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Union Thanksgiving Program Ann'cd

Notice To Registrants And To The Public

The Selective Service Regulations provide That: Mailing a Questionnaire (Form 40) by the Local Board to the registrant is notice that the process of classification and selection with regard to that registrant has begun. Each day this Local Board will post at its office a notice of the order numbers of the registrants to Whom Questionnaires have been mailed that day.

This Local Board keeps in its office a Classification Record (Form 100). On this Classification Record will be entered the date each action is taken by this Board or the Board of Appeal concerning each registrant. The entry of this date in the Classification Record is notice of the action taken. Other notice will be mailed to each registrant at his address last known by the Local Board, and to any other person who files a claim for him.

Either the mailing of a notice or the entry in the Classification Record of the date the notice was mailed shall constitute notice to the registrant and all concerned. This is true whether or not the mailed notice is actually received by the person to whom it is addressed.

Any person required by law to register, or any registrant, who performs a duty required by Selective Training and Act of 1940, within the period provided by the law (generally 5 days), has violated the law. A person violating the law is subject to trial in the United States District Court, which may impose a fine or imprisonment, or both.

The date when action was taken by the Local Board will be written in the Classification Record in each of the following instances:

- Whenever a duty is to be performed by a registrant.
- Whenever a period of time begins to run within which a registrant is to perform a duty.
- Whenever a period of time begins to run within which a registrant may claim a privilege.
- All registrants and other persons concerned shall examine from time to time the notices posted by the Local Board and the Classification Record.

The Classification Record is open to inspection by the public at the Board's business hours, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday, at the office of the Board.

Military Services At Dickens Saturday

A military service honoring Robert C. Greene and Kirby V. White, who are the first two men called from our county to go into military training, will be held at Dickens at 9:15 o'clock Saturday morning. R. C. Brown, chairman of the County Draft Board, will be in charge of the services. Judge Marshall Formby will deliver the address. The school band at Patton Springs will furnish music.

Spur Boy On Midland Paper

Morris Laine, former Spur citizen, is sports writer and news cleaner for the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Mr. Laine has been with Las Vegas (N. Mex.) Optic for several months, served as publicity manager for Alvin M. Allison in his senatorial race last summer. Before that time he was assistant editor for the Dickens County Times. He is a good writer and will make good at Midland.

Terracing Demonstration November 26

The Vocational Agriculture Department of McAdoo school, in cooperation with the County Agent's office and the Soil Conservation Service office, will give a terracing demonstration on the D. R. Hairgrove place, west of McAdoo, Tuesday, November 26. The program will start about two o'clock in the afternoon. They will demonstrate the use of two Long Wing terracing plows, a common moldboard plow, a One-Way plow and a small loader. The object to show use of small terracing machines.

See County Clerk About Notary Commissions

According to instructions sent out by M. O. Flowers, Secretary of State, persons making application for a commission as Notary Public, may be so through the County Clerk's office. Secretary Flowers stated that all Notary Commissions have to be registered by the County Clerk, and that most County Clerks will be glad to forward applications to the Secretary of State's office for such commissions. Under the new Constitutional Amendment the Secretary of State has the authority to make Notary appointments.

Any one so desiring may make application direct to the office of the Secretary of State. Notary appointments will be for two years as was formerly the term. Commissions will be issued from June 1, 1941 until May 31, 1943.

Texas Defense Guard Organized

A number of local citizens met at the High School gymnasium Monday night and organized a company of Texas Defense Guard. This is a home company defense and the members get together and drill one and one-half hours each week. Another meeting has been called for next Monday night at the High School at 7:30 o'clock to consider the organization of another division. More people are being asked to take part in this work. All persons from 18 years of age to 64 years of age are eligible. People are asked to be present at the meeting Monday night.

All officers of the Guard will be commissioned by the Governor of Texas. These will consist of a Captain, a First Lieutenant and a Second Lieutenant in each division. Later on a Major may be appointed. Locations of units are made by the Adjutant General of Texas.

People who are physically able to go through military drill work, are wanted in this organization. The present next Monday night at the High School gymnasium.

Exceeds 1,000 Bales

The Farmers Cooperative Gin at McAdoo passed the 1,000 bale mark the last of the week for the ginning season. It is estimated that 300 to 500 more bales will be ginned at McAdoo before the season closes, and the Farmers Gin feel they will get several more bales yet.

There had been 94 bales of cotton placed in the Farmers Cooperative Warehouse at McAdoo for storage, and about 500 more bales had been signed up for storage. It is thought possibly around 1,700 bales will be stored there during the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Proctor and children, of Plainview, were visiting relatives and friends in our city this week.

District Scout Committee Meets

The Scout committee for the Eastern District held a meeting in Matador Monday night. A committee to recommend officers for another year was appointed. They were G. A. Pitts of Matador, chairman, Harold Jones of Roaring Springs, Paul Patillo of Patton Springs, Cecil Meadors of Dickens, and W. F. Godfrey of Spur. They are to be ready to report at the Scouters banquet December 10.

The Scouters banquet will be in Spur Tuesday night, December 10, at which time it is hoped to have at least 100 Scout workers. It is the hope of the District Committee to secure Judge Jeff Williams of Chickasha, Okla., as the speaker for evening. He is a noted after dinner speaker.

The First Aid Contest will be held at Roaring Springs, but the date was not set. It will be about March of 1941, Matador says they are going to win First Aid at that meeting.

Much other business was transacted. Reports from different troops in the district were heard.

Members present were: C. W. Giesecke of Roaring Springs, W. B. Thronton of Patton Springs, Paul Eubanks and C. A. Pitts of Matador, and George S. Link, M. C. Goding, O. C. Arthur and W. D. Starcher of Spur. Mr. Link is District Chairman.

Attend Peace Officers' Training School In Austin

Sheriff-elect Fred Christopher and E. L. Hurst returned the first of the week from Austin where they had been attending the Texas Peace Officers Training School. The school opened November 4 and closed November 16. The school was held at Camp Mabrey and included training for sheriffs, deputies, highway patrolmen, Texas Rangers and all other persons serving as officers in the Public Safety of Texas. Mr. Christopher stated they enjoyed very interesting sessions and that it is worth any one's time to attend the schools.

MORE CHECKS RECEIVED

The County Agricultural Department announce that more checks have been received the past week. 284 soil conservation checks amounting to \$26,649.00 have been received. This makes 513 of this type of checks received, amounting to \$56,063.85.

First Thanksgiving Proclamation


In the year 1623 Governor William Bradford issued the first Thanksgiving Proclamation as an expression of Gratitude to God on behalf of the people of the Plymouth Plantation.

The spelling and punctuation are just as Governor Bradford wrote it in his journal.

"Notwithstanding all their great paines & industrie and ye great hops of large cropp, the Lord seemed to blast, & take away the same, and to threaten further & more sore famine unto them, by a great drouth which continued from ye 3. weeks in May, till about middle of July without any raine, and with great heat (for ye most parte), inso much as ye corne begane to wither away, though it was fed with fishe, the moisture whereof helped it much. Yet at length it began to languish sore, and some of ye drier grounds were parched like withered hay, part whereof was never recovered.

Upon which they set aparte a solemn day of humiliation to seek ye Lord by humble & fever-

Red Cross Directors Gratiified At Results

The Board of Directors of the Dickens County Chapter of the American National Red Cross are exceedingly gratified at the response given last week to the Annual Roll Call. Many of the business men and women throughout the county have cooperated in-


stantly. Clyde Washhall is Chapter Roll Call Chairman. Rev. John C. Ramsey is Chapter Chairman. The communities throughout the county who are leading in the local Roll Call Drive are Cecil Meadors, Dickens, Mrs. Carl Randolph and Byron Haney at Afton, Mrs. Ben Eldridge and Hubert Butts at McAdoo, Mrs. W. J. Wilson at Glenn, C. E. Neal at Midway, G. W. Justice at Justice community, W. J. Driggers at Gilpin, Jack Dempsey at Croton Gin, and M. S. Lambert at Lambert's Store. Carl Arthur is Dickens County Treasurer.

Reports coming in reveal that everybody when approached is anxious to help. A much larger membership should be enrolled this year because of the threatened distress and because of the national emergency occasioned by the draft defense program. Many portions of Dickens County lie in the area where crops were impossible, and if a severe winter comes relief will be imperative. It is hoped that not later than Saturday of this week that every citizen in the county will have enrolled. If you are one of those who have not yet made your subscription please see one of the above people immediately. Surely there is no cause more worthy than the Red Cross. Remember that fifty cents of the one dollar membership is retained for Dickens County emergency needs.

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Buys Tractor Firm Interests

J. K. Crews, of Plainview, has purchased the Jeffreys Tractor Company business here and has taken charge. Mr. and Mrs. Crews are at home in a suite at the Spur Inn.

Mr. Crews is a former banker and is a good business man. He has been in West Texas a number of years, and the past few years has been associated in banking at Plainview, recently closing out to another banking concern there.

Men Returned Here To Face Charges

Sheriff J. L. Koonsman and Deputy Fred Delisle returned from San Jose, Calif., with Lloyd Tatum and Murle Knox who are charged with forgery of check. The Name of E. E. Wallace was forged to a check given to the Fair Store in Spur. The men charged are in the county jail, being unable to post bond of \$1,500.00 for release.

Grady Clark was returned from Anson Sunday and is now in the county jail. He is charged with a hot check given to W. R. Winkler. Sheriff Koonsman and Deputy Delisle brought him back. His bond is set at \$250.00.

Franklin Clark was apprehended and placed in jail at Levelland Sunday for giving a hot check. Sheriff Koonsman went to Levelland to get matters adjusted. Everything was made all right and Clark was released.

The authorities report that quite a number of people were jailed over the week end charged with drunkenness, broils, gambling, etc. being taken into custody by the Sheriff's Department and City officers.

Baby Suffocated In Cotton Seed

Conan Reece, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edgar of Glenn, was found buried in a pile of cotton seed about noon Friday. The report is that the child went out to play an dthe family supposed him to be down in the field where people were picking cotton. When the people came in from the field the little boy was not with them. They instituted a search and found the little fellow buried in a pile of cotton seed.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church at Afton Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Loran conducted the services. Interment followed in Afton cemetery with Campbell's Funeral Chapel, of Spur, in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were: J. P. Varnell, T. D. Hale, Lloyd Edrington, Johnnie Young, Jim Speights, Johnnie Williams.

Honorary pallbearers were a number of his playmates: Jackson Lee Powell, Billie Bud Sims, Charles Haney, Billie Jean Grace and Harley Ragland. The flower bearers were also schoolmates: Ramona Randolph, Bernice Randolph, Louise Norris, Donnie Lawson, Katherine Speights, Druline Byrd, Ella Jean Ragland, Ruby Jo Gilmore.

The survivors are the parents and one brother besides other relatives and friends.

Scout Investure Services At Dickens Friday Night

A Troop of Boy Scouts are to receive their charter Friday night. This is the troop at Dickens. The investure services will be conducted at the schoolhouse starting about 7:30 o'clock.

Also, in connection with this service will be held a Scout Court of Honor. There will be several advancements and awards made that evening. All Scouts in the District are to take part in the two programs.

The Dickens Troop Committee extends an invitation to everybody to be present at this meeting.

SCHOOL BANQUET TO BE DECEMBER 19

The annual Football-Pep Squad Banquet has been scheduled to be held Thursday night, December 19. Coach Dutch Meyers of T.C.U., will be the speaker of the evening. Complete arrangements have not been made at this time, and the program is not complete.

Rev. Harrell Goes To Hamlin

Rev. J. E. Harrell, who has been pastor of the First Methodist Church here the past three years, becomes pastor of the First Church at Hamlin by assignment of the annual conference at Pampa this week. It had been the hope of the local church that Rev. Harrell would be returned here for another year.

Rev. J. W. Hendricks takes up the work as pastor of the First Church here. He will preach his first sermon here next Sunday.

Farmers Make Money With Warehouse

Robert Butler, who is associated with the Farmers Cooperative Warehouse at McAdoo, has compiled some very interesting facts relative to cotton stored there. The warehouse has handled 1036 bales of cotton up to a certain period, and Mr. Butler made a check on all this allotment of cotton which is as follows:

- He finds that 3.71 per cent of the cotton has staple below 15/16 inch staple.
- That 33.28 per cent of the cotton has staple of 15/16 inch.
- That 43.94 per cent of the cotton has staple of 31/32 inch.
- That 29.12 per cent of the cotton grades one inch.
- That 3.2 per cent of the staple is 1 1/32 inches.
- And that .002 per cent of the staple is 1 1/16 inches.

He stated further that as to classification he had the following to make:

- That 7.03 per cent of the cotton is classed as Low Middling.
- That 21.8 per cent classed as strict Low Middling.
- That 45.5 per cent classed as tidling.
- That 29.1 per cent classed as strict Middling.
- And that 3.2 per cent classed as Good Middling.

This is the report by a government grading and classification and the entire 1036 bales produced in the McAdoo community.

Mr. Butler stated further that the government had loaned on this list of cotton \$51,256.73 on the basis of Middling 15/16 inch staple. He stated that on the basis of the open market the cotton on the same basis of grade and staple would have sold for \$47,812.50. This leaves a difference of \$3,444.23 which is the gain there to the farmers of McAdoo community by owning their own warehouse and handling their cotton themselves.

In addition to the above amount, the warehouse will get the regular government warehousing fees for storage. Mr. Butler said the \$3,444.23 is simply a premium to the cotton producers above the regular market price.

He stated further that he has the data on this book of cotton and is willing to back up the statement, if necessary. He said the trouble has been that farmers have not been willing to handle their own business, and have been afraid to put up enough finance to take care of the job. He stated the McAdoo farmers feel they can look after themselves now since they have their own warehouse and have their charter to do business.

HAD GOOD BOOST IN BUSINESS

Last week the Clover Farm Store enjoyed a very fine business. They gave gifts to their customers all day Thursday and served coffee to them each day. They had a nice big page advertisement last week, and they had the merchandise to back it up. They were kept quite busy Friday and Saturday. Clover Farm carries a very complete line of groceries, meats and fruits and plenty of candies.

Union Thanksgiving Service

Under the auspices of the Ministers' Alliance of Spur there will be a Union Thanksgiving Service at the First Methodist Church, Spur. Every church in Spur is invited. The services will be at 7:30 p. m., on Sunday, November 24th. The question has been asked why this date. The reason is that it is the Sunday mid-way between the Thursday authorized by the President, November 21st, and the old established Thursday, November 28th, and it is believed that more people will attend and more will be the spirit of the occasion on a Sunday than on a Thursday. Indeed it is a sad commentary but the fact remains that football, holiday excursioning, and feasting take one's time more than the sacred challenge to take time out to thank God.

The following program has been arranged:

1. Prelude.
2. Doxology.
3. Invocation led by Rev. R. C. Brown, Pastor First Christian Church.
4. Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."
5. The Reading of the Thanksgiving Proclamation by Honorable Fred Jennings, Mayor of Spur.
6. Special music rendered by the Male Quartette, consisting of J. L. Sechrist, F. Gillier, E. W. Marrs and Alf Glasgow.
7. Scripture Selection to be read by Rev. J. E. Harrell, Pastor, First Methodist Church.
8. Announcement about the Offering by Rev. C. R. Joyner, Pastor First Baptist Church.
9. Offering.
10. Dedictory Prayer.
11. Solo: by Miss Ina Beacon or special selection by the High School Sextette.
12. Sermon: "The Nation's Reasons for Thanksgiving" to be delivered by Rev. John C. Ramsey, Pastor First Presbyterian Church.
13. Hymn "Count Your Blessings."
14. Benediction by Rev. Kaufman, new Pastor, Pentecostal Church.

The offering will be devoted to the purchase of needed equipment for the Bible Class now taught at the High School under the auspices of the churches of Spur. The needed equipment is for lar Biblical maps, reference books to be kept for the use of the students, and for other supplies which will be needed from time to time. The teacher is one of the pastors who gives his services. At least twenty-five dollars or more should be raised.

Rev. R. C. Joyner has been appointed to preside. Mrs. P. A. Clemmons has been asked to play the piano for congregational singing. All choirs are asked to meet a few minutes before the services and to occupy the seats directly behind the pulpit. J. L. Sechrist will lead the congregational singing.

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Appreciation Day Each Wednesday

Spur Appreciation Day each Wednesday grows each week. L. M. Henderson known as 'dad' of Spur was given \$17.00 today. This was won on the third calling. First person whom the merchants wanted to give a gift was E. M. Hinson. Second was Mrs. Emma Wilson of Girard.

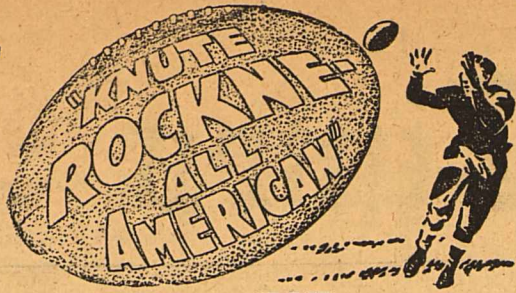
Don't forget to call for your tickets, and be in Spur each Wednesday.

JUDGE FORMBY AT FLOYDADA

Judge Marshall Formby will attend the Patriots Day at Floydada today. He will be on the program and will be a guest at a luncheon. The Spur-Floydada football game will be the afternoon feature.

SEE The Story Of
A Great American
A Great Coach
A Great Guy

Starring—
Pat O'Brien
Gale Page
Donald Crisp



PALACE THEATRE — SPUR
PREVIEW SATURDAY NIGHT
SUNDAY and MONDAY
November 24th and 25th

PALACE—SPUR

Thursday and Friday
November 21-22



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams of Afton, were in our city Saturday doing some trading and enjoying friends.

HOME COMING AT HOWARD-PAYNE COLLEGE

Howard Payne College officials this week inaugurated active plans for the institution's fiftieth homecoming to be held on the college campus at Brownwood Saturday, November 30.

J. H. (Cap) Shelton, college business head, stated Wednesday that 2,000 invitations will be sent out to Howard Payne ex-students and graduates for the annual reunion festivity that will be climaxed by the traditional Yellow Jacket-Hardin-Simmons Cowboy football clash, an annual West Texas sports classic.

Already school officials are making plans to be hosts to between 750 and 1,000 friends and former students who are expecting to throng the campus homecoming day.

Thomas H. Taylor, college president, has announced that the annual homecoming will open on the eve of November 30, with a gigantic pep rally at which the former students will join force with the 1940 enrollees in a mass spirit gathering.

Also on the same night will be the semi-annual meeting of the Howard Payne board of trustees. Brooke S. Ramey, Brownwood business man president, will preside over the meeting.

According to President Taylor, who is working along with Shelton and Professor T. R. Havins toward rapid completion of the reunion plans, a complete slate has not yet been finished for the Saturday morning program. However, J. Brownie Cutbrth, Houston oil man, who is president of the Howard Payne Alumni Association, has already notified college officials that he will be present for the meeting of the e-students.

An old-fashioned barbecue for visitors and friends will take place at noon on the campus. The climaxed HPC-HSU football contest will conclude the day's activities in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bilberry and children, of Espuela, were in town Saturday trading and visiting friends.

A. F. Darden, of Wichita community, was attending to business matters and talking with friends here Saturday.

G. F. Smith, of McAdoo, was attending to business affairs and talking with friends here Monday.

I. J. McMahan and family, of Dry Lake, were in town Saturday doing some trading and greeting friends.

Official Returns Of General Election

The following are the official returns of the General Election in Dickens County as canvassed by the Commissioners Court last week. Like much other good news, these returns were crowded out last week on account of lack of space. Possibly some one will be interested in entering these returns in a scrap-book for future reference.

For Amendment No. ONE — 188
AGAINST — 310
For Amendment TWO — 283
AGAINST — 215
For Amendment THREE — 216
AGAINST — 157

Democratic Electors — 1728
Republican — 246
Prohibition — 5

U. S. Senator:
Tom Connally — 1939
Geo. I. Shannon — 47

Congressman 19th District:
Geo. Mahon — 1603
Kent Dodson — 1

Governor:
W. Lee O'Daniel — 1949
G. C. Hopkins — 40

Attorney General:
Gerald C. Mann — 1949
Alvin H. Lane — 39

Chief Justice:
James P. Alexander — 1943
L. J. Benckenstein — 39

Associate Justice:
John H. Sharp — 1955
Joe Ingraham — 40

Criminal Appeals:
Tom L. Beauchamp — 1953
A. F. Nossman — 40

Railroad Commissioner:
Olin Culberson — 1951
Hobart K. McDowell — 42

State Comptroller:
Lester Gunst — 39
Geo. H. Sheppard — 1957

Land Commissioner:
Bascom Giles — 1956
F. L. Sweet — 40

State Treasurer:
Charley Lockhart — 1957
Homer Bullington — 38

State Superintendent:
L. A. Woods — 1949
Mrs. M. Brents Witty — 39

Commissioner of Agriculture:
Bill Corry — 929
J. E. McDonald — 746

Orton Campbell — 1
Cliff Day — 4
Tom Marten — 11

Justice of Civil Appeals, 7th Dist.:
A. J. Folley — 1761

State Senator, 30th Dist.:
Marshall Formby — 1966

State Rep., 118th Dist.:
Pat Bullock — 1965

District Attorney, 110th Dist.:
John Hamilton — 1965

County Judge:
Edwin H. Boedeker — 1962

County Attorney:
L. D. Ratliff, Jr. — 1952

County and District Clerk:
Eric H. Ousley — 1680

Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector:
Fred Christopher — 1966

County Treasurer:
Mrs. Alice Murphree — 1964

County Surveyor:
H. H. Terry — 1928

Commissioner—
Pet. One: K. W. Street — 540
Pet. Two: E. J. Offield — 264
Pet. Three: W. H. Hindman — 1035
Pet. Four: M. B. Cage — 118

Justice of Peace, Pet. One:
R. H. Eskridge — 524
Tom McKnight — 1
Clarence Smith — 2
Simeon Moss — 1
S. T. Johnson — 1

Justice of Peace, Pet. Three:
J. B. Jopling — 1040

Constable, Pet. One:
Floyd Bradley — 536
Bill Carroll — 1

Constable, Pet. Three:
A. M. Sherherd — 1040

Public Weigher, Pet. One:
C. P. Aull, Jr. — 540

Public Weigher, Pet. Two:
S. J. McSpadden — 263

John Edgar, of Afton, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

Colene McCarty, of Afton, was in town Saturday greeting friends and doing some trading.

R. R. Smith, of White River community, was greeting friends and trading here Saturday.

O. D. Stanley, of Espuela, was attending to business affairs in our city Monday.

Attorney Britton Forbis, of Seminole, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis, at Afton, was in town Monday looking after professional matters.

PREAMBLE TO AMERICAN LEGION CONSTITUTION

The preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion organization is a very good outline for which that organization stands. Below is reproduced an exact copy of the Preamble to the Constitution which we trust people will read and study and by it, get a better understanding of the aims of the American Legion:

For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:
To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.
To maintain law and order
To foster and perpetuate a "One Hundred Per Cent Americanism"

To preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great World War.

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation.

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses
To make right the measure the Master of Might.

To promote Peace and Good Will on Earth
To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

McMURRAY COLLEGE HOLDS HOME-COMING THIS WEEK

McMurray college officials are planning a large return of former students for the 18 annual Homecoming on November 8 and 9.

Exes will meet the familiar sight of the huge bonfire when they step on the campus. Freshmen have been gathering wood for the past two weeks for this fire which is to be fired up the evening before the Homecoming game when McMurray college Indians meet the Southwestern Pirates. In this game, Methodism's youngest college, McMurray, encounters Methodism's oldest institution, Southwestern university.

Important among the activities for the homecomers include the production of You Can't Take It With You, produced by the College theatre at a two-night run during the week-end; the outdoor pep

rally staged around the Totem pole; the barbecue at noon Saturday in the gymnasium and the football game which is scheduled at two o'clock at Medley stadium.

The opening of a new building the Radford Art building will be formally made at a reception there Saturday morning. A meeting of the exes or of other homecomers connected to McMurray will be held following the Homecoming program Saturday morning.

Miss Mary Nelda Vaughter, Miss Doris Sargent, G. B. Wadzeck, Leonard King, Miss Tommie Brittain, and Rex Alexander, all of Spur are McMurray graduates, and are expected to be on the Campus the last of this week.

C. D. Copeland, of Red Hill, was in town Monday looking after business affairs.

A. G. Dyer, of Girard, was a business visitor in our city Saturday.

Elmer Shugart, of Red Hill, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

D. W. Thomason, of Highway, was transacting business and greeting friends here Saturday.

K ISN'T SILENT IN KNUTE

Knute Rockne's first name is pronounced CANUTE. During his lifetime it was invariably pronounced by all people who knew him personally. His last name is pronounced exactly as spelled.

"Knute Rockne—All American," with Pat O'Brien in the title role, will begin a local engagement at the Palace—Spur coming soon.

B. H. King, of Girard, was transacting business and talking with friends here Saturday.

Dr. Fred R. Baker's 1940 office dates, at Hotel Wilson, are Monday P. M. and Tues., Sept. 23 and 24th; Mon. P. M. and Tues., Nov. 18 and 19th.

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Try "Rub-My-Tism" a Wonderful Liniment

Thanksgiving



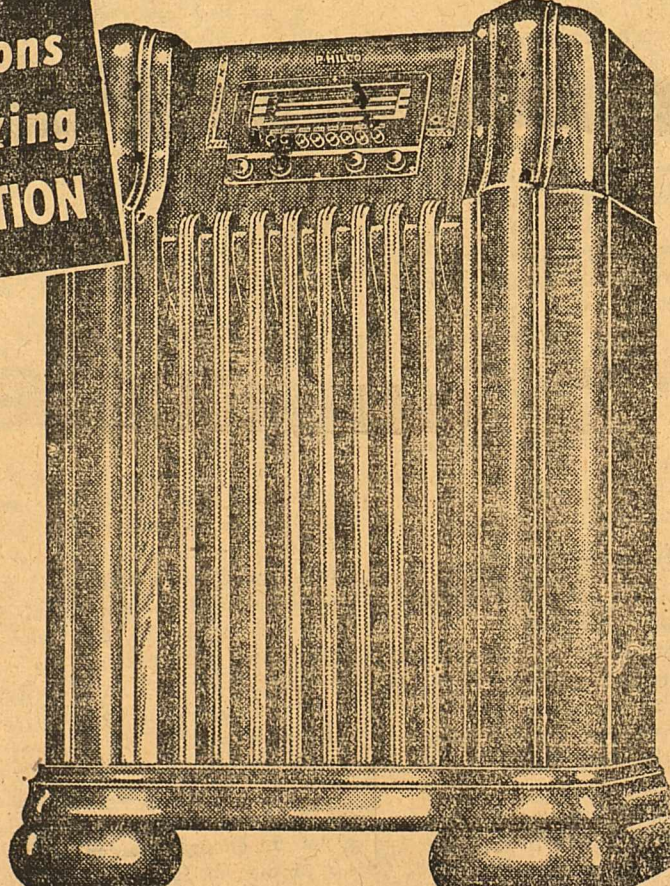
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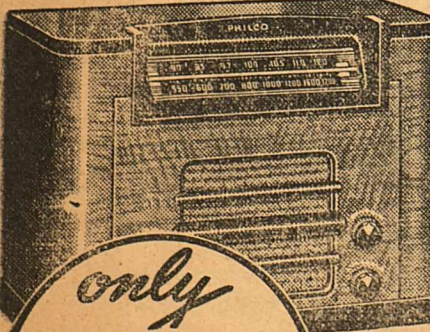
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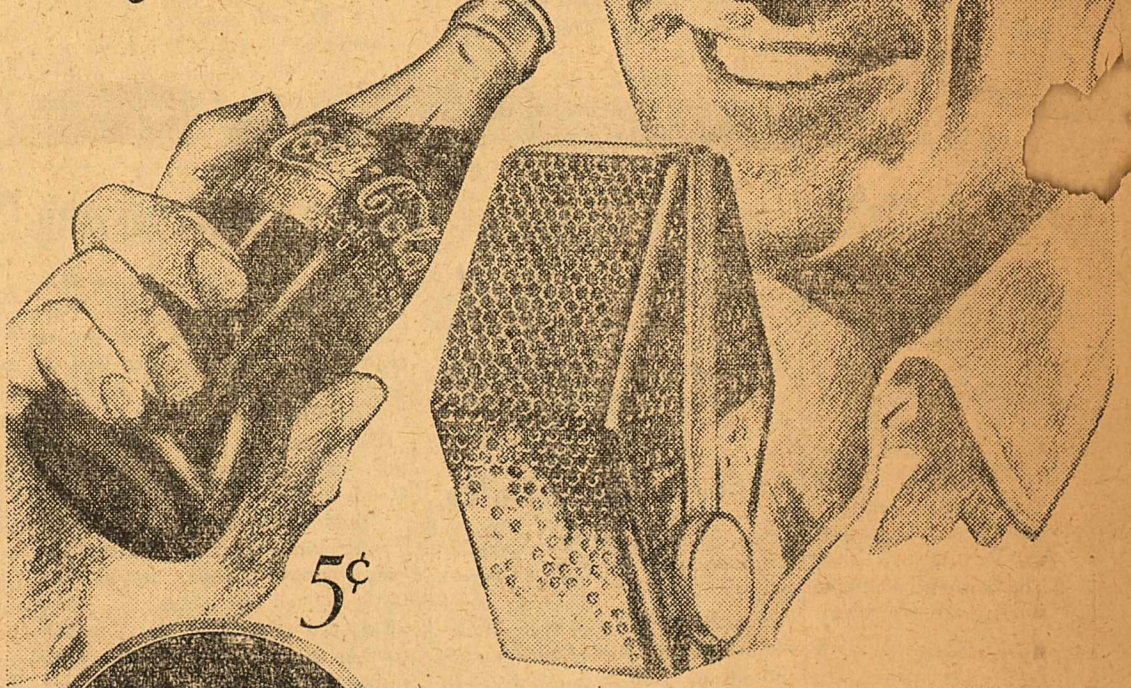
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DICKENS SCHOOL NEWS

The Dickens schools did fine with their carnival Friday night. Some thing around \$160.00 was cleared by the program. This amount will be split three ways. The Parent-Teacher organization gets a portion of it to be used for general benefits of the schools. The Home-coming Department gets a portion with which they will complete paying for their refrigerator. The Grade schools is using some of the amount to purchase story books for their library. All of the money will be used for the various needs of the schools.

Football Game Friday

The Dickens Owls will meet the stubborn half dozen from Sylvester at Dickens Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Just how this game will end, no one knows. It is a non-conference game and no one knows just how strong the Sylvester Six are. But Coach Bivens stated that they expect to make the game interesting for the visiting team and fans as well.

Also, the Dickens Owls will meet Roosevelt next Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock in a fast contest. Roosevelt defeated McAdoo last Friday 7 to 6, and the Owls are hoping to wing home a victory. That game will close the football season with Dickens.

MCADOO NEWS

Miss Ovie Barton, of Matador, and Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert Barton and family, of Matador, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Barton, and family Friday of the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Christwell and daughter and a girl friend, all of Paducah, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parker for a short time recently. They were enroute to a football game at Ralls.

J. I. Holmes drove from Centerpoint recently after his wife and baby who have been visiting some time with her father and family, C. C. Neeley, and her sister and family, Mrs. Lee Parker of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Tooke and Jackey Tooke went to Dallas Saturday after Mr. and Mrs. Tooke's son who has been in a hospital here. Walter Pullen accompanied them and went to Temple to see his brother, Homer Pullen, who was very ill in a hospital at that place.

Mrs. O. S. Harvey has been at Dickens the past week with her mother, Mrs. Z. T. McKnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morrison and children and Everett Snow, of Seymour, spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Snow. Miss Juaneva Brown accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Grade Candidate Is Winner

The grade school pupils at Dickens were successful in electing their candidate Queen of the Carnival last Friday evening. The Queen who was coronated, was Lois Estelle, of the House of Meadors. She received 3068 votes which proved to be too many for the the High School candidate. Miss Newman is the sponsor of the Grade School students. The contest brought them \$29.68 and Judge Marshall Formby gained the new quilt in the contest. That is a start for him to fulfill a campaign promise made four-years ago which he has not yet carried out.

Edwin H. Boedeker Attorney-At-Law

Spur Security Bank Building Practice In All State Courts Spur, Texas

Ivy Brown, and family, of Crosbyton, to Jayton Sunday to see Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isaacs.

Little Shirley Parker, of Lubbock, spent Friday and Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Fewell and family are back home. Mrs. Fewell visited relatives at Roby while Mr. Fewell attended a mechanical school at Sweetwater.

Mr. Cathey, merchant in McAdoo, made a business trip to Roswell, N. Mexico recently.

Miss Frances Baker, of Amarillo, was at home to see her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Baker, and family for a few days recently.

Iley Barton, of Lubbock, was home last week end.

The Week of Prayer program was held in the local Methodist Church recently. The subject was, "New Roads United." The opening song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Call to worship, Mrs. H. V. Nettles; Scripture Reading, Mrs. Jodie Joplin; Mrs. H. W. Butts read a poem entitled, "Faith"; Mrs. J. B. Baker sang a solo. Adventuring on United Roads was discussed by Mrs. Frank Macon. Lunch was served at the noon hour. In the afternoon the devotional was conducted by Rev. J. B. Baker a talk on Scarrett Built for the Future was made by Mrs. M. A. Graham; Hymn; Scarrett's new day was discussed by Rev. John A. Allen; Benediction, Rev. J. B. Baker.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met and were entertained in the home of Mrs. Arlie Fewell Monday. A contest was started in the society while the subject, "Uprooted America," was being studied. Mrs. C. P. Aull and Mrs. Geo. Potts were captains of the two different groups. The contest closed recently, with Mrs. Potts' group winning. The losing group is to entertain the winners. After the program refreshments were served. Miniature flags were made. Members present were Mesdames E. C. Robertson, C. Gollihar, Geo. Potts, H. V. Nettles, C. P. Aull, Jr., Lois Brownlow, T. L. Dozier, J. O. Baker, M. L. Vanderford, J. O. Morris, J. T. Parker, Jno. A. Allen, M. A. Graham, Loyd Dean, Roy Ward, Frank Macon, G. G. Allen, Bush Pippins and Miss Opal Nickels and the hostess, Mrs. Arlie Fewell.

Croton and Wichita

Rev. Walter Brian, of Plainview, filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday.

C. E. Butler and Clyde Pernell attended to business in Lubbock Saturday.

The young people of the community enjoyed a picnic Sunday west of Dickens. Lunch was enjoyed at noon. Those present were Lenora and Leon Baker, Winnie Mae, Paul, Alene and Victor Lewis; Jackson and Melba Starrett, Milburn Brendel, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rogers, Leon and Betty Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Legg and Sue Legg. All reported a very nice time.

Abe Brendel is spending a few days at O'Donnell.

Bob Porter, who has been visiting in New Mexico, has returned home.

M. B. Gage and Monto Pernell have been deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Tandy Legg and children, of Summerfield, spent the past week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Legg and children and with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Legg.

Several attended the W. M. C. meeting Wednesday. Mrs. J. T. Campbell, of Midway, was a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Legg and daughters were attending to business in Spur Thursday.

Several from this community attended the carnival at Patton Springs Friday night.

T. S. Lambert, Wichita merchant, was attending to business in Spur Thursday.

Miss Pauline Harrell, teacher in Sweetwater schools, visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Harrell, during Armistice holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Pinkerton, of Abilene, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Hreall during the week end. Mrs. Pinkerton is a niece of Mrs. Harrell.

Patr Meriman of Lubbock, public accountant and auditor was in Dickens Tuesday delivering a financial report to the County Commissioners Court.

Miss Dorothy Young, bookkeeper of the West Texas Utilities, spent the weekend with friends in Abi-

WTCC To Sponsor New Bill In Coming Session

A weekend announcement by West Texas Chamber of Commerce told of the completion of its bill for introduction at the coming session of the Legislature of Texas embodying the regional chamber's plan for reorganizing and modernizing the budgetary functions and the administrative machinery of the state government.

The bill will be introduced by Rep. Joe Humphrey of Abilene. Humphrey, known as a student of governmental practices, holding a master's degree from Southern Methodist university. He has made a close study of the WTCC program and, in a statement, expressed the confident opinion that "this bill and plan supplies the whole answer to our present haphazard, makeshift and piecemeal system in fiscal affairs."

"We are ready to start firing," said J. S. Birdwell, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. "Our program, carrying the bill, is set forth in detail in a pamphlet prepared by D. A. Bandeden, our general manager, and Dr. Geo. C. Hester, head of the school of government in Southwestern university. The plan and procedure have been approved by our Public Expenditure Commission headed by Judge Jas. D. Hamlin of Farwell. The pamphlet is ready for the printer and soon will be distributed for study by legislators, the taxpayers and all who are concerned over the problem and the need for gearing the structure of Texas government to the tempo of a modern world where inefficiency is no longer excusable and may spell catastrophe."

PROBLEM, REMEDY, BENEFITS The WTCC plan is a study of the state's management problem, offers a remedy, and recites benefits to accrue from its adoption. It says, as to the problem that the state has property and investment worth hundreds of millions of dollars and spend annually around 175 millions — "more than the cotton income from all the farms in Texas."

This largest business institution in Texas, consuming so much from Texan's income, is—says the WTCC — run without adequate financial plan or control or auditing including independent post-auditing; without adequate information made available to the Legislature, the policy - determining and appropriating branch; and without far too many agencies and departments (more than 100 at present) each independent of the others.

The West Texas chamber contends the remedy lies with the legislature. The bill drawn to meet the problem, to be introduced by Rep. Humphrey, provides for continuous supervision of state expenditures and receipts through definite, centralized control; for directed financial planning; for an adequate system of centralized purchasing of state supplies, materials and equipment. It provides a system of accounting control and independent auditing; coordination of the staff services of the state; a civil service system for employment of non-policy personnel on basis of merit and open competition. It consolidates the state's 100-odd agencies into not more than 18 departments; provides for the supply of complete information on administrative affairs to the legislature; and, in the whole, aims at the installation of a more business-like administration of affairs for the benefit of taxpayers. LEGISLATURE TO BE TOPS

"The whole plan," Manager D. A. Bandeden said, "rests on recognition of the constitutional functions of the legislature. It has for its objective the providing of sound means of planning, placing and executing duties and responsibilities, and handling of funds intrusted to the administrative branch of the government. Its adoption for Texas will, we feel certain simplify and improve the administrative machinery, accomplishing this in a democratic way without delegating dictatorial power to any person."

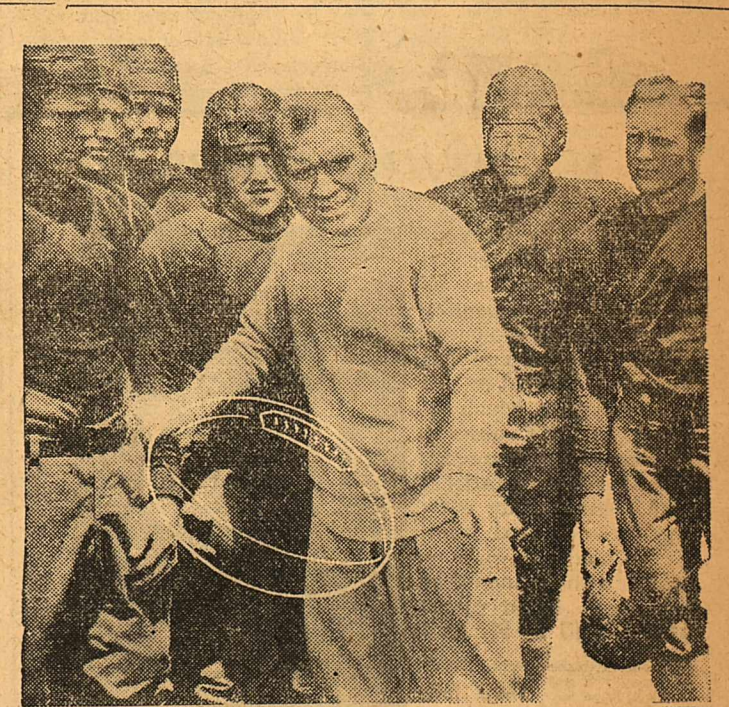
Dr. Geo. C. Hester said "If it works as similar plans are working in other states — notably Minnesota, Nebraska, Virginia and Kentucky — it will save millions of dollars for Texas taxpayers."

Advertisement for B. Schwarz & Son, Spur, Texas. Features a large illustration of a group of people gathered around a table in a rustic setting, with the text 'A Good Safe Place To Trade B. SCHWARZ & SON SPUR, TEXAS "The Store Of Little Profit"'. Below the illustration is the headline 'IN THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING' and a paragraph about Thanksgiving. At the bottom is a large advertisement for 'AWAKE! SELECT EARLY Avoid Jams & Shortage of MERCHANDISE' with a photo of a group of people.

Advertisement for G. E. Spradling, featuring a 'RED & WHITE' logo and text: 'Our Store Is Full Of BARGAINS Look Over Our RED & WHITE BARGAINS Trade At Home And SAVE! G. E. SPRADLING Girard, Texas'.

Advertisement for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. featuring an illustration of a telephone exchange and text: 'SCIENCE GUARDS America's telephone service Men of science watch as fantastic apparatus enacts an unrehearsed drama before their eager eyes... Today Americans, in any emergency, turn to the telephone, knowing they will receive fast, dependable service. SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.'

penditure Commission. Allied with Hamlin's commission are a Sinking Fund Investment commission and a Budget Analysis staff composed of technical experts. Bandeden and Dr. Hester are counsellors to the commission. The plan will be fully aired at the general meeting, and the Westex chamber will organize the legislative campaign in which Rep. Humphrey will take a leading part.



Earl Green, asst. bookkeeper, and K. K. Frances, district manager of West Texas Utilities of Stamford were business visitors in Spur Tuesday. Truman Green, City Secretary, returned the first part of the week from Fort Worth, where he had been attending a convention of city secretaries. Miss Jean Day, former Home Demonstration Agent, was weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Link. She is now located at Coleman in the same capacity. Floyd Bryant of Sudan, Texas, is now employed at the Dickerson Service Station. Mrs. Olga Daniels, teacher in the Post High School, spent the weekend visiting in the home of Mrs. Al Bingham.

E. Dobkins of Glen is reported to have had a severe heart attack recently, and is in a hospital at Lubbock in a serious condition. R. B. Ford, of Kalgary, was transacting business and enjoying talking with the boys in our city Saturday. Mrs. Billie Grant, of Lubbock, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lea, returned to Lubbock Tuesday.

Pat O'Brien in the title role of "Knute Rockne—All American" delivers one of the famous Rockne pep talks to the football squad just before the beginning of the big game. Picture is scheduled to begin its local engagement at the Palace Theatre in a preview Saturday night, Sunday and Monday, November 24th and 25th.

McADOO EAGLES VIE FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY

The McAdoo Eagles will play New Home on Tech Field at Lubbock Saturday afternoon in the final regional game of the season for Six-Man football. The game will be called about 2:30 o'clock and will decide the regional championship of the South Plains.

McAdoo Eagles organized three years ago and since that time have lost but one game on their home grounds. So far this year they did not suffer a district defeat.

George M. Archer is the coach for the Eagles. J. W. Partin is coach at New Home.

New Home won district championship in their district, and the game Saturday is expected to be close and hard fought.

NOTICE TO AMERICAN LEGION AND PUBLIC

The first contingent of the draftees for one years military training will leave Dickens, Saturday morning, Nov. 23. There will be a program rendered at 9:15 o'clock honoring the boys that are leaving, under the auspices of the American Legion. All Legionnaires and ex-service men are urged to be present to give our boys a good send off. These boys will leave Dickens at 10:15. Every one invited to be there and see them off.

SPUR F. F. A. MAKE PLANS FOR STOCK SHOW

The following is a summary of the tentative interests that Spur F. F. A. Chapter is taking in the Dickens - Kent County F. F. A. and 4-H Club Show which will be sometime in the spring.

In the Fat Steer Division the F. F. A. members have the following list: Five cross bred steers, 16 dry lot Herefords, two nurse fed Herefords, and one Short Horn, a total of 24 animals. Out of these they have a pen of two.

In the Lamb Department they have 12 mutton type, seven fine wool type. These will make up five pens of three and one pen of five. They will have 19 fat lambs on exhibit.

In the Fat Hogs division they have nine Hampshires, 55 Chester Whites, three Durocs, nine Poland Chinas and 12 cross bred, a total of 88 in all. They will have 16 pens of three, six fat litters and four sucklings.

Division of Breeding Hogs there will be four boars, 11 sows, 18 open gilts and eight bred gilts. This makes a total of 41 in this class.

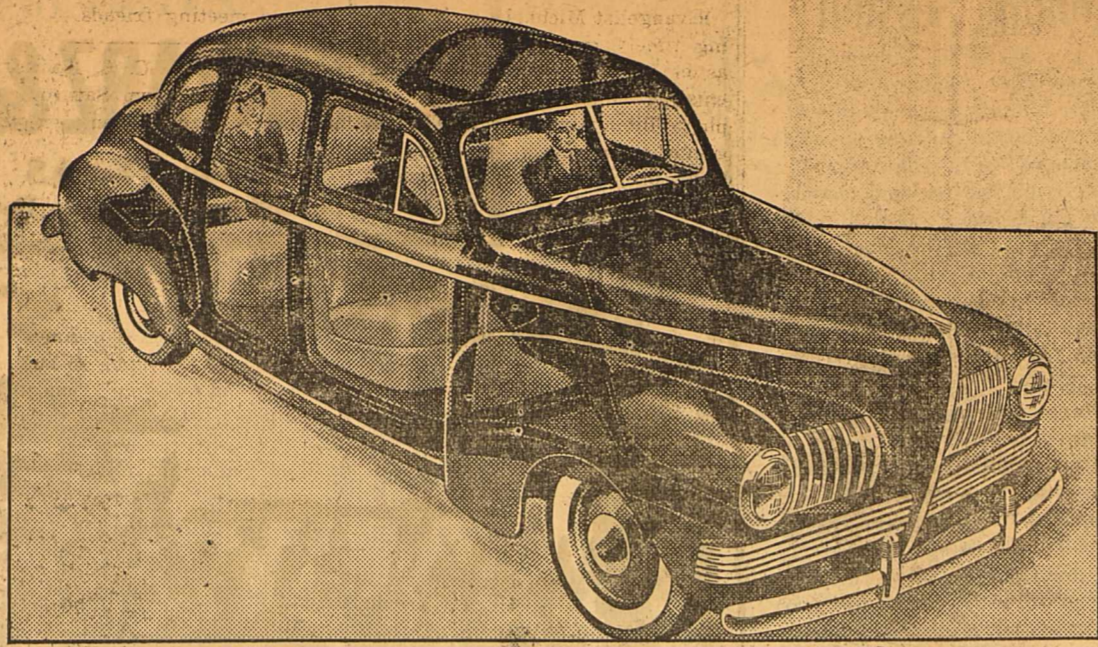
Dairy Cattle they will have eight Jersey heifers, one Jersey bull, seven Jersey cows, two Short Horn heifers, three cross bred heifers, and two cross bred cows, making a total of 23 animals.

The F. F. A. members report that they will have 188 animals to enter the show.

FACULTY PARTY

Mrs. E. D. Engleman and Mrs. Charley Cravy were hosts to a Faculty party at the Engleman home Thursday. A Mexican dinner was served. After dinner the hosts treated their guests to a theater party to see the picture, "The Howards of Virginia." Those present were teachers of the East Ward school.

New Kind of Car Makes Appearance



Newest development in automobile construction is the "unitized" body of the new low-price Nash Ambassador "600." Besides increasing the roominess of the car and adding greatly to its safety, this new kind of body construction is said to cut from 400 to 500 pounds of useless weight from the car. Great economy—between 25

to 30 miles on a gallon—is claimed for the car.

The "phantom" shown here reveals how Nash engineers designed the new body. Integral chassis frame and internal bridge-trusses from a single all-welded steel unit that is twistproof and rattle-proof.

The new "600," which is the latest challenger in the mass automobile market, also has a spring suspension system that is new to low-cost motoring. Coil springs suspend the car at all four wheels, providing an unusually smooth ride.

Styled in the racy broad and low trend, the new car is nearly eight inches wider than it is high. Seats are nearly five feet across.

Haynes Colored School Scouts Render Program

Troop No. 116 Boy Scouts of America of the Haynes Colored High School, attired in full Scout regalia, rendered a program on Amricanism in th school assembly room in connection with the P-T. A. monthly meeting. One of the principal features of the Scout program was the grocery raffle which netted nice returns to one White supporter and one Negro family, Perry Davis was winner of the basket of groceries for the White family, while the basket for the Negro family was awarded to Mrs. Lealor Rivers.

The several Scouts who appeared on the program were: Wendell Haynes, James Perry Holmes, Walter Joiner, Robert Walker, and Cub Odus Wiley. William Goldstein, Scoutmaster, conductor the Scout activities for the evening.

The Scout movement is sponsored by the Spur Negro Citizens Council, of which Wm. Goldstein is president. The following serve as Scout Executives for Troop 116: Frank McGill, S. N. Jones, J. P. Burrell and Kelley E. Bolden.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICES NOV. 24

The Union Thanksgiving Service of the churches of Spur will be on Sunday, November 24th, at 7:30 p. m., in the First Methodist Church, Spur. A special program of music and general participation of all churches who will participate has been arranged under auspices of the Ministers' Alliance. The special offering on that night will go for the very badly needed equipment of the class of Bible at the High School. The full program will appear in these columns next week. Every church except one denomination has been definitely assured.

1931 STUDY CLUB MEETING

The 1931 Study Club met November 19 in the home of Mrs. E. W. Mars in regular meeting and silver tea.

In the business session the registration of Mrs. Cecil Ayers was accepted. Mrs. Merritt, former associate member, will take her place.

The following interesting subjects were discussed:

The Life and Music of Edward McDowell, Mrs. Alph Glasgow.

Music and the American Indian, Mrs. John King, Jr.

Miss Patricia Mars sang, "Oklahoma," accompanied by her mother at the piano.

Miss Melba Lewis gave a piano solo, "Blueberry Hill."

Mrs. Alph Glasgow gave her report as delegate to the State Convention.

A sandwich plate was served to Mrs. S. M. Newberry and Mrs. Cravy, new associate members;

Mesdames Hobert Lewis, John King, Jr., George Glover, E. E. Sullivan, Horace Wood, Mack Woodrum, L. E. Standifer, E. D. Engleman, C. O. Fox, Jack Barton, Alfr Glasgow, H. B. Thompson, Miss Mary Nelda Vaughtner, and Mrs. Mars, the hostess.

—Reporter.

Cherry Rites At 2 P. M. Today

Funeral services for Samuel L. Cherry will be conducted at the First Baptist Church in Spur at two o'clock this afternoon (Thursday). Rev. J. V. Bilberry, a long time friend to the family, will conduct the services and will be assisted by Rev. John C. Ramsey, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Spur cemetery with Campbell's Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cherry passed away at his home south of Spur early Wednesday morning.

He was born in Louisiana and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cherry. His birthday was January 15, 1863. He was married to Miss Mattie Anne White at Flatonia, Texas December 24, 1892. He and his family moved to Dickens County in 1911 and have resided here since.

The survivors are the widow, one daughter, Mrs. Eddie Lynn Yandell of Jayton, and a son, A. H. Cherry of Spur. Two brothers: W. P. Cherry, T. G. Cherry of Spur; and three sisters: Miss Eulah Cherry of Spur, Mrs. J. H. Sockwell of Spoford and Mrs. J. E. Sockwell of Gonzales still survive. There are three grandchildren in the family.

ATTENDING STATE CONVENTION

The Federated Clubs of Spur sent delegates to the State Convention of Federated Clubs at Austin last week. Those attending the meeting were: Mrs. O. C. Thomas, Mrs. Elton Cook, Mrs. Guy Karr, Mrs. Alph Glasgow. Mrs. Cook's mother accompanied her to Austin to visit friends. All delegates left Tuesday morning and returned the last of the week, with the exception of Mrs. Thomas, who will remain away until after the meeting of the State Teachers Association.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

John C. Ramsey, Minister 10 a. m., Sunday School, Cap tented.

11 a. m. Morning worship and the word. Sermon: "But Where Are the Nine?"

6:30 p. m. Kingdom Highways League, Mrs. Seamon Reynolds, Adult Advisor.

7:30 p. m. Evening worship and the word. This church dismisses to join the whole town in the Union Thanksgiving Service at the Methodist Church. We believe that cooperation is Christianity.

On Mondays the Woman's Auxiliary meets. Mrs. P. A. Clemmons, President.

On Wednesdays, at 7:30 p. m., is the Mid-Week Prayer Meeting.

This is the church with a welcome.

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

To each and every persons who has had an interest in helping me to attend the Baptist General Convention at Houston, I am very grateful.

First to the association for the offering you gave me at our last Worker's Conference and to each person who had a part in that contribution which was given to pay my expenses. Then to the Spur W. M. U. and the Midway W. M. S. for the generous love offering you gave me. And to all my other good friends in Dickens county I am grateful and deeply appreciate every interest you have shown in me. The opportunity you gave me to represent Dickens Association in our womens work at our State Convention was an honor, and I was so happy to represent you. I just pray that God will bless each of you who had a part in giving me this wonderful opportunity. I need your prayers to help me to be worthy of your sacrifice.

Mrs. J. T. Campbell, Associational W. M. U. Pres.

STORM DID SOME DAMAGE

J. L. Hutto, of Dry Lake, was in town Wednesday and stated a storm in his community last week did quite a lot of damage in ways W. T. Harris had a chicken house turned over, and F. M. Casey's garage was damaged quite a lot.

water tank at the school building was picked up and set over, about fifty feet. Mr. Hutto had one of his nice trees near his home split down. Cars on the highway had a hard time keeping right side up. The storm was only a few yards wide, or a great deal of damage could have happened.

GOES INTO GOVERNMENT SERVICE

J. E. Boykin, of Childress, left Monday for Washington to work in the ship yards of the U. S. Navy. Mr. Boykin will be a mechanic. He has been in the employ of the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad Company the past 15 years, serving as a mechanic.

Mr. Boykin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Boykin who live north-east of Spur a few miles. He paid his parents a visit before leaving.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Slayden, of Elton, were transacting business and talking with friends here Saturday.

VISITED BROTHER HERE AFTER 41 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson, of Van Nuys, Calif., were here last week visiting their brother, C. W. Robinson, and family, whom they had not seen in 41 years. Joe Robinson was in the Spanish-American War and when he was discharged in 1899, he saw his brother and waved goodbye to him. He went to California and has remained there ever since. After spending a week here, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson went on to South Texas where Mr. Robinson was reared, to visit other relatives and old friends.

However, he stated that Robinson said that it is a great

In speaking of California, Mr. Robinson said that it is a great, but it is a fine place to live and people can get along.

He is engaged in the plaster and contracting business.

When he left here, he stated possibly he and Mrs. Robinson would come back to Spur and be here a few more days.

FORTY RABBITS EAT AS MUCH AS ONE COW

Experience of the U. S. Forest Service indicates that thirty to forty rabbits can eat as much as one cow and do a lot more damage in a shelterbelt, according to figures recently reported to Ralph Deede, local shelterbelt supervisor. Pocket gophers and kangaroo rats also do considerable damage, he said.

Usually the better trees such as Chinese Elm are damaged first and are sometimes completely killed. Poison baits for the control of these rodents may be secured free by applying at the local shelterbelt office.

Many farmers in this community have reported good results obtained with the First Service poison baits, Deede said.—Turkey Enterprise.

Homemakers Training Course Here Monday

The Homemaking Department of Spur High School, was host to a district school of instruction for officers of Homemaking Departments Monday afternoon. The session was at the Homemaking Department from five until six o'clock. Future Homemakers from Crosby, Kent and Dickens counties were present. All schools in the district were represented except one.

The meeting began with a general session. After this they divided into groups, and then closed the session with an open house.

Lavorise Lee, who is president of the Artaban Club, talked to the presidents and vice presidents' group. Margie Bell talked to the secretarial group.

Mrs. Allene Harris, director of commercial work, made a talk to the treasurers. Miss Ina Bacon, of the vocal music department, worked with the song leaders. Miss Winifred Aycock, discussed the duties of reporters, with that group, and Miss Ethel Greene gave a talk on parliamentary practices to the parliamentarians.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kinney left the last of the week for Freeport where they will make their home. Mr. Kinney has been with Johnston's Grocery the past two years.

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Midway News

Sunday School and B. T. U. were conducted at the usual hours at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening. Following B. T. U. services Sunday evening a beautiful solo, "Satisfied With Jesus," was rendered by J. T. Campbell.

Next Sunday Bro. Lamb, of Plainview, will preach here and members are especially urged to come out and hear him. Visitors are always welcome.

Merle, Raymond and H. L. Futch, Jr., Conrad, George, Tremaine and Bateman Middlebrook, Wayne Burns, Messrs. and Mesdames H. L. Futch, J. T. Campbell and children, Turner Burns, L. L. Slayden, Thurm an Tooke and Mrs. Roy Atchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams, Slim Goolsby, of Afton, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Spur, and Misses Daye and Unelle Middlebrook and Conrad Middlebrook attended a singing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tab Williams, Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Middlebrook and family, J. T. Campbell and family, H. L. Futch and family and Tab Williams attended the singing at Red Mud Sunday afternoon.

W. H. Moore and Ellis Ferguson of HeAdoo were in this vicinity Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. T. Campbell attended the State Baptist Convention at Houston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Havens and children visited his brother, Arthur Havens, and wife, of Croton on Sunday.

Bernice Bilberry of Espuela and Glenn Havens, of Spur, were visitors in this community Sunday afternoon.

C. E. Neal attended church at Dickens Sunday morning.

The Home Demonstration Club met at the home of the President, Mrs. Johnny Havens, Friday afternoon. The new agent, Miss Henrietta Perrin, was present.

Several from here went to Spur Saturday afternoon.

HAYNES P-T. A. MEETING

When the P-T. A. of the Haynes Colored High School met Friday night, the following members were elected to offices for the new year:

President, Bertha Harris, Vice President, YLorine Holmes, Secretary, Lealor Rivers, Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Haynes.

Mrs. Terry King served as chairman for the meeting during the election of officers.

—Contributed.

'Knut Rockne—All American'

Pat O'Brien stars in film which tells thrilling life story of the Notre Dame football wizard molder of American men.

One of the most unusual screen stories in recent times will make its local debut at the Palace Theatre Saturday midnite, Sunday and Monday when Warner Bros. new film, "Knut Rockne—All American," opens.

It is a film life story of one of America's greatest and wisest heroes—Knut Rockne. The picture traces Rockne's life from his early childhood in Norway to his tragic death in 1931. His life was full of excitement, despair, love and triumph. The film, with Pat O'Brien cast as the Notre Dame football wizard, faithfully portrays those elements and keeps alive the true "spirit of Rockne."

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"Knut Rockne—All American" is more than just a great life story, it is a guide to something we should never forget—the true spirit of America.

PAT O'BRIEN

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Baker left Friday for Albuquerque, N. Mex., where Mr. Baker will treatments in the Veterans' hospital.

Mrs. Kate Buchanan, came over Tuesday and spent the day here visiting friends and looking after business.

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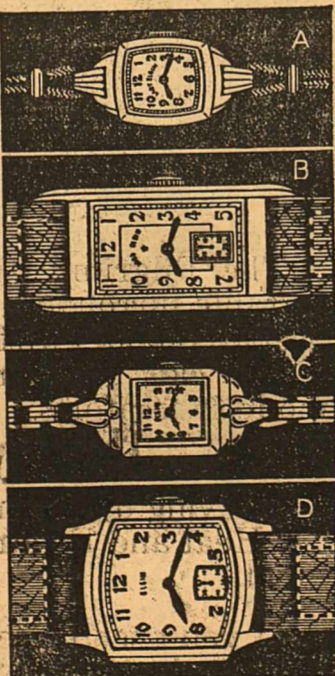
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Croton and Wichita State Health Dept. To Assist Army And Navy

Mrs. Essie South and children, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jenners' and Mr. Beavers, all of Lubbock, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lombert Sunday.

Friends of Mrs. C. E. Butler gathered at her home Sunday, November 10, with dinner to celebrate her birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Guyer, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rogers and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jackson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen and children, L. G. Crabtree, John Youngblood, Milburn and Albert Brendel, M. B. Parks, Mrs. Mattie Edwards, Mrs. Homer Miller and children, Mrs. Clyde Starrett and children, Mrs. Youngblood, and Lenora Parker. Everybody reported a nice time.

Several from this community attended Armistice Day program at Spur, November 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Robinson, of Floydada, spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Porter and children, of Lakeview, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Porter.

Mrs. T. C. Dempsey and son attended to business in Floydada and Lubbock Monday.

J. P. Legg was honored with a birthday dinner at his home Sunday, November 17. Dinner was served buffet style. Those enjoying the occasion were:

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Dempsey and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Legg, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jackson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Badian and children, Mrs. Youngblood and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Starrett and children, Mrs. Mattie Eds, Mrs. Pearl Richey, Miss Lora Parks, Bobbie Ruth Allen, Miss Mae and Hazel Edwards, Wilburn and Abe Brendel, M. B. Parker, L. G. Crabtree, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Legg and children.

Those who came after dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Cal Martin, of Spur, and Elois and Leon Rogers. All reported a nice time and wished J. P. many more happy birthdays.

Rev. Brian Miller his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Butler and son of Dickens, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Guyer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rogers spent the past week at Brownfield with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Rogers.

Mrs. Bob Allen entertained her B. Y. P. U. class at her home Sunday evening. Games were played.

The Texas State Health Department will cooperate with the Army, Navy, and United States Public Health Service in active control of venereal disease in areas where armed forces and national defense employees are concentrated.

Doctor Geo. W. Cox, Health Officer, announced cooperation in the program which is outlined in an agreement with the War and Navy Departments, the Federal Security Agency, and the State and Territorial Health Officers Conference.

Doctor Cox pointed out that "infections among military personnel originate in the civilian communities. Recent experience indicates that the venereal disease rate in a given military command reflects the efficiency of the venereal disease control program in adjacent communities."

"Effectively carried out," Doctor Cox said, "the eight-point cooperative program will contribute substantially to the physical fitness of men in the armed and industrial defense forces."

Doctor Cox quoted statistics showing that 250,000 officers and men—the equivalent of 23 divisions of 15,000 men each—were treated for venereal disease during World War I. "More than six-and-a-half million man-days were lost to the Army because of syphilis and gonorrhea. Much of that lost time could have been avoided," Doctor Cox emphasized, "if facilities had been provided for proper venereal disease control."

Ground-work for the venereal disease control program in the areas surrounding Texas cantonments where military forces will be concentrated has already been established. Local city and county health departments are cooperating with the State Health Department and the U. S. Army officials in setting up a series of control measures.

"It was agreed by the Surgeon General of the Army, Navy, and U. S. Public Health Service," Doctor Cox stated, "that the legal responsibility for the repression of prostitution rests upon the local police and sheriff's departments."

Those present were: Jean, Maggie, and Arlene Brian, Hazel and Dessie Edwards, Laneta and Eva Barrett, Sue Beth and Lucille Legg, Papline, Dorothy Fay and Bobbie Ruth Allen, Betty Rogers, M. B. Parker and Keith Dempsey.

Reporter.



Heigh ho, Cowboy! You're riding all right in the above photo, but they're betting 10 to one you won't stay on anything you attempt to ride long enough to be photographed while participating in the events of the All American Rodeo and Horse Show in Fort Worth, November 24. The crowds are due plenty of thrills from the man-hating broncs and Brahams being brought here for the show.

DELINQUENT TAX CONTRACTS IN TEXAS COUNTIES

By H. G. BRADSHAW Economist in Farm Taxation Division of Farm & Ranch Economics

The collection of current and delinquent ad valorem taxes in Texas counties is a duty of the assessor-collector. In carrying out this duty the officer represents both the state and county governments. In the case of delinquent taxes, the assessor-collector is assisted by the county attorney.

Those regularly elected officials do not collect the delinquent taxes, the commissioner's court has the authority to contract with an attorney to enforce the collection of such taxes.

During the year ending June 30, 1937 delinquent tax contracts were in operation in 73 counties. The total state and county taxes collected under these contracts amounted to \$2,017,920. The commissions paid the contractors amounted to \$247,131 or 12.2 per cent of the total collections.

Of the \$247,131 paid to contractors, \$69,231 was paid by the State of Texas and \$177,900 was paid by the 73 counties. These amounts were deducted from the taxes collected, and only the amounts remaining entered the state and county accounts.

One of the arguments made for delinquent tax contracts is that properties which have not been taxed will be discovered and placed on the rolls. Judging by the monthly reports filed by the contractors, a surprisingly small amount of untaxed property has been discovered. Of the total commissions, \$244,228 was on taxes assessed by the regular county assessors and only \$2,903 was on taxes assessed (discovered and placed on the rolls) by the contractors.

The commissions paid to contractors ranged from 7 1/2 per cent to 15 per cent.

In some instances the contracts were not in force for the entire year, and in a majority of cases collections in a few months. In the 73 counties, commissions were collected for a total of 553 months, or an average of 7.7 months per county.

The number of counties in which a single contractor operated varied from one to ten. Thus, 28 counties were handled by seven men, while the 45 remaining counties were handled by 4 men. This makes a total of 54 contractors in the 73 counties.

In addition to the commissions paid the delinquent tax contractors, the assessor-collector in each county received a five per cent commission on the total collections. These commissions amounted to \$100,896 on the \$2,017,920 collected. It is hardly proper, however, to call this five per cent a cost of collection. In counties under the salary law the assessor-collector is required to deposit all commissions to the officers salary fund, and this fund is used to support several county offices. In counties which are still on the fee basis, the commissions which can be used to support the office are limited by law; the remainder must be deposited to the general fund at the end of each year in most instances, therefore, the assessor-collector's fees

CHRYSLER DEVELOPS NEW TYPE OF GASKET

With the world in its present unsettled condition, the advantages of finding within the United States raw materials for the production of a manufactured product are obvious. It is interesting, therefore, to learn that Chrysler Corporation engineers have developed a revolutionary new type of gasket material—a synthetic rubber composition (Ligno-Neoprene) as a substitute for cork gaskets. All materials required for the gasket are available in this country. Cork has a tendency, engineering tests show, of changing in dimension with humidity, of hardening with age and of taking a permanent set under load. Chrysler researchers sought a material which would have resiliency, to hold a seal and which at the same time would be impervious to oil at high temperatures.

The new Ligno-Neoprene gaskets are being used throughout the engine and wherever tight seals are required.

It is to be remembered that Chrysler engineers pioneered Thiokol gaskets a few years ago—a synthetic rubber impervious to oil in which all paper composition gaskets are dipped. The material adheres to metal surfaces and seals the oil in; in addition to sealing the paper itself.

Between the cylinder head and the cylinder block steel asbestos gaskets are used for strength and to seal the two parts under high pressure.

In Chrysler cars three types of gasket materials are used: (1) Metallic asbestos gaskets, for strength and sealing at high pressures; (2) Thiokol paper gaskets, for sealing at low compression; and (3) the new synthetic rubber composition gaskets (Ligno-Neoprene) to fill important places where both resiliency and sealing are required.

GIRL'S AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

The Girl's Auxiliary met at the First Baptist Church Sunday, November 17, at two o'clock. The leader, Mrs. Thurmond Moore, read a story. Plans for a Christmas program, and for organizing a vocal quartette were discussed.

The officers are: President, Robbie Dean Morrow; vice president, Pearl Jean Vaughn; Secretary, Kathryn Garrett; treasurer, Patsy Jean Hyatt; song leader, Virginia Dunwoody; pianist, Ernestine Berry; reporter, Alberta Dunwoody.

Other members are: Evelyn Barkley and Nathalia Murray. All girls from 9 to 12 years, inclusive, are invited to become members.

—Reported.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hairgrove, of Dry Lake, were in town Saturday trading and talking with friends.

L. L. Teague and family, of Twin Wells, were in town Saturday doing some trading and greeting friends.

C. L. White, of Croton, was transacting business and meeting friends here Saturday.

for collecting delinquent taxes (or a substantial portion of them) are eventually used about as other taxes are used, and to that extent are not a cost of collection.

FORMER ATHEIST CONTINUES TO SPEAK AT ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Evangelist Michael Laleff is giving timely messages every night, as he is dealing with the present existing conditions seen from prophetic Biblical viewpoints. The congregation is eagerly listening to God's prophetic word. The evangelist believes there is no other remedy for this sad world, but the gospel of Christ.

This coming Sunday evening Evangelist Laleff will speak on the subject, "What Is Wrong With The World? Is There a Way Out? What Do You Think?" Everyone should hear this gospel message, which will be an eye-opener to the public.

There will be services every night at 7:30.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.

Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

There will be an all day service November 28, beginning at 10 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The pastor, Roy F. George, cordially invites everyone to attend these services.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We take this means to thank our friends and neighbors for their assistance during the illness and death of our son. We thank everybody who in any manner assisted us, and for your words of comfort which meant so much.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Willmon and Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McArthur, of Red Mud community, were in town Saturday doing some trading and meeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Burns, of Elton, were in town Saturday doing some trading and enjoying meeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Hand, of near Dumont, were in town Saturday talking with friends and doing some trading.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. James, of Girard, were attending to business matters and greeting friends here Saturday.

Buck Sadler, of Calgary, was attending to business affairs and talking with friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McAteer, of Wichita community, were in town Saturday trading with friends and trading.

C. R. McLaughlin and family, of McAdoo, were attending to business affairs here Saturday.

Intire, Surgeon General of the Navy; R. Walton Moore, Counselor, State Department; Mrs. Henry R. Rae, Sewickley, Pa.; Elliott Wadsworth, Boston; Lloyd B. Wilson, Washington; Major General James C. Magee, Surgeon General of the Army.

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NONA Unemployment is blamed on the machine age—as a matter fact, the fault lies in the age of the machine.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Overstreet, of Elton, were trading and conversing with friends here Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols will return today from Louisville, Ky., where they have been attending the convention of the American Medical Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Holly, of Steel Hill community, were in town Saturday trading and meeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham, of the Swenson Ranch headquarters, were in town Saturday meeting their many friends and trading.

Ben Schussler and family, of Highway, were in town Saturday trading and talking with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. French, of Afton, were in town Saturday doing some trading and talking with old friends.

Red Cross Story

The following urgent letter was received by Clyde Walthall, Roll Call Chairman, Dickens County Chapter, which should stir everybody:

WASHINGTON, D. C. November 15. — The Central Committee of the American Red Cross, meeting in extraordinary session today, authorized Chairman Norman H. Davis to expand all Red Cross services directly or indirectly connected with the national defense program.

Davis told the Committee the Red Cross was ready to proceed with its part in the national defense program and plans were ready to meet any emergency. Red Cross personnel at army camps and naval stations, he said, would be significantly expanded before next spring.

The Red Cross, he explained, is charged with the medical, social welfare work for the armed forces. Additional buildings for the Red Cross on military reservations would have to be built, he declared, while more Red Cross nurses would have to be recruited to staff the military and naval hospitals.

Davis said Red Cross chapters near army cantonments would be strengthened during the winter to handle welfare problems of soldiers and their families.

In addition to the services which the Red Cross will render American soldiers and sailors, Davis said, the Red Cross also was expanding all of its civilian services indirectly connected with national defense. Volunteers in Red Cross chapters will be asked to make surgical dressings for the U. S. Army and comfort articles for hospitalized soldiers and sailors, as well as to participate in the other expanding services, he reported.

Men to provide volunteer blood plasma to army and navy hospitals, he said, is now well beyond the experimental stage and will be launched on a national scale whenever needed.

To prepare civilians to be of practical service to their country in case of war or an emergency, Davis said Red Cross courses in first aid and home nursing would be increased during the winter. More Red Cross chapters will be encouraged to organize motor corps, canteen services and to increase the number and training of disaster workers. All of these programs, he explained, are of vital importance to Red Cross preparedness.

In view of the increased responsibilities which face the Red Cross the Central Committee called upon the chapters to increase their efforts in the annual membership roll call, now underway throughout the country, so that millions of new members might be secured. All domestic activities of the Red Cross it was explained, are financed from membership dues and contributions.

Present at the meeting were: Daniel W. Boll, Under Secretary of the Treasury; Mrs. August Belmont, New York; Miss Mabel T. Boardman, Washington; Mrs. Henry P. Davidson, Locust Valley, L. I. New York; James B. Forgan, Washington; William Fortune, Indianapolis; George L. Harrison, New York; Rear Admiral Ross T. Mc-



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Thanksgiving



Be Thankful For Mr. Average Man's Resourcefulness

The manifest course of world events is eventually and always controlled by moderate men—stolid, hindrum, every-day men whose single claim on the world is their own moderation. For every tyrant or clown, reformer or criminal—there are millions of those whose single-minded purpose makes possible all that is good in progress, morality and ultimate happiness.

At this time we can be thankful that the general order of things is pervaded by such a sane and influential stabilizer. We can be thankful for the foundation of such a temperament upon which our hopes and dreams can be builded.

ALLEN AUTO SUPPLY

SPUR TAILORS SCHOOL NEWS

The Pep Squad are starting workouts in formation for the Spur-Floydada football game which will be played at Floydada next Thursday, November 21. Miss Aycock has charge of the Pep Squad. They had a very nice act for the Paducah game Monday.

The pupils under Miss Simpson's supervision are doing tumbling acts, head stands, etc. The classes are studying health and Anatomy in its relation to health. Also, a number of common diseases are being studied by the pupils. These are very helpful to the students.

Homemaking Department
The Artaban Club will hold a meeting tonight to initiate a number of new members. The hour will be from 6:30 until 7:30 o'clock this evening, and there will be about 20 new members to be initiated. The president of the club and four other girls will have charge of the initiation. Louise Ince is the president.

Today the Homemaking students are having their Future Homemaking meetings. There will be meetings in each class. The subject is, "My Place in National Defense." A talk will be made on Conserving Food and Its Relation to National Defense. Other talks will be made including Conserving Textiles, and Improving Family Life, and their relation to national defense.

There will be a quiz conducted using the subject, "My Country." There will be some 35 to 40 ques-

tions asked on "My Country." Song practice will be conducted using patriotic and national songs.

East Ward School
The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held Tuesday afternoon. The subject discussed was "Child Discipline." Mrs. O. L. Kelley discussed the subject from the parent's viewpoint. Mrs. Carl Patton discussed the subject from the teacher's viewpoint. The Executive Committee made report on some needed equipment for the school, among which was a flagpole and a Visual Aid machine.

About 100 books were donated to the school library last week. The pupils and teachers are very glad to get these books.

The pupils in Mrs. Engleman's room will have charge of the assembly program Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. It is to be a Mother Goose program, and parents have an invitation to be present.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWS

The assembly program for next week will be Wednesday morning at 11:40 o'clock. Pupils of Miss Nell Francis' room will have charge of the program and it is thought they will give a drama of the Courtship of Miles Standish. People are invited to be present for this program.

Pupils of the sixth and seventh grades worked up a very nice project for Book Week which is this week. They gave a very nice exhibit at the Parent-Teacher meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

The Parent-Teacher Association for the Grammar School held their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. At the business session the treasury report was given by Mrs. Paul Loe. Mrs. M. H. Brannen gave a report on the Halloween carnival, and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell reported on P. T. A. membership stating that they had more than reached their quota of members for the year. Miss Thurman and Mrs. B. F. Hawley were appointed a committee to see about getting pictures repaired for the building.

The program was very fine. The devotion was conducted by C. V. Allen. Mrs. Thurman Moore served as leader of the program.

C. B. Wadzeck gave a very fine talk on Vocational Instruction.

Mrs. O. M. McGinty talked on "Reading an Art," which was enjoyed very much.

Superintendent Thomas spoke on Educational Uses of Visual

Aids and Radio.
After the program a social time was enjoyed and refreshments were served. A good attendance was reported.

The Typing Department has 55 pupils enrolled and doing work as typists. Seventeen pupils are taking short hand. The school gives one full credit for typing and one full credit for short hand.

All city schools were dismissed Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving holidays. Many of the teachers are expecting to attend the Texas State Teachers Association at Fort Worth during the week end. The football game at Floydada today will employ the attention of the other teachers and most of the pupils.

Onell Reeder was enrolled in Grammar school this week and is a member of Class 6-B. Miss Doris Sargent is her teacher.

Choral Club
The High School Choral Club and the High School Sextette are doing some very fine work now. The members of the Choral Club are:

Pearline Bailey, Ava Nell Billberry, Grace Boothe, Frances Brewer, Margaret Byrd, Mildred Calvert, Elyse Clea Frazier, Ann Gollihar, Bertie Bell Glenn, Velma Nell Glenn, Gladys Hoover, Robbie Hoover, Jane Mallory, Jean Morgan, Mildred Neaves, Johnny Phillips, Margie Nell Russell, Christine Sandlin, LaVerne Smith, Nona Carol Smith, Edith Spraberry, Waneva Stanley, Odell Swanner, Bonnie Turpen, Bartina Wilson and Effie Wilson.

A Junior High School Choral Club is being organized and worked out, and possibly further announcements can be made relative to this organization next week. Miss Bacon is the director of the work and much interest is being developed.

Grammar School Program

Miss Nell Francis had charge of the assembly program for the Grammar School Wednesday afternoon. The date was changed from Thursday back to Wednesday on account of holidays. Pupils in her room gave a drama of the Courtship of Miles Standish. All who were present stated the program was very good.

Pupils in Mrs. White's room won the prize last week for having the best representation at the Parent-Teacher meeting. The Grammar School pupils have a great time in Parent-Teacher attendance contests.

East Ward School

Several teachers of the East Ward are planning to attend the State Teachers Association in Fort Worth Friday. Those who have stated they will attend are: Miss Dorothy Walker, Miss Frances Graham, Mrs. Carl Patton, Miss Mary Nelda Vaughter and Miss Katherine Smith. All teachers in the East Ward are members of the State organization.

The pupils at the East Ward have begun the collection of toys and other articles to assist unfortunate children to have Christmas this year. These toys will be turned over to the Boy Scouts for repairs. The room getting the best selection will get a holiday.

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PATTON SPRINGS SCHOOL NEWS

First Grade — Mrs. Jackson, Teacher.

All of the beginners that have been in school five weeks now have readers and are making rapid progress in reading.

This room is going to sponsor a Fishing Pond at the school carnival. We hope to make enough money to buy several things for our room.

Our room was visited by groups of spooks last week. We had a lot of fun after we found out that they were not "really spooks."

First and Second Grades—Helen Porter, Teacher.

These boys and girls were very happy to get back in school in time to enjoy the celebration of Halloween together. Each pupil made his own Halloween mask and showed Mrs. Jackson's boys and girls how "spooks" look and act.

We made our first nature study field trip Friday, observing signs of fall. Red, orange, and yellow leaves were collected.

Second and Third Grades—Miss Jack Powell, Teacher.

This past week we ended a contest on clean hands and teeth with three receiving prizes, they were Louise Norris, Joyce Dell Bell and J. T. Campbell, Jr.

On last Thursday we began a race in our room to select a queen to enter the final Nov. 8. Those in the race are: Donnie Lawson, Bonnie Randolph, and Katherine Speights.

The second grade had two new pupils to start to school. They are Billie Arline Martin and Joyce Evelyn Smallwood. We are glad to welcome them to our class.

Third Grade—Miss Heathington, Teacher.

We are getting ready to win all we can in amateur bowling for our carnival Friday night.

In class work we are reviewing we can in amateur bowling for our ished our unit on boats. The children enjoyed their study of boats very much.

The Girl Scouts of Patton Springs school entertained their mothers with a lovely Halloween party took place at the Scout House 4:30 p. m. The Scouts entertained their guests with poems, a short play, stories and games of different kinds. An attractive refreshment plate was served to Mrs. Sam Putman, Mrs. Herman Kee, Mrs. Howard Alexander and Mrs. Gates. The Girl Scouts that were there were Mary Helen Haney, Frankie Nell Kee, Lavillas Alexander, Mary Nell Smith, Joyce Marie Goodman, Sue Beth Legg.

Every teacher in East Ward is a member of the Red Cross Association. They are fully one hundred per cent for that work.

Mrs. Cravy reported that every pupil in her room brought a book for the school library. They went over 100 per cent in this work.

Billie Galloway, Doris Baxter Coez, Putman, Patsy Nell Gates, Jimmie Dean Offield and Miss Faye Robinson the Girl Scout Leader.

Lavillas Alexander, Troop Scribe.

"Wonderful America"

Oh we people of Americas We just aren't proud enough Of this wonderful land of peace and love.

Just look around at the country about Of the people who are fighting and doing without They are probably all hungry and cold

Lighting and obeying the orders they are told, Listening to the room of the planes and the boom of the gun Crying and praying for the end to come

Oh, just how terrible it is over there. The crying of children and the mothers prayer Thank God for this wonderful land The love and peace of every man. God bless Americas until the end And may every man in America be friends.

—Finette Arcy.

Patton Springs Greenhands Are Initiated
The Patton Springs Greenhands were initiated by the Greenhands and Future Farmers on Sept. 17. The Greenhands initiated were Carroll Allen, Leo Baxter, J. D. Elkins, J. O. Havens, Weldon Havens, Claude Keaton, J. W. McAllister, George Middlebrooks, Treman Middlebrooks, Joe Mixon, Adrain Smith, Billy Ray Webster and C. V. Young.

Patton Springs F. F. A.
Chapter Elects Officers

The Patton Springs chapter elected officers for the year, Sept. 6. The officers are:

President—Sidney Baxter. Vice-President—Dempsey Sims. Secretary—G. A. Benham. Treasurer—Lloyd Hilton.

Reporter—W. J. Bridge. Historian—Elvis McCarty. Parliamentarian—Delton Roberts.

Watch Dog — Billy Joe Stark. Song Leader — George Middlebrooks.

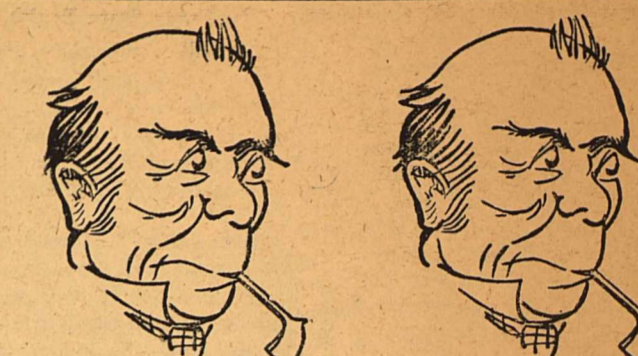
IN APPRECIATION

The following poem is the first one that God has seen fit to allow me to write since my experience in the Baylor Hospital. For this I am tryingly thankful, for I was beginning to fear that my talent had deserted me altogether.

This Thanksgiving season finds us with more things to be thankful for than ever before: Thankful that our lives have been spared and that we are still on praying grounds and pleading terms with our loving Heavenly Father, for the manifold blessings we enjoy, and for Peace in America. And for the friends who prayed for us while I was undergoing my supreme trial; for their prayers for my recovery, and the many cards

and letters we received—for this we thank God who put it in the hearts of our friends and let us to cheer our hearts. Calamity had overtaken us.

Please do not pass up the opportunity to buy one of my Hard times? Yes. War is threatened? Yes. All the more reason to buy good literature, for the soul is fed upon spiritual things, it will spiritually die. "And what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" The price of MY PLOT has been reduced, so that everyone who desires to buy it can do so. Don't you want to have a part in this great work of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through of MY PLOT? You could not give a better Christmas gift.



Pat and Mike May Look Alike

But How different they really are when you get to know them! It's the same with REPAIR PARTS for your tractor and your farm machinery. Beware of imitation parts that say "will fit" or "made for" John Deere machines—Such parts are never as satisfactory as the genuine replacement parts made by the same people who made the original parts.

Your machinery is better off—you are better off—when you come to us and get GENUINE JOHN DEERE REPAIRS for your John Deere equipment.

Bryant-Link Co.

We Give THANKS

That we are Americans in a land of peace and liberty... opportunity and the right of freedom to express our appreciation for the many things that are ours.

Riter Hardware



We SPUR TAILORS feel that there are many things for which we should be thankful. We trust our friends will make this a day of thanksgiving and feel that we owe reverence to our creator—

We are thankful for health... for Peace—that reign in our country—be thankful for the many blessings our community enjoys.

SPUR TAILORS
The Friendly Shop
Phone 18

YOUR ALMANAC by Herbert
CALCULATED FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4...

SUNRISE	NOVEMBER 4... 6:21	SUNSET	NOVEMBER 4... 4:34
	NOVEMBER 5... 6:23		NOVEMBER 5... 4:35
	NOVEMBER 6... 6:24		NOVEMBER 6... 4:32
	NOVEMBER 7... 6:25		NOVEMBER 7... 4:30
	NOVEMBER 8... 6:26		NOVEMBER 8... 4:29
	NOVEMBER 9... 6:28		NOVEMBER 9... 4:28
	NOVEMBER 10... 6:29		NOVEMBER 10... 4:27

TIME GIVEN IS STANDARD BULOVA WATCH TIME...

IS YOUR NAME BALLARD? THE NAME IS POSSIBLY DERIVED FROM THE CORNISH-WELSH BAL (A HILL) AND ARD (HIGH, LOFTY). BALLARD IS ALSO SAID TO BE FROM THE OLD ENGLISH BALDARD MEANING A PERSON OF BOLD NATURE...

REMEMBER, IF YOU SPEND ALL OF YOUR TIME DREAMING OF TOMORROW AND REGRETTING YESTERDAY, THERE'LL BE LITTLE TIME FOR DOING ANYTHING TODAY.

SCORPIO... ACCORDING TO THE HOROSCOPE, THOSE BORN DURING THIS PERIOD HAVE A SHREWD, PERSUASIVE MIND. THESE PEOPLE ARE POETICAL AND OFTEN RELIGIOUSLY INCLINED.

HOUSEHOLD HINT
STALE DOUGHNUTS... CUT THE DOUGHNUT IN HALF, PLACE UNDER THE BROILER FOR A FEW MINUTES—WHILE WARM SPREAD WITH MELTED BUTTER, SPRINKLE WITH SUGAR AND CINNAMON.

THE BOND OF SOCIETY CONSISTS OF REASON AND SPEECH.—CICERO

PUT MUSIC IN YOUR HOME BIG SHIPMENT OF BAND INSTRUMENTS RECEIVED

We can save you money on new or used Musical Instruments—any kind you wish—Life becomes richer the minute music enters the household.

Silver Plated Trumpet
Made by CONN, good condition, slightly used, only \$26.00 to \$30.00. \$5.00 down—terms \$4.00 per month.

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High grade, slightly used \$37.50. Attractive case, looks like new. \$5.00 down—terms \$4.00 per month.

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It is a beauty, only \$49.50. Warlitzer CORNET. good condition. 2nd hand, only \$14.00. \$5.00 down—terms \$4.00 per month.

Slide Trombone
Fine Silver Plaid. CONN. High Grade, original price \$175.00, without case \$50.00. Use Our Easy Payment Plan

Dickens County Times
W. D. Starcher, Agent

REDUCED PRICE ANNOUNCED FOR AMERICAN BOY

With the announcement of an aged and enlivened magazine, American Boy, foremost publication for boys ten to twenty, announces a reduction in its subscription and single copy prices.

In announcing a change in editorial policy, publishers of The American Boy assure subscribers that the established fiction heroes who have made the magazine so popular with young and old alike, will continue to tell of their adventures exclusively in the American Boy.

However, with a larger magazine will come new fiction characters and an enlarged sports, defense and adventure program in

the non fiction field. Greater recognition will be given to outstanding boys the country over and an exceptional achievement will be rewarded with the boy's picture on the front cover.

Teachers, librarians, parents and leaders of boys groups recommend The American Boy enthusiastically. They have found that, as a general rule, boys who read The American Boy regularly advance more rapidly than boys who do not read it.

To subscribe to The American Boy simply send the name and address of the one who is to receive the magazine together with proper remittance (\$1 for one year or \$2 for three years) direct to The American Boy, 7430 Second Blvd., Detroit, Michigan.

MRS. TYREE THOMAS ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Tyree Thomas entertained the Busy Bee Class Thursday evening at six o'clock with a Halloween party in her home on N. Keeler Avenue.

The members of the class came dressed in costumes. Games were played and refreshments of popcorn and cookies trimmed with Halloween candies were served.

Shirley Hairgrove, Vinnie Marie Lewis, Bonnie Beth Henry, Billie Jean Sullivan, Clarasyne Lewis, Billie Marie Hindman, Bertha Jean Whitener, Margaret Anne Richards, Ernest Sulivent, Virgie Bert Elliott, Jackie Ray Richards, and Mary Joyce Thomas.

After refreshments all went to the Halloween carnival.

Lee Kelley, Swenson Ranch cook, at Kalgary, was looking after business matters and greeting friends here Saturday.

Dock Love and family, of Cat Fish, were in town Saturday trading and talking with friends.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNER-SHIP, MANAGEMENT, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933

Of The Dickens County Times published Weekly at Spur, Texas for October 1, 1940.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DICKENS

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and count aforesaid, personally appeared Wm. C. Starcher, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the Dickens County Times and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:

Publisher Wm. C. Starcher, Spur, Texas.

Editor W. D. Starcher, Spur, Texas.

Business Manager, Mrs. W. D. Starcher, Spur, Texas.

2. That the owner is: (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and also immediately thereunder the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding one per cent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a firm, company, or other unincorporated concern, its name and address, as well as those of each individual member, must be given.)

Wm. C. Starcher.

3. That the known bondholders, holders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none, so state.)

None.

4. That the two paragraphs above, giving the names of the owners, stockholders, and security holders, if any, contain not only the list of stockholders and security holders as they appear upon the books of the company but also, in cases where the stockholder or security holder appears upon the books of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting, is given; also that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing affiant's full knowledge and belief as to the circumstances and conditions under which stockholders and security holders who do not appear upon the books of the company as trustees, hold stock and securities in a capacity other than that of a bona fide owner; and this affiant has no reason to believe that any other person, association, or corporation has any interest direct or indirect in the said stock, bonds, or other securities than as so stated by him.

5. That the average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed, through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the twelve months preceding the date shown above is weekly (This information is required for daily publications only)

William C. Starcher.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of November, 1940.

W. N. McComb, Notary Public. (My commission expires May 31, 1941).

"Shorty" Butler, one of the good Kent County farmers, was greeting friends and trading here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, of the Swenson Ranch, were in town Saturday meeting friends and doing some trading.

Frank Hale and family of Girard were in town Saturday attending to business matters and enjoying friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sharp and children, of Espuela, were here Saturday buying merchandise and greeting friends.

John Randall, of Steel Hill, was in town Saturday chatting with friends and looking after business matters.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of our fathers, majestic and glorious, High over all, Thy great name we adore. Thou art forever our refuge victorious; Border to border, from shore unto shore. Kneeling before Thee we lift up our voices, Thankful for peace — in Thy name we rejoice.

God of the universe, hear us we pray Three: Blot from Thy record each wrong we have done. Oh! never more may our nation betray Thee! Forward with Christ till the victory is won. God of our fathers, we thank Thee today— Bless us and keep us for ever — we pray. Amen. Ella Kellum Bennett.

GAMMA ETA CHAPTER TEA

Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma entertained Saturday, Nov. 2, in Paducah with a seated tea honoring teachers and other interested guests of Cottle, Dickens, Kent, King, and Motley Counties.

Miss Carter discussed aims and purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. Ninety guests and members from the five counties were present. Members and guests from Dickens County who attended were: Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Mrs. Jack Horace, Mrs. E. D. Cook, Mrs. Horace Woods, Miss Bess Thurman.

TWENTIETH CENTURY STUDY CLUB

The Twentieth Century Study Club met at the home of Mrs. T. H. Blackwell Tuesday, November 5. The president, Mrs. O. C. Thomas, called the meeting to order and conducted the business session. Mrs. O. L. Kelley was leader of the program on "Wise Ways with Children."

Mrs. Crockett talked on discipline for the pre-school child, and Mrs. Blackwell gave "Guiding the Adolescent." Refreshments of coffee and cherry tarts with whipped cream were served to the following: Mesdames E. L. Caraway, W. S. Campbell, D. P. Condit, E. D. Cook, E. J. Cowan, F. B. Crockett, B. F. Hale, O. L. Kelley, E. S. Lee, George S. Link, O. M. McGinty, P. C. Nichols, L. D. Ratliff, Cliff Bird, O. B. Ratliff, O. C. Thomas, and A. M. Walker. — Reporter.

George Bradley, of Kalgary country, was in town Saturday meeting his many old time friends and looking after business.

Tom Gilmore, Swenson wagon boss, at Kalgary, was attending to business affairs here Saturday.

Bob Hahn and family, of Highway, were talking with friends here Saturday.

C. E. McClain, of Red Mud, was talking with friends and trading here Saturday.

Mrs. O. L. Kelley, Mrs. O. C. Thomas, Miss Nelle Francis, Mrs. E. D. Engleman, and Miss Edith Cavens. — Reporter.

PATTON SPRINGS F. F. A. ELECT FARMERETTES

The Patton Springs F. F. A. chapter, met Friday Nov. 1, to elect ten Farmerettes for the chapter.

Those elected were: Jackie Young, Jean Bars, Adalene Byars, Melba Robinett, Doris Stephens, Ada Lou Robinett, Mabel Blakeley, Johnny Ruth Belcher, Ouida Armstrong, Addie Lee Kissinger.

These young ladies will help the chapter in many ways and especially in serving the annual Father-Son Banquet.

DISTRICT HOMEMAKERS MEETING WAS HELD AT DICKENS OCTOBER 26

The Pioneer Chapter of Dickens High School was hostess of the regular District Homemakers meeting of Crosby, Kent, and Dickens Counties held at Dickens Saturday, October 26.

This is the first time for the meeting to be held at Dickens. The club girls worked very diligently to make the meeting enjoyable as well as a profitable one.

The Dickens chapter has two district officers, Lena Dell Arthur, secretary-treasurer and Winona Reynolds, song leader.

The theme for the day was "The Ideal Girl." McAdoo was awarded a prize for the club that had the best exhibit.

C. D. Bird, of Matador, was in our city Monday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slayden, of near Dickens, were and greeting friends in our city Saturday.

Mrs. Addie Spraberry, of Kalgary, was in our city Saturday doing some shopping.

We Are THANKFUL We are Americans... we have peace... we have plenty... we have opportunity and the right of individual "self-determination" - It is with these and many other thoughts in mind that we give thanks. Godfrey-Smart

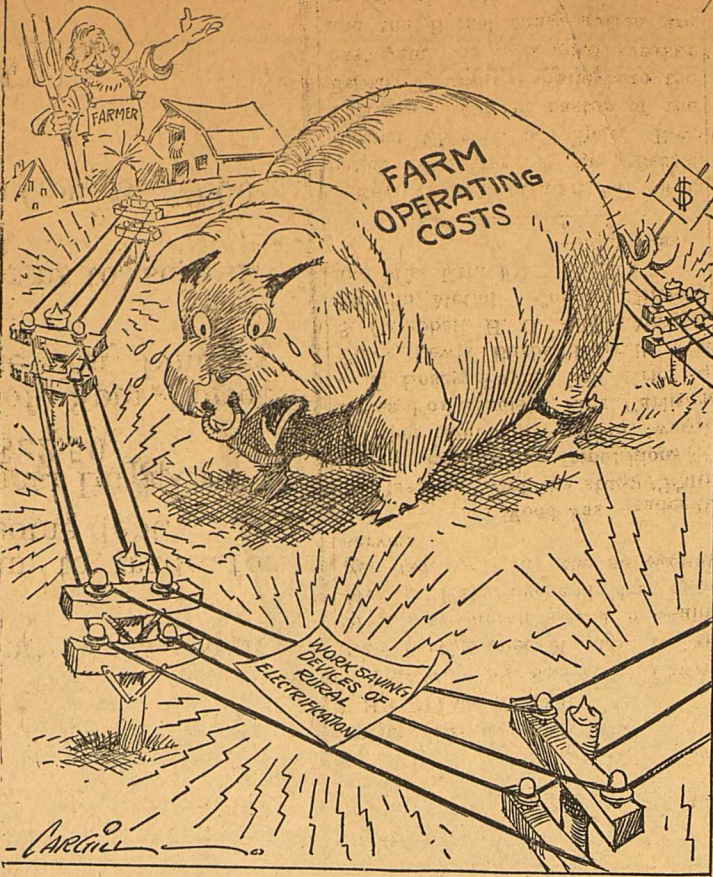


Symbols of Thanksgiving... SHOCKS of grain in a moonlit field... Pumpkins... Turkey... Fruit. Those are the symbols of Thanksgiving, handed down by our ancestors. Today, though, we can be thankful for much besides a bountiful harvest... thankful for the American way of living that has grown out of private initiative and enterprise... thankful for the Freedom which has been inherited from those ancestors through reverence for the Constitution. And we can be thankful for the modern comforts of every-day home life provided by Electric Service, which has been made both plentiful and cheap. This is our contribution to Thanksgiving, this plus jobs for a thousand men and women and almost one-half million dollars annually in taxes. West Texas Utilities Company

YOUR ALMANAC by Herbert CALCULATED FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18.. SUNRISE SUNSET TIME GIVEN IS STANDARD BULOVA WATCH TIME... ORIGIN OF THE NAME MACRAE - THIS IS A GAELIC NAME OF GREAT ANTIQUITY APPEARING AS EARLY AS THE FIFTH CENTURY. MACRAE IS OF ECCLESIASTICAL ORIGIN FROM THE PERSONAL CHRISTIAN NAME RATH (GRACE) - MACRATH: "SON OF GRACE." THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF THE SCOTTISH MACRAES WAS KNOWN AS THE "WILD MACRAES." JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD NOV. 19... JAMES A. GARFIELD, 20th PRESIDENT, BORN... 1831. NOV. 21... NORTH CAROLINA (24th STATE) RATIFIED CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES... 1789. NOV. 23... FRANKLIN PIERCE, 14th PRESIDENT, BORN... 1804. "THEY GIVE CHARM TO THEIR GIFTS BY WORDS." - PLINY.

YOUR ALMANAC by Herbert CALCULATED FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25.. SUNRISE SUNSET TIME GIVEN IS STANDARD BULOVA WATCH TIME... IS YOUR NAME WARREN? ALL THE WARRENS (AND WARRENERS) ARE DESCENDED FROM DUKE WILLIAM DE WARRENNE (DE GARRENNE) WHO ACCREDITED HIMSELF BRAVELY AT THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS-1066. THE NAME ORIGINALLY MEANT A DWELLER AT-OR KEEPER OF A GAME PRESERVE. "A FOOLISH MOTORIST IS ONE WHO THINKS THE LOCOMOTIVE IS WHISTLING JUST TO KEEP UP ITS COURAGE." "FAIR WORDS GLADDEN MANY A HEART." - LONGFELLOW.

Great Were Their Thanks Greater Ours We cannot sit down with the Indians for a feast of Thanksgiving after long months of toil and privation, when prayers were daily offered that the crops would be good and our stomachs filled during a long Winter. But we can be thankful for everything they gave thanks for on this first Thanksgiving Day... and more! We can be thankful they founded a country more blessed than any other in the world. We can be thankful it has come down to us through the years with its original ideals of liberty, equality and opportunity still intact. We can be thankful that these early Americans have willed us a glorious and unique heritage... which it is our privilege to pass on, enriched by our own contributions, to the America of tomorrow. The American harvest has been great... in physical plenty and spiritual inspiration. On this Thanksgiving Day, therefore, let us give great thanks! SPUR SECURITY BANK



“NOW LET'S SEE YOU GET OUT!”—Science is increasingly coming to the aid of the farmer. The more efficient processes and methods available to agriculture through electricity enable the farmer and his entire family to enjoy a higher standard of living.

Electric service ought to be not a burden on the family budget but a help. By saving expense and adding new income, the electric system on most farms ought to pay for itself. The electrified farm, with no more sheds and no more buildings, and with less work, can grow more crops and can produce more chickens and cattle, more eggs and milk, than the same farm without electricity.

The Rural Electrification Administration, says that fairly complete electrification of an average general farm can be accomplished for about \$1000 and that a good start can be made for less than that. Farmers are finding that much of their electrical equipment is a profitable investment.

Rural Highline Survey

The rural highline survey is moving along very satisfactorily. Only about three link-ups remain to be worked out in the county. Three communities have their required quotas signed up, and two others have exceeded their allotted number.

Kent county is getting their survey fairly well lined up. They have about one-third of their line completed, and about one-half of the remainder approximately signed up. Each sign-up now is bringing their project more rapidly to realization, for in most instances a new member closes a gap and saves one or more old members who stood a chance of being cut off.

Most people are ready and signing when the solicitors arrive, but a few are still putting them off until a later time. It would enhance the speed of the project and save expense if each one would sign-up at the first visit. Get this done if you possibly can and it will release the solicitors for other work.

—The Manager.

Farms For Sale

140 acres in cultivation and improvements, possession 1941, \$600.00 cash, balance, terms.

Southwest Kalgary, cultivation fair improvements, \$15.00 per acre; balance, terms.

near Spur, small down balance, 20 years.

acres grassland near Spur; per acre.

acres sandy land, all in cultivation, two room house, five acres orchard, good well of water, price \$25, \$1,200 cash; balance, terms.

6. 1 1/2 sections west of McAdoo, good improvements, price \$35; easy terms.

7. 160 acres, 120 acres in cultivation, two-room house, small barn, near McAdoo, possession January 1, 1941, price \$27.50.

640 acres, 240 acres good grass, new improvements, 400 acres good farm land, priced to sell, best sell to settle estate.

acres grassland, near Spur, price 10.00.

three homes in Spur to trade for farms and assume some debt.

Two 80-acre tracts near Duck Creek Schoolhouse, price \$22.50.

65 acres north of Spur, price \$25.00, terms, possession January 1, 1942.

1000 acre ranch, terms to suit individual, price \$6.00.

20 acres, Dickens County, \$9.00, terms to suit buyer.

O. L. KELLEY

Taxes Decreased 200 Per Cent

The average Texas tax-payer now has to pay \$3 for every \$1 he paid in state taxes in 1920, a study just completed by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association shows.

The study, based on figures in the association's new book, "Important Facts About Texas Oil," shows that Texans in general now pay \$69,000,000 in state taxes against \$23,000,000 in 1920, or three times as much. The Texas petroleum industry now pays \$39,000,000 in state taxes against \$4,000,000 in 1920, or nearly ten times as much.

During the 20-year period, the cost of state government has become virtually five times as great, while the state's population is less than one and a half times as much. The tremendous increase in governmental expense represents an increase in per capita cost of \$18.53 for each Texan. However, the average Texan's tax obligation is not this much more, but only \$5.82 more than in 1920. Taxes to fill this wide gap have come from the Texas petroleum industry, which is paying over three times as much in proportion today as the average Texan.

Figures contained in the book show that the Texas petroleum industry is now paying 44 1/2 per cent of all state property and business taxes. This is exclusive of poll and sales taxes such as the gasoline tax, which the consumer pays. However, if sales taxes are counted, petroleum and its products bear over 53 per cent of all state taxes.

Copies of the book are now being distributed by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, from its Dallas headquarters in the Continental Building, to Texas oilmen, business leaders and school and college libraries and students. The 1940 edition of "Important Facts About Texas Oil," is the largest yet issued, representing ten months work by the association's statistical staff. Besides tax data, the book contains much new information on what petroleum means to the economic life of Texas.

Rotary Club Enjoyed Program

The Rotary Club of Spur enjoyed a very fine meeting last Thursday. President Ty Allen was prompt in calling the meeting to order, as he always has been, the Spur Inn served a very fine lunch and everybody seemed happy—all at Henry Alexander. He was on the program.

Attorney George W. Dupree, of Lubbock, made up attendance here last Thursday, and also, J. K. Crews, Plainsville banker, put in an extra meeting here. All the Fellows were glad to have these distinguished Rotarians with us. Deacon Hull had a guest last meeting in the person of Judge H. A. C. Brummett, leading attorney at Dickens. Judge is always welcome at the Rotary Club.

Henry Alexander made an excellent talk on the subject of World Trade and its relation to peace. Henry always brings a good message, and the fine attendance at the meeting last week bears out that statement. The Fellows enjoy hearing him.

Rotary meets at the Spur Inn every Thursday at noon, but will not meet next Thursday on account of the town observing the New Deal Thanksgiving Day. But be back Thursday, November 28.

Roy Scott and mother, of Red Mud, were trading and greeting friends in our city Saturday.

James Bryan Passes Away

James Bryan Willmon, of Afton, known to his many friends as "Jimmy," was born June 21, 1886, at Afton. Ill health began to afflict him in November, 1938, when he was stricken with scarlet fever. Bright's disease developed later. Little Jimmy was never well after that time.

He lived only a few short days after the poison passed into the blood stream. He passed into a coma about six hours before death came to relieve him. He died November 14, at 3:05 o'clock in the morning. He was four years, four months and 23 days old.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Willmon, and a baby brother, also, a host of relatives and friends.

—Contributed.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for their thoughtful deeds, words of comfort and your continued kindness from day to day that were given us and our dear husband and father during his long illness and death.

Mrs. L. S. Scott and Family.

Jake Jones, of Catfish country, was in town Saturday trading and talking business.

W. C. Cartwright, northwest of town, was in Saturday greeting friends and trading.

GODFREY & SMART RECKE SERVICE
Nights and Sunday recks service phone 71.—Day recks service phone 6.

G. F. Harris, of McAdoo, transacting business in our and greeting friends Saturday.

C. O. Parker, of Elton, was transacting business and talking with friends here Saturday.

Auto Loans

Let me loan you the money to buy a new car at 5% and keep your insurance at home and get better service.

All Kinds of Insurance

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Spur Texas

TOPS FOR BREAKFAST THESE FALL MORNINGS —

Steaming hot flapjacks with old-time SLEEPY HOLLOW SYRUP



SLEEPY HOLLOW SYRUP
26-oz. can 32c
12-Oz. Tin 15c

Seedless—96 Size Grapefruit, doz. 19c	Matches	Favorite Brand 15c
East Texas Yams, 5 lbs. 12c	Tomatoes	Six Box Carton 5
Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Albin, David Sisto and Spencer Campbell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Wooten at Clovis, N. Mexico, Sunday. Mrs. Wooten returned here with them to spend a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan, and family.	Pecans	Standard Pack 5
Visit at Clovis	P-Nut Butter	No. 2 Can 5
Miss Polly Clemmons, Miss Ina Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Albin, David Sisto and Spencer Campbell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Wooten at Clovis, N. Mexico, Sunday. Mrs. Wooten returned here with them to spend a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan, and family.	Cherries	Shelled Halves 39c
WANT ADS	DALEWOOD	Pound Pkg. 39c
FOR RENT —Three-room residence, all conveniences in Highway Addition to Spur. Call Times Office.	Oleo, lb. 15c	Frontier 19c
YOU HAVE NOT marked the grave of that loved one, then see E. Sparks, Spur, Texas M9-tn	Oleo, lb. 9c	32 Oz. Jar 19c
URNISHED or unfurnished 2 or 3 room apartment, all modern conveniences, 1 block south of High School. See Mrs. Mamie Thomas.	Town House	Chocolate Covered 19c
OR LEASE: One quarter section for money. All in cultivation. Leonard Joplin. 1tn.	Grapefruit 3 No. 2 Cans	1 Lb. Box 19c
OR SALE OR TRADE —Some good milk cows. See R. L. Benson or phone 108W, Spur. 1tc.	Juice 20c	3 Lb. Tin Karo 25c
FOR SALE —200 bales of fine peanut hay. Priced right. Thacker-Godfrey Co. Phone 190. 1tc.	Fresh Roasted	Syrup 25c
HAVE YOU A FIVE OR six room modern house piped for gas that you would like to rent. If so call at The Dickens County Times office.	Airway Coffee, 2-lb. pkg. 25c	Harshley Bar—3 Bars 10c
LOST —Boston Bull pup, black with white around neck and on head. Reward, Mrs. Emma Lee, Spur, phone 9. 1tc.	Drip or Regular Grind	Candy 10c
HELP WITH A GOOD CAUSE Celebrate the birth of Christ by helping to spread the gospel through, "My Pilot," the story of His life so vividly told by Ella Kellum Bennett (Mrs. W. B. Bennett). Books on sale at the City Drug Store in Spur at \$1.50 per copy. Adv.	Edwards Coffe, 1-lb. tin 19c	Sunny Dawn Tomato 23-Oz. Can
LOST —Silver Link Bracelet on streets last Friday. Return to Mrs. Reece McNeill for reward.	Sandwich Spread, pint jar 21c	Juice 10c

Kitchen Craft Flour, 24-lb. sack 69c	Scott Towels, roll 10c
Kitchen Craft Flour, 48-lb. sack \$1.29	Scott Tissue, 2 rolls 15c
Emerald Bay Spinach, 2 No. 2 cans 23c	Waldorf Tissue, 3 rolls 15c

PICNICS

Shankless Sugar Cured With a Ham Flavor, lb. **15c**

Longhorn Cream Cheese, lb. 20c

Fresh Ground Veal Loaf Meat, lb. 15c

Sliced of Piece Bologna, lb. 10c

Pure Pork Sausage, lb. 15c

Bulk Sugar Cured Sliced Bacon, lb. 19c

Pears
2 No. 1 Cans 25c

Soap
2 Bars 11c

Castle Crest Peaches
Slices of Halves No. 2 1/2 Can 15c

Raleigh Cigarettes
Pkg. 16c

Pure Lard, 4-lb. ctrton 29c

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