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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 8, 1916

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ADDING NEW NAMES TO THE TEXAS SPUR LIST

During the past few days the following new names have been added to the list of subscribers to the Texas Spur: R. Walker of Silver, Texas; J. E. Garland of Spur; Rev. Douglass of Spur; Luther Kimbro of Spur; C. M. Jackson of Draper; C. L. Hamilton, Anson; C. R. Gunn, Spur; J. P. Middleton, Dickens; I. C. Alexander, Spur; Mrs. J. M. Gray, Rotan; Mrs. J. P. Legg, Calhoun, Mo.; W. B. Rucker, Hico.

Every week we are adding new names to the list and which fact is very gratifying. We want two thousand names on the subscription list before another year, and will appreciate all the help extended us to that end.

RENEWING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE TEXAS SPUR

The following gentlemen have our sincere thanks for renewal subscriptions to the Texas Spur: W. E. Pirkle, Spur; H. C. Parsons, Spur; W. M. Winkler, Dickens; S. B. Scott, Spur; I. G. VanLeer; C. F. Cates, Spur; B. E. Morgan, of Spur; W. P. Marshall, Spur; J. H. Farmer, Spur; A. S. Jackson, Dickens; B. T. Duncan, of Dickens; L. H. Perry, Stephenville; H. B. Featherstone, of Blanchard, Okla.; J. A. Legg, Dickens; O. O. Gray, Dickens; L. B. Haile, Afton; W. A. Smith, Spur; J. P. Simmons, Spur; Dick Sampson, Spur; J. D. Martin, Spur.

The fact that a number of our readers are now extending their subscriptions up into the years 1917, 1918 and some as far ahead as 1920, is very encouraging to us and we appreciate such considerations and favors very much. In fact we claim to have the best list of subscribers of any newspaper in the whole country. During the seven years we have been publishing this paper only two of our readers have disappointed us in that they failed to pay up and had the paper marked "refused" by the postmaster—only two out of one thousand is sufficient evidence that we have a list of the best men.

PROGRAM FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The following is the program for the Baptist Missionary Society for December 11th, 1916: Missionary Study: China.

Subject: Redeeming the time in China.

Bible Study: The circle of God's Will.

Lesson Passage: Eph. 3:11—Luke 22:42.

Hymn: Joy to the World.

Prayer: What an American Saw in Asia—Mrs. P. H. Miller.

What God Hath Wrought—Mrs. Oscar Jackson.

The Schools and the Nations—Mrs. Lewis.

China's Women—Mrs. M. L. Pierce.

China, the Land Without a Christmas—Mrs. Godfrey.

What is the Gibraltar of China?—Mrs. Rogers.

Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer—Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

Closing Hymn—Mrs. Ed Johnson.

(Members preserve program)

SERVICES TO BE HELD AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be services held at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. All are cordially invited to be present at these services.

GRADING THE DICKENS AND SPUR ROADWAY

The work of grading the Dickens and Spur road is now under way, the work being superintended by Mr. Stovall.

On the completion of this grade work we would like to see this road bed graveled.

Dickens county has some of the finest road building material in America and by using it we could have some of the finest roads in America. Along the Dickens-Spur road are gravel hills where fine road gravel can be secured at comparatively small expense, and with a graveled roadway the up-keep would be small and the road could be used at any and all times and bigger loads could be hauled.

While the graded road is a great improvement, yet here is hoping that this roadway will be graveled, and when this work is done we know that other roads in the county will also be graveled later.

GROW FINEST TURKEYS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

Last week we stated that Howard Campbell, of several miles southwest was in town and had a pocket full of money derived from the sale of feed stuff from his place. We were right about his having a pocket full of money, but it came from the sale of turkeys grown on his place and not from the sale of feed. Old timers tell us that this country used to be the finest "turkey country" in the world, and that wild turkeys thrived throughout the land. It is being demonstrated here now by a number of farmers that turkeys will still thrive here and return good money to those who devote a small amount of time to their care.

XMAS RECITALS AT SPUR HIGH SCHOOL

The junior program will be given Friday, December 15th, at 8:00 p. m. No admission charged.

The senior recital and play given Monday, November 18th, 8:00 p. m. Admission 15c and 20c. Proceeds for benefit of library. Full program will appear in next issue. The public is cordially invited to attend.

FORM PARTNERSHIP MOORE BROTHERS

M. J. Moore, of Carlton, arrived in Spur Tuesday of this week, and is now associating with his brother, W. R. Moore, in the practice of medicine, the firm being Moore & Moore. Dr. M. J. Moore is a graduate of the Vanderbilt College at Nashville, Tenn., where Dr. W. R. Moore also received his diploma in medicine.

GRAND JURY RETURNED 8 BILLS OF INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury for the term of District Court which closed last week in Dickens, returned eight bills of indictment. Five of the bills were against one man for forgery; one bill for conducting a disorderly house; and two bills returned for the illegal practice of medicine.

Miss Bertha Lamkin, of Mineral Wells, who is teaching the McArthur school in the Tap country, was in Spur shopping Saturday. This school has now been in progress a month and rapid progress is being made. The schools of the entire Spur country are the best of any country, and the finest teachers are employed.

PLANNING TO BUILD NEW RAILROAD IN WEST TEXAS

It was recently announced from Fort Worth that a plan was being consummated for the construction of new railroad from that city into Western Texas and to connect up with the Gulf Texas and Western railway, and parties have been retained to make the necessary surveys.

The present termini of the Gulf, Texas & Western are Salesville and Seymour. Trackage rights from Salesville to Weatherford, a distance of thirty miles, are owned by the company, and considerable extensions are proposed. It is proposed to extend the road westward to Lubbock, and an old plan was to extend it to Ft. Worth by way of Graford, through which point the road is now in operation, Pooleville, Boonville and Springtown.

An old survey of this proposed railway was run through Dickens in Dickens county a number of years ago, and the new survey will follow up the old surveys it is stated.

The indications are that this line of railway will be built, and when it is Dickens county will have two lines of railway instead of one.

Within a few years railroads will cross and be built into every community of this western country. The rapid development progress demands that more railroad facilities be had to care for the raw products of the country. Before another year we predict that Dickens county will have another line of railway.

SPUR DELEGATES ATTEND MEETING AT WICHITA

Along with the great industrial progress of our Central West Texas, moves the spirit of a higher strata of education and civic economics and development. The forward movement for better roads, markets and schools swing on a broad and patriotic tension, and in keeping with the late vote of the states of the great West the people are calling for the things that "belong to Caesar." We are glad to know that at the meeting held this week at Wichita Falls looking to the establishment of an arm of the A. & M. College in West Texas, that Spur is there with delegates in dead earnest.

The deliberations of this meeting of western people for the purpose of formulating data to present to the legislature of Texas, which meets in January with organic resources and great possibilities of our fertile sunny West. It is apparent that no section excels our Spur country in the resources to maintain and develop an institution of this kind. Why? Because the chief assets of any state is its agricultural and stock producing power. On these lines none excel the great Spur country which now vibrates with an influx of new people buying lands and building homes in a soil, climate and altitude unsurpassed, splitting as it does the extremes of climate between the Gulf line and the Staked Plains. Then, all honor to our delegates at Wichita Falls looking to this important matter and may every man with the good of Spur and our coming great West at heart take heed and press the collar.

Prof. Minnor, of the Prairie Chapel School in the north part of Dickens county, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

THE NEIGHBORS HOME BURGLARIZED SATURDAY

Saturday night of last week between one o'clock and daylight some party or parties entered the home of J. A. Neighbors of the Steel Hill country and secured three pocket-books containing about nine dollars in money.

Mr. Neighbors had been to town during the day with cotton which he sold. However, he deposited the money in the bank before leaving town. It is presumed the party or parties entering the home knew that Mr. Neighbors had sold his cotton late in the afternoon and after banking hours, but fortunately he had deposited his money after banking hours. He arrived at home about one o'clock in the night and it was after this time that the burglary took place.

Since a burglar has invaded the country it would be wise for the people of the country to be on guard at all times.

RAISES HOGS AND LIVES COMFORTABLY

M. S. Faver, one the leading hog raiser and farmers of the whole country, was in Spur Friday from his home five miles east of Afton. Mr. Faver always raises some cotton, in fact he makes big crops, but if he should not make a boll of the fleecy staple he would not be a failure by any means. He raises and sells several carloads of hogs every year, and raises his own feed to feed them and he does all this on three hundred and twenty acres of Dickens county land. What he does others can do, and if more people would pattern after Mr. Faver they would never know the meaning of the word "hard times."

DEBATE AT RED TOP 3RD THURSDAY IN DEC.

There will be a debate at the Red Top school house on the third Thursday night in December. The subject will be Resolved "That Woman Suffrage Is Correct in It's Platform Unlimited." There are some extra good orators to handle each side of this important question and every one attending is insured of hearing something worth while.

DICKENS COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE

The Dickens County Teachers Institute will be held at Spur, beginning December 18, and continuing for five days. Dickens was very anxious for the institute this year, and no doubt Judge Powell would have held it at that place but for the fact that fully ninety per cent of the teachers in the country preferred holding the institute in Spur, and thus Spur was chosen by Mr. Powell.

A. C. Hindman, of a mile or two north of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday.

SHERIFF COLLIER ASSUMES DUTIES OF OFFICE

December first R. L. Collier, the newly elected Sheriff of Dickens county, assumed the duties of the office and is now shoving things along in that department. Mr. Collier has employed John Hazlewood as a regular deputy at Spur, while F. L. Davis will be his regular office deputy at Dickens.

Mr. Collier was the last of the newly elected officers to assume his official duties, caused from the fact that his bond had to go to Austin for approval by the state department as well as the County Commissioners.

R. L. Collier served Dickens county in the early days as sheriff, is familiar with the duties and knows the ins and outs of the office.

FIFTY FOUR TRACTS OF LAND SOLD IN NOVEMBER

During the month of November the Spur Farm Lands management sold fifty four tracts of land in quarter section lots. Every tract will be improved, and the number of sales now being made is evidence that the Spur country is rapidly settling and the improvements being made are of the most substantial nature.

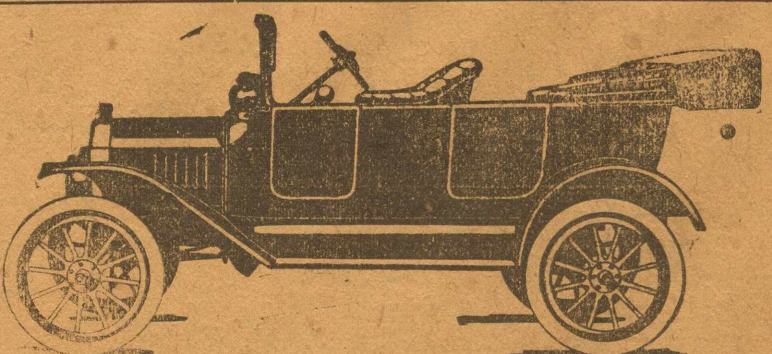
BUILDING A NEW FARM HOME IN TAP COUNTRY

Bill McArthur, of the Tap country, has just completed a modern four or five room home on his place in that section.

The homes being built in every section of the country are modern, handsome and would be a credit to much older settled countries, and in the years to come the great Spur country will be noted not alone for its great agricultural productivity but for its handsome farm homes and prosperous, progressive citizenship.

Elmo Sleight, Geo. S. Link and M. E. Manning left this week for Toledo where they will spend a week with the Texas delegation viewing the big Overland factory. The delegation will leave Abilene Sunday morning. They will wear white hats, boots and a six-shooter, and upon their arrival in Toledo will give that town a "real Texas salute."

Clifford B. Jones was among the delegates to attend the A. & M. meeting this week at Wichita Falls. Clifford B. Jones is one of the most progressive citizens of Western Texas and is always foremost in pulling for the real interests of the town and country. In the matter of securing the establishment of an A. M. College for West Texas he has been most active and will contribute materially to this proposition at the proper time. He was also active in the building of the highway through Dickens county and is working for better roads throughout the county. Such men as Mr. Jones are a real asset to the town and country.



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TEACHERS INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Following Is the Program of the Dickens County Teachers Institute to Be Held in Spur December 18 to 22, 1916

Announcement

The Dickens County Teachers' Institute will be held in the High School building at Spur, beginning December 18th, 1916, and continuing in session for five days.

The primary of the county teachers' institute is the professional improvement of the teacher in order that the schools of the county may have better qualified teachers. Several good reasons may be assigned for holding a county teachers' institute, among which the following may be mentioned:

1. To instill into teachers educational ideals.
2. To develop a better understanding among teachers of the science and art of teaching.
3. To discuss vital and difficult school problems and devise ways and means for their solution.
4. To organize all the educational factors of the county into an aggressive and effective force for educational advancement.

The work will be divided in three sections, viz: General session composed of all teachers. High School section composed of teachers whose major work is above the seventh grade. Primary and Intermediate section, composed of teachers whose major work is up to and including the seventh grade.

In the General Session professional subjects will be discussed and all are expected to take part. Kendall and Mirick's "How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects", sold by Southern School Book Depository, will be used as a Text. Arrangements have been made to have this book on sale at the Red Front Drug Store.

The afternoon section meetings have been planned for real class work, and each Instructor should prepare an outline for the week.

Every teacher, whether your name appears on the program or not, shall be expected to enter heartily into the work.

Special entertainments will be given for the institute on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

County and District Trustees are requested to attend all meetings and every one interested in school work is invited to be with us.

Respectfully,

WALTER L. POWELL, Ex-Officio Co. Supt.

Monday Forenoon

General Session.

9:30 to 10:15: Opening Exercises.

Devotional—Rev. A. T. Douglass.

Address of Welcome—T. A. Tunnell.

Response—R. L. Gray.

Enrollment of Teachers by Secretary.

10:15 to 10:30: Recess.

10:30 to 11:15: How to teach the Fundamental Subjects, Chapter II, Reading—Miss Lona Voyles.

11:15 to 12:00: Domestic Science. Subject Selected by Instructor—Miss Pearl Matthews.

12:00 to 1:15: Noon.

Monday Afternoon

High School Section—T. A. Tunnell, Supervisor.

1:15 to 2:00: Algebra, Special Rules in Multiplication and Division—R. W. Matthews.

2:00 to 2:45: Geometry, Book I—M. S. Thacker.

2:45 to 3:00: Recess.

3:00 to 3:45: Physiology, Ritchies' Human Physiology, Chapter I, II, III—J. J. Smelser.

Primary Section—Mrs. Effie Johnson, Supervisor.

1:15 to 2:00: Reading, Beginners' Chart and Primer—O. C. Southall.

2:00 to 2:45: Language, First and Second Grades—Miss Frankie M. Sheppard.

2:45 to 3:00: Recess.

Intermediate Section—Mrs. J. M. Foster, Supervisor.

3:00 to 3:45: The Best Methods of Teaching Geography—Miss Pauline Caple.

3:45 to 4:30: The Value of Mental Arithmetic—Miss Ollie Bechtol.

Tuesday Forenoon

General Session

9:00 to 9:30: Devotional—Rev. E. M. Douthitt.

Roll Call.

Round Table Discussion: The Teachers' Leadership in the Community.

9:30 to 10:15: How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects, Chapter II, Composition—C. C. Crawford.

10:15 to 10:30: Recess.

10:30 to 11:15: School Room Sanitation—Dr. J. E. Morris.

11:15 to 12:00: Domestic Science, Subject Selected by Instructor—Miss Pearl Matthews.

12:00 to 1:00: Noon.

Tuesday Afternoon

1:00 to 1:45: Algebra, Factoring—Frank Speer.

1:45 to 2:30: Geometry, Book II—R. L. Gray.

2:30 to 2:45: Recess.

2:45 to 3:30: Physiology, Ritchies' Human Physiology, Chapters VII, VIII, IX—S. H. Southall.

3:30 to 4:00: How to Teach Physical Geography—U. R. Butts.

Primary Section—Mrs. Effie Johnson, Supervisor.

1:00 to 1:45: Reading, First Reader and Supplements—Miss Fannie Mae Cherry.

1:45 to 2:30: Language, Third and Fourth Grades—Miss Inez Kielling.

2:30 to 2:45: Recess.

Intermediate Section—Mrs. J. M. Foster, Supervisor.

2:45 to 3:30: Teaching Common Fractions—Miss Maurine Kidwell.

3:30 to 4:00: Best Methods of Presenting U. S. History—Miss Mary Dickerson.

Wednesday Forenoon

General Session.

9:00 to 9:30: Devotional—Rev. H. P. Bates.

Roll Call.

General Discussion: Beautifying the School Grounds.

9:30 to 10:15: How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects, Chapter II, Grammar—Miss Annie Barrett.

10:15 to 10:30: Recess.

10:30 to 11:15: Hygiene of the Body. Dr. J. H. Grace.

11:15 to 12:00: Domestic Science, Topic Selected by Instructor—Miss Pearl Matthews.

12:00 to 1:00: Noon.

Wednesday Afternoon

High School Section—T. A. Tunnell, Supervisor.

1:00 to 1:45: Algebra, Simultaneous Equations—C. C. Crawford.

1:45 to 2:30: Geometry, Book III—T. A. Tunnell.

2:30 to 2:45: Recess.

2:45 to 3:30: Physiology, Ritchies' Human Physiology, Chapters XII, XIII—J. E. Cherry.

3:30 to 4:00: How to Teach Ancient History—R. L. Gray.

Primary Section—Mrs. Effie Johnson, Supervisor.

1:00 to 1:45: Reading in the Second Grade—Miss Cora Brown.

1:45 to 2:30: Number Work in the First and Second Grades—Mrs. Effie Johnson.

2:30 to 2:45: Recess.

Intermediate Section—Mrs. J. M. Foster, Supervisor.

2:45 to 3:30: Decimal Fraction—Miss Annie Laurie Peak

3:30 to 4:00: How to Teach Elementary Geography—Mrs. J. M. Foster.

Thursday Forenoon

General Session.

9:00 to 9:30: Devotional—Rev. W. A. Kercheville.

Roll Call.

Round Table Talk: To What Extent Should Corporal Punishment Be Used in the School. How to Study Current Events in the School.

9:30 to 10:15: How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects, Chapter II, Spelling and Penmanship—Miss Lena Davis.

10:15 to 10:30: Recess.

10:30 to 11:15: The Prevention of Contagious Diseases—Dr. W. R. Moore

11:15 to 12:00: Agriculture, Topics Selected by Instructor—H. A. C. Brummett.

12:00 to 1:00: Noon.

Thursday Afternoon

High School Section—T. A. Tunnell, Supervisor.

1:00 to 1:45: Civics, The Value of It As a School Text—Alfred Jackson.

1:45 to 2:30: Correlation of Physical Geography and History—M. S. Thacker.

2:30 to 2:45: Recess.

2:45 to 3:30: Physiology, Ritchies' Human Physiology, Chapters XVIII, XIX, XX—J. W. Minor.

3:30 to 4:00: The Value of Literature as a High School Subject—R. W. Matthews.

Primary Section—Mrs. Effie Johnson, Supervisor.

1:00 to 1:45: Reading, Third Grade—Miss Mabel Dagley.

1:45 to 2:30: Numbers, Third and Fourth Grades—Miss Clydine Stickney.

2:30 to 2:45: Recess.

Intermediate Section—Mrs. J. M. Foster, Supervisor.

2:45 to 3:30: Grammar in the Intermediate Grades—Miss May Apperson.

3:30 to 4:00: Denominate Numbers—T. B. Walker.

Friday Forenoon

General Session.

9:00 to 9:30: Devotional—Rev. E. E. White.

Roll Call.

Compulsory School Law—County Superintendent.

9:30 to 10:15: How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects, Chapters III, Mathematics—Frank Speer.

10:15 to 10:30: Recess.

10:30 to 11:15: Tuberculosis—Dr. T. E. Standifer.

11:15 to 12:00: Agriculture, Subject Selected by Instructor—H. A. C. Brummett.

12:00 to 1:00: Noon.

Friday Afternoon

High School Section—T. A. Tunnell, Supervisor.

1:00 to 1:45: Present Progress of European War—Led by T. A. Tunnell.

1:45 to 2:30: Mexican Situation—O. C. Southall.

2:30 to 2:45: Recess.

Primary Section—Mrs. Effie Johnson, Supervisor.

1:00 to 1:45: Developing the Beautiful in a Child's Nature—Miss Dell Hargrove.

1:45 to 2:30: Making the School Room Attractive—Miss Alice Dickerson.

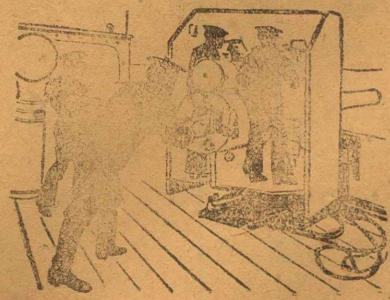
2:30 to 2:45: Recess.

2:45 to 4:00: Business Session—All Teachers.

1. The Dickens County Teachers Reading Club.

2. How Can We Improve Our Institute?

3. Resolutions and Adjournment.



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Geo. T. Snodgrass, of Dickens, was in Spur this week on business.

J. W. Young, of Afton, was in Spur Friday of last week with cotton.

Prof. H. A. C. Brummett, of the Dry Lake school, was in the city Saturday on business.

J. H. Meadors, a prominent business man of Dickens, was among the number in the city Thursday.

J. Anderson Davis, of several miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday of this week with cotton.

W. F. Cathey, of several miles north of Spur, was among the number here this week with cotton. Mr. Cathey is making a good crop and we are glad that he is getting a good price.

J. H. Dunn and family, of Mangum in Eastland county, are in Spur at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Taylor. Mr. Dunn and family will probably locate here permanently.

J. M. Aston, of four miles north of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. John recently bought a farm southwest of Spur and where he and family will make their home after next year.

J. Carlisle was in the city Saturday from his farm home in the Gilpin country.

Mr. Stovall, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur recently on business.

It's the fashion. What's the fashion? Why to eat at the German Kitchen. 28 tf.

Oliver Gray, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week in the interests of the Luzon Telephone Company business.

John Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was among the number of business visitors here the latter part of last week.

See Dr. Rodgers, Veterinary, Spur, Texas. All work guaranteed. 22tf

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Luther Jones was in Spur Tuesday of this week from his ranch home about forty miles southwest of Spur. He report everything in good shape in his part of the country.

C. N. Kidd, formerly of Jayton, but who recently bought a home on Dockum, was in the city Saturday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and had his name added to our subscription list.

H. T. Garner, of the Prairie View Stock Farm, was in the city Wednesday on business.

W. P. T. Smith, of seven or eight miles west of Spur, was among the number in the city this week. Mr. Smith is recognized as one of the best farmers of the country. In fact he has entered several state contests and while he failed to get the "first prize" yet his showings were recognized and commented upon by the state departments.

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John Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was a visitor in Spur Saturday.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northwest of Spur, was in the city one day this week.

Joe Ericson, of the West Pasture, was in Spur Tuesday buying ranch supplies and greeting his friends.

T. M. Burgess, of the Afton country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur the latter part of last week.

J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, left Friday of last week for southern Texas where he will spend some time on business.

A. S. Jackson handed us a dollar last week while in Dickens, and we have extended his subscription to the Texas Spur up into 1917. We appreciate such favors and we will always recognize A. S. Jackson as one of the best men of the country.

Earl Wright, of the Draper country, was in Spur one day this week with cotton. This year Earl says that he is short on cotton, having been hailed out and "blowed" out during the early part of the year. However, he is getting good prices for the cotton grown and with a big feed crop also selling at a high price, he is very well contented.

Burl Harrington was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

Get your Fruit cakes at the German Kitchen. Baked in Spur. It

W. E. Fletcher, of one mile east of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Am now in the market for the new maize crop. Must be dry. See S. W. Lane.

J. P. Gibson, made a trip this week to Johnson county, returning Thursday.

For Sale—Good work horses for sale at attractive prices.—White & Swearingen, Spur.

E. R. Williams, who has been living in the Afton country, left recently for other parts of the country.

Mrs. Hawley Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, was in Spur one day last week visiting with friends and shopping.

A. A. Allen, a leading citizen and one of the most successful farmers of the Croton country, was a business visitor in Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Allen recently bought a farm in the McAdoo country on the plains and where he and family will probably move another year. Mr. Allen is a good citizen and a good farmer and we are glad to have him as a "neighbor" on the plains.



WELL BALLANCED

IN QUALITY OF MATERIAL, WORKMANSHIP AND PRICE IS OUR STOCK OF HIGH-GRADE FURNITURE FOR REFINED HOMES. THERE IS A SUPERIOR FINISH TO OUR FURNITURE THAT STAMPS IT AS THE BEST. WE HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR EVERY ROOM IN THE HOUSE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE A VISIT OF INSPECTION. YOU WILL FIND OUR PRICES MUCH LOWER THAN YOU EXPECT.

Coffins, Caskets and Burial Robes

Fry Furniture Co.

Business Phone 13 Residence Phone 120
SPUR, TEXAS



WE POINT WITH PRIDE

to the line of fine Teas and Coffees which we carry and on which we have built up such a good trade.

A Large Selection

of honest goods at honest prices won us patronage of our best customers. Are you one of them?

Farmers Cash Store

Spur, Texas

Have You Done Your Christmas Shopping?

TAKE our advice and do so at once. Novelties will fast disappear. No redress possible this season. Our stock at present represents a fine showing of desirable presents suitable for each member of the family. Our prices are below the markets of today. Do not delay, visit our store and inspect the showing on display. Compare prices and your troubles will be small. Again we say do your Christmas shopping NOW.

KIMONAS

A beautiful line of Ladies Crepe Kimonas, these are made by the are made by the Ladies Aid Society of this City, being superior to any factory made garment, see them, special price - - \$1.95

CHILDRENS DRESSES

10 dozen Childrens Dresses, new designs in combinations of colors, the best made line offered you, many different styles, your pick of them - - - 65c

MENS HIGH ART SUITS

We have a line of Mens Suits worth \$16.50 to \$18.50, size only 34, 35, 36, 37, some 10 styles to make a selection from, greatest Clothing value in West Texas, choice price - - - \$3.95

Mens Heavy Work Coats	- - -	\$1.95
Mens Heavy Work Shirts	- - -	.50
Mens Heavy Kaki Pants	- - -	1.50
Mens Heavy Underwear	- - -	.50
Mens Heavy Winter Caps	- - -	.50
Mens Heavy Wool Socks	- - -	.25

CLOAKS AND LADIES SUITS

Our lines are being broken, yet we can suit you and fit you in something. Our great cut prices have sold many Suits and Wraps. If you want your money's worth, service, quality and style considered, visit us.

Mens Heavy Work Shoes	- - -	2.50
Ladies Fine Dress Shoes	- - -	2.50
Ladies Fancy House Slippers	- - -	1.25
Ladies Fancy Silk Hose	- - -	.75
Ladies \$1.75 White Waists	- - -	1.23

Love's store is a busy store, the cash buyer can always be found there to trade with us. It means your dollar has been protected. We want your trade see us this week.

RIGHT GOODS,
LOWER PRICES

LOVE DRY GOODS CO.
SPUR, TEXAS

BEST PLACE
TO TRADE

DUMONT.

J. N. Dillard's baby boy was taken very ill last Friday and they had to call a doctor for the little fellow.

Mrs. A. T. Flippins was taken very ill last Saturday afternoon.

Hurbert C. Anderson and Miss Eva Lee Norris were married last Sunday afternoon at the bride's home. May you both live a long and useful life; always look on the bright side of everything.

J. C. Banks preached Saturday and Sunday here, also Sunday night.

The school here is getting along nicely with Prof. G. W. Cross at the head. New pupils coming in very rapidly now as the cotton has been picked.

Misses Gertie and Cattie Neeley called on Misses Minnie and Cora Hughes last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. A. Sinclair and Miss Mae took dinner with Mrs. T. H. Hughes last Sunday.

J. H. Shelby and family visited at T. A. Flippin's last Sunday.

Miss Donnie McDaniel visited her sister last Thursday, Mrs. John Shields.

R. L. Carpenter and family have moved to Lubbock for the winter.

Mrs. R. J. Bohner and Sammie, her son, went to Paducah last Sunday on a visit to relatives and old friends for a few days.

C. D. Neeley left for Crowell with two or three hundred head of cattle this week to pasture them on the wheat fields.

J. B. Fortenberry and family left for Knox City last Wednesday.

J. H. Shelby and Grover Criswell loaded out with cotton and seed for Paducah last Monday.

Doyl Best returned from Quay, New Mexico, last Saturday.—Old Bill in Paducah Post.

Frank Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Wednesday and reported that cotton picking in his section of the country was about to come to a close. He also reported that there was a general improvement taking place throughout the country; some improvements made on the Lower Red Mud school house, and that school had begun at that school house with Miss McKinley as teacher.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

I will be in Spur Friday and Saturday, December 15th and 16th, at the City National Bank, for the purpose of collecting taxes for the convenience of taxpayers in this part of the county.

R. L. COLLIER, Tax-Col.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Dan Hogan, the noted painter, was in Spur this week on business.

Fruit cakes for Christmas at the German Kitchen. Order now, the older the better. It

Chas. Cannon, of the Dry Lake country, was in the city Saturday greeting friends and trading with merchants.

Jess Rogers, who has been attending college at Abilene, visited this week in the home of his parents.

D. D. Hagins was here from Gilpin Saturday, reporting everything in his section in the very finest of shape at this time.

C. W. Cartwright was in the city the latter part of last week from his home south of Spur, and spent some time here on business and greeting friends.

L. H. Perry, of Stephenville, spent several days of this week in Spur looking after his business interests in connection with the Spur Hardware Company. From Spur Mr. Perry went up to Roaring Springs where he is also interested in a hardware business.

SOLDIER MOUND

Well, well, what a big old pretty Sunday this is—everybody seems to be enjoying the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gipson and Miss Loraine Boswell visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Farmer.

Miss Nina Vaughn visited Miss Lucy Farmer today.

Cotton picking will soon be a thing of the past and the farmers will soon be ready to begin the next year's crop.

This community will be filled up next year with new people. The old ones are moving to other parts, except just a few.

Mrs. McFall and two daughters left Dickens county last Sunday for Venus, New Mexico. Mr. McFall having gone on a week before with his car of household goods and stock.

Well, good day folks, I hear the dishes rattling on the table and I'm just about ready to rattle my feet under the table.—Uncle Peavine.

W. T. Lovell, formerly of Draper but who is now superintending the gin operations for the Swenson interests at Girard, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. While we understand that Lovell is a first class gin man in every respect we know that he is a hard working man. In fact, it irritates him to see another man idle, and in superintending gin operations we are confident that he even loses sleep trying to devise some scheme to keep his men busy at all hours of the day.

NO HUNTING ALLOWED.

All hunting and trespassing of any character is forbidden on any part of the 7—N Ranch. Any one failing to heed this warning will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.—J. B. Morrison.

S. B. Scott was in the city Wednesday.

G. W. Dodson, of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday.

J. G. Currie was here from the Watson community Saturday.

W. F. Walker and wife were in the city Saturday shopping with the merchants.

Doc Ellis was in the city Saturday attending to business matters and greeting friends.

Tom McArthur was here from his home in the Tap country Friday and spent some time in the city on business.

P. Henson, of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday looking after business matters and greeting friends.

J. V. Davis came in Saturday from his home in the Dry Lake country and spent some time in the city on business and conversing with friends.

John Sellman was here Saturday from his home at the Spur Ranch headquarters and spent some time in the city on business and greeting friends.

Strayed—One bay mare branded X on right thigh. One colt branded X on right thigh. Return to Farmers Wagon Yard for reward.—R. A. Pirkle. 1tp.

MIDWAY HAPPENINGS

Ollie Blakley, who has been near Floydada for some time, has returned home.

Grandma Grizzle, who has been sick for some time is able to be up, which we are glad to note.

Several from here went and attended a social entertainment at the C. A. Gladdish home, of New Hope, Friday night. All reported a nice and enjoyable time.

A. M. and L. R. Pettigrew were in Spur Saturday.

Singing was a success at the school house Sunday afternoon. Prof. S. T. Austin was leader.

B. B. Sims has recently purchased for himself and family an "Overland"—guess that he won't have to drive "Beck and Jude" any more.

Several from this section attended court at Dickens last week.

L. W. Holly was busy the first of this week building an addition to his barns.

Misses Ellen, Zelma and Eula May Blakley were shopping in Dickens Monday afternoon.

School started Monday with seventeen pupils. Prof. U. R. Butts is the Teacher. This is quite a small number for the first day of the school, but we believe that there will be several more after Christmas.

Most every one from here enjoyed singing at the Jones home, of New Hope, Sunday night.

J. T. Whitaker has sold his place—another good neighbor gone.—Pawnee Bill. 1tp.

J. D. Martin was among the number here Saturday.

J. H. Meadors, of Dickens, was in Spur Friday on business matters.

J. J. Cloud was a business visitor in the city Monday from his home in the Soldier Mound community.

Lost—On the Spur-Dickens road a small raccoon fur scarf. Finder please return and receive reward.—Miss Emma Buchanan, Dickens, Tex. 5 3-t

H. J. Elsby, a leading citizen of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday of this week trading and greeting friends. Mr. Elsby is one among the best citizens and most successful and prosperous farmers of the whole country.



OUR CANNED GOODS

as well as our other Groceries are selected with the greatest amount of care. That's why we do a nice business. A clean store with fresh goods at reasonable prices to gether with courteous service and prompt delivery is what we represent.

BRANNEN BROTHERS COMPANY

Just Received One Car Each of Avery & Standard Implements

One Car of Hog and Barb Wire. We also have a full line of Builders Hardware, Nails, etc. Firestone Tires, Tubes, and Accessories.

Ford Parts -- Gas and Oil -- Dodge Parts

RITER HARDWARE COMPANY

No. 11703
Report of the condition of The City National Bank of Spur, at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business Nov. 17th, 1916.

RESOURCES

1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c) \$133,996.15	
Total	133,996.15
2. Overdrafts, unsecured	13,769.68
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$10,000.00
Total U. S. bonds	10,000.00
4. e Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	\$761.87
6. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	1,500.00
7. Banking house (if unencumbered)	7,750.00
8. Furniture and fixtures	2,150.00
10. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	1,809.33
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	35,021.60
11. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 18)	175.52
13. Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	1,119.24
14. a Outside checks and other cash items	4,007.25
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	33.60
15. Notes of other National Banks	457.00
18. Lawful reserve in vault and with Federal Reserve Bank	18,672.83
19. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	200.00
21. a Customers' liability account of "Acceptances" executed by this bank	18,137.74
Total	\$249,561.81

LIABILITIES

23. Capital stock paid in	\$40,000.00
24. Surplus fund	10,000.00
25. Undivided profits	\$10,815.30
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	2,555.75
26. Amount reserved for taxes accrued	600.00
28. Circulating notes outstanding	9,700.00
33. Individual deposits subject to check	179,514.41
34. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	110.00
36. Cashier's checks outstanding	1,377.85
Total demand deposits, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40	181,002.26
Total	\$249,561.81

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, E. C. Edmonds, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Dec., 1916.

E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

P. H. Miller,
T. E. Standifer,
Sol Davis
Directors

THE PRICE OF COTTON IS NOT TOO HIGH

Tom Greer of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch was in Spur Saturday of last week. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section. He has several bales of cotton picked out but says he intends to hold them until the price begins to go down. We believe we would do the same thing. At least we would hold 'till the price started downward. We all know that cotton will not always sell for eighteen cents because that is too much and is sure to take a "tumble" at some future time. However, every man wants to take advantage of the present conditions and the resulting prices.—The Texas Spur.

There is nothing in the world that can be substituted to take the place of cotton so long as cotton can be bought for less than 20c per pound. This has been the doctrine of the Farmers Union officials for several years and now, at the price of other products, there is nothing that can be substituted to take the place of cotton in making clothing, that will be a saving to the manufacturers, so long as cotton can be purchased at 25c per pound. This is only our opinion in the matter, and not authentic. Furthermore, there is only one thing that will ever effect the price of cotton, and that is the supply and demand. 18c a pound is not too high for cotton taking other things under consideration. However, cotton will take a

"tumble" in price some time in the future.—Rising Star X-Ray.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

Royal typewriter No. 5, practically as good as new; in good condition. Going on a farm, don't need it any longer. Cost \$75.00 a little over a year ago, hasn't been used much of the time since bought. Will take \$25.00 cash if sold within ten days. Call at Texas Spur office and examine typewriter if interested. 4 tf.

J. D. Huffstetter and wife were visitors in the city Saturday.

Grover Overstreet, of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday with cotton. He now has seven bales picked and will get three more. Ten bales of cotton may seem like a short crop, but ten bales at the present prices brings no small sum of money.

REPAIR WORK

Furniture and Stoves repaired. Wagons, Hacks and Buggies fixed to run like new ones.

SMALL JOBS

done at shop or I will go out and do your work.

WILL BUY OR SELL

all kinds of Second Hand Goods and do repairing at Reasonable Prices. See me at Grubb's Blacksmith Shop.

G. W. BILLS

Spur, Texas

Hon. A. J. Hagins, of near Jayton, was in Spur Friday and Saturday.

J. E. Shaw, of the Draper country, was among the number here Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richardson, of the Steel Hill country, were visitors in the city Saturday.

Robt. T. Dopson, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake country, was among the number in the city Saturday.

G. J. Stearns, of the Steel Hill country, was among the number here Saturday greeting his many friends of the town and country.

For Sale—Good work horses and mules, and Jersey Milk cows and two year old Jersey heifers. Will sell on time for good notes.—A. B. Morgan, Spur, Texas. 5 4tp.

Miss Thelma Harkey returned last week from Canyon City where she has been attending school. She will re-enter the Spur School, stating that she could acquire an education as rapidly and easily in the Spur Schools as elsewhere. Spur can boast of as good school and as good teachers as any other school in western Texas.

ANTELOPE RUSTLER

Mr. Editor:

As I haven't seen any news from this part of the community, I believe I will send in a few dots.

Boll pulling seems to be the order of the day.

Mrs. B. F. Bural and family returned Sunday from a visit to Crosbyton. She visited J. T. Bural and J. H. Webb of Lubbock.

Mrs. B. F. Bural called on Mrs. F. O. Taylor Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett called on Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Arnold Sunday.

Miss Ruth Cooper is on the sick list.

J. H. Hagins was a pleasant caller at Mr. Arnold's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roark left Tuesday for their home in Marlin, Texas.

C. E. Harrison and A. R. Hilton, of Jayton, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Taylor Saturday night and Sunday.

P. T. Hagins was in our midst Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Arnold was seen peeping around the corner at F. O. Taylor's Sunday.

B. J. Hagins was in our midst last week.

Grandma Rucker is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arnold this week. Hurry up, Pawnee Bill. SanJaun Hill.

W. W. Stegall, of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday.

J. E. Brown was in Spur Saturday from the Dry Lake country.

W. M. Stovall, of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

L. S. Scott, of several miles west of Spur, was here with cotton Friday of last week.

G. S. Jones, of near Spur, was here Saturday greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

B. F. Brock came over Friday from Dickens and spent some time in the city on business and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cambell and Rev. and Mrs. E. E. White spent Thursday afternoon at the Alamo Stock Farm twenty miles west of Spur.

R. N. Thomas, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday of this week and spent some time here looking after business matters and shaking hands with friends.

LIST OF LETTERS

remaining uncalled for at the post office at Dickens Texas, month ending Nov. 30, 1916:

Names

Ladies

Mrs. Cora Le—

Gents

Jim Alexander

Will Gipson

Walter Grizzell

Andrew Reese

Jesse Watson

Parties calling for same, will please say they are advertise.

If not called for by Jan. 1, 1917, will be sent to the dead letter office.—E. Ham, Postmaster.

MILK COWS

For Sale—A number of fresh Cows. Priced reasonable. See O. W. Maddox. 6-2tp

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lollar were visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

J. E. Burton, of the Steel Hill country, was among the business visitors here Saturday.

R. F. Rogers, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Monday greeting friends and trading with merchants.

J. H. Johnson, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Tuesday greeting friends and attending to business affairs.

J. A. Caple, of the Semicolon farm near McAdoo, was in the city this week hauling in feed stuff.

John McKeever, of the Dry Lake country, was among the business visitors here one day this week.

Mrs. Oliver Gray, of Dickens spent several days of this week in Spur with her mother, Mrs. Potts.

Bob Morgan, of twelve miles west of Spur, was in the city the first of the week and while here handed us the price of a renewal to the Texas Spur.

W. F. Shugart, of seven miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday greeting friends and looking after business matters.

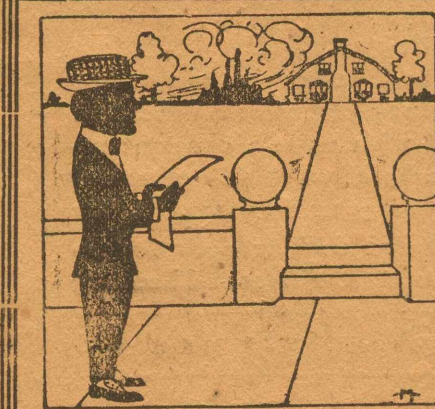
Mrs. E. J. Cairnes and little son, of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, have been spending the week in Spur at the Spur Inn.

W. H. Cartwright, of a few miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglass and family, of a mile east of the city, visited relatives at Post last week, returning via Snyder.

G. W. Jackson and sons, of the Highland community, left Spur the latter part of last week for Waco where Mr. Jackson goes to attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Miss McKinley, of Brandenburg, passed through Spur Thursday of last week on her way to the Red Mud country where she will teach the school in the Fuqua community this term.



YOUR NEW HOME

will have the desired appearance if you purchase your Lumber from our Yard.

HIGH-GRADE BUILDING MATERIALS are the only kind we handle.

Let us furnish you with the very best coal for your heaters and base burners. We also have blacksmith coal.

P. H. MILLER, - - Spur, Texas
Dealer in High Grade Hard and Soft Coal

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

IN Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager.

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Buster Cheely was in Spur the latter part of last week.

Jesse Fletcher was in the city Saturday.

Jeff Smith was here Saturday on business.

J. D. Huffstetler and wife were visitors in the city Saturday.

J. H. Jones, of the Tap country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week with cotton.

Poet Hagins was in Spur Wednesday from the Gilpin country.

R. L. Overstreet of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday with cotton to gin.

J. A. Kerley, of seven miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday on business and shaking hands with his friends.

Miss Neoma Smith was a visitor in the city last week, spending several hours here visiting friends and shopping with merchants.

Roy Butts, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent two or three hours here trading with merchants and greeting his friends.

W. M. Randall, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Monday and spent some time in the city shaking hands with his friends and on other business matters.

T. G. Bass, of the Dry Lake country, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

Grundy Crego, of the Croton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent a few hours here on business.

W. J. Elliot was in the city Wednesday of this week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch home southwest of Spur.

W. P. Marshall and wife, of Steel Hill were in the city Tuesday visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

Jim Smith came in Saturday from his home eight miles west of Spur and spent some time in the city meeting his friends and looking after business affairs.

Eugene Gates was here this week from the Afton country and spent some time in Spur greeting friends and looking after business matters.

A. Fry came in Tuesday of this week from his Cat Fish farm and ranch, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Editor Morris, of the Jayton Herald, was in Spur Saturday en route home from the plains where he had been spending a few days on business.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was in Spur Monday on official business.

John Law was in Spur the latter part of last week, spending a short time here on business and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Van Lier were in the city Saturday from their home in the Soldier Mound community.

J. D. Martin was in the city Tuesday from his home four miles north of Spur looking after business matters and greeting friends.

W. T. Lovell, of the Draper country, was in the city Thursday and paid the Texas Spur office a pleasant visit. He said that he had an awful sore toe.

A. B. Morgan and wife came in Saturday from their home twelve miles west of Spur and spent a few hours in the city visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

Chas. Perrin came in Tuesday from his ranch home in the Croton country and hauled out posts and other material with which to build stock pens and make other improvements on his ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Van Lier, of the Soldier Mound community, were visitors in Spur Saturday.

W. L. McAteer, of six or seven miles north of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday.

J. M. Reese, of seven miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday shaking hands with friends and looking after business affairs.

W. C. Barley, of the Dry Lake country, was among the large number of business visitors in Spur Saturday, spending some time in the city greeting friends.

J. W. McCormick, of the Afton country, was in Dickens last week attending court. He reports that his crops are good and with the good prices being paid he expects this year to "come out ahead of the hounds."

W. J. Young, a leading citizen of several miles south of Roaring Springs, was in Spur Friday of last week trading and greeting friends. Mr. Young recently bought land and built a home in the Roaring Springs country, having sold his farm home at Afton.

Dick Sampson and wife were in the city Saturday visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

Ben Hagins, of the Steel Hill country, was among the number in Spur Saturday of last week.

Carl Joyce, who has been with the P. H. Miller Lumber Company, has resigned his position and will probably return to his former home in Rising Star.

J. M. Jones, of the Afton country, was in Spur the first of this week with cotton. He reports everything moving along nicely and smoothly in his section of the country at this time.

C. A. Bobo, formerly manager for the Southwestern Telephone Company of the Spur exchange, but now manager for the company at Stamford, was in the city this week greeting his many friends of the town and country.

Newt Cravey, one of the brightest young fellows of the Red Mud country, was in Spur one day this week and hauled out lumber to build a home, and probably a wedding will occur in his community at an early date, that is, of course, if he can get "her" consent.

C. J. Smith, of nine miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday shaking hands with friends and trading with merchants. Mr. Smith just recently commenced picking cotton on his place and reported that he is now pulling the staple at a rapid rate. He is not regretting the fact that he is late this year, because the price continues to advance and he is afraid now that he will get twenty-five cents a pound for the principal part of his crop. Cotton may go to twenty five cents, but we are of the opinion that some day the "bottom" will drop out, and if we had a supply of cotton on hand we would keep in close touch with the market.



TO ENLIST YOURSELF

in our protecting care. Our bank is a bulwark that has the resources to weather the stress and storm of business adversity. A check account with us is a constant reminder of just where you stand—a barometer of the state of your finances. Every accommodation and facility accorded to you if not inconsistent with sound banking

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000

SURPLUS FUND \$10,000

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

E. C. EDWARDS Cashier
C. HOGAN, Asst Cashier

G. H. CONNELL, President

S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres.
J. D. HARKEY Vice-Pres.

To the Cotton Growers of Spur and Vicinity:

I AM NOW READY TO

Gin Your Cotton

AND WILL APPRECIATE A PART OF YOUR TRADE. I HAVE THE LATEST IN GINNING MACHINERY AND GUARANTEE TO DO AS WELL AS ANY ONE. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO GIN WITH ME I WILL APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WILL CALL AND INSPECT THE PLANT; ANY WAY, COME AND SEE ME. THE GIN IS LOCATED CLOSE TO THE COTTON PLATFORM, OR COTTON YARD.

Yours to Serve,

J. W. BAKER

Spur, Texas

THE UNREAD LAW OF THE LAND

There are some who say that the "higher education" has gone too far, but I want to tell you that the Yankee is a far seeing man. He has observed the hordes of laborers pouring in from Europe, men who can sleep anywhere and dine on an onion and a chunk of bread, and he has been unwilling to enter his sons in that sort of competition, and so he has sent them to college. Scientific farming began to pay.

I know a farmer whose income would excite the envy of high finance. He said to me: "Don't be afraid of education; the land will soak up all we can get and yell for more." If I knew half the secrets in ten acres of land I believe I could make my fortune off them in five years. We have sent the smart boys to the city, and we have kept the fools on the farm. We have put everything on the farm but brains. Anybody can learn Blackstone and Greenleaf, but the book of law that is writ in the soil is only for keen eyes. We want our young men to know that it is more dignified to search for the secrets of God in the land than to grope for the secrets of Satan in a lawsuit.—Irving Bacheller.

FOR SALE

Good Hereford bull calves for sale at my home in Jayton, Texas, prices \$75.00 to \$125. Sired by Governor No. 432528 and Conroe Reed No. 432508. Will take in your old bulls at \$50 to \$60.—Joe Jay. 4-4-t.

House and lot in Spur and 12 head of cattle for sale.—G. W. Elmore. 3-tf

SALT FORK OF BRAZOS WILL TO BE BRIDGED

We are glad to announce to the inquiring world that the Salt Fork of the Brazos River will be bridged. The Commissioners of Stonewall county at the regular session last week let the contract for a steel bridge across this stream. The contract calls for a 480 foot steel span, and same will be built about two hundred feet above the railroad bridge. The contract specifies that work shall begin within thirty days, and same shall be completed in ninety days. The Missouri Valley Bridge Co., through Herman Shadle secured the contract. This bridge will cost \$9,250. Will be built on reinforced concrete piers, and same shall be placed on a clay foundation. And thus, the missing link in the great National Highway has been forged, and that rope of sand has been conquered. And we say all honor to the Commissioners Court of Stonewall county, as they were the master builders who tamed the Salt Fork of the Brazos River, and in so doing they have said to the outside world that the National Highway through Stonewall county will be built.

BUYING FURS.

I will buy all kinds of furs and pay the highest market prices for everything in this line. Bring to Texas Spur office till further notice.—Arnold Cope-land. 3-tf

Mr. Rogers, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Friday of last week.

George Greenwade came over Monday from Dickens and spent some time in the city on business.

SINGLE TAX LEAGUE PASSES RESOLUTIONS

We submit for consideration and study the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Texas. This amendment is the first necessary step toward a home owning people. The principle is correct although it may not be worded so as to avoid all legal obstacles. We invite comments, criticisms and suggestions.—Single Tax League of Texas, Rooms 4 and 5 "F" Building, San Antonio, Texas.

Resolution

Be it resolved, that the Single Tax League of Texas, assembled at Dallas, October 19th, 1916, hereby propose for submission to the people of Texas an amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution of Texas for their approval or rejection, at the general election to be held on Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1918, in substance as follows, to wit:

Section 1. All property now subject to taxation shall be classified for purposes of taxation and for exemption from taxation as follows:

Class One shall include all personal property. All bonds and public securities of the state and of the political subdivisions and municipalities thereof, now or hereafter issued, shall be exempt from all taxes, state and local, from and after the adoption of this amendment; and all other personal property shall be exempt from taxes, state and local, in the year 1919, and thereafter; provided that nothing in this amendment shall be construed as limiting or denying the power of the state to tax any form of franchise, privilege or inheritance.

Class Two shall include all improvements in or on lands, except improvements in or on lands now exempt from taxation by law. In the years 1919 and 1920 all property in Class Two shall be exempt from all taxes; state and local to the extent of one-fourth of the assessed value of such property; in the years 1921 and 1922 to the extent of two-fourths in the years 1923 and thereafter all property in Class Two shall be exempt from taxes, state and local; provided, however, that in the year 1919 and thereafter, the improvements to the extent of \$3,000 in assessed value on the homestead of every householder or head of family shall be exempt from all taxes, state and local.

Class Three shall include all lands in the state independent of the improvements thereon or therein, except lands now exempt from taxation by law (and shall also include all franchises for public service utilities) and no property in Class Three shall ever be exempt from taxation.

Section 2. All property subject to taxation in this state shall be exempt for taxes at its true and actual value.

Section 3. No poll tax shall be levied or collected in Texas, nor shall any tax whatsoever be levied or imposed on any person, firm, merchant, manufacturer, trade, labor, business, occupation, or profession, under the form or pretext of a license for revenue after December 31st, 1918, but nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the licensing of any business, occupation, place or thing in the interest of public peace, health or safety; and nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting any laws governing the regulation of the manufacture and sale of fermented, vinuous or spirituous liquors.

Section 4. The existing constitutional limitations upon the rate of taxation for state, county, school and municipal purposes, shall have no force and effect after January 1, 1919.

Section 5. The Legislature shall provide the legislation necessary to secure full and effective compliance with the purposes and intent of this amendment.

Spur Produce Co.

J. C. Miller, Prop.

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Good Northern Apples also on hand to sell at very reasonable prices

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IT ALL DEPENDS UPON ONE'S TASTE, ANYWAY

A Chicago editor says he would like to hear a preacher pray in conversational tones, as if the Lord were present and not a long way off. Yes, and then some son of a sea cook would complain because the preacher was not in earnest. People are hard to please. The Methodists used to be too demonstrative, the Presbyterians kept right on attracting people who liked their style. Most of the preachers these days are dignified in the pulpit and they reach only the people who like that style. When Bill Sunday comes to town and makes a great hullabaloo, the quiet people criticize his words and methods, but the demonstrative people hit the trail at the rate of a thousand a day.

You will find a lot of people who drive an automobile as quietly as possible and who run at a conservative rate. Then you run across a fellow who opens his muffler and hikes down the road at forty miles and hour.—Exchange.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the Spur National Bank of Spur, Spur, Texas, will be held at the banking house of said Bank in Spur, Texas, on the second Tuesday, the 9th day of January, A. D. 1917, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business properly coming before said meeting. R. V. Colbert, President M. E. Manning, Cashier. Dec. 7, 1916. 5 4-t

FOR SALE CHEAP.

Royal typewriter No. 5, practically as good as new; in good condition. Going on a farm, don't need it any longer. Cost \$75.00 a little over a year ago, hasn't been used much of the time since bought. Will take \$25.00 cash if sold within ten days. Call at Texas Spur office and examine typewriter if interested. 4 tf.

W. L. Curry was here Saturday from his Duck Creek home and spent an hour or two in the city shaking hands with friends and trading with merchants.

TO THE PEOPLE OF MOTLEY COUNTY

It is fast coming to time that the people of the Great State of Texas are realizing the necessity of good roads and gradually interest is being awakened in all of the communities.

Through this Great Land of ours there is being heard the cry of good roads and nearly all of the states are legislating to meet the demand. It is so with us and we can but look around and see the wonderful improvement of such roads and highways to see the change that time has brought to us.

There is a man in Monte Ne, Arkansas, that has wonderful ideals in this line.

It is his highest conception to complete a public highway from coast to coast, this he has started and we know more particularly about it from St. Louis to El Paso. This road has been approved from St. Louis to Oklahoma City and several proposed routes from there to El Paso, most of which pass thru Amarillo, however, there is a southern route, known as the Oklahoma Scenic Route, that leads by way of Lawton, Snyder, Hollis, Childress, Matador, Spur, Crosbyton, Lubbock and thence to El Paso.

Now as to the great advantages that it will bring to Matador they are too numerous to mention but any sound thinking man can see that it is very beneficial to us. It will bring through our country, ones that will see it, will appreciate it, will invest and possibly live with us; it will bring people here that would never know there was such a country and will show to the world that we have the greatest future of any country under the sun.

We can obtain this road by concentrated effort, by talking good roads, thinking good roads and encouraging our county officials to put in better roads. Think of this and give the movement your support.—C. G. Willie in the Motley County News.

NO HUNTING AND FISHING

All parties are hereby warned that no fishing, hunting and camping will be permitted in any of the pastures controlled by us.—White & Swearingen.

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Received a wire from the company stating that a car of Chevrolets will arrive in Spur this week. SEE THEM.

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I have leased the Teague Blacksmith Shop, where I am prepared to do all kinds of Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing. Wooden Troughs and Tubs built to your order

I have been working for G. A. Howsley the past three years, and many know the kind of work I am able to do. Give me a share of your work, I will appreciate it.



IF YOU ARE CAREFUL to choose what you eat, if you insist upon the best, if you know what well-cooked foods are—then you'll be able to judge how fine an eating place this restaurant is—and we don't mean by this that we are high in price because we are not.

GERMAN KITCHEN & BAKERY, Spur, Texas

J. N. Zumwalt, of fifteen or twenty miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. W. M. Hunter and niece spent a few days this week in Brandenburg.

J. J. Noland, of the Afton country, was here during this week with cotton to gin.

W. D. Eldredge, of the plains country, near McAdoo, was a business visitor in Spur one day last week.

Mrs. J. E. Taylor, of the city, spent several days of this week with her brother and family, John Ligon, of near Afton.

J. H. Boothe, a prosperous farmer of near Spur, was in the city Saturday greeting friends and looking after business matters.

Luther Kimbro, of near the city, was in Spur one day this week with cotton and while here called in and subscribed for the Texas Spur.

Don't get your Xmas present until you see the things at the Presbyterian Bazaar Saturday, December 9th, from 2 to 6 o'clock at the Directors' Room of the Spur National Bank.

H. N. Patton was among the number in Spur Saturday.

W. L. Grubbs, of the Red Mud community, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

N. B. Fuqua, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was among the number from that section here Saturday.

Carl Douglass, of near McAdoo on the plains, was in Spur Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Usry.

G. S. White returned recently from a business trip to the city of Weatherford where he spent some time.

Doc Ellis was in Spur Friday from his home in the West Pasture, and spent some time in the city greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

J. L. Moore and family and Mrs. W. M. Moore, of six miles west of Spur, returned Monday from Paducah where they had been spending a few days.

John Weathers, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday greeting his many friends of the city and country and looking after business matters.

R. P. Davis, of the Dry Lake country, had business in Spur Saturday and spent an hour or two here greeting friends.

Bob Inglish, a prominent citizen of several miles west of Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

John Smith, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was in Spur Thursday and spent an hour or two here on business.

J. M. Reese came in Saturday from his home seven miles west of Spur and spent some time in the city greeting friends and looking after business matters.

T. J. Harrison, of several miles north of Dickens, was a business visitor in the city one day this week, spending some time here trading with merchants and greeting friends.

T. G. Harkey, C. D. Copeland, E. L. Harkey and others who attended the trial of Ranger Roberson at El Paso, returned the first of the week. At the time they left the evidence had just been completed. Roberson is charged with having shot and killed a man in that country by the name of Boykin.

Mesdames Ensy and Gruben, and Miss Matthews and Prof. Matthews, have been spending some time in the Double Mountain country with their mother, Mrs. Matthews, who has been quite sick. We are glad to note that at this time Mrs. Matthews is reported somewhat improved and it is hoped that she will soon be completely recovered.

J. E. Burton came in Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country and spent some time in the city on business. He has made twenty two or twenty three bales of cotton this year, and after paying back accounts for several years he still has plenty to live on comfortably.

Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY
HAVE US DO
That Work

Why Not Now?

W. C. Barley was here from the Dry Lake country, the latter part of last week.

Dr. Hale, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday, spending some time here visiting friends and looking after business matters.

C. D. Pullin, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur one day this week trading with the merchants.

W. W. Ellis and wife were in Spur Saturday from their ranch home in Kent county, spending several hours here visiting friends and shopping.

Sam White came in from the ranch headquarters one day this week and spent some time here on business.

Will Watson, of Marquez, was in the Spur country visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. D. Copeland. He came to this country for the purpose of buying a place.

J. E. Shaw, of the Croton country, was in Spur Friday of this week looking for a carpenter to make door and window frames for him, and by this we judge that he, too, is keeping in the progressive building program of the whole country. The building progress throughout this whole western country is now most rapid and substantial and within a few years we will have one of the most highly developed sections within the state of Texas.

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J. A. Murchison, of the Draper country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur this week.

Mrs. V. C. Smart is in Rotan on an extended visit to her parents and other friends and relatives of Fisher county.

R. M. Duboise, of Clay county, recently bought the T. A. Randleman farm a few miles south of Spur and he and family will here after be permanent resident citizens of the great Spur country.

T. A. Randleman called in Friday of this week and extended his subscription up into the good year 1918. He also paid up the subscription of Jack Stringer to the year 1918, including the Dallas Semi-Weekly News to himself. This makes a newspaper man smile.

Last week T. A. Randleman bought a quarter section of land near Spur with the intention of making improvements. However, he was offered a bonus for his purchase the next day and will let the other fellow make the improvements.

J. M. Chapman, of Sneedville, was in Spur Friday of this week looking over the country with a view of buying land and improving a home in this section. From her Mr. Chapman went down into the Jayton country. Before leaving he called in and had his name placed on the list of Texas Spur readers. We will be glad for Mr. Chapman to locate with us and feel confident that he will never be disappointed in the country.

OBSERVE ROAD RULES.

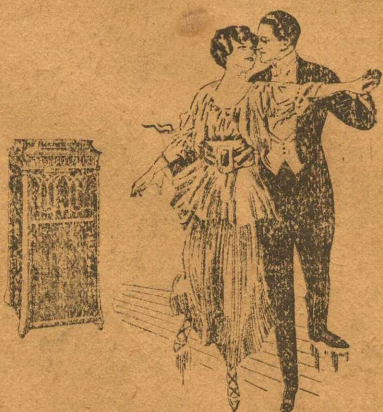
J. C. Stephens, of the Afton country, was in Spur Thursday of this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He asked us to impress the public with the laws governing travel over the roads, since there are a number who fail to observe the general rules of turning to the right when other vehicles are met. If every one would observe the simple rule of turning to the right in meeting other vehicles in the roadway much confusion and an accident might be avoided. In passing a vehicle going the same direction one should always turn to the left.

W. F. West and wife were in the city Saturday visiting with friends and shopping.

Willis Smith, of the Owen ranch twelve miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Friday and spent some time here on business and greeting his many friends.

W. M. Ledford called in Friday of this week and his name placed on the subscription list of the Texas Spur. Mr. Ledford has just purchased the Osborne residence in the west part of Spur and he and family will make their home here in the future. Mr. Ledford is traveling for a glove factory and has been making this territory some time. He says that he has been telling his eastern friends for some time that the Spur country was the coming country of Texas, and he expects to see others move here soon.

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