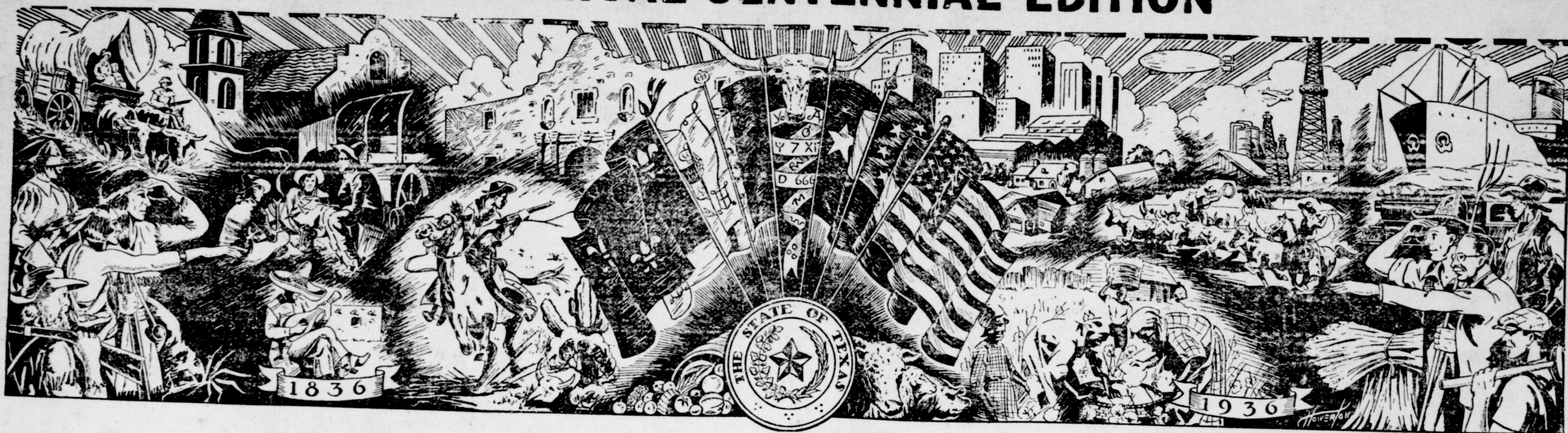




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History of Dickens County Agriculture

Spur Creamery Provides Local Market for Farmers Cream

West Texas Utilities Company Renders Quality Service

COTTON CHIEF CROP OF COUNTY IN PAST; PLANNED FARMING NEEDED

By R. E. Dickson

I have been requested by the management of the Texas Spur to prepare for this issue a history of the agriculture of the region together with a brief history of the Spur Experiment Station and connect the threads of the story in such a way as to make it most helpful to the agriculture of the future. It may be of interest to mention here that my life has been very definitely connected with the agriculture of the West. I was born on a farm near Claude in Armstrong County shortly following the first wave of immigrants into the North Plains region. Dry years coupled with grasshopper depredations reduced the income of the farm and ranch to a sub-living basis and as there was no willing-Washington in that day our family returned to North Texas. Shortly after finishing school I returned to the West.

The three most important factors in the history of the agriculture of any region are the people, the soil, and the climate. The most important of these three are the people. The people that blazed the trail into the new country, for the most part, were people who had become dissatisfied with the conditions under which they lived and who were willing to undergo the hardships of the frontier and to work hard to reduce the risk element they knew existed in all semi-arid sections.

Much of the land of this immediate section passed out of the hands of the State in the form of railroad grants. The railroad officials having the first choice of the lands elected to cut back, in so far as possible, much of the shinnery areas. It is interesting to think of what the agriculture of the region might have been today if the railroad officials had taken the lighter sandy soils and had left the heavy clay soils for the homesteader. Say what we may, the homesteader, nester, pioneer, call him what you like, is responsible in

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FATHER OF SPUR



CHAS. ADAM JONES

With the passing away of this dearly beloved old gentleman, West Texas met with much grief. One and all alike were his friends, and they numbered many. He was not only the founder of Spur, but the accomplishments he achieved during his life takes in many instances that won for him the esteemed love and devotion of everyone who knew him.

WEATHER

Wednesday, March 4: High 66, low 30
Thursday, March 5: High 64, low 34 clear.
Friday, March 6: High 75; low 34, clear.
Saturday, March 7: High 72; low 35; cloudy, .15 in. rain.
Sunday, March 8: High 69; low 44; cloudy, .07 rain.
Monday, March 9: High 77; low 40; partly cloudy.
Tuesday, March 10: High 78; low 40; cloudy; dust storm.

LOCAL PLANT SERVES LARGE AREA; SELLS BUTTER IN EASTERN CITIES

Roy Stovall came to Spur in 1925 from Vernon, Texas. At this time he entered a partnership with a Mr. Grogan in the light and ice business here. Later M. A. Lee bought out Grogan's interest thus making the partnership of Stovall and Lee owners and operators of this business. In 1927 the plant was sold to the West Texas Utilities Co. thus ending Mr. Stovall's career in this particular line of business. In the same year 1927 Mr. Stovall bought out the Creamery from M. E. Manning. During Mr. Manning's ownership of the business he operated the Coca Cola plant and conducted the ice cream business, this was the extent of the lines featured at that time.

When Mr. Stovall took over the plant he added the butter business. This called for additional new modern equipment in practically every detail throughout the plant. Among the new equipment added was a new refrigeration system, new pasteurizers, ice cream freezers, and other necessary units of machinery.

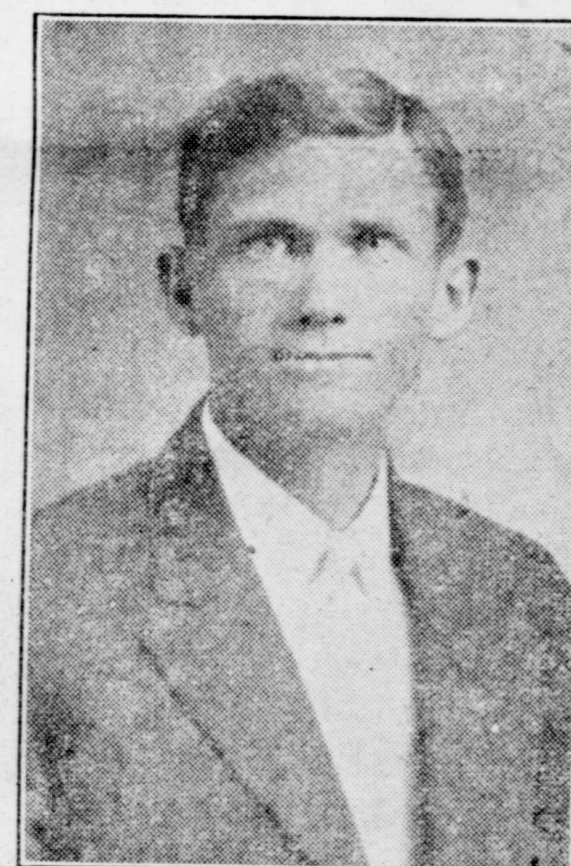
When Mr. Stovall first took over the business the territory served by the creamery was confined to Spur and immediate points surrounding

Spur. Seeing the possibilities for expansion Mr. Stovall immediately began his plans for serving more territory. He serves three counties, today, Dickens, Kent, and King Counties on Coca Cola. Branching out farther with the ice cream business, from time to time, more territory was taken in all directions. To the south and east they serve Jayton, Aspermont, Swenson, Peacock, Girard, and other immediate points; North taking in Dickens, Quitaque, Rearing Springs, Matador, Turkey, Paducah, and other points; to the west, McAdoo, Crosbyton, Post, and other smaller communities.

The butter business takes in still greater territory. Serving all points mentioned as served in the ice cream business they go even farther in all directions serving their dealers on Espuela Butter. They even supply the northern and eastern markets, including Fort Worth and Dallas, with the surplus left over after filling immediate West Texas demands.

Mr. Stovall in paying the highest prices the market affords for raw materials such as cream and milk produced in this territory buys the greater part of these products locally and from this immediate vicinity.

SERVE 160 COMMUNITIES AND TOWNS IN 49 WEST TEXAS COUNTIES



ORAN McCLURE

Founder and Publisher of the Texas Spur for 22 years. A leader in the development of Dickens County.

Fort Worth Fat Stock Show from March 13 through March 22. West Texas let's go!

The first electric transmission lines were constructed in Dickens county in 1927 although the beginning of dependable electric transmission service in West Texas dates back to 1914 when an experimental line was constructed from Abilene to Merkel. After this relatively short line had been in operation approximately four years the management saw the possibilities of providing a uniform electric service throughout Central West Texas by interconnecting communities with major power plants located at points where cheap fuel and water were available. In 1919 the West Texas Utilities Company began construction of its first major generating plant at Abilene and three years later this unit was completed.

In 1922, the company began to extend its lines and this marked the beginning of the period that was destined to revolutionize the electric industry in West Texas. Through a well planned system of operation, the company made history in the construction of a major transmission

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Stock Show A Big Success

The Club Show this year surpassed in many ways any show previously held. The quality of the livestock exhibited was a decided improvement over last year and the number of entries was more than double.

The prize winners are as follows: Earl Van Meter, Jr., showed 1st prize winning calf. Young Van Meter is a 4-H Club boy and was judged a Gold Star winner at the short course last year. There was only a hundred in the State. This is the third year that he has fed calves for the show. He also showed fifth calf. Harold Elder of McAdoo, F. F. A. Club boy showed 1st swine and 1st sheep. He is a brother of Henry Elder, Vocational teacher of McAdoo schools.

Nuge Rose showed 1st pen of hogs fed under the supervision of Mr. Elder. Nuge showed two calves that had been fed under the supervision of the county agent.

Cleo Rogers fed 1st pen of sheep. He is a Spur boy and was given coaching and training by C. B. Middleton, Vocational Instructor for Spur schools.

Durward Pickens of Spur showed 1st prize winning mule colt and Ben Loe of Spur showed 1st horse colt.

The following gives the various

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Farmall Show Drew Big Crowd

The International Harvester Company pictures shown at the Engleman Truck and Tractor Company building at Spur Saturday drew a full attendance for each showing.

The first showing began at 10:00 a. m. and took about two hours for the nine divisions. The pictures were repeated until 5:00 p. m.

The following pictures were shown: "Pay Dirt", "Farming Conveniences", "Making of Binder Twine", "Farmall Farming", "Internationals at Century of Progress", "Farming the Farmall Way", "International On the Job", "Looking Into the F12 Farmall", and "Building Boulder Dam."

Company representatives here for the day were Ernest Black, advertising manager for the Sweetwater office; Gus Rigby, J. F. Bowder and J. L. Brazier.

The local showing was sponsored by E. D. Engleman, local representative for the company. A number of Farmall tractors and McCormick-Deering farm machines were on display for those interested.

The City Federation of Women's Clubs will meet at the home of Mrs. A. M. Walker Tuesday, March 17.

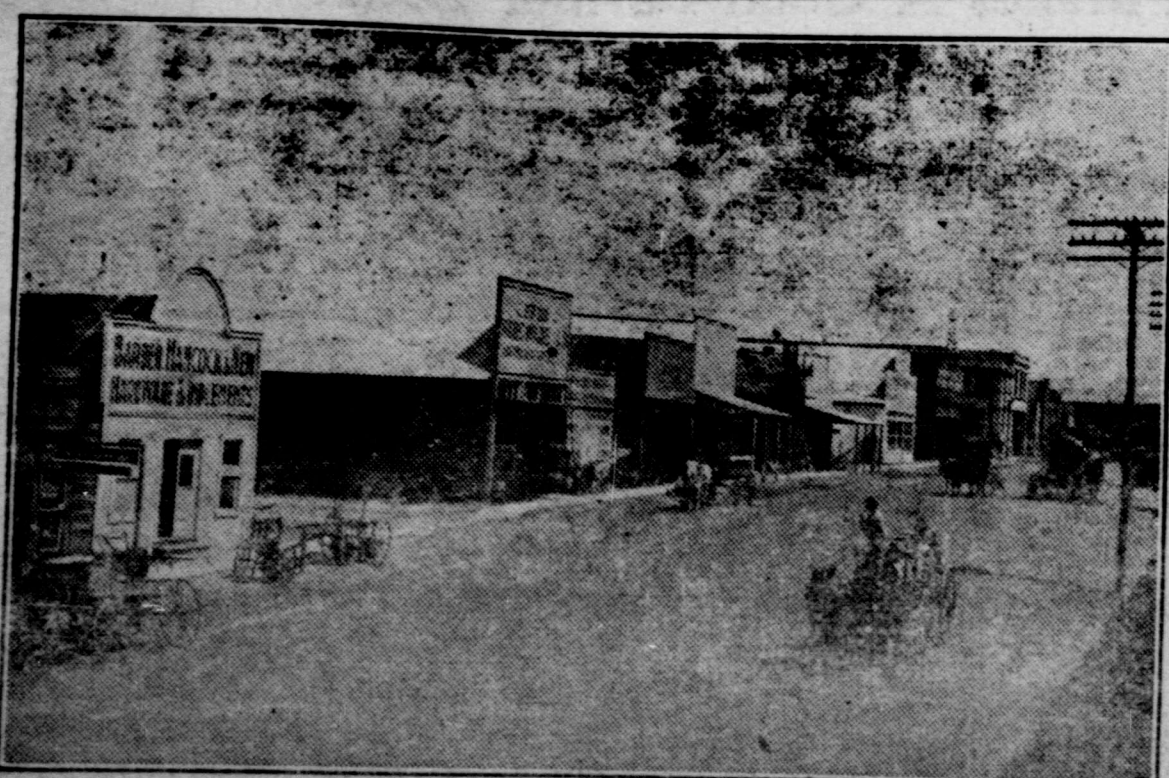
All club representatives are requested to be present promptly at 2 P. M.



The above picture is the actual photograph of the first wedding in Spur. On February 28, 1910, Judge E. J. Cowan, our mayor, who was then Justice of the Peace, performed the ceremony of marriage before the citizens of Spur in front of Bryant-Link Store on Burlington Avenue. The parties joined together in wedlock were Miss Ella Sparks of Tap Community in Dickens County and J. N. Chatman of Oklahoma. Immediately after the ceremony this couple moved to Oklahoma to make their home and live happily ever after.

Some of the old time citizens present for this event and shown in the picture are L. N. Ritter, J. D. Powell, Bernard Bryant of Stamford, Martin Bay, Oran McClure, H. T. Burgoon, Mrs. Kate Griffin, H. E. Ellis, and many others whom we could not definitely name because of not being able to distinguish them in the picture.

The Packard touring car shown in the picture belonged to our late Chas. A. Jones. It was used as a taxi to bring the couple to the scene of matrimony. (Photograph and details by E. J. Cowan)



Burlington Avenue, the main street of Spur in the early days.

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A HISTORY OF DICKENS COUNTY

In compiling this historical edition of The Texas Spur, the publishers have tried to cover all the fields of endeavor that have entered into the growth and development of this great country. As one of the writers in this issue stated, the people of the county are the first consideration. We have tried to give more personal history than any other kind because the people are the ones that have made the county what it is today.

One article gives a short history of Texas beginning with the war for independence taking the reader on through the days of reconstruction following the War Between the States, which period is the beginning of modern Texas. Dickens County at that period was still the property of the Indians and had been crossed by only a few white men. After the war the Federal Government began the campaign which ended wars with the Indians in Texas. Dickens County figured in these closing campaigns with the establishment of the McKenzie Trail and the base of operations for this territory being located at Soldier Mound. We are indebted to Captain R. G. Carter, who died early this year at Washington, for the history of that period.

A chronological history of the county is given including the organization in 1891 and the establishment of a county government. The Texas Spur is greatly indebted to Mr. Clifford B. Jones and the S. M. Swenson & Sons office for material and assistance in compiling this history. It is brief in some respects and a large part of it has been printed before at different times but it is accurate and authentic and is the source of work for students of history for this section.

A history of agriculture in Dickens County was written by Mr. R. E. Dickson, Superintendent of the Spur Experiment Station, for this issue. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Dickson for this excellent work, the first ever written. Mr. Dickson is known nationally for his work with soil and water. We would like to state here that his records at the Spur Station are being used as a guide for the soil conservation work by the government in their vast program in the United States today.

We have included histories of the business firms of the county because they show the progress, tastes and tendencies of the people. Without their cooperation the publication of this material would have been impossible. Dickens County is blessed with business people that are wide awake, progressive and public spirited. They are community leaders and are always working toward the development and civic progress of the county.

We wish to thank those that furnished articles, letters, pictures and other items that have helped to make this history complete. The wholehearted cooperation is deeply appreciated.

We dedicate this historical edition to those who have gone on to a better world, to the men and women who gave of their best, to the brave pioneer settlers and those who followed, who worked and strived in the development of a great county, in a great state, in this free country of ours.

ROOSEVELT WINS FIRST TEST

The first election test of the New Deal came last week when a Georgia county voted 5 to 1 for President Roosevelt in a preferential primary. President Roosevelt's opponent was Governor Talmage of Georgia, avowed anti-New Dealer.

The result makes the Democratic party jubilant because they all along that when a show down came the President would win. Reports from all over the United States except in the extreme industries east indicate a gain in strength by the President. Union labor is supporting the President and when a test comes in the East there may be a surprise there for the Republicans and the so-called Democrats who plan to "take a walk."

FORMER ALBANY GIRL WRITES TEXAS POEM

—Stamford American.

Miss Berta Hart Nance, well-known Texas poet who was born near Albany, author of "Flute in the Distance", a collection of verse, has just won a prize of \$30 in the Texas Centennial Poem Contest of Kaleidograph Magazine, Dallas, with a poem entitled "Texan." The poem, which appeared in the January number of Kaleidograph, follows:

TEXAN

To be a Texan is to ride
With past and future at your side;
To race the north sweeping south;
And toss the dice with floods and drouth.
To be a Texan is to know
You must keep faith with friend and foe;
That men are brave and women true
Though some may fall among the crew;
That love is not a petty game,
And God is more than just a name.
To be a Texan is to feel
The Alamo against your heel.

Tri-County Lumber Co. Is Old Establishment

In 1909 many eyes were turned toward a territory to be offered for sale and settlement by the S. M. Swensons of New York City. The Stamford & Northwestern Railway was being built from Stamford terminating at Spur, a town yet to be established.

P. H. Miller of Fort Worth, a man who had a keen vision of development, followed this railroad establishing lumber yards in three counties; Swenson and Peacock in Stone-wall County, Jayton and Girard in Kent County, and then one of the six leading yards in Spur. All of these yards were known as the P. H. Miller Lumber Company. He maintained these until June 1924 when he sold out to the W. H. Norris Lumber Company, and these yards have since been operated as the Tri-County Lumber Company.

Birl Hight became manager of the Spur office of Tri-County in 1924 and continued in that capacity until January, 1936. Mr. Hight continued to build for the company and render service in the community. Beginning January 1, 1936, W. F. Gilbert, for several years manager of the Jayton office, was transferred to Spur to take the place of Mr. Hight, who had resigned because of ill health.

In 1929 the Dickens Lumber Co. was established at Dickens, Z. W. Fowler of Dallas being named as manager. Mr. Fowler carried out the principles of the company and built up a large business for the company in the center and northern part of the county. He was transferred March 1, and was succeeded by Cecil Meadors as manager.

J. L. Koonsman Has Envious Record As Peace Officer

Johnnie Koonsman has the most enviable record as a peace officer in Dickens County. He has conducted this office on a high efficiency business basis.

Sheriff Koonsman is a true type of peace officer; he understands the handling of men and organizing them into an efficient unit choosing each man individually for his particular assignment.

His record as sheriff shows that during his term of office, there has never been an escape, and that all major criminals that have been active in this part of the country have been apprehended.

Fred Arrington Efficient Official

Mr. Arrington having worked in the court house for thirteen years, six years of this time spent in the Sheriff's department, is most efficient and thoroughly competent to fill the duties of a county official.

Mr. Arrington was reared in Dickens County, finishing high school at Dickens and later attended Texas Technological College at Lubbock, and the Abilene Christian College at Abilene.

Bill Edwards Enjoys Good Trade, Dickens

We are all familiar with the Corner Service Station in Dickens for the type of service they render. They are dealers in Conoco products, Germ Process motor oils, auto accessories and Goodrich tires.

Meadors and Street, Dickens, Old Firm

J. H. Meadors opened one of the first dry goods and grocery stores in Dickens September 25 1912. It is now the second oldest firm in Dickens having been in continuous operation since the time of its organization.

K. W. Street joined the firm in its enlargement three years ago. Both Mr. Meadors and Mr. Street thoroughly understand the dry goods and grocery business and are real merchants.

Their stock includes a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, dry goods and also notion articles and school supplies. Mr. Meadors and Mr. Street ask the continued friendship, patronage and confidence of their many customers and join in this issue to congratulate Dickens county in its progress and development.

One of the nations most authentic and interesting roundups of picturesque characters of the Old West will be presented in Midland on June 26, 27, and 28 when the annual Western rodeo is held as Midland's part in the Texas Centennial obser-

H. P. Gibson Insurance Agency Here Since 1924

This firm was originally started in the city national bank associated with the bank, Mr. H. P. Gibson established his own office in 1929 in the Palace Theatre building. In 1930 he moved to the Wendell building where he stayed until March 1934. His last move taking place was to his present location in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

He is agent for the United Fidelity Life Insurance Company, an old line company.

E. C. McGee Doing Good Job for Texaco

Mr. E. C. McGee took over the agency for Texaco Products October four years ago. Acting as wholesale agent he serves a large territory throughout this section.

In order to take care of the large demand for Texaco products he has found it necessary to have a large storage capacity. This capacity being forty thousand gallons, is ample to supply the necessary demands at present.

Mr. McGee has in his employ Leonard Fox, truck salesman, "Skeeter" Stanford, truck salesman, and Cliff Wiley in charge of the warehouse.

J. N. Haney & Son 20 Years In Afton

This firm has about twenty years of continuous business operation backing their standards of doing business. A firm with so long a reputation deserves much credit for the accomplishments made during this time. This is especially true of J. N. Haney & Son in Afton. The thorough completeness of this store in every detail is conclusive proof of their accomplishments.

Representing the pioneers of this part of the country they are very grateful for the patronage they have received during these years and invite your continued good will in the future.



INTERIOR OF SPUR COFFEE SHOP

The above picture shows the neatness and tidiness together with the modern fixtures of the Spur Coffee Shop.

H. O. Wooten Pioneer Grocer

H. O. Wooten pioneered the grocery business in West Texas dating back to the late '80's. His first venture being a partnership in the whole sale business operating the one wholesale grocery in Abilene.

This partnership arrangement did not last long. Mr. Wooten bought his partner's interest out thereby becoming sole owner of the business. The firm name then became H. O. Wooten Wholesale Grocery Company.

Mr. Wooten seeing the possibilities for growth and development of this vast, then undeveloped, country, began making plans for his expansion in accordance with the development and progress that he was sure West and North Texas had in store for it.

As time went on from time to time branches were added at various points over West Texas. He now operates wholesale branches at San Angelo, Big Springs, Sweetwater, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Seymour, Olney, Stamford, Coleman, and many other points over West and North Texas. The Spur Branch being one of the latest expansions in Mr. Wooten's business had added a great deal to the convenience of our grocery-men in this territory, as a local wholesale distributor.

Mr. Wooten pioneered and organized the Red & White unit of buying in West Texas. It was through him that the Red & White Stores operating over West and North West Texas inherited this wonderful plan of buying and merchandising goods. It is hardly necessary to explain the wonderful qualities and advantages afforded through the Red & White Systems. It has given the independent groceryman a chance to buy goods at better prices thereby creating a better demand for his products based on better prices.

Mr. Wooten is due much credit for the advancement and progress he has made in the wholesale grocery business. This of course, is due to the competent management and foresight that has guided Mr. Wooten through these series of good and bad times. His excellent judgement in selecting his store managers, salesmen and employees in general has also played a great role in his success. Each individual employed by Mr. Wooten is thoroughly trained for his detailed position before being placed at whatever point Mr. Wooten has chosen him for.

A comprehensive picture of the old west, embracing the romance and the picturesque figures who are throw-backs from frontier days will be Stamford's contribution to the commemoration of Texas' Centennial this year. The Cowboy reunion will be held July 2, 3 and 4.

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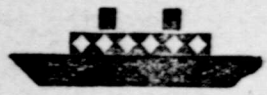
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CHAPTER XXII

The Donny murder case took front-page headlines in all the newspapers the next day, and for many days to come. Harold Donny was in no sense an ordinary rancher; he was the scapegrace son of Everard Donny, a wealthy Pittsburgh steel man. His wife had been the beautiful Zelda Moon of Santa Barbara, and their ranching experiment originally had been rather in the nature of a high adventure set in a background of riding horses, handsome cars, good servants, smart clothes. But they had lost money; they had had a baby; there was every reason to suppose that there had been a nervous strain upon both the spoiled young husband and wife of late years; the newspapers were agog with theories as to the woman's coldness, the man's jealousy, the quarrels and threats that had gone on in the once luxurious home. The Donnys had had but one servant in their employ at the time of the murder: a quiet old Mexican woman who had puttered home across the fields at nine o'clock on the fatal night.

Lawrence Bellamy, the well-known associate editor of the Call, who had been motoring home alone—who had been motoring home with an unknown woman companion at twelve-seventeen o'clock on that evening—who had been motoring home with Miss Antoinette Taft, social editor of the Call—had been the person to discover the tragedy and had quite properly notified the San Jose police. Miss Taft, it appeared from an amicable statement from Mrs. Bellamy, was a close friend of the Bellamy family and had spent the day with them at Pebble Beach. No hint of scandal or surprise or blame came from Ruth. Everything had been quite as it should be; she was devoted to Miss Taft; the whole thing was only so "unfortunate."

Quiet and rather pale, Tony went through the unreal—the hideous days. She was at the coroner's inquest, answering questions simply, with her characteristic little puzzled frown drawing the penciled brows together over her blue eyes. She and Mrs. Bellamy were friends; Great friends. She had spent the momentous Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy in Pebble Beach? Yes.

She told Aunt Meg something; Brenda a little more. She told Cliff the truth.

"You and he—you mean you and Larry?" Cliff stammered.

"Oh, yes."

"And how long's this been going on?"

"There wasn't much to 'go on.' Months, I guess," Tony said in reply.

"Well, then, what's the idea of being so decent about it?"

"I don't think it's exactly—decent," Tony said, with an effort. "It's just Ruth's idea of the best way out."

"You didn't dine with them that day, then?"

"No, and neither did Larry. He started before dinner, and I waited for him at Del Monte, and he picked me up."

"What time was this?"

"A little after six. We had dinner at King City; we talked for three hours."

"Ha!" Cliff ejaculated. "And she didn't bawl you out?"

"No. She prefers it this way. She's protecting me, and saving him from his own ridiculous folly, and they're all going to China together."

"Will he go?"

"He has to go. Otherwise she'll divorce him."

"Threatens that, huh?"

"She doesn't have to threaten. It's just that—oh, she's not well, and her mother wants to go, and her niece Mrs. Polhemus is going, and if Larry won't come to his senses and go happily along with them—well, she's just done."

"Gosh, what a mess? Maybe he'll throw her down?"

"How can he, Cliff? For one thing, she really does love him; she's always been kind to me. And even if he did, that'd finish me. That'd give everyone a chance to say that I was the girl mixed into the Donny murder and mentioned in the Bellamy divorce."

"Who got you into it in the first place? Didn't Larry put you on a bus that night and send you home?"

"Yes; you weren't here, I remember. Yes, I got here about three o'clock. But you see the fact of the bus picking me up there at that hour gave them something to work on, and then this Miss Wallister of Oakland gave them my name. She'd been in the car Larry and I stopped before we went to the Donny house."

"Who's she?"

"An Oakland schoolteacher. I did a story about her once."

"The Bellamy outfit's all going away?"

"China."

"When do they go?"

"Day after tomorrow."

"Going to see her before they go?"

"No."

"Will you see him?"

Tony said "no," again, immediately adding: "Yes, he's to come for me here at ten tomorrow, Cliff. We're going off somewhere to talk together. It's good-by, of course. After you're married, I'm going to New York, if they'll send me, and Larry won't be back until late autumn. We'll never see each other again."

"You poor kid," Cliff said in sudden sympathy. "It's not your fault it



"You Poor Kid," Cliff Said in Sudden Sympathy.

had to be Larry you liked! It's rotten for you!"

Tony's face wrinkled, and her lip shook; she looked away, swallowing with a dry throat. She said nothing.

They sat in the parked car and stared out at the sea that was veiled and gray under the fog. It was the quietest hour of the morning; Tony and Larry had the beach to themselves. Now and then a car whirled down the long boulevard behind them; once they heard the slow throb of a plane, high overhead and lost in mist. For the rest there was only the lazy pulsing of the sea and the piping of gulls to break the ominous and brooding silence.

"Is Ruth bitter about it, Larry?"

"On the contrary, she doesn't see, or she won't admit, anything to be bitter about. She's very happy and very affectionate, and grateful to me for going along, and sure I'll love it all!"

"She's taken that position," Tony said, in a hard voice.

"She's—yes. She's taken that position."

The girl's voice was gentler, her blue eyes shadowed, when she spoke again.

"But she knows we love each other?"

"She never had said so. She talks of what the best thing is for all of us. For me, and for you—for all of us."

"Poor Ruth," Tony said; "what other attitude can she take, unless she wants to let you go?"

"Caroline and Mrs. Patterson help her to keep it up."

"Keep up—?"

"The—well, the little fiction that the whole thing is—is just something to be hushed up and forgiven and forgotten."

"Forgiven and forgotten!" Tony said, with the proud color in her face.

"They seem to feel that there is no question that I like you too much and you like me too much," Larry said.

"But since it's Larry and Tony, they must be protected and excused. Larry's like that, and poor little Tony didn't know what she was letting herself in for, what gossiping tongues would make of it!"

"I suppose so," Tony said dryly.

"Does Ruth believe it?"

"Ruth always believes what she wants to believe. Yes, she believes it. As far as she's concerned it's true. Much the best thing for all concerned is for us to hush it up, and go away."

Tony made no comment. She had taken off her white hat; her dark uncovered hair lay in loose rings and sprays against the man's shoulder. He could look down and see the smooth clear tan of her cheek, where the fine down of a peach showed against the white light of the strange muffled, and the lowered thick dark eyelashes, and the curve of her fine wide mouth. Tony again was in white today; but her loose soft coat was brown, and the small square pumps braced against the foot rest were brown, too. Larry tightened his arm about her shoulders.

"It won't be forever, Tony."

"No. Somehow—somewhere—the roads will come together again."

"And meanwhile we'll think of each other—and of today."

"Ah, that's what they always say," the girl said with a break in her voice. "And then they forget!"

"I'll not forget. Ah, you're so sweet!" he said, with his lips against her forehead. And then, "Tony, we couldn't just run away from it all?"

"Not from Benny and Bruce and Cliff and Aunt Meg, no. They've all hoped too much for me, done too much for me. It wouldn't be fair."

"It's like a terrible dream that we're together now—that you're safe in my arms here, Tony—and that tomorrow that ache for you—that ache for you, will begin—and there won't be any cure!"

"No matter where we are, no matter what happens, we'll always belong to each other, Larry, won't we?"

"You'll always be what you are now, Tony—the only person in all the world for me."

"And you for me," she said, in a voice she tried to hold steady. "I'll always be glad we had this much, Larry. This is something—this is more than I ever thought I'd have."

"It doesn't seem possible to say good-by," Larry presently said very simply. Tony stirred herself against his arm, drew away.

"Let me look at you, Larry."

They looked gravely at each other: the tall, lean brown-skinned man, with the high-bridged nose and the deep-set eyes, and the girl in her white frock and brown coat, with her dark hair disheveled and her blue eyes set in delicate circles of amber, and fringed with dark lashes that were frankly wet.

"It's good-by, my dear," said Tony. He put his arms about her, and for a long minute she lay against him, and felt his kisses on her lips.

"You'll forgive me, Tony, for ever letting this happen?"

"Ah, if you'll forgive me! I let it happen. You didn't."

"My wife!" Larry whispered. And straightening herself in her seat beside him again, the girl repeated it with her wet eyes shining.

"Yes—nothing will ever make me anything but that, Larry. The woman that was meant for you."

He touched the starter, turned the car on the short brown grass. They drove back into the city, and at the door of the newspaper office Tony said only another half-audible "good-by."

She heard no answer as Larry guided the car into the traffic again and drove away.

She went up to her desk, stopping to hang up her hat and coat, straighten her hair. Her face looked odd to her; it was white. Or perhaps it was only the effect of the foggy light that came in through the high dirty office windows and mingled so oddly with the glow of the lamps.

The newspaper office was very quiet at twelve o'clock. Larry was meeting Caroline and Ruth for lunch and to do some last shopping. A truck would call for the trunks at five o'clock; they would put their nightwear and their books and hairbrushes into their handbags tomorrow morning, and the apartment they were abandoning would be full of cheerful conversation. Caroline, have you room for a pair of slippers? Don't put your coat on, Mother darling, you'll be too warm. Ah, here's Joe now!

And so down to the big white ship, and through the pleasant flurry of passports and of finding their state-rooms with the clutter and confusion of the waterfront all about them; with the bay steamers pouring soft whistles into the noon air, and the salt water slapping idly against the piers—

She seemed to be hearing his voice again, feeling the tightening of that big arm about her shoulders; she seemed again to see the brown face and the high-bridged nose, and the movement of his brown lean hand when he took off his glasses to look at her—

Tony crossed her arms on her desk and put her head down upon them. Waves of bitterness and longing broke over her, and receded, and strengthened to break over her again.

Yawning, a call boy came in to arch himself like a snake over a telephone. No, the managing editor wasn't there yet—the city editor wasn't there yet. Ring back, please.

"It looks like Donny was going to get the works, don't it, Miss Taft?" said the boy, loitering.

"It begins to."

"Gee, I'll bet it was a kick—you being a witness?"

"It was horrible."

"You bet I'd take a chance!"

He dawdled away, and Tony flattened the curiously assorted notes on her desk; brought her heavy eyes to them. She picked up a pen.

"Mrs. Bainbridge Foster's announcement of the engagement of her daughter, Mary Barbara, was one of the surprises of an unusually gay season. Miss Foster, a debutante of last winter—"

(Continued Next Week)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF DICKENS COUNTY—GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to summon L. A. Burney, whose residence is unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, in the town of Dickens, on the Fifth Monday in March, 1936, being the 30th day of March, 1936, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of January, 1936, the file number of which is No. 1422, in which suit, Walter T. Galloway is plaintiff and L. A. Burney is defendant; the cause of action being alleged as follows: Suit upon three promissory notes aggregating the principal sum of \$600.00 with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from April 4th, 1933, and attorney's fees of 10%, said notes executed by defendant and payable to G. W. Moore, and secured by a vendor's lien upon all of Lot No. 12, in Block No. 15, Town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas. Plaintiff alleges that he is now the holder and owner of said notes and entitled to the collection thereof; that said notes were due in one, two and three years from date, and are now past due and unpaid or any part thereof. Plaintiff prays for judgment establishing his debt, and for foreclosure of his vendors lien upon the above described property.

You are hereby commanded to so summon such defendant, and to serve this citation, by making publication of this citation one in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county; but if there be no newspaper published in said county, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and seal of office in the town of Dickens, Dickens County, Texas, this 30th day of January 1936.

(Seal) Mrs. Nettie Littlefield, Clerk of the District Court, Dickens County, Texas.

Issued this the 30th day of January, 1936.

Mrs. Nettie Littlefield, Clerk of the District Court, Dickens County, Texas.

Feb. 27 Mar. 5, 12, 19.

THE STATE OF TEXAS: TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF DICKENS COUNTY—GREETINGS:

You are commanded that you summon Haskel H. Runton, by making publication of this citation for once a week for four consecutive weeks to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where there is a newspaper published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be held at the court house thereof on the fourth Monday of March, A. D. 1936, the same being the 30th day of March A. D. 1936, then and there to answer this petition, filed on the 26th day of February A. D. 1936, in said Court, in said suit No. 1426 on said docket, of said court, said petition, wherein Edna Runton is Plaintiff and Haskel H. Runton is defendant.

Alleging that on the 10th day of August A. D. 1929, plaintiff was legally married to defendant, at Clovis, New Mexico, and lived with him as his wife until the 5th day of November, 1934 when by reason of cruel and inhuman treatment she was forced to leave him, and has not lived with him as his wife since. Wherefore plaintiff prays the court that the defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition and that she have judgment for divorce and custody of their minor child, Bettie Joe Runton.

Herein fail not, but have you before the court, on the said first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of the said court this the 25th day of February, 1936.

Nettie Littlefield, Clerk of the District Court, Dickens County, Texas.

Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19.



ARMISTICE DAY IN SPUR 1918

The above view was taken on the day the Armistice was signed on the streets of Spur. From evidence much rejoicing took place.

JUDGE'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF DICKENS)

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1936, at McAdoo School Building in the McAdoo Independent School District of this County to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified voters of that district desire to consolidate the said District with the Pansy Independent School District of Crosby County, Texas, and the Wake Common School District No. 7 of Crosby County, Texas, thereby forming the Consolidated County Line Independent School District of Dickens and Crosby Counties, Texas.

C. P. Awfill has been appointed presiding officer for said election and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding the same, and he shall within five days after said election has been held make due return thereof to the Commissioner's Court of this County as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and County and who are resident qualified voters of said McAdoo Independent School District shall be entitled to vote at said election and all voters who favor the consolidation of the aforementioned school districts shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"For the Consolidation."

And those opposed to such consolidation shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"Against the Consolidation."

Dated the 2 day of March, A. D. 1936.

Jim Cloud,
County Judge of Dickens County, Texas

Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 c

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County—Greetings:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Margaret McCoy Vesson, a feme sole, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Dickens County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the town of Dickens, on the 4th Monday in March, A. D. 1936, the same being the 23rd day of March A. D. 1936, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 25th day of November A. D. 1935 in a suit in Probate Cause numbered on the docket of said court as No. 331, wherein W. R. Goss, Administrator of the Estate of J. S. Goss, deceased, alleges that all the debts of said Estate have been paid, and that he has filed his final account, hearing on which is pending, and that there is on hand certain property to be partitioned among those entitled to the same, and prays that partition be made of said Estate to him as one of the heirs of said J. S. Goss, deceased, he being plaintiff in such petition, and the following named defendants:

Mrs. Mollie Seales, and husband, M. C. Seales, Mrs. Viola Seales and her husband, Lisha Seales, Mrs. R. H. Pinkerton, a widow, Mrs. Anna Peppers, and her husband, J. P. Peppers, Bluford Goss, Ernest Goss, Albert Goss, Austin Goss, Delbert Goss, Callie Elizabeth Trails, now a widow, Maxine McCoy Rinker, and her husband, Donavan Rinker, Margaret McCoy Vesson, Willie Maloncon, and her husband, Eddie Maloncon.

Herein fail not, but have you before the court, on the said first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of the said court this the 25th day of February, 1936.

Nettie Littlefield, Clerk of the District Court, Dickens County, Texas.

Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19.

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SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY PARTY
HONORS HUSBAND

A surprise birthday party was given Friday evening by Mrs. C. L. Martin, at the Martin home on N. Carroll street, honoring her husband. The dinner was served buffet style.

Those present were: Messrs. John King, L. N. Riter, E. S. Crider, Chas. Ensey, S. H. Twaddell and Martin.

TRIPLE TREY CLUB MEETS
WITH MRS. ROCHAT

Five members and three guests were present Friday afternoon when Mrs. Louis Rochat entertained the Triple Trey Bridge Club in her home on West 3rd Street.

Mrs. Buster Parrish made high club score and Mrs. L. H. Perry made high guest score.

Cocoanut macaroons and frosted Coco Colas were served.

Members present were: Mesdames Burgess Brown, Alton Chapman, G. B. Wadzeck, Marvin Vaughn and Buster Parrish.

Guests were: Mesdames Nellie Davis, L. H. Perry and Oran McClure.

Mrs. Joe Butler was a tea guest.

HONOR MOTHERS AND
FATHERS WITH BANQUET

The mothers and fathers of the Home Economics Girls and Agriculture Boys were honored with a barbecue at the Stadium last Friday night.

The boys deserve the credit for obtaining and barbecuing the calf. The girls furnished the appropriate accompaniments of potato salad, rolls, pickles, and apples on sticks.

After the meal was served, every one was seated for a short program at which Wilson Garner, President of the Spur High School Future Farmers of America, presided. Mr. Granberry gave an excellent talk on "The Necessity of Intelligent Farming and Home Management." Both Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kelley gave interesting talks on the value of co-operation. At the close of the program, Noema Smith gave a reading of Henry VanDyke's impression of home.

MRS. CHAPMAN HONORED
WITH BRIDES SHOWER

Mrs. Garland Chapman a senior in Spur High School and a recent bride was honored with a miscellaneous shower Wednesday afternoon by Miss L. O. Osman, Kathleen Dollins and Wilma Morgan in the home of Mrs. Bynum Brittain.

Mrs. G. B. Wadzeck sang "Alone" and "With All My Heart" accompanied by Mrs. Bob Alexander.

Tea, and cookies were served to about forty guests.

DOUBLE BRIDES SHOWER
HONORS RECENT BRIDES

Last Friday evening the home of Tom Gilmore was the scene of much merriment when a double bride's shower was given for Mrs. Forrest Yeakley and Mrs. Pete Brundant by Mesdames Tol Merriman, L. B. McMeans Sr., and Tom Gilmore acting as cohostesses.

Delicious punch and cookies were served to twenty one guests. Twenty two others sent gifts who were unable to be present.—Reported.

TECH EXES ARE MARRIED
AT HOME SUNDAY

In a simple home wedding, Miss Frances Gayle Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holmes, 2409 Fourteenth Street, became the bride of Ralph Wyatt of Spur at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. A double ring

ceremony was performed at the Holmes residence by the Rev. J. O. Haymes, presiding elder of the Amarillo Methodist District and an uncle of the bridegroom.

Miss Holmes wore an aqua blue dress with grey accessories and wore a corsage of gardenias.

She was attended by a cousin, Miss Marjorie Holmes of Wilson, Okla., who wore a tea rose crepe. Ralph Douglas, former student of Texas Technological college attended Mr. Wyatt as best man.

The only music for the ceremony was a violin solo "I Love You Truly" (Bond) by Miss Lois Watson with piano accompaniment by Miss Lois Pitts.

There were 40 guests. Coffee was served immediately after the ceremony. The couple will live in Spur where Mr. Wyatt is employed with Spur Tailors.

A graduate of Wilson, Okla. high school, Miss Holmes was a sophomore student at Tech last semester. She was active in campus social life and an honor student in her classes, having been among the outstanding women of the campus honored at an annual recognition service last spring at the college. She is affiliated with San Souci a campus social club.

Mr. Wyatt, a former student of Tech and member of Kemas, social club at the college, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wyatt of Roscoe. He is a graduate of Levelland High school.

MATTHEW GRUBEN
HONORED AT PARTY

Mrs. W. C. Gruben entertained with a party Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock honoring her son Matthew. Games were played and contests conducted.

The hostess, assisted by Peggy Ensey, served refreshments to Betty Joe Barnett, Ida Lee Golding, Ouida Lisenby, Dorothy Finley, Joan Pentecost, Charles Ensey, Pat Hogan, Joe Ericson, Billie Rae Barrett, Bob Weaver, James Allen and Matthew Gruben.

MISS COONER GUEST
OF HONOR

As a courtesy to her sister, Miss Jerene Cooner, Mrs. E. S. Lee entertained with a surprise birthday dinner Friday evening.

Guests were Misses Kathryn Kirby, Cedonia Dietrich Ann Lee, Naomi Lee and the guest of honor, Miss Cooner.

SURPRISE PARTY
HONORS NEWLY WEDS

Mrs. W. S. Carlisle and Mrs. Katie Conaster were hostesses to a bridal shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Yeakley and a birthday party honoring Mrs. Rex Carlisle Saturday evening, Feb. 29.

Delicious refreshments were served to about fifty guests.

EPWORTH LEAGUE
ENTERTAINS

The members of the Spur Epworth League were hostesses to the members of Epworth Leagues from Dickens, McAdoo, Foremans Chapel and Roaring Springs in the basement of the Methodist Church here Friday evening.

After a business meeting directed by Nedra Hogan, president, Rev. J. Melvin Jones gave an interesting picture and lecture on "Training for Service."

Games were played and punch and sandwiches served. About 70 members were present. The next Union League meeting will be held at Foreman's Chapel April 2.

THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB
AT JENNINGS HOME

Mrs. F. W. Jennings entertained the members of the Thursday Bridge Club and other guests last week.

At the end of the rubbers of bridge Mrs. Zachry and Mrs. Granberry were awarded prizes for high score.

Green, carrying out the motif of St. Patrick's day, was used in appointments and in the refreshment plate. Blooming potted plants added to the attractiveness of the rooms.

Those present were Mesdames D. H. Zachry, C. B. Jones, Floyd McArthur, W. T. Andrews, Buster Parrish, O. C. Thomas, Sam Clemmons, and D. L. Granberry.

MRS. GRIMES ENTERTAINS
FRIDAY EVENING

On last Friday evening at 8 o'clock Mrs. Weldon Grimes entertained a group of friends with con tract bridge.

High scores went to Mrs. Brannen and Mrs. Wiley.

The hostess served a delicious refreshment plate to Mesdames C. L. Love, B. C. Langley, Wiley, Tom Johnson, M. H. Brannen, Lawis Lee and Miss Ruby Rae Williamson.

MRS. ELLIS HOSTESS—

Mrs. Ellis was hostess to the P. A. W. Club from 3 to 5 Thursday afternoon. After enjoying the games the guests were served cake and coffee.

The following enjoyed Mrs. Ellis hospitality: Mesdames Shepherd, Ericson, Hinson, Butler, Harrington, Tidwell, Dyess, Sauls, Brown Smith, Kinney, Rucker and Miss Sue Patterson.

Around The
Court House

The County Commissioners Court A. C. Rose, E. N. Johnson, W. F. Foreman, Lee Mimms and County Judge Jim Cloud plan to attend a meeting of the State Highway Commission at Austin Monday. They will ask for a continuation of the work on Highway 24.

Four drunks, two for speeding and two for fighting were arrested Saturday night by the Sheriff's department. The cases were tried in Judge Parks and Judge Jopling's courts.

One hundred automobile license tags for 1936 had been issued up to the first of the week by the Tax Collector. Less than three weeks remain to secure the tags without penalty. About 1000 drivers licenses had been issued.

The Tax Collector will have a representative at the Spur Motor Company next week to issue tags. It will be necessary to have last year's receipt or transfer to get a license there.

Judge Jim Cloud and County Attorney L. D. Ratliff were looking after county business at Olton last Thursday.

The County Attorney was attending District Court at Claremont Tuesday.

LOCAL GIRL HONORED
ON PAINTING

Miss Syble Clay was given honorable mention in the spring judging by Federal Schools, Inc., on a painting she submitted as a result of her studies the past three months. Honorable mention included students all over the United States whose work was considered in the final vote by the judges. First place winner was awarded \$50.

Miss Clay was given a scholarship last year through the assistance of County Superintendent Madge D. Twaddell.

* Deeds Recorded *

Minnie B. Worswick to Sarah Shields, Lot 4, Block 108, Town of Dickens.

B. A. Crego to John C. Reynolds, S 1-2 of Lot 1, Block No. 21, Town of Dickens.

M. B. Smith to Abilene Building and Loan Association, Lot 8, Block 50, City of Spur.

Dalton Johnston et ux to O. L. Driggers, part SE 1-4 H & G N Survey 165, 4.9 acres.

C. P. Ingram to J. W. Smith, 164 acres, SW 1-4 H. & G. N. Survey 373.

W. F. Clements et ux to Leonard Clements, 80 acres, W. 1-2 of NE one quarter Survey No. 1 A. B. & N.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hood and son and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore of Vernon visited their aunt, Mrs. F. R. Harrington and family Sunday.

W. A. Bell and son R. J. were attending to business interests in Wichita Falls Monday.

Mrs. R. A. Taylor, who has been ill in a hospital at Wichita Falls for several weeks is reported much improved and expected to be home the first of next week.

Loftin Sandidge was initiated into Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. this week. Sandidge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sandidge of Spur.

Mrs. Uldeen Robinson and son, Orville, left Wednesday for Los Angeles, California where they will join Mr. Robinson.

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Wylie and Mrs. A. C. Hull left Monday for New Mexico where they will join Mr. Hull who is attending to business interests there.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harkey and Miss Nina Mae Johnson left Wednesday morning for their home in Los Angeles after spending several days here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. J. Cato was called to Byers Thursday to be with a daughter who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McArthur spent last week end in Lubbock, as guests of Mrs. McArthur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clemmons and small daughter, Elizabeth, are visiting in Abilene and Dallas this week. Mrs. W. E. Johnson of Haskell visited her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Dunwoody this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stovall of Lubbock spent Sunday here visiting friends.

Mrs. E. S. Lee and daughters, La Vorise and Annette and Miss Jerene Cooner spent the week end in Knox City.

Mrs. H. O. Everts returned Saturday from Abilene where she has been visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gabriel and baby, and Mrs. Geo. Malouf of Roaring Springs are in Dallas this week.

Mrs. J. L. Wolfe is visiting relatives in Hubbard this week.

Mrs. W. E. Putnam, Mrs. J. B. Reed and Mrs. Roy Stovall were in Lubbock Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Bynum Brittain is reported seriously ill of pneumonia at West Texas Hospital in Lubbock.

Mrs. Violet McKnight is reported ill this week. During her absence, Mrs. G. B. Wadzeck is teaching at Junior High School.

Mrs. E. D. Engleman, Mrs. Buster Parrish, Jean Engleman, Helen Ruth Lee and Wynell McClure were in Lubbock Saturday.

Mrs. Edgar McGee and daughter Sammie were in Lubbock Saturday. Judge and Mrs. J. B. Earnest of Claremont were visitors here Sunday.

O. C. Thomas and L. J. Solis were Lubbock visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Withers of Paducah, are parents of an 8 pound son, John Houston born at 9 o'clock Friday morning at Clark-Key clinic in Lubbock.

Mrs. F. F. Vernon and Mrs. J. W. Carlisle were in Lubbock last Thursday.

J. M. Jones, head of cattle feeding department and Dr. H. Schmidt, veterinary of College Station were at the Experiment Station this week.

R. E. Dickson attended a cattlements convention at Amarillo Monday.

Mrs. R. E. Dickson has been ill with an eye infection for several days.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kind deeds and words of sympathy during the illness and death of our dear husband and father which was a great shock to us.

Without your kindness it would have been sad indeed. Especially do we thank you for the floral offerings. May God bless each and every one of you is our prayer.

Mrs. H. B. Poteet and Esta Fay Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smyth. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McWilliams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Laquey and family.

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CIVIL PRACTICE ONLY

STOCK SHOW

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divisions with rankings and prize money:

Calf Division:

- 1st—Earl Van Meter, Jr., \$17.50.
- 2nd—Jesse Byars, \$15.00.
- 3rd—Durward Pickens, \$12.50.
- 4th—Fred Neaves, \$10.
- 5th—Earl Van Meter, Jr. \$9.
- 6th—Buck Martin, \$8.
- 7th—Van Hairgrove, \$7.
- 8th—Woodrow McArthur, \$6.
- 9th—Roger Garrison, \$5.
- 10th—Jack Woods, \$4.
- 11th—W. F. Ragland, Jr.
- 12th—Randolph Robertson.
- 13th—W. C. Presley.

Swine Division:

- 1st—Harold Elder \$7.
- 2nd—Rudolph McLaughlin, \$6.
- 3rd—Nuge Rose, \$5.
- 5th—Will D. Griffin, \$3.
- 6th—Nuge Rose \$2.
- 7th—Ferrill Smith, \$1.
- 8th—Dorris Egger.
- 9th—Reed McLaughlin.
- 10th—W. D. Griffin.
- 1st pen—Nuge Rose, \$5.
- 2nd Pen—Ferrill Smith, \$2.50.
- 3rd Pen—Rudolph McLaughlin.

Sheep Division:

- 1st—Harold Elder, \$6.
- 2nd—Collin Denson, \$5.
- 3rd—Collin Denson, \$4.50
- 4th—Lemoyne Cypert, \$4.00
- 5th—Collin Denson, \$3.50.
- 6th—Eloie Harris, \$3.00
- 7th—Eloie Harris, \$2.50.
- 8th—Cleo Rogers, \$2.
- 9th—Lee Griffin, \$1.50.
- 10th—Collin Denson—\$1.00
- 11th—Collin Denson.
- 12th—J. J. Griffin.
- 13th—Collin Denson.
- 1st pen—Cleo Rogers.
- 2nd Pen—Collin Denson.
- 3rd Pen—J. J. Griffin.

Colt Division:

- Mule
- 1st—Durward Pickens \$5.
- 2nd—Vernon Harris \$3.
- 3rd—Woodrow McArthur, \$2.

Horse

- 1st Ben Lee, \$5.
- 2nd—Victor Arrington, \$3.
- 3rd—Ira Westfall, \$2.
- 4th—Ira Westfall
- 5th—J. B. Rape.
- 6th—Ray Teal.
- 7th—Hubert Faulkner.

Total number of calves shown—32

Total number of swine shown—17

Total number of sheep shown—21

Total number of horse and mule colts shown

Grand Total

There were some 4 or 5 saddle horses exhibited but were not judged.

SHRINERS GIVE DINNER HERE

Shriners of Spur and Jayton met for a dinner at the Spur Coffee Shop last Thursday evening. Officers of Maskat Temple, Wichita Falls, of which local Shriners are members, addressed the meeting. The outstanding talk was made by Mr. Ellis, Recorder.

Those present were:

P. B. Curd, Potentate, Wichita Falls; W. H. Ruggles, 1st Ceremonial Master, Wichita Falls; Albert Ellis, Recorder, Wichita Falls.

A. B. Smart, Jack Rector, Henry Alexander, Jim Cloud, Albert Power, Walter B. Lee, F. W. Jennings, Ned Hogan, J. P. Carson, L. H. Perry, M. C. Golding, J. L. King, C. N. Lane, Guy Karr, all of Spur and L. H. Mason, W. J. Lane, Thos. Jones, Dr. W. M. McLaury, Thos. P. Johnston, M. V. Jay, H. H. Bilberry Jr., Wm. J. Cargile, E. L. Peterson, and A. L. Patton of Jayton.

WTU SERVICE

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net work. During the period from 1922 to 1928, an unparalleled expansion and growth was noted and this now provides the nucleus of today's electric service in West Texas.

One hundred sixty towns and communities in 49 West Texas counties now make up the territory covered by the West Texas Utilities Company. One hundred sixteen, or 73 percent of these towns had no service at all or only "dusk to dawn" service from small local oil engine plants when the company extended its facilities to them. Today every town and city served enjoys 24 hour a day service with ample surplus capacity and at the same time a quality of service so necessary for modern day appliances. Three major power plants and many auxiliary or standby plants with 2600 miles of transmission lines are necessary to provide the high quality service that industries, places of business and homes should have.

The West Texas Utilities Company's operating, maintenance, and construction personnel is composed of nearly one thousand men and women, most of whom are native West Texans. The employees of the organization have served on the average of longer than eight years. The progress made by the West Texas Utilities Company can in no small way be attributed to the fact that it has truly been a pioneer in its service to West Texas and that it has held the interest of its citizens and growth of its communities as paramount to the well-being of the company.

REVIVAL MEETING AT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

There will be a four days revival at the Church of the Nazarene, 517 Williams St., Spur, Texas, beginning Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., March 12th.

We will have for our evangelist Rev. Grady Gibson of Frederick, Oklahoma. His little five-year-old daughter will be our special singer.

We heartily welcome every one to attend these services.

W. C. Benefield, Pastor.

SCHOOL CENSUS BEING
TAKEN THIS WEEK

J. R. Laine, school census enumerator, states that he will be at the Red Front Drug Store Sunday to see and list children for the 1936 census of the Spur Independent District. Mr. Laine has been over the district but has missed some of the children and any parent that hasn't listed their children are asked to see him and enroll their children.

Tom Teague, former resident of Spur, was recently honored at Hamlin, his present home, by being elected as president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Teague's organization has a full year's program of work outlined.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our kind friends and neighbors who were so helpful and sympathetic in the death of our infant son and grandson, J. W. Norris, Jr. We thank you for the beautiful flowers. May Gods rich est blessings rest up each and every one of you is our prayer

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Varnell.

DURING THE PAST 9 YEARS

We have enjoyed a good business from our many friends in this section.

After several years of business operation we joined the Red & White system. This gave us the opportunity of selling merchandise at a lower cost to you.

Our desire is to continue serving you in the future as we have in the past.

JOHNSTON GROCERY

RED & WHITE STORE

1936 Oldsmobile

Attractive Sales Contract
Open for Spur Territory

PLAINS MOTOR CO.
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Church News

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services at the Church of Christ are as follows:

SUNDAY

Bible Study ----- 10:00 A. M.
Preaching ----- 11:00 A. M.
Communion ----- 11:45 A. M.
Young Peoples Meeting --
----- 6:00 P. M.
Preaching ----- 7:00 P. M.

MONDAY

Women's Bible Study 4:00 P. M.

WEDNESDAY

Mid-week Bible Class -- 7:30 P. M.
Worship with us in the Bible appointed way. We have no Discipline but Christ, no Creed but the Bible.

SPUR METHODIST CIRCUIT

Sunday, March 15, 1936

Morning: Foreman's Chapel.
Sunday School begins at 10:00 o'clock. Be on time for the Bible Study. The Morning Worship Service being at 11:00 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor.

Afternoon: Duck Creek.

There will be preaching at Duck Creek at 3:00 o'clock by the pastor.

Evening: Foreman's Chapel.
The Young People's Service begins at 7:30. Come and enjoy their program.

The evening Worship Service will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

J. Melvin Jones, P. C.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY IN MEETING MONDAY

The ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Frank Goff with six members present.

With Mrs. Ratliff as leader the study of the Book of Exodus was completed.

The following new officers will take office the first Monday in April: President, Mrs. Alton Chapman; vice president, Mrs. Sam Clemmons; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Roy Stovall.

METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

On Monday March 9th, the Women's Missionary Society met in the home of Mrs. J. C. Payne with Mesdames S. H. Twaddell, Vernon Campbell, Jack Rector, and V. C. Smart as cohostesses.

Mrs. Yeats conducted the devotional song: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Scripture lesson was Isaiah 1:11-17. Prayer.

Mrs. Rector presided over the business session.

A number of games were enjoyed after which the hostesses served a most delectable refreshment plate of cream and cake.

Twenty one members were present and all expressed their enjoyment of the gracious hospitality of the hostess.

BELLE BENNETT MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Belle Bennett Missionary Society met social meeting Monday afternoon in the basement of the First Methodist church with 19 members and six visitors present.

The meeting opened with a song, followed by a prayer by Bro. Yeats.

As it was revealing day each member received a beautiful gift from their Polly Anna, after which a delicious refreshment plate was served.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 16, with Mrs. Costalo in Mission study.—Reporter.

Farmall Dealer Has Good Service

This firm is one of the best equipped implement dealers, offering a complete service and replacement of parts on lines that they carry, to be found anywhere in this part of the country. Mr. Engleman has tried and succeeded in giving Spur a complete exclusive implement dealer. He devotes his entire time to the plans of the daily routine of the business, consequently his business is a success. People interested in implements or service on their implements have learned that by dealing with an exclusive firm who has all the necessary equipment and men trained in every phase of the business in his employ can always depend on the lines they carry and represent.

Such is true of the Engleman Truck and Tractor Co., dealing in McCormick Deering Implements and Farmall tractors.

Mr. Engleman has a well equipped shop and is thoroughly capable of doing any type of repair work or rendering service to his customers. He has men in the repair department who are thoroughly posted in complete detail to the mechanism of farm equipment in all its phases. This service is rendered at a very reasonable cost.

Employing seven people this firm contributes quite a bit to the weekly or should we say annual, payrolls put into circulation in Spur.

One of the newest and most important advancements made in Farmall tractors is the hydraulic power lift on the F12 Model Tractor. It raises and lowers all implements. This feature is so new on this smaller tractor that it has hardly had time to get any immediate deliveries in this particular section. However, within the next few days there will be several available in Spur.

Highway Cafe Gives Excellent Service

Mr. W. W. (Bob) Fox, the owner and manager of this business has spent twelve years or more in this one original location in Spur. The Highway Cafe was one of the earlier cafes that was built in Spur.

Mr. Fox has done his very best during his ownership of the business to give a service above the average found in the ordinary restaurant. The individual touches given the dishes they specialize in has added much to the building up of his business.

LOCAL WOMAN DIES AT MINERAL WELLS

Mrs. Kennon (Anna) Boothe, 28, died at Mineral Wells last Thursday following several months illness of Bright's Disease. The body was brought back to Spur by Kinney Funeral home and services held Friday afternoon at the Church of Christ. G. Earle Woods, pastor, conducted the services. Interment followed in the Spur Cemetery with Bill Kinney in charge.

Pallbearers were Johnnie Koonsman, Albert Jordan, Jay Hoover, Henry Williamson, Johnnie Forbis and Jake Austin.

Mrs. Boothe was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pierce, south of town, and had spent most of her life in Dickens county. She was survived by parents, husband and two children, aged 2 and seven years, respectively.

Train Schedule Changed This Week

The Wichita Valley train to Spur from Stamford was placed on a new schedule beginning this week. The train now arrives at 12:45 p. m. and departs at 3:15 p. m. The increase in time spent at Spur is a decided advantage to local shippers as a shipment can be made later in the day and still make connections at Stamford.

Operates Service Station 15 Years

There is a great deal of credit due Mrs. O. Moore Hall, owner and manager of the Sunshine Service Station for her achievements in the building up of this business to what it stands for today. She is the founder of this business having started the filling station by itself some 15 years ago, and later adding the storage department together with the many lines of accessories, motor oils, tires, and gasoline. She has made Conoco Bronze Gasoline and Germ Processed Motor Oil prominent in Spur. Some of the nationally advertised leader lines featured by this business are Penzoil, and Quaker State Motor Oils, Firestone Tires and Tubes, etc.

Mrs. Hall is most appreciative of the splendid patronage she has received while operating this business and most graciously invites your continued visits to this station.

Other added services are washing greasing, polishing, and special lubricant jobs for motors that require special attention.

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN OF PTA MEET FOR CONFERENCE

With the annual spring conference of Parent Teachers Association of the 14th District scheduled to meet in Spur April 17 members of local association are turning their attention to the entertainment of the delegates and visitors who will be here for the two day conference.

Mrs. J. B. Day of Rotan, district president was here Thursday in conference with Mrs. W. R. Weaver, chairman of the central committee and Mr. Thomas, chairman of the program committee and other members of the local unit. The meeting was held at the high school.

The officials devoted their attention to making a program and to a discussion of speakers for the meeting and their place on the program. Details of the program are not yet ready for release.

Mrs. Thomas, assisted by the Home Economics Girls served a delicious refreshment plate to the committee which was much enjoyed.

Those attending were: Mrs. Baker and Mrs. J. B. Day, Rotan; Mrs. Jack Rector, Miss Florence Levy, Mrs. McKnight, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Madge Twaddell, Mrs. Weaver and Mr. Thomas.

NEW MAGNOLIA AGENT FOR THIS TERRITORY

T. E. (Biddy) Hicks has been named Magnolia Agent for this territory to succeed Louie Rice. Mr. Hicks recently moved here from the north end of the county and is a partner in the Legg and Hicks Service station on Hill Street. He took over his new job Monday.

MISS CURBY STUDYING UNDER MASTER ARTIST

Miss Kathryn Curby is at Denton this week taking master lessons in piano music from Ernest Hutcheson, Dean of the Julliard School of Music of New York City. Miss Curby is a music teacher in Spur schools and will resume her classes here next week.

RECEIVES PRIZE FOR WRITING LETTER

Carl Patton, farmer living south of town has been awarded a \$10.00 prize by the Nyal Drug Company for writing a letter on "Why I Like To Trade at a Nyal Drug Store." Mr. Patton entered the contest through the City Drug Store of Spur representatives of the Nyal Company.

DON'T BE DISCOURAGED IF YOU HAVE

Pyorrea or Trench Mouth

Sore, Tender or Bleeding Gums
USE
PI.RO.DRAM HOME
TREATMENT

John Deere Tractors Reduce Farming Costs

With the perfection and commercializing of John Deere Tractors came modern farming at a great reduction in cost and time. As time goes on more and more farmers are finding out the wonderful results and tremendous savings his neighbors have had after using John Deere equipment for a season or so. This sort of news travels at a fast rate of speed. Reaching the peak of the season for 1936 John Deere has stepped out into the lead for national recognition on its qualities and sales.

Economical operation and endurance have been the leading assets to the manufacturers in making the tremendous success of John Deere products what they represent today.

The problem of reducing costs of farming was not thoroughly realized until John Deere tractors actually proved in dollars and cents just how much was saved over the old time methods. This percentage would surprise the average farmer who does not know or has failed to have his neighbors show him in actual figures the amount he saved since using John Deere equipment.

The Bryant-Link stores are local dealers and in the other towns that they operate in. They are doing a splendid job of putting them over in this part of the country.

Musser Lumber Co. Old Reliable Firm

This firm is one of the old firms still doing business that was on the scene of the opening of Spur. Weathering good times and bad it represents a thriving business and adds to the prestige of Spurs leading business firms.

Dealing in Lumber, building materials, builders hardware, paints, etc., they have played a great part in the building of Spur. Many residences and business houses all over the county have been constructed with materials bought from Musser Lumber Company, some of which were built a quarter of a century or so ago and still stand with much grace. The quality found in their products are lasting and durable. Doing business on a basis of reasonable prices for the quality merchandise they carry has added much in the building up of this business.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SATURDAY MARCH 14TH

Mrs. L. B. McMeans, President has called a meeting of the County P. T. A. Council for Saturday, March 14th.

This meeting will be held in the Directors Room of Spur Security Bank at 2:30 P. M. A representative from each P. T. A. unit in the county is requested to be present. Mrs. McMeans has plans that will interest each organization in the county. Have your unit represented.

Don't Get Up Nights MAKE THIS 25c TEST

Use juniper oil, buchu leaves, etc. to flush out excess acids and waste matter. Get rid of bladder irritation that causes waking up, frequent desire, scanty flow, burning and backache. Get juniper oil, buchu leaves, etc., in little green tablets called Bukets, the bladder laxative. In four days if not pleased go back and get your 25c. Get your regular sleep and feel "full of pep" Gruben Bros. Druggists.

USED CARS

These cars are all in A-1 mechanical condition, good rubber, good paint, good upholstery and millions of miles in unused service.

1935 Ford V-8 Tudor -- \$450.00
1931 Chevrolet Coach -- \$275.00
1933 Chev. Sport Sedan \$400.00
1933 Chevrolet Coach -- \$350.00
1934 Chevrolet Sedan -- \$450.00
1936 Chevrolet Pickup -----
1935 Ford Pickup -----
1931 Chevrolet Coach -- \$175.00
1928 Chevrolet Sedan -- \$100.00
1933 Chevrolet Truck, Long Wheelbase -----

Spur Motor Co.
Chevrolet
Sales and Service

Spur Barber Shop Has Complete Service

This firm is one of the most progressive and wide awake businesses of its kind in this part of the country. They are known for an outstanding service that stands in a class all to itself. If you are not already acquainted with the type of work they do drop in and see them, you will not regret the visit.

City Light Plant Here 7 Years

The City of Spur Municipal Power and Light Plant will complete seven years of service to the citizens was built in the spring of 1929 of Spur, May 1, 1936. The plant starting operations as soon as the machinery was installed, adding customers as fast as the city distribution system was completed.

A network of street lights were installed in the residential section with a "white way" in the business district that are operated without payment from the tax funds.

Another service rendered is the operation of the city water system. About the time the municipal light plant was built the city bought the land where its water wells are drilled. To deliver this water to the consumer, adequate storage facilities were erected on the hill, the water being pumped to the storage tanks by City power.

RABBIT DRIVE AT STEEL HILL NEXT WEDNESDAY

A rabbit drive has been set for next Wednesday in the Steel Hill community. Those going on the drive are asked to meet at the school house at 8:00 a. m. for instructions. Everyone is asked to bring lunch and dinner will be on the ground. Also requests are made for shot guns and plenty of ammunition.

TECH PROFESSOR TO LECTURE HERE

Prof. W. C. Holden, Professor of History and Archaeology at Texas Technological College, will be in Spur Friday afternoon to deliver a lecture on Archaeology. The lecture will be at the Stadium if the weather permits and if not at the high school. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Dr. Holden is an authority in his field. He has done quite a bit of research work in the west and recently spent several months in Mexico studying the Yaqui Indians.

Spur Produce Has New Manager



February 27, 1936, Mr. Carl Murray took over the management of the Spur Produce Company replacing Mr. H. E. Blendon, the former manager. From all reports Mr. Murray is thoroughly efficient and competent in this line of work and will do well in Spur.

The Spur Produce Company being a branch of the Lubbock Poultry & Egg Company, who pioneered the produce business on the Plains, has the backing of one of the largest and most successful operators in this business in the State of Texas. Mr. Murray has been with the firm about eight years at other branches. Having been brought up in the business with his father who has been in the produce business for some 26 years, Mr. Murray is thoroughly posted to the finer points in this line.

The Spur Produce Company represents 17 years of business operations in Spur. It too has played a part well worth mentioning in the developing of Spur.

Spur PTA Holds Interesting Meeting

"Team Work Between the Home and School" was the subject for discussion at the regular meeting of the Parent Teachers Association which met Tuesday afternoon at the East Ward School building.

As an entertainment feature the East Ward Choral Club sang, directed by Mrs. D. H. Zachry and accompanied by Mrs. Floyd McArthur.

Mrs. Lavery was leader. "Helping the Child to Form the Right Attitude Toward the School" was discussed by Mrs. G. J. Lane. "The effect of Home Discipline Upon the Conduct of the Child in School" was Miss Minnie Johnson's subject.

Mrs. W. R. Weaver, president, presided over the business session.

Announcement...

With the change in management of the Spur Produce Co. we hope to continue in the same manner of serving the many friends and customers the firm has accumulated during the past 17 years.

Spur Produce Company

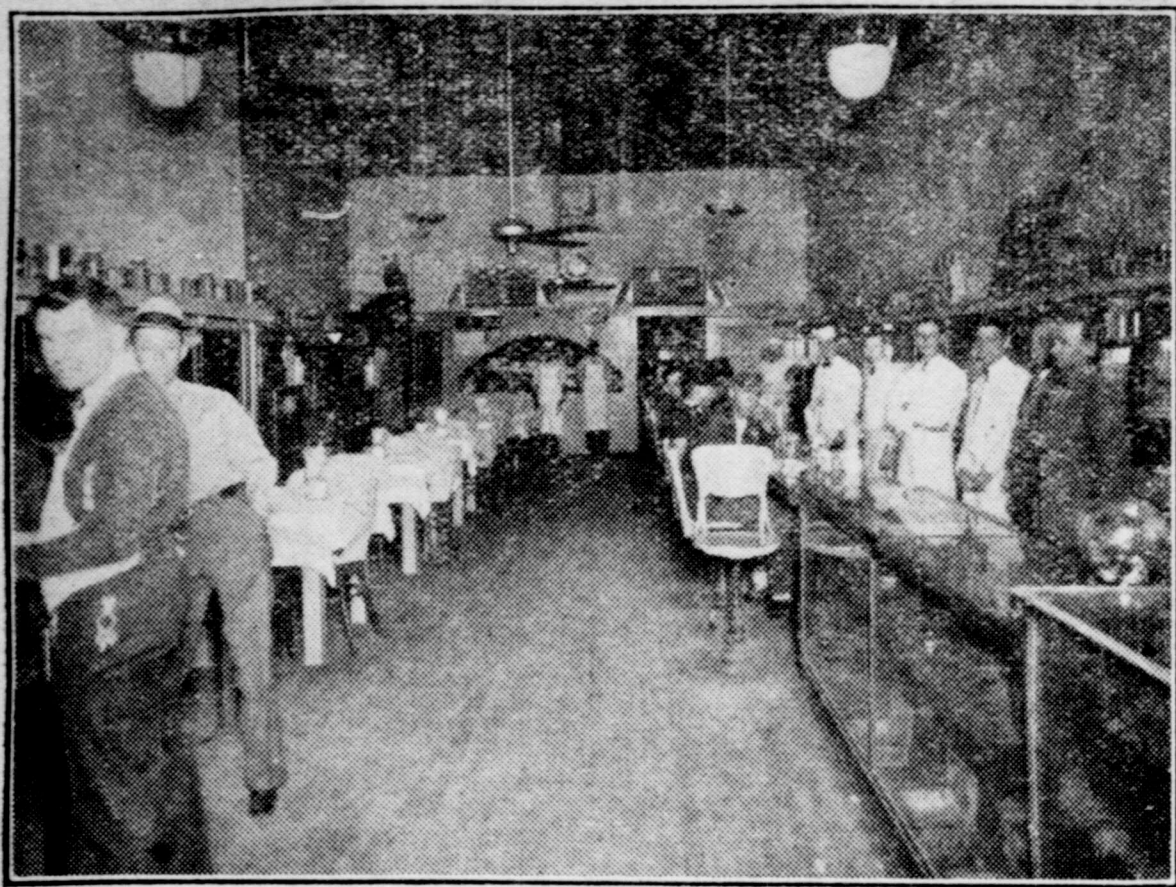
CARL MURRAY, Manager

COMPLETE CAFE SERVICE

We try our best
To serve the best
Food in the West

HIGHWAY CAFE

W. W. (Bob) Fox, Owner



INSIDE VIEW OF BELL'S CAFE

This picture showing the interior of Bell's Cafe shows the force in readiness to give service. The completeness in detail of the cafe is indicated in the picture.

THE LATE R. G. CARTER WRITES OF CONFLICTS WITH THE INDIANS

E. J. Cowan,
Spur, Texas

Dy Dear Sir:

Yours of February 28 was received and warmly appreciated. Am glad you liked the story in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The chapter has been changed. It is one of the chapters in the story I am trying to bring out, "On the Border with Mackenzie." The title is "The Tragedies of Canon Blanco." One of my men was killed there and two wounded on October 10, 1871. There is a butte or was at the mouth of that canon where I was nearly killed myself, but managed to hide five days with my leg in splints to near the head of the canon in pursuit of Qua-ha-nah Dookers band of Comanches. General Mackenzie himself was wounded by a Comanche arrow in the thigh about half way up the canon and near Quanah had head village, as the same time one of our men was shot through the bowels, and a second shot took off four of his fingers. These I characterize in my story as you will see, tragedies Number 2, 3, and 4.

Our camps for the years 1871, 1872, 1874, and 1875 were at various times on the Freshwater Fork of the Brazos, in Duck Creek, Double Mt. Fork of the Brazos, near the mouth of McClellan's Creek and numerous other places. We scouted out from our base at "Soldiers Mound" which was supplied from Fort Griffin by wagon trains with one pack mules, going as far west as Fort Sumner and Bucom, N. M. Major T. M. Anderson, 10th U. S. Infantry (later major general and in command of the first expedition to the Philippines) commanded the supply camp in 1874-1875 at "Soldier Mound." It was called "Anderson's Fort." It was guarded by several companies of the 10th and 11th Infantry. Anderson to make himself safe from attack in the rear by any large body of Indians which might surprise us, piled boxes, barrels, logs, etc., up in a great rectangle for defense, hence its name "Anderson Fort." Some of our men died there or near there and were probably burned in the mound. My man who was killed was

named Gregg. We buried him at the southeast slope of the butte at the mouth of the Canon Blanco, near where Quanah himself shot him out of the saddle. The chief used him as a shield, as we a small party, fell back. Otherwise, I could have killed Quanah myself, as I was only thirty or forty yards from him. But they were too many for me to handle, and were fighting a waiting battle until the main command should come over the hills from the Fresh Fork to the rescue. When they did come the Indians fled up the Canon and later out on the Staked Plains. This is all brought out in the story.

As to the other special events you ask for, these I hope will all be published in another chapter which I am sending to W. E. Mathis at Dallas, Texas who is quite sure that he can secure a publisher there or at Fort Worth in the near future. Nearly ten years ago I privately printed five minographs covering nearly all of our operations, the fourth calvary for 1870 to 1875 in editions of one hundred copies each. These I distributed among my brother officers in the army and to many principal libraries. But I sent to Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin, Amarillo and other towns in Texas. Their receipt was never acknowledged. I lost further interest in trying to inform these people of our work in those days. They are all out of print but I am being urged through Mr. C. A. Jones of whose son, Clifford is the manager of "Spur Ranch" to publish this book, really as a reprint with added chapters. This I am going to attempt through Mr. Mattis when I meet him at the club. Thanking you most cordially for your interest I am

Sincerely yours,

R. G. Carter

P. S. There were no engagements at or near "Soldiers Mound." All of our action took place at or near Blanco, Tule and Palo Duro Canons, and at the fork of the Red River near the mouth of McClellan Creek where in 1872 we captured 1300 squaws and children and 800 ponies which the Indians recovered and 2200 at Palo Duro which we killed. The Comanches never recovered from that blow.

Hicks and Legg Do Excellent Business

Both of these gentlemen, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Legg, are life long residents of Dickens County. Mr. Hicks was born at Afton where he lived until 1926. This same year he moved to Spur going into the filling station business. This arrangement prevailed until 1930. At this time Hicks departed for other parts of the country. On his return Jan. 23, 1936, he, together with Mr. Legg, took over the filling station located at Hill and Burlington and resumed selling Magnolia Products. They have built a splendid business and plan on being here indefinitely.

Gilbert Bros. Expert Leather Workers

Mack and John Gilbert bought out D. H. Stockton in the shoe repair business here four years ago. The two brothers had learned the shoe repair and boot making business under their father several years ago when he operated a large shoe shop here. Their father, Lee Gilbert, deceased, owned the old Spur Harness and Shoe shop, one of the first shops in Spur.

The Gilbert Brothers turn out expert shoe repair work and are noted for their skilled workmanship in harness making and repairing.

H. A. Boothe Gulf Agent Many Years

H. O. Boothe, a long time resident of Dickens County, built the first Gulf warehouse in the county and was the first manager and agent. Having started this business in 1922 Mr. Boothe has gained many friends and built a wonderful business on Gulf Products over the County and in this territory.

He was the first wholesale gas and oil agent to give free delivery over this section of the country and the originator and promoter of the idea of the farmers buying kerosene whole sale.

South Plains Coaches Go 6000 Miles Daily

This company was organized in Lubbock in 1927, originally operating a line from Lubbock to Sweetwater. At this time seven passenger sedans were used for transporting their passengers. From time to time new lines were added branching out in all directions. Extending south of Lubbock they go as far as San Angelo, east to Wichita Falls, north to Amarillo, west to Clovis, N. M. including several inter-connecting points between. A total of six thousand miles daily is covered by this company with new modern coaches.

Spur Laundry Represents Big Investment

With the armistice in 1918, Mr. L. W. Wilson and his brother D. A. Wilson were released from the army and their venture into the business world was in the laundry business. During these many years they have climbed to the peak in this industry and are due much credit for their accomplishments. They first started a laundry business in Clanton, Texas. After getting this business established they began to feel an urge to expand. Coming to Spur about six years ago they bought Mrs. Lewis out and moved immediately to the modern spacious building they now occupy. New machinery and equipment was bought throughout and with the opening of this business came in modern laundry service that any city would be proud to have.

Some of the most important of their equipment includes eight large electric motor power washing machines, five pressures of very latest type to handle even the most delicate fabrics without damaging or stretching the materials in any way.

Most of the people get the wrong impression of the system of washing and rinsing clothes in the average laundry. In this case the Spur laundry has gone to a great deal of extra that removes hardness and impurities out of the water. This gives a water equal in softness to rain water. About 10,000 gallons of this pure water is used daily. Every garment is sterilized to a sure absolute sanitation. A process of four suds and five rinses in clear water is given each individual garment.

The apportioned pound capacity per day with the present modern equipment will easily total 2400 pounds. This is enough to supply a city and territory about twice the size of Spur.

Affording employment to fifteen people netting a total pay roll of a considerable sum weekly. This firm is a valuable asset to the city of Spur and most deserving of our citizens' patronage. Some of the original employees came to Spur with the Wilson Bros from Clanton and along with several who were employed locally with the opening of the laundry, are still employed by the company.

City Drug Store Established In 1919

The City Drug Store first belonged to a Mr. Hall and was named the City Drug Store in 1919 by Mr. Hall. Later James B. Reed, E. C. Edmonds, and G. B. Morris together bought Mr. Hall's interest out. The next owner B. G. Lindley purchased the business from these three partners. With the next change the present ownership became effective. Under the management of Dr. Blackwell and Joe Long this business has grown with much rapidity. Countless numbers of new lines of merchandise in all departments were added. Its thorough completeness today merits a great deal of credit.

Recently a new fountain together with other new fixtures have been installed. This store is a department drug store thoroughly complete in its departments.

Mr. Long has a wide host of friends and customers who have been loyal to him during his years spent in Spur. He is personally grateful for the business and preferences shown he and his store throughout the past. He welcomes the acquaintance of all new comers in such a manner that one feels at home in his store.

J. E. Berry Pioneer In Auto Business

Mr. J. E. Berry who owns and operates Berry Motor Company has twenty-six years to his credit as a pioneer and early new-comer to Spur. Mr. Berry came to Spur on the second passenger train that was run after the opening of the new railroad line.

In 1910 he entered the garage and automobile business, in 1927 he took over the Spur Wrecking Co. He has been in his present location since September of 1935. In conducting the agency for Chrysler and Plymouth automobiles he has done well in Spur.

Y Service Station Owned by J. L. Goode

Two and a half months ago J. L. Goode bought the Y Service Station at Dickens from Wilburn Isaacs. This station is conveniently located for tourists and citizens of Dickens at the Y of the Dickens and Spur

Highways just inside the city limits of the county seat

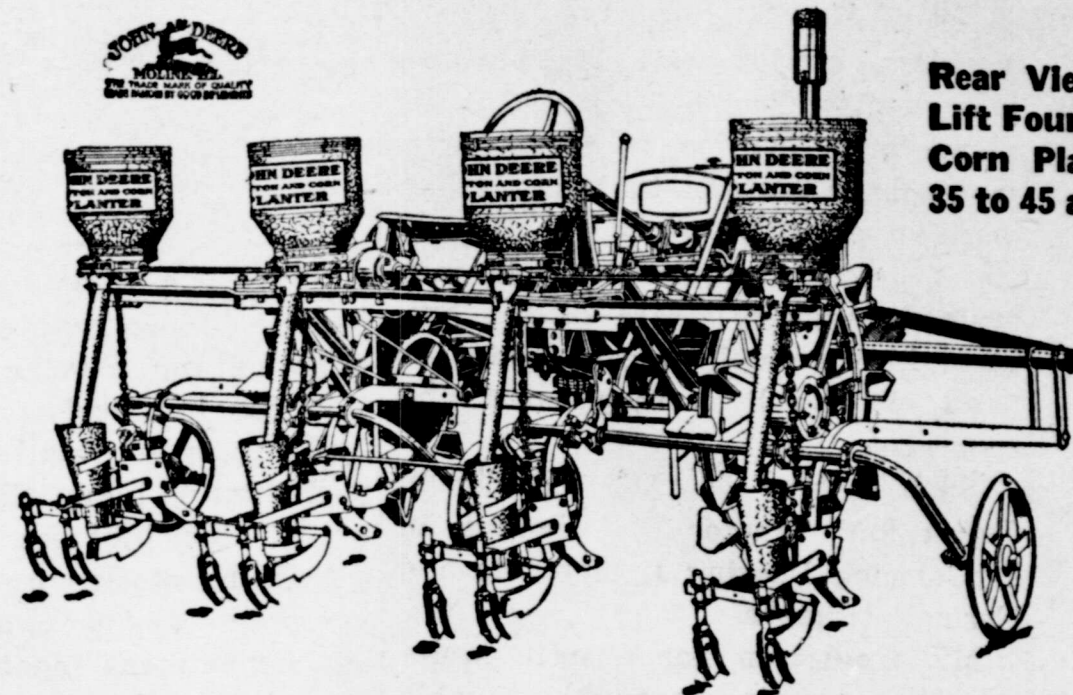
Mr. Goode handles 3-D gasoline,

Conoco, Quaker State, Royal Scott, and Hicks Star motor oils and Bruns

wick tires and tubes. Also included

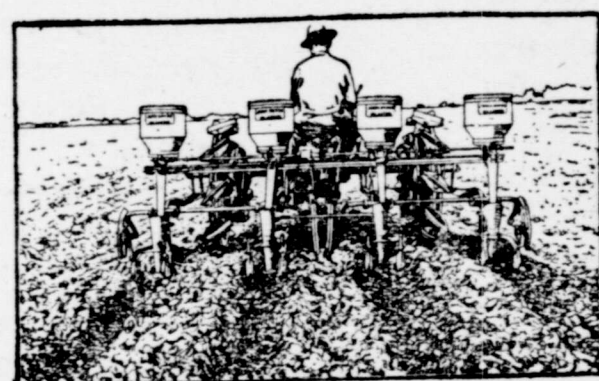
in his stock is a line of service station accessories, cold drinks and candies.

Three of Your Biggest Jobs —4 Rows at a Time!

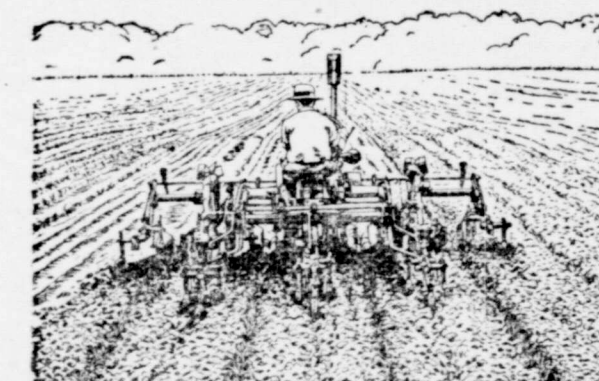


Rear View, GP-401 Power Lift Four-Row Cotton and Corn Planter. Capacity: 35 to 45 acres a Day.

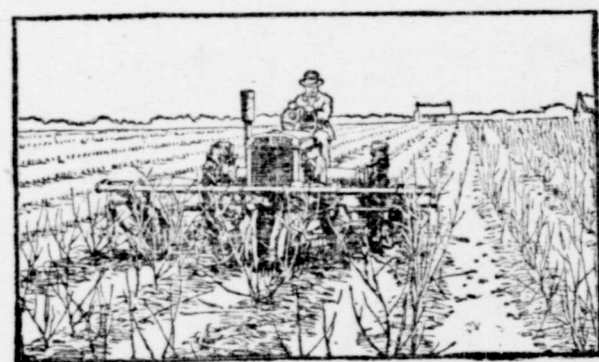
JOHN DEERE GENERAL PURPOSE [WIDE-TREAD] TRACTOR with Equipment Built for the South



Planting—4 Rows



Cultivating—4 Rows



Stalk-Cutting—4 Rows

Think what a big slice you can take off your production costs with a tractor that will enable you to plant and cultivate at the rate of 35 to 45 acres a day! A tractor and one-man equipment that will do all of your farm jobs for you, right down through the seasons, in the field and on the belt! Think of the saving in help and hard work it would enable you to make.

The Most Practical Cost-Reducer Ever Built for the South

The view above shows the John Deere General Purpose Wide-Tread Tractor equipped with 4-row planter. This accurate, fast-working outfit plants cotton, corn, and other row crops in rows 36 inches or 38 inches apart, in furrows or on beds. The field that formerly required four or five days to plant or cultivate is finished in one day.

No worry over excessive breakage of parts due to hidden stumps, roots and other obstructions—cushion springs on the drawbar take the shock and protect the working parts. Individual gauge wheels automatically regulate the depth of planting, insuring uniformity.

Power Lift a Big Labor-Saver

You will be sure to like the John Deere power lift which saves the hard work of raising and lowering equipment by hand and enables you to get greater daily capacity. Operates by a touch of the foot; no stops necessary at row ends.

Come in and get all the facts about this general purpose type tractor that fits in so perfectly with conditions in this farming territory. Two-row equipment can be furnished, if desired.



IMPLEMENT BUILDING

Bryant-Link Stores

Long Distance Rates REDUCED Sixth Time

1. AFTER 7 EVERY NIGHT person-to-person long distance charges are now lower, except on some shorter calls.

2. ALL DAY SUNDAY long distance rates are reduced on both person-to-person and station-to-station calls.

These reductions apply on calls to points more than 100 miles distant, and to many shorter calls. In the past the only reductions were those after 7 at night on station-to-station calls. This is the sixth time in 10 years that the telephone company has lowered long distance charges. Other reductions were made in 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930, and 1935. Ask Long Distance for the new rates to any point.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Home Demonstration Clubs

CLUB HAS VEGETABLE COOKERY

"Vegetable platter meals should be planned to be attractive and well-balanced and should contain a protein food," the home demonstration agent told the members of the McDoo home demonstration club Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Homer Smith.

A plate meal of canned lima beans buttered carrots, boiled cabbage with cheese sauce was prepared in the demonstration.

Mrs. G. D. French, vice-chairman served as chairman in the absence of the president.

Members present were: Mrs. J. E. Wooley, Mrs. Jim Eldredge, Mrs. Charles Robertson, Mrs. Y. L. Vanderford, Mrs. G. G. Allen, Mrs. R. Y. Allen, Mrs. G. W. Allen, Mrs. C. A. Allen, Mrs. Price Brownlow, Mrs. A. A. Graham, Mrs. G. D. French, Miss Hazel Moore, Mrs. J. J. Griffin, Mrs. W. C. Perry, Mrs. W. D. Woods, and Mrs. Homer Smith. Mrs. Elmer Wooley and Mrs. D. E. Gamble were visitors.

MCADOO GIRLS MAKE JELLY

"Make your jelly along during the year as you need it in order to have better flavored jelly," Miss Pratt, told the McDoo club girls in their meeting Tuesday morning at the home of their sponsor Miss Hazel Moore.

"It is easier to make jelly from canned juice or jelly or jelly stock than from fresh cooked fruits," she said as she made jelly from canned plum juice.

Fifteen of the seventeen members have equipped their sewing boxes as one of the goals in clothing work.

Members present were: Mary Ruth Boyd, Alcia Butler, LaRue Holmes, Wanda McLaughlin, Myra Nell Neely, Maudie Palmer, Clara Rich, Daisy Jo Rose, Ruth Ward, Francis Wooley, Izella Morrison, Leona Harris, Winnie Bess Brewster, Vollena Finney, and Miss Hazel Moore.

CLUB LEARNS TO SCORE JELLY

"In making jelly never cook more than two cups of juice at a time," Miss Pratt told the Patton Springs 4-H girls in their meeting Wednesday morning.

"Jelly is judged by the container, clearness, color, texture, and flavor," she said as she commented on the points in judging jelly.

Each girl is to bring a glass of jelly to the first April meeting to be judged.

Goldie Lee Smiley was elected song leader.

Members present were: Della Dean Baxter, Tomie Bridge, Alvordie Butler, Louwana Dunlap, Christine Mayo, Norma Middlebrooks, Bobbie Randolph, Leone Rogers, Florine Sedwick, Goldie Lee Smiley, Dolly Jo Thannisch, and Monez Woods.

CLUB MAKES JELLY

"Jelly should be so clear that you can see through it; should show a clear, smooth cut when cut, and should taste like the fruit from which it was made," Miss Pratt told the Espuela club girls in their meeting Thursday morning at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. F. B. Crockett.

Plum juice was tested with denatured alcohol to determine the amount of sugar to use making jelly. Two cups of juice were made into jelly.

Club members present were: Marie Ball, Geneva Dutton, Gillene Elkins, Lois and Charlie Rae Holloway, Odell James, Eula B. McMahan, Elaine and Mildred Neaves, Maxine Sandlin, Nada Carol Spivey, Nadine and Francis Brewer.

GIRLS LEARN JELLY MAKING TEST

"When the jelly sheets from the spoon it is ready to skim and pour into the glasses. When it is cold and firm it should be covered with a thin layer of paraffin," Miss Pratt told the Prairie Chapel club girls in their meeting Friday morning at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. R. C. Alexander.

The denatured alcohol test showed that the plum juice used in making jelly that morning should have equal parts of sugar added to make jelly.

Those present were: Fern Bazer, Adaline and Jean Byars, Elsie Franklin, Gene Franklin, Bonnie Jo Hale, Opal Hays, Fannie Lou McAllister, Cassie Mae Offield, Selma Rainbolt, Ada Lou and Melba Robinett, Katherine Sharp, and Mrs. R. C. Alexander, sponsor.

CLUB HEARS FASHION NEWS

"Navy blue and grey are the leading colors for spring. Combine two shades of the same color and you have an attractive and stylish



GEO. S. LINK

Manager of Bryant-Link Company, Spur's first Mayor, active civic worker and one of Spur's most beloved citizens.

suit." Miss Nellie Sue Durham told the ladies of the Duck Creek home demonstration club when they met with her Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. O. L. Driggers showed pictures of the new sleeves and collars that are being worn. Mrs. H. Durham finished the program by saying, "Most any kind of suit you want to wear will be in style this spring and summer. The mannish suit made of light weight wool material or one of the many new cotton materials, the fish tail swag made of the big checks or plaids or the belted suit will all be good."

Some of the club members are preparing some meats to enter in the meat show, March 28.

Those present were: Mrs. C. R. Bennett, Mrs. O. L. Driggers, Mrs. J. L. Hagins and Miss Nellie Sue Durham, Mrs. H. Durham and Mrs. E. Durham were visitors.

Club Reporter

CLUB STUDIES "THE VALUE OF VEGETABLES"

"Vegetables should be cooked as soon as possible in order to have a fresh product," Miss Pratt told the Soldier Mound Club Women, Thursday, March 5, 1936, at the home of Mrs. Ollie Hindman, club president.

A demonstration was given by Miss Pratt on cooking cabbage, carrots, lima beans with a cheese sauce, served as a platter dish. A legend on "Onions and its Kind" was read by Mrs. Leonard Joplin. A legend on "Cabbage" was read by Mrs. J. E. Abernathy.

The club opened with recreation exercise with all members taking part. There were three guests.

Club members present were: Mrs. W. H. Condron, Mrs. John Bachman, Mrs. Floyd Barnett, Mrs. Ollie Hindman, Mrs. J. E. Abernathy, Mrs. Foster Jones, Mrs. Leonard Joplin. The guest present were: Mrs. J. J. Lilly, Mrs. A. Briggs, and Mrs. J. E. Reams, a club lady from Plainview.

CLOTHING DEMONSTRATOR IS KEEPING CLOTHES

"I learned to pin or baste my patch in place before trying to stitch it, after having to rip it off a time or two," said Clara Rich, clothing demonstrator in the McDoo girls' club. "I have checked over all my clothes and sewed on all straps, snaps, and hooks and eyes needed. I find it helps a lot when I want to get ready in a hurry to not have to stop and sew a strap on," she said.

Clara has made a broadcloth suit as one of the four garments she is to make as a demonstrator. She is making a slip along with the coopers and will make a school dress when they start their next month.

Clara has a good clothes closet in her room that was built two years ago when she was bedroom demonstrator. It has shelves for folded clothes, a hanging rod and shoe rack. She is keeping record of her clothing expense this year.

CENTENNIAL CONTESTANTS MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

Dickens County's only centennial Farm and Ranch Improvement contestants, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnett, are making many improvements on their farm. Last week they set 50 Chinese elms to form a windbreak across the north of the yard. Mrs. Barnett was yard improvement demonstrator last year and is completing her work this year. In her yard word the yard fence was moved to enlarge the yard, the lawn was sodded and foundation shrubs set, along with other improvements.

Last year they saved 45 berry vines out of 75 cuttings put out. This spring they have set 80 more black and dewberries and six grapes.

DEMONSTRATOR IS STARTING FAMILY ORCHARD

LaRue Holmes, farm fruit plot demonstrator for the McDoo girls club

is starting a family orchard or rather is adding to their orchard and giving it a larger variety of fruits. After planning her orchard with her agent she is adding the following to parents and the home demonstration the orchard this spring, one Jonathan and one Early Harvest Apple; two Concord, two Niagara, two Carmen, and four Thompson Seedless grapes; two Aro Beauty peaches; two Oapta and two Compass cherries; one Golden Beauty plum; two Montgomery and two Early Richmond cherries; seven Austin May dewberries and four Youngberries.

These varieties are among the ones best suited to this section of the state according to J. F. Rosborough, Extension Horticulturist.

CLUB FASHION PROGRAM

"Unusual combinations of color are found this spring. In a season when color is so important, it is not strange to find new colors combined," said Mrs. J. P. Sharp in a meeting with the Espuela Club.

"Grey and navy are the leading colors for Spring with which most any color that you prefer can be combined. In planning your spring wardrobe, keep in mind that the colors must hang together."

Mrs. S. P. Moseley gave material on "new materials for spring."

Mrs. R. E. Johnson gave material on "new trends in collar and sleeves."

Mrs. J. P. Sharp served tea and macaroons to Mrs. F. B. Crockett, E. L. Spivey, S. P. Moseley, R. E. Johnson, W. A. Harris, R. B. Sharp, Miss Pauline Freeman, Marcella Greer and the hostess.

—Mrs. S. P. Moseley, Reporter.



D. L. GRANBERRY

Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce the past several years (now on leave of absence to serve as superintendent of the construction of the Swenson Park). Chairman of the Red Cross and Secretary of the Rotary Club, Spurs all around "handy" man.

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Roland Smith, Lubbock, and Mae Pearl Smith, Afton.

Charles Ralph Wyatt, Spur, and Frances Gayle Holmes, Lubbock.

George F. Hagla, Matador, and Floy Smith, Matador.

Dalton Johnston Resident Here Since 1913

Mr. Johnston has been a resident of West Texas all of his life. Until the moving to this county in 1913, Mr. Johnston spent his earlier days close to San Angelo.

The store he now operates was started in 1928 by Melvin Landers accompanied by Dalton Johnston, who later became a partner in the firm. The first of the year, 1936, Mr. Johnston bought Mr. Landers' interest out and became sole owner of the business.

Dealing in staple and fancy groceries, fresh fruits and vegetables, and specialty lines featured by modern grocermen Mr. Johnston is rapidly building up a thriving business. Being a member of the Red & White buying system he is naturally in position to give better prices than the average grocerman. Many of his feature lines are Red & White Brand, Cherry Bell flour and nationally advertised brands in every department through out the store.

Jack Rector Agent For T-P Gas and Oil

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E. M. WILSON

Dickens County manager of the West Texas Utilities Company, who supervised the rural electrification of this county, and is active in civic affairs.

storage tank and one fifteen thousand gallon storage tank in which his supply of gasoline etc., are kept.

Mr. Rector serves seven stations in this territory all of which are doing a good business on his products.

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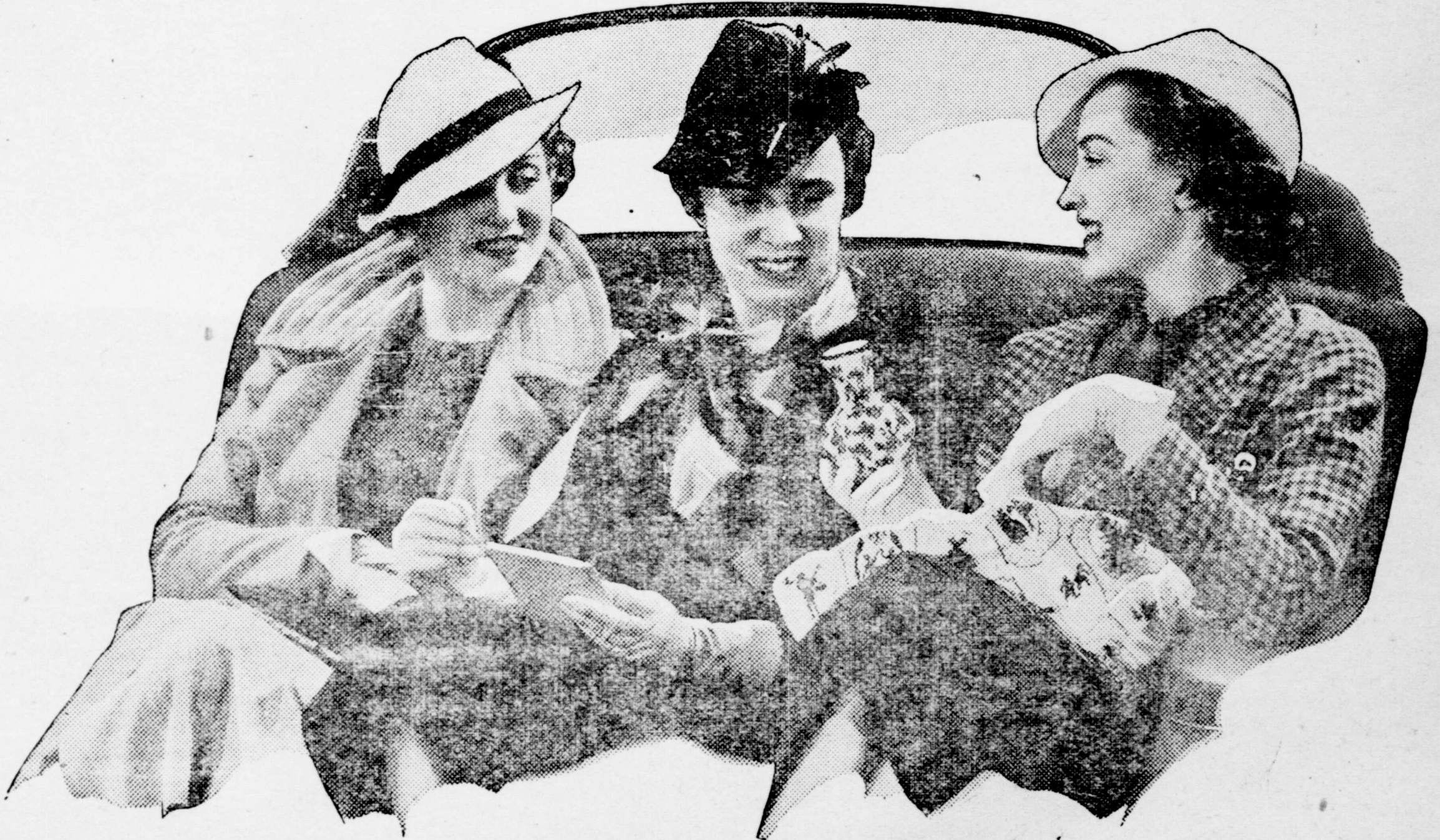
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Chas. E. J. Cowan

23 YEARS AGO

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

C. C. Haile of Draper was in Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Haile now owns and operates the store and post office at Draper.

Mr. L. A. Hindman has now purchased a motorcycle with which to recreate and travel over the country.

Wyatt Taylor was in Spur last week.

B. D. Gasgow returned the first of the week from Sweetwater where he spent several days on business.

Joe Grace of Stamford spent several days of this week in Spur with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Grace.

W. L. Hyatt has been sick this week having been confined to his room and bed several days.

Miss Elmore Dunn is now employed by C. C. Tyler in the Morrison Stand.

The total amount of rainfall for last week registered near one and one-fourth inches and coming as it did, slowly, it all soaked into the ground and we have a good season in the ground for this time of the year.

Clay Smart left Sunday for Arkansas where he goes in response to a telegram stating that his uncle is very sick and not expected to survive. During the absence of Mr. Smart, Mrs. Cole is employed in his place with Sol Davis.

Advice comes to us that the Stamford Inn, the leading hotel of Stamford, and which has been owned by Swenson & Son since the opening of the town, has been sold to H. P. Edwards and wife of Amarillo, who were to assume charge the first of the month.

S. W. Rather, a prominent citizen of the Cattish country was a recent visitor in this city.

G. A. Draper was in the city Saturday.

H. P. Cole was in Spur Saturday. He was in his new Hupmobile recently purchased from Hubbard of the Plains.

Mr. Rowland of Dickens was in Spur Saturday on business.

Luther Rucker of Afton was in Spur Tuesday after freight for the Afton merchants.

J. C. Kellar has recently purchased the Virgil Davis interests in the Riter Hardware Company and will hereafter be personally associated in the management of the business.

L. N. Riter made a trip to Hamlin the latter part of last week to meet a new grandchild who arrived at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jno. L. King at that place a few days ago.

R. R. Johns was among the many citizens in Spur Saturday voting and looking after other business matters.

R. T. Dotson of several miles west of Spur, was in the city the latter part of the week on business. Mr. Dopson recently moved to the Spur country from Arkansas and is one of our most valued citizens.

Bert Duncan was in Spur Tuesday and hauled out a load of freight for the Dickens merchants.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE: 6.48 Acres 1-2 block out of city limits of La mesa on Big Spring Highway. Clear for sale or trade.—W. P. Foster, Spur, Texas. 2t.

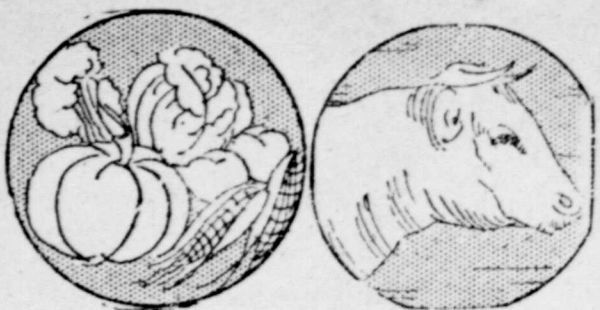
SAVE FEED: Have it crushed at home. We will come to your place, 12 and 14 cents. M. E. Morgan, Box 792, Spur. 2-27-4tp

FOR SALE—Combined residence and filling station, two lots, on West Harris Street. Terms or will take car in trade. J. J. Ensey. 2-27tc

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FOR SALE: Kenmore Gasoline Washing Machine. Will sell cheap. See or write Mrs. W. W. Garner, Box 693, Spur.

Farm & Range



News

By F. G. C.

The Fat Stock Show for Dickens County was a success. So much so that organization should be kept up and working and plans for next years show should be laid out.

Apparently a county fair is out of the question since there seems to be no interest whatever in a fair. But a show for club boys and livestock raisers will always draw a crowd and will be very inexpensive for everyone.

Calves shown this year were as smooth a lot as is seen at any show.

After the first ten there were still a fine lot of calves. Perhaps the first to be eliminated were not as well fleshed as the top end but still they had quality and class, reflecting credit on the teachers and directors who helped in the selection.

The fat lamb class was a shade one sided in that one mutton sheep (a registered Southdown) had an easy time winning over a class of fat wool lambs. Remember in a show of this type to win, one should have a mutton type for that is their specialty while the Rambouillet is our leading wool producing breed.

Mr. Elder, vocational teacher at McAdoo says they are going into some of the good Southdown herds in Oklahoma for their lambs this year. So someone had better watch out.

Incidentally it was Mr. Elder's brother who had the winning lamb in the show last week. It was a purebred Southdown from Tech College herd, which is one of the best Southdown herds in the country.

Congressmen from Texas think that the cattle industry will get its help from the new agricultural bill indirectly. They do say, however, that under the domestic allotment plan stockmen will profit as there is supposed to be a premium paid on that part of livestock domestically consumed. Apparently it is up to Cattle Raisers Associations and sheep and goat raisers organizations to try and get something, if they can, for their members, or hope for the steadier prices and expanded markets that Congressmen think will come.

W. A. Harris, Star Rt., bought the jack offered for sale at the Clayton Bridges sales this week after some spirited bidding. Visitors said that there were at least six men at the sale from a number of places, some as far as New Mexico, that came to buy this jack. We are sorry these buyers didn't have any luck but we are glad Mr. Harris was the man who did.

We could not overlook mentioning the excellent style of judging in our recent show. Ray C. Mowery, acting head of the Animal Husbandry Dept. of Texas Tech and coach of Tech's famous judging teams was the judge. What we want to call attention to in case you were or were not there was the fact that he took his audience into consideration. He gave reasons for placings, praise where praise was due and sound advice to exhibitors where time permitted. That kind of judging helps every one who will listen and who want to learn. Would that some of our larger shows would have good down to earth men on the job in their show rings. We appreciate Mr. Mowery a lot and hope we can have things arranged so he can talk to and be heard by more people next year.

SEEKS OLDSMOBILE DEALER IN SPUR

C. A. Smith of Lubbock, representative of Plains Motor Co. of Brown field was in Spur Wednesday looking for an agent for the Oldsmobile car. The Plains Motor Company has the distribution agency for this county.

MRS. TWADDELL ON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Madge D. Twaddell, County Superintendent, was in Paducah Monday for a meeting of a committee of this district to plan the standardized tests for grades up to and including the seventh grade. Mrs. Twaddell is a member of the committee representing 13 counties. The tests will be given this spring at the close of school.

FINALS IN MAJOR BOWES CONTEST

The final program of the series of Major Bowes amateur contests will be held at the Palace Theatre this evening. A large number of entrants have entered each weekly program and the 1917 Study Club, sponsors of the program are highly pleased with the results.

FARM MEETING AT WARD SCHOOL TUESDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the Spur Community Farm Association will be held Tuesday evening at the East Ward School at 7:30. All who are interested in farming are urged to be present.

FARM HISTORY

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no small degree for the agriculture we enjoy today. The partial history of Dickens County prepared by Mr. C. B. Jones credits Mr. E. Luce with the production of the first cotton in the County. Mr. Jones says, "The first cotton raised in Dickens County was by E. Luce in 1889. This was on land patented to E. Luce about twelve miles southwest of Spur at the edge of what is known as the Shinnery strip, on the farm now occupied by Mrs. Perkins (1925) a widow, and just south of the road between the East and West pastures on which is now located the school and brush arbor. The first land planted in cotton in Dickens County was at the same place in 1886. It failed to mature." With the type of farming, the variety of cotton used and the general knowledge of farming 50 years ago the chances are good that the cotton crop of 1889 would have been a failure also if it had been planted on the so-called "tight soil" instead of the shinnery sand. he sandy soils such as the railroad officials cut back, were the best type soils for the inexperienced new comer. It is fortunate that Mr. Luce, a native of Tennessee and who moved from Mississippi to Dickens County pioneered in cotton production on lighter soils.

The extension of the cotton belt into the semiarid West was hastened many years through the ravages of the cotton boll weevil. The boll weevil did two things to bring this about: (1) Caused the cotton breeder of the old South to develop a quick maturing strain of cotton so that the plant would be able to evade to a great extent the damage caused by the insect by shortening his working period. This same quality was needed in the drier sections due to a shorter growing season and so the plant would be able to evade summer dry periods. It is very doubtful whether West Texas could produce cotton profitably with the strains of cotton in use 60 to 70 years ago. (2) The weevil cut down the production of the old South materially which made it necessary to expand the cotton growing section. If it was not for insects West Texas would probably experience difficulties in competing with other cotton growing sections.

Of equal, or even greater, importance of cotton to the agricultural development of the county was the development of suitable feed crops. The Indians for thousands of years had been growing corn but their production had been in small isolated spots that were well favored with reference to both soil and water. Their need for grain was very limited. The Federal Department of Agriculture working with the agricultural experiment stations of the country undertook the task of developing suitable grain and hay crops for the semi-arid sections of other continents and brought back to the United States thousands of varieties of crops which have been tested out at the experiment stations. The sorghums were in all probability introduced during Colonial days but it was not until 1875 that the first of them found a home. This crop was known by a large number of names chiefly Egyptian wheat, Jerusalem corn, chicken corn, Rice corn, Proso. A few years later kafir was introduced, in 1885 milo was introduced, in 1909 feterita. These with hundreds of others were tested at the experiment stations and the most promising of the varieties were improved, and are still being improved. The improvements in the grain sorghums have reduced the risk element in feed production by more than half.

Along with the grain sorghums and cotton came many other crops such as sudan, alfalfa, sweet clover, fruits, berries, vegetables all of which have had to be selected and improved in order to fit in with the soil types and the climate.

Along with the introduction and development of strains and varieties of crops we find equal progress in cultural methods and farm management practices. The Georgia stock gave way to the riding cultivator which in turn was replaced by the

two-row cultivator and even this is now finding keen competition in the tractor. The succeeding steps in the improvement of farm machinery added materially to the efficiency of handling the land and to conservation of moisture. Moisture was, and still is, the limiting factor in crop production. All progress that has been made has centered around crops that were economical in the use of water and in implements that were effective in conserving the rainfall regardless of whether it was an implement that would enable the operator to get over the land rapidly, destroy weed growth or to leave artificial obstructions to retard the off-flow of water.

One of the devout men of Spur observed a few years ago "It is much more practical to save the rains when we get them than it is to pray for more." This belief on the part of the farmers of the region, has probably been worth more in reducing the risk element in farming than all other factors combined. Only 5 1-2 inches of water transpired by the cotton plant is required to produce one-half bale of cotton. The same amount transpired by the milo plant will produce a ton of heads. It does seem that this much should be made available for the crop from an annual rainfall of 22 inches. Where is the leakage? Where are the holes in the old proverbial rain barrel? What becomes of the other 16 inches.

The wind, the sun, the weeds, the runoff some years on some farms get all of the rainfall and there is none left for the poor crop. Can any thing be done about this? Most certainly there can. We can control the runoff, and the weeds and materially reduce the losses to the wind and to the sun. The reasons that Mr. Luce produced cotton in 1889 on the sandy soils bordering the shinnery was that the type of soil absorbed water readily and hid it deep enough in the ground to be out of the reach of the sun and the winds. If he had had a high yielding cotton as we have today, such as Half and Half his yield in all probability would have been doubled.

The record of cotton yields since the Spur country was opened to farming presents some of the most illuminating and valuable information for use as a basis of future operations. The large and profitable crops have not been produced in wet years but in comparatively dry years following wet years. The years 1916 with 15.59 inches, 1921 with 11.62 inches, 1924 with 11.00 inches, 1927 with 16.12 inches and 1933 with 15.59 inches are all splendid examples of this fact. The rainfall for the years previous to these were all far above normal and the storage of subsoil moisture was above normal. Rains during the growing period of crops are to, frequently accompanied or followed by insect depredations, excessive plant growth, vigorous weed growth, excessive cost of operation, hail damage and washouts. Water stored deep in the soil does not prove any of these risk to crop damage. To, much emphasis cannot be placed on the advantage of pre-seasonal storing of water in the soil.

Closely associated with the crops of any good agricultural region is the livestock in the region. It is not sufficient to know the tons, the bushels and the bales of a farm or of a region. They must be converted into a medium of exchange. The final results must be measured in terms of dollars made and dollars saved. A ton of milo per acre or 800 birds of cane per acre means absolutely nothing in supplying the needs of the human body. Before it has value it must be converted into something that does have a value in use or a value in exchange. Possibly the greatest need of the country is the development of practices that will enable the farmer and ranchman to convert other crops than cotton into cash.

In spite of the fact that it is an exceptionally good grazing section the livestock man, more especially the cow-man, has experienced rather hard sledding and the turn-over in grazing property has been heavy. It is impossible here to go into full discussion of ranching problems but possibly the largest contributing factors to the trouble is the high cost of operation and an inadequate reserve of feed, grass and capital for the dry years. Possibly land values, interest and taxes are somewhat out of line with the carrying capacity of the range. Ranch management problems also offer opportunities for improvement.

Dairying has had a very similar experience to that of beef production. It has been very much of an in and out proposition. While the dairy cattle of the region have increased by leaps and bounds during the past 25 years and there are now thousands of excellent milk cows on the farms of the County producing a profit to the owner few of the dairy herds, either large or small, have survived for many years. The cause of the turn over has been due largely to an inadequate reserve of

feed and capital. Regardless of the fact that many of the dairy herds have not turned out so well the dairy cow has had a most important part in the development of the country. She has not only furnished a very large part of the food for the family but she has given a small, but a very valuable cash income to many farmers of the section. The milk cow and the hen have made it possible for many of the cotton farmers to stay in business.

The ups and downs in the hog business have been even more erratic than has been that of dairying and beef cattle production. This would naturally occur in a region where there is a large fluctuation in the production of grain and where it is so easy to increase or decrease the number of animals per farm as it is with hogs. The stocking of a farm with hogs is a simple and quick process.

The history of the cattle, dairy and hog industries have been mentioned here with one thought in view. That is, we have not yet learned to use our feed crops and ranges to the best advantage. The average production of grass and feed crops have been adequate for a profitable livestock program. In years of plenty we have not used our feeds to the best advantage. Instead of building reserve we have fed in a lavish manner wasting a very high percentage. We have fed grain freely at a time that bundle feed would have served the same purpose. We have sold feed on the low market and bought back on the high market or sacrificed our livestock. We have not made the most of our opportunities to convert pasture and rough feeds into beef, dairy products, pork or eggs. We have every advantage of climate, soil, quality in feeds and livestock, and the returns from livestock enterprises may be materially increased by a revision of farm and ranch management practices.

The one outstanding bright spot in the agriculture of the region is cotton production. When compared with men in other walks of agriculture or business and professional men in the towns, the cotton farmer stands out as the bright and shining star. This statement is made in face of the fact the cotton farms of the region reveal some of the hardest living conditions that prevail. On the other hand an overwhelming percentage of the people of the county who have been able to save enough to become independent, who have weathered the depression in the best shape, and who look with the greatest optimism to the future are the cotton farmers who have had in addition to cotton a reasonable production of food and feed crops. The percentage of cotton farmers that are exceptionally successful is comparatively low, but of all of the successful people of the section a very high percentage of them are engaged in the production of cotton as their chief

source of income.

The people, the soil, the climate, and the outlet for the byproducts of cottonseed meal and cottonseed hulls are all distinct factors in making this region one of the most profitable cotton producing sections of the entire world. No sane person will question for a minute that American agriculture does not need some changes, some revision, some control and some encouragement, nor will the question of benefits of the controlled agriculture for the past few years, yet in looking far into the future it behooves all of us to give our agricultural problems our most sincere and our very best thought. Dr. Henry G. Knight, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry and soils, U. S. D. A. gives a most sane discussion of our agricultural problems in the March issue of the Southern Agriculturist. We quote his article in part, "The major soil problem of the South is erosion. It, too, is due largely to our attempt to cultivate land that is unsuited to cultivation. And land not suited for crops because of its erosive character will not last long under the plow. Nature will see to that. Gullied hill sides all over the South furnish the proof. Soils can be wasted through wrong use, or conserved through right use. And the right use will come eventually in spite of all we can do. But it may come to late for the average farmer unless he acts promptly, because soil changes are slow compared to the life of man."

"Many of the soils of the South, particularly the hill lands, are not naturally adapted for cotton. They grow it of course, but it takes undue time, trouble, terracing, and fertilizer to do it. The trouble is these lands are better fitted for grass and trees than for cotton or any other cultivated crop. The South must continue to produce cotton because it is our major cash crop and because many of our soils are naturally adapted to the production of cotton but for the best results it ought to be produced on soils that are naturally adapted to grow it. If we follow nature's suggestion and use land which it is best adapted many of the gullied hills and fields that dot the South today will go back to grass and trees. The farmers that are fighting a losing battle on hillsides that should not be under the plow must turn to soils adapted to cultivation and to crops they desire to grow. That program will conserve man's greatest possession, his spirit and energy and in the end help to conserve the great natural resources that we are hearing so much about. The most profitable use then, of many of our Southern hillsides would return them to grass and increase livestock to eat it." Is it not the sensible thing in the long run to let individual, the community or the region to do that thing which it can do best?



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REPORTED UNINHABITABLE**

By Clifford B. Jones

I have been requested to write for this issue a brief, partial history of Dickens County. I do so reluctantly, conscious of my own limitations and of the fact that there are many better qualified than I to attempt this record. But I am glad indeed for what ever interest it may have, to share the information I have gathered for many years from many sources. To do so may perhaps be helpful in creating a more definite interest in perpetuating valuable data, and in reconciliation of conflicting recollection. I shall be grateful for correction of error or reference to important omissions noted.

Although John Arrowsmith's Map of Texas, published in London, in April 1841, shows this section of Texas to have been explored by Le Grand in 1833, probably the first reconnaissance of any note was by Capt. R. B. Marcy, U. S. A., who in the summer and fall of 1854 led an expedition from Fort Smith, Arkansas. Its known that his wagon train crossed what is now Garza County, and it is assumed that his scouts traversed this county also. Daniel Webster's fallacious judgment of the value of the United States of the so-called Louisiana Purchase is fully equalled by Capt. Marcy's detailed report of this immediate section "... the dangers we encountered and the privations we suffered had not been in vain, establishing as they did the fact, that for all purposes of human habitation ... except it might be for a penal colony ... these wilds are totally unfit, destitute of soil, timber, water and everything else that can sustain or make life tolerable, they must remain as they are, uninhabitable."

Cheffin's Map of the Republic of Texas, published in Southampton, England, shows what is now Dickens County as lying within John Cameron's Grant, and as occupied "By Comanche Indians, droves of wild cattle and horses."

It is interesting to realize that Dickens County was once in the edge of the sea. Shells and remains of prehistoric reptiles known to inhabit the marshes and edges of salt water are frequently found. It is hoped that these may be recovered by Texas educational institutions instead of being taken by distant Universities.

In 1920 Prof. E. C. Case, Paleontologist for the University of Michigan found near Spur a sub-order of prehistoric reptile hitherto unknown to the scientific world, "Desmatosuchus spurensis" (named for Spur). It was eighteen feet long and in remarkably good state of preservation. A splendid picture of this petrified giant reptile is available, showing a form of life which inhabited this section millions of years prior to the Mastodon age. Remains of the Mastodon (much larger than the Elephant) are found in Dickens County.

It is interesting also to realize that once later this country was above the cap rock and on the Llanos Estacado or Staked Plains. Scientists advise that the cap rock was once far east and south of its present location, and that covering a period of untold centuries the process of erosion (wash) has pushed it continuously backward.

Worthy of note to the student is evidence found here that during the eruption of volcanoes probably situated in what is now New Mexico, or Colorado this section was covered to shallow depths by volcanic ash, millions of tons of which are today found near Spur. The late Dr. Udden of the University of Texas believed the Spanish Peaks a likely source. And then in the natural order of things came the great herds of buffalo, and other extensive animal life,

antelope, deer, bears, panthers, lobo wolves, prairie chickens and wild turkeys, in addition to those remaining at this time. The scene of the best story ever written of the extermination of the buffalo, "Thundering Herd" by Zane Grey, was laid here ... Peace river just north of us is particularly mentioned.

Dickens County is named for John Dickens, one of those who fought at the Battle of the Alamo. This county was organized March 19, 1891 prior to which time it was successively attached to Mitchell County and Baylor County for judicial purposes. After the organization of Crosby County, Dickens County was attached to it for judicial purposes. I once asked an oldtimer to what Dickens County was attached for judicial purposes before being attached to Mitchell County, and with a significant look he replied "We didn't know or care much about judicial purposes in those days."

The first County Officials were as follows:

County Judge A. J. McClain,
County Attorney, Col. John A. Green
County Treasurer, J. M. Jones,
County Clerk, Sid Dunwoody,
Sheriff, J. D. Harkey,
Tax Assessor, J. D. Kutch,
County Surveyor, John Hale.

The late B. G. Worswick early succeeded to the County Attorneyship, and it is tribute to him and strikingly interesting that undoubtedly he has the record of the longest continuous service as County Attorney of any County Attorney in the State.

The first district Judge was Hon. W. S. McGill. The first District Attorney, W. G. Henderson, who was succeeded by Judge Kinder now deceased.

According to W. R. Stafford, who came here from Wharton County, Texas, in 1883, the first cattle brought into this immediate section were "Jingle-Bobs." They were brought by Coggins & Colkison, from the Chisholm Ranch on the Pecos, in the year 1877.

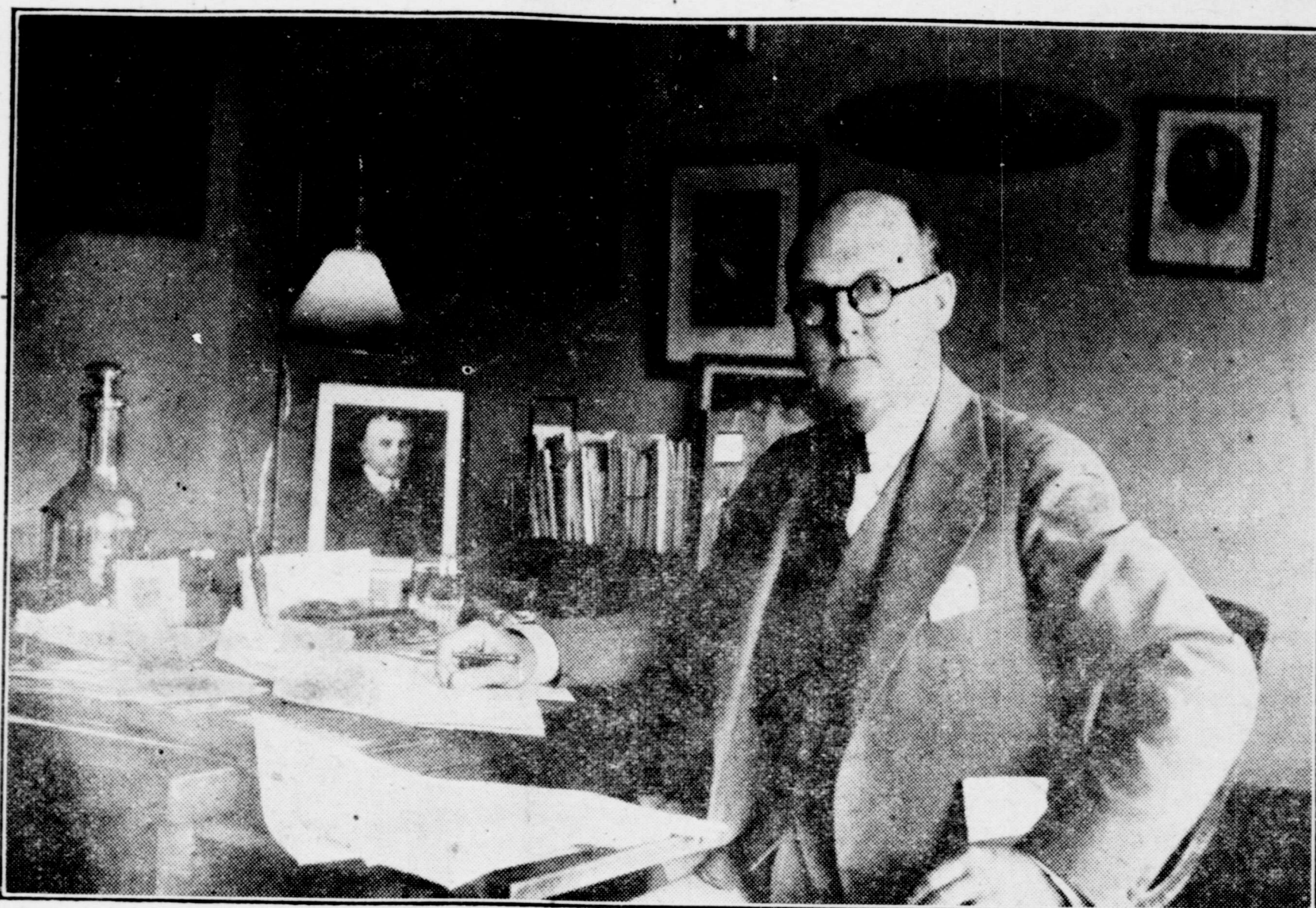
In the early days the two largest herds of cattle were those of the Spurs and Matadors, the former owned successively by the Espuela Cattle Co. of Fort Worth, and the Espuela Land & Cattle Company, Ltd., of London, from whom in 1907 S. M. Swenson & Sons and associates acquired the Spur Ranch of 52,986 head, of which 20,346 were cows. The Spur herd had its basis in the old Cross L brought in August 1878 from the New Mexico-Colorado line by Jim Hall. Jeff Harkey, who later became the first sheriff of Dickens County, came with these cattle. The Matador herd had its origin in the 50 Brand of cattle brought from Ellis County. The Matador Company branded a number of buffalo with the T-41, their early brand, on the left side.

As was the case in this section of Texas, the early history of Dickens County was largely influenced by the history of the cattle business. And to those early pioneers, and especially to the women of those days who bore with such fortitude the hardships, privations, and dangers of frontier life a living, appreciative tribute is due.

Cattle in those days were frequently finished in the Northwest and moved from here usually as two-year olds, along the old Chisholm Trail via Amarillo, to Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and the Dakotas. The trail herd comprised several thousand head. Completion of the main line of the Fort Worth & Denver in 1888 permitted shipment by rail.

The first drift fence in Dickens County was built by the Spurs in 1884. The drift fence of the Llano Cattle Company, in Garza County, was built in 1882. These fences, and that of Col. Goodnight who ran the

WEST TEXAS LEADER AND DEVELOPER



Clifford B. Jones

Above is a recent picture of Clifford B. Jones, at work in his office, executing his duties as manager of S. M. Swenson & Sons, in the Spur Security Bank Building. Mr. Jones is also President of Texas Technological College Board of Regents and a member of a number of other boards including a directorship in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. He is one of Texas' foremost citizens and is due a great deal of credit for the development of this Western Empire.

County Organized In 1891

F. and J. A. brands near the main line of the Denver, were they only ones between Colorado City, Texas, and Fort Dodge, Kansas, according to the best information available.

Probably the last buffalo killed here was in August, 1883, at about the location of what afterwards was the Block 1, H. & G. N. R. R. Company Survey, near the present J. L. Karr farm. This buffalo was shot by the boy known as Billy ("the Kid"), who worked for the Triangle outfit.

According to W. L. Hyatt, the Cause boys were among the first to hunt buffalo here—they and Moore and Crill and Patton (for whom Patton Springs in Dickens County is named). They hauled the buffalo hides to Fort Griffin. The only time "Uncle Bill" Hyatt ever "cut my rope off anything in my life" was in the Spring of 1883, when near here he roped a buffalo in the roundup. "As he came through the drive I roped him. He went to the end of the rope and turned over. They are natural born fighters and of course my horse it scared him, and the horse broke, and the buffalo right in after him, and he just worked his horns right in that horse's tail for a quarter of a mile, and he was going right into a slant, and the boys behind me kept saying 'stay with him, Hyatt.' I knew if he ever struck that alkali bed and turned I was gone and I got out my 'Bill Dokey' and cut my rope."

W. C. Dockum, who came here about 1870, and S. T. Pepper who came from Stevens County in 1877, were also among the buffalo hunters. Dockum Creek was named for W. C. Dockum, and one of the earliest post offices in this section of the country was known as the Dockum Postoffice, located on what is now the Southwest Quarter of H. & G. N. R. R. Company Survey 359, Block 1, Dickens County, near the present farm of Vernon Powell. Mail service was from Colorado City to Mt. Blanco via Dockum.

Further quoting Bill Hyatt: "The whole face of this country was covered by Mustang horses and antelope. The cowment and buffalo hunters killed the mustang. They were of no use at all—all tail and mane. Lots of them, no bigger than that little spotted pony that little boy runs around Spur. And turkeys on these rivers! You just picked them off the limbs of these cottonwoods. And quail—millions of them. Later hauled them out of here—killed them, and trapped them. I have seen wagonloads after wagonloads; and turkeys

too, being hauled to market. And rattlesnakes, and vinegarcorn. Not much hope in those days for anything bitten by a vinegaroon. That grave along the fence about a mile northwest of old Spur Ranch headquarters is that of a nephew, of A. T. (Bud) Campbell, who was bitten by a chuck. There were bears all over this country—in Crut'n Breaks and along Duck Creek. Black bears mostly, and panthers—you would often hear them scream. Many deer were in the shinnery."

It is probable that the last Indian depredations in this immediate section were in 1883. The Camanches stole Sam Gholston's horses, and also those of John and Bill Slaughter, including those named "Sugar-Child," "Old Sorghum," and "Taller Eye."

Evidently the last Indian fight of any moment near here was Gen. MacKenzie's engagement on the Tule, following which his troopers killed about 2000 captured Indians' horses.

The well-known Mackenzie Trail crossed what is now Dickens County. It entered at about H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Survey 150, Block 1; thence past the Hensley Camp on Spade Branch about one mile east of the present location of Spade Tank; thence across the present town of Spur at about the northwest corner of the

Spur Inn. Just west of the Town of Spur it branched, one trail going north to Soldier Mound, the other winding up Dockum Flat, thence north along the ridge east of the old Spur Ranch Headquarters and to the Plains climbing the Cap Rock south of the present Spur-Dickens-Crosbyton road and north of the head of Cottonwood.

The last white person here captured by the Indians was Lee Parrish, a boy about 15 years old, in the summer of 1882 or 1883. Chat Dockum, who was with the Parrish boy, rode the Indians, who evidently fearful of trouble, released the Parrish boy after keeping him some little time. They retained his horse and saddle. The Indians were Comanches with the exception of one red-headed white man who had been reared by the Indians. The capture occurred on the Plains, a short distance from the present location of the Spur-Dickens-Crosbyton cap rock road.

Soldiers Mound, originally known as "Anderson's Fort" four miles north of Spur, has been referred to as the site of the last Indian fight on Dickens County soil, but no authentic account is available. There are several unmarked soldiers' graves on top thereof. In 1874 General Mackenzie and Major Anderson of his command

Founded Town Of Spur In 1909

By Staff Correspondent

Unique in its position in the development of a West Texas empire is S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York and Spur. More than a quarter of a century ago this institution inaugurated a policy of offering desirable acreage to dependable settlers at a low cost and thirty-five thousand Spur Ranch acres are under plow or in the hands of small ranchers. Today the town of Spur stands a monument to the Swenson interests, who owned the townsite, brought to it a railroad, constructed its first hotel, and graded its first streets.

The History of the Swensons is colorful. About 1835 S. M. Swenson, a native of Sweden, settled at Austin, Texas and began his American career as a merchant and banker.

Strange to say, Texas Historians have not given adequate credit to S. M. Swenson for the part he played in winning Texas Independence from Mexico. Warm friends and ally of Sam Houston, he is said to have been to the Texas Revolution, what Robert Morris was to the American Revolution. A man of large means, he contributed generously to the Texas troops and it is probably true that to him more than to any one man other than Sam Houston, is due credit for the success of that struggle.

S. M. Swenson was the first to commercialize the pecan. Trading with the Indians, he shipped large quantities of the nuts to the north and east. It is interesting also to note that through his friendship with Col. Colt, and recognizing its value Mr. Swenson introduced the six-shooter into Texas Navy and Ranger forces.

In 1882, fifty thousand acres of Jones and Shacelford County lands were put under fence, and the area designated as Ericsdale. This was among the first fenced in pastures of the West. Two Thousand head of cattle were brought to stock Ericsdale. This section was known

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built a fort on the east side of Soldiers Mound, which was used as a supply camp and field headquarters until some time in 1875.

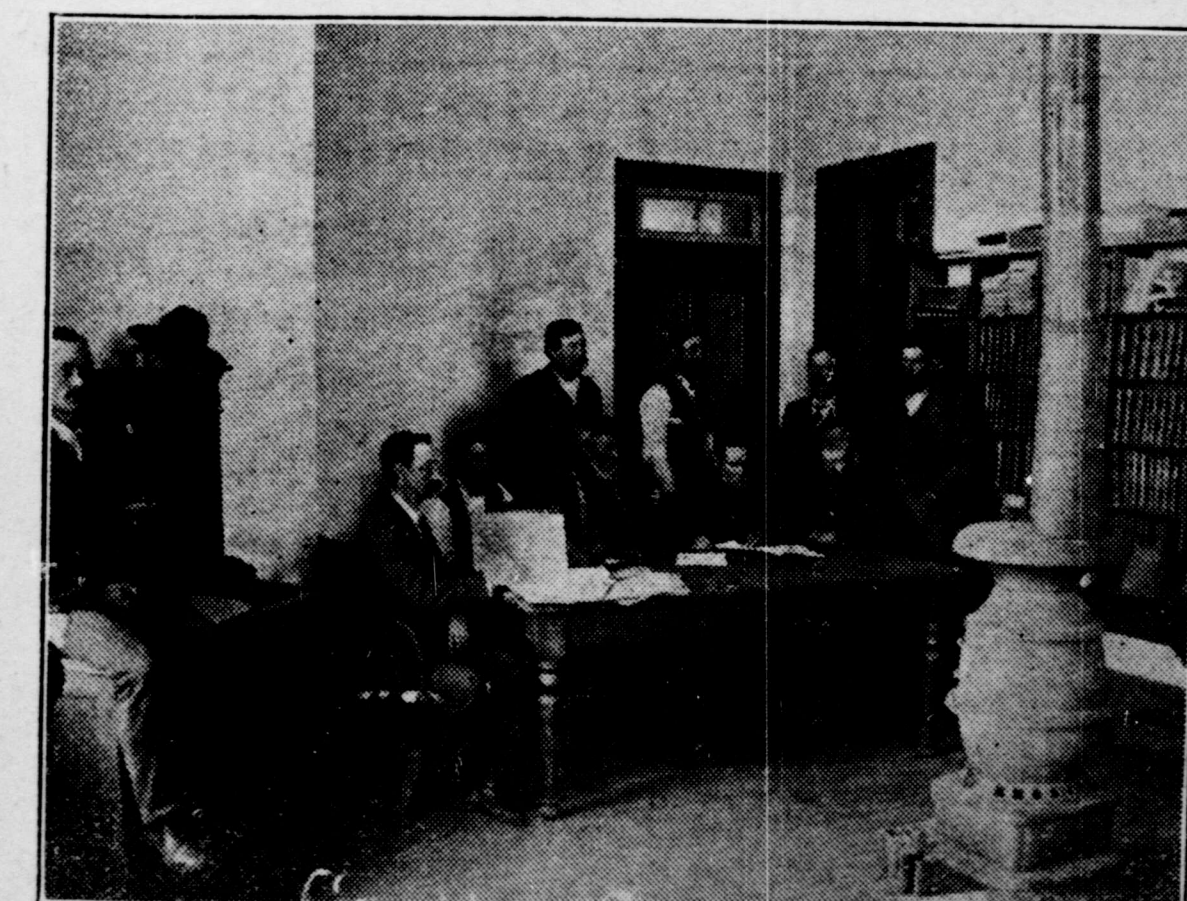
It is probable that the first white settler in Dickens County was W. C. Dockum, and that the first white settler to bring his family to Dickens County was S. T. Pepper, who lived on the head of the Duck Creek.

From all accounts it seems apparent that the first white child born in Dickens County was "Tiny" White, the initials of whose father and mother so far have been unobtainable. The child's father was a traveling blacksmith and fiddler, who played at frontier dances. The child was born in camp on Duck Creek, near Soldier Mound. "Old man" White represented that this oldest child was the first white child born in Wichita County, and added "you see now I have always been 'pinted' for the front." Tiny White was born in 1872.

The Town of Espuela (Spanish for Spur) was started about 9 miles north of Spur by J. H. Parrish, who came from Callahan County about the year 1881. He acquired four sections of land and opened a store, one of the first in this immediate section, preceded only by two others, one at Soldier Mound, and the Dockum Store on the head of Dockum. (The Spur Company took over the Dockum Store in June, 1886). About the year 1883 Parrish bought from a man by the name of Faulkner who had bought the store supplies from Sheyworth and Davis, and Parrish moved these supplies from Soldier Mound to Espuela.

A postoffice was established at Espuela, and mail was carried from Colorado City to Dockum Postoffice, and from there to Espuela. Previous-

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The above picture was taken in 1901 in the County Judge's office at Dickens. Reading from left to right: Amos Counts, editor of The Dickens Item; seated were O. S. Ferguson, County Judge; John Counts, Commissioner from Wichita; S. Austin, Commissioner from Dickens; G. W. Harvey, Commissioner from Afton; J. I. Greer, Commissioner from Red Mud; standing: R. L. (Bob) Collier, Sheriff; Fred O. McFall, County and District Clerk; R. S. Holman, County Attorney; and H. T. Garner, County Treasurer.



This photograph shows some of the early work in water conservation at the Spur Experiment Station. Water off the highway during the heavy rains of October 1929 was diverted onto this field of cotton. While it was too late to be of great benefit to the 1929 crop it did create a deep bottom season which was the contributing factor to the production of a half of a bale to the acre in 1930. This ten acre block produced more cotton in 1930 than was produced on 500 acres of similar soil where water from 1929 rainfall was not conserved. This picture has been used extensively throughout the United States to illustrate the feasibility of water conservation. It has been copied many times in Agricultural and daily papers, many slides have been made for illustrated lectures and enlargements hang in the halls of a number of agricultural colleges and experiment stations.

Riter Hardware Co. In Spur Over Twenty-five Years

The Riter Hardware Company was originally established at Hamlin in October of 1906. In 1910 a stock was purchased at Rotan and moved to Spur. The first location of this firm was a sheet iron building about 25 by 50 on the corner now occupied by the Spur Motor Company. This arrangement prevailed for a while then the store was moved to a building located where the Red Front Drug Store now is. In 1916 they moved to their present location. The building then offered a floor of 25 feet frontage by 100 feet in depth. Later on in 1920 an extension was built giving it 60 more feet of depth. This gave them a total floor space of 4000 ft.

J. L. King, secretary and treasurer of the company has been the active manager of the company for the past several years. He has served

in this capacity well. He joined the firm about six months after the business was started in Hamlin in 1907. This gives him a total of 29 years with the company.

L. N. Riter, acting as president of the firm, owned the majority of the stock and has played the lead part in the management and operation of the business for all these years. Although in the middle eighties he is still very active and wide awake. As new modern methods and new lines offered in the hardware and implement business were put on the market from time to time, Mr. Riter took them and did an excellent job of promoting them through his store.

The store carries a full line of shelf and heavy hardware, paint, stoves, General Electric refrigerators, and farm equipment of all descriptions. The J. I. Case and Oliver Implements, are their leading lines in farm implements, together with Aermotor and Dempster windmills, add to the completeness of their lines.

Their policies of doing business over this long period of time have won for them a confidence that any firm would enjoy having.

Spur Tailor Shop Has Modern Equipment Throughout

We have in this community one of the most modern and thoroughly equipped tailor shops to be found anywhere. In mentioning some of their special equipment they have installed a complete dyeing service including sample dyeing. They have the latest cleaning equipment which assures their customers a thorough cleaning job. A flush flow of one thousand gallons per hour of water white solvent is produced through this clarifying unit.

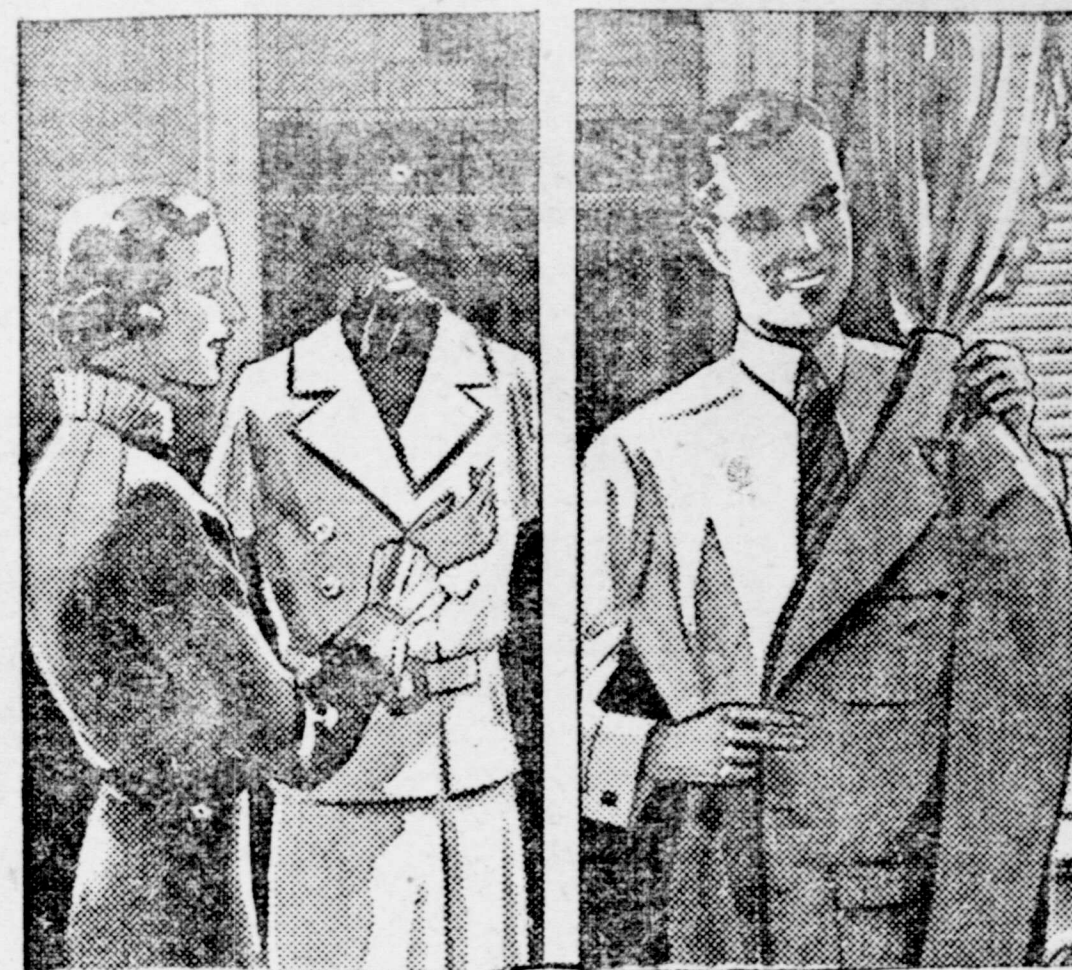
A special silk drier is used on the more delicate fabrics that is guaranteed to be harmless to even the most dainty frocks.

Their pressing department including Cissel steam iron for finishing of delicate fabrics adds to the completeness of the pressing department.

One of the most attractive features of the business is their complete hat service doing cleaning,



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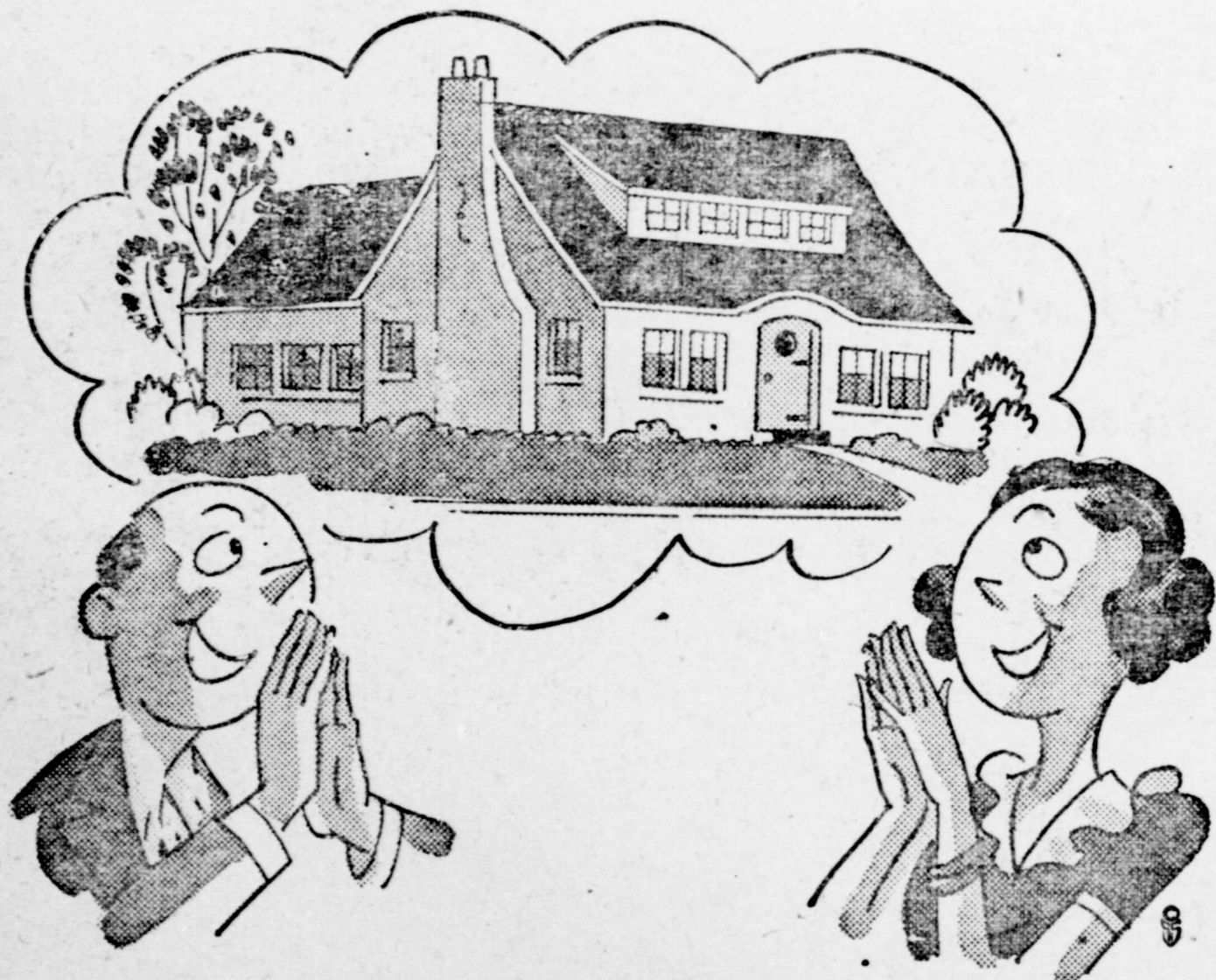
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Mr. Moore has searched for six years and is now representing two of the leading and best companies making men and women's ready-to-measure clothes

Cotton Oil Co. Important Factor In County Progress

In 1921 the Rule-Jayton Cotton Oil Company was chartered and opened their offices at Stamford, Texas. At that time they owned the Rule Cotton Oil Mill at Rule, and the Jayton Cotton Oil Mill at Jayton. In 1923 they purchased the Stamford Cotton Oil Mill from the Swenson people. At this time they own and control the three oil mills located at Rule, Jayton and Stamford, twenty cotton gins and a ware house and feed store at Spur. The local interests have meant much to this community.

The properties of the Rule-Jayton Cotton Oil Company are located in six counties in West Texas including Dickens county. This firm has proven an important factor in the farming and ranching business covering a wide area of this part of the country.

They are noted for paying the highest prices at all times for cotton seed at all times of the year at all points in which they operate. They manufacture all kinds of cotton seed products at all three mills.

They are proud of the customers they have in this particular region, not only among the farmers and cattlemen who patronize their mills and gins but as well the many satisfied seed customers they have for their mills.

We are very proud in having a firm of this type represented in our city. It has brought forth a local market for products produced by cotton growers right here at home.

Spur Coffee Shop Does Thriving Business

W. M. Bumpus came to Spur July 10, 1927. At this time he went to work for Mr. W. A. Bell and was in his employment until March 16, 1928. Mr. Bumpus together with Mr. L. S. Wilson leased Bells Cafe at this time and operated it until March 1, 1929. On this same date after evacuation of the old place Mr. Bumpus went to work for Hicks and Edwards who then operated the Spur Coffee Shop. He stayed in their employment until July 14, 1929 when he assumed the management of the business. The Coffee Shop stayed in the Cowan building until August 20, 1935, then moving to the present location in the Hale building. With this move the Spur Coffee Shop and the Club Cafe were consolidated and run as the Spur

Coffee Shop.

In the present building there is much more room. The seating capacity of their new location being 86 guests whereas the old place only accommodated 22.

A private dining room with private booths and all modern equipment throughout adds to the completeness of this practically new business with an old reputation.

This cafe gives excellent service, offering choice foods of all descriptions specially prepared under the personal direction of Mr. Bumpus. Electric equipment is used throughout including refrigeration, electric griddle, waffle irons, fry kettle, etc. This firm represents a heavy investment and affords employment for seven people. Mr. Bumpus is due much credit for his achievement here.

The road-runner, or paisano, is the official bird of the Texas Centennial Exposition opening in Dallas June 6. It has been timed by motorists at running speeds of nearly 50 miles per hour.

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Spur Bakery Modern In Every Respect

This is an old established industry doing business in Spur since May of 1926. For a good many years this firm depended solely upon the support of the citizens in Spur and immediate surrounding territory for the existence of this business. As time went on and the surrounding communities and territory became more thickly populated, country routes were added. Beautiful panel trucks were bought and added from time to time.

In 1931 a route was established going as far north as Roaring Springs and as far east as Jayton. In 1932, Matador was added to the north route. In 1933 a new one and one-half ton panel delivery truck was purchased for the north route. Two years later a new three-fourth panel delivery truck was purchased and placed to the east route, adding Clairmont to this run.

They are now equipped to give a daily service to their route customers.

ers giving them fresh bread with every sunrise. Routes north include Dickens, McAdoo, Afton, Glenn, Elton, Roaring Springs and Matador. The east route take Justice Filling Station, Gilpin, Girard, Jayton and Clairmont.

In 1934 a great improvement was made in the mechanical end of the business. A new electric oven was installed which has proven most satisfactory in turning out evenly balanced, well proportioned loaves of bread with a rich brown color.

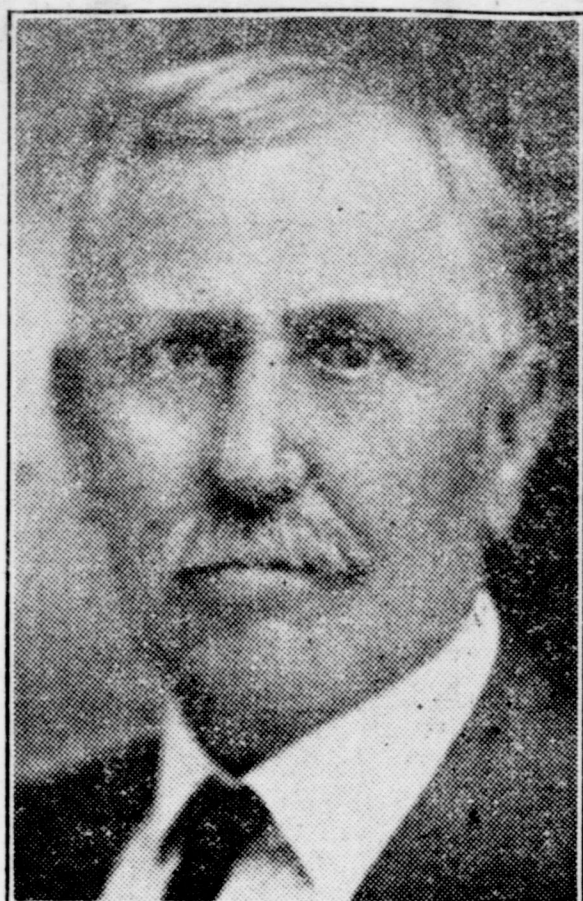
The electric oven with its automatic heat control and gauges assures an even heat temperature at all times. This in turn has brought forth a great improvement in the Spur Bakery products.

At this time they employ six men including Dick Lafland, head baker, Floyd Stinnett, Charlie Block, F. O. Britten, Jr., part-time, C. C. Pete Carney, and Fichenor Stinnett. The payroll on these men amounting to well over a hundred dollars each week is a great asset to Spur.

Mrs. Charles Fox having been with the Spur Bakery since 1926 deserves a great deal of credit in building this business up to where it is today.

During the lull season of a couple

PIONEER MERCHANT IN SPUR



L. N. RITER

President and majority stockholder in Riter Hardware Co. is still active in his middle eighties.

of years when every one suffered a great slack in business this firm managed to keep going with the help and cooperation of the people of Spur and its trade territory. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are very grateful to their many friends and customers for the support given them, then and now and express their hope that they may continue to serve you in the future from time to time.

Bell's Cafe First Established In Spur In 1919

Mr. Willie Bell came to Spur in 1915 from McClellan County near Waco in search of a newly developing territory to gain a new start in the business world.

In 1919 Mr. Bell opened his first cafe in a little shack two doors south of the present location of his business. His fixtures at this time consisted of eight stools, a bench, and two boxes shoved together covered with lineolium to serve as a counter. An old diaplated cook stove with a piece of sheet iron used as a griddle, Mr. Bell went about his daily chores serving the best that this type cafe affords.

In 1920 Mr. Bell sold this place and bought what was known as the old greasy front cafe and operated this business for four years. After also selling this business, Mr. Bell, three months later opened a place next door to the greasy front. After two months in this business he took back the old greasy spoon and joined them together. After modernizing the two places Mr. Bell changed the names, calling the place that is now known as the highway cafe. Eight months later he sold this place and put in a cafe in the building now occupied by the Chamber of Commerce. This is the same business operated by Mr. Bell today.

A few years later with the completion of a week or so before the completion of the new building that he is now located in Mr. Bell moved his fixtures and business into his new home. He enjoyed a splendid business until about 1929 when the bottom fell out of his business along with many other firms when the depression hit. During a period of about two years Mr. Bell lost what money he had made in the previous years, leaving him practically penniless and with very little business.

In 1930 Mr. Bell conceived the idea of operating his business on a volume basis. This proved an immediate success. In accordance with this plan after finding out the price was what the public was seeking Mr. Bell slashed prices on all other foods, still depending on volume. His business immediately picked up and has been growing prospering business ever since.

McAdoo Implement Co. Opened In 1929

The McAdoo Implement Company was organized March 1, 1929 by W. G. Abernathy, A. M. Lay and T. M. Brantley. Mr. Abernathy was made manager and an office and repairs department was opened up in the store of the McAdoo Mercantile Co.

Mr. Abernathy is now sole owner and manager of this firm which has successfully operated through these years. He is agent for Farmalls, McCormick Deering row binders, and genuine I. H. C. repairs and McCormick Deering general line of farming implements.

Since the organization of this firm their business has steadily grown. Tractor and farming implement sales have increased and they now carry a full stock of supplies.

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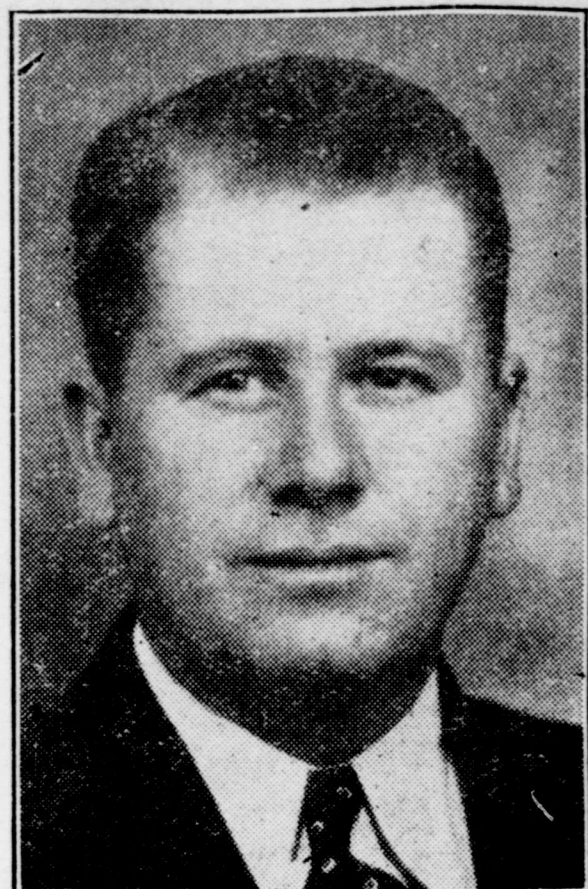
as Flat Top, and two thousand head were bought for it. Two years later, the Throckmorton was fenced. It was stocked from increase from the other two ranches.

Tongue River Ranch, located in the corners of Motley, Cottle, King, and Dickens County, was acquired in 1898. It consisted of one hundred thousand acres and was stocked from cattle from the earlier SMS Ranches. The well known Spur, Espuela, Ranch in relationship to their purchasers has contributed conspicuously to the development of West Texas. Evidencing such liberality is the fact, that years ago the Swenson interests voluntarily reduced interest rates on outstanding obligations from 8 per cent, they then customary rate of interest, to 4 per cent, making this reduction retroactive for a period of years. In addition to which they abated.

His sons, E. P. Swenson, who is the senior partner of S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York, and S. A. Swenson who died in 1927, were born at Austin, Texas. They, with their associates, purchased in 1907, the Spur Ranch property in Dickens, Kent, Crosby, and Garza Counties approximately one half million acres, thus adding very substantially to the previously owned Swenson Ranch properties in Throckmorton, Jones, Motley, Cottle, King, Stonewall and Haskell Counties. The Spur Ranch was purchased primarily for development purposes. Promptly after its acquisition, Chas. A. Jones of Kansas City assumed management thereof. All the ranch was surveyed into quarter sections and large portions thereof, from time to time placed on the market for sales at extremely reasonable prices and upon such liberal terms that the purchasers thereof, have with few exceptions been able to pay for these lands from the products produced from the soil.

The liberality of Swenson in donating properties for public use, for instance, our fair grounds, small city parks, in addition to a one hundred acre tract recently donated for a recreational park, is conclusive proof of his esteemed generosity in adding to the making of Spur a more beautiful city together with affording its citizens a means of outdoor recreation. The city is build-

HEADS BAKING INDUSTRY IN SPUR



CHAS. FOX

Charles Fox makes success in baking business here—serving wide area.

ing a swimming pool and golf course on this acreage.

The founding of Spur has played

a great part in many developments that have become nationally recognized necessities over the past quarter century. To go into these details bringing them up to date would take up several columns, however, we will relate to you some of the most important details that S. M. Swenson and Sons in the development of Spur were responsible for and that played a part in the history of Texas.

With the starting of the Town of Spur, S. M. Swenson and Sons drilled the deepest well that had ever been drilled up to that time anywhere in Texas. The water brought up in this well was so impregnated with Potash that it could be produced in commercial quantities, thus began the commercial development of Potash in Texas.

In reading the history of Spur and the development of this country as they are brought out in detail by Clifford B. Jones, many other details are touched regarding numerous happenings and instances that S. M. Swenson and Sons are responsible for in the making of history that Spur has played a part in.

CENTENNIAL SPECIALS

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Mrs. Alice Murphree
County Treasurer

L. D. Ratliff
County Attorney

Fred Arrington
County Clerk

Mrs. Nettie Littlefield
District Clerk

Jim Cloud
County Judge

Johnnie Koonsman
Sheriff, Tax Assessor and
Collector

CAPTAIN R. G. CARTER, INDIAN FIGHTER, DIED JANUARY 4TH

Capt. R. G. Carter, 90, last surviving officer of the Fourth United States Cavalry that riddled West Texas or raiding Indians from 1871 to 1875, and who surveyed the MacKenzie Trail as a base for the unit's operations, died Jan. 4, 1936 at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C.

The famous Indian-fighter, who had been signally honored twice after retirement, was 90, last October. He had lived at the Army and Navy Club in Washington several years.

In 1871, in Blanco Canyon — on Spur Ranch — Captain Carter saved 12 men from massacre, but in doing so received a broken leg when his horse was shot and fell on him. He rode five days with the limb in splints and the injury later forced his retirement.

Word of his death was received by Clifford B. Jones of Spur, who has been deeply interested in the history of the section and who had carried on an extensive correspondence with Captain Carter.

With a prismatic compass, Capt. Carter laid out the trail to be used by the Fourth Cavalry, Tenth and Eleventh United States Infantry.

TABLED UNVEILED

In 1928 a bronze tablet was unveiled at Spur in commemoration of the part played by the armed forces in ridding the section of Indian raiding parties. Captain Carter was specifically mentioned, "because of serious and permanent injuries received in action on what is now Spur Ranch. . . ."

He was one of the officers of the unit to receive the official thanks of the Texas Legislature for its successful operations against the Indians. He was retired for disability

in 1876 as a result of wounds in the Texas Campaign.

From surveys and data furnished by Captain Carter, a map of early trails and routes, old forts and landmarks has been prepared for Texas Technological College at Lubbock.

The MacKenzie Trail, named for Gen. Renald Slidell MacKenzie who commanded the Fourth Cavalry, was definitely in evidence when the town of Spur was begun in 1909. Soldier's Mound, in Dickens County, was another important base on the trail.

PUBLISHES BOOK

A few months ago a book "On the Border with MacKenzie," came from Carter's pen. A previous volume of his was "The Old Sergeant's Story."

Captain Carter was born at Bridgetown, Maine, on October 29, 1845. After graduation from the United States Military Academy, in 1870, he reported to Col. L. P. Graham in San Antonio, headquarters of the cavalry detachment.

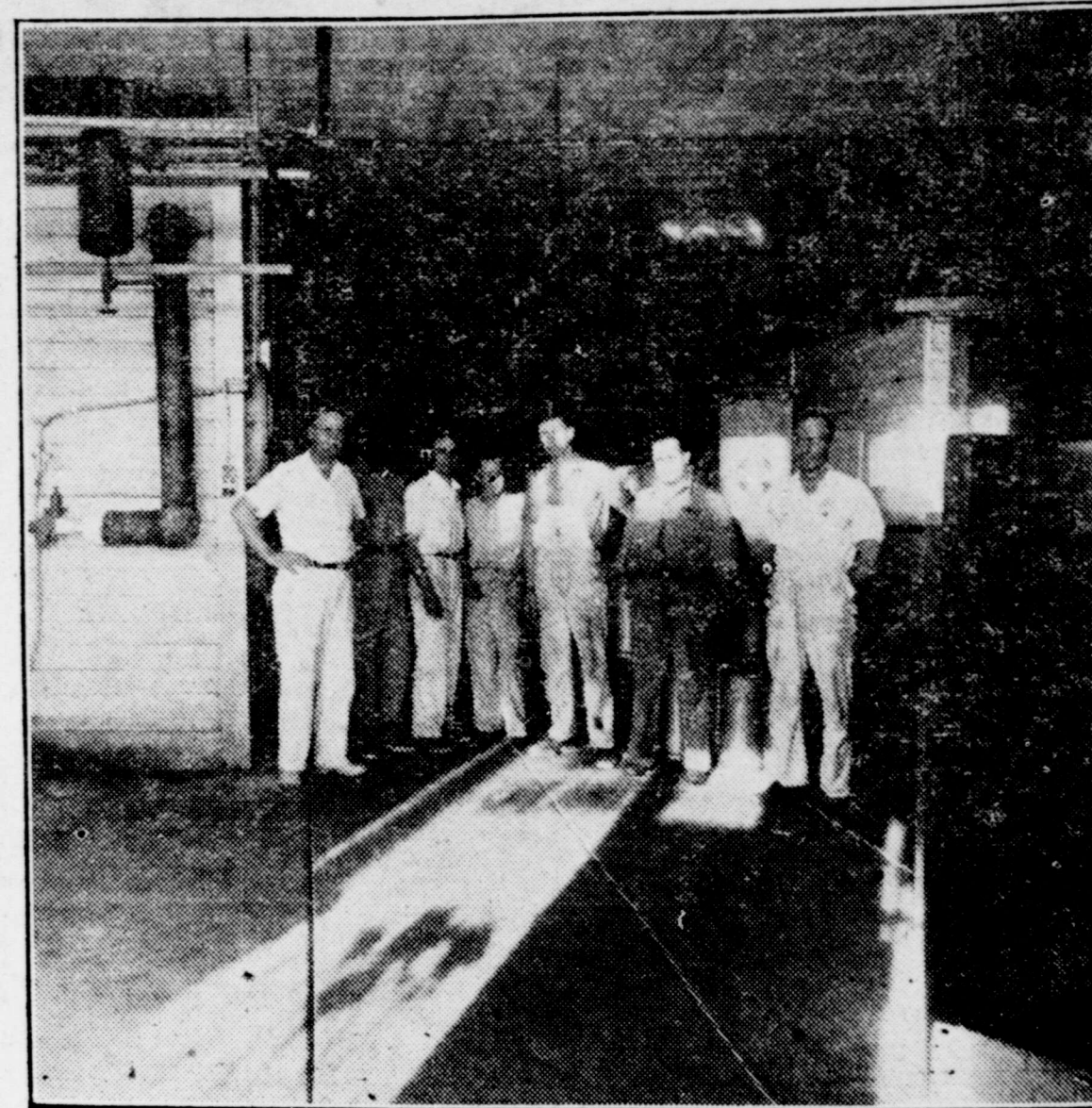
He and an escort conducted 350 half broken horses, which were driven loose for 15 days, 230 miles to Fort Concho, where he joined his troop in fall of 1870.

Captain Carter was sent on numerous expeditions and was in the Battle of Palo Duro Canyon, when Lone Wolf and his band of red-skins were driven from their hiding place.

B. A. Crego, Boot-Maker Since 1900

B. A. Crego has lived in Dickens County since March 31, 1900, when he first set up his boot making shop in Dickens. He has operated his shop continuously since that time.

Mr. Crego besides making boots, all these years, was County Treasurer



Shown here is an interior view of the Spur Creamery where Espuela products are manufactured with modern machinery and under sanitary conditions and surroundings. This industry has played a great part in the development of dairying in Dickens and adjoining counties to say nothing of advertising Spur and Spur manufactured products.

Palace Theatre Offers Modern Show House

Spur is very fortunate to have a theatre so thoroughly and modernly equipped, as the Palace. This show house represents an investment far greater than is found in an average city of this size. Under the management of Mr. J. C. Parker, we are enjoying the same type of entertainment as is found in the larger cities. At a greater cost the season's big hits are brought to Spur as timely as they are shown anywhere in the State.

A change of program six times a week affords theatre goers who have formed the habit of going several times a week a new picture each time they visit the theatre regardless of how often.

The most modern projection and sound equipment to be had is used to assure perfect results in the reproductions of the programs brought here. Comfortable seats and an even temperature governing weather conditions whether hot or cold add to the completeness in every respect.

Mr. Parker depends on volume and accordingly he has set his prices from thirty-five to sixty per cent lower than the average first class show house. This in turn has brought wonderful results.

Frank Speers Red & White Store, Dickens

The Red and White Store now owned and operated by Frank Speer in Dickens was formerly owned by O. L. Hale. Mr. Hale established this drygoods and grocery store in 1924.

Mr. Speer became a partner with Mr. Hale in the business in 1928, and at the first of this year bought out his partner's half interest, becoming sole owner.

Mr. Speers carries a large stock of the nationally known quality Red & White food products and by being a member of this large organization he is enabled to purchase goods at a price that will result in a saving to his customers.

Mr. Speer has been a resident of this county since 1890.

Dee Street, Quality Tailor, at Dickens

Dee Street, owner of the Street Tailor Shop, has been in the tailoring business in Dickens for the past four years.

He is representative for the J. B. Taylor, National and Certified Clothing and tailoring companies, and is an expert in measuring one for tailor made suits. Mr. Street is known for his quality tailoring work in cleaning and pressing.

Haney-Barton, Red & White Store at Afton

This is an old firm representing twenty years of continuous business operation. It has played a great part in the development of Afton and Dickens county. General merchandise carried by this firm in ample quantities include dry goods notions, groceries, and dealing in Gulf Petroleum products, has been a means of supplies that are absolutely necessary for that section of the country.

Mrs. Barton joined the firm in 1932, and as a partner in the business has added much to their accomplishments over the past four years. Byron Haney and Mrs. Allie Barton have worked in perfect harmony in the business since becoming partners.

Ed Glazner & Son Glenn Merchants

Mr. Albert and Chas. E. Glazner started this business February 1 of this year, and are due much credit for the type of store they conduct. It is surprising to know the volume of business a store can realize from a community as small as Glenn. They carry enough variety in their lines at prices competitive to any city store. This in turn draws business of a good many miles surrounding Glenn.

They are wholesalers and retailers for Cosden Gas, Hicks Star Oil, groceries, etc. They also operate a produce business in connection with the store.

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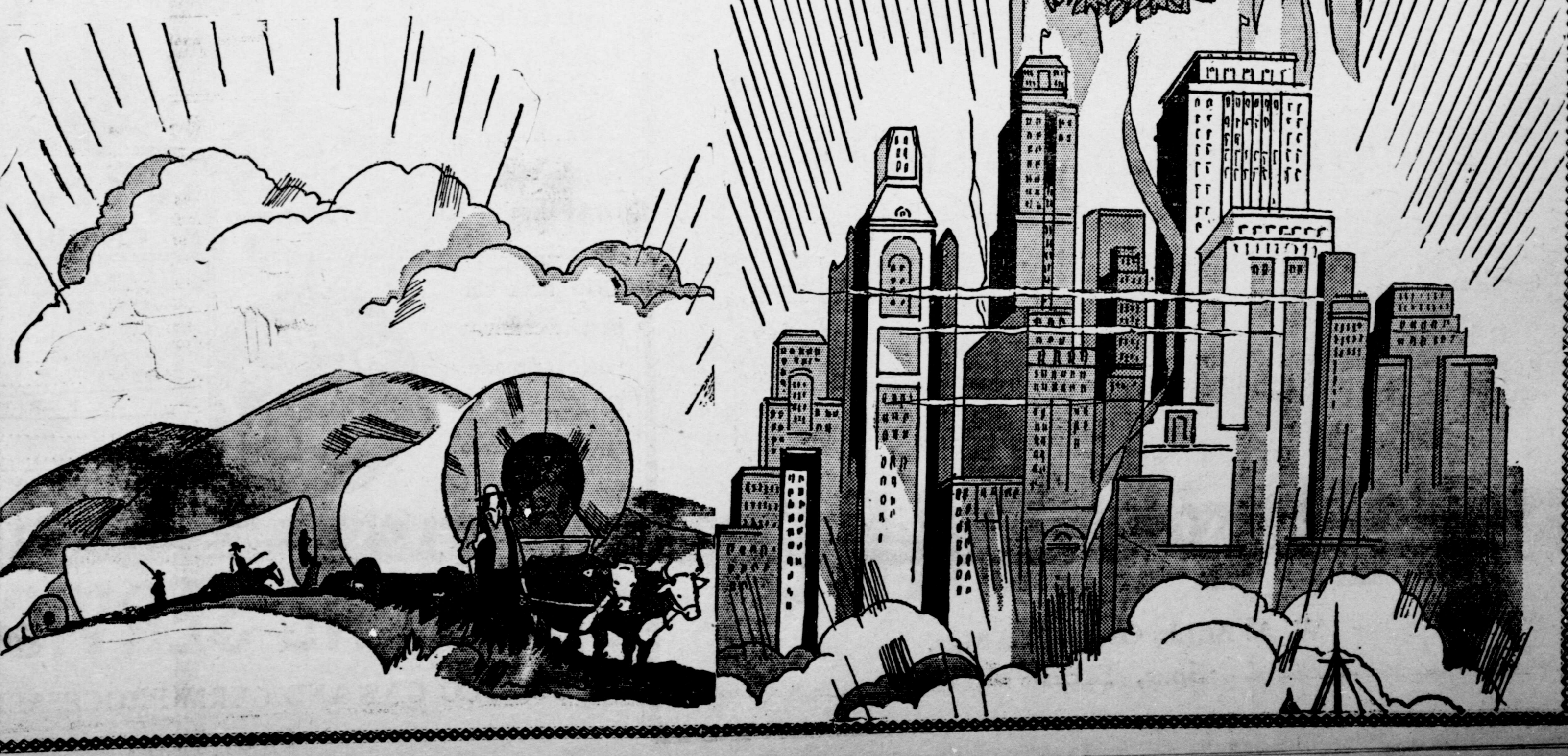
The development and growth of this country in the past 26 years has brought about the possibilities of this expansion.

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We take this opportunity of thanking you for the splendid business that we have enjoyed on our products in the past.

Our sincere hope for the future is to continue serving you in such a manner that you will be pleased with both the quality of our products and the service we render.

SPUR CREAMERY



COUNTY HISTORY

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ly there was a postoffice at Soldier Mound, that mail being brought from old Fort Griffin at irregular times by buffalo hunters in ox teams.

Espuela was the first county seat of Dickens County, and the first cemetery in Dickens County was at that point. The first person buried there was a man by the name of Combs, the father-in-law of W. W. Stegall.

The first sermon ever preached in Dickens County was at Espuela in 1878 by Rev. J. H. Stegall who lived in a dugout on the west side of Dick Creek within 300 or 400 yards of the town of Espuela. In the early days Espuela was called Dickens.

The first church organized in Dickens County was a Baptist Church at Patton Springs in the fall of 1888, and the first persons baptised in Dickens County were J. A. Askins, his daughter Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Sarah E. Allen, at Patton Springs the fall of '88.

Perhaps the first rock house built in Dickens County was by W. C. Dockum in 1878 on the South bank of Rock House Creek. In 1884 this house was torn down by W. R. Stafford and H. P. Cole, and rock was used in the construction of the existing Spring House at old Spur Ranch Headquarters.

It is believed that the first wedding which took place in Dickens County was that of Miss Diana Browning, who married Millard McBride. The wedding took place at the old Browning Home on the head of Duck Creek, now owned by J. P. Goen. This was about Christmas 1882. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Stegall.

One of the earliest known graves in Dickens County is that of the soldier, W. H. Kilpatrick, who died November 1871, at the age of 31 years. His grave was near the old Dockum postoffice on the head of Dockum Creek.

A few years ago upon the application of Spur citizens the Commissioners Court of Dickens County gave permission for the removal of the remains of this soldier to the cemetery at Spur. The grave near Dockum was in danger of being washed away by successive high waters of Dockum Creek. The interment and reburial were under the auspices of the American Legion with fitting ceremony.

The officials of the Texas Centennial celebration for 1936 have indicated their willingness to place a monument at the Spur cemetery in commemoration of those soldiers who lost their lives near here, and it is probable that the following suggested data will be used:

INSCRIPTION FOR MONUMENT IN SPUR CEMETERY, SPUR, TEXAS

This stone (or tablet) is erected to the memory of those brave and gallant souls of the Fourth U. S. Cavalry and Tenth and Eleventh U. S. Infantry who were killed in action with hostile Indians or died of disease in the Panhandle-Plains region of Texas during the campaigns of General Ranald S. Mackenzie, U. S. Army, during the years 1871-2 and 1874-5 and are buried on or near Spur Ranch; among them Private Gregg, Company "G," Fourth U. S. Cavalry, killed in action October 10, 1871, about one mile South of the stone ranch of "Hank" Smith near the mouth of Canyon Blanco; also W. H. Kilpatrick, who died November 18, 1871, near "Soldiers Mound," or "Anderson's Fort" (which was about five miles N. W. from this spot), and others buried on or near the Spur Ranch who, in their encounters with the savage Comanches had no hope of honor if victorious, no hope of mercy if they fell, a slow death by torture if taken alive, and yet they have slept all these years in unknown and unmarked graves. A more thankless task, a more perilous service; a more exacting test of leadership, morale and discipline, no army has ever been called to undertake than that which for many years was the lot of that little regular army which cleared the way for the emigrant and settler.

The following data has been submitted to the Centennial officials for the benefit of the monument or inscription on a tablet to be erected by the Centennial officials at Soldiers Mound, or Anderson's Fort:

INSCRIPTION ON TABLET FOR "ANDERSON'S FORT," SPUR, TEXAS

This stone (or tablet) marks the site of "Soldiers Mound," or "Anderson's Fort," named for Major (later Major Gen.) Thomas M. Anderson, Tenth U. S. Infantry, composed of Companies A, C, I, and K, of the Tenth Infantry, commanded respectively by Captain Lacey and Lieut. Kelton, Captain Parks and Hampson,

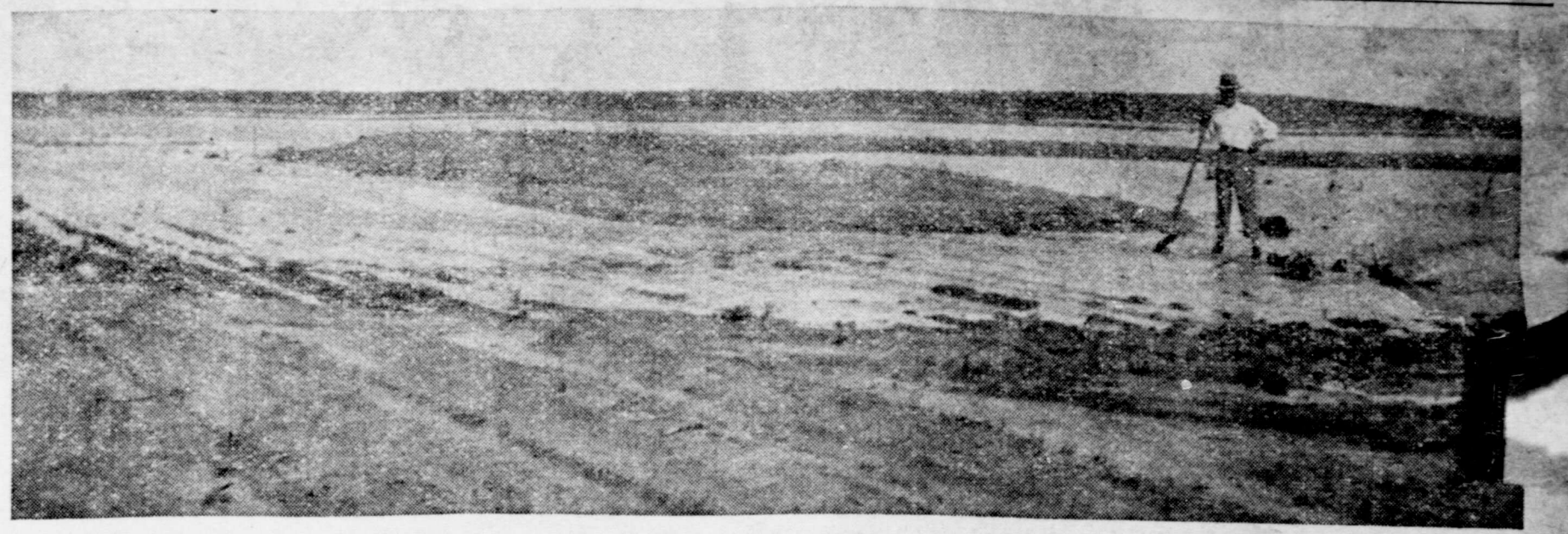
and Company H, commanded by Lieut. Kinsbury (who died while on the Greely Arctic Expedition), and Captain Theodore Schwan's Company both of the Eleventh U. S. Infantry. (six in all), as a distributing camp, the base being Fort Griffin, about 120 miles distant, for the Southern column composed of eight companies of the Fourth U. S. Cavalry under General Ranald S. Mackenzie, who operated in 1874-75 against the wild Quanaah band of Comanche Indians and their confederated band of Kiowas, Southern Cheyennes and Arapahoes under the notorious half-breed chief, Quanaah Parker, whose mother was Cynthia Ann Parker, captured in 1836 when 9 years of age at Parkers Fort, Texas.

Major Anderson built there a huge defensive work of barrels, boxes, bales and bags filled with earth, from which the Cavalry command whose supply camp was at the mouth of Canyon Blanco, packed its mules for active operations in the field, which included 13 actions, the most important being those at Tule and Palo Duro Canyons, resulting in the total destruction of the Indian villages, their winter supplies, killing of all their ponies (2200) and forcing them into the Fort Sill reservation, thus opening up the Panhandle-Plains country for settlement and civilization.

Another early grave in Dickens County is that of a man by the name of Smith, who was called "Smitty." This grave is on a high bank gravelled hill on the south bank of Rock House Creek. Smith kept supplies on Rock House Creek for buffalo hunters. He was killed by a freighter who operated from Fort Griffin. A difference of 25c in freight caused the shooting.

The first public school in Dickens County was in a dugout at the old town of Espuela, about 1881, and was taught by Mrs. L. G. Garrett. The private school in Dickens County was at the Joe Browning place. A man by the name of Jim Lane was engaged to teach the Browning children and the Pepper children. Perhaps the first school of any size held in Dickens County was about 1884. The teacher was Miss Lizzie Blaine, a cousin of Governor Browning.

The first county seat election in Dickens County was held March 19, 1891, the same date Dickens County was organized. Three places were offered for site, Espuela, Dickens and Frankfort. Espuela and Dickens need no explanation. Frankfort was on



The above photograph shows the famous syrup pan terraces first developed at the Spur Experiment Station, in operation. This type of terrace is coming into general use in the Western half of the United States. The name "Syrup Pan" was taken from the pan in which cane juices flow back and forth over the oven in the process of manufacturing syrup. The storm waters from the rolling watershed west of the Station had been crossing the Station property a distance of one mile on a down hill grade to get into "Negro Lake". Now it has to travel a distance of six miles along level terraces. As a result there has been no water to enter Negro Lake across the Station properties but twice in the past six years, these being from the torrential rain of June 20, 1932 and the heavy rains of May 1935, and during these rain periods enormous amounts of water was caused to soak into the soil before the surplus was discharged into the lake.

Croton Creek, near what is now known as the "Poison Mill" and near the old Baxter Rock House. None of these places received a sufficient vote to determine the county seat. Consequently on May 8, 1891, another election was held, with the same result. On March 8, 1892, still another election was held, Frankfort in the meantime having withdrawn. Dickens received one more vote than Espuela, and was selected.

On upper Duck Creek on the Browning Ranch, now owned by J. P. Goen. The pecans were supposed to have sprouted from nuts left by Indians who camped there.

The first cotton raised in Dickens County was by E. Luce in 1889. This was on land patented to E. Luce, about twelve miles southwest of Spur at the edge of what is known as the Shinnery strip, on the farm once occupied by Mrs. Perkins, a widow, and just south of the road between the east and west pastures. The first cotton planted in Dickens County was on this land by E. Luce in 1886. It failed to mature. The cotton raised in 1889 was hauled to the

gin at Sweetwater. It is impossible to ascertain the kind of seed planted. It was brought from Palo Pinto County.

Rice Corn was perhaps the first feed planted here, and the first maize planted was of the Jumbo type and grew very tall with extremely large heads.

The first cotton gin was that of the Spur Company at Espuela, one-half mile south of the old store on the bank of Duck creek. This was in 1891. It was operated by horse power and fed by hand power.

R. D. Shields operated a private bank at Dickens prior to the organization of the one later located at Dickens managed by John O. Wilkerson and H. P. Cole, both former employees of the Spurs. These were the first banks in Dickens County.

So far as can be ascertained the last panthers killed in Dickens County were by Sid Young and a man by the name of Cochran. It was in the late eighties. According to J. C. McNeill, Jr., bear tracks have been seen in this immediate section as late as the fall of 1901.

The first law suit in Dickens County was tried at the Dockum Store, on the head of Dockum Creek. The suit was brought by E. Luce against a man by the name of Keltner for trespass of Try Title. It is said that the jury brought a verdict that "E. Luce was a fool for endeavoring to hold the land, and that Keltner was a fool for endeavoring to claim it." The case was tried before "Shorty" Wilkerson, Justice of the Peace, and a brother of John O. Wilkerson. The case was transferred to Estacado in Crosby County, and it is said that Keltner ultimately won the suit.

According to George M. Williams, the first permanent surveying in this immediate section of Texas was done in the year 1873 by Capt. George Spiller, of Jacksboro, Texas, in the location of Block 1, H. and G. N. R. R. Company Survey, a portion of the Spur Ranch acquired by the Swenson interests.

The oldest surveying corner in this section was established by Capt. Spiller at the common corner of H. & G.

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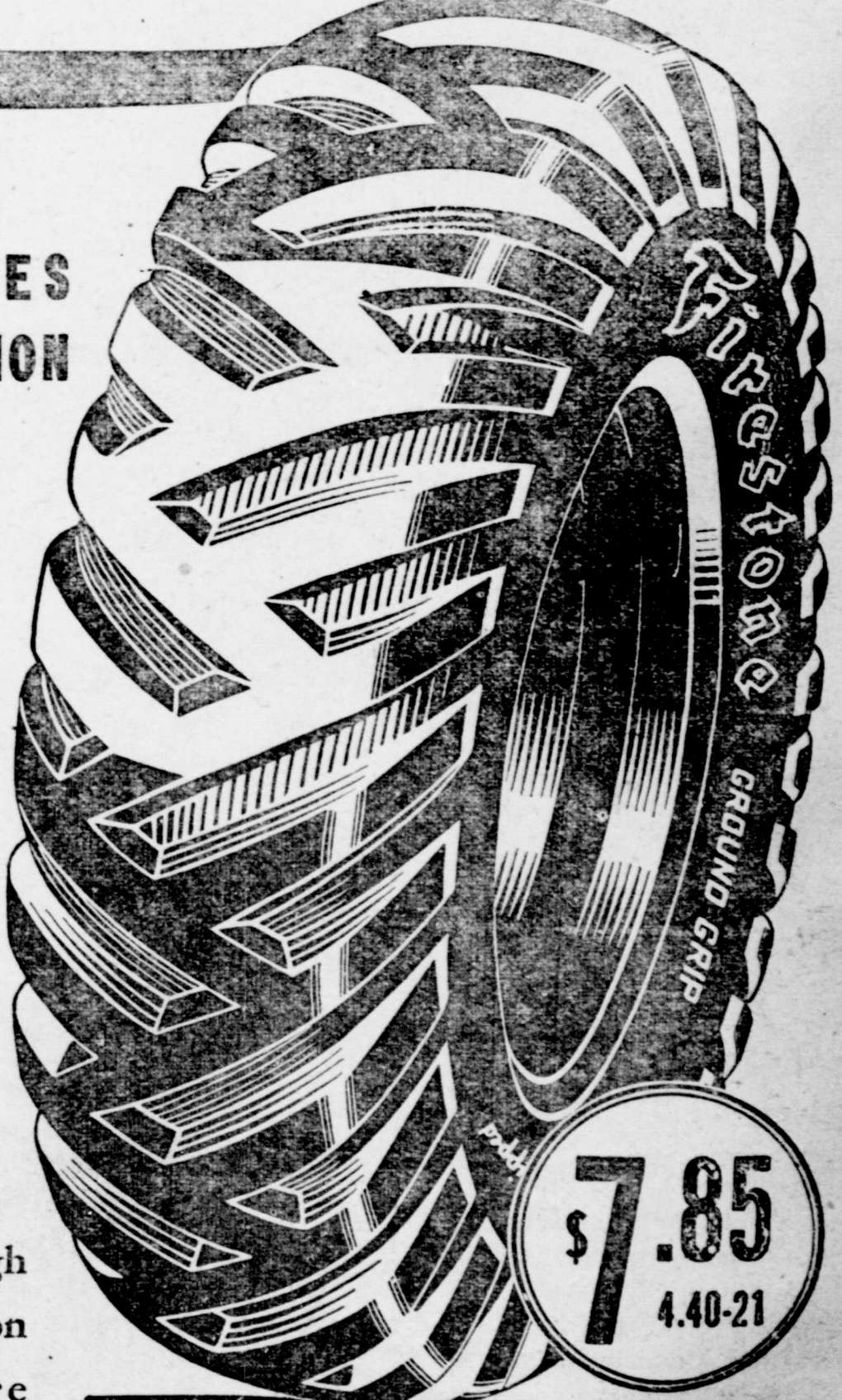
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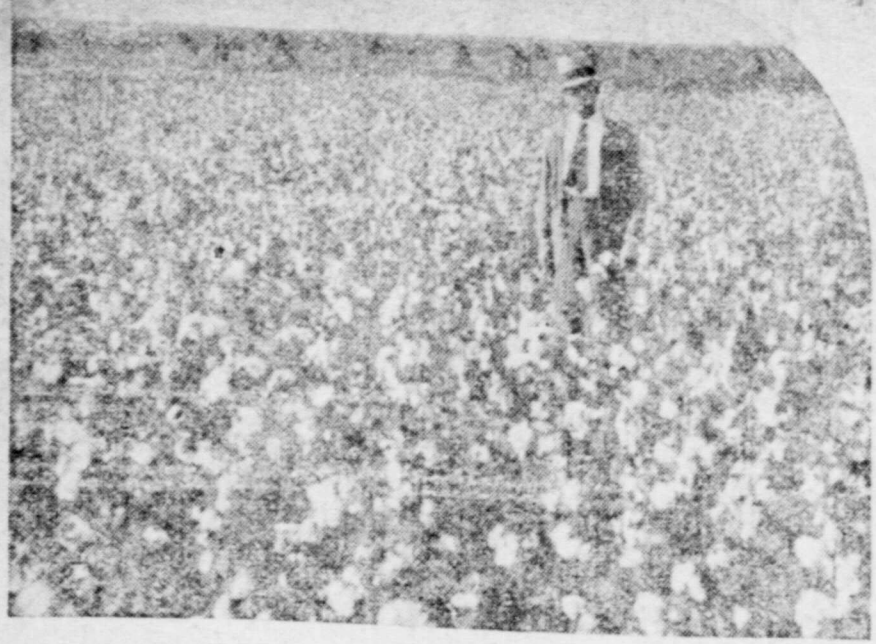
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This is a field of cotton from which 521 pounds of lint cotton per acre, not counting bagging and ties, was harvested in 1933. The big 1933 cotton crop was made from moisture stored in the soil during 1932. The best crop years that the region has had are the comparatively dry years following wet years. The rainfall for 1933 was only 15.59 inches for the entire year but the rainfall for 1932 was 27.70 inches. In the picture is Mr. B. C. Langely, Agronomist for the Experiment Station.

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N. R. R. Company Surveys Nos. 1, 2, 23, and 24, in Kent County, Texas, established in 1873. The tie for this survey was run from Fort Phantom Hill in Jones County. This fort was established in 1851, abandoned in 1854, and was prior to the establishment of Fort Griffin which was not located until 1867. Mr. Williams' first surveying in this immediate section was in 1882, at the instance of Col. W. C. Young, President of the Llano Cattle Company.

The first newspaper in Dickens County was the "Espuela Bulletin", first published in the year 1891 by Mose Harris.

The origin of names of towns and creeks and similar nomenclature is always interesting.

Spur, Texas, in its name will perpetuate for all times to come the memory of one of the famous herds of Texas Hereford cattle. When S. M. Swenson & Sons, and associates, of New York City, bought the well-known Spur Ranch from Espuela Land and Cattle Company, Ltd., of London, it was quiet natural that the principal railroad town established within the Ranch in 1909 should be named "Spur", which is the English interpretation of the Spanish word Espuela. It is an interesting sidelight that the post office authorities at Washington at first rejected the suggested name of Spur owing to its similarity to another already established Texas postoffice. However, through the influence of friends and the Department reversed its decision and named the postoffice Spur.

The town of Afton was named by the Postal authorities in 1901. The Afton citizens submitted several preferred names, including those of Reswell (the middle name of W. R. Stafford) and Zada, but they were declared to be too similar to the names of existing post offices. Hence all were rejected and postal authorities christened it Afton for reasons unknown. J. A. (Cottonwood) Jones was the first postmaster.

McAdoo was named for William Gibbs McAdoo. The postoffice was established in 1914.

The only other postoffice in Dickens County, Gilpin, was established in November 1908, and was named for Judge Gilpin.

Spade Branch and Spade Tank were named for a brand of cattle owned by a nephew of J. H. Hensley, who came here in 1879. The nephew and his brother lived in a dugout faced with rock on Spade Draw about one mile east of the present location of Spade Tank.

Croton Creek was named by the early buffalo hunters because of its bad quality of water and Croton Breaks and Croton Peak took their names therefrom.

Crow Spring, near Dickens, was named for Dr. M. S. Crow, a non-resident, who donated that spring and the land immediately adjoining to Dickens County.

Flag Springs are named because of the wild flags which grew at these springs in profusion and of which a few are still in existence.

J. 2 Breaks were named for the J. 2 cattle owned by J. 2 Jones.

Wilson Creek was named for "old man" Wilson a buffalo hunter of the early days.

Steele Hill was named for a buffalo hunter by the name of Steele, who camped at what is now known as Steele Hill.

Patton Springs were named for Jim Patton, a buffalo hunter who made his camp at Patton Springs.

Of the name of Duck Creek there seems to be no authentic account. It is assumed the profusion of ducks on the creek justified the title.

Dockum Creek was named for W. C. Dockum, a buffalo hunter of whom reference has previously been made.

Abbie's Peak, of which exact location there is some doubt, is probably the peak located on the present farm of L. G. Crabtree about 4 1-2 or 5 miles east of the present town of Dickens. Abbie's Peak is frequently referred to in the surveying calls

Swenson Company as the principal town on the Ranch. On the other hand, the railroad engineers for the Burlington had located it several miles east of the present site of Spur. The final decision was reached in a conference upon the site of the present depot between C. A. Jones, then manager of Swenson interests and Daniel Willard, the then Executive head of the Burlington System, and now president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Mr. Willard agreed to the present location urged by Mr. Jones in recognition of its natural advantages of beauty, drainage, proximity to abundant water, abundant gravel and sand. It is interesting to note that a large band of antelope was on the present site of Spur on the day Mr. Jones drove carefully over that part of the Ranch seeking available location for the town-site.

The first train of the Stamford and Northwestern Railway pulled into Spur November 1, 1909.

Spur was incorporated, Feb. 7th, 1911. The first city officials were:

George S. Link, Mayor; W. G. Sherrod, Commissioner; E. C. Edmonds, Commissioner; Oscar Jackson, Recorder and Secretary; B. D. Glasgow, City Attorney; Dr. J. E. Morris, Health officer; J. M. Neely, Marshal.

The streets of Spur were named for the officials of the Fort Worth & Denver and Burlington Railways, Hill Street and Hill Heights just north of town, for James Hill, President of the Great Northern closely identified with the Burlington.

On the day of the opening of Spur, November 1, 1909, an average of one lot per minute was sold during the greater part of the day, selections previously having been made by the purchasers.

The first store opened at Spur was the Spur Hardware and Furniture Company, of which N. A. Baker was then the active head.

The Spur Inn opened its doors on Saturday, September 3, 1910, and the well-known author and war correspondent for the Saturday Evening Post, George Pattullo, then of Boston, was the first to register. Pattullo later spent many months at Spur and Spur Ranch Headquarters and here wrote many of his western stories.

Many other authors and painters of note have found inspiration and material here for their work, including in addition to Pattullo, Emerson Hough, B. M. Bower, Frank Tenney Johnson (the painter); John Lemax who has preserved cowboy songs for future generations; Freeman Tilden, of the "Country Gentleman"; Dr. Holden and Dr. Patton of Texas Tech; Dr. E. C. Case, of the University of Michigan; Dr. J. A. Udden, of the University of Texas; and many others.

Dickens County led in the Good Roads Movement in this section. At

Spur in September 1914, was called and held the first meeting of the Fort Worth-Roswell Highway Association, whose activities connected the links essential to the designated and important State Highways of to day through Dickens and adjoining counties. The large amount of gravel here of splendid road quality, freely donated by the Swenson interests, has been of inestimable value to a substantial road program.

It is of value to these historical notes that the deep boring at Spur (4489 feet), then the deepest well in Texas, was the inspiration of the present Potash investigation in West Texas. In that well was found at 2000-feet a brine having a very high potash content.

Upon acquisition of the Ranch the Swenson Company promptly undertook the riddance of prairie dogs from its properties. At an expense which reaches more than Seventy Thousand Dollars. It effected a complete freedom from that pest which depredates upon crop and range. Two complete outfits with chuck wagons and men and boys covered that large acreage three times, twice with poison grain and once with carbon bisulphide.

In this connection it is interesting to note that during the early days when this and adjoining counties offered a bounty on prairie dog scalps, the old Espuela Land & Cattle Co. was able to pay its taxes with prairie dog scalps, and at times left the counties in its debt.

The first airplane to fly in this section of Texas was that of Charles Theodore, employed by the Dickens County Fair Association for exhibition flights at Spur during the fair of September 1916. His ship was of the Curtis biplane type, with the propeller at the pilot sat precariously strapped to an open seat attached to the rods which supported the forward landing wheel. He made several successful flights, but at each landing crashed into the Fair Ground fences, owing to the inability to cut off the engine. Later he was killed while stunt flying at Dallas.

The Dickens County Fair Association located at Spur, was organized and incorporated under the Texas laws in 1915. It was incorporated under benevolent plan. The corporate title was changed in 1918 to the Northwest Texas Fair Association.

The first radio set in Dickens County was owned by the Spur National Bank, and installed May 13, 1922, for the benefit of its customers.

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Spur Security Has Resources of \$617,856.48

Campbell Furniture and Undertaking Is Pioneer Firm Here

**BACKED BY TWENTY-SIX YEARS
OF BANKING EXPERIENCE; HAS
ENJOYED SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH**

Modern commerce and business could not exist without banks and the credit system they represent. Comparatively, very little actual money is used in carrying on the nation's business. Credit is the backbone of our commercial and industrial structure and the banks of the country serve as clearing houses for the daily transactions of the business world. If it was necessary to use money (and by the term money we mean the printed and minted tokens issued by the government against the gold and silver reserves and other tangible resources of the nation) in its material form to complete business transactions, trading would be a slow and tedious process and confined to a remarkably small area, as it would be both difficult and dangerous to transfer large sums of money from place to place over appreciable distance. The time involved in making such transfers would retard commerce to a snail's pace and much of the present commercial activity as we know it today would be suspended entirely on account of the cumbersome details involved. Today it is quite as easy for a Spur firm to do business with a Chicago, New York or Boston concern as it is for this firm to do business with the man next door.

Our banking system makes this condition possible and it is through the banking houses that we have this system of universal credit that permits rapid transfer of credit from one section to the other through the expedient of negotiable paper, such as checks, drafts and notes. A check drawn on the Spur Security Bank and certified by officials of the banks can be used as negotiable tender in its scope, and is the practical and thorough going medium of exchange that facilitates transfers of credit to all parts of the globe. It has made our present world commerce and international business intercourse the workable and simplified system that has brought the nations of the world into a common market.

The Spur Security Bank was organized January 7, 1910 and each year since its organization it has grown in usefulness to this community until today it is one of the essential factors in the financial life of this section.

With the opening of this bank, then called the Spur National Bank, came the greatest possibilities to the further development of this county. At that time business was being transacted in a temporary banking house in the same location at Burlington and Harris streets. This arrangement prevailed until a new building was constructed for the housing of this institution. The first officers and directors were R. V. Colbert, president; C. A. Jones, vice president; W. G. Sherrod, cashier; C. J. Chandler, assistant cashier; E. P. Swenson, P. P. Bertholot, F. S. Hastings, W. T. Andrews, A. J. Swenson and R. C. Forbis, directors.

Among the stockholders of the bank then were the Swensons and W. O. Weatherbee, bankers and financiers of Wall Street, New York, Jas. Stillman, head of the National Bank of New York and one of the strongest financial institutions of the United States in those days, E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe Railway System, B. F. Yoakum, head of the Frisco Railroads, The John J. Emery estate through Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia. The individuals and estate combined represented a financial capital of more than four hundred millions of dollars. The bank had a capital of \$100,000 with the opening, all of which was paid in full and at the service of the town.

From time to time various changes

O. L. Hale Moves Cafe To New Location

O. L. Hale, pioneer settler of Dickens County, has just moved into his newly remodeler and refinished building. His cafe fixtures have been replaced in the new location with complete new equipment, making it one of the most attractive and up to date cafes in Spur. Interior of the cafe has been redecorated and the walls and fixtures have been painted in varying shades of ivory and black, blending into a modernistic design that is extremely pleasing. In this completely remodeled building with modern cafe fixtures Mr. Hale can now offer the public an unexcelled service in this line.

Mr. Hale moved to Dickens county in 1891. He entered the grocery business at Afton in April, 1908 and has operated grocery stores in various locations in the County until June, 1935, when he sold out his store at Dickens. He opened up a cafe here last fall and operated it in a highly successful manner and is just now getting opened up in the new location.

Mr. Hale served Dickens County as tax-assessor from 1892 to 1896. He has served as deputy in various county offices for a period of years.

Since entering the cafe business Mr. Hale has established a reputation for his fine cooked foods and at his cafe all seasonable foods are procurable throughout the year. In connection with the cafe Mr. Hale has a complete news stand and carries a large supply of magazines.

Mr. Hale is well known to practically every man, woman and child in the county and is respected for his honor and integrity.

were made in the systems of the bank but its sturdiness prevailed. As the years went by the prestige of this bank became more steadfast and with this Centennial year representing a hundred years of freedom and growth for the State of Texas so does this bank stand for

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W. B. LEE

President of the Spur Security Bank, an institution of service that has been a big factor in the development of Dickens County.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE HISTORY OF TEXAS IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

**Struggles of Early Texans for
Freedom Thilling Chapter In
American History; Carved New
Nation Out Of Wilderness**

**One Decisive Battle at San Jacinto
Decided the Fate of Texas and Won
for Her Independence From
Mexico**

While there had been several conflicts during 1832, what may be properly considered the first battle of the Texas Revolution was that at Gonzales, October 2, 1835. Colonel Ugartechea, in command at San Antonio sent a company to Gonzales to take possession of a cannon, but the Mexicans were attacked by the Texans and defeated. The news of this battle spread and volunteers poured into Gonzales. It was decided to march on San Antonio and on October 11 Austin was elected commander in chief. In the meantime a small band of volunteers had surprised the Mexican garrison at Goliad and captured a store of military supplies.

A detachment of Austin's army had a light engagement with Mexican cavalry at Mission Concepcion October 28, and on November 26 the so-called "grass fight" occurred south of San Antonio. This skirmish was occasioned by the rumor that

an approaching burro train carried silver for the pay of the Mexican garrison at San Antonio, but when captured the burros' burdens proved to be hay destined for consumption by Ugartechea's cavalry horses.

Provisional Government Set Up
In the meantime a gathering of representative colonials was held at San Felipe and a provisional government set up. Austin, Branch T. Archer and William H. Wharton were selected to go to Washington and ask for the assistance of the United States. This withdrew Austin from command of the army, which was besieging San Antonio and General Burleson was placed in command there by an election. Henry Smith was elected provisional Governor of Texas and a council was organized. While Burleson had been chosen to lead the army at San Antonio, General Sam Houston was named by the gathering at San Felipe as commander in chief to succeed Austin.

At San Antonio the siege dragged and preparations were being made to abandon it when Co. Ben Milam asked for volunteers to attack the fort, organized about 300 men and after fighting from Dec. 5 to Dec. 9, 1835, forced General Cos who had arrived from Mexico and taken command, to surrender with the agreement that he was to return with his

A MODERN STORE RENDERING SERVICE TO A WIDE PATRONAGE OVER THIS TRADE TERRITORY

Clemmons Insurance Agency 27 Years Old

This business was originally started by Judge Cowen our present mayor. After going thru several changes and ownerships, including W. F. Godfrey, and Earl Sennings, S. T. Clemmons deceased father of the present owner, S. T. Clemmons, bought out Earl Sennings in 1919, this giving the firm of Clemmons Insurance Agency the prestige of being backed by a reputation of twenty six years. This time through the management of Mr. S. T. Clemmons present owner and his deceased father has gained for them the friendship and confidence of the people all over this part of the country.

Representing old lines stock company dealing in all types of insurance, this firm has had the honor of serving most all of the old timers dating back to the beginning of the developing of this country. Their reputation for paying all claims promptly has added to the prestige and confidence of the company.

entire force to Mexico.

The garrison at San Antonio dwined after the capture of Cos, despite the fact that it was known that Santa Anna was marching on San Antonio with the pick of the Mexican army. Santa Anna arrived there about Feb. 23. The town was defended by about 150 men under command of Col. William B. Travis.

The following plea for help was sent out:

**TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS AND
ALL AMERICANS IN THE
WORLD:**

Fellow citizens and compatriots: I am besieged, by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna. I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man. The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison is to be put to the sword. I have answered the demand with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never

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W. S. Campbell started his business ten days after the town of Spur started. On the tenth day of November 1909, Mr. Campbell rented a small sheet iron building with a floor space covering 24 by 8 feet located directly across the street from his present location. He also conducted an undertaking business in conjunction with his furniture business. At that time an express wagon, horse drawn by one horse was used to carry the caskets to the cemetery. Later on Bill Hyatt (Uncle Bill) bought a horse-drawn hearse which was kept at his livery stable and did the transporting of the caskets to the cemetery for Mr. Campbell. This was used for several years until he replaced it with a Ford truck that was used until 1925. At this time Mr. Campbell bought a combination hearse and ambulance—a Mort automobile. In June of last year a new Buick combination hearse and ambulance replaced the old Mort hearse and ambulance. Today Mr. Campbell conducts one of the most modern and thoroughly equipped undertaking businesses to be found anywhere in this territory.

Webber Williams came to Spur in December 1919 to join the firm. Mr. Williams as we all know, is thorough in his work and a genius in the art of conducting the undertaking department. After coming to Spur Mr. Williams married Miss Flora Mae Scudder of Abilene who taught school here for several years. Mr. Williams has made a success during his sixteen years in Spur as a member of Mr. Campbell's firm. As a funeral director and licensed embalmer, he is without a peer.

In 1916 Mr. Campbell rented and moved into the building he now occupies. Later, in 1917 he purchased it. Mr. Campbell also owns the three story building now in the same location as his original business.

Some of the many lines he now features are Perfection Cook Stoves, Superflex heaters, Simmons lines of beds and springs, Beauty Rest mattresses, Mohawk line of rugs, Armstrong, Gold Seal, Sloan and Blalton linoleums. His furniture lines are most complete including plain and modernistic furniture in living room, dining room and bedroom suites, and occasional furniture of all types.

Mr. Campbell has steadily built his business up and added new lines from time to time, bringing his stock up to the requirements of today's household needs. The foundation of his business is built on a basis of courteous service and fair prices to every one.

Newton Ellison Agent For Wind Chargers

Newton Ellison has just been manager of the Texas Pacific Service Station since February 15 of this year but he is well known among the citizens of Spur and Dickens County having lived here for a number of years and engaged in previous business ventures.

Besides handling T. P. products Mr. Ellison specializes in washing and greasing and polishing. He also sells wind chargers and has placed many of these in both rural and city homes. He is agent for Electrolux kerosene burning refrigerators and Norge refrigerators.

The most elaborate and expensive dramatic production ever produced in the Southwest will be produced at the Texas Centennial Exposition opening in Dallas, June 6. It is "Cavacade of Texas", will cost \$150,000, have a cast of 500 and be played on a stage 300 feet wide and 250 feet deep.

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"Cutting Up Of The Big Ranches"

A Story Published In 1910 Issue of The Saturday Evening Post, Written by George Patullo, Famous Author, Covering Beginning of Farming Over This Country

We will endeavor to reveal the reasons for this true life story regarding the development of this country written over a quarter of a century ago and published in an August issue of the Saturday Evening Post in 1910.

George Patullo, prominent short story writer of those days, writing under the pen name of Carl Crow, acquired his data and ideas while living on the Spur ranch for a period of nine or ten months. George Patullo was later an associate war correspondent with the now world-famous humorist, Irvin S. Cobb. As a writer and author, Carl Crow is known all over the globe and highly praised for his work.

With the completion and opening of the Spur Inn September 1, 1910 George Patullo was the very first guest to register. This original register is kept in Mr. Clifford B. Jones files here in Spur today.

This story is directed and based principally on the actual happenings and surrounding on the Spur and Post ranches. The post ranches were formerly the old Curry Combs pro-

perties bought up and developed by the late C. W. Post. In republishing this story written true to life in those days it brings to us a bit of history as we would term it now.

CUTTING UP THE BIG RANCHES

"Better ride down to the south pasture Hank, and see how the boys are getting along," said the boss of the Lazy L Ranch to one of his cowpunchers who was finishing breakfast. Hank saddled his pony and started out at once. By steady riding and a very short visit with the boys at the south pasture he returned late the following evening with the message that the buffalo grass was holding out better than was expected considering the drouthy season, and that Bill Williams was suspected of having stolen a lot of yearlings.

Hank's cowpony was able to make forty miles a day without difficulty, and on this trip maintained that record. The south pasture was not detached, but was an integral part of the Lazy L Ranch. During his trip Hank saw none but his employers cowboys and he did not

leave his employers ranch.

There is an old joke told at the minstrel shows, usually told as follows:

Mr. Bones: "Sambo, I understand that you are a farmer and have not been living in town very long."

Sambo: "Yassah, my father has one of the biggest fahms in the country."

Mr. Bones: "Well, Sambo, that is very interesting. And how big is it?"

Sambo: "It is a mighty big fahm. Our cohnfield is so big that they stahts out in the spring to plant it and by the time they reaches the other end of the field the cohn is ripe and they picks it on the way back."

The joke may be funny and may not be; but in Texas Sambo might have found the counterpart of his celebrated farm. Start your plowman across an ordinary Texas ranch and it would take him a week to plow a furrow across it. It would take a hundred steam plows, working all summer, to break the ground. If the owner should decide to put the ranch in cotton it would require

one thousand steam plows to get the land in condition during the spring planting season and a force of men as big as Uncle Sams standing army would be needed to pick the crop. On the other hand, an average crop, marketed at the average price would bring in enough money to build a fleet of battleships.

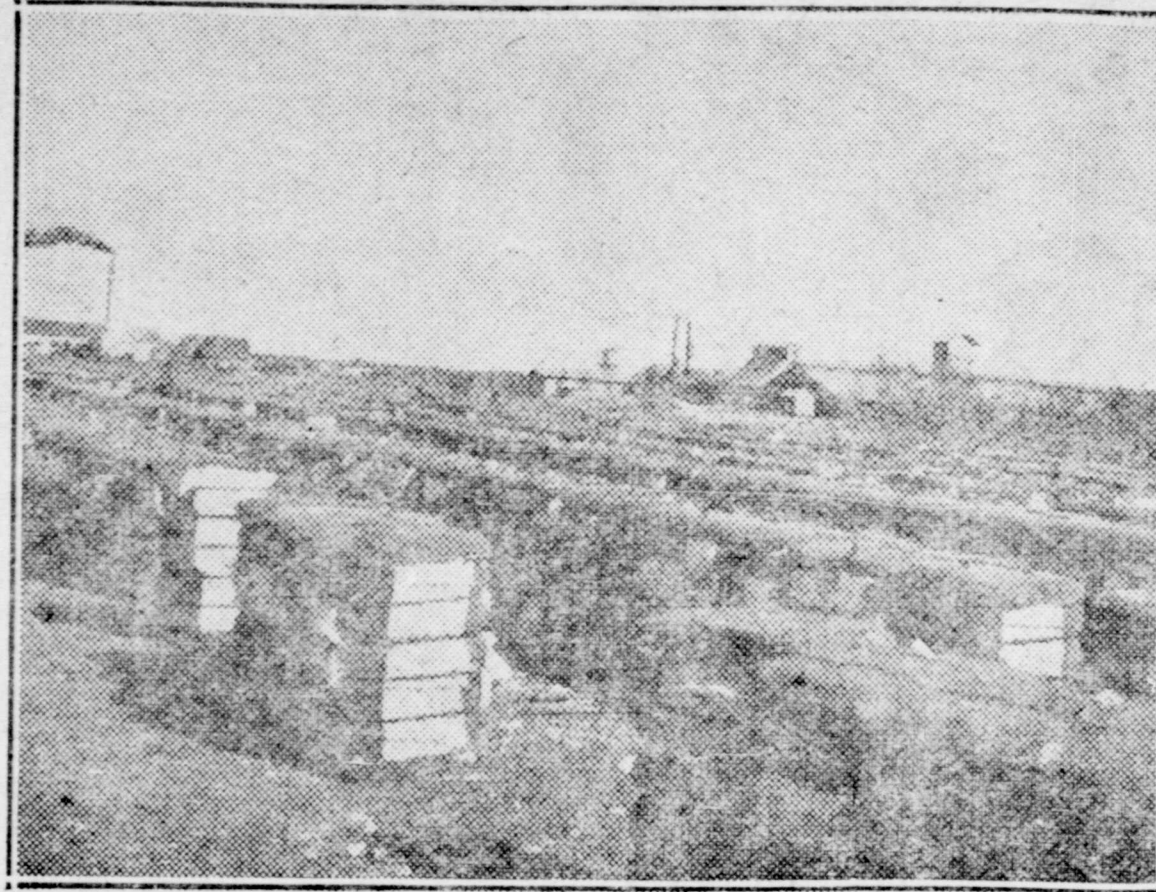
Such a cotton crop was not planted, nor harvested nor was a week long furrow ever plowed across a Texas ranch. It was not until the ranches began to be broken up that corn and cotton replaced cattle, and alfalfa fed hogs started to market over railroads which had been built to haul steers. When the transformation of the ranches into farms began the work was rapid and within the last ten years an area of Texas large enough in area to equal that of Pennsylvania has been added to the farm portion of the United States. The big red barn has replaced the branding pen and the rising price of land has transferred the cattle industry to many smaller breeders, who use the feeding pen

Brazelton Lbr. Co. Built Before Spur Was Opened

According to the books and files kept by the Brazelton Lumber Co. here, they were underway with the construction of their building a week or so before the town of Spur was officially opened. Mr. F. W. Jennings, the present manager of the yard, was present on the scene of the opening of Spur but did not become a part of the Brazelton Lumber Company until about a year later.

This is the oldest establishment in the history of Spur still doing business today. The original buildings and yards are still in the same location. Brazelton Lumber Company has stood out as a landmark in this country for a quarter of a century. It is due much credit for the adding in many ways to the development and progress made in Dickens Co.

Mr. F. W. Jennings has been a



A view of the Spur Cotton Yard in 1926
(Courtesy Spur Experiment Station)

citizen of Texas for about thirty years. He came from Mount Vernon Missouri, where his boyhood days were spent and it was there that he started his business career. He came to this newly developing country in search of new and greater possibilities and found them in Spur where he has lived for these many years.

L. E. Lee has been with the organization fifteen years and has aided Mr. Jennings to run the business. Mr. Lee was also on the scene of the opening of Spur.

This firm is outstanding for the superb quality lines they represent. Featuring lumber, building materials, paints, enamels, varnishes, builders hardware and many other items. Brazelton Lumber Company has always been recognized for quality and above all fair prices.

Rucker's Shoe Shop Here 14 Years

Having lived in Dickens County since 1913, having spent eight years as a cow puncher with the Swenson Land and Cattle Company, Mr. Rucker had no trouble in building up his business with the very beginning in 1922. He is a man of much character and has wide host of friends.

He has ultra modern equipment for the repairing and rebuilding of shoes from the very daintiest to the heaviest type of shoes, boots, and other leather goods. He has practically given his life work and is thoroughly accomplished in every detail. As a result of his experience in the past he now enjoys an exceptionally good business.

After having his business in three other buildings, he moved to his present location four years ago. This is most convenient for passersby en route to and from the post office on Harris Street.

In interviewing Mr. Rucker for this occasion we learn that he is very appreciative of the business he has received over the county during these past fourteen years. For old times sake's drop in and see him, he will appreciate your visit.

Hogan & Patton Celebrating 25th Anniversary

In 1911 this firm began its business career that has lasted a quarter of a century. Mr. Ross Edwards, the founder of the cleaning plant now operated by Hogan and Patton was one of the businesses that started just before the town of Spur was opened to the public. November 1, 1909. In 1911 Mr. Hogan associated with Patton of Lubbock bought into the firm, the firm name then changing to Edwards and Patton.

The firm operated under the ownership of Edwards, Hogan and Patton for one year. At the end of this time Mr. Hogan and Mr. Patton bought Edward's interest out and changed the name of the firm to Hogan and Patton Company.

Starting September 1, 1911 with a comparatively small stock this firm grew and added the most popular nationally advertised lines of merchandise in men's wear from time to time as the market offered them as leaders. Feature lines carried by Hogan and Patton now are Florshiem and Friendly Five Shoes, Stetson and Stylepark hats, Curlee clothes, Wilson Brothers furnishings and many other popular lines too numerous to mention.

During the depression this firm always maintained a high standard of quality merchandise and is deserving of a great deal of credit for carrying out the high ideals that built for them the splendid reputation that they have enjoyed through a quarter of a century of continuous business in Spur.

They have just added a new cleaning process that has proven a great asset to master cleaners over the country known as the Monite process. Garments treated by the Monite process are insured against moth damage for a period of six months, while rugs are insured for a period of one year. The insurance offered by Hogan and Patton is carried by one of the country's larger insurance companies.

In interviewing Mr. Patton he said in describing the process, "We are offering this new innovation in clothes care for the protection of our customers. It is an added service we feel every garment should have and it is worth untold money to the people of Spur and surrounding territory we are offering it without one cent's additional cost over our regular cleaning prices."

C. V. Allen Has Only Exclusive Auto Parts Shop

C. V. Allen, owner and manager of the Allen Auto Parts, has been in business here since January 10 this year moving here from Crowell, where he was engaged in the same business for a number of years.

At Crowell Mr. Allen was Chevrolet agent for eight years and for the past two years has operated an automobile parts house there in a highly successful manner.

Since opening his firm here in January Mr. Allen reports a continually increasing business and he has made many friends and his store is sure to continue to prosper even more and more as new customers become acquainted with the owner.

Mr. Allen operates the only exclusive auto parts shop in Spur and it has by far the largest and most complete stock of automobile parts in this trade territory, and he is adding still a larger supply. A piston grinder and glass finishing machine fuel pump equipment and other machinery will be added in the near future and Mr. Allen believes that when these are installed service can be rendered car owners comparable to the service offered by the largest of shops in the cities. A man so aggressive and successful in this business is worthy of the splendid patronage that he now enjoys.

A complete replacement service is offered to customers in auto parts, featuring Ford and Chevrolet parts. Among the nationally advertised lines of automotive parts and equipment carried by Mr. Allen are Wausau piston rings, Stuart batteries, Gates tires and tubes, and Simmons replacement parts for Fords, Chevrolets and Plymouths.

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"A GOOD YARD IN A GOOD TOWN"

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Spur, Texas

Operate Dickens Auto Parts

O. D. Lillard has recently become owner and operator of the Dickens Auto Parts and Service Station, which handles Magnolia products—Mobiloil and Mobilgas. He also carries a stock of accessories and automobile replacement parts.

Mr. Howe moved from Spur to Dickens six weeks ago and is the repairman for the firm. He lived in Spur for twelve years working as an expert mechanic and was widely known advertising under the slogan "You know Howe and Howe knows how."

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Bill Edwards, Owner
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DRY GOODS AND GROCERY
Dickens, Texas

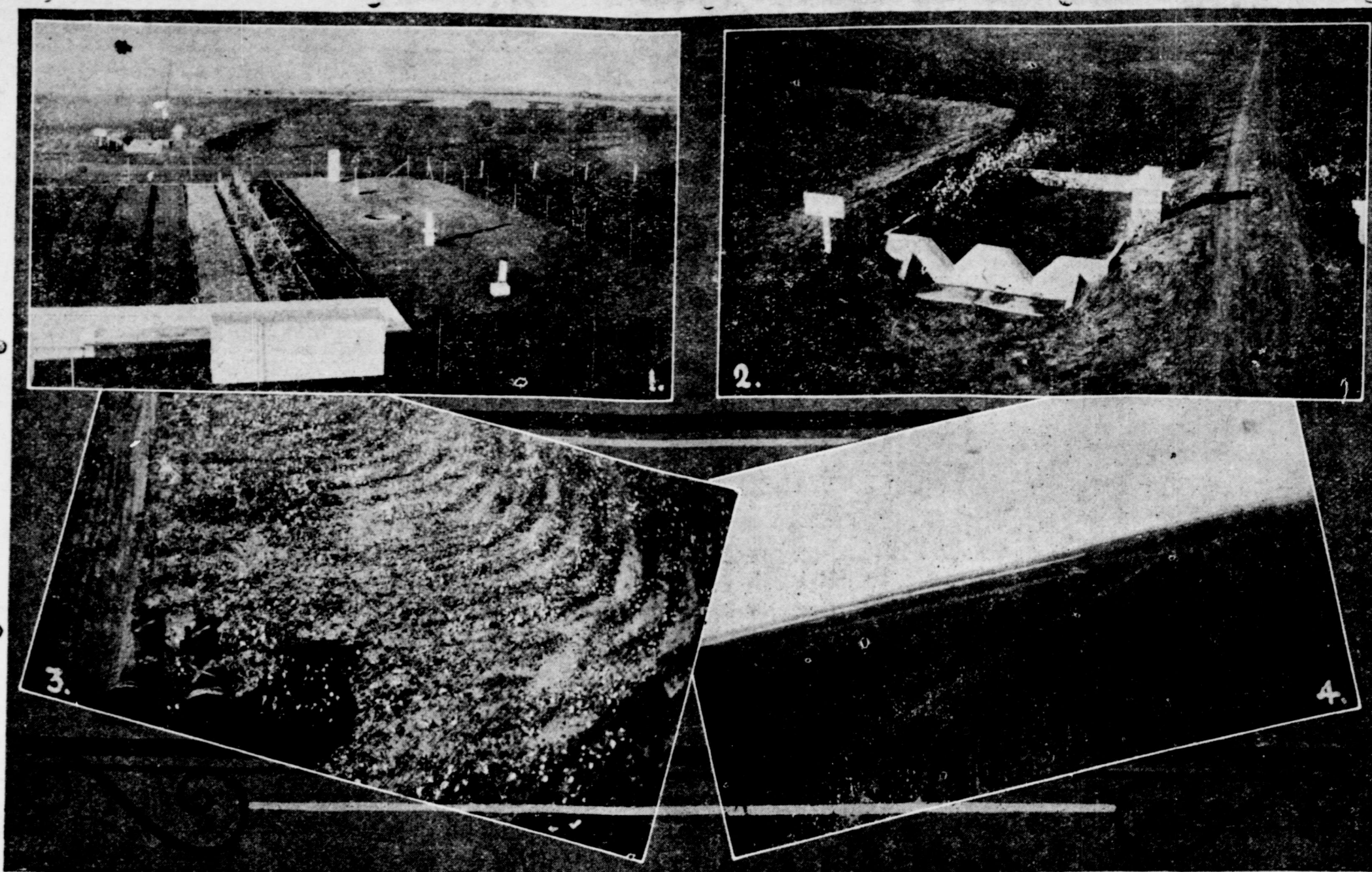
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STAPLE GOODS

Frank Speer's Red & White Store

Dickens, Texas



When the Spur Station started work in 1926 to determine the factors that influence runoff and erosion the field of study was a new one and many engineering problems had to be worked out from the ground up in order to determine accurately the amount of soil and water lost under different conditions. The double V-notch weir in the upper right represents a device developed to measure the runoff accurately from both small and large rains. In the box on the concrete foundation is a water stage recorder which records the height of the water as it passes through the weir and the length of time it flows at different heights. This recorder is run by a weight clock and operates for a period of 40 days without being rewound. With this kind of equipment the water lost from 16 field areas of approximately 10 acres in size and farmed in different manners is recorded. In the upper left is a view of the 1-75 acre control plots on which studies are being made of the relation of the slope of the land, cultivation, vegetation and the character of the rainfall has on runoff and erosion. The lower views are of contoured and terraced fields.

O. L. Harris & Son Croton Merchants

This is practically a new firm, having been in business only two years. But during this time they have built up a splendid business. Some of the feature lines they deal in are groceries, notions and many general merchandise articles including Gulf gasoline and motor oils.

They operate a blacksmith and repair shop in connection with the business.

Tommie Street Owns Bus Cafe In Dickens

Tommie Street has been owner and operator of the Bus Cafe in Dickens for a short period of time. His cafe, patronized by citizens of Dickens, serves short orders, sandwiches, and cold drinks, and Tommie claims to serve the best coffee in Dickens.

His cafe is headquarters for the bus station also.

D. W. Sims, At Afton Twenty-three Years

Mr. Sims has been a resident of Afton for twenty three years. During this time he has gained much in reputation and character for square dealings.

He started the first of the year as wholesale agent for Independent gas and oil products. He has many satisfied dealers in that part of the country.

Homer Miller Has Store At Croton

Homer Miller, coming from Broadway, Texas, in January of this year started his business in Croton on January 3 of this same year. For a small community Mr. Miller carries an exceptionally large stock of groceries, fruits, cured meats, notions and many other items.

He handles independent gas and oils and Texaco motor oils and lubricants.

M. K. Lawson In Afton 13 Years

M. K. Lawson has served in the capacity of operating a general merchandise store in Afton successfully for thirteen years. He handles staple and fancy groceries patent drugs, Wear U Well shoes, and many other items too numerous to mention. Mr. Lawson enjoys a splendid business. His son, Leon H. Lawson, who is Afton postmaster, helps him.

Corner Cafe, Dickens Serves Tasty Foods

The neatness and tidiness of this place is overwhelming to a stranger when entering this place. Mrs. I. B. Edwards pays particular attention to the neatness and cleanliness of everything in general. Serving short orders, plate lunches, dinners, home baked pies and many other tasty delicacies Mrs. Edwards is rapidly becoming famous in the cafe business.

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General Merchandise
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Afton, Texas

"BEST COFFEE IN DICKENS"

Short Orders

Bus Cafe

Tommie Street, Owner
Dickens, Texas

Short Orders

PLATE LUNCHES
HOME MADE PIES

Corner Cafe

Dickens, Texas

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Dickens, Texas

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GENERAL STORE
Croton, Texas

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WEAR-U-WELL SHOES

M. K. LAWSON

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Afton, Texas

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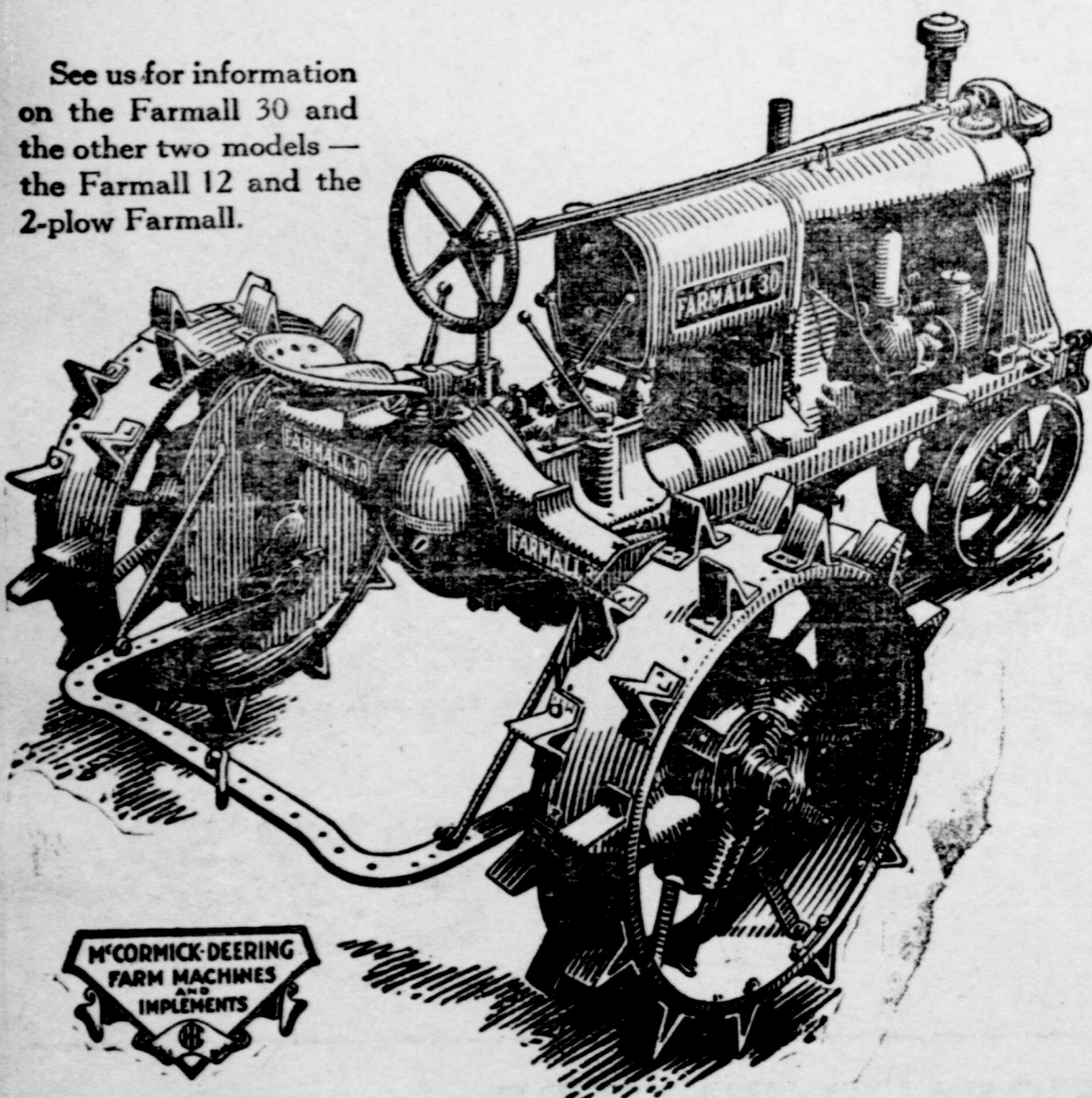
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BIG RANCHES

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and balanced rations. The big ranches have been cut up again and again, until the final division leaves them in one hundred and sixty acre farms, settled by farmers who have helped up the buying end in this wholesale deal in farms.

When the cattlemen of Texas whipped the Comanches with scant Government aid, and appropriated public land for the purpose of raising cattle, they found it necessary to secure large areas. They raised cattle in the same primitive manner as Abraham and Lot, whose cowboys fought each other for possession of the best grass patches on the fields of Canaan, when the world was young. Under this system the cattle were turned loose on the grass to hustle for themselves and rounded up for the market when fattened by their own foraging. The system was simple and did not involve a great operating expense; but it did require large parcels of land, for no steer could satisfy his natural appetite with less than fifteen acres of grass.

The same conditions which made the cattle industry profitable for Abraham and Lot made Texas the ideal place for the industry. In Canaan there was much land, with a population not yet large enough to quarrel over its possession. So it was in Texas thirty years ago, and the opportunities there were even greater than in that early day, for the scanty plains of Canaan would look like a backyard vegetable patch compared with the large expanse of pasture land in Texas.

As this Texas land was generally supposed to be unfit for anything but grass and cactus, no one objected when the cattleman acquired it. In the early days there was no legal formality attached to this proceeding. If a cowman liked the looks of certain unfenced and uninhabited pastures he took possession of them, his cows ate the grass which had previously fed only the prairie dog and the buffalo. With his ranch headquarters established, his cattle were branded and turned loose to graze, with the nearest fence five hundred miles to the east. Going north they might wander to the Canadian border without finding a single fence to restrict them. When this infant industry began to assume a prosperous air the State of Texas, the railroad companies, to which much land had been given to encourage the building of roads began to appreciate the value of the land, and leases were executed to the cattlemen, the rental being fixed on a basis which placed the value of the land at about a dollar an acre. For a ten-dollar bill you might lease enough for several small farms.

The cattlemen thought this a great hardship, but with the prospect of having to pay rent on land which they had long been using for nothing they saw the wisdom of acquiring possession of it. A liberal homestead law, which was enforced by officers hundreds of miles distant, made this easy. Every cattleman became a homesteader, with similar function of citizenship. One cattleman, it has been told, entered each of his cowboys performing a homestead claim in the names of his choicest steers, and thereby acquired possession of many sections, but the story was never proved, nor would such an act have been looked up, at that time, as a very serious infraction of the law. Some sections were sold outright, but the buyers were few and refused to close the deal unless the price was very low and the terms such that the purchaser might retire from the transaction at any time without serious loss. English and Scotch syndicates bought up thousands of sections and threatened for a time to grab all the available land in the state. The idea of land at a dollar an acre appealed to them, and then the Americans hastened to get their share, bitterly complaining that the new requirement of the cattle business—ownership of land—would be the ruin of everyone connected with it. There were no conservators of natural resources to cry out that the state was throwing away valuable property. No one believed it was valuable. Many of the cattlemen after contracting for the purchase of land forfeited their first payments, believing they had made bad bargains. The state gave away thirty million acres to railroads as encouragement and in 1883 was still land-poor and looking for ways to get rid of more of it.

In that year the state, badly needing a statehouse cast about for some means of building it with all expenditures of money hampered by constitutional regulations and little money to spend. Texas was growing rapidly and, with the enthusiasm of the west, wanted a capitol building that would manifest the greatness of the commonwealth. At the op-

portune moment the man with the money appeared on the scene. He was J. V. Farwell of Chicago, and he was ready to exchange a statehouse for a bit of land. The Chicago man said he would take about four million acres at a valuation of 50c an acre and in return would give Texas a capitol building that would make the capitols of all other Southern states look like county court-houses.

"This is a fool Northerner," members of the legislature whispered to each other when Farwell stipulated that his land should be located in the panhandle, and the deal was hurried through because the Texans were afraid Farwell would back out. The governor signed the bill as soon as he could get the opportunity, and the whole state breathed easy. After the deal was closed many there were to tell Farwell how he had been fooled with land that was valueless.

The Man With the Hoe

The contract was executed and Texas became the possession of the finest capitol building in the Union and the Chicago man received title to a tract of land slightly larger than the state of Connecticut. He used it as a pasture for one hundred and fifty thousand head of Herefords.

Here was the opportunity for farming by trust methods. Farwell might have planted his four million acres in wheat and could have boasted that he controlled one-fourth of the entire wheat area of the country. Or he could have called in a few of his neighbors, merged interest with them and made the ratio much greater. But the opportunity, if it was an opportunity, passed, and none of the big ranches were turned to Agriculture until they had been cut up and parceled out to the small farmers. From this fact we may rest assured that, no matter how far other things may be monopolized, the great art of farming will never be controlled by one organization.

When Farwell received the Panhandle pasture for his big herd of Herefords the era of the big ranch was reaching its zenith, and the cattle industry of Texas was growing more and more prosperous. Texas as grass grew under favorable conditions, cattle fattened on it, and English roast beef, raised in Texas was served in the best London hotels. The cattleman owned the range from the Rio Grande to the Canadian border, and ruled it with rough, swift justice of the frontier. Just as he began to feel most secure and looked forward to many prosperous years of cattle breeding, a lone figure appeared on the horizon to oppose him. The menacing visitor was a farmer with a hoe, demanding the right to till the soil.

When the land was parceled out to the cattlemen there were certain pieces refused by them. These were known as "shinnery" strips, because they were covered with a growth of shrub oak generally supposed to be only as high as a man's shins. No grass grew on these objectionable pieces of ground and therefore they were valueless to the cattleman, who did not have them surveyed. Here, a little later, the pestering homeseeker found his way. On this land, deemed of no value, he built his home and started in to raise his crops. He grubbed the scrub oak, plowed the land, planted corn or cotton or potatoes, and, much to the surprise of the gentleman with the branding iron, managed to make a living.

Other homeseekers, too poor to

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Lester Ericson, Groceryman, Here Many Years

Mr. Ericson an old time citizen of Dickens County has gained for himself much recognition in the business world during these years. He started in the business here four years ago. His first location was in the Luce building. After remodeling and refinishing the building he now occupies he moved in January of this year, to his present location. His store is thoughtfully complete in every detail carrying a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, fresh fruits, and vegetables, fresh and cured meats. They also carry many novelty items such as is to be found in the more modern grocery stores over the country.

Mr. Lester Ericson has in his employment Adrian Rickels, in charge of the butcher department and Leonard Curbert an expert grocer clerk. Both of these men are also accomplished in their line and on their toes rendering service to their patronage in such a manner that their patronage highly appreciate it. This is practically a new business, but rapidly growing.

SECURITY BANK

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over a quarter of a century of steady growth that has brought about the widespread confidence and esteem in which the officers and directors of the institution are held by the people of Spur and Dickens county.

In 1932 the present arrangement was inaugurated and the bank became the Spur Security Bank, with the present officers and directors elected serving from that time hence forth. The officers are W. B. Lee, president; Clifford B. Jones, vice-president; W. T. Andrews, active vice president; F. G. Collier, cashier; E. S. Lee, assistant cashier. Directors are W. T. Andrews, W. F. Godfrey, Ned Hogan, Clifford B. Jones, W. B. Lee and Geo. S. Link.

Through bad times and good this bank and its predecessors have been bulwarks of financial integrity and have supported this community and been loyally supported by it. It is conservatively managed and the same high ideals and lofty traditions that prompted the founders of this sterling institution are practiced by the officers and directors today. It stands ready to render every bank-

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This scene was taken in 1909 showing the actual breaking of the first piece of ground on the Swenson property as they were being cut up and sold out in blocks to newcomers who first settled this country. Mr. Charles A. Jones is seen back of the mules with a large hat on. (Courtesy S. M. Swenson & Son)

W. C. Gruben Came To Spur In Covered Wagon

W. C. Gruben came here in a covered wagon from Royston, November 24, 1909, exactly 23 days after the town of Spur was organized. He immediately put in a jewelry and watch repair business locating his establishment where the Red Front Drug Store is now located, then a large tin building of barn like structure. This was the first jewelry and watch repair concern in Spur.

Mr. Gruben was in that location for two years and then went into business for himself at the Spur Drug Store. He stayed there four or five years and then moved to his present location in 1919 where he has been in continuous operation since. Mr. Williams was operator of this drug store where Mr. Gruben was located until eleven years ago when he moved and then Mr. Gruben added a complete stock of drugs and soda fountain to his other business.

This old and widely known drug store and watch repair shop carries a complete stock of patent drugs, offers unexcelled fountain service and has one of the most complete magazine stands in Spur.

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TEXAS HISTORY

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er surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism and everything dear to the American character to come to our aid with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country. Victory or death.

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got into the walls 20 or 30 head of

beeves.

Travis.

Though Travis appealed repeatedly for aid, the provisional government was at odds with itself, the council being arrayed against the Governor, so nothing was done. In fact, little provision had been made for meeting the oncoming enemy. About thirty men from Gonzales under the command of Captain Martin broke through Santa Anna's lines March 1, raising the little force which had been centered at the Alamo to approximately 180. It was this little band that held the Alamo against overwhelming odds for five more days in what is probably the most heroic struggle to be found in the annals of American history. On March 6 Santa Anna stormed the Alamo with something like three thousand men and the last of the little band of Texans died fighting. Among them were Travis, James Bowie, Davy Crockett and

James D. Bonham. The Mexican losses were estimated at more than a thousand.

In the meantime part of the army which had forced the surrender of Cos at San Antonio had gone to San Patricia where it was surprised and all but annihilated by the Mexicans under General Urrea, who had advanced from Matamoros at the same time that Santa Anna was advancing on San Antonio. Another force of Texans under Col. J. W. Fannin had gone to Goliad and erected fortifications. Fannin received appeals from Travis before and during the siege of the Alamo by Santa Anna and after some delay started for San Antonio, but reconsidered because he was informed that the Alamo had been entirely surrounded, and returned to Goliad.

Goliad Massacre

After the fall of the Alamo Fannin was ordered to retreat, but delayed because he had dispatched a detachment to Refugio to protect the citizens against a Mexican force threatening that place. On March 18 he began his retreat, but a heavy force under Urrea surrounded him on Coleto Creek and a battle was fought during the afternoon. Finding his 300 men greatly outnumbered by the Mexicans, he surrendered the following morning. They were returned to Goliad and on March 27 marched out of camp and under

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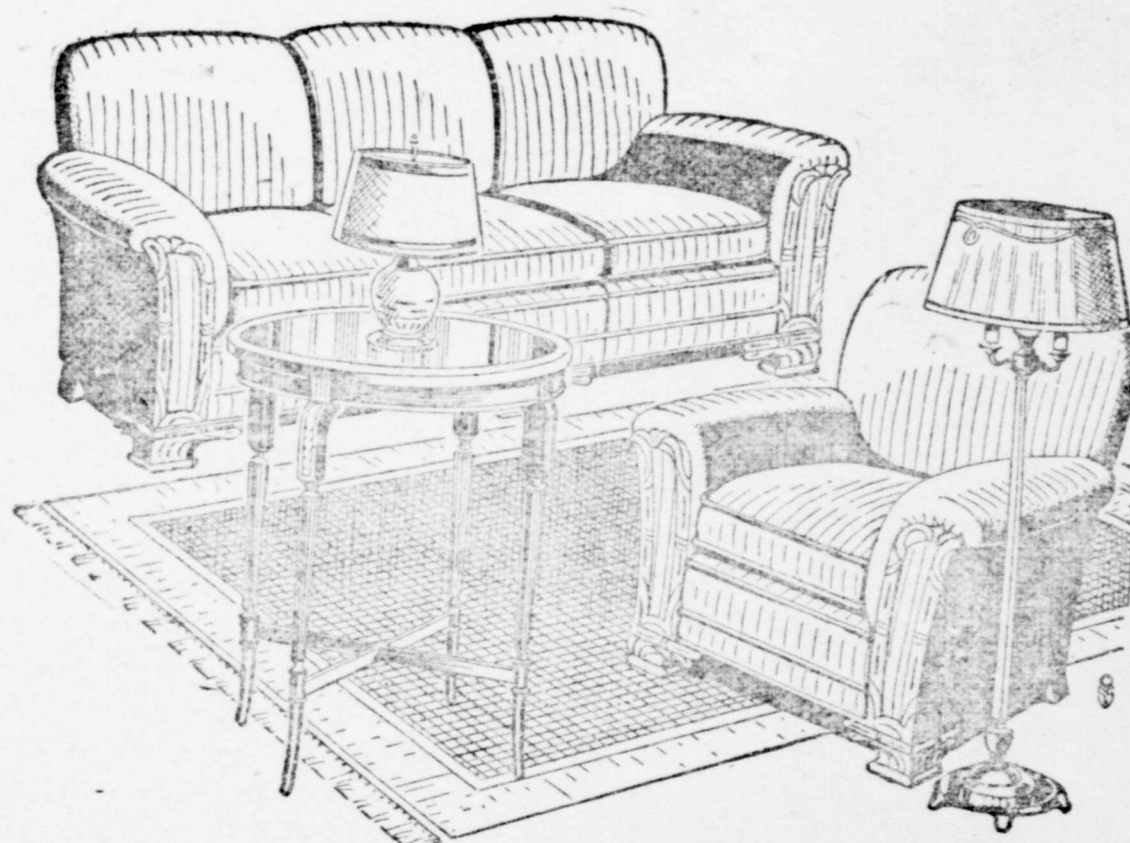
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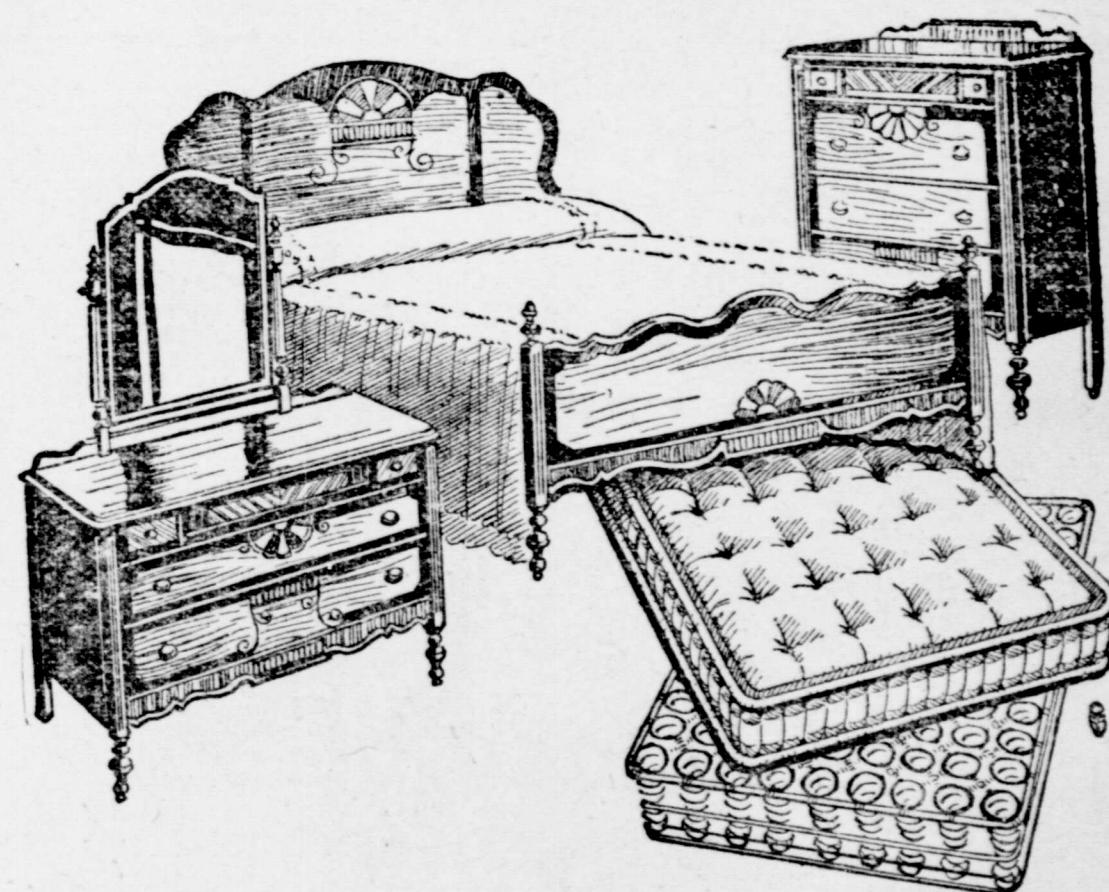
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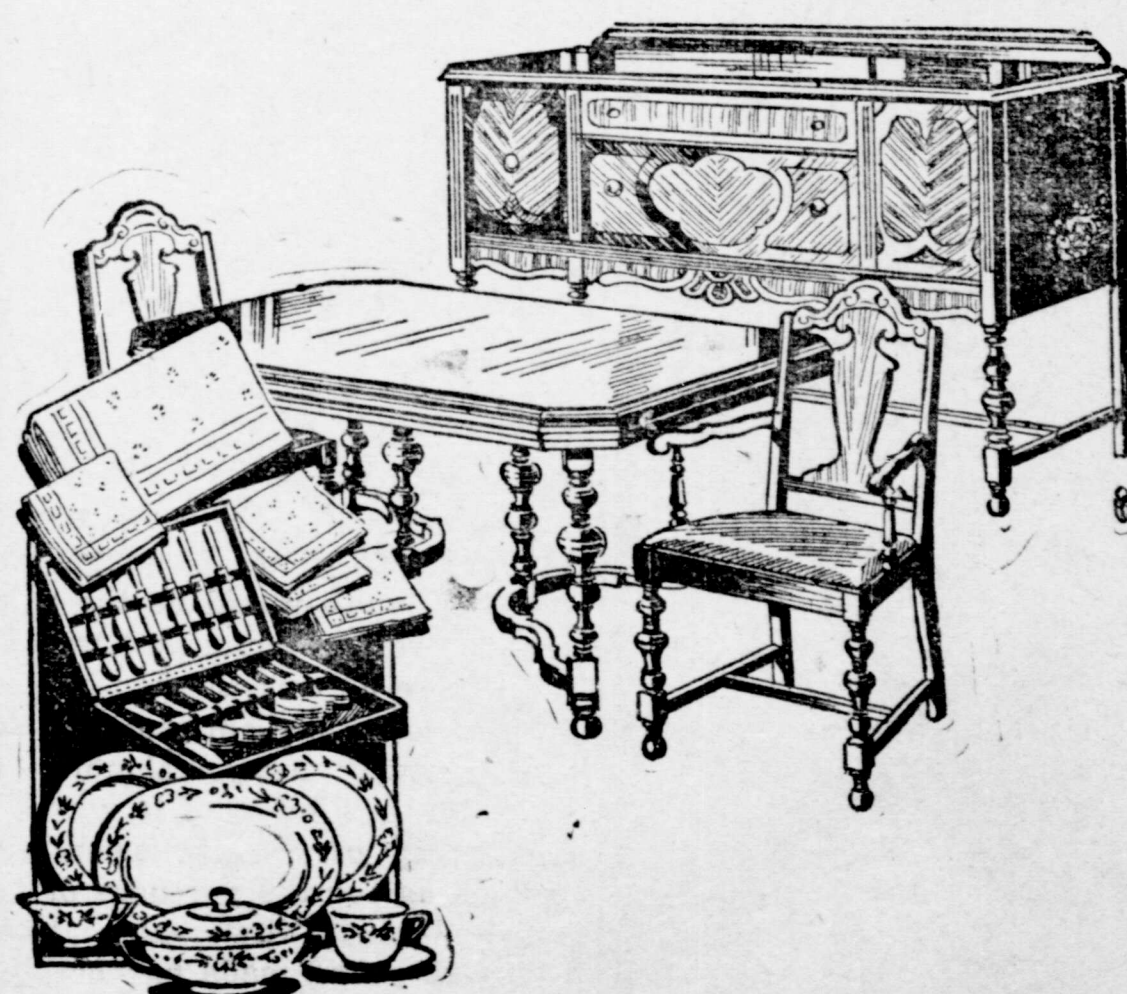


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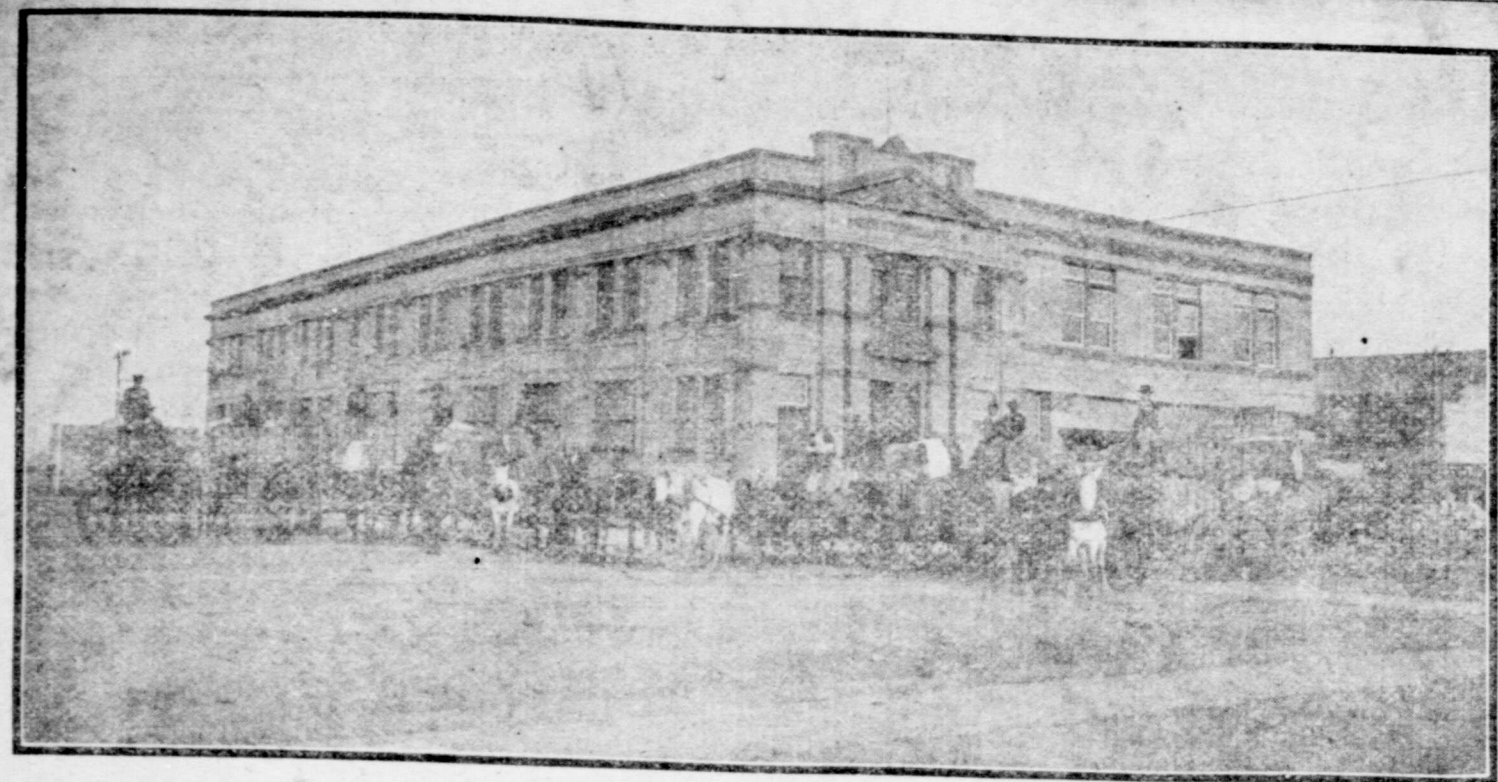
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Santa Anna's orders slaughtered.

Of the little detachment of 120 men that had been dispatched to Refugio by Fannin, most of them lost their lives in conflicts there and at Victoria, whither they retreated. The remainder who surrendered at Victoria were returned to Goliad and massacred on March 27 with the remainder of Fannin's men.

Independence Declared

While these things were taking place at San Antonio and Goliad, confusion reigned in governmental circles. When it became apparent that the provisional government had failed, a convention was called to meet at Washington-on-the-Brazos March 1, 1836. Here on March 2 it declared Texas independent. A Constitution was adopted. David G. Burnet was named provisional President and Sam Houston was again chosen commander-in-chief of the army. This occurred while the battle at the Alamo was raging.

President Burnet set up his government at Harrisburg and shortly afterward at Galveston Island. Houston started for San Antonio, but at Gonzales, on March 13, learned of the fate of the defenders of the Alamo. At Gonzales he found something fewer than 400 men; he ordered Fannin to retreat from Goliad and himself fell back beyond the Colorado above Columbus. It was his intention to make a stand here; his force was strengthened by the arrival of volunteers and he spent several days drilling his men. Hearing of the loss of Fannin's force, however, he retreated across the Brazos at San Felipe and marched to Hempstead, where he spent several days in camp.

Battle of San Jacinto

Santa Anna marched rapidly eastward, crossing the Brazos at Richmond and hurried on to Harrisburg, the seat of the new Texas government. However, Burnet and his staff fled to Galveston Island and Santa Anna marched down to the confluence of the San Jacinto River and the Buffalo Bayou. This left Houston in the rear of the Mexican army and he followed to Harrisburg and thence to the San Jacinto, where in the middle of the afternoon, April 21, he routed the army of Santa Anna and with negligible loss in his own ranks, killed 600 Mexicans and captured about 700. Santa Anna was captured the following day.

Treaty of Velasco

On May 14, the Treaty of Velasco

was signed by which the Mexicans were bound to retreat beyond the Rio Grande and Santa Anna was to be released on promise to return to Mexico and intercede with his Government on behalf of Texas independence. President Burnet found himself unable to carry out the last part of the treaty, however, because of popular sentiment against Santa Anna and the Mexican president was held prisoner for about six months before he was released.

The Republic of Texas

During the next ten years the Republic of Texas existed under the successive administrations of Sam Houston, Mirabeau B. Lamar, Houston in his second term, and Anson Jones.

But the little republic was beset with difficulties. Mexico had not relinquished its claim and constantly offered a menace, even sending over one or two military expeditions; difficulties were experienced with the various Indian tribes, and the public debt mounted. The value of the Texas paper dollar fell to about 2 cents. Hence the offer of the United States to annex Texas was readily accepted at convention which met in Austin July 4, 1845. On Feb. 16, 1846, President Jones retired in favor of Governor J. Pinckney Henderson.

By the treaty Texas retained its public lands and its area included the present eastern half of New Mexico (that portion east of the Rio Grande), that part of Oklahoma today lying north of the Texas Panhandle, Southwestern Kansas, a

large portion of Central Colorado and a section of Wyoming. After the close of the Mexican War, resulting from the annexation of Texas, this territory was sold to the States by Texas for \$10,000,000.

Secedes from Union

Texas from the first had been a slave state. Its climate and agricultural industries, like those of the old Southern States, were readily adopted to slavery and, indeed, most Texans were natives of the slave states east of the Mississippi. Hence the growing bitterness between North and South was of much concern to Texas. Despite the protests of Sam Houston, who was then governor, a convention met at Austin, January 28, 1861, and after four days of deliberation drew up and adopted articles of secession. Houston, who had led the Texas army against Mexico and had served two terms as President of the Republic was deposed as Governor and Edwin Clark, Lieutenant Governor was installed in his place as Governor under the Confederacy.

Texas saw little of bloodshed during the war, though there were several attempts to invade the State through Galveston, Sabine Pass and Brownsville. After the surrender of Gen. Lee, Gen. Gordon Granger landed in Texas (June 18, 1865), and shortly afterward A. J. Hamilton was appointed as the first Reconstruction Governor of Texas. A constitutional convention met at Austin in February 1866, and adopted articles following the suggestions of President Andrew Johnson and J. W.

Throckmorton was elected Governor.

At first it seemed as though reconstruction would be accomplished with ease, but the United States Congress did not agree with President Johnson's plans and, in 1867, put the South under military rule. Gen. Phillip Sheridan was placed in command of the Texas Louisiana division and he removed Throckmorton from office, naming Ex-Gov. Pease in his place. The second constitutional convention was held in Austin in June, 1868, and after many months of wrangling a Constitution was adopted in the following February. In February, 1870, the Legislature ratified the Fourteenth and fifteenth Amendments of the Federal Constitution and on March 30, of that year Texas was readmitted to the Union.

Coke and Davis

Governor E. J. Davis, a Republican, elected on the adoption of the Constitution of 1869 to a term of four years, proved unpopular with the people of the State and he was decisively defeated by Richard Coke in the campaign of 1873. Davis refused to yield the office and for a brief space of two administrations occupied the Capitol building. President Grant, however refused to listen to Davis' appeal for assistance and he was forced to retire.

The election of Coke to office had been preceded by the election of Democratic members of Congress so the people once again found themselves in possession of the State. The Constitution of 1869 contained many objectionable features, however, and the constitutional assembly of 1875 adopted new articles which were ratified by the people the following year, giving the State the present Constitution.

After 1876 the State recovered rapidly from the evil effects of war and reconstruction. The history of the State since that period has been a story of commercial and industrial expansion. Governor Roberts, who was elected Governor in 1879, soon put the State on a sound financial basis with his "pay-as-you-go" policy. The old Capitol burned in 1881 and the present structure which was built at a cost of 3,000,000 acres of land was dedicated in 1888. Other notable occurrences have been the establishment of the University of

Texas in 1883, establishment of the Railroad Commission under Gov. Hogg's memorable administration in 1891, the loss of Greer County to Oklahoma in 1896, the Galveston storm in 1900, the passage of the Terrell election law in 1905, and the strenuous days of the world conflict which are still fresh in the memory of every man and woman.

The foregoing is a brief political history of Texas. Equally significant has been its phenomenal industrial and commercial development. Range

cattle raising and simple cotton and corn farming have been succeeded by scientific stock farming and industrialized crop production. The earth's great resources of petroleum, sulphur, coal and lignite and other minerals have been discovered and brought forth to enrich the people of Texas. The railroads have spread their networks of steel lanes of traffic across the broad surface of the State and tall chimneys of factories have arisen. Such events comprise the real history of Texas.

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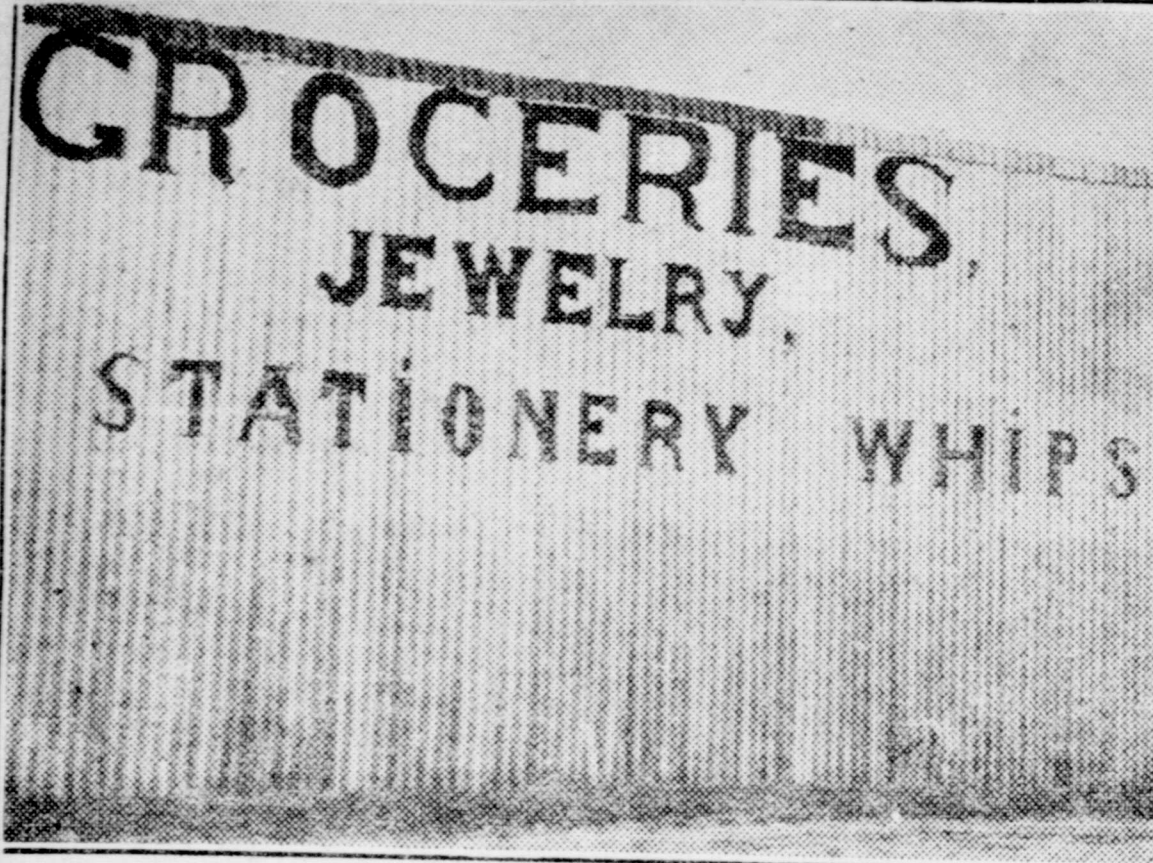
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A side view of a business house on the Southeast corner of the square in Dickens. Photographed by R. E. Dickson in 1914.

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pay ten or fifteen dollars an acre for land in the older states, loaded their children and their household goods into wagons and drove thru the big herds of cattle toward cheap land. They filled up the "shinnery" strips and took over the occasional sections of land which the cattlemen had overlooked.

From their baronial estates these invasions were looked upon with discomfort. The ranchman with several hundred square miles of land could well afford to spare the section the settler took, especially as he did not own it. But the coming of the farm meant the building of fences and the opening of roads—two things with which he had never before been bothered. The adventurous homeseeker was discouraged at every opportunity. "This land will grow nothing but coarse grass," the cattleman told him. "You can't farm, and you will starve to death if you stay here. I don't want to see you do that, and if you will leave I will haul you back to eastern Texas, where you can farm." Others told him, "This land is very peculiar. If you plow it up it will sink and form a lake. You'd better leave." A few picked quarrels with the newcomers and in the unwritten history of Texas there are many pages which would tell of the mysterious disappearance

of these nesters who came to annoy the cattlemen.

When the first nester started his horse's head toward the cattle ranches of Texas he began the forging of a chain of events which is now in part responsible for the high price we are paying for beefsteak. Soon after he arrived on the "shinnery" strip the land therein, under his cultivation, was worth five dollars an acre. From that price it jumped to ten dollars. Meantime, the choice grass land of his neighbor was worth a dollar an acre on the tax books. At a much higher valuation the owner would have been doing business at a loss.

Hungry for Mother Earth

The cowmen nearest the agricultural sections began to find themselves face to face with an insistent land hunger. This had been whetted and encouraged by the railroads who early saw that vastly increased tonnage would result from the division of the ranches into farms. The cattle business gives a one way haul, with trains of empty box cars always going back for the load. With the country settled, the haul would be more frequent and would keep the box cars busy both ways, with more profits for the freight department.

With this project in view the railroads lent their aid to the real estate men, who saw in the rising land values an opportunity for many commissions. There was never any well defined program, but the various forces worked together as smoothly as if the whole state were embraced in one gigantic land deal. Advertisements in the Northern and Eastern papers told the farmers of the cheap lands to be found in the Southwest. Excursion rates, offered twice a month, brought thousands of farmers to Texas to clamor for the land the ranchmen owned. Here they were taken in charge by the real estate men, who led the assault on the cattle industry in the west of farming.

The odds seemed to favor the cattlemen who owned the land and did not want to sell, but in the end the farmers won, and the ranchman turned real estate man or sold his property to a colonization company.

When the cattlemen were forced to retreat they carried the spoils of war with them. Some sold outright for ten dollars an acre. Ten dollars an acre amounts to \$6400 a section or \$640,000 for a hundred section, which was the average size for the ranches. Others became interested in founding towns and sold out an entire section in town lots at more than one hundred dollars an acre; some sold and bought and sold again and with the rapid increase in land values their money doubled on each transaction.

A Cattleman With Millions
"A flood of money from foreign

land investors kept Texas prosperous while the remainder of the country groaned under the pressure of a panic. Men who had counted their wealth by the number of cattle their branding iron had seared, began to invest money in bank stock and city real estate. The main business street of Fort Worth is exactly one mile long and the business houses on it represent investments by cattlemen who retired on the wave of the land boom. The one exception is a big office building. Imbued with the Christmas spirit last year, (1909), one of these cattlemen sent for his three children to come and receive their Christmas gifts. Each of the three presents consisted of two million dollars worth of property—and he told his children they were more liberally provided for in his will.

"In the hunger for new farms a few ranches have remained untouched. Some of them have not yet been connected with railways; others have been retained intact by their owners out of respect to tradition.

"I guess I can't stop you from building a railroad across my ranch", a cattleman told the promoter of a road last fall. "Go ahead and build it if you have to, but when your trains get on my ranch I don't want them to stop. Just keep going until you get out of it again. I am not going to have any rotten little towns built on my land with farmers bothering me to sell them a quarter section."

"This explains why one prospective Texas railway has on its blue prints no station where a hustling new townsite ought to be located.

"The Matador, JA, Circle Seven, Santa Gertrudas andd SMS are among the few remaining of the big ranches. The others are gone, their magnificent distances cut up by wire fences, and their pastures dotted with new farmhouses and ambitious towns.

"Even on these ranches things are not as they used to be. Cattle from the SMS ranch are no longer fattened on grass and shipped to market from the pastures. Instead there is a giant feed mill, the biggest of its kind in the work, which grinds up scientifically balanced rations for the cattle. A standard-gauge railway track leads from the mill to the feed pens, and carries feed to the cattle in trainloads. With its four thousand cattle can be fed in an hour. The feed mill offers a striking contrast to the old range methods of even ten years ago, and is another reason why beefsteak is high and will remain so.

"The process of cutting up the ranches is still going on with a constant tendency toward the small farm. When it was first discovered that crops could be grown in the grass country the vast tracts of cheap land offered encouragement and opportunity for the big farm. The farmer bought all the land he could afford and then, with a steam plow, planted whole sections in corn or cotton or milo maize. The level prairie country, where it is possible to plow a furrow a mile long with out once pausing for stump or rock, makes conditions ideal for this kind of farming; but only a few succeeded at it, while many failed. With perfect seasons the thousand acre corn field might prove as productive as the forty acre patch, but the perfect season has never existed, and the forty acre man had much better opportunity to nurse his crop thru a drought or to do a quick job of replanting after a late frost. The man with the big farm soon learned this and now devotes his attention to the half or quarter section near at home and rents out the remainder.

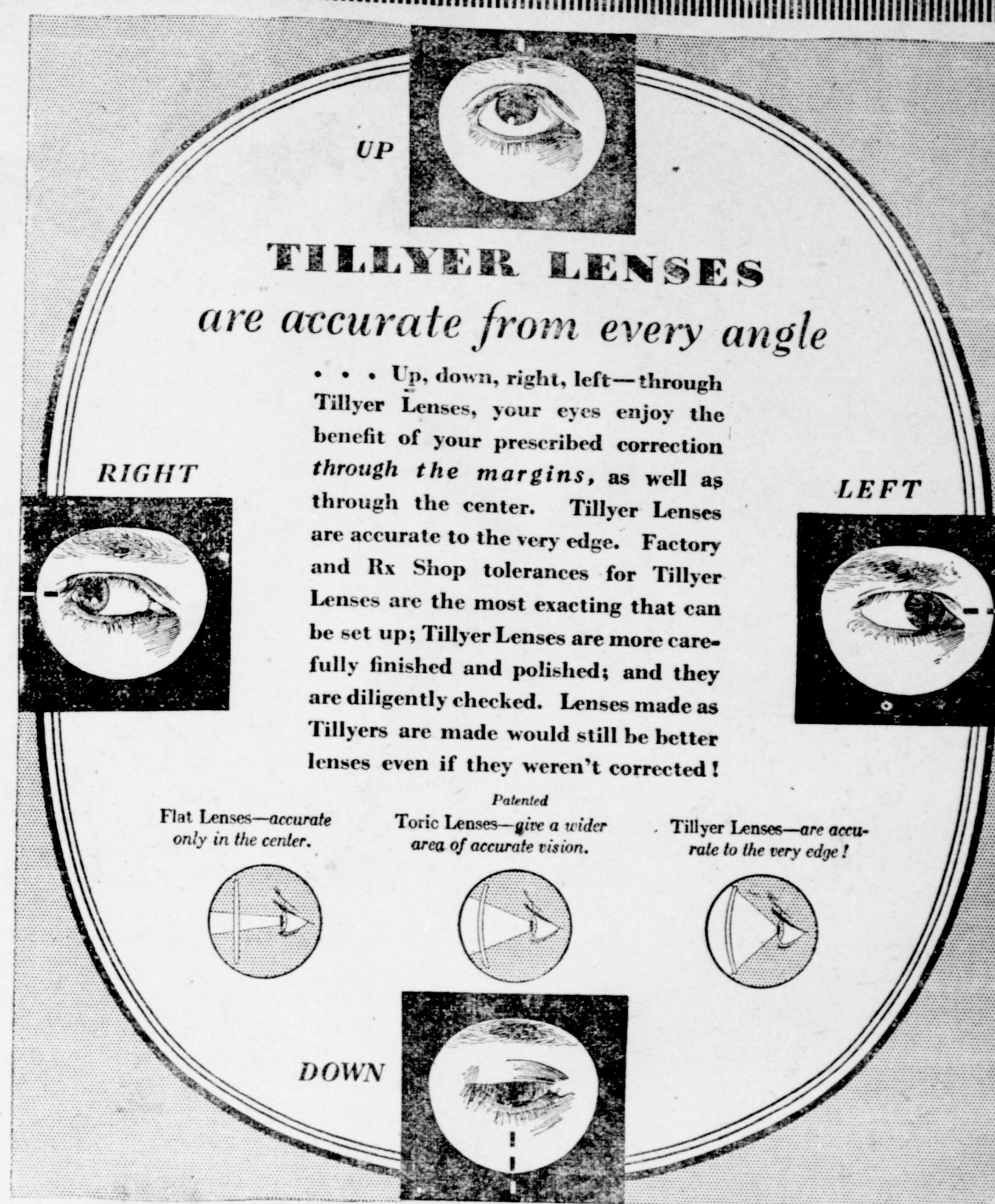
"It must not be supposed that in the cutting up of the big ranches the cattle industry disappeared from the plains. On the contrary more people are now engaged in cattle-breeding than ever before. Only a few herd of more than a thousand head exist now, but instead there are many herds of ten or fifty or one hundred head. With a few acres in alfalfa and milo maize the owner of six hundred and forty acres can care for fifty or one hundred head without interfering with his farm crops. Instead of one cow to every fifteen acres as under the old buffalo grass system, it is now possible to keep a steer for each acre of the farm, and the steers go to market in better condition and sell at high prices. Old cattlemen, who see the present meager herds, recall the old days, and remark that on a trail herd they would not have noticed the loss of the cattle it now takes to make a herd. But the cattle men has never been completely reconciled to changed conditions and his comments on present day methods may be more or less biased. The fact remains that the number of cattle has never materially diminished through all the changing fortunes of the plains. Meantime the lowly hog, despised of cattlemen but esteemed by those who know him

better, is for the first time rooting up the buffalo pastures and bringing prosperity to his owner.

As for our friend, the cowboy, he has lost his contempt for the nester. The railroads brought girls to the ranches, and Joe and Pete

and Hank lost their bashfulness and became nesters themselves. They now plant corn in the old pastures, and some of them even raise hogs. A few have never been reconstructed. Those men left the plains and found new opportunities for adventure as trainmen or automobile drivers.

"The plains is not what it used to be", complained one. "It's too crowded. Why you can't cuss a cat there without getting your teeth full of hair."



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