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PROMINENT OIL MAN HERE SEVERAL DAYS

Vice-President Of The Big Heart Oil Company Pays Rental On Leases

Albert L. Brown, vice president of the Big Heart Oil Company was in Liberal several days last week, and spent the time with County Attorney Eugene E. Davis, in connection with the affairs of the company here.

When the oil excitement was at its height this company took leases to a large block of acreage, and during his stay here Mr. Brown paid the rentals to hold the acreage for another year.

Speaking of the company Mr. Brown said that the Big Heart had merged with the Barnsbill refining Company with a capital of \$30,000,000. The Barnsbill company is composed of 29 different corporations, making it one of the largest independent oil development companies in America.

Mr. Brown is optimistic over the future outlook of the oil industry, although at the present time the oil companies are hard hit. He said that for the past eight months American and foreign economic conditions had made it difficult for the companies to do business, but he thinks the crisis is over, and that general healthful conditions will prevail, and within the next eight to twelve months the oil industry will be well on the road to a normal condition.

When this time arrives, he says the big oil companies, including his own, will carry on a campaign for new production, which is made impossible at this time because of the fact that there is from 60 to 90 per cent storage on hand and no demand for the refined product. Until buying in this country readjusts itself and foreign exchange is stabilized enabling producers to export their product, production will necessarily have to be limited.

Mr. Brown was very conservative in his remarks concerning the possible future of the Liberal field, but the fact that he paid up the rentals on the acreage owned by his company is taken to mean that they still have faith in the field and expect to develop their holdings as soon as conditions are right for the development.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bentley Sept. 4th a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barnes Sept. 7th a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oral Parker, Sept. 7th a boy.

LIBERAL SCHOOLS SHOW ATTENDANCE INCREASE

The early enrollment in the Liberal schools has shown a remarkable increase in attendance this year. The increase has been more noticeable in the Junior high and Senior high, and the primary departments have remained about the same.

The enrollment Monday morning for the schools was 1124, and it is expected that there would be many more enrollments later in the week.

The enrollment in the primary departments is an even hundred. The Garfield school has an enrollment at the present time of 247, and the McKinley school, 242. There are 152 pupils in the different annex rooms, including the beginners in the annex at Lincoln. This is the enrollment for the first six grades. Junior high has shown an increase of 39 pupils, making for the year, 188 pupils.

The high school has advanced according to the attendance. At the end of the first week of last year the high school had an enrollment of 211, and this year 244 registered Monday morning.

There are also several post-graduates attending this term. They are Leo Ackers, Lucy Barbee, Wannie Condit, Paul and Laura Barrier.

The increase in enrollment is sufficient proof that the Liberal schools are advancing in every way. The only thing that is needed to make Liberal first-class in every way is a new school building, and we hope this will soon be built.

SOUTHWEST VISITED BY HEAVY RAIN WEDNESDAY

Reports are That Downpour Was General Over This Part of Oklahoma and Kansas

The Southwest was visited by one of the nicest rains of the season Wednesday. Rain fell here about six o'clock in the morning, and again in the afternoon and evening. In all, 2.17 inches of moisture fell here.

Reports from the north and east are to the effect that the precipitation was greater than here and from the south we get information that the rain extended well across the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Considerable hail fell with the rain here Wednesday afternoon, but did no damage that we have heard.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CASUAL OR NON-CHURCH ATTENDANT

Dear Friend:—We, workers in the churches of Liberal, take this means extending you this invitation and trust that you will take this invitation in the spirit in which it is meant—a spirit of plain every-day good will from one person to another.

We who give you this invitation are largely business people, no better and no worse than the average. We go to church practically every day, not because we are afraid we will go to hell if we don't, but just for plain, every-day business, civic and spiritual reasons. We go to church because we think if everyone did, this world would be a better place in which to live, and that Liberal would be a better place in which to bring up our children, and we are not slackers but believe in doing our part.

We think too, that as people of affairs, the change of thought, the change of environment, and the change of mind, will rest us and help us in our work during the other six days of the week.

Those of us who have children also go to church to set the young ones a good example. Those of us who do not have children also go to church to set a good example to both old and young. But none of us go to church because we are scared into doing it.

We invite you in the same spirit to attend some one of the churches of our city. And we do more. We promise you something. We think that the ministers of Liberal are good men, good speakers and interesting preachers. We enjoy hearing them and want to share that enjoyment with you. They tell us things that make us think about the better and nobler things of life, and that give us viewpoints that are good for any man.

So, in all heartiness, we invite you to come around to some one of the churches for the services next Sunday. You will find a welcome and someone to say "How-de-do" if you want us to, ready to greet you as one person greets another, and you will find us, we think, just about the same sort as yourself. Come in Sunday. We will be glad to see you.

With best wishes, we remain,
Workers in the Churches of Liberal.

The band met in the band room last Tuesday to go thru its regular performance. On account of the Chautauqua last week, no meeting was called and so this week the players were full of pep, having time to gather it in. "The Brazen Coin" was tried and pocketed. A retreat was necessary on "A Charge to Victory," although no one slipped on "Slipperinis." After murdering "The Elves" the final march with "The Pride of the Parade."

The band consists of 8 pieces, two cornets, two baritones, one clarinet, one trombone, one bass and the drums. This is a fairly good start but not enough for a good band. There are plenty of bandmen in town to make a good band if they would come and practice. Liberal needs a good band badly, and if a good bunch of band men would get together, the city would probably get a competent director.

The next practice is at 3:00 Sunday afternoon on Mr. Willey's front porch, at 730 North Prospect. Everyone that wants in the band be sure and come.

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Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Sans of Seling Oklahoma who have been here visiting at the C. S. Jarret home returned to their own home the last

FISHING IN THE NORTH OIL TEST

The Baler at the Bottom of the Hole Is Causing Delay In The Drilling

The Seward County Oil & Gas Company has a fishing job in their test on the Sealey farm, north of Liberal. The baler is at the bottom of the hole, and until they are successful in hooking it, drilling is suspended.

The remarkable run of good luck is being followed by the customary run of bad luck in this test, and it is hoped that the recovery of the baler will mark the end of the run of misfortune which has delayed drilling for the past several weeks.

Nothing is known of the intentions of the Traders Oil Corporation regarding operations. Mr. McQuigg has not yet returned, and although many rumors are afloat that the crew has been ordered to report on September 15th, nothing definite is known.

Little interest is displayed in the oil game at this time. The visit of Vice President Brown of the Big Heart Oil Company caused a little ripple of excitement for a few days, but nothing has transpired as yet to justify a great deal of interest.

ADVERTISING THE STEVENS COUNTY FAIR

Hugoton to be the Scene of Big Entertainment September 26, 27, and 28

The Stevens County Fair and Race Meet will be held this year September 26, 27, and 28 and three big days are promised.

According to the programs there will be horse races, ball games, broncho riding shows, merry-go-round, ferris wheel, dancing, picture shows and many other amusements.

There will also be airplane flights everyday by Hugotons own airplane, a bunch of boosters bought for this purpose.

Liberal folks should pick a day and go over en-masse and show the Hugoton bunch that we appreciate the visit they made to our Chautauqua.

We are promised a good time and the trip would be a pleasant one.

Mrs. George Hall was shopping in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Artie Hodges was operated on Thursday at a local hospital for appendicitis.

Halls Alexander was operated on at a local hospital Wednesday for appendicitis.

Mrs. Roy Twist returned to her home in Meade Thursday after visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. F. Gorman.

HAVE RENTED ROOM FOR FREE LIBRARY

Will Be Located On North Kansas Next To Exide Service Station

The Public Library Board has rented the Walter Krohne building on North Kansas avenue as a location for the library, and workmen are now finishing the building, preparatory to moving the books to the new location. It is expected to have the library in operation by the middle of the month.

The board used good judgment in getting this location which is handy to the business district and as near centrally located as possible. It is a large light room and an ideal place for the purpose for which it will be used.

The library is bound to become an important factor in the life of the city and the Democrat is pleased to say that it is to be improved as fast as conditions justify.

Just what portion of the time the library will be kept open is not yet settled but every effort will be made to give the best possible service with the funds available.

CHAUTAQUA FUND IS SWELLED THIS YEAR

The Chautauqua fund was swelled again this year, and the committee is to be congratulated on the showing made financially, as well as in the handling of the Chautauqua.

The Chautauqua Association owns a \$500 Liberty bond, and will have almost that much more to invest this year, a good record to be sure.

We think good judgment was used in putting Ray Kennedy at the head of the organization, and while he may feel that he should retire after this year, we think that on account of his youth and good looks, he should try it again next year.

And another thing which added to the pleasure of Chautauqua was the fine Packard piano loaned by Chas. D. Taylor & Co. Not many fellows would care to place such an instrument in an old tent for seven days, but Chas. took the chance and if the piano buyers are as enthusiastic as the Chautauqua folks, he will not lose either.

The editor of the Democrat has been sleeping in a tent most of the summer for the healthful influence of fresh air, and has become so used to the canvas walls and breezes that it is a sort of habit. Then along comes the storm Wednesday afternoon, blows our tent away, pours hundreds of gallons of water on our downy couch and makes a pond of our bed-room. Now we are "hitting the hay" in our old accustomed haunts. Truly, 'tis a cold and cruel world.

CAPTAIN HILYARD TO GO TO McCRACKEN, KANSAS

Will Take Management of Lumber Yard at That Place September 15

Capt. A. T. Hilyard is arranging his affairs here preparatory to going to McCracken, Kansas, where he is to take the management of a large Lumber yard September 15th.

Mr. Hilyard has been here so long that Liberal folks have considered him almost a fixture here and it is with regret that the Democrat tells of his early departure.

For the past several years he has been captain of Co. E., K. N. G., and has been able to build the company to a high state of efficiency and stands high with the officers and men of the company as well as the higher officers in the state, and the business people of the city.

Hilyard is an enthusiastic worker and fits well into the business and social life of a community and his loss will be a real one to Liberal. McCracken is to be congratulated in getting so desirable people as Mr. and Mrs. Hilyard and we recommend them to the good people of that town as worthy of all confidence and friendship.

EXODUS OF YOUNG FOLKS WHO GO AWAY TO SCHOOL

Liberal is short a lot of her best young folks since the opening of school, many going away to attend college at the different schools.

While it has been impossible to get as complete list we have secured as many as possible.

T. J. Smith, Jr., Robert Ellis, Willard Harnden, Evelyn Molter, Velma Bond, and Francis Morrow will attend Southwestern at Winfield.

Robert Levi, George Spradling, Roscoe Jones, dary Farmer, Vernon Engel, Wallay Heaton, and Ruth Cure will attend Kansas University at Lawrence.

Ralph Bane, Jas. Taylor, Jr., and the Misses Etzold are going to K. S. A. C. at Manhattan.

Leta Nickel will take her first years work at P. A. I. at Goodwell, while Edwin Browning will attend business college at Plainview, Texas.

Clifford Leete has gone to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he will take a course in the Polytechnic Institute.

ROAD BOOSTERS VISITED LIBERAL WEDNESDAY EVE.

Accepted Proposition to mark Road Through Liberal to Lamar, Colorado

Good roads boosters from Lamar and Two Buttes, Colorado, and Johnson City, New Ulysses and Satanta, met with representatives of the Oklahoma Automobile Association and Liberal men last night and practically closed the deal for the Interstate Highway from Oklahoma City to Lamar, Colorado.

These men have been working on the project for the past several weeks, but have been unable to come to an agreement until last night when all the differences were ironed out and plans perfected for the marking of the road.

The road will run through Forgan to Liberal, thence north to Satanta, and west through Ulysses, Johnson City, and Two Buttes, thence north to Lamar, where it will connect with the Santa Fe Trail to Colorado points.

According to the agreement with the O. A. A., the road will be marked with substantial markers which the Association agrees to maintain without further cost to the towns affected.

It is claimed that it is by many miles the shortest route from Oklahoma City to the mountains and will be a much traveled highway once it is put in good condition.

TENSION! CUBS AND CUBLETS

We'll eat and drink the Lion's share, Now don't forget, old Cub, be there. At 7 bells, down at the Grier, You bring your little wife dear.

We'll have good eats, and lots of jokes, This spread is for the women folks. So don't come down there all alone, Or I'll invite you to go home.

—(Tailtwater).
Monday Evening.

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F. E. Cawley and family visited at the Kimball home at Beaver Sunday, Richard Farmer who has been visiting in Beaver for the past week returned with them.

CITY PARK IS NOW ASSURED

City Land, County Land and Land Donated by C. M. Light Furnish Ground

For many years there has been agitation for a park for Liberal, but the most enthusiastic boosters had about given up hope in securing the object of their dreams, when all of a sudden comes the announcement that the newly organized Lions club has turned the trick and that the park is even now almost a reality.

The park will be located on the west side of North Kansas Avenue, near the two big wells recently "bored" by the city.

The city owned a tract 185x940 feet near the wells, and C. M. Light owned a similar tract. Seward county also had a piece of ground about the same size adjoining. The Lions club took up the matter of a park and H. Hobbie, Ed Donnelly, Frank Fortna and Fred M. Beaty were appointed as a park committee.

Mr. Light was approached in the matter and very generously agreed to donate his land for park purposes if the city and county would do likewise, and have the grounds improved.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners the matter was taken up by Mayor Griffith and that august body unhesitatingly agreed to the plan.

The three tracts comprise around fifteen acres and is well situated for park purposes, being close to the pavement and the auto camp grounds.

It is planned to have trees set as soon as possible and the work of beautifying the grounds should have the backing of every man, woman and child in the city. While the Lions Club is sponsor for the movement and has made a great start it does not mean that they will not welcome the assistance of everyone in making this tract a beauty spot within the next few years.

While no definite plans have as yet been worked out, it is likely that a part of the tract will be used as a lake and the suggestion has been made that a free swimming pool be constructed. Trees will be set out and in time a landscape gardner will likely be employed to assist in laying out the grounds.

The matter of raising money for the trees is one of the big questions, but the Democrat knows of an instance where this was overcome easily in this way. A canvas was made of the residents of the city and they were requested to buy a tree, and this should furnish all the trees needed without anyone being hurt. The money for the swimming pool might be raised in a similar manner later on, as this is something which could and would be enjoyed by almost every citizen of the town.

The public spiritedness of Mr. Light is to be commended. Charlie has always been a real booster for Liberal and when the park has become a real attraction to the city the full benefit of his gift will be realized.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Salley died Sept. 3rd.

Mrs. Linger underwent an operation at a local hospital Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Wright was up from Tyrone Thursday.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM LOOKS MIGHTY GOOD

The Liberal high school football team has been doing light practice several days this week. With so little practice so far, it is hard to judge just how efficient the team will be when they get to playing games. However, we believe, after watching the men practice, that Liberal will have a team that will win most of her games by a good percentage.

The school lost almost all of last year's letter men, but there are still the former substitutes, and this year these men playing with several new men, hope to make the team a name.

There have been about thirty men out for practice and with such material the teams should be good. All of the men are young in high school and Liberal should have the best teams in the whole southwest for the next three years at least.

It Will Pay You

ROGER W. BABSON Says:—

"The need of the hour is not more legislation; the need is more Religion."

That means better church attendance; that you and I should go to church regularly.

This is an invitation to you to attend one of the churches next Sunday. You will be welcomed. Get the church going habit. It is the best of all business assets.

A man who is immersed in business all week needs to come up on Sunday and enjoy the wholesome atmosphere of religious services.

It will help you to be a better man and a better citizen.

"Come to church Sunday"—is the invitation of the churches.

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