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## SINGING CONVENTION AT RANCHOVALE APRIL 17TH

Ten Classes in Curry County Will Compete and Noted Singers From Texas to be There.

Plans are now under way for the first big singing of the year that the Curry County Singing Convention will stage at Ranchovale on the third Sunday in April, according to Jno. F. Taylor, president of the convention.

Each organized singing class in the county will be represented and a number of noted singers from Texas will be on hand, too, it is stated.

According to present plans, the convention will be called to order at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, a basket lunch will be served at noon, and singing will last throughout the day.

The convention, which has for its purpose the stimulation of community spirit, will hold four meetings during the year, in April, June, August and October. Definite dates and places for the remaining three meetings have not yet been decided.

Classes are now busy in the communities of Union, Pleasant Hill, Claud, Ranchovale, Hollene, Bellview, Grady, Prairie Chapel and Havener, and other classes will doubtless be organized before the meeting in April.

The Curry County Singing Convention has grown rapidly since its organization three years ago, according to Mr. Taylor. From one district it has expanded until it includes the whole county, and is serving a splendid means of bringing the different communities of the county together.

These conventions usually draw people from a radius of 100 miles.

## BLAZE DAMAGES SWITCH SHED IN LOCAL YARD

Slight damages resulted from the blaze in the Santa Fe yards Tuesday, which was answered by the city fire department. The switch shed between the depot and the shops was the center of an excited crowd when flames were discovered, but the fire fighting brigades of the city and the Santa Fe shops put out the blaze before much damage was done.

## REV. ELLIOTT WILL LEAD DRIVE FOR RELIEF FUNDS

Rev. W. M. Elliott, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Clovis, has been appointed chairman of the drive for the European Relief Fund in this city.

Clovis should respond readily with contributions for the relief of those 3,500,000 starving children in Europe.

## CLOVIS IS STARTING BUILDING OPERATIONS

New Buildings Going Up and Others Will be Erected During the Coming Year.

Building operations are commencing to pick up in Clovis. Quite a few people are already making preparations to commence building and many others will build during the Spring months. R. E. Boshelle will commence soon on a home for himself in west Clovis. T. A. Peters will also erect a home soon.

John Comer has started a home in west Clovis that he will use for a rental property. A. C. Clark has commenced the erection of a modern home opposite the Baptist Church on lots recently purchased from E. T. Jernigan.

The Baptist church has about completed an addition 30x60 feet which will be used as a Sunday school room. Tharp Bros. have completed their new implement house on Washington Avenue. It is 28x100 feet and constructed of brick.

A new adobe building is being constructed on South Connelly St., at the site of the old rooming house that was destroyed by fire several months ago. It will be occupied by the J. R. White Motor Company when it is completed.

Dave Rogers has commenced the erection of a home on North Pile Street.

## SPRING SEED WHEAT IS IN BIG DEMAND

"Farmers in Curry County are planting many times more spring wheat this year than ever before." This is the statement that is being heard on every hand now, and indications now are that the total acreage will be limited only by the supply of seed wheat. Dozens of inquiries for spring seed wheat come into the local elevators each day and most of the supply that has been stored up over the county has been sold out.

Lane & Sons Grain Company has ordered a car of seed wheat for the benefit of the farmers of the county, and it should be in Monday, according to announcements Thursday morning.

It is estimated that 30% more land was sown to winter wheat than last season, and a record wheat crop is expected this year.

## POOL HALLS AT TEXICO ARE KNOCKED OUT

According to a decision of Judge Bratton here last Saturday the pool halls at Texico are no more. A short time ago the City Council of Texico passed an ordinance prohibiting pool halls at that place. The legality of the ordinance was attacked in the case on trial here and Judge Bratton held the ordinance had been properly passed, with the result that Texico pool halls will be no more. A number of interested people from the state line town were here to hear the trial.

The basketball season will be officially closed Saturday night when the home team clashes here with the team from Amarillo High School. This promises to be a good fast game.

With several High Schools over the State claiming the championship it is possible that a state tournament will be staged in a short time to determine the champion. If such a tournament is played, it is possible that Albuquerque will be selected as the most central location for the meet. Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Raton, Las Vegas and Clovis will probably be the title contenders.

## FARM BUREAU WILL HOLD MEETING HERE TUESDAY

Reorganization and Plans for Coming Year Will be Considered at First Annual Meeting.

Tuesday, March 8th has been designated as the date for the big booster meeting of the Curry County Farm Bureau, and every farmer in the county is urged to be on hand. The Presbyterian church, one block east of the Clovis Filling Station has been selected as the meeting place and the meeting will start at 10:00 a. m.

The time has come, according to officials of the bureau, when the organization should be placed on a firm foundation, so that the farmers of Curry County can get the fullest benefits from this agency.

It is only through organization that the best results can be obtained, and this is to be the principal object of the meeting. Farmers are urged to come and bring their families and their ideas and help make the meeting a successful one.

The American Federation of Farm Bureaus is now producing results. The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau is active in behalf of every farmer in the state, and the people of this county should get in line to receive the benefits that are theirs.

The court house was first selected for the meeting but Court is in session at this time and the meeting place had to be changed.

## SOLDIER MEMORIAL CARRIES IN HOUSE

Santa Fe, N. M., March 2.—The resolution introduced in the senate by A. L. Zinn, democrat of Quay, and passed by that body unanimously, has enjoyed similar success in the house of representatives and with the signature of the governor, will be sent to Congress.

The memorial requests the cession to New Mexico of the unappropriated and unreserved public domain within the state in order that it may be given to ex-service men and nurses without other qualification except of honorable service during the war.

If Congress acts favorably upon the request, the distribution will mean a substantial bonus to every ex-service man from New Mexico.

## MARRIAGE RECORDS

Elizabeth B. Finney, of Roswell, and Howard J. Danfeler of Michael, S. D., were married Tuesday by Rev. W. M. Elliott.

Estelle Rogers and Lee Crews, both of Amarillo, were married Monday by Rev. R. B. Freeman.

Julia M. Choate and Arthur J. Robertson, both of McAllister, N. M., were married Wednesday by Rev. W. M. Elliott.

## CLOVIS HIGH DEFEATS PORTALES HIGH 39-21

High School Basketball Team Adds Another Victory to Successful Year. Amarillo Here Saturday.

Clovis High School basketball team added another victory to its successful season by defeating the Portales High School team by a score of 39 to 21 in the local High School gymnasium Friday evening.

From the first toss Clovis was easily the victor. Three second string men made their appearance in the line-up, and did good work. Jerry Miser, Freshman guard, worked through the entire game at left guard in the place of Wilbur Anderson who is laid up on account of injuries.

Jack Frost went in at left forward for Hunt, and Greaser substituted for Jones at right guard.

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## KIWANIS CLUB RECEIVED CHARTER

The Kiwanis Club officially received its charter at a banquet given at the High School Auditorium last Thursday evening, at which time some thirty persons were present. C. W. Harrison acted as toastmaster of the occasion. The welcome address was delivered by E. W. Bowyer and Judge Sam Bratton spoke on "Inter-City Relations." Dr. H. N. Bowers of Albuquerque presented the charter to the club in a pleasing address, and C. A. Hatch, on the part of the Club, made the acceptance speech.

Mrs. B. W. Johnson, E. E. Tagader and Miss Thelma Reagan rendered vocal selections that were very much appreciated.

## CLOVIS ADVERTISES FOR BIDS ON PAVEMENT

March 12th is Set as Final Date For Receiving Bids. Three Types Are to be Considered.

The city council is now advertising for bids on the proposed paving proposition, according to announcements made this week, and bids will be received up to March 12th. The paving will be one of three kinds—vitrified verticle brick brick on concrete base, bituminous on bituminous base, or bituminous on concrete base, and estimates will be considered on all three types.

The paving will be laid on Main Street from Munroe Avenue to the Santa Fe right of way, Grand Avenue from Connelly to Gidding Street, Munroe Avenue from Mitchell to Gidding street, Gidding street from Otero to Bent Avenue, Pile street from Otero to Munroe Avenue and Otero Avenue from Mitchell Street to the alley between Pile and Gidding Streets.

## WILL BUILD \$15,000 RESIDENCE ON GIDDING

J. W. Mordecai has commenced the erection of a most modern home at the corner of North Gidding and Bent Avenue. The residence will be constructed of brick and will be a beautiful home to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000 when it is completed.

## CHAMP CLARK IS DEAD.

Washington, March 2.—Champ Clark of Bowling Green, Mo., died today in his 71st year within two days from his retirement from the house after 26 years of service.

Death was due to pleurisy and a complication of diseases incident to advanced age and the development of a severe cold ten days ago.

## PROSPECTS ARE LOOKING BRIGHTER

The outlook for future business conditions for Clovis and Curry County is very flattering right at this time. Ample rainfall makes the prospects for a wheat crop the very best and the acreage is the largest it has ever been. In addition to winter wheat thousands of acres of spring wheat are being sown. Indications are that building operations will be commenced in earnest soon and all in all Clovis and Curry County can expect better times from now on.

## LOCAL COMPANY TO BUILD NEW ELEVATOR AT HAVENER

A. F. Roberts, contractor, of Seabath, Kansas, will come to Clovis within a short time to figure on the new elevator which the Cramer Mill & Elevators Co., will erect at Havener. The capacity of the proposed elevator will be about 15,000 bushels.

## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES PRINTS OF EQUIPMENT

The City Council met Tuesday evening and approved the blue prints of the new equipment which will soon be installed at the city power plant. The equipment consists of a 500 kw General Electric Curtis turbine and two Casey Hedges high pressure boilers.

A part of the equipment has already been shipped, according to Mayor Joe C. McClelland. The new machinery will practically double the present capacity of the plant.

## PROMINENT BAPTIST SPOKE IN CLOVIS

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, general director of the Baptist Seventy-five Million Campaign and president of the Southwestern Theological Seminary, spoke at the Baptist church in Clovis Monday night. Dr. J. B. Gamble, who was to have been here with Dr. Scarborough, was unable to be in Clovis on account of sickness.

## WESTERN ELEVATOR CO. HAS BEEN REORGANIZED

H. A. Parks, for several years associated with the Fort Worth Elevators Company, arrived in Clovis this week and assumed his new duties as manager of the Western Elevator Co., which has recently been reorganized.

Under the reorganization the following officers and directors have been selected: Dr. J. W. Board, president and director; L. H. Sanders, vice president and director; J. C. Nelson, sec. -treas. and director; and J. H. Tatum and Ed Leuch, directors.

## TAX COLLECTION WAS BIG JOB THIS YEAR

The office of County Treasurer J. S. Morgan has been a busy place for the last few days of the past month. Many people waited until the few days remaining before the penalty went into effect to pay taxes. The last half of taxes must be paid before June 1st.

Mr. Morgan says the issuing of receipts was a bigger task this year than ever before on account of so many lots being subdivided. Many lots that have been assessed in blocks of two or more lots have been sold since January 1, 1920, and it was necessary to re-figure the tax and issue many extra receipts on this account.

Mr. Morgan says he is glad the grand rush is over and that he feels about ten years younger since the work of issuing all these receipts has been completed.

## CLOVIS WILL SOON HAVE FLORAL COMPANY

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Carver will soon establish a floral business in Clovis which will operate under the name of the Clovis Floral Company. Dr. Carver was in town from Grady Wednesday and informed the News that the company would build a green house at some location yet to be chosen but will be ready for business soon. Dr. and Mrs. Carver will not dispose of their interest in the Grady bank, but plan to move to Clovis.

## IMPORTANT ROAD MEET HELD HERE IN APRIL

Representatives From 25 Chambers of Commerce will Discuss New Mexico Scenic Loop.

That the entire state is recognizing Clovis as the gateway to New Mexico and the southwest is indicated by the big booster meeting held by the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce Friday. Speakers at the meeting emphasized the fact that the Scenic Highway of New Mexico, originally mapped out by the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, should be advertised throughout the U. S. With this end in view a meeting will be held in Clovis late in April and delegates from twenty-five Chambers of Commerce over the state are expected.

The Scenic Highway, which, it is stated, should interest the 500,000 motor car owners in Texas, starts at Clovis, and after going through a loop of a dozen or more cities, terminates here. Included on the route are Santa Rosa, Las Vegas, Springer, Cimarron, Ute Pass, Taos, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque.

## BANKS MAKE GOOD SHOWING IN STATEMENT

Clovis banks have all made good statements this week in answer to the call recently made by National and State banking departments. Deposits in local banks are not as high as they were several months ago but local banking institutions are in excellent financial condition and compare favorably with the banks in any of the towns of this section of the country.

## KIWANIS CLUB BOOSTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Advocates Substantial Assistance for This Department So That Work Can Go Ahead.

The work of the Chamber of Commerce was boosted at the Kiwanis luncheon Wednesday of this week. W. B. Cramer, who was delegated to give the oral boost of the day, commended the work that had been done by that organization and maintained that it should be properly financed so that the good work could go ahead. He also said Clovis should have free city mail delivery and said it was the duty of the Kiwanis Club to get squarely behind the problem of building more street crossings and sidewalks so that free city delivery would be possible.

Bert Curless told of some of the road work that has been done by the Chamber of Commerce and said the organization belonged to the citizens and it was always ready to get behind any worthy movement.

W. O. Stallings in a short talk favored going after a Federal building for Clovis.

E. C. Hollinger, who has recently assumed his duties as county agent of Curry County, invited the Kiwanis Club to cooperate with the Curry County Farm Bureau in all matters of interest to farmers of the county.

A special feature of the luncheon was the vocal music which was furnished by Wendell Foreman and Marion Elliott.

## NIGHT PROWLER VISITS MASTERSON'S STORE

Cigaretts, crackers, canned goods and overalls were the choice selections made from the stock of the Masterson Store in east Clovis by a night prowler Wednesday night. No clue as to the identity of the robber was left, except an old pair of overalls that were discarded nearby. This is the second time that this store has been broken into in the last two months.

## CHAS. V. STEED, JR.

Charles Vernon Steed, Jr., is a new citizen of Clovis. He made his appearance Monday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Steed. Charlie says he is the finest boy in Clovis and he does not doubt it the least bit, and here's hoping he is some day president.

## GRAND JURY REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED

Eleven True Bills and Four No Bills Reported; Jury Makes Few Recommendations.

The jury term of District Court convened Monday with Judge C. R. Brice presiding. The grand jury was empanelled Monday afternoon with C. F. Doughton as foreman. Two special venire were sworn in before a grand jury could be obtained as many jurors had legal excuses that the court recognized. The grand jury was composed of the following:

C. F. Doughton, H. Sanders, R. A. Carter, C. C. McGee, Henry Barris, S. L. Lewis, R. P. Stanford, J. W. Shavers, O. F. Pinkerton, R. E. Sheridan, J. H. Sommerfrucht, J. C. Rierson, E. C. Huffman, T. F. Blackmore, A. J. Conley, Tom Burnett, C. D. Sorrows, L. B. Maxey, A. D. Dickey, H. Turner, J. W. Wilkinson.

Following is the report made by the Grand Jury:

"To the Hon. Chas. R. Brice, Judge of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District within and for the County of Curry and State of New Mexico.

"We, the Grand Jury, duly empaneled at this February, 1921, term of the District Court in and for the County of Curry, State of New Mexico, beg leave to submit the following as our final report:

"We have carefully investigated all violations of the law brought to our attention and have examined and made investigation in all of twenty-six alleged violations of the law, and have examined in all fifty-nine witnesses, and have found eleven true bills and four no bills.

"We have, through our foreman and through committees appointed by him, examined all the County offices and find the Treasurer's office nice and clean and well kept and the books in good shape; we have also found the County Clerk's office is nicely kept and in a business and efficient manner; the County Superintendent's office is in good shape and efficiently kept; and the Sheriff's office, together with all the other county offices and the jail are neatly and well kept in a manner that gives efficient and approved service to the public.

"We find no violations of the compulsory school attendance law.

"We wish to thank the Sheriff's force for the prompt and efficient assistance given to this Grand Jury during its labors; also wish to thank the Court and the District Attorney's office for their diligent services and their kind and courteous treatment.

"In view of the financial depression that is existing, and not through any waste that has come to our knowledge, we desire to recommend to the Honorable Commissioners of this county, together with all the other county officials, that they make just as little expenditures as is consistent with the prudent and efficient management of their official duties; we desire a further recommendation to the Honorable Commissioners that they take every step within their power to lessen the burdens of taxation without impairing the progress and development of our county, and that they use every effort to try to secure a better equalization of the assessed valuation of the land, according to the productiveness and market value of the various classifications of the land within this county.

"We further recommend for the consideration of the School Board of this county that they advertise and let under contract with bond the operation of the various school trucks transporting the children to and from their homes to schools in the consolidated schools, to the lowest responsible bidder for such positions.

"Thus having finished our labors, after being in session two and one-half days, we respectfully ask the Court be discharged."

Dated this 2nd day of March, 1921.

C. F. Doughton, Foreman.  
J. W. Wilkinson, Secretary.

## PURCHASED HOME.

J. C. Miller has recently purchased the new home of Ira Downing on North Axtell Street. Mr. Miller will move there soon and Mr. Downing will move to the place on North Rencher which is now occupied by Mr. Miller.