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## A NEW APPROACH TO FAMILIAR SUBJECTS

**A PLAIN STATEMENT OF SOME FACTS**  
Never before indulged in by a Chamber of Commerce in advertising the territory which it is trying to serve!

If you are one of those too numerous farmers, ranchmen, or business men who are laboring under the delusion that the world owes every man a living, and you are looking for an eldorado country where there is a delivery system to bring it to your door you had better stay away from this part of Texas.

**IF you are looking for a country WITHOUT any BAD FEATURES you are on the wrong trail because there has never been but one GARDEN OF EDEN!**



"It's funny how honest folks like the plain truth!"

The water in EVERY WELL isn't ALWAYS good to drink and it is SOMETIMES not as shallow as one would like it to be.

We sometimes have drouths but never so damaging as the TORNA-DOES, INSECTS, STORMS and FLOODS of other sections which are never mentioned.

Sometimes in SOME YEARS we have SANDSTORMS that blow for three days and nights and the DUST gets so thick in the air it hides the SUN and the FURNITURE.

Weeds grow profusely; hail storms have been known to do great damage; pests of several kinds sometimes harass growing crops of cotton and unless controlled have been known to eat the leaves, destroy the bolls, pull up the stalks and fill up the holes.

Our HIGHWAYS are NOT ALL paved; our towns are not ALWAYS close at hand; our RAILROAD connections aren't quite on a par with CHICAGO, and our hospitals are few and far between.

Our BANKS and CREDIT HOUSES do not extend UNLIMITED CREDIT for the asking, and, our SCHOOLS are not ALL affiliated.

Our land is not ALL TILLABLE, nor ALL RICH and PRODUCTIVE and it cannot ALL be bought at extremely low prices. Our taxes aren't even as reasonable as we would like them to be.

We haven't space to list ALL the BAD FEATURES of this GREAT SECTION of Texas known as THE SPUR COUNTRY. Some of the Old Timers who have lived here ALL THEIR LIVES (who wouldn't live anywhere else in the world) say they haven't discovered ALL the BAD FEATURES YET and they probably never will though they live TO BE A HUNDRED YEARS OF AGE.

AFTER ALL, when one comes to think seriously about the matter, these few bad features listed are just about on a par with those found everywhere else in the United States. Each section has its own bad features as well as its goods ones. It is so easy and common place to find out and praise the good points we think folks may be pleased to have the bad plainly stated and be left the easier task of finding out the good points for themselves.

## There Are Many Good Features to the Spur Country

They must, in fact, weigh rather heavily in the balance with those bad points if one takes into consideration the fact that in A RELATIVELY SHORT period of time this GREAT RANCH COUNTRY has been converted into one of THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL diversified farming sections of TEXAS, where COWS THAT PAY, HENS THAT LAY, and government tested alfalfa land which has produced as high as 200 bales per acre without irrigation or inoculation, are making THE GREAT WEST GREATER.

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OIL FIELD, or  
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The population of this IMMEDIATE SECTION has increased approximately 800 PERCENT in about 26 years.

Everyone knows that no SENSIBLE MAN with money to invest is going to a NEW COUNTRY and spend his life's savings without FIRST FINDING OUT JUST WHAT KIND OF A COUNTRY HE IS GOING INTO.

With this idea in mind the Spur Chamber of Commerce invites you to visit  
**THE SPUR COUNTRY**

Talk with the folks and SATISFY YOUR OWN GOOD JUDGMENT as to its merits BEFORE MAKING A PERMANENT INVESTMENT.

— COME TO SEE US —

# Spur Chamber of Commerce

SPUR, TEXAS



## SOCIETY

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS BARBECUE

About sixty-five members of the First Christian Church and other friends attended a Chicken barbecue Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. The barbecued chicken with the regular dishes was served under a large oak tree near the pump station, where a temporary lighting system was arranged.

Later in the evening several of the guests enjoyed games of 42 until a late hour.

### SWIMMING PARTY

A group of young people chaperoned by Mrs. James B. Reed, Mrs. Bill Putman and Mrs. Otis Martin enjoyed an outing at Roaring Springs Friday evening.

Swimming was enjoyed after which a picnic lunch was spread. Those attending were Misses Julia Reed, Miriam Reed, Nedra Hogan, Frances Springer and Louise Hooper of Abilene, Messrs. Bill Caraway, Johnnie Nichols, Norton Barret, Wilson Garner, Richard Ensey, John A. Moore, Billie Putman, Sylvan Golding and Bobbie Lea of Plainview.

### BOYD M. WILLIAMS POST HOLDS REGULAR MEET

The local post of American Legion held their regular meeting at the hall on the third floor of the Campbell Building Monday, June 1st. Among other things there was a check up on the poppy sale which had just been conducted by the Auxiliary. Quite a nice little fund had been raised to assist the soldier boys in the various hospitals. All poppy money goes to these soldiers. Wayman Lansdown, of Jayton, reported a personal sale of \$20.59 in poppies. He stated that 250 poppies had been sent to Jayton to be sold and about 40 were sent back. He sold the poppies himself.

Representative Westfall was a guest at the meeting on that evening. He was asked to say a few words. He stated that one of his greatest pleasures and also one of his hardest fights in the Legislature was getting the Legislature to agree to dedicate the new \$250,000 museum on the campus of the University of Texas to the American Legion. Mr. Westfall stated that when the vote was taken that the resolution lost by about 15 votes. He made a talk on the floor of our House and conferred with friends and when the next vote was taken the resolution carried by about 20 votes. The dedicatorial services for that new museum were held on the University campus just recently and the building was set out in honor of the American Legion.

Talk of building a Legion hall took up some of the time at the meeting. Every one present stated they were in favor of building the hall. Some said that if all the soldiers in the county would join in the work that it would not require much money from any one person. The American Legion owns a nice lot, 100x165 feet on the west side of town. It has been improved some, trees planted and is a beautiful corner. A building on that lot will add much to the appearance of that part of town.

It was agreed that at the next meeting, which is June 15, that all would try to get all the buddies out and have a big time. There are a number of ex-service men in the county who are not members of the Legion. It is hoped that all of these buddies will make an effort to attend the next meeting, Monday night, June 15th.

Mrs. Woody, postmaster at Girard, was attending to business in our city Monday and made the Times office a pleasant call.

### WOMAN'S COUNCIL OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Woman's Council of the First Christian Church met in regular meeting Monday at 3 o'clock with twelve members present. In the absence of the president, Mrs. R. C. Crockett, Mrs. L. R. Burrows presided. A lesson on the Beatitudes was discussed, with everyone taking part.

The council voted to sponsor sending one of the young people of the church to the Christian Endeavor Convent that meets in Canyon the last of June.

### BLUEBONNET CLUB

Mrs. W. S. Campbell was a pleasing hostess when she entertained members of the Bluebonnet Club and a number of guests Thursday morning.

Tables were arranged on the lovely vine covered porch of the home and a most enjoyable hour was spent playing games of 42.

Ice cream and cake with toasted pecans were served to Meses W. R. Weaver, G. L. Barber, Loyd Barber, L. R. Barrett, T. H. Blackwell, E. L. Caraway, H. C. Foote, Jim Foster, Ned Hogan, W. C. Gruben, John King, Kate Morris, P. C. Nichols, G. J. Lane, Louis Rochat, C. H. McUlley, G. M. Williams, Chas. Whitener, Horace Gibson, J. R. Lane, M. A. Lea, S. H. Twaddell, W. R. Lewis, Ray Taylor, Hill Perry M. C. Golding, James B. Reed, Roy Stovall, W. B. Williams, C. L. Love, J. C. Payne and Vernon Campbell.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of thanking the people of Dickens and Croton for their kindness during the illness and death of our dear son and brother; for every word of sympathy, act of kindness, beautiful floral offering, the dinner served by the Dickens ladies and the untiring efforts of Dr. Quinn. We can only say may God's blessings rest on you in our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hemphill  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hemphill  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beaver  
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stinson

Miss Evelyn Sowell of Lubbock arrived here Sunday and is spending a visit with Mrs. P. H. Miller and Miss Jennie Shields.

G. T. Johnson came over from Rochester the last of the week and is visiting his son, Lloyd Johnson, who lives on the Walker place east of town. Mr. Johnson stated he had been ill for several days and came to Spur to see if he could recuperate.

Will Walker of Kermit, was here the last of the week greeting friends and looking after his farm. He stated that he is very busy these days and there is plenty of hauling in the oil fields now.

G. W. Bennett of Elton and candidate for County Judge, was greeting voters in our city Saturday.

Representative Leonard Westfall of Post, was greeting voters in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McNeill and son, L. J. Jr., of Brazoria, are in our city visiting in the homes of relatives and friends.

Crates Snider, who has been with the Gulf Refining Company several years, is enjoying a vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider and is visiting friends.

Mrs. B. P. Woody of Girard was in our city Monday doing some shopping. She was driving a new Ford V-8 purchased last Friday.

Mrs. J. H. Grace and grandchildren, Joe Bill and John Robert Grace of Abilene, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson.

## PLAN NOW TO VISIT TEXAS CENTENNIAL EXPOSITIONS

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### Attorney General To Discuss Religion In Address Here June 21

Attorney General William McCraw will address the people of Dickens and adjoining counties at a great central meeting at the Charles A. Jones Memorial Stadium in Spur Sunday evening, June 21. The Attorney General is coming to Spur by invitation and as a result of the All Church movement in Texas to emphasize the religious phase of the Texas Centennial. His subject will be church progress and its influence on the history of Texas. The meeting is to be purely from the religious side of Texas' one hundredth birthday.

The following is a program outline as suggested by a committee who selected for the purpose:  
Song by the congregation.  
Invocation by Rev. J. Melvin Jones.  
Songs arranged by the Committee on music.  
Introduction of Speaker by Dr. M. F. Ewton.  
Address by Attorney General McCraw.  
Benediction by Rev. Wm. Lee Edwards.

The hour set for the meeting is 8:30 o'clock of the above date. There will be a few songs which will be by the entire congregation and then the speaker will be introduced. It is hoped to be through by early bed time.

The Gulf Refining Company has kindly consented to furnish a loud speaker system so that everyone present will be able to hear all that is said. The stadium has wonderful acoustics and most everything could be heard without a speaker system, but it is thought best to have a loud speaker so the speakers would not need to talk under too much strain.

It is hoped that people from all parts of the country will be there to hear our Attorney General. He is a fine speaker and all will enjoy his talk on this great subject. The stadium will seat thousands of people, the meeting will be in the open air and cool, there will be good lights, and with a loud speaker everybody ought to enjoy it.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank every one who helped us in any way in our great sorrow. We thank every one for the beautiful flowers and for the nice dinner that was served. Especially do we thank Dr. Wylie and Dr. Ewton for their services. May God bless every one.

Mrs. Bill Browning  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kearney  
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weller  
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rucker  
Mr. and Mrs. Troy Smith

#### VOCATIONAL CLASS SEES PICTURE AT PALACE

Members of the government health class enjoyed the pleasure of seeing that great picture, "The Life of Louis Pasteur," at the Palace Theatre Monday afternoon. The class is under the direction of Mrs. Minnie Lewis, and the Theatre management made special concessions to all members of the class in order that they might see the show. The picture clearly showed how Pasteur, that great French scientist, proved the microbe theory and which has done so much for humanity. Sanitation was unknown before the days of Louis Pasteur. Also, he effected the treatment for rabies which has saved millions of lives. The class felt very grateful to the Palace Theatre.

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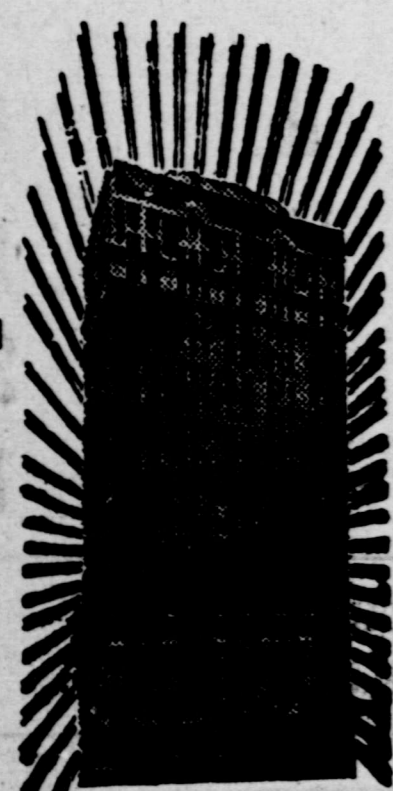
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### Dickens

Grandad Lusk is visiting relatives in Eastland county. Jackie Lusk, of Meadow, Texas, is visiting his Grandmother Blair this week. Mrs. Pat Murphy has been ill for several days. H. C. Anderson is visiting his sister, Mrs. Doyle Beasley of Lubbock. Dewitt Twaddle went to Stamford last of the week to attend business matters. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hall and children visited friends at Midway Sunday. S. A. Anderson and son, W. H., went to Wichita Falls first of the week.

**AFTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday, June 14, 1936  
10:00 A. M.—The Church school meets with G. W. Bennett, superintendent. There is a class for each one.  
11:00 A. M.—The morning worship service, sermon by the pastor.  
7:45 P. M.—The young people's service.  
8:30 P. M.—The evening worship service, sermon by the pastor.  
A cordial invitation awaits all to worship with us.  
J. Melvin Jones, P. C.

#### CALL TO DALLAS ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS

Mrs. P. H. Miller left Monday for Rising Star where she was called to be with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes. Mr. Barnes' health is in critical condition and he has been confined to his bed the past two weeks. Mr. Barnes was taken to Baylor Hospital in Dallas yesterday morning where he is to undergo a very serious operation.

#### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following named persons have made announcements as candidates for the various offices designated, subject to the action of the voters of Dickens County in the Democratic Primary, July 25, 1936.

- Representative, 118 District:  
C. L. HARRIS  
LEONARD WESTFALL (Sec. T.)  
JOE A. MERRITT  
For County Judge:  
MARSHALL FORMBY  
JIM CLOUD (Re-election)  
A. B. (Shorty) HOGAN  
G. W. BENNETT  
AUSTIN C. ROSE  
ROBT. REYNOLDS  
For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector:  
R. L. (Bob) COLLIER  
ALBERT POWER  
F. L. (Forrest) EDWARDS  
J. L. KOONSMAN (Re-election)  
For County Treasurer:  
MRS. ALICE MURPHREE  
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:  
C. P. AWFILL  
WAYNE VAN LEER  
C. C. HAILE  
HORACE NICKLES  
VANCE HUGHES  
W. K. (Willow) STREET  
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
W. F. (Forrest) RAGLAND  
E. N. (Nuge) JOHNSON  
E. J. OFFIELD  
A. K. McALLISTER  
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:  
C. E. BUTLER  
M. B. GAGE  
R. E. ROGERS  
CLARENCE LITTLEFIELD  
Public Weigher, Precinct No. 1:  
LAWRENCE FOX  
RAYMOND ELDREDGE  
Public Weigher, Precinct No. 2:  
GASTON JACKSON (Re-election)  
G. W. CALVERT  
S. R. PEAK  
Clerk of District Court:  
MRS. NETTIE LITTLEFIELD  
Clerk County Court:  
FRED ARRINGTON  
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:  
C. N. (Newt) KIDD  
W. F. (Walter) FOREMAN  
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3:  
G. B. JOPLING  
For Constable, Precinct No. 3:  
J. M. (Uncle Jere) REESE  
C. H. (Jack) McCULLY

## Hon. E. B. Speck Speaks To Voters Here Saturday

### Candidate For 19th Congressional Dist. Speaks Saturday For Townsend Plan Big Finance Conserved Over Lost Control Speaker Says

After a delay of more than an hour due to a loud speaker going out, Hon. E. B. Speck of Lamesa and Lubbock addressed a very attentive audience for Congressman of the 19th Congressional District and is making an active campaign in the 25 counties which compose this district.

He prefaced his remarks by thanking Bryant-Link Company and others for their assistance in making his visit to Spur a pleasant one. He complimented the town and the fine agricultural section around it and the fine trade community here.

Mr. Speck stated that he came to the people of the 19th Congressional District on a matter of principle and not on a matter of politics. He stated that he was drafted to represent the 47,000 names sent to Mr. Mahon asking that he represent and support this great national recovery plan. Mr. Mahon stated that he could not do it. Then Mr. Speck stated that Mr. Mahon was given a second opportunity and stated that he did not know anything about it. Mr. Speck said that 100 Congressmen had given their word to support the Townsend Recovery Plan which is embodied in the Magroarity Bill now before the Congress, and Mr. Mahon refused to support this measure.

Mr. Speck then said, "This raises the question of representative government. Does your Congressman go to Congress to represent his individual ideas? Does he go there to represent the opinion of Mr. Sheppard and others, or to represent the people who elected him? Should Mr. Mahon turn a deaf ear to 47,000 petitioners? What was your idea when you signed the petition?"

"The Townsend Recovery Plan is non-partisan," said Mr. Speck. "A Democrat can vote for a Democrat candidate who endorses it and a Republican can vote for a Republican candidate who endorses it."

"They tell you we are out of the depression. If we are, why not have more money in circulation?" said Mr. Speck. "Where is our volume of credit which we had a few years ago? Can you borrow money now? If we are out of the depression why have 12,600,000 people and their dependents on direct relief? If we are out of the depression why the WPA and the CCC camps? All of these are on a mere subsistence basis," he said.

"We believe we have the remedy and it is up to the people to put it into effect. I think President Roosevelt has the right idea. He knows that the captains of industry have taken from the common people until about 20 per cent of our people have plenty and the other 80 per cent are on a mere subsistence. Mr. Roosevelt does not have the right method of restoring prosperity. Big business tells you that, and Mr. Roosevelt could go on for 25 years, if the money held out, and the country would be no better off."

country and the other 80 per cent of the people have to do on the 20 per cent of wealth.

Then Mr. Speck stated, "It is not so much the tax that big finance is concerned about as it is the loss of power of control over the poor people. The big interests still want to control the poor class of our country. If the plan had not been sound Congress could have taken it up in open discussion and killed it on the floor. The committee will not report it. It has been before the Congress the past 18 months, and there has been plenty of opportunity to point out its defects and impractical side. Big interests do not want it discussed openly. They want to keep it quiet, but in the name of humanity we are going to see that the people are informed about it. "If you vote for me do so to your interests and not to mine," were Mr. Speck's closing words.

"The only restriction on it would be that those who received it must spend it within the month. It would bring about three things. First, it would guarantee these aged people a comfortable living the remainder of their days; second, it would open up jobs for the younger people and that would take care of the unemployment situation; and third, it would place currency in adequate circulation and put it where the people could use it, instead of hoarding it up in the vaults of the country."

Mr. Speck then stated that giving the people 60 years of age and more a living was not the ultimate aim of the Townsend Recovery Plan. He said that was just a means to an end. The main object is to relieve the depression and give people employment and bring happiness back to our country. He stated that the cotton mills of the country could sell more cotton cloth because people could buy more, the flour mills would profit by it because more money on individual deposits would be in the banks, the merchants would profit because their trade would increase four or five times what it is now, and the farmers and laborers would profit because of the greater demand for farm products and labor.

He stated that Carnegie Institute branded the plan as fantastic and impracticable. He said that if people were equally financed that would be true, but people are not equally financed. Twenty per cent have more than 80 per cent of the wealth of the

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