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Abilene Voted Bonds for New High School

The first of the week's series of Republican meetings was held at Talmage last night. A big crowd packed the meeting place and much enthusiasm for Hughes and the whole Republican ticket was apparent. All the county candidates were present and made short speeches. C. M. Harger, candidate for congress, made the principal address. Mrs. H. L. Humphrey of this city made a short talk. D. W. Naill, candidate for sheriff, told of Republican prospects and added much to his ever increasing popularity. Good music was furnished by a ladies' quartet and the Talmage band lent color to an already enthusiastic gathering. The meeting tonight will be at Upland where a good turnout is looked for.

Another big Republican meeting was held last night at Upland. The hall was filled to overflowing. W. H. Myers, candidate for state senator, was the principal speaker and made a fine address. He was optimistic in his outlook for the Repub-

lican party and expressed the sentiment of his audience when he predicted a sweeping victory this fall. The county candidates were present in force and several of them made short talks. Mrs. H. L. Humphrey spoke again at this meeting and J. E. Brewer also made an address. H. G. Kyle, county chairman, had charge of the meeting and made a very interesting speech. Fine music was furnished by the Upland orchestra. Tonight's meeting will be at Manchester. A number of the candidates will be in that city all day in the interest of their candidacy. W. H. Myers and H. W. Avery will be the speakers of the evening. Mr. Myers is candidate for state senator, the office once filled by Avery and these two men should have some good sound Republican common sense to offer their audience. Good music will be furnished by an Abilene ladies' quartette composed of Mrs. H. R. Little, Miss Mabel Bigler, Miss Mary Meull and Miss Grace Peters.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS BIG ADVERTISING SCHEME

The Abilene Business Men's association began a new scheme Saturday when a free matinee was provided at the Lyric theatre for out of town buyers. The plan will continue all this month, a free show being given each Saturday afternoon to those out of town people who have tickets from one or more members showing that they have purchased goods in the city. The matinee is for the benefit of out of town folks only.

The Chamber of Commerce has also issued a booklet advertising the different business firms of the city. Thirty-five hundred of these have been mailed to different people outside of Abilene and should bring big returns in the way of increased business. One hundred of these have been ordered by the Riverside Light & Power Co. for different points along their lines.

ELMO WILL HOLD SIXTH ANNUAL BOOSTER DAY

Elmo's sixth annual booster day will be held Saturday, October 21. A band concert at 10:30 will begin the bid ya and something will be going on every minute of the time. Prizes are offered for the best float, best decorated auto, and best decorated vehicle of any kind in the big parade to be held at 11 o'clock. The Hope and Solomon high schools will tangle in a football game at 3:30. There will be a rest room for the ladies where prizes will be given for kitchen products and textile fabrics. Everybody is invited to attend the biggest booster day Elmo ever had.

BOOSTER AND GOOD ROADS TOUR IN ABILENE FRIDAY

Friday the Kansas City Motor club's big booster and good roads tour will be in Abilene. The automobiles will arrive here at 10:30 and will stay until after dinner. The Abilene Automobile club is making preparations for their reception. The booster club band will play in the city park and their good roads speakers will talk from the bandstand. Every make of car sold in Kansas City will make the trip and will be on exhibition. Different makes of auto trucks will also be in the procession.

It is up to Abilene people to turn out and give the club a good reception. Kansas City newspaper correspondents will make the trip and will be in a position to advertise the wide awake towns along the route. Abilene could get a little of this advertising by crowding the city park Friday morning at 10:30.

CONGRESSMAN HELVERING MADE ADDRESS HERE

Congressman G. T. Helvering spoke in the court house Saturday night to a good sized audience. He defended the Wilson administration and claimed that "Wilson kept us out of war." He is making a campaign for reelection.

TOPEKA AVIATOR MADE FLIGHT OVER ABILENE

Phil Billard of Topeka flew over Abilene about 9:15 Sunday morning in his aeroplane on his way from Russell to Topeka. Many Abilene people saw Billard as he passed over the city at a height of several hundred feet and the exhaust of his engine could be plainly heard. Billard made the trip to Topeka in 2 hours and eighteen minutes which is an average of nearly one hundred miles an hour. The flight is a record for Kansas. Not a stop was made although one was scheduled for this city. Billard had no engine trouble of any kind and made the trip on twenty gallons of gasoline.

ROAD AND BRIDGE EXPENDITURES INCREASE

Rapid increase in total expenditures for roads and bridges, growth of building and maintenance activities under state supervision, and a sharp decrease in the proportion of contributions in the form of statute labor mark the development of highway work in the United States during the past 12 years. These facts are brought out by statistics for the calendar year 1915 recently compiled by the office of public roads and rural engineering of the United States department of agriculture.

The total length of public roads in the United States outside the limits of incorporated towns and cities was about 2,452,000 miles on January 1, 1916. Of this, about 277,000 miles, or 11.3 per cent were improved with some form of surfacing. The mileage of surfaced roads has been increasing at the rate of about 16,000 miles a year, and in 1915 approximately one-half of this increase was made under the supervision of state highway departments. In addition these departments supervised the maintenance of nearly 52,000 miles of main and trunk line roads.

ABILENE MAN WINS PRIZES KANSAS CITY STOCK SHOW

W. H. Hansen of this place has just returned from Kansas City where he won \$150 in prizes with a carload of Shorthorn steers. Mr. Hansen took first on three-year-old steers and also for the best load of Shorthorns any age. The steers sold in Kansas City for \$11.25 a hundred, the highest priced load of steers ever shipped out of Dickinson county.

Advertised Mail

Elmer Anderson, Beatrice Creamery Co., Auri Boyer, Miss Pearl Calne, J. B. Connell, Rev. S. F. Engle, J. E. Engle, A. W. Fattor, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Freyer, Miss Laura Freeman, Dude Lankford, Ben Logan, Fred Morton, Miss Lillian Reese, Curtis McClenny, Mrs. H. B. Seewers, Walter Shuer, Clarence Shipp, Miss Edna Shoemaker, Mrs. L. J. Smith, Miss Ella Wenger, Miss Mona Wilson.

BUILDING TABERNACLE TODAY Fifty Men Working and Will Be Ready for Dedication Sunday

[From Wednesday's Daily.] Between fifty and sixty men have been busy all day building the big tabernacle for the revival meetings and the work will be practically completed by night. The stage will be in the south end of the big building and the eighteen hundred to two thousand people that the tabernacle will hold will find entrance through eight doorways on the east and north sides. The church ladies outdid themselves at noon and served so much fried chicken to the workers that they almost decided to postpone the finishing of the building until tomorrow.

The revival meetings will begin October 19 and in the meantime things are being gotten in readiness for the biggest awakening the town has ever had. The tabernacle will be dedicated Sunday evening. Dr. F. S. Blayney will deliver the sermon and each minister will say a few words.

All singers are to meet at four o'clock Sunday afternoon when a big choir will be formed.

At 3 o'clock a meeting for men only will be held, with Dr. Dutton in charge.

Union young peoples' meetings are being held and great preparations are being made for the work.

ABILENE MEN GET OFFICES IN DENTAL SOCIETY

The joint meeting of the Golden Belt and First district dental societies at Manhattan, Monday and Tuesday of this week, was attended by several Abilene dentists. Twenty-three supply houses and manufacturers were represented at the meeting and one hundred and two dentists were registered.

Several good speakers addressed the meeting. Dr. B. E. Kelly of this city was re-elected secretary of the society and E. L. Garrett was elected delegate to the executive council state association. Following is the list of officers: President, M. J. McKee, Manoa; vice president, W. H. Jordan, Hays; secretary, B. E. Kelly, Abilene; treasurer, J. R. Clarke, Enterprise. The next meeting will be held at Salina.

Dead horses and cattle removed free. Phone charges refunded. Call 234, 731, 1050. Dederick Rendering Works.

MORE APPROVAL.



WOULD LOCATE MOTOR PLOW CO. IN ABILENE

The Kenison Motor Plow company will give a demonstration at the E. Geoffroy farm one-fourth mile east of Abilene tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. This plow company with temporary headquarters at Solomon is looking for a location for a factory and will attempt to interest enough capital in the project to bring the plant to Abilene. The company is anxious to secure a location and sufficient backing to manufacture the plows. Such a factory would bring ten new families to Abilene on the outset and probably more later.

Farmers who have seen the Kenison motor plows demonstrated are strong in their endorsement of them.

REV. CHARLES G. BEAR IS DEAD—BURIAL TO BE HERE

Rev. Charles G. Bear, for several years a teacher in this county and then a successful pastor of the M. E. church, died at Kansas City Wednesday following an operation. Funeral services will be held in the M. E. church Saturday at 9 o'clock, burial in Abilene cemetery.

Mr. Bear had a host of friends in Dickinson who will be saddened by his death. He was a forceful, earnest worker for the good things of this world and a minister of power and influence. His cheery smile and his big heart won him the love of all and the world lost much in his passing away. He leaves a family which is at Baldwin, their home for several years.

Republicans Having Big County Meetings

The proposed bond issue of \$90,000 for a new high school building carried at the special election yesterday by a majority of 28 votes. A big fight against the bonds developed within the last few days and the outcome of the election was doubtful until the full count was in. A large vote was polled, a total of 1432 votes being cast. Many women voted and autos were busy hauling parties to the polls.

Three wards, the second, third and fourth, gave substantial majorities for the bonds, while the first ward and the attached territory vote was against them. The count by wards was as follows:

	For	Against
First ward	114	150
Second ward	242	221
Third ward	149	127
Fourth ward	189	121
Attached territory	36	83
Total	730	702

The present high school is to be used as a junior high school for seventh and eighth grades, thus

giving plenty of room in the Garfield building for the remainder of the pupils.

Abilene has now taken the step that will put her on an equality with other towns in regard to schools.

As soon as the results were known the school population of the town as well as other boosters gathered down town and had a big bonfire celebration west of the Union Pacific depot. School yells were given and all the boxes obtainable were burned. The students worked hard for the bonds and the result of the election is a credit to them and to the city of Abilene. Students invaded both theatres and with vociferous cheers announced the result which was at once flashed upon the screen.

A location for the building has not been decided upon as yet and will not be chosen off hand. The board will consider the question immediately, however, and expect to decide the question after due deliberation.

FOR THE LOCATION OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL

The election is over, the campaign was short but some people got considerably "hot" up over it and some unkind criticisms of the school board were made which were wholly out of place and uncalled for. But the school board shouldn't worry, that is the usual penalty for holding a public position.

The public has been invited to present its views on a school site, so here goes. I think an ideal place for the new high school would be on Eighth and Ninth streets between Campbell and Brown streets in east part of town. There a fine view could be had of the Smoky valley for miles. If you wished to paint a picture of agriculture in its highest state of perfection you could not find a better view anywhere in the state.

Such a building as this new high school would be a perpetual advertisement for Abilene if put in a location like that. It could be seen from all trains coming into the city and as an advertisement for Abilene would be worth all it cost.

We have been unfortunate here so far in the location of all our public buildings. We have a fine court house but it can't be seen a block away in any direction. We have good school buildings. We have a fine postoffice but it can't be seen forty feet in any direction.

Abilene is a town that shows up better from the railroad than any town along the line and it does seem as though we should locate a building such as we propose to build where it could be seen by people passing through the town.

This location is sure of a good breeze in warm weather, plenty of fresh air and water, free from the noise and traffic of the town. The school board can have all the land it wants for a campus from one acre to ten. This location would be about three blocks northeast of the present high school. This is simply my idea. W. D. NICHOLS.

"THE ROMANCE OF ABILENE" COMPLETED

Local Photoplay Is Full of Good Comedy

An exciting run of the Abilene fire department and a daring rescue by our hero of Ruth from a burning building today furnished thrilling scenes for "The Romance of Abilene," or "How Ruth Gets the Best of Dad."

Burgert Bros., the producers, are high in their compliments toward our talented local players and the pretty settings to be had in Abilene. With everything so favorable, the local photoplay cannot help but please everybody and produce "a laugh a second."

The producers carry with them a complete outfit for developing, printing and titling of moving pictures and are thus enabled to quickly finish their productions. The Abilene picture will be ready for exhibition at the Seelye theatre tomorrow night.

In addition to this special local photoplay the Abilene school children parade will be shown, also a five act Triangle, featuring Douglas Fairbanks in "The Good Bad Man" and a Keystone comedy "The Marble Heart."

With the local photoplay special attraction and such an exceptionally good regular program, the Seelye theatre will undoubtedly have a record breaking crowd tomorrow night.

J. B. Case Not to Leave

The report that J. B. Case and wife are going to leave Abilene and move to Kansas City is erroneous. Mrs. Case will spend the winter in Kansas City with her daughter, Mrs. Clara Roberts. "Abilene will always be my home," said Mr. Case. "I have lived here for over 46 years, am happy and contented and will try it for 46 years longer, if I live that long." Abilene is glad not to lose the Cases.



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