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EVERYTHING IS READY FOR PRIMARY ELECTION SATURDAY

Saturday is Democratic primary election day in Curry County. The polls in Clovis will open at 9:00 o'clock a. m. and close at 6:00 p. m. Any Democrat that will be qualified voter in the general election in November shall be qualified to vote in the primary, and any woman of legal age and who intends to affiliate with the Democratic Party shall be qualified and invited to vote in said primary.

Following are the election judges and clerks and the places of holding the election in the several precincts: Texico—Triplet's Store—Baylor Triplet, Jas. H. Curry and Jas. B. Hale.

Blacktower—School House—Jack Lamison, W. H. Buchanan and John F. Bell.

St. Vrain—School House—W. A. Brownell, Miss Stella Hines and A. E. Shull.

Melrose—S. H. Moss, Fred McClung and Leslie Love.

Field—School House—G. W. Calloway, H. G. Cegby and Claud Steed.

Grady—Albert Pettigrew, G. Mc. Gamble and S. R. Carter.

Hollene—School House—W. H. Clark, O. G. Turner and Mr. Garrett.

Bellview—Store—J. C. Jordan, A. E. Rose and Aus Bunch.

Cameron—School House—J. Z. Isler, Foster Scott and Mr. Cohen.

Shiloh—School House—E. C. Wilkinson, Harry Hale and A. W. Singletary.

Havener—School House—J. B. Woods, Ben Christian and Frank Hurley.

Claud—James Sanders, Sam Pipkin and John Westfall.

Clovis, Precinct No. 1—Union Mortgage Co.—J. A. Nichols, Mrs. J. T. Stalker and Mrs. Milton Brown.

Clovis, Precinct No. 2—Chamber of Commerce—J. T. Stalker, A. J. Short and Ray Burns.

Two of the above in each precinct shall serve as clerks and one as judge.

J. R. HULL PUT ON TICKET FOR SENATOR

In view of the fact that there were no announcements for the office of State Senator, the county executive committee selected J. R. Hull to go on the ticket and Mr. Hull has consented to be the party's man for this office. Mr. Hull was in the lower house at the last legislature and made a good representative and will be, by virtue of his previous experience, able to give even better legislative service in the senate.

BANKHEAD HIGHWAY LOCATED THRU CLOVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Curless returned this week from Hot Springs, Ark., where they have been attending the meeting of the Bankhead Highway Association. Mr. Curless going as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce of Clovis. This was a great meeting from Clovis' standpoint, as the main route of the Bankhead Highway was located through here. Mr. Curless was honored by being elected as one of the directors of the Association.

BANKERS TO MEET HERE JULY 22 AND 23

The Panhandle Bankers Association will meet in Clovis on July 22 and 23. Bankers from all over the plains country will be here at that time and every effort will be made to make this one of the most interesting meetings the association has ever held. The Panhandle Bankers met in Clovis several years ago. The program for the convention will be announced in a few weeks.

HATCH RESIGNS TO RETURN TO PRACTICE

C. A. Hatch has returned to Clovis permanently, having resigned his position as collector of Internal Revenue for the State of New Mexico, to give his entire time to the law practice of the firm of Patton & Hatch. Mr. Hatch says that private business made it impossible for him to fill the position any longer. It is not known just when a successor to Mr. Hatch will be appointed. He has not yet been relieved of the responsibilities of the collector's office and will not be until his successor is appointed.

REV. JETT RESIGNS TO GO TO SAN ANTONIO

Rev. I. N. Jett on last Sunday morning resigned the pastorate of the Christian Church at this place. Mr. Jett has recently been tendered the position of City Evangelist for the City of San Antonio, Texas. He is employed for this position by the State Board of the Christian Church and it is one of the most important evangelistic positions the church has in the state of Texas. Mr. Jett assumes his new work in San Antonio on June 1st, however he will leave Clovis in May and will attend the Texas State Convention of the Christian Church at Galveston and will also attend a ten days' school of evangelism at that place given by the church.

Mr. Jett has been pastor of the Christian Church in Clovis for a little more than a year. He is an excellent preacher and is broad-minded christian gentleman in addition, and will no doubt make a brilliant success of the work he has just been called to, as he is an exceptionally strong evangelist. The News wishes him success in his new field but regrets that he is leaving Clovis.

CLOVIS SCHOOLS WIN STATE HEALTH PENANTS

The Health Crusade conducted by the Clovis schools last winter resulted in their winning three first places, entitling them to three pennants. The lucky teachers whose rooms receive pennants are Miss Cecile Thompson, Miss Ella Powers, Mr. J. W. Tanner. Much of the success of the campaign is attributed to the work of the teachers in encouraging the pupils to do the health chores. The pennants will be presented in person by the state health officer in May, at which time appropriate exercises will be held. Considering the fact that Clovis schools competed with schools throughout the state the showing was exceptional.

STATE GASOLINE TAX LAW INVALID

Washington, April 19.—The supreme court today held unconstitutional the New Mexico state act of 1919 levying an excise tax upon the sale and use of gasoline insofar as it affects gasoline still in the original containers in which it was shipped into the state.

VIOLINIST COMING

The famous Danish violinist, Axel Skofgaard, assisted by an able company of artists, will appear in concert at the High School Auditorium on Saturday night, May 8th. Full announcement will be made in next week's paper.

STROUD HOTEL SOLD

Mrs. Zella M. McFarlin has sold the Stroud rooming house in the west part of town, which she purchased a short time ago. Mrs. Mattie Shambelin was the purchaser. She formerly lived in Arkansas and has just recently moved to Clovis.

BIG EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATING CLASS

Eighth grade graduating class has 51 and probably many more will be added later. The largest eighth grade class in the history of the school will be graduated Thursday morning, May 20th. It has not been customary in the past to give eighth grade graduates this recognition, but owing to the fact that it is felt such exercises render encouragement to the pupils to go into the high school, and in as much as most of the larger city schools have adopted this custom, it was thought wise to adopt the policy.

The following pupils will be graduated provided they maintain their present standing to the end of school. There may be a few others whose names will be added, provided they do much better work in the next few weeks. Parents having children in the eighth grade and not finding their names in the list below will please call Miss Ivy Parker, assistant principal for explanation, and in this way perhaps it may be possible to graduate pupils who are at present expected to fail:

John Bernard, Hubert Bradley, Winston Brown, Lucy Buchanan, Eather Burns, Bill Chalfant, Lalia Cochran, Iona Cain, Inez Collins, Jewell Cook, Eva Conner, Wilma Crawford, Virgie Dean, Georgia Davis, Nellie D'Spain, Tellous Dick, Mattie Foreman, Bernice Gable, Ernestine Gogga, Guy Paris, Wayne Harrison, Charles Hart, Lottie Hawkins, Erpal Holloway, Eva Lewis, Marie Luikart, William Lashier, Jerry Miser, Marie Maxwell, Bernice Mordecai, Irene McGowan, Minnie Melton, Wilena Morgan, Jessie Noble, Frederick McLaughlin, Charley Murphy, Lena Merle Pierce, Marian Pritchard, William Henry Patton, Effie Patton, Lorena Raybourne, Faye Roberts, Vance Riley, Valeria Sims, J. D. Singer, Irene Spade, Rex Tidwell, Mildred Vivian, Bessie Waits, Ruby Wagner, Ruby Weisinger, Elizabeth Williams, May Waits, Bettie Whitfield.

OSCAR DOBBS NAMED AS CITY MANAGER

The city council has re-employed Oscar Dobbs as City Manager. The News believes this was a wise move on the part of the council. Without any noise about his work Mr. Dobbs has been giving the city a most efficient administration as city manager. During the past several months the city indebtedness has been materially reduced and the prospects now are good that the greater part of the indebtedness (with the exception of bonds) against the city will be wiped out within the next year. Mr. Dobbs is not only a good business man but a good engineer and his services will be of much value to the city in connection with the paving program now ahead. The office of city manager relieves the mayor and aldermen of much of the work in connection with the city's business, and the News predicts that Mr. Dobbs will save the city many times his salary during the coming two years, the term for which he was employed by the council.

COMMANDERY INSTALLS OFFICERS SATURDAY NIGHT

The Clovis Commandery installed officers last Saturday night. Past Eminent Commander J. Smith Lea of Roswell conducted the installation services when the following were installed:

George Roach, E. C. P. A. LaShier, Generalissimo. F. A. Dillon, C. G. F. B. Herod, Treasurer. E. M. Chapman, Recorder. E. P. Cooley, Prelate. A. L. Dillon, S. W. A. W. Johnson, J. W. W. H. Duckworth, Warder. W. B. Mathers, Sta. B. W. U. Dannelly, S. B. R. J. Neal, Tiler.

After the installation services the members were banqueted at the Harvey House.

WOMEN PLAN TO BEAUTIFY CLOVIS

The women of Clovis are joining hands for a better Clovis.

Clubs and individuals are federated for cleaner streets, alleys, better schools, cleaner stores and shops and public health in general.

Every woman of our city who is interested in Clovis is asked to join this federation.

Committees as following:

City Beautiful—Mrs. Alex Shipley, Chairman; Mrs. Joe McClelland, Mrs. John O. Howard, Mrs. Cash Ramey, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. Roy McMillen, Mrs. J. T. Miller, Mrs. Jno. Luikart, Mrs. J. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. H. M. Stalker.

Legislative—Mrs. Chas. Scheurich, Chairman; Mrs. R. F. Pixley, Mrs. K. C. Childers, Mrs. Harry Patton, Mrs. Will H. Pattison, Mrs. C. W. Harrison.

General Sanitation—Mrs. John Barry, Chairman; Mrs. Fred Dennis, Mrs. George Roberts, Mrs. R. E. Tracy, Mrs. F. B. Herod, Mrs. R. S. Martin, Mrs. F. E. Dice, Mrs. J. H. Thornton.

Extermination of Flies—Mrs. E. M. Chapman, Chairman; Mrs. H. F. Young, Mrs. Chas. Dennis, Mrs. E. W. Bowyer, Mrs. John L. Stevenson, Mrs. W. A. Havener.

Public Health—Mrs. John O. Pritchard, Chairman; Mrs. Dalton Reed, Mrs. A. L. Dillon, Mrs. A. J. Rodes, Mrs. A. W. Hockenbush, Mrs. Hillgartner, Mrs. R. M. Hall, Mrs. J. W. Board.

Entertainment—Mrs. Hal Miller, Chairman; Mrs. G. P. Kuykendall, Mrs. S. A. Jones, Mrs. Fredrick Mayhall.

Pure Food—Mrs. Herbert Jefferson, Chairman; Mrs. C. E. Snyder, Mrs. R. L. Gray, Mrs. G. S. Woodward, Mrs. E. R. Cassel, Mrs. E. H. Ashcraft.

Mrs. Zella McFarlin will take charge of the Reideria Hotel on May 1st, she having purchased the building and hotel a few weeks ago.

NEW WHOLESALE GROCERY FOR CLOVIS

The Waples-Platter Wholesale Grocery Company will soon be operating a store in Clovis. This company has a number of branch houses in different cities in Texas. A new building which will be occupied by the firm is now under construction on the trackage about a block east of the Latta Grocer Co. The new building is two stories with a large loading platform and is 50x100 feet. It is being constructed of re-inforced concrete and every effort is being made to have the building ready for occupancy by July 1st.

There are persistent rumors that two or three other big wholesale grocery houses will locate in Clovis within the next few months. Clovis has superior railroad facilities to any town in eastern New Mexico and no other town can serve the big territory in a wholesale way as easily as the Magic City can.

BURDICK MERCANTILE CO. SOLD AT MELROSE

The E. P. Burdick Mercantile Company, one of the strongest institutions in this section of the State, has been sold to Cal Tension and Milton Thomas of Canadian, Texas. The deal was really closed about a week ago, but announcement of the sale has been held pending minor arrangements in the transfer. The sale also includes the elevator operated by Mr. Burdick in this city. The stock of goods will be invoiced next week and the new proprietors will assume charge April 26th, Mr. Burdick says. Possession of the elevator will be given June 1st, according to Mr. Burdick.—Melrose Messenger.

The Woman's Guild will serve coffee and sandwiches Saturday noon in the building just vacated by Austin Grocery on the corner opposite the Lyceum.

NEW CITY OFFICERS INSTALLED MONDAY NIGHT

FORT SUMNER LADY BURIED HERE SUNDAY

Mrs. M. L. Norris of Fort Sumner died in Clovis the latter part of last week from appendicitis and the funeral service was held at the Presbyterian Church here Sunday afternoon, being conducted by Dr. Carver who was assisted by Rev. Smith of this place and Rev. Duncan of Fort Sumner. Mrs. Norris was well known at Fort Sumner and was a member of one of the prominent families at that place. She is survived by her husband and a little daughter five years old.

THIRD ELEVATOR TO BE BUILT IN CLOVIS

E. P. Burdick and S. W. Lane of Melrose will erect another elevator in Clovis. The new elevator will be located on the trackage just east of the Plains Buying and Selling Association's store and will have a capacity of 15,000 bushels. Work will be commenced in the very near future so that the elevator will be completed in time for this year's wheat crop. This will make the third elevator for Clovis and will help to establish the town as the best grain market in this entire section of the country. The Cramer Mill and Elevators Company have two elevators and their capacity was taxed the past year to take care of the grain coming to this point.

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISPLAY A GREAT SUCCESS

The fourth annual exhibition of school work of the Clovis public schools was held last Friday, and judging from the many expressions of approval the work of the local teachers has not been in vain. From one o'clock until after five o'clock crowds gathered in each of the rooms and viewed the work accomplished by the pupils. The domestic science girls had their sewing on display, and served cakes and cookies and punch to visitors in their department. More than two hundred-fifty people were served. The manual training boys had library tables, a davenport, rockers, book cases, step-ladders, and numerous other articles of a useful nature on display. In the grades the teachers saved the work of individual pupils month by month throughout the year and had this work on exhibition, showing the progress made as the work progressed through the year. It is estimated that more than one thousand visitors were present. At three-thirty o'clock the music department gave an exhibition which was very pleasing. However only a small portion of the crowd could get into the large auditorium to hear the music.

LIEUTENANT RAISNER TALKS TO BOYS ONLY

Lieutenant Raisner of the state health department spoke to the boys of the high school and departmental schools last Tuesday morning on the value of keeping fit, and showed many pictures illustrating the splendid work that is being done to encourage youth to keep clean in mind and body.

Clovis came near having a disastrous fire Thursday afternoon. Didn't it make you think that you possibly are not fully covered by insurance? Bad fires are likely to come anytime with the high winds we are having. Moral—Let Baker Bros. fully cover your property by insurance. Phone number 63.

NOTICE—If the party will return to my place the lumber they took, will drop this matter as it is, if not they can suffer the consequences. J. P. Harper, Havener, New Mexico.

The newly elected mayor, city councilmen, city secretary and city treasurer were duly installed at a meeting at the city hall Monday night. Judge Noble administered the oath of office to the new officials and it did not take much time for the new council to get down to work.

Mayor McClelland said he did not have any speech to make but beseeched the councilmen to give the office their best services and to join him in attending all meetings. He made the following appointments as committeemen:

Water and Light Committee—I. C. Johnson, K. C. Childers and C. Anthony.

Street and Alley Committee—I. C. Johnson, M. T. Jernigan and J. W. Mordecai.

Auditing Committee—J. D. Looper, J. W. Mordecai and K. C. Childers.

Sanitary Committee—J. W. Mordecai, J. R. Denhof, C. Anthony and E. T. Jernigan. This committee is composed of a councilman from each ward and the mayor announced that it would be the duty of each member to look after the sanitary condition in his particular ward.

Ordinance Committee—J. D. Looper, C. Anthony and J. H. Sanders.

Purchasing Committee—I. C. Johnson and J. R. Denhof.

Fire and Police Committee—J. R. Denhof and E. T. Jernigan.

Finance Committee—K. C. Childers and J. R. Denhof.

Mayor McClelland made the following appointments which were unanimously concurred in by the councilmen:

Chief of the Fire Department—Jack Lewis.

E. E. Tagader, book-keeper. Mr. Tagader handles this position for the water and light department in addition to being city clerk.

City Health Officer—Dr. G. K. Maynard.

The council approved a lease contract on the city hall building for a term of three years, agreeing to pay the rental of \$75 per month for the building.

Oscar Dobbs was employed for two years as city manager at a salary of \$300 per month.

Mayor McClelland announced that he would appoint the police force and a manager for the water and light plant at the next meeting of the council.

CLOVIS HAS FIRE IN BUSINESS DISTRICT

A fire started Thursday afternoon in the rear of the Lyons building, occupied by Denhof Jewelry Co., which came near resulting very seriously. The fire started from papers being burned in the rear of the building and the stairway leading up behind was completely destroyed. Owing to the fact that there was not much water pressure it looked for a while that the fire would result seriously, however not a great deal of damage was done to the building with the exception of the stairway and the rear of the building.

ETZEL-COBB

Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of the bride's father, R. E. Etzel, on North Sheldon Street, occurred the wedding of Miss Henrietta Etzel to Mr. Harrison Cobb of Pampa, Texas. The bride is a teacher, having taught in Curry County schools as well as in Texas. The groom is a prosperous young farmer living near Pampa, Texas, and was in overseas service. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Belcher in the presence of immediate relatives and a few close friends. The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of mottled blue. The young couple left Wednesday morning for a wedding trip, after which they will make their home at Pampa, Texas.