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## BOWLES CASES TO COME UP MONDAY

### JUDGE B. C. LOGSDON OF MARIETTA TO HEAR ACCUSATIONS AND EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE AGAINST MAYOR.

On next Monday, April 24, the five grand jury accusations and the one grand jury indictment against Mayor B. P. Bowles of Durant, will come up for hearing in the district court.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has appointed Judge B. C. Logsdon of Marietta to hear the cases.

Mr. Bowles was suspended from office by order issued by District Judge Logsdon Friday, March 10, following the returning of accusations against the mayor by the grand jury. The accusations were, briefly, as follows:

Count No. 1 accuses him of embezzlement of \$818.50.

Count No. 2 accuses him of refusing and failing to file with the city clerk a monthly statement of fines levied and collected by him as required by law, for the months of May, 1921 to February 1922 inclusive.

Count No. 3 accuses him remitting fines assessed in seventeen cases, without authority of the city council.

Count No. 4 accuses him of using \$10 collected by him as a fine with which to purchase bedding.

Count No. 5 accuses him of using \$11 collected by him as fine for the purchase of a stove and blankets. On the same day, the grand jury returned an indictment against Mr. Bowles, charging him with the embezzlement of \$818.50 of the city's funds. He immediately made bond and was released.

The accusations upon which he was temporarily suspended from office are in the nature of a civil proceeding. If the accusations are sustained before the jury his removal from office will be made permanent.

The embezzlement charge is a criminal charge. His attorneys, Utterback & MacDonald have filed a demurrer to the indictment and this will be heard Monday.

## W. B. MORRISON IS AGAIN HEAD OF O. P. COLLEGE

### Board Plans To Completely Equip Buildings For Next Term

At a meeting of the board of the Oklahoma Presbyterian College for girls, held in Durant this week, Dr. W. B. Morrison was chosen as president of the institution for the ensuing year, to succeed Dr. E. H. Lyle, who has headed the school the two years past. Dr. Morrison was president of the school for some nine years, but resigned to go into private business. He now turns his business over to his partner, W. H. Wright, to resume educational work.

The Board also voted to expend something in the neighborhood of \$5,000 on better equipment for the school. The improvements will include improving the heating plant to better serve both buildings and the completion of furnishing the new building.

The members of the Board attending the meeting were, Dr. S. L. Morris, Atlanta, Ga.; A. N. Leecraft, Oklahoma City; Rev. S. L. Hogan, Gotebo, Oklahoma; Dr. Erskine Brantly, Antlers; Kibb Warren, Shawnee; A. H. Ferguson, W. B. Morrison, E. Hotchkin and Frank Lewis, Durant.

## HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING

Fire early Wednesday morning almost totally destroyed a house owned by Mrs. Geo. Walker, at 216 East Main Street. The house was occupied by Roy Gould, who had two light housekeeping rooms, and T. H. Dorsey, in the other three rooms. Practically all the furniture of both was destroyed.

The fire, which was started from an exploding oil stove in the rooms occupied by Mr. Gould, spread rapidly over the house, and the family of Mr. Dorsey had to flee from their blazing rooms in their night clothes. Mr. Dorsey had gone to work, and Mr. and Mrs. Gould were eating breakfast. The loss on the house is about \$1,500. Mr. Dorsey lost furniture valued at \$1,000, uninsured. Otto Chapman, who owned the furniture in the other rooms valued at \$600, had no insurance.

## TRADES DAY WILL BE HELD ON MAY 2

### A LOT OF PREMIUMS TO BE OFFERED ON VARIOUS KINDS OF EXHIBITS OF FARM PRODUCTS.

The Retail division of the Chamber of Commerce is now perfecting its plans to make May 2, the biggest trades day, miniature county fair and market day, ever held in Durant, and a large display announcement of the plans is to be found on the fifth page of this edition of the News.

As is usual on such days the country people are asked to bring in any and everything they may wish to sell, and the town folks are being urged to go to market square and provide a market for the products. On former days of the kind, products offered have been quickly sold, to both the satisfaction of the seller and the buyer. The free services of an auctioneer will be provided as on former days.

In the little county fair, first and second premiums will be offered on the following general classes of exhibits: Duroc-Jersey and Poland-China hogs, seven classes for each kind of hog, and on seven breeds of poultry, with three separate classes for each breed.

All hogs to be entered for the premiums must be entered on or before, Saturday April 29. All exhibits must be in their places by eleven o'clock of trades day morning.

Next week the committee plans to publish in these columns, the complete premium list for each class.

## WILLIAM SCHOONOVER IS REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. M. Schoonover left early this week for Dallas, with their youngest son, William, whom they are having examined by specialists. The lad has been in poor health for some time and did not seem to improve. It is reported that the child is affected with heart trouble.

## LEECRAFT NOT TO BE A CANDIDATE

### STATE TREASURER SAYS THERE IS PLENTY OF GOOD GUBERNATORIAL TIMBER IN THE FIELD ALREADY

A. N. Leecraft, State Treasurer, was here Tuesday attending a meeting of the board of trustees of the Oklahoma Presbyterian College, of which he is secretary. When asked if he was going to be a candidate for Governor he said that he felt that it was his duty to give his time to the office of State Treasurer, which he is now filling, and that there was so much good material already announced that he saw no reason for running.

While here he went to Colbert, his home town, to attend to some matters of private business, before returning to the capital.

## GOLDEN CONTEMPT CASE TO BE HEARD ON FRIDAY

### Ira Golden Made Bond For Carrying Pistol In Court Room

On Friday of this week, the case of Ira Golden charged with carrying a pistol in a court of justice, will be heard before Judge March. Golden will be represented by attorneys Utterback & MacDonald at the hearing.

Golden was disarmed in the district court room last Friday morning, as he sat just behind the prosecuting attorney who was trying a case. At the time, the jury was out on the case of Ira's brother, Mordecia Golden, charged with the murder of Tom Craighead.

After Ira Golden was disarmed, he was led before the court, who ordered him placed in jail. Shortly afterward he made bond of \$300 in Justice Archibald's court.

The hearing is to determine whether or not Golden is in contempt of court. Should the Court hold him in contempt, the Court fixes his punishment.

## MELLON PREDICTS A HUGE DEFICIT FOR YEAR 1923

### Levy of Entirely New Taxes Believed To Be Necessary to Make It

A deficit of \$500,000,000 for the fiscal year 1923 is predicted by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

The income of the Federal Government during the year will fall short by that amount of meeting the demands of the Treasury, Mellon has informed Chairman McCumber of the Senate Finance Committee and Chairman Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Mellon ventures an opinion as to how this huge deficit should be met. As recently pointed out, however, opinion is gaining some ground in responsible quarters that imposition of new taxes may be necessary. The Government's income has shrunk materially; expenditures have not declined in equal proportions. So if the budget is to be balanced, it will have to be through new taxation.

## GIRL SUSTAINS CUTS AND BRUISES IN CAR SMASH

### Miss Margret Griffin Sustained Several More or Less Serious Cuts and Bruises About the Head and Arms, in a Car Smash Up at Main and Third Avenue, at Three O'clock Tuesday Afternoon.

Miss Margret Griffin sustained several more or less serious cuts and bruises about the head and arms, in a car smash up at Main and Third avenue, at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon. She with Miss Francine Colbert, and two other young women were driving east on Main in Miss Colbert's Ford sedan. A Ford truck owned by the Womack Construction Company and driven by W. G. McBride endeavored to make the turn at the same intersection before the other car had gotten past, and crashed into the side of the sedan. The injured young woman was hurled head long through the glass front when the injuries were sustained. None of the other occupants were hurt. The most serious wound consisted of a deep gash on the left temple and the almost severing of the right little finger from the hand. The car was badly smashed.

The driver of the truck admitted to policeman George Tomlin that he was at fault.

The attending physician said that at last reports the young lady was recovering rapidly.

## INQUIRING INTO BERTRAM DEATH

### COURT OFFICERS EXAMINE MANY BOKCHITO WITNESSES BUT FIND INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CHARGE CRIME.

Ever since the finding of the dead body of Cody Bertram in the ruins of the burned Bankhead Garage at Bokchito on Sunday morning, March 26, the people of the town of Bokchito and community have believed the young man was the victim of a murderer and there was much evidence pointing to the fact that young Bertram had been killed, taken to the garage and the building fired.

Some folks were plain enough in their talk and expression of their opinions to make it appear that the blame might possibly be located if properly inquired into.

Consequently several officials held a lengthy investigation on the subject at Bokchito Monday of this week. The officers participating in the inquiry were District Judge March, County Attorney Phillips, Sheriff Taylor, Deputy Sheriff Ben Risner of Bennington, Town Marshall W. C. Patty of Bokchito and Mayor S. E. Lovelace of Bokchito.

During the day's investigation, a great number of people believed to know something, were called before the officers and closely questioned, but the day's investigation was in vain, for nothing was divulged that produced sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of any persons, although several persons were under suspicion.

The investigation did, however, bring one alleged law violator into the court's hopper, namely, Wes Williams, charged with the manufacture and sale of whiskey. He was arrested and placed in jail, but released on bond Wednesday of this week.

The arrest came about in this way. Buck Tinsley, called to the stand, was said to be thoroughly drunk. Questioned by Judge March he said he got his booze at home. Having locked him up temporarily, officers went to his house, whereupon Mrs. Tinsley pointed out the place where she said the whisky was made and sold to her husband. Further search discovered a still and Williams, as above stated.

## LARGE DE MOLAY CLASS INITIATED ON SATURDAY

### Sixty-Seven Boys Given Work By McAlister Degree Team

Sixty-seven boys of Durant and Bryan county were given the work of the order of De Molay here last Saturday night, the work being put on in the auditorium of the State Teachers' College and instituted by the McAlister degree team.

The order of De Molay is fostered by the Durant Commandery of Knights Templars, and has made an are being organized very rapidly all excellent start. De Molay chapters over the United States.

The boys taking the degrees were: Eugene Albin, Lewis Armstrong, Walter Lewis Austin, Robert Beatty, Wendell H. Braudrick, Ruel O. Braudrick, Clifford Baird, Billie Cleveland, James Henry Crockett, Jerry Cook, Leon Cagle, Fleming Clower, Turp Clark, Raymond H. Cobb, Frank Clayton, Paul D. Campbell, Virgil Curtis, Albert Chesnut, Roy L. Denton, George Donahue, Lourens Duvigne, Thad Driver, Bailey Duffie, Island S. Evans, Oscar Fontaine, John Fletcher, Sam Farmer, Paul Goodman, Lawrence G. Gramley, Carney Gregory, Wendell Huzoode, Coleman Hayes, Stewart Herrall, Raymond Hill, Willoughby Johnson, J. Frank Lively, Wilson Lewis, Edward Lyle, Randolph McCurtain, Glyn McGahay, George L. Malone, Lloyd Manning, Spauls Manning, Dennis Moore, James Morrison, Donald Marshall, Ervin May, D. Oscar Nail, Jr., Homer Ownby, H. B. Prewitt, Jr., Henry Turner Pace, Vernon Pace, Harmon O. Padgett, O. J. Powell, Dan Reynolds, Ted Theodore Richey, Isaac Newton Reed, Sarge Shull, S. E. Street, Ben Sanders, Claude Stephenson, Thomas G. Sexton, Earl Sparks, Joe Seare, Elmo Townsend, Brennan Witt, James Robert Williams, John Wesley Webb.

The officers of the chapter are as follows:

M. C. Landless Shannon; S. C., Donald Marshall; J. C. Jas. Morris; S. D. Coleman Hayes; J. D. Geo. Malone; S. S. Claud Stephenson; J. S. Willoughby Johnson; M. Brennan Witt, Chap.; Thad Driver; Sec., Billy Cleveland; Tre., Sarge Shull; Al, S. E. Street; S. B., Wendell Huzoode.

Preceptors: 1, Jewel Hicks; 2, Clifford Baird; 3, Milton Cline; 4, Paul Goodman; 5, Frank Clayton; 6, Bobt. Beatty; 7, Oscar Fontaine; Sentinel, Tom Sexton.

Impersonator of De Molay—Harry Kimbriel.

Pianist Earl Sparks.

Tuesday evening of this week at the College auditorium the formal installation of the new De Molays was held, and an impressive program rendered.

Prior to the installation an elegant banquet was served at the cafeteria by the Eastern Star ladies, which was attended by more than two hundred Mastas and De Molay boys.

## ARDMORE WINS WITH FIFTY-FIVE POINTS

### Antlers Carries Off Honors In Class B Of Big Meet

Scoring 55 points Ardmore high school won the class A meet of the thirteenth annual southeastern Oklahoma inter-high school meet here Saturday.

Hugo high school scored 40 points, finishing second. The Durant team finished third with 20½ points. McAlester was in fourth place with 1½ points.

Antlers won the class B meet by registering 20 points. Soper high school was second making a total of 17 points, Idabel, third, with 15 points, Madill 14 points, Atoka 12 points, Ft. Towson 10 points, Mannsville 10 points, Boswell 7 points, Kiowa 6 points, Healdton 5 points and Burneyville 1 point.

Willingham of Ardmore won all-round honors, scoring 21 points for his team in class A. Taylor of Soper made the most scores for his team of any individual in class B, the 17 points credited to Soper were made by him.

### Class A.

100-Yard Dash—Willingham, Ardmore, first; Hugo, second; Eastland, Hugo, third. Time 16 2-5 seconds.

High Jump—Class A—Gibson, Durant, first; Finley, Ardmore, second; Pierce, Hugo, third. Distance 5 feet 10 inches.

Half Mile—Hughes, Hugo, first; Finley, Ardmore, second; Pierce, Hugo, third. Time 3 minutes 16 seconds.

120-Yard High Hurdles—Ferguson, Hugo, first; Griffith, Hugo, and Compton, Hugo, tied for second. Time 18 seconds.

Shot Put—Brown, Ardmore, first; Curran, Durant, second; Fields, McAlester, third. Distance 48 feet 2 inches.

200-Yard Dash—Willingham, Ardmore, first; Ferguson, Hugo, second; Bennett, Ardmore, third. Time 23 2-5 seconds.

Pole Vault—Gibson, Durant, first; Hammond, Hugo, second; Storr, Durant, third. Distance 10 feet 4 inches.

500-Yard Dash—Halliday, Ardmore, first; Pierce, Hugo, second; Finley, Ardmore, third. Time 3 minutes 8 seconds.

200-Yard Low Hurdles—Eastland, Hugo, first; Macey, Durant, and Sullivan, Ardmore, tied for second. Time 29 seconds.

Broad Jump—Willingham, Ardmore, first; Walcott, Ardmore, second; Ferguson, Hugo, third. Distance 19 feet 11 inches.

400-Yard Dash—Willingham, Ardmore, first; Hughes, Hugo, second; West, Ardmore, third. Time 57 4-5 seconds.

100-Yard Dash—Taylor, Soper, first; Idabel, second; Surrill, Atoka, third. Time 10 2-5 seconds.

Half Mile—Sallors, Antlers, first; VanArsdol, Madill, second; Idal, Burneyville, third. Time 3 minutes 21 seconds.

High Jump—Loyd, Kiowa, first; Tucker, Burneyville, second; Wagner, Kiowa, third. Distance 5 feet 5½ inches.

150-Yard High Hurdles—Nettles, Idabel, first; Tucker, Boswell, second; Marriett, Ft. Towson, third. Time 18 seconds.

Shot Put—Pina, Mannsville, first; Nelson, Antlers, second; Tucker, Boswell, third. Distance 48 feet 5 inches.

200-Yard Dash—Huddleston, Healdton, first; Taylor, Soper, second; Brown, Idabel, third. Time 23 seconds.

Half Mile—Berryhill, Antlers, first; Car-

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