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New Directors Of Chamber Of Commerce Elected Tues.

DON'T NAME IT

WILL J. MILLER

signs and omens point to a better and more prosperous 1939.

George Barkley, heads the list of optimists who declares this year has the best prospects for a number of years.

Don't believe I would be in stating that 8 percent of the population have profited so far this year. The year has been hot from the beginning of the fall season, and ended up a bit more during the holidays, when normally it has cooled off.

Mr. Wilmeth and Bob Alexander, Hayden and many others are making money on cattle which they don't know what to do with. (That's just the opinion of this writer.) These boys tell you they are wearing a pair of pants—but they have handled a considerable amount of cattle and if I know my own business, I know my own profit. If you get tough, tackle some of the barons of our county for

is being said this year the prolonged drought. It is at the state as a whole is, however, in this area we have an excellent stand of wheat especially in the north part of the county. With moisture in Feb. (and I will have hind bumpers on my hat we have a snow, we are over the top for a real crop this year.

matter of prosperity is up for discussion. The farmers and merchants are all enjoying a year of prosperity, and this year ended the year in the good to change, and the good moisture we have this year will publish the support to be, annual prosperity of the paper. We make it at deception. The prediction is published to the prosperity of the year. It may not help any at this newspaper staff—BOY or Boy how nice it is to have one good paper every year or February.

man has a real organization of the new directors of the chamber of commerce. Two of them, Heard and Platt are relatively new comers, who have proven that they have the ability to carry on an active business. Burran and this has been active and the year work during the time has. Let's all get behind them and help them in their conditions in Spearman.

Wild life planning board, a meeting held last night decided that this year apply for the Universal License regulation. It means that anyone who is in Hansford county is subject to payment of 50 cents for hunting license, 85 percent of this fund will be brought into this area. The proceeds of the area (region 10) are being restocked in this county by joining counties with qualification to encourage wild life in this county.

all other things in this wild life program, education and sportsmanship must be taught. It will mean a proportion to turn in neighbor and friend, and severe penalties against anyone who will not observe the hunting regulations, this is the only way we can get a new start in wild life over here.

supplying every farm-lake quail, and with the Palo Duro Creek from the boundary indicates a paradise in about 5 PROVIDED, we have in the county that will give birds a chance to multi-

Father of Claude Smith Dies at Hooker, Okla.

J. E. Smith, age 66, father of Claude Smith of Spearman, died at his home in Hooker, Oklahoma, Monday morning Jan. 2. Mr. Smith was ill several days with old war time influenza, and despite the best medical care, was unable to rally. He was placed under oxygen, but death came despite all efforts to save his life.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Hooker, conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. A. R. Michiel, pastor of the Methodist church at Claude, Texas. Interment was in the Hooker, Oklahoma cemetery.

Mr. Smith was well loved by the citizenship of Alva and Hooker, Oklahoma, where he had spent most of his mature life. Floral offerings and friends from over the Panhandle paid the last tribute to the useful life of this pioneer Oklahoma Panhandle citizen.

The deceased is survived by his widow Mrs. J. E. Smith, three sons, Claude Smith of Spearman, Roger Smith of Alva, Oklahoma and Doss Smith of Dallas, Texas. Two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Sears, Hooker, Oklahoma and Mrs. Don Garrison, Norman, Oklahoma.

Judge Broadhurst Will Move To Longview

Former county judge, J. H. Broadhurst, more recently assistant attorney general of the state is here this week visiting with friends and relatives in the county. Judge Broadhurst will take over the law practice of Railroad Commissioner Jerry Sadler at Longview, Texas. He plans to move to Longview this month.

Hansford Wheat Yield For '38 Passes Million And Half Bu. Mark

According to figures gathered at the office of the county agent, the wheat production for Hansford county in 1938 passed the million and a half bushel mark. This information must be correct and not guess work. This newspaper predicted a million and a half bushel production just before the harvest.

INDEPENDENT TEAM TO PLAY AT GRUVER

Noel Womble's Independent basketball team known as the town team, will play a matched game at Gruver tonight (Thursday). The team has played several contests this year to date and has made an enviable record. Last week the team suited out in new suits, purchased from the Phillips 66 of Pampa.

PIANO FOR SALE or trade see Mrs. William J. Whitson.

MRS. ARNOLD CELEBRATES 86TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Arnold was honored at an informal tea last Saturday Dec. 31 when her daughter Mrs. Gladys Richardson invited a number of her friends in as a surprise to her.

The tea table was centered with a vase of American Beauty Roses which were sent her by her two grandchildren Helen and Arnold Richardson.

Mrs. Arnold was 86 years of age on Saturday, to those who came to wish her many happy returns were Mesdames Nelson Floyd Wilbanks, Jimmy Davis, R. M. Meek, E. K. Snider, Lee Perry, Ray Converse, Ed Close, Will Miller, sending cards and gifts were Mesdames Roy Russell, Mae Hughes, Elmo Kelly, Dick Holton and A. Jacobs.

Grandpa O. G. Barkley Died Thursday, Dec. 29

Death came to Grandpa O. G. Barkley, at the home of his son Judge A. F. Barkley, Thursday evening Dec. 29th, 1938, at the age of 97 years, 5 months and 18 days. It was a blessing and consolation to the family of this truly great American citizen, that death came as calmly, peacefully and painless as the worthy life he had lived for nearly a century.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Union church in Spearman, conducted by Rev. H. A. Nichols, pastor of the First Methodist church of Chillicothe, former pastor and councillor of the deceased during the 5 years he served as religious leader in Spearman.

A choir: Messrs, Wm. E. McClellan, Elma Gunn, Fred J. Hoskins, C. E. Campbell, Mrs. C. A. Gibner, Mrs. Sid Clark, Mrs. Robert Douglas, and Mrs. Fred J. Daily sang, "Nearer My God To Thee", "Sweet Bye and Bye", "Safe In The Arms Of Jesus."

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Lee McClellan, Alvino Richardson, P. M. Maize, John R. Collard, Fred Brandt, and E. C. Womble. Interment was in the Hansford cemetery.

O. G. Barkley was born at Princess Ann, Md. July 12, 1841. He was reared under the guidance of strict English parents, attaining a good education and wholesome christian training. While a young man he enlisted in a reserve department of the Army during the war between the states. He did not see active service.

Following the close of the war Mr. Barkley became associated with his uncle of Kansas City, Mo., in what was known in that day and time as "Freight Wagon Trains." He was in charge of a large crew that freighted merchandise from Kansas City, Mo., to Santa Fe New Mexico. In line of duty Mr. Barkley became acquainted with Miss Mary Elen Connor of Socorro New Mexico. The friendship blossomed into a romance and in 1865 Mr. Barkley relinquished his freight business, married and settled down at Socorro. The deceased lived at Socorro, engaging in the milling business until his two boys, W. L. Barkley and A. F. Barkley became of school age.

The family moved to Independence, Md., for a number of years, later moving to Seymour, Texas, where Mr. Barkley was engaged in the milling business. Death came to Mrs. Barkley in 1889. In 1912 Grandpa Barkley came to Hansford county, where he has made his home until death.

Grandpa Barkley numbered his friends by the number of people he had become acquainted with during his colorful and useful life. He was possessed of the characteristic English reserve, but once he found a friend he retained them.

His active mind and outstanding memory in the declining years of his life were near phenomenal. He could recall incidents with colorful details and exact dates that happened 75 years ago. His modern trend of mind, his love for the truly American characteristics endeared him to his friends over the country.

The deceased was survived by two sons W. L. Barkley of Morse and Judge A. F. Barkley of Spearman. Seven grand children and 2 great grand children.

Burl Brockus returned from Kansas City Wednesday where he had been visiting his parents and received specialist treatments.

Hansford Agricultural Board Elected Sat.

Completion of the Agricultural board for Hansford county was effected Saturday afternoon Dec. 30. Jake Vernon was elected chairman, Bob Bennett, vice chairman, Edd Close regular member, Marvin Grovera, 1st alternate member and Harold Collier 2nd alternate member.

Other community representatives over the county elected the past two weeks were James Stejle, Oslo; Frank Shapley, North Gruver, Lawrence Gruver, South Gruver; Henry Roper, McBride and Eris Pittman, Morse.

Rip Dalton Resigns At White House

Rip Dalton, local manager of the White House Lumber Co., for the past few months, has resigned his position with the White House organization, and will move from Spearman to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he has accepted a position as Assistant Manager of the Star Lumber Co. of that city.

Mr. Dalton stated he hated to leave the White House organization and Spearman, but his new position offers an advancement he could not afford to pass up.

Many Receive Invitations To Inaugural Reception

More than 200 local people have received invitations to attend the Inaugural Reception to be given in honor of Honorable W. Lee O'Daniel, Governor of Texas and Hon. Coke R. Stevenson, Lieutenant Governor to be held Tuesday Jan. 17, Austin, Texas.

Guy McClain, a Baptist Missionary from Brazil and his two brothers, John and Raymond from Lamar, Colo., are visiting the McLains.

'38 Hansford Moisture Measures 22.09 Inches

Nearly three inches above normal rainfall was measured for the 1938 moisture in Spearman, according to the records of F. W. Brandt, U. S. Weather Observer. The total for the year amounted to 22.09 inches. The average rainfall over the past ten year period amounted to a little better than 18.50 inches. However, Mr. Brandt pointed out that the ten year period accounting for the last official 10 year average included what has proven to be the most extended drought in the official history of this county.

Local people wonder why a much larger wheat production was not enjoyed in 1938 with the added moisture. Mr. Brandt records explains the situation in the fact that the moisture during 1937 was below normal. Had the 1937 August to December moisture been up to that received this year, the wheat production for 1938 would have been much greater, one reasons.

This year Hansford county enters the new year with an excellent start for moisture and care of wheat. Thousands of acres have been summer fallowed this year and are moist down 2 feet or more. The wheat stand over the county as a whole is excellent, and if we receive the same amount of moisture Feb. to

Hansford Wheat Loans Largest In Nation

According to the best information available, loans on stored wheat in Hansford county represent the largest amount of money of any county in the nation. Also, the largest individual loan based on wheat as security was made in Hansford county. This loan was for more than \$10,000.00 and represented the regular government approved basis for wheat loan. The total loans on wheat in the county amounts to \$183,277.89. This represents 267,871 bushels of wheat stored in approved warehouses and 34,924 bushels of wheat stored in farm home elevators or storage. Farmers who have wheat stored at their home will receive a rental fee of 1c per bushel per month for all wheat stored, according to A. E. Ferguson, loan supervisor for Hansford county, who compiled all the data in this news story.

NO TRADES DAY FOR SATURDAY JAN. 7th

At a meeting of business men held Tuesday night it was decided that a trades day would not be held this Saturday Jan. 7th. The business men are anxious to plan a new angle for trade days for 1939 and are waiting until the new directors of the C of C tackle the problem before making a final decision on how and when the trades days of 1939 will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shedeck entertained friends at a bridge luncheon during the holidays. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Ike Klutts of Amarillo visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilbanks last Thursday. She reports Ike is convalescing nicely.

Ray Vallette Converse returned to Amarillo College Monday after enjoying the holidays at home.

Anna Carol and Craig Davidson returned Sunday from a visit of several days in Oklahoma City.

ALLOTMENT PAYMENTS DUE IN JANUARY

More than 300,000 Texas farmers and ranchmen who adopted the AAA's Agricultural Conservation Program in 1938 will receive approximately \$42,000,000 in conservation payments to be distributed for the most part in January, February and March of 1939, according to current AAA estimates.

George Slaughter, Texas Agricultural Conservation Committee chairman, said computation of payments is in full swing at AAA headquarters here and that checks will start going to producers about Jan. 19.

He urged those eligible for payment to send in their applications for grant as early as possible, explaining that the state office cannot begin distribution of checks to a given county until at least 25 percent of that county's applications for payment have been received.

Total 1938 payments will exceed the aggregate of 1937 checks by about \$9,000,000; and the bulk of conservation grants will be issued considerably earlier this year.

Slaughter represented these payments as "at least a step toward equalization of burdens imposed upon the man behind the plow by tariffs and freight rate differentials."

Heard, Womble, Platt, Burran, And Hill To Serve For Year 1939

WILSON STARTS BURIAL ASS'N

Announcement is made this week of the founding of the Wilson Burial Association with headquarters in Spearman and Perryton. The Association, which will serve members residing in Hansford, Lipscomb and Ochilree counties in Texas and the Oklahoma Panhandle, has been organized by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wilson, owners of the Wilson Funeral Home in Spearman, Perryton and Booker. Mr. Wilson is president of the association and Mrs. Wilson is secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Wilson states that representatives of the Association will start today on a thorough canvass of the area to be served in a sincere effort to explain the rules and regulations under which this low cost burial insurance is obtainable and to give an opportunity to those who are eligible to apply for membership.

Under the plan of operation announced by the association, there will be no initiation or membership fee. Dues have been set at a very low rate when compared with the benefits. The dues range as low as 20c quarterly for a \$60 benefit. The greater part of the membership will probably be interested in the \$150 benefit for ages 6 to 50 years costing only 50c every 3 months are two dollars annually. The association operates under a ruling of the Supreme Court of Texas. All the funds of the Association are handled by the Secretary-Treasurer who is under bond.

BRUCE AND FRED AT SUGAR BOWL GAME

Bruce and Freda Sheets returned this week from New Orleans where they attended the TCU-Carnegie Tech Sugar Bowl football game. They report a wonderful game, and New Orleans a most interesting and romantic city.

Democrats Asked To Attend Jackson Day Dinner At Dallas

County Democratic Chairman Lee McClellan has an urgent letter from the state democratic committee asking for a Tansford citizen to attend the annual Jackson Day dinner to be held at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, January 27. Lee states that he will not be able to attend the banquet himself, but is asking for a volunteer to attend.

The Banquet costs \$25.00, and is a means of raising campaign funds for coming democratic elections. Mr. McClellan said that if a volunteer could be secured to attend, the democrats of the county would likely be willing to make up a pot for expenses.

COMING ATTRACTIONS ELLIS THEATRE, PERRYTON, TEX.

Jan. 5-6—Having A Wonderful Time with Ginger Rogers and Douglas Fairbanks Jr.
Jan. 7—West of The Santa Fe—with Charles Starrett and Iris Meredith.
Jan. 8-9—Sweethearts—with Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger and Florence Rice.
Jan. 10-11—Comet Over Broadway—with Kay Francis and Ian Hunter.
Jan. 12-13—Going Places with Dick Powell, Anita Louise and Allen Jenkins.

H. L. Heard, E. C. Womble, Ray Platt, William C. Burran and Vester Hill, will serve citizens of Spearman as officers and directors of the local chamber of commerce for 1939, as result of the annual election held at a meeting Tuesday night at the court house.

Ten names were submitted for consideration by the nominating committee and the above directors were selected. The directors will hold a meeting in the near future for the purpose of electing President, Vice President, and selecting a Secretary Treasurer.

The new directors will announce meeting places, appoint committees and arrange a program, which will be published in next weeks paper.

Wild Life Planning Board Complete Organization

At a meeting of the Hansford county wild life planning board held at the court house Tuesday evening, completion of the organization was effected. In addition to officers and directors the following committees were appointed:

Publicity, Paul Loftin, Floyd Mitts and Frank Fleck; educational, Joe Hatton, Elma Gunn and Lawrence Gruver, legislative Fred Brandt, Bruce Sheets and E. N. Richardson.

The Board voted to apply for the Universal Hunting license to law to apply in Hansford county. Hansford county will likely be one among 100 counties of the state that will be regulated by the law of the Universal Hunting license.

Hansford county is in region ten, one of the ten areas of the state that has been organized for propagation and protection of wild life. The Federal government has appropriated a hundred thousand dollars for the state of Texas to carry on the work, and this fund will be supplemented with local hunting license fees. 85 percent of all hunting license sold in this county will come back to this area to help carry forward the program, which has as its ultimate goal, the restocking of the range country with wild life and the regulation of hunting so that it will be self sustaining.

Basketball Tourney To Be Friday - Saturday

The Spearman High School Invitation Basketball Tournament will be held in Spearman Friday and Saturday—Jan. 6-7.

We have the largest entry list in the history of the tournament; there being 24 teams entered. All preparations have been made and everything is set for the best tournament of the year. We have 50c will be charged on the games.

ent individuals furnished the 17 different awards, which are to be given at the conclusion of the tournament. The patrons of the town have agreed to keep the contestants in their homes Friday night. We appreciate the interest shown, and we assure you that the school officials are going to make every effort to make it an enjoyable week-end event for all who attend.

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hand Friday and Saturday night. Beginning at 9:30 Friday morning Booker and Morse girls will play; at 10:30 Morse and Hartley boys will play; at 11:30 Gruver and Hartley girls will play; at 1 p. m. Perryton and Follett boys will play; at 2 p. m. Booker and Phillips boys will play; at 4 Phillips and Perryton girls will play; at 5 White Deer and Dravett boys will play; at

7 p. m. Friday evening Spearman and the winner of the Booker-Morse game, girls, will play; at 8 Spearman boys and Canadian will play at 9 Darouzett and the winner of Gruver-Hartley girls will play. Officials, Fields, Texhoma, referee; Knowles, Berger, Referee; Loftin, Spearman, timer; H. Ooley, Spearman, scorer.

