

Notice of a Business Change

I take this method of announcing to the public that I have bought the Cooper Garage and machine shop, and will continue the business under the name of Cooper Garage, J. B. Potts, Jr., proprietor. I will specialize in the repair and accessory business. I will have no car agencies, these being retained by Mr. Cooper.

We are in a position to do the highest class of repair work at a reasonable price. We can save you time and money. In as much as we have the best equipped repair and machine shop in Southeastern Oklahoma. We have only expert mechanics. No amateurs work on your car in our shop. We are not specializing on any car, but are equipped to properly repair any and all cars from the Ford to the Packard.

We have ample storage room for cars at \$4.00 per month, washing and cleaning free.

I am going to give all my time exclusively to the repair and accessory business.

Your patronage will be appreciated.

COOPER GARAGE

J. B. POTTS, Proprietor.

Durant Will Save Money By Motorizing Fire Department

Economies Effected Will More Than Pay Interest on Sinking Fund on Bonds; and Besides This, the Insurance Rates Will be Lower.

Mayor Hynds and the board of aldermen of Durant have made a careful investigation of the resulting benefits to Durant from the voting of bonds in the sum of \$12,000 for the motorizing of the city's fire department, and arrive at the following conclusions:

- (1) That motorizing of the fire department will cause savings in the department that will more than meet all interest and sinking fund payments to retire the bonds.
- (2) By reason of poor and uneven water pressure the city is not now assured of sufficient pressure to fight a big fire, but with the motor equipment to include a pump, the pressure would be kept uniform by the pump and always adequate.
- (3) The new equipment will not only prevent an increase in fire insurance rates, which would cost the people several thousands of dollars a year, but will result in a rate even lower than the present one.

The council's findings are reported to the News as follows:

Whereas, we, the undersigned Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Durant, have called an election to be held on Tuesday, October 16, for the purpose of submitting to the taxpayers of the City of Durant the proposition of voting bonds in the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of motorizing the fire department, and

Whereas, we have made a careful investigation of the need of such improvement and believe in our best judgment that a change from the present horse-drawn apparatus to motor apparatus is an imperative need from a safety, business and economical standpoint, we offer the following facts in connection with our city fire department:

Present Equipment Obsolete.

First, our present equipment is obsolete, inadequate and unsafe. There is hardly a city the size of Durant in the country that does not have a motor-equipped fire department. Our present equipment is inadequate and unsafe because of the fact that it is old and virtually worn out. Most of it has been in use for a dozen years, and it is only a matter of a short time before it will ab-

needed, which means a saving of \$840 a year, making a total saving of over \$1,400 a year.

Will Lower Tax Rates.

The increase in the tax rate if these bonds are voted, not taking into consideration the saving in upkeep and man-hire in the department, would be about 4 1/2% on the \$1,000 worth of property, which is a mighty small tax increase.

But taking into consideration the saving in upkeep and man-hire, which in this case amounts to \$1,540, there will really be a lowering of the tax rate by voting this bond issue. This \$1,540 is now raised by taxes, and will be eliminated if the bonds are voted. On the other hand, taxes to pay the yearly interest and \$1,000 of the principal yearly will have to be raised by taxation. This will amount to an average of \$1,325 a year, or in other words, a saving in the amount of taxes that must be raised per year of \$215.

Means Lower Insurance.

Third, there will probably be another saving, besides this \$215 a year to the taxpayers, in the form of a lower insurance rate, which is practically a certainty, if our fire department is motorized. It is impossible to figure this saving at this time, as the lower rate will not be made until the new equipment is installed, but this should amount to several thousand dollars per year to the taxpayers of the city.

City Would Buy Bonds.

Fourth, it is intended for the City to purchase these bonds, if they carry, out of the sinking fund, thus making another small saving to the city in the way of interest.

Low Water Pressure.

Fifth, at present the pressure in the mains of the city is entirely too weak to fight fires with, because of the large amount of water now used by consumers. With a motorized department, including a fire pump, the pressure will be multiplied many times, giving adequate fire protection regardless of the pressure in the mains.

Now, in view of the above facts, and of our careful study and consideration of this need, we deem it an absolute necessity to motorize our fire department, and each of us have voted to call this election and sincerely trust that the citizens of Durant will give this matter careful consideration and vote for the bond issue next Tuesday, October 16, 1917.

Respectfully submitted,

- (Signed) H. P. HYNDS, Mayor,
DIAL CURRIN,
A. C. ETHRIDGE,
E. C. TERRELL,
HORACE MARSHALL,
A. P. BLACKWELL,
FORREST JOHNSON,
H. C. FRYE,
J. R. MCKINNEY,
—Councilmen.

Are you on the Red Cross rolls?

PROGRESS OF THE RED CROSS SPEAKS WELL FOR MEMBERS

Members' Activities Have Broadened Until Three Rooms of the Elks' Home Are Necessary to the Work Undertaken.

When the ladies of the local Red Cross were given the free and unlimited use of the Elks' Home of this city for their work they believed that the spacious ladies' parlor fronting on the portico would be amply large for their work; but now inside of a few weeks, their work is utilizing the Ladies' Room, the "Blue Room", and sometimes the large reading and writing room across the hall from the parlor, and at that it is possible that still more room will be needed — all of which speaks big words of commendation for the ladies who have taken the leadership in this movement.

One may visit the Home at any hour when work is in progress, and in the Blue Room, which is designated the "cutting room", see several ladies busy cutting up goods for various things, when they are carried into the "basting room", where other ladies rapidly baste them into shape, after which they are turned over to a half dozen more ladies at electrically-operated sewing machines, who sew them up into the finished product.

It is remarkable, the volume of work that the ladies are turning out for the Red Cross; but more things are needed, and the time of more ladies is required, for there is an endless demand for the articles the Red Cross is making.

FOR SALE

Good forty-acre farm, fair improvements, within six miles of Durant, being the S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 9 East, and the W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 10 East. Price \$1,200. Reasonable terms if desired. Address E. C. Starnard, Shawnee, Okla. w39-4t

SECOND SAND AT HEALDTON

Different oil drillers operating in both the Healdton field and the Fox district report the striking of second sands at a depth varying from 2,100 to 2,800 feet. The oil found in the deep sand is said to be of much better quality than in the shallow sand and in paying quantities. Following the reports, holdings in the fields near the strikes have been greatly enhanced in value.

NORMAL TO PLAY THE DENTON NORMAL

Friday of this week the football team of the S. E. Normal goes to Denton, Texas, to play a game with the fast Denton State Normal there. Denton has a pretty good team this year, and the local management anticipates a hard game for the Durant boys.

Public Auction

Wednesday, October 24th at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

I will offer to the highest bidder at public auction the following stock and implements. Sale to be held at my place at Utica, Oklahoma.

2 Jacks, 1 Stallion, 40 Head of Horses, Mares and Mules, 4 Cultivators, 3 Turning Plows, 1 Disc Harrow, 2 Combination Corn and Cotton Planters, 15 Head of Hogs, Household Goods and other articles.

All sales of \$25.00 or under Cash in Hand. Larger sales cash or bankable paper at 8 per cent. All goods must be settled for before removing from place.

I am holding this sale to dispose of my property as I expect to move to Amarillo, Texas. There will be no by bidders and all goods will go to highest bidder.

J. W. Pruitt,

Col. Grant, Auctioneer.

UTICA, OKLA.

Important Automobile Announcement

WE TAKE THIS MEANS OF ANNOUNCING

the opening of our new automobile show rooms at 28 Main street, which we believe to be the finest in Southeastern Oklahoma, and which you are cordially invited to visit and inspect.

WE HAVE THE DEALERSHIP FOR THE

Winton, Cadillac and Hupmobile cars—each supreme in its class—offering in variety the car to suit the purchasers taste and means.

AT OUR NEW PLACE WE WILL MAINTAIN

a car washing, oiling and greasing station in charge of a specialist at this work—and will be in a position to render unusually good service at reasonable prices.

We will soon have ready a modern filling station to supply Gasoline, Oil, Water and Air.

Dwight Auto Company

Phone 425 DURANT, OKLA. 28 Main St.

A FRIEND IN NEED

Suppose you need a little money, sometime, and your bank account is low,

Wouldn't Your Liberty Bond Look Good to You?

A Liberty Bond is as good as money. You can borrow on it or sell it.

We are buying a Liberty Bond—

Your banker will supply you with full information concerning the Bonds.

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RUB-MY-TISM

Will cure your Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts and Burns, Old Sores, Stings of Insects Etc. Antiseptic Anodyne, used internally and externally. Price 25c.