

# The Snyder Signal

THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR.

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## Beacon Thinks Snyder Logical Place for the A. & M.

### SNYDER CORNET BAND ORGANIZED

After about four years silence they are coming alive. The drouth and war disbanded the boys, but with A. C. Alexander, as director, A. P. Morris, Ed Thompson and Geo. Devlin, drummers, D. Anderson and T. C. Watkins, slide trombones, George Harless and T. B. Ware, alto, Billie Wilford and Clarence Dowdy, cornets, they are determined to grow into a good band and hope to be an asset to Snyder, that will prove to be of benefit socially as well as a medium of advertising.

A good live band is a necessary asset to the development of a town and we hope to see the Snyder band develop into a first class band. With the above line up and co-operation of the city there is no reason why Snyder shouldn't have a band that we all could be proud of.

A band advertises a town in a way that nothing else can do.

Of course the boys will have to have the support of the town financially as well as otherwise. Music will have to be bought and an instructor ought to be employed. The band boys have paid for their own music and other things necessary to begin work. They meet regularly twice a week for practice.

This should not be passed up lightly by the people of Snyder, but we urge that this be a part of the program in the city's development.

#### Snyder Mission.

The First Quarterly Conference convened the 5th and 6th of this month at Plainview. Snyder Mission being a brand new work. It was unorganized, but the organization was completed in the First Quarterly conference. The District Steward, Recording Steward, and Lay Leader, were elected. Also church stewards, and Superintendents of Sunday schools.

The Elder preached three delightful sermons, and the pastor one. The choir rendered fine music, so all felt it was a success.

The pastor reported fourteen members received last quarter. Thirteen by vows and one by letter. The number however at this writing are 25 received, and 25 conversions, and others to follow.

We have a very fine citizenship over this work, and we are expecting a great year. I am at this writing in Mitchell county near Loraine visiting friends whom we knew years ago in Smith county. Am anxious to know whether they too have neglected to keep in touch with God, and the church. These people are the Davies, Dales, Stanleys and Halla. Mrs. Davie stated those who were faithful there were faithful here.

J. W. GRIFFIN, P. C., Snyder, Mission.

Joseph J. Dowling, a character actor of note, is a positive and perpetual delight in the role of Senor Sarros, president of a South American republic, in J. Warren Kerrigan's newest screen work, "A man's Man," from the thrilling magazine story by Peter B. Kyne, which will be seen at the Cozy Theatre tonight. Dowling who is probably the oldest actor on the screen today, believes his years in the way he covets about while trying to rid his country of the handsome hero.

#### Saturday, Feb. 12th, 1921.

Saturday February 12th, being a Legal Holiday, the undersigned banks will be closed.

Snyder National Bank,  
First National Bank,  
First State Bank & Trust Co.

#### New Subscribers and Renewals.

Wray Huckabee, T. J. Shaw, Mrs. A. E. Kelley, J. C. Wilamson, W. B. Lemons, H. L. Wren, C. L. Erwin, T. E. Graer, J. G. Patterson, Snyder, Walter Watts, Fort Worth, S. O. Nation, Plainview; Lois Woodfin, Friona; Mrs. C. E. Wade, La Porte, Shug McCulloch, Duncan, Arizona; Mrs. R. S. Gann, F. M. Johnson and W. J. Robinson, Snyder.

#### At The Ranger Convention.

Messrs. Hestip, H. B. Winston and A. C. Wilmet, have returned from Ranger where they attended the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. They were very enthusiastic over the convention, that it is the biggest thing in the state, that all West Texas was represented and persons of Central Texas and that probably 3000 were in attendance.

A spirit of friendliness and co-operation existed during the session. Speeches were made, bands played, of which there were three or four, and everybody had a good time. Telegrams were read from the Secretary of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, from Gov. Neff and others. The principle address was by Clarence Ousley on "Cotton and its world significance."

He said in part:  
"The outstanding fact of the whole cotton situation is that, including the entire normal period from 1866 to 1914, and excluding the abnormal war years in the period from 1914 to 1919, there have not been two years in succession or five years in the whole period when all cotton farming paid the actual cultivators of the soil more than the meager wages of the commonest and most in different labor. Therefore I appeal to you to avoid this economic waste that has blighted the South for the last fifty years. There is not a neighborhood in Texas where some farmer is not proving that there is a better way to do things. I urge you to follow the lead of these diversificationists."

Clifford Jones of Spur was elected president, J. A. Kemp of Wichita Falls and W. V. Crawford of Waco vice presidents.

The 1922 convention goes to Plain view, defeating Brownwood, Sweetwater and Claco.

#### Failures and Achievement

When you are discouraged, down in the mouth, and your little world looks all upside down, the Praetorian Guard asks you to think on the career of failures in the life of one who achieved.

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois, and was badly swamped.

He next entered business, failed, and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner.

He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged—then she died.

Later he married a woman who was a constant burden to him.

Entering politics again, he ran for congress and again was badly defeated.

He then tried to get an appointment to the United States Land office but failed.

He became a candidate for the United States senate, and was badly defeated.

In 1856, he became a candidate for the Vice-Presidency and was again defeated.

One failure after another—bad failures—great setbacks. In the face of all this he eventually became one of the country's greatest men, if not the greatest.

When you think of a series of setbacks like this, doesn't it make you feel kind of small to become discouraged, just because you think you are having a hard time in life? —The National School Digest.

#### Program Parent Teachers Meeting.

For Central and West Ward, Feb. 18, 1921, 3 p. m. at Central building. Subject: Children.

Importance of early training in obedience, Mrs. Leath.

Discussion: Teach reverence and truthfulness to children, Mrs. Long.

Teaching the child thoughtfulness and consideration, Miss Rushing.

Special music by small girls.

Should parents make unreasonable demands upon their children? W. M. Curry.

Mr. Luther Garner and family, of the Bryant Link Store has moved to the J. C. Greene place near the Baptist church, this week.

Thomas Blanton says the bill now before Congress to increase Congressmen and Senators salaries must not pass.

### PEOPLE MAY VOTE ON SITE TRANSFER

Austin, Feb. 7.—Submission of the question of removing Texas University to the Brackenridge 500 acre tract on the outskirts of Austin, to a vote of the people is provided in a resolution introduced in the House today by Representative Baldwin of Lubbock.

The resolution is signed by 26 members of the House. Three opponents would be placed before the people the fourth Saturday in July, 1922.

Further retention of the University on its present site.

Removal to the Brackenridge tract.

Removal from the city of Austin. The resolution will be considered tomorrow morning.

It is reported that Mrs. Nannie Chapman died last Friday at her home in San Marcos. She had been ill for some time.

### CHOSEN DUCHESS S. M. U. MAY FETE

Georgetown, Tex., Feb. 7, 1921. Miss Lois Carrell, formerly of Cooper and now residing at Snyder, has been chosen as one of the Duchesses of the 1921 May fete to be presented on the Campus of Southwestern University on Saturday evening, April 30.

Miss Carrell will complete her work for her degree in June. During her four years in college Miss Carrell has made an excellent record in scholarship, and with it she has taken her place in student activities. She is a member of the San Jacinto Literary Society and in her Junior year was president of the Woman's Honor Council. Miss Carrell is especially known for her cheerful disposition and her pleasant smile.

W. C. Pope, Correspondent.

#### Children.

Are you interested in them, if so attend the Parent-Teacher Assn. Feb. 18th.

## BIRDS AND GARDENS ---EXACT HEAVY TOLL

Don't mix, or rather they mix too much.

The sparrows are so thick all over the town and country that gardens and crops will suffer unless something is done and why not let every body work together and poison them.

Now is the best time for the poisoning for several reasons. The first one being that just now, before the green begins to come they are hungry and will eat the poisoned grain better, and another reason is because every bird killed now means fewer young birds being hatched thru the year. If everyone will put out poisoned grain say Feb. 22, it will be much more effective than for a few to put out some poison today, some next week and the balance another time.

One family in town poisoned about a teacup full of crushed grain and put it out and to date they have found twenty one dead birds around the place. So why not everybody work together and poison a quart, a half gallon or even a gallon of small grain and put it out on Feb. 22, and leave it out until all the grain or birds one are gone.

---Contributed.

#### EILEEN PERCY SEEN IN CLEVER SCREEN FARCE

A smashing clever screen farce in which Eileen Percy, the William Fox beauty—who has the added distinction of being one of the cleverest young women on the screen—is the star at the Cozy Theatre Monday, when "Beware of the Bride" will be shown to an audience who will realize the hope of seeing something as good as if not better than Miss Percy's recent big comedy success, "The Husband Hunter."

To describe a screen farce is well-nigh impossible. It moves too fast, and, besides, the printed word is impotent to do it justice. Then what's the use? The best way is just to see it and enjoy its laughs first hand.

To our way of thinking "A Wild Night in Armor" wouldn't have been such a bad title for "Beware of the bride" because the comedy is first encased in and eventually escapes from a suit of knightly tinware worn at a masquerade ball to which Miss Percy, as Mary Emerson, a newly wed, goes to relieve intolerable boredom when her husband is summoned by his firm in the midst of the honeymoon.

Two former suitors, a jealous wife a crabbed uncle and a snooping cousin contribute to the rapid comedy action, which ends in a whirl of everything that makes a motion picture audience shake its sides with mirth. Edgar Franklin wrote the story and Howard M. Mitchell directed the picture.

#### Worry Over Printer's Profits.

From Amarillo Daily News—

Communities shouldn't worry for fear their local newspapers are making too much money, thinks the State College of Agriculture; on the contrary, it is to the advantage of the community that its local newspaper should be prosperous, in the college's opinion. Some of the difficulties of newspaper publishing are pointed out in an editorial headed, "Pices and

Printers." in the current issue of the Extension Service News, issued by the college. The editorial follows:

"Before a community starts to worry for fear the publisher of the local paper is making too much money, it should know the facts. Few lines of endeavor have been so severely hit by changing industrial conditions as have the small newspapers. It is abundant testimony that there are 123 fewer weekly publications in this state (New York) in 1919 than in 1915.

"Only recently has definite effort been made to study costs on county newspapers; this study shows that few publishers have been getting even cost for the advertising space and printed matter they have sold. Like the farmer they have been producing their commodities largely with the unpaid labor of themselves and the members of their families and without taking into consideration such items of expense as depreciation, interest on money invested, and the like.

"No newspaper, regardless of its circulation, can sell advertising space at less than 30 cents an inch and be prosperous. A committee from the National Editorial Association has worked this out after careful study. The local newspaper of about 5000 circulation must charge approximately 55 cents an inch.

"A similar study has been made of the cost of job printing and the results have been compiled in a loose leaf book which is kept constantly revised. If the local printer and publisher quotes his price from this little black book the customer may know he's getting a fair price, and the printer is getting a living profit."

Mrs. C. James Dead

Mrs. C. James, wife of C. James of Snyder, died Sunday afternoon at Lubbock. The remains were shipped to Ennis Monday where interment was made.

Mrs. James had been sick for only a few days with an attack of appendicitis, but had rallied Saturday and was considerably better. She was taken worse Sunday and was hurried off to Lubbock where she was operated on. She only lived a short time after the operation.

Mrs. James was a member of the Methodist church and a devoted Christian woman. She leaves a husband and one child, Christina, a little girl of 9 years to mourn her loss. The Signal extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Miss Ann Morris of Dallas has arrived in the city and is in charge of the Millinery department of the Bryant-Link store. Miss Morris has had a wide experience in millinery and she will be pleased to show her nice line to the ladies of Snyder and vicinity.

Miss Susan Rush entertained with a Theatre party at the Cozy and an after theatre luncheon at the Chocolate shop, Wednesday evening. The guests were: Misses Helen Rootes and Verna Middleton, and Messrs. Dick Leslie, Booten and Rankin Thompson.

#### SNYDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TAX—COLLECTIONS GOOD

Miss Ida Kelley Collector for the Snyder Independent School Tax, says that the collections have been very good. Out of \$14,297.20 assessed, in the district, 13,182.51 has been collected up to first of February.

There was equally as good collections of city taxes. While Messrs. Elza and Brownfield are still busy working on their big January collections, they say that the state and county taxes have come in equally well in proportion.

#### Dermott News.

Miss N. E. Browning spent Sunday with her friend Miss Gladys Adkins Mrs. Simons of Snyder, Texas, is visiting Mrs. Bob Browning.

There was a party last Saturday night at the home of Mr. Sanders and wife. It was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all who were present.

Mrs. Clara Carter and Mrs. Alma Watkins were in Fluvanna shopping Saturday.

Mr. Milton West and wife, spent Sunday with Mr. Greer West and wife.

Miss Winonah Rhea of Fluvanna spent Saturday night and Sunday with her cousin Mary Rhea.

Mr. John Browning from the Long Oil Well spent Saturday with W. F. Martin.

There was a singing last Sunday night at the home of Mr. C. B. Alexander and wife. It was greatly enjoyed.

Miss Myrtle Adkins spent Sunday with Miss Willie Sullenger.

Mr. Jimmie Martin from the Riley Oil Well spent the weekend with his parents here.

Mr. Everett Scribner left last Saturday for their home at Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Iva Burroughs and Zeke Rhea made a business trip to Fluvanna last Saturday.

Rev. Leslie will preach at Bookout next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Everybody invited.

Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Dittmore spent Saturday with Mrs. Greer West.

Mrs. Harve Browning left last week for Rotan, Texas, to visit her mother, who is very sick.

Mr. Howard Alexander of Snyder, spent the weekend with his parents here.

Mr. Jeff Cargile spent Sunday with his parents at Polar, Texas.

Mr. H. A. Greenfield and wife spent Sunday evening with Mr. Greer West and wife.

Mr. Lee Cargile of Dermott, is visiting Fluvanna quite frequently.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Had several visitors with us again Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Brown of Snyder was in Dermott last Sunday.

Little Sunshine.

Miss Nellie Patterson was in the city Wednesday from their farm out west of town. Miss Nellie came round and renewed for the Signal while here.

Poll Tax Payments.

Poll Tax Payments in Scurry County by precinct for the year 1920 were as follows: Snyder 658, Cotton Wood Flat 8, Ennis Creek 28, Dermott 37, Fluvanna 80, Conro 25, Bison 18, Shar n 15, Ira 78, Bethel 34, Dunn 103, Pyron 35, Lone Wolf 24, Hermligh 203, Camp Springs 51, Canyon 27, Loyd Mountain 16, Exemption 8, Total 1458.

#### Notice to Automobile Owners.

We were lenient with you because we did not have the auto seals the first of January, but have had them now over a month, and will expect your tax to be paid at once. Cars found without seals will cause us to force collection.

J. H. Byrd, Sheriff.

H. F. Rogers left Friday on a three weeks tour of Southern California. He went through in an automobile with a Merkel party.

The Snyder Signal suggests that her people get in the race for the establishment of the new A. & M. College, which is proposed in a bill now pending before the Texas Legislature. The Signal says it will hardly be located above the Cap-Rock, and suggests that Snyder is the logical point. Snyder was in the race when the school was attempted to be located before Snyder would have gotten the school, and it would now be in operation had it not been for the effort to jockey it off to Abilene. If the location was left to us, we would say put it at Snyder. We rather favor its location below the cap-rock, at Snyder, than to bring it higher up. It would be centrally and accessibly located. Snyder will fill both of these requirements. The Plains and Panhandle country will ask that the West Texas Normal College be equipped to teach agriculture peculiarly adapted to this section. Let Snyder get in the ring. She stands a good chance to get the location of this new institution.—Lockney Beacon.

We are very grateful to the Beacon for its kind consideration unolicited in regard to Snyder and the location of the A. & M. College. Snyder is going to ask for the West Texas A. & M. College, we will present our advantages modestly but frankly and if we fail in receiving the location we are still for the West Texas A. & M. College.

#### Too Few Civil-Service Applicants.

The Civil Service Commission invites special attention to the fact that an examination held recently in Abilene and other cities throughout the United States for the positions named below, both for the departmental and field services, applicants were not secured in the number desired, and that these examinations will again be held on the dates indicated:

Apprentice fish culturist, March 9. Physician, Panama Canal Service, March 9.

Assistant Observer, Weather Bureau, February 23.

Apprentice plate cleaner, February 23.

Apprentice letter engraver, Feb. 23

Apprentice transferer, Feb. 23.

Apprentice picture engraver, Feb. 23.

Persons interested in these or other examinations should apply to the Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board at the local post office for detailed information and application blanks.

#### Birthday Party.

In recognition of her twelfth birthday anniversary, little Orene McMillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McMillan, Saturday afternoon delightfully entertained about twenty five of her little friends.

Miscellaneous games afforded diversion for the merry makers and when the time came to leave all expressed themselves as spending a very pleasant afternoon and wishing for the hostess many future anniversaries.

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