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## WANT COUNTY'S ROADS FINISHED

Citizens Meeting On Record For Completion New Hard-Surfaced Roads Officials Also Favor Plan.

A meeting of about one-hundred representative citizens was held Monday afternoon at the court house to discuss our new hard-surfaced roads. There were present citizens living along the highways from every section of the county, and when all was said and done those present were practically unanimous in favoring a proposal to complete the construction of the roads.

As the situation stands now, Bryan county has laid the foundation for a good many miles of mighty good highways. The wear and tear already manifesting itself upon the roads, shows unmistakably that the construction must be completed, if the county is to have any hard-surfaced roads after a period of a few years. The sense of the meeting was that it is infinitely cheaper and better to finish the roads now, than it would be to wait three or four years and then have the entire job to do over again.

Present at the meeting were a number of government and state highway officials, including A. R. Losh, district federal engineer from P. Worth and Mr. White, senior federal engineer for Oklahoma, of Oklahoma City.

Mr. Losh went on record as favoring the completion of construction and stated that he would recommend to the Government that the work be done on a Federal Aid-County basis, wherein both the county and the government contribute one-half of the cost. Mr. White, also expressed himself as favorable to the plan.

Some time ago the State Highway Department, through which all Federal Aid for Oklahoma is allotted to various counties, went on record as favoring the surfacing of Bryan county's highways. It seems now only a matter of the county coming across with her one-half, from the proceeds of the sale of additional road bonds, to insure the commencement of the work.

Bryan county's roads were constructed in very unusual and trying times. During construction work, the country experienced unusually dry weather, as a result of which the clay and gravel used on the roads being built could not be made to work together properly, as a normal amount of moisture is needed for proper results. The result has been that much of the top of the road blows away in the form of dust, and if not checked, the roads will within a few years at best become a continuous mass of bumps and holes.

Under the process of completing construction proposed for the preservation of the roads, the road is first levelled up with gravel and rolled, when asphalt is placed on the top and rolled into the gravel. This works together and makes a surface looking like an asphaltic pavement which cannot blow away in dust, and which is subject only to a normal wear and tear.

## NEW WEEVIL CONTROL IDEA SMALL HOPE FOR OKLAHOMA

Silwater Okla.—Doubt as to the effectiveness and feasibility, in Oklahoma at least, of the new boll weevil control method announced from Gainesville, Florida, as the discovery of experts of the Florida state plant board is expressed by W. E. Jackson, acting entomologist of the Oklahoma experiment station.

"It would be unjust, of course," Jackson said, "to condemn the method before I knew exactly what it is. I haven't received the Florida bulletin, although I have been notified that a copy has been mailed to me. Judging from Dr. Newell's announcement through the Associated Press, I would say that while the new method might be a success in Florida, doubt if, for Oklahoma, it would be any improvement over methods now in use."

"His plan, as I understand it is to remove the first squares from the plants sometime in June, and thereby kill or starve out the first crop of weevils."

"I'm afraid Oklahoma planters wouldn't raise much cotton if they killed off the early squares, for Oklahoma has to depend on early-maturing cotton to get a crop. Furthermore, many weevils in Oklahoma continue to remain active, feeding upon cotton plants, for periods of from thirty to ninety days before retiring to the square to deposit their eggs. So the only way to kill off anything like all the over-wintering weevils would be to accompany the removal of squares with poisoning. The two processes together would be too expensive, for Oklahoma planters."

"I think Oklahoma farmers ought to be warned not to accept readily the new Florida idea and, so, postpone until spring the fight against weevil that should be made this fall."

## LOCAL NURSERY SELLS BIG ORDER IN TEXAS

The Durant Nursery Company recently sold and delivered to Col. J. M. Humphreys, Moxia, Texas, an immense order of ornamental and fruit trees for his fine home at Moxia, the order being valued at \$3,600.00. Manager J. T. Foote of the local institution feels very proud of being able to sell this order in view of the numerous competitors for the business which are much closer to Moxia.

## TO STAGE ANNUAL BATTLE HERE THANKSGIVING DAY

Durant and Ada Football Teams To Settle Old Rivalry November 30

On Thanksgiving Day, November 30th, an old football rivalry will be settled on the local Legion Park, when the football teams of the Durant Teachers College and the Ada Teachers College, tangle up to see which has the better team.

This day has been the scene of a game every year since the two colleges were located shortly after statehood. On the whole, without recourse to the official figures, Durant seems to have won more games than Ada, and won them by greater scores. This year Ada has one of the best teams in its history, and Durant, unquestionably has the best team in its history—the opinion of some old timers to the contrary notwithstanding.

Comparative scores give Durant the edge of the controversy and only the actual game will settle the argument. Both teams have beaten certain other teams, but Durant's wins have been by much larger scores than have Ada's wins.

The writer, who played the game himself for a number of years and who watches football games fairly closely predicts that Durant will beat Ada and will not only beat them but will outclass them by a wide margin in every stage of the game.—An old player.

## DURANT WINS FROM CADDO IN CLOSE GAME

Durant and Caddo high school teams played football here Tuesday afternoon of this week the local team winning by one touchdown in the last quarter of the game failing to kick goal. The locals showed much improvement in form over that displayed in the last game here, and Caddo also has a good team. The score just about indicates the teams' relative strength and training.

## PAUL NESBITT SLATED FOR BOARD OF AFFAIRS HERE

Reports from Oklahoma City say that Paul Nesbitt of McAlester, former member of the State Legislature and an active Walton man during the primary campaign, is slated for chairman of the State Board of Public Affairs, when Walton goes in as governor.

## SMALL PATCH; MORE COTTON

For ten acres planted to cotton and cultivated intensely to combat boll weevils, A. Miller, negro farmer living near Morris, has picked seven bales of cotton, according to P. M. Mann, negro demonstration agent. Miller's yield is about twice the average yield in his community, Mann says.

## GOVERNOR'S CASE IS BEGUN AT ADA

Chief Executive Being Tried On Bribery Charge Wins One Round Of Controversy.

What is probably the most interesting and important criminal case in the State's history, was opened at Ada this week, on a charge of venue from Okmulgee county, when Governor J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma, came to trial on an indictment charging that he accepted a bribe of \$25,000.00 to permit a defunct Okmulgee bank to remain open for business.

The case was called and Judge Thomas A. Edwards of Cordell is trial judge.

The State, through County Attorney Hepburn of Okmulgee county, who secured the Governor's indictment at Okmulgee, filed a motion to quash the change of venue, assigning twelve reasons in his motion. The defendant filed a demurrer to the State's motion, and the court sustained the demurrer, thus winning round one for the Governor.

The defense then filed a motion to quash the indictment of the Okmulgee county grand jury against the Governor, and the court announced that he would hear arguments on the motion next Monday.

Among the lawyers defending the Governor, is Charles E. McPherron of Durant, who is a close political and personal friend of the Governor.

## ATOKA COUNTY GRAVELLING ROAD IN BOGGY BOTTOM

Eleven car loads of gravel were unloaded at Caney this week to be used in hard surfacing a portion of the Jefferson highway in the Boggy cal gravel is being used and several miles of the highway will be hard surfaced. Jack Taylor of Coalgate and C. V. Price of Atoka are in charge of the work. They are also hard surfacing a four and one-half mile stretch of road west of Atoka on the Ozark trail.

## KEMP CHURCH FINISHED WITH AID OF DONATIONS

The News is asked by the committee to thank those who contributed to the finishing of the Baptist Church building at Kemp. The committee making the request is W. B. Sears and A. J. Turner. The donations were made by the people of Durant and Bryan county, and included a donation of \$61.00 given by the Ku Klux Klan.

Those who think the Turk should be driven out of Thrace are respectfully reminded that there are no submarines in the Atlantic now.

## SCORES DIE IN MINE DISASTER

480 Men Imprisoned After Explosion In Iron Ore Mine Near Birmingham, Alabama. Many Crushed

One of the worst disasters in mining history was enacted at Dolomite iron ore mine No. 3 near Birmingham, Alabama Wednesday, in which four-hundred-eighty men were imprisoned, seventy are known dead and at least a hundred more injured.

The explosion came without warning, shutting off escape for many men working at a 1,100 foot depth. The dread after-damp killed many, according to some partial victims of the dread poison gas who fought their way out to fresh air over the dead bodies of less fortunate companions.

One of the most horrible aspects of the tragedy was the crushing of fifty men under the wreckage of "skip" cars. Three of these cars were broken loose from their moorings on the tippie near the surface by the explosion and hurled down for 1,100 feet at terrific speed. Fifty men, mostly white and the more skilled men of the mine, were crushed and mangled under the wreckage of the cars.

The full extent of the dead and injured is not known yet, and rescue parties are at work.

## BUTTER FAT BRINGING 43 CENTS

What is said to be the highest price ever paid for butter fat locally is being paid here this week, namely forty-three cents a pound. W. D. Graham of near Yarnaby this week sold Strickland's station 12 gallons of Cream, which brought him \$17.02. W. M. Roberts of near Durant received \$12 for eight gallons. The present price of butter fat is one that yields a splendid profit to farmers who separate their cream from the milk and sell it.

## PEANUTS BRINGING \$1.45

Peanuts were bringing \$1.45 in Durant Thursday morning and quite a lot of the goobers were offered for sale. Last week the price was run up to about forty cents a bushel over the market by a local war between a couple of large buyers, whose activities profited the peanut growers immensely but drove local buyers out of the market.

## CANDIDATE FOR SENATE JOB

George H. Wyatt, editor of the McClinton Democrat at Idabel, was here for a few hours Tuesday enroute to St. Louis to visit his daughter, who lives there. Mr. Wyatt is a candidate for sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate, which convened shortly after the first of the year, and is making a hard fight for the job.

## BOY ELECTROCUTED BETTER IN SPIRIT OF BAD BURNS

Clifton Colbert Recovering At Blue. Given Up Week Ago.

Dr. H. B. Fuston of Bokchito, the attending physician waiting on Clifton Colbert, 17-year-old Blue young man, who was badly burned by an electric live wire Sunday, November 12, stated to a News representative this morning that Clifton has splendid chance to recover. A week ago, four days after the accident, Dr. Fuston had almost despaired of the boy's life. At that time it was feared that he could not possibly live.

Early last week the left arm was amputated near the elbow, and it was feared that the other arm would be amputated, but an improvement was noted, which has continued each day, until the boy gives every indication of making a complete recovery.

## LOCALS WANT GAME WITH PHILLIPS UNIVERSITY

Efforts are being made among local football fans to match a post season football game for the championship of Oklahoma between the fast Phillips University Team of Enid and the Teachers College team of Durant, this of course, depending upon the outcome of the Ada-Durant game to be played here on Thanksgiving day, for Durant must defeat Ada in order to get in line for a game with Phillips.

Phillips has won every game played in the State, springing a lot of surprises. Durant has won all but one, that with Tulsa, which was later ruled out as Tulsa has played several professional players, who are not eligible to participate in inter-school games.

Should the matching of a game be successful, and brought here, local fans would get to see a real game of football.

## PRICE FIXING LEGISLATION

A dispatch from Oklahoma City says that among other things, the legislative program of the Oklahoma Farmers Union, promises to place all Oklahoma coal, mines and flour mills under the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission with price fixing powers. The purpose it is, is said in the dispatch, to empower the Commission to fix the price of coal at the mines and of flour at the mills.

## COUNTY'S GINNINGS WILL EXCEED 15,000 BALES

Government ginning reports for Oklahoma as of November first show that 13,973 bales had been ginned. It is almost certain that the total ginnings of 1922 cotton will exceed 15,000 bales, a better crop than was generally expected.

## AN INSANE MAN SHOOTS BROTHER

Dexter Guthrie, of Silo At Hospital. His Brother Albert Who Shot Him Is Still At Large

Dexter Guthrie, aged 20 of Silo, lies at the Durant Memorial Hospital, seriously wounded and his brother, Albert aged 30 is at large somewhere in the northwest part of the county, as a result of a shooting which took place at the Guthrie home near Silo Monday afternoon.

The News is informed that the Sheriff's office that Albert had been once adjudged insane and was for a whole year in an asylum, and it is believed that his act against his brother is the act of a disordered mind.

When Dexter was first brought here for treatment it was believed that he could not survive, but the bullet which entered his body, was located and removed and he is improving nicely.

The following account of the occurrence is sent in by the News Silo correspondent:

"Dexter Guthrie, a youthful citizen of Silo, was shot Monday afternoon by his brother, Albert Guthrie, who is thought to be insane."

"Dexter had just returned from Silo. His brother, Albert, who was alone in the house, was examining a pistol, and when Dexter entered shot at him twice in succession, but only one shot entered his body."

"After he was shot, Dexter ran from the house and fell face downward in a nearby cane patch. His mother, who was milking a short distance from the house, heard the shot and ran for aid."

"When Albert realized what he had done, he left the house and walked slowly into a wood nearby."

"When help arrived, Dexter was carried into the house and given medical attention as soon as possible. He was taken to the Memorial Hospital at Durant where an operation was performed. The doctors say that there is good chance for his recovery. "Albert has not yet been found, although some small trace of him was found Tuesday. A large number of men have been searching for him, but so far their efforts have been fruitless."

Deputy Sheriffs Etchieson, Boydston and Howard joined by dozens of people of the community began a hunt for the man, believed to have gone dangerously insane. At nine o'clock Thursday morning, according to the sheriff's office he had not been taken into custody."

## MADILL TO VOTE ON RIDDING THE TOWN OF POOL HALLS

At the last meeting of the city commissioners, a petition with more than the required number of names asking the city commissioners to call an election and bar the pool halls from the city, was presented and acted upon.

The commissioners disposed of the petition, calling an election upon the question at the next city election held on the first Tuesday in April, at which time every citizen voter of Madill have an opportunity to cast a vote on the question.—Madill Record.

Durant people voted out the pool halls so long ago that there are boys in this city almost grown, who never entered such a place in Durant. Pool halls the world over are the most useless institution known to civilization. The least harmful thing they do is to encourage the young manhood to spend their time in idleness, and countless thousands of them have been, are and will be, breeding places for crime of all kinds.

## WATCHMAN DIES OF BEATING AND BEING THROWN IN RIVER

William Golden of Tulsa, Okla., 45 years old, watchman for the city waterworks, died at a hospital there Tuesday from exposure and injuries received Sunday night, when according to the story he told police when they rescued him, he was attacked by unknown assailants, who, after beating him, threw him into the Arkansas River from the Tulsa bridge.

## LOCAL LIONS MEET VAUGHT AT DENISON, SATURDAY

Twenty-eight members of the Lions Club of this city, went to Denison in cars Saturday night when they participated in a joint meeting with the Denon Lions Club. The occasion was that of the official visit of International President Ed Vaught of Oklahoma City, who made an excellent address as part of the program and supper arranged in his honor.

## WALTON'S INAUGURATION TO BE HELD AT STATE FAIR

The committee on arrangements for the inauguration of Jack Walton, as Governor of Oklahoma on January 7, 1923 has announced that in order to take care of all the folks who want to come that the ceremony will be held out of doors at the Oklahoma State Fair grounds. It is expected that there will be 100,000 people present on the occasion.

## FEWER FAT CATTLE

The number of fat cattle on Oklahoma farms on November 1 was only two-thirds of the usual number on farms at that date. Scarcity of pasture, feed and water forced large numbers upon the market from the drought-stricken West and Southwest. A car shortage has hampered shipments considerably and forced some shippers to use box cars.

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