

**Alligators At Normal Are Fed First Time Since October, 1920**

On July 1, 1921, the alligators at the Southeastern State Normal school were fed for the first time since October, 1920, when they went into hibernation. In May, they showed signs of activity and a desire for food and were transferred to the cool light-shaft court in the east side of the Administration building where they have been lazily basking and lounging in the sun and shade of the court, now and then regaining the students for food as they passed on the stairs in a brief respite from classes. When it was announced by bulletin that the alligators would be fed at noon on this date, every window on every floor surrounding the court was packed as Lawrence Boulton, Ernest Gladney, Lawrence Boulton, Frank Dyer, students of zoology at the normal, gave the hungry reptiles their first meal in seven months. The alligators were presented to the live collections in 1916, secured from New Orleans. The alligators will now be fed once or twice a week till fall, when they will be ready for their sixth winter sleep in captivity. Prof. Wickham stated that exact measurements will be made to determine the growth in five years.

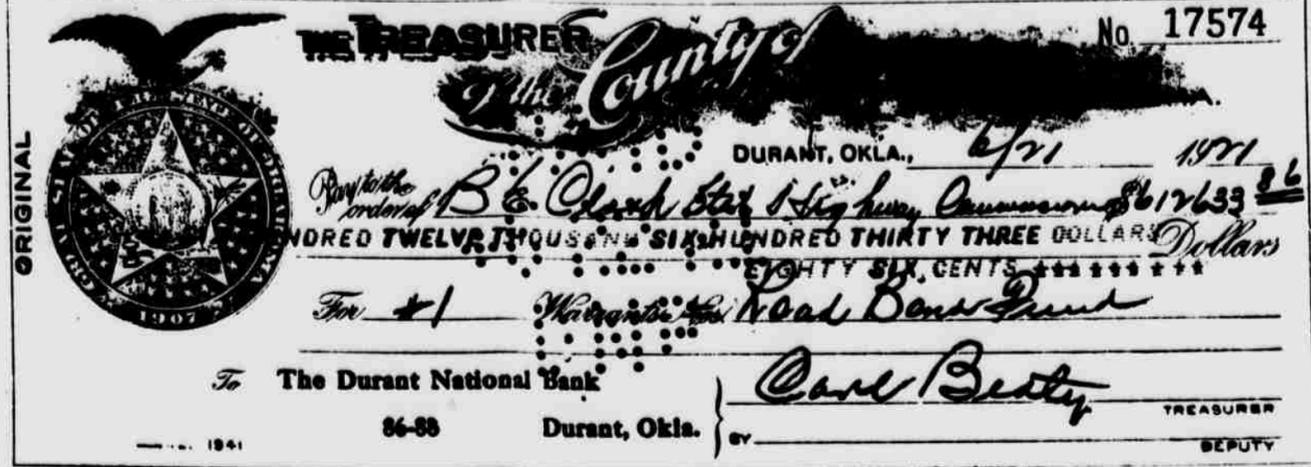
**DEMPESEY EASILY DEFEATS THE FRENCH CHAMPION**

Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion boxer, easily defeated Georges Carpentier, French champion, at Jersey City last Saturday, knocking the Frenchman out after the fourth round had progressed one minute and sixteen seconds. At no time was the champion in danger. In the second round Carpentier managed to land his famous punch on Dempsey's head but the blow, evidently the Frenchman's best barrel, jarred the husky champion. The knockout came from a terrific right hand to the jaw, after which Dempsey rushed in and picked up his vanquished foe and carried him to the corner, after which he wrote a telegram to his mother telling her of his success. Early in the fourth round, Dempsey landed a terrific right to Carpentier's jaw, which floored him for the count of nine. When the Frenchman was up and before fairly set Dempsey hit him in his characteristic straight style, and gave him a jolt with a smashing right to the jaw. Carpentier, said afterwards, that he broke his thumb on Dempsey's head in the second round but Carpentier agreed that the plucky Frenchman never could have hurt his stronger opponent. Carpentier's much vaunted defensive work was evidently matched by the champion, for the Frenchman missed more swings at Dempsey than Dempsey did at him, the champion showing his own head to be a master of the game of keeping out of danger's way. After the fight Carpentier made a statement in which he said he was defeated by a better man than himself, and opined that Dempsey is one of the greatest fighting machines of all time.

**SCRUGGS QUILTS AS COUNTY ROAD OVERSEER**

W. G. Scruggs, supervisor of the roads of Bryan county has tendered his resignation to the County Commissioners effective July 1, in order that he may have more time to attend to his own private affairs. At the time it is not known whom the board will select as his successor. Mr. Scruggs has held this job for eighteen months and has made an excellent showing on the roads, especially in view of the great amount of rain which has fallen during the period. He is being given the county appointment he was overseer for Spaulding Township.

**The Biggest Check Ever Issued In Bryan County**



The above is a photographic reproduction of the largest check that has ever passed through a bank in Bryan county. It is the check of Bryan county in favor of the State Highway Department for a sum necessary to match the Federal Aid on roads, appropriated to Bryan county.

**HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON MONDAY**

As result of an automobile accident that occurred Monday forenoon, Frank L. Dyer, had a deep gash in his scalp and Lowry Matthews, sustained painful bruises but none were seriously hurt. Lowry and Paul Matthews, their mother, and Frank Dyer had started on a fishing trip in Paul's Ford. As they were crossing a short high bridge over Kanella Creek near the Jim Ballew place east of town, the steering wheel came off, and the car and occupants fell twelve feet to the creek below. Frank evidently struck a rock in the creek with his head for he sustained a long and deep laceration in the head. Paul and his mother were unhurt. The car was a wreck.

**ENGINEERS APPROVE HUGO POWER PLANS**

The site for the proposed hydro-electric power dam project in Kiamichi mountains, northeast of Hugo, again has been visited by engineers and plans approved. Special surveys and specifications were made whereby 44 feet may be added to the height of the 400-foot dam.

It has been estimated that 900,000,000 gallons of water, exclusive of the water of Mountain Fork river may be stored in the reservoir to generate into electric power. George W. Goethals, engineer who superintended the construction of the Panama canal, will be here sometime in July to look over the completed plans.

**NEVER EXPORTED SO MUCH WHEAT**

Total exports of wheat and flour for this country for the crop year ending with June exceed 350 million bushels, and make a new high record. Our highest previous exports of wheat for any crop year were 333 million bushels out of the record 1914 crop of 1,025 million bushels. That crop was 238 million bushels more than the 1920 harvest but it was supplemented by a carry-over of 150 million bushels, also, it is estimated, by importations of 50 or 60 million bushels from Canada.

Dr. J. A. Clay      Dr. S. R. Clay  
**CLAY BROS.**  
Optical Specialists  
We grind your lenses in our own shop. No delays. Promptness and reliability our Motto  
Office with O'Banion Music Co.  
Phone 793      Durant

**Hays Plans Great Postal Bank Plan**

A plan to draw the hoarded wealth of the country—estimated at \$1,000,000,000—out of its hiding places and put it into useful channels to assist the coming industrial revival is announced by Will H. Hays, Postmaster General. The plan entails the revision to make it more attractive to potential depositors.

Hayes' reorganization idea has been approved by bankers. "This \$1,000,000,000 hidden away should be in circulation now," Hays declared. "It would furnish the tonic to conclude the business convalescence in the country."

Hays would bring out the country's hoarded wealth as soon as possible in the present postal system:

1. Increase the rate of interest from 2 to 3 percent.
2. Pay interest on deposits held less than one year.
3. Remove restriction against depositors under 10 years of age.
4. Provide for joint and trust funds.

5. Establish postal savings banks in 50,000 postoffices, instead of 6,300 as at present.

6. Compensate fourth-class postmasters on the basis of deposits they handle.

7. Redeposit funds in local banks with more liberal qualification rules for such depositors.

8. Enlarge the board of directors, including a representative of the Federal Reserve Bank and one or more civilians.

**AGREEMENT PERFECTED ON BRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS**

B. E. Clark, State Highway Commissioner, has returned from Washington where he closed the contract with the Federal Government for Oklahoma's share of the Federal Aid Road fund for the five year period which ended June 30th. Oklahoma's share of the huge fund was \$8,230,000, all of which has either been spent or is under contract, according to announcements from the highway department.

While in Washington Mr. Clark also effected an agreement with the federal agencies upon the specifications for bridge building in Oklahoma. Heretofore no agreement upon bridge specifications has existed between the State and Federal Departments, and as a result many bridges have been constructed in the State without participation in the Federal Aid fund. "The new agreement simply means that the State and Federal specifications for bridge structures are the same and in the future Federal aid will apply on bridge building in this State," said Mr. Clark.

**DR. A. L. STOUT**  
**OSTEOPATH**  
First State Bank Building  
Phone 888      Durant, Okla.

**Rail Wage Slash Is Now Effective**

The twelve per cent in railway employee's wages, determined upon by the Railway Labor Board is effective on July 1st, and has the effect of lopping about \$400,000,000 a year off the annual railroad payroll.

The NEWS will buy an unlimited quantity of clean cotton rags

**BREG, GARRETT AND CO.**  
D. L. Stradford, Manager  
**FARM LOANS**  
Our titles are examined here in Durant, assuring prompt closing of Loans. Let us serve you, if it is Farm Loans  
34 West Main Street  
Durant, Okla.

**People Always Appreciate---**  
*First Class Service in the Mixing and Preparation of Drugs*  
**WE GIVE YOU THAT!**  
—SAY—Have you tried our soda fountain?  
**CRESCENT DRUG COMPANY**  
217 W. Main      Telephone 99

**ADEQUATE INSURANCE**  
Don't play with the Demon who spells his name with four letters  
—FIRE—  
It's too risky. Why not by a proper amount of FIRE INSURANCE and be protected from hazard. Talk to us about it.  
**LOW RATES**  
**Salmon, Gilstrap & Ward**  
Phone 22      Durant, Okla.

**SAVE TIME AND MONEY ON YOUR NEXT TRIP IN TEXAS**

From Denison	One way	Round trip
To Dallas	\$2.10	\$4.00
To Waco	\$4.95	\$9.40
To Corsicana	\$3.65	\$6.95
To Ft. Worth	\$3.03	\$5.67

(War tax 8 per cent additional)

**TEXAS ELECTRIC RAILWAY**

**MEAD**

**ANNUAL PICNIC AND BARBECUE**

**Friday and Saturday JULY 22 and 23**

**Lots of Amusements—Public Speaking—Free Ice Water! BIG BARBECUE**

For Concession Rights, See—  
**J. G. McAlister } Committee  
L. A. Roland }**

**SOME POINTED QUESTIONS**

Are you allowing the years of your youth to slip by without making preparation for the time your earning capacity will be reduced?

Are you prepared to weather a season of sickness, lack of employment or other adversity? Have you a little money at hand with which to grasp the opportunity that will make you independent?

A BANK ACCOUNT is the answer to these and many other of Life's questions.

**4 PER CENT ON SAVINGS**

**DURANT NATIONAL BANK**  
DURANT, OKLAHOMA

**THE AMERICAN STATE BANK DURANT OKLA**

**DEPOSITS GUARANTEED**

**IT'S A SAFE BET—**  
that the young man you see working hard and saving a portion of his money each week will certainly succeed.  
**ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?**  
If not—best start this week.

This Bank offers the best facilities to take care of your needs.  
ASK US.  
**THE BANK THAT FRIENDLY SERVICE BUILT**  
**4% ON TIME DEPOSITS**