

# Dickens County Times

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## R. C. Forbis Rites Held Wednesday

Robert C. Forbis, one of the early day cowboys of Dickens County, passed away at his home three miles east of Afton Monday evening about 7:20 o'clock. Several weeks ago Mr. Forbis suffered a paralytic stroke from which he never rallied, being unconscious part of the time and much of the time not being able to speak.

Funeral services were held at the Afton Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. A. P. Stokes, a long time friend to the family, and Rev. Pool, pastor of the Afton Church, were in charge of the services. Interment followed in Afton cemetery with Campbell's Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements. Active pallbearers were H. K. Young, H. I. Yeatts, F. L. Byars, Jim Offield, Leon Lawson and M. J. Hickman.

Mr. Forbis was an active member of the Masonic Order and the Masonic rites were carried at the cemetery. The survivors include the widow, Mrs. Fannie (Green) Forbis, and five children: Frank Forbis and Clark Forbis of Afton, Atty. Britton Forbis of Seminole, Stafford Forbis of New Mexico, and Miss Virginia Forbis, a teacher in Lubbock.

Mr. Forbis was born in Denton County October 5, 1870, and was a son of the late J. C. Forbis. The family moved west and for a time resided in and around Shackelford County where Mr. Forbis herded cattle before he was large enough to mount his horse alone. Mr. Forbis came to Dickens County in September 1891 with his own herd of cattle and grazed them in the Pecan Springs country.

About 1898 Mr. Forbis made a deal for the nice ranch home he now owns. He made the purchase from G. A. Yantis and moved his family on the ranch which has been his home since. It was the year before, July, 1897, that he and Miss Fannie Green were married, and they were trying, working diligently to get life started right. Mrs. Forbis is a sister of Duff Green, Mrs. Nellie Davis and the late Gil Green. Mr. and Mrs. Forbis lived in Spur a few years to get their children educated, but afterward returned to their ranch home where they have lived since.

Mr. Forbis was converted many years ago and joined the Baptist Church. He was a loyal member, and gave much to the support of his church. He always enjoyed the minister's message and invariably had some kind things to say about the sermon. He always stood for the high ideals of life, and no man was considered more fair and honest in his dealings than was Bob Forbis.

## Harry Schwarz Succumbs to Pneumonia

Harry Schwarz, prominent business man of Hempstead, died in a Houston hospital Sunday night after several days of illness of pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted at Hempstead Tuesday afternoon.

He was a brother to Mrs. M. C. Golding of our city. Mrs. Golding had gone to Houston to be with her brother and had remained with him until Sunday afternoon. It appeared his condition was very favorable for recovery. She decided to return home and had gotten as far as Dallas where she received a message that her brother was dead. It appears that a heart attack took him very suddenly.

Mr. Golding left Monday to be at the funeral Tuesday. The store here remained closed all day Tuesday.

## Land Use Committee To Meet Friday

The Dickens County Land Use Committee will hold a meeting in Spur Friday, April 18, in the afternoon. The committee will plan their work for 1941. Mr. Ray, assistant in land use planning, will be present at the meeting and will assist the committee.

## CEMETERY WORKING AT AFTON

There will be a working at the cemetery at Afton Monday, April 21. Please, come and bring your hoes, rakes, etc. with which to clean the grounds.

## Rabbit Drive at Catfish

The citizens of Catfish community are planning a rabbit drive for Thursday, April 24. The people are invited and asked to meet at Higgins School house at eight o'clock that morning and assist in making the drive.

A big fish fry will be held at the noon hour, and there will be plenty of good things to eat.

People have your guns in good condition because the citizens there want to get rid of those rabbits. Everybody is invited.

## Band Members to Sponsor Barbecue

The members of the Spur School band are sponsoring a chicken barbecue at the Swenson Park Tuesday afternoon, April 29 at 6:30 o'clock. The band is wanting to attend the National Band contest at Waco next month, and are doing all they can to assist in raising funds to defray expenses.

The members want to sell 400 tickets at \$1.00 each to this barbecue which will help to pay a lot of expenses, and a good chicken barbecue is worth a dollar any time.

Tickets are on sale at the various drug stores in Spur, and it is hoped people will get tickets and assist the band in this great work. The band won high division honors in a high classed position at the State contest, and they want to see what they can do at the national contest. Let's help out and enjoy a good barbecue at the same time.

## Frederick W. Walone Buried Friday

Funeral services for Frederick W. Walone were conducted Friday afternoon at the local Church of Christ. Mike M. Young, a long time friend to the family, was in charge of the services. Interment followed in Spur cemetery with Campbell's Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were: Johnny Hopkins, William Starcher, Fred Kinney, R. J. Bell, Durward Woodward and Carl Arthur. The flower bearers were: Misses Mozelle Arthur, Doris Arthur, Anne Lee, Leta Dell Reid, LaVoris Lee and Mrs. Ouida Fern Harkey. The immediate survivors are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Malone.

Frederick's death, which was caused by bronchial pneumonia and weakness, was a great shock to the community. He was of such strong physique that no one ever thought of him being taken away in this time. He gave a friend a blood transfusion November 9 last year. The friend passed away the next day and Frederick, although had given up blood, assisted with putting his friend away.

It was raining and the exposure and lack of blood caused him to develop pneumonia which is thought later terminated in tuberculosis. He entered the hospital November 15 and remained 10 days. He became a patient at the State Sanatorium February 23. He passed away at the State Sanatorium last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Malone had visited him Sunday before and he talked with them very encouragingly. He stated that he was not dreading death, and if it came it was all right with him. He had made a profession and was affiliated with the church when about nine years of age, and his testimony in his dying hours was a great proof of his faith.

Frederick was born in New York City March 28, 1917. He came to Texas three years later with his parents. The family lived in Wise County and then in Fort Worth where Frederick attended school. The family moved to Dickens County from Fort Worth in May, 1924. However, Mr. Malone had come to Spur in January of that year. Frederick attended the Spur schools and graduated from the High School here. He had many associates among the young people. He worked for several firms in Spur and was always counted a good boy and a good worker. The large congregation which attended the funeral rites was proof of the respect which people held for him.

G. W. Bennett, of Elton, was in town Saturday looking after business matters and talking with friends.

## Closing Dates for School

The closing dates for Spur schools have been set for May 23 until 28. It is thought that the pupils and teachers will be able to complete all courses by those dates and the closing exercises will be carried out that week.

The East Ward School operetta will be conducted on the evening of Friday, May 23. This has always been a program that the citizens of our community have enjoyed greatly. While the youngest pupils in the schools give this program it has always been one of the best in the closing exercises.

The commencement sermon for the High School graduates will be held Sunday evening, May 25. These exercises will be in the High School auditorium where there will be more room than we have ever had before. The minister has not been announced yet.

The Grammar School graduating exercises will be held at the High School auditorium Monday evening, May 26. There is a large class of Grammar School graduates this year. The speaker for this occasion has not been announced.

The High School graduating exercises will be held Tuesday evening, May 27. It is not known yet just how many graduates there will be in the Class, but it is going to be a large class this time. No speaker announced.

The pupils will return to the schools Wednesday morning May 28, at about ten o'clock and receive their report cards. The main interest in the school now, especially among the students is to be ready for that final test and see if they can make the grade. Teachers are getting everything ready for final reports, and while they know some are going to be disappointed, they are hoping most all of the pupils will be promoted.

## Home Guard to Drill Sunday

The local Company of Texas Home Guard will conduct drilling exercises at the football stadium Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will be out and bring some one with you. We will use about the usual time of drill and possibly introduce some new maneuvers. Be present and be prompt.

By The Captain.

## Seniors to Carlsbad May 20

The Senior Class of Spur High school will make their annual senior trip to the Carlsbad Caverns Tuesday, May 20. It has been the custom of the graduating class of Spur schools to make an annual trip to some greatly known place, and the Class this year have selected the Caverns.

Mrs. Horace Emery will act as their sponsor and Coach Duckworth will be their co-sponsor.

## Final Examinations Start May 15

The final examinations for members of the Senior Class of Spur High school will begin Thursday, May 15. There will be three days of the examinations, closing Monday, May 19. All Seniors will take the examinations those days and their records will be made one week before other pupils in the school will take examinations.

The other grades in the High school and other schools will take their examinations during the week of May 20, possibly starting Wednesday of that week.

## OES Meeting in Hall Tonight

The local Order of the Eastern Star will hold a meeting in the Masonic tonight (Thursday) beginning at about 8:00 o'clock. During the evening a memorial service will be conducted.

The Chapter at Post has been invited and a social hour will be enjoyed late this afternoon and a buffet supper will be served to all present. All members and their husbands are asked to be present.

D. J. Harkey, our efficient abstractor, came over from the capitol Saturday and enjoyed friends here.

## Spur School Band To National Contest

Director King and members of the Spur School Band are quite busy these days getting ready for the national band contest at Waco. This contest will be held May 8, 9 and 10, and is the final feature of band programs in the Southwest. There will be about 50 musicians from Spur enter the national band contest next month and they have hope of bringing more honors back to Spur.

The Spur Band won the privilege of entering the national contest by winning in div. one of their class in the state band contest at Amarillo two weeks ago. Director King is doing some very fine work with our school band and the members are staying with him in every effort. They are going to try to win the first division the national contest.

## Voc. Ag. Boys to A & M Contest

Director Cecil Ayers, of the Vocational Agriculture Department of Spur schools, stated this week that three teams of Vocational Agriculture boys will leave the last of this week for A. & M. College to enter contests. This is the first time Spur has ever been in a contest at A. & M. College, they do not know just what will be the result. They say they will do their best.

The three teams that are going to A. M. College are:

Poultry—Preston Smith, Jimmie Vernon, and Jimmie Draper.  
Horticulture—Boyd Ball, Billy Smith, and Virgil Rogers.

Farm Crop—Harland Weaver, Elton Smith and Homer Ray Smith.

This will be a great event for the Spur boys since only about one boy in 1600 FFA members are eligible for this contest.

Spur boys took high honors at the Texas Technological College contest recently in all three divisions, making the all sweep state medals.

## Trustees Elected In The County

In the trustee elections which were held Saturday, April 5, G. W. Bennett was elected member at large for the County Board. County Trustee for Precinct No. 2 elected is W. F. Ragland, and County Trustee for Precinct No. 1, elected is R. R. Wooten.

School trustees in the various school districts elected were as follows:

Patton Springs—Virgil Ford and D. W. Hughes.  
Peaceful Hill—O. O. Brewer.  
Wichita—Harve Adams.  
Dry Lake—J. C. Reynolds.  
Duck Creek—No election held.  
Spring Creek—W. J. Elliot.  
Highway—Ott Denson.  
Wilson Draw—G. W. Junstice.  
Dickens—David McAteer and Johnny Reynolds.

Spur and McAdoo are Independent districts and are not reported to the County. Spur elected Jack Reector, Lester Ericson and Ty Allen.

## Doctors May Be Called To Army Medical Corps

Appointments in the Medical Corps Reserve of the Army are not suspended, it was announced today at State Selective Service Headquarters.

Qualified doctors of medicine, who are subject to the provisions of the Selective Service Act, whether they have already been inducted or are in Class 1-A awaiting induction, are eligible for consideration for appointment in the Medical Corps Reserve.

Texas' local boards have been requested by State Headquarters to encourage all eligible registrants to apply for appointment in this reserve.

## ONE CASE LASTED ALL WEEK

The District Court of Dickens County was kept busy all last week on one civil case. This case was James Hicks vs. The Wichita Valley Railroad Company and resulted in a verdict in favor of the defendant. It required five days to try this case.

D. Hall, of Jayton, was in town Saturday meeting old friends and looking after business.

## Band Sponsoring Program Friday Night

The members of the Spur School Band are sponsoring a program at the High School auditorium Friday (tomorrow) night. They have secured Dr. O. C. Boone, who is a noted legedomain actor and entertainer, and served as such in the first World War. The purpose of this program is to secure funds to go to the national band contest in May. Admission charges are 10 cents for grades, 15 cents for High School and 25 cents for adults.

## FFA Contest Here Today

The Chapter Conducting contest for the Crosbyton District, FFA, will be held at the High School in Spur this afternoon (Thursday) at 4:30 o'clock. There will be six teams enter the contest as follows:

Crosbyton, Ralls, McAdoo, Patton Springs, Jayton and Spur. Judges will be three teachers of Vocational Agriculture from the Lubbock District.

The Spur team entering this contest is as follows:

President, Boyd Ball.  
Vice President, Marvin Blair  
Secretary, Warren Cooner  
Treasurer, Harland Weaver  
Reporter, Homer Ray Smith  
Parliamentarian, Clarence Ward  
Historian, Robert Hahn  
Watch Dog, Troy Boothe  
Green Hands, Jimmie Vernon and Lane Ericson.

Conductors, Jimmie Draper and Bobby Davenport.  
Adviser, Cecil Ayers.

## Good Interest in Football Workouts

Coach Duckworth has been putting the Spur Bulldogs through the grill the past week and the boys are all showing up fine. He states that about 40 boys are going out for workouts now, and this is the largest number in the squad in a number of years. Numbers sure count when it comes to developing a good reserve in football.

The bos went through a scrimmage last Friday and Coach Duckworth seems to be well pleased with the showing. Workouts will continue until the close of school. There will be no summer training camps held.

## Educators Favor 12 Grade System

Supt. O. C. Thomas of Spur Schools, and County Supt. O. L. Kelly returned the last of the week from Temple where they attended a meeting of educators in regard to the 12 grade school system for Texas. There were between 1,00 and 1,200 in attendance at the meeting, and the entire body gave their unqualified endorsement in favor of the 12-grade system.

It is now up to the Department of Education to take the problem up and carry on through with it. It is understood that the proposition is meeting with favorable consideration with the State Department.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kelley visited the State School for boys at Gatesville and learned a great deal about the routine of that institution. Also, they stopped off at Brownwood and were privileged to go through the army camp there. They stated that far exceeded their expectations.

## Sing-Song To Be Held Sunday at 2 O'Clock

The Dickens County-Girard Sing-Song will meet next Sunday, beginning at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at Girard High School auditorium. We are planning for a good time and are arranging to entertain a large crowd. There will be singers present from Kent, Dickens, Crosby, Stone-wall and Jones Counties.

Everybody is invited to come, bring your song books of any kind.  
R. E. Beaver, President.

## PATTON SPRINGS JUNIORS IN PLAY

The Junior Class of the Patton Springs school will give their annual class play Friday (tomorrow) night. This will be staged in the school auditorium at Patton Springs, starting about eight o'clock.

## Many Attend Court of Honor

A very large number of people attended the Court of Honor for the Eastern District at Dickens Friday night. The district court room was filled with people who were present to see the Boy Scouts receive their promotions and awards. O. C. Arthur, advancement chairman, was in charge of the program which lasted about one hour. The promotions and awards were as follows:

Tenderfoot—Charles Kimmel of Troop 35; Milton Yarbrough of Troop 36.

Second Class—Ned Blackwell of Troop 35, Wm. D. Starcher of Troop 35, Charles Don Finley, Troop 36; Billy Glenn, 36; Charlton Dodson, Edd Hash, Edd Partridge, and Ira Edwards all of Troop 117.

First Class—Doyle Akin, Pete Adcock, and Junior McLaughlin all of Troop 36.

Life Scout—Joe Ericson of Troop 35.

Merit Badges:  
S. C. Fallis, Troop 35, Civics, reading and bird study.

Jimmy Vernon, Troop 35, bird study  
Calvin H. Simmons, Troop 35, Machinery and Farm Mechanics.

George Walker, Troop 35, bird study, reading, farm home and its planning.

Leonard Wilson, Troop 35, Civics, bird study, Indian lore and sheep farming.

Johnny Peacock, Troop 36, First Aid.

Alvis Adcock, Troop 36, handicraft.  
J. T. Franklin, Troop 36, photography, printing, scholarship and wood carving.

R. C. Littlefield, Troop 117, pathfinding and reading.

Kenneth Street, Troop 117, Music, pathfinding, reading and safety.

Seel Hugh Meadors, Troop 117, Music, book binding, and pathfinding.

The Scout troops from Roaring Springs and from Patton Springs were present for the Court of Honor ceremonies, but did not have any advancements since there had been Courts of Honor held at both places recently. Also, Troop Committee chairman C. W. Gieseckel and Scoutmaster Faulkner, of Roaring Springs; and Troop Committee chairman M. L. Kelly and Scoutmaster Thornton, of Patton Springs, were present for the program. Many fathers and mothers were present to see their boys receive their advancements and awards.

The next Court of Honor will be held at Camp Post, Friday, June 7, and will close the work of Troops of the Eastern District in their summer camp. It is hoped many people from this district will be present there.

## Golf Course in Fine Condition

C. E. Fisher, president of the Es-puela Country Club, stated this week that the golf course is in fine condition. There are four grass greens completed and five of the greens are sand treated and have been screened and oiled.

The fairways have been mowed and in fine shape. About 250 trees have been planted on the course and new water hydrants have been put in where players may have good water as they want it.

Mr. Fisher stated they are planning to start a handicap tournament about May 15. He stated he hoped people could get into the Club get their dues paid before that time, and play a few rounds in order that the tournament committee may place the players in proper foursomes. They expect to hold inner city meets and have tournaments with our neighboring towns.

Annual dues are only ten dollars. New membership fee is ten dollars plus the tax. It is hoped you will see Mr. Fisher, F. F. Vernon or John A. Moore at once and arrange for your dues.

## Commissioners Court In Session

The County Commissioners were kept very busy the first of the week going over the routine of the county business. During the time they purchased a new Gallion road grader from the Gallion Machinery Company at Abilene. This machine will be used on the roads in Precinct No. 1.



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<p><b>SPINACH, CUT BEANS, MUSTARD GREENS, TURNIP GREENS</b></p> <hr/> <p>2 bunches, Texas <b>Carrots 5c</b></p> <hr/> <p>2 heads, California <b>Lettuce 9c</b></p> <hr/> <p>4 lbs. Fancy Large <b>Bananas 19c</b></p> <hr/> <p>Dozen Large <b>Lemons 15c</b></p>	<p><b>YOUR CHOICE</b> 9-OZ CANS, Each <b>5c</b></p> <hr/> <p>Lb. Large Leaf <b>Spinach 5c</b></p> <hr/> <p>Lb. Firm Green <b>Cabbage 3c</b></p> <hr/> <p>1 1/2 lb loaf <b>Bread 10c</b></p> <hr/> <p>2 lb. box <b>Crackers 13c</b></p>
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### President Evans Discusses Land Bank Policies

The Federal Land Bank of Houston, owned by farmers and ranchmen in the 314 National Farm Loan Associations of Texas, begins its twenty-fifth year of service April 3 as one of the largest banks in the system and in strong condition, according to its president, Sterling C. Evans.

"Land Bank loans since organization in 1917 have passed the 96,000 mark," Evans said, "and one fourth of them have been repaid in full. Loans outstanding on March 15 were 67,285 for a total of \$187,886,842.45. "Earnings during recent years have been at their highest level and reserves have been strengthened. Capital stock of \$11,502,260 and reserves have been strengthened. Capital stock of \$11,502,260 and reserves and undivided profits of \$31,089,918.62 are all owned by the National Farm Loan Associations, and through them by the individual member-borrowers. All government-owned stock has been retired.

"Much of the credit for the strength of the institution belongs to the local National Farm Loan Association (of which the Spur National Farm Loan is one) and a great deal of individual credit goes to the leadership of such men as the late Judge M. H. Gossett

### MAGACIAN'S ASSISTANT



Miss Benola Taylor talented stage assistant and star of the Mondro Wonder Show appearing here tomorrow night, Friday April 18th at the Spur High School Auditorium, sponsored by the High School Band.

S. P. Orand, of Red Mud, was greeting friends and talking business affairs here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ponder, east of town, were in Saturday trading and enjoying friends.

Editor W. J. Hale, of the Dickens Press, spent Saturday in our city talking with friends and making new acquaintances.

**AFTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Preaching, 11:00  
B. T. U., 6:45  
Preaching, 7:30.  
Everybody cordially invited to attend these services.  
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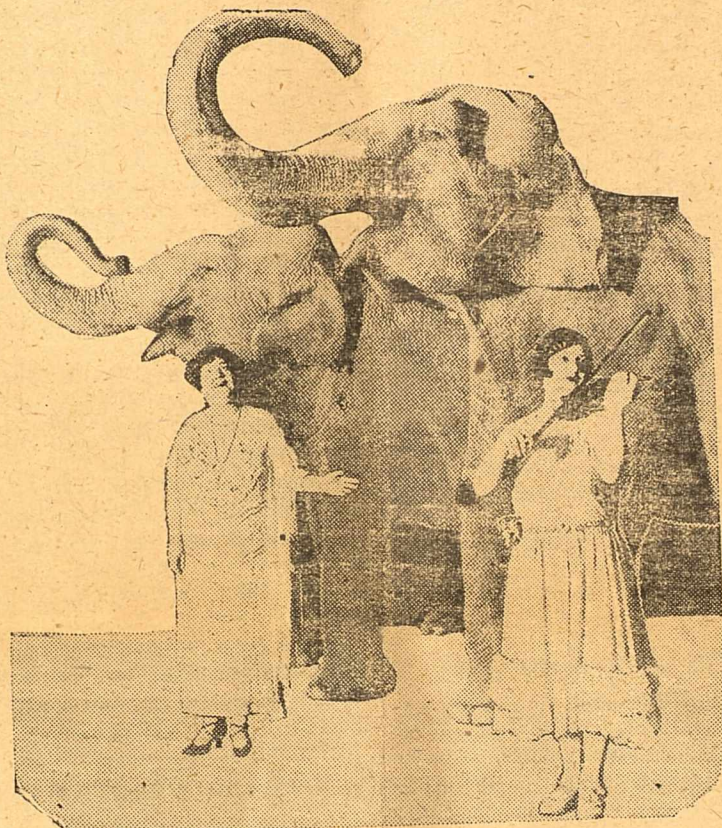
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### THE CIRCUS AN ATTRACTION IN ITSELF



The Elephants and Pretty Girls coming to Spur with Dailey Bros. Monday, April 21st, will be two reasons why the circus is sure to win approval.

### From the Boys At New Mexico Normal University

Many people wonder what the Spur boys do when they get away to college and if they are going places, or just marking time. Below is a clipping reproduced from the Las Vegas, N. Mexico, Sun which might give people some idea of the progress of the boys at the New Mexico Normal University at Las Vegas.

(By Harold Dial)

"A week or two ago a Navy Flight officer showed us a movie of Pensacola, and how to get into the training that pays one seventy-five dollars a month and maintenance while you go to school. It was a first class movie put out by Uncle Sam and Goldwin and the scenes were of actual flight training. It showed the boys working hard, but living a gentleman's life on two hundred a month and benefits. About six fellows, if we remember correctly, had the qualifications and were interested.

"This week two Navy doctors and a Petty Officer came in and set up all sorts of gadgets in the gymnasium and interviewed about twenty-five students, putting ten through various stages of the preliminary physical examination. Dark glasses were the sign by which the successful candidates could be told. Three of those tested plan to leave for Los Angeles at the end of this quarter.

"Bull Martin, Leroy Bish, Red Garner have the qualifications plus the required number of college hours. These fellows are either graduates of the C. A. A. pilot training course here or taking it at present and already know flying at first hand. Bull Martin asked the question, "Where else can you step out and make enough to wash your socks and have anything left over? They give you a bonus of fifteen hundred dollars at the end of three years."

government pays transportation both ways, expenses in Los Angeles, and Spring is here. At least it will be a good trip.

Yours truly? The officer took one look at us and began mumbling something about office work. He was just getting warmed up on the subject when we were already two blocks away."

A. C. Sharp, of Espuela, was in town Saturday greeting friends and trading.

S. C. Fallis, who has been working at Brownwood, came in the last of the week to be with Mrs. Fallis and the children a few days. Says Brownwood is growing. Just completing a new packing house and a new creamery.

F. F. Henry, of Duncan Flat, came to town a while Saturday and enjoyed friends.

Miss Lanell Fallis, a student at Canyon Teachers College, spent a few days at home the last of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Fallis.

G. F. Harris, of McAdoo, was greeting friends and enjoying jokes in town Saturday.

J. A. Smith, of Afton, was talking with friends and attending to business here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bird, of Mator, were in our city Saturday visiting friends and doing some trading.

F. L. Byas, of Afton, was joking with friends and looking after business affairs here Saturday.

Henry Harris, of McAdoo, was greeting friends and trading in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Edgar, of Dickens, were trading and talking with friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robertson, of McAdoo, were visiting with friends and trading here Saturday.

and to Judge S. A. Lindsey of Tyler, who have helped guide the institution for so many years and kept the cooperative features foremost."

The Land Bank system, said Evans, has "pioneered in long term credit to meet the needs of farm and ranch families and has stood the test of twenty-four years in which there were war years, readjustment periods, 'boom' and depression times, and unprecedented drought and market situations.

"Farm mortgage conditions are quite different today from those of 1917 when the bank was established. Terms today run as long as 34 1/2 years as compared to the early day three-to-five year mortgages which sometimes came due in full amount when it was difficult to refinance them.

"Interest rates in 1917 were up to ten percent or more, while today they are the lowest in history—a contract rate of four percent.

"Today's long term, low interest farm mortgage is based on normal ag-

ricultural value rather than fluctuating value and it is amortized so that interest and principal are liquidated in small payments out of earnings.

"There have been provided deferments in worthy cases during depression years, and conditional payments have been encouraged in good years to enable borrowers to build up cash reserves to tide them over the lean years."

He said the percentage of loans in good standing is high and the number of farms owned by the bank is the smallest in many years.

"While much has been accomplished for agriculture in these twenty-four years, the clear challenge as we enter this silver anniversary year is to be prepared constantly to meet the rapidly changing situation facing agriculture by providing farm and ranch families with the type of long-term mortgage credit best suited to their needs."

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### This Week in Defense

The National Defense Advisory Commission charged the Office of Production Management Plant Site Committee with "the main responsibility" in selecting locations for new defense production facilities. The Committee will attempt to choose uncongested areas and regions suffering a decline in peacetime industries to distribute defense contracts more widely, and increase subcontracting to utilize all human and natural resources. It will also review plans already formulated.

The Maritime Commission announced it favored extension of existing shipbuilding facilities rather than building new plants in order to avoid fly-by-night financing and further "dilution" or scattering of experienced management and labor.

**Defense Housing**  
Congress authorized a defense housing insurance fund of \$10,000,000 with which to underwrite \$100,000,000 in mortgages on defense homes. Construction contracts for 2,400 new defense housing units, largest number in any one week, brought the total to 43,357—of which 25,377 are for civilian workers, 17,980 for enlisted personnel.

**Defense Spending and Financing**  
The OPM announced scheduled defense expenditures total nearly \$40 billion, including \$7 billion for British aid. Nearly \$30 billion represents appropriations and authorizations already made and the rest is in bills

now before Congress. Actual cash spending from last June to March 17 amounted to \$3.5 billion.

The Treasury announced tax returns reached \$1,139,000,000 in the first 20 days of March, far exceeding estimates. U. S. saving bonds and stamps to help finance defense will go on sale May 1, the Treasury said. Stamps can be bought for as little as 10 cents and bonds as little as \$25.

**Appropriations**  
President Roosevelt signed legislation authorizing additional Navy expenditures of \$340,526,583, including \$66,050,000 to complete air bases in British possessions. Congress voted \$75,000,000 more for defense housing and \$22,500,000 youth for defense industries.

The House passed and sent to the Senate the fifth supplemental defense appropriation bill providing \$4,073,810,074 for the Army and Navy in fiscal 1942, including \$1,000,000,000 for 3,600 Army bombers.

**Labor Strikes**  
The OPM Labor Division announced the settlement of eight strikes in defense industries: Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem, Pa.; American Chain and Cable Company, York, Pa.; Todd Shipbuilding Company, Galveston, Tex.; Union Electric Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Dolese Brothers, Wichita, Kans.; Walworth Company, Boston, Mass.; Ray Piston Corporation, Detroit, Mich.; and the Indiana Steel Products Company, Valparaiso, Ind.

Secretary of Labor Perkins asked Defense Mediation Board action on four strikes: International Harvester Company, four plants, involving 24,000 workers; The Condenser Corporation, Bridgeville, Pa., 225 workers; and the Universal Cyclops Steel Company, Bridgeville, 1,400 workers. The Board asked the disputants to resume production and prepare to negotiate with the Board. Shortly afterwards

the Cyclops Company strike was settled.

Secretary of War Stimson stated "steps must be taken" to reduce delays on defense orders caused by strikes. Under Secretary of War Patterson said several strikes were very seriously affecting the Army rearmament program. Interior Secretary Ickes said the Allis-Chalmers tie-up was holding back equipment to supply power of defense plants.

**Labor Supply**  
A Social Security Board survey showed 351,000 available workers with primary skills in selected defense industries—more than half in New York, California, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Texas. Most workers are in construction occupations. In some metal trades none were found. Only a "relatively small number" were found for aircraft and shipbuilding work.

The Department of Agriculture prepared to aid local committees in determining and avoiding farm labor shortages and dislocations. The OPM began consideration of new jobs for workers in industries slowed by the effect of priorities on vital materials.

The U. S. Employment Service announced it would inform local schools which types of defense vocational training should be given priority. The CCC announced it has speeded up training valuable to defense industries and that beginning April 1, it will enroll 65,000 boys between 17 and 23.

**Selective Service**  
Selective Service anticipated a shortage of certain experienced merchant vessel seamen and recommended their deferment to Class 11-A. An amendment to the Selective Service Act was approved by the House to exempt from marines, coast guardsmen and sailors.

**Ships**  
Secretary of the Navy announced awards of contracts totaling \$100,315,682 for 239 subchasers, minesweepers and fleet tugs. Maritime Commission awarded contracts totaling \$205,500,000 for 137 ships in the President's 200-vessel emergency program.

**Prices**  
The NDAC issued statements that recent rises in the prices of sugar and quicksilver were unwarranted. Actually the supply of sugar for consumers is larger than usual, the agency said.

The NDAS also set a ceiling on rising aluminum prices and said if similar unwarranted increases continue in iron and steel scrap and materials used in shoes, additional price ceilings will be established.

**Lease-Lend**  
Congress passed and the President signed legislation appropriating \$7,000,000,000 to provide Great Britain and other democracies with war materials. The OPM announced 200 tons of manganese would be delivered to Britain shortly.

The State Department announced arrangements to send two shiploads of flour to unoccupied France under Red Cross supervision.

The Department informed the new Yugoslav Government aid was possible under the lease-lend program.

### Bach Festival at Denton May 2-4

More than 2,000 musicians and music lovers are expected on the campus of the North Texas State Teachers College at Denton May 2-3-4 for what is believed to be the first Bach Festival ever undertaken by an institution of higher learning in the Southwest. Dr. Winfred C. Bain, director of the Teachers College music faculty, has announced.

Presentation of two major Bach compositions for chorus and orchestra under the direction of Bain, a chamber music program, and a symphony concert under the direction of Floyd Graham which will premiere compositions by two important Texas composers are highlights of the three-day festival.

Bach chorales will be sung by small choral groups between the major programs, and trumpeters' music will herald these larger musical programs from the roof of the college administration building much as is done in the Bach Bethlehem Festival at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Bain said.

Singing of the "St. Matthew Passion" by Bach will open the festival Friday evening, May 2. This composition for double choir and accompanying orchestras will be presented at Denton with two a cappella choruses of 90 singers and orchestras of 50 musicians. Singers participating will be drawn from the famous North Texas State Teachers College A Cappella Choir and the college Chapel Choir.

Lady: Have you tried to cure this parrot of swearing?  
Pet Shop Owner: H....., yes, lady, but the d..... fool bird keeps getting worse.

### Congressman Mahon Says People Tired; Want Action

George Mahon, Congressman from the 19th Congressional District of Texas, stated in the House of Representatives Thursday of last week that the people are tired of Congressional investigations and no action. Congressman Mahon was yielded two minutes by Congressman Woodrum of Virginia while production and strike situation were being discussed on the floor of the House. Mr. Mahon said as follows:

Mr. Speaker, this conference report provides for more than \$4,000,000,000 additional for national de-

fense. I think the appropriation is in the public interest and I am for it, and I am for such taxes as may be necessary to raise all or part of that sum. However, I share the view of the overwhelming majority of the Members of this Congress when I say that I want this money spent right and without waste or graft, and spent promptly for the defense of this country.

I believe the American people are tired of having their pleas for action in regard to the slow-up of the national defense answered with the statement that the situation is being investigated. The patience of the people is about exhausted. What the people of this Nation want is action—and

action now.

I say that this hold-up or our national defense is nothing short of an outrage against the public welfare of our Nation. I hope the Mediation Board will act, and I hope the President will act and act with increasing firmness and promptitude. As for myself, I am ready for the Congress to supplement investigation with action—and action now—for the defense of our country.

In my opinion, the overwhelming majority of the laboring people, in both the organized and unorganized groups, share the views which I have expressed."

The above comes from the Congress is found on page 3048.

Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

### Spur Security Bank

of Spur, Texas, a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business April 4, 1941, published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve bank of this district pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

#### ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts	\$375,504.47
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	74,678.76
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	42,949.13
5. Corporate stocks (including \$2,250.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,250.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	265,429.05
7. Bank premises owned \$14,000, furniture and fixtures \$1,500	15,500.00
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	7,063.51
11. Other assets	856.89
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$784,231.81

#### LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	553,549.34
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	521.45
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	97,590.80
17. Deposits of banks	10,000.00
18. Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	8,581.64
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$670,243.23
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$670,243.23

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital*	50,000.00
26. Surplus	25,000.00
27. Undivided profits	28,656.27
28. Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	10,332.31
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	113,988.58
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	784,231.81

\*This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of \$50,000.00.

#### MEMORANDA

31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	52,178.76
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	23,435.26
(c) TOTAL	75,614.02
32. Secured and preferred liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	75,614.02
(d) Deposits preferred under provisions of law not secured by pledge of assets	521.45
(e) TOTAL	76,135.47

I, E. S. Lee, Cashier, of above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. LEE

CORRECT—ATTEST:

CLIFFORD B. JONES, GEO. S. LINK, W. F. GODFREY, Directors.

State of Texas, County of Dickens ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of April, 1941.

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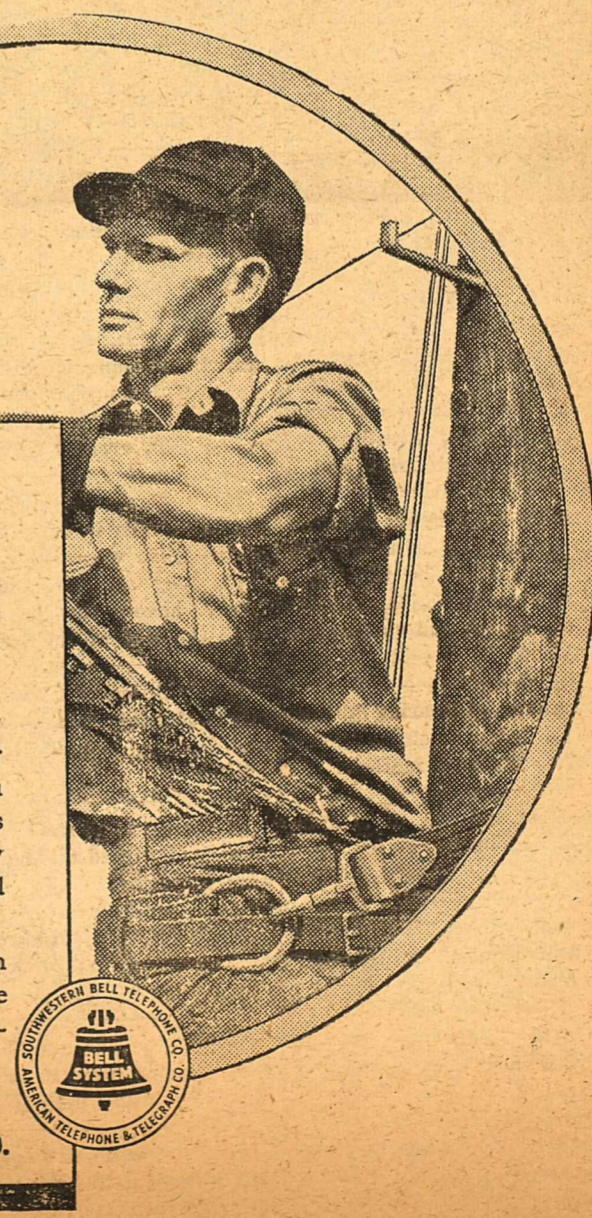
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### 30 Deaths From Kerosene-Gasoline

The improper use of gasoline and kerosene has already resulted in 30 Texas deaths in 1941, Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, has warned.

Starting or quickening fire with kerosene alone accounts for 15 of the deaths, while two housewives lost their lives in January and February cleaning clothes with gasoline.

Commissioner Hall pointed out that it is suicidal for any person to attempt to use gasoline in the home for such purposes as: starting or quickening a fire, cleaning clothes, woodwork and floors, or other purposes, since gasoline vaporizes at ordinary temperature and the inflammability of gasoline fumes and its explosive power is nineteen times greater than dynamite. The mere opening of a door between the room where gasoline was being used to clean clothes and a room which there was a lighted hot water heater caused a destructive explosion.

A further warning was stressed by the state fire insurance commissioner in the use of kerosene, improper use of which in quickening fires caused during the first two months of 1941 the deaths of six Texas children. Mr. Hall said that kerosene was not intended for use to start or quicken a fire and any person who attempts to use it for this purpose is endangering the lives of his family and neighbors. If there are some home owners who will not heed the warning against the danger of using kerosene to start or quicken a fire and just must do so it is suggested that they place some small pieces of kindling in a metal container and pour a very small quantity of kerosene on the kindling and take the kindling and place it in the stove or fireplace and apply a lighted match to it, but never bring kerosene in contact with a lighted match, open flames or slumbering coals in the stove or fireplace.

### Glenn News

S. A. Anderson was a Dickens visitor the past week end.

Mrs. Joe Rose, who has been in the hospital for several days, is at home now.

Several girls from Patton Springs school went to Amarillo Thursday and staid until Friday.

Woodrow Haney was carried to a hospital in Dallas Sunday.

May Blakely is in the Spur Sanitarium at this time.

S. A. Anderson and daughter spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Pursler.

Mrs. Jim Askins, of Dickens, visited Clad Bradford and family here this week.

Betty Jean Anderson celebrated her eleventh birthday anniversary April 9. She received several presents from friends who wish her many happy birthdays.

Mr. Greenwood has built a new room to his residence.

Congratulations to Miss Frances Speer who was married last week to M. D. Bivens.

There were more than 60 people registered in the Bride's Book at the shower at the Patton Springs school last Friday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thornton. Mrs. Jack Edwards presided at the piano. The two couples received many nice and useful presents. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and punch were served to all present.—Reporter.

### WCS MEETING MONDAY

The monthly study "Investing our Heritage" was interestingly discussed Monday by Mrs. J. L. Henson at the Methodist church. This was a study of the educational institutions of foreign and home countries and a comparison of their advantage.

Next Monday the Mission Study of China, "Dangerous Opportunity" will begin. This is said to be the finest study yet written on China, and the women of the church and visitors are urged to attend.—Reporter.

Fred P. Dawson, of Roaring Springs came over Saturday to enjoy friends and look after business matters.

C. E. Bennett and son, of Gilpin, were transacting business in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Welborn, of Highway, were in town Saturday attending to business affairs.

E. G. Crabtree, of Croton, was in town Saturday looking after business matters and greeting his friends.

Buck Taylor, of Kalgary, was greeting friends and attending to business matters here Saturday.

### Tire Company's Local Campaign is Spring Opener

"Every Spring we look forward to the opportunity afforded by the April tire sales feature which Goodyear organizes to stimulate business for us which is also as well a contribution toward safer driving," said C. V. Allen, local Goodyear dealer who told The Times that his company had just placed a 36-inch season-opener, campaign to extend from April 16 to 26.

Featuring the lines of the brand new G-3 All-Weather, Marathon in standard and reversible sidewall types and the All American, successfully introduced last year in five sizes, the 10-day campaign marks the first big tire selling promotion of the company this year, Mr. Allen declared.

Fact that there will continue to be considerable bad driving weather yet this Spring, with heavy rains creating slippery pavements, the matter of buying new traction, is, in the opinion of Mr. Allen, a most important factor, coupled with the point that as soon as highways get hot the traffic will be heavier and then, if there are tire failures on crowded roads, the resulting potential is likely to be much greater, in toll of injury and property damage.

Because the Goodyear tire line has been improved and since there is the opportunity to trade in old tires on new, there are few car owners who, needing good rubber will want to pass up the sale opportunity to equip their cars for Summer driving. Tires sold now are protected by lifetime guarantee, and while prices are still stable and ample supply of rubber maintains to keep them thus, now is still the best time to get properly equipped for Summer.

### MISS FRANCES BREWER HONORED WITH SHOWER

Mary and Nita McCombs were co-hostesses to a bridal shower honoring Miss Frances Brewer Thursday afternoon, from 2 to 5. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies were served to the following, using little Easter bunnies as plate favors.

Mrs. J. E. Cole, Mrs. Olin Brewer, Mrs. W. J. Johnson, Maegie Cole, Virgie Murray, Janice Garner, Mrs. Floyd Elkins, Mrs. Bennie McWilliams, Virginia Johnson, Mrs. Ab Bingham, Ruby Nell Morgan, Bertie Bell Glenn, Mrs. Charles Spraberry, Velma Nell Glenn, Mrs. Pete Gaucon and daughter Erma Lou, Mary Lee Smith, Mary Reid, Maydene Brewer, Pearine Bailey, Mrs. Lem King, Mrs. F. Saxon, Mrs. E. C. Robertson, Mrs. A. Howe, Rosa Hindmen, Oleta Howe, and a host of gifts were sent by Mrs. Horace Hyatt, Mrs. G. W. Rash, Buck Robertson, Mrs. Dee Hargrove, Louise Ince, Mrs. M. C. Golding, Mrs. Susie Hinson, Maxine Sandlin, Mrs. D. L. Booth, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. A. Griffin, Mrs. Don Ramsey, Mrs. Alva Smith, Mrs. Raymond Powell, Junior McLaughlin, Ione and Viola Pickens, Mrs. Jack Moore, Mrs. White Moore, Miss Wilma Morgan, Mr. B. F. Saxon. —Contributed.

The Junior Class of the Spur High School are making arrangements for the Junior-Senior Banquet which will be held Friday night, May 16. Further announcements will be made.

Bud Warren, west of Dickens, was in town Saturday and stated he was starting a singing class at Peacock Monday night. Was boasting of the fact that he is grandpa with a new 7½ pound grandson in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holloway. He stated the youngster had been named Danny J. but probably would be called Dan when he knows older. The young man arrived April 10.

M. N. Powell of Dickens, was enjoying friends in town Saturday. He stated there was a new grandson in the family and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Draper have a new son born at Lubbock the last of the week.

Henry Stiles, of Girard, was in our city Saturday talking with friends and looking looking after business affairs.

C. Parsons and family, of Kalgary, were trading and talking with friends here Saturday.

J. P. Shaw, of Highway, was attending to business in our city Saturday.

W. W. Pickens and family, northeast of town, were in Saturday trading and visiting with friends.

F. L. Ferguson, of Roaring Springs, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

### Dickens School News

The Senior Class at Dickens are getting their annual play ready and will present it in the near future.

Work on the commencement programs in Dickens schools have started and it is thought everything will be outlined completely before long. The commencement exercises will be held the last week in May.

The Homemaking Department are getting ready for the State rally in San Antonio April 30. The tryouts will be held next week and the two girls proving the best in the school will go to San Antonio. There will be a representative of the Pioneer Club accompany these two girls, and Miss Mabel George Tanner, their instructor, will also accompany them.

Pupils in Dickens schools are going through the six weeks tests this week. Everybody is quite busy and all questions are being answered very earnestly. It is thought most all the pupils will make good grades.

A recital will be given by Mrs. Clarence Smith's music pupils in the near future. They will be assisted by the Sixth and Seventh Grades, both of which will give plays in conjunction with the recital.

The first five grades of the school enjoyed a great Easter egg hunt last Friday afternoon. The Sixth and Seventh Grades enjoyed a fine Easter party in the gymnasium.

Teachers at Dickens report that a good program was enjoyed at the last PTA meeting. It was given by the speech pupils in the school with Miss Merle Lewis as director.

All pupils in the Grammar School grades are working on posters to be sent to the District P. T. A. Rally. These posters will be sent to Mrs. Frank F. Wier at Brownfield where they will be displayed at annual convention of the Fourteenth District of Parent and Teachers Conference of Texas, April 25.

Raymond Futch will represent his school and also Dickens County in the regional athletic meet at Canyon the last of this week. He will contest in vaulting.

S. L. Porter, of Croton, was looking after business matters and talking with friends here Saturday.

Clyde Mitchell, of Roaring Springs, was in our city the last of the week transacting business.

George S. Link, Jr., who has been spending some time in Washington on business, is expected home this week.

Billy D. Bell is now acting as chief cook at the Bell's Cafe and says he is giving the customers the best.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith, of Roaring Springs, were in our city Tuesday doing some trading.

Miss Chloe Slaton, secretary of the Retail Merchants Association, is visiting her brother, Wilmer Slaton, at Junction this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hale are moving to Houston this week where Mr. Hale has employment.

Miss Marion Hale, of Fort Worth, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hale.

Bush Thornton, of Highway community, was transacting business in our city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle, of Dallas, spent the week end here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walton. Mrs. Doyle is a sister of Mr. Walton.

Bill Kyle spent Sunday and Monday at Bovina with Mrs. Kyle who is recuperating from an operation. He stated she will be able to return home in about two weeks.

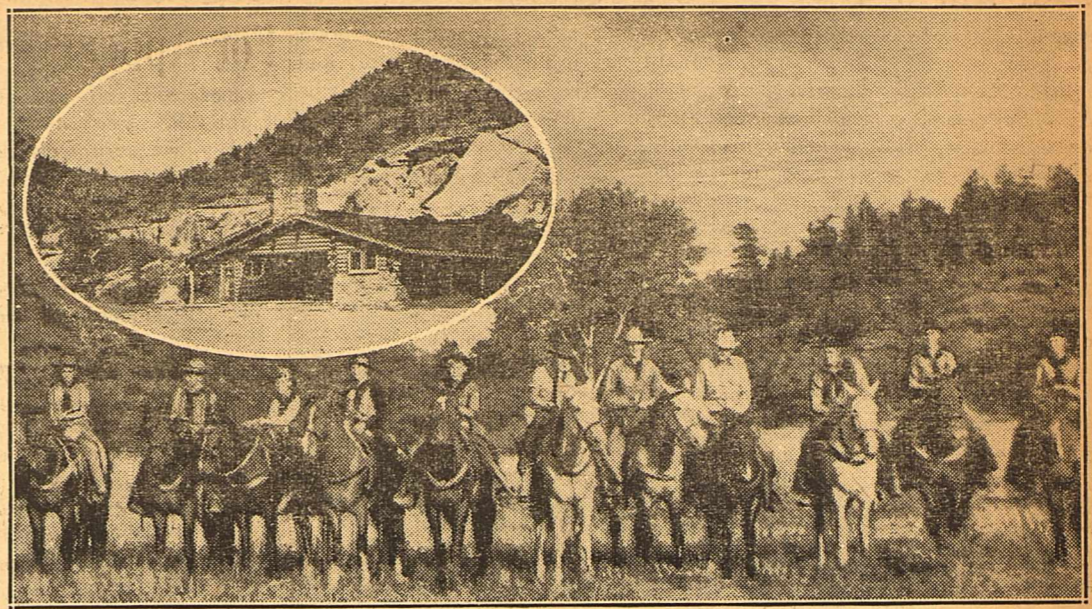
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kinney, who have been living at Freeport, came back to Spur last week and are making their home here now. Mr. Kinney is resting a few weeks before he tries to get into employment.

Leonard Culbert, of Santa Rosa, spent a few days here this week visiting his parents and other relatives.

Predicting a local need for policemen, firemen and health authorities trained in civilian defense, an OPM committee recommended a training program supervised by local authorities with financial and technical assistance from the Federal Government.

War Secretary Stimson stated formation of Home Guards should be speeded to replace National Guard units in the case of serious labor disturbances or other situations liable to retard the defense program. He said Home Guards are "under way or will begin soon" in 28 States.

### Boy Scouts Enjoy National Wilderness Camp



From all parts of the nation experienced Scout campers and leaders head for their Philturn Rockymountain Scout-camp of 35,337 acres of mountain country near Cimarron, New Mexico for an unsurpassed wilderness camping experience. The camp, located in the land of Kit Carson's exploits, is developed and maintained by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America who received the land in 1938 as a gift from Waite Phillips of Tulsa, Okla.

Grand Coulee Dam, world's largest structure and greatest source of hydroelectric power, was placed in operation two years ahead of schedule. The U. S. and Canadian Governments prepare plans for the St. Lawrence power project—described in a Commerce Department report as an even

larger power source.

The Securities and Exchange Commission invoked a law providing for elimination of companies which "unduly or unnecessarily complicate" public utility operation and ordered dissolution of the top holding units

of the \$600,000,000 United Light and Power System. The Georgia Power Reserve Cooperative became the first cooperative to receive a Federal loan for an emergency mobile power reserve. Civilian Defense

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## THE DICKENS COUNTY TIMES



## Prominent West Texas Jurist Dies

Judge A. J. Fires, retired jurist since 1936, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ross Robertson, in Wichita Falls early Sunday morning. Funeral services were held at his home town, Childress Monday afternoon.

Judge Fires was widely known over West Texas and often practiced before the courts in Dickens County when the old 50th Judicial District included our county.

Judge Fires, who would have been 81 years of age next June 15, had arrived in Wichita Falls last Friday after two week's illness. He was to have been placed in a hospital there for treatment, but expired after a heart attack.

Judge Fires was born June 15, 1860, at Jeffersonville, Ind., and came to Texas in 1883 after having finished law school at Louisville, Ky. According to the son, Chester Fires, the pioneer attorney, "used up about two years" working westward across North Texas, and arrived at Childress in 1885. The city now known as Childress did not exist at that time, however. Four miles west of the present townsite, a sod-covered dugout served as the hotel in a small settlement subsequently to be known as "Old Childress." Several other dugouts were in use there as merchantile establishments and residences.

Recalling his earliest experiences as a citizen of Childress county a few years ago, Judge Fires related that in all the Panhandle area of 28 counties at that time there were less than 1,500 persons. Three trading points then existed were Clarendon, Tascosa and Mobeetie. Questioned as to whether he really could "practice law" in so barren a country, Judge Fires replied: "Well, I made a simple assault at it."

Judge Fires was instrumental in bringing about the organization of Childress county in 1887, and was elected the first county judge—a post which he held two years. Among the six attorneys which he listed as having been active in the Panhandle at that time, Judge Fires became associated with one of the best known, Senator Temple Houston, son of Gen. Sam Houston. During 42 years of legal practice, Judge Fires handled 123 murder cases, and had the record of having lost only four of them. Interviewed on that subject in 1929 by a Record News reporter, the aged jurist replied that "the secret of it is in picking a jury that won't go against you."

Judge Fires also drew up the first papers in 1889 for creation of Collingsworth county as a separate county, since theretofore it had been a part of Childress county. This was effected in 1890.

Judge Fires was appointed by Gov. Dan Moody to an unexpired portion of a term as judge of the 101st district court. The Childress jurist thereafter was elected twice to the same bench, retiring Jan. 1, 1937. In 1934 oil portraits of Judge Fires were hung in the courthouse of Collingsworth, Hall, Donley and Childress counties, which comprised his judicial district "in tribute to his justice and efficiency."

Judge Fires was married May 17, 1888, to Miss Margaret Warnick of Bloomfield, Ind., a schoolmate of his boyhood days.

Members of the Childress county bar were pallbearers when final tribute was paid Monday in his home city.

## Dickens County Teachers to Banquet

The members of the Dickens County Educational Association will give a banquet at the Spur Inn Thursday evening, April 24. All teachers and guests in the county will participate. All Board members and their wives are to be present since they are members of the association.

Lawrence L. Smith, burser for Abilene Christian College, will be the guest speaker for the evening. He is a good speaker and those present will enjoy him.

It is hoped there will be at least 100 present for the banquet.

Miss Polly Clemons was in Dallas the first of the week looking after business matters.

## East Ward School News

The teachers and pupils of East Ward are organizing a Junior Red Cross in the school. Each room is coming in with a 50-cent fee. Each pupil has received a chart which is filled in and this relative to the safety in the homes.

The East Ward Parent-Teacher Association are sending a delegate to the District convention at Brownfield which will be April 25.

Reports for the last six weeks term were given out to the pupils Wednesday afternoon. Parents are to inspect reports sign them and have them returned back to the teachers.

The Rythm Band will give an operetta Friday night, April 25. The program will start about eight o'clock and the public have an invitation to hear this program.

The graduation program for the Fourth Grade pupils will be given Friday night, May 23. The program will be the "Origin of our Flag."

Supt. O. L. Kelly will be the guest speaker at the assembly program Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. People invited.

## Big Trade Show at Lubbock April 21-23

The tenth anniversary Trade Show will be held at Lubbock April 21, 22 and 23, according to announcement by Russell Morrison Company, sponsor of these annual events.

Approximately 30 manufacturers' and distributors' representatives have made reservations to participate in the show and over a thousand beauty shop owners and operators from over West Texas and New Mexico are expected to attend the three day school.

Each day will be climaxed with a dance in the evening at the Hotel Lubbock. The day programs will be held at the Hilton Hotel, and by special appointment private lessons with guest artists may be arranged.

Valuable prizes are being offered in the "hair stylist" show which will be held Wednesday evening, April 23. The fee for entering models will be 50c.

Personnel of factory representatives putting on the show is almost identical with the big beauty shows at Chicago, New York, Dallas and other points, Morrison said today.

## Chevrolet Training Army Officers

Approximately 1,000 commissioned U. S. army officers will be trained by Chevrolet in the repair and maintenance of the new 4x4 army trucks which the division has been building for the army since last fall. Fifteen officers are enrolled in the initial school Chevrolet will stage beginning April 14th.

Under the direction of Ed Hedner, national director of service for Chevrolet, a series of weekly schools will be held throughout the next eight months. After the original class, enrollment will be doubled so that eventually nearly 1,000 officers will have been trained. These men, in turn, will instruct non-commissioned officers in their respective camps and they will be in charge of mechanical instruction among enlisted men and draftees.

Chevrolet has conducted service training schools for more than 2500 dealers' service men, and the same operating system will be employed in the army training program. Chevrolet service experts and specialists in truck maintenance will compose the staff of the schools.

## YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE SKATING PARTY

The Methodist Young People enjoyed a Skating Party at Silver Falls Monday night. About 35 young people composed the party with Rev. Thurston, Mack Woodrum, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fox, Jr., their councillor.

A picnic lunch was had on the Church steps before leaving. Everyone reported an excellent time with the exception of a few bruises.

Young People are invited to attend and your presence is appreciated.

James Henry Cowan, student at the University of Texas, was here the week end visiting his mother, Mrs. Lucy Cowan, and his sisters.

## Selective Service Regulations Provide For Appeals

Liberalization of Selective Service Regulations pertaining to appeals from local board classifications and inauguration of an extensive campaign to educate registrants in the full use of the appellate machinery designed to protect their individual rights were announced today by National Headquarters, Selective Service System.

With approximately 4,000,000 men classified by local boards on the basis of their availability for military service, relatively few appeals have been made to Selective Service boards of appeal, and only a minute number of requests for adjudication of decisions have been submitted to the President, it was said.

However, National Headquarters announced that as "Congress had realized that local boards are not infallible, and individual rights are best protected when a check is made," it was its intention to make certain that all registrants, their dependents and others interested in their welfare have every opportunity to obtain review of classifications they consider unjust.

First major step in the liberalization program, as announced today, is an amendment to the Selective Service Regulations which extends the present five-day limitation on filing of appeals to the President to ten days. Additional time may be granted by a local board if it is satisfied that the failure of a registrant to appeal was due to the lack of understanding of his rights or some cause beyond his control.

Plans are also being made, it was said, to increase the present five-day limit on appeals for local boards' decisions to boards of appeal.

Prior to issuance of the amendment regulating appeals to the President, the Regulations permitted such appeals only on the basis of dependency. The amendment provides:

"When either the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service deems it to be in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice he may at any time appeal to the President from any determination of a board of appeal."

For the registrant or his dependents to appeal to the President, the sole basis continues to be that of alleged dependency.

In announcing the new appeal policy and the plan to educate all registrants on the method of appealing decisions, National Headquarters said: "There is an obligation upon all who come in contact with the registrant to make certain that he understands, not alone that he has the privilege of appeal but also when he must do it and how he must do it."

"The Selective Service cannot afford to permit registrants who want to appeal to lose their opportunity merely because they do not understand what, when and how of so doing. Furthermore, while National Headquarters does not want the appeal machinery clogged with claims of those who merely seek to delay their induction, it is equally important that no registrant be inducted until he has had ample opportunity to exercise all his legal rights."

The new appellate provisions of the Regulations became effective April 7.

## I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By Boyce House  
From students' examination papers: The object of "he" is "she".

A plagiarist is a writer of plays.  
What kind of noun is "trousers"?  
An uncommon noun because it is singular on top and plural at the bottom.

A child: A stomach entirely surrounded by curiosity.  
Committee: A body that keeps minutes—and wastes hours.

Love: A season pass on the shuttle train between heaven and hell.  
Slang: Language that takes off its coat, spits on its hands and goes to work.

A deacon is a mass of inflammable material placed in a prominent position to warm people.  
(Encountered in Frank Svoboda's Bonham Favorite)

Mrs. Lucy Cowan was in Denton the first of the week where she accompanied her daughter, Miss Emily, back to college.

Miss Pauline Joyner, student at Howard Payne College, spent Easter holidays here with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Joyner.

Misses Ruth and Ruby Cowan, of Texas Technological College, spent Sunday here with their mother, Mrs. Lucy Cowan.

## Sen. Connally Introduces Amendment to Draft

Senator Tom Connally of Texas has prepared and will introduce an amendment to the Selective Service Act, providing authority for the government to take over and operate during the period of the emergency any industrial plant, producing defense materials or convertible into a defense manufacturing plant, in which the national defense program may be impeded or delayed by an existing or threatened failure of production at such plant as a result of a strike or labor disturbance or other cause.

"The Selective Service Act," said Senator Connally, "now provides that the President is authorized to take over and operate any industrial plant, the owners or operators of which refuse or decline to make implements of war, or national defense articles, for the government upon reasonable terms. These provisions apply to the failure of employers to cooperate with the government program of national defense."

"The amendment which I have prepared and which I shall introduce adds another paragraph to Section 9 of the Selective Service Act and provides that the President, through the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy may take over and operate, for the period of the emergency, any plant equipped for the manufacture of any articles or materials required for the national defense, or any plant capable of being transformed into a plant for the manufacture of defense articles, and in which plant, the national defense program is impeded or delayed by an existing or threatened failure of production as a result of a strike or other labor disturbance or other cause. It provides that the government may operate the plant purely in the public interest."

"The prime and paramount objective of the government is to secure continuous and maximum production of war munitions and supplies. Anything which interferes with that kind of operation of all available plants, whether on the part of employers or on the part of employees, is against the public interest and the government ought to have the right and power under such circumstances to step into the plant and take charge and operate the plant as a national defense project purely in the national interest."

## Civil Service Exams. Announced

Civil service examinations for the positions described below have been announced by the United States Civil Service Commission. Applications will be accepted at the Commission's Washington office not later than the closing dates specified. The salaries are subject to a 3 1/2 percent retirement deduction.

Architect, with salaries ranging from \$2,000 to \$4,600 a year. There are three optional branches in which persons may qualify: Design, specifications, or estimating. The duties of the positions are based upon the divisions of work. To qualify as junior architect at \$2,000 a year, applicants must have completed a 4-year architectural college course in either architecture or architectural engineering. For the other positions, completion of a 4-year college course in architecture or engineering as well as appropriate professional architectural experience in the optional subject is required. The closing date is May 7, 1941.

Engineer, with salaries ranging from \$2,600 to \$5,600 a year. This is a next examination for engineering positions and covers all branches of engineering except chemical, metallurgical, marine, and naval architecture. These fields are covered by other examinations. Engineers are particularly needed in the following specialized fields: Aeronautical, agricultural, construction, heating and ventilating, mechanical, ordnance, radio, safety, sanitary, structural, and welding. Appropriate college education and broad engineering experience are required. The maximum age limit is 60 years. Applications will be rated as received until June 30, 1942. Persons who have received eligible ratings in previous engineer examinations need not file a new application.

Full information as to the requirements for these examinations, and application forms, may be obtained from G. W. Grimes, Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at the post office or customhouse in this city, or from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first or second-class post office.

## First Presbyterian Church

John C. Ramsay, Minister.  
10 a. m. Sunday School, Cap McNeill, Superintendent.

11 a. m. Morning Worship and the word. Sermon: "No Marks."

3 p. m. Outpost Sunday School.  
6:45 p. m. Kingdom Highways League, Bertha Nelle Walker, President.

7:45 p. m. Evening Worship and the word. Sermon: "Honor Versus Great Revenues."

Mondays Woman's Auxiliary.  
Wednesdays, Mid-Week Prayer Meeting at 7:45 p. m.

On Friday at 1:15 p. m., a group of young people will represent this church at the Spring Rally of Fort Worth Presbytery at the 1st Presbyterian Church, Abilene the 18th and 19th. The Rally opens at 5 p. m. and it is hoped Spur, who has always been well represented in the past, will have a good opportunity to win the banner for the largest attendance.

Please remember that this is the church that lets no visitor or stranger go away unwelcomed.

## THE TWENTIETH CENTURY STUDY CLUB

The Twentieth Century Study Club met with Mrs. O. C. Thomas Tuesday, April 15. A lovely luncheon was served at one o'clock, after which the president, Mrs. O. C. Thomas, presided over a business session. Mrs. E. D. Cook was leader for the program on "West Texas Shrubs and Flowers." The members of the Club exchanged plants.

Mrs. Koon talked on wild flowers, of West Texas and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff gave "Flowers and Shrubs of West Texas."

The home was decorated with spring flowers.

Members present were: Mesdames W. S. Campbell, E. D. Cook, F. B. Crockett, Eric Foster, O. L. Kelley,

## History of the South Being Compiled

Untold stories of Southern history—tales of the Old South, of war and reconstruction, and of more recent times—will throw new light on the American scene when a ten-volume History of the South is released, a University of Texas historian revealed.

The history will cover the time from 1607 to the present.

Dr. Charles W. Ramsdell, University government professor, is co-editor with Dr. Wendell H. Stephenson, Louisiana State University of the mammoth work.

A social, economic, political, cultural, and religious treatise of the South, the history is a joint project of the two state schools. Ten Southern historians are co-operating in gathering research material and writing ten volumes.

The project is financed half by the Littlefield Fund, given the University of Texas by Major George Littlefield, pioneer Texas cattle baron, banker and philanthropist, for the purpose of gathering material and publishing a Southern history, and half by Louisiana State University.

## U. T. SWEETHEART

Here is Miss Gloria Obar, Sweetheart of the University of Texas. A sophomore from Austin, brown-haired Miss Obar is five feet one inch tall, a yearbook beauty and is majoring in dramatics.

She resigned last week-end over Twelfth Texas Round-Up, annual homecoming for University ex-students, and over Texas Relays, the Southwest's outstanding track and field carnival.

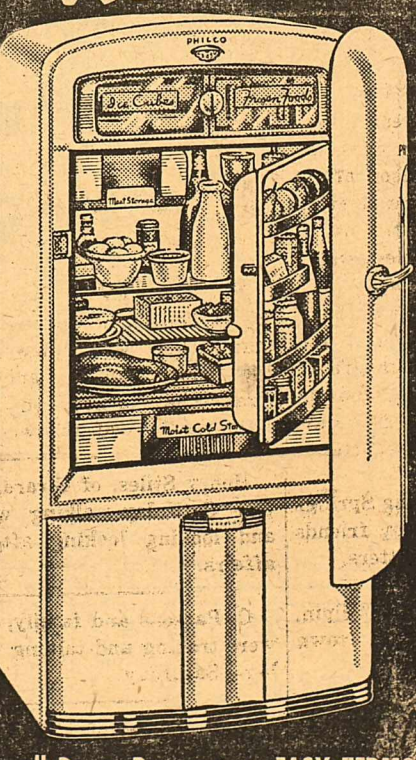
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haile, of Afton, were in town Saturday talking with friends here Saturday.

J. A. Koon, E. S. Lee, O. M. McGinty, L. D. Ratliff, O. B. Ratliff, A. M. Walker, Cliff Bird, and the hostess, Mrs. Thomas.—Reporter.

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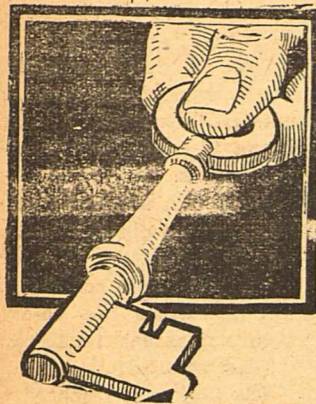
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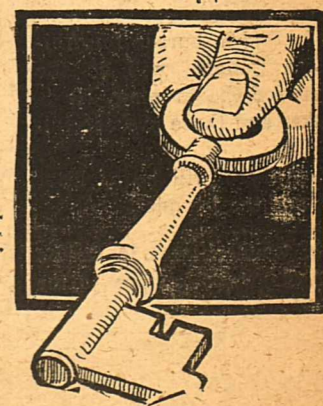
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### Specialist Say Trees Will Grow Here

Trees can be grown without irrigation in any county in Texas. That goes for shade trees, windbreaks, and trees grown as ornamentals, says Sadie Hatfield, specialist in landscape gardening for the A and M. College Extension Service.

But she admits there's a trick in it. The secret of success is in properly collecting and storing rain water in the soil for the growth of the trees. During the spring and summer terraces and contours should be made so as to collect and hold moisture which falls during the summer and fall months.

"Soil is the natural, the best, and the easiest place to keep water for growing trees in the Panhandle, on the plains, and in all the drier regions of Texas," the specialist explains.

It is true that three or four acres of soil may be needed to produce one acre of good trees, for it is necessary to divert water from nearby soil in order to give a tree or a group of trees the equivalent of two or three times the annual rainfall of a semi-arid region.

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es, long recommended by county agricultural agents can bring about diversion of water to almost any area selected for trees.

Among the trees which are being grown successfully (and have been grown for a decade) by landscape improvement demonstrators and others on the plains and in the Panhandle are black walnut, red cedar, desert willow, green ash, hackberry, honey locust, jujube, mulberry, osage orange (or bois d'arc), Russian Olive, salt cedar, vitex, wild plum, lilac, and Chinese elms.

### Provisions of New Truck Load Law

The overall gross weight allowed by the new Texas truck load limit law is 38,000 pounds, which includes the weight of the vehicle and the load, according to Lynn B. Shaw, general manager of the Texas Motor Transportation Association. However, Shaw said that this does not mean that all trucks may be operated with a gross weight of 38,000 pounds.

In order to determine the authorized gross weight on any vehicle or combination of vehicles, the first thing to do is to measure the distance in feet between the front axle and the rear axle, and then add 40 and multiply this sum by 700, Shaw explained.

For instance, using an ordinary four wheel vehicle, if the distance between the front axle and the rear axle is 12 feet you add 40, which makes 52. Multiplying this by 700 gives you 36,400, the total gross weight for which this particular vehicle may be registered.

If it is a truck-tractor and semi-trailer combination, it will be necessary to measure the distance in feet between the front axle of the truck-tractor and the rear axle of the semi-trailer, add 40 and multiply by 700. As an example, Shaw pointed out that if the distance between the first and last axles of the combination is 24 feet, you add 40, which makes 64. Then multiply by 700, which gives you 44,800, the total gross weight. However, the act provides that the gross weight shall not exceed 38,000

pounds, so in this instance you could not register the vehicle for more than 38,000 pounds.

Shaw cited these as examples, but the explanation applies to any vehicle or combination of vehicles. In each instance you add the number 40 to the distance between the first and last axles, and multiply by 700.

The law also provides that the gross weight shall not exceed 18,000 pounds per axle where low pressure tires are used, or 16,000 pounds per axle where high pressure tires are used; and such gross weight shall not exceed 9,000 pounds per wheel if low pressure tires are used, or 8,000 pounds where high pressure tires are used.

Furthermore, the weight shall not exceed 600 pounds per inch width of tire upon any wheel concentrated upon the surface of the highway and using high pressure tires, and a greater weight than 650 pounds per inch width of tire upon any wheel concentrated upon the surface of the highway and using low pressure tires." Shaw said the tire width referred to means the tread of the tire as stated by the manufacturer.

### 1,500 NYA Boys, Girls Assigned

Approximately fifteen hundred boys and girls in Texas are assigned to NYA Projects sponsored by the United States Army, according to J. C. Kellam, state NYA administrator. Of this number 1,151 are boys and 269 are girls.

This work, which is non-military in nature consists of assisting in sheet metal, motor, machine, and electrical shops and of acting as helpers in carpentering, painting, bricklaying, plumbing, refrigeration, steamfitting, laundry, warehouses, clerical work, and hospital work. Through these NYA Projects the regular Army men are left free to devote all of their time and energy to strictly military duties.

In Forts Brown Brownsville; Ringgold, Rio Grande City; McIntosh, Laredo; Sam Houston, San Antonio; Bliss, El Paso; and D. A. Russell, Marfa, 579 NYA boys and 130 girls are acting as assistants in the repair shops, warehouses, and offices.

At Camp Normoyle near San Antonio 94 NYA boys receive work experience as automobile mechanics helpers, and nine girls are engaged as clerical assistants. One hundred and eight boys are receiving experience in the repair, construction, and maintenance of airplanes and airplane engines at a NYA Resident Center sponsored by the U. S. Army Air Corps and set up at the Duncan Field Air Depot near San Antonio.

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Other NYA youth are assigned to Projects at Kelly Field, Ellington Field, San Antonio General Depot, San Antonio Arsenal, Fort Worth Reserve Officers Office, Eighth Corps Area Headquarters, First Military District, and Army recruiting stations in ten Texas cities.

J. J. Lilly, north of town, was in Saturday selling produce and talking with friends.

W. M. Moore, west of town, was in Saturday enjoying friends and transacting business.

### Frame Garden Tech College Experiment

Frame gardens at Technological college are testing 11 vegetables for suitability for suitability to growth in hotbeds. Addition next fall of heat to the two frame gardens now in operation will, it is hoped, hasten growth of early vegetables and carry the harvest period into the winter months.

Radishes, carrots, beets, romane lettuce, endives spinach, onions, chard, mustard parsley leaf lettuce and English peas are at present being grown in the two garden plots, each 4 1/2 x 18 feet in size.

"The frame garden is simply the home gardener's application of the commercially used cold frame," says George Elle, instructor in horticulture. "There are at present approximately 450 frame gardens in operation in Lubbock county, most of them made by farmers' wives, but no organized effort has been made to determine suitability of various plants and none has yet been heated."

Heat will be used only to prevent frost damage, he explained, not to maintain a growing temperature.

Working with Prof. Henry P. Clay of the department of agricultural engineering, Ellie estimates total cost of a 5x20 foot bed at \$15 or less, and electrical cost at probably \$1 per year. Sub-irrigation by means of tile pipes is at present employed in the Tech frames. Tin cans, open at both ends, may also be used for subirrigation.

"Materials required are four 18-inch boards to form a box frame 5x 20 feet, slanted to catch the sun, and a muslin or wax cloth cover," he said. Celloglass is also being tested as a suitable frame cover.

### Common Fly a Great Menace to Health

Thousands of children and adults die every year from diseases carried by the fly. Typhoid fever, tuberculosis, summer complaint, cholera, intestinal diseases, and frequently death follow closely in the trail of the common house fly.

"Control of the fly menace comes at the top of the list of necessary public health measures which should be applied by every city and individual in the State," urges Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Most effective measure for control is to prevent breeding," he said. "Flies breed in filth and about eight days are required to complete a life cycle. During her lifetime of several months one housefly lays from 600 to 1,000 eggs. Thus it can easily be seen that in a season, which usually begins in the spring of the year, the descendants from one fly number countless thousands.

"To eliminate flies, breeding places must be destroyed. Manure piles, garbage, and other organic filth furnish the requirements of warmth, moisture, and food necessary for the propagation of the fly. The flies should be kept from contact with food or drink or utensils in which food and drink are prepared and served. Likewise, they should be kept from access to privy vaults where they pick up the infections which they later spread to humans by contact with food and drink and by unwashed hands and utensils. See that your windows, doors, and porches are screened so that the stray fly from some careless neighbor will not molest your family. Also, see that your grocer keeps his meat, vegetables, and fruits free from flies.

"Organized health measures to destroy the breeding places, control of flies' access to your home and food, and established standards of cleanliness in your community will eliminate the fly

### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS AUXILIARY

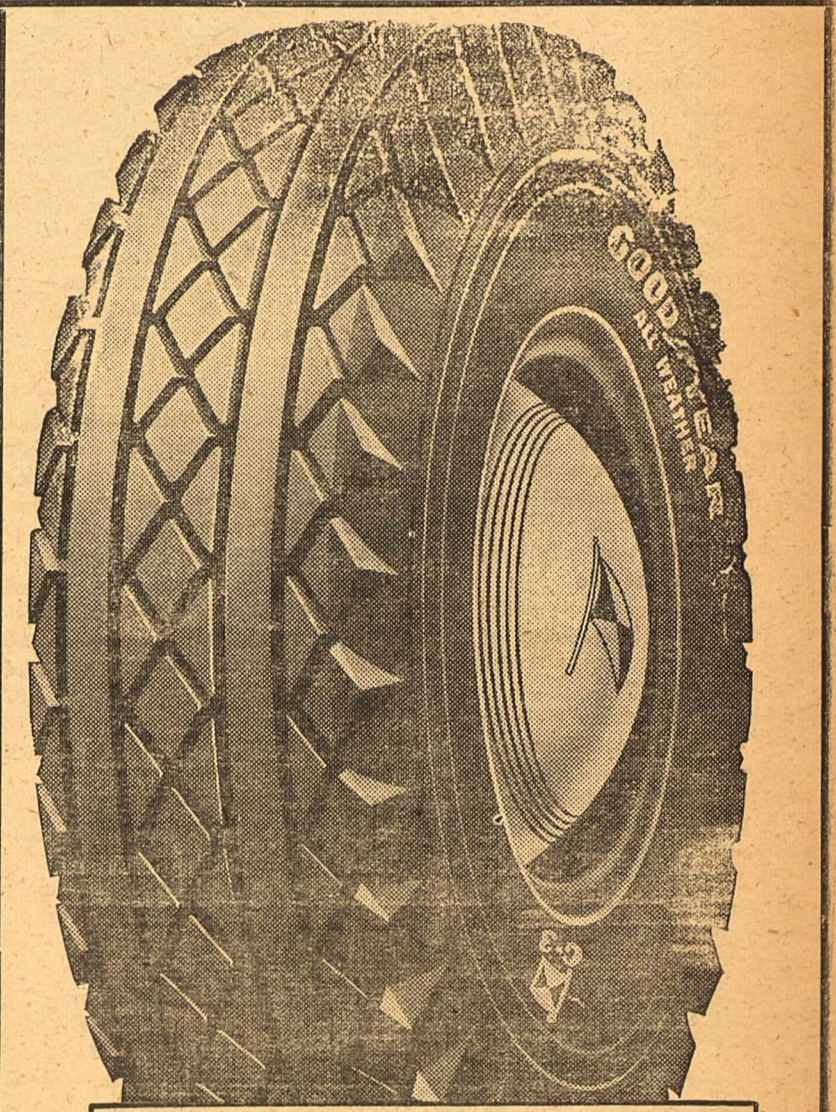
The intermediate girls auxiliary was entertained with an all day picnic at the Dickens Springs last week. The girls reported lots of good things to eat and a grand time.

The intermediate girl's auxiliary meets each week in the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Charlie Powell at 4:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

J. D. Guyer, of Croton, was transacting business and meeting friends here Saturday.

Wayne VanLeer, of McAdoo, was in our city Saturday attending to business and talking with friends.

Miss Laverne Burks, of Hardin-Simmons University, spent the last of the week here visiting her parents.



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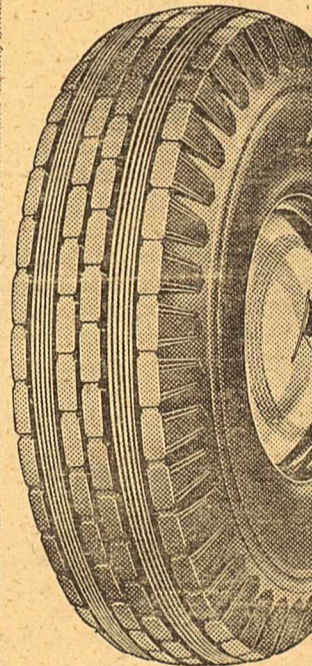
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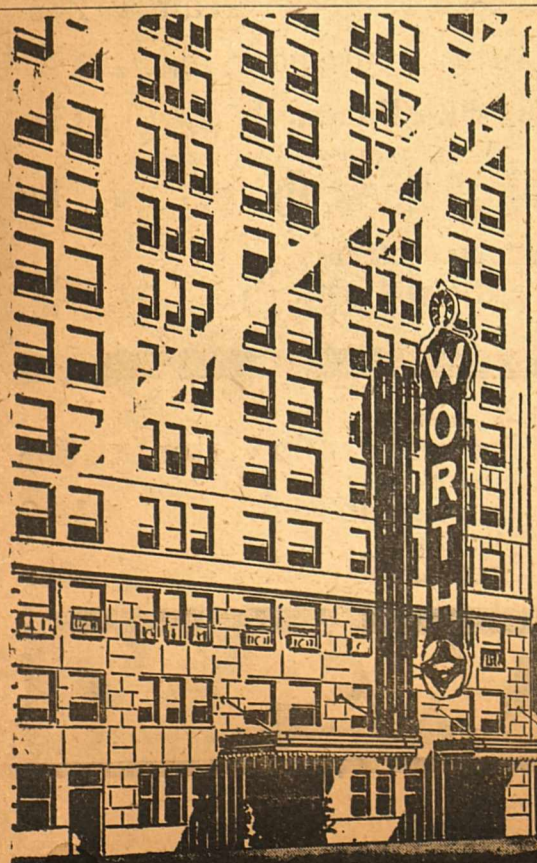
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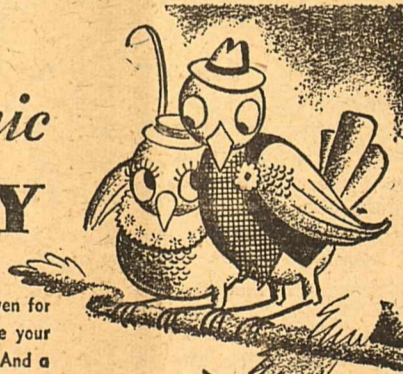
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### Circus Coming Mon. Afternoon and Night

After a lapse of several years Spur is to be entertained by a circus. The attraction is the Dailey Bros. Circus, the date will be Monday, April 21, and the sponsors will be the American Legion Post.

Dailey Bros. Circus does not boast of its magnitude, but rather it lays stress upon the character of its program and the number of unusual novel and unique acts not seen with the average circus, even the larger ones.

With this circus the performance is presented in two rings which is not as confusing as when three rings are used. The spectator is sure he is going to see every act as the program is arranged in such a way, in a rather streamlined fashion that one pair of eyes can't take it all in.

On account of the wars in Europe all of the arena stars from over there have fled to the United States. Unfortunately the number of circuses in this country is reduced on account of circumstances. This situation enabled the Dailey Bros. Circus to contract the cream of the circus talent on a salary basis which makes it possible for them to present an extraordinary performance for very cheap admission prices and at the same time maintain a very high standard for their exhibition. The motto of the Dailey Circus is "never before so much for so little."

Another of the many claims made by the Dailey Bros. Circus is that its personnel includes a group of remarkably beautiful feminine stars and that any individual girl of the group could be a prize winner as a real beauty and for possessing a perfect figure. Not only beautiful but perfect in form, these young maidens prove to be dare-devils in their acts, to be endowed with plenty of nerve.

The American Legion will receive a liberal share of the gross receipts on circus day and are anticipating a profitable engagement as well as the satisfaction of bringing to Spur a high class, thrilling entertainment.

### Secrets of Magicians First Act Withheld From Assistant, Not Magic

Miss Benola Taylor, stage assistant in the Mondro Wonder Show playing at the Spur High School Auditorium Friday night, April 18th, under the auspice of the Spur Band, declares that the secrets of the seemingly impossible blindfold feats embraced in the first big act of the Mondro Show are still withheld, and she has yet to discover a true basis for solving the mystery of this uncanny exhibition of Mondro, who has hailed for years as "The man with the X-ray eyes."

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The Mondro brings one-half ton of elaborate stage equipment with him, and presents a full two hour show at the Spur High School Auditorium Friday night, April 18.

### BREWER-ROBERTSON NUPTIAL VOWS READ

Miss Frances Brewer daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Brewer became the bride of Jack Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robertson of McAdoo, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe McCombs at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, April 12, 1941. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. L. Thurston, pastor of the Methodist Church. The brides attendants were Nadine Brewer, sister of the bride was maid of honor with Mary and Nita McCombs as brides maid. Buck Robertson, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride wore navy blue alpaca trimmed in white with black accessories.

Those attending the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Robertson of McAdoo; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Brewer, Mrs. J. E. Cole, Virginia Johnson, Janice Gibson, Margie Cole, Mrs. B. F. Saxton, Junior McLaughlin, Mrs. J. R. Cole, Harold Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie McWilliams, McAdoo.—Contributed.

C. P. Aull, of McAdoo, was greeting friends and attending to business here Saturday.

S. T. Battles of Cedar Breaks community, was greeting friends and doing some trading here Saturday.

D. W. Thomason, of Highway, was talking with friends and trading here Saturday.

Clayton Bridge, of Midway community, was attending to business and greeting friends here Saturday.

### Water Conservation And Supply

The service of the Duck Creek Water Facilities Project are being extended to all farmers and ranchers residing in the newly organized Duck Creek Soil Conservation District, Elton D. Cook, Sr. District Technician, announced today.

Under the Water Facilities Program, farmers and ranchers will be assisted in the installation or construction of stock ponds, farm storage reservoirs, wells, water spreaders, small garden irrigation systems, and windmills or pumps. In addition, landowners will receive technical assistance in the establishment of complete and coordinated soil and water conservation systems for their farms or ranches, Mr. Cook continued.

Since the project was established with headquarters at Spur, in March 1939, 150 farmers and ranchers have received help under the water facilities program. Some of the facilities installed under the program are: 15 new wells drilled, 20 windmill towers repaired, 20 new towers constructed, 50 stock troughs storing more than 63,000 gallons, 10 new earthen stock tanks storing more than 20 acrefeet of water, 16 overhead tanks and towers and piping systems. The soil and moisture technical assistance rendered by the project consists of 28,000 acres of controlled grazing; 10,600 acres of contour cultivation; 94.4 miles of terraces constructed; 307 acres of contour furrowing; and 450 miles of terrace lines run and marked.

The water facilities program is a cooperative enterprise, being carried on jointly by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the Farm Security Administration, and the Soil Conservation Service. The Soil Conservation Service and the Farm Security Administration have been given the general responsibility for the operations phase of the program, especially in working out plans for water facilities with the farmer and rancher and in supervising the construction or installation of water facilities. In addition, the Farm Security Administration is responsible for financing the program for individual farmers. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics is charged with over-all planning for designated agricultural areas.

Work on individual farms will be financed through loans made to the land operators by the Farm Security Administration. Funds thus advanced may be used by the landowner to meet costs of installation of the facilities. The farmer or rancher are not required to pay for planning or other technical assistance furnished. The loans, at three percent interest, may extend for the life of the structure, but in no case for more than 20 years. Planning and technical help is also available to farmers who do not need loans.

Farmers and ranchers furnish as much as possible of the necessary labor and material needed to install or construct a water facility. They are provided with a sound farm or range management plan worked out in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and Farm Security Administration. Such plans provide for the use of a complete and coordinated soil and water conservation farming system and a crop production program which will provide living expenses, operating costs, and loan payments as well as subsistence crops to furnish food and feed for family and livestock.

Of the 15 water facility projects in Texas, 11 are in the Western Gulf Region which includes all of Texas except the High Plains.

Since the first projects were established in Texas about three years ago, 729 farmers and ranchers who operate more than 594,000 acres in the 11 projects in the Western Gulf Region have received assistance under the water facilities program. They not only are developing an adequate and dependable water supply for farming and ranching operations, but they are also establishing complete conservation systems which hold more water on the land and which conserve the soil.

These farmers have constructed 151 stock ponds which have a total storage of 348 acre feet, have developed 120 wells, and have installed 136 windmills and 17 power pumps.

Landowners and operators may file their applications for assistance under the water facilities program with: Mack Woodrum, County Agent, Dickens County.

W. R. Kimbrough, County Agent, Kent County.

Farm Security Administration, Spur, Texas.

Soil Conservation Service, Spur, Texas.

Any of the Supervisors of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District, and any Vocational Agricultural Teacher in the district.

### Boy Scout Troop 35

Troop 35 of Boy Scouts at Spur had a very busy week. Wednesday night they attended a Scout Roundtable discussion at Matador where different problems were considered. The meeting was very profitable to the Scouts.

Friday night the Troop went to Dickens to attend a Court of Honor. Several boys received advancements and merit badges. Among these were: Charles Kimmel, a tenderfoot advancement; Billie D. Starcher and Ned Blackwell advanced to second class Scouts. Calvin Simmons received two merit badges; George Walker, three merit badges; Leonard Wilson, four merit badges; S. C. Falls, three merit badges; Jimmie Vernon, one merit badge; Joe Ericson was advanced to the rank of Life Scout which is next to the highest rank any boy can obtain as a Boy Scout. He will possibly receive his Eagle rank before the close of the year.

The Troop enjoyed camping out Saturday night and in the afternoon enjoyed a picnic at Swenson Park. There were 18 of the Scouts at the picnic and 15 spent the night in camp. Members of the Troop Committee at the picnic were: W. D. Starcher, Chairman; W. F. Gilbert, Camping activities; Dr. L. E. Standifer, health and safety; and O. C. Arthur, who is the Troop advancement chairman. The boys also had several visitors during the evening, and everybody enjoyed a swell time.

It is the intention of the Scouts and the Troop committee to have more of these picnics and camping activities during the summer. It is hoped at least one per month will be the program.

### To Our Friends And Neighbors

We wish to express our gratefulness to every one who in any way, tried to help our dear boy, for the visits, cards, letters, fruits and flowers while he was in the Sanatorium, and the sweet loving expressions made about him by those who loved him, also for the beautiful flowers, cards and kind words of sympathy and consolation for us during his illness and after his passing, we can not find words to thank you enough.

May our Heavenly Father who understands all things guide us in every thought and deed.  
W. M. MALONE and WIFE.  
OLLIA MALONE

Mrs. W. C. Messer, of Espuela, was in town Saturday doing some shopping and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rogers, of Croton, were visiting with friends and trading here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lollar, of Gilpin, were in town Saturday enjoying friends and attending to business.

## WANT ADS

WANTED—Good clean cotton rags—Dickens County Times.

WILL PASTURE—horses or cows on wheat and grass. See Elmer Sugart. 4-17-34p

ROUTE MAN WANTED—Two nearby routes open. Should average \$25 to \$50 weekly. Want men 25-50 years old with car. Write C. R. LEWIS, J. R. Watkins Company, Memphis, Tennessee.

FOR SALE—1940-2-door Ford, 1939, Ford Pick-up; 1935, 4-door Chevrolet; 1936, Ford Truck; H. S. Holly, Agency

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FOR SALE—Maize, cane and millet seed. Will have all different types of seed you will need at a low price for quality. Slim Foster by Ebb's Cafe. 3-20tn

### Tax Penalty On Thrift Says Many Lawmakers

Numerous newspapers are urging repeal of the chain store tax. "Most chain stores today are home-owned," says the San Antonio Evening News. The tax is called "a discriminatory penalty" by the Dallas News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram asserts the levy is "punitive, not against the chains but against the consumer, the producer and business in general." Says the Austin American, "The consumer is the real 'goat' of the law." Out in West Texas, the Post Dispatch calls the tax "a fine on efficiency" and continues, "A spokesman for the Southwestern Cattleman's Association recently reported that a program in which producers and chain stores worked together had materially increased beef and lamb consumption and given the cattle industry three of the best years in its history. The chain stores have participated in similar programs on behalf of cotton, fruits, pottery, cactus plants and other commodities whose sale had to be increased if producers were to avoid possible ruinous losses." The San Antonio Express sums up, "Civic sentiment generally demands repeal of the unwarranted Texas chain-store tax."

J. H. Garrett, a new citizen of McAdoo country, was in town Saturday transacting business.

W. F. Neaves, of Espuela, was visiting with friends and looking after business affairs here Monday.

R. C. Battles, of McAdoo, was visiting with friends and trading here Saturday.

### Volley Ball Tournament

There will be a volley ball tournament at Dickens this week. There will be a boys team and a girls team from the school enter the tournament. Then there will be a team of men outside of the school and a team of ladies outside of the school in the tournament. Then, to make everything complete the teachers at Dickens are getting up a team to enter the tournament.

### TOMP HUMPHRIES BURIED WEDNESDAY

Tomp Humphries, known to many of the early settlers as Tankawa John, died at his home near Aspermont Tuesday. Funeral services were held at Aspermont Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Humphries has been in West Texas more than 65 years, and worked for the Rainer Cattle Company in early days.

Mrs. James McCormick, of Mathis, arrived here the last of the week to be with her mother, Mrs. B. Brown, who is ill at this time.

### WEST TEXAS CATTLEMAN DIES

Cass Edwards, 90, owner of the T-Bar ranch near Tahoka, died at his Fort Worth home last Thursday.

He used to run cattle on the head of McDonald Creek in Crosby County in the early days. He shod out his cattle to the old Spur Ranch shortly after they started up. He is known to a number of the early day cowboys.

G. A. Benham, of Afton, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

Miss Jo Dunn, teacher in Dickens schools was doing some shopping in our city Saturday.

M. B. Gage, of Croton, was greeting friends and attending to business affairs here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks and son Billy, were in town Saturday doing some trading. Billy came up from Army camp last week to visit his parents.

Mrs. P. E. Hagins and daughter, Miss Mary Pearl, of Gilpin, were in town Saturday doing some shopping.

### NIGHT CLASSES

In Costume Designing and Charcoal Drawing—See

POLLY CLEMMONS

Spur, Texas

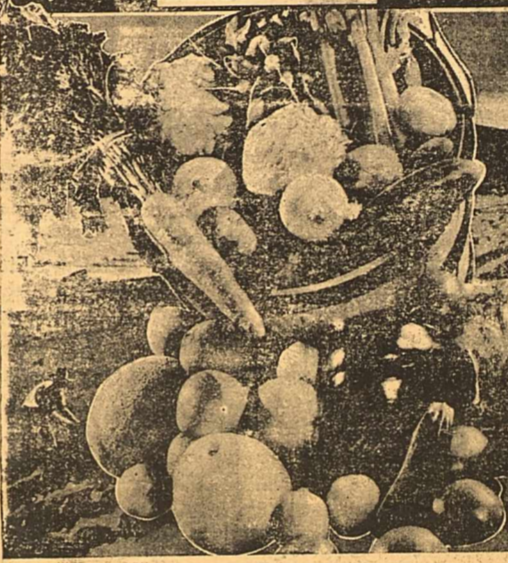
April 14, 1941

The Annual Meeting of The Stockholders will meet in the Spur Theatre at 10 o'clock a. m., April 26, 1941 for annual report and election of officers and such other business as may be had.

CONSUMERS FUEL ASSOCIATION

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<p><b>Tomatoes</b> Standard 4 No. 2 cans 25c</p>	<p><b>Crackers</b> Cactus, 2 lb Box 13c</p>	<p>Airway <b>Coffee 2 1 lb pkgs 27c</b></p> <p>Royal Gem <b>Corn, 2 No. 2 cans 15c</b></p> <p>Vita Popped <b>Wheat, 4 1/2 oz pkg 5c</b></p> <p>Parkay <b>Oleo, pound 18c</b></p>
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<p><b>P-Nut Butter</b> Real Roast, Qt. Jar 21c</p>	<p>Lunch Box <b>Sandwich Spread pt. jar 21c</b></p> <p>Van Camp's <b>Pork &amp; Beans, 3 16oz cans 17c</b></p> <p>Libby Crushed <b>Pineapple 3 9 oz cans 25c</b></p> <p>Queen Isabella <b>Preserves, 16 oz. jar 15c</b></p> <p>Carton <b>Favorite Matches, 6-boxes 15c</b></p> <p>Green or Orchid <b>Zee Tissue roll 5c</b></p> <p>Granulated Soap <b>Su-Purb 24 oz. package 15c</b></p> <p>White King <b>Granulated Soap, 24 oz pkg 19c</b></p> <p><b>Camay Soap, 2 bars 11c</b></p> <p>Quality Bleach <b>White Magic, qt. bottle 10c</b></p> <p>Durkee <b>Black Pepper, 1 1/2 oz. can 5c</b></p> <p><b>Corn Starch, Argo, 1 lb box 9c</b></p> <p>Town House Grapefruit <b>Juice, 3 no. 2 cans 17c</b></p> <p>Sugar Belle <b>Fancy Peas, 2 No. 2 cans 29c</b></p> <p>Pudding or Gelatin <b>Jell-Well 3 pkgs 10c</b></p> <p><b>Petite Pears No 2 1/2 can 15c</b></p> <p><b>Cocoa, Hershey, 1 lb can 15c</b></p> <p>Hershey Baking <b>Chocolate, 1/2 lb. pkg. 13c</b></p>	<p><b>QUALITY BEEF</b> <b>Loin Steak lb. 29c</b></p> <p><b>QUALITY BEEF</b> <b>Round Steak, lb 33c</b></p> <p><b>Bologna, sliced or piece, lb 12c</b></p> <p>Machine Sliced <b>Boiled Ham, pound 49c</b></p> <p><b>Cured Ham center slices lb 35c</b></p> <p><b>Cheese, longhorn cream, lb 23c</b></p> <p><b>Sausage, pure pork, lb. 18c</b></p> <p><b>Dry Salt Bacon, lb. 15c</b></p> <p>BULK SUGAR CURED <b>Sliced Bacon, lb 23c</b></p> <p>VACUUM COOKED <b>Pressed Ham, lb 29c</b></p> <p>Texas Maid <b>Shortening, 4 lb carton 39c</b></p> <p>Harvest Blossom <b>Flour, 48 lb sack \$1.19</b></p> <p>Kitchen Craft <b>Flour, 24 lb sack 69c</b></p>
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