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unto you, do ye even so
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The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

May happiness and prosperity at
tend every Texas Spur reader
in 1926.

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Drilling Begins on Pitchfork Test Well for Oil

Mike Mikels was in Spur this week, and meeting us on the street, stated that actual drilling operations would begin Wednesday on the Pitchfork Ranch test well for oil, the drillers having arrived and made all preliminary arrangements to begin the work.

The hole is now down about four hundred feet, having been delayed in drilling for various reasons. One of which was trouble encountered in going through a deep strata of quick sand, the standard rig having to be replaced with a rotary in order to successfully go through the formation.

Mr. Mikels, who has charge of the lease and operations, is now very optimistic not only with reference to the oil possibilities but also in summing the drilling work without further delays.

Core Test Well Now Drilling

Last week the drilling crew making core tests for R. D. Clancy and associates moved their drilling outfit to the J. M. Hahn farm from a near by tract in the Highway community, an ocean of water encountered and the lack of necessary casing making the move to the new location necessary.

Mr. Clancy was expected to arrive in Spur this week, but because of a death of a relative in East Texas his coming is delayed.

It is very probable that upon the completion of this test a location will be made for a deep test, since surveys and observations are now being made from the Kent county tests as well as from the core tests already drilled within the lease territory.

Fred Hisey Candidate for Public Weigher

The Texas Spur is this week authorized to announce Fred Hisey as a candidate for the office of Public Weigher of Precinct Number Three of Dickens County, subject of course to the action of the Democratic Primary elections to be held in July and August of this year.

Four years ago Fred Hisey made the race with about seven other candidates, being in the run-off election with G. W. Rash who was successful over him by a small majority of votes. He refrained from again becoming a candidate for the place until this time, allowing the present incumbent the democratic custom of serving a four years term.

Fred Hisey is a competent and experienced business man, well qualified to fill the office and superintend every detail in the work of public weigher, and in soliciting the votes and support of the people, promises to give the office his undivided attention, accurate weights and most efficient and accommodating service in every instance.

—Prosperous 1926—

Delphian Library Moved to Adams Studio this Week

The Spur Delphian Library which has lately been located at the Sanitary Cafe, has been moved to the Adams Studio rooms in the Wendell building, upstairs.

The public is cordially invited to become a member of the library and have the advantage of reading any one or all of the several hundreds of books now contained in the library book cases. Only a small membership fee is asked, in supporting the institution.

The Political Ball is Now Rolling in Dickens County

The Political ball was set to rolling last week by Sheriff Jones in making his announcement for re-election to the office of sheriff and tax collector, and since that time much campaign talk has been going the rounds and this week a number of other candidates have authorized the Texas Spur to make their announcements for the various county and precinct offices.

This week W. D. Street has authorized the Texas Spur to place his name in the announcement column for sheriff and tax collector and from the general and private political talk heard there will be a number of others to get in the sheriff's race, among the prospective candidates whom we have heard mentioned being W. M. Malone, T. C. Birdwell, W. H. Nichols, F. F. Henry, B. E. Morgan, R. E. Slough, Jim McArthur, M. L. Nichols and others.

For county judge H. A. C. Brummett has this week made his announcement for reelection and among others prominently mentioned for the place are F. C. Gipson, R. R. Wooten, W. E. Lessing, G. W. Bennett, E. J. Cowan, and W. L. Powell.

For county clerk O. C. Arthur has announced for reelection, and there has been some speculation as to who might enter as a contestant for the place among whom we have heard mentioned being Robt. Reynolds, Alec Winkler, Joe Gaines and others.

For public weigher A. M. Shepherd and Fred Hisey have this week made their announcements. G. W. Rash will probably enter for reelection and a number of others may enter this contest since it is an open field and considered one of the best offices in the county.

For county commissioner of the Spur precinct H. O. Albin has this week authorized the Texas Spur to make his announcement. Among others mentioned for this place are Will Walker, M. E. Tree, and since it is generally understood that G. A. Sloan will not seek reelection there may be several to enter the race for commissioner from this precinct. In Commissioners Precincts 2 and 4, Chas. Perrin and O. C. Newberry may make the race without opposition, while in precinct 1 should R. R. Wooten get in the race for Judge there will probably be several candidates for the place.

Considering the fact that the campaign was opened just last week rapid headway is being made, and the indications are that there will be more candidates in the field and the warmest campaign develop that has ever heretofore been conducted in Dickens county.

—Prosperous 1926—

Officers Capture a Few Fruit Jars of Distilled Corn

Last Saturday Officers Nichols and McArthur captured a few fruit jars of distilled corn juice in a car driven by a negro. The negro was paced in the city bastille where he was given time to consider the situation, but states that some one else placed these evidences in his car during his absence—possibly playing a practical prank upon him.

—Prosperous 1926—

FOR SALE—My nicely improved home, 7 rooms, 2 lots, orchard, servant house, barn etc., or would sell improvements and retain lots.—C. P. Harris, Spur, Texas. 12-4tc.

Britain Forbis Principal Speaker at the Rotary Club

A meeting of the Rotary Club of Spur was held Thursday at the Spur Inn where a luncheon was prepared and served the membership. Britain Forbis was the principal speaker for the occasion, since the meeting was for the purpose of encouraging and fostering a movement toward reorganizing the Boy Scouts of Spur. Britain Forbis was a member of the Boy Scouts of Spur, has retained his membership in the national organization, spent a week or ten days this summer with the old Scout Master on a Scout hike, and has kept in close touch with the organization and its movements. His talk to the club membership was interesting, enlightening and most encouraging toward reorganizing the Boy Scouts in Spur.

—Prosperous 1926—

Bill Cherry, of just over the line of Kent county, came in Monday and spent an hour or so here trading and meeting with friends.

H. O. Albin for Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

In response to numerous solicitations, H. O. Albin this week authorizes the Texas Spur to place his name in the announcement column as a candidate for office of County Commissioner from Precinct Number Three, subject to a majority of the votes to be polled in the Democratic Primary elections.

H. O. Albin is one of the most substantial citizens of the country. He is a good business man, has been successful in managing his own affairs, and in the conduct of public affairs will be conservative as well as progressive, aggressive and ever active in promoting public interests.

The County Commissioners office is the most important office in the county, and it is just such men as H. O. Albin who are needed to serve in that capacity, even though it is admittedly done at a sacrifice of personal interests.

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SALEMS

Ned Bowers, who is superintending a ranch to the east of Spur, was on the streets one day this week, meeting with his friends.

C. A. JONES, President
W. E. LEE, Active Vice-President

W. T. ANDREWS, Jr. Cashier
F. G. Collier, Asst. Cashier

SPUR NATIONAL BANK

SPUR, TEXAS

Dear Friends and Customers:

We believe every organization should do something for the community in which it does business besides the things it is required to do by law and the things that are directly beneficial in a financial way.

Enumerated below are a few things that we want to assist in encouraging and promoting in Dickens County, because we believe such a program will make Dickens County folks more prosperous, happy and contented, and will get the entire country in a better condition to withstand the hardships to be brought on by another short cotton crop or a big crop with extremely low prices, which is sure to come again sooner or later:

More poultry on every farm
More Dairy cows on every farm
More terracing on every farm (not necessarily to prevent erosion, but to conserve the rainfall)
More cotton on fewer acres
MORE FEED ON MORE ACRES

Steel County, Minnesota, a county two thirds the size of this county has 24,000 dairy cows on 1800 farms, producing 5,800,000 pounds of butter fat per annum, valued at \$2,500,000.00. Saying nothing of the food value of the skimmed milk for poultry and hogs—has 23 co-operative creameries and one privately owned creamery. Also four large poultry packing plants, handling almost a million dollars worth of poultry products annually. What they have accomplished under adverse climate conditions, we can surely accomplish here, at least in a limited way, in this splendid climate of ours, so well adapted to dairy cattle and poultry.

The little interest already manifest here has caused Swift & Company to have their eyes on Dickens County. Right now they are contemplating putting in a creamery and poultry plant in Spur. With sufficient interest in dairying there is no reason why we should not have a up to date creamery in Spur within twelve months to amply take care of Dickens County dairy products.

If by intensified farming, fertilizing and terracing, we can grow two or three bales of cotton where one grew before, that alone will mean the difference between success and failure, because it will give us more acreage to grow more feed, which after all, as we all know, is the very foundation of successful diversified farming and diversified stock raising.

We have an abiding faith in Dickens County and Dickens County folks, and there is yet ample time to lay plans for the most successful year ever, so let's begin, right now, to think and talk more dairy cows, more poultry, more terracing, more cotton on fewer acres and by all means MORE FEED ON MORE ACRES.

With hearty good wishes for a successful year, we are

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W. H. Taylor, who has been spending the past week or two out near Baileyboro on his landed estate, here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. For some time Mr. Noland has been having trouble in getting his Texas Spur, first having been transferred to the Spur route, and later to some other mailing route, when as a matter of fact he has continued to reside and retain his post office in the north part of the county, at Elton. We hope that no further troubles of this kind may be experienced. Mr. Noland states that everything is in fine shape in the Elton community, with fine crop prospects at this time of the year.

—Diversify—

We met Paul Aiken on the street Wednesday. He informed us that he and family were moving back to Spur from Ranger where he has been employed the past year or two with one of the big oil concerns. He is arranging to farm and stated that hereafter he intended to stay with the farming business. We are glad to have Mr. Aiken and family back with us as resident citizens, and wish them much success in the business of farming.

—Diversify—

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was in Spur Wednesday of this week and while here dropped in at the Texas Spur office. He had just recently returned from Temple where he had undergone an operation in the removal of a cancer from his lip. The many friends of Judge Worswick, here and elsewhere, will be glad to know that the operation is thought to have been successful, and that he is now doing nicely, but will return soon to Temple for a consultation with the specialist.

J. J. Noland, of the Elton community, was in Spur Tuesday, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. For some time Mr. Noland has been having trouble in getting his Texas Spur, first having been transferred to the Spur route, and later to some other mailing route, when as a matter of fact he has continued to reside and retain his post office in the north part of the county, at Elton. We hope that no further troubles of this kind may be experienced. Mr. Noland states that everything is in fine shape in the Elton community, with fine crop prospects at this time of the year.

—Diversify—

W. H. Smith, of the Red Mud section of the country, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of this week. He reports everything progressing very nicely at this time in his country, with a fine season in the ground for the beginning of all farming operations. It now looks as if 1926 will be another banner crop year, in production if not in prices.

—Diversify—

Lon Fuqua, one among the very earliest settlers of the country, was in Spur the past week from his farm home in the Red Mud country. He reports everything now in good shape in his part of the great Spur country.

—Diversify—

Uncle Dick Holly was on the street one day this week. He was suffering somewhat of an injured shoulder, sustained in a fall.

—Prosperous 1926—

R. F. Rogers, of the Dry Lake community, was among the number here the first of the week.

TEST COTTON SEED

TO PREVENT LOSSES

Warning to cotton growers over Large areas of Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma that the 1926 cotton crop may prove a failure if good tested seed is not used for planting, is given by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Unfavorable seasonal conditions during the growing and harvesting of the past season's crop are thought to have resulted in serious injury to seed stocks intended for planting purposes in 1926. While many farmers know that much of the seed counted on for planting is probably of low vitality, there may not be a full realization of the possible danger to the coming crop.

By means of a simple test, substantially the same as the so called "rag doll" seed test, widely recommended by the department for seed corn a farmer ascertains in five days the condition of his planting seed and thus avoids the serious losses

that would result from planting seed of low vitality.

To test cotton seed by the rag doll method an ordinary towel or piece of muslin about 18 inches wide and two or three feet long is used. The cloth should be spread out and marked off lengthwise into three sections so that the two sides can be folded over and made to meet at the center then two lots of 100 seeds should be counted out and spread out in two different parts of the middle section or portion of the towel. The sides of the towel are then folded over so that the edges meet in the center, covering the seed completely. The cloth should be pressed down firmly and then rolled up a corn cob or piece of broom handle being used for a core. The "doll" being made in this fashion is tied in the middle with a string and given a soaking in lukewarm water for several minutes until it is wet through. After draining off the surplus moisture so that it will not drip or become saturated

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T. A. Rogers, who is now operating somewhat of an injured shoulder Sunday in Spur. He stated that he has been doing an extensive business at Girard and will probably buy the shop and property with the intention of becoming permanently established in business at that point.

—Prosperous 1926—

W. F. Foreman, of the Foreman's Chappel community, was in the city the past week meeting with friends and transacting business affairs.

—Prosperous 1926—

R. F. Huie, formerly of Spur but now of Lubbock, came down and spent a short time here the past week on business.

—Prosperous 1926—

Porter McClain came in one day the past week from his Cat Fish ranch home, spending some time on business, trading with merchants and meeting with friends and acquaintances.

W. G. Mayfield, one of the leading business men and merchants of Girard, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week. He reports the Girard country now in good shape with respect to season from the snow of last week. It is thought that some more snow fell over the Girard country than in the Spur country. However, a good season now is in evidence throughout the entire country.

—Diversify—

A. Fry came in one day the first of the week from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home. He is always optimistic, and now figures that we have a most productive and prosperous year ahead of us.

—Prosperous 1926—

Tud Arthur, of north of Dickens, was in the city the past week.

—Prosperous 1926—

Cecil Scott, of the Duck Creek country, was trading in Spur one day the first of the week.

at the bottom, the doll is placed where it can be kept warm and moist. It should be left for five days in a temperature of about 80 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night. It should not be placed near a window where it is likely to get too cool nor near the fire where it may be too warm. Moisture should be added by sprinkling each day and not by soaking.

At the end of five days unroll the "doll" and count the number of sprouted seeds in each of the two lots. Healthy seeds will send out white root beginnings less than half an inch long. The number of the well sprouted seeds in each lot represents the percentage of good seeds. Good planting seed should germinate at least 75 per cent. If the seeds send out sprouts which are not healthy, it would be well to send a sample of the seed to the State experiment station for a more accurate test of its value.

With this knowledge the farmer can decide for himself whether the seed which he plans to use is fit to plant, how thickly it must be planted to provide a normal stand, and how large a stock should be reserved for replanting.

Planting too early is the danger that needs to be borne in mind, particularly in view of the scarcity of good seed stocks. Early planting is always preferable to late planting, because the growth that plants make during moderate weather in the spring months is more apt to be nor-

mal. Furthermore, early plants begin to fruit near the ground instead of producing large stalks which make the crop late. But it is possible to plant too early and so have the seed rot in the ground or, if the seed germinates, the young plants may be killed by the frost or stunted by too much cold weather.

—Prosperous 1926—

Our good friend, John Goodall, of near Girard, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday. He had just recently returned from the Plains country where he recently bought a quarter section of land and is now having it improved and placed under the care of a good farmer. He informed us, however, that he had no intention whatever of moving to the Plains, merely having made an investment on which he expected later to realize a profit. John Goodall is one of the most extensive and most successful farmers of Kent county, and we are glad to know that he is prospering from his labors to the extent of investing in more lands which is the real foundation of all wealth.

—Diversify—

D. G. Simmons, of Gilpin, was in the city Wednesday, informing us that as a result of the snows the past week he now has a fine season in the ground, with fine prospects to begin farming operations. Mr. Simmons, however, is a diversified farmer, and each year has more than one source of income from his farming operations.

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ON THE SIDE OF A HILL
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WELL TO THE OLD
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LYRIC THEATRE NEXT WEEK**

Feb. 1-2 Zane Grey's "The Light of Western Stars", and Feb. 3-4, Rudolph Valentino in "Monsieur Beaucaire." Both are as highly rated as any specials shown here. Only 15c and 35c will be charged. Come!

—Prosperous 1926—

S. B. Scott, we are glad to note is now able to be out of the hospital where he has been some time following injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He had an arm broken in two places, and which he still carries in a sling.

—Prosperous 1926—

W. A. Kimmel, of near Spur, was in the city Thursday meeting with friends

—Prosperous 1926—

Alec Winkler, of the Croton section of country, was a recent business visitor in Spur

—Prosperous 1926—

Miss Elnora Morgan went to Lubbock last week, for treatment of her eyes.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the Estate of J. L. Law, deceased, Lillie Law, has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said J. L. Law, Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in April A. D. 1926, the same being the 19th day of April 1926 at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas this 20th day of January A. D. 1926.

O. C. Arthur, Clerk County Court Dickens County, Texas. 12 2t

—Diversify—

J. B. Morrow, of near Elton, was in Spur the past week and dropped in at our sanctum for a few minutes. We were sorrow to learn that he had had sickness in his family, his mother and possibly other members of the family having been quite sick the past weeks.

—Diversify—

O. I. Taylor came in Wednesday of this week from his Duck Creek farm home, stating that the snows of the past week put good seasons in the ground, and as a result everything is now in fine shape to begin 1926 crops.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings last week visited with Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Stewart in Stamford where they are now making their home.

—Prosperous 1926—

FOR SALE—Jersey milk cow.—Joe M. Gaines at Long Gin Company in Spur.

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FRESH BUTTER, EGGS,
AND BREAD!**

Central Market
SANITARY? YES!

Buel McDaniels, who recently moved to the Spur country from Cross Plains, was in the city Wednesday of this week, and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. McDaniels stated that he had already commenced plowing his land in preparation for planting. He is well pleased with his move to the Spur country and is very optimistic of making good crops this year. Such men as Mr. McDaniels are real assets to a country, in that they are real producers, developers and builders.

—Prosperous 1926—

E. A. Bailey, of the Steel Hill community, was here one day the first of the week, reporting every thing progressing satisfactorily at this time with respect to farm work and crop indications for the new year.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. S. Williamson, of the north part of the county, was in Spur Thursday of this week shopping with merchants. While in the city Mrs. Williamson was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

—Prosperous 1926—

R. E. Slough, of near Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur the first of the week, stating that he had not yet completed his farm work of the past year, having a number of bollies yet to pull.

—Prosperous 1926—

G. H. Connell, president of one of the Fort Worth National Banks, is in Spur this week visiting with his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and family, and also looking after City National Bank interests here, of which banking institution he is one of the stockholders and backers.

—Prosperous 1926—

Strayed.—One sorrel mare mule, 15 hands high, 8 years old, white nose, long mane and tail. One brown mare mule, 6 years old, wide black mark down one side. \$250 reward for information leading to their recovery.—C. M. Buchanan, Elton, Dickens County. 4tp.

—Prosperous 1926—

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GET MY PRICES BEFORE
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INVOICING THE COMMUNITY

Having thoroughly invoiced ourselves and our business the next thing every one of us should consider at the beginning of the new year is our home community. How about it? Has the value of your community as a place to live increased or decreased during the past year?

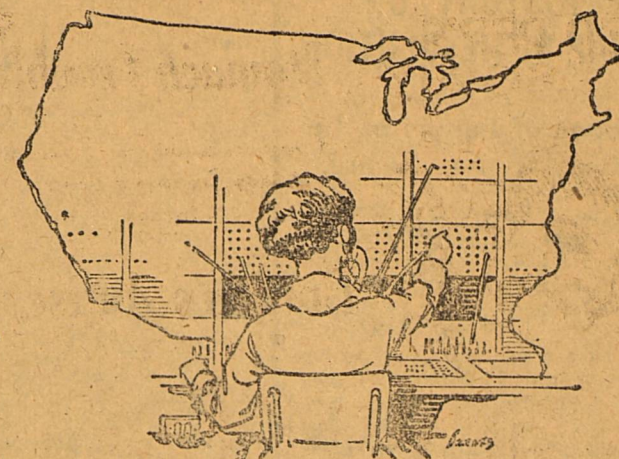
This is not an idle silly question. This is a question that every person who is so fortunate as to have a child and a home should seriously consider. Is your community a better place that it was this time last year or is it a worse place in which to live and rear your family? Is it a safer place for youth or a more dangerous? Has your community grown or retrograded in the last twelve months?

A community is just like an individual with the same common interests. And no individual can stand still any more than a tree. Even a tree must keep growing or it will be gin to die. And it is just the same with any individual or any community. Therefore your community did one of two things last year. It either grew or gradually died, which was it? Can you tell or are you like most folks "Just haven't thought about it?" If you haven't thought much about it? If you haven't thought much about your community in the last twelve months it is sure sign of your condition. You are dying and don't know it. You had better wake up and take a new interest in life or you will be plumb dead first thing you know.

But, by this time somebody's saying how in the world can you invoice a community? That's not hard. First of all let's see what the community assets are. The greatest asset of any community is homes. What kind of homes do you have in your community, town, city, county or school district? As a rule the school district from the rural community and the town and trade territory the urban community. Next to the homes comes the school as a community asset. There are thousands and tens of thousands of communities in the United States that do not have a church. Third, I would place the church as a community asset. You may change that to suit your own convictions. My reason is already stated above. It is not because the church is not as great an institution as the school but it is because of the undemocratic distribution of the denominational prejudices of the church that I rank it third in the community assets. And next comes the government of the community whether that community be a country school district or the whole state of Texas. Does your community believe in the enforcement of the law? After this I should consider the social conditions and then the commercial, industrial, and other public interests of the community. And in the end if you think far enough into the question it will grow intensely interesting and worth while. And you will discover that every thing, every asset in the community is related to the community as a whole. And the same will prove true with the community liabilities.

Now Let's go back over this list and take a square look at the different assets of your community. First the homes. Are the homes in your community better than they were a year ago? I mean the material homes. If you have had a first class home demonstrator in your county you are safe in saying yes in capital letters. If you have had even the better kitchen contest put on by the Dallas News and home demonstrators, your community is a better place in which to live. If you have had a home demonstrator your parties are filled with home grown food more of your women have their own bank accounts, there are more good chickens and butter and eggs and cream going to market than ever before and there are more grocery bills paid in full with a surplus on the home side of the ledger.

How about your school? Is it any better than it was a year ago? If it is not what is the matter? And whose business is it to get busy and fix things? Let me suggest one thing



LONG DISTANCE

Like a Local Call

LONG DISTANCE, station-to-station calls may now be given the local operator when she asks, "Number, please?", provided you know the number of the distant telephone. For example:—

"Number, please?"

"Houston, Preston 2000"

Only calls for a number will be accepted by the local operator. All other long distant calls will be handled by the Long Distance operator as usual.

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL
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for every one of you to think about. I won't be so foolish to ask you to believe it. But just think about it this year and try to find out where the trouble is. We have to many little schools in the country and too many little churches in our towns for the good of all the people. We need fewer and better schools and more good churches in the country. And we need fewer and better churches in our small towns. And when we have the enlarged school district in the country and the good high schools there, then we can afford to have a good live church in that enlarged school district, providing we will all lay down our denominational prejudices and work together for the moral and social safety of our children and our community instead of our creeds. Now don't believe that unless you want to. But think about it this year if your community seems on the dying list. And when that time comes you will find the law enforcement a more pleasant matter. Has lawlessness increased or decreased in your community this year?

And for the commercial, social and

industrial conditions, these depend largely on your respect for the home the school, the church and the state. If your county has had a farm agent or a good Scout Master and a good school there is no doubt about the advancement of your boys, your farms and your financial interests.

But what are your liabilities? In what things has your community or your county retrograded? What have been your community losses since 1925? We leave you to work these out yourself. And don't forget it, it is YOUR community. If you are one of the stockholders in it then you are responsible in some measure for everything that is done or not done. As a citizen or your home community are you playing the game of life fair? Or are you shirking every community duty and then knocking everything that your neighbors try to do for you? Which are you? An asset or a liability to your home community?—By Phebe K. Warner.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. R. C. Forbis pleasantly entertained the Delphian Club members Tuesday afternoon at her home in the city

Chickens!

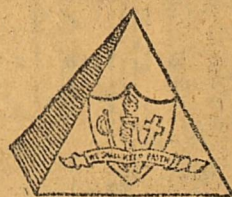
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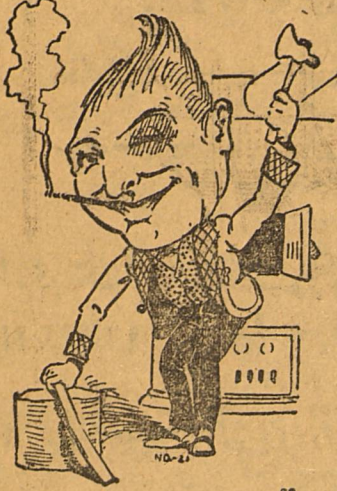
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Will Promptly and Efficiently Serve you in Express and Other Hauling Also Safe, Fire-Proof Storage Room.

A. M. Shepherd for Weigher of Precinct 3

A. M. Shepherd, of the Dry Lake community, called in this week and authorized the Texas Spur to make his public announcement and place his name in the announcement column, as a candidate for the office of Public Weigher of Precinct No. Three, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries to be held in July and August of this year.

Mr. Shepherd is well known over the precinct, and is generally recognized as one of the very best citizens of the country. In asking the voters for consideration Mr. Shepherd promises to give accurate and efficient services as a weigher for the public and to extend every accommodation and courtesy possible in performing the duties of the office.

A. M. Shepherd is qualified in every respect for the office of weigher and if favored with the place will perform the duties efficiently and satisfactorily to the public and constituents.

—Prosperous New Year—

Herman Murry, a valued reader of the Texas Spur, was a very pleasant caller at our office one day during the week.

LONG DISTANCE RADIOING NOW ENJOYED IN SPUR

In listening over a 5-tube Fada Set Thursday night from ten to eleven o'clock at the home of C. A. Love, Walter Samples reports having heard programs from Lima, Peru, Buenos Aires, South America, and also Madrid, Spain. The program in Peru was picked up plainly while that of other distant points was dimmer.

—Prosperous 1926—
J. E. Sparks, of west of Spur, was in the city Thursday. He informed us that he and family had just recently made a trip and visit to relatives in Oklahoma. He stated further that he was more favorably impressed on this trip with the Oklahoma country than ever before, saying that it was a good farming section and inhabited by a prosperous and progressive people.

—Prosperous 1926—
Half Section of land in mile and half of the Texas Company's Well, now being drilled in Kent County, Texas, 3 miles North and 8 miles West of Clairemont; subdivided in to ten acre tracts for the benefit of the small investor at ten dollars per acre. An investment of One Hundred Dollars might make you wealthy. If you would like to take a chance, phone or write, D. C. Scogin, Clerk County Court, Kent County, Clairemont, Texas. 12tf

XXV BRIDGE CLUB

A very pretty party was that of Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. W. D. Wilson was hostess to her bridge club.

Three tables were most charmingly arranged for the game hour. After the series of games, in toasting up the scores, Mrs. Fred Reynolds had high score and received a lovely pair of bronze book ends; Mrs. Kate Senning received the guest prize, a bottle of perfume, the bottle being fashioned in the shape of a ship. A pretty letter opener the handle of which was fashioned in shape of a ship went to Mrs. E. C. Edmonds as consolation. In the general cuts, Mesdames C. L. Love, Jas. B. Reed and Oran McClure received miniature ships.

A delicious salad plate with coffee was served. The guests were Mesdames C. L. Love, Fred Reynolds, James B. Reed, Hill Perry, Bill Putman F. W. Jennings, Kate Hennings, E. F. Laverty, Nellie Davis, R. E. Dickson, E. C. Edmonds and Oran McClure.

—Prosperous 1926— LOVELY PARTY

Among the lovely parties in Spur during the week was that of Mrs. Nellie Davis, Wednesday afternoon when she entertained her bridge club members and substitutes.

Three tables were arranged for the games. Mrs. Wilson won high score for which she received a lovely bondwater water set. For consolation a dainty little bottle of perfume was given Mrs. Edmonds.

At the conclusion of the games a delicious vegetable salad course was served to the following: Mesdames Tedrick, Forbis, Martin, C. L. Love, Reed, Wilson, Hill Perry, Julian Algers, E. C. Edmonds, Fred D. Reynolds, McClure and C. B. Jones.

—Prosperous 1926— BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. Julian Alger was a charming hostess to her bridge club, Wednesday afternoon, January 20th, when she entertained honoring her sister, Mrs. Robert Newell Peyton, of Los Angeles, California. Mrs. C. L. Love received high score, Mrs. Faust Collier consolation, and Mrs. Peyton was presented with a lovely gift as honor guest. The hostess served a most delicious refreshment plate, consisting of fruit salad, cut cake, stuffed olives, salted wafers and hot chocolate, to the following: Mesdames F. W. Jennings, Hill Perry, Frank Laverty, Jas. B. Reed, E. C. Edmonds, Nellie Davis, Tracy Gorham, Faust Collier, Elmer Brown, C. L. Love, Oran McClure and the guest of honor, Mrs. Peyton.

—Prosperous 1926— 1925 BRIDGE CLUB

One of the most delightful bridge parties of the season was that with Mrs. Fred D. Reynolds, January 12th when she was hostess to the 1925 Bridge Club and other invited guests. After the bridge hour Mrs. R. E. Dickson favored the guests with several selections on the piano.

In the cut for prizes Mrs. Roy Harkey was fortunate and received a lovely bowl of white narcissus. Mrs. Dickson received a very pretty and useful kitchen set, while a beautiful white fireside kettle consoled Mrs. Hill Perry.

The hostess assisted by Mesdames Kate Davis and W. E. Putman, served a delicious refreshment plate consisting of tuna fish salad, salted wafers, pickles, hot chocolate with whip cream, date loaf and sugar wafers.

Those enjoying the occasion were Mesdames Hill Perry, C. L. Love, E. C. Edmonds, James B. Reed, Oran McClure, W. E. Putman, R. E. Dickson, Kate Davis, Roy Harkey, Tracy Gorham, Frank Laverty, Audrey Jones, and a number of little folks enjoyed a tea party with little Miss Harriett Sue and Master John Reynolds, Miss Virginia Elliott assisting Mrs. Reynolds with the little folks.

—Prosperous 1926—

Dr. Hale has moved his office from the Cowan building to the Spur Drug Store. Dr. Grace also now has an office at Spur Drug Store

"42" CLUBS ENTERTAINED

A party of interest to Spur Society was that Friday evening, when Mesdames Dan H. Zachry and James McClain were joint hostesses to the two "42" clubs.

The guests were asked to come dressed to represent the month of their birthdays. Many clever costumes were worn by the guests.

The "42" tables were attractively appointed for the game hour with the number of each representing a month. At the conclusion of the game hour, a lovely salad plate with hot tea was served.

The guests included Mesdames B. F. Hale, J. E. Morris, W. H. Putman, M. E. Manning, William Manning, Tracy Gorham, Murry Lea, C. L. Love, M. A. Lea, T. H. Blackwell, Kate Senning, John L. King, Willis King, Edwin Woody, T. A. Tedrick, E. C. Edmonds, Roy Stovall, E. A. Russell, R. C. Forbis, Nellie Davis, Chas. Whitener, Hull, Johnston, J. E. Watson, W. D. Starcher, Julian Alger; Misses Margaret Elliott, and Leah Smith.

—Prosperous 1926—

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MET

The Christian Endeavor met January 24, 1926 with 24 members present.

Leader—Hall Pendleton.
Special number, by orchestra—"Smiles."

Solo—Annie Mae Hale.
Membership pledges were signed by twelve people.

A bible contest was opened by Mrs. Reynolds, which will continue until the 4th day of July, to the members who will learn the most Bible verses.

—Reporter.

—Prosperous 1926—

M. P. Smith for Commissioner Precinct 2 in Kent County

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce M. P. Smith, of the Red Mud community, as a candidate for County Commissioner from Precinct Two in Kent County.

M. P. Smith has been raised in the county, and is very probably known to every voter in Precinct 2 of Kent County. He knows the conditions and needs of the county as well as his own precinct, and if favored for the place promises to use his very best efforts in promoting the interests of the people and the country, and discharge the duties of the office actively, faithfully and efficiently. The vote and influence of every voter in the precinct is solicited and will be appreciated.

—Diversify—

Mrs. T. L. Denson, of near Spur, was in the city Thursday of this week, shopping and disposing of a surplus of country produce.

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The Right Kind of Merchandise at the Right Time at the Right Price!

Note Specials for This Week!

ASSURING YOU NOT ONLY OF THE UTMOST IN QUALITY, BUT ALSO OF A FIXED POLICY OF OUR FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICING!

Buy Your Future Needs in Summer Dress Goods Now!

Pure 2 thread Irish Linen, pre shrunk from 42 inch to 36 inch wide, absolutely fast colors, in a wide variety of new spring colors, at the low price of 49c yard.

Just 25 pieces at this price, so hurry!

Florentine Dress Prints, 32 inch wide, sun proof and tub proof, in the new floral designs, and modernistic designs with contrasting grounds, 39c yard.

Pajama Checks, 6 yards for \$1.00. This is a fine quality, white pajama check in neat, small checks, 36 inch wide.

A Very Popular Grade, Safe and Durable.

Percales, 18c yard, 36 inch wide, dots, stripes, checks, floral and geometrical designs in light and dark colors, also solids.

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SPUR, TEXAS

SPUR PRODUCE COMPANY MAKING NEW MARKET PRICES FOR POULTRY CAR

In another column will be noted a price list for chickens by the Spur Produce Company, in making up a car load for shipment.

The Spur Produce Company has paid out many thousands of dollars for poultry the past few months and is maintaining a high priced market for the country. This means much to the people of the country.

—Prosperous 1926—

FOR SALE—Everbright heating stove, cheap at Callie Ramsey's Garage. 2-ct

O. C. Arthur for Re-Election as County and District Clerk

O. C. Arthur was in Spur during the week, and while here dropped in at the Texas Spur office and authorized the Texas Spur to place his name in our announcement column for re-election as County and District Clerk of Dickens County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries to be held in July and August this year.

Olen Arthur has been serving the county as clerk several terms, and the fact that he has been given preference above other candidates, even beyond the customary two terms, is unmistakable evidence of his recognized ability, efficient, accommodating services in that capacity.

Olen Arthur is familiar with every detail of the official and court duties devolving upon a clerk, and in seeking re-election to the place promises voters to continue to render the same efficient and accurate services in the future as in the past.

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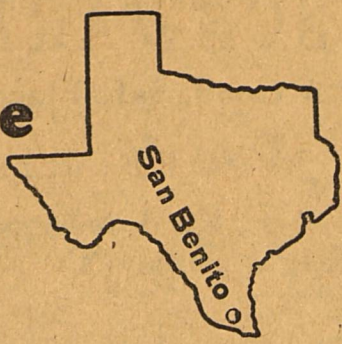
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In meeting us on the street one day the past week F. E. Denson handed us the coin to add his name to the large list of Texas Spur readers. It always gives us an encouraging feeling to place a new name on the subscription list, and more especially in cases of substantial citizens. In fact it is our desire to have every substantial citizen of the country as a regular reader of this paper.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shugart, of eight or ten miles east of Spur, were in the city shopping Wednesday of this week. Mr. Shugart came here in the early days of the settlement of the Spur Farm Lands, and is today one of the most successful and substantial citizens of the entire country.

Mace Hunter, of four miles east of Spur, was here Saturday among the crowds. He informed us that he had at home a radio from which he derived much pleasure and benefit during the evening hours spent in the home. The radio now brings into the homes the finest programs of music, the markets of the day and many other interesting and beneficial programs. After a few more years in the world's progress and development, there is now little possibility of foretelling just what inventions may come about to make the world happier and a better place in which to live.

—Prosperous 1926—

M. L. Blakely, of Causey, New Mexico, was in Spur and the Afton country this week, visiting among his friends and relatives.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES

B. G. WORSWICK
Attorney-at-Law
Practices in District and the Higher Courts. County Attorney's office.

O. R. MAPLES
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W. E. LESSING
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Practice in All Courts Office Over Spur National Bank

W. D. WILSON
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
General Practice
Office Over Spur National Bank
SPUR, TEXAS

E. J. COWAN
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Cowan Bldg. Spur, Texas

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Dr. Brasher's Old Office
SPUR, TEXAS

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STRAIGHT TALKS WITH AUNT EMMY

ON HOW TO LEAVE AN ESTATE

"Do you know, Aunt," said Helen, as she accepted a cup of tea from Aunt Emmy, "I feel terribly sorry for Mrs. Strong."

"Yes," agreed Aunt Emmy, "it will be hard for her. She is such a dependent, helpless, little thing."

"Oh, I don't mean that," interrupted Helen. "Her feelings are so hurt because, as she says, her husband publicly insulted her by not making her executrix and trustee of his estate."

"Good gracious, child, did she say that!" exclaimed Aunt Emmy, setting her cup down with a bang.

"Yes, she did, Aunt," said Helen, enjoying the sensation she had made and determined to make the most of it, "and I'm sure I agree with her. The idea of that old man appointing a trust company to look after Mrs. Strong's money. It isn't as though there wasn't plenty of it. The Strong's are the richest people in town, I guess."

"Well, for mercy's sake!" cried Aunt Emmy, disgust in every syllable, "if it don't beat all! You are as big a fool as she is then!"

"What do you mean, Aunt Emmy?" asked Helen with dignity. "I think it nothing short of disgraceful for a man to show that he has no confidence in his wife by putting his money in strangers' hands to be doled out to her as they see fit."

"You never thought that up, Helen," said Aunt Emmy, "that's Mrs. Strong. She always talks as though she was living in a story book, poor, silly, little thing."

Helen blushed and Aunt Emmy went on—"Do you know what it means to administer an estate, especially a big one like Mr. Strong's?"

"Why, no," stammered Helen, "but it must be simple."

Aunt Emmy sniffed. "Simple! Let me tell you a little about it. When a man dies the things he owns cease for a time to be anybody's property and become his estate. The property passes from his control on his death naturally, and as his estate it is controlled and supervised by the Court which will be in charge of the estate for many months probably. First this Court finds out whether or not there is a will and if the will is valid. Then it must find out about the executor. If the will is properly drawn and valid, it will be 'admitted to probate.' The persons who witnessed it must be found and examined.

"The executor must satisfy the Court as to fitness and willingness to perform the many arduous duties involved. Perhaps he will have to furnish a bond, to assure the Court of his financial responsibility. He must assemble all the so-called assets, have them valued and file an inventory and appraisal of them with the Court. All the debts against the estate must be collected. The settlement of all claims against persons and corporations is a job no one without a thorough knowledge of business can undertake.

"In an estate like Mr. Strong's there is sure to be a certain amount of financial negotiation that demands banking knowledge. Then the executor must pay claims against the estate in the order of precedence laid down by law. Also you know state inheritance and federal estate taxes must be met promptly. Finally, after the estate is settled as to claims it has and claims against it, the executor must see that the various bequests are made."

"Oh, Aunt, don't tell me any more. I never thought that there were so many complicated things to be done. Poor Mrs. Strong never knew a thing about business."

"Mr. Strong knew that," remarked Aunt Emmy dryly, "and don't you suppose he had his children in mind, too? He wanted his estate handled so that the children and Mrs. Strong would be protected and assured of a good, comfortable living all their lives, with something to go on to the grandchildren. Even if Mrs. Strong were a business woman, no one could tell how long she would live to administer the estate. He knew that the trust company would not die, nor lose its facilities, nor be influenced by personal feeling so that it might be unjust to some one, and that it represents some of the best business and banking judgment in town."

"Well, I guess old man Strong knew what he was doing!" said Helen.—Anne B. Aymes.

The more recently adopted method of killing the common barberry which spreads black stem rust of small grains is by the use of such chemicals as salt and kerosene, according to the Department of Agriculture. These methods have several advantages over the digging method formerly used. They are less laborious, cheaper and more certain. This is especially true if bushes are growing in stony ground where digging is difficult. Department Circular 356 tells all about how to use this method.—Banker-Farmer.

STUDIO MOVED

We have this week moved our Studio from the former location to the Wendell building, up-stairs, where we are better prepared to serve the public.

Where there is beauty, Adams takes it
Where there is none, Adams makes it

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WE CAN WHIP THE WORLD WITH OUR COTTON

The following is quoted from the Lone Star Bankers' advertisement which appeared in Farm and Ranch January 2nd:

If the farmers of Texas will diversify intelligently—raise more feed on more acres; better cotton on fewer acres; more and better livestock on the farm—Texas will live at home and cotton will become our big cash surplus crop. We can whip the world with our cotton.

Another paragraph in this same advertisement read:

We want you to make diversification your watchword for the new year. We want to help you build for a bigger, better year through a program of safe farming. You can not work alone, but working together in friendship and confidence and understanding, we will realize the maximum of our desires and a prosperity that is real and everlasting.

No longer does the banker, the merchant or the manufacturer feel that he should hold himself apart from the citizens of the rural districts, he has discovered that his business depends entirely upon the condition of prosperity in his trade territory and in the farming industry in general, and benign a business man he does not hesitate to act quickly when once he has arrived at a conclusion. So, we find these men meeting the farmer more than half way. They are anxious for farmers to succeed and prosper because the measure of their success is lengthened or shortened according to the measure of prosperity on the farms of the country. Furthermore, they have, by more closer associations, discovered that farmers and their families are real people, patriotic citizens with high ideals and worthy of their friendship.

Merchants and bankers have often made money out of cotton when the producers lost, but they have now discovered that they can make more money when the farmer makes a profit, and so their suggestion for diversification; the "Live at Home and Board at the Same Place" plan so long advocated by Farm and Ranch, is well worth serious consideration. The Southwest can grow rich out of cotton by making it the money crop but unless farmers diversify and rotate, balancing their farms with good livestock, cotton will continue to impoverish the producers. Farm and Ranch.

—Diversify—

Pete Williams, of the Girard section of country, recently moved to the plains country where he will farm this year, being located on the John Goodall farm near Seagraves, to which place we are requested to hereafter mail him the Texas Spur. People of the Spur country may come and go, but they all want to keep up with the home people and to know what is going on in the old home community.

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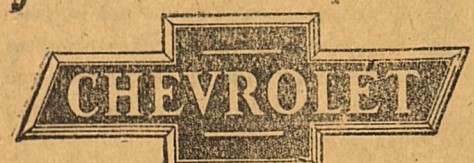
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A performance so effortless, so smooth, so powerful, so spirited, that you will call it nothing short of a revelation! Chevrolet's leadership has been based on giving quality at low cost. Now the Improved Chevrolet gives another reason for an even wider margin of leadership—performance the equal of which has heretofore been unattainable in the low-price field.

Drive where you will—and as long as you like, through traffic, through sand, through mud, over hills—and over mountains, if you please. Expect something really new, really worthwhile, something really unique—and you will not be disappointed.

New Low Prices!

Touring . . . \$510	Sedan . . . \$735
Roadster . . . 510	Landau . . . 765
Coupe . . . 645	1/2 Ton Truck (Chassis Only) . . . 395
Coach . . . 645	1 Ton Truck (Chassis Only) . . . 550

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QUALITY AT LOW COST

BARE HISTORY ON WAR OF REVOLUTION

Collection of Letters by Im- portant Men Just Found.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—William L. Clements, a regent of the University of Michigan, has just made a notable purchase of important historical documents and letters pertaining to the period of the American revolution. He does not say what he paid for the lot, for which several other collectors of historical documents have been fishing, but they say he must have paid about \$30,000 for them. During his address of welcome to the five national historical associations that held their annual meetings in Ann Arbor he told them of the find and purchase of papers and letters of Gen. Nathaniel Greene and Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Clinton which contain, among other documents, 50 letters from General Green to Gen. George Washington and the same number of letters from General Washington to General Greene, all bearing upon the course and conduct of the Revolutionary war.

Tells American Story.

These letters tell the story, from the American standpoint, of the war and the Clinton papers deal with affairs in New York, Philadelphia, Charleston, Savannah and other centers of British war activity.

In the collection is the letter of General Cornwallis announcing his surrender at Yorktown; the correspondence between General Clinton, Maj. John Andre and Benedict Arnold, which led up to the treason of Arnold, and an unpublished history of the revolution written by General Clinton some time after the war.

These documents are now on their way from the East to the Clements library. It is said that there are more than 14,000 separate items in the Clinton collection alone.

Boon to Historians.

The historians have a systematic survey of the Clements library collection, and they are agreed that nobody will ever again be able to write on the American revolution with the support of documentary citations without visiting this collection.

Even the casual student of American history realizes that most of the existing histories are loaded with errors which have grown out of partisan prejudices, partial information and misinformation, but the great scholars are of the opinion that most of it stands in need of a complete revision and an elimination of false and unfounded statements which have been disproved by later discoveries.

IN CONGRESS SET



One of the most charming of the new hostesses in congressional society is Mrs. Goff, wife of Senator Guy D. Goff of West Virginia. Mrs. Goff is no newcomer to Washington, however, as Mr. Goff was an assistant attorney general in the Harding administration.

Sentences Boy to Go to Church and Read Bible

Porterville, Cal.—Floyd Jefford, eighteen-year-old Porterville youth, must attend church or Bible school every Sunday for four months, according to suspended sentence pronounced by Judge W. B. Haines.

Jefford was charged with possession of liquor and was fined \$100 or 100 days in jail. If he attends church or Bible school regularly for the next four months and no more charges are preferred against him the sentence will be withdrawn.

Judge Haines declared there was much greater need for kindness and guidance in juvenile cases than for punishment.

Kill Lice on Fowls

Use either sodium fluoride or blue ointment to get rid of lice on poultry. Of the former it will require 1 pound for each 100 hens. Use the "pinch" method, which is to take a pinch of the powder and rub into various parts of the body. The blue ointment is applied in similar places, being rubbed into the skin well. Mix the ointment with equal parts lard and divide into pieces the size of a small garden pea. Keep away from children, as it is a poison.

IF ITS INSURANCE

WE HAVE IT

See Davis or Ousley

Telephone 264

Spur, Texas

Spur Nat'l. Bank Bldg.

A. W. Jordan, of Duck Creek, was among the crowds here the first of the week.

—Diversify—
Uncle Dick Holly was on the streets one day this week.

E. B. Shaw, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday of the past week, and while here dropped by for a minute with us. Uncle Eb Shaw is one of the very earliest settlers of Dickens county, being here long before the organization of the county and participating in its organization, elections and promoting in general its progress up to the present time. It is interesting to meet and talk with these old timers, and especially to those as interesting and entertaining as E. B. Shaw who knows and can tell the history of the county from the very beginning to the present day.

—Prosperous 1926—

W. D. Street was among the number of business visitors in Spur the past week from Dickens. We hear Mr. Street's name frequently mentioned in connection with the sheriff's campaign at this time, and we expect that he may get in the running before the campaign warms up. Mr. Street has acted as deputy sheriff, and constable several years and makes a highly commendable peace officer.

—Diversify—

Mayor John King returned the past week from Dallas where he spent several days in attendance upon a state convention of hardware dealers.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. Dera Bell Link, of Aspermont, was the guest this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith of the city.

A GAME FOR FARMERS

Farm and Ranch is suggesting an interesting game to farmers, also a game which ought to yield a profit. This game requires but little time. A rainy day some time this winter would be a good time to start it. Provide yourself with a large sheet of ruled paper, or better yet, a well bound composition book writing paper of good quality, such as children use at school, a pen and bottle of ink. Sit down and make a fair appraisal of the value of your farm and buildings and place it at the top of the column. Then make a fair value of each implement or tool on the place; a value for each animal and the poultry flock, placing each in the column headed by the figures representing the value of the farm.

Then take an inventory of the feed stuff and other products and materials on hand and property not otherwise listed. Add up this column. In another column place at the top the amount you may owe on the farm and under this figure place an itemized list of other debts and obligations, and add this up. Subtract the last total from the first, if that is possible, and you will know how much you are actually worth. Of course, the result may not be pleasing to you at first but after you think the matter over you will at least have the satisfaction of knowing just how you stand, and you can make your plans to get out of debt and to make a better showing next year, for these figures should be saved and compared with similar figures on about the same date one year later. The comparison will show whether or not you have made progress or are slipping.

In order to help put the balance on the right side another page should be used to figure out just how much it is going to cost you to put your implements in first class order so that the cost of production can be reduced; also you should figure out the cost of repairs of buildings and fences. Then it is time to figure the cost of terracing and the laying out of a farm program that will not only increase the fertility of the soil and add to the value of the farm, but increase acre production.

When you have played the game

The New Year is Here

To make Holidays more pleasant, let us fill your car with gas, oil and anti-freeze

We Want Your Business and
Will treat you right!

MAPLES GARAGE
SPUR, TEXAS

thus far you will be in a frame of mind to start keeping a record of costs and profits and loss as the case may be on every department of the farm so that you may determine just where you are making it, and how to avoid the loss. Take cotton for instance. Charge a reasonable rent for your cotton land. Then keep account of the cost of soil preparation, cost of seed chopping, hoeing and picking and see whether or not it has paid you to grow cotton. If you find you have lost, then you can consider the question of whether or not it will pay you to grow cotton at all, or whether you should change your methods of farming in order to make the cotton crop pay. It might have been an off season, so the loss of one year should not cause you to abandon cotton as a crop.

Keep a record on your poultry flock. If it is not paying, perhaps you are not housing it properly, or feeding just right, or on the other hand, maybe you are feeding scraps. The same methods should be used with cows and hogs. Your books will show you whether or not you have made or lost, and then it is up to you and your good common sense to either quit that branch of farming or adopt new methods of production. Farm and Ranch.

—Prosperous 1926—

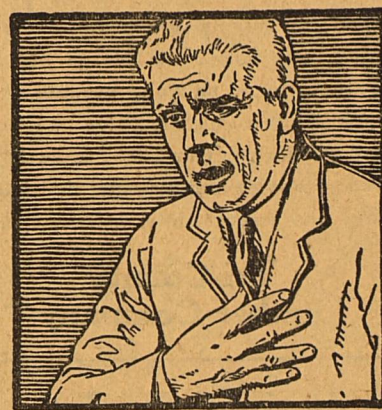
ONE NEW FORD Touring car at a bargain.—E. L. Caraway, Spur.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. Frank Laverty is reported quite ill this week at her home in the city.

T. M. Green, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday, meeting with his friends and attending to business affairs.

—Diversify—



Quick Way to End Dangerous Cough

Why let a dangerous cough hang on when you can, through a simple treatment, get speedy relief and often break it up completely in 24 hours?

This treatment is based on the famous Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You take just one teaspoonful and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it. It has a double action. It not only soothes and heals irritation, but also removes the phlegm and congestion which are the real cause of the coughing. So the worst cough quickly disappears.

Dr. King's New Discovery is for coughs, chest colds, bronchitis, spasmodic croup, etc. Fine for children, too—no harmful drugs. Very economical, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. At all good druggists. Ask for

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S. M. Swenson And Sons

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

Spur, Dickens County, Texas

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INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING THE TRADE AND CONSUMERS

Everybody knows that advertised goods are cheap est. Everybody knows that the biggest bargains are to be found in a store which advertises most extensively.

So the question arises: "Just who is it foots the advertising bills?"

Certainly not the customer. The customer profits by advertising—in lower prices, better service, fresher merchandise.

Then WHO?

Here is a graphic, straightforward answer to the question from a recent issue of Editor and Publisher:

Who Pays For Advertising?

COMPLETE candor with the public is a development of the day's business enlightenment. In New York Gimbel Brothers' great store recently advertised in page spaces that October sales were \$13,300,000, a gain over last year's October of \$1,900,000. Another conspicuous instance of business candor was exhibited at San Francisco last week by Granat Brothers, manufacturing jewelers, who took a five column newspaper space to explain that advertising is not a tax upon the consumer.

This piece of copy, signed by Jay Haight the advertising manager of the store, is a classic. In heavy display is asked: "Who pays the advertising bills?" A Granat advertisement in a Sunday newspaper, it was shown, cost \$800, and Mr. Haight declared: That the advertisement brought \$16,000 in sales, costing 5 per cent. It is so year in and year out. Does it raise the price of the diamond ring you select? Does it add a further tax upon your pocket book? We believe not. The advertising increases sales and as a result the ration of other expense is lowered.

Whether we sell \$1,000 a year or \$100,000 a year, the rent is the same.

This remarkable store

publicity then goes to show that the average overhead expense of 394 retail jewelers last year, as certified by the Harvard Bureau, was 38.3 per cent of their sales, but Granat Brothers' expense was 25.2 per cent. Many of these jewelers did not advertise. Their combined sales reached \$34,978,000 and their net profit was only 1.2 per cent of the sales. Granat Brothers sold their goods at about 8 1-2 per cent lower gross profit than the average, but made 5 1-2 per cent on net sales.

"Advertising," wrote Mr. Haight, "increased sales to a point where we could afford to sell our diamonds and jewelry at lower prices to you and still make a larger net profit for ourselves. That is having your cake and eating it too. So our customers did not pay for the advertising in increased prices. Who did then pay for the advertising?"

We'll tell you the answer. Our competitors in the jewelry business, chiefly those who do not advertise, paid for our advertising. They paid for it in trade that slipped away from them to us. They paid for it in the new customers we got, which they might have had. They paid for it in high expense, low volume, high gross profit and low net. They paid for it in small turn over."

The Texas Spur

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A Well Dressed Man is Very Particular about his Hose and his Shoes!

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WE CARRY THE FAMOUS "Beacons" and St. Louisians"

VISIT OUR STORE FOR REAL VALUES IN SHOES!!

C. R. EDWARDS & COMPANY
"The Home of Honest Values"

BUY SHOES AT OUR STORE AND SAVE MONEY !!

13,500 Bales Cotton Weighed to Date at Cotton Yard

Weigher G. W. Rash informs us that a total of 13,500 bales of cotton have been weighed at the Spur cotton yard up to this date.

It is estimated that probably 2000 more bales may be weighed before the close of the season.

J. B. Yantis, who is now at Elton, is reported quite sick, he having been suffering since about the first of the year, at which time he closed out his business in Spur and removed to Elton where he resumed the management and possession of the business at that point. We are very sorry to learn of Mr. Yantis' illness and sincerely hope that he may soon be completely recovered. We were regretful also to see Mr. Yantis leave Spur, but glad that he will continue to do business in the county.

H. A. C. Brummett for Re-Election as County Judge

Judge H. A. C. Brummett was in the city the first of the week from Dickens, and while here called in and had the Texas Spur place his name in the announcement column for re-election to the office of Judge and County School Superintendent, subject, of course, to the majority vote in the Democratic Primaries to be held in July and August.

During his incumbency in office Judge Brummett has made a fair and square judge, rendering his court decisions justly and in accord with the law and evidence, and as a county school superintendent he is and has ever been most active and efficient in the work and has contributed much to the benefit and in promoting public rural school interests and advancement. If elected to again serve in the capacity of County Judge and County School Superintendent he will continue to give the county the very best service within his knowledge and possibilities.

—Diversify—

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We Clean, Press and Repair on Short Notice!

Phone 18, and we will get and deliver them promptly
Spur Tailor Shop
IRA SULLIVAN, Prop.

NEW BOLLIE MACHINES INSTALLED

We have installed the very latest and best improved bollie machines to our gin, thus being equipped to gin bollies to the best advantage for you.

BRING US YOUR BOLLIES AS WELL AS COTTON!

We will continue to operate our gin until the last lock of cotton is picked or pulled!
YOURS TO SERVE

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J. I. HAYES, Manager

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TUDOR SEDAN

\$580

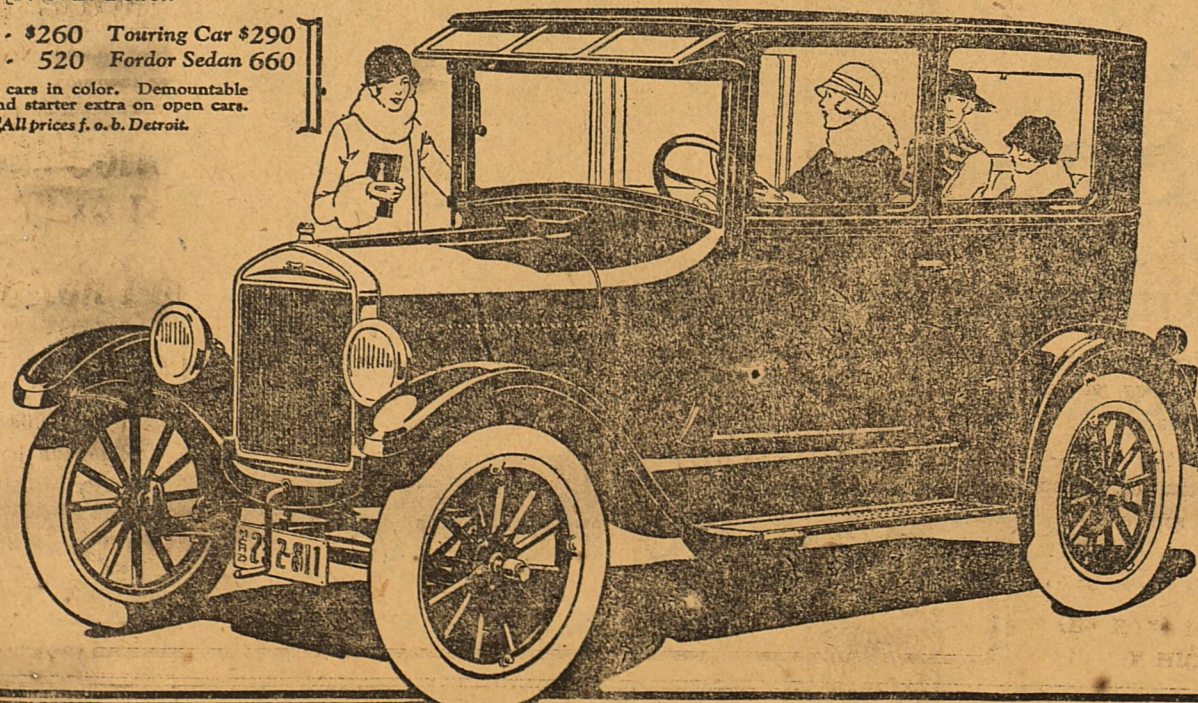
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Runabout - \$260 Touring Car \$290
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Closed cars in color. Demountable rims and starter extra on open cars.
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The Ford Tudor Sedan, with all-steel body, is an ideal family car. Anyone can learn to drive it. Seats five passengers in comfort. The nearest Authorized Ford Dealer will gladly explain the easy terms on which this good-looking Sedan may be purchased.

Ford Motor Company
Detroit, Mich.



A HICK TOWN

(By Hicky Hix of Hickville)

Once upon a time there was a Hick Town which by the way was not such a hick town after all; since most of the men and women of this particular hick town were solid, substantial, intelligent and progressive citizens. There were miles and miles of graded and graveled streets; there were blocks and blocks of splendid cement side walks and corbs there were a hundred fine homes with stately shade trees and beautiful lawns; and other examples of civic attractiveness. All the different religious denominations and sects had magnificent edifices which were well lighted, heated and ventilated, and kept spotlessly clean that they might be pleasantly inhabited for from three to nine hours each week by a very small minority of the people.

This hick town had a high school building that would do credit to a city twice its size. But across the street from this modern sanitary structure stood a dingy, badly lighted out of date, filthy old brick house of two stories and a basement which housed the grade school.

In the high school building as in all other high school buildings only pupils who had graduated out of the old dingy ward or grammar school as it was called, were taught. And since most all pupils who enter High school are the fittest from the lower grades, they were as a whole mentally sound and physically robust.

But in the old dingy, dark and stinking building across the way all the children of the town, regardless of strength or health, weaklings and strong alike, must stand six or seven hours a day, five days a week and nine months a year for six or seven years amongst these repugnant surroundings until he pass the sixth or seventh grade or quits school.

Starting through this old building I will take you through the class rooms of the second or upper story. Here you will also find the light and ventilation in the rooms rather good. The heat, though not perfect, is fair. On the next floor down, light, heat, and ventilation is about on a par with that of the one we have just left; and here you will find the pupils of the intermediate grades.

But now dear readers, prepare for a shock. We are about to enter the basement where the fledgling, the little tot; the little child that has never known anything but the tender care and love of an indulgent mother gets his first impression of an institution of learning (and no wonder so many of them rebel). As we enter the hallway of this basement we are met with a stench that is so repellent that only those of strong will and a strong sense of resistance can proceed. Here the toilets for the



"In Quality Above All"

1855

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It is worth something to know that you are using a product manufactured by an institution that is the oldest of its kind West of the Mississippi, having been in business for the past 70 years.

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Gasoline, Lubricating Oils and Greases Carry the Mark of Quality!

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J. P. SIMMONS, Agent

entire building, to accommodate three or four hundred pupils, are located, and from the way then entire lower reaches of the building smells, the sanitary conditions must be very bad.

Here, mothers and fathers, is where your little one, over whom you have watched so many weary hours, often denying yourself comforts that you might better guard his health and strength; always giving him the airiest room, the cleanest surroundings, the most nourishing food; that he might grow and wax strong in body and mind.

Here is the dark dungeon the little shoot of manhood or womanhood must spend three or four school years in an atmosphere in which you would not think of confining either a pet cat or poodle.

Mothers! Whether you are members of the "parent teachers" or not, visit your school. Go down into this cess pool of filth and see if you dare breathe deeply and freely. And then at the next meeting of your club, lay aside the topics of clothes, literature and scandal, and discuss the sanitary surroundings of your babies in school and see if you can formulate plans whereby this abcess may be healed or removed. And see if the hicks; the men who dig the grubs, dig the ditches, plow the fields sow and harvest the crops, build and operate the mills, build and make the homes, dig the mines and quarries, in fact the men who do all the useful labor, who build and maintain the towns and cities; and see, dear mothers, if these men will not come to your aid with their money, their labor and their votes.

—Prosperous 1926—
FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING OF DICKENS BAPTIST ASS'N

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Dickens Baptist Association will be with the Flomot church on January 29, at 9:30 A. M. Friday morning and will continue until Sunday at 3:30 P. M. A very full program has been made out and it is believed that everyone who will attend will be helped by it. The indications are that there will be a large crowd. We are writing this because we want every one who will, to come. It will be three great days together studying the things of a New Testament church as it is brought out in Corinthians.

Each one come and bring all your family, all your neighbors and all your friends. This will make it good and delightful to all. Flomot is 24 miles northwest from Matador and has good roads from each direction. The church and her pastor will expect you.—H. F. Aulick, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Holman are here this week, representing a nursery company in the sale of fruit trees, shrubbery, etc. Many of the old timers here will remember Leslie Holman, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holman, among the early settlers of Dickens county, and having practiced law in Spur during the first few years of its existence. We were glad to again meet Leslie and to know that he has been prospering, and also to know that other members of the family are doing well. Mrs. Holman now living in Ft. Worth.

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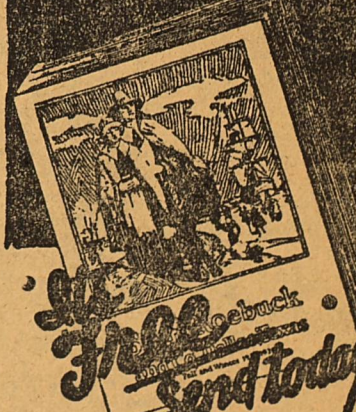
MONEY TO LOAN.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE for Mules—20 acre block, No. 5, south of Spur. See or write Andy Wooten, McAdoo, Texas. 4tf.

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