

# The Snyder Signal

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## A REGULAR MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

At a regular meeting of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, much interest was manifested in the proceedings.

Matters of interest to Snyder and Scurry county were discussed, among which were the establishment of a flouring mill and a bonded warehouse and grain elevator.

A proposition submitted to a flouring mill man was presented and endorsed, which was about as follows: "That Snyder furnish the site and pay the freight on the equipment and assist in placing the products for the first two years, the promoters to furnish specific equipment and operate same in a regular business manner. The proposition is in the hands of responsible parties who expect to locate a mill in this section.

The cotton warehouse and grain elevator plan is in the hands of state officials and is to be agitated this spring.

The Chamber of Commerce endorsed the "Fly Swatting" campaign.

The matter of electing officers came before the body and upon motion all the old board of governors were reelected as follows:

Geo. Northcutt, R. G. Davenport, E. J. Anderson, President, F. J. Grayum, J. P. Chambliss, Secretary, J. M. Denson, Geo. W. Harris, H. G. Towle, Treas. M. A. Fuller, O. P. Thrane, E. F. Renken, Joe Strayhorn, E. E. Grimes, P. Brady.

**Financial Report.**  
During the six months of operation, the Chamber of Commerce has transacted a considerable volume of business and the officials submitted the following report at the meeting Friday afternoon, which was approved by the membership:

Receipts from membership \$165.00  
Receipts from Trade Circular \$125.00  
Receipts from banquet \$151.00  
Receipts from paper sales \$1078.00

Total \$1,649.00

**Disbursements:**  
Grayum Drug Co. advse. \$ 6.70  
Signal, trade circular \$172.72  
Mrs. Cornutte, banquet \$120.00  
Dog poison \$908.21  
Wm. Pearn, extermination services \$210.70  
Bal. on hand Apr. 1, 1916, \$121.87

Total \$1,649.00

Following the report a vote of thanks and expressions of gratitude of encouragement were extended to Pres. E. J. Anderson, Treas. H. G. Towle and Sec. J. P. Chambliss for efficient and effective services rendered and a pledge of loyalty for the future was extended.

Mr. Anderson presented his resignation as president, giving various reasons why he believed some one else would be more suited as head of the Chamber of Commerce. After a heated discussion among the members, embodying many complimentary expressions of his efficiency, his resignation was declined and Mr. E. J. Anderson retains the president's chair of Snyder's Commercial body.

A vote of thanks was also extended to Mr. Pearn for the splendid work in connection with the extermination of poison and the extermination of millions of prairie dogs in Scurry county, as well as other effective work accomplished during the four months he has been active in the work.

Good fellowship prevailed throughout the session and the body adjourned amid much enthusiasm over the prospect of a prosperous future.

Following are the standing committees:

Trade Territory: F. J. Grayum, Chmn.; J. K. Blackburn, P. Brady, Joe Strayhorn, J. M. Denson.  
County Improvement: J. K. Blackburn.  
Street Lighting: E. F. Renken, E. E. Grimes.  
Civic, Park and Public Buildings: Dr. R. G. Davenport.  
Municipal Government and In-



**NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.**  
Newton D. Baker, former Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, recently appointed by the President.

## ALBERT E. TINKER DIED LAST SUNDAY

Albert E. Tinker, aged 41 years, died last Sunday evening in a Sanitarium at Sweetwater after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Tinker has been a resident of Snyder for many years and was well known to the people of this community.

Some weeks ago he became violently ill at his home in West Snyder and for some time his going looked near at hand.

Later there was improvement and he was taken to the Sanitarium at Sweetwater. His faithful wife who has stayed by his side through all the affairs of past years, was at his bedside day in and day out till the end came.

On Sunday morning the attending physician gave her a tinge of hope, but later in the day his heart action failed and he passed away.

He leaves a devoted wife and two children and a number of relatives to mourn for him.

The remains were brought by Snyder Monday morning and buried from his late home in the afternoon.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wm. Pearn of the Christian Church and Rev. R. A. Stewart of the Methodist church. A large gathering of friends attended the service.

Mr. Tinker was a man of bright intellect and was kind to his family. He professed religion during the Methodist meeting here in 1914 and pointed the Christian church and in a conversation a short time ago he expressed personal experimental faith in God and declared his purpose to live a Christian life the rest of his days.

The Signal joins in sympathy for the sorrowing family and relatives.

Sheriff W. A. Merrell went to Roswell, New Mexico and returned Saturday with C. T. Moon, against whom a charge is pending for alleged unlawful disposing of mortgaged property.

Industry: O. P. Thrane, Geo. W. Harris, Sanitary and Advertising; J. P. Chambliss.

Entertainment: George Northcutt and J. P. Chambliss.  
Telegraph and Telephone: P. Brady.

Railroads and Transportation: M. A. Fuller and Geo. Northcutt.  
Pavements, Sidewalks, Awnings, Bridges: Geo. W. Harris, Dr. R. G. Davenport.

Finance: E. E. Grimes, E. F. Renken.  
Education and School Facilities: J. M. Denson, Joe Strayhorn.

City and County Advisory: H. G. Towle, O. P. Thrane.  
Membership: Joe Strayhorn, E. J. Anderson and M. A. Fuller.  
County Highways: E. J. Anderson, H. G. Towle.

Legal Advisor: Jas. L. Spiller.  
J. P. Billingsley was here Tuesday from Duan.

## COUNTY CHAIRMAN SPILLER MAKES OFFICIAL CALL

The following communication has been received from the Chairman of the State Democratic Committee.

Dallas, Texas, March 29, 1916.

"To the Democrats of Texas:

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee of the State of Texas and the laws of the state of Texas, and in accordance with resolutions adopted by the Democratic State Executive Committee at a meeting of the said committee held in the City of Dallas on this date, a state democratic convention is hereby called, to meet in the city of San Antonio, in Bexar county, Texas, on the 4th Tuesday in May, same being the 23rd day of May 1916, for the purpose of electing forty delegates to represent the Democratic party of the state of Texas at the Democratic National Convention to be held in the city of St. Louis, Mo., on the 14th day of June, 1916, and to elect a member of the National Democratic Executive Committee from Texas and to nominate electors at large and from districts and to transact such other business as may properly and lawfully come before said convention.

The Democrats of the State will hold their primary conventions in the precincts of the various counties at the time, place and in the manner required by law, to send delegates to their respective county conventions. Such county conventions will be held in the manner and at the times and places required by law to send delegates to the state convention, here-by called to meet in the city of San Antonio and the respective executive committees of the various counties of the state are hereby requested to take such action as may be necessary to conform to the law and to insure by proper safeguards the fair, full and complete expression of the democrats of their respective counties, and by appropriate and legal methods SEE THAT NONE BUT DEMOCRATS PARTICIPATE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PRIMARIES.

Respectfully submitted,  
PAUL WAPLES,  
Chr. State Democratic Exe. Com.

CHAS. J. KIRK, Secretary.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the above instructions, in compliance with the law (Art. 3175, Vernon's Statutes), and by virtue of the authority vested in me as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Scurry County, Texas, a county convention is hereby called to meet in the city of Snyder, Scurry county, Texas on the ninth day of May 1916, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 8 p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention to be held in the city of San Antonio, Texas, on the 23rd day of May, A. D., 1916, and precinct conventions are hereby called to meet in the various precincts of the county on the sixth day of May, 1916, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to be held at the time and place above set forth.

Careful compliance with the instructions contained in the above letter from the state chairman, and with the law as laid down in the statutes is requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAS. L. SPILLER,  
Chairman Democratic Executive Committee, Scurry County, Texas.

Mr. W. A. Johnson returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where he went to inspect a lot of cattle on the market. His white face cattle topped the market at \$10.

**Off to The Past Oaks**  
Squire T. C. Stinson was here on Monday from his farm near Ira and stated that he is leaving this week for a visit of about a month in East Texas. He has nothing new to do at home. His calves and pigs have gotten through the winter in good shape and everything on the farm is in tip top form and he is off for a vacation. He was carrying an empty traveling cage.

## WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN TO SPEAK HERE APRIL 27

Arrangements have been perfected whereby the Hon. W. J. Bryan will deliver an address in Snyder, April 27, at 1 o'clock p. m. He will appear in this city under the auspices of the Hedpath-Horner Chautauqua Association, of Kansas City and his visit here will precede the regular Chautauqua, about one month.

Doubtless several thousand people throughout the west will take advantage of this opportunity to hear the great "Columbian." This will be his first visit to Snyder and regardless of political opinions or differences all Snyder will do her part to see that the distinguished gentleman receives a most enthusiastic greeting.

Mr. Bryan in many respects is the foremost citizen of America. He has the distinction of being the only man who has ever had the honor of securing the Democratic nomination three times in succession and polled the largest popular vote ever given a candidate of any political party.

In this connection it will be well for our people to bear in mind that all who secure season tickets for the Chautauqua will be admitted to the Bryan lecture without extra charge.

Mr. Kennedy representing the Chautauqua was here Tuesday and arranged with Mr. Pearn to bill the county with advertising and issue season tickets.

A Chautauqua ticket committee was appointed consisting of O. P. Thrane, E. J. Anderson, J. P. Chambliss and H. F. Smith, who will assist in placing the required number of season tickets.

**Post's Widow Weds**  
Belle Creek, Mich, April 8—Mrs. Lella Post, widow of the late C. W. Post and heiress to a fortune of some \$4,000,000 became the bride Saturday at Lawrence J. Montgomery, manager of the Post Tavern, which Mrs. Post owns.

The marriage was performed so quietly that it is not generally known here. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom departed for New York.

**New County Judge for Kent**  
J. W. Zarden who has been acting County Attorney in Kent County has been appointed by the Commissioners Court there to fill the unexpired term of the late County Judge R. L. Glen.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**  
R. C. Horn to H. L. Blackburn, lot 24 in block 27, Hermligh, \$150.

R. L. Blackburn and wife to J. J. Henry, lot 24 in block 27, Hermligh, \$3,400.

J. C. Mitchell to David R. Mitchell, lots 1 to 12 inclusive in block 14, J. B. Chambers addition \$1.00 and assumption of a certain note for \$192.50.

W. C. Harman and wife to L. E. McElrith, lot 2 in block 67, Grayum & Nelson, 2nd addition, \$285.

L. M. Jordan and wife to J. T. Mahoney, one acre of land out of block No. 116, town of Hermligh, \$75.

Commissioner's Court Met.  
Upon petition of J. D. Letcher and more than fifty other freeholders an election was ordered for May 29, 1916 to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large in Scurry county.

C. H. Buchanan, County Judge was appointed Commissioner to sell lot 3 in block 24, town of Snyder.

A pressure was brought to bear by citizens of the Arch community for a new bridge there, but no order was made for it. The matter is said to be under advisement and they may yet get their bridge.

Mr. C. Smith, of the Fluvanna country was a business visitor in Snyder Wednesday.



**BRIG. GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING.**  
Placed in Command of the Expedition to Capture Villa, the Mexican Outlaw.

## COUNTY COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

County court has been in session this week and quite a considerable volume of business has been turned out.

Following cases have been considered:

J. H. Essary, theft, value \$50, set for trial, Monday third week.  
W. A. Essary, theft, under \$50, set for trial Monday third week.  
Cornel Lopez Chett, dismissed.  
John Mester, carrying pistol, continued.

Next Reeves carrying pistol, continued.  
Glen Smith, disturbing peace and assault, continued.

T. J. Minnick, carrying a pistol, fined \$100.  
H. B. Shuber, carrying pistol, fined \$100.

Ed Adkins, aggravated assault, jury verdict not guilty.  
Tom Hinks, carrying pistol, on plea of guilty, fined \$100.

Dick Pitts, drunkenness in public place, fined one dollar.  
Ralph Hunt, drunkenness in public place, fined one dollar.

J. G. (Red) Jenkins, drunkenness in public place, fined \$1.  
Charlie Woodfin, Jr., disturbing the Peace, fined \$1.

Fred Norman, disturbing the peace, fined \$1.  
Fred Norman, disturbing the peace, dismissed.

Dr. H. F. McLary, unlawfully practicing medicine, plea of guilty accepted, fined \$25 and five hours in jail.

Tom Hinson, carrying pistol, acquitted.  
Thel Brownning, disturbing the peace, fined \$1.

Jim Mayes, negligent homicide, plea of guilty accepted, fined \$10 and costs.

J. T. Whitman vs. H. T. Worry, et al., suit on note, judgment for plaintiff.

First National Bank vs. E. H. Allen, suit on note, judgment for plaintiff.  
H. G. Johnson et al. vs. Bob Warren and E. J. Thompson, suit on note, dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

W. W. Datto vs. W. W. Whitehead, suit for debt, on trial Thursday.

**PROGRAM OF SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATION EXERCISES**  
Music, Boys Orchestra.  
One Niche the Highest, Morris Watson.

A Pathetic Incident of the Hoteliers, Willie Grace McDonald.  
Music, Class Song.

Class Address, Mr. E. B. Barnes.  
Presentation of Diplomas.  
Motto: "Success Awaits at Labor's Gate."

Colors, Purple and Gold.  
Flower, White Rose.  
To be held April 28, 1916, at 8:20 p. m., at the Baptist Church, Snyder, Texas.

**Examination of Teachers.**  
Last Friday and Saturday were the days for the meeting of the county board of school teacher examiners. There were 32 applicants before the board for certificates.

## LOCAL WAREHOUSE DOES GOOD BUSINESS THIS YEAR

Mr. Harvey Spuler of the Farmers Union Warehouse, advises the Signal that last year the company received 12946 bales of cotton, shipped 11864 bales, leaving on hand 2142 bales.

This year, up to date they received 20304 bales, shipped 19512 bales leaving a balance on hand of 484 bales.

This shows a healthy increase in the face of the decreased production, which is indicative that the warehouse plan is growing in favor with producers.

## NEIMON KINCANON HEADS S. M. U. BALL TEAM.

Thursday afternoon, T. N. Kincanon, a sophomore of S. M. U., was elected captain of the S. M. U. baseball team. He has had considerable baseball experience and will undoubtedly prove the best leader whom the Methodists could have selected.

The S. M. U. baseball team won its first scheduled game with Denton Normal by a score of 5 to 3, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock they play Meridian College on the S. M. U. grounds. Meridian College is one of the fastest junior colleges in the state.—Dallas Journal.

Neimon is a Snyder boy and has made good in athletics as well as in his literary pursuits. —S.

## PIANO RECITAL AT M. E. CHURCH MONDAY, APRIL 17, 8:00 P. M.

To be rendered by Miss Dorothy Chambliss and Miss Eva Strayhorn, pupils of Mrs. Edwin Bruce Barnes, assisted by Thelma Wainwright, Willie May Wilks and Marshal Higgins, pupils of Mrs. F. L. Hatcher.

Music consists each day, six days each week, of the following:

—ARMSTRONG  
Duet, Love, sung, Bennett, Eva Strayhorn and teacher.

Soft Dances, Chantade, Dorothy Chambliss.

Reading, Thelma Wainwright.  
Tolpis, Lichner, Eva Strayhorn.

The Swallow Song, Helen, Dorothy Chambliss.  
Reading, Marshal Higgins.

Patet, King, Eva Strayhorn.  
Humorous, Gorskak, Dorothy Chambliss.

Reading, Willie May Wilks.  
Farewell to the Yarn, Bethames, Eva Strayhorn.

Duet, "Melody in F" Rubenstein, Dorothy Chambliss and teacher.

**Honoring Their Father.**  
Sam Castevens left Wednesday for a visit to the old home in Johnson County. He said his father, John Castevens will be 80 years old next Tuesday and all his living sons and daughters have planned to be with him that day for a roasting birthday celebration. If all the children and grand children could be there it would make quite a bunch. Sam says he can't take his son out of school and therefore Mrs. Castevens and the West Texas grandson will not be there.

**Presbyterian Missionary Meeting.**  
An interesting meeting of the First Presbyterian Aid Missionary Society was held Monday, April 10th, with Mrs. R. B. Dowdy. The 13th chapter of First Cor. was the Scripture lesson for the evening.

Several matters of business were discussed and disposed of with promptness, after which Mrs. C. B. Buchanan directed the lesson from our Bible Study Course.

Mrs. J. B. Kerr in representing the Society as delegate to Presbytery which meets this week in Stamford.

We were glad in welcoming the visitors who were present with us, all members are urged to be present at the next meeting, April 24th.

—REPORTER

Will Black was in town Wednesday figuring on the purchase of a lot of new farming implements.