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#### WANTS TO HEAR FROM OLD BEAVER

In remitting for The Herald, Andy McKew, formerly of Beaver but now of Deming, New Mexico, writes, "We will appreciate getting some first hand information concerning everybody and everything in Beaver. Have had no news from there for a long time." The name was duly searched. Mr. McKew knew the best way to get ALL the news. The Herald prints it all, all the time.

#### ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The annual school meeting in this district Tuesday of last week was not largely attended. Many persons overlooked the time of the meeting, others were busy out of town in harvest and still others just failed to attend as is customary. W. T. Quinn, whose term as treasurer expired, was re-elected. Reports were heard and approved. A levy sufficient to run the school the coming year was authorized and other routine business was transacted.

#### GAVE LIFE IN SERVICE

We are attempting to compile an accurate and complete list of those men who gave their lives in service during the war. This list will be furnished to the Oklahoma State Historical Society so that as the time comes when Oklahoma and its different counties erect monuments in the memory of those men a correct list may be available for their use, and for other purposes.

Please send information concerning names to the Herald, Beaver.

#### MRS. O. H. COFFIN INJURED

In remitting for The Herald the past week, Mrs. O. H. Coffin, formerly of Beaver but now of Pratt, Kansas, enclosed a clipping from a Pratt paper telling of an injury which she suffered recently, but from which she is recovering. The clipping follows: "Mrs. O. H. Coffin, 205 East Fourth street, had the misfortune to dislocate her shoulder Saturday. The member was replaced and she is now getting along all right again."

Beaver friends will regret to learn of the injury but are glad that Mrs. Coffin is improved.

I. N. Phelps and T. C. Braidwood, of the Overland Garage left Sunday for Wichita, Kansas, to attend the Tractor Show which is in progress there this week.

#### RECEIVES TOBACCO CARD

The first cards to be received so far as we have heard, from overseas in acknowledgement of the gifts of tobacco sent to our soldiers last year through The Herald came the past week. Two came in the same mail here, one to the editor of The Herald, the other to David Miller. We were beginning to fear that the tobacco with which the consignment from Beaver county friends was sent had been on some ill-fated ship which the Huns sent to the bottom but the cards coming the past week are evidence that it reached its destination.

J. W. Bridwell, of Riverside, was called to Missouri last week by the serious illness of his father.

#### THE HERALD DESIGNATED AN OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWS-PAPER

A large number of Herald readers will rejoice with this paper this week in the fact that The Herald has been designated by the new Board of County Commissioners, as the official county newspaper in which will be published during the term of the present Board, the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners at their regular meetings each month as well as all other legal notices coming under the supervision and direction of the Board of County Commissioners.

Our large circulation in all parts of the county will give the widest publicity to official legal news emanating from the County Board and their action in designating The Herald as the official county organ, will serve well the interest of the large number of taxpayers who are subscribers to this paper and who are interested in the publication of such matter. We appreciate the courteous shows The Herald and all such legal publications shall have our careful and personal attention that no errors may creep in and that the matter may be published in a clear and concise manner, so that the purpose of publishing the same which is to give the public information concerning the affairs of the county, will not be in vain.

#### FIRE FROM HOT BOX

Grover Bess had a narrow escape Saturday from losing considerable grain by fire. His crew had just finished threshing on an 80-acre tract when a hot box on the separator threw fire into the straw stack and a fire was soon under way and out of control. Fortunately the separator was saved and no grain was lost, the fire spreading from the straw stacks to the stubble but it took valiant work on the part of many who came from surrounding farms and several carloads of men who went out from Beaver, to get the fire under control and prevent its spreading to nearby fields. The fire ran for some distance before it was headed for but luckily did not burn anything except grass and stubble.

#### TRUCK LOAD CATCHES FIRE

J. H. Shearer narrowly escaped a serious loss last week when his Ford truck, which was being driven to Balko by Chas. Stain and which contained a load of hardware for a Balko firm, caught fire. The young man was smoking and it is thought had emptied his pipe letting the live tobacco blow back into the load where it lodged among some burlap and started a blaze. The fire was seen by parties living along the road and they telephoned to Balko that the load was afire. Men hurried out in autos, the truck being only a short distance out from town, and managed to get the load off thus saving the truck. The loss was about \$150.00, a part of which the hardware company assumed. Mr. Shearer paying \$100.00. The fire occurred July 4th.

#### BEAVER GETS SPLENDID RAIN

A splendid rain of 1.5 inches fell here Monday night and it came at a time when it was badly needed for the continued dry weather of the past few weeks, while fine for harvest, has not been the best in the world for row crops and gardens and yards were beginning to show the effects of the drought. The rainfall was confined to a small area. It did not extend to any appreciable distance from Beaver except to the southwest. The county needs a good general rain right now.

#### TOPINKA LOSES SOME WHEAT

A loss to wheat was suffered by Andy Topinka, near Forgan, last week from a fire which originated from a camp fire started near the Pookham grove by some boys who were camping and which got out of control and spread through the tall meadow grass to the Topinka wheat field.

Mail Carrier C. B. Barker broke a spindle on his Ford car Saturday while on the trip to LaKemp. He was going at a good rate of speed (as usual) and had a number of passengers in the car but luckily, all escaped without critical injury. Mrs. Bentley, of LaKemp, who was riding in the front seat with the driver, was hurt quite severely by being thrown into the wind shield. Her face was quite badly lacerated and she sustained a broken nose. The other passengers escaped with only a shake-up.

A. P. Brown, who has been with The Light Grain & Milling Company here for the past month, has resigned and has accepted the management of the A. Lake & Co. grain business at the new town of Booker, Texas, just south of LaKemp. A considerable advance in salary and "home-sickness" to be with the people of the South Flat country whom he knows so well is the diagnosis of the cause of the change for otherwise Mr. Brown would not choose to leave Beaver.

A daughter, weight 7 pounds, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Crabtree, today, July 17th. All doing well, except Jim. He may recover.

#### WHAT BECAME OF THE \$10,000.00

Under the above caption, which was borrowed from a recent article in The Herald and which question this paper is still asking and so far it has not been answered with facts, F. H. Sebastian, of Gray, caused to be published in last week's Beaver Democrat a long communication which was evidently intended to answer the query but which failed utterly to do so to the satisfaction of anyone whom we have seen who read the article. Instead of explaining what became of the \$10,000.00 the writer far over-shoots his mark and launches out into a tirade and attack upon this paper. We have no quarrel in the world with Mr. Sebastian and had no idea he entertained such feelings against this paper for we have said nothing but good of him and his good wife, whom we have held up before the readers of this paper more times than once as among the live, progressive citizens of the county and called attention to their Blue Lake Stock Farm, near Gray, as one of the beauty spots of the county. We have nothing to retract now from these statements and bear Mr. Sebastian only the best of good will, however, be that as it may, his "explanation" fails to explain anything. His article says:

Gray, Okla., June 16, 1919. EDITOR "THE HERALD": The Beaver Herald, in an effort at partisan propaganda to discredit the old board of county commissioners, asks "What became of the \$10,000.00 received from the state?" I have just had the privilege of driving over forty miles of dirt road from Gray to Liberal and as we enjoyed the ride could not wish that the editor of the Herald would try out that "Paige eight" on this road and on the east and west road that has been built through the principal towns of the county and then tell herself she thinks of the late road building by our present board of county commissioners. The road from Liberal, Kansas to Gray, is the most traveled road in the county.

In the first place we presume Mr. Sebastian considers an "artisan propaganda" anything which tends to call attention of the public to the acts of the Board of County Commissioners.

He goes on to say he has just been privileged to drive over forty miles of dirt road from Gray to Liberal, Kansas, the "most traveled road in the county." The road to which Mr. Sebastian refers is a state road, built by Beaver county, Oklahoma, to connect Ochiltree, Texas with Liberal, Kansas, and is a direct highway between these two inter-state towns. It serves well the interests of Ochiltree county, Texas, and Liberal, Kansas, but to Beaver county as a whole, is of exceeding little value, serving only the people of the Gray vicinity and of other intermediate points, which, while they are the very best people ever, (some of them) yet represent only a small minority of the county's population, thus, we fail to see the justice in expending such vast sums of money on this one highway to the exclusion of all other roads of the county. This road runs along almost the western boundary of the county. It is a long way to the east county line and there are taxpayers living on nearly every quarter section. Of what benefit is this road on the west county line to them?

Another thing which Mr. Sebastian had overlooked is the fact that the \$10,000.00 motor vehicle tax available for this county is NOT for road construction but for road MAINTENANCE, thus his "explanation" fails to explain again.

We have tried out the roads referred to in our "Paige eight", which is a "Six" Mr. Sebastian and we can follow your advice in that we may venture to "tell yourself" what we think of the road building of the old board of county commissioners, but after that ride, we wouldn't dare tell in print what we think. We still wish our paper to be privileged to circulate in the mails.

Without further "explanation" in regard to the road matters, Mr. Sebastian launches into the matter of the discontinuance of the office of county agent for the present, by the new board of commissioners and asks,

Will the Herald stand sponsor for this first act of the board of county commissioners who has guaranteed and give us a progressive, business administration.

Yours truly,

F. H. SEBASTIAN. To which we reply, we certainly will. It has been explained to us that under the present arrangement the cost of maintaining a county agent in Beaver county would be something like \$3,500.00 a year. This is in addition to the amount paid by the federal government making the county agent's salary and expense something like \$8,000.00 a year. How many taxpayers in Beaver county feel that the benefit derived from the county agent is worth that amount of money? We know a lot of taxpayers who feel that it is not worth that much. We'd like to hear from those who agree that it is. We believe that the new Board acted wisely in this matter, and we shall maintain that belief until it is shown us by the mass of the people that it was not the part of wisdom and economy to do so. The discontinuance of the office was only for the present, as we understand. If it is shown, or can be shown that the expenditure is a just one, we have no doubt but that the new Board will be glad to re-establish the office. Commissioners Maddenhall, Drum and Daniel are not for curbing any legitimate expense or in any way curtailing the growth and development of the agricultural interests of the county but, they are men of business mind and judgment and, without fear or favor, are entering into the duties of their office with a determination to do the thing which in their opinion is

## Found Him Asleep!

When burglars entered old Safety Stevens' house they found him sound asleep. When his wife aroused him with the whispered assertion that "there are burglars in the house," he replied with a yawn, "Let them go—they can't find anything. Our money is in the bank." He was not worried. His pocketbook contained nothing but a bunch of blank checks and a little loose change; nothing to lose. It pays to have a bank account in a good reliable bank for the feeling of safety inspired, to say nothing of the many conveniences and advantages.

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## Come!

be for the best interest of the people of the county in general. We still guarantee that they will give us a progressive, business-like administration. Time will tell. It is too early to condemn just yet. Watch the new Board of County Commissioners. We have the fullest confidence in their ability and integrity and this belief is shared by a great many taxpayers in all parts of the county as their overwhelming majorities at the polls last November attests.

Still we ask, What became of the \$10,000.00? Where was it spent for road maintenance?

#### HARVEST NEARING A CLOSE

The best evidence that harvest is at an end was the crowd of men and boys who were on the streets of Beaver Saturday and Monday. The past two weeks there was scarcely a man to be seen, all being busy in the wheat fields, but Saturday the work was done for the most part and they took the day off and came to town. Threshing is going on now but this does not require so many crews at the same time and thus a great many of the workers are freed for other activities.

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