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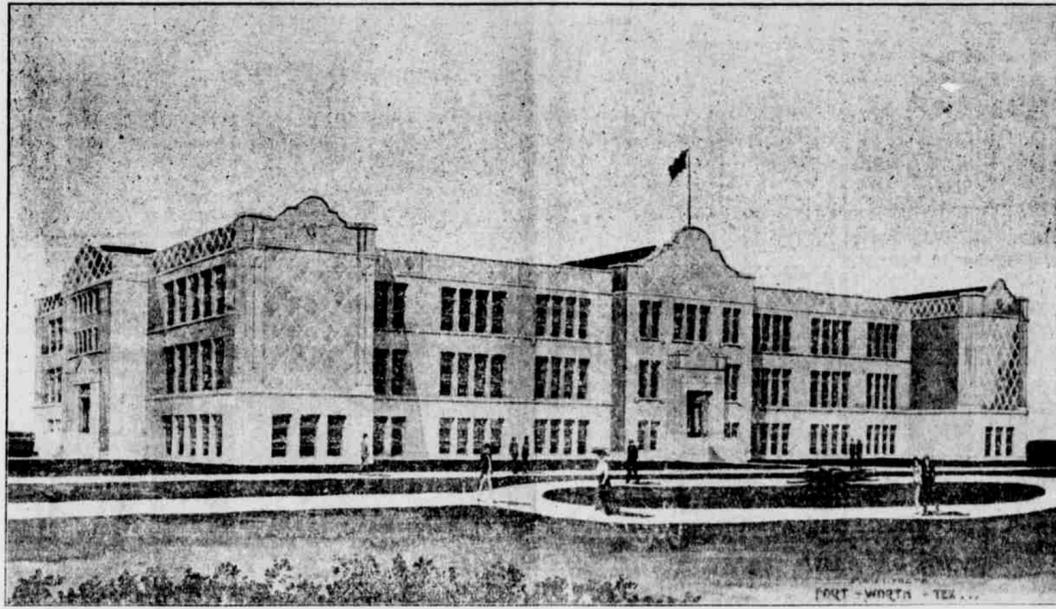
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 Canyon Lodge No. 730, A. F.  
 & A. M., May 24, 1910.



West Texas State Normal College, Canyon City, Texas. Cornerstone Laying May 24th, 1910.

**PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY.**

Order of Ceremonies Arranged by Local Committee for Celebration of Cornerstone Laying.—Good Things to Eat.

The committee having the matter in charge, has completed the program to be held in this city Tuesday and yesterday made public the program as it has been arranged. Special train service has been arranged, trains arriving in this city from all three directions at 10 a. m. and will depart in the afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Arrangements have been made for an ample supply of meat which will be cooked in the good, old fashioned barbecue style and in addition the committee has arranged for bread, pickles and coffee for the entire crowd which is expected. The committee want it understood that every citizen of the state, whether big, little, old or young, is invited to come and help celebrate the occasion and that special rates have been granted by the railroads entering this city.

**THE PROGRAM**

- 10:00 A. M. All Masons meet at the Masonic Hall.
  - 10:30 A. M. Masonic Lodges form in procession and march to the grounds.
  - 11:00 A. M. Address, Hon. W. H. Fuqua, of Amarillo.
  - 11:30 A. M. Masonic ceremonies, conducted by A. B. Spencer, R. W. Deputy Grand Master
  - 12:30 P. M. Dinner and barbecue, the arrangements for which are to be under the direction of C. R. Burrow.
  - 1:30 P. M. Address of welcome, Judge Cyrus Eakman.
  - 1:45 P. M. Address, Hon. J. R. DeLay, Mayor of Plainview.
- The remainder of the afternoon will be devoted to public speaking by candidates for state and district offices and will be under the direction of L. E. Cowling.
- A reception committee has also been appointed and consists of R. A. Terrill, Chairman, C. V. Woolley, I. L. Hunt, Travis Shaw, J. T. Holland, W. E. Bates, C. P. Hutchings, J. R. Cullum, Robert Pipkin, W. F. Heller, Prof. J. L. Redus, Joe Foster, Oscar Hunt, Oscar Gamble, J. D. Gamble, Dr. S. L. Ingham, A. N. Henson, W. J. Flesher, C. R. McAfee, J. W. Armstrong, John Knight, J. A. Edwards, Dr. S. R. Griffin, J. A. Guthrie, A. S. Rollins, G. S. Ballard and Misses Avis Baird, Elien Donale, Carrie Quirk, Anna Russell, Avis McNeill, Kittie Grimes, Mattie Thompson, May Ballard, Willie J. Eakman, mame Conner, Blanche Lester, Helen Carter, Inez Moreland and Ida Rowan.

BORN: May 17th to L. A. Price and wife a son.

**Hon. A. S. Rollins Announces His Candidacy For District Judge.**

This is a great state and it has produced many men who have fought their way to the top of the ranks in all professions. Canyon City is not behind when it comes to progressiveness and to that energy which leads up to the highest of that class of citizenship which makes the best class of governing and judicial men. In this city resides A. S. Rollins, an attorney, who, by his untiring efforts in his younger days, succeeding in preparing himself for his profession with a foundation of the knowledge of law as good as can be acquired in the Law Department of the University of Texas and there is not a better law school in the South. Mr. Rollins graduated from the Law Department of the State University in 1889, since which time he has been practicing his chosen profession with very great success, the last seven years of the time in the Courts of the Panhandle, where he has become noted as being especially well versed in judicial procedure.

Born in Hunt county, Mr. Rollins is a native Texan, and has grown up with the development of this state. Keen of mind he has always noted those things which tend to develop, not only the best interest of the profession to which he is devoted, but which will develop the entire citizenship to the highest standard of excellence.

In our home town and county no one has more friends or is held in higher estimation than Mr. Rollins. Therefore we esteem it a pleasure to state that we are authorized to announce Mr. Rollins as a candidate for the office of District Judge of the 47th Judicial District composed of Potter, Donley, Armstrong and Randall counties. By training and by experience Mr. Rollins is well qualified to fill the office to which he aspires and should the voters of the District elect Mr. Rollins we feel sure that they could not have made a better selection.

For the time reaching back further than the memory of the oldest inhabitant, both the District Judge and the District Attorney have been residents of Potter county and even now there are two candidates from that place for the Attorneyship and a candidate for the Judgeship and the people of the district begin to believe that it is time that some of the sister counties of Potter should have some recognition in the official family of the district especially when available material is such that a change would not make matters worse and would probably better the existing conditions.

Canyon City and Randall County is glad to endorse Mr. Rollins in his candidacy.

**MASONS TO LAY CORNERSTONE**

Members From All Over Panhandle Expected to Go to Canyon City.

Amarillo Masons and Masons from the surrounding country are planning to go to Canyon City next Tuesday in force to assist the Canyon City Lodge in the ceremonies incident to the laying of the cornerstone of the new West Texas Normal.

Already enough have been heard from to make necessary two special coaches and many others are expected to go. All going from Dalhart, Higgins, Vernon and other points near here will pass through Amarillo and the committee which has the matter in charge wishes to urge that all who have not yet made known their intentions, do so as soon as possible so that the necessary arrangements can be made to accommodate the crowd.

It is expected that the grand master of the state will be present as well as Samuel E. Cochran, Grand Commander of the Knight Templars and many others high in the Masonic Fraternity.—Amarillo News, May 18th.

**Masonic Lodge Invited.**

Secretary Lodge,  
 A. F. & A. M.,  
 Canyon, Texas.

By authority of the program committee of the local Masons, I hereby invite your entire Lodge to be in Plainview Monday, May 23rd, to assist in laying the cornerstone of the "Hale County Court House." Exercises are to begin at 11 A. M. W. A. PARKER, Committee.

Canyon City Lodge, A. F. & A. M. regrets very much being unable to attend as a body, to assist your lodge in laying the cornerstone of "Hale County Court House." The disappointment is exceedingly great in not being able to go, but as you will observe, it is just on the eve of the event, in which we are too busily engaged, in making all necessary plans and arrangements for laying the cornerstone of "The West Texas State Normal College", which will occur on Tuesday, May 24, at 10 o'clock a. m. and the train service is such as to prevent being able to return in time. However, quite a number of individual members of this Lodge are expecting to attend.

**Merry Matrons Meet.**

The Merry Matrons' Club was entertained last Thursday May 12th, at the home of Mrs. Roy Cullum.

The guests besides the members, were Misses McNeil, Miss Young of Mineral Wells, Mrs. Jack of Amarillo, and Mrs. C. B. McCauley of Ft. Worth.

The Club will be entertained next with Mrs. C. E. Coss.

**General Conference Decides On Seven Bishops**

It was definitely settled by a vote of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, that seven bishops are to be selected at this conference. This will be the greatest number of bishops selected at any session of the general conference of this church to date. Resolutions to reduce the number to five and six were defeated by an emphatic majority, so decided as to indicate that it would have been easy to have increased the number.

There are seven vacancies to be filled by tomorrow's election. It is the consensus of opinion that the election of bishops, officers and editors will last nearly a week, and several thousand ballot blanks have been ordered.

The field of candidates at the present time consists of Rev. J. C. Kilgo, North Carolina conference; Rev. W. R. Lambuth, Tennessee; Rev. Collins Denny, Baltimore conference; Rev. Geo. C. Rankin, Texas.

**SWAPPING AND TRADING**

It is generally believed among the members of the conference that the first three named in the episcopal race will be chosen, and their election is looked for on the first ballot. Prominent in the "swapping and trade" deals which have been openly conducted in the corridors of the hotels are the delegates of the North Carolina conference, working for Dr. Kilgo, and the Virginia delegates working equally as hard for Rev. H. G. Waterhouse. The delegates of the North and South Georgia conferences are leaving no stone unturned to carry Dr. Lambuth of Tennessee to victory to the end that his supporters will help them to elect the Rev. J. F. Dickey or Rev. W. W. Ainsworth. The latter is looked upon as one of the dark horses to be sprung on the conference in case of a deadlock.

It is stated that Texas, with two candidates in the field, is practically certain to elect one of its candidates. The Lone Star state has had only one bishop, Rev. Seth Ward, who died in Japan last year. Bishop Key, who was superannuated at this conference, was a resident bishop of Texas, being appointed from another conference. The chances of Dr. Rankin or Dr. Mouzon for election therefore are looked upon as favorable.

The balloting, which will be secret, will begin tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the morning after the committee on the episcopacy has sent in its report on the case of Bishop Morrison. Three men will be voted for by each delegation on the first ballot, and the voting will be continued until three candidates have received a

majority of the votes cast. The same procedure will be followed in regard to the other four.

Asheville, N. C., May 17.—Rev. W. R. Lambuth of Tennessee; Rev. E. D. Mouzon of Texas and Rev. W. G. Waterhouse of Virginia were elected bishops on the fourth ballot of the general conference of the M. E. Church South today.

On the sixth ballot Rev. J. H. McCoy of Birmingham, Ala., was elected, filling the college of Bishops.

Dr. Mouzon's election was accomplished yesterday but the result of the ballot was not made public until this morning when the ballots were counted by electors.

Dr. Lambuth has been one of the connecional officers of the church. He recently completed a tour of Texas following a trip to the foreign mission field.

**WORLD SEES COMET PASS**

Every One Has Telescopes and Cameras Turned On Heavenly Visitor.

Vallejo, Cal., May 18.—Great sun spots were observed at the U. S. Naval observatory today. They were of whirlpool type and may cause a disturbance of the earth's magnetism about Friday. The largest spot was sixty thousand miles long and thirty thousand miles wide.

Astronomers here tonight secured photographs and accurate measurements of the meteoric phenomena during the passage of the earth through the tail of Halley's comet. Conditions were most favorable and according to the first computation the earth entered the comet's tail at a speed of forty-six miles a second, and it was estimated the passage would occupy over five hours. At nine tonight unusual displays of aurora appeared and are attributed to the comet.

Sixteen cameras and fourteen telescopes covered every inch of the sky, and hundreds of plates were exposed. Several cameras on axes revolved with the lenses constantly on the comets tail. The photographs are considered invaluable.

**Wheat Is Assured a Good Crop.**

J. B. Greenfield, a substantial farmer residing near Canyon City, exhibited in the News office sample stalks of wheat as grown on his place. It measured fully 30 inches long, was fully headed, and making an estimate of this sample the acreage production would be a little better than twenty bushels per acre, and with favorable weather conditions will be ready to harvest in about two weeks.

**West Texas State Normal Historical Sketch.**

The bill providing for the West Texas State Normal College was introduced into the house of Representatives of the Legislature by Hon. T. J. Barrett of the 103rd district. Its champion and manager on the floor of the House was Hon. J. R. Bowman of the 106th district. The bill passed the House on February 17, 1909, and was then introduced in the Senate by W. J. Bryan of the 28th Senatorial district, who was the real legislative author of the bill. It received the Governor's signature on March 31, 1909.

According to the provisions of the bill, the school was to be located in Texas west of the 98th meridian, by a committee composed of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Governor appointed Hon. John Marshall of Whitesboro speaker of the House of Representatives to act in his stead. The personnel of the locating committee was Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson, Hon. John Marshall, Speaker and R. B. Cousins, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. After listening to advocates of the claims of twenty-nine towns and visiting seventeen of them, the committee on September 2, 1909, selected Canyon City as the place in which the school should be located, the people having shown their great desire for the location of the school by the generous contribution of a campus of 40 acres of land convenient and beautiful, \$100,000.00 to its construction and equipment. The state appropriated only \$50,000.00.

On December 4, 1909, Waller, Shaw and Field, architects, Fort Worth, Texas, were selected to draw plans and specifications, and on February 1, 1910, the contract was awarded Holderness Oates and Lee, builders, Stamford, Texas, to build the house for \$50,000.00. On February 16, 1910, dirt was first broken for foundation and work then began. On May 24 the corner stone was laid with Masonic ceremonies in the presence of the largest crowd of people ever assembled on the plains of Texas. On September 20, 1910, the books open for the registration of students, and work will begin at that time. The formal opening and dedication has been set for December, 1910, after the completion of the main building.

The first local board of trustees consists of Hon. L. T. Lester, president; Hon. L. E. Cowling, vice president; and Hon. R. A. Terrill, secretary.

As far as the News is able to learn from the exchanges, press reports, and traveling public, crops of all kinds are looking as well as could be expected. Indications are from all over the plains country that wheat will make a good crop and that the range conditions are very good. The rains of Wednesday will add very much to the crop prospects, it being the weekly rain that has occurred the past month. The precipitation in Randall county was good and we learn that West as far as Clovis, N. M., it was fair.

A new up-to-date telephone directory has just been issued by the Northwest Texas Telephone Company and the local manager wishes all of the patrons of the company, who have failed to receive a copy, would advise at once and one will be furnished them.

Lucy Smith, of Child Texas, was a short time in Canyon Thursday.