmetrical coiffure (alike on both sides of face) is young-looking. A center part is always youthful and adds length to a square face or a low forehead. Deanna Durbin wears flowers to accent youthful symmetry.



Carole Landis has her page-boy bob thinned out and trained close to her head to look grown-up. You don't need to be told, by now, that there's more than one way to turn the trick. All that remains is to decide which is yours!

J. L. Karr ----- Espuela
Joe M. Rose ----- Duncan Flat
O. E. Minix ----- Wichita
L. A. Lollar ----- Duck Creek
Clyde Hollar ----- Dumont
J. P. Legg ----- Croton
W. G. Hinson ----- Red Mud
Jim Smith ----- Dry Lake
C. O. Parker ----- Midway

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your untiring assistance during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.
—D. E. McClanahan, Mr. and Mrs. Preston McClanahan, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie McClanahan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ab McClanahan.

TCMP JOHNSON IN SPUR LAST OF THE WEEK
Tomp Johnson, candidate for Commissioner of Precinct 1, was in Spur the last of the week. Tomp says he thinks he has seen all of the voters, and is getting all primed for the Big Day that takes place next Saturday.

DICKENS COUNTY PICNIC AND Old Settlers' Reunion Dickens, Texas 2 Days--July 21 and 22

BIG DANCE FOR YOUNG FOLKS BOTH NITES
GOOD FLOOR - GOOD MUSIC

OLD FOLKS SQUARE DANCE
BOTH NITES

SOFT BALL FOR EACH DAY
PRIZES GIVEN

Cash Prizes to Oldest Settlers In County
TWO AMATEUR NITES WITH PRIZES
SKATING PRIZE TO OLDEST PERSON WHO REGISTERS

Prize to Family Attending From the Greatest Distance

OLD FIDDLERS' CONTEST
JULY 21

YOUNG FIDDLERS CONTEST
JULY 22

GOAT ROPING
BOTH DAYS

BICYCLE RACES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS JULY 21 — PRIZES
14-Year Age Limit

BICYCLE PARADE — PRIZE TO BEST DECORATED BICYCLE
Carnival Attractions--D. S. Dudley Shows

Cool, Clean Camp-sites

Plenty of Good Water

WPA Payroll In County Shows Increase Of \$386.10 A Month Under New Schedule

Through courtesy of the local WPA administrators, some very interesting data is given out with relation to the new ruling on WPA hours in Dickens County, from which source the income is now estimated to be approximately \$386.10 per month in excess of the former payroll. The new schedule was effective last Friday, July 15.

Although there are 36 counties in the State not affected by the new increase in hours, the local administrators point out that they were given increases in November, 1935, and that the rates would remain the same. Glancing at the totals, nine counties under supervision of Lubbock Office would receive an increase to the amount of \$5,710, or the entire State, excepting the 36 counties receiving the earlier increase, would get approximately \$365,708 more than previous to July 15.

The increase is given through permission of more hours per individual, rather than an uplift of hourly wage. Prior to the new regulation, WPA workers here were permitted to work 76 hours per month, at an hour scale of 30c; whereas the recent change will permit each individual to work 87 hours during the period of each month, and at the same hour scale.

Studying these changes, which affect only unskilled labor, an individual formerly receiving \$22.80 per month for his 76 hours, now may be eligible for 87 hours' work, or \$26.10; individual increase amounting to \$3.30.

Taking note of some very impressive figures obtained by courtesy of Miss Wilma Stephens, attaché of WPA headquarters here, the trend may point definitely to improvements for this county in the matter of furnishing more work for people by private employment. Comparing the work list of 1937 and 1938, a big drop is seen in the number on the WPA list. The case load, or named as eligibles for work on WPA projects, is given as 164 males and 30 females for 1937. The quota on actual projects, for which funds were available, is named as 131 males and 28 females.

The current year, or 1938 WPA list, has a list of 135 males and 26 females termed as eligible to work, and an actual working list on projects given as 97 males and 15 females. Totalling these figures, the projects now employ 47 less people than in 1937.

Taking an informative survey made by Mrs. Fox of activities in the Sewing Room, perhaps the upward trend for private employment is still more impressive. Where up to 30, and often more, women were employed in 1937, only 15 are employed at present. The increase in hours in this department is 15, or 130 hours per month compared to the former 115 hours; however the hour scale is less than the outside projects for males.

In the four WPA projects now operating in Dickens County, the 97 men have employment on two highway construction, excepting the three of four on a minor school program of renovation, and 15 women are employed in the Sewing Room, of Project No. 6607, under the Supervision of Mrs. Verna Fox. The Calgary highway, Project No. 9717, being topped for all-weather travel, is under supervision of Samuel Townsend; and the Farm-to-Market road work at Dickens, Project No. 9560, is under supervision of Troy D. Newton. Also in Spur office, with duties to other areas, is Pryor J. Manly, Area Time-keeper Supervisor, and A. Delma McCarty, Area Engineer.

Explaining apt reason for occasional changes in pay schedule throughout the State, Miss Stephens refers to a basis of economic conditions used by the Government in determining allotments of WPA money. A general study of area production, living expenses, contrabands line on stability of the business chart, and reflex trend in private labor perhaps drawing the State appropriations to a focus on territorial projects.

The 36 counties given the earlier, prize in funds, and not at this time affected, are Andrews, Armstrong,

Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Ector, Floyd, Gaines, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Lipscomb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Ochiltree, Parmer, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Winkler, and Yoakum.

The purchasing power, Stearns S. Tucker, deputy state administrator in San Antonio, gives out through the local office, would be greater for 70,600 unskilled workers on WPA projects in Texas to the amount of the \$365,708 named above in the second paragraph.

Mrs. P. H. Miller and niece, Miss Erma Nee Wooten made a business trip to Floydada Monday.

TEXACO PRODUCTS

will carry many people to the Big Reunion at

DICKENS

Check up on the Pioneers—they have ever used real judgment, and they prefer TEXACO



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WITH EACH ROLL OF FILMS
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COWAN BUILDING



IT TAKES A LOT OF
ENDURANCE

To stay
on top!

But if you have the determination to win, as have the Pioneers, you can do it. Use your better judgment in investments . . . if you have not thoroughly studied a transaction, ask us to help you. It is our business.

LANDS — LOANS — OIL AND
GAS LEASES — ROYALTIES

D. J. HARKEY

ABTRACTOR



GRUBEN,
The Jeweler

In the Jewelry Business in Spur since 1909. We know the value of Watches, Diamonds, and Jewelry. Glasses fitted, satisfaction guaranteed.

See Us First

GRUBEN DRUG
& JEWELRY

Elliot's Appliance Brings Three More Families To Spur From Paducah Store

If it goes into a matter of pride, perhaps Spur would like to wave the yellow flag at Paducah through the fact that Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Elliott, formerly owners of stores in both Spur and Paducah, have disposed of the Paducah store and will concentrate on the store here in the future with expectations of doing a fine business.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott and their two sons, Donald and Virgil Burt, bring with them two other families, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Graham and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Creamer and children, all of whom will make their home here. Mr. Stewart, with the store here since it was established last August, will continue with the firm as salesman and this department will be joined by Mr. Graham. Mr. Creamer is an expert service man, and will act in that capacity here. Miss Lois Ragland will also continue with the firm as bookkeeper.

The Elliott Appliance institution has had rapid growth since coming to Spur. The business house is this week being completely overhauled, rearranged, repainted, and much new stock is being added. It is one of those places that has the clean, tidy appearance to at once furnish customers with a visible welcome; and a congenial group to deal with is evidence that customers will wish to return after a first visit. The company handles Servel refrigerators, equipped for either kerosene or gas, and is also agency for the Norge line of electric refrigerators. Butane gas, an individual gas plant for home or office use, is also one of their products, and they handle the line of stoves and accessories to accommodate Butane users. Aside from this equipment, they carry a line of electric appliances.

To supplement the already large stocks, announcement is made this week that in the near future the store will also be agents for the Philco line of radios.

Spur Swimming Pool is the place to relax these hot days.



ELECT

Winfred F. Newsome
Your Next
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
110th Judicial District

To The Voters Of Precinct 1

As we come to the close of this primary campaign, I want to take method of thanking each and every one of you for the courtesy you have shown me. I want to thank you for the co-operation and words of encouragement you have given me during the time I have served you as your commissioner.

I have tried at all time to be fair in my dealings as County, Precinct, and Community commissioner. I have practiced economy as far as I was able, bearing in mind that our School and Mail routes should come first, and I shall give you the best roads that the county funds will permit.

To those whom I have failed to see and talk to personally, I want to again ask your consideration. I have tried hard to serve you to the best of my ability, and if you think I am entitled to a second term I surely would appreciate your vote and influence in the election next Saturday.

Thanking you,
Horace D. Nickels.

To The Voters Of Precinct Three

It has been my earnest desire to see personally every voter in Precinct 3, and ask that you consider my candidacy for Commissioner. I may have failed to see some few—and if this is the case, please consider that I tried, and it does not mean that I do not want your vote. You know, other work makes it difficult to make a thorough campaign, but I need to work—and I need that Commissioner's job.

Sincerely,
Don Perrin

Fathers Guests At Scout Meeting Tuesday

At the regular Boy Scout meeting at Scout Hall Tuesday night two fathers of Scouts were guests, Homer Cargile and Ceburn Reynolds. Plans were discussed, and positions assigned to Scouts, for the Special Conferences activities for the Candidate speaking at the Stadium last night.

Following the Scout meeting, special invitations were extended and accepted, for the group to attend services at the First Baptist Church, at which place a revival meeting is taking place.

Cecil Fox, Scoutmaster of Troop 36, and the boys, make public the announcement that visitors are always welcome at the meetings.

Leon Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Hale, was admitted into Troop 36 last week, bringing the number in that body up to 28.

Mrs. McElathery and daughter Opal, who have been visiting relatives in Sulphur Springs, returned last week end to their home in Spur.

Miss Dorothy Young returned Sunday from a two weeks visit with her parents at Liberal, Kansas, and with relatives and friends at Dalhart and Amarillo, Texas.

New York's Fair and Skyline, All in One Picture



NEW YORK—Proximity of the New York World's Fair 1939 to Manhattan is shown in this "location" photograph taken from the Bermuda Clipper "Cavalier" flying above the Government Zone of the exposition. The familiar skyscraper skyline of Manhattan is shown here nine miles away but within fifteen minutes ride by rail.

Note the patterns of buildings, foundations, gardens and thoroughfares emerging in the Central Exhibit Area and the fine finish of landscaping

about the steelwork of the 700 foot Trylon and 200 foot Perisphere and along the broad Constitutional Mall.

Shown, right, are the elevated tracks of the IRT-BMT subway systems and, nearer, the Long Island Railroad tracks crossing the lowered Grand Central Parkway Extension. The pontoon of the plane obscures view of the Triborough Bridge, one of the main approaches to the Fair. The buildings shown are among forty already under construction.

Mrs. McClanahan Is Buried Here Monday

Mrs. Maggie Collins McClanahan, age 63 years, 8 months and 21 days, wife of D. E. McClanahan, of Kalgary, died Sunday, July 17th, at the home of her son, Preston, in Spur.

For several years Mrs. McClanahan has been in poor health and about six weeks ago she suffered a severe illness and was taken to Mineral Wells where she was under the care of specialists, until Saturday, when she returned to Spur.

Maggie Collins McClanahan was born October 26, 1874 in Arkansas, later moving to East Texas where she was married to D. E. McClanahan. To this union seven children were born, three died in infancy, and in 1933 a daughter died at Houston, Texas.

Mrs. McClanahan came from Oklahoma with her husband and sons to Spur in 1925 and made this her home until 1928 when they moved to Vernon where they lived six years returning to Spur and to their farm home in Kalgary in 1934. She was a devout Christian mother and a member of the Frewill Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 18th, at 11:00 o'clock at the First Baptist Church in Spur, Rev. R. C. Joyner, the pastor, officiating.

Interment was made in the Spur Cemetery. Pall bearers were J. D. Hopkins, Jim McDaniel, Marion Jordan, Sarry Booth, R. J. Bell, and W. B. Ford, Jr.

Flower bearers were Mesdames J. D. Hopkins, Mig Marshall, Jim McDaniel, Pauline Jimison, Clarence Waters and Lee McCombs.

Surviving are her husband, D. E. McClanahan of Kalgary, three sons, Preston and Ab of Spur and Jimmie of Kalgary, all present. Eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Out-of-town relatives here to attend the funeral services included her brother, Andy Collins of Floydada, and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Thompson and son of Houston.

Paving Contract To Be Let In Near Future

According to information released the first of the week here, contract on approximately one mile of topping, the designated road being a cut from the street intersection at the Mission Tire Store, on Burlington, and contacting the Jayton highway to the east.

Surfacing of this short section will turn much traffic through Spur proper that otherwise would often lead motorists around by Hill street, entirely missing the city. No definite information on letting date of the contract was learned, but it was intimated that work would be begun immediately after signatures to the contract.

Personal

Mrs. Ernest Russell of Crockett, Texas is spending a visit in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Whitener, and brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Berther Whitener and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey Whitener and children.

Misses Joyce McCully and Billie Louise Powell returned Friday from a visit in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones returned Sunday from a week end visit in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Braddock spent several days in Spur last week for medical treatment for Mrs. Braddock. Mr. Braddock returned to his home near East Afton, and Mrs. Braddock remained for further treatments. She reports her brother, E. N. (Nuge) Johnson as improved in some respects and has been removed to his home from Lubbock, but his condition remains critical of which his many friends are greatly concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lewis of 8 miles East and South on Duck Creek were in Spur Monday buying seed to replant his feed crop which was destroyed by the big rain which fell in that section Sunday night. Mr. Lewis reports two and five-eighths inches of rain and small hail in abundance which destroyed his young feed but did little or no damage to older crops.

Mrs. Ralph arr and son, Wayne, of Crane, Texas, are visiting relatives and friends in and near Spur this week.

Horton Barrett, of Santa Fe, New Mexico is in Spur this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ford and sons of algary were in Spur to attend the funeral service of Mrs. D. E. McClanahan.

Mrs. Valentine Bland of Stamford is visiting in Spur this week, a guest in the home of her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Connally.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kinney and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Leib were business visitors in Stamford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hufsteler and her brother, Vernon Powell are in Tolar, Texas attending a revival meeting and a reunion of the family.

Mr. E. C. Archer and daughter of Granbury are spending an extended visit in the Archer Powell home in the Dry Lake community.

I want to thank my friends of Precinct Two for your past support, for your kindness during my illness and for all your many favors.

For the past nine and one-half years I have tried to serve you the best I could as your commissioner. I solicit your vote in Saturday's election to that office, believing that my past experience qualifys me to better serve you. I hope to be able to be with you again soon and solicit your vote in Saturday's election.

Faithfully yours,

E. N. (Nuge) Johnson
Candidate for Commissioner Precinct 2

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE APPRECIATED

J. L. (Goldie) GREEN

For

J. P. PRECINCT ONE

I AM ASKING TO BE THE YOUNGEST JUSTICE JUDGE IN TEXAS—39

We're Helping YOU! TO SAVE!

We feature the same economical and thrifty living upon which the Pioneers have founded this great Country.

And we congratulate the Pioneers on the wonderful progress that has been made as a result of true thrift.

May we go further and say Greetings, Pioneers — Make the most of that Great Reunion, and may there be many more of them.

NEW DEAL

Grocery

Phone 71

WELCOME Old Settlers!



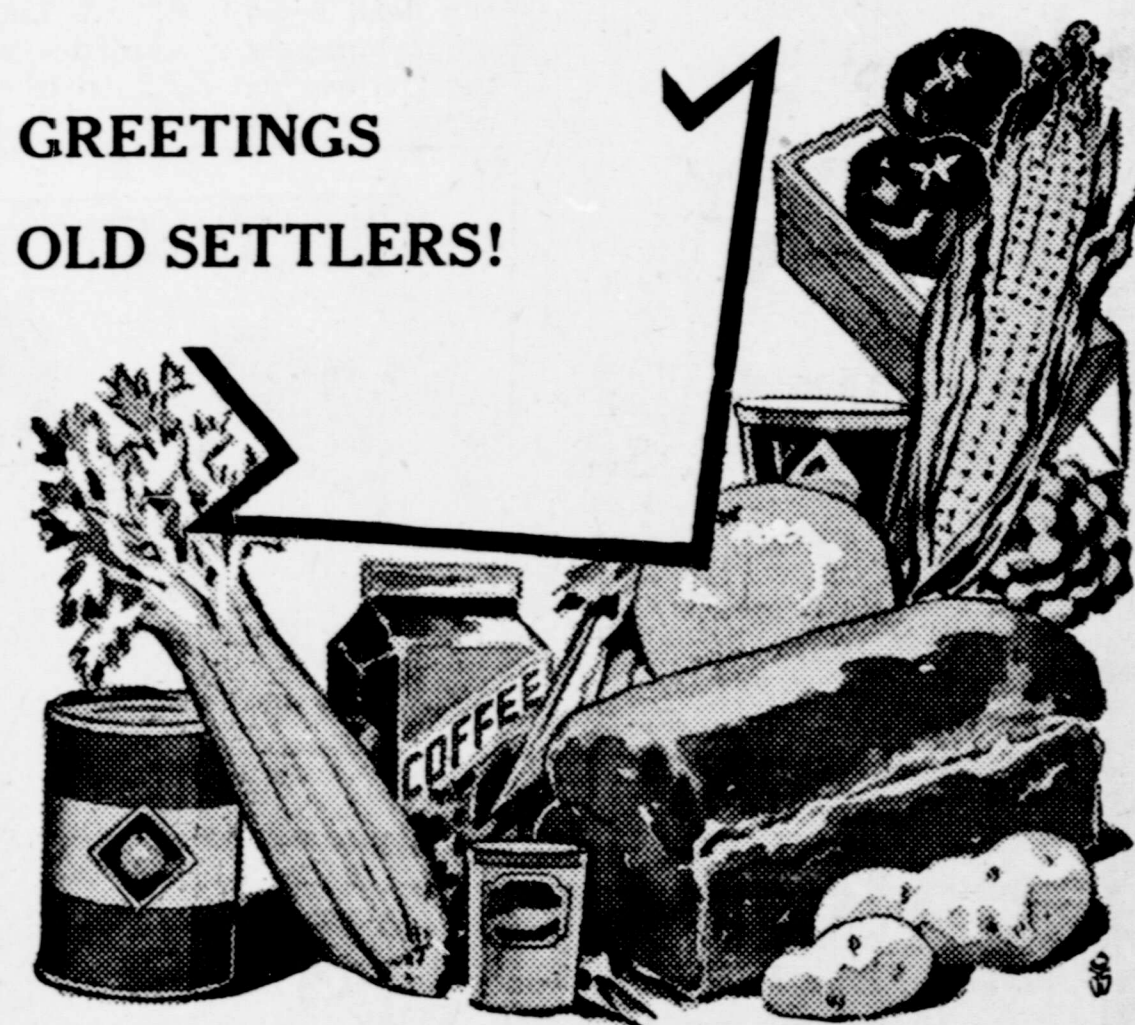
Let's show the Old Settlers That we're really for them!

See us for Lunches, Short Orders, Drinks, Chicken and Barbecue.

Milt Goode's Cafe AND SERVICE STATION

GREETINGS

OLD SETTLERS!



Your Grocer Has It ---

When you buy groceries from a local grocer, he wants you to have the very best . . . he assures himself of your continued patronage by helping you to get the BEST! He is just as anxious that a LOAF OF BREAD he sells please you, as any other item.

When you make up your next grocery list, be sure to specify SPUR BAKERY'S BREAD. It belongs on every list with the "STANDARD BRANDS."

SPUR BAKERY

Mrs. Harkey Is Buried At Dickens Last Thursday

Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ, Dickens, Thursday, July 14, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for Verda Ella McAteer Harkey, who died Wednesday, July 13th at El Paso, Texas, where she had been the past several years under the treatment of specialists. Funeral rites were read by Rev. Mike M. Young, Church of Christ Minister. Interment was made in the Dickens Cemetery. Pall Bearers were Fred Arrington, Clark Forbis, T. B. Watson, Cecil Meadors, Foy Gipson, and Frank Speer.

Flower bearers were Mesdames Clark Forbis, Zada Crawford, Milfred Bailey, Lora Meadors, Grace Harkey and Miss Lona Slaton.

Spencer Campbell of Campbell Mortuary had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Verda Ella McAteer was born August 15th, 1898, in Red River County, Texas. At an early age, she with her parents came to Dickens County, where she received her education and grew into young womanhood.

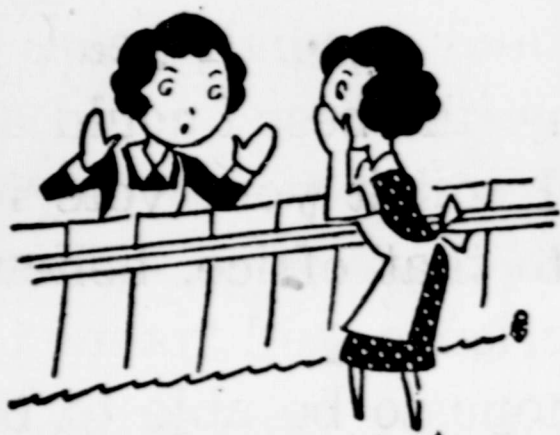
She was married to Sam Harkey in 1916. To this union was born one child, Lorene, who was present for the funeral. Other members of her family surviving are her mother, Mrs. W. L. McAteer, and David McAteer and family of Spur. Mrs. A. W. VanLeer and children, Robert McAteer and wife of McAdoo, Mrs. A. F. York, of Lingo, New Mexico, all present for the funeral.

Two other sisters, Mrs. W. M. Stovall, of Norevica, New Mexico, and Mrs. G. W. Baker and family of Denver, Colorado, and four other brothers, Sam, Frank, Forest, and Bert, of California, all of whom were unable to attend the funeral.

Joe Potts, who has been spending a two weeks vacation in Spur visiting his mother, Mrs. G. W. Potts and brother, Ed of Swenson, who was also visiting his mother, and with his sister, Mrs. Oliver Gray and children, returned Friday to New Orleans, where he is stationed.

Robert Reynolds, of Dickens was attending to business affairs in Spur Monday.

START USING THE WANT-ADS



THEY SAY THIS

REUNION

IS GOING TO BE THE BEST OF ALL

I welcome YOU to my home town for The Old Settler's Reunion and Picnic, July 21-22.

Mrs. Nettie Littlefield
District Clerk
Dickens County, Texas



GREETINGS PIONEERS--

We wish for you the finest Reunion ever... and hope that you enjoy every moment of it. We want to see you there, too. Ask the Old Settlers about the value of good lumber... they know.

Quality Building Material
Musser Lumber Company

WHERE DO FRECKLES GO WHEN OTHINE IS USED?

It's Amazing to Many

For nearly 30 years Othine has been "chasing freckles" and lightening sun-tanned skin. Where do the freckles and tan go? They mildly flake away with the nightly use of this dainty cream. Satisfy yourself, as thousands do each year. The use of one jar must please you... or your money will be refunded. Your local druggist has Othine... or he will gladly get it for you.



Texas Spur Has Likely Made Subscriber Record In West Texas First Half of Year

It is very apparent that people in the surrounding territory, Calgary, Red Mud, Midway, Glenn, Afton, McAdoo, Dickens, Croton, Prairie Chapel, Roaring Springs, and all of the area in general, as well as Spur, appreciate the efforts have been made in the last six months to make The Texas Spur one of the best weekly papers in West Texas.

First and last, and product must meet the requirements of the public's demand, otherwise it has no approval. To thoroughly investigate news sources has been our aim, and in that manner build faith in an unbiased presentation of the news. It has strived to be informative, entertaining, and educational.

Since under other management, and just before the first of this year, the paper put on a subscription, drive it naturally did not expect to have many new subscribers immediately—but that analysis of the situation was far from right. A check-up reveals that there has been an average maintained of one new subscriber each day for the past six months. Without prize inducements, but merely from a standpoint of newspaper value, it is naturally something to which we may glance with pride for our study and hard work.

To place people on a mailing list without permission is an objectionable practice. Feeling thus, we solicit subscribers with the idea in mind of giving them full value in return for the price paid. Feature after feature has been added to the paper; greater efforts exerted to get more news. We believe you want a peppy newspaper—a little spice, wit and humor, seriousness when it is called for; we believe that you want to be a part of your newspaper; that you expect it to stand up for your rights as a citizen.

Under the policy of "digging to our dead-level best," we have been proportionately rewarded—we have the greatest net paid list of subscribers ever assembled in Dickens

TEXAS SPUR GOES TO TECH FOR CLASS SATURDAY

According to a report coming from Texas Technological College at Lubbock, The Texas Spur went to Class Saturday, being selected from a group of weekly papers as a basis for the Class report by Miss Francis Brammer of Justin, Texas, in Economics.

Miss Brammer, teacher in Dai-Worth schools, made the selection for the class of approximately 44, under the instructorship of Dr. Elsworth, and topic base was in the interest of scientific advancement and development. And since the informant states that Dr. Elsworth pronounced the report one of the best for the term—maybe you think we aren't sky-riding in elation.

County. The list is still growing—another new one yesterday, for which we extend thanks... today? Well, let's hope for one.

There are few people in this territory now who do not get The Texas Spur... and if we have to work another hour each day to make it meet their approval, then here goes... because we want them on our list. Our very best today is not good enough for tomorrow. The Fall school term is coming, and we have already selected some extra features to aid school children in their work. They will start when school opens. And more—one of the greatest picture services ever attempted is being worked up by one of our syndicates, bringing us spot news in pictures. You can rest assured that your Texas Spur will get it for you, with exclusive rights in this county.

Take a plunge daily in Spur Swimming Pool.



ATTON AND ROARING SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCHES

—Eugene L. Naugle, Pastor.

Many people are asking the question as to why there is so little spirituality in the lives of so many church members. An answer might be found in the story given below.

Gipsy Smith tells of a young couple with whom he once stayed. They had an only child to whom they were devoted. One night in summertime a thud was heard on the floor above. Both parents realized their little son had tumbled out of bed, and hurried to the rescue. No harm, however, was done, and the next morning Mr. Smith chaffingly questioned the little fellow about the noise he heard, who, when asked why he tumbled out of bed, replied, "Cos I stayed to near where I got in."

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School—9:45.
Morning Worship Service—11:00 o'clock.
Intermediates—7:30.
Seniors—7:30.
The Evening Service will be dismissed for the Baptist Revival.
W. M. S. meets Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Stewards—Monday night at 8:15.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "The Measure of a Man's Life." Special music will be rendered.

Visitors are welcome to our services.

CHURCH NEWS

The Ladies' Council of the Christian Church met Monday at four o'clock in the home of Mrs. W. R. Jimison on Harris Street. A program was given from the World Call and a round table discussion followed. The ladies discussed improvements on the church building during the business hour and plans were made concerning this work. Those present included Mesdames O. B. Ratliff, B. F. Hale, H. B. Thompson, Kelsy, E. C. McGee, Jasper Woods, and W. R. Jimison.

METHODIST ENCAMPMENT AT LEUDERS

A Methodist encampment for Intermediate boys and girls of the Stamford District was conducted at Leuders July 11 to 15. Seventy-three were enrolled. The theme of the encampment was "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Rev. Rex Kendall, Leuders, was Dean. The Business Manager was Rev. E. B. Brown, presiding elder of the Stamford District and Mrs. E. B. Brown was Camp Mother.

Courses for instruction were offered by the following instructors, Rev. M. L. Boyd, Rule; Rev. J. E. Harrell, Spur; Rev. H. A. Longino, Munday; Rev. V. N. Henderson, Weir, and Rev. H. L. Thurston, Aspermont.

Committee heads were Rev. Rex Kendall, Leuders, Worship; Rev. Luther Kirk, Rochester, Evangelism and Church Relationships; Mrs. Luther Kirk, Rochester, Missions and World Friendship; Miss Irene Stewart, Stamford, Citizenship and Community Service; Rev. J. E.

Shewbert, Jayton, Recreation and Personal Development.

Rev. J. E. Harrell, Marjorie Bell, Raymond Ince, Louise Ince and Joe Ericson attended from Spur. Every-one reported a good time.

BAPTIST CIRCLES

Te Bagby Circle met in the home of Mrs. Shockley. A study of the Song of Solomon was had and many interesting discussions were given. Those present were Mesdames Geo. Sloan, John Hazlwood, Homer Cargile, Roscoe McCombs, W. B. Frances, A. M. Walker and Miss Jennie Shields.

The Northwest Circle met with Mrs. E. J. Cowan. Mrs. Cowan led during the devotional period and the time was spent in prayer for the series of meetings being held at the church. Those attending were Mesdames Marsh, Williams, Joiner, Langston and Cowan.

The East Circle met with Mrs. Daniels in the home of Mrs. W. T. Andrews. Mrs. W. M. Hazel conducted the Bible lesson on the first five chapters of Judges. Sixteen members were present, including Mesdames Hazel, Seales, Andrews, Daniel, O. R. Cloud, Adams, Berry, Dunwoody, Dobbins, Hindman, Ensey, Patton, Hensen, Bennett, S. R. Bowman and S. A. Lawrence. This circle will meet next Monday with Mrs. O. R. Cloud.

STAMFORD DISTRICT MEETING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT ROARING SPRINGS

Theme: "Finding God in His World"

THURSDAY, July 28th

5:00-7:00—Registration.
7:30-8:00—Supper.
8:00-8:15—Listening for God, Rev. E. L. Naugle.

8:15-8:30—Why and How a Pledge, LaRue Abbott.
8:30-8:45—Business.

8:45-9:45—Social Hour Conducted by Roaring Spring's Young People.
9:45-10:45—Camp Fire and Night Devotional.

FRIDAY, July 29th

8:30-8:45—Devotional, "I Will Lift Up My Eyes"—Rev. E. B. Bowen.
8:45-9:00—How to Organize a Young People Division—Rev. J. E. Shewbert.

9:00-10:00—Committee Meetings.
10:15-11:00—Business.
11:00-12:00—"Yielding to God"—Rev. J. E. Harrell.

Registration Fee—Twenty - five cents.

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Please send the number from your church that will go to J. T. Swim, Jr., Roaring Springs, Texas.

Irene Stewart is the District Director and Rev. E. B. Brown is the Presiding Elder.

Miss Ouida Fern Dobbins is visiting with relatives and friends in Abilene this week and incidentally finishing some correspondence work in Hardin-Simmons University. Miss Ouida Fern has the distinction of having made the highest grades that have ever been made in the Business Administration Department in Hardin-Simmons and will be a student assistant in this department next year. She was accompanied to Abilene by her brother, Pike, who will visit his aunt for a few days.

T. V. Shockley, who has been in Scott and White Hospital, Temple, Texas, the past several weeks undergoing treatment, returned the latter part of last week very much improved in health. His daughter, Mrs. Ernest George and T. V. Shockley, Jr. who accompanied him, returned with him to Spur.

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-- W. A. Johnson

A seven and one-half pound son and heir was born Monday, July 18, at 2:26 o'clock p. m. at the Alexander Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carson. Jr. Baby Carson has been named Clay Baxter.

Misses Sammie McGee and Betty Lynn Brown who spent last week in Big Springs attending the Young Peoples Conference, as representatives of the First Christian Church of Spur, returned Sunday.

Mr. Downas Hagins of ten miles southeast of Spur was transacting business affairs in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mr. John Estes of Stamford are spending this week in Spur, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mecom.

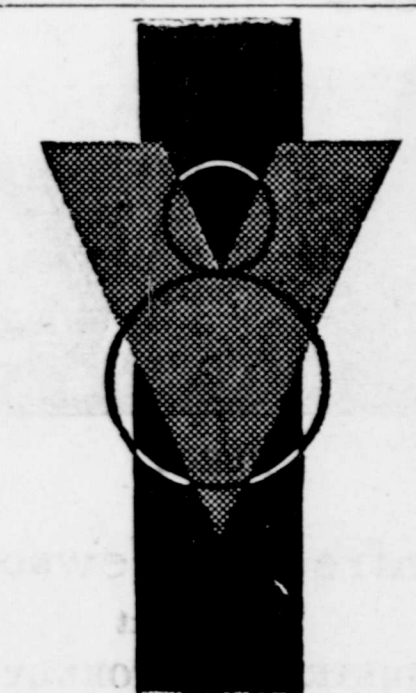


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THE ROAD TO MEXICO

By GORDON McCARLEY

A FEW SIDELIGHTS ON WHAT A VISITOR TO MEXICO D. F. (CITY OF MEXICO) MAY SEE. NO CAMEL RIDE ACROSS AFRICAN DESERT SANDS IS NECESSARY TO VIEW THE PYRAMIDS OF MEXICO. ONLY A TWO OR THREE DAY TREK BY AUTOMOBILE OR TRAIN ACROSS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, DIFFERENT, MELANCHOLY, AND AWE-INSPIRING COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WILL BRING YOU THERE.

It is too beautiful... So beautiful indeed that one is likely to become extremely tired of the unsurpassable mountain curves, which curves, if they might be taken a few dozen miles at a time, might prove refreshing to those poor souls accustomed only to flat crowded, level roads, but to tourists compelled to



drive over hundreds of miles of such road they may become even nauseating. Yes, the road is grand. It is smooth, wide, slightly traveled, and long.

A tourist is helpless, however, in exercising his desire to see or not to see Bull fights after he enters the tropics of Mexico and occasionally on this side of the tropics. The bulls are there on the highway, black sharp-horned descendants of the fighting stock, and they fight. Nor do they take time out for such trivial disturbances as single autos or even motor caravans from the states. One is obliged to slow down and drive around such combatants. The bulls, cattle, horses, and burros alike congregate on the highway singly or in bunches and present a driving hazard especially to night travelers.

The animals are likely driven to the pavement from the dense jungle growth on the roadside in order to cool off. The actual danger of these animals to motorists is negligible. Perhaps more negligible than the danger of running into road graders implements, etc. left over night for the most part, unmarked by red lanterns, flags, or other warnings.

To see a pig tied by the tail staked out to graze is no uncommon sight, and hog yokes are plentiful. Coffee-colored Mexican scarecrows dressed in typical Mexican attire preside in gardens and in corn fields where fully matured corn stalks rustle beside corn in all stages of growth from four inches high on up. The season, so nearly the same the year round, makes this possible. As for the scarecrows why shouldn't they take on the aspects of the Mexican? They ply their trade in a Mexican country, do they not? And why should one be surprised that little Mexican girls can balance a round basket of produce on their heads as big in circumference as the rear wheel of a prairie schooner? Their fathers, mothers, and ancestors before them did it. And why shouldn't red-necked buzzards act as garbage men at the rear of some Cafe and hotel kitchen doors? They are at least effective and a bit more punctual than some human trash collectors in the United States. Just because a little white dog chooses to enter the dining room and make his rounds between the diners and sits on his haunches and looks up with wishful eyes is this evidence that it may have been a "put-up" deal for the little pup to mooch his supper?

Mexico is a wonderful and beautiful country. It is over-flowing with customs and things that are different. If the Indians along the dozens and dozens of miles of the beautiful valley of the Huasteca choose to plant corn and crops on mountain sides in little patches where the incline is so steep, oh, so very dangerously steep—say forty-five degree angle and then be conservative—why, why shouldn't he? His forefathers have planted it thus and so for centuries and centuries. But one is

truly inclined to wonder to which or to what the rope is tied that must or must not be necessary to hold these agrarians in place while they perform the operation of planting and harvesting such crops. The inclines are impossibly steep it seems. All the work is likely done with a machete a big Mexican knife. Millions of acres of unreclaimed land is available in Mexico and still they farm those mountain sides so high up that the clouds hide them from view or so high that one becomes dizzy and ceases to look.

Wild orchids grow by the roadside in the tropics and birds of many colors and unearthly sounds flit around on limber wings. It does not rain in the tropics of Mexico, it pours. Precipitation falls in sheets. The sky almost darkens because of its intensity. A hotel does look tempting if reached during such a deluge, especially if night fall is near at hand. A dozen or more big parked automobiles in front of the one and only small hotel in the town, however causes one's heart to miss a beat for fear of his being compelled to sleep out among the proverbial mosquitoes. When a courteous Mexican porter informs you that there is yet a room left it causes one to admit that it isn't such a cruel world after all.

Why do the peons and Indians trot with crates of cargo strapped on their heads so large that it should entitle them to join any piano movers association in the United States? The answer is to get there quicker. To get the job done. There is another job waiting for them. A hard and simple life they live. It is written in every line of their countenances.

The entire population of Mexico including all the three classes high, middle, low live a life that is tinged with melancholy. In Mexican music it all comes out. Their music is the index to their very souls and life for generations back. 'Tis sad, 'tis plaintive, appealing, melancholy, and a note of dissatisfaction prevails. The strains can all be summed up into the same note of sadness, discontent and sorrow, which the race has experienced since the conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards and perhaps for centuries before in Spain. To hear Mexican music in typical Mexican surroundings is to understand and love Mexico. It is soothing, enchanting, and dreamy. There is nothing like it.

A person may stroll in the streets of Mexico City, in its parks resorts, and playground, and feel free from one ever present nuisance experienced while in the states. The Mexican newsboys will not molest you. They take for granted that Americans can not read Mexican newspapers and let it go at that. Of course, though, American newspapers are available. The honks of automobiles make up for the lack of annoyance from newsboys. There must be a dozen honks from cars in Mexico City to where there is one honk in an American city of the same population. But it serves to keep one awake and realize the "world do move". It seems to awaken one from the lethargy, or indescribable "floaty" feeling which dominates a person not used to the high altitude.

A round through the aged churches, convents, pyramids, and the national museum makes a person feel like Columbus touched our shores only yesterday. Mexico is an old country. The dried mummies grinning from their unglazed coffins with a dozen distorted looks of agony on their faces create a never-to-be forgotten impression. The concrete sacrificial troughs which are wide and deep enough for a man to stand in and where ran every year the blood of an estimated twenty thousand Toltecs and other by-gone races makes a person in our country feel like dropping more than a nick-

NOTED CRIME AUTHORITY VISITS "HONEST ABE"



William Gilmore Beymar, noted authority on Civil War spies and scouts, discusses the Tennessee Plan with Frank McGlynn, Sr., who portrays Abraham Lincoln in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest historical mystery, "Strange Glory." The film questions the history books as to the author of the Plan which brought the turning point of the war.

el in the collection plate in behalf of his own religion.

A few hours spent at Xochimilco, floating gardens, or the Venice of Mexico, will convince you that there are yet a variety of things to be seen in this old world of ours.

From the top of the Pyramid of the Sun, which is 216 feet high by 721x761 feet at the bottom, a person can not help but listen for the voices of the makers of this the most gigantic monument on the North American continent. Thousands of square miles of territory falls under the eye and the Pyramid of the Sun stands in the center of a mighty city that may have existed dozens and dozens of centuries ago. No one knows how old these pyramids are or by whom they were built. The pyramid of the Moon stands not far from the Pyramid of the Sun, or as they are called, "The Sacred Pyramids of San Juan Teotihuacan."

There are dozens of kinds of architecture in Mexico. Building material would perhaps be a better word to use than architecture. There are grass huts, stick shacks, palm leaf huts, adobe huts, stone huts, concrete huts, thatched shacks, wilted maguery leaf shacks, and fences and shacks made from straight stemmed cactus planted side by side, tar lined dug-outs, pits, etc. They are all homes.

The capital city of Mexico is beautiful, romantic, entertaining, and different. To reflect upon a few days spent in this greatest of all southern cities is to dream in a sleep from which one hopes not to be awakened. Yes, the road to Mexico City is good.

Mrs. James B. Reed returned Friday from a visit since Monday with her mother, Mrs. Vermillion at Westminster, Texas. Miss Marian, who accompanied her to Westminster, went from there Conway, Arkansas to spend the remainder of the month with her brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. Fred I. Cairnes. Mrs. Cairnes plans to accompany her sister on her return to Spur and spend the month of August here visiting her parents and friends.

ACCOUNTS CREDITED

The Social Security Board has begun to credit the social security accounts of workers with wages reported paid to them by employers. By July, the Board expects to be able to tell wage earners how much in wages has been posted to their accounts.

Mrs. Joe Rose of Duncan Flat was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

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During
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GREETINGS

To The Old Settlers!

We appreciate the noble efforts you have made to make Dickens County a better place in which to live.

May this be the happiest Reunion you have ever had . . . and may there be many more of them.

Pioneer Family Holds Reunion In Dickens County

Sunday, July 10th, the John Jackson farm and ranch home 20 miles northwest of Spur was the scene of a happy meeting when four sisters and three brothers, children of one of Dickens County's earliest families, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Whittacre, who came here in 1890, met in reunion for the first time in twenty-four years.

They were Frank Whittacre of Roaring Springs, Jim Whittacre of Levelland, Fin Whittacre and wife of Jayton, Mrs. J. C. Christopher of Afton, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Davis of Clovis, New Mexico, and Mr. and Hodge Adams of Phoenix, Arizona, who left Dickens County in 1914, locating first in New Mexico and

later at Phoenix. While here Mr. and Mrs. Adams visited in the home of a number of their neighbors and friends, that of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Foster, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier, Mrs. F. R. Harrington, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koon.

These loved ones and friends will even hold this reunion and visit in fondest of memories especially that of Mrs. Adams since it was her last visit.

Relatives received word of her sudden death which occurred Sunday morning, July 17, just one week following the happy reunion day spent in Dickens County with her sisters and brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Hutto returned last week from a vacation spent visiting his parents at Elk City, Oklahoma and points of interest in New Mexico.

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GREETINGS

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We are proud of our Dickens County Pioneer Mothers and Fathers, and may your great influences go with us for all time.

Come to see us while in town—we want to say hello, and wish you luck.

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New Baptist Church At Dickens Is Completed; Meeting Will Begin Sunday

People of the Dickens area, and especially the Baptist folks, are giving enthusiastic welcome to completion of the new Baptist Church there this week, and the member-opening a protracted meeting, beginning Sunday, July 24, and running through Sunday, August 7.

Rev. B. B. Huckaby, pastor of the church, will turn over the preaching to guest minister J. W. Partin, pastor from Happy, Texas. Rev. Partin comes highly recommended, and food chowds are predicted at all services to hear this fine churchman. The general public is invited out to take part in the meeting.

In a glimpse of the activities of the Dickens Church, Rev. Huckaby, having had fine cooperation from his entire membership list, is to be congratulated on the progress the body has made since his taking the reins of its destiny. Rev. Huckaby came to Dickens a year ago last June, and immediately instilled into his group a deeper feeling of enthusiasm and progress for Christian advancement. The response was unanimous.

Taking not the new Church structure, it is modern in every respect; and although the rock finishing has not been placed, the building can now be used: It has six class rooms, a study, and in addition has a nice auditorium. Inside work is ultra-fine, and ranks in appearance with many of the more expensive church buildings.

The old church building served for many years. The church was organized in 1895 by Rev. D. James, but members were so few that a difficult course was immediately encountered. However, the church weathered the crisis. In the fall of 1900 the church was reorganized with three charter members, Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. Ben Low. The lots were deeded for church purposes to the body in 1901, and in 1903 the first church was begun by Rev. V. G. Cunningham and his little band. Rev. Cunningham resigned early in 1904, and on taking two more members into the church, Rev. J. V. Bilberry, pioneer minister of Dickens County, was called to pastor the flock. The church was finished under his guidance in 1904, and the building served until recent raising for erection of the new structure.

Razing of the old building was started June 16, this year, and the more impressive new structure rushed to completion, lacking only placement of some of the outside rock.

The Dickens Baptist are proud of their accomplishments and fine progress, and ask that others that are interested in Christian work and who care to, accept their invitation for a visit to the church.

W. R. (RALPH) LEWIS—HERE 41 YEARS

W. R. (Ralph) Lewis, manager of the New Deal Grocery, is another of the old timers that has seen many changes from the open range to the present state. Ralph came to this section 41 years ago and began working as a cowboy on the 6666 Ranch. He left here and was gone to New Mexico, where he worked for several years, returning to Spur in 1918. He has been here since that time, most of the time serving the people in public life—and says he has enjoyed every day of that 19 years being with Dickens County folks.



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Spur Tailors

Raleys Take Over Hill Top Cafe Monday

According to C. I. Raley, the Hill Top Cafe is going to be Chicken Headquarters in this part of the country—and one of those places where it fried crisp and brown, on hand at all times, and he says that their chicken recipe is "habit forming" to patrons who partake of it; and who don't like chicken.

Mr. and Mrs. Raley took over Hill Top Cafe from Charlie Kearney Monday morning, and extend the general public an invitation to pay them a visit. Mr. Raley has formerly been employed by Speers Variety Store here, but the cafe world isn't at all new to him. He has in the past been connected with some of the finest cafes in Dallas, and knows what it takes to make hungry people smile.

The present management will feature lunches, short orders, and emphasize the fact that if you don't want to get waited upon before you get stopped, you had better have good brakes—in fact their idea seems to be for you to "cut the switch" and start eating.

RAT CONTROL CAMPAIGN WILL BE STARTED IN SOME AREAS HERE

With the United States Biological Department, cooperating with the Commissioners Court of Dickens County, and auxiliaries by aids from other departments, a rat control campaign will be begun in sections of Dickens County. Complaints have come in from three or four sections, including McAdoo and Croton, of damage by these pests, and some operations against them have already started.

The Governmental department recommends Red Squill as the most practical and sure poison for rats, and arrangements have been made whereby those wishing it may secure it at the Court House at Dickens at actual cost. A supply has already been received, and farmers troubled with rat pests are urged to take advantage of the cheap rate.

M. B. Gage, in experiences reported to the County Agent's department, gives some information that is worthwhile. He reports a 95 per cent kill by use of Red Squill, and followed the prescribed formula of mixing one pound of hamburger meat with one ounce of the poison.

Rats, when permitted to multiply, can inflict much damage, and furthermore are considered one of the farmer's most dangerous enemies. From the standpoint of health as well as financial damage. Those interested in securing the poison may get additional information from the County Agent's office, or may either go direct to one of the commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Russell, Station Agent of Stamford and formerly of Spur, spent Sunday of last week in Spur, guests of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed and their numerous friends in the city. Miss Billie Marie, who had been visiting in the Reed home, returned with her parents, to their home in Stamford.



**Greetings,
Old Settlers**

We just want to say that it's nice for you to have this grand opportunity of being together. Lots of luck, and many more enjoyable Reunions.

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Fernand Gravet and Hugh Herbert have fun with the ancient "bone-shaker", predecessor of the bicycle, on the "Great Waltz" set. The ancient vehicle figures in comedy sequences in the drama of the life of Johann Strauss.

Roaring Springs To Be Scene Of Haile Family Reunion

Beginning Sunday and running through Monday, the Tabernacle at Roaring Springs will be the scene of a gathering of the Haile family, at which time a fine program of entertainment and feasting for the family will take place for the homecoming of the group for the first time in eight years.

Although the reunion is a family affair, open house will be held on Sunday, July 24, when many friends will be entertained in the house from 2:00 to 6:00 o'clock. Old friends of the family are invited to come at that time and enjoy the occasion.

The great feast table will feature barbecued beef, with all the trimmings—prepared by C. C. Haile and Ralph Lewis, and you know what that means when it comes to barbecuing—and a general round of family entertainments. The group will camp over-night Sunday night, ending the reunion activities in the afternoon Monday.

All of the Haile children have given notice of attendance, and this will include G. C. Haile of Megargle; W. B. from Clarendon; J. W. Selma, California; Mrs. W. P. Sampson, Roaring Springs; C. C. from the family's pioneer home at Afton; L. J. Haile, Dumas, Texas; L. B. Stratford, Texas; S. H., Dumas; and Mrs. Will Hodges, Roaring Springs. The men will be accompanied by their wives and children, as will Mrs. Sampson's children and Mrs. Hodges family be present.

The Hailes are pioneers of the Arton territory, having lived in that area for 41 years. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Haile, parents of the above named children, came to Afton in the early days and established the family home, at which place now only C. C. resides. Mr. Haile died at the age of 86 in 1917, and Mrs. Haile died in August, 1934.

The Hailes have many friends over this area, and are well known to most of the pioneers. Walter, who is attending the reunion from California, worked on Spur Ranch from 1898 to 1901, and C. C. has worked on the ranch, as well as being with the Matadors for several years. It is the first time that Walter has been here in 28 years, and many of the old timers will welcome the chance to see him.

The Texas Spur extends heartiest wishes to the Hailes for a fine reunion, and more pleasant gatherings in the years to come.

Judge E. J. Cowan left Friday night, in company with Dr. Bob Alexander and J. H. Clay for Wichita Falls to enter a Clinic for treatment. Mr. Cowan has been ill for some time, suffering from an enlarged artery near his heart.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ensey had as guests over the week end their children and grandchildren as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ledbetter and daughter, Alana May, Miss Helen Payne, Denver Nelm and wife, all of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nelm of Caddo, Richard Ensey of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Floyd of Strawn.

Will Parson, of Calgary, was one of the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Jim Perkins of the Lower Red Mud section of country was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and greeting friends on the streets while in the city.

Miss Maurine McArthur returned Sunday from Lubbock, where she attended Tech six weeks.

THE OLD TIMERS

—By W. J. ELLIOTT

Just who are now the Old Timers? Of those who first came to West Texas, and to what is now more particularly Dickens County, very few are left, but those the earliest of the Old Timers, have left us their descendants, who are now in fact Old Timers.

These Old Timers are not necessary children of cow-men, for many of the first settlers of the Spur Country, never punched cattle for a living, they had other occupations. Tho' the majority of them were the first in this part of Texas to make farming their chief source of income and they SOMEHOW have managed to make a living out of farming, and are doing so to this day.

While we usually talk of The Old Timers as being men folks, I cannot help but call attention to the wives and mothers of those men, they are so often over-looked at reunions and gatherings of Old Timers.

Amongst these wives and mothers of the earliest of The Old Timers still living in this The Spur Country, are Mrs. M. A. Manning, Mrs. T. H. Gilmore, Mrs. T. H. Garner, Mrs. J. I. Greer, Mrs. C. M. Buchanan, Mrs. Ben J. Worswick, Mrs. W. A. Smith and others. To these wives and mothers, more than half the credit should be given for the settlement of the Spur Country.

The Dickens County Reunion has been an annual affair since the County Seat was established and has been held on the 21-23 July ever since. During this celebration it has always been a time of great pleasure and enjoyment for these Old Timers to meet. It used to be a basket picnic, and many a grand dinner has been enjoyed, from the good things provided by those women folks, whose pride it was, to fix up something out of the common, and (in those early days) with rather limited resources.

We boys could always get beef, and The Spurs and Forks always supplied a yearling or two help, but it was the baskets that provided the Fried Yellow Legged Chicken, boggy top pies, and other Goodies, we so enjoyed.

The amusements then had were not from side shows, etc., as now. All, both men, women and children, enjoyed a horse race or two, and the woman folks were pretty nearly as much excited as to the outcome of the race, as the men were. How they enjoyed to see the race riders, jockey for position and start. Any unfair advantage taken by the rider, was expressed in no uncertain terms.

Then after the races were over, the court room provided plenty of room, (altho many a time it was LIFE AND METTLE IN THEIR full) for square dancers, which "PUT HEELS", nor was it the Belles who made the dance enjoyable, the mothers, believe me did their part in full. Now a days it is only the younger folks, who when they know how, cut the pigeons wing.

In those days all were friends and formality was a stranger to the gatherings. That in itself made the meeting and dances so enjoyable, but then the folks took "the goods The Gods provided," and seldom abused them.

Bad years came in those days for those Old Timers, for longer years, and it seems to me, more often than now, but in my opinion, what made these Old Timers so conspicuous was, that their word was their bond, and that they recognized each other, as brothers of the West, giving and receiving help at it was needed, without fuss, or palaver.

Grasshopper Fight Is Netting Results Lane Says

According to a check-up over this area by County Agent G. J. Lane, the fight that farmers and ranchers have made on the grasshopper tribe is netting some fine results. The fight, however, Lane emphasized, should continue in this area for the benefit of crops the year to come.

Pointing some of the good luck for this immediate area, Lane says that no migratory hoppers are in evidence as yet, but that precautions should be taken and the fight continued. Damage is heavy, but the hopper crop is not so devastating now as has been earlier in the season.

Appreciation is expressed by many local men for Lane's efforts in behalf of the pest fight. A point of good management on his part is in evidence from the fact that after the State supply of hopper poison was exhausted, another carload has been secured for this area, and will be shipped into Spur the latter part of this week. The State department, recognizing his special efforts to eradicate the pests here, strained a notch and permitted shipment of the additional poison here.

A continued fight, Lane points out, will lessen the hopper crop in 1939, and that he is willing to co-operate with farmers in every way possible to go on with the good work. The carload shipment here, which will eliminate troublesome hauling formerly necessary from various points, may be instrumental in reducing the price of poison to farmers and ranchers, and the Committee plans to pass this saving on to the people.

ROBERT NICKELS SAYS BALLOT BOXES ARE NOW READY

Robert Nickels, chairman of the Democratic Committee of this county, reports that the ballot boxes are now ready for delivery. Absentee voting deadline ended yesterday, and the boxes may now be obtained for stationing at the voting places.

Miss Mary Belle Ensey has returned from a two weeks vacation. While away she visited relatives and friends in Fort Worth, Mineral Wells and Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith and children of the Dry Lake community spent Saturday afternoon in Spur shopping and visiting.

HORACE NICKELS HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

Horace Nickels, from out in the McAdoo area, and candidate in the Precinct 1 Commissioner race, was in Tuesday night, and while here placed advertising in The Texas Spur Special. Saturday is the Big Vote Day, and Horace says he may have missed a voter or two—but all because he couldn't find them.

Mrs. Hubert arr returned Sunday from a two weeks sight-seeing trip to New York City and Washington, D. C. where she visited her sister, Ethel Cox, at the latter place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware Higginbotham and two children of Fort Worth returned to their home Tuesday after a visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey. They were accompanied home by Miss Peggy Ensey, who will visit in Fort Worth a few days.



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