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## Editor's Corner.

By Joe Harrison

The big event is finally here. Today starts Spur's Golden Jubilee Celebration and Ex-Student Homecoming.

It's been a lot of work, and we hope these final three days of the planning will be lots of fun.

Everyone is ready, all sorts of preparations have been made. Some enterprising businesses even added a fresh coat of paint and the fire boys washed the streets.

We had a part in the Jubilee too. This is our 50th Anniversary Edition. It contains 80 pages, 72 of which are tabloid size. I assure you it was a lot of work and sweat. We couldn't have got the paper out if it hadn't been for some of our friends who stepped in and lent a helping hand like true friends when we needed them most. Thanks to them.

Our trouble started Sunday, September 13 when we started the first run of Special Edition. The gear and drive track on our press broke and we didn't get it fixed until Wednesday afternoon. We finally got the paper out, although it got in the mail late.

If the press hadn't deserted us we would have made it fine. Such is life.

In looking through the edition we noted several mistakes. I'm sure you will find some too. But we make no apologies. We only did our best. We ask only that each critic read the paper from cover to cover before they rush down and camp on our coattail to tell us what all we left out and "how it should have been done."

Regardless, this paper is probably one of the biggest ever put out in Dickens County. If not the best.

Have you noticed how much nicer the City Hall looks with its new front. A good remodeling job is what the town, and the Texas Spur, need. If Spur is to exist, and in our opinion its only reason for existence is for a shopping center, as is most towns, then Spur should give the appearance of a shopping center, clean and modern store fronts. Granted, each Spur merchant is not able to finance such remodeling, like the Texas Spur. But if each one was able to remodel, and would, you would see Spur take a distinctive jump forward in population, and gross sales here would rise.

We were crowded this week, not only for space, but for time. The Jubilee edition was printed right here in Spur, instead of being farmed out to the big city, and it was quite a chore for a country shop. But we made it and hope you will enjoy the paper and the Jubilee and Homecoming.

## School Officials Want Chairs Back

Spur High School officials report that several steel folding chairs are missing from the school premises.

"We feel they have been borrowed and failed to be returned," states Principal J. A. Williams.

"We will need these chairs for the Ex-Student Homecoming events," he said, "and the school would like to have all chairs returned."

## Ruben Moreno Now In US Army

Ruben Moreno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Espiridion Moreno, has enlisted in the U. S. Army and is currently going through basic infantry training at Ft. Ord, California. He entered the Army August 30.

A graduate of Spur High School, Moreno attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College for two years.

# Jubilee, Homecoming Festivities Begin

## Bulldogs To Face Chiefs



HALFBACK BUBBA BIGHAM comes up to make the tackle on Anson's Quarterback, David Propst, after a short gain in Friday night football game won by Spur, 20-6.

SPUR	STARTING LINEUPS	CROSBYTON
173 David Albin	LE	Cecil Copeland 127
175 Z. B. Mayo	LT	Jimmy Harkins 180
165 Marshall Murray	LG	Russell Hudson 182
172 Wayne Wright	C	George Brakebill 152
165 Gary Scott	RG	Gary Hancock 150
175 Andre Garcia	RT	Harry Brewer 200
165 Woodie McArthur	RE	Tad Roberson 143
153 Freddie Walker	QB	Charlie Moore 175
175 Jimmy Paronto	FB	David Edwards 180
140 Bubba Bigham	HB	Duane Winter 130
155 Don Morrison	HB	David Stephens 130

The Spur Bulldogs, fresh from a 20-6 victory over Anson last week, may have their hands full Friday afternoon when they play the Crosbyton Chiefs at 2 p.m. in Jones Stadium.

The sturdy Chiefs have won three ball games, downing O'Donnell, Post and Seagraves.

Spearhead of the Crosbyton attack is expected to be 180-pound fullback, David Edwards, senior, two year letterman. Also in the Chief backfield is another face Spur fans will remember, he is quarterback Charlie Moore, 175, two year letterman.

Last year the Bulldogs won over Crosbyton, 22-14.

The Bulldogs are expected to be at full strength for this big Homecoming tilt. End Woodie McArthur, out for two weeks due to illness, has returned to the lineup and is expected to see some action Friday. Melton Webb, junior tackle who reportedly quit the squad last week, is back in uniform and ready to play.

Bobby Greer, a starting halfback last week, is a question mark. He pulled a ligament in the Anson game.

The probable starting lineup follows.

## Brothers Of The Brush To Wit Three Razors

Three Remington Roll-O-Matic Shavers will be awarded to winners of the Golden Jubilee beard growing contest to be judged Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in downtown Spur.

The razors were donated by Gibson Discount Center, Lubbock, Texas.

Judging will be based on three categories: Full beard, most original, futile attempt.

All entries in the contest must be paid up members of the Brothers of the Brush. Winners must shave their beards on the spot.

The judging will be on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Brothers of the Brush chairman J. D. McCain reports that response has been good in growing beards, and some men say they will keep theirs.

## Snake Killing Time In Spur

It's rattlesnake time again. With the approach of cooler weather, rattlers are beginning to move around seeking a den.

This week, C. P. Witt killed a 37-inch rattlesnake by the water tower on the hill. The reptile had six rattles.

Also this week, dove hunters Jack Beeson and Adrian each killed a snake. These had six or seven rattles.

## Oscar Named Demo Chairman

The "Dollars-for-Democrats" drive in Dickens County will be headed this year by O. L. Kelley, Spur.

State Campaign Chairman John Wildenthal, Jr., said the annual fund-raising project would get under way on Sept. 25 and continue through October 4.

All funds collected will go to the National Democratic Committee and will be credited to the Texas quota for the Party, Wildenthal said.



BULLDOG MAJORETTES—Leading the Bulldog Band this year are left to right, Sandra Karr, Arlene Jordan, Merry Dee McArthur and Myla Maion.

## Some Spur Stores Reveal Plans To Close For Homecoming Tilt

The following stores have all signed up to be closed during the ball game Friday afternoon.

They include: Rickels Chevrolet; Leon Ice Company; C. D. Foreman; Alien Auto Supply; Garner Butane - Propane Co.; West Texas Furniture; Randy Clifton; Gabriel's; Spencer Campbell; Red Front Drug; Rex Holder; City Drug Co.; Gruben Jewelry; Dunlap's; Stop and Shop; OK Rubber Welders; City Cleaners; Willis Smith Texaco; Everett Martin; Spur Super Market; Dorothy's Flowers; Leon Reagan; Carl Rye; A&B Barber Shop; Hoover Motor Co.; Fay's Fashions; Proctor's; Dorothy's; Brashear Supply Co.; Spur Barber Shop; Starcher Insurance; Western Auto; Ritter Hardware; Lulene's; Dickens County Electric; Stamford PCA; Quality Cleaners; Gibson Insurance; Dyess Barber Shop; Davis &

Rector Insurance; West Texas Utilities, Texas Spur.

## Fire Inflicts Only Minor Damage

Only minor damage to a cabinet was suffered in a fire at a trailer house on Parker St. Tuesday night.

## County 4-H Club Elects Officers

New officers have been elected for the Dickens County 4-H club.

Bennie Loe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Loe, has been named president; John Goen, vice president; Kearn Thomas, secretary; Barney Benson, reporter; Karen Thomas also was elected county council delegate. R. S. Conner is group sponsor.

## Benton Watson Tops Dickens County 4-H Sears Gilt Show

Saturday, Sept. 19, the Dickens County 4-H Sears Gilt Show was held in Dickens, Texas. Mr. Doyle Williams from Ralls judged the show.

The winners were: Benton Watson of Spur, Grand Champion; Larry Roberts of Patton Springs, Reserve Champion; Don Morris of Patton Springs, third place; Barney Benson of Spur, fourth; Jackie Bennett of Patton Springs, fifth; Rita Hawley of Patton Springs, sixth; and Jerry Clements of Patton Springs, seventh.

A gold trophy was awarded to Benton Watson for showing the Grand Champion. Ribbons and cash were awarded to the other four top places.

The animals shown were won by the 4-H Club members through a competitive essay writing sponsored by the Sears Swine Program last spring.

Saturday, Sept. 26, the store wide showing of the Grand Champion gilt and male hog from each county will be held in Lubbock.



BENTON WATSON, at right, with champion gilt at the Dickens County Sears Show held Saturday morning at Dickens. At left is Fred Arrington who donated trophies for the show. Larry Roberts had the second place gilt. Larry Lawson will show his boar in the Sears Show in Lubbock Saturday along with Watson.

## Thousands Expected For Jubilee Homecoming, Grand Ol' Opry

Spur Ex-Student Homecoming and Spur Golden Jubilee Celebration will get into full swing tonight with a big Pep Rally at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Spur, followed by the coronation of the Jubilee and Homecoming Queens.

A big parade will be the feature attraction Friday morning, beginning at 10 a.m. Parade Chairman Everett Martin has requested that all riding groups, and commercial floats, i.e., tractors, line up at 9 a.m. on the West side of 6th St. Floats and old cars, etc., should line up on the East side of 6th St. Bands will line up on the Light Plant lawn.

At 2 p.m. Friday afternoon, the Spur Bulldogs will play the Crosbyton Chiefs in Jones Stadium.



RAY PRICE

Friday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. the Spur Lions Club will cater a Pancake Supper in the East Ward School Lunchroom. Admission will be 50c per plate for pancakes, coffee, syrup, butter, milk or coffee.

Grand Ol' Opry stars Ray Price and Miss June Carter will give their initial performance at 8 p.m. in Jones Stadium, along with a star-studded supporting cast. Following the Grand Ol' Opry show, a dance will be held in downtown Spur.

Admission to the big show will be \$1.50 for adults and 75c for children under 12.

## EX-STUDENT HOMECOMING

Ex-Student Homecoming activities will begin with registration Thursday morning. Approximately 1,200 are expected to return to Spur for the Golden Jubilee and Homecoming as combined attractions.

Their activities will be topped off with a big general assembly in the High School Gym. The three dances will also be a big attraction to Exes.

The class that has the best homecoming will be presented with \$75 by Adrian Rickels, local Chevrolet dealer. Second prize will be \$50; third, \$25.

Prizes for the parade floats will be \$30, \$20, \$10 donated by the Ex-Students, and a similar award will be made by the Golden Jubilee. One float could win both prizes. The top three floats will be presented at halftime at the ball game along with the Homecoming and Jubilee Queens.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three Riding Clubs. Some classes will hold their class meetings Friday night, others will meet Saturday afternoon at the scheduled time.

Other important events on tap include an Old Fashioned Tea and Antique show to be held each day of the Jubilee, Thursday through Saturday at the West Texas Utilities office, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Children attending the show should be accompanied by parents or responsible persons.

Judging of Brothers of the Brush will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday followed by a Style Show depicting fashions from 1909 to 1959.

All ladies who are members of Sister of the Swish Chapters should wear their Jubilee dresses to the ball game as well as the three final days of the Jubilee. Failure to comply with these rules will net a 25c fine.

Two barbecues are on the agenda, one on Friday and one Saturday. They will be staged in Swenson Park at noon.

All early settlers of the Spur trade territory, who have lived here 50 years, or are 50 years of age, may pick up their free ticket to the Saturday barbecue. They may pick up their tickets at Jubilee headquarters, and are urged to do so immediately.

## New Arrivals

### BIRTHS

A daughter, Inita Kay, weighing 8 lbs. and 8 ozs. was born Sept. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Castro.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Austin of Dumont are the parents of a daughter, Pamela Michele, born Sept. 17, in Spur Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. and 11 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Dois Barber are the parents of a son, Eddie Wayne, born Sept. 19. He weighed 7 lbs. and 5 ozs.

A son, Ronnie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gutierrez of Jayton in Spur Memorial Hospital Sept. 20. He weighed 8 lbs. and 10 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gutierrez of Jayton are the parents of a son born Sept. 20. He weighed 8 lbs. and 10 ozs. and has been named Florentine.

A daughter, Lisa Ann, was born August 26 in Abilene to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur of Santa Anna, Texas.

The father is employed as assistant coach at the Santa Anna High School. He is former Spur Junior High Coach.

**Gamma Eta Has Luncheon**

The Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma conducted the first meeting of a new year in Spur on Sept. 19. As members from Paducah, Ralls, Roaring Springs, Patton Springs, Lorenzo, Girard and Spur assembled in the home of Miss Margaret Elliot, they were welcomed by Mrs. Lucretia Brooks and served a buffet luncheon.

During the luncheon, many reports were made on various activities which occurred throughout the summer.

After the luncheon, the president, Mrs. Bowman of Lorenzo called the members into a business session. In answering a roll call made by the Secretary, Mrs. Wells of Ralls, members reported chapter and personal accomplishments relating to the subject: "How I Grew Professionally This Summer". Mrs. Williams of Girard reported on work done on a Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship.

Mrs. Galbreath of Girard outlined her plans toward a Master's Degree. Mrs. Taylor of Ralls announced receiving a Master's Degree from Texas Tech. Mrs. Jessie Thomas of Paducah and Margaret Elliot of Spur reviewed the Society's National Regional meeting held in Tulsa, Okla. which they attended in August.

Mrs. Whitlock of Paducah and Mrs. Gilbert of Ralls reported on vacation trips of interest. Miss Whitaker of Spur, Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Stobaugh of Lorenzo outlined "Professional Growth at Home".

Plans were made for attending the State Regional to be held in Littlefield on Oct. 17. Various members were assigned parts on the program for that meeting.

The next meeting of this group will be on Nov. 7 at Lorenzo.

**8th Grade Chooses Class Favorites**

The 8th grade class met on September 15, and voted on class favorites.

Those chosen were: Betty Gregory and Jim White. Runners up were George Neaves, Patsy Bragg and Steve Ensey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Proctor made a business trip to Amarillo last week end.



MRS. GENE TAYLOR (Formerly Sandra Jo Faulkner)

**Vows Read For Local Couple**

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faulkner announce the marriage of their daughter, Sandra Jo, to Gene Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor. Rev. Riley Fugitt performed the double ring ceremony Saturday, August 29, in the Baptist Church parsonage.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a light blue Paisley print dress with white accessories. Her corsage of white gladioli.

Miss Alfreida Taylor of Midland, cousin of the groom was maid of honor and A. W. Marshall served as best man.

Following a short wedding trip to Carlsbad, N.M. the couple will make their home in Spur, where the groom is employed with the Massy Gin Company.

**Mrs. Ava Johnson Hosts Luncheon**

Mrs. Ava Johnson, County Treasurer, was hostess to a luncheon served in the dining room of Mrs. Lea's Cafe during the regular session of Commissioners Court on Monday, Sept. 14.

The menu consisted of steak, gravy, hot rolls, french fries, stuffed celery, fresh tomatoes, creamed potatoes, pie a la mode, coffee and tea.

Invited guests were Judge Hindman, Roy Ward, Jack Lawson, Russell Williams, Henry Edwards, Fred Arrington, Nona Starcher and John McCraw of Amarillo.

**Holly-Biggs Vows Read**

Wedding vows were exchanged September 5 at 5 p. m. between Miss Jeanne Holly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Holly of Canadian, and Jerry Biggs, son of Mrs. Ann Colliet of Ft. Worth, in the First Methodist Church at Dickens.

The service was read by Rev. Dennis before an altar decorated with red gladioli and greenery.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal wedding gown of nylon tulle and lace over white satin, featuring a tiny waist, Sabrina neckline and long sleeves, ending in petal points at the hand. The bouffant skirt was edged with a wide border of lace as was the matching veil. Her bridal bouquet was a cascade of white roses.

Mrs. Derryl Holly, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor. Her dress was emerald green taffeta, with a fitted bodice and bouffant skirt. She wore white accessories and carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Attending the groom as best man was Bert Thomas, Lubbock. Traditional wedding music was played by Mrs. Johnny Koonsman of Dickens.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holly, Dickens.

The serving table was covered with lace over yellow linen, centered with a bouquet of garden flowers and flanked by tall tapers in silver candelabra. Mrs. Watt Holly presided, assisted by Miss Ruby Dell Overstreet.

For a wedding trip to Carlsbad, N. M., Mrs. Biggs chose a red and black tweed suit with black accessories and wore a corsage of white roses.

The couple will reside at 1411 N. Lincoln in Odessa, where the groom is assistant manager for Cosmopolitan Investment Company.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bowman and family of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Francis and daughters of Hobbs, N. M.

**Gene Taylors' Feted With Shower**

The Gene Taylors were honored with a "Mr. and Mrs." shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Driggers, recently.

Upon arrival, the guests were registered in the brides book and then proceeded to the room where the gifts were on display.

The refreshment table was covered with a white cloth over blue and white napkins inscribed with "Sandra and Gene" were used.

Hostesses for the occasion were mesdames Brink Carlisle, Doyle King, A. W. Marshall, J. W. Justice, Jim Christopher, Ellie Wilson, Earl Thomason, E. W. Smith, Raymond Bailey and Walter Driggers.

Approximately 150 called or sent gifts during the appointed time.

**Mr. and Mrs. Henry Entertain With Barbecue**

Friday night, Sept. 18, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henry entertained with a chicken barbecue in the back yard of their home at 719 N. Carroll Street.

The occasion was the completion of 20 years of service that Mr. Henry has been with American National Life Insurance Company.

The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunsaker, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Blankenship, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hensley, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pearson, Ralls; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Biggerstaff, Tahoka and Rev. and Mrs. Travis Jordan, Woolforth.

**Girard Ag Club Names Officers**

Girard Agricultura men's club met Monday night to elect officers. The following officers were elected: President, Glen Spradling, Vice-President Albert Harris, Secretary Orwin Stephens, Treasurer Pete Sherer, Program Chairmen Gene McWaters and Mark Geeslin.

Motion was carried to meet every third Monday night of each month. Nineteen people were present at the meeting.

Program is being set up to help the farmer and those closely related to farming in this community. Problems of vital interest to these people will be studied and discussed. Every farmer is urged to attend these meetings.

Refreshments of coffee and pie were served by Mr. and Mrs. McWaters.

**Mrs. Stanley Hosts Espuela HD Club**

The Espuela Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, Sept. 17, at 2:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Cotton Stanley. Roll Call was answered by six members.

Two demonstrations were given—"Putting in a Hem," by Mrs. Harold Karr, and "Making Aprons" by Mrs. Don Ramsey, who displayed four different aprons and gave one as a prize.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Pearl Morgan, Bob Dixon, Ruben Waddell, Don Ramsey, Harold Karr and the hostess.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Don Ramsey.

**Patton Springs 4-H Club Elects New Officers**

The Patton Springs 4-H Club met Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1959, at school for the purpose of organizing and electing officers. Dickens County Agent R. S. Connor directed the meeting and asked that all winners of the Sears gilts to bring their gilts to the west side of the courthouse lawn in Dickens on Saturday morning, Sept. 19.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Don Morris, president; Dwain Harris, vice-president; Larry Lawson, secretary; James Morris, reporter; and Larry Lawson, county council delegate.

**Classes '23-'24 To Hold Tea**

There will be a get-together tea for members of the classes of 1923-1924 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Vernon, 917 W. Harris, from 4 to 5 p. m. Saturday.

All members are urged to attend.

**Class Meeting Scheduled**

The class of 1958 will meet at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in the home of Margie Mobley, 514 N. Williams.

**SPUR SCHOOL MENU**  
September 28 — October 2  
Monday—baked beans, potato salad, sour pickles, stewed peaches, lemon cookies, bread, milk.

Tuesday—battered potatoes, sliced cheese, green beans, hot rolls, butter, apple spread, milk.

Wednesday — baked meat with catsup, buttered hominy, sliced beets, rice pudding, fruit, bread, milk.

Thursday—pinto beans, seasoned spinach, sliced onions, peach cobbler, corn bread, milk.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and her father, C. H. Perry, who is one of Spur's old timers, will be visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Berry this week end and will attend the Homecoming and Golden Jubilee.



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With the industry's most advanced gas-saving 6's. With high-torque Workmaster V8 performance in heavyweights. With new 6-cylinder or V8 power available in L.C.F.'s.

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**TELEPHONE TALK**  
by Bob Bresnahan, Manager

Shoot a sitting bird? I know this is a ridiculous statement as the hunters around here are the best wing shooters in the State of Texas and wouldn't dream of shooting a sitting bird. But if by accident or for some other reason your gun is about to go off when it is pointed at a dove on a telephone pole or sitting on a wire I wish you would think about the call which might be interrupted or the family who would be without telephone service due to a broken wire or cable. Also it costs thousands of dollars each year to repair the damage done by careless hunters. Good luck to all. I hope everyone gets their limit.

**PICK THE ROOM — THEN THE COLOR**

The other day, I was reading over a study made by the telephone company which showed that the kitchen and bedroom were the most popular locations for extension telephones.

It doesn't surprise me because a good number of our customers here in Spur have ordered telephones for those particular rooms in their homes.

But perhaps you'd like additional phones in other rooms—the workshop, maybe, or the family room. All you have to do is pick the room where you want an extension, and then call the business office.

We'll be happy to help you select the color that fits the room—and within a few days you'll have a color extension to brighten your home and help you get more out of life.

**THE OLD "COLLEGE TRY"**

In the coming months, Saturday afternoons on college campuses will mean lively football games with teams giving it the old "college try."

But Sunday afternoon—minus the excitement of the winning touchdown—can be lonely for sons or daughters away at college.

There's an easy remedy for this, however. Just ask them to make the old "college try" at remembering to call you collect every other Sunday.

Who knows? They may even surprise you some Sunday by paying for the call themselves with the dollar or two they've saved from allowance or an extra job they've picked up at college.

Call by number. It's twice as fast.

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY**



**Big Chief Stamp  
Mobile Unit To Be  
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The Big Chief Trading Stamp

Mobile Redemption Center will be in Spur Friday and Saturday.  
The unit, complete with a full line of stock will be located near Spur Super Market.

**DRY LAKE NEWS...**

**Dry Lake Neighbor Club Will Meet Tuesday, September 30**

Mrs. E. J. Lassetter The Dry Lake Help-Your-Neighbor Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 30, for an all-day quilting and covered dish luncheon in the home of Mrs. Archer Powell.

There will be an election of officers and teachers at Foreman Chapel Church next Sunday. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. John Montgomery of Jayton, Mrs. Guy Karr of Spur and Mrs. J. L. Karr of her farm drove to Lubbock Wednesday to purchase rugs for the home at 1516 N. Parker in Spur. Mrs. Karr plans to move some time in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aston drove to Lubbock Saturday to be at the bed side of their daughter, Mrs. Adrian Rickels, who had major surgery at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. Ellis Draper attended the associational meeting Friday at the First Baptist Church in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bass were in Temple last Monday where Mrs. Bass went through the clinic. They returned home by the way of Austin where they visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Estep and Burnet and visited her father, Sam Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Johnson of Jayton had supper Sunday night with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dopson and Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pickens were dinner guests Sunday of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hickman and Bobbie Joe and Lela Beth in Lubbock. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caplingtr, Gary, and Don.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer Powell and Patsy and Jane spent the week end in Odessa with their daughter, Dorothy and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Menyard Ensey.

Judge Brummett of Dickens visited Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dopson Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bass had Sunday dinner with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Graden Bass and family.

Guests for dinner Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cayce Alldredge in Spur were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Draper, her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hahn and family of Post. Colette Collett, who is attending Draughn's Business College in Lubbock, visited her mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, in Jayton, her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Collett, and grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Karr, all of the community.

Mrs. Willie Allen and sister, Miss Bettie Cartwright, spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Vernie Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dopson mixed business and pleasure together Wednesday when they visited her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tucker.

Mrs. Maude Tolar of DeLeon visited Mrs. E. J. Lassetter Monday morning for a while. Mrs. Tolar gave song books to the churches and clubs through the courtesy of the Spur merchants.

Mrs. Bob Dixon was dinner guest of Mrs. O. T. Swenson last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Powell and children moved into Spur last week end.

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Los Angeles covers more ground than any other city on this planet. In North America only one third of the land receives adequate rainfall.

**HEY KIDS!**  
SPECIAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S MATINEE  
This Ticket and 10c Good for any Ride!!  
**SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 1-5 P.M.**  
Courtesy MAC'S SUPER MARKET and SPUR SUPER MARKET  
**SPUR GOLDEN JUBILEE AMERICAN FUNLAND SHOWS**  
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**GOODNESS!**  
look at these food buys!

We will be closed Friday from 2-5 p.m.

SEE 'YA AT THE GAME

MAXWELL HOUSE (drip or reg.)  
**COFFEE** 2 lbs. **1.29**

6 oz. Jar Maxwell House Instant  
**COFFEE** **89c**

3 LB. CAN  
**CRISCO** **75c**

SWEET TREAT CRUSHED  
**PINEAPPLE** 5 cans **\$1**

46 oz. HI-C  
**ORANGE AID** 4 for **\$1**

WOLF BRAND  
**Chili** NO. 1 CAN **29c**

EMPIRE  
**Cheese** 2 IB. BOX **59c**  
10c BOX

**Cracker Jacks** 3 FOR **25c**

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**FINANCE**  
Continued from page one

Precinct 3, Russell Williams, is busy trying to secure easements to build 8 and one fourth miles of Farm-To-Market road. He has spent \$2,878.94.

Precinct 4, Henry Edwards, has just finished one mile of new road in the Deer Lake community and has rebuilt cattle guards leading to the Pitchfork Ranch. He has spent \$1,082.55.

County Judge W. H. Hindman, reported \$3,105.85 for general expense.

Re-modeling the interior of the Courthouse was discussed. It will cost approximately \$22,000.00.

Anyone who wants to see an itemized account of expenses may go by the County Clerks office.

London reports an increasing demand for wool.



JIM BARRON checks fence line comparison with the Spur Headquarters Ranch in the background.

## Riley Fugitt To Travel To Canada Oct. 2

Rev. Riley Fugitt, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, will be among 19 Texas preachers who will depart by plane from Dallas, Oct. 2, for Torch River, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The preachers will be spending two weeks in Torch Rivre doing missionary work. Torch River is a mining camp installation. The trip is sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. Fugitt's expenses will be paid by the local church.

Torch River is without paved roads, telephones, and has mail service only twice weekly.

During Rev. Fugitt's absence, Dr. Bryan Bryant of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, will preach on Oct. 4; and the Laymen of the church will be in charge of services on Oct. 11. Rev. Fugitt will be back in the pulpit Oct. 18.



Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri, has awarded Benton Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Watson, two trophies for showing the Grand Champion Steer and Hog in the 1958 Dickens County FFA 4-H Livestock Show.

### SINGING AT DICKENS

Everyone is invited to the Fourth Sunday Singing at the Dickens Methodist Church, Sept. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Mary Ann Gregory Is Tech Pledge

Texas Tech's 11 national social sororities pledge 272 coeds during fall rush. Dr. Florence Phillips, dean of women, has announced. Included among Pi Beta Phi pledges was Miss Mary Ann Gregory, daughter of Mr. and

CHURCH REPORT	
	1958 1959
Bethel Baptist	65 85
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## District Profile - - -

Alvin Camp, Soil Conserva- 11½ inches this year. Only two  
The rainfall has been below rains have produced run-off.  
normal this year at the Spur This was due to the very good  
Headquarters Ranch., accord- conservation work being car-  
ing to Jim Barron, Jr. His ried out on the ranch and the  
gauge at the ranch shows only fact that most of the rains that

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SEPTEMBER 27, 1959

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## Reserved Seats To Be Sold By Band Boosters

The Band Boosters Club will be in charge of bleacher section for reserved seats both nights of the Grand Ol' Opry. There will be no advance sale. Tickets will be on sale at the gate and at the bleacher section for 50c.

fell were small in quantity and gentle in nature.

In 1954 Jim constructed a small lake (on his own and without cost share assistance) that he uses for livestock and irrigation purposes. This spring he pumped all the water that had been caught this year—about 40 acre feet—from the lake to irrigate his cropland. George Stanford, SCS engineer, says that the 40 acre feet that ran off the 2,000 acre watershed represents only 23 percent of the total that fell. Holding 99.77 percent of the water where it falls is good conservation in anybody's book.

"About a year or two ago we had a 2½-inch rain when our grass was real short that not only filled the lake but ran around the wasteway," recalls Jim. Jim is another fellow that came from the El Paso country in 1947. He is a co-operator of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District and has been working very closely with his district. He cannot be called a very talkative fellow but get him started on conservation and what he says and believes comes from experience. He believes that continued misuse or prolonged conservation use will make very obvious changes on rangeland. (See picture—that's Jim's place on the other side of the fence!)

Moderate stocking and rotation or deferred grazing" is the way he sums up his idea of sound conservation ranching. "You know," Jim added, "What would help the landowners in the Duck and Dockum creek watersheds more than any other one thing would be a water district". What he had in mind was a local organization that would have as its primary purpose the control of flooding in the two creeks with a secondary purpose of irrigation. "This may be daydreaming on my part", says Jim. "But if the landowners really wanted it, it could become a reality." He will be glad to talk to anyone about such an organization and he has some good ideas about how it could be done.

September 23, 1959

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application was made on the 10th day of September, 1959, by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to the Federal Communications Commission to discontinue exchange telephone service through the Spur telephone exchange. If the application is granted, such telephone service will be discontinued without interruption at this exchange by the Cap Rock Telephone Company, Inc.

Any member of the public desiring to support or protest the discontinuance of exchange telephone service at this exchange by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, may communicate in writing with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington 25, D.C., on or before October 14, 1959.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

## Why we built two cars for 1960 . . . as different as night and day

On October 2—for the first time in Chevrolet's 49-year history—you will be able to walk into your dealer's showroom and see two totally different kinds of cars. ■ One is the conventional 1960 Chevrolet, brand new in appearance and more beautifully refined and luxurious than you can imagine. ■ The other is unlike any car we or anybody else ever built—the revolutionary Corvair, with the engine in the rear where it belongs in a compact car. ■ We'd like to tell you why we built two such different cars, how we built them—and for whom we built them.

Why two kinds of cars? Because America itself has been going through some big changes in the past few years. Our cities have been straining at their seams. Traffic is jam-packed. Parking space is at a premium.

And our suburbs have spread like wildfire. People are living farther from their work, driving more miles on crowded streets. There is now leisure time—but more things to do. There's a new standard of living—and more need for two cars in the family garage.

In short, America's automobile needs have become so complex that no one kind of car can satisfy them completely. That is why we at Chevrolet, keeping tab on these trends, have had a revolutionary compact car in the planning stages for more than nine years.

Thus, when we decided three years ago to prepare for production of such a car we were ready to build it the way it should be built. There was no need for a hasty "crash" program that would create only a sawed-off version of a conventional car.

That is why the two cars you will see in your dealer's showroom October 2 will be two entirely different kinds of cars. One is the conventional '60 Chevrolet—brand new in beauty, with new space inside, new spirit under the hood, a new

feeling of sumptuousness and luxury never before attained by any car in its field. There is great V8 power linked with new thrift, plus Chevrolet's superb 6-cylinder engine. It is a traditional car that comes even closer to perfection—in silence, in room, in ease of control, in velvety ride—than any other car we have ever made.

The other is the Corvair, a compact car that is astonishingly different from anything ever built in this country. It has to be—because this is a six-passenger compact car, with a really remarkable performance . . . a car designed specifically to American standards of comfort, to American traffic needs.

The engine is in the rear. Among the basic advantages resulting from this engine location are better traction on a compact 108-inch wheelbase and a practically flat floor. But to be placed in the rear, the engine had to be ultra light and ultra short. So Corvair's engine is totally new—mostly aluminum and air cooled; it weighs about 40 per cent less than conventional engines. It is a "flat" horizontally opposed six—so it is only three cylinders long . . . and that leaves a lot more room for passengers.

Another weight saving: like modern airplanes, the Corvair has no frame; the body-shell supplies it great struc-

tural strength . . . it's a welded unit that is virtually rattle-free.

The ride is fantastic. But to get it we had to design independent suspension at every wheel; conventional springing would give a compact car a choppy ride. Right now we'll make one prediction: no other U.S. compact car will ride so comfortably, hold the road so firmly and handle so beautifully.

Now there are two kinds of cars from Chevrolet—because it takes two kinds of cars to serve America's needs today. If you love luxury—the utmost in luxury—and if you want generous interior space, breath-taking performance, automatic drives and power assists—then the conventional '60 Chevrolet may be your choice.

If easy parking, traffic agility and utmost economy are high on your list—then you should seriously consider the Corvair. But the best thing to do is to look these two new cars over at your Chevrolet dealer's . . . take them out for a drive. It may be that the only logical choice for your family between two cars like this is—both. They make a perfect pair.



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Propst	6	15	2.5
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The Spur Bulldog offense, sputtered, then came to life alternately as they slipped past the scrappy Anson Tigers last Friday night, 20-6. The 20 points scored by Spur represented their greatest offensive output of the year.

Spur's first touchdown came mid-way of the first period and represented a drive of only 19 yards. The score was set up when Cornerman Derrell Howell recovered a Tiger fumble on the Anson 19 yard line. From there Spur scored in six plays with Quarterback

Freddie Walker racking up the touchdown on a wide sweep, pass or run option. Halfback Don Morrison contributed 9 yards in two carries to gain half the needed distance, then Halfback Bubba Bigham and Fullback Jimmy Paronto chipped in with four yard runs. Walker scored from the four.

Walker's attempted run for the extra point was short. The half ended with no further scoring, Spur 6, Anson 0. Anson came back fired up in the second half and punched out a determined drive for

six points.

The Tigers unleashed a drive for 70 yards, eating up only six plays. Anson Quarterback David Propst ground out most of the yardage as he carried the ball three times on the inside belly series, racking up gains of 21, 11 and 10 yards.

Anson was also aided by a 15-yard penalty against Spur.

Propst scored from the ten, try for extra point was short and it was a new ball game.

Spur's second touchdown came early in the fourth period after Anson had been forced to

kick.

Spur took the ball on the 49-yard line; Paronto burst up the middle for 8, then Walker pulled his pass run option and raced around the right side, down the sideline and into the end zone for the TD.

Morrison's try for point was about a yard short.

The Bulldogs came striking back with four minutes and 30 seconds left in the game when Bigham tacked on six points from the two-yard line. In this last scoring drive, Spur took the wraps off a fine passing game.

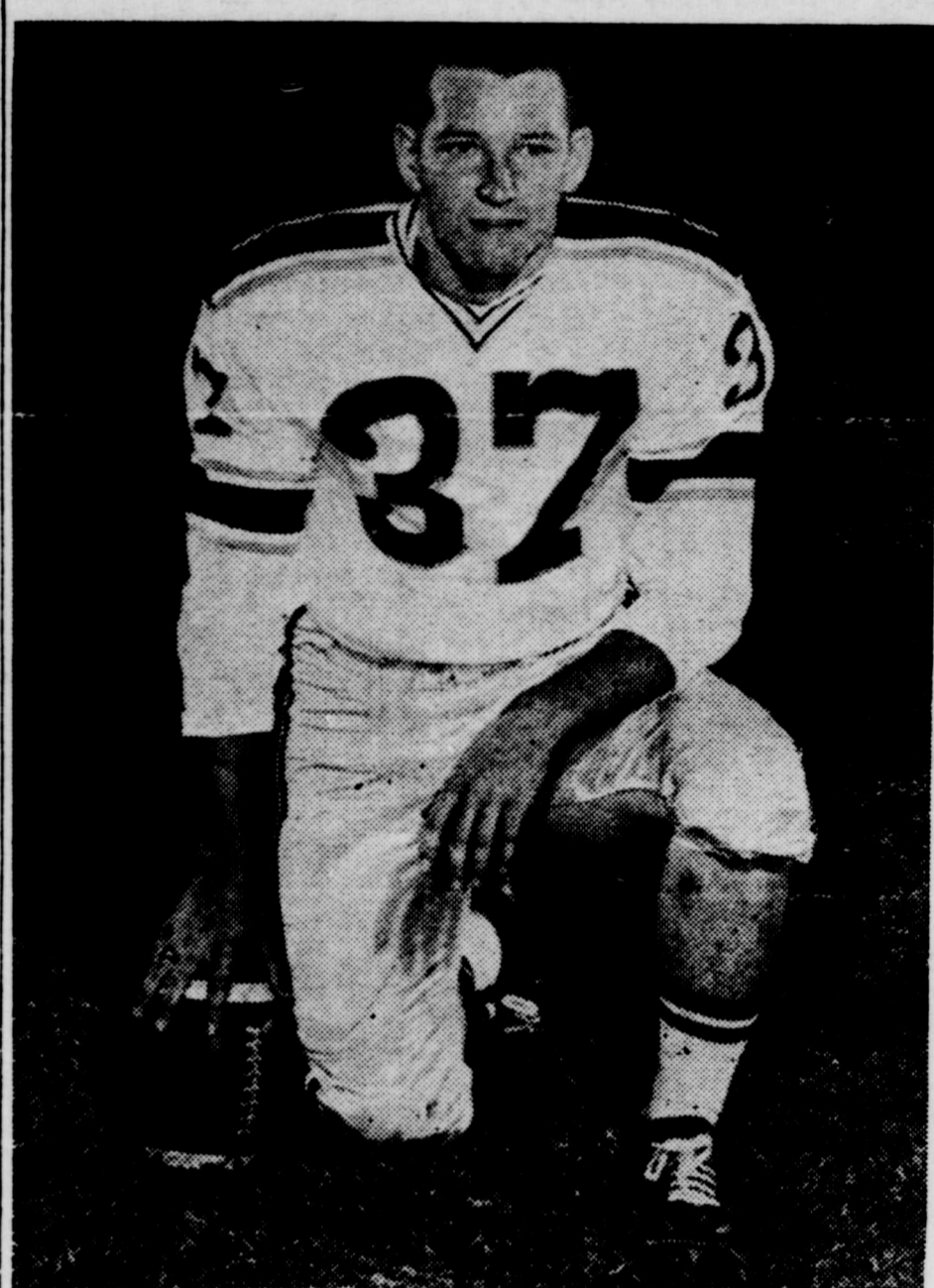
Walker completed three, one to Bigham good for 10; one to Paronto, for 13; and another to Bigham for 22.

Bigham carried three times in a row to score having runs of minus five, plus seven and plus two for the score.

This time Walker tacked on the conversion and Spur led 20-6.

**STATISTICS**

Spur	13	First downs	7
	130	yds gained rushing	63
	141	yds gained passing	27
	19	of 18 passes comp	1 of 7
	3	interceptions	2
	5	for 35 penalties	1 for 5
<b>LEADING BALL CARRIERS</b>			
Spur	TC	YG	Avg.
Walker	11	67	6.1
Paronto	10	22	2.2
Greer	1	10	10.0



RAY DON POWELL, Fullback, WTSC

## Former Spur Gridder Running At Fullback At West Texas State

Former Spur High School footballer Ray Powell is expected to see a lot of action Saturday night when WTSC opens its new 20,000-seat stadium against the University of Arizona.

The 5-11, 180-pound Powell, who is classified as a sophomore, will be positioned at fullback. The kickoff for the game will be at 8 o'clock. A near-capacity crowd, the largest in the Panhandle's sports history, is expected for the historic occasion.

Arizona, a school of 12,000 enrollment, should make an attractive opponent for the stadium inaugural. The Wildcats, who boast a lot of prestige in the collegiate sports world, regularly play such powers as the Air Force Academy, Colorado, Oregon and Utah in football.

Tickets for Saturday's game are on sale at many key locations in the area, including all Shamrock stations. They range from \$1 to \$3.50 for adults and students (high school age or below) will be admitted for 50 cents.

Powell, a business major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Powell of Rt. 1, Spur.

## THE TEXAS SPUR Sports Page

FROM WHERE

I SIT ...

By JOE HARRISON



The Spur Bulldogs will have to be at their best Friday afternoon when they play the tough Crosbyton Chiefs.

Spur holds something like a 14 game winning streak over Crosbyton, and nothing would please them more than to defeat the Bulldogs in the "snake pit."

Thus far this year the Chiefs are undefeated, holding wins over Post, O'Donnell and stout Seagraves.

Primary offensive weapon of the Chiefs is Fullback David Edwards, a 180 pound senior 2-year letterman.

Also back with the Chiefs this year is Charlie Moore, a 175-pound quarterback.

Melton Webb, junior tackle, for Spur, has returned to the squad after turning in his suit last week. Webb made a statement before the team, according to Coach James. Webb said he had not been carrying his full share of the load, and if the team and coaches would let him come back, he was ready to play.

Also in uniform for the first time in two weeks was End Woodie McArthur. McArthur has been sidelined with a seige of Spinal Meningitis, but may get to play some this week. He could add to the Bulldog of-

fensive and defensive spark.

Missing practice Monday of this week, (when this column is written) was Halfback Bobby Greer. Greer, last week's starting left halfback, was injured the first time he carried the ball against Anson. His injury has been diagnosed as a possible pulled ligament in his left knee.

Don Morrison, also a halfback, had a fine run nullified by an offside penalty. Morrison served notice in last week's tilt that he is about familiar with his new halfback roll and will continue to improve with each game. He also played well on defense.

Also standing out on defense, in our opinion, was End David Albin who was playing his first game on defense. David managed to break through several times to nab Anson backs for losses.

Playing his usual steady game was tackle Z. B. Mayo. When Coach James rested Mayo briefly, Ralph Causey went in to hold down the fort and played well.

Of course, it was a team victory, and we single out different boys for mention because we noted them on certain outstanding plays. Perhaps you might have been watching another boy, maybe your own, and you think he deserves more recognition than he is getting. All I can say is that I write 'em like I see, and we will not overlook anyone intentionally.

Everyone makes mistakes.

Last week I turned in the write-up for the game to the Abilene Reporter-News. I did not get to see the paper, but if anything was wrong or misspelled, you can charge it to me.

The reason I wrote for Abilene last week was because Anson is in their circulation area and apparently their correspondent here, I don't know who it was, was out of pocket. The paper specified that they wanted scoring plays only ... no statistics, so that is what they got.

In placing the call through the Stamford exchange, I had a pleasant conversation with an operator who revealed to me that the "mighty" Stamford Bulldogs had just won a squeaker from Cleburne, 16-14 with a field goal in the last 20 seconds.

Floydada had a field day at Ralls last week, downing the Jackrabbits, 44-0. They will have to be reckoned with.

The Dallas Times Herald has named Joe Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simpson, as coach of the week. Joe is head coach at Hillcrest High in Dallas, a team not destined to go far this year according to the dopesters.

However, in their opening game, Hillcrest downed a tough Houston team, 41-7.

For being named the Times Herald's first coach of the week, Simpson received a Baylor watch courtesy Zale's Jewelry Co.

## Roaring Springs Soldier Arrives For Hawaii Tour

Cpl. James L. McMinn, 22, son of Mrs. Mildred A. McMinn, Roaring Springs, Tex., recently arrived in Hawaii and is now a member of the staff at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu.

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This is a suit in trespass to try title, involving the following described land in Dickens County, Texas, to-wit:

Being all of Lot No. 3 in Block No. 31 of the Original Town of Dickens, Dickens County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat of said town, on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Dickens County, Texas, to which map or plat and the record thereof reference is here now made for all legal purposes.

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And as special pleas, the Plaintiff has pled the three year, five year, ten year and twenty-five year statutes of land limitation in Texas.  
If this citation is not served with ninety days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.  
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

**ISUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT** at my office in Dickens, Texas, on this the 16th day of September, 1959.  
Fred Arrington,  
District Clerk, Dickens County, Texas (SEAL) 49-4tc-453

**CARD OF THANKS**  
I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to every one who was so kind to me during my stay in the Spur Memorial Hospital.  
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Jimmy Sparks and family of Dell City, Texas, visited last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Sparks, and with his sisters, Mrs. Earl Murchison and Mrs. Jim Koonsman.

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  - O'Donnell vs Post
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  - Texas vs Maryland
  - TCU vs LSU
  - California vs Iowa
  - Tie Breaker —
  - Stamford vs Sweetwater
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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simmons, Jr. and sons Trey and Ken, of Midland, are spending their vacation in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simmons. Last week end they made a trip to Springtown and Fort Worth, accompanied by Jack, Sr.

Italy's 1959 cheese production is up 3.4 per cent.

### Winter Scout Agenda Mapped

Camps, hikes, fishing trips, swimming and other outdoor activities highlighted the summer adventures for the Boy Scouts of Spur and especially Troop 193.

In addition to their regular meetings once each week, the Scouts of 193 also attended the Comanche Trail District Camporee near Crosbyton. The troop is sponsored by the local Lions Club.

The boys engaged in a regular camp program when they spent a week at Camp Post. Events included, marksmanship, astronomy sessions, hiking, swimming, and they took their turns on "KP" in the big army type mess hall.

Three overnight camps were made at ranches in adjoining

### County Can Work 375 Braceros

Information has been received from the Texas Employment Commission that 375 braceros (Mexican Nationals) may be employed in Dickens county Sept. 1 through Sept. 30.

This ceiling on employment is subject to revision as agricultural activities are completed, or whenever domestic (citizen) workers become available.

Arizona, with 15 tribes represented, has the largest Indian population of any state.

Some men who helped with the 193 scouting program include J. E. Bachman, Lester Ball and Alvin Camp.

George Stanford is Scoutmaster.

Stanford announced plans for at least one troop overnight camp each month during the fall and winter months.

### HOSPITAL NOTES...

**Admitted—**  
Mrs. Jimmy Roberts, Spur; Roy Perryman, Spur; Artemia Gonzales, Girard; Juan Chavez, Girard; Mrs. Clyde Pernell, Jr., Dumont; Mrs. Sam Cantu, Spur; Mrs. Dickie Austin, Dumont; David Sanchez, Jayton; Travis Jones, Guthrie; Rose Pinkard, Spur; Odelia Garcia, Spur.

Phillip Baker, Jayton; Mae Patterson, Spur; Gordon Simmons, Jal, N. M.; Mrs. Charles Sonnamaker, Spur; Mrs. Emilia Paz, Spur; Mrs. Lenora Hernandez, Spur; Leland Moore, Spur; James Myles, Spur; James D. Palmer, Roaring Springs; Mrs. Dois Barber, Spur; Mrs. Joe Cheyne, Jayton; Mrs. Lorenza Gutierrez, Jayton; Mrs. E. R. Robertson, Dickens.

### Highway News

Mrs. B. K. Putman Farm to Market road 836 was re-topped last week with asphalt and gravel. Most easements have been signed, giving right-of-way to continue paving on through Highway 66. Far, no work has begun except the surveying, which was done months ago.

Fire destroyed Mrs. Maenard Dagley's barn one day

**Dismissed—**  
Mrs. Larry Castro, Mrs. Jimmy Roberts, Roy Perryman, Artemia Gonzalez, Juan Chavez, Mrs. Clyde Pernell, Jr., Mrs. Sam Cantu, Mrs. Dickie Austin, David Sanchez, Travis Jones, Rose Pinkard, Odelia Garcia, Phillip Baker, Mae Patterson, Gordon Simmons, Mrs. Charles Sonnamaker, Mrs. Lenora Hernandez, Leland Moore, James Myles, Mrs. Lorenza Gutierrez, Johnny E. Sparks.

last week. When Tom Williams, ed Saturday, when the community gathered to have dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Mabel Patterson and Mrs. Earl Fry of Lubbock, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hahn.

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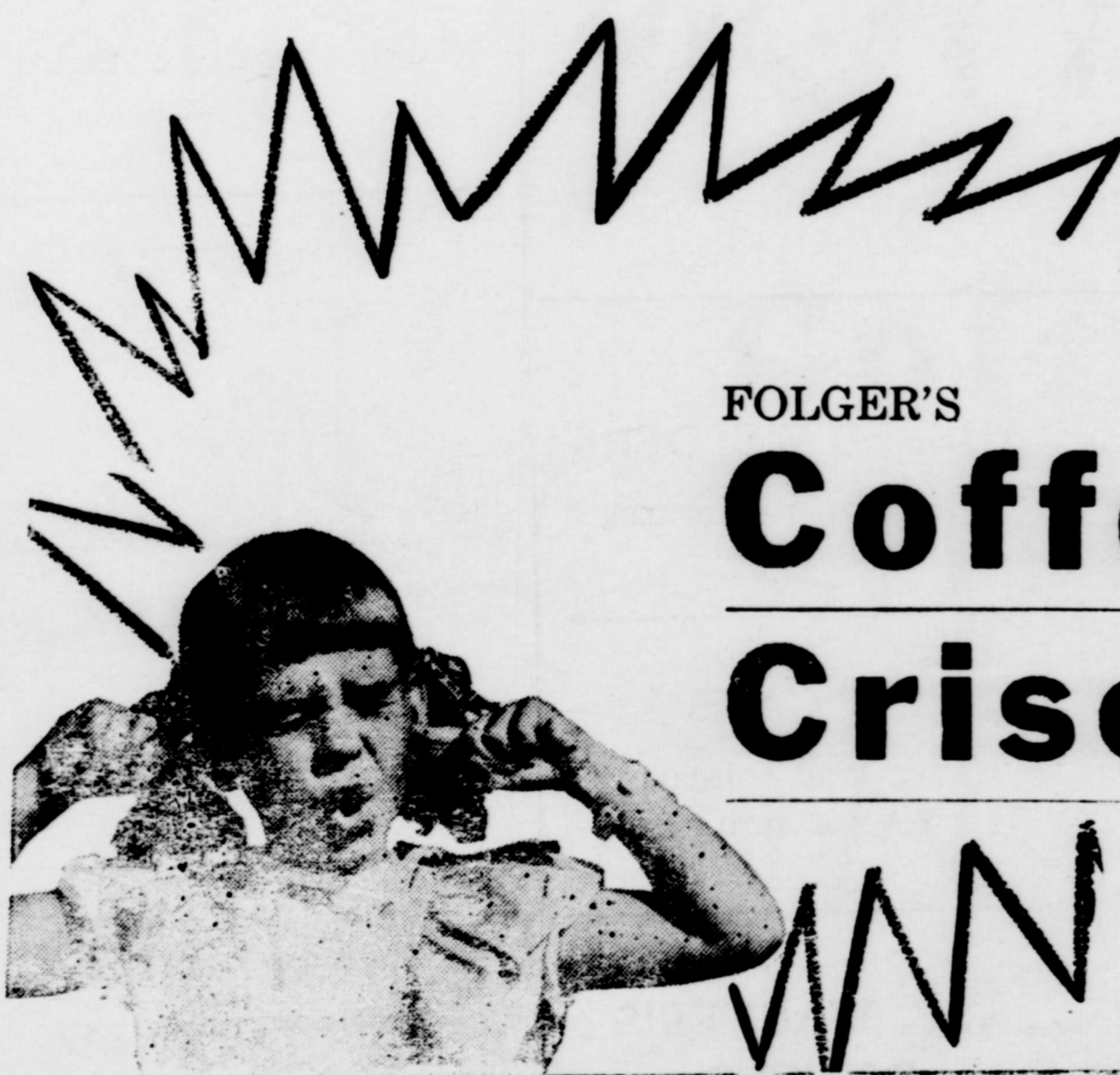
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## Clifford B. Jones Writes Of Early History

By DR. CLIFFORD B. JONES

The Spur area was a focal point in the transitional period from Indian occupation to pioneer settlement. For countless years the Comanches, Kiowas, Southern Cheyennes and Arapahoes had roamed this territory at will, dependent upon, and amply supported by the countless herds of buffalo and wild game abundantly available.

Thus it was until the advance of civilization brought the inevitable conflict between the marauding tribes and the early settlers. The continued merciless atrocities perpetrated by the Indians against those peaceful settlers, including especially the women and children, made it necessary for the government to invoke the services of the army.

To the 4th U. S. Cavalry under the command of General Ranald S. Mackenzie was assigned the task. Attached to his command were the 10th and 11th U. S. Infantries under Major (later Major General) Thomas M. Anderson. The troops moved from Fort Griffin, located some fifteen miles north of what is now the town of Albany, Texas, from which fort came their supplies from time to time while they were in the field.

Pin-pointing the significance of the general Spur area to these military operations is the site, among others, of the last Indian engagement hereabouts, namely the Canon Blanco fight northwest of Spur near the headwaters of Catfish or White River on October 10, 1871. This fight is described in detail in his book "On The Border With Mackenzie" — by Captain R. G. Carter who, at the time of his death at the Walter Reed Hospital at Washington in 1936 was the last surviving officer of the 4th U. S. Cavalry. Incidentally, Captain Carter, had he not been badly and permanently injured in that fight, requiring his retirement, doubtless would have been a Brigadier General by virtue of seniority. (Much correspondence with him has been deposited by this author in the archives of Southwest Collections, Texas Technological College).

Further emphasizing the im-



CLIFFORD B. JONES  
... Spur Historian

portance of the Spur area to the military, reference is made to Soldiers' Mound, four miles north of the town of Spur. This promontory, also known as Anderson's Fort, was used by General Mackenzie as a base of operation for his 4th U. S. Cavalry and 10th and 11th U. S. Infantries. To this so-called fort, Mackenzie and his troops retired for recuperation after the last battle of any consequence with the Indians in West Texas, namely the battle of Tule Canon in 1875, during which the troops captured 2,200 horses which were ordered shot by Mackenzie in order to put the Indians afoot. The Comanches undoubtedly were the finest horsemen who ever bestrode a steed, and once soundly whipped and unhorsed they had no alternate than to return to the reservation at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. As indicated, that was the last fight in Texas of any consequence. The Indians had been subdued.

Many years ago the Swenson Company placed over the fireplace in the lobby of the Spur Inn a bronze tablet—a tribute to General Mackenzie and his command, and indicating thereon the location of their various engagements with the Indians in West Texas. And under the guidance of the said Capt. Carter, Charles A. Jones had prepared a map of the Mackenzie Trails which now re-

poses in the archives of Southwest Collection, Texas Tech.

Many interesting and historically important collateral data with respect to the subjugation of those nomadic tribes of Indians are available.

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The early history of the town of Spur had inception in the acquirement by the Swensons of New York and their associates of the Spur Ranch from the Espuela (Spur) Land & Cattle Company, Ltd., of London in 1907. The properties consisted of slightly less than one-half million acres in Dickens, Crosby, Kent and Garza counties. The syndicate immediately embarked upon plans for development including the procurement and donation of right-of-way for a railroad from Stamford and the purchase of a substantial amount of bonds of the Colorado Southern Railway Company, one of the Burlington affiliates. The road from Stamford to Spur was opened for operation on November 1, 1909 on which date an average of one lot per minute was sold at the new town of Spur. It was incorporated in 1911.

The destiny of any venture, corporate or otherwise is, of course, determined by its personnel. Spur was most fortunate. The Swensons of New York, (Messrs. Eric Pierson and Swan Albin) by inheritance and experience, were men of unusually keen business acumen who had a remarkable ability to associate with themselves men of outstanding capabilities including W. T. Andrews, their principal Texas attorney, then of Throckmorton; Frank S. Hastings, their cattle manager of Stamford, formerly with Armour Packing Company of Kansas City; Andrew J. Swenson, ranch superintendent, a cousin, of Stamford and Charles A. Jones, formerly with Armour Packing Company of Kansas City who had come to manage the Spur Ranch properties—all men of extensive business experience imbued with a profound and enthusiastic faith in the contemplated development. The principal associate of the Swensons was their friend, John J. Emery of Cincinnati.

This project, the cutting up of the great ranch and the sales therefrom of farm and small ranch tracts was one of the first in West Texas, involving, as it did, the establishment of townsites, a bank, a beautiful hotel, the extermination of hundreds of thousands of prairie dogs and the continued operation of the economic importance of this venture, the Saturday Evening Post sent to Spur one of its writers, Karl Crow, whose comprehensive story with illustrations appeared in the August 6th, 1910 issue. Much otherwise has been written from time to time of the project and personnel.

Collateral to the responsibilities of management was the attempts to develop a substantial supplemental supply of water for the town of Spur. That



THIS IS John Hazelwood's old delivery wagon. John is currently on the City payroll as a meter-reader.

effort, at the location chosen (approximately one fourth mile south of the railroad station) tough abortive, proved for many years to be the deepest well in Texas — 4,489 feet. Quite unexpectedly, however, this well was of significant benefit to the state. The water at 2,000 feet, evidenced the highest potash content theretofore encountered in Texas and prompted attempted development under the guidance of Dr. J. A. Udden, head of the Department of Geology of the University of Texas. But the potash here proved to be superficial. However, these findings energetically stimulated efforts elsewhere which finally resulted in the extensive production near Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Although in a brief history of this sort, written merely for the purpose indicated, it becomes difficult not to burden it unduly, there are certain matters which seem to demand inclusion, as for instance, the establishment of the Spur National Bank, predecessor of the present Spur Security Bank. It, the Spur National, was chartered and opened in 1910 with an amazing list of stockholders, including New York and other prominent bankers; two railroad presidents and others of prominence in the United States; principally friends of the Swensons. It is probable that no small bank in Texas was ever organized with a more imposing list of stockholders. Its first president was R. V. Colbert then also president of the First National Bank of Stamford. (This author possesses the first piece of currency issued by the bank, bearing the number "1" and also the number one bill of the smaller currency when first issued in 1929).

The Spur Inn, built by the syndicate, was for many years an oasis in this pioneer country. Known throughout the state for its cuisine and hospitality it became a haven for

the traveling public. The owners were willing to absorb the destined losses. The first person who registered at the opening of the Inn in September, 1910 was George Pattullo who, with Irvin Cobb, was later to become correspondent for the Saturday Evening Post in World War I. Pattullo was a welcome guest at Spur Ranch headquarters, twelve miles northwest of Spur, for many months and there wrote a number of his Western stories for the Post. He had come to Spur with Erwin E. Smith of Bonham, Texas, the great photographer of ranch life whose films and negatives now repose in the Library of Congress, Washington. Quite a number of his later-published pictures of the range were taken on the Spur Ranch.

With further reference to George Pattullo it is interesting to recall that he, as correspondent in the theatre of war, "scooped" the daily newspapers with his story of Sergeant York.

Mention should be made of the richness of the Spur area in geological and paleontological specimens including the prehistoric reptiles and the remains of mastodons, elephants, bison, etc.; volcanic ash and the petrified trees, not indigenous, but washed here on the waves of an open sea. The area has been treasure-ground for for Texas Technological College, the University of Texas, the University of Michigan and others.

The remains of the camels which escaped from the army at Camp Verde, north of San Antonio just prior to the Civil War have been of interest to many. The bones of one of the camels were found years ago by one of the Spur Ranch cowboys on Catfish or White River. The project, instituted by Jefferson Davis, U. S. Secretary of War, for the anticipated transportation of military supplies and mail, proved to be

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THE BOSS—C. A. Jones is shown here talking to the Range Boss of the Spur Headquarters Ranch, Luther Jones. According to Rand McNeill, this is a round-up scene in 1909. Rand says he is the five-year-old boy on the second horse behind the man standing at extreme right.

**STOCK FARMS  
AND  
SMALL RANCH  
TRACTS**



**IN THE FAMOUS  
SPUR RANCH  
of  
NORTHERN  
TEXAS**

**GOOD LAND  
and  
GOOD CARS**



**W. F. (Jack) GODFREY**  
● An early day picture of Jack Godfrey who was instrumental in developing Spur and the surrounding area.



**BUY IT BECAUSE  
IT'S A BETTER CAR**

MODEL T  
Touring Car  
f. o. b. Spur **\$595**

**Bachelor & Godfrey**  
SPUR, TEXAS

AT LEFT: This was part of an advertisement Jack Godfrey used in helping to sell land around Spur. The Spur ranch was divided up into numerous small farms.

ABOVE—This is a duplication of one of the first FORD ads used by the firm—Bachelor & Godfrey. NOTE the price. Reckon Fike would trade-in that now?

- It has been our privilege to sell quality since W. F. Godfrey came to Spur 30 days before the town opened. From 1909 to 1913 Jack sold the quality land of the Spur area. From 1913 to the present day it has been our privilege to sell quality Ford products.
- Birthdays mean we are growing older, but it has been a rewarding experience to grow old as a FORD dealer. Our 46 years of association with the Ford Motor Company has been rich in memories and friendship, resulting from close contact with the outstanding American of our time—Henry Ford.
- Throughout the manufacturing genius of Henry Ford and the continued able leadership of Henry Ford II, Benson Ford and William C. Ford, we have been privileged to offer our customers quality, low cost automobile transportation and economical service.
- Whatever business success we have enjoyed it is secondary to the opportunity given us to know and become warm business and personal friends with so many of the people we have served during our FIRST 46 years as a FORD dealer.

**Godfrey Motor Co.**



# W. F. Godfrey, After Almost Being Washed Away, Hangs On To Become Outstanding Spur Booster

**W. F. GODFREY**

W. F. Godfrey came to Spur from Paducah in October, 1909, 10 days or so before the opening of the town.

"A bunch of us were camped on the Spade draw, 1/2 mile south of town," Godfrey recalls. "One night there was a big rain and we were flooded out. Water of half knee deep in our tents. We dressed hastily, rolled up our pants, and walked into town."

The Mahons, who had come here from back east to put in a hotel, had a small temporary building located somewhere near the railroad. Jack moved in with them and slept and ate there for a while.

On the day of the opening, the sale of lots were brisk, and averaged a lot a minute.

"I bought the lot where Bell's Cafe is now located, and put up a frame, 25x60 ft. building there," Godfrey states.

The building was divided into three partitions, one for a barber shop rented to a Mr. Tidwell; one to a real estate office; and the other for an insurance office and sleeping quarters.

On the same day, Godfrey sold the building to Charles Hamilton of Austin, Texas, clearing a profit of \$2,800.

"My introduction to Spur society came a little later," Godfrey says.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell, land manager for the Swenson Land and Cattle Co., invited all the unmarried eligibles to their home, Godfrey remarks, about 40 attended.

The occasion was an open house and dinner. Mrs. Blackwell did the introductions, by saying: "Gentlemen, here are the ladies, ladies here are the gentlemen, pick your partners and be seated at the table.

No one hesitated, and it was

a big feast and merry get-together.

In 1913, Dr. Bachelor, a dentist who came along at the opening and had practiced here, secured the Ford Agency for Kent, King, and Dickens Counties. One of the first sales was made to a Mr. McLaughlin, of McAdoo.

Dr. Bachelor prided himself on being a sharp horse trader, so he was to handle that end of the deals. After several transactions, the firm ended up with several blind and lame horses.

"To get him off of the stock pen fence and home, his wife talked it over with me," Jack smiles, "and we slipped off one night and left the gate open."

Doc sold his interest to J. D. Powell a year or so later, and moved on to greener pastures.

J. D. refused to sign a contract with Ford Motor Co., calling for a 40 car quota, so he was cancelled out as the Ford Dealer.

"The first Model-T sold by the agency was bought by White Moore of Guthrie," Godfrey says. He was the sheriff of King County and the car was sold with the agreement that a driver would be furnished with a mechanic until the Sheriff could learn to operate.

Babe Becry, the mechanic, stayed with the Sheriff for several days, and reports many experiences.

"The first sedan I sold was to Mr. Garner, the father of Will Garner, who now resides at Spur," Godfrey surmises. "I was more than happy to let him have it at a bargain, for I considered it a white elephant, and saw no future for sedans in the car business," Godfrey concludes.

A summary of Mr. Godfrey's early days in the business follows:

Obtained the first and only Ford franchise for Spur, Texas and Dickens County on Oct. 13, 1913. The firm was known as Bachelor & Godfrey — Mr. Bachelor was a local dentist who had rather trade than pull teeth.

They sold cars to the ranchers and farmers of the Spur trade territory and taught them to drive on the flat open pasture where East Ward school is now.

Running into the barn, the house, a fence, or a gate was just as common in those days as bumping a fender now.

He used to get the Model-T dissembled in a box car. The customers wouldn't wait for them to get the car completely assembled, but would tell them to put the fenders into the back seat and they would put them on later.

Firm name was changed to Godfrey & Smart. Mr. V. C. Smart was a partner for over 25 years.

They used to race the train in the Model-T and see which T could climb Dickens Hill the fastest.

Pioneered the tourist travel into New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and in a Model-T complete with tent, bed rolls, and cooking gear. Many was the time that they had to unload and Model-T up the hill and carry the equipment up. The great day was when the Model-A came along and it would climb the hills without unloading.



**D. L. GRANBERRY**  
Ex-Chamber of Commerce Sec.

When the first all enclosed body came out people wouldn't buy it because they were afraid that they would be trapped inside. They liked the cloth top or preferable no top at all.

Demountable rims and electric starter, were the greatest advancements of the day.

In 1952 on the death of V. C. Smart the firm became Godfrey Motor Company, a partnership of W. F. Godfrey and J. Fike Godfrey.

**KATE BOYKIN GODFREY**

I came to Spur in the last of August, 1913 to teach in the Spur Public School. We had a faculty of seven teachers and a 7 month term with 1 month paid tuition by parents who could afford it. About 50% of them did. I came on the train leaving Fort Worth at 8:00 p.m.—or about, changing cars in Abilene and Stamford, arriving in Spur at 1 or 2 p.m.

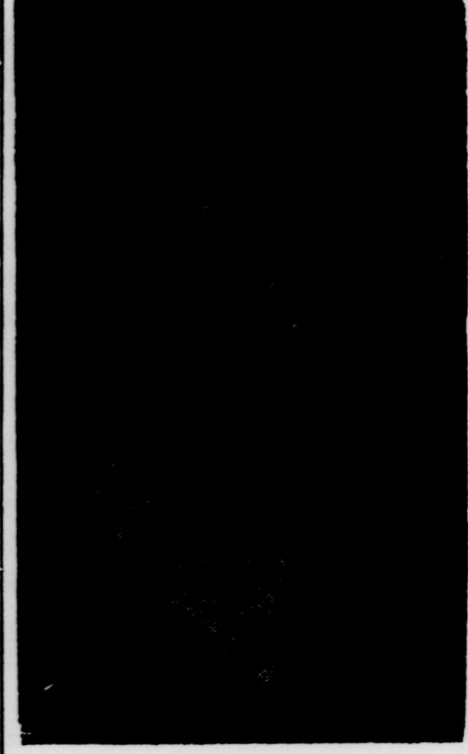
Uncle Bill Hyatt met all trains, (passenger) with hack-drawn by a livery stable team. I was taken to the Western Hotel, the same building as on Burlington Ave. today, then run by Mrs. Mahon, Kate, Nell, and Jimmie.

Mr. Moce, superintendent of schools had reserved a room for me. There I stayed for several days before school opened. I ventered out one night to a Baptist meeting that was in progress in a tent pitched in about the vicinity of Leon's Ice House. I could hardly make my way there because of the pallets spread around edge of the tents occupied with sleeping babies and small children.

The president of the School Board had they given recognition to the parents with the most children present, could, I think, have claimed the honor. A few weeks later I was located along with another teacher in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Morris, the same location, same house including several remodelings since that time that W. F. and I live in today.

It seems to me we had much rain in those days. Every one in town walked to school, there was no paving, it was muddy on rainy days. We taught straight through without intermissions and a thirty minute period for lunch—walking to and from Harrington Hotel where I had my meals. I taught the 5th and 6th grades, 4 divisions.

Even on that kind of schedule, the best we could do was to get as many of the classes in as possible and hope to get the rest of them in the next day. It wasn't altogether a pic-



**CHARLES A. JONES**  
Banker, Promoter, Developer

nic. I think I must have been born 40 years too soon as school teacher. It certainly was all bad.

The attitude of the parents was something to be thankful for. The "thank you" from past pupils in a way compensates for the inconveniences, low salaries and other seemingly draw backs. I can't say I was ever lonesome or longed for the big town from which I came, rather liked the life. One was not fenced in here to years ago.

Sunday afternoons, the younger set could be found upon the hill. It was the location of the beginning a romance that ended in matrimony. When we had a strong urge for adventure for travel, we, some two or more couples would leave Spur early Sunday morning, drive to Matador and back in a day, to Dickens or McAdoo. If we had no car trouble, we could even make it to Crosbyton and home by bedtime in one day. Non the worse for wear and tear. We use to drive upon the caprock on Sunday afternoons and Dr. Morris would run into a bunch of antelopes. We had antelope meat to eat.

Mr. Godfrey and I would go to Guthrie on a car selling trip, we would put a wash tub in the turtle of a new roadster and never leave the car or road to shoot and come home with a tub of quail, no limit, no law against it. This had to be in weather could enough to keep the birds.

It seems Las Vegas audiences will not be quite satisfied with girl entertainers and until their costumes provide about the same coverage as that of Gunga Din's uniform.

There is a "feeding center" in the brain that tells a person the amount of food he should consume.—Science note. If so, it must be ignored almost as much as in that "still, small voice."

"Less milk is drunk on Sunday than on any other day in the week," says a statistician. And, no doubt, more ice water.

About 29.9 million tons fish were caught by commercial fishermen of the world's 12 leading fish producing countries in 1957.

Knoxville, Tenn., was named after Gen. Henry Knox, Secretary of War in 1791.

Another incompatible and dangerous mixture is an old man and new liquor.

**GREETINGS!**  
**Welcome to the**  
**JUBILEE**



**Spur, founded 1909**

**ESTABLISHED 1938**

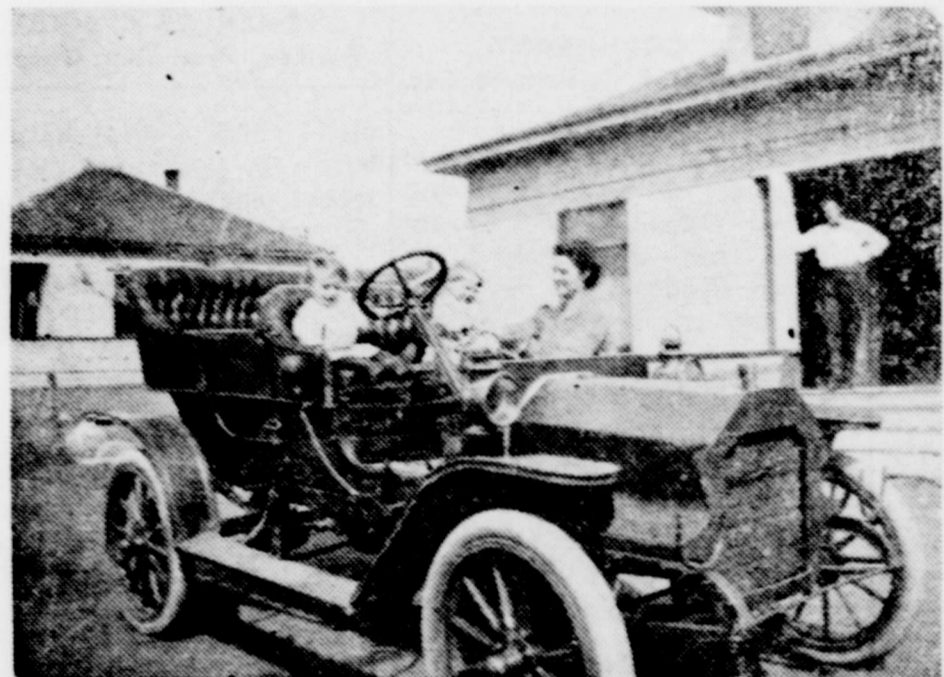
**MRS. W. B. LEE**

**THE FLORIST**

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FIRES like this one were extinguished by man-powered pull-carts. (Sometimes when they got rolling down hill, they were hard to stop.)



HORSELESS CARRIAGE—Picture made in front of W. C. Gruben place. W. C. Gruben is on porch.

Cuba has named a Bureau of Tourism Development in Havana, part of whose duties will be to protect tourists against unfair pricing.

The International Council of Nurses, founded in 1899, is the oldest international organization of professional women in the world.

an abortive effort and was abandoned.

In giving thought to those responsible for the development of Spur only those have been mentioned who were the owners of that vast area and a few of those identified pioneers in planning and development but followed immediately by men and women of vision characterized by a citizenship embodying the very best of the attributes of the old West — God-fearing home-loving and willing to face the deprivations and vicissitudes incident to the development of a pioneer country. Quite soon after Spur became a community of good churches and civic pride. It is a source of keen regret that it seems impossible, in all fairness, to indicate by name the man who made outstanding contributions to the development. Although memory and the records would make possible such a list, unintentional omissions would be certain to their embarrassment and that of their friends and relatives.

CLIFFORD B. JONES  
Chipita Park, Colorado  
May 22, 1959.

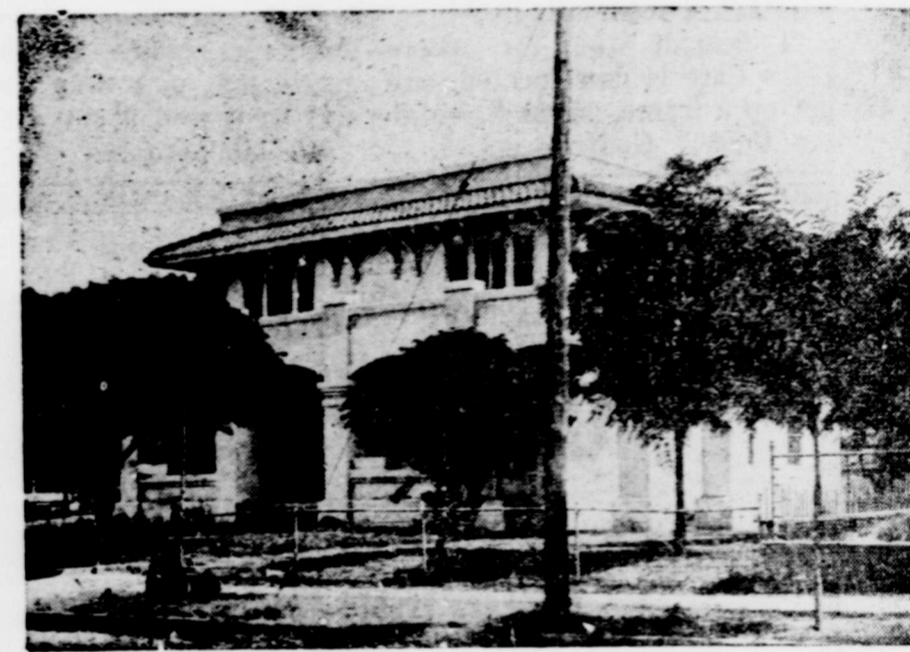
Clothing dealers in Johannesburg, South Africa, have started a drive to oust "Closing out" sales that never close.

New Brunswick produces almost the entire Canadian pack of canned sardines, worth \$5,60,500 in 1957.

Astronomers once thought there were oceans on the moon. Now they know, says the National Geographic Society that there are none.



PICTURE of Southwestern Bell Telephone before present additions were made



SPACIOUS HOME built by E. L. Caraway. The home is still in a good state of repair and still owned by Mr. Caraway. In its day this home was one of the most gracious of the town.



### MR. and MRS. D. G. (Duff) SIMMONS

Married June 12, 1902 at Weatherford, Texas.

Moved to Dickens County, December 30, 1915

Where they lived until September of 1935,

When they moved to Springtown, Texas  
Where they now live

- I Lorene Simmons Bowen
  - 1. Margaret Bowen Summers
  - Jayne Summers and
  - Nichols Eugene Summers
- II D. G. Simmons
  - 1. Don Gary Simmons
  - 2. Elton Clifford Simmons
  - 3. Jerry Allen Simmons
- III. Jack Clifford Simmons
  - 1. Dudley Kenwood Simmons
  - 2. Jack Clifford Simmons, Jr.
  - Jack Clifford Simmons, III,
  - Kenneth Bruce Simmons.
- IV. Mary Jane Simmons Stephens
  - 1. Betty Jane Stephens Irlback
  - Stephen Lynn Irlback
  - 2. Kay Stephens
  - Kenneday,
  - Mary Kay Kenneday

- 3. Jack Alex Stephens
- Joe Duff Stephens
- V. Audeen Simmons Austin
  - 1. Duffy Jean Austin Ratheal
  - Vicki Therasa Ratheal
  - 2. Juli D' Ann Ratheal
- VI. Phil Russell Simmons
  - 1. Rebecca Ann Simmons
  - Phil Russell Simmons, Jr.
  - 3. Elizabeth Lorene Simmons
- VII. George Crosthwaite Simmons
  - 1. Evelyn Larie Simmons
  - 2. George Crosthwaite
  - Simmons, Jr.
  - 3. Johnny Harold Simmons
  - 4. Toni
  - Lea Simmons
- VIII. Harold Warren Simmons
  - 1. Nanie Lorene Simmons
  - 2. Harold Warren Simmons, Jr.
  - 3. Linda Faye Simmons
  - 4 Clifton Marvin Simmons



1959 EDITION OF THE SPUR BULLDOGS, are left to right, front row: Floyd Degraffenreid, manager; Freddie Walker, Bubba Bigham, Jimmy Paronto, Don Morrison, Wayne Wright, Gary Scott, Joe Watson Marshal Murray and Manager Bob Gannon. Second row: Richard Walker Derrell Howell, Woody McArthur, David Albin, Benny Loe, Z. B. Mayo, Neal Dillashaw, M. Webb, Driver Francis, Brent McCain and Eric Swenson. Top row: Coach Royal James Calvin Dozier, Ronnie Mathis, Curtis Parsons, Gary Ripple, Jerry Roberson, Andy Garcia, Ray Don Thomason, Mickey Fugitt, Robert Williams Billy Butler Frankie Bilberry, Bobby Greer, Coach Claude Speers.



E. S. LEE  
... banker



HOBERT LEWIS  
... banker



SCENE OF EARLY DAY SPUR FIRE

## Price Of Hogs Was 6c, 7c On Hoof In 1909

December 17, 1909

Cotton in large quantities has been coming this week to the Spur market from the surrounding counties and even a greater distance.

The prices paid for cotton here throughout the week ranged from fourteen - forty basis to fourteen dollars and ninety five cents per hundred pounds.

Tom Davis, the meat market man, reports that he purchased several loads of hogs that were brought to this market from away up on the plains, the price paid being six and seven cents per pound on foot.

The prices being paid in Spur for cotton and all country produce are the very highest and in most instances the price here exceeds the established market quotations.

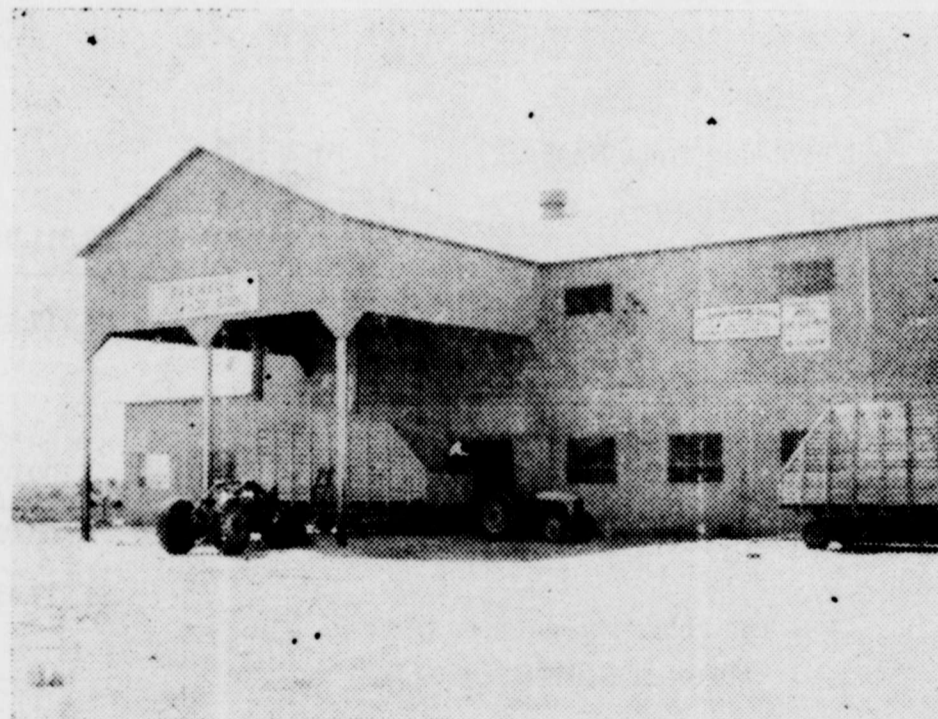
Spur merchants and cotton buyers are not speculating in their purchases but will pay every cent there is in cotton and other produce in order to establish a superior market here and furnish a trading

point surpassed by none and equalled by few towns of Western Texas.

WE WELCOME YOU TO SPUR'S

# Golden Jubilee Celebration

1909 - 1959



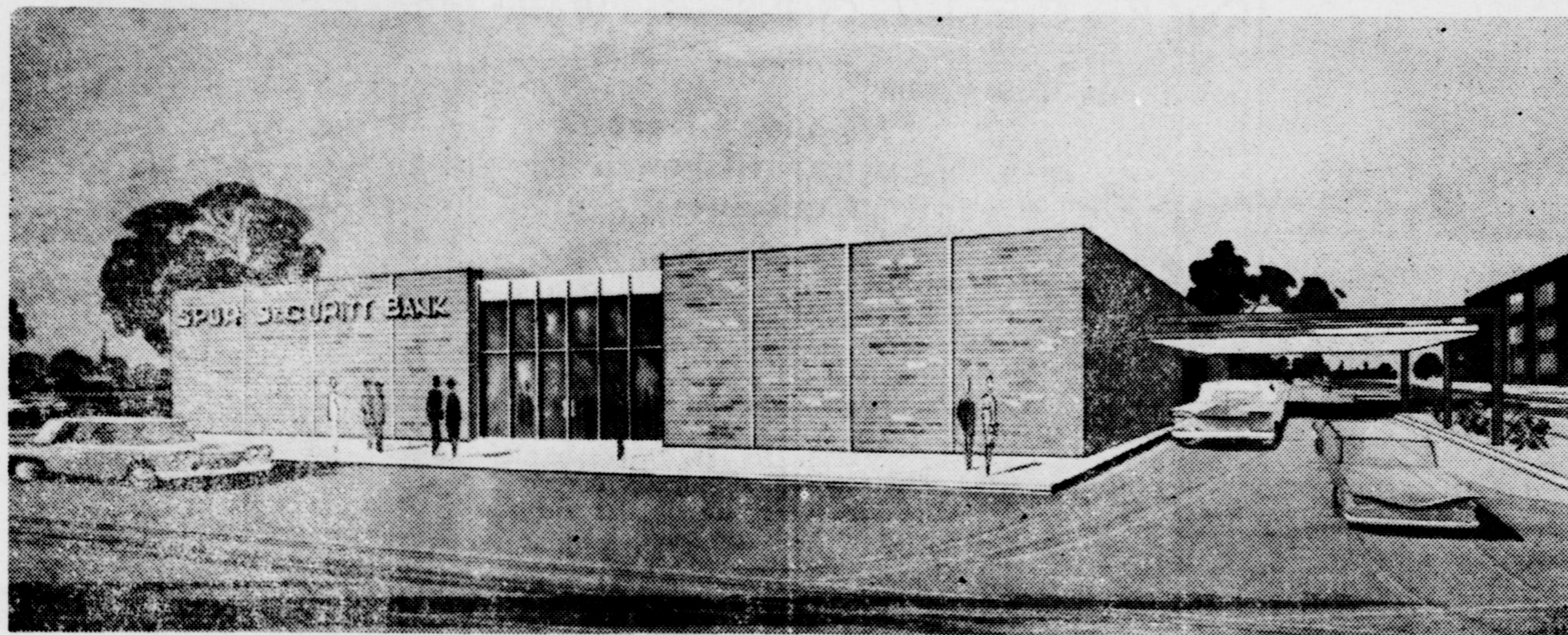
## FARMER'S CO-OP GIN

LOYD HINDMAN, Mgr.

202 E. 6th

CR. 2-4332





PROPOSED NEW BANK BUILDING

## Spur Security Bank Continues To Lead Its Field

On December 6, 1909, Messrs: R. V. Colbert, W. T. Andrews, W. G. Sherrod, F. S. Hastings, P. P. Berthelot, A. J. Swenson, and C. A. Jones met for the purpose of organizing an association to carry on the business of banking under the laws of the United States. They named the new banking institution The Spur National Bank. C. A. Jones, E. P. Swenson, R. C. Forbis, P. P. Berthelot, F. S. Hastings, W. T. Andrews, E. J. Swenson, W. G. Sherrod, and R. V. Colbert were named as the first Board of Directors. The officers of the bank were R. V. Colbert, president; C. A. Jones, vice-president, and W. G. Sherrod, cashier. The Spur National Bank was very active in its service to Dickens County and its surrounding area until 1933 at which time the Spur Security Bank was chartered as its successor. The operation has been continuous since organization of the Spur National Bank. Later presidents of the two banks were C. A. Jones, Watter B. Lee, Clifford B. Jones, and presently—Hobert Lewis. Other officers of the Spur Security Bank at this time are Clifford B. Jones, chairman of board; Jack Beeson, vice president; J. L. Albin, vice president; Melvin Boothe, vice president and cashier; E. S. Lee, assistant vice president; Billy Phillips assistant cashier, and Laster Williams, assistant cashier.

The directors of the Spur Security Bank are Clifford B. Jones, chairman of the board; Hober Lewis, W. F. Godfrey, J. E. Swenson, Jack Beeson, E. S. Lee, and J. I. Albin.

Spur Security Bank takes pride in its record since December 6, 1909, and gratefully acknowledges the work of those who have held the responsibility for the direction of its growth and service across the years. We are very grateful to our customers, some of whom have been customers of this bank since it opened for business. This loyalty is indeed a pleasant experience.

In keeping with the policy of the founders of this bank and in line with our endeavor to give better service, the present Board of Directors and Officers are planning the construction of a new modern building to better serve our people. We, the Officers and Directors of Spur Security Bank feel that we have a

greater responsibility than just balancing of cash receipts and keeping accounts. Instead, we feel we are a part of the life of this community and its people who are our customers and that we have their confidence, and ours is an obligation of trust and responsibility so that which has been entrusted to us shall always be available to our customers at their request. We appreciate your confidence and at all times shall strive to be worthy. We carry our part of the growth of this community as a privilege. We are glad we can contribute to our community and at the same time justify the faith our stockholders have in this institution as a sound investment. We make one claim which we think is of concern and justifiable. We strive to be a safe and profitable banking institution and we justify this by the knowledge that the most damaging institution in a community is an unsafe bank. We greet you across the years and it is our sincere hope that our successors in Spur Security Bank may be able to look back at the end of the next fifty years with a feeling of pride that they, too, have served this community as we feel our institution is doing today.

### BANK OFFICERS

Dr. Clifford B. Jones, president Emeritus of Texas Tech, has been active in the management of Spur Security Bank for many years. Dr. Jones was elected a director of Spur National Bank in 1915—and in September, 1936, was elected President of Spur Security Bank which position he filled until May, 1954 at which time he was named Chairman of the Board of Directors and relinquished his title as President to Hobert Lewis. Dr. Jones has been very active in the affairs of Spur National Bank and Spur Security Bank.

Dr. Jones and his wife, the former Audrey Barber of Spur, now reside in Lubbock, Texas where he is Honorary Chairman of the Board of Lubbock National Bank.

Melvin Boothe graduated from Floydada High School and was employed by the Citizens State Bank in Anton in October 1948. He worked there through February 1951 at which time he left to serve two years in the army. He returned to the Citizens State on April 1, 1957. Mr. Boothe moved to Snyder, Texas, where he was

employed by the West Texas State Bank as assistant cashier until February 11, 1959. He moved to Spur on February 12, 1959, where he is presently employed at the Spur Security Bank as vice president and cashier.

Mr. Boothe and his wife, Jo Helen, have two boys, Mike age 5, and Mark age 2. Mr. Boothe is a member of the Lions Club.

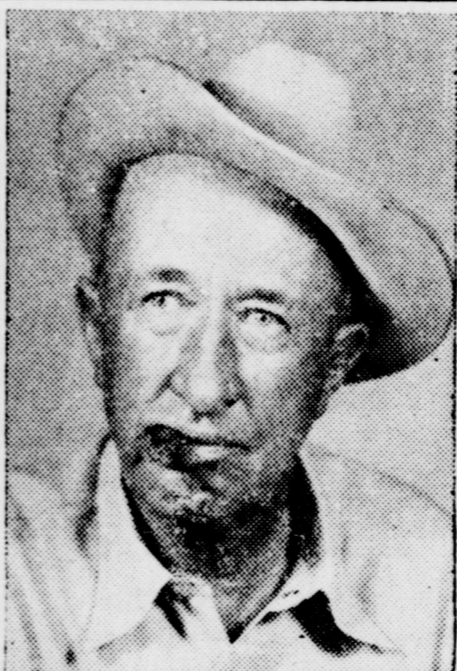
Jack Beeson is a graduate of Bridgeport High School and attended college at N.T.A.C. in Arlington. He started his profession at the First National Bank in Bridgeport as bookkeeper in 1947. He moved to Anton, Texas, where he was employed as cashier in the Citizens State Bank. He then became cashier in the Citizens National Bank in Crosbyton where he was employed for six years. From there he moved to Luubcock where he was employed by the Plains National Bank as assistant vice president. He came to Spur Security Bank in January 1958 and accepted the position of vice president at which he is presently employed.

Mr. Beeson and his wife, Joy have two daughters, Mary and Mina. Mr. Beeson is a member of the Lions Club and Director of the Spur Chamber of Commerce.

Hobert Lewis was born in Kent County and lived at different times in Dickens and Kent Counties as a child. He has served several banks in this area from Janitor and Bookkeeper on up. He came to Spur Security Bank in August 1937 and remained with Spur Security Bank until March 1947—at which time he left Spur and went to Anton where he organized the Citizens State Bank and was its Executive Officer until January 1952. From there he went to Brownfield and served as President of the First National Bank until May 1954 at which time he returned to Spur and became President of Spur Security Bank, a position which he presently holds.

Mrs. Lewis was reared in Motley County and is a graduate of Matador High School and T.W.U. They have three children, Mrs. William E. Pearce of Rotan, Charles Lewis of Denver, Colorado, and Rosalyn Lewis, who is a student of McMurry College, Abilene, Texas.

Hobert Lewis is a graduate of Jayton High School and attended Business College in Abilene, West Texas State in Canyon and The University of Texas. He is past president of



ERIC SWENSON

the Spur Rotary Club, and has served as a member of the Spur School Board and a Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Spur.

John Albin was born in Rochester, Haskell County, Texas, and has lived in Spur most of the time since 1917. He is an ex-student of Spur High School and attended Tyler Commercial College.

Mr. Albin was employed by Spur Security Bank in 1947 as teller. Since that time he has been assistant cashier, assistant vice president, and is now vice president and director of the bank. For a short time in 1926 and 1927 Mr. Albin was employed as bookkeeper for the Spur National Bank.

John and Oattie Maud and their two sons reside at 902 West Third Street in Spur. Leslie is a student at McMurry College in Abilene and Johnnie attends Spur Public Schools. Mr. Albin is treasurer of the Dickens County Cancer Society, treasurer of the Spur Bulldog Booster Club, and is a member of the Spur Lions Club.

Stirman Lee, was born in Hamilton County. He is a graduate of O'Brien High School. He has been a resident of Spur since 1925. He was employed by Spur National Bank, in 1925, and since that time has served as assistant cashier, cashier and assistant vice president, a position he now holds.

Stirman and Lillie have two daughters, LaVoris, now Mrs. M. F. McKnight, Plainview; and Annette, Mrs. Bill Fox, Washington, D. C., secretary to Congressman George Mahon.

Stirman serves as an elder in the Spur Church of Christ; treasurer Dickens County Fat Stock Show; treasurer Spur Rotary Club; treasurer Spur Church of Christ; trustee of Abilene Christian College—and a director of Spur Security Bank.

## Spur Bank Is Authorized To Open For Business

December 31, 1909

Washington, Dec. 16—The Spur National Bank of Spur, Texas, with a capital of \$100,000, was today authorized to begin business. The officers include R. V. Colbert, president; C. A. Jones, vice president; W. G. Sherrod, cashier.

## Miss Mahon Entertains Group With 42 Party

January 7, 1910

Tuesday evening Miss Nell Mahon entertained with forty two in the parlors of the Western Hotel. The guests were Misses Ruth Attebury, Lillian Denton and Alice Richardson, C. W. Lowery, Mitchell Glenn, A. J. Tyler and J. C. Campbell.

The occasion was one of pleasure and each of the guests enjoyed the evening to the full extent. Miss Mahon maintained her established reputation at this time as on former occasions as a most delightful entertainer, interesting and charming hostess.

## Artesian Well Is Progressing

December 31, 1909

Work on the artesian well is still progressing, the drillers having reached a depth of about nine hundred feet. Of course no one knows definitely the outcome of the well proposition, but we are all hoping that the artesian stream will be struck and believe that if the drillers keep on going down that something will come to light some of these days.

## Corner Lot, House For Sale For Only \$600

December 17, 1909

For sale, opportunity is here. A choice corner lot, new house, \$600, another, \$450. A large selection of choice lots and acreage, easy terms. Barney Johnson, Spur Texas Land Co.

## Vet To Make Trip To Spur

December 1, 1909

B. F. Edwards, veterinary surgeon and dentist will be in Spur the second Saturday of each month. Bring your horses and have teeth worked over. Examination free. At livery stable or wagon yard. Work guaranteed.

Movie actress Betty Grable owns a colt named Purple People.



JAMES B. REED  
Banker

### Spur Electronics Founded In 1946 After Carl Rye Completes Civil Service Work

Carl Rye was born in Eastland Co. Texas March 27, 1910. His mother died when he was three days old. His grandmother, Mrs. R. W. Rye of Gorman, Texas took him and he and his grandmother lived with his aunt, Mrs. Emma Underwood, they moved to Dickens Co. to gether in 1926. He attended Dickens school, and later attended the Coyne School of Electricity in Chicago, Ill. Was employed in Wichita Falls, Texas for several years by the Wichita Falls Electric Co.

In 1941 was given a civil service appointment and worked with the Army air Force as an Aircraft electrical specialist. Left civil service in 1946 to open a business in Spur which he now operates.



PICTURED here is Carl Rye of Spur Electronics, with a crystal set radio similar to the ones he used to build as a boy. Note the head phones.

A newly-opened Queen's University building in Belfast, Northern Ireland, cost \$5,600,000 and is described as Britain's largest single postwar university project.

School days are happy days for everyone except the teacher.

Reno Nevada is several miles further west than Los Angeles, although Los Angeles is on the West Coast. See a map to figure this one out.

The Revolutionary Communist Party of India and the Bolshevik Party of India have merged, in New Delhi.

### Lands Cleared; Farm Growth Continues Pace

December 17, 1909

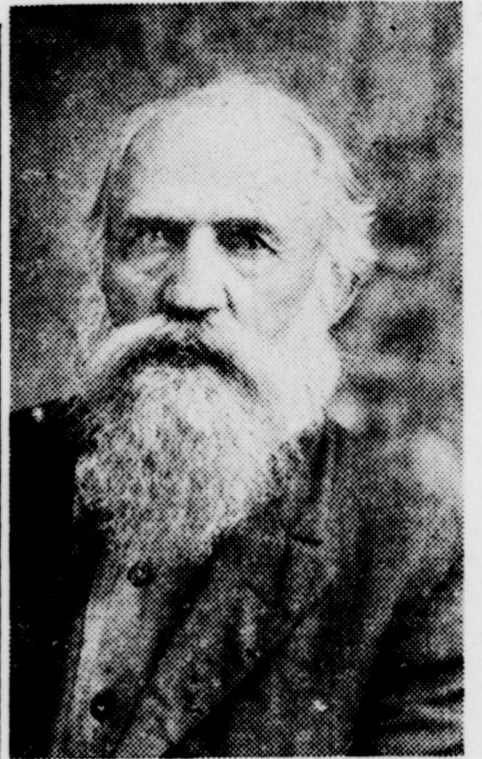
A. E. Barker, of Mart, was here this week looking after his farm interests. Mr. Barker bought a section of land a few miles south of Spur and is now building three houses on the place. He says that if possible he will clear up for cultivation next year about four hundred acres of his land.

There are a number of farms going in cultivation another year in every direction from Spur. Within a very short time this whole section of the country will be cleared up and growing all kinds of farm produce.

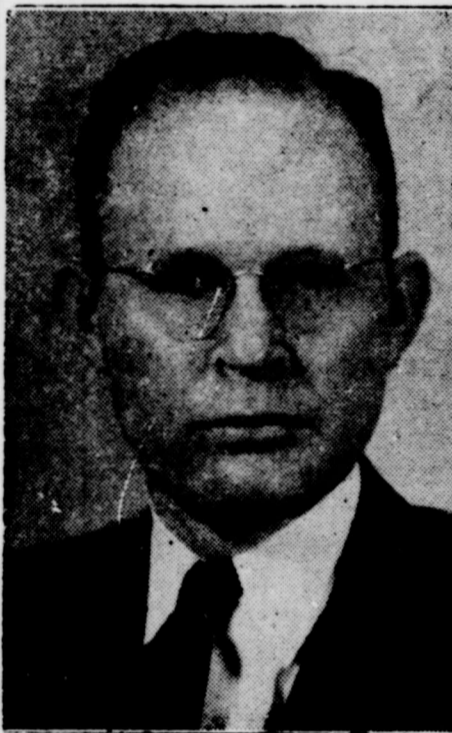
The Spur country now offers an opportunity and many inducements to the man of limited means in securing a home, and those who fail to avail themselves of such opportunities because the country is undeveloped and its agricultural possibilities unknown, in a very short time realize the mistake.

This country will grow as much stuff and in as great variety as any country. This is no pipe dream or newspaper boast, but is a fact already demonstrated and will continue to be demonstrated and more fully throughout the years to come.

The only living Ohioan with his name on an historical town marker in the state is John W. Bricker, former governor and U.S. Senator.



A. J. McCLAIN  
Early Day County Judge



OSCAR KELLEY  
Ex-Schoolman



ALTON B. CHAPMAN  
Judge, Court of Civil Appeals

• GOLDEN JUBILEE •

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WELCOME - OLD TIMERS and EXES

SPUR ELECTRONICS

SPUR,

TEXAS

Admiral Admiral Admiral

for the woman who selects the very finest in furniture...

Admiral  
Decorator  
Approved

ORIGINALS



The Rutherford  
Model LHS21H51  
"21" overall diagonal viewable area, 262 sq. inches"

Modern design to blend beautifully with most any decor. Hand crafted, hand rubbed, matched woods in rich Satin Walnut, Blonde Oak and Sierra finished veneers. Son-R wireless remote control turns TV on or off, changes channels, has 4 levels of volume including mute. Custom components give you true high fidelity sound. Transformer powered horizontal chassis for 20,000 volts of picture power and the brightest, clearest pictures ever.



## Don Dunbar Is Manager Of Local G. F. Wacker's Variety Store

The largest of Spur's two variety stores, G. F. Wacker's was founded here several years ago and has seen several men come and go as managers.

Present manager is Don Dunbar. A brief history of Don, his family, and employees follows:

### DON and ROSETTA DUNBAR

Moved to Spur on September 1, 1957. We have a son, Dennie, Jr., two years old, born in Hobbs, New Mexico, July 15, 1957. We have a daughter, Debra Lynn born in Spur, July 5, 1959. We are members of the First Baptist. Don is a member of Lions Club. We live at 598 West Harris.

### MR. and MRS. GEORGE AUSTIN

Born and raised here. Married in 1925 and made Spur their home. Mr. Austin is engaged in farming.

### JANE FITZGERAL (age 16)

Lived in Spur all her life and is a member of First Baptist Church, employed by Wacker's Variety Store, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fitzgerald. 3 brothers: Winston, Benny, Armon. 4 sisters: Eloise Smith, Shirley K, June. Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brubbs, Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Camp and three children, Kenneth, Lloyd and Patsy moved to Spur the last of January, 1959, from Bastrop, Texas. Mr. Camp is with the Soil Conservation Service. Mr. and Mrs. Camp and children are members of the

First Baptist Church of Spur. Kenneth was a senior this year graduating from Smithville, Texas and attended Texas Tech the first six weeks of summer school. Lloyd will be a junior this year and is working at Mac's Super Market. Patsy will be a freshman and is a member of the bank and Order of the Railroad for Girls. Mrs. Camp is a Past Matron of the O.E.S. Alvis and Jesse Bilberry are children of parents who pioneered this county. They finished high school in 1934. He graduated from Dickens same night that she finished at Spur. They were married in 1935 and have lived here all their lives with the exception of five months "honeymoon trip" to California that took them six days to get there. (Now it takes them 18 hours to make the same trip). They have two children, Jackie, who is married to the former Nan Bateman; and Jo Ann, age 10, also, a new granddaughter, Shanna Renee. They reside at Texas Agriculture Experiment Station where Alvis has been employed 23 years. Jessie has worked at Wacker's 2 years. Both are active members of Bethel Baptist Church. He is an ordained deacon and Sunday School Superintendent and she teaches a class. Their hobbies are fishing and more fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Roberts have one son, Wayne. Gene Roberts came to Spur in 1914 from Lueders, Texas. He has been a resident of Spur for



HOME BUILT BY George S. Link. Still a Spur landmark and in use by the pioneer Link family.

The world's longest floating bridge is across Lake Washington at Seattle, one and eight-tenth mile wide.

45 years and in the garage business a number of years. Mrs. Roberts lived in Jayton where she met Mr. Roberts. They were married in November, 196, and have made their home in Spur. Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, graduated from Spur High School and will enter Texas Tech this fall. They are members of the Church of Christ.

Public works and development projects have been authorized in Panama on a scale expected to have a favorable effect on the economy until 1965.

The Government - operated South African Railways operated at a \$22,000,000 deficit in the last fiscal year, Johannesburg learns.

A new harbor bridge capable of handling 100,000 vehicles a day is urged for Sydney, Australia.

Note to the half-baked philosopher who says a person never knows what he can or can't do until he tries: Many a person who has never tried to lift an elephant knows he can't do so.

More than 200,000 acres of American farm land are used to grow flax for cigarette paper.

The letters V.D.B. on the 1909-S Lincoln penny are the initials of the designer of the coin, Victor D. Brenner.

WELCOME OLD SETTLERS and EXES to SPUR'S

# Golden Jubilee



# G. F. Wacker Stores

5c TO \$5.00

Don Dunbar, Mgr.

Spur, Texas

# Nona, Dodge Starcher Began Dickens County Times In '23



W. D. STARCHER

W. D. Starcher came to Spur in 1928 and began the publication of The Dickens County Times. On November 19, 1943 the paper was sold to O. B. Ratliff. The Dickens County Times was the most widely read paper published.

Mrs. Nona Starcher resigned her position with the First State Bank at Roaring Springs and assisted her husband in the newspaper business.

Mr. Starcher was the first Boy Scout Master of Troop No. 35 of Spur. He was also, a Mason, Charter Member of the Rotary Club, Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star Lodge, member of the Odd Fellow Lodge and was an excellent church worker. He served as secretary and treasurer of The Dickens County Baptist Association for 20 years. He helped more people than any other man. There used to be a lot of people that lived in tents. If it was cold, he would see to it that they had food and the children were warmly clothed. Mr. Starcher fell dead of a heart attack in front of The Spur Security Bank on November 19, 1943.



WILLIAM C. STARCHER

William C. Starcher came to live with his aunt and uncle in 1931 and entered the Spur schools, graduating in 1935. He was the only boy that had the honor of serving his class as president the four years that he was in High School. He attended Draughon Business College at Tyler, Texas. Returning to Spur he worked at The Dickens County Times, later becoming Editor and Foreman. He was married to Noema Smith in 1937. In 1941 he entered the U. S. Air Force.



NONA STARCHER

After Mr. Starcher's death she opened Starcher Insurance Agency and Real Estate office. The agency started without a policyholder, but in less than a year the agency grew into the hundreds.

Mrs. Starcher ran for Mayor in 1951 and has always enjoyed the City politics. She has been an Evangelist singer and is a member of the Eastern Star. In 1922 she was the first manager of the gin and cotton buyer in McAdoo. She and Mr. Starcher reared and educated five girls and boys.

Bill Starcher had not finished High School when his father died, so she placed him in The Kemper Military Academy where he completed his High School work. He entered Baylor University and lacked six hours of work getting his degree. Upon entering the Air Force he spent four years in Korea. He was in the O. S. I. division and his rating is Captain. Returning home in 1954 he became associated with the business. In May 1959, he went to Lubbock to open an insurance and Home Service business of his own.

To say the Starchers are grateful to the people of Spur and Dickens County would not express their feelings. They know that the greatest people in the West live in Dickens County. They have stood by them and put trust and confidence in their agency. Mrs. Starcher feels that if it had not been for these people, she would have been unable to have sent Bill to school. Thanks.

Shortest day of the year is in Fort Greely, Alaska, where the sun appears for only two hours out of 24 hours. This happens only during January and February. By the 21st of March the sun shines 12 hours a day.

The world's population has now, according to most recent figures, passed the 2.8 billion mark. At this current rate of growth, it is estimated that there are 100,000 new mouths to feed every day. To inform the ever growing market of the latest food specials in this country, grocery advertisers invest over \$148 million in daily newspaper advertising.

The U.S. Patent Office has issued more than 2,890,000 patents on inventions. It expects to issue 52,500 in 1959—about 1,000 a week.

## IN MEMORY of PIONEER CITIZENS... Who INSURED SPUR and DICKENS County A BETTER PLACE to LIVE



W. B. LEE

● WAS ONE of the best bankers Spur has ever known. He helped the Farmer who could not help himself. He was a leader in all of Spur's activities.



DR. P. C. NICHOLS

● NOTED physician and surgeon who has served Dickens County since 1919. He never turned anyone away and the night was never to bad to make a call, if needed—has saved more lives than any living person.



MRS. L. H. PERRY

● CAME to SPUR in 1909. She was the first to use her influence in Club work. Mr. Perry was one of the first to establish a business.



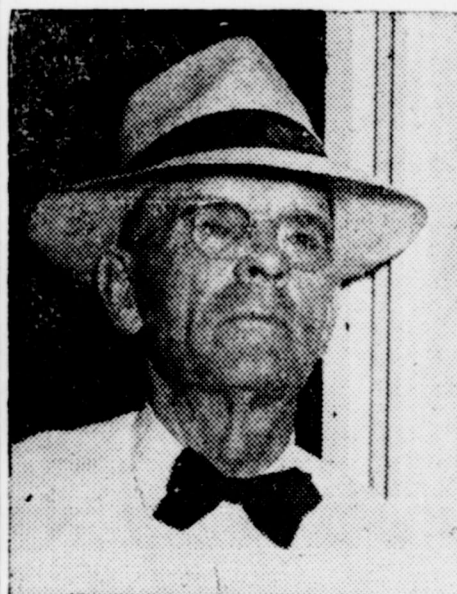
M. C. GOLDING

● CAME to SPUR in 1925. He was a leader in BOY SCOUT work, Chamber of Commerce, Church worker. Through his interest in Spur it grew. Thanks.



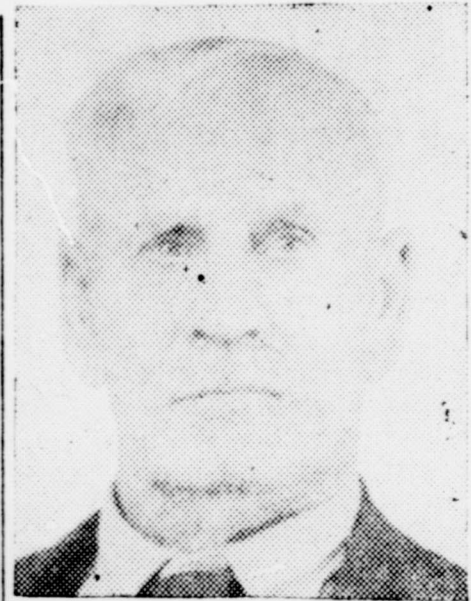
OSCAR MCGINTY

● A LEADER of Youth—taught boys how to raise better cattle. He was a friend to F.H.A. Club. We miss him.



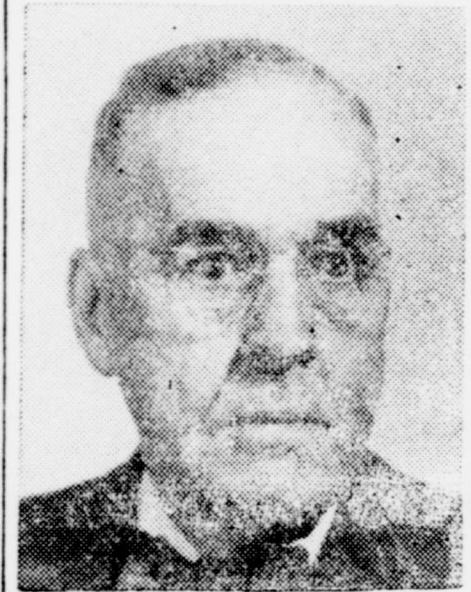
GEO S. LINK

● LATE GEO S. LINK who came to Spur in the early part of 1910 and the first mayor of Spur.



C. D. BIRD

● WHO CAME to this country in 1884—and there has never been a rancher, businessman that has helped more people to want to live a better life than Mr. BIRD. Oct. 31, he will be 93 years younger.



FRED JENNINGS

● F. W. JENNINGS, retired Manager of the Brazelton Lumber Company. He and his wife have been citizens of Spur every since the town opened. He is a strong booster, was Mayor of Spur, Rotary President, Church leader, Boy Scout worker and if it had not been for Mr. Jennings our city would not have had pavement.



C. L. LOVE

● ONE of the first merchants of Spur and one of the best boosters this country has ever had—served many years as secretary of the Northwest Texas Fair.

### STARCHER INS. AGENCY

NONA and BILL STARCHER

We too are able to insure you against all hazards



STROLLING THROUGH THE PARK — Vi and Levis Pullen are decked out here in the Golden Jubilee Dress. They are owners of Deluxe Beauty Shoppe, and enjoy a thriving business in Spur.

## Levis Pullens' Enjoy Success

Vi Pullen, graduated from Spur High School and is a member of the Methodist Church. She attended the Academy of Beauty Culture in Lubbock and is licensed to operate in Texas,

Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois and Oklahoma. For several years she was an instructor at Jessie Lee's in Lubbock.

Levis Pullen was born at McAdoo, Texas, where he finished school. Before moving to Spur, he worked in Lubbock and owned a beauty shoppe in McAdoo.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to December

## Spur K-P Lodge Installed By Stamford Group

When the Knights of Pythias was organized, about summer 1910, with the lodge from Stamford coming up to install officers etc., a group of prospective members in Spur wanted to serve a banquet.

The Baptist ladies took the job of serving at a price of 50c per plate.

There were no church kitchens so different ladies kitchens was the scene of much preparation. Cakes baked in one place, salads made in another, chicken and dressing at another. The menu consisted of chicken and dressing, peas in timbrels, potatoes, salad, cake and ice cream. No lettuce was in town so special order was made to Stamford for this rather than using cabbage as was so often done in the home.

With all foods donated and ladies doing all the work, a nice fund for the church was realized.

Many chickens went into the ministry during the early days in order to pay for buildings and other needs.

Barges account for the transportation of about one-fifth of all petroleum in the United States.

Beethoven wrote the Concerto in D Major for Violin in 1806 for the violinist Franz Clement.

of 1947. After being discharged from the service, attended Isabell-Powell University of Beauty Culture in Ft. Worth for a year and a half, then was instructor at Vernon Isabell's.

He opened the De Luxe Beauty Shoppe in Spur in 1950.



FRED C. HAILE

In 1942 Fred C. Haile was editor for The Times. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haile. He was born at Afton, Texas in 1901. I suppose Fred lived one of the most colorful lives of any one in Dickens County. He entered the army in 1918 and in 1919 enlisted in the U. S. Navy, receiving his honorable discharge in December, 1921. He then entered Hardin - Simmons University and received his degree in 2½ years. He enjoyed politics and gave this advice to young men and women. "Find out as early in life as possible what you enjoy doing and learn it better than any one else has and you will be a success". Fred passed away on January 19, 1958.

A cast of 800 performed in London's presentation of Mander's "Symphony of a Thousand."



MARSHALL FORMBY

Mr. Starcher's health began to fail and in 1936 Judge Marshall Formby was Editor of The Dickens County Times. He was also County Judge. Judge Formby was a leader and through his administration, Dickens County began to advance and have better roads. He was elected State Senator in 1941 and during his term as Senator enlisted in the Army. Upon his return, he went into the newspaper and radio business. He received his law degree from Baylor University and moved to Plainview and practiced law. He was chairman of the State Highway Commission for six years. He is a Mason, Rotarian, church worker and a good booster for Dickens County. Judge Formby has made public that he is announcing for Governor of Texas.

## WELCOME to SPUR'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

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- 4-Way hair cutting.
- Hair styling for each individual.
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Spur, Texas





HOW TIMES CHANGE—Not only the football uniforms, but the appearance of persons. E. W. (Tang) Smith will be found by the discerning eye in the first row, seated, third from right.

## Population Of Spur Nears 1000; Prosperity, Growth, Continue

**The Building of Spur Has Been Rapid and Substantial and Its Growth and Development Within the Sixty Days Since Its Creation Is Marvelous And Gives Spur a Distinctive Place in the History of Town Building In Western Texas.**

known as Central and Western Texas.

No country in the history of the American Continent has advanced and developed in all lines of progress, civilization and education more rapidly, substantially and permanently than has Western Texas within the past decade. Only a few years ago this country was a vast wilderness where the buffalo ranged and the coyote howled unmolested. Today things have changed. Railroads have come, towns have sprung up and the man with the hoe has invaded this territory and is now converting the former wilderness into blooming vineyards and productive fields of the world's principal product.

At this, the beginning of a new year it will be not out of place to take a retrospective view of the present, past and future of Spur, the Spur country and that scope of country

At first the process of development and civilization of this country was unavoidably and naturally a slow and tedious process, and many of those who trekked across the country and blazed the road for the future generation, met with hardships, almost unsurmountable barriers, death in many instances, and dreamed not at that time they were paving the way for unsurpassed civilization and the creation of an empire within the confines of Western Texas.

In the early eighties this country first attracted attention and a few cattle men and only the more venturesome class of people invaded this territory and until recent years the agricultural possibilities and resources were unknown, the



E. W. SMITH (Dapper Dan)

### E. W. Smiths' Operate Local Grocery Store

E. W. (Tang) Smith, was born in 1905 in Cass County and came to Spur in 1915. He is the son of E. L. Smith, now deceased, and Mrs. Lula Fite Smith.

He graduated from Spur High School in 1926 and played on the football team as the picture of the team will illustrate.

He married Margaret Thompson in 1937. They have two children, James F. Sprinkle and Anne E. Smith. Marge and Tang first opened their grocery business in Spur in 1943.

Currently Tang is a member of K-P Lodge, and president of the Spur Golf Club. Marge and Tang own and operate Stop and Shop Market.

"We are always pleased to serve you with the best foods and a smile," is Tang's comment.

Employees of the store include, Anne Smith, Lawrence Garcia, Marge Smith, Andre Garcia, Don Wright and Maxene Pickens.

There are about 500 million children of school age in the world. Half of them are getting no education at all.

Antwerp, Belgium, is spelled "Antwerpen" in Belgium. This is the Flemish version. But thier next door neighbor, France, spells it "Anvers."

### Building Spree Continues As Houses Go Up

December 17, 1909

Quite a number of new residences have been completed this week, and at this time there are something near 20 or 25 new ones under construction. Every day new houses are started up in different parts of town, and from present indications such development will continue indefinitely.

Several business houses are also under construction, among them being the Bryant-Link Company and bank buildings of brick, others being temporary structures of box and frame build.

As said heretofore without prevarication Spur is the youngest and fastest growing town on the American Continent.

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SPUR, TEXAS

# Early Day Freighter Recalls Help He Gave 'Bootlegger'

Hicks McCormick, one of the early settlers and pioneers of Dickens County, was born in Kaufman County in the late 1800s.

Rumors of the advantages of West Texas led him to travel to this country in the year 1910, making the 350-mile trip by covered wagon.

"During the entire trip, the only bridge I crossed was the swinging bridge across the Brazos River," McCormick states.

All the other streams and rivers were forded.

After reaching the point "where the west really began," there was few fences and not many roads. He traveled 14 days and nights to reach Spur, which at that time was one year old.

In 1911 he started work at Spur's first lumber yard, operated by this late brother, J. V. McCormick. The town, as he remembers it, consisted of Bryant-Link Co., Love Dry Goods, railroad depot, and the Spur Inn.

There were a few board sidewalks and soon a hitching post was built in front of Bryant-Link.

With the railroad having its beginning in 1909, there was a great demand for building supplies and ranches were growing and bringing in many new people.

The first round-up that McCormick recalls attending was held on the side of the hill near the Spade Tank on the Swenson Ranch.

McCormick drove one of the



**HICKS McCORMICK**  
Early Day Freighter

first freight wagons which carried supplies such as fence posts, barbed wire, staves, cotton seed, etc. that was shipped into Spur then from Roaring Springs, Afton and surrounding ranches and towns. He helped carry the first boiler that was shipped to the gin in Afton.

On freighting trip he remembers being stopped by the Pease River, about where Roaring Springs swimming pool is now located, by high water. On the other side he could see a man in a brand new Model-T Ford,

waiting to cross. McCormick unhitched his team, crossed the swollen river and hooked on to the Model-T.

McCormick asked the man where he was headed, and the man promptly uncovered two brief cases of whiskey bound for the Pitchfork Ranch; due there for the Spring Round-Up.

When asked the man's identity, McCormick replied:

"I have never squealed on a bootlegger yet, and after all, we got a good drink of corn likker."

McCormick was married to Miss Jodie Spencer in June, 1913. The wedding ceremony was performed in front of the minister's house in a buggy. The couple settled at Afton where he remained in the freighting business.

To this union was born six children, five of whom still live in the West:

Mrs. B. Kidd, Spur; Walter McCormick, McAdoo; Mrs. Buddy Hoover, Spur; Neal McCormick, California; Mrs. Virgle Hawley, Croton and Mrs. George Johnson, deceased.

The McCormick's have 24 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

McCormick says he can recall many more events of early days in Spur. The first carnival that stopped here, he and the late Charlie Austin made the music for the merry-go-round by sitting in the center with guitar and fiddle.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick are now living one mile east of Spur on a small farm. They enjoy their friends and neighbors and love to get together for a good old time talk.

There are 10,00 retail sporting-goods stores in the United States.

## POPULATION

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country being considered worthless and unfit for other purposes than as wholly a stock grazing proposition. However, with the advent of railroads, followed by a constant and ever increasing flow of immigrants and settlers the country is now being developed, towns are building in every section and the grazing proposition of former years is now being established as among the richest agricultural sections of America.

Just sixty days ago Spur was established and town lots sold to the public, and the advancement and progress of the town since that date is conclusive evidence of the Western spirit of enterprise in the development and progress of this country. The town, in brief, today has seventy-five business houses and one hundred firms doing construction, a thirty thousand dollar brick and stucco finish hotel to begin construction at once, and one hundred and twenty five residences, neat cottages and bungalows already completed. The strongest dry goods and general mercantile firms of the country, a bank with one hundred thousand dollars paid up capital, the stockholders of which represent a combined capital of over four hundred millions of dollars. Plans are maturing for the establishment of a first-class system of water works, an oil mill and electric light plant. The streets are graded in first-class shape and the sidewalks paved with concrete. An artesian well is being drilled and is now about one thousand feet.

During the sixty days since the creation of the town the

merchants and business men of Spur have established not only a superior commercial center but the town at this early date is recognized as the leading cotton and produce market of this territory. Those who have established business concerns are strong financially, hustlers and pushers, know the needs and demands of the country and supply them.

The citizenship as a whole is enlightened, progressive, prosperous and in accord with the promoters of the town, and since we are all working together for the advancement of the interests of Spur and development of the surrounding country the progress in all lines of both town and country is expected to continue and within a few years the country fully developed and Spur among the leading commercial centers of the State.

Spur is distinguished not only in rapid growth but for the fact that it is located in the very heart of a vast area of rich and most productive agricultural lands which is now open to settlement and is being developed. A state experimental farm has been located at Spur and will not only demonstrate the agricultural possibilities but will assist those who settle here in the science of farming and most practical methods of cultivation of the soil of this section.

The population of Spur at this time is something near one thousand people, and taking this fact in connection with those briefly stated above, we consider Spur the "biggest little city and fastest growing town on the American Continent" and one which has the very brightest future.

## 50th Anniversary • CELEBRATION •

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Buddy Hoover pictured with Ford Powermaster Tractor

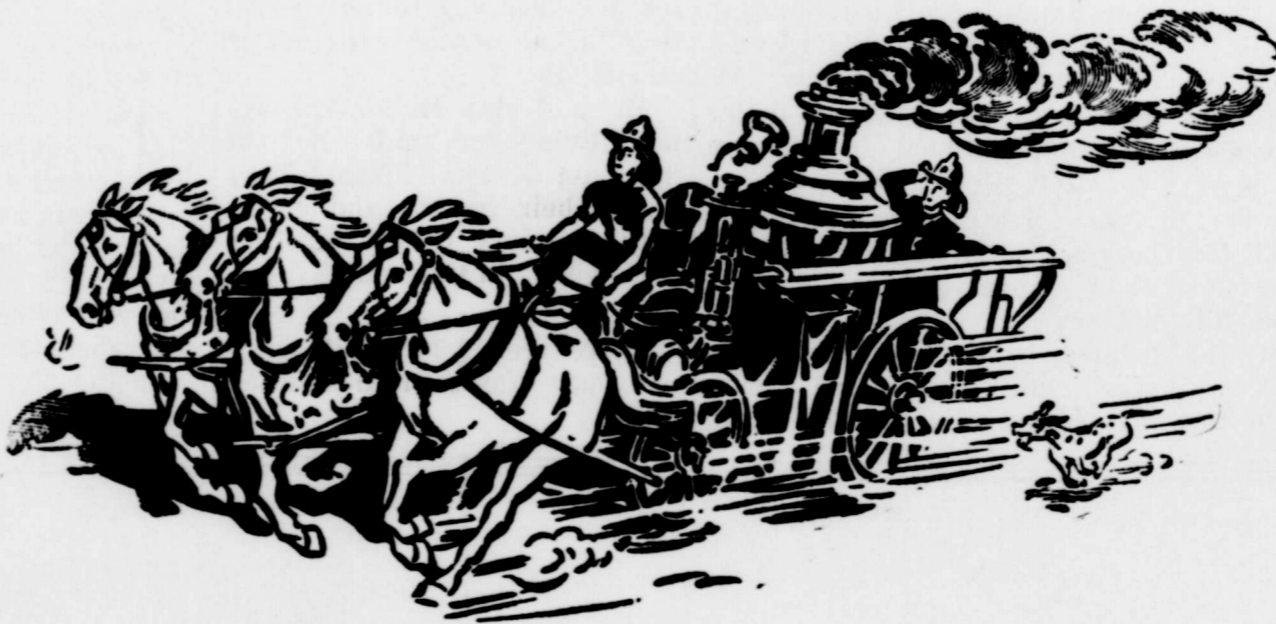
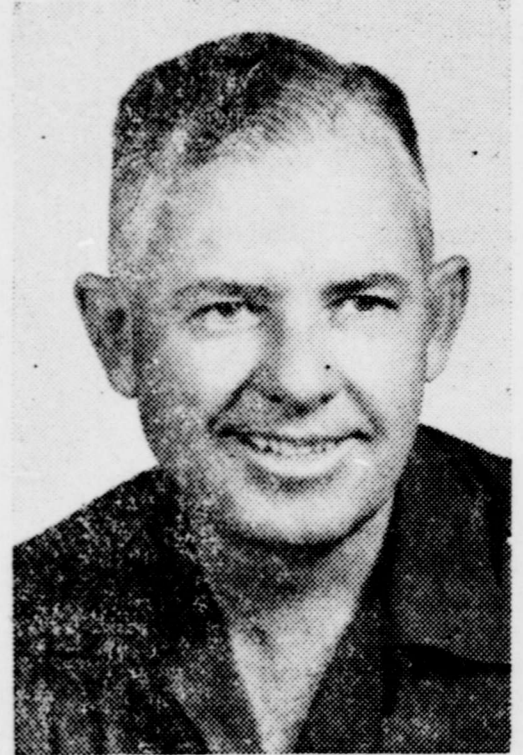
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"ALWAYS A SPUR BOOSTER"

# Rickels Chevrolet Co.

SPUR, TEXAS

# Greetings . . .

FROM ONE OF SPUR'S OLDEST BUSINESS INSTITUTIONS

**CAMPBELL'S**

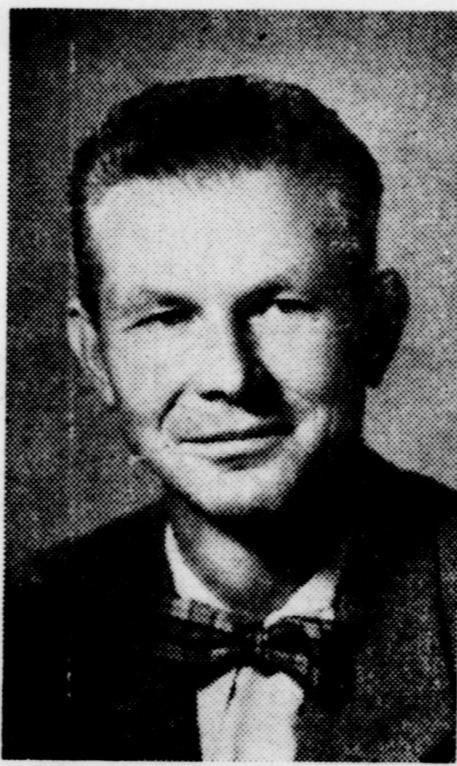
**Funeral Home**

**CAMPBELL'S**

**Furniture Store**



**W. S. CAMPBELL**  
Founded firms in 1909  
(now deceased)



**SPENCER CAMPBELL**  
—present owner—

**We Welcome You to the**  
**• JUBILEE •**



**CAMPBELL'S FURNITURE AND MORTUARY**—This picture was made back in 1909 when the City of Spur was six months old. Take a magnifying glass and you can see the Campbell's sign on the building at far right.

## W. S. Campbell Established Early Day Mortuary, Furniture Store

Spur's oldest business, presently known as Campbell Furniture — and Campbell Funeral Home — has been in operation continuously since 10 days following the opening of the town.

W. S. Campbell, a young bachelor, heeding the advice of the writer, Horace Greeley, who said: "Turn your face to great West," opened his business—"W. S. Campbell Furniture and Undertaking", in a small sheet iron building, 24 by 30 feet, directly across the street from the present location, which the business has occupied since 1916.

The first stock included the most essential items needed for housekeeping in 1909, such as cane-bottomed chairs, metal bedsteads, and springs, rocking chairs, and baby buggies. An invoice dated November 19, 1909 shows a shipment of stock was received from Roger Dade Wholesale Co. of Paris, Texas.

Although board and lodging was only \$18.75 per month, the eligible young bachelor, chose a life's partner two years later, when he married Miss Dora Belle Williams, Nov. 7, 1911. The new partner, educated in Baylor, was a teacher of "Elocution", modernly called, Speech, in Spur. The W. S. Campbells had three children, Isabelle Crossman of Garland, Bonnie McAteer of Spur, and a son, Spencer, who is present owner of the two business firms.

Mrs. George S. Link, a Spur pioneer, made one of the initial purchases in the store. Some of the window shades of that sale are still in use, which indicates the quality of the merchandise sold by the firm. During the early days in Spur, an express wagon, drawn by one horse was hired to take the caskets to the cemetery. Later, a model-T hearse was rented from 'Uncle' Bill Hyatt's Livery Stable, to service the funerals.

Following World War I, Webber Williams, brother of Mrs. Campbell, became manager of the Funeral Home. In 1936, Spencer, having completed his college education, assumed management of the firm. He became co-owner in 1941. In 1943, Spencer married Miss Martha Frances Nichols. They are the parents of three children, Linda Sue, Martha Ann and Spencer III.

Spencer is a member of the Spur Rotary, is president of the Spur Golden Jubilee board of directors, has been presi-

dent—Methodist Church board of Stewards, and a steward for 15 years; he has served as president of the Spur Chamber of Commerce and one of the board of directors; been on the Spur School board, two terms; served on the City Council, one term; Spur Boosters Club; graduate of Spur High School and graduated from Texas Tech in 1936.

Sole ownership of the business, by purchase of the remaining shares, was acquired by Spencer Campbell, following the death of his father W. S. Campbell, in 1952. The present site of Campbell Funeral Home was purchased from Chandler Funeral Home in 1957. The most modern mortuary services are available, including ambulance service.

Employees of Campbell Furniture and Campbell Funeral Home are: Mrs. Autrey Nell Sharp, H. C. McElyear, and Charles Daniels.

Since 1909, this business with it's two generations ownership, has operated on principles of honesty and integrity. Members of this pioneer family have contributed to the growth and development of the Spur community.



**TOM JOHNSTON**  
Merchant-Farmer

"There are more suicides, percentagewise, among lawyers than almost any other class," says a statistician. This is doubtless due to lawyers becoming depressed from taking in other people's troubles for a living.

Although it's subtropical, Bermuda is the most northerly coral-atoll in the world.

# WELCOME JUBILEE VISITORS

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Two country boys trying to make a living.  
Jack Rector, left and Con C. Davis, right.



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# THE TEXAS SPUR

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## Fiftieth

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## 1909-1959



**"50 YEARS of PROGRESS"**

## Lulene's Catches Ladies Fancy To Become Immediate Success

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunaway came to Spur in 1942 where they went into the grocery business. They now have two sons, Jerry, who attends Texas Tech, and young Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Scudder moved to Spur in 1949, where Mr. Scudder has been the Texaco Consignee ever since. They have two children, Bob, who resides in Corpus Christi, Johnna who is in Baylor University, and grandson, Steve.

Both families are active members of their respective churches. The Dunaways belong to the Church of Christ and the Scudders are members of First Baptist Church.

In 1959 Mrs. Dunaway and Mrs. Scudder went into partnership and opened LULENE'S on March 6. LULENE'S is a combination of the owners' first names, Lula and Ilene. Since its

### Construction Begins On Post Office

The new post office building on Fifth Street east of Burlington Avenue is now under construction and nearing completion.

Postmaster Baker and his assistant, Mrs. Baker, have been somewhat hampered heretofore in the temporary quarters, and no doubt will be glad to get into their new location where more efficient and prompt service can be given the public.

Spur is not only growing but improving all lines.

opening in March, LULENE'S has grown steadily. The owners would like to say "Thank you" to all their friends who have patronized the dress shop and have helped it grow.



OWNERS OF LULENE'S—One of Spur's leading retail stores is Lulene's Dress Shop, owned and operated by Mrs. John Dunaway, left and Mrs. C. P. Scudder, right. The business had its formal opening in March, 1959. The store handles leading lines for ladies and children.

## Spur Has Inquiries Concerning Business Sites

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Mark Hardin moved his family here this week from Post City where he has been living the past year. Mr. Hardin purchased farm lands near Spur

and will begin improving it immediately. He is not only well pleased with this section of the country but thinks the land here cheaper than elsewhere considering the quality of soil. Uncle Buck Hardin is an old timer of this western country, knows the country, the soil and what it will produce and as a result of this knowledge and his staying qualities he is one among the most prosperous citizens.

Miss L. Agnes White, of Stamford was in Spur this week looking after her interests in Spur. Miss White purchased a number of lots, both business and residence, in the city during the opening week and will probably make some improvements on her purchases some time in the future.

H. J. Deford is visiting his family this week in Stephenville. Mr. Deford is an enthusiastic Spurite and as a result of his efforts and "boosting" quite a number of friends and acquaintances have come to Spur and will make this their home.

State Agent for the Oliver Typewriter Company was in Spur this week looking over the town in the interest of his company. He said that the town had made wonderful development within the thirty days since its creation and that in his opinion the future of Spur was very bright. Spur is one of the fastest and most substantially growing towns in Western Texas and before many years it will be Spur City in reality as well as name. It has the country to back it, the

business men are strong, capable and pushers and the citizenship is progressive, prosperous and generous. There is nothing to hold Spur back. Turn her loose and watch her grow, develop and prosper.

J. S. Grisham, vice president and general manager of the Garza County Land and Abstract Company, arrived here Monday from Post City for the purpose of putting in a branch office for that company at this place. Mr. Grisham expressed surprise at the rapid growth of Spur and said that he expected to find only two or three stores built in the town within the short time since the opening day. The rapid growth of Spur is marvelous and a surprise to all who come here.

Martin Gay has opened up another restaurant on Burlington Avenue and is now ready for business. Mr. Gay was formerly with the Silver Moon Cafe.

Tip Foy came up Thursday from Rotan and will spend several days in Spur looking after his business interests here. Mr. Foy is interested here in barber and restaurant business.

J. M. Bennett returned Sunday from a visit to his family at Stamford. Mr. Bennett is in the coal and grain business here and is one among our most substantial citizens.

ATTEND SPUR

GOLDEN JUBILEE

WELCOME TO SPUR DURING ITS 50TH BIRTHDAY...

# GOLDEN JUBILEE

SPUR, TEXAS... 1909 - 1959

- Paul Sachs
- L'Aiglon
- Fitchene
- Kabro
- Jean D'Arc
- Candy Jr's.
- Mynette
- Adrian Tabin

**Lulene's** DRESS SHOP

MRS. JOHN DUNAWAY - MRS. C. P. SCUDDER

- Owners -

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Spur, Texas

# Bell's Cafe Evolved From Old 'Greasy Front' Cafe

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

In 1919 Mr. Bell opened his first cafe in a little shack two doors south of the present location of his business. His fixtures at the time consisted of 8 stools, a bench, and two boxes shoved together covered with lineolium to serve as a counter. An old dilapidated cook stove with a piece of sheet iron used as a girde, Mr. Bell went about his daily chores serving the best that this type cafe affords.

In 1920 Mr. Bell sold this place and bought what was known as the old Greasy Front Cafe and operated this business for four years. After also selling this business, Mr. Bell, three months later opened a place next door to the Greasy Front. After two months in this business he took back the old Greasy Front and joined them together. After modernizing the two places Mr. Bell changed the names, calling the place that was then known as the Highway Cafe. Eight months later he sold this place and put in a cafe in the building now occupied.

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

Bell lost what money he had made in the previous years, leaving him practically penniless and with very little business.

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

In 1924 he moved into the building now occupied by Bell's Cafe. He retired in 1933 due to ill health. The business was then under the management of his son, R. J.

Mr. Bell died in July, 1954. In November of that year, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bell completed purchase of the business.

Willie and Annie Bell had five children, Weldon, R. J., Winfred, Billy D. and Joe. All started and finished in school in Spur.

Since the elder Bell's death, R. J. and his wife Rita, have been running it. They have one daughter, Mrs. Ernie Forno, and three sons, Hardy, Duke and Roddy.

"We are still going strong and having more fun than any other business in Spur," R. J. says.

"Now if there are any Ex-Students that can remember when there wasn't a Bell's Cafe in Spur, come by and we will give you a free meal ticket," R. J. concludes.

## Spur Ranch Cattle Shipped To Kansas

(From the 1909 Files)

Last week W. J. Lewis bought one thousand steer calves from Spur ranch and shipped them to Clarendon. W. W. O'Bryan, of St. Paul, Kansas, bought five hundred steer calves of the same ranch and shipped to Oklahoma. Fred Birch, of Clayton, N. M., also bought five hundred steer calves and shipped to Texline.

For some time past the Spur

ranch has been selling and shipping cattle from the ranch, clearing up the range and making room for the farmer. The land is being sold rapidly and to actual settlers who are putting it into cultivation and building permanent homes.

Farmers are absolutely necessary to the life of a town and in the development of a country, and in view of this fact the company here is making room and encouraging in many ways the farmer and actual settler to locate in the Spur country.

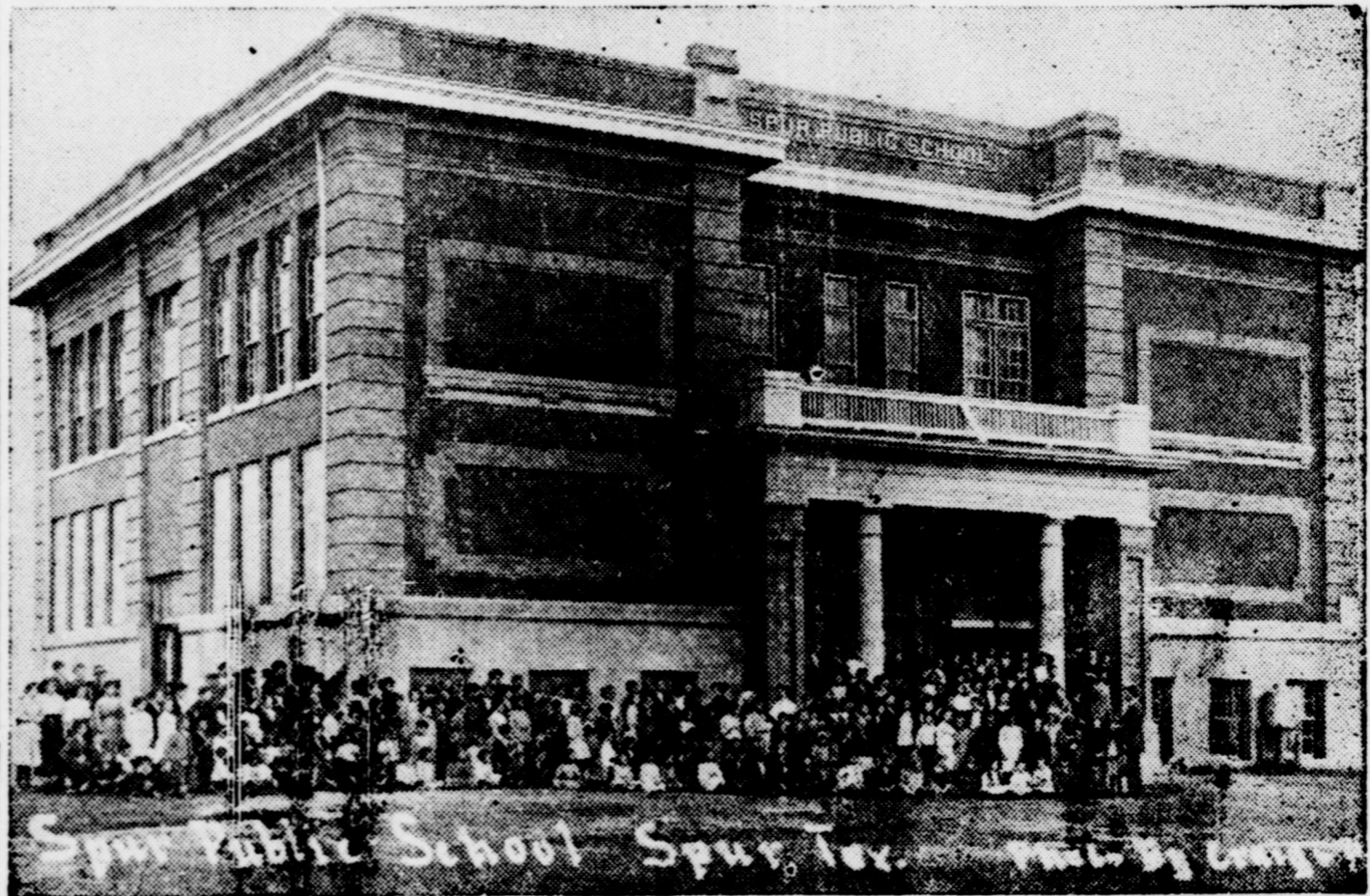
## ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Ladies Bazaar will open on Harris Street December 15th. Everything for ladies will be carried in stock, also will be prepared to do first class dressmaking. We will have a complete line of Millinery ready for the spring season.

The patronage of the ladies of Spur and the Spur country is solicited. All are invited to call and see our nice display of Holiday goods.

MRS. NELLE ROBERTSON  
MRS. LELIA CARPENTER  
Proprietors.

ATTEND SPUR'S  
GOLDEN JUBILEE



SPUR PUBLIC SCHOOL—This building served the City of Spur for all its school classes until 1940 when the present High School was built. R. J. Bell has always been an active Spur Exe and booster of the Schools.

## WELCOME to the JUBILEE and EX-STUDENT HOMECOMING



Early Picture of Bell's Cafe



Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bell

## BELL'S CAFE

SERVING SPUR SINCE 1919

MR. and MRS. R. J. BELL



EARLY DAY COUNTRY STORE—No, it's the present interior of OK Rubber Welders and the handsome couple pictured here is Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Reynolds.

## S. C. Reynolds Has Been Owner Of OK Rubber Welders Since '45

Seamon Reynolds was born in Indian Territory, Oklahoma, near Ringland, in 1900. He moved with his family to Granbury, then later to Potaes, N. M. where he stayed until 1916.

That year, the Reynolds family came to the Spur area to pick cotton, and Seamon has been here ever since.

In 1919, he had a float line, hauling local freight, lumber, cotton seed, ties, etc.

Among the passengers on the Spur train in 1919 was the Dillashaw family, among them, Miss Mable Dillashaw. Seamon met Miss Dillashaw, and in 1922 they were married.

In 1928 he was employed by Musser Lumber Co. In 1943 O.

W. Young and J. M. Willson bought the yard, however, Seamon had become bookkeeper in 1931—and manager in 1941. He stayed with Willson and Young for two years as assistant manager and in 1945 he purchased his present tire, hardware and automobile accessory business.

Luther Henderson and Reynolds bought out Frank Adams in 1945, and 12 months later Henderson sold out to O. P. Meadors.

After six months, Meadors sold back to Adams and then two and one-half years later Adams sold to Coy McMahan.

In 1951 Reynolds and McMa-

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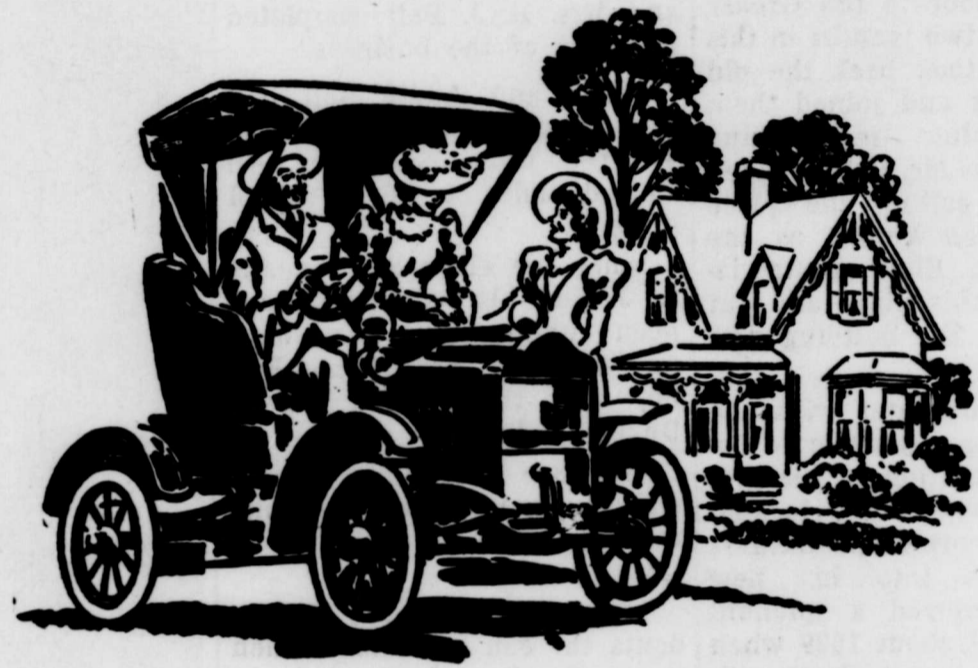


REPAIRMEN—C. W. Brasher, left and Flavious Alexander, head the repair and sales department at OK Rubber Welders.

# WELCOME TO SPUR

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- COMPLETE LINE FISHING TACKLE
- WALKER MUFFLER and TAIL PIPES
- CHAMPION and AUTO-LITE PLUGS
- HARDWARE and OTHER GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

**SPUR...1909 - 1959**

**O. K. RUBBER WELDERS**

SPUR, TEXAS

REYNOLDS from page 4

han expanded their business by establishing an OK Rubber Welder's store in Levelland. In 1956 they made a trade whereby McMahan got the Levelland store, which he is currently operating, and Reynolds got the Spur store.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have seven children, all of whom are graduates of Spur High School. They are:

Sons—include twin boys, Eldon and Weldon; Milton and Calvin; twin daughters—Vera Jo and Vivian Jean; and Dorothy Mae.

Seamon is a member of the Spur Rotary Club; director of Spur Chamber of Commerce; K-P lodge and is a past chancellor commander of that organization.

The Reynolds brought up their family in the Presbyterian church.

Flavius Alexander was born and raised here in Spur and married to Vera Jo Reynolds in 1947 and they have two children.

Flavius has been employed at OK Rubber Welders since 1951. He currently is serving as

assistant manager.

C. W. Brasher came to Spur on a cotton picking tour in the fall of 1916.

"There weren't but two or three buildings from the old Safeway building to the railroad depot," Brasher says.

The Post Office was across from Tri-County Lumber Co., he continues. He stayed here about 30 days picking cotton.

In 1920 he came back to this country, stopping at Girard with a box car load of stock and household goods.

"This country was outright rangeland at that time," he says.

Brasher has been employed at OK Rubber Welders since 1934 as a repairman. Mr. and Mrs. Brasher have two children, both of whom are Spur graduates.

About 7 per cent of the world's agricultural output—including coffee, tea, cocoa, cotton, rubber and wool—is exported from the country in which it is grown.



LAWLIS LEE Present day manager of Brazelton Lumber Co.

### 80 Students Enroll In Spur School

The Spur school is progressing nicely in every respect and the number of pupils continue to increase each week.

The school now has eighty pupils and employs two teachers, Miss Reavis of Haskell having been recently employed to assist the principal, Prof. St. Johns.

The present school building is not large enough and we are informed by Mr. St. John that as soon as the Methodist church is completed it will be used for school purposes throughout this term or until other arrangements are made for school building.

The matter of securing suitable location and paving the way for the creation of an independent school district and calling an election for the issuance of bonds to build a school house has been taken up by the Spur Commercial Club and an excellent committee appointed to look after school matters. This committee is composed of men who are interested in school matters and familiar with school work and know the needs and requirements for good schools, and can be depended upon to make the very best arrangements for the advancement of the interests of the Spur school in every respect.

Spur intends to have one of the best schools in Western Texas from the very beginning, and in the years to come will have schools and colleges second to none. Spur has the advantage in location and those who are building and pushing her interests are men who do things.

### Editor Has Trouble With Gasoline Engine

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We have been laboring faithfully and incessantly every day and night this week trying to get our gasoline engine to run, but our efforts have been unsuccessful and as a consequence the paper is late and somewhat short with respect to news items. A balky engine in connection with the newspaper business is the most trying ordeal imaginable and we hope that no other poor devil has to suffer what we have throughout this week.

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, for the first time since 1886, may be legally hunted in New Mexico.

### Contract Let On Spur Inn

\$30,000 HOTEL

Contract Will Be Let Monday And Construction Will Begin At Once

The contract for the building of a thirty thousand dollar hotel in Spur will be let Monday and construction work will begin at once.

This building will be erected on the south part of Block 44, facing Burlington Avenue, and according to the plans and specifications drawn by Elmer G. Withers, an architect of superior and recognized ability of Stamford, will be one of the finest and most handsome structures within the state. It will be two stories high and made up of forty four rooms, thirty two of which will be guest rooms. The lobby will be supplied with a large fireplace and most conveniently and handsomely furnished. The structure will be built of hard

Oak trees are particularly dangerous to stand under during a thunderstorm since they attract lightning nearly six times as often as some smooth-barked trees, the National Geographic Society says.

Recent trade studies show that West Germany is maintaining its position as Switzerland's most important trading partner, Berne reports.

A steel plant is under construction at Matanzas, Venezuela.

pressed brick with stucco finish and staff ornaments. Throughout the building is designed not only for appearance but for comfort and convenience of guests.

The hotel will be, erected by the Townsite Company, and as said before will be when complete, not only one of the most handsomely furnished but among the finest hostleries with respect to architecture and finish within the state.

Spur is building at a rapid rate and in a most substantial and attractive manner.

## WELCOME EXES - and - JUBILEE VISITORS



SPUR ... 1909 - 1959

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## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS of PROGRESS



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SPUR, TEXAS

# Experiment Station Had Beginning In Jan., 1909

The first annual report of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station covers the period January 7, 1909 to June 24, 1911. A party of state officials, newspaper men and agricultural specialists from Texas A. & M. College arrived in Spur on January 7, 1909 to look over the country in the interest of developing the resources of this part of West Texas. The party included Judge Ed R. Kone, State commissioner of Agriculture; Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of the Experiment Station; K. K. Leggett, president of the Board of Directors of Texas A. & M.; Walton Petzet, Agricultural editor of the Fort Worth Record, and members of the A. & M. Board; D. P. Tomey, managing editor of the Dallas News; and several other newsmen and agricultural specialists. The party visited the Spur Ranch and during the conversation with the manager, Mr. Charles A. Jones, the question of establishing a regional experiment station for this sec-

tion of the state was discussed. On August 25 a definite proposal was made by the Swenson Land and Cattle Company to donate 160 acres of land and \$3,000 in cash to establish a station near Spur. The proposal was accepted September 14 and was officially confirmed on October 15. On December 11, 1909, the actual location of the station one mile west of Spur was established.

Mr. F. Hensel was sent from College Station to begin construction on the station. He let contracts for the construction of buildings and fences, but did no actual work. In February, 1910, J. K. Fitzgerald came to the station and initiated the construction of buildings and fences and plowed some of the land. He stayed only two months and was succeeded by I. S. York on April 15, 1910. Mr. York was the first superintendent who did experimental work and prepared the first annual report showing the results of his experiments.

On May 1, 1914, R. E. Dickson became superintendent and held that position until his death in June, 1950. Under his administration the station grew from the original 160 acres to a 1422-acre livestock farm. The station became known throughout the States and many foreign countries for its work in the fields of Water and Soil Conservation, Livestock Production, Brush Control and Range Management. During his 36 years as superintendent, Mr. Dickson taught people to use water efficiently and walk it off of the land by control measures instead of letting it run off and cause damage to the land. He was the personification of agricultural research to the farmers and stockmen of the Rolling Plains. His contributions aided Congressman Buchanan and Director A. B. Conner in the writing of the original bill establishing the present Soil Conservation Service.

C. E. Fisher, Agronomist for the station since 1936, became superintendent in June, 1950. Brush control was the major project conducted under his supervision. Methods of controlling undesirable brush developed at the station were applied over a large area of the south and southwestern regions of the United States. These methods were also applied in controlling brush in Cuba and several South American countries.

On July 1, 1957 Mr. Fisher was made superintendent of Substation No. 8 at Lubbock, and P. T. Marion, Animal Husbandman at the station since 1940, became superintendent. Since then the major emphasis of the work at the station has been changed to beef cattle production, and a 7,000-acre Experimental Ranch, a part of the S.M.S. Ranch in Throckmorton county, was added to the research projects of the Spur station in 1958.

The following research workers added to the knowledge of agriculture in the Rolling Plains through their work on the Spur station:

J. M. Jones, 1918-45—Animal Husbandman, sheep and beef cattle; now a consultant in Saudi Arabia.

J. H. Jones, 1921-22 Animal Husbandman, sheep and beef cattle; now professor of Animal Husbandry, Texas A. & M.

Dr. J. L. Lush, 1927-29, Geneticist, worked with Brahman cattle; no wheat, Dept. of Genetics, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

B. C. Langley, 1931-40, Agronomist, water and soil conservation; now superintendent Substation No. 20, Stephenville.

J. K. Riggs, 1936-40, Animal Husbandman, vitamin A nutrition for beef cattle; now professor of Animal Husbandry, A. & M.

W. F. Turner, 1941-45, Agronomist, water and soil conservation; superintendent Substation No. 3, Angleton, deceased.

Dr. Dale W. Young, 1949-50, Brush Control; now with Rohm & Hass Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Bill Phillips, 1950-51, Brush Control; now with U.S.D.A. Station, Ft. Hays, Kansas.

C. H. Meadors, 1951-59, Brush Control; now with Amchem Products, Inc., Ambler, Pa.

Dr. Earl Burnett, 1952-57, Water and soil conservation; now superintendent, U.S.D.A. Station, Big Spring.



SERVICE WITH A SMILE—Here's the gang at Barclay and Hale Gulf Station. Left to right are Frank Hale, Walter Barclay, Jackie Lee, Wayne Wright and Don Hale.

Present employees and their fields of research or work:

P. T. Marion, superintendent and animal husbandman.

E. D. Robison, brush control; with station since 1955—

now returned to school for more research.

Wm. J. Waldrip, range specialist for Experimental ranch, 1958.

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## CAR-TUNES



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## Gibson Family Came To County In 1910: Founded Insurance Firm

The J. P. Gibson family was among the early settlers around Spur. They moved here Coreyell County in November 1910. Mr. Gibson bought a farm four miles southeast of town in the Steel Hill Community and the late Emmett Lee, and his son, Ernest, built the home pictured at right. This is the farm which Rube Waddell now owns and occupies.

There were eight children, Ross, Horace, Hester, Faye, Mildred, Clyde and Hazel. Horace was a member of the first graduating class in 1913 under Miss Ollie Clark. Hester, also gradu-

ated from Spur High School before the Gibsons with seven of their children moved on to Dawson County in February of 1917.

Horace Gibson married Miss Vivian Abernathy, whose family had moved here from Waco in November 1914. He remained in Spur where he was employed as a rural mail carrier. He later was employed at the City National Bank and finally in 193 and started the Gibson Insurance Agency which he operated until his death, October 4, 1949.

The Agency is still in existence and is now operated by Mrs. Vivian Gibson, and her daughter, Mrs. Frances Ball.

### Spur Hardware Serves As Temporary Banking House

On account of the lack of a bank and banking facilities in Spur, the Spur Hardware Company has been doing a temporary banking business for the accommodation of the business men of town and the general public, and each day cash several hundreds of dollars worth of checks.

The Spur Hardware Company is to be commended for these accommodations to the town and general public, and which demonstrates their public spiritedness and proves that they are not only one among us here but have at heart the general welfare of the town and people.

**Experiment Station—From P. 6**  
Wm. P. Hatchett, Agronomist, water conservation since 1958.

E. E. Hughes, brush control, 1959.

Alvis C. Bilberry, farm foreman, with station since 1936.

Mrs. G. W. Grimes, secretary since 1946.

Harry Ellis, cattle herdsman since 1946.

Chas. Sonnomaker, assistant foreman, with station since 1955.

Alex W. Fry, grass nursery since 1956.

Raymond W. Thompson, cattle and grass work since 1956.

Roger F. Sonnamaker, automotive mechanic, 1958.

W. M. Self, ranch foreman, 1958.



EARLY HOME OF J. F. GIBSONS'—Pictured here is the early day home of the J. P. Gibson family. Some of the family is pictured. Some of the early day settlers might be able to recognize some of them.

### Brick Arrives For Buildings

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Brick for the building of a number of business houses in Spur arrived and work commenced this week. The foundation has been laid a number of days for the Bryant-Link building on the southwest corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street, and since the arrival of the brick and other material work will be resumed and the

the building rushed to completion.

Dirt was removed this week for the foundation of the First National Bank building. This building will be two stories in height and in connection with another building to go up at the same time will cover three lots on the northwest corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street.

Plans are maturing for the erection of two more brick business houses on Burlington Avenue and it is very probably that work on these buildings will be in operation within a short time.

These brick buildings will add greatly to the appearance of the town and is evidence of substantial and permanent growth, and as said heretofore Spur will be a big town in a little while and the commercial center of a vast territory.

A business house being erected by Mr. Buchanan was blown down Sunday by the norther. The building will be occupied by the Cisco Drug Company which will locate here as soon as the building is complete.

## Celebrating Spur's 50th Birthday

# Golden Jubilee Celebration

### SPUR 1909 - 1959

● **BE SURE WHEN YOU INSURE.** Your local agent is an independent businessman and a neighbor of yours. He represents Capital Stock Insurance Companies, the standard bearers of reliable protection for more than a century.

● **THE CONVENIENT WAY** – and the safe way – to handle your property insurance is to have it placed in one policy written by your local agent. He is an expert on all types of coverage and ready to serve you at all times.

## Gibson Insurance Agency

Box 537

Spur, Texa

# Wealth Of Financiers Support Stock Of Spur National Bank

**Has The Strongest Financial Banking of Any Institution Of the Whole Country**

The Spur National Bank opened its doors Tuesday and is now doing business in the temporary banking house on the corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street.

The opening of the Spur bank is not only a big event to the business interests of the town, but, considering the prominence and worth of the stockholders in financial circles not only of the state but in national affairs, it gives Spur and its bank a distinction above other towns and banking institutions of the country.

The officers and directors are Messrs. R. V. Colbert, of Stamford, president; C. A. Jones, vice president; W. G.

Sherrod, of Munday, cashier; C. G. Chandler, of Stamford, assistant cashier; E. P. Swenson, of New York, P. P. Berthelot, F. S. Hastings, W. T. Andrews, A. J. Swenson, R. C. Forbis, directors.

Among stockholders of the Spur bank are the Swensons and W. O. Wetherbee, bankers and financiers of Wall Street, New York; Jas. Stillman, head of the National City Bank of New York, one of the strongest financial institutions of the United States; E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe Railway system; B. F. Yoakum, head of the Frisco Railroad; the John Emery estate through the Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia. The individuals and estate combined represent a financial capital to meet any emergency and a sum of money almost incomprehensible to the



DOES ANYONE RECOGNIZE THIS PICTURE?—We don't know either, but apparently it is an early day square dance scene, that was either taken in this country or in a similar early day cow town.

average mind, and especially to this country newspaper writer.

The bank has a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, all of which is paid up in full and now at the service of the town, country, patrons and the general public of the Spur country.

The Spur Bank is amply supplied with funds and has the strongest financial backing of any institution of the country, and in connection with the capital and ability of the bank to assist the business interests of the town and country, the stockholders are not only men of finance but are interested in Spur and the Spur country, will assist in the development of this section and contribute to the prosperity of the business interests of the town and citizenship of the country.

Among the officers and stockholders here, who will take an active part not only in the bank but in pushing and promoting the financial, agricultural and industrial interests of the town and country, is Chas. A. Jones, manager for S. M. Swenson and Sons. Mr. Jones is not only a representative of the financial interests but is a man of real worth and great importance to the town and country. He is a builder and promoter, most active in development of both town and country and the competent representative of the combined financial, commercial, industrial and agricultural interests of this section.

The Spur National Bank will be a great factor in the development of the country and of the country and of material and of material benefit to the business interests of the town.

among other possessions owns something near three thousand acres of fine agricultural lands, and it is presumed that he will hereafter devote his time and attention to agricultural pursuits.

the memory of it live long in the minds of the old settlers and will be remembered by those who traveled through the country in its unsettled day.

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## Old Espuela Store Is Being Closed Down

### OLD LANDMARK GONE

The closing of the Espeula store is being closed, and its proprietor, Wm. J. Elliott, will remove to his Spring Creek farm south of Spur.

The closing of the Espeula store marks another era in the development and progress of the Spur country, and effaces one of the old landmarks of this section. During the past half century the Espeula store has stood as a monument to the commercial interests of this section and in the years gone by was the site of government of Dickens county.

Wm. J. Elliott, during the years of his management of the Espeula store, has amassed an independence if not a fortune of this world's goods, and



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RECOGNIZE THEM?—It's an early day picture of Mr. and Mrs. Alto Smith.

## Alto Smiths Run Y Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. Alto Smith, operators of the "Y" Cafe, were married in 1927 after having met in Calgary where Mrs. Smith lived.

They have five children, Monroe, Stamford, Texas; Don, Pogosa Springs, Colorado; Jo Nell and Vada, both of Lubbock and Steve, Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Smith's father, Arth Smith, came to Spur in 1891.



ALL DECKED OUT—Left to right are Mrs. Alto Smith, Mrs. Clyde Smith, Alto Smith and Johnnie Lee Hale, all of Y Cafe.

## Cotton Buyers From Waco Arrive Here

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Mack Powers, a cotton buyer of Waco, was in Spur this week with a view of locating here and engaging in the business of buying cotton. While the cotton season in this country is now about ended there is considerable cotton yet to be sold. Aside from this, the buyer who comes here now will have the advantage next year in that many acquaintances will be formed and the general conditions summed up and familiarized. Spur is going to be the cotton and produce market of this country, and the cotton buyer who gets in on the ground floor is the one who will have the best opportunities to make purchases next

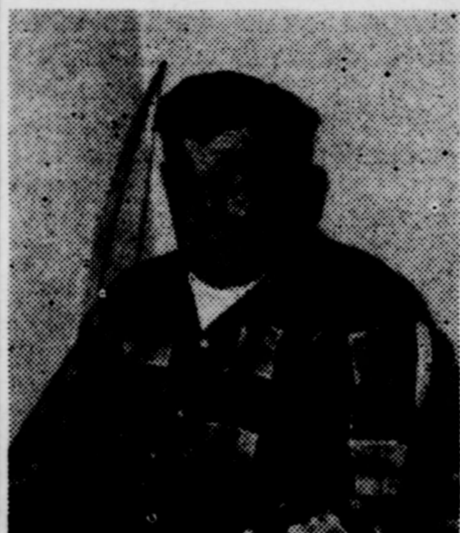
year and in the years to come. The country is settling up and will continue to do so until every available acre will be tilled, and such a transformation of conditions of today will not be years in coming about.

J. Boyd came over to Spur from Aspermont this week. Mr. Boyd is an experienced and extensive cotton buyer and was here with a view of establishing a business of that kind here. We would be glad to see Mr. Boyd locate here and believe that within the next year he would have an opportunity to buy many bales of cotton at this place.

## Spur Country Has Everything Needed To Win

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Spur is the fastest growing town in the country. Houses are going up on every street, freight trains are loaded down with merchandise of every



EARLY SETTLER—Arth Smith came to Dickens County in 1891. He is still around and sits in his yard often.

character and passenger trains are loaded down with people coming to see the town and make a permanent home.

It is said that it takes five things to make a country or develop any section: Soil, climate, natural resources, location and public spirited citizens. We are located in the heart of a rich and productive agricultural territory, which fact has been,

is now and will continue to be demonstrated, and along more scientific methods in the future. Old timers tell us that this will produce as much as great variety as that of any country. The climate is mild and agreeable and the citizenship is most public spirited. The people are hustlers, builders, promoters and alive to every interest of town and coun-

try, and with such citizenship the country as we have it is expected to grow, develop and prosper.

Colorado's capitol dome in Denver is covered with 250 ounces of 24-carat gold.

Japan has formed a new body to develop its fast expanding travel industry, in Tokyo.

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## "Y" CAFE

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MR. and MRS. ALTO SMITH



MEDICAL and SURGICAL CLINIC STAFF—Left of right are Mrs. Lee Fry, Mrs. Nita Neaves, Dr. J. T. Archer, Mrs. Jean Sonnamaker, Miss Lillian Rape. Dr. J. T. Archer directs the operation of Medical and Surgical Clinic, founded by Dr. E. H. Martin and Dr. Pat Williams.

## Clinic Was Founded In 1955; Now Headed By Dr. J. T. Archer

The Medical and Surgical Clinic in Spur, Texas, was organized in July, 1955 by Dr. E. H. Martin and Dr. Pat Williams. This partnership continued until June, 1957 at which time Dr. Williams moved to Ralls, Texas. During this period the Clinic was housed on North Carroll Street in Spur. In June, 1957, Dr. Martin moved the clinic location to the Callan building and began plans and construction of a new clinic on Highway 70 adjacent to Spur Memorial Hospital, where the clinic is now located. In January, 1958 Dr. Martin was joined by Dr. J. T. Archer, Jr., who had practiced

## Spur Memorial Hospital Was Built At Cost Of \$250,000

The Spur Memorial Hospital was built in 1953 at a total cost of \$250,000. At the time the wheels started rolling for a hospital, Ned Hogan was mayor, oJe Long and Dr. W. Franklin Patrick were commissioners.

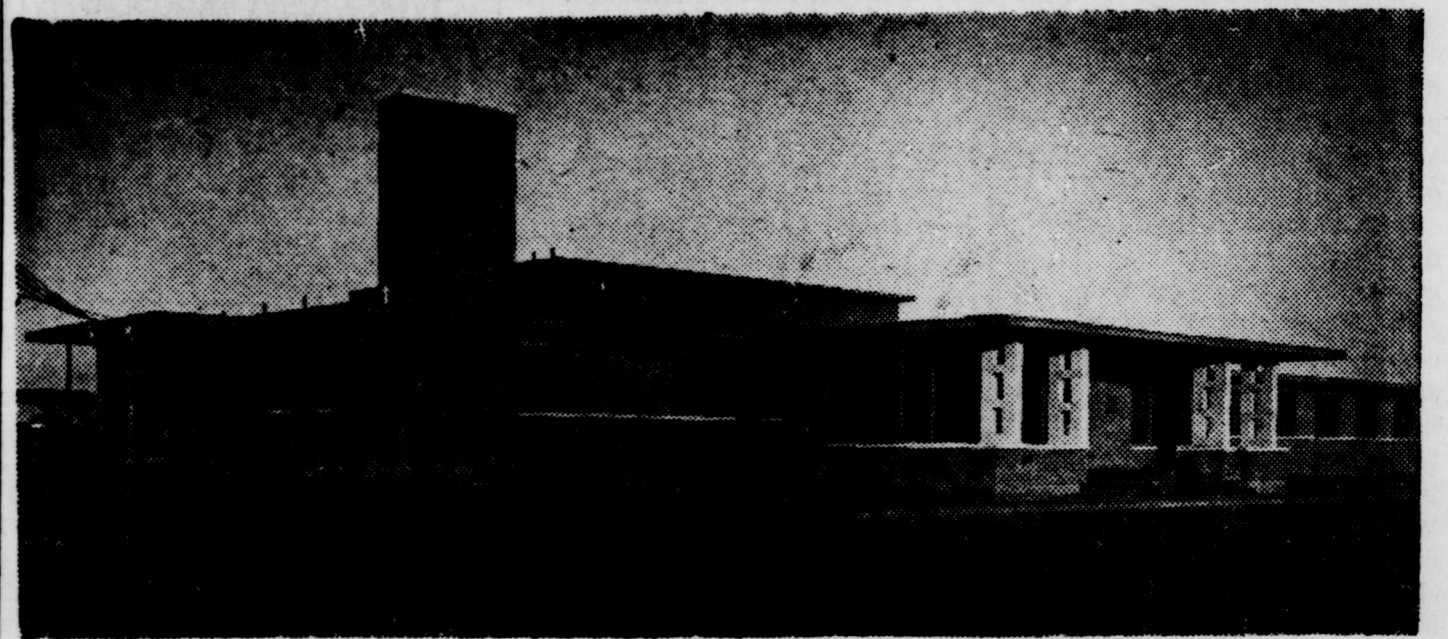
Recognizing a need for a hospital facility in Spur, George S. Link, Jr., Dr. M. H. Brannen and Dr. Bob Alexander made

a trip to the State Capital seeking funds to finance the project. The project was finally approved by the State Hospital Board and federal aid was enlisted. It was financed by the sale of \$125,000 tax bonds to the city of Spur, and a like amount of federal funds. The City bonds are scheduled to be paid off in 1974. For several years the hospital has been increasingly self-sustaining, except for the payment of principal and interest. In 1957, the City contributed \$3,061 to its support, but in 1958, the amount was only \$12. So far in 1959, the City has been out only \$70. Members of the hospital board when it was built were: O. L. Kelley, George S. Link, Jr., Walter E. Gruben, George Gabriel and J. Fike Godfrey.

for 12 years in Meridian, Texas. The two associates moved into the new clinic building in March, 1958. August 1, 1959 Dr. Martin dis-associated from the clinic to move to Pennsylvania and complete his training in Internal Medicine. Dr. Archer continues to operate the clinic with the capable assistance of Miss Lillian Rape, Mrs. Jean Sonnamaker, Mrs. Lee Fry, and Mrs. Nita Neaves.

The building was completed in the summer of 1953, and by that time, George Gabriel was mayor and accepted the building. Amanda Barron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barron was the first child born in the pital on September 2, 1953. She was the firs tchild born in the new hospital. The hospital consists of 20 beds; operating room; delivery room; and emergency room. It is also equipped with a laboratory and X-ray department.

Current members of the hospital staff include: Mrs. Christine Erikson, administrator; Mrs. Barbara Simmons, office; laboratory, Ann Hart; nurses, Lillian Gordon, Grace Fincher, Thelma Calvert, Inez Edwards, Margie Garcia Lamora Page, Janie Garcia and Lorene Humberson. Kitchen, Eva Bilberry, Bertie Mae Witt; maid, Irene Patterson; janitor, E. L. Patterson.



SPUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—This is a picture of Spur Memorial Hospital, one of the most modern in the area. It is completely equipped with laboratory, operating room, and X-ray equipment. It was completed in 1953.

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# Editor's Wife Arrives In Town; Discovers Discomfort Of Tent

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Mrs. Oran McClure and children and Mrs. Roy McClure came to Spur last week from Rotan and are now located in temporary quarters and experiencing some of the disadvantages of the tented district of the town.

In the election last Saturday the bond issue carried by a majority of ten votes.

E. D. Chambers of Afton passed through town Wednesday enroute to Spur with a load of pork, eggs and butter for the market.

Reviewers are out looking out a route for a first class road from Dickens to Spur. This road will be established at once, and both Duck Creek and Dockum will be bridged.

Commissioners' Court has

been in regular session this week and one among the many they did was to select a site for the new jail, and where the Item office now stands was selected as the site for that building.—Dickens Item.

Frank Fite, a lumber man of Cisco, was in Spur this week making arrangements to ship lumber here and sell in car load lots.

Saturday night and Sunday the Spur country was visited with a heavy, cold rain with wind from the north. The rain put a good season in the ground which makes the prospects for crops another year look very promising. However, the cold rain was very disagreeable to those who are now living in tents, and there are quite a number who have not been able to secure houses in Spur at this time.

Friday night the six months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Clingan died and was buried Saturday morning in the Spur cemetery. The child had been sick for some time. The family had just recently moved to Spur from Lubbock. The family has the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

T. J. Harrison and wife, who live four miles north of Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday and made the Texas Spur office a very pleasant call. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have lived in this country since the early days, and say that this year is the shortest crop year within the history of the country. We were glad to meet Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and thank them for a dollar on subscription to Texas Spur. They were pleased with Spur and say they would

## Spur Strives To Become Leading Cotton Market

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As a result of the enterprise, immediate action and business sagacity of the citizens and business men of the town, Spur is now recognized as the cotton market of this territory. Cotton is coming to this market every day and from every direction and being sold to the sotton buyers of Spur for the very highest prices.

The volume of cotton being marketed here may not sound very big to the outside world, but when you come here and see the vast number of idle acres of land in every direction you will be surprised that as much cotton is growing as has already been marketed here.

Up to date more than one hundred and fifty bales of cotton has been sold in Spur to the local cotton buyers, the prices paid ranging from thirteen to fifteen cents and which is satisfactory to the producer and in many instances more than the market quotations. In the very beginning Spur decided to establish a superior cotton market, and within this short time the efforts along this line has been most successful and the town is today recognized as one of the best cotton markets of the country.

The Spur country will produce the stuff and what the country needs now more than all else is farmers, men who will cultivate the soil and produce something. This country is today practically uninhabited, but within a very few years conditions will have changed, and where now is thousands and thousands of fertile and idle acres a dense population will be producing a great variety of stuff, comfortable and handsome farm homes will adorn every eighty or one hundred and sixty acre blocks and the country densely populated with a prosperous and contented citizenship.

Spur is located near the center of a big, rich farming territory and will furnish a market for every character of produce, will supply the country with every character of merchandise and gives the producers of the outside world a cordial invitation to join in the building of a city and become prosperous citizens with us within the Spur territory.



HAIRGROVE FEED AND SEED—Hairgrove Feed and Seed is one of Spur's leading feed stores. It is owned and operated by Estel Hairgrove.

be glad to move here and make this their home if they could sell their place above Dickens.

Tom McArthur, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Sat-

urday and Sunday. He says everything is moving along nicely in his section of the country. Crops are about all gathered and farmers getting ready for the next year's crop.

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## Farm Bureau Was Organized Out Of Land Grant College System

### BACKGROUND HISTORY ON FARM BUREAU ORGANIZATIONS

The idea for National Farm Bureau grew out of an educational movement, the Land Grant College System. It was organized to represent, speak for, and enable farmers to work together on a broad national front in solving their problems. Its organization and development came about as a result of a desire of farmers to assume their full responsibilities as citizens, to take their places at the first table on a basis of equality with other organized groups.

The State Farm Bureau seems to have grown out of the practice of County Agents inviting County Farm Bureau presidents to attend conferences at the Agricultural Colleges. The State Extension workers were quick to realize that a state federation of the county Farm Bureaus would provide powerful influence in securing liberal appropriations from the legislative committees for further extension work.

The first State Farm Bureau Federation was organized in Missouri in 1915 and by 1918 there were nine other states organized. The logical outgrowth of the state organizations was the Federal Farm Bureau. The American Farm Bureau Federation was organized in November, 1919 at Chicago, Ill. It did not go into operation until March of 1920. There were twenty-eight states represented at that meeting. The first national president was James R.

Howard of Iowa. He served for the first three years of the organization. During his administration many of the committees and departments of organization, information and legislation were set up.

Each of the succeeding presidents have helped make the AFBF a better organization and a stronger voice for the farmers. The American Farm Bureau is now organized in all 48 states and Puerto Rica with a combined membership of 1,500,000. Mr. Charles B. Shuman is the current president.

In 1939, Texas Agriculture affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation. Dickens County Farm Bureau was also organized that same year. Mr. R. R. Wooten of McAdoo was first president. The directors were, Mr. Bob Hahn, Byron Haney, J. L. Karr, and S. L. Benefield.

Dickens County has had a constant membership from 300 to 500 and has rendered a great service to Agriculture.

Present officers of Dickens County Farm Bureau are Graden Bass, president; Cecil Estep, vice president; Charles Dale Butler, secretary. The directors are Henry Harris, McAdoo; H. V. Williams, Dickens; T. J. Randolph, Afton and Charlie Kimmel, Girard. The office is maintained by Mr. Floy Watson, service agent—and Mrs. Russell Williams, office secretary.

More than 580 tons of trout are placed in Colorado lakes and streams each year.



FARM LEADERS—Heading up the Dickens County Farm Bureau are left to right, front row: Graden Bass, president; Mrs. Russell Williams. Back row: Charles Dale Butler, Henry Harris, Charlie Kimmel; Floy Watson and Cecil Estep, all directors.

## President Teddy Roosevelt Gives Anecdote About Self

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A GOOD RULE TO GO BY

In one of his speeches during the Mississippi Valley trip, President Roosevelt told this anecdote about the old days when he lived out West on a ranch in the cow country.

"There were no fences, he said, and every calf was branded with the same brand its mother had, so that the increase of the calves could be totaled. There used to be a ranch law known as the Maverick law, according to which any calf overlooked in branding would be branded with the

brand of the ranch where it was found.

"I was once riding across the country with one of my cow punchers, when we found a stray calf on another man's ranch.

"The cow puncher wanted to brand it with the Roosevelt brand but I told him I would not stand for it.

"The cow puncher said: 'Hold on old man, I know my business. I always put on the the boss' brand!'

"Allright, I said, you go back to the camp and get your time. 'What are you doing that

## Luzon Phone Exchange Is Established

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WE ANNOUNCE:

To the public that we are now putting in an exchange at Spur and that we propose to give service second to none. We have been in the telephone business in Dickens and adjoining counties since 1900, we have stayed with the people through the hard times and feel confident they will give us a fair share of their patronage in the future.

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As well as being the smallest state, Rhode Island is the most densely populated.

for?"  
Well, I answered, if you will steal for me you will steal from me."

Making the application of the story the president concluded:

"And that is a good rule in public and private life.

"If a man does something dishonorable in your behalf he is only going to wait for an opportunity to do something unjust toward you. You want to stand by the honest man.

"If a man wants only justice and wants you to do the just thing by him stick to him.

"It is an absolute safe rule to keep in mind all the time. It is unerring.

"If a man will steal for you, he will steal from you.

"If a man will lie for you, he will lie to you.

"If a man will do anything dishonorable for you, he will be dishonorable to you, and he is not to be trusted."

# Dickens Co. Farm Bureau

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# Ft. Worth Paper Advocates Crop Controls For Farmers

ISSUE: DECEMBER 10, 1909

From the Fort Worth Record we produce an item in regard to the relationship of the small crop to high prices, and the ultimate results therefrom. There is a strong lesson in this article, and any farmer who reads it should carefully consider the reasons herein:

A practical demonstration of the result of a small crop with high prices is made by W. F. Sterly, general freight agent of the Fort Worth & Denver railroad. The cotton receipts of the Denver and Wichita Valley line last year were 175,000 bales. But last year the producer received for the cotton and seed about \$50 a bale or \$8,750,000, which while this year at \$75 a bale he will receive \$11,250,000, or an increase of \$3,500,000. The net profit is more than these figures indicate, for it cost the farmer less to produce and market 150,000 bales than to produce and market 175,000 bales.

This comparison exhibits the difference between a governed crop and an ungoverned crop, of course, the drouth caused the small yield this year, but the results would be even more satisfactory if the farmers were to control the output as he is able to do by co-operation with his fellows. In normal years a much smaller acreage would yield the crop produced this year with same effect upon prices, and thereby increase

the yield at the same initial cost.

While it is not possible for the farmers to absolutely fix the cotton acreage, intelligent co-operation will practically do so. A firm policy by all the farmers' organizations to plant no more of cotton than they can be sure of cultivating well and gathering without risk operate to considerably curtail the acreage below what it would be if every farmer were to yield to the temptation to over plant. Add to this policy a faithful resolution to diversify, to raise all that can be raised for home consumption, to so pitch the crops as to be sure of having something to market in the spring and summer as well as fall, and to raise enough livestock to utilize the waste and to capitalize the pastureage of the farm, and the thing is accomplished.

Under these conditions the normal cotton yield of the South would be not more than 12,000,000 or 13,000,000 bales, and at the present rate of consumption such a crop would easily absorbed at 10 cents a pound or better.

The all-cotton farmer misses it about as often as he hits it in yield and price. He is the victim of the most whimsical and uncertain of the world's markets. This year the farmers who have even a third or a fourth of a crop have made a fair profit upon their investments and labor, but thousands



PALMETTO POLO CHAMPS—This picture was taken in Ft. Worth where the Dickens County Sheriff's Posse successfully defended their title. They have been champs for the past six years.

of farmers made no cotton at all, and unless they had winter grain or livestock they have lost a whole year's effort.

The all-round farmer is the surest income.

Another thing that this short crop demonstrates is the wisdom of the Texas railroad commission in declining to reduce the cotton rate this year. The Texas crop is scarcely 60 per cent of the normal and that means a 40 per cent loss in cotton freights. The railroads, of course, get no share of the profit in high prices. 15c cotton pays no higher rate than 5-cent cotton. We do not undertake to say that the cotton rate should not in time be lowered, but in common fairness it should not have been lowered this year nor should it be lowered upon the mere prospects of a full crop next year. It is quite as important that the railroads prosper as that

the farmers prosper. More than the state needs lower rates it needs improved railway facilities, better roadbeds, better stations, lower grades and quicker time.

The thoughtful citizen cannot fail to observe that the railroads of late have shown a commendable generosity toward the public. The Rock Island-Frisco system has undertaken to spend large sums in agricultural development and other systems according to their means and the lights before them are endeavoring in many ways to serve the public not only in transportation but in industrial promotion, and generally the whole railway world is manifesting a disposition to give the people something more than the law requires. Also, the roads are about the only property in Texas paying taxes on full value. Under all these circum-

## Post Office Is Moved

### POST OFFICE MOVED

Wednesday Postmaster Baker moved the post office to the new building just completed on fifth street east of Burlington Avenue. New fixtures, lock and call boxes have been received and in the new location the public will be better served and the office better equipped to do business.

Spur continues to build and improve in every respect and in a short time will become a modern city of thousands of inhabitants.

### ATTEND SPUR'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

stances it would be poor statesmanship to fix hazardous rates on either freight or passenger traffic.

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# Tri-County Lumber Company Grew Out Of One Of First Lumber Yards Set Up Here

Among the passengers on the first train to arrive in Spur, or or about October 30, 1909, were Mr. P. H. Miller and Mr. Fred W. Jennings. On the same train was a car load of lumber consigned to P. H. Miller Lumber Company, Spur, Texas. Mr. Miller had selected a site for a lumber yard in Spur, but could not get the deed until November 1, 1909. The lumber was sold from the railroad car to individuals who were waiting to buy building materials so they could erect homes, store buildings and industrial buildings.

The P. H. Miller Lumber Company was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller. When the announcement of the opening of the town and country of Spur in Dickens County reached Mr. and Mrs. Miller they began to journey to this country. They stopped at Peacock when the train reached there and established a lumber yard. As the railroad moved on Jayton was the next stop for a yard, and then Spur. Later yards were put in at Swenson and Girard. At Spur Mr. Fred Jennings assisted Mr. Miller for about a year. Mrs. Miller spent much of the first few months at Peacock and Jayton. When a dwelling was finished March 1, 1910, they established their residence in Spur.

Business was booming in all lines and they were kept busy. Then came World War I and strikes and labor shortages followed. The Millers added to the lumber business a coal business

since coal was the main source of fuel for both domestic and commercial use. Just after the war a strike of coal miners made it difficult to get coal to this region. Mr. Miller was diligent in trying to keep his customers supplied but many times it was necessary to ration coal so that each could have a small amount. When he would learn that a car was in transit customers would be notified as to the approximate time of ar-

rival and wagons would line up at the railroad station to get as much coal as was allotted to them. The car would be unloaded in just a few hours. Sometimes the train would not get here until in the night, but customers were served at what ever the hour.

During labor shortage Mr. Miller could be seen in overalls driving a team to a wagon loaded with lumber from a car to the yard. Sometimes a dray

wagon and sometimes the wagon and team belonged to some farmer helping out.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller were very active in church and civic affairs. Both were charter members of the First Baptist Church, Spur. They were deeply interested in young people and did much to encourage their getting an education.

In 1942 the P. H. Miller Lumber Company was sold to the W. H. Norris Lumber Company and the name Tri-County Lumber Company was given to the business because the yards were in the counties of Stone-

wall, Kent and Dickens. Several yards have been closed and a new yard built by the Norris Lumber Company. Jayton and Spur are the only remaining Miller yards while a yard has been built in Dickens, the Dickens Lumber Company.

Some of the men who worked with the lumber yard were Ira Roberts, J. V. McCormick and Birl Hight. Miss Jennie Shields worked closely with Mr. Miller as secretary and with Mrs. Miller as book-keeper.

Mr. W. F. Gilbert was made manager of the Tri-County Lumber Company at Spur in See TRI-COUNTY—Page 15



MODERN FOR ITS DAY—This is a picture of Tri-County-Lumber Co. taken after it had re-modeled in 1925.

## Congratulations

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t was made Tri-County at Spur in Page 15

## Spur Mattress Co. Offers Modern, Fast Service

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. "Red" Ballard purchased the Spur Mattress Company from Mr. C. H. Tollison in April of 1946. Prior to this purchase Mr. and Mrs. Ballard were employed by the Blackwell Mattress Company in Lubbock, Texas. He has had thirty-five years of experience in the manufacturing of mattresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballard are active in the operation of the

Spur Mattress Company and Elmer Wright is employed to assist them. Mr. Wright, an ex-student of Spur High School, has been with them five years.

The Spur Mattress Company makes all kinds of mattresses, such as, Inner Springs, Box Springs, foam, and rubber, and over size mattresses with ticking, stripped or fancy, as the customer chooses. The mattresses, new or old, are made

to the specifications of the purchaser. The old mattress is taken apart and the cotton is put through a felting machine which removes all dust and waste particles as it felts the cotton into fluffy layers. The factory is equipped with most modern machinery available.

A person spends one-third or more of his life in bed, therefore he should have a comfort-

table mattress. A mattress from five to ten years old should be replaced.

**NOTICE**

(From the 1909 Files)

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, is hereby called for the second Tuesday, the 8th day of February, A. D. 1910, at

Banking House of said Bank, Spur, Texas, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business properly coming before such meeting.

W.G. SHERROD, Cashier.

**ATTEND SPUR'S GOLDEN JUBILEE**

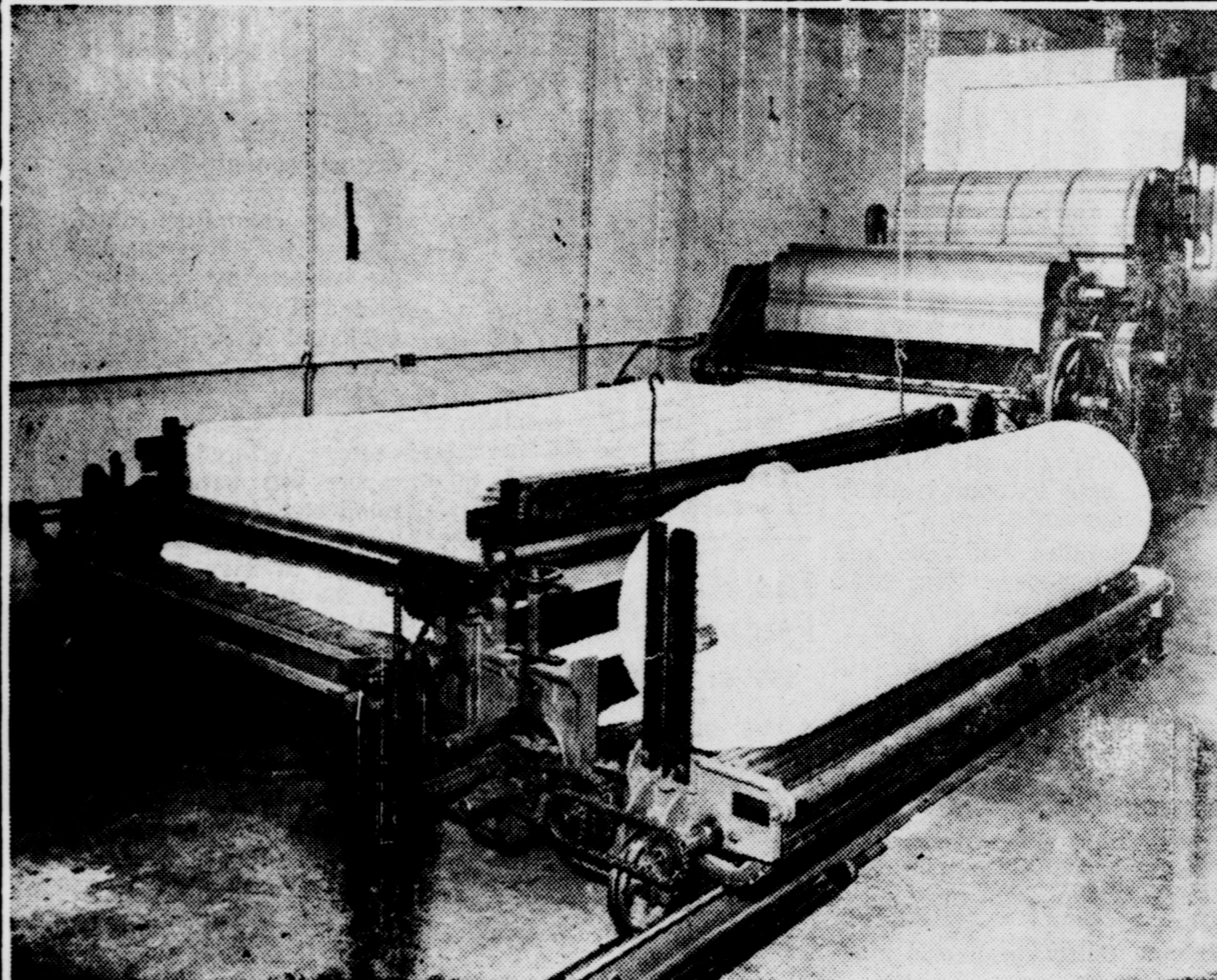


DOUBLE TAKE — This is the present facilities of Tri-County Lumber Co. Same shot as at right made in 1925.

**TRI-COUNTY—From Page 14** 1936. He had been manager of the yard at Jayton for several years.

Under Mr. Gilbert's leadership the yard remodeled and now has one of the most modern office and warehouse in this part of the state for a city the size of Spur. Some of the men who worked with Mr. Gilbert are Brown Smith, Bill Wal-

ton, Virgil Murry, J. B. Harrelson, Marvin Blair, Wayne Wyatt and Donald Lee Wilson. In January of 1954, Marvin Blair was transferred by the company to Ennis, Texas, as manager of the Norris yard there. In August of 1957 Mr. Gilbert retired from the lumber business and Blair moved back to Spur to be manager of the yard.



THE MOREN WAY—Is the way Spur Mattress Company builds and re-builds mattresses. This is a felting machine to fluff and soften the cotton fibre used in the mattresses. The Spur Mattress Company services a wide territory in its field.

# Spur Mattress Company

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## New Building Completed By Spur Milk & Ice Cream In '59

Dalton Lebew, distributor of Foremost and Tennessee dairy products, first went into business in Spur in 1951.

Recently he has completed a new building located on West 5th St., next to Spur Laundry and Cleaners.

The building is new and completely modern. Spur Milk and Ice Cream not only makes house to house milk deliveries, but also buys eggs, produce and cream.

Spur Milk and Ice Cream employees include Herbert Roberson, Jerry Smith and Glen Rose.

Dalton and Betty Lebew have two children, Dennis, 9 and Lynna, 8. The Lebehs are members of the First Baptist Church. Dalton is a former director of the Spur Chamber of Commerce; is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Knights of Pythias Lodge, Eastern Star.

His main hobby is hunting, and he keeps a bird dog for this purpose.

Mrs. Lebew is a member of the Spur P. A and Eastern Star. She is a graduate of Spur High School.

## Big Rain Recorded

ISSUE: DECEMBER 3, 1909

The rain throughout Saturday, Sunday and Monday in this section of the country is said to be one of the biggest rains this country has had for years. All the creeks and Salt Fork of the Brazis River were bank full and overflowing.

This rain put an exceedingly good season in the ground and makes prospects for crops another year the very brightest.

## Club Seeks Active Men Of Spur Area

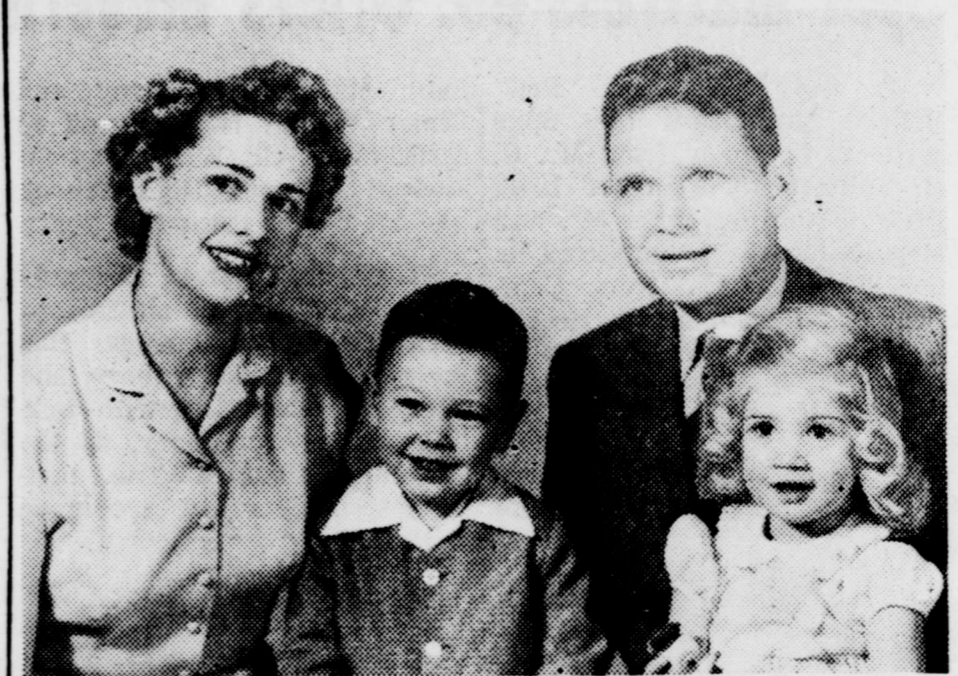
ISSUE: DECEMBER 3, 1909

The Commercial Club met regular session Monday night November 29th. The chairman being absent Prof. St. Johns was elected chairman for the night. New members were enrolled as follows: R. C. Morrison, J. Y. Jones, H. Nicholson, H. J. Deford, P. A. Fite, C.B. New, J. Y. Jordan and W. A. Johnston.

Mr. Cowan, chairman of the finance committee, had no report but selected as a member of the committee Prof. St. Johns. Mr. Love, chairman of the advertising committee, reported that there had been published in two issues of The Texas Spur a circular letter gotten out by the advertising committee setting forth the advantages offered by Spur. The report was accepted and the committee retained for further advertising purposes. A motion carried to have secretary take up the matter with some responsible cotton agency of getting a street cotton buyer for Spur.

J. Y. Jones, W. A. Johnston and J. P. Horton were appointed educational committee to confer with Mr. Jackson, W. H. Blackwell and C. A. Jones in the interest of a permanent location for a public school building, the organizing an independent school district, and voting bonds to build school house.

The sanitary condition of the town was discussed under



LEHEW FAMILY—Left to right are Mrs. Betty Lebew, son Dennis, Dalton Lebew, and daughter Lynna.

Southern Africa's new \$7,000,000 pre-cooling installation near Cape Town is described as the most modern in the world.

Nigerian firms in Kano want part of the live monkey export trade now enjoyed by India.

a motion which carried to appoint a street and alley committee to look after the sanitary condition. J. W. Mennett, J. Y. Jones and C. L. Love were appointed as committee.

A motion carried to have secretary write a letter of invitation to Mr. Carlsle, commissioner of this precinct, requesting his presence at next meeting of the club. A motion carried to appoint a good roads committee.

The club adjourned to meet in regular session Monday night, December 6, 1909.

J. W. HORTON,  
Secretary.

## Lost, One Bay Horse That Sells Papers

ISSUE: DECEMBER 10, 1909

LOST — A bay horse, three years old and unbranded. He answers to the name of "Printer" and is a direct descendent of the old Tom Hal stock of horses in Tennessee. He is worth from one to two hundred dollars, but is not for sale since he is needed to hustle subscriptions and other business for the Texas Spur. We are not offering a big reward for his return but will give a year's subscription to Texas Spur to the party who will direct us to his whereabouts and if you don't know where the horse is located we would be glad for you to come around, tell us the news and subscribe for the paper anyhow.

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# THE TEXAS SPUR

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## City Of Spur Was Founded In 1909

The first meeting of the town Commissioners for Spur was held in the Spur National Bank on March 27, 1911, with Geo. S. Link, Sr., Mayor, and Commissioners E. C. Edmonds and G. W. Sherrod present.

In 1911, the expenditures of the City of Spur for its first month as an incorporated town were \$109.27. The tax rate for the year 1912 was set at 25c on the \$100 valuation. The total roll was \$1,645.46, of which 89% was paid before becoming delinquent.

The growth of Spur can partially be judged by its increased tax valuations. In 1958, the tax roll produced \$40,000 in revenue, and the rate of collection was 90.4%, indicating that the citizens of Spur are still interested in the welfare of the town just as they were in 1911.

Faith in the future of Spur has also been indicated by the willingness of its citizens to obligate themselves for progressive undertakings. This fact is well illustrated by the present indebtedness of the City.

### Tax Obligations:

Spur  
Memorial Hospital \$101,000  
Sewer extensions 11,000  
Fire equipment 2,000  
Street seal coat 11,000

\$125,000

### Revenue Obligations:

Electric bonds \$ 58,000  
Water & sewer bonds 115,000

\$298,000

All city departments except the hospital operate on a budget. The City has remained well within its 1958-1959 operating budget of \$168,000 and \$27,000 for debt retirement. The 1959-60 budget provides for \$153,000 for operations, and \$27,000 retirement. Strict compliance with this plan of financial procedure has enabled the City to operate in the black for the past two years, and to make some badly needed capital expenditures.

### OUTSTANDING RECORD SET BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Early in the town's history, provisions began to be made to protect it in case of fire. The first Fire Marshall Ordinance was passed on June 8, 1915, when F. W. Jennings was mayor. Lawis Lee, fireman for more than 20 years, remembers several fires fought with buckets of water passed hand to hand, but about 1911 two hand or horse drawn hose carts were bought. One was stationed behind Bryant Link Store, and one at the north end of Burlington near Hill. John Hazelwood remembers many a fast ride they made behind his dray wagon team. Beside Mr. Lee, Roy Stovall, John King, Sr. Coy MaMahan, F. F. Vernon, and G. W. Grimes are retired firemen with more than 20 years to their credit. Another retired fireman, L. R. Barrett, passed away last year.

The first piece of motorized fire fighting equipment, a 1924 model LaFrance fire truck, is still in operation, along with a 1942 Ford and a 1950 LaFrance. An emergency vehicle, equipped with self-container breathing equipment, first aid kits, stretchers, smoke masks, hand fire extinguishers, salvage and forceable entry equipment, a resuscitator and public address system, was bought in 1958, and a tornado warning system in 1959. The 22 volunteer firemen under Chief Spencer Campbell, Assistant Chiefs Buddy Hoover and Bill Barrett, Captains A. J. Harvey and Leon Reagan, have worked hard for many years for the benefit of the City as a whole. This is reflected in the insurance key rate enjoyed by the citizens of Spur, as shown by the following list:

Spur	key rate	32c
Aspermont	"	75c
Idalou	"	75c
Matador	"	54c
Crosbyton	"	49c
Post	"	48c
Ralls	"	41c

Total investment in Fire Dept. assets amounts to \$37,800, and the operating cost for the first 10 months of 1958-59 has been \$5,706. The Department answers many calls in the county and surrounding area. For the past two years the county has contributed \$600

per year to help defray these expenses. In 1959, the Fire Marshal and one fireman attended the fire school at A&M college, entitling the City to 4% credit on key rate. The City looks forward to being able to add 6 new fire plugs to the present 63, and 9700 feet of 6 and 8 inch mains as recommended by the Fire underwriters.

### STREET MAINTENANCE A BIG JOB

Employees of the Street Dept. have a big job in maintaining 26.6 miles of streets in the City limits. 10.4 miles are concrete or asphalt paving, and 16.2 of dirt or gravel. The first street improvement was graveling recorded August 23, 1915. First paving under New Hogan—Feb. 10, 1930. This paving represents \$103,358 in expenditures. \$20,000 of new paving was done in 1958, and a complete seal coat of all other paving was completed in 1957 at a cost of \$11,000. This work is expected to extend the life of the paving by many years. The street department has a street sweeper bought in 1958,

and the down town streets are swept every Wednesday night. Total cost of street maintenance for 10 months of 1958-59 has been \$23,500, of which \$14,800 has been for Hill Street right-of-way.

Some very interesting ordinances are recorded regarding street maintenance.

### No. 23 March 27, 1911

Be it ordained by the town Commissioners of the town of Spur, that any person driving an automobile, motorcycle, electric car or other vehicle at a speed greater than or at, the rate of sixteen miles per hour shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not to exceed Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.

Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the town of Spur that every able bodied male inhabitant of the town of Spur between the ages of 21 and 45 years who has been a resident of the said town for 15 days shall be required to work upon the streets of said town not exceeding five days in any year or furnish a substitute or

sum of money not to exceed one dollar per day for each days work demanded to employ a substitute except Ministers of the Gospel and members of any regular fire company. Any person refusing shall be deemed a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not to exceed Twenty Five (\$25.00) Dollars.

### SPEED LIMIT

### No. 39 April 4, 1911

Be it ordained by the town Commissioners of the town of Spur that any person or persons riding or driving a horse or horses within the corporate limits of the town of Spur at a speed greater than or at the rate of ten miles per hour shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not to exceed Fifty (50.00) Dollars.

### WATER SYSTEM

In 1909, Spur had no public water system at all. There were several windmills with overhead tanks for private use, and a public watering-trough was See SPUR HISTORY page 7



CITY OF SPUR made in 1910. This picture was made from the top of the hill looking south down Burlington Ave. Town lots went on sale on Nov. 1, 1909, and sold at the average of one per minute.

# Local Churches Founded With Town

By MISS JENNIE SHIELD

## Four Square Church

This is the last church to be built in Spur. Organized about 1955 under the leadership of its first pastor, Pete Adeock. Present membership about 30.

Raleigh Adeock acting pastor at this time.

## Lakeside Baptist Church

Located in the Freeman addition.

Organized in the early 1920's. Present membership about 30.

Pastor is Rev. Meadors. Very active congregation and has been through the years. Value of property is not immediately available.

## Bethlehem Baptist Church

Just a small congregation in a small building. Other information not known. Methodists hold service by-monthly in different buildings. Pastor located at Aspermont, comes up for services.

## First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Spur was organized in November, 1909. At that time there was about 17 members.

Two charter members, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh now live in Spur. Moderator Rev. S. P. Clements, missionary of Cottle-King association. Used one room school house on what is now Carroll St. for building. First pastor was a Rev. Robinson.

Townsite company gave lot in block No. 35, corner W. Third and Carroll. With their consent, this lot was sold and new location in block 37, corner Willard and Second St. purchased from Miss Bennie Little, now Mrs. F. W. Jennings.

Tabernacle was built and used for worship with many additions and remodelings until 1923. Present main building was completed in 1923.

Rev. L. L. F. Parker was pastor. About 1945 Rev. C. N. Gilbert was pastor when a new educational building was built.

First parsonage was three room house with no modern conveniences. Present parsonage was remodeled in 1957 at cost of about \$30,000.

Present pastor of the Latin American Mission is Rev. R. D. Hill.

Rev. Riley Fugitt is currently church pastor.

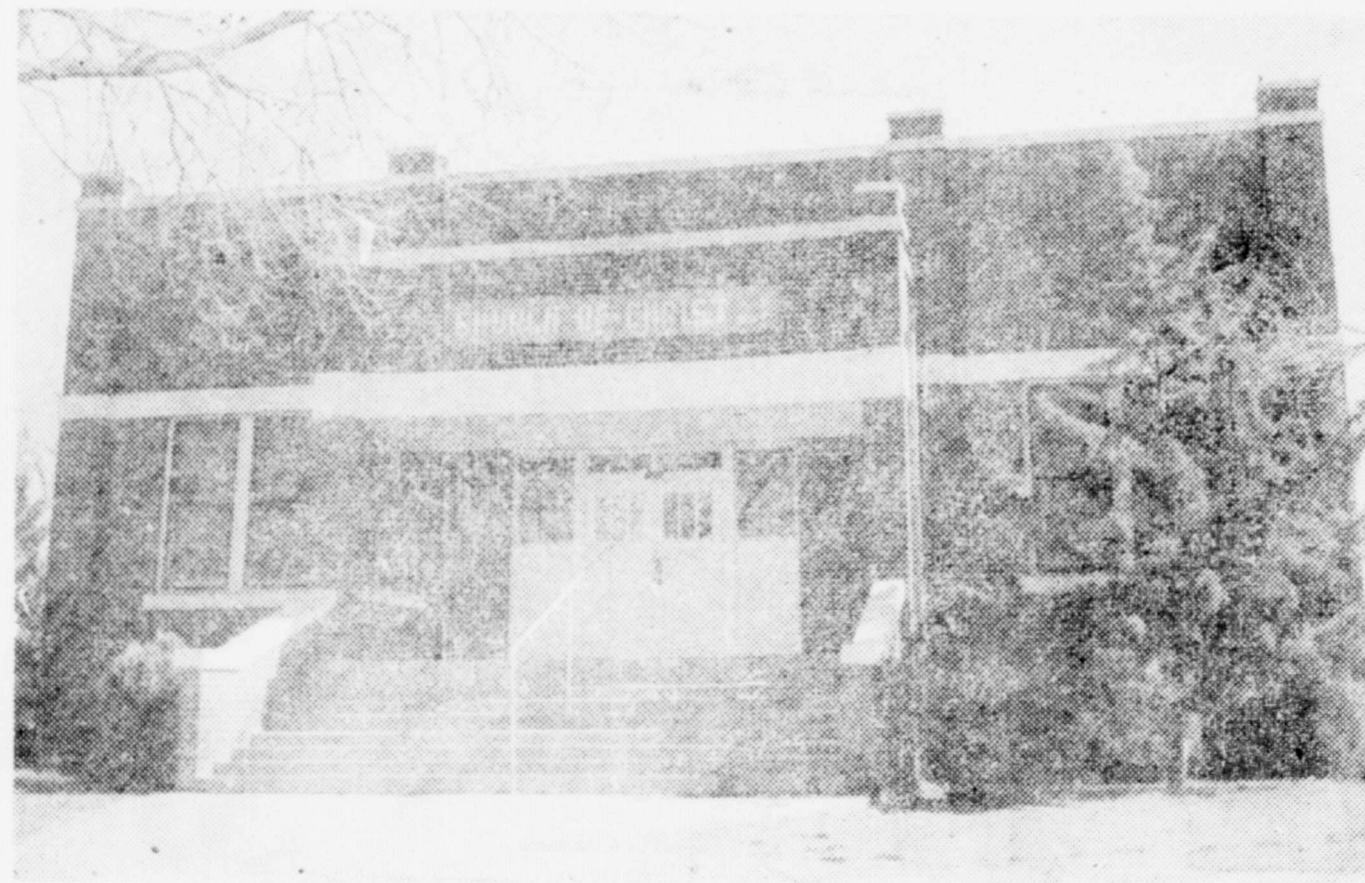
The Women's Missionary Union of the church was organized Feb. 14th, 1910, with Mrs. P. H. Miller as president.

The custom of sending eggs to Buckner Orphan's Home originated through this organization, which has resulted in thousands of eggs being shipped annually from all over the State.

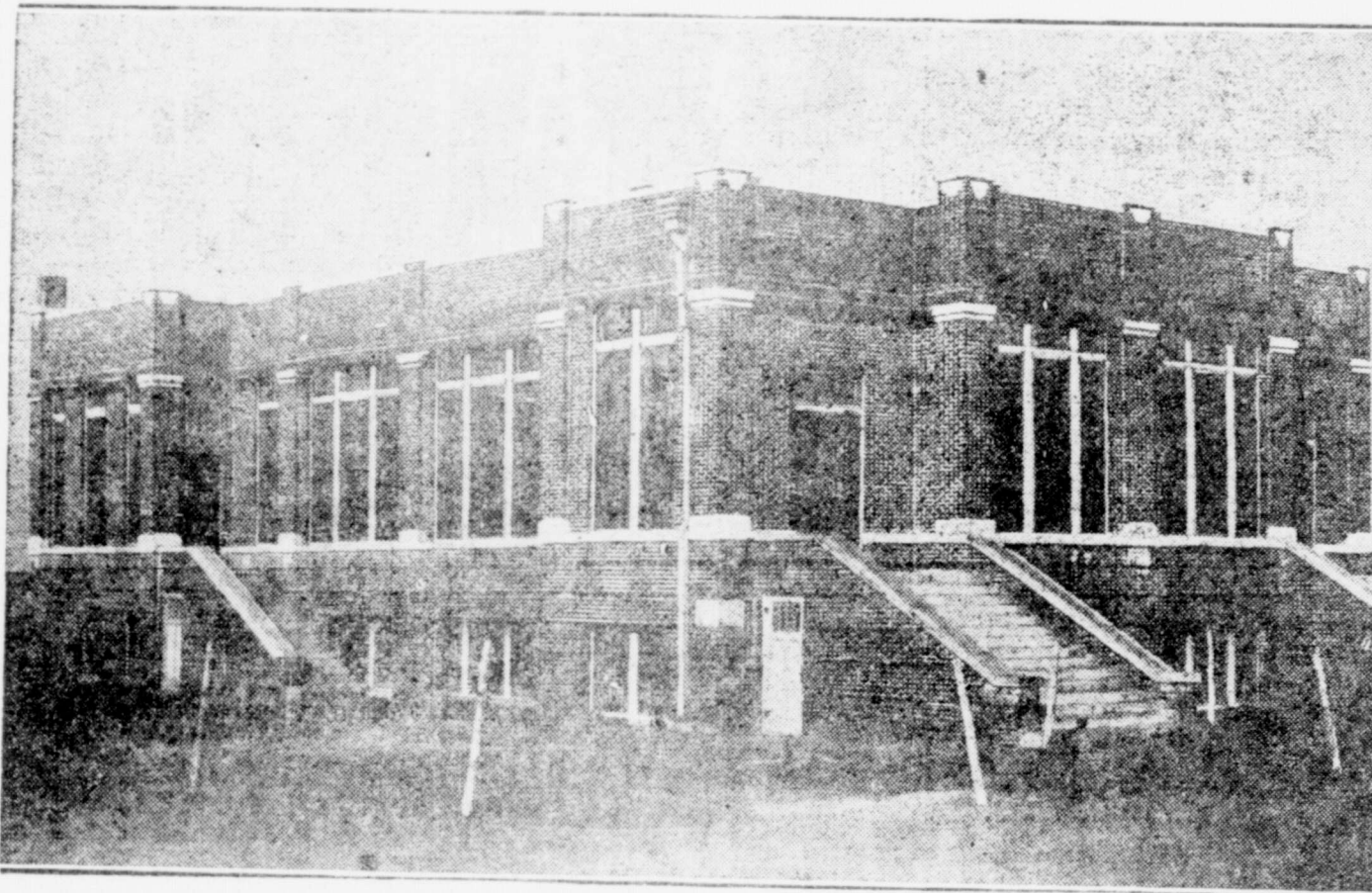
## First Methodist Church

The First Methodist Church was organized in 1909 by a young minister named R. A. Stewart. With no place to live in Spur, Rev. Stewart lived in Dickens. It was the later part of December before he preached his first Spur sermon.

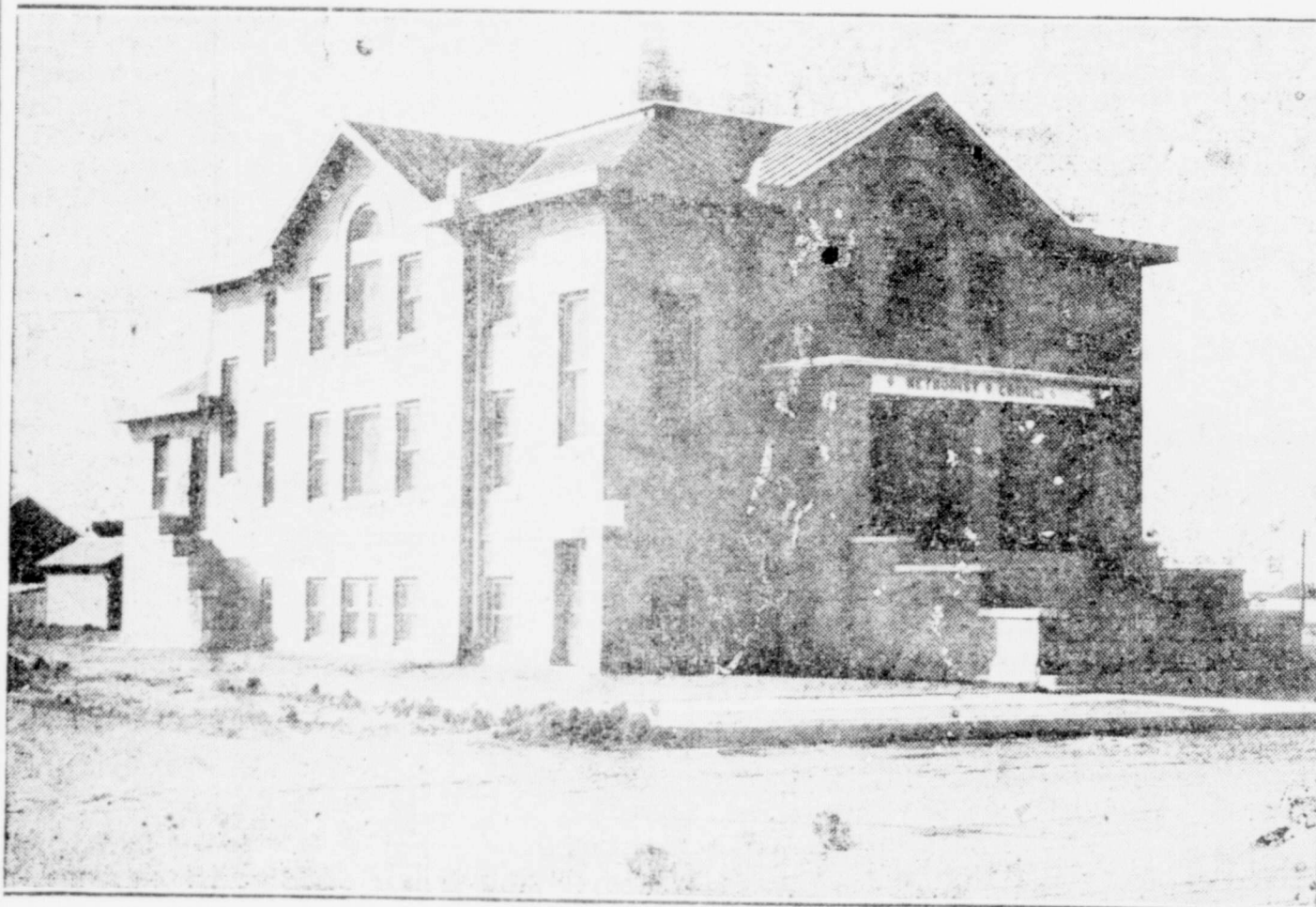
Lots given by townsite company were located at Carroll and West Third, south of Third St.



CHURCH OF CHRIST, R. A. Bankhead, Minister



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. Riley Fugitt, Pastor



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. John A. Rakestraw, pastor

and West of Carroll

Sanctuary work was started at once. Present building was begun in late 1920 and completed in 1921. Rev. J. O. Haynes, retired, was pastor.

First wedding in the building was Gladys Abernathy and Lawis Lee.

The Round-Up building was built in 1936 to house men's Sunday School class and for recreational purposes.

Present educational building to east of main building was erected about 1945. Present pastor is Rev. John Rakestraw. Membership is about 446.

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

The first building brought to Spur was in 1947 and it is now being used as a hall.

Present Church was built in 1953. Rectory is attached to sanctuary. Present member-

## Bethel Baptist Church

Early in 1938 Rev. J. V. Bilberry, deceased, brought a request to First Baptist Church, to sponsor a Sunday School in the southwest part of town.

The request was granted and on October 16, a church was organized and a building built in that area.

Membership to date is 106, present pastor is Rev. J. S. Lee.

Late in 1958 the Soldier Mound Church found it necessary to disband and has since combined forces with the Bethel Baptist Church.

The old Soldier Mound Church was moved into town and added behind the Bethel Baptist Church and will be used for an educational building.

## Assembly Of God Church

In 1932 Rev. Cunningham, now deceased, held a revival meeting that lasted 6 or 7 weeks. From this meeting the present organization originated with about 80 members. Present pastor is Rev. Vernon Hagar.

## First Christian Church

Once a month, in the early days of the Church, Rev. Wm. Pearn of Hamlin came over and preached for the First Christian congregation. The membership consisted of the following:

Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Standifer and family; the Jeff D. Reagan family; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hinson; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Vanler and daughter, Mable, the Dr. J. H. Grace family and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby.

Rev. E. M. Douthitt was the first full time minister.

Mrs. Nell Davis gave the church an organ in memory of her late husband, Sol Davis.

Present membership is 50. Rev. John Floyd is the pastor.

## First Presbyterian Church

This was one of the first churches organized in town, early in November, 1909.

Members included Mr. Brazleton, deceased, F. W. Jennings and Pauline Clemmons. Mr. Jennings is still active in the work.

At present the pastor is Rev. C. A. Nettleton.

## Church Of Christ

The Spur Church of Christ was organized soon after the town opened. It had about 10 members. T. A. Tidwell and A. T. O'Neal were among the first elders. Mike Young preached the first sermon.

Meeting place was tabernacle on what is now southeast corner of what is now West Third and Parker Streets.

Later on an old school building was purchased and moved on to a lot on Carrol St. where Mrs. Lou Hagins now lives.

Present building was erected about 1927. Spade tank, Railroad tank and Duck Creek were used for baptizing. Present minister is Robert A. Bankhead.

ship is about 200. Pastor is Rev. William (Father Bill) Hammond. This area was formerly a mission of the Rotan Church but now is a full time job, serving Dickens, Motley, King and Kent counties.

# Will Garner Came To Spur In 1890 On Cattle Drive With Dad

W. W. Garner was fourteen years old when his father drove cattle to this country from East Texas in 1890.

"Not any land west of Benjamin was organized at that time," states Garner. People began to settle here and it began to organize very fast.

"It was 135 miles to a railroad, and we had to go there for our things we needed, the trip took eight to ten days," said Will.

He was considered one of the early day freighters staying on the job for ten years, winter and summer.

"This country was a great cattle country, wild as it could be, and there was plenty of game such as deer, antelope, quail, turkey, and prairie chickens, also, plenty of good cowboys—best in the world," Garner continues.

"I have lived in Dickens County for sixty-nine years, and it is a great country with good people," adds Garner.

When the county was organized, the following county officers were elected:

- A. J. Hagins ..... Judge
- Jeff Harkey ..... Sheriff
- D. G. Dunwoody ..... Clerk
- Jeff Krutch ..... Assessor
- Jim Jones ..... Treasurer

They were all old time cowboys.

Mr. Garner's father and mother lived and died in Spur, his father being County treasurer fourteen years.

Although he is a retired farmer today, Mr. Garner ran a livery stable in Spur for a number of years.



W. W. (Will) GARNER  
Early Settler

Tobacco ranks fourth in cash receipts among all field crops of the United States.

Georgia leads all states in production of peanuts, paper shell pecans and pimentoes.

The Garners raised a family of four sons and two daughters.

# Early Settlers Placed Great Faith In People, Railroad, Land, God

January 28, 1910  
SPUR BECAME A CITY  
WITHIN NINETY DAYS

Spur City has a distinctive place in the history of town building in Western Texas. Spur town lots were placed on sale Monday morning between 8 and 9 a.m., November the first, and within a few hours,

practically every lot in both residence and business portion of townsite were disposed of to anxious purchasers. At that time, the only structures on the townsite were the Western Hotel, townsite office, depot, section houses and the present Texas Spur office which at that time was the tem-

porary grocery store of Barber & Hancock. Across the railroad south of the townsite quite a number of "shacks" and tents were stretched and built and where some two or three hundred people were awaiting the opening and an opportunity to get in on the ground floor.

Chas. A. Jones, manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons, opened the sale and immediately a rush was made on the sellers of lots and within a few hours lumber was on the ground and a number of business houses were under construction, and See POPULATION Page 4



LADIES CLASS OF First Methodist Church. Do you recognize anyone? We don't.

**GOLDEN**

**JUBILEE**

**Spur, 1909-1959**

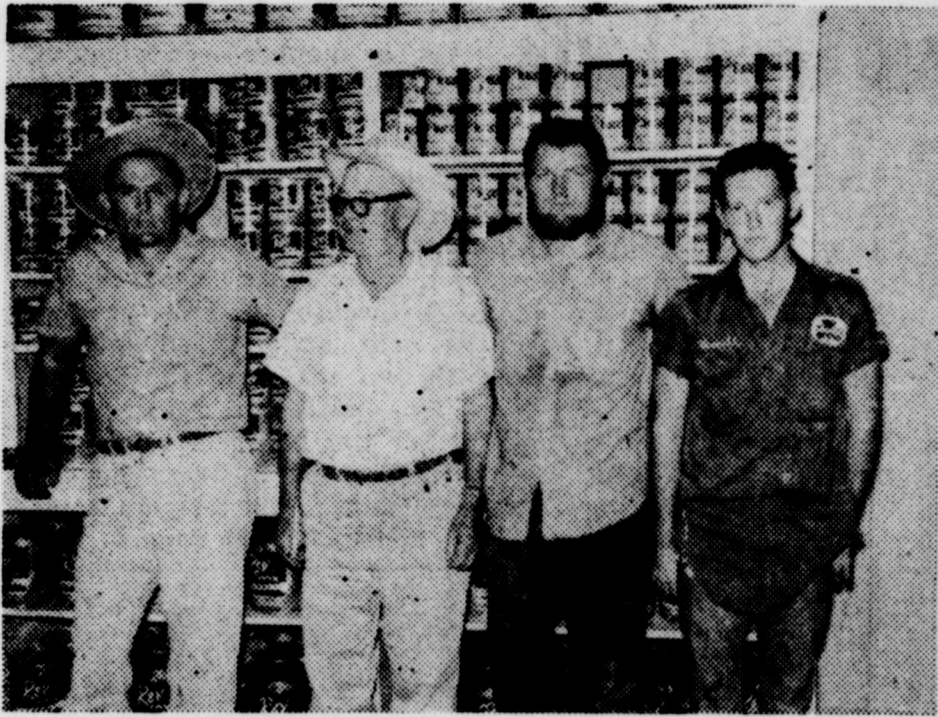
- MILLINERY
- READY-TO-WEAR
- ACCESSORIES and JEWELRY



# Fay's Fashions

324-B Burlington

CR. 3261



WILSON AND YOUNG LUMBER COMPANL—Left to right are L. N. Day, assistant manager of Willson & Young; O. W. Young, co-owner; Bill Day and Kenneth McClanahan, plumbers.

## O. W. Young Buys Lumber Yard In 1944

Willson and Young Lumber Company had its beginning in Spur in 1909, however, at that time it was known as Bowman Lumber Company and was established in 1909 by W. C. Bowman.

J. W. Meadors was the manager of the lumber yard from 1909 to 1940. The business was purchased by Jim Willson and O. W. Young in 1944.

S. C. Reynolds was manager from 1940 to 1944, and he had served previously as assistant manager from 1928 to 1940.

Young became manager and co-partner when he purchased

the firm in 1944.

This lumber yard has been in the same location for 50 years.

"We have one of the largest and most complete line of plumbing, pipe and pipe fittings, in Dickens County," says Mr. Young. "We also cut and thread pipe," he continues.

Ten-year employee of Willson and Young is H. N. Day. He is currently assistant manager.

### POPULATION

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the rush of building has continued up to the present time.

At present there are 70 or more business houses completed and under construction, 5 of which are substantial and modern brick structures. In the residence section of the city, there are probably 300 nice



FIRST BAPTIST women. This picture was also sent to The Texas Spur anonymously. It is reported to be an early Sunday School class.

cottages, bungalows and fine residences completed and foundations for new homes being laid every day. There are a 100 or more business and professional men permanently established in the various professions and lines of business. The contract has been let for the construction of a \$40,000 hotel in the north part of town on Burlington Avenue and work on this building is now in progress. This building will be one of the finest and most handsome structures in the state. It is to be built of compressed brick with stucco finish and staff ornaments. The Hotel will have 35 or 40 guest

rooms and the lobby and the dining room will be large, comfortable and handsomely furnished. This hotel would be a credit to any city of the state and one of which any city could be proud and pardonable boastful.

Considering the fact that Spur is not yet three months old its record of progress and development has been marvelous and unsurpassed in the history of town building and development of Texas.

The Wichita Valley Railroad, which has its terminus here, furnishes not only Spur but a large territory and a number of surrounding towns with fac-

ilities for shipping and receiving freight and during the 3 months since trains were run into Spur an immense tonnage of every character of freight has been hauled in and hundreds of cars of cattle and other freight has been hauled to outside markets.

The deep well has been drilled to a depth of near 1000 feet. Should artesian water be found a first class system of water works will be installed immediately. Failing to reach the artesian stream the town will be supplied with water from other sources.

Plans are maturing for the See POPULATION, Page 5

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Spur, Texas



FIRST PICTURE of the Roundup Class of the First Methodist Church. At the extreme right is W. S. Campbell and his wife. You may recognize others in the picture.



PRESENT LOCATION of Randy Clifton TV and Appliance. Randy has just finished completely remodeling his store and moved to the location pictured above. He handles all sorts of major appliances.

**POPULATION . . .**

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installation of an electric light plant and before many months have past the light plant will be in operation.

Work will soon begin on a large and modern gin plant with a sufficient capacity to handle the cotton crop from a large acreage this year. This gin plant will be supplied with the very best and most modern machinery and equipment and will have a ginning capacity of several hundred bales per day.

Side walks on the principal streets of the town are paved with concrete, all the streets

are graded and in first class condition and the townsite being located on an elevated and slightly rolling plot of ground, the town is afforded a natural drainage which is a great advantage and appreciated by investors.

A first class school is now in progress, churches and lodges have been organized and the town is rapidly advancing along all lines and developing into a modern city and a recognized and appreciated commercial center. The business men and firms are strong financially and carry large stocks of every character of merchandise. See **POPULATION** Page 7

**Randy Clifton Establishes TV Business**

Randy Clifton came to Spur from Rusk, Texas in 1945. Worked for City Cleaners and C. & W. Electric until March of 1946. Entered the Army Air Force at that time. Spent 18 months overseas. Returned to Spur and married the former Evelyn Barclay in November of 1947. They now have three children, Brenda Ann, 11; Ke-

vin Kay, 9—and Vickie Lee, 8. He worked for C. & W. Electric in 1948, then changed to Dicken Co. Electric, and stayed with them until 1955, at which time he purchased his present business from Walter Gruben. (Gruben Radio).

Randy employs Freddie Young, who has been with him

now about 16 months. Mrs. Clifton works in the store. Randy does TV and radio repairs, electrical contracting, sells Zenith radios, record players, and TV. Also, sells Westinghouse appliances. Randy carries a complete stock of wiring supplies, light bulbs and Wright air-conditioners.

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Spur, Texas

## Riter Hardware Founded 1906

John King has been with Riter Hardware since 1907. The Riter Hardware Co. was founded by L. N. Riter who went into business in 1906 in Hamlin.

At that time, Mr. Riter was selling to the Swenson Brothers, and when he came to Spur, he continued to sell to the Swensons.

Looking back through some old Swenson charge tickets, Mr. King discovered that prices have changed along with other things.

In 1914, a 10 ft. windmill sold for \$37.50; 1959 price is \$299.00. Other price comparisons include 3 inch cylinder, \$12.50, now, \$43.50; 241 ft. 2 inch galvanized pipe, \$43.35, now, \$367.50; 162 ft. rod, \$7.32, now, \$48.60.

Among other things, Riter Hardware Co., was the first to install a gasoline pump. Gas in those days, 1914, sold for 15 cents per gallon.

### POPULATION . . . Continued from page 6

chandise to supply the trade territory. The banking facilities are among the best in the state, the Spur bank having a paid up capital of \$100,000, the stockholders of which have a combined wealth of more than \$4,000,000.

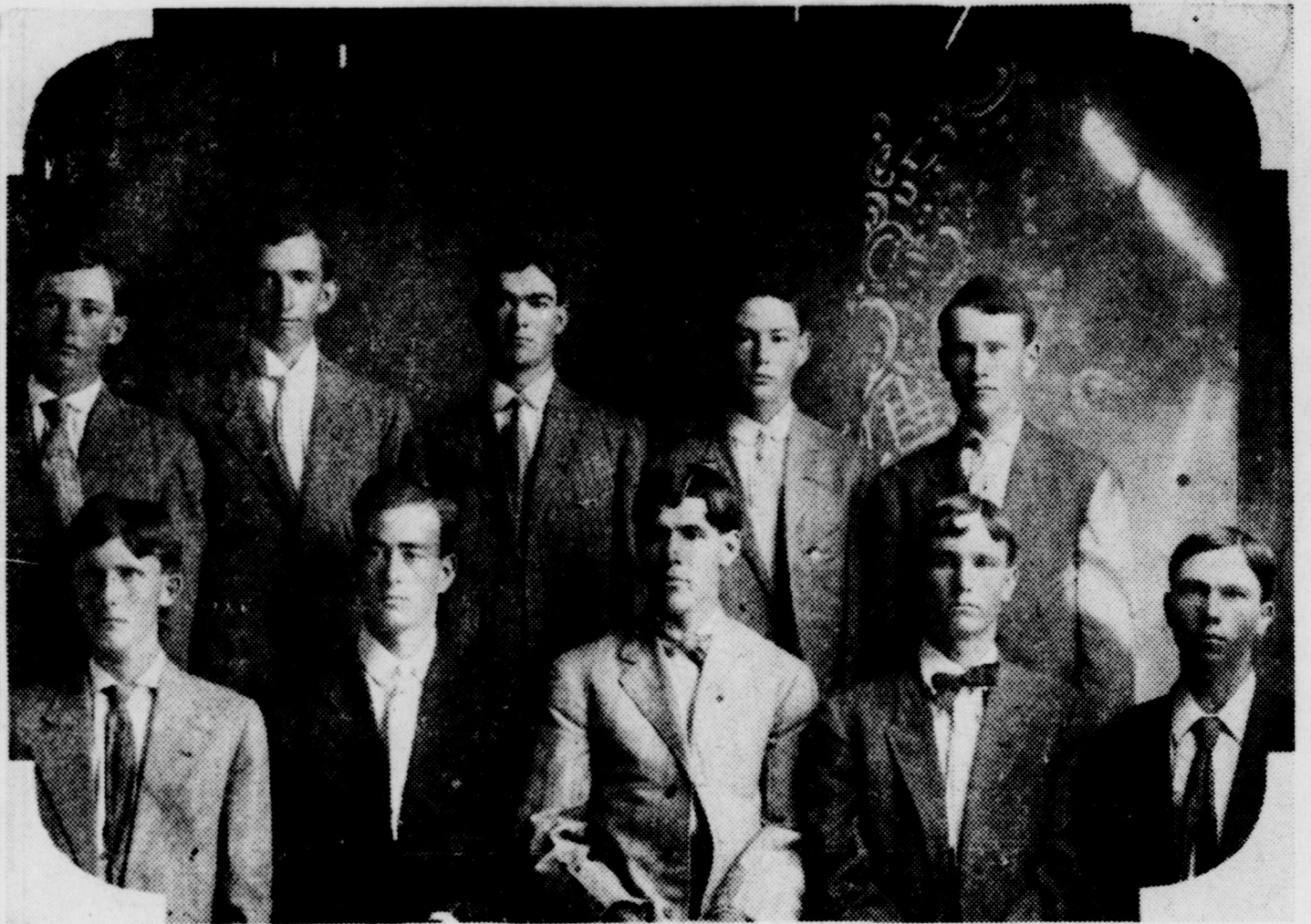
During the three months since the creation of Spur, its growth has been marvelous not only to outsiders but to those

who have been here and watched its daily progress, and the citizens, promoters and its newspaper are proud of the town and can be pardonably boastful of the rapid and substantial progress.

The Texas Spur has no land nor lots for sale, has never been "donated" anything nor paid a nickel to boost town-site or land propositions. The paper was established here by the present management of our own free will and because we were and are now firm believers in the country and the future greatness of the town. We honestly believe Spur will become a city of recognized commercial prominence within and without the confines of the state—and there is a reason. It has the country and the right kind of people to back it up, and its record to date justifies this belief.

The dissolution of the Spur ranch, the advent of the Stamford and Northwestern Railway and the creation of Spur are events which will be most noted in the development history of Western Texas. The Spur ranch was established in the early 80's by a Scotch Syndicate who controlled and operated it until about three years ago it was purchased by S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York, who are now subdividing and cutting the land into small tracts for farming purposes and which is now known as Spur Farm Lands.

The Spur Farm Lands comprise an area of about 600 and 73 square miles of lands, practically all of which is agriculture land, and in richness of soil is varied from loose sandy loam to tight black and a man



DON'T GUESS they wore mustaches 50 years ago, or if they did, these men of the First Baptist Church were too young to grow one. (Picture was mailed in from Los Angeles, Calif., anonymously. Note the men's hair-do's.)

can select any character of farm desired from the rich valley and rolling hills.

A State Experimental Farm has been located at Spur and will be in operation probably in time for demonstration work this year. This experimental station will not only show the most practicable and scientific methods of cultivation, but will demonstrate to the world that the Spur Farm Lands will produce in abundance and great variety every character of fruit, grain, garden and farm product adapted to the Southern states and climate.

The few who have farmed in

this section during the past 18 or 20 years have been successful and notwithstanding the hardships endured, long distance to market and almost insurmountable barriers have become independent and are now among the most substantial men of the country. They made their independence farming and inform us that this country as an agriculture territory has few equals and no superiors as to abundance in yield and sureness of crops planted. No man who is homeless and desires to build a home and secure an independence from the fruits of his own labor can not find

a more suitable place or more promising prospects than is offered in the Spur Farm Lands. The country needs farmers to develop its resources. The land is as good as the best, and although the country is settling up at a rapid rate, we have plenty of room for others and want you to join in and assist in developing the resources of one of the richest bodies of land in America.

Spur is located near the center of this vast body of land, and considering its location, the area and richness of the surrounding country and its

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# 1909

## From One Pioneer To Another

# 1959

### "SPUR'S OLDEST HARDWARE STORE"



JOHN KING

. . . has been with Riter Hardware since 1907. In 1956 he was presented with the Estwing Gold Hammer in honor of his 54 years of service.

You will find all types of  
SHELF and BUILDERS Hardware

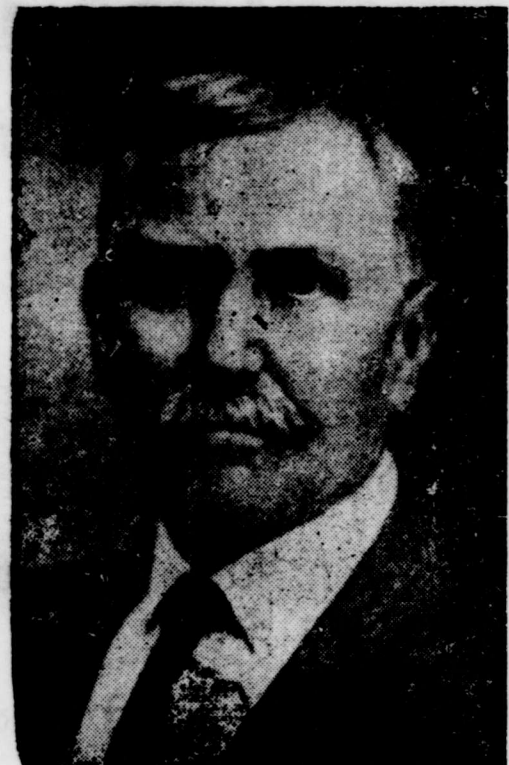
DEMPSTER PUMPS and  
WINDMILLS

PIPE and FITTINGS

HOT WATER HEATERS

COOKING UTENSILS - CHINA  
CRYSTAL

. . . and many other items



L. N. RITER

. . . came to Spur in 1910 and established Riter Hardware Co. He was active in community interests and a great leader.

# RITER HARDWARE CO.



METHODIST MEN'S CLASS. Recognizable are Ned Hogan, back row standing, second from right end. George S. Link, Sr., teacher, bottom row, center.

**SEWER SYSTEM**

Apparently a sewer system existed for the City of Spur in 1910. It consisted of two lines in the alleys east and west of Burlington leading to a septic tank south of the tracks. This system was bought from the Townsite company in 1926 while John King, Sr. was mayor, for \$2500. Many sewer extensions have been made, but it remained for extensions in 1957 and 1959 to complete coverage of the City when all of Freeman Addition and the south part of Gabriel Addition were reached. The last extension was paid for from current funds.

The modern disposal plant which was built in 1948 to serve a population of 3,700, is a model of such installations, at present serving 745 active connections. It and the collection system have a book value of \$155,000, and a total initial indebtedness of \$38,000 in revenue bonds, and \$11,000 in warrants. Revenue for the first 10 months of 58-59 was \$7,000 and costs other than debt retirement and extension, \$4,200.

In addition to \$11,000 spent in 1959 for sewer extensions, \$2,800 has been spent for cleaning equipment which removes dirt, sand and roots from sewer mains. This equipment, used by city personnel in times when the work load is smallest, has already cleaned two blocks of nearly stopped up main. Cost of having this done by contractors is from 40c to 60c a foot, depending on the size of main. The city expects to effect a great savings by the time the system is worked out completely.



**CARL PROCTOR**  
Dry Goods

Honduras has authorized a \$10,500,000 loan for highway construction in Tegucigalja.

There are 200,000 farm families in Kentucky occupied with growing tobacco.

Communication cable networks are to be provided for five NATO airfields in Turkey.

The teeth of the rodent group (mice, squirrels, etc.) of animals never stop growing.

Mexican surveys show a strong market for household refrigerators in South America.

Most of the large cities of the world are located not more than 600 feet above sea level.

**POPULATION**

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rapid development in connection with the enterprising, pushing and building class of citizenship and the capacity and intentions of its promoters we expect Spur to soon become a city of factories, mills, various industries and of commercial prominence to the country as a whole.

Worship of trees was a common practice among many ancient peoples.

The live oak is the state tree of Georgia.

**SPUR HISTORY . . .**

Continued from page one equipped this way. In 1913, while Geo. S. Link, Sr. was mayor, the first water system bonds were voted, \$23,000 worth at 5% interest. The first water rate was 50c a thousand for the first 3,000 gallons, and 30c a thousand for all over this amount.

In 1959, the water system serves 950 active connections, which delivered 77 million gallons for the first 10 months of 1958-59, which is approximately 285 gallons a day per capita. Revenue for this period was \$30,000. The water comes from

six producing wells, with two new wells not yet on the line. Total capacity of all eight wells is over 1,000,000 a day. Storage is 680,000 gallons in ground storage reservoirs. All water is treated continuously with liquid chlorine, and is tested once a month by the State Health Department.

The last water and sewer issues, in 1948 and 1950 were for a total of \$150,000, of which \$115,000 is still outstanding. \$7,000 is charged to the water system. The entire system is valued at \$223,000.

**50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**1909 - 1959**



**Flash-O-Gas Inc.**

ELMER D. HAGINS, Mgr.

515 E. Hill Street

Phone CR. 2-4291

**Our FINE and PROGRESSIVE People**

**MAKE...**

**Our PROGRSSIVE TOWN**

**Here's to...**

**50**

**MORE YEARS of**

**PROGRESS**

**J. R McNEILL—Mayor**

**M. H. BRAGG, Alderman**

**LOYD ROBERSON, Alderman**

**REX HOLDER, Alderman**

**MARVIN BLAIR, Alderman**

**D. L. KNIGHT, Alderman**

**MRS. AROLIENE McGilliard, Secretary**

**The City of Spur**



# THE TEXAS SPUR

VOLUME 50

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1959

NUMBER 49



## Golden Jubilee Edition

Spur Ranch Cowhands . . .  
plus a visitor or two who  
had come out to see the  
Round-Up and Branding.

### Spur Street Scene . . .

This scene was made available to The Texas Spur by Douglas Meador, Matador Tribune. The picture was on a post card which read in part . . . "there are no pretty girls here . . ."



### View from the Hill . . .

When Spur was just a few months old. Note houses still standing.

**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO  
The Next 50 YEARS**

**SPUR ... 1909 - 1959**



Mrs. R. C. Jones, Mrs. Fred Kinney, Norman Swanson, Mike Swanson, Mrs. Roy Watson, Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Raymond Bailey and Mrs. D. I. Loe.

**Golden Jubilee**  
*Greetings From*

***Dunlap's***

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Sr.,

## Dunlap Company Had Origin In Oklahoma

The Dunlap Company, starting in Eufaula, Oklahoma, in 1923, now operates forty stores in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and California—located in the following towns: Lubbock, Texas; Andrews, Texas; Beeville, Texas; Borger, Texas; Brownfield, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; Durango, Colorado; Eufaula, Oklahoma; Farmington, New Mexico; Henderson, Texas; Hobbs, New Mexico; Idabel, Oklahoma; Kermit, Texas; Las Cruces, New Mexico; Levelland, Texas; Midland, Texas; Monahans, Texas; Odessa, Texas; Pampa, Texas; Pecos, Texas; Post, Texas; Portales, New Mexico; Port Lavaca, Texas; Seminole, Oklahoma; Snyder, Texas; Spur, Texas; Terrell, Texas; Victoria, Texas; Dunlap's Odessa 8th Street Suburban Store, Odessa, Texas.

In California, at San Pedro, Compton, Redondo Beach, Modesto and Covenia.

While the various stores are supervised from the General Office located in Lubbock, Texas the Dunlap stores are not operated as chain stores in the usual sense. Each store is independently managed, does buying, selects its own lines and participates in community activities as a home institution.

The Dunlap Company is headed by Mr. Retha R. Martin, Chairman of Board; Mr. Ruel Martin, President; Mr. Ira G. Dunlap, Jr., Executive Vice-President; Mr. Clyde H. Dunlap, Jr., Vice-President, and Mr. J. B. Hoskins, Vice-President.

The Board of Directors is composed of Mr. Ira G. Dunlap, Sr., Honorary Chairman of the

Board, Pasadena, California; Mr. Retha R. Martin, Chairman of the Board, Lubbock, Texas; Mr. Clyde H. Dunlap, Jr., Director, Pasadena, California.

More than thirty five years of progress reflects the emphasis on looking forward, and moving ahead that is common to both Dunlap's and Spur. The officials of Dunlap's like the earlier pioneers of Spur are planning both for the continuing expansion of a progressive business firm and for the growth and enhancement of this fine city.

The Dunlap Company's modern merchandising methods in Spur break down into two main categories:

1. Combining the informality of city shopping with the ease of suburban living.
2. Combining the trend in merchandising self selection with the suavity of full service.

The location of a store in Spur was not an over night decision made by Dunlap Executives. It was felt that a good strong merchandising organization could not only help itself by being here but add much to the community from the standpoint of civil affairs.

Dunlap's store in Spur is planned for and around the people who patronize it. Dunlap's officials have striven to anticipate the customers' every need in convenience and shopping pleasure with quality merchandise at fair popular prices. Dunlap's is proud to be a part of Spur and move side by side with its people to greater things ahead.

Norman Swanson—Both Mr. and Mrs. Swanson were born

in the state of Oklahoma and came to Texas 4 years ago. He has been with the Dunlap Company for two years, spending the past year and a half in Spur as manager.

They have one son, Mike, who attends Texas Tech and daughter Nancy, a sophomore at Spur High School.

Mr. Swanson is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Oddfellow Lodge. They are members of the First Methodist church.

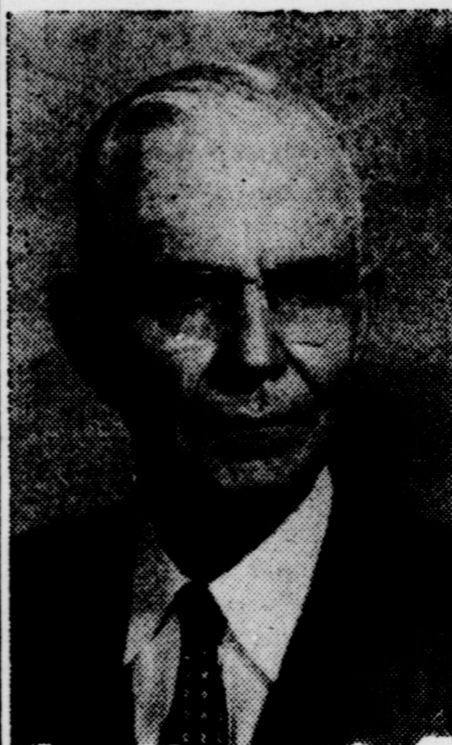
Mrs. Clifford Hightower came to Spur in 1941. She and her husband have three children, Mary Ann Traweck, Merkel, Texas; Tommy, coach at Farmington, N. M., and Junior who is in the 6th grade. They have seven grand children.

Mrs. Hightower has worked for the Dunlap Company for the past eight years. Her husband is employed by Star Feed Store. They are members of the First Methodist church.

Lelis Lee Erath Bailey, born and reared in Dickens County. She graduated from Spur High School in 1937, is married to Raymond Bailey. They have three daughters, Jo Ann Young, class of '55; Margaret McNelly, class of '58 and Lillian Grace, a Junior in Spur High school. Worked for Dunlap's for 8 years.

She and her family are members of the Steel Hill Church of Christ. Mr. Bailey is employed at the Dickens County A&C.

John Belle Hargrove Watson has lived in Dickens County since 1923. She graduated from Spur High in 1927 and was married to Floy Watson



**NED HOGAN**  
Men's Clothing Store



**BILL ANDREWS**  
Banker

in 1954.

He has three children, Mrs. R. L. Ison, Lubbock; Dick Gibson, Lubbock and Ralph Gibson, a seminary student at Ft. Worth. She has worked for the Dunlap Company since 1948 and is a member of the First Baptist church.

Ora Pearl Johnston Kinney was reared in Dickens County. She graduated from Spur High School in 1937 and is married to Fred Kinney, also a Spur boy. They have three daughters, twins Rita and Fredia and Sharon of the home. They are members of the Church of Christ.

Mrs. D. I. Loe came to Dickens county in January, of 1923. She and her husband have one daughter, Sue Loe Stark, who was born near Dickens. They

belong to the Church of Christ. Her husband is a farmer and live 8½ miles northwest of Spur.

Mrs. R. C. Jones came to Dickens County with husband in 1946. They have three children, Alvin of Spur; Richard of Abilene and Mrs. W. L. Kizer of Denver City, Texas. Her husband was an automobile dealer until January of 1957.

The 142-year-old frigate Foudroyant has been converted into a training ship for youth at Portsmouth, England.

Yugoslavia has made gift packages subject to duty except for those articles specially exempt, Belgrade learns. They

## 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### SPUR ... 1909-1959

## CONNER & WALKER

ATTORNEYS at LAW



WELCOME EXES

**R. A. (Bob) CONNER**

**ALFRED WALKER**

# Stamford Production Credit Celebrates Anniversary

Stamford Production Credit Association, which now has assets of more than \$4,000,000, was started with an outlay of \$45 by the board of nine directors of \$5 apiece.

Capital subscribed by the Production Credit Corp., of Houston was only \$100,000 with the provision that the farmers and ranchers in the area would purchase the stock from the government as soon as possible.

While the farmers then had only a token investment in the organization, in 1948 the last dollar of government money invested in the capital stock of the Association was voluntarily returned and the Association has been subject to normal income and other taxes since that time. The Association has paid over \$100,000 in income taxes to the Federal government since 1948.

Stamford Production Credit Association was actually formed by the consolidation of two other Production Credit Associations and moved to Stamford in August, 1934.

These were the Spur Production Credit Association and the Haskell Production Credit Association, both formed in January, 1934, and which voted to consolidate on June 15, 1934.

On January 4, 1934, the Spur Production Credit Association was organized. Its organizers were George V. Parr, Guthrie, first vice-president; Oscar Vinson, Matador, second vice president; James B. Reed, Spur, secretary-treasurer, and other directors, R. R. Wooten, McAdoo; W. J. Garret, Jayton; A. Holmberg, Dumont; C. C. Hill,

Guthrie; Ralph S. Stapleton, Whiteflat; and J. B. Morrison, Spur.

Reed remained as secretary-treasurer until date of consolidation.

Territory of Spur Association was Dickens, Kent, King and Motley Counties.

New officers after the consolidation were George S. Link, president; Virgil V. Parr, vice-president and J. B. Morrison, J. B. Pumphrey and W. C. Church as directors.

Move to Stamford was made for centralization of communications and mail service and the first board meeting was held on August 31.

Organizers of the Haskell Production Credit Association include one man who is still on the board of directors, J. F. McCulloch of Stamford. Other organizers were J. B. Pumphrey, Old Glory; R. C. Montgomery and J. W. Adcock, Haskell, W. C. Church, Merkel; W. H. McCandless Rule; W. E. McNeill, Munday and Jack Idol, Benjamin Territory of Haskell Association was Haskell, Jones, Knox and Stonewall Counties.

Among those who have served as directors are Clark Forbis, Afton, 1937-47; William Griffith, now of Cisco, 1937-39; J. Spurgeon Reeves, Hawley, 1946-55.

Mr. M. L. Rickels started with the Association in 1936 as Field Representative of Spur office and retired in 1954. R. L. Williams assumed this duty at that time and was transferred to the Haskell office in March, 1955. Bill L. Glenn started with the Associa-

tion in March 1955 and is Field Representative of this office at this time and is assisted by Mrs. Juanita Neaves.

The Board of Directors of this institution has, through the years, been the sounding board of the membership in what it wants and how it wants the organization operated. Close cooperation in matters of importance to the association has resulted in a strong financial institution, capable of handling the financial needs of agriculture.

This Board joins the other 496 in the Nation in a salute to success . . . Co-operative credit by the farmer for the farmer.

This Association, together with others of State, are now engaged in process of buying Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, the institution which furnishes financing for the system. This association now owns more than \$62,000 stock in this bank.

Stamford Production Credit Association owns offices in five towns.

There are attractive buildings which make it possible for the Association field personnel to serve their areas adequately and efficiently.

All of the buildings have conference space, private offices, clerical space and fire-proof vaults.

The Munday office was finished in 1954. It is of brick construction and is 30 by 30 feet. It has two private offices. The interior is finished in African Mahogany woodwork, acoustical tile ceiling and vinyl tile floor. It is equipped



**BILL GLENN**  
PCA Manager

with year round air conditioning.

The Haskell office was built in 1950 and is also 30 by 50 feet in dimensions. It is of masonry construction and Austin sawed shelled limestone. The interior is of Phillipine Mahogany, acoustical tile ceiling and asphalt floor.

The Anson office was built in 1949, and is of masonry construction with selotex board panel trim above oak wainscoting in the interior and as-

phalt tile floor.

The Central office in Stamford was finished in 1956 and is 50 by 70 feet. It is constructed of Roman brick. The interior is finished in Walnut panel, Italian marble and Roman brick walls, acoustical tile ceilings and vinyl tile floor.

The Spur office is constructed of Holliday Hillstone in Parisian Rose, the building is one of the most modern in the city. It features a 50 ft. front and is 112 ft. long.

The north and west entrances are glass enclosed, forming a foyer. The floor—is of all purpose tan vinyl. One office is carpeted in gold and brown.

Walls throughout the building are paneled with mahogany topped by 2-feet of mineral acoustical tile on the upper wall and ceiling.

All office furnishings are of walnut with chairs unholstered in leather.

In the basement there is a conference room 18x31. This room also has an acoustical tile ceiling and asphalt floor.

The rear of the building is flanked by a parking space 50x52½ feet which will be used for PCA purposes.

The PCA office has refrigerated air conditioning and central heating.

The building also houses four rental offices. These offices are sheet rock and texture.

It also houses a rental space now occupied by Ladies Dress Shop.

"Lick in Head by Wife Restores Man's Eyesight."—Headline. That was lucky for him—now he can see to dodge.

## CELEBRATING OUR

## SILVER ANNIVERSARY

--Along With the--

## • SPUR GOLDEN JUBILEE •

## STAMFORD PRODUCTION CREDIT

BILL GLENN

NITA NEAVES

# Ex-Student Association Leads In Help Making Spur A Better, More Enjoyable Place To Live In

(By Bill R. Barrett)

If I could collect all the happy moments of work and play those years represent, we could have enough gladness to cover the United States and a bucket full left over.

The Spur High School Student Council of 1952, under the able supervision of Ila Lassetter Johnston class of '24 and capable hands of their president, Ralph Gibson — class of '53, undertook the first homecoming. The local ex-students added their bit and before the first homecoming was over a president, Homer Hindman class of '42, Vice President, Everett McArthur class of '36, secretary and treasurer, Bill R. Barrett class of '42, and publicity director Lilly McArthur Gregory class of '30 were elected and plans were underway for homecoming number two.

It is next to impossible to list the people responsible for the huge success of our annual homecomings. I can only name a few of the many that contributed much of their time to making our homecomings possible.

As I look over this first Echo, edited by Floy Richberg Rector Class of '22, I remember the optimistic attitude of our president and vice president. Homer and Ike were men that couldn't have been replaced during the first year. These men could see nothing less than the biggest and best high school ex-students association in the world. Do you know one bigger? Do you know one better? Our first two presidents left the secret of our success

and at anytime we varied from their plan we have been in trouble. "Plan big and your homecomings will be big" Homer Hindman "Always remember this association is made of many people. Plan your progress so as to include all those people, even though you don't agree with some group. They are still members and should be treated as such." Everett McArthur. It might appear that all has been easy but such is not the case.

The class representative through these early years of our organization contributed much time and effort, getting addresses from aunts, cousins, uncles and grandmothers. Allie Biggs Joplin, '28 spent many hours in the Dickens County School office looking through old musty records for ex-teachers' addresses. Without the faithful service of many such ex-students the association would have never been ready for homecoming number two. Not only did we make homecoming number two, but we had 600 paid up members, had published our first Echo and had at least two fuses among ourselves.

We thought it was tough but now that the Third annual homecoming was in the making we were stronger than ever. You and hundreds like you placed a time clock at Jones stadium, an organization 1 year old, spending \$1200.00. Some said it couldn't be done, but we did it. Under the watchful eye of Ike the money was raised, time clock bought and was dedicated by Dr. Clifford

B. Jones. A very successful third annual homecoming was tucked successfully away.

The rumble of every three years, every five years, and every other year was heard but little did we realize that we had become so big in two short years it was almost a must to have the homecoming annually. With Guy Karr class of '25 as president, and Jane Brannen Morgan class of '46 secretary and treasurer, a big homecoming was successfully closed Oct. 8, 1955. In this year a sizeable contribution was made to Spur schools for their new rest rooms at Jones stadium.

The students at Spur High School had learned that your association was a push over for contributions, advertising, and help on any project they undertook. We have always given generously to all school activities when asked to do so. These future Exes have never once abused this privilege we offered them.

Homecoming number five was scheduled for Oct. 4, 5, 6, 1956 and for the first time the Spur Hi Ex-Students Association Echo was a student directory. Names and addresses of some 2,300 exes were between the covers of the book.

Alfred Walker class of '45 was at the helm and his homecoming was a smooth and active thing to watch, done as as only Alfred could do it. Again we noticed new faces at our homecoming. Now we knew we had been correct in our judgment that any person, thing or organization will stagnate if it isn't active every

day of every year. No longer did we hear every other year and every three years. We had learned a lot, our mistakes we tried to correct. We made many and we corrected many.

Even though we all had a place in our heart for Spur High School the class tie is closer. Good class representatives make the mother organization what it is. We have found this evident at every turn.

Homecoming number six and having run out of top talent, Bill R. Barrett '42 was elected president, knowing that he must be backed up by top hard working exes, R. J. Bell, '35 was elected vice president and Rosalie Baker Simmons '31, secretary-treasurer. A new addressing system was installed, an office was rented and office equipment bought. I hadn't spent quite all the money so we gave the Spur High Athletic Department a movie camera to film athletic events. This camera was presented by our good friend and outstanding ex-student, Marshall Formby, '28. Broke, but happy, we had a fine homecoming and in a weak moment the association re-elected Bill Barrett, '42, president. Now realizing their mistake, they were quick to elect Adrian Rickels '30 vice president and Margie Bell Morrison, '41 secretary-treasurer. Rickels had his hands full keeping me from spending all the money and Margie talked and worked. This is hard to believe but that gal can work faster than she can talk. Broke but happy, Rickels and Margie pulled one of the greatest yet. Bracelets were given to all past homecoming Queens and our parade was one of the best.

Our seventh homecoming was over, but the eighth was on its way.

Jesse Morrison, '41 president; Marion Jordan '29 vice president; Paulita Karr Green, '53 secretary and treasurer, Margie Bell Morrison, '41 recording secretary and Lane Ericson, '44 publicity chairman.

The association was now an orderly working business with a heart. We are cooperating one hundred percent with Spur Golden Jubilee committee to make Spur High School the talk of the country. We are sure this will be the outstanding Homecoming of all times.

In these seven years we have spent some \$10, 211.10 with our local merchants, \$2,096.00 for gifts to school and school projects and a conservative estimate on the amount of money we have brought into Spur \$46,000.0 We are looking forward to many successful years for the Spur High School Ex-Student association.

We want to thank the merchants for their lasting support of our association. Look at the Echo — see who supports our organization, let them know by supporting them. Thanks Spur for being Spur. Thanks Spur High School for being Spur High School and I am proud to be an Ex.

Radio operas are being discontinued, but the melancholic housewife who is resourceful will find something else to cry about.

Drowning may be an easy death, as many say (who are speaking from hearsay), but even so, it's hard on the constitution.



HOMER HINDMAN  
'52-'53



EVERETT McARTHUR  
'53-'54



GUY KARR  
'54-'55



ALFRED WALKER  
'55-'56



BILL R. BARRETT  
'56-'57, '57-'58



JESSE MORRISON  
'58-'59

# Dickens Co. Electric Co-op

ORGANIZED 1947 - ENERGIZED 1945



ELECTRIC EXECUTIVES—Left to right are Lloyd Hindman, D. L. Knight, manager; C. P. Witt, Jimmy Stewart, A. L. Smith and Loyd Stafford.

COVERING  
DICKENS COUNTY  
like the  
SUMMER SUN!

**Celebrating  
SPUR'S  
50 YEARS  
of  
PROGRESS!**



OFFICE AND FIELD EMPLOYEES — Front row: Mrs. D. L. Knight, Mrs. Billy Bigham, and Mrs. Billy Hoover. Back row: left to right—Alton Rollins, Olney Walker, Helen Williams, Tom Fields, and Earnest Kearney.

D. L. KNIGH, Mgr.

Spur, Texas

## D. L. Knight Head Two Thousand Member Electric Co-Operative

Dalton L. Knight is the manager of Dickens County Electric Co-Op. Knight has had 12 years experience in his field and is capable of leading the 2,000 member county co-op.

The Co-Op services approximately 1600 miles of electric lines and manages to keep them in first class condition.

"The members' problems are my problems," Knight maintains, "Whether large or small."

Other crew members not listed in the Co-op ad on this page include Glenn Harwell, construction crew foreman. Harwell goes about his job with a prompt and efficient manner.

Carl George, lineman, to spot and correct difficulties on the Co-op lines. They also spend a great deal of time making connections and disconnections, looking for shot

insulators, static on lines and hooking up various types of motors, always giving their best in service.

Other employees not pictured include: Don Weaver, lineman; Sam Braly, truck driver and digger operator; S. E. Braly, lineman; Dell Young, lineman; Jerry Don McAlpin, lineman's helper; Ted Hindman, lineman's helper and Floyd Degraffenreid, truck driver. This crew is on duty 24 hours a day, building new line and repairing breaks.

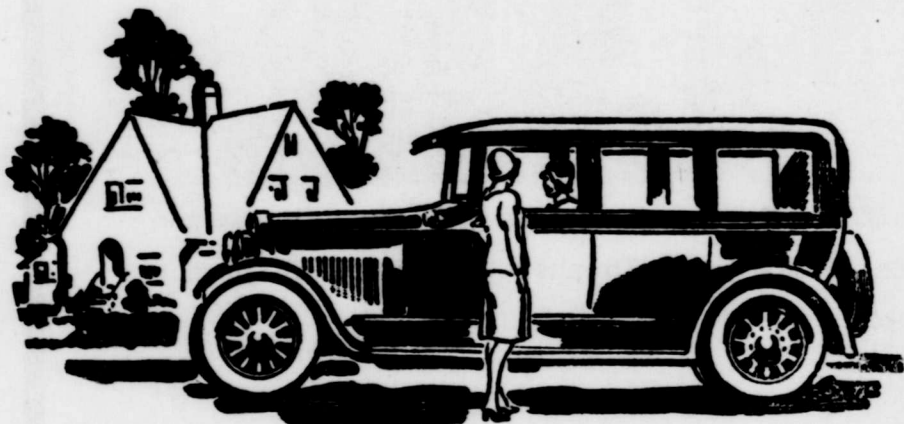
A Georgia newspaper says: "Things can always be worse. Thirty years from now speeders will crash in the sky and fall on pedestrians."

A person in love is like the victim of any other contagion, in that he feels nobody ever had so severe case of it.



SPUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, in a picture not taken many years ago.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY of SPUR ... 1909 - 1959



- TOYS
- HARDWARE
- FURNITURE
- AUTO ACCESSORIES
- PARTS

**BRASHEAR  
SUPPLY CO.**

Spur

Texas

## Growth Of Spur Surpasses All Of West Texas

ISSUE: DECEMBER 3, 1909

As predicted in the beginning by The Texas Spur that the town would rapidly grow and forge to the front ranks as a superior trading point and prominent commercial center the progress and development at the present time has exceeded the greatest expectations. No town within the history of the development of the West has surpassed or equalled the growth and development of Spur within the last thirty days. Its development has been rapid, substantial and permanent.

At this time there are more than a hundred residence and business houses in the town, a population exceeding six hundred people who are permanently located. The business part of the town is made up of some of the strongest firms of the country, busy business men and a live, progressive and hustling citizenship. Everything is carried in stock for the accommodation of the surrounding trade territory, in fact the town is as well supplied at this time as older established towns of the country.

The sound of the hammer and saw is heard on every hand, and on every street and almost every block within the town limits some character of improvement is being made. Work on the deep well is in progress, having reached a depth of between eight and nine hundred feet. Mr. Minahan, the driller, thinks that artesian water can be secured if drilled a sufficient depth and that is what the townsite management intends to do. In fact it is said that Mr. Swenson made the remark that the well would be drilled to the limit in depth and then ten feet deeper to secure artesian water. Spur and the Spur people are assured that a plentiful supply of good water will be furnished and in quantity sufficient to supply the needs and demands of a large and growing population.

Spur has one and half miles of first-class concrete side walks already laid, the streets graded and in first-class condition. Ample railroad facilities for both receiving freight and making shipments of any character and quantity is furnished the town and general public by the Stamford & Northwestern Railroad. During the past thirty days this road has hauled into Spur several hundred car loads of freight, general merchandise and vari-

ous character of goods, and hauled out to market and other places three hundred and twenty-five car loads. These figures show that Spur is well supplied with goods and the town and country is also supplying the outside world with the products of this section.

The coming of the Stamford & Northwestern railroad, the dissolution of the Spur ranch and the creation of Spur will be recognized as one of the big events in the development of Western Texas. It means that a vast area of fertile territory will be utilized and the agricul-

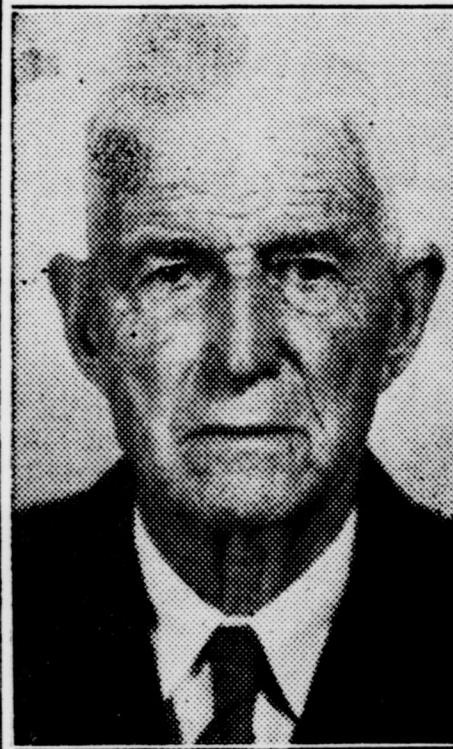
tural possibilities developed to the full extent, an extensive cattle range densely populated with enlightened, prosperous citizens who will not only enrich the agricultural resources but build, support and maintain a superior market and trading point and contribute largely in the establishment of a substantial and solid town and commercial center in the section of the State. The Spur Townsite management have already secured an Experimental Farm to be located here by the State Department and which will be in operation another season, and steps have been taken by the Commercial Club to locate an Industrial College in connection with the Experimental Station. This farm and college in combination will do more to demonstrate the agricultural possibilities, prove that this soil is rich and productive, and educate and encourage the people in scientific methods and intensive farming than years of labor and individual efforts along this line, and will be a great factor in the development of the country and an attraction to settlers and rural home builders.

Spur is located in the center of a boundless agricultural territory which will, when fully developed, support a town of many thousand inhabitants, make factories prosperous, business concerns grow and various enterprises and institutions possible. No town was ever created in a richer territory under more favorable circumstances and backed by a better, more generous and hustling class of people. The promoters of Spur, S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York, are broad, capable and generous and will nurse the town in its infancy, assist it to get on a solid foundation and in the years to come will watch it grow and prosper and become the commercial hub and railroad center of Western Texas.

Man is ingenious—in a way. When he began building walls of houses too weak to swat flies against, he developed an insecticide to get rid of the flies.

The nations seem to be thoroughly convinced that an atomic war would be so disastrous that no nation would dare start one, and so they feel free to insult one another with impunity and without restraint.

Turkey has had a dip in tobacco exports, Ankara learns.



GEORGE M. WILLIAMS  
Swenson surveyor



P. H. MILLER  
Early Day Lumberman

# Golden Jubilee ...

## SPUR ... 1909 - 1959



GARNER EMPLOYEES—Left to right, Jesse Jones, Dewey Garner, L. B. Barnhill, Jim Bob Horn, Yvonne Powell, Frank Olivarez, Drennon Garner, son, Mark Garner, and Lester Garner.

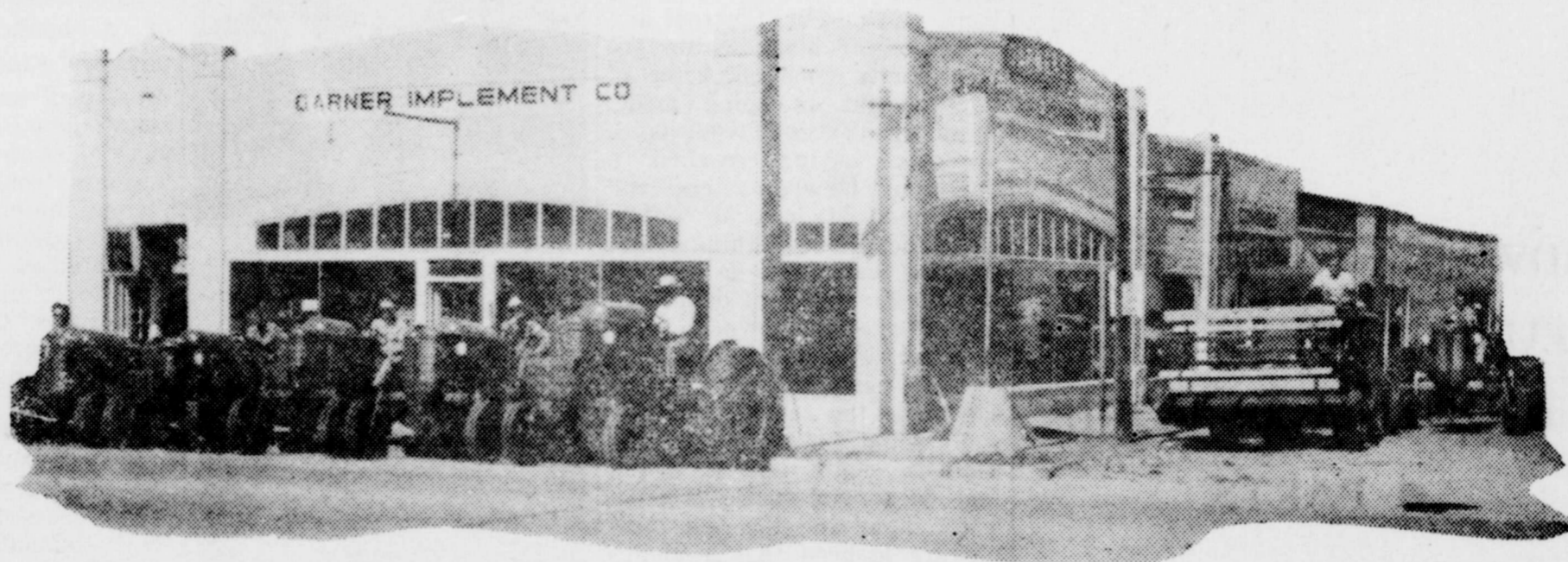
**BUTANE - PROPANE  
TRACTOR PARTS and  
SERVICE  
FIRESTONE TIRES**



GARNER FAMILY—Bette Garner, Dewey Garner, Jan Garner, Lester Garner, Clara Garner, Drennon Garner, Les D. Garner, and Jan Ganer.

**Your MASSEY-FERGUSON**

● **Tractor Dealer** ●



# Garner Impl. Co.



## Spur Barber Shops, Like Other Old Time Shops, Sport History

One of the last stalwarts of the male frontier has given in to the weaker sex.

The barber shop, once a stronghold of male supremacy, where the gang gathered every Saturday to shower, shave and slick up, has been invaded by the women.

The barber shop of old was an institution in itself. You could hear such discussions as the hottest stock on Wall Street to who was the best hitter, DiMaggio or Williams with a few off-color traveling salesman jokes thrown in on the side if you were turned that way.

Now, some of the most modern barber shops are combined with beauty parlors, and Maw can get a shampoo and set while Dad is getting his shine and haircut, but not necessarily in the same amount of time.

Spur's barber shops were no different than the others of the early days. Spur has seen some colorful barbers, and still has some colorful barbers, faithful to their trade.

The era of the individual shaving mug is past, but there will always be a barber to practice his art.

Here is a brief background on Spur barbers who have collaborated on this half page ad.

M. C. Hurst came to Spur in 1936 after graduating from high school in Roaring Springs while his wife, Bernice Justice Hurst, finished all of her education in the Spur schools and graduated in 1935. Their three

children are Leslie James, 12, who is in the 7th grade; Kathy Ann, 15, who is in the 9th grade, and Tim 18, who is a freshman in North Texas State in Denton.

Ebb Smith, barbering in Spur since 1936, moved to Spur November, 1936, has been barbering 36 years, 5 years in Los Angeles, California and the rest of the time in Swenson and Jayton. His wife and one daughter, Mrs. Paul Dale Hagins, Spur, who are all members of the First Methodist Church.

J. D. Dyess came to Spur in spring of 1926, worked for Bill Simpson 4 years, then worked for Harvey Stock 4 years. Worked for Ernest George 1934 until fall of 1944 at which time went to work for A. B. (Shorty) Hagan. Bought Shorty out in April of 1945 and the shop has been known as Dyess Barber Shop ever since. Married Marie Watson in May 1928 and have 4 children, Nell, Bill, Betty, and Bob—all have gone through Spur Schools. Bob, the baby is now a senior in college. The family are all members of the First Methodist Church. Mr. Dyess is a charter member of Spur Lions Club, served as first Secretary of Club for several years. Marie has run Dyess Tea Room, catering service for approximately 8 years, serving Civic Clubs and special parties.

G. W. Barclay came to Dickens County in 1915 and has

barbered 31 years, 15 of those years in Spur. He has two sons, Winston of Odessa, and Joe Max of Lubbock. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and Lions Club. He married Hazel Boothe and they have two daughters, Margie Lou, Lubbock, and Melba, Pan-Tex, Texas.

Cayce Alldredge came to Dickens County December 24, 1918, farmed for Andy Morgan in 1919, then for Mr. M. E. Tree. He went to barber school in Amarillo, Texas in 1923, and came back to Spur to work for Bill Simpson. He married Iva Hahn in 1929 (she moved to Spur with her parents in 1920, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hahn. Mr. and Mrs. Alldredge moved to Winters, Texas. While there, Mr. Alldredge barbered for Speck Crockett for 1 year, and then moved back to Spur to put in his own shop in 19256. He has owned and operated a shop in Dickens City and Spur for 34 years. Mr. and Mrs. Alldredge have two children, Betty Falls, Arlington, Texas and Tommy Alldredge, Abilene, Texas.

An estimated 10 million homemakers in the United States are afflicted with disabilities of varying seriousness.

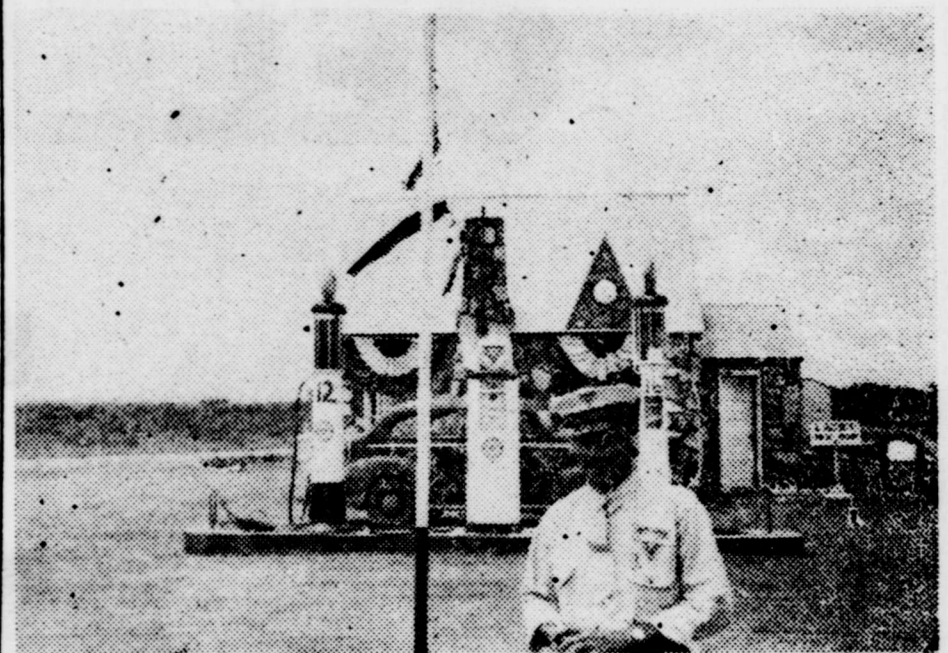
Beer from crushed barley was made in Babylon 5,000 years ago. The Babylonians and Egyptians looked upon beer as a medicine.

A commission studying the subject says nobody knows what causes juvenile delinquency. Maybe not, but many believe inborn human characteristics constitute a contributing factor.

## Lester Garner Had Station On Y When Rest Land Was Prairie



Lester Garner was in charge of the Publicity and Program Committees which were in a large measure responsible for the success of the oversubscribing of the quota for this County in the Third War Loan Drive which terminated Saturday. It was due to the splendid arrangement of the activities at Spur on September 25 when the Kent-Dickens County rally was held that the people from the two counties enjoyed the fair show three airplanes from the Stamford Air School. In the arranging of the program, Garner rendered a service to this community which will be remembered.



LESTER GARNER at station. Note background land, that is presently residences. Bare at that time.

# Golden Jubilee Celebration

- SPUR BARBER SHOP
- A. & B. BARBER SHOP
- DYESS BARBER SHOP
- EBB SMITH BARBER SHOP

WELCOME to all the Jubilee visitors, early settlers and ex-students . . . We are looking forward to "clipping" The Brothers of The BRUSH when this thing is over!

We Would Like to Invite Everyone to Attend

# SPUR'S

# Golden Jubilee

# CELEBRATION

September 24-26



For EVERY DRUG or SUNDRY NEED...

VISIT

# City Drug Company

JOE B. LONG

JERRY ENSEY

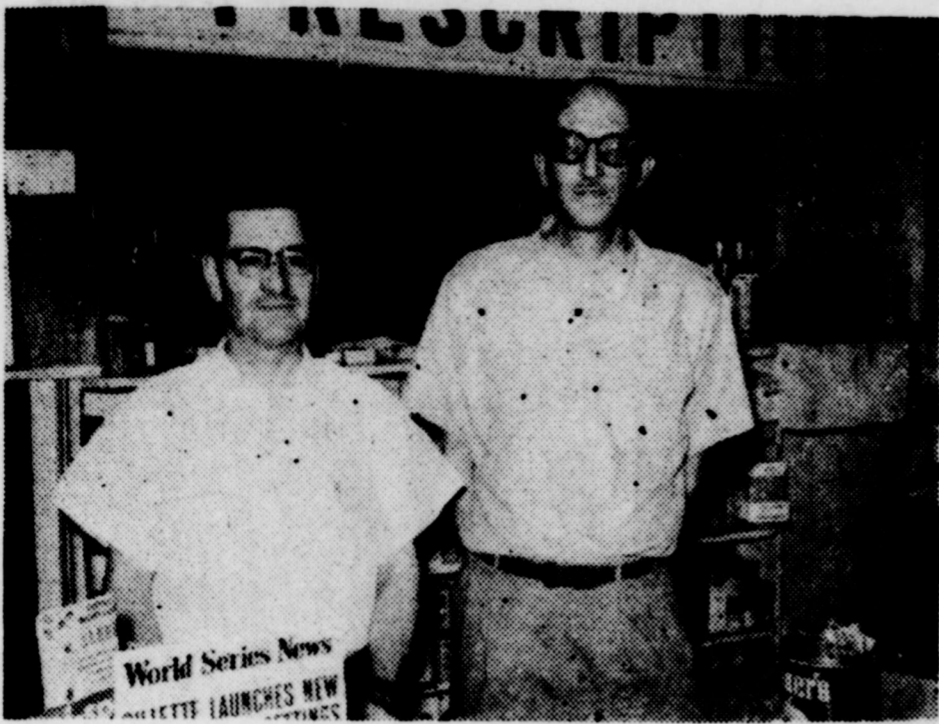
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**CITY DRUG OWNERS**—Joe B. Long, left and Jerry Ensey, right. These two run a modern prescription pharmacy and fountain service. Both are active Spur leaders.

## City Drug Was Purchased By Joe Long, Jerry Ensey In 1930

The City Drug Company was established in 1915 by a Mr. Hall and managed by Cal Martin, who was one of the original cowboys in Dickens County, who later bought the store with a co-owner, E. C. Edmonds.

The store in later years was owned by G. B. Morris, Sr. and a Mr. Lindlay, who sold to Dr. T. H. Blackwell, now retired and living in Spur.

Joe B. Long bought an interest in the store along with Dr. Blackwell in 1930 and later, Joe Long, with a co-owner, Jerry Ensey, purchased the entire store.

They remodeled the store in 1945 and again this year.

**Jerry Ensey** came to Spur in 1924 and graduated from Spur High School in 1928.

He has three sons: Robert, Arlington, Texas; Ronnie, a Senior at Hardin-Simmons University, and Beckey, a freshman at Spur High School.

He served as a School Board member for about 10 years and is a past member of the Spur Chamber of Commerce board. He also served as County Chairman of the March of Dimes and is a member of the First Baptist Church and was president of the Boosters Club for one year.

**Joe B. Long**, came to Spur in 1910 and was married in 1932

to Julia Jennings, who was secretary to W. B. Lee at the Spur Security Bank at that time.

They have two sons, Joe Bruce, who is working on his Masters Degree at the University of Texas and Jennings, a Sophomore at Baylor University.

He is a past president of the Spur Rotary Club and past W.M. of the Masonic Lodge. He is also a former member of the City Council, and Red Cross County Chairman for 7 years. He is a member of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church.

He was Charter Director of the South Plains Cotton Growers Association, Inc. for one year.

He graduated from Simmons University in Abilene and Duncan School of Pharmacy in Dallas.

**Mrs. Carl George** was reared at Girard, the former Addie Mae Millican. She was married to Carl George, also of Girard, in 1939.

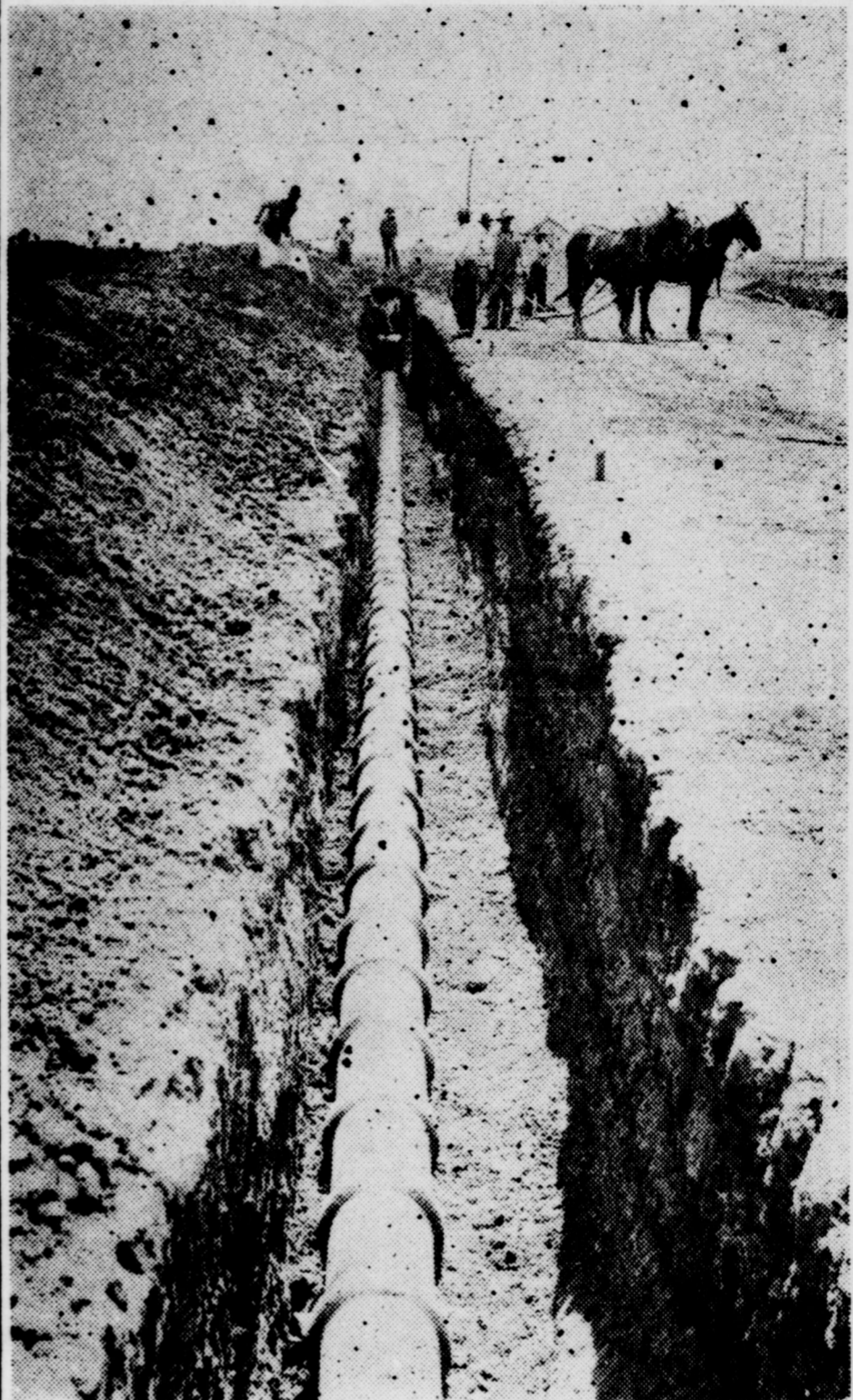
They have two children, Sandra Lee, a Junior at Spur High School and James in the 7th grade.

She and her family moved to Spur in 1954 and are members of the Church of Christ.

Her husband is a lineman for Dickens County Electric Corp.

Nothing dates a woman quite as much as an outdated hat. So don't economize by carrying over last fall's styles. Hat bars are excellent, inexpensive and chic.

Glass fiber curtains should be washed, rinsed and rehung **WITHOUT** wringing or ironing. Smooth seams and hems with the fingers as curtains dry.



**THIS IS THE WAY IT WAS DONE YEARS AGO**—Spur's sewer lines were dug virtually by hand. Now mechanical ditch diggers are employed.

LET'S MAKE IT A SUCCESS . . .

ATTEND SPUR'S

## GOLDEN JUBILEE



**MRS. M. WILSON, GROCERY**

SPUR, TEXAS

we're celebrating our **50<sup>th</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**

With a **HUGE**

# OPEN HOUSE

## Free Gifts

Mechanical Pencils for the men.  
 Silver Pie-Server for the ladies.  
 Balloons for the kids.

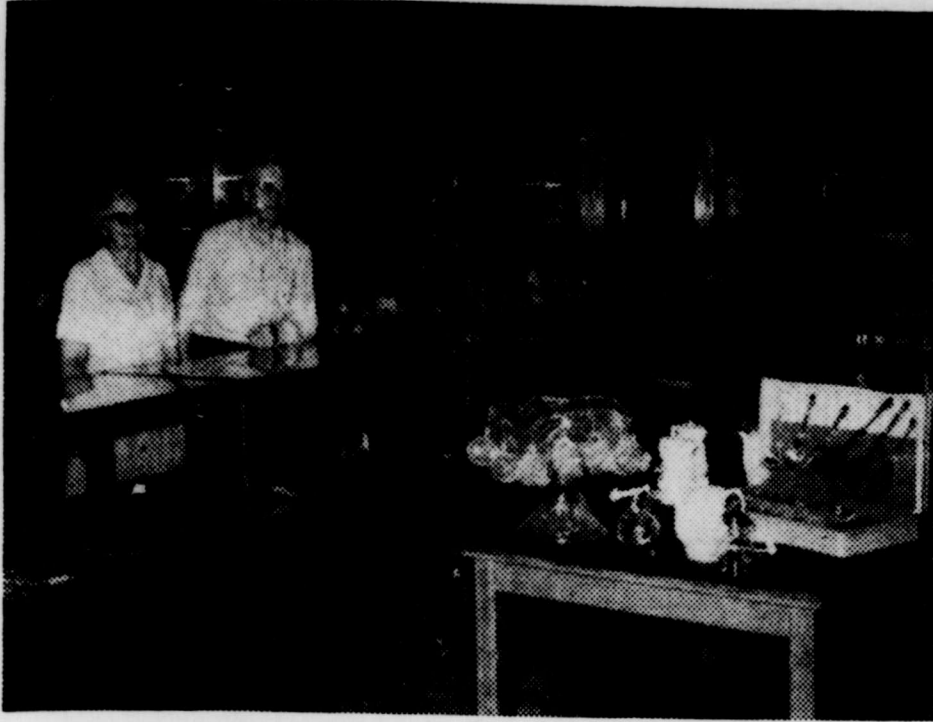
- Attend the **BIG DRAWING** Saturday afternoon . . .  
**PRIZES WORTH TAKING HOME**



W. C. GRUBEN, 1909

# GRUBEN JEWELRY

1909-1959



GRUBENS JEWELRY—One of Spur's oldest established businesses, interior shot, showing show cases and wedding display.

## Gruben Jewelry Is One Of Few To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Gruben Jewelry is one of a few Spur businesses that has been in business since 1909, when the town was founded.

Dr. W. C. Gruben came to Spur on Thanksgiving Day, 1909. He is a graduate of St. Louis School of Watchmaking and Optical School.

Mr. and Mrs. Gruben are members of the Baptist Church.

Dr. Gruben recalls that he stayed in the back room of one of the downtown dry good stores and it was so cold that every store in town sold out of blankets and he nearly froze.

He married Stella Matthews in 1916, she was a school teacher in Croton School at the time. She also taught in

Spur in 1918 and 1919. The Grubens have had their business in the same location since 1916.

To help celebrate their 50th anniversary along with the City of Spur, Gruben Jewelry will hold a big open house. There will be door prizes for men, women and children, and a big drawing will be held Saturday afternoon. There is nothing to buy, just come by and register.

Bertie James has been employed by the Grubens since 1946.

Dr. and Mrs. Gruben have three children, W. C. (Bill) Gruben, Jr., who lives in Dallas; Matthews Gruben, who

lives in Lubbock, and one daughter, Emma Pearl Gruben Allbritton.

Gruben Jewelry carries a complete line of watches and jewelry, china, rings, pottery, watchbands, silverware, Fosteria, clocks, and costume jewelry.

When W. C. Gruben first came to Spur, right after the Lambden Dry Goods Company was established with C. L. Love as its manager, Mr. Gruben rented space from the store and started his watch repair shop. He was in that location about a year, and then he moved to the old Spur Drug to make headquarters.

The cow country was turning into a nice little city, and to Gruben's way of thinking, there was a good future for the town. In 1916, he and Mrs. Gruben decided to build themselves a business house and the brick building located on Burlington was the result. When the new building was completed an expansion program was

## Holder's Survived First Year 'No Crop'; Is Here To Stay

The Rex Holders moved to Spur in February, 1953 from deep south Texas, the city of Alice, where Rex had been general manager of a chain of variety stores for several years. The Holders had visited in Spur many times and had had such favorable reports of the town and the people in it from their relatives that they decided to move to Spur and purchase the store now known as Holder's Ben Franklin but then known as Alderson's. The people of Spur are grand and they still say that they serve the best customers in the world

and since they survived the first year here when the farmers did not even plant a crop they are HERE TO STAY—!!!

Margaret and Rex have one son, Jimmie Rex, who finished high school in Spur with the class of 1958. He is now a student in Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene.

The Holders are active members of the First Baptist Church where Rex is on the Board of Deacons and is Chairman of Finance and president of the Men's Business Class. She teaches a S.S. class of young High School girls.

Both have been in all town, community and school activities. Rex is a past president of Rotary Civic Club and is at present the Disaster Chairman of American Red Cross. He is past president of the Spur Booster's Club, past president of the Spur Chamber of Commerce and is a director of same at the present time. He is serving his third term on the City Council of Spur at the present time.

Margaret, Rex and Jimmie are great boosters for Spur and have a great belief in Spur and for its progress.

The employees of the store are Mrs. Gwendolyn Blakeley, Miss Carrie Childress, Mrs. Ethel Carr (Girard), Sandra Sue Sue Foreman and Miss Janice Powell.

begun, Mr. and Mrs. Gruben added a line of jewelry as well as installing fixtures for a complete drug store.



INTERIOR picture of present day Gruben's Jewelry, depicting display of china.

"Goes Out for Fish, Lands Woman — Headline. It's news of the first water when a fisherman gets hooked.

# 50th Anniversary

SPUR ... 1909-1959

Welcome Exes

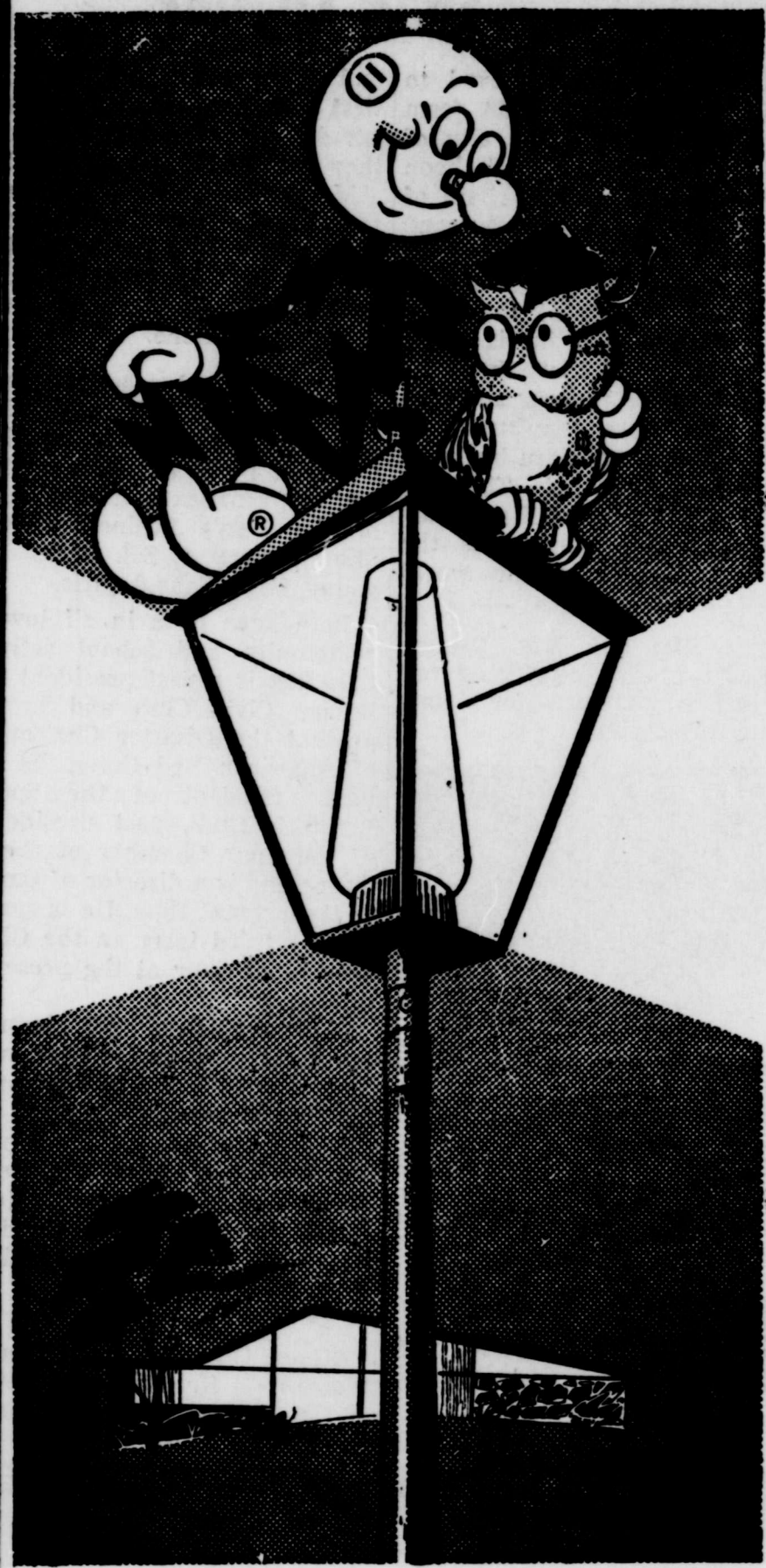
EVERYTHING for the HOME  
from 5c to \$1.00

GREETINGS -- OLD SETTLERS

• **HOLDER'S** •  
• **VARIETY STORE** •

REX, MARGARET  
and JIMMY HOLDER





a wise old owl

once said . . .

“ ’tis good to  
 live a year . . .  
 but better to  
 live a hundred.”

• **Congratulations...**

to the city of SPUR on its  
 50TH BIRTHDAY!

● **LIKE** the WISE OLD OWL... We want to live a long time, too. It's good to have grown up with Spur. Through the years we have tried to be good citizens. Not just to serve Electric Energy to the populaton—but to be part of the town. We are glad we are starting the second fifty years with you. We pledge you good Electric Service along with being a good citizen in Spur.

**Electricity COSTS SO LITTLE —  
 YOU CAN USE LOTS OF IT!**

**West Texas Utilities  
 Company**

# West Texas Utility Company Continues Growth, Progress

It was in January, 1927, that the electric facilities of the Spur Electric Light and Power Company were purchased by West Texas Utilities Company and plans were made immediately to build a transmission line that would bring electric service from a central generating station.

The small oil engine plant was inadequate to supply electric service to a growing town like Spur, and the distribution system needed rebuilding. Construction was started on a line that would connect the city with the WTU system at Jayton with power being generated by the big steam plants at Abilene and San Angelo. Spur is now interconnected with the company's system which makes power available from all of WTU's five major steam plants.

When the line was completed, the existing oil engine plant

was placed on a standby basis, only to be used in case of emergency.

During WTU's 32 years of service in Spur, the Company has been managed by four local managers. The late Larry Burrows was the first manager and was succeeded by D. U. Baker. In 1928, E. M. Wilson moved to Spur to replace Baker and served as local manager until 1937 when he was transferred to Memphis. Mr. Wilson worked for WTU in Memphis until June, 1959, when he retired from service with the Company.

W. R. Weaver has served as manager of the Spur Office for the past 22 years, moving to Spur from Santa Anna. He completed 31 years of continuous service with WTU in February. He joined WTU in 1928 as a clerk in the Accounting Department in Abilene and served one year as traveling auditor.



**W. R. (Bob) WEAVER**  
WTU Manager

He served as local manager at Santa Anna for six years.

Working as cashiers and bookkeepers are Ruth Caplinger and Margaret Holder. Service men include, R. L. Walker, 18 years; M. C. Powell, 17 years and Bill Schmidt, 7 years continuous service.

Edgar Reese has been working as a part-time janitor for the past ten years.

When WTU purchased the facilities of the Spur Electric Light & Power Company, the office was located at the rear of the bank on East Harris Street. It was a small office with a side entrance. In 1928, WTU leased the Hale & Carraway building, which it now occupies. In 1956 the building was completely remodeled by the company. A new attractive plate and aluminum front was added, the ceiling lowered and new lighting fixtures installed. It is now one of Spur's most attractive offices.

In order to assure its customers in Spur of the best in electric service, West Texas Utilities Company now is completing another 69,000 volt line from Matador to Spur, which will make electric power available from two sources. The new line will connect the company Spur Substation with the main transmission line at Matador. Besides having electric power generated at the Abilene and San Angelo power plants, Spur will now be served by the Lake Pauline Plant near Quanah and Paint Creek Power Plant on Lake Stamford.

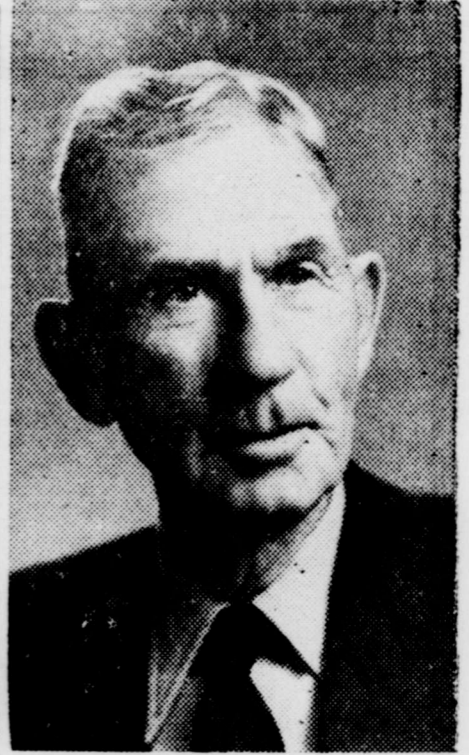
A new substation is now under construction at Afton which will be equipped with automatic switches. In case of trouble on one line, these switches will close connecting Spur with power from the other line.

An abundance of power will be available to Spur from all of WTU's five major generating plants with a combined generating capability of 328,000 KW (kilowatts). WTU's newest and largest power plant is located on the north shore of Lake Stamford in Haskell County. with its three large steam generating units, it now has a generating capability of 126,000 KW. The Concho Power Plant near Quanah—47,000 KW, capability of 64,000 KW, the Rio Pecos Plant near McCamey—59,500 KW, the Lake Pauline Plant near Quanah—47,000 KW, and the Abilene Power Plant—31,100 K. In addition to the five steam plants, WTU also operates a gas turbine plant near Fort Stockton with a generating capability of 10,000 KW.

Its oil engine standby plants, like the one in Spur, have a capability of 7,000 KW to give West Texas Utilities Company



**WALTER GRUBEN**  
Former Mayor



**DICK SAMPSON**  
Early Day Cowboy

a combined generating capability of 345,000 KW . . . a lot of electric power for the 166 West Texas cities and towns now being served by its network of 3,455 miles of transmission lines connecting 49 West Texas counties.

Jet planes have shortened the travel time for the 13,929 miles between Sydney, Australia, and London to 38 hours.

Two joined stamps devoted to sports have been issued by Japan.

## • GOLDEN JUBILEE • SPUR ... 1909-1959



• OUR PHONE is more modern than the one shown here . . . so call in those TAKE HOME orders.

### DIXIE DOG

R. L. WALKER      LOUISE WALKER  
RICHARD WALKER

## • WELCOME!! • To SPUR'S GOLDEN JUBILEE • CELEBRATION •



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**SPUR'S**  
**Golden Jubilee**  
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when you Shop the Modern, Complete Facilities at  
**MAC'S SUPER MARKET**

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JACKIE BILBERRY  
TOMMY BASS  
BARNEY CURRY

R. D. HILL



# THE TEXAS SPUR

VOLUME 50

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NUMBER 49



Bryant-Link Delivery Wagon

GOLDEN JUBILEE  
EDITION

CELEBRATING  
50 YEARS  
OF PROGRESS



We're too young to remember this scene.  
Do you?



Armistice Day In Downtown Spur—1918.



Wonder if this old buggy still runs?

WELCOME TO . . .

# Spur's Golden Jubilee

September 24-26



- You'll Find all LEADING BRANDS, Nationally Advertised Stock at . . .

## *Gabriel's*

WELCOME EXES

SPUR, TEXAS

# Gabriel Built Store On Own Wits, Courage, Perseverence

George Gabriel has been on his own resources since he was just a boy. Early in life he started working for an uncle in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he received his early training in the dry goods business. Being forced to work he had to acquire his education at odd times and often under great difficulty. However, he realizes the value of an education and is one of the best boosters for schools to be found in Texas.

Mr. Gabriel became manager for the store in Salt Lake City in which he had been working and made a success of the business. Although just a boy, he became well informed in every feature of the business, the buying of merchandise, sales management and store arrangement and decoration. He became very thorough in the business in every respect, and he states that his thoroughness is the main reason for his success. He advises that everyone should become thorough in what ever he does.

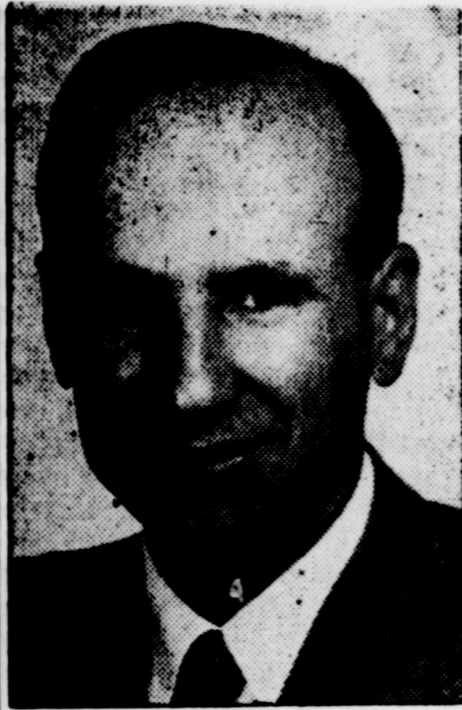
Mr. Gabriel, his mother and three sisters went to Roaring Springs in 1924 where they established a large drygoods store. Mr. Gabriel took charge of the business and under his management it prospered. It was not long until he had built up a good prestige in the community and his influence was being sought in all community movements. He became affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce in that town, served on the City Board and was active in many respects in the progress of the town. It has been his policy always to stand for the upbuilding of the town and community in which he has lived.

In April, 1933, Mr. Gabriel bought the remains of the Stone Department Store in Spur and installed the Fair Store, using as his slogan, "True To Its Name". The store was then located where Holder's is now. The store opened with a good day and has enjoyed a fine business ever since.

In 1938 Mr. Gabriel purchased the Bryant-Link Company property on the corner and moved his stock into that building in June of that year. The store now occupies a nice 50-foot front and extends 150 feet back and is jammed full of merchandise from front to back with good standard name-brand stocks. A large sales force is always ready to attend to the needs of customers who visit the store and every possible service is rendered to people.

Mr. Gabriel has spent nearly 40 years in the mercantile business and is one of the best posted men in West Texas in regard to merchandise lines. He has been a booster since coming to Spur and gives his support to the Spur civic clubs, the church, the schools, and other community institutions. He has been on his own most all of his life and has come up through the school of hard-knocks which gives him an appreciation of all who have to work for a living.

Mr. Gabriel has served as Mayor of Spur for one term, Chamber of Commerce director for many years, one term as president of the Chamber of Commerce, now President of the Rotary Club, also now is serving on the White River District Board. He is a 32 de-



GEORGE GABRIEL



MARGARET GABRIEL



FRANKLIN GRABIEL

gree Mason and a member of KP lodge.

Mr. Gabriel was married in 1934, one year after he came to Spur. He has three sons—Frank, 23; Max 21; and Jim 17. Frank is associated with him in the store while Max and Jim are both in school.

Mrs. Gabriel has also been very active in community affairs. She is a member of the Spur Harmony Club and various study clubs. Also Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel have taken a very active part in church work at the First Baptist Church. Both have been Sunday School teachers or superintendents, and have supported the church through the years. Mrs. Gabriel has always participated in the church music program.

Frank Gabriel is a graduate of Baylor University with a business degree. He graduated

in the upper 10% of his class. While at Baylor, Frank took an active part in campus affairs. He became president of the Baylor Business Student body and served for one term in this capacity. He now plans a career in the mercantile business with his Dad.

Max is a junior at Hardin-Simmons University. He also is majoring in business. Max has been active in campus projects. He is a member of Circle K, national service organization. Max enjoys helping other people. He has many service committees in his organization. He also plans to enter the mercantile business.

Jim is a senior in Spur high school this year. He has received the Rotary award. Also he has participated in many of his class activities; one of which is to raise money for the senior trip.

Mr. Gabriel has always been fortunate in being able to obtain good reliable sales people. Mr. A. G. Dunwoody started to work for the Fair Store in 1937 and was a faithful and loyal worker and good friend until his death in 1957.

Also Mrs. Andy Hurst started to work for Mr. Gabriel while he was still in Roaring Springs. She has worked for Gabriel since that time. Many people know and love Mrs. Hurst. She has one daughter, Mrs. Royce Bilberry who lives in Abilene. Her husband farms southeast of Spur. Mrs. Gregory works in the men's department and is known to all the people in this area as a courteous and helpful sales lady.

Mrs. Simmons started with Gabriel's in 1949. She is in charge of the alterations and piece goods departments and does the buying there. She has established herself as one of the best alteration ladies in West Texas. She is married to Ike Simmons and they have one son and a grandson of whom they are very proud.

Mrs. Willis Smith started with Gabriel's in 1948. She and her husband, Willis Smith, who is part owner of S&H Texaco station, are well known to the people of Spur and surrounding territory. They have a daughter Myra Kay who is 7. Mrs. Smith has always been noted for her friendliness and willingness to get a job done.

Mrs. Joe McDaniel is a loyal Gabriel's salesperson. Her main interest is in the ladies ready-to-wear department. She is ever ready to be of service. Mrs. McDaniel and her husband have one son, Billy Joe.

Mrs. Jesse Morrison came to Gabriel's in November of 1958. She is in charge of the bookkeeping dept. Mrs. Morrison and her husband Jesse, have always taken an outstanding part in civic affairs and they both played a very important part in founding the Spur High Ex Students organization. Margie, as she is affectionately called by everyone, is always ready to be of service at any time. The Morrisons have two children, Don and Karen.

Mrs. Barbara Harvey is the newest addition to Gabriel's associates. Her husband, A. J. is part owner of Allen Auto Supply. They have two boys. Mrs. Harvey is a courteous and helpful individual and always does her best to please her customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ramsey have worked at Gabriel's off and on for many years. Don's main business is farming, but he's also a crackerjack salesman. He works on Saturdays and other rush times. Mrs. Ramsey also works in the fall



GABRIEL'S CLERKS—left to right are Mrs. Willis Smith, Mrs. A. J. Harvey and Mrs. Ike Simmons. In the background is Mr. Gabriel who sneaked up to be in the group.

## Railroad Bridge Washes Out; Travelers Trapped By Water

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The Stamford & Northwestern railroad bridge over the Salt Fork between Spur and Aspermont was washed out during the big rains and as a consequence we have had no freight or passenger service over that line the past several days. However, it is reported that traffic will be resumed Thursday of this week.

J. W. Anderton and Lon Ross made a trip Saturday to the Red Mud country and on account of high water could not return to Spur until Monday afternoon. Mr. Anderton reported that Red Mud and the Salt Fork were higher than for years, the water in the river and creeks being bank full and overflowing.

H. K. Parks has his livery stable complete and now in operation and is prepared to serve the public in his line of business. Mr. Parks is a first-class liveryman, a genial gentleman and one with whom it is a pleasure to do business.

W. A. Johnson, a prominent citizen and old timer of this section of the country, is having a large rooming house erected in Spur and will move here and make his home in town.

A ban on strikes has boosted East Pakistan's industrial output 25 per cent, Dacca claims.

rush season. They have two children, Joe Don, and Mrs. Robert Beason.

The management and sales force at Gabriel's appreciate customers, not only because of their trade, but "we want their friendship." And truly the Gabriel's Store family does have many friends. Mr. Gabriel thanks the people of Spur and surrounding territory for their loyalty through the years. His pledge is to continue to make Gabriel's a place where they can feel welcome and where they like to trade.

## Temporary Bank Quarters Set Up

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A temporary bank building is now being erected on the corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street. Mr. Sherrod, cashier of the bank says that he has little idea as to when the bank will be in operation since they are having some delay in securing the charter. The bank will have a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, the stockholders being some of the strongest financial men in the country. Spur is somewhat handicapped at the present time on account of not having banking facilities, and it is hoped that at an early date this bank will be ready for business.

Rev. R. A. Stewart and wife, of Dickens, were in Spur Wednesday and were pleasant callers at The Texas Spur office. Mr. Stewart will have a regular appointment to preach in Spur hereafter. His appointment will be the first and third Sundays of each month. He is a Methodist preacher and will be glad for all to come to his services.

J. A. Jones, who has been visiting his son, Luther Jones and family the past several days, returned this week to his home at Gorman in Eastland county. Mr. Jones likes this country and says that in his opinion it is as good as the best.

British Waterways has launched a special boating service which takes visitors to the London Zoo along Regent's Canal.

Spending for newspaper advertising was up 8.5 per cent in Britain, early this year.

## 1909 Remembered As One Of Most Prosperous

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Most prosperous of all years is the place to which 1909 is entitled in agriculture, declares the secretary of agriculture in his thirteenth annual report, made public today. The value of farm products is so incomprehensibly large that it has become merely a row of figures. For this year it is \$8,760,000,000, a gain of \$869,000,000 over 1908. The value of the products has nearly doubled in ten years. The report says:

"Eleven years of agriculture, beginning with a production of \$4,417,000,000 and ending with \$8,760,000,000! A sum of \$70,000,000,000 for the period! It has paid off mortgages, it has established banks, it has made better homes, it has helped to make the farmer a citizen of the world and it has provided him with means for improving his soil and making it more productive."

**Farm Production of 1909**—The most striking fact in the world's agriculture is the value of the corn crop for 1909, which is about \$1,720,000. It nearly equals the value of the clothing and personal adornments of 79,000,000 people according to the census of 1900.

The gold and silver coin and bullion of the United States are of greater value. It has grown up from the soil and out of the air in 120 days—\$15,000,000 a day for one crop, nearly enough for two Dreadnaughts daily for peace or war. This crop exceeds in value the average of the crops of the five preceding years by 36 per cent.

Cotton is now the second crop in value and this year's cotton crop is easily the most valuable one to the farmer that has been produced. With cotton lint selling at 13.7 cents on the farm Nov. 1 and with cotton seed selling for about \$25 per ton, the lint and seed of this crop are worth about \$859,000,000 to the farmer. No cotton crop since 1873 has been sold by farmers for as high a price per pound as this one.

Third in value is wheat, worth about \$725,000,000 at the farm, and this largely exceeds all previous sales. The November farm price was almost an even dollar a bushel, a price which has not been equalled since 1881. This is the third wheat crop in point of size, with 725,000,000 bushels.

The hay crop is valued at \$665,000,000, oats at \$400,000,000, potatoes at \$213,000,000, and tobacco at nearly \$100,000,000. Beet and cane sugar and molasses and syrup, from farm and factory, will reach the total of about \$95,000,000. The barley crop is worth \$88,000,000, flaxseed \$36,000,000, and 1,000,000,000 pounds of rice—\$25,000,000.

Comparison with former years — the production of all cereals combined is 4,711,000,000 bushels, an amount considerably greater than that for any other year except 1906. It exceeds the average of the preceding five years by 6.5 per cent. The value of all cereals in 1909 has never been equaled in a previous year.

It is almost exactly \$3,000,000,000, or 34 per cent above

the five year average.

Compared with the average of the previous five years all crops are greater in quantity this year except cotton, flaxseed, hops and cane sugar, but without exception every crop is worth more to the farmer than the five year average.

This is the year of the highest production for potatoes, tobacco, beet sugar and rice; next to the highest production for corn, oats and all cereals. Compared with 1908, gains in value are found all along the line, the exceptions being barley, buckwheat, rye and milk. The increase for cotton lint and seed is \$208,000,000, wheat \$107,000,000, corn \$105,000,000, hay \$29,000,000, oats \$22,000,000, tobacco, \$18,000,000 potatoes \$15,000,000.

The increase in the value of farm products this year is over 1908, \$869,000,000, is enough to buy new equipment of farm machinery for over 6,000,000 farms. The value of the cereal crops to the farmer would pay for all of the machinery, tools and implements of the entire manufacturing industry. The value of crops, \$700,000,000, would make a half payment on the value of all steam railroads, according to the valuation of 1904.

Secretary Wilson concludes his review of the production of 1909 as follows: "The agricultural production of 1909 must add much to the prosperity of farmers. The record is explained in wealth production and tells of abundance in quantity. Year by year the farmer is better prepared to provide the capital and make

## First Car Sold By Leon Reagan Is Still In Use As Family Car

Rea - Mac Motor Company, now known as Reagan Motor Company, first originated in January, 1948. Mr. Coy McMahon and Mr. Leon Reagan were partners as dealers of Pontiac automobiles. However, at the beginning of 1949, Mr. Reagan bought his partner's interests in the business, which was then located at 409 N. Burlington, with Roland Parker as mechanic. In the year of 1950 the Cadillac Dealership was added, most beautiful car of the luxury field. Staying at this location for the next three years, then the GMC pickup dealership was offered to Mr. Reagan. In order to accept the dealership a larger building and more space had to be found; therefore, Reagan Motor Company moved to the Riter Hardware buildings at 218-220 East Harris in April, 1953. Another addition at this time was the Case tractors. At the time of the move two more mechanics, a bookkeeper, parts man, clean up boy and salesman were employed by the dealership. As the years went by, and due to crop failures over the area, the tractor dealership was released in 1955. After two years of increased business and still more space needed, Mr. Reagan bought the building and lot where he is now located, (218-20 N. Burlington), from Mr. E. C. McGee of Mineral Wells.

Mr. Reagan says he is very

happy at the new location. He realizes that it is through his many customers, long hours he and his wife have worked, working together many times short of help, all efforts of trying to solve customers' problems and with the very pleasant cooperation of the mechanics, that it was possible to expand and improve his business. Employed at this time, C. A. Shipman, shop foreman, and Roy Baker as mechanic. Mr. and Mrs. Baker came here from McAdoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Reagan came here in 1937 from Knox County. At that time Leon was employed at Riter Hardware as implement man. They have two daughters, Mrs. Ted Hardy of 1816 Dillingham, Abilene, Texas; Ann, a Sophomore at Hardin - Simmons University, Abilene, and a grandson, Trey Hardy of Abilene. Mrs. Hardy graduated from Spur High in 1955 and Ann graduated in 1958.

Those employed by Reagan Motor Company, over the period of eleven years were—Roland Parker, Waymond Hill, Hulen Welch, Marjorie Campbell, Nina Mae King, Weldon Bilberry, Glenn Cherry, Paul Simmons, Bill Glenn, Pat Patterson, and Andrew Green.

We do hope to continue to serve you to the best of our ability, and you are cordially welcome to visit with us any time.

On October 1, the new 1960 model Pontiac will be on display. Later in October the 1960 Cadillac and in November the 1960 GMC.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE . . .



Above is the first 1948 PONTIAC sold by Leon Reagan Motor Co. The picture shows Mr. Lawlis Lee—right, and Mr. Reagan, taken Aug. 24, 1959. . The car is in good running condition and is used as the family car.

218-220 N. Burlington - Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC

## REAGAN MOTOR CO.

Spur, Texas



**ORAN B. McCLURE**  
Early Day Texas Spur Editor



**MRS. O. B. McCLURE**  
Newspaperwoman

## W-T Furniture Founded 1939

was founded in 1939 by M. S. Thacker and G. C. Godfrey. In 1942 when Mr. Godfrey went to World War II, the store closed, but was reopened in 1946 with the same partnership. Mr. Godfrey bought out Mr. Thacker in the spring of 1949 and sold the store to H. G. Lackey, Sr. and H. G. Lackey, Jr. in April of 1957. H. G. Lackey, Jr. purchased H. G. Lackey Sr.'s interest in the same store in 1958.

The present owner of the West Texas Furniture Co., H. G. Lackey, Jr., came to Spur in September, 1948 with his bride of one week as publisher of The Texas Spur. He retained this position until 1958.

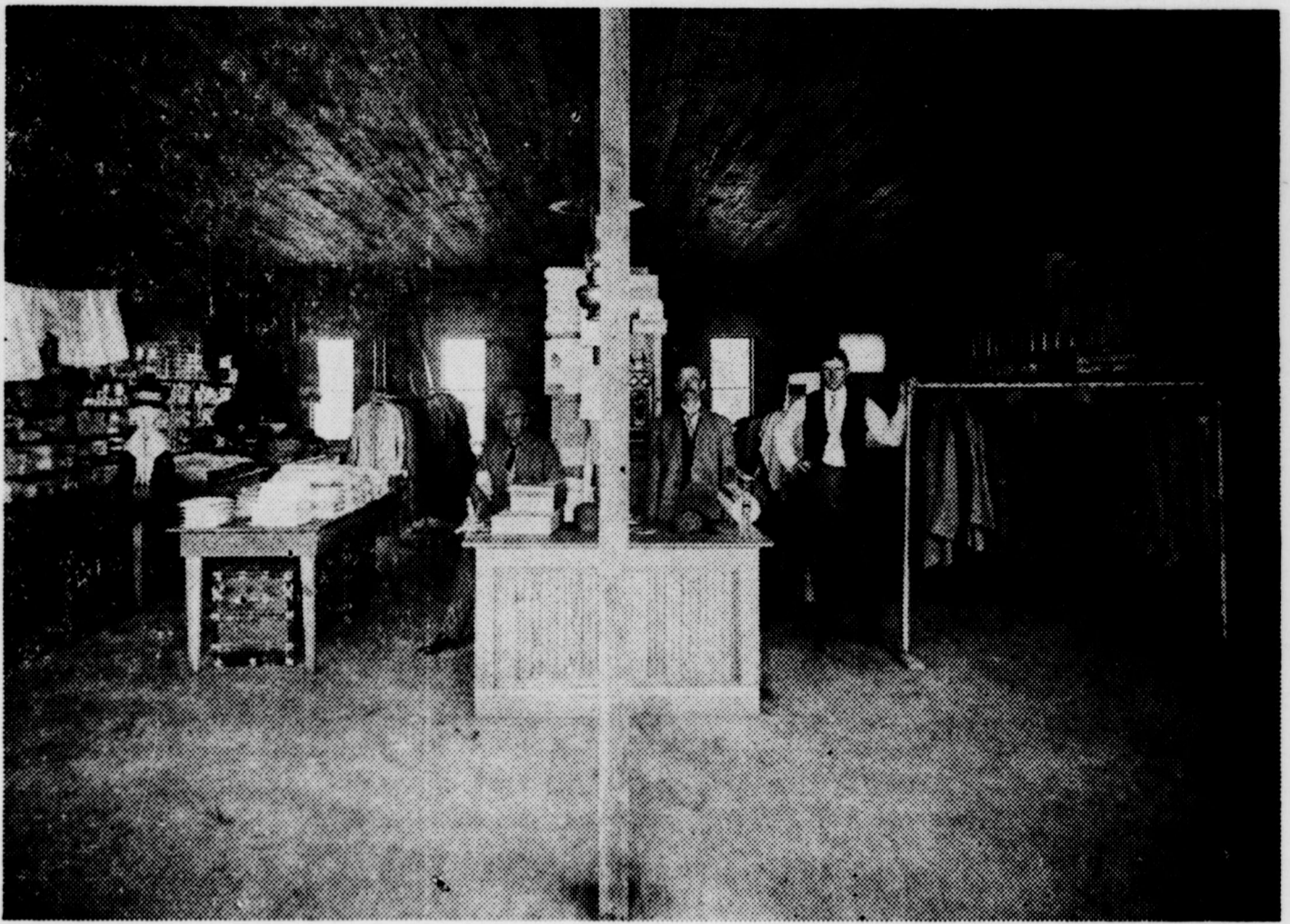
He and his wife, June, and their five children, Linda, Kay, Trey, Janice and Jay reside three miles north of Spur.

Mr. Lackey is a member of Lions Club, the First Baptist Church and is president of the Spur Chamber of Commerce.

The staff of West Texas Furniture Co. includes Lyndal Bigham, bookkeeper and sales; H. G. Lackey, Sr., sales, and Curtis Bethany, service man. Both Mrs. Lackeys work occasionally.

"There's a lot of space in the universe; we'll always have as much of it as we need," says a physicist. Yes, fortunately space doesn't shrink, deteriorate or become worn with use.

Why are people wide-awake as a popinjay at bedtime and as sleepy as a doormouse when it's time to get up?



THIS PICTURE, made inside a Spur store in the early 1900's, relays the manner that stores were set up in, in those days. They were a far cry from the modern, air conditioned, well-stocked stores of today, although they served a purpose in their time.

## Teachers Institute Scheduled; Ranch Foreman Is Water Bound

The teachers Institute of Dickens county will be held at Dickens, beginning December 20th, 1909. The Institute will be in session four days and a very interesting program has been prepared for the occasion.

T. P. Higgins, of twelve miles south of Spur, was in town Thursday with a load of hogs. He reports good crops in his section of the country.

Mr. Higgins is an old timer of this western country and is one of the most substantial citizens of this section.

Mr. Miller and wife of Carlton, Hamilton county, came in Sunday prospecting. They are old friends of Mr. Richburg and family, and are thinking of locating here.

Mr. Lister, of Hamlin, was here this week looking over

the town with a view of locating an insurance and loan business at Spur. He was pleased with the town and probably will locate his business here some time in the near future.

Doc Ellis, range boss for the Paddles, was water bound here the first of the week with ten cars of cattle which he was going to ship to the Fort Worth market but was delayed on account of the washout.

The Tule cypress of Santa Maria del Tule, in southern Mexico, surpasses the Sequoia in diameter.

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H. G. LACKEY, Jr., Mgr.

Spur, Texas

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• **SPUR THEATRE** •

• **HI-NO DRIVE-IN** •

**"Where Movies Get Better All The Time"**

J. D. McCAIN, Mgr. ROY GUYEAR, Assistant Mgr.

# History Of Theatre Industry Is Revealed, Past To Present

One man's imagination and a roll of box camera film gave birth to an industry which was destined to produce, almost over night, a pleasurable commodity as commonplace and zestful as Heinz catsup on cornedbeef hash—the Motion Pictures!

Although the basic principal of simulating animation by manipulating a series of still pictures was pondered by an Englishman in 1824, it was the American genius, Thomas A. Edison, who first conceived the idea of snapping a series of pictures in quick succession, of a moving object, on a continuous roll of film. By projecting a strong light through the moving, developed negative, and enlarging the reflected image through a magnifying glass—PRESTO! — he split a cinematic 'atom' that set in motion an industry for which the world is a far happier place

in which to live. He predetermined the destiny of the Gables, the Grables, the Lassies, the Lanzas - Frankenstein, sarongs, Technicolor, Cecil B. DeMille, Stromboli, Mickey Mouse, world premieres — all and popcorn, too!

"Crashing the movies" has been a popular expression; actors and actresses don't 'succeed' in pictures — they crash the gates — and the achievement ranks side-by-side with scaling the Matterhorn and being elected president. Tell a mother her off-spring has all the earmarks of a future statesman and she will give you a pleased smile; casually remark that Junior is cute enough to be in the movies and she'll get an ecstatic gleam in her eye. Dimpled high school girls sip their sodas with one eye cocked for movie talent scouts, and well they may, because 'one of our girls made

it' that way—Lana Turner. Handsome quarterbacks call plays around right end because the newsreel cameras are nearest that side. Yes, being in the movies is an exaltation supreme. If you're good at it, the whole world loves you —and the pay isn't half bad, either.

But alas, it was not always so! At the turn of the last century, stage performers of even modest stature didn't try to "crash" the movies; they sneaked through the back door, under an assumed name, and departed under cover of darkness behind a heavy black board. A clause in their contracts forbid the use of their names on the title cards of the 'peep shows', as flickers from Edison's Kinetoscope were then called. Many a famous actor of the Sarah Bernhardt era condescended to pick up a fast cinematic buck, but they zealously hid their shame under a cloak of anonymity. And with some justification, because many of the early films were in extremely bad taste.

And then the movies began to flex their righteous muscles and fight for respectability. A sweet-faced young Canadian girl scored a modest triumph in a picture called "The Little Teacher." It was a product of the motion picture apprentice, D. W. Griffith, whose "Birth of A Nation" was later to set the pattern of all future epics, and his adorable young star was Mary Pickford.

Strangely enough, it was the stage immortal, Sarah Bernhardt, who instituted the 'feature-picture' era, when she enhanced the new entertainment medium by contributing her name and thespian greatness to a 40-minute film story called "Queen Elizabeth", released in 1912 by one of filmdom's pioneers, Adolph Zukor—who, incidentally, is still around. This monumental effort in dramatic portrayal on film gave the ill-reputed nickelodeon 'peep shows' their first fatal blow. From that point on, movies became "productions" of the first magnitude.

Now, the stars of the stage began to think better of the embryonic flickers and many clamored to climb aboard the bandwagon, but for most of them it was a vain clamor. Rich, vibrant voices were their chief stock in trade, and the movies relied entirely upon pantomime. In a passionate love scene, the hero might actually be telling the lovely lady that his feet were killing him, but this didn't matter so long as his lips were moving and the subtitle provided the tender phrase of undying devotion. Have you seen one of those early movies lately? Some of the more serious ones are frequently re-issued as ludicrous comedies. Heroines went into convulsions of agony, villains snarled and slunk and washed their hands, heroes beat their chests and smashed the furniture, but corny as those contortions seem to us, now, they were necessary to the early screen without a voice. 'Our Nell' couldn't vocally sob out her suffering; she had to twist the spectator's heart and speak her 'lines' with the muscles of her face. Well, so maybe she did overdo it a little! Even today, we must ludicrously exaggerate to silently act out the simplest parlor charade.

And, so it was was an ironic sort of poetic justice that the stage stars who had looked down their proud noses at this radical new medium of enter-



PALACE THEATRE BRASS — Left is J. D. McCain, manager of the Palace Theatre and Roy Guyear, right, assistant manager. Both grew beards to help celebrate the Golden Jubilee and it will be hard to pick between them.

## Palace Theatre Was Built In 1929 By Dr. Hale, Caraway

As the City of Spur began to gain in population, a need for an entertainment outlet was recognized. In 1912, three years after the town had been opened, Spur's first theatre was established. It was located near where the present Wilson Grocery Store is located.

An open air theatre was operating in 1916—where Chastain Implement Co. now has its business.

Dizzie and Lizzie Miller operated a theatre on the corner of Burlington Street, in 1916, next to Allen Auto.

Gene Roberts, who was a boy in those days, recalls that kids often scaled the brick wall

to peep into the movie through the projection room. "They didn't seem to mind, and sometimes they would let us come in and sit in the balcony," Roberts says. "We didn't have enough money to see a show, but we saw lots of them anyway," he recalls. Later Bill Flourney ran this same theatre in 1924. Herman "Bozo" Everetts opened the old Liberty Theatre, located next to the Ramsey Garage. Another theatre was located by the Spur Security Bank building in the Fred Jennings building. This theatre was operated by Pap Lee, father of Murray Lee, who later took over and ran it for a number of years. The present Palace Theatre building was constructed in 1929 by E. L. Caraway and the late Dr. B. F. Hale. "Bozo" Everetts ran the theatre then, until in 1932, J. C. Parker, Hereford, bought it. In 1936, Charley Hardwick came to Spur and purchased the Palace and built the Spur Theatre. Another Hereford man, G. R. (Speck) Lunsford, bought Hardwick's interests in 1941 and brought J. D. McCain to Spur to manage the theatre in 1942. McCain met Miss Nell Shreve, who was employed by the theatres here, and in 1943 they were married. They have four children, one in each of Spur Schools. They are: Brent, 15; Charles, 13; Mike, 12 and Kenny, 9. "I'm glad Spur ran out of schools," J. D. quips. In 1953 the Hi-Ho Drive-In was built. It is located two miles north of Spur on the Dickens highway. Present employees of the theatres are: Carolyn Evans, Irene Gatlin, Norma Goss, Roy Guyear, assistant manager; Mrs. Roy Guyear, Billy Hale, David Hale, Billy Brad Hyatt, Gary Peek, Mike Proctor, Wayne Ragan, Lester Pearl Turbeville, Barbara Turbeville, Woody Woodward and Wilbur Yarbrough. Leah and Rachel, two sisters, were the successive wives of Abraham in the Old Testament. Camberra, Australia's capital, has grown to 43,909 population—latest figures show.

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"We Please Particular People"

SPUR, TEXAS

## Shamrock Station Has Been Operating Here Since July, '55

The Shamrock Service Station, independently operated by J. T. Green, had its opening in Spur July 30, 1955. The building is leased from Wylie Oil Co., Lrenzo. They employ one play one person in the fall to help.

In September, 1955, he married Frances Huckeba of Lubbock. He is a family man with two daughters, the oldest, Beverly Huckeba, is a freshman in high school, Pamela Jane is age 2.

He attended Lorenzo High School and was called in the army upon graduation and served 2 years in the European theatre. Mrs. Green attended Texas Tech for 2 years and upon moving to Spur was employed by Starcher Insurance for a year. Their affiliation is with the First Baptist Church. He is a member of the V.F.W. and Mrs. Green is a member of it's auxiliary. They own their home at 721 Parker.

Patrols have failed twice in attempts to reach the four-year-old wreck of a plane which crashed in the Central Highlands section of Netherlands, New Guinea.

"Until the age of 8, girls run as fast as boys," says a physical education director. That's a little earlier than one would have assumed that girls began to allow boys to outrun them.

## Spur Population Zooms Over 600

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Notwithstanding the fact that Spur was created only thirty days ago and the lots in both business and residence sections sold to the public, there are today more than six hundred people permanently located here, fifty business houses already erected and more than sixty firms and business concerns doing business; about sixty residences completed and quite a number of families living in tents waiting for homes to be built; a telephone system in operation, a temporary system of water works installed; work on artesian well in progress; concrete side walks laid; public school building complete and good school now in session; churches organized and buildings will be erected immediately; ample railroad facilities to supply the large surrounding territory; cotton and produce market established and a temporary but live and active commercial club organization effected.

That is taking for granted, of course, that there still will be pedestrians 30 years from now. The way they are having to dodge for their lives, nowadays, that is no certainty.



DR. AND MRS. R. L. ALEXANDER, pioneer Spur physician and family.

## Spur Price For Cotton Leads Other Markets

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This week we noticed quite a number of bales of cotton coming in to Spur market, and from all indications the prices

being paid by the cotton buyers was satisfactory and even more than is being paid in other markets.

The business men and cotton buyers of Spur intend to make this one of the best cotton markets of this whole Western country, and in order to do so will pay above the market quo-

tations. The merchants have big stocks of goods and can supply the trade with anything they want or need. They make prices to compete with other towns and will not only supply the trade with any character of merchandise but will pay the biggest prices for the produce of the country.

**CELEBRATING SPUR'S 50TH BIRTHDAY and EX-STUDENT HOMECOMING!**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 26**

**SHAMROCK SERVICE STATION**



J. T. Green, owner and operator



# President Taft Gives Farmers Advice

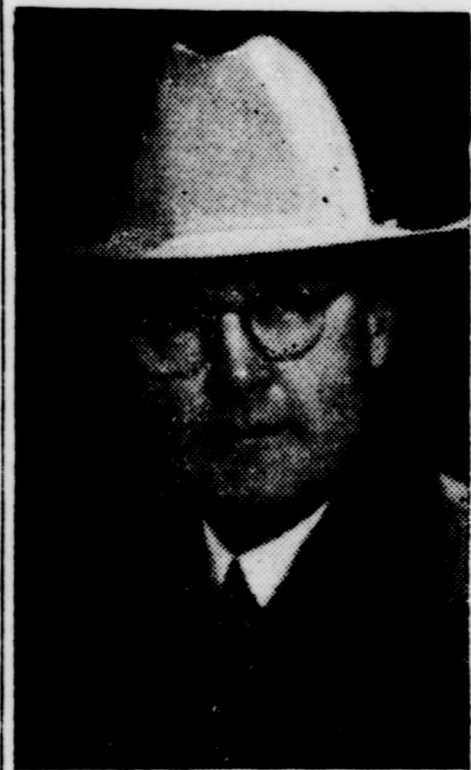
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**MR. TAFT'S GOOD ADVICE**  
 (Reprinted from the  
 Houston Post)

In connection with the growing concern regarding the movement of population from the agricultural district to the towns and cities, the possible effects of which may be injuriously reflected upon the whole body of the people, as a study recently compiled statistics upon the subject strongly suggested, the address of President Taft Sunday to the young people who had assembled at the depot at Terrell to greet him is particularly timely, especially before an audience where intelligent farming offers such large opportunities for success as it does in this state.

"You live here on agriculture" said the President. "I sincerely hope that you are not growing up with the ideal that it is your business to go into the towns and cities. The future of the American boy, in my judgment, is largely involved in his pursuing the profession of the farmer. The results of economic, scientific business-like farming are more profitable than any other trade or profession, and when you look forward and just consider that you are going to follow along in the course of your fathers and that you are going to make this country, or some other country, bloom as the rose. The tendency toward the city is not one that we ought to encourage. I hope that the development of the comforts of

the country life are such that we may look forward now to a lessening of the movement toward large cities. The place for us to accomplish things is in the country. The cities will take care of themselves."

There has never been a time within the history of this country when the profession of farming offered such large opportunities for enduring success as now, and included in that term is meant all that goes to make for happiness—the attainment of the reasonable desires of one who takes a normal view of life and its purpose. Nor has there ever been a time when the city with all



**CLIFFORD B. JONES**  
 Mgr. Swenson Land & Cattle  
 Banker, Educator

its alluring prospects offered fewer opportunities to the great mass of the country's population, whether bred in city or on the farm, to reach the attainment of similar desires than at the present time. True, there is "always room at the top," but the fact that there is room there denotes that the way up is a toilsome one and few have the strength and persistence to reach it. The ambitious young man who devotes as much intelligent effort as would be required to achieve even moderate success in the city to trying to succeed on the farm will most certainly reach the gratification of his desire by easier stages, and at the same time have the satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed more to the sum total of the country's welfare than had his energies been expended in the restricted sphere which hedges in individual life in the city.

With the increasing development of the comforts and conveniences of country life, in which, we are happy to state, the general government is taking a leading part, young people on the farms have opportunities for developing a richness of life and perfection of character undreamed of by their forebears, and they make a great mistake by not availing of these to the utmost, rather than turning their faces toward the city.—Houston Post.



**SUPER MARKET OWNERS**—Left is Lewis Arnold and John Dunaway, owners of the Spur Super Market. These two are Spur boosters and active in civic and lodge work in the city.

## Spur Super Market Grows By Leaps, Bounds, Since 1951

The Spur Super Market was established April 1, 1951 by John Dunaway and Louis Arnold.

John was formerly a Jayton, Texas Grocer and Louis came to Spur in 1944. John is a member of the Lions and Chancellor Commander of K-P Lodge.

Louis was born September 14, 1921 in Ellis County. He went to school in Italy and Waco, Texas. He came to Spur in 1951 and after having served 3½ years in the Air Force and 5 years as manager of a Piggly-Wiggly store in Abilene, Texas. He has served 4 years as director of the Spur Chamber of Commerce and is now serving as secretary of the Knights of Pythias Lodge. He is also a member of the Methodist Home

Alumni Association.

Mrs. Dunaway and Mrs. Arnold are sisters, both born in Dickens County and they attended Spur Schools.

The Dunaways have two children, Jerry, a student at Texas Tech and Bobby, age 8.

The Arnolds have three children, July, 12, Randy, 8, and Gary, 15 months.

Employees of the Spur Super Market include Ted Smith, Jerry Dunaway, Mike Foreman, Douglas Dement, Richard Kendrick, and Ronnie Mathis.

"The boys of Spur Super Market are proud of Spur's progress during the past fifty years ago and would like to take this opportunity to say "thanks" to the many friends and customers."

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# Golden Jubilee



## Spur Super Market

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Dixie Dog Drive-In	Holden's Ben Franklin	Davis & Rector Ins.
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Spur Mattress Co	Gabriel's	Spur Production & Credit
Robert Williams	Reagan Motor Co.	Spur Security Bank
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From the Members of the

## Spur Chamber of Commerce

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It is the duty of every citizen of Spur, no matter what your business or interests are, to attend every meeting of the commercial club and take an active part in the proceedings. You will not be giving your time and money to anything, but making one of the best paying investments you ever made in your life. If you are a merchant, your business will be increased, if a salesman your salary and influence must increase, if a tradesman you will be getting acquainted with the best ways of increasing your trade.

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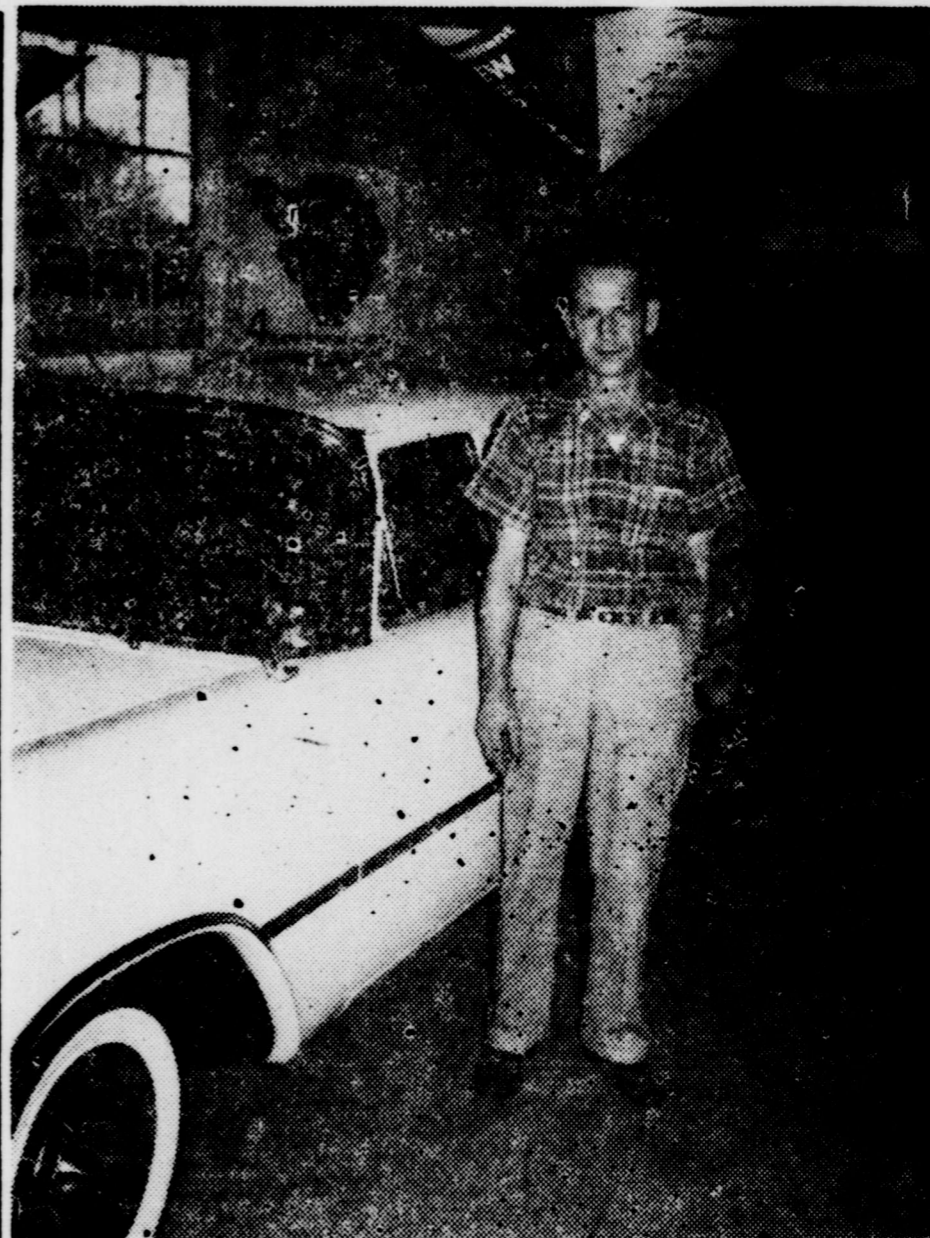
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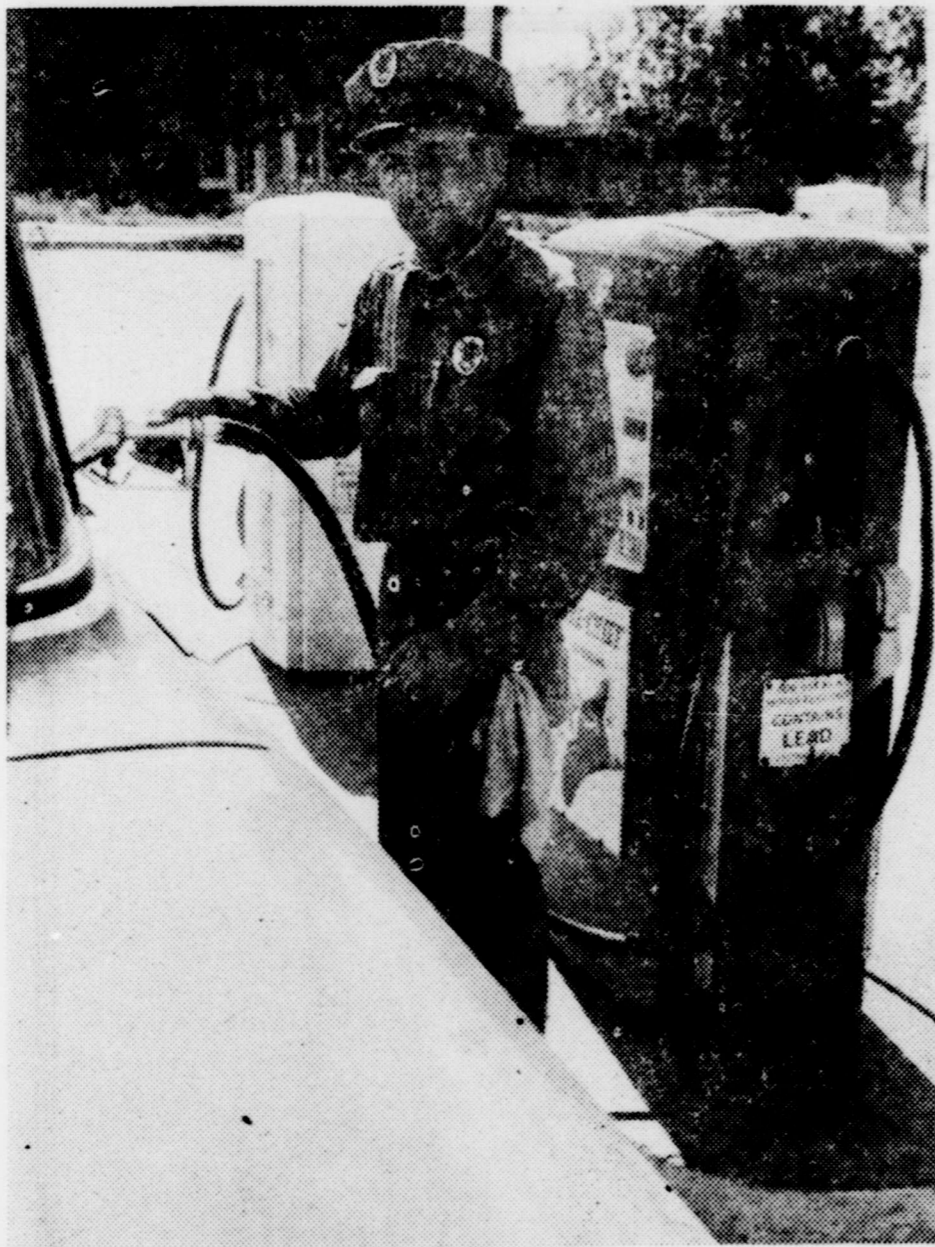
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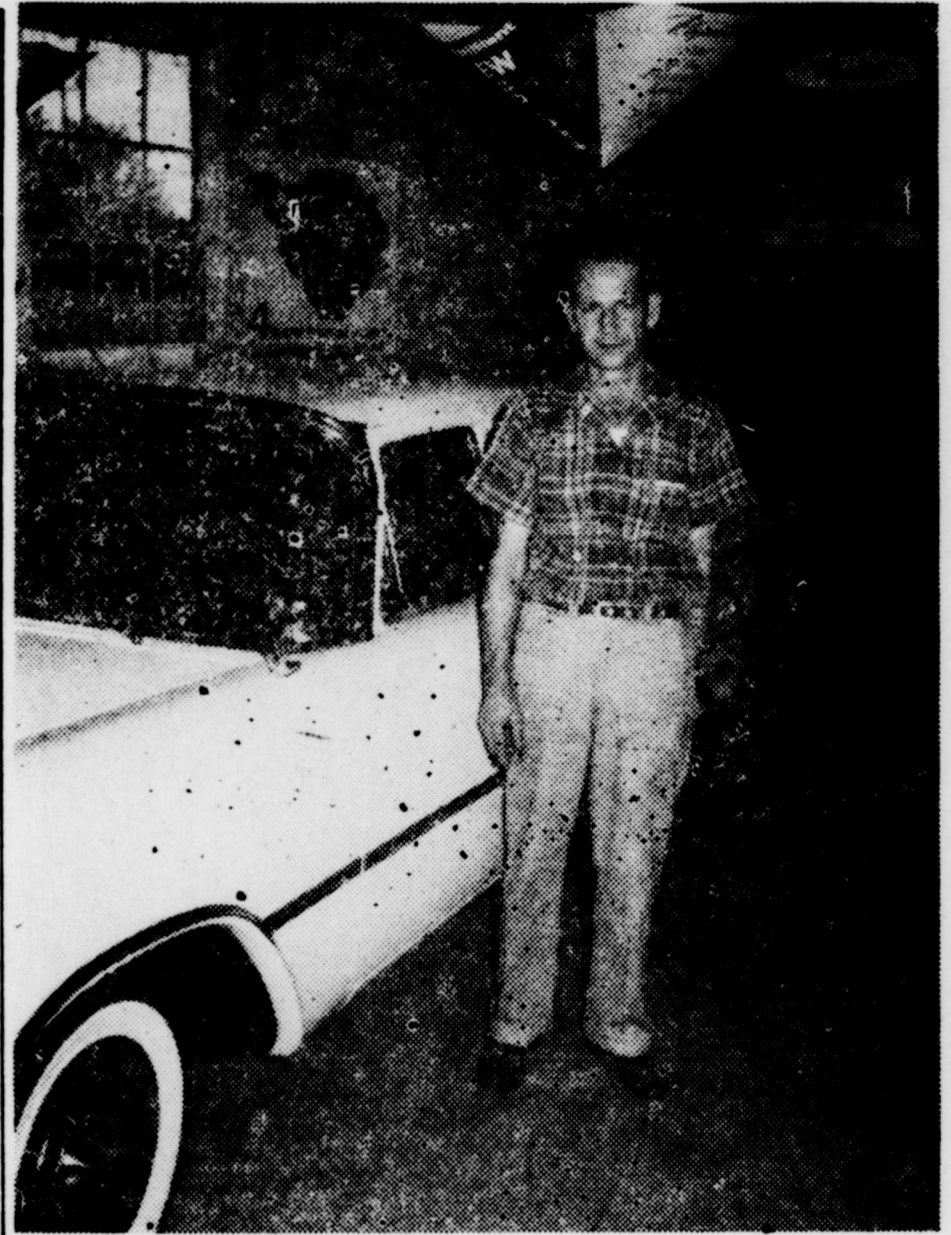
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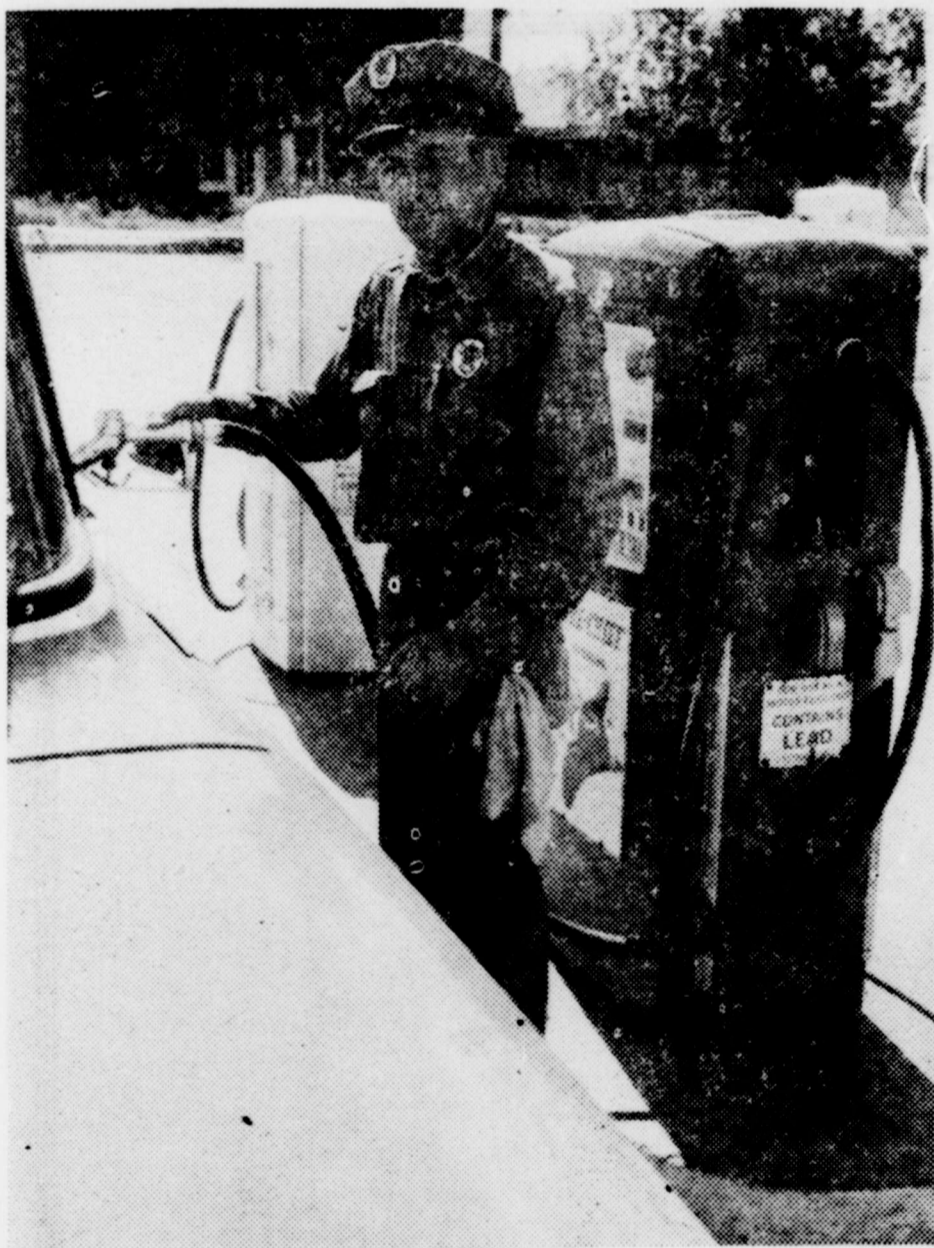
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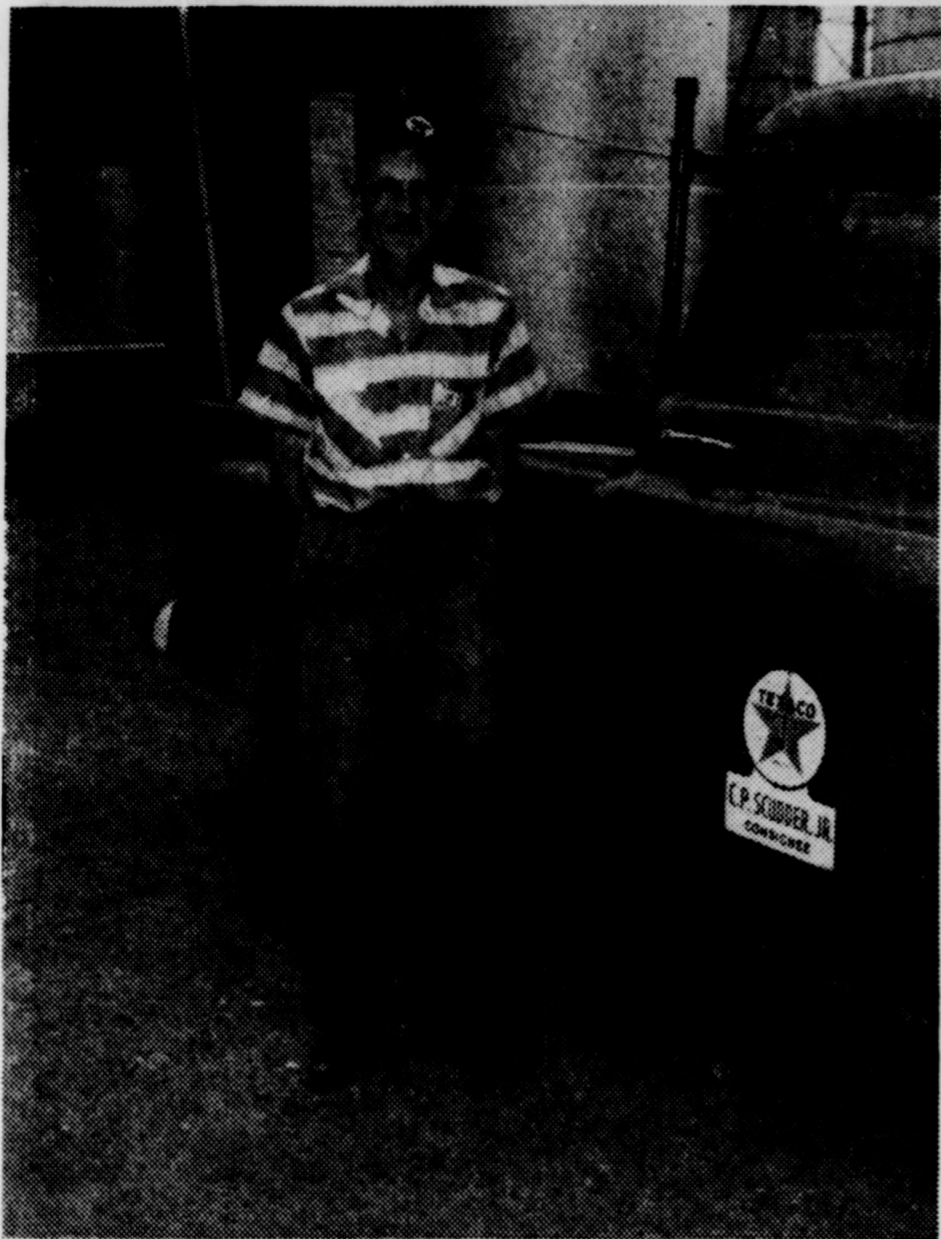
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SPUR BOOSTER, VOLUNTEER FIREMAN—C. P. (Johnny) Scudder, Texaco consignee in Spur for the past ten years.

**Johnny Scudder Is Ten Year Texaco Consignee Here**

C. P. Scudder moved to Spur ten years ago from Wise County. He was born in Palo Pinto County.

He is currently Texaco consignee here, and he has been with Texaco for 23 years. He has been a volunteer fireman for 23 years in Mineral Wells, Decatur and Spur.

He is a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner, member of K-P lodge and Woodsman of the World. Johnny and his family, wife and three children, are members of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Scudder is a partner in Lulene's Dress Shop.



THE OLD GRAY MARE—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooper are pictured here back in their courting days. The buggy was probably the Cadillac of its day. Tom and Mrs. Cooper now own and operate Cooper's Cafe.

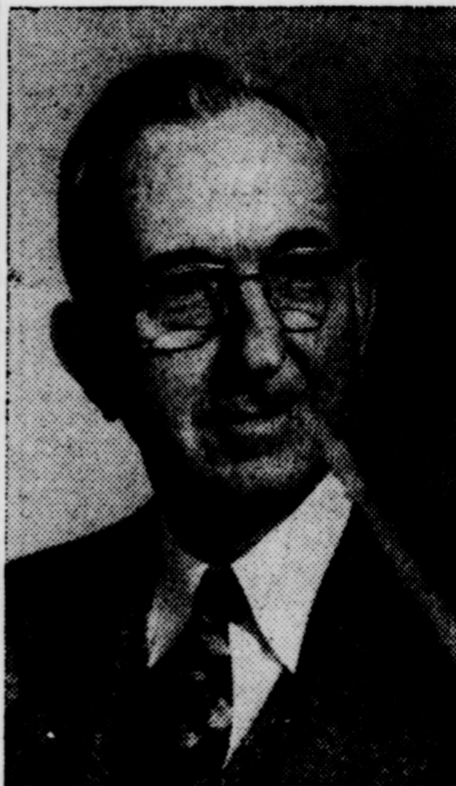
**Lem King Came To Spur December '09**

Lem King moved to Spur with his parents in December, 1909 and has lived here since that time. His parents passed away years ago.

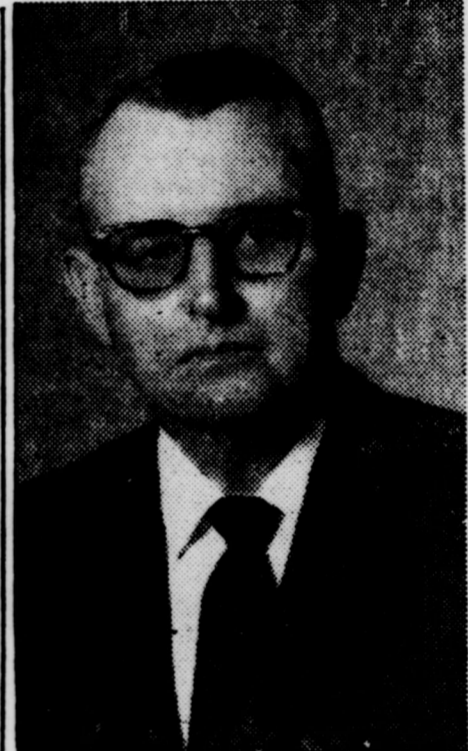
A sister, Mrs. E. J. Herron, now of Grapevine, Texas, will be remembered as Miss Hattie King. She will be unable to attend the Jubilee due to a recent fall.

America's first practical gasoline automobile was built by the Duryea brothers in 1892 in Springfield, Mass.

In publishing a paper we realize that it is impossible to please everybody, but is our intention and desire to please as many as possible and publish a clean, newsy, up to date and honest paper for Spur and the Spur people.



ALTON B. CHAPMAN  
Judge, Court of Civil Appeals



L. D. RATLIFF  
District Judge

William Otis invented the steam shovel in 1839.

Oil from Brazil nuts is used for lubricating watches.

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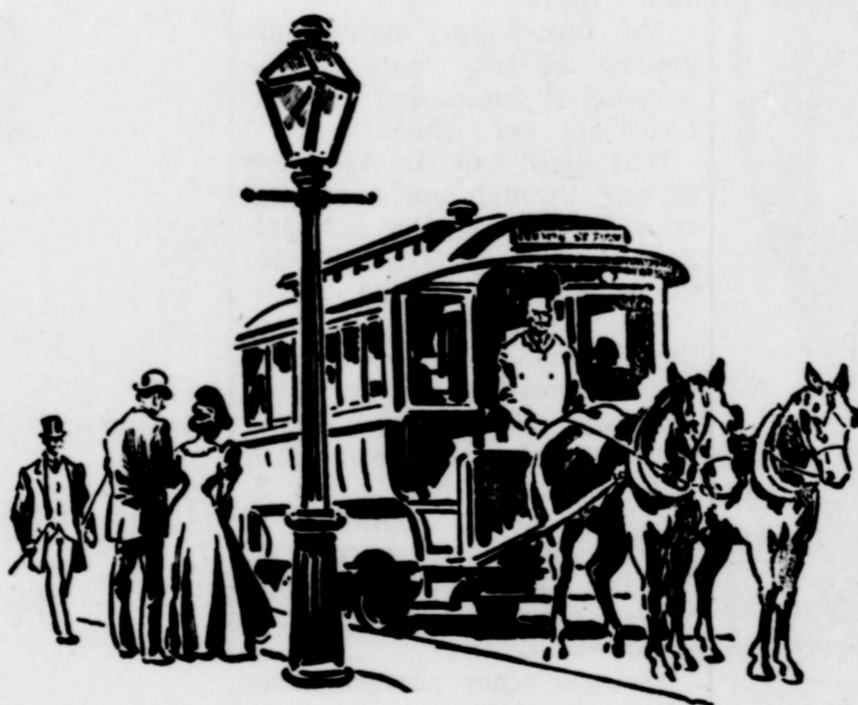
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SUBSCRIPTIONS COMING IN

Subscriptions to the Texas Spur keep coming in every day and which is very encouraging and thankfully received by the management. A part of our material has been lost in

transit and in publishing the present time we are working to a great disadvantage as well as not being able to present a neat appearance to the public. However, we are doing the best we can under circumstances and that is all a mule can do. We appreciate the favors shown us and hope soon to be able to serve the public in a first-class manner in every Dept. of the

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PROGRESS DURING SPUR'S

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**C. P. (Johnny) SCUDDER**

Consignee — 1949-1959

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224 W. 7th  
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## Spur Gin Serves Spur From Dugout To Present Day Times

The Spur Gin Company has served Spur and surrounding territories from dugout to skyscrapers and will continue this service to the best interest of City, County and gin customers.

When better gins are built, look for the name of Spur Gin Company.

W. P. Shugart, farmer and manager of Spur Gin Company, came to Spur from Quanah, Texas in 1911.

He finished school in Canyon and went to Texas Tech, where he received a Government Certificate for classing cotton in 1933. He is a member of Spur Rotary Club. He was married in 1955 to Hazel Young, a graduate of Hamlin High School and Hardin-Si-m-o-n-s University. She taught school for 2 years in Hamlin, was substitute teacher at Spur High School in 1956-1957, was accountant for Womble-Olds in Lubbock for 5 years and is presently employed at the Dickens County ASC office in Spur.

Their children are: Barbara Young Wilson, class of '45; Dixie Young Godfrey, Biloxi, Mississippi, class of '54; Jonanna Young George, class of '57; Kenneth Shugart, class of '52 and Suan Shugart, class of '60.

D. D. Thompson, ginner and farmer, came to Spur in 1925 from Hill County. He is a member and ex-director of the Dickens County Sheriff's Posse. He has been a member of the Kent County School Board and a committeeman of the ASC.

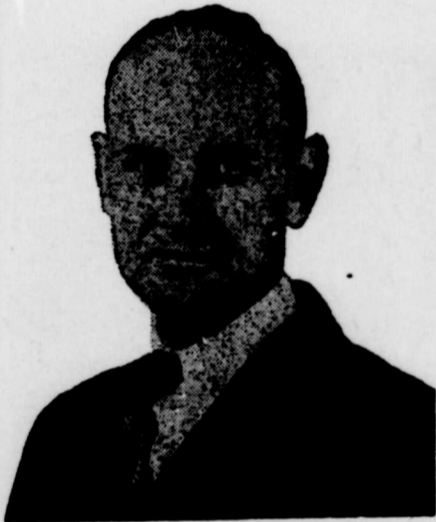
He is presently serving as president of the Adult Agriculture Class in Kent County.

Don Gannon, ginner's help and fence builder, was born in Spur in 1934. He graduated from Spur High School in 1953 and is a member of the Dickens County Sheriff's Posse.

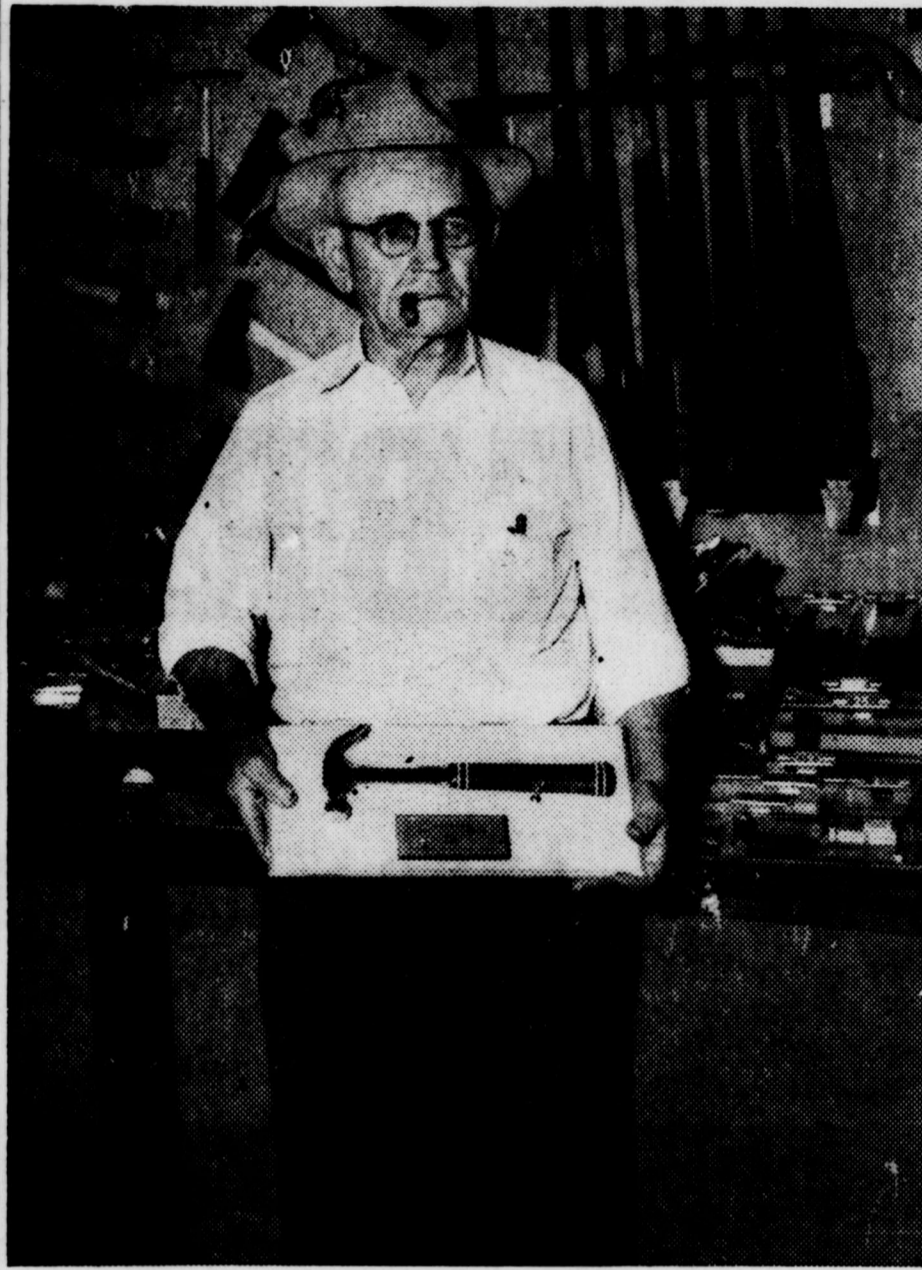
Raymond McCombs, pressman and fence builder, came to Spur in 1924.

Clifton Elliott, suction man and farmer, came to Spur in 1911. He has children attending Spur Schools.

Joyce Arrington, bookkeeper and housewife, came to Spur in 1940 and graduated from Spur High School in 1951.



E. H. BOEDECKER  
Former County Judge



JOHN KING and golden hammer awarded him by Estwing.

### Methodists Secure Funds For New Church

Members of the Methodist church have secured funds and made all the necessary arrangements to begin building a church in Spur at once. We are informed that work on the building will begin Monday

morning and within a few weeks completed and ready for services.

With good schools, churches and lodges already organized Spur is an ideal place in which to locate and build a permanent home, and although the town is but little more than a month old it is full grown today in every respect.

### Industrial School Has Hopes In Spur

ISSUE: DECEMBER 3, 1909

Campbell, Texas, Nov. 15, 1909. — Secretary Commerce Club:—I note that one of the new experiment stations was located at your place and in that connection I beg to inform you that I contemplate the establishment of a system of industrial school or college in this State, located to meet the apparent growing demand for such training. Such an institution could be operated in connection with your experiment farm with mutual benefit to both enterprises. Such industries are adopted to local conditions and interests could be installed giving employment to deserving students who may desire to work their way in whole or in part. If you deem it worth while you might bring the matter before your people and if the interest apparently justifies I would give details of the proposed schools.

Respectfully,

V. W. GRUBBS

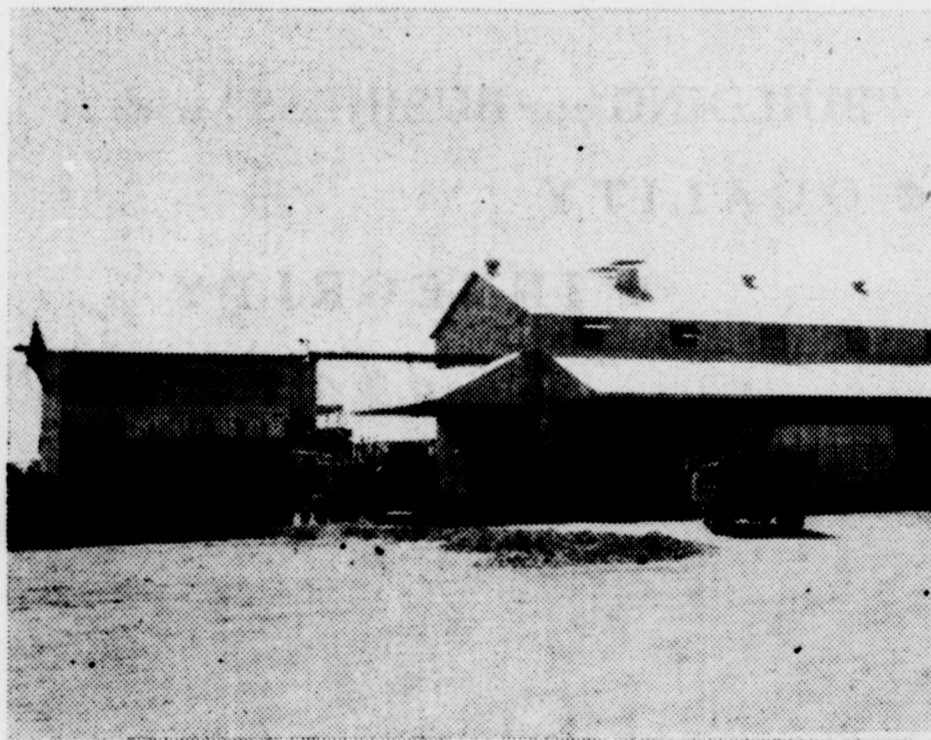
A Biologist says he has had a cold germ in a test tube for a number of months. He doesn't say whether he's trying to tame it or starve it to death.

The application of aluminum coating to the 76-in telescope mirror at Radcliffe Observatory, is expected to improve stellar observations at Pretoria, South Africa.

Haiti now taxes all soap produced domestically and has named the government tobacco and match monopoly the sole distributor of laundry soap, Port-au-Prince reports.

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# Lynn Buzbee Named Outstanding Spur Citizen Of '58 By C of C

Lynn D. Buzbee came to Spur in the fall of 1937 from Abilene. He started in the L. P. Gas business in April of 1949 with the late Van North as a partner. He purchased North's interest in 1953.

Buzbee served two terms as School Trustee, two terms as Secretary of Chamber of Commerce and two terms as director. He was President of Spur Rotary Club for one year and Secretary for one year and is presently on the board of directors.

He has also served on the White River Municipal Water District Board since its beginning and on the Spur Voluntary Fire Department for seven years.

In 1958 he was chosen as Spur's Outstanding Citizen. He and his wife, the former Helen Cowden of Abilene, have two

daughters, Gail, a senior at West Texas State College in Canyon, and Dale, a junior at Spur High School.

He and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

Leon "Red" Greer, was born in Burkburnett, Texas and moved to Dickens County when he was six years of age. He attended Highway and Red Mud schools and farmed in the county for about thirteen years.

He has lived in Dickens with his aunt, Mrs. Ava Johnson, since 1954 when he started to work for Buzbee Butane.

Wallace Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garner Young, was born in Dickens County. He graduated from Spur High School in 1951 and Married Jo Ann Bailey in 1956. They have one son, Clay, age 2 years.

## East Texan Gives Advice To Farmers

ISSUE: DECEMBER 10, 1909  
Tyler, Texas, Dec. 1.—W. F. Proctor, State agent for East Texas of the farmers' co-operative demonstration work, is out in the following card address to the farmers, giving reasons why land should be plowed early in the winter:

1. It gives the grass and stalks time to rot and help supply the vegetation the soil needs.

2. Land broke early is generally in better condition for plowing, it stores up all the rain, which makes the next crop more certain.

3. It helps to keep you well up with your work, and it is easier worked after fall or winter plowing has been done and reqlently the crop has been doubled by deep plowing. It should be harrowed during the winter and bedded early, so that it will firm up the seed bed and drain the land so that the seed will come up better and grow off earlier.

The farmer who wants to grow great crops of corn should save up all barnyard manure and apply it to the land well pulverized.

Residents of New Guinea are using advertisements in Australia newspapers to protest proposed tax system changes.

Four hundred hours of labor are required to raise one acre of tobacco; wheat takes eight to 15 hours

Nepal forbade a Pakistani plane to land there, on smuggling grounds, Katmandu reports.

He is employed as a truck driver for Buzbee Butane Service and prior to that, he served 2 years with the U.S. Army.

Charley Wyatt—Driver-Salesman and Service Man—married Minnie Mae Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Collins of Dickens, Texas in 1947. They moved to Dickens in 1949. Charley served two years and eight months in the U.S. Army with the thirteenth Cavalry and two years of this was over seas. During the past ten years he has been in the butane business, having started with our firm in Jan. of 1955.

The Charley Wyatts are the proud parents of one daughter, Charla Kay, born Aug. 17, 1958. Mrs. Wyatt was formerly employed in the Sheriff's office at Dickens for seven years. Charley is an active member of the V.F.W. The Wyatts own their own home in Dickens and purchased a small farm last year.

J. C. Randall, Driver-Salesman—Clomer was born right here in Dickens County to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Randall in 1917. He attended school in Twin Wells. He married Anna Mae Bales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bales of Montague County in 1940. Two years later he started serving a term of 49 months in the Army Air Corps and 18 months of this was over seas duty. The Randalls have two fine sons, Jerry, born in 1946 and Johnny, born in 1949.

Clomer started with our firm in October of 1951. About three years ago he started in the broiler business, which he operates after work hours. He is an active member of the V. F.W. and serves as a deputy inspector for this district. The Randalls live at the east edge of Spur, where they own their home.



LYNN BUZBEE AND MISS LILLIAN RAPE being named Outstanding Spur Citizens of 1958 at Chamber Banquet.

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**SPUR LAUNDRY**  
& **DRY CLEANERS**



# Arner Watson, Massey Gin, Mgr. Sports Career Of Service To Spur

Arner Watson moved to Dickens County with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Watson, in 1916, and graduated from Spur High School in 1928.

He and his wife, Velma, have three children, all graduates of Spur High School. Dean Highway Patrol, El Paso, Texas; Beth, a teacher in Odessa, Texas and Billy, a Senior at Hardin - Simmons University, Abilene. Watson is a member of the Lions Club and K. P. Lodge. He served as Commissioner of Precinct 3 for 10 years, was president of Spur Chamber of Commerce in '57 and '58 and was County Chairman of Dickens Red Cross in '58 and '59.

Ferrel Albin moved to Spur Spur in 1916 and graduated from Spur High School in 1932. He has been engaged in farming since 1936.

He and his wife, Patty King Albin, have a married daughter, Jane Ann Ensey, who is a teacher in the Abilene Public Schools and a son, David, a Junior in Spur High School.

He has served as assistant bookkeeper at the Massey Gin for the past 4 years, his present position.

He and his family are members of the First Methodist Church.

Ray Powell has lived in Dickens County since 1916. He attended Highway Rural school and graduated from Spur High

in 1933. Since then he has been engaged in farming. He is married to the former Mattie Ellen Foster and they have two sons, Ray Don, a student at West Texas State College, Canyon; Larry Neal in Spur schools and a daughter, Janis, a Junior at Spur High.

He has been employed at present and for the past three years as bookkeeper at Massey Gin Company, during ginning season.

**Delmer Browning**, pressman; married and a farmer.

**Doyle King**, pressman; married and a farmer.

**Don Humberman**, ginner; home in Stephenville, Texas. Lives here each ginning season.

**Jonah Taylor**, ginner and a farmer. Reared in Dickens County.

**Jimmie Mahn**, ginner and a farmer. Graduate of Spur High School in 1931.

**Gene Taylor**, pressman and a farmer. 1956 graduate of Spur High School.

**Durward Pickens**, trucker and farmer. Married and a graduate of Spur High School.

The Alaska moose is the largest member of the deer family. It develops antlers six feet across.



**ON THE HILL**—One of the social centers in those days was the hill at the end of Burlington St. Many a romance was started here in those days, as they are yet today. Note the Texas Flag is flying upside down.



**SPUR SWIMMING POOL**—One of the greatest assets to a City the size of Spur is this large swimming pool. Here are the life guards this past summer, Sue Bigham and Conrad Archer.

Henry Fitz, a locksmith born in Newburyport, Mass., in 1808, was America's first maker of commercial telescopes during 1840's.

The illustrated copies of the Egyptian "Book of the Dead" are written on papyrus and the rolls are considered the finest in existence.

## Commissioner Comes Out For "Good Roads"

ISSUE: DECEMBER 10, 1909

Commissioner Carlisle, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Thursday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having the paper sent to relatives in Georgia for which he has our thanks. Mr. Carlisle said the Commercial Club of Spur was starting out on the right proposition with respect to roads, and that he intended to meet with them next Monday night and render what assistance possible along that line. He said that there were a number of crossings and small bridges that should be put in at once to give Spur first-class roads from every direction. Commissioner Carlisle is a believer in good roads and as a county commissioner will render what assistance possible in bettering the roads and public highways of the county and especially within his district.

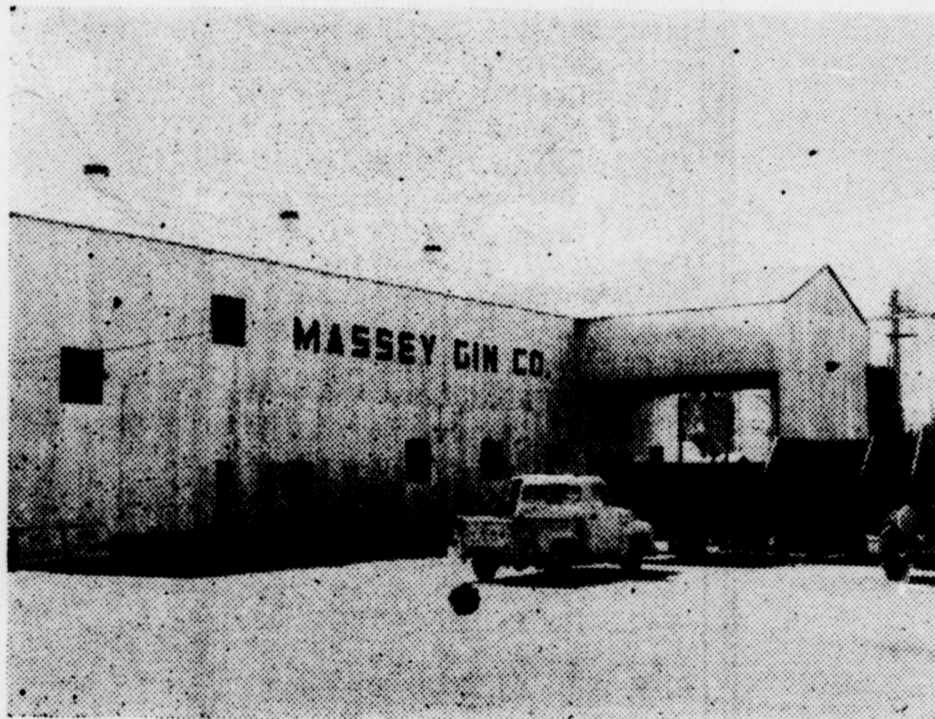
## Scavenger Is Obtained For City Streets

NOTICE

All parties now living in Spur are hereby notified that we have secured the services of a scavenger who will clean closets, keep streets, alleys and sidewalks clear of trash and rubbish. Everybody is expected to keep their premises clean and the scavenger is now at your service.

J. M. BENNETT  
Y. L. JONES  
C. L. LOE,  
(Street and Alley Committee)

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