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## PROGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR RURAL TELEPHONE

John Byrne, Newly Elected Secretary-Manager, Plans To Install 200 Phones By March

A program of intensive progress is in store for the Curry County Rural Telephone Company, according to John Byrne, newly elected secretary and manager, who assumed the duties of his new office this week.

Reports of D. W. Jones, retiring secretary and manager, show that a great deal has been accomplished since the work was first started. The auditing committee of Clovis bankers complimented Mr. Jones very highly on the able manner in which he had handled the business of the company.

A review of this report shows that a total of \$25,763.42 has been taken in. Of this amount \$19,837.50 came from sale of trunk line shares, \$2,925.92 from sale of party line materials, and \$1,000 from bills payable. The trunk line costs aggregate \$16,056.82 and cost of party line materials and labor \$7,347.80.

According to Mr. Byrne, the new manager, ten toll stations are now working, together with one party line at Ranchvale, one at Claud, three at Pleasant Hill and two at Holene. Aside from the toll stations 45 phones have been installed, and it is probable that more than 200 will be installed by March 1st.

By building additional party lines the system can accommodate a total of approximately 700 phones.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Byrne left Wednesday for Grady where they will urge the completion of the party lines which have been planned in that community.

## W. C. T. U. LECTURER TO APPEAR HERE NEXT WEEK

Mrs. Eva C. Wheeler, world lecturer for the W. T. C. U., who recently returned from a year's speaking tour in New Zealand and Australia, will give an eloquent recital and travel talk of her experiences in these countries at the Christian Church Tuesday evening, January 25th, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be a musical program in charge of Mrs. Byrl Johnson.

There will be no charge for the recital, and everyone interested in the work of the W. T. C. U., and in the Frances E. Willard School for Girls at Belen, which the union is aiding, is urged to be present. Mrs. Wheeler is a forceful speaker, and her message of temperance is always interesting.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock a reception will be held at the home of Mrs. A. B. Austin, 204 North Connelly Street, in honor of Mrs. Wheeler. At this time there will also be an eloquent and musical program and the ladies of the W. T. C. U. and various clubs will be represented on the reception committee. All members of the W. T. C. U. clubs and church societies and friends of the union are cordially invited.

## CALLED TO WISCONSIN

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor left the first of the week for Onaska, Wisconsin, in answer to a message announcing the death of Mr. Taylor's sister at that place.

## VISITING IN CLOVIS

H. W. Honaker is in Clovis this week looking after business matters and visiting with old friends. Mr. Honaker is now living in California and says business conditions are much better here than there.

## D. H. HOLDEN HERE

D. H. Holden of Noble, Oklahoma, was in Clovis this week attending the funeral of his brother, Jim Holden, who was buried Monday. Mr. Holden, before moving to Oklahoma was a Curry County citizen and lived northeast of town.

## ON ADVISORY BOARD

C. W. Harrison of Clovis has recently been appointed on the advisory board of the National Life Insurance Company of the Southwest. This is a New Mexico company with headquarters at Albuquerque.

## GRADY TEAM SHOWS UP WELL AT STOCK MEET

State Champions Have Good Chance To Win First Place at National Western Stock Show.

"The Cena Cooking Club team from Grady gave a splendid demonstration today, and have a good chance to win in final competition tomorrow. Have made excellent record for New Mexico club work."

The above is the substance of a message received by the News from Mrs. Edna Hume Durand, county club leader, who accompanied the team to Denver where they are competing with teams from a number of western states.

The young ladies, Maces Olga and Leah Carter and Anna Gamble, won first place in the state meet recently.

## FORMER CLOVIS MAN DIES AT CHICAGO

J. H. Barry received a message the first of the week announcing the death of J. E. Nelson at Chicago. Mr. Nelson is the father of Bill Nelson, of the Nelson Construction Co. This company built the Harvey House and other Santa Fe buildings in Clovis. The elder Mr. Nelson, who died last week, is well known among the old timers of Clovis, who will be grieved to learn of his death.

## BOOKS ARE DONATED TO HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

A valuable addition to the high school library was received this week when S. A. Jones donated a set of "Messages of the Presidents." The set consists of eleven volumes, gilt edge, morocco bound, and is a splendid addition to the library. Mr. Jones is a member of the school board, and has taken a great deal of interest in the Clovis public schools during the past few years.

## SOLONS PLAN ACTION ON GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS

Half of Proposed Legislation Prepared in Form of Bills, Rest in Advisory Committees.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 19.—On the eighth legislative day of the fifth legislative session, 10 of the 20 specific recommendations for legislation made by Governor Mechem in his message, are before the assembly in the form of carefully prepared bills, and are ready for action. The remaining 10 executive proposals are under consideration by committees and bills covering them are under way.

The largest problem before the legislature, in connection with the executive program and party platform pledges, is the taxation problem. The Governor recommended a constitutional amendment reducing the maximum tax levies that may be made, a personal income tax on a flat rate, an ad valorem tax upon mines with power in a tax commission to fix the values and consideration of the majority and minority reports of the special revenue commission relative to the whole subject of taxation and revenue. It is the hope of members of the senate and house finance committee to get the whole group of amendments to the tax laws and such new laws as may be submitted, before the legislature in one group of measures that have been carefully harmonized, so as to prevent conflict in purpose or authority and so that the whole program may have consideration at the same time.

## CITY TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT

The city has asked for bids for new power equipment for the light and water plant. Bids will be opened on February 7th and are asked for on both oil and steam equipment.

## OFF TO MARKET.

W. I. Luikart left the first of the week for points in the east to buy new goods for spring. Mr. Luikart plans to have many of his new goods arrive so that they will be here as soon or shortly after he gets in his beautiful new quarters now being completed on North Main Street.

## CITY COUNCIL MAY BUILD CALABOOSE

The City Council is considering the proposition of building a calaboose. County authorities require a commitment order from the court before city prisoners can be taken care of at the jail. This makes it difficult to handle prisoners who are arrested at night as they have to be guarded. The mayor appointed alderman K. C. Childers, C. Anthony and J. W. Mordecai to investigate the probable cost of a suitable building and report at next council meeting.

## WILL TAKE LIMIT OFF SERVICE OF SCHOOL EXECUTIVES

Santa Fe, N. M., January 17.—Backed by the pledges of both political parties, and with the recommendation of Gov. Mechem in his message to the legislature, a bill will be introduced this week to remove the limitation of service of the state superintendent of education, and also county school superintendents, now limited to four years by the constitution. The bill will submit an amendment to the people permitting these elective school executives to remain in the public service as long as the people wish to re-elect them. It is expected that legislative action on the bill will be unanimous.

Since statehood New Mexico has suffered serious losses in school executives of the most competent kind who have been moved to seek places in other states because of the limitation on service here. Both men and women have refused to run for county superintendent because there was no reward for efficient service save dismissal at the end of four years.

Another important educational measure is that establishing \$1200 as the salary basis for holders of first grade teaching certificates. This measure also has the sanction of the governor and the backing of both party platforms, and is expected to pass without much opposition even from the most ardent advocates of economy. The experience of New Mexico up to this time has been that adequate salaries for efficient teachers forms good public policy and that it will pay to continue it. The legislature may seek to advance standards for first grade certification of teachers, this course having the strong endorsement of the New Mexico Educational Association.

## FARM BUREAU MEETS

An interesting meeting of the Curry Farm Bureau was held at the Court House last Saturday which was well attended. The county organization voted to join the state and national organizations and raised the annual dues from \$1.00 per year to \$2.50. Various problems connected with the work were discussed.

## MERRY MATRONS.

Mrs. John Barry delightfully entertained the Merry Matrons Club at her home on North Gidding Street Tuesday afternoon.

## STALCUP-FOSTER.

W. T. Stalcup of Clovis and Miss Irene Foster of Chicago were married Sunday evening at the home of Rev. Thurston of Farwell.

The groom has been a resident of Clovis for several years and is connected with the Barry Hardware Co., and is city treasurer of Clovis. He is an ex-service man and saw service in France.

The bride is also well known in Clovis, having served as a nurse at the local Santa Fe hospital for several months last year.

The bride has been visiting in Amarillo for several days, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Reed, with Mr. Stalcup, met her in Farwell where the ceremony was performed.

Both the young people have a host of friends in Clovis and Curry County who extend congratulations and best wishes.

## MARRIAGE RECORDS

Andrew Jackson of Grady and Miss Leavie Watts of Texico were married Monday by Probate Judge A. L. Phillips.

Melbourne Allen and Miss Eva Matteson, both of Portales, were married Monday by Judge J. P. Noble.

## SPRINGER BILL ELIMINATES ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS

The highway department will have direct charge of road building in the counties if a bill, fathered by Charles Springer, as head of the highway commission goes through.

This means that the county road superintendents—often listed among the useless official—will go and the counties will gain from \$50,000 to \$60,000—the approximate sum of their salaries.

The bill was read by Mr. Springer at the conference of the highway commission, senate roads committee, Governor Mechem and others in the governor's office Saturday.

The bill also provides for the making of road-building budgets by the county boards and prevents the expenditure of any appropriations from the road fund except in accordance with the budget. It adds that a representative of the highway department shall attend the meeting of the county board when the budget is prepared.

Under the bill counties can levy from 1 to 2 mills for road building, but cannot exceed the 5-mill limitation for county purposes.

If the bill is adopted the probable levy for road building—county and state—will range from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 mills, including the state levy of 1 1/2 mills and a county levy of 2 mills for federal aid projects.

Mr. Springer told the conference that continuation of the county levy for federal aid projects was imperative. Without the levy the highway department could not meet the federal aid allotted to the state.

For the three years of 1919, 1920, and 1921 the levy for this purpose was 3 mills, but the conference believed if the levy was continued for the following two years it could be reduced to 2 mills in view of the fact that the highway department expected additional income from the proposed gasoline tax and other sources.

The conference, however, did not reach any definite decision as the house roads committee had not been appointed, although the general feeling appeared to be that the levies for road building should be held to the lowest possible figure. The Governor expressed that as his sentiment.

## EXPECT AUTO LICENSES TO REACH 30,000 MARK

Santa Fe, N. M., January 18.—Miss Edith Wileman, assistant secretary of state, today estimated that the number of licenses issued for motor vehicles by the secretary of state office at the end of the year would reach 30,000.

The office issued slightly more than 22,000 during the last year and Miss Wileman expected close to 8,000 increase although she said there probably would be losses from last year's registry.

The office is not sending out plates this year, but small seals will be issued for the next several years. Miss Wileman heard that some automobile owners were throwing away their plates. These should be kept, she said.

## VISITING MARKET POINTS

A. Mandell left this week for the northern and eastern markets to buy new spring goods for the Mandell Clothing and Dry Goods Co. Mr. Mandell says he will make extra big purchases this season as the firm will be in its new location before spring goods begin to arrive.

## NEW NIGHT OFFICERS

J. D. Keene has recently been appointed by Mayor J. C. McClelland as city police and is on the night force.

## Sadler Back on Job.

The familiar face of former chief F. E. Sadler is also seen on the night force now. Mr. Sadler has been given a commission by the Mayor but his services are being paid for by the business men. Mr. Sadler was on the city force for a number of years.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS

Wheat, per bushel	.....\$1.55
Corn, per bushel	.....60c
Maize and Kaffir, per cwt.	.....65c
Eggs, per dozen	.....40c
Cream, per pound	.....38c
Hens, per pound	.....14c
Turkeys, per pound	.....25c

## STATE WILL NOT GET SECOND CONGRESSMAN

House of Representatives Will Retain Present Number of 435; 12 Seats Changed.

The House of Representatives at Washington voted Wednesday to retain its present membership of 435, and thus smashed the hope of New Mexico for a second congressman.

In the re-appointment bill that was passed Missouri will lose two seats, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Rhode Island and Vermont will lose one. These seats will be distributed as follows: California, three; Michigan, two; Ohio, two; and Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington one each.

## WHITING WILL NOT MOVE FROM CLOVIS

A. J. Whiting this past week closed out the remainder of his stock of goods and has retired from the mercantile business. Mr. Whiting has been a Clovis merchant for about twelve years and has been very successful. He says he has seen Clovis grow through hard times and good times and in retiring from business it is his and his family's desire to take a much needed rest. Mr. Whiting assures the News that it is not his intention to move away from Clovis, which will be good news to our readers, as he is one of our substantial citizens.

## CLOVIS NATIONAL NAMES OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

Walter Zerwer, Former County Clerk, is Elected Cashier and Director.

At a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Clovis National Bank this week the following officers and directors were chosen to serve the bank during the coming year:

President—Alex Shipley.  
Active Vice President—J. C. Nelson.

Cashier—W. C. Zerwer.  
Ass't Cashier—Willard Swaney.  
Directors—Alex Shipley, John T. Shipley, J. C. Nelson, Dr. J. W. Board, A. W. Hockenhill, and W. C. Zerwer.

The election of W. C. Zerwer as Cashier and a director in the bank is the only change made in the officers. Mr. Zerwer is an efficient clerical man and his work as County Clerk of Curry County has met with unanimous approval.

## JAMES HOLDEN DEAD.

James Holden, who lived south of Clovis, died last Saturday after an illness of only a few days. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lewis at the Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon after which the remains were interred in the Clovis cemetery.

Mr. Holden had been a citizen of Curry County for a number of years and was a substantial citizen. He is survived by his wife and a daughter.

## GURLEY-WRIGHT

A. L. Gurley and Mrs. Madge S. Wright were married in Oklahoma City Wednesday afternoon according to announcements received this morning. After a short visit in Oklahoma City, they will go to Wichita, Kansas, where they will make their home.

Mr. Gurley is well known in Clovis and Curry County, having lived here for the past ten years. He is president of the Gurley Broom Corn Co., operating throughout the southwestern states.

The bride, too, is well known here, having lived in Clovis for a number of years. Until recently she was assistant secretary of the Union Mortgage Company.

## NEW BABY BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Roberts are rejoicing over their new baby boy, who arrived Saturday.

## LUIKART ENDORSED FOR CLOVIS POSTMASTER

Recommended For Appointment By Republican County Committee. Wagner's Term Expires in July.

The Curry County Republican Committee has endorsed Captain John C. Luikart for the position of postmaster at Clovis. The term of A. B. Wagner, the present incumbent, will not expire until next July. At that time, or shortly afterward, Republican will be appointed to the position. The postmasterships are scheduled to be given out upon the recommendation of Congressman-elect Montoya. As Mr. Montoya has signified his intention of following the recommendation of local party organizations it is but natural to presume that Mr. Luikart will be the successful applicant for the position when the appointment is made.

## DOUGLASS K. FITZHUGH ADMITTED TO BAR

Dougllass K. Fitzhugh of Clovis is among the eight applicants who were admitted to practice law by the board of bar examiners who were in session in Santa Fe last week. Mr. Fitzhugh was one of three admitted on examination. The other five were admitted on certificates from other states.

## DEFENSE RESTS IN THE CANNON BALL CASE

Santa Fe, January 19.—The defense rested at 3:25 today in the famous Cannon Ball Case which has been before U. S. District Judge Neblett in the federal court since January 4. Argument will begin tomorrow and will probably continue for two days.

There are five defendants in the case. There were 99 or more witnesses in this case and the concluding testimony was as to the character of most of the defendants.

Attorneys Patton & Hatch and Wm. A. Gillenwater of Clovis are on the council for the defense.

## C. H. S. BASKETBALL TEAM MEETS ROSWELL FRIDAY

The Clovis High School basketball team leaves Friday for Roswell where a clash is scheduled with Roswell High. The home team has been showing up well this season, with not a single defeat marked up against it, and prospects are good for an all-victorious team.

## TO STAGE THREE BASKET BALL GAMES FRIDAY NIGHT

There will be a regular basketball festival in the local High School gymnasium Friday night, when three games are scheduled to be played.

A crack team selected from the faculty men will play Pleasant Hill in the principal match of the evening. The Freshmen and Sophomores of the High School will meet the Grady team, and the High School second team will play the Farwell five.

The opener will start at 7:00 o'clock.

## ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Houchen entertained a number of guests the first of the week in honor of their son, Robert, of Ellenwood, Kansas.

The evening was most enjoyably spent in cards and "42" and at a late hour a most appetizing plate luncheon was served. Mrs. Houchen was assisted by Misses LaLonde and Young.

## IN NEW LOCATION

A. Isenberg has leased the Croft building formerly occupied by Whiting's and has moved the Surprise Store No. 3, from the Curran building to that location. Mr. Isenberg announces that he will put in a complete stock of goods in the building immediately.

## RETURNS FROM SANTA FE

City Superintendent of Schools E. W. Bowyer, returned from Santa Fe Thursday morning, where he has been for several days attending to business of the New Mexico Educational Association, of which he is president.