

The News' Popular Lady Contest is On in Earnest!

CITY'S NEW WELL MAY START AN IRRIGATION MOVEMENT

Is Attracting Widespread Attention Throughout the Country--Something New.

The new well being bored by the city for the water works system is attracting a great deal of attention throughout the country. People are watching it for hundreds of miles around. It is something new for this country, and it is said there is but one like it in the United States.

The well was drilled with a rotary machine to a depth of 550 feet. The first 250 feet was cased with a pipe 40 inches in diameter, while a 15 inch pipe was used the rest of the way. The plan is to dig out a large hole in the ground at a depth of 250 feet, or at the bottom of the 40 inch casing. This hole will be at least fifteen feet square. The water will be pumped from this hole to the surface by a large centrifugal pump which will be installed as soon as possible. Special machinery had to be made for the well as nothing could be found in the market that was large enough.

City officials claim that it will pump at least 250 gallons of water per minute, but the machinery people say that it will have a capacity of 500 gallons per minute. It is said that the big Portales wells are operated on the same order, except the water there is found at a depth of 25 to 30 feet.

It is believed by some that similar wells may be drilled here for irrigation purposes and that it may revolutionize farming in the upper Plains country. There seems to be an ocean of water under Clovis, but it is so deep that it has not been found practical heretofore to pump it for irrigation uses. The theory is advanced that it could be lifted from a depth of 250 feet for irrigation and make it pay. At any rate the big Clovis well is making them sit up and take notice, and the results are being watched with great interest.

It will take perhaps three or four weeks to finish the Clovis well, and the cost will be about \$7,000. At a depth of thirty feet some hard rock was encountered. This was removed by one of the workmen who was lowered into the pipe and cut it away with hammer and chisel.

One of the city officials of Amarillo has been in Clovis twice to watch the progress of the new well, with a view of drilling one or two in that city. The Santa Fe people also have their eyes on it.

At the present time the Clovis water works is fed by five wells and the total output is but 250 gallons per minute. The new well will produce as much water as all five of them and perhaps double the amount.

The future possibilities of these big wells are unlimited from an irrigation standpoint if this well proves to be a success and there seems to be little doubt about that part of it.

It is said that a well of this size would irrigate a section of land. This would increase the value of land from \$10 to \$100 per acre or more. Taking these

figures as a basis and it is a conservative estimate, a section of land under irrigation of one of these big wells would jump in value from \$640 to \$64,000 and all on an investment of \$7,000 to \$8,000.

Clovis' Postal Business Continues to Grow

The business of the Clovis postoffice continues to grow. Starting July first, Postmaster Wagner's salary was raised from \$2,200 to \$2,400, and now the department has raised the salary of Mrs. Coleman the general delivery clerk \$100 per year. Some more increases in the salaries of the local postoffice force are looked for in the near future.

Postmaster Wagner announces that the rural route operating out of Clovis has been extended from 26 miles to 55 miles. The name has been changed from Route 1 to Route A. It will take in four or five miles of new territory North of the present route, and will extend several miles into new territory South and East of town. The new route will almost make an entire circle of the city.

"The postoffice department pays out about \$10,000 a year here in Clovis," said Postmaster Wagner a few days ago, "and most of it is in salaries which is spent here. This money goes to the employees of the local office and does not include the salaries of the postal clerks who run in and out of Clovis."

Former Clovis Man Loses Leg in Accident

Fred Neidemann, aged 22, met with a frightful accident at Vaughn Tuesday morning when he fell beneath the wheels of a moving freight train losing one leg above the knee, and the other was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated.

Neidemann was riding on the train at the time of the accident in company with two friends who were going West. It is said that in some unknown manner he lost his balance and was thrown under the cars while the train was moving at a rapid rate.

The injured man was taken to Albuquerque on Number 21, a short time after the accident occurred. A nurse happened to be on the passenger train and took care of him until the train reached Albuquerque where he was placed in a hospital.

Neidemann at one time conducted a restaurant in Clovis and also worked in a garage here. His home is at McComb, Miss. He was known here as "Curly." As he was without funds at the time of the accident, the passengers and crew on number 21 raised a purse of \$50 in a few minutes to defray the expenses of the trip to Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred James entertained at dinner Friday night in honor of Mrs. J. E. Shaw Van and Mrs. Tom Blake, of Houston, Texas.

MANY OF COUNTY'S FINEST YOUNG LADIES HAVE ENTERED

Both New and Renewal Subscriptions to the News Count--Circulation is Already Booming.

The big subscription campaign of the Clovis News has started off with a dash that is highly gratifying. Several of the young lady candidates are going at a high rate of speed. They will finish strong too.

We are justly proud of these contestants. They are worthy, aspiring young ladies--everyone of them. They deserve the best. They are not afraid to undertake something arduous if it is lightened and worth while.

We are justly proud that we can assist them in achieving a success that they and their friends will ever be glad of.

This paper, in the campaign waged for readers last year, gave away prizes considerably above those usually give away by weekly papers in a campaign of this kind. But it has gone stronger this year. The piano and the other premiums are more valuable than were those of last year.

There is time yet for some young lady to enter and win the fine piano or one of the other first big prizes. But there is no time to be lost. Enter at once and keep constantly, persistently, intelligently at it, and victory is yours.

It will be a most excellent way to spend your vacation. For just a few weeks earnest, enthusiastic work, you can win a \$400 Cable-Nelson piano, or a nice gold watch or a scholarship in Draughn's Business College at Amarillo, Texas, or a nice lot of spending money. Can you spend a few weeks to a better advantage?

See the piano at the Croft Music Store, the watch at the Denhof Jewelry store, the scholarship at the News office.

See the list of candidates in this paper and give one of these your subscription, or if you like nominate another.

Remember this campaign closes August 17. Get Busy.

VOTING PERIOD AND SCHEDULE OF VOTES

It has been said by some that subscriptions will count for more votes at the close of the campaign than at the first and this will make it possible for some young lady to enter the campaign the last few days and win the \$400 piano over the young ladies who had worked during the entire campaign. While such is hardly possible at all, yet, at the request of some of the young ladies who are working now we have arranged the following vote schedule which will hold throughout the contest.

The contest has been divided into two great voting periods.

Period No 1. closes at midnight Saturday August 5.

Votes will be allowed on subscriptions during this period as follows:

The price of the Clovis News is \$1.00 per year up to and including August 5th, after that date the price will be \$1.50. Votes will be allowed as follows:

- 1 year -200 votes
- 2 years-400 votes
- 3 years-700 votes
- 4 years-1,100 votes
- 5 years-1,400 votes
- 6 years-2,000 votes
- 7 years-2,600 votes
- 8 years-3,600 votes
- 9 years-4,600 votes
- 10 years-5,600 votes
- 11 years-6,200 votes
- 12 years-7,500 votes
- 13 years-8,600 votes
- 14 years-10,000 votes
- 15 years-11,000 votes
- 16 years-13,000 votes
- 17 years-16,000 votes
- 18 years-21,000 votes
- 19 years-28,000 votes
- 20 years-34,000 votes
- 21 years-44,000 votes
- 22 years-60,000 votes
- 23 years-70,000 votes
- 24 years-90,000 votes
- 25 years-120,000 votes

Period No. 2 closes at 7 p. m. August 17.

Votes will be allowed on subscriptions during this period as follows:

- 1 year -100 votes
- 2 years-200 votes
- 3 years-350 votes
- 4 years-550 votes
- 5 years-700 votes
- 6 years-1,000 votes
- 7 years-1,300 votes
- 8 years-1,800 votes
- 9 years-2,300 votes
- 10 years-2,800 votes
- 11 years-3,100 votes
- 12 years-3,750 votes
- 13 years-4,300 votes
- 14 years-5,000 votes
- 15 years-5,500 votes
- 16 years-6,500 votes
- 17 years-8,000 votes
- 18 years-11,000 votes
- 19 years-14,000 votes
- 20 years-17,000 votes
- 21 years-22,000 votes
- 22 years-30,000 votes
- 23 years-35,000 votes
- 24 years-45,000 votes
- 25 years-60,000 votes

It will be noted that each subscription counts for just double the number of votes during the first voting period that it does during the second voting period. The young lady who really wants the piano will not lose any time during this first period.

In order to secure the 120,000 votes, for instance, get the same person to subscribe for the Clovis News for 25 years, or send the paper to 25 different addresses. We prefer the latter. The same holds with reference to the smaller number of subscriptions.

List of Contestants

The following young ladies have entered the Clovis News subscription campaign.

- Miss Pearl Doyle, Clovis
- Miss Carrie Blassingame Clovis
- Miss Grace Wicks, Clovis
- Miss Maria Stotts, Clovis
- Miss Florence O'Hara, Claud
- Miss Ethel Brashear, Claud
- Miss Addie Dunlap, Havener
- Miss Ruth Climiss, Melrose
- Miss Pearl Evans, Tolar
- Miss Ethel Bell, Tolar
- Miss Grace Hill, Texico
- Miss Lois Hagler, Texico
- Miss Oral Curtis, Murdock,

PROMOTOR OF AUTO FACTORY GETS WARM RECEPTION-HERE

S. C. Pandolfo and Local Citizens Have Lively Tilt at Public Meeting Wednesday Night.

There was a big gathering of Clovis citizens at the Elks Auditorium Wednesday night, who were invited there by S. C. Pandolfo, who styles himself the fiscal agent of the Pan Motor Company a \$5,000,000 organization now forming for the purpose of manufacturing a certain kind of automobile to retail at \$500.

The meeting was for the purpose of interesting citizens of Clovis and Curry County in the purchase of stock in the concern.

It is safe to say that there never was such a meeting pulled off in Clovis or in any other town or city in the United States for that matter. It was a circus and about the warmest thing that ever happened. It was in a class by itself. You might live a century and never see anything just like it again. So far as amusement was concerned a free for all boxing match would pale into insignificance in comparison.

It was a representative gathering of citizenship of the city--everybody was there--bankers, business and professional men, railroad men and others. They were there to see the fun and they saw it--plenty of it.

The meeting had been widely advertised that the women attending would receive free punch and the men would be treated to cigars. The ladies band furnished music for the occasion. As a result there was a record breaking crowd. And it was an interested crowd too, for they stuck to their seats from eight o'clock until nearly midnight listening to the arguments being made pro and con.

Mr. Pandolfo led off with the discussion and proceeded to tell the audience how he expected to make a lot of money out of the proposition for himself, also that he expected to make some money for the investors who purchased his stock. The proposition evidently did not appeal to the local financiers who started to rip Pandolfo and his proposition up the back.

Two of the leading Clovis bankers led the opposition forces. They were Alex Shipley, President of the Clovis National Bank, and S. A. Jones, President of the Citizens Bank of Clovis. When Mr. Shipley arose to speak Claude Miller, President of the Chamber of Commerce asked for a word and proceeded to take the hide and hair off Pandolfo and his proposition. He had his sleeves rolled up, like he was ready to wade in if it became necessary. Mr. Shipley followed with a ringing address. He had prepared himself before the meeting with numerous letters and telegrams to back up his assertions. Mr. Jones also made a talk and said that if the people of Clovis and Curry County has any surplus money to invest they could find no safer or better investment than buying mortgages on Curry County farms. Hon. Sam Bratton with his usual forcefulness was the last speaker. He stated

that he did not believe the proposition was practical, and that the element of risk was too great for a safe investment.

Many bankers from out of town were also present. They came to take part in the discussion and to get some letters from Mr. Pandolfo which they had given him. These letters, the bankers claimed, were obtained through misrepresentation and were being used by Pandolfo's agents as endorsements from the various banks. Bankers were present from Melrose, Portales and other surrounding towns.

In the heated discussion which followed Pandolfo refused to part with the letters and said he would not take \$5,000 a piece for them. One of the bankers offered him a certified check for \$25 if he would return his letter.

Pandolfo and several local speakers had it out on the floor and those who heard it were of the opinion that Pandolfo got the worst of the argument.

In the heated debate that followed it looked for a while like there might be trouble, but things calmed down at the end of the meeting and the crowd broke up in disorder leaving Pandolfo talking to a lot of empty seats.

L. C. Bradshaw Dangerously Injured in Runaway

L. C. Bradshaw, a farmer residing six miles Southwest of Clovis received dangerous injuries Tuesday morning when his team ran away throwing him to the ground.

The accident happened at the Nichols hog yard a mile West of town. Mr. Bradshaw was driving a young span of spirited horses when they became frightened and got beyond his control. The team ran through the fence two or three times. Mr. Bradshaw was thrown a distance of fifteen feet and landed upon his head and shoulders. Those who saw the accident say that it was providential that he was not killed outright.

When picked up he was unconscious and was at once brought to town and taken to Dr. Haney's office where medical attention was given him. He remained unconscious all day Tuesday and physicians had little hope for his recovery. It was found that he had sustained a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain.

Bradshaw was taken Tuesday evening to the home of his daughter Mrs. Jim Monrow where the family is at his bedside. At last reports he was getting along as nicely as could be expected and there is ultimate hope for his recovery. He was conscious part of the time Wednesday and Thursday.

Dr. G. K. Maynard is the attending physician.

Mrs. Tom Blake, of Houston, has returned to her home after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred James.