

# THE DURANT WEEKLY NEWS

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## CONVICTED SLAYER GIVEN THIRD STAY OF EXECUTION

Governor Robertson Reprieves W. H. Tait Until December 15

W. H. Tait, awaiting execution in the electric chair, which was set for Friday of this week, was Wednesday given another stay of life when Governor Robertson granted a reprieve until Dec. 15. Tait was convicted in connection with the killing of Russell Sprague, Lawton taxicab driver. The reprieve is to allow the Criminal Court of Appeals to pass on an appeal of Glen Goblen, also convicted with Tait. Goblen appealed from his first conviction and was granted a new trial. Then it became necessary to reprieve Tait, as the latter was used as a witness in Goblen's trial. Goblen has appealed in the second case, and this is yet before the high court. In case a new trial should be granted, it is assumed that Tait would be used again as a witness, hence the Governor's action in granting a reprieve.

## DENTON, TEXAS MAN IS NEW LEGION COMMANDER

At the Fourth American Legion National Convention which closed at New Orleans on October 20 Alvin M. Owsley of Texas, was elected National Commander.

Owsley was carried on the shoulders of Texas Legionnaires to the place on the platform beside retiring Commander MacNider, who grasped his hand and then turned to the assembly. The Texas band broke loose.

While MacNider jerked the gong solemnly, "Bill" Deegan, of New York in the capitulation of defeated candidates. Deegan moved the vote to be unanimous. The vote was announced as Owsley 574; Deegan 51; Thompson 205; McCormick 12.

Five national vice commanders were elected as follows:

Edward J. Barrett, Sheboygan, Wis.; Robt. S. Blood, Concord, N. H.; Charles P. Plumer, Cashier, Wyo.; Earl Tucker, Macon, Ga.; and Watson B. Miller, Washington, D. C.

Father William B. O'Connor of Ohio was elected National Chaplain by a vote of 714 to 374 over Rev. Ezra Clemons, a Methodist of Minnesota. Rev. Clemons moved the vote to be made unanimous. After benediction by Father O'Connor, Commander MacNider, pronounced the fourth national convention adjourned.

Alvin M. Owsley, new national commander of the American Legion, began his career at Camp Bowie, with the 36th division, in 1917. He resigned as county attorney at Denton, Texas, to go to war. Mustered in there as a captain, he went overseas as a lieutenant-colonel and returned a colonel. For a time after peace, he was an assistant attorney general of Texas. His parents live at Denton, Texas.

## PROMINENT MAN DROPS DEAD IN K. K. K. PARADE

Howard Turk, aged sixty of Emmet, Oklahoma, fell dead while marching in a Ku Klux Klan parade at Ti-homingo Monday night. Heart failure is said to have been the cause of his death.

It was said Mr. Turk crumpled down in the line of march as the robes entered the main street of the town. His wife and two sons were in the crowd that viewed the parade, but did not know of the death of their loved one, until it was announced at the fair grounds, after the parade was over and the crowd had gathered to witness a public initiation. Mr. Turk was a pioneer of Johnson county, and was well known.

About three hundred men took part in the parade and following the parade a class of about one hundred were initiated. An address was made to the citizenship of the county by Senator Buckman of Tulsa. A barbecue was served to about five hundred people.

## PICKED UP RADIO PROGRAM FROM HAVANA, CUBA

The radio receiving station of M. E. Gooding of this city so far holds the long distance record among the local radio fans, for Mr. Gooding Wednesday night picked up a musical program broadcasted at Havana, Cuba. The announcement of the program and the statement as to what station was doing the broadcasting were made both in Spanish and in English, and both Spanish and English numbers were broadcasted in the program. Mr. Gooding expects to be able to pick up programs from both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts with his receiving set this fall.

## A BIG MAN HERE

Durant is host this week to one of the largest men physically she has ever entertained. R. L. Sutherland, popularly known as "Big Bob", is here visiting his sister, Mrs. W. G. Gleke and family. When on the job, he is an employee of the Boys Training School at Pauls Valley. When one mentions the fact that Bob tips the scales at 411 pounds, one gets the impression that he is justly entitled to his nick name.

## FAILED TO GET VERDICT

In the District Court case wherein Alvin G. Turner sued the Durant Oil Company for \$20,000, the plaintiff won out when the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff. The plaintiff asked 12,000, but the jury awarded him 10,000. The plaintiff's attorney said he was not satisfied with the verdict and will appeal.

## TO CALL A HALT ON DISARMAMENT

President Says America's Relative Naval Strength Must Be Kept Up On Basis With Other Powers

President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes have laid down a basis upon which is contingent the participation of the United States in any further world disarmament program. America's present armed strength, they declare, must not drop below that allotted it under the Washington disarmament treaties if future conferences are to be held and further agreements entered into with other world powers.

The pronouncements have come following a difference between the Navy department and the Director of Budget, as to just how many men and how much money are necessary to maintain America's naval forces up to the ratio agreed upon between the powers at the conference.

The principal question at issue involves the enlisted strength. The naval authorities are recommending urgently the absolute necessity of 90,000 men. This number, an increase of 10,000 over the present personnel, they say, is needed because of the new ships to be added to the fleet this year "even if a practical test this year had not demonstrated the present strength to be inadequate."

It is apparent at this time that the two opinions are not going to be reconciled, and Presidential mediation of the differences is apparently to become necessary.

## DURANT HI TAKES HARD GAME FROM KINGSTON

Although outweighed more than ten pounds to the man, the Durant High School football team cleaned up on the Kingston Hi team at Kingston last Friday by the score of 6 to 0. The game was all that the score indicates—a mighty hotly contested one and clean from the first until the last quarter. The aerial attack of the lighter Durant team took the heavier boys off their feet and resulted in the local's winning the game. The only score was a touchdown made in the last quarter when Willard of Durant intercepted a Kingston forward pass and ran forty yards through a broken field for a touchdown. He failed to kick goal, and the final score was 6 to 0.

## HOME IS BURNED

The home of Luther Davis at Bokchito was totally destroyed by fire late Saturday, together with all contents, while the family was away from home. It is believed the work of an incendiary. Officials are making an investigation.

## COURT TAKES UP CRIMINAL DOCKET MONDAY MORNING

About Sixty Criminal Cases On Setting. Complete Civil This Week.

District Judge March will convene District Court on the criminal docket next Monday morning, October 30 at nine o'clock, when about sixty criminal cases are set for trial, ranging all the way from such minor offenses as simple assault all the way to first degree murder.

The court has been grinding away on jury civil cases this week and will end the civil docket with the close of the week. About one-hundred and seventy-five small civil cases have been continued for the term.

## FOURTEEN DIE IN FIRE

Fire believed to have been the work of an incendiary with a mania for seeing things burn, destroyed a 5-story New York tenement house early Sunday morning, destroying fourteen human lives with it, most of whom were small children. Most of the victims were trapped in their beds and either roasted alive or suffocated without a chance to escape.

## LOCAL BOY HONORED AT STATE A. & M. COLLEGE

William Sexton of Durant has been named vice president, for the third congressional district, of the federalation of county student clubs in Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college for the present year. The federation, which was formed for the purposes of promoting a more rapid development of the college, is composed of officers of county clubs representing almost every county in the state. There are eight vice-presidents—one for each congressional district. Ben Ellis, of Soper, Choctaw County, is president and Lucile Glazner, of Eufaula, McIntosh county, secretary-treasurer.

Sexton also is president of the Bryan county club this year. Bess Allen of Bennington is vice president and Douglas Mitchell of Bokchito secretary-treasurer. There are eight members of the club.

## FIRST BALLOTS SHIPPED TO BRYAN COUNTY

Bryan county will be the first county to receive election ballots and other materials for use in the general election, if train schedules are maintained. W. C. McAlester, secretary of the state election board, began Monday morning the task of shipping the more than 1,000,000 ballots to the various counties. Ballots for Bryan county were the first to be shipped. Corridors on the third floor of the capitol are being utilized in shipping the ballots.

## MASONIC LECTURER TO SPEAK HERE TUESDAY

Several Meetings Being Arranged By Local Masonic Lodge For Day

The Scottish Rite bodies of McAlester have made arrangements whereby F. A. Hatch, of Pueblo, Colorado, and Mrs. Hatch, both noted educational lecturers, will spend the day in Durant, next Tuesday, October 31, under the auspices of the Durant Masonic Lodge. Mr. Hatch is very highly regarded as an educational speaker and comes here backed by the highest testimonials as to the merit of his work.

At 9:00 a. m. or at 11:00 a. m. Mr. Hatch will address the High School at assembly.

At 2:30 p. m. he will speak to the boys of the high school.

At 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Hatch will address a meeting of the mothers of school children.

At 7:30 p. m. Mr. Hatch will address a meeting of the fathers of school children and boys above the age of nineteen.

At 9:00 p. m. Mr. Hatch will address a meeting of Master Masons in the Masonic Lodge Rooms.

## SENATOR BAILEY SPEAKS TO ROTES AND LIONS HERE

Former United States Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey of Texas, was the guest of Durant for a few hours Wednesday, during which time he was guest of honor and speaker at a joint meeting of the Lions and Rotary Clubs at the Atwood Hotel at noon that day.

Senator Bailey made one of his characteristically excellent speeches, dealing with the governmental and political issues of the day, and held his hearers spell bound with his eloquence, for which he has been noted for more than thirty years. Although ill and just up from his bed Mr. Bailey convinced his hearers that he is not lacking in his old time vigor and eloquence.

Following the luncheon a reception was held for Mr. Bailey in the parlor of the hotel, where a great number of admirers and old friends renewed their acquaintance with him.

## TWO BANK ROBBERIES

Oklahoma had two bank robberies less than two hours apart Tuesday of this week. At ten o'clock that morning three unmasked men swooped down on the First State Bank of Talala, near Claremore, and got away with \$1,200 in cash and Liberty Bonds. About noon, four robbers, apparently boys in their teens entered the First State Bank of Kellyville and got away with \$2,500. Posses got after both gangs, but at last reports they were at liberty.

## 1500 TEACHERS TO ATTEND MEETING

Annual Session of Education Association Convened Here Thursday Nov. 2 For Three-Day Session

On next Thursday, November 2 the annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Oklahoma Education Association convenes in Durant for a three-day session. It is expected that there will be fifteen hundred visiting school teachers in the city for the occasion, coming from seventeen Southeastern Oklahoma counties.

While it will be necessary for a large number of the guests to find lodging and meals in private homes of the city, it is not expected that the people of the city entertain them free, as these people expect to pay their own way, according to P. E. Laird.

The general sessions of the convention will be held at the Baptist Church, Thursday night, Friday morning and night, and on Saturday morning, when several nationally known educators are to appear on the program.

Friday afternoon the various departmental conferences will be held at the High School building, fourteen such meetings being in progress at the same time.

Friday night, there will be two banquets served by organizations within the association. The Red Red Rose will hold their banquet at the Atwood Hotel. The Blue Blue Violet will hold a banquet the same evening just where, it is not yet announced.

On Friday afternoon the School Marmas, a local College organization, will give a reception to the visiting lady teachers, being held at the Christian Church annex.

## REPUBLICANS TO STUMP THE COUNTY SATURDAY

Practically every town in Bryan county will be visited next Saturday by two of the most prominent Republican speakers in the state, who will speak in the interests of the campaign of John Fields for governor and the Republican state ticket.

The speakers are Judge F. E. Kennamer, justice of the supreme court, and Hon. Thos. G. Andrews, candidate for attorney general on the Republican ticket. Judge Kennamer will speak at the following places Bokchito, 11:00 a. m.; Durant on the market square at 2:00 p. m.; Achille 3:30 p. m.; Caddo, at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Andrews will speak at the following places: Bennington, 10:00 a. m.; Bokchito, 1:00 p. m.; Caddo, 3:00 p. m.; Kenefick, 4:30 p. m. and at Durant at the court house 7:30 p. m.

## LIEUT. HAIGH RECEIVES AWARD FOR WAR SERVICE

Durant Veteran Totally Disabled As Result of War Many Medals

First Lieutenant Harry Haigh, of this city has just received from the war department its recognition for his services during the World War in France, a beautiful designed map of the railroads which Lieutenant Haigh built while the American armies were driving the armies of the German Kaiser back toward the Fatherland. The map is handworked on felt cloth, showing its exact route and the towns and cities through which it passed. The Verdun sector is in the center of the map.

Behind the shield, on which the map is worked are the flags of the four principal allies, America, Great Britain, France and Italy. Below the map are the three years in which Lieutenant Haigh saw service and the three gold stripes, emblems of his foreign service.

Lieutenant Haigh was master engineer of the 13th Engineers in France and was in command of building 189 miles of road in the battle sectors. Part of the road which he built was on the road bed of the German Central railroad, northwest of Verdun, which was destroyed by the Germans as they retreated in 1918. This section of road was built from rails captured from the Germans.

Lieutenant Haigh was decorated for bravery and distinguished service by every one of the allies, having been awarded the distinguished service medal of the United States Croix de Guerre of France and the medals of Great Britain and Italy, but he says he takes more pride in the map given him by the war department, because it is in recognition of real accomplishment. He was wounded several times, while performing this service but completed his task.

Incidentally Lieut. Haigh is permanently and totally disabled as a result of numerous injuries received during the war.

## A TRAVELING CLINIC IS PLANNED IN STATE

Health Association to Provide Free Inspection in Oklahoma Towns

Plans for Oklahoma's travelling clinic designed to give free examination for tuberculosis in communities where expert examination is difficult to obtain are being completed rapidly by the Oklahoma Public Health Association. The first city to profit by the clinic will be Okmulgee where it will be held the first Tuesday in December. Visits to other cities are now being arranged.

Ada M. Whyte, director of public health nursing for the Association precedes the clinics, finds families in which tuberculosis deaths have occurred within the last five years and urges attendance of such families especially the children at the clinic. These will be held then to be examined without charge by one of the leading tuberculosis diagnosticians of the state.

If infection is found advice will be given as to entrance into sanatoria, prevention of the spread of the disease to other members of the family, and care of the patient in the home. In cases in which tuberculosis is only suspected free advice on prevention of the disease is given.

The clinic will stay but one day in each city and will examine white persons in the afternoon and negroes in the morning. It is hoped in this way to discover many cases of the disease in its early stages which if allowed to go without attention might result in the death of the patients.

The work is financed by funds raised from the sale of Christmas Seals and its scope next year will depend largely on the success of the sale this fall according to E. H. Hixson. Twenty million seals have been sent over the state for sale beginning December 1, in an attempt to raise \$60,000 for tuberculosis and disease prevention work in Oklahoma.

## SOWELL WELL STRIKES ROCK AT 1500 FEET

What is known as the Sowell test well drilling on the Rhee Bend place west of town has struck a strata of hard blue-toned rock at approximately 1,500 feet, and has already penetrated thirty feet into the rock, according to reports. The company owning the lease is the Tex-Oklahoma Oil Company, composed in major part of Durant men. The company drilled a hole on the same lease to a depth of more than 1,400 feet, and found a good oil indication. Something happened about that time, which, so to speak, ruined the well, and made it necessary to draw the casing and tools and start all over again. They moved over about 300 feet and snuddled in again, with results as above stated.

## \$1,000 JUDGEMENT AGAINST K. O. & G. RAILWAY

In District Court last Friday the jury awarded judgment to Tom May of Collins, Texas in the sum of \$1,000 for injuries he alleges he received on account of the company's negligence. He sued for \$25,000. The plaintiff asserted that on November 27, 1920, he boarded a train of the defendant railroad enroute at Allamore, intending to go to Achille. He asserts that the train started on before he had gotten on it and that as a result he was thrown and left and injured his legs, from which injury he suffered consequent irreparable injury.

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