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90 PER CENT OF CURRY COUNTY TAXES PAID IN

More than 90 per cent of Curry County taxes for 1919, which are now payable, had been collected up to July 1st, according to data furnished by the county treasurer, J. S. Morgan. The total taxes assessed for the year amounted to \$355,506.00, and of this amount \$322,012.73 had been paid in by the first of this month. An insight into the enormous amount of detail work connected with the collection of the county's taxes is given in the announcement that 5,656 tax receipts had already been issued on 1919 taxes. This is more than 500 increase over last year.

CROWD ENJOYS NEW CONCERT FEATURES

Music lovers enjoyed one of the best concerts ever played in Clovis when Johnson's Concert Band gave its regular weekly concert last Thursday evening. Every number was a good one and the special features were welcomed.

The cornet solo by E. C. Eastin was especially enjoyed and the vocal selection by Mrs. B. W. Johnson and Otto Lovan brought applause from the crowd.

The program for tonight follows: March—"The Conqueror," Tiek. Overture—"The Iron Count," King.

Fox Trot—"The Booster," Lake. One Step—"Peggy," Moret. Intermission, 10 minutes. March—"On the Square," Panella. Grand Sacred Selection—"Joy to the World," Barnhouse. Vocal Solo (with band) Selected—E. R. Tagader. Broadway One Step, "King. March—"Lights Out," McCoy.

SMALL FIRE ON SOUTH LANE STREET

Fire resulting in slight damage was reported at the S. L. D'Spain residence at 100 South Lane, Saturday afternoon. The outbuildings and back fence caught fire from some unknown cause, but were extinguished by the department before the flames gained any headway.

CLUB MEETING MONDAY

The Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in the High School auditorium Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

ENTERTAINED MONDAY EVE.

Miss Kathleen Love, assisted by her sister, Mrs. C. C. Baker, very delightfully entertained a few of her friends at the beautiful home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Love, Monday evening. The evening was most enjoyably spent and at a late hour a dainty salad course was served to the following: Misses Elsie and Josephine Garner and Messrs. Jernigan, Stone and Shaw.

BOWYER IS BOOMED FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Friends of E. W. Bowyer, superintendent of Clovis schools, are soliciting him to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Superintendent. The present incumbent, Jonathan H. Wagner can not be a candidate to succeed himself and educators of the state have been casting around for a real school man to succeed him in office. Mr. Bowyer's boom for the nomination has come following his recent trips to Silver City and Las Vegas where he lectured before the state normals at both places.

100,000 BUSHEL ELEVATOR TO BE ERECTED SOON

Speaking of the new 100,000 bushel elevator the Cramer Mill and Elevators Co. will build here, Mr. W. B. Cramer said to the News man this week: "This increased capacity for our elevator is made necessary by the big wheat crop and the big row crop in sight for this fall. The new elevator will likely be adjoining our present mill on the south."

TELEPHONE COMPANY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

A meeting of the Curry County Rural Telephone Company stockholders was held in the Chamber of Commerce, rooms Wednesday afternoon, and the following officers were elected: O. G. Turner, Hollene, president; W. W. Hungate, Pleasant Hill, vice president; J. W. Hale, Grady, second vice president; C. W. Harrison, Clovis, chairman of the board of directors, and D. W. Jones, Clovis, secretary-treasurer.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders the following members were selected as directors: George Keenan, Claud; J. W. Hale, Grady; Claude Byers, Ranchvale; S. S. Alcorn, Fields; O. G. Turner, Bellview-Hollene; S. D. Lawrence, Texico-Farwell; C. W. Harrison and D. W. Jones, Clovis.

WHEAT OFF IN PRICE

The wheat market took a slump this week, the selling price Thursday being around \$2.35 per bushel. The slump is attributed to the fact that the markets are becoming well filled with the commodity, and also that money is closer than it has been for some time. A recent drop in foreign exchange in New York also had a tendency to force the markets down. The car shortage was not considered a great factor in yesterday's drop.

ABO PASS ROUTE MEETING CONVENES HERE IN AUGUST

Final plans for the Abo Pass Route will be discussed at a meeting of representatives of towns along the route which will be held in Clovis on Monday, August 16th, according to D. W. Jones, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce. At this meeting representatives both from New Mexico and Texas will be present.

The Abo Pass Route has been definitely located through Becker, Mountair, Willard, Encino, Vaughn, Yaso, Fort Sumner, Taiban, Tolar, Melrose, Clovis, Texico-Farwell, Bovina, Friona, Hereford, Canyon and Amarillo. From Amarillo the route has not been located but will probably follow the Santa Fe railway to Panhandle, Canadian, Higgins, and then east to Arnett and Enid, Oklahoma, and north through Wellington, Emporia, Wichita, and Kansas City.

This route furnishes a much shorter and better way than the Santa Fe Trail from Kansas City to the Rio Grande at Belen, and more than 3,000 tourists have already passed over this route during the last six months. It is predicted that 10,000 cars will pass over the new route the first year after it is permanently located, signed and marked.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Chas. D. Poston of Alma, Michigan, is conducting a series of meetings this week at the Christian Church. He is being assisted by Harry K. Shields of Glendora, California, who is conducting the singing. The services are being held each evening this week, except Thursday, and will close Sunday night.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION LIKELY TO BE HELD SEPT. 7

September 7 may be the date set for the state Republican convention which is to be held in Albuquerque. This date has been suggested and George R. Craig, chairman of the state Republican central committee was today communicating with the other members of the committee of five which has been named to fix the date, to learn if September 7 would be agreeable. The committee of five was named by the state central committee.

The committee is composed of H. O. Bursam, who was in Albuquerque today; Eduardo Otero, Secundino Romero, Thomas Hughes, and Mr. Craig.

September 7 has been suggested because it follows Labor Day and it is believed it would assure a large representation at the convention.

RED CROSS NURSE FOR CURRY COUNTY

The employment of a Red Cross nurse for Curry County was definitely decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee of the Curry County Red Cross Association Wednesday afternoon, and plans have been made to secure the nurse as soon as possible.

Miss Margaret Tupper, state supervisor of public health nurses, with headquarters at Santa Fe, met with the board and outlined the work which will probably be handled by the nurse.

The work of the nurse will be under the direct supervision of the county executive board, who will act with the county superintendent and the county physician and other advisors.

It is planned to have the nurse give instruction work in each community in the county, and in as many of the county schools as possible. *Testing and the same will be employed.*

A fund of \$2,000 has been set aside for the expenses of the new undertaking one year's contract.

"Since the demand for trained nurses for community work is so great," said Miss Tupper, "it is probable that Curry County will have to wait as long as September 1st before securing the services of the nurse, but the Red Cross will make every effort to place a nurse here as soon as possible."

RODES BUYS 800 ACRES FROM SHIPLEY BROS.

A. J. Rodes this week purchased 800 acres of land from the Shipley ranch for a consideration of \$20,000. Mr. Rodes says he plans to make a model wheat farm out of the place.

This land is located north of Claud in the heart of the wheat belt of the county.

FAYETTE COPELAND, JR., TO BE RED CROSS SECRETARY

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Curry County Red Cross Wednesday afternoon, Fayette Copeland, Jr., was appointed home service secretary to succeed E. C. Eastin, who has resigned.

The local Red Cross will be busy for the next few days preparing for the meeting of the Federal Board of Vocational Education which meets here next Monday.

FIXTURES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN NEW BANK

The Farmer's State Bank has announced Saturday, August 7th as its formal opening day, inviting their friends to call in and inspect their new banking quarters at that time. The new fixtures have been completely installed now and they are not only beautiful but arranged for service and convenience.

THE NEWS GOES TO \$2.00 PER YEAR SEPT. 1

Commencing September 1, 1920, the subscription price of the Clovis News will be \$2.00 per year. The blank paper that goes into fifty-two issues of the paper now costs more than two dollars with every indication that newsprint will go still higher during the next few months. Added to this expense is the decided increase in second-class postage rates that went into effect on July 1st. Practically every paper in the Texas Panhandle, as well as New Mexico has long since raised subscription rates to \$2.00 and the News has only taken this step as a final resort to break even on the cost of white paper.

Renew Before Rate Becomes Effective

During the month of August subscribers will be permitted to renew their subscriptions at the old rate of \$1.50 per year. On September 1st the rate goes to \$2.00 and every subscriber who is not paid in advance will be dropped from the list.

CUPID KEEPS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BUSY

Cupid and the county clerk had a busy week according to the marriage license record. Frank O. Beaty and Miss Mary Morton, both of Clovis, were married Monday by Judge J. P. Noble. Pat Johnson of Portales and Miss Myrtle Short of Richland were married by Judge Noble on Tuesday.

Marriage licenses were also issued to Wm. M. McCluskey and Miss Gladys M. Hill, both of Clovis, and Otis V. Hullinger of Melrose and Miss Pauline Johnson of Ranger, Texas.

W. M. Dixon and Miss Minnie Glasgow, both of Amarillo, were married by Judge J. P. Noble Wednesday.

LOWLY PEANUT IS BIG ITEM IN U. S. PRODUCE

The announcement that the United States is one of the largest producers of peanuts with the 1919 crop value estimated at \$80,000,000, together with the fact that in the fiscal year of 1920 oil and nuts worth more than \$40,000,000 were imported into the country, makes one realize that the once humble peanut has grown far beyond its former association with pink lemonade and the circus, even though it does not eschew its former frequent environment. But the peanut is said to contain 50% oil, and has rapidly risen to be an important food factor, furnishing a vegetable oil that is much in demand. According to the National City Bank of New York, peanuts to the value of \$10,000,000 were imported into the United States during the ten months ending April, 1920. Surely the smiling venter with his minute paper sacks bearing an inverse ratio to the number of peanuts he collects for them, could never dispose of such a stock. The peanut has indeed taken its place as an accredited article of food.

WATER POWER IS GAINING PROMINENCE WITHIN STATE

New Mexico is growing out of the stage of infancy in the water power situation and the problem of supplying all the requests for water rights is becoming an important item, according to State Highway Engineer L. A. Gillett, who passed through Clovis on a road inspection tour this morning.

Heretofore, anyone who wanted water rights along the streams of the state could get them for the asking, but this is almost a thing of the past, according to Mr. Gillett.

Returning from a hearing on a petition for water power rights in the lower Pecos Valley below Carlsbad, the highway engineer announced that plans were under way to make a complete survey of the Pecos river in this state with the view of adjudicating the water rights along the entire water course.

This will affect the rights of all the irrigation farms down the Pecos Valley, and these rights will be granted by court decree according to priority. Mr. Gillett estimates that about 2500 claims will come before the court before the matter is finally settled.

This matter will take considerable time, even after the survey is completed, which will take about two years.

TRUCKS HELPING TO MARKET BIG CROP

Auto trucks are helping the farmer to market his big grain crop this year. Hauling Curry County's wheat crop to the elevators with wagon and teams alone this year would require much time.

SUNRISE BREAKFAST

A crowd of Clovis young people motored south of Clovis on the Portales highway this morning and enjoyed a delightful sunrise breakfast. Those in the party were: Misses Thelma Reagan, Mary Anderson, Minnie Rogers, Lillian Patton and Verda Anderson, and Messrs. Ernest Baird, Oliver Sikes, Ernest McDaniel, Allie Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Kuykendall.

RESULTS OF PRIMARY IN PARMER COUNTY

Following were the results in the Democratic primary election in Parmer County, Texas, last Saturday:

County Judge:	
Jas. D. Hamlin	240
M. Dickson	152
County and District Clerk:	
B. N. Graham	354
J. A. Hiner	53
Sheriff and Tax Collector:	
J. H. Aldridge	234
Jim Martin	174
Tax Assessor:	
G. C. Bratton	257
R. L. Galloway	149
County Commissioner, Farwell Precinct:	
McLain	111
Butcher	60

The county officers nominated are all present incumbents of the several offices in the county and their nomination means election this fall.

LOCAL NINE TO MEET FORT SUMNER SUNDAY

All the faithful base ball fans are assured of a good game here Sunday when the local nine clashes with the Fort Sumner team, according to Dr. G. C. Goodwin, manager. Fort Sumner has a slugging team, and the locals are eager to give the visitors a good trimming.

According to a late announcement, the Tucumcari base ball nine will be here Sunday, August 8th for the third clash of the season. In the first game Tucumcari lost to Clovis, but won the second game; and the third one will be watched with interest.

GOVERNOR PARDONS 81 DURING FISCAL YEAR

Santa Fe, July 28.—Eighty-one persons convicted of offenses under the laws of New Mexico were given their liberty under executive orders signed by Governor O. A. Larrazolo during a period of 12 months, ending July 1, 1920. This is at the rate of a pardon every four days, exclusive of Sunday. Of these 22 had been convicted of murder and were serving terms that varied from 10 years to life. There were eight serving 99-year terms, another an 80-year term. These nine persons, sentenced to serve an aggregate of 872 years, served actual time of 98 years or an average of a little less than 11 years. The shortest time served under one of these long sentences was two years. The shortest term served for murder was 15 months under a sentence of 10 years.

Of the total number of releases from prison, 54 were from the penitentiary, which had a population of about 325, 18 from the reform school for boys and 10 from jail. There were released from the penitentiary two women, one for murder and one for larceny, and two were released from jail. There were six pardons to persons convicted of larceny of cattle, one for larceny of horses and one for obliterating brands.

LABOR SHORTAGE HAS NOT BEEN SERIOUS

Harvesting is over in Curry County and much of the grain has been threshed. Curry County farmers have gotten through harvest with not a great deal of trouble for lack of farm labor, notwithstanding the big crop of grain. Labor-saving machinery and pretty weather have contributed toward getting the harvesting done promptly.

BOUGHT FINE FARM

J. C. Nelson and Joe Hall have sold their 480-acre farm west of Clovis to F. B. Herod and Sam Jones. The deal was made by the Union Mortgage Company.

These gentlemen have also bought a quarter section adjoining this land.

WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mandell will return to Clovis the first of the week. They will be accompanied by Mr. Mandell's daughter, Pauline.

PLANNING TO REPAIR CLOVIS-ROSWELL ROAD

Tourists in this section of the country will welcome the announcement of the State Highway Engineer, L. A. Gillett that the bad stretches in the highway between Clovis and Roswell will be repaired.

Mr. Gillett, accompanied by W. C. Davidson, district engineer for state highway district No. 2, passed thru Clovis this morning on an inspection tour of the roads in this part of the state; and stated that the eleven miles of bad roads near Acme, in the gypsum belt, would be repaired under a state and federal aid project on Chaves County's road program.

This stretch of road will come under the third year's schedule and repairs will begin not later than next July. Present plans include grading up a stretch of thirty miles this side of the Acme project, and this work will be started within a short time.

"New Mexico is very fortunately situated with regard to road work," said Mr. Gillett, "for the financing of this work comes under a tax levy and there is no delay in financing the repairs." Many other states, according to Mr. Gillett, finance this work through bond issues, which are particularly hard to float at this time, and the road work in more than a dozen western and middle-western states is tied up waiting for the bond market to get back to normal.

Mr. Gillett has just completed the inspection tour of district No. 2, which comprises Otero, Lincoln, Lea, Eddy, and Chaves counties, and from Clovis he will make a tour through district No. 3. J. B. Easter, district engineer for the latter district, which is made up of Curry, Quay, Roosevelt, Guadalupe and DeBaca counties, met Mr. Gillett here and will make the tour with him.

"We have a good substantial contract on the projects from Texico to Portales," said Mr. Gillett, "and I expect the work on these roads to start within the next three weeks." This contract, which has just been let, specifies a hard surfaced road from Clovis to Portales, and a graded road with concrete drainage structures from Clovis to Texico.

R. M. BISHOP BUYS J. FRANK NEEL FARM

The land market in Curry County received another boost Tuesday when a deal was closed whereby R. M. Bishop purchased the 270 acre farm belonging to J. Frank Neel, for \$90 per acre, the total consideration being \$42,300. This farm lies on the Abo Pass Highway two miles west of Clovis and is one of the best improved farms in Curry County.

NO SENTENCE PASSED ON YOUTHFUL LAW VIOLATORS

Judge Sam Bratton heard a plea of guilty Wednesday afternoon from J. V. Vigini, charged with theft, and Mearl Berry, charged with forgery. Vigini, who is eighteen years of age admitted to having stolen a pistol from O. C. Terry, a cook in a local restaurant.

Young Berry, who is only sixteen recently forged a check and exchanged it for merchandise at Kendall Dry Goods Co. He also admitted having passed another bum check at Belen.

Judge Bratton did not pass sentence on either of the youthful law violators at the session Wednesday afternoon.

A. L. Keene, who is charged with having stolen narcotics from the Southwestern Drug Co. a few weeks ago, was bound over until the August term of District Court when he will be given a jury trial.

ANOTHER BIG ONE

The News is displaying a giant stalk of sweet clover that was brought to Clovis by R. O. Robinson. The stalk measures a little over six feet and was raised on the ranch of W. M. Robinson, north of St Vrain.