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## FLORSHEIM HOUSE OCCUPIED BY RAYMOND PENDLETON BURNED MONDAY MIGHT

Again the fire alarm sounded Monday night, this time to tell the sleeping citizens that the home of Raymond Pendleton was in flames and within a few minutes a bucket brigade was formed and about 25 men were working with all their might to save the adjoining buildings.

It seems that Mrs. Pendleton had been up about 12:30 with their babe and smelling burning wood and made a careful search of the house to see if she could find anything on fire and as the stove fire was low she retired and was awakened at 1 o'clock by the smell of smoke and awakened her husband to find the partition wall between the kitchen and their bedroom in flames also the whole attic. They telephoned for help and Mrs. Pendleton was taken to the W. T. Weatherill home with the babe and those were able to get the furniture arriving at the burning building and bedding from the living room but the entire contents of the kitchen and bedroom were destroyed.

The City Chemical wagon was taken to the fire but was partly frozen and was of little use to the fire fighters so a large number of scoop shovels were gotten from the Floersheim store and the snow brigade shoveled snow over the building occupied by R. H. Bently which stands just six feet south of the house burned. The fire fighters had to keep shoveling snow, which by the way, had drifted in large drifts near the buildings for over an hour before the burning building collapsed and they then knew their efforts had not been in vain.

The Bently home was smoking several times and the whole north side of the building and roof was blistered from the heat. The fire was discovered at 1 o'clock and the weather was below zero and a regular blizzard raging which permitted those fighting the fire to get up close to the burning building where their work was effective. It was only a miracle that the Bently home was saved and should it have burned then the McMiminy home the Thompson home, the Anderson battery station and the Anderson machine works would have gone up in smoke as all of these buildings are within a few feet of each other.

The Floersheim Merc., Co. carried \$300 insurance on the building which will about one half cover the cost of the building and Mr. Pendleton carried no insurance whatsoever and his loss will amount to probably \$300 or \$400 as a total loss.

## GOV. MECHEM IN TOWN

Governor Mechem, Game Warden Cable, Chas. Springer and State Highway Engineer Gillette all of Santa Fe took supper in Roy, Thursday evening. They were on their way from Logan to Raton and only spent an hour or so in town.

## W. H. GUTHMAN PLEASANTLY SURPRISED

Fifty-five years ago, W. H. Guthman was born at Defiance, Ohio, and on Wednesday the 1st the date of Mr. Guthman's birthday he had reached his fifty-fifth milestone and a pleasant birthday surprise was arranged by his estimable wife and his daughter Mrs. Karl Guthman in the form of a fine supper and social evening.

The guests about 35 in number arrived all of a sudden about 7:30 P. M. while Mr. Guthman was taking his evening rest and it took but a few minutes to apprise Mr. Guthman of the fact that he was 55 years old.

A fine supper was served by the Mrs. Guthmans to those present and to which all did ample justice. After supper social games and dancing was indulged in until a late hour when all left for their homes wishing Mr. Guthman many more such happy birthday evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Guthman are among our foremost citizens and there is no home on the mesa where a more pleasant evening can be spent than at their beautiful ranch home south of Roy; their friends are numbered only by their acquaintances and when you are at the Guthman home you always feel the hospitality that is shown you and you know you are more than welcome.

The Spanish American has no greater friend than Mr. Guthman nor has it a more staunch supporter and the paper with its thousand readers wish Mr. Guthman all the joys and pleasures that go to make life worth while and we wish him many more, yes fifty of just such pleasant days as the one of last Wednesday evening.

## ROLEN BARRETT OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS

Rolen Barrett was taken seriously ill Monday at his room at the F. A. Roy home and was taken to the Plumlee Hospital where after a careful examination it was found that he was suffering with an acute attack of appendicitis and an immediate operation was necessary to save his life. The operation was performed Tuesday afternoon by Dr. Plumlee assisted by Drs. Gibbs and Self and Mrs. E. McMiminy as nurse.

The operation developed the fact that the appendix had already burst and the operation was one of the most serious ones that has taken place in the hospital for several months but as we go to press Rolen is getting along nicely and the doctors hold excellent hopes for his recovery although he will be laid up in the hospital for weeks. A grape seed was found in the appendix which was the cause of the inflammation.

Mr. Barrett's many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

There will be a treat for all music lovers on March 7th. The Homeland Entertainers, of the Cadmean Lyceum Course will be here on that date.

## ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES

We have been asked repeatedly the past week to give the public the plan of assessment for 1921 also the tax rate in and around Roy. We have investigated the matter carefully and find the assessment of lands in Harding County as follows: First all plowed land or land used for agricultural purpose in the county were assessed at \$7.50 per acre; Second that land which could be used for agricultural purposes although same was not plowed and still virgin prairie, even tho used for grazing purpose was assessed at \$5.00 per acre; Third all other land used strictly as grazing land and too rough for cultivation was assessed at \$2.50 per acre. As for the assessment of the personal property, except cattle and horses the individual sets his own price on the value of his property.

While we believe this manner of assessment is fair, providing the whole state is assessed likewise, yet it is almost impossible for an assessor to be in his office and know how much land is rough and how much can be cultivated. By this we do not intend to say that the assessor did not do his duty for we personally know that the assessors office has been one of the busiest places in the County Seat the past year for he had to correct and remake the whole assessment after the middle of July, and we know he has employed competent help from his own salary and done all in his power to make the assessment fair and equal to all.

However this year the assessor will visit each farm and personally inspect the land, dividing it into agricultural land and grazing land and in this manner all will get an equal and fair assessment. We have had a great number of persons coming to the S. A. office stating that their land had been assessed as agricultural land when a portion was only grazing land and it is upto the owners of the land to have these errors corrected this year when the assessor arrives at your place. If you will help the assessor to correctly classify your land it will help out the office in future years and then you will also pay taxes just as your neighbor in another part of the county will have to pay.

Now about the taxes and the tax rate for 1921 taxes, while we cannot give the exact levy in each school district we will give you the levy in school district No. 3, Roy which is about the average of all districts that have special levies. We find that the County and State levy is .02545 or \$25.45 per one thousand dollars assessment and the special on school levy in Roy district is .00464 or \$4.64 per thousand dollars assessment, making a total of .03009 or \$30.09 per thousand dollars assessment in Roy district outside of the corporation limits. The levy for the village purpose within the corporate limits is .0082 and which makes the tax rate within the corporate limits .03829 or \$38.29 per thousand. In school districts that have no special levies the tax rates .02545 or \$25.45 per thousand dollars. In as much as the assessment of land in this part of Harding County taken from Mora County is higher than Mora had last year, it makes the taxes higher in this part of the county, while in the part of the county taken from Union County where all land was assessed at \$7.00 and \$8.00 per acre for the agricultural land it makes the taxes lower, but all in all it averages the taxes over the whole county on a just and fair basis.

If you have your assessment card and know what your personal assessment was and figure your land according to the above values and multiply by the rates you can easily figure out just why your taxes are higher or lower than last years.

Anyway let's don't lay the blame on the County Officers; let us figure the matter out and may be we have not been paying enough or there has been an error in the giving in of the property to the assessor. These officers are at the County Seat and

## MRS. FRED DAVIS DIES AT FAMILY HOME NORTH OF TOWN

News reached Roy Wednesday evening that Mrs. Fred A. Davis had died at her home on the Phil Higgins place northeast of Roy Tuesday night and that the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon (Friday) at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Davis had been sick for several days with a severe attack of the 'flu' but was not considered seriously ill until Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Davis was the second oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bowman of east of Roy and she and Mr. Davis were married about 2 or three years ago and have lived in the Brand neighborhood since their marriage. The grief stricken husband and child and parents have the sympathy of the entire neighborhood in their loss of a loving wife, mother and daughter. A full obituary will appear in next week's paper.

## NOTICE TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MESA CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY

There will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the Mesa Co-operative Company at the Roy Theatre on Wednesday March the 8th at 1 o'clock P. M. sharp for the purpose of considering matters of importance to the Company. We want every stockholder to be present at this meeting.

Signed Committee.

will gladly give you any information you want and explain to you just why your taxes are higher or lower than last year.

## FARM HOUSE BURNS

The farm house of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Livingston about five miles east Solano was burned to the ground about 4 o'clock last Friday afternoon. Mr. Livingston was away from home at the time of the fire and Mrs. Livingston had been about her usual household work thru the day and about four o'clock in the afternoon while she was doing her chores work near the barn she looked towards the house and found it in flames. She ran to the house and screamed for help but before anyone arrived the house was a mass of flames and only one bed was saved. Mr. White who lives a short distance from the house heard Mrs. Livingston screaming rode to the house but when he arrived the roof was ready to fall in. Mrs. Livingston tried to get some of the furniture from the house but the burning building was too hot to approach near enough to do anything.

The house was a frame three room structure covered with building paper and probably caught in the attic from the chimney that passed thru the ceiling and roof as Mrs. Livingston had had a fire in the kitchen range all day.

Mr. Livingston carried no insurance on the building or content and the loss will be very heavy to the family as they saved no furniture or clothing and it is indeed a sad misfortune for one to lose their home in the dead of winter and especially under conditions as are now prevailing thru out the west. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Livingston made up a collection to assist them in purchasing new furniture and which is very highly appreciated by them.

## NOTICE TO THOSE INTERESTED IN GOOD ROADS

There will be a good Roads meeting at Springer New Mexico on March 6th next Monday beginning at 1 P. M. A number of Arizona good roads boosters will be present at this meeting and it is desired that as many as possible be present at this meeting who are interested in the Texas-New Mexico Highway Association as the route of the Highway from the Colfax County line to Taos will be decided upon at this meeting.

The mesa should send a number of delegates to this convention as it is important that the Texas-New Mexico Highway be laid out, logged and marked from Plainview, Texas to Taos as this is one of the coming important highways of the State and will be rock surfaced on the entire road when same is completed.

Each town on the proposed highway should send delegates also to this meeting as the interest shown will have considerable to do as to the pushing of the work on the highway and it is to all our interests to get the road marked and logged at once.

## CHICKEN DINNER

The Ladies Home Missionary Society will give a chicken dinner at the Paxton Grocery Store Saturday April 3rd. If you want to enjoy a good meal, don't forget this date. The Ladies will appreciate your patronage, it is for a good cause. Every body invited.

Does your house need painting or Kalsomining, if it does, we can do it. Address F. & H. care of the Spanish American.



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