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BUILDING ACTIVITIES ON A BIG BOOM IN SNYDER

MAG. W. WEAVER SEES WRECKAGE AT MCKINNEY

Mac W. Weaver returned Tuesday from a business trip in North Texas. He visited at McKinney and viewed the wrecked three story building in which Cheeves Brothers lost their stock of goods, and where eight people were killed and several others injured by the collapse.

Mr. Weaver says it was an ugly sight. From what he could learn there it is a wonder the collapse didn't come sooner. He was told that the lower part of the structure was built about thirty years ago and that it was a thirteen inch wall. It is not surprising that it would crumble under the weight of two upper stories.

The brick was of early day manufacture and broke all to pieces in the crush.

D. A. Jones, a prominent stock farmer of Pluvanna, was in Snyder on business Tuesday. While here he paid The Signal an appreciated visit and left the price of two years subscription in our treasury. Come again. "You are as welcome as the flowers in May."

T. A. Ohalhausen, well known farmer of the Dunn vicinity, was in on Monday and showed his faith by his works. In other words, he did not say unto us, "Be ye filled," but deposited the price of The Signal and enabled us to fill up at our leisure.

R. W. Boyd came in Monday from his farm west of Snyder and, while transacting business here, did not forget to renew his allegiance to the best paper in the best county in the best state in the Union.

W. W. Hamilton, of the law firm of Higgins & Hamilton, has gone on a business trip for the firm to Fort Worth, Dallas and Waco.

LEAVES IN A FEW DAYS FOR EASTERN MARKETS

Mrs. Coates, of the well known and popular dry goods establishment of Coates-Coleman, will leave in a few days for the eastern markets, where she will lay in a mammoth stock of spring goods to meet the ever increasing demands of the trade. She will also take her vacation while gone and will spend the time visiting in Chickasha, Oklahoma and in various points in Kentucky and Tennessee. This is the first vacation that Mrs. Coates has taken in seven years and it goes without saying that she will enjoy this one to the fullest measure.

E. P. Barron came in last week over the Santa Fe from Lubbock. Mr. Barron was once an inhabitant of Snyder and cannot resist the temptation to "wander back again" occasionally. Snyder is hard to leave for keeps.

F. C. Burris, of Big Springs, spent a few days of last week in Snyder, prospecting. He is well pleased with the outlook.

 WEATHER OBSERVATIONS
 WEEK ENDING JAN. 26

Maximum temperature 72,
 Minimum 22,
 Mean maximum 60,
 Mean minimum 28,
 Mean temperature 44,
 Precipitation 00.10,
 Days clear 1,
 Days cloudy 1,
 Days partly cloudy 5,
 Days south wind 4,
 Days north wind 2,
 Days northwest wind 1.

J. ALLEN WEAVER,
 Special Observer

SEVERAL BIG BUILDINGS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION--MORE CONTEMPLATED

SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ARE BEING EXPENDED ON THESE BUILDINGS AND GREAT FAITH IS EVIDENCED IN THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF SNYDER

THE METHODIST CHURCH WILL BE A MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE

The Residence of Geo. W. Harris When Completed Will be Modern in Every Respect and Mr. Harris is Sparing No Expense to Make it an Object of Civic Pride.

An additional evidence of the general consensus of opinion that we are now entering upon an era of unprecedented prosperity, is the concerted movement along the line of construction. On every side we see confidence manifested in the future of Snyder and Scurry county and all the boasting is not done on paper. In addition to the buildings of which we are about to speak there are many others the plans of which have not yet fully matured, but will be in a short time.

New Methodist Church

An enterprise of vast importance to the town and country in more ways than one, and which had been temporarily abandoned on account of the stress of the times, has been heroically resumed in the face of every obstacle. This is the building of a modern church plant by the Methodist people. A brick building with an auditorium capable of seating 700 people, a fully equipped Sunday School basement, church parlors and every modern convenience will be built as rapidly as money can be realized for the work. At present a subscription list aggregating nearly \$14,000 and which grows with each day, is being converted into notes and cash.

Enough cash has been subscribed to build the basement, and the plans for the entire building are being drawn by Flanders and Flanders of Dallas, and will be completed within three weeks. In the mean time, a rough sketch of the basement is expected now, any day and upon its arrival the work will begin.

The building committee, composed of the following people is busy receiving and considering bids: Judge Cullen C. Higgins, Joe Caton, Mrs. H. G. Towle and Rev. J. Winford Hunt.

The church is a unit in the advance movement and the membership is responding nobly in the matter of subscription and cash. Many outside the membership of the church have come forward and offered help, some from a desire to assist in a religious movement of such real worth and some from a desire to help advance any enterprise that means the upbuilding of the town. So far as possible the work will be done by local workmen and the money kept at home.

The Signal rejoices in the faith and enterprise exhibited by the Methodist people and feels sure that this will mark the beginning of other church enterprises in the future. Not only this but it will give a feeling of confidence in business and industrial circles here and with the return of prosperous years will be the huge blast of a mighty advancement in every interest pertaining to this great country.

When the plans and specifications of this buildings have been completed and accepted, work will begin forthwith and will be rapidly pushed

to completion. Further comment will be given in future issues of The Signal as the work progresses.

Business House

On the site of the Keith old building which was destroyed by fire last August, Geo. Harris and W. W. Smith are having a nice building erected. This building will be located just south of the Felmy grocery on Scarborough street, will be built of concrete blocks and will have a modern pressed brick front. It will have when completed, a floor space of about two thousand feet and will be up-to-date and down to now in every respect. Negotiations are on with responsible parties for the rental of this building and will doubtless be concluded before the store is finished. Sam Hull, who has the contract for clearing away the debris, finished his work last week and A. C. Westberry, who has contracted to haul the material, is busy placing same on the ground. Work will begin at once and will be vigorously pushed forward to completion.

Modern Residence

Mr. Harris is also having a twelve room modern residence built on Colonial Hill, in the west part of Snyder. Messrs. Gill and Smith who are the contractors for this residence are busily engaged and the new home of Mr. Harris is fast taking tangible shape. This building when completed will be three stories high, including the basement, and will be thoroughly equipped with water works, electric lighting and heating devices, and in fact all modern conveniences. This home will not only add materially to our civic beauty, but will also encourage others to lend a hand in adorning our already attractive city. We heartily congratulate Mr. Harris on the taste displayed in the design of this beautiful residence.

New Bank Building

While their plans have not fully crystallized, we are given to understand that, at no distant date, the Snyder National Bank will begin the erection of a three story building on the corner of Bridge and Scarborough streets. Further particulars will be given when active operations have opened up.

New Blacksmith Shop

On Tuesday of this week, W. J. Turner began the erection of a new building, in which he will open up a first class blacksmith shop. This building will be located just west of the plumbing establishment of Darby & Son. Mr. Turner informs The Signal reporter that he will be ready for business by Saturday. He has had twelve years experience as a practical blacksmith and will appreciate a share of your custom.

BETSEY OF CLOVER FARM FOR THIS SEASON

The people of Snyder are soon to be favored with the above play, by Med C. Ellis, who has by paying the royalty, procured this great play for one year.

Betsy of Clover Farm was copyrighted in 1912 by William Francis Burke. It is similar to the play which has had such a successful run in

New York, entitled "Rebecca of Sunnysbrook Farm."

The comedy is new and clean and it has an abundance of heart interest. Further announcement will be made of this production which will be one of the best attractions of the season.

Joe Stinson, who has been ill for several days with la grippe, we are pleased to note is on the streets again.

THEY RAIDED THE JACK RABBIT JUNGLES

Tom Davis, J. D. McClanahan, Neilson Dunn, J. D. Norris and R. M. White loaded themselves into a hack here Tuesday, supplied with guns and ammunition and went to the Davis farm to wage a campaign on the rabbits. They roamed the fields and split the breeze and burned up their powder and drove home in the afternoon weighted down with experience, and hungry enough to cause Landlord White to wonder just how much provision a man would consume after two days of fasting.

RETURNED THIS WEEK FROM CALIFORNIA

George W. Winneger returned Sunday from California. He has been absent for some time, being called to San Francisco on account of the serious illness of his son Clarence. Clarence, who returned with him, we are pleased to state is better.

MIDLAND POLO PONIES FOR NEW YORK PLAYERS

Meadowbrook, Long Island, Jan 31—Forty-seven high class, Texas polo ponies purchased by Godfrey Proeve have arrived here and will be sold to wealthy polo players readying in Long Island. These ponies were purchased from Henry M. Half of Midland, Texas and were trained on the famous Quin Sabe polo ranch. The prices paid for the ponies ranged from \$200 to \$750.

The Texas polo pony is finding a ready market not alone here but on every town on Long Island where this game is played.

THE SNYDER SIGNAL MAGAZINE SECTION

The Snyder Signal's Monthly Magazine Section will appear on February 7th and will contain the following features in stories and departments:

Woman of Courage—Story of the opening of the Oklahoma Strip. (Illustrated.) by John Whitecomb.

Origin of the Indians—Including the Indians of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. (Illustrated.) By Col. Acle Sooner.

\$10,000 in Gold for Texas Farmers—The good work that has been done and is being done for the farmers of Texas by the Texas Industrial Congress of Dallas. (Illustrated.)

The Panama Canal—How it will benefit Texas and the South. (Illustrated.)

The Fine Arts—Musical events of interest to the State at large.

Stories of Morgan's Men—By C. W. Geer's who fought with Morgan.

Farming and Poultry—General State Farm News.

Children's Stories—An Incident of 1913.

Fashions and Household—Latest in styles and culinary helps.

PARTY SPENDS A FEW DAYS IN THE COUNTRY

On last Friday afternoon, a jolly party, consisting of Misses Gladys Watkins, Mary Wilmett, Willie Wilmett, Adelle Harless, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. McLauri and Leslie Smith, went out to the Smith ranch in Kent county, where they remained until Sunday afternoon.

They report a fine and dandy time.

FREE FOR ALL FOOT RACE FOR THE SIGNAL FIVE DOLLAR PRIZE

Contest Proves Inspiring to Lovers of Athletics and Record Racers are Developing Fast—Put Your Speed to Test Friday Morning and Win The Prize

Little did we think when we inaugurated the misspelled word contest that it would have such a decided tendency to develop a class of sprinters that may well consider the feasibility of entering for the next Marathon races. With each week, the interest grows more and more feverish and now they can hardly wait for The Signal to reach the office before they are clamoring for it with more fervid anxiety than that which greets the extra editions of any big daily in the land.

In last week's edition, the misspelled word was in the display ad of the Stimson Dry Goods and Grocery Company, the word being "GENTLEMAN" and was spelled G-E-N-T-E-L-M-A-N.

Early in the gray twilight of the day that dawned after The Signal went to press, two of our well known citizens, Messrs. Almus Winneger and Bob Huckabee were seen bearing down from different points of the compass, upon the mercantile emporium of Stimson & company. While the speed at which they were already travelling was some less than a mile

a minute, it was truly almost miraculous to see the celebrity with which each increased his momentum when he spied his rival and divined the fact that he too, was after that free \$5.00 worth of merchandise. Away they went, heiter, skelter, pell mell, hurly skurry, lickity brindle for the goal of their (then) greatest earthly ambitions. The sequel proved that Winneger had up a little more steam than Huckabee, for he beat him by a nose, nose and a half or two noses.

In this unexpected, the Misses Strayhorn were close thirds, while a gentleman from Ira came next, with hosts of others from all up and down the coast pouring into that store in an incessant stream. If you were not the winner last time, remember you have another chance this week. Get very busy and you may be "it" with a capital "I." In a short time no one except those living on rural routes will be allowed to compete, so make hay while the sun shines.

But say, does advertising pay? Don't ask us. Just look at the results that are visible to your very eyes and answer the question yourselves.

ELMUS WENNINGER

Wins the \$5.00 worth of merchandise offered last week for the one finding the misspelled word in an advertisement in "THE SIGNAL."

The STIMSON MERCANTILE COMPANY had the word and the word was Gentlemen, spelled Gentelmen. Now look real quick and see if you can get it this week.

Remember every week some merchant will have a misspelled word in their advertisement, and whoever gets there first with the paper and shows the merchant the word will immediately receive \$5.00 worth of whatever they may wish to have.

GET BUSY, LOOK QUICK AND THEN MAKE A RACE FOR THE STORE.

MRS. SIDNEY RUTH JOHNSON HOLDS THE LEAD AGAIN FOR THIS WEEK

Miss Rosie Chapman a Close Second With Miss Mary Whiteside Running Third.—Heavy Vote is Cast by The Contestants—Ballot Box is Now on Exhibition at "The Signal"

Mrs. Sidney Ruth Johnson holds the lead in the big contest, during the last count of votes made and the TOTAL COUNT OF EVERY CONTESTANT IS THE ONE APPEARING IN THIS ISSUE.

This means that no contestant has any votes reserved in the contest and the contestant having the most votes in the ballot box will be the lucky winner of the big FORD TOURING CAR.

The contest has but one more week to run, and that means that there will be sure one live week ahead for all of us as each and every contestant is working with every bit of energy they possess.

The Judges of Contest Announced:

Judges who have been named to serve at the close of the contest are: O. P. Thrane, Cashier of the National Bank, Robt. H. Frantz, Cashier of the First National Bank and C. L. Ezell, Cashier of

the First State Bank & Trust Company.

These gentlemen will all be on time at The Signal office just before 7:30 p. m. sharp, of Wednesday, Feb. 5th., and will announce the contest closed right on the minute it is due to close and will then commence to count the votes of each contestant deposited there. First, they will open the ballot box and count the votes of each contestant deposited there then they will count the votes that have been announced for each contestant in the paper to see that there has been no errors made in the count, they will then make a complete count of all the votes and award the prizes.

The Ballot Box is now on Exhibition:

The ballot box is now on exhibition at "The Signal" office and any subscriptions turned in for any one will be placed in the ballot box in the presence of the party subscribing.

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF CONTESTANTS WHO WILL CLOSE THE CONTEST.

Mrs. Sidney Ruth Johnson,	643,750
Miss Rosie Chapman, Snyder,	533,500
Miss Mary Whiteside, Snyder,	301,500
Miss Tina Pruitt, Dermott,	198,500
Miss Marce Kegg, Snyder,	169,250
Miss Agnes Wasson, Snyder,	34,500