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OPEN LETTER FROM MAYOR W. D. COOKE

Editor Spearman Reporter:

It seems that a petition, circulated in behalf of persons not now in office who are seeking election as city commissioners, designates me as a candidate for mayor.

My name, together with the names of my associates in office, the present commissioners, also appears on another ballot petition, that was, at the time of issuance, so far as I knew, the only petition intended to be presented.

In the circumstances, as a member of the present administration, I feel in duty bound to state to the voters that my allegiance, personally, hereby is pledged to the administration with which I am now connected.

As I view it, no change in the government of the city is necessary, nor is a change, at this time, advisable.

The city's finances are in better shape today than ever before.

To indicate what progress has been made thus far, let me state that bonds and interest coupons, in the amount approximately of \$29,547.12, have been retired at an outlay of only \$9,952.29 made possible by turning to the city's advantage conditions created by the depression.

With the experience gained during the past year, the present commissioners preeminently are equipped to handle the city's debt problems more conservatively than new officials could be expected to do.

Moreover, anyone, in the least acquainted with the facts of the case, must concede, that as a matter of law, until a proper adjustment of our funded debt has been completed, no reduction, below present levels, can be made in the city tax levy.

The city, like an individual, is obligated, and can be required to pay its debts.

If you voters will come to the city hall and look over the city's books of account, you will convince yourselves that we are doing everything possible to protect your best interests.

As a resident and taxpayer, I want the finance policies, inaugurated by this administration, carried out resultfully; the present commissioners are the men to do it.

Resultfully,

W. D. COOKE, Mayor.

BRYAN STORE AT PERRYTON ROBBED

According to information from Lewis Bryan, his father's store at Perryton was robbed last Saturday night. Thieves broke in thru a back window and cracked the safe, securing \$200.00 in cash and several hundred dollars in checks.

Legion Holds Regular Meeting Thursday Eve.

Members of the Hansford County American Legion met at their home last Thursday night for another successful meeting. Many new members were added to the rolls of the organization and the membership is nearing the 75 mark, with a determined effort to pass the hundred mark in April. A committee was appointed to look into the feasibility of securing a home loan on the Legion Hall, remodeling the building and adding a new maple floor, with two extra rooms and a porch to extend on the south side of the building.

City Tax Rate Will Likely Be Lowered To \$1.00 Valuation 1934

City tax payers of the City of Spearman are due another Christmas present here in April, if the present plans of the city administration work out as they expect. The city officials have studied the tax situation very carefully, and they realize the burden of taxes at this time and after careful study they are recommending that the valuation of the city be left the same as it was in 1933, but the tax rate be reduced from \$1.20 to \$1.00 per hundred. This rate is likely to be adopted, but the rate cannot be determined until after all the city property is assessed and the equalization board approves the valuation. Then the rate is automatically set. The city officials are in a position to know approximately what the rate will be, and they feel sure that the new rate will be, and they feel sure that the new rate will be only \$1.00.

Should the city rate be changed to one dollar this will be a reduction in city taxes of 46 per cent since 1932 according to D. W. Holland.

Western Telephone Corp. Hold District Meeting In Spearman Saturday

Twenty-five representatives from over the Guyton District of the Western Telephone Corporation met in Spearman Saturday night, March 17th, for a district meet.

A banquet, entertainment program and business meeting made up the activities of the meeting. The local manager W. O. Allen, and Miss Helen Buchanan, chief operator, made the welcome addresses to which, the district manager Jess Hester of Guyton, gave the response. After the refreshment course intermingled with entertainment numbers the business session was held. Increasing business was reported by every manager in the district, and general outlook of the meet was truly an optimistic one.

Brother OF Local Instructor Buried

It is learned with deepest sympathy that Lee Gunn who was seriously ill with spinal meningitis at his home in Hedley, Texas, passed away on Thursday, March 22nd. The deceased is a brother of Elmer Gunn, instructor and coach in the Spearman high school here. Funeral services were conducted by the Methodist Pastor Rev. Hendricks of Hedley. Lee Gunn is survived by his wife and three children.

Elmer Gunn and his mother, who make their home in Spearman returned from Hedley Sunday where they had been at the bedside of the deceased during his illness.

Mrs. H. A. Nichols At Bedside of Her Father

Mrs. H. A. Nichols has been at the bedside of her father Mr. John Sneed at San Angelo since Saturday March 17. Mr. Sneed is in a critical condition having undergone a serious operation. His condition at this writing is still serious.

C. W. Smith made a business trip to Hooker, Oklahoma on Tuesday of this week.

CITY OF SPEARMAN \$18,000 BETTER OFF THAN LAST YEAR

According to information the management of this publication has secured the information that the City of Spearman is \$18,000 better off this year than last. This does not mean that the city paid out \$18,000 to liquidate bonded indebtedness during the past year, but it means that in liquidating warrants and indebtedness this amount has been cleared off the slate. The city officials have not revealed just what portion of this liquidation represents cash paid out, but there has been a most substantial saving effected for the tax payers by the management of the city affairs by the present administration. More Power to you boys, and if you can duplicate this feat again next year we will soon be eased up on taxes.

City Will Have Two Tickets In Field At April 7 Election

Two tickets with Mayor W. B. Cooke to seek re-election for his office on both tickets, will face the voters of the city at the city election to be held at the City Hall Saturday April 7th. The two tickets carry the names of Cooke for Mayor, Charles Chambers and Dave Hester for Commissioners, and Cooke for Mayor and F. B. Buzzard and W. S. McNabb for Commissioners. Both tickets were made up by petitions of a number of friends of the respective candidates, and we understand that all candidates with the exception of Mr. Buzzard have been consulted and have agreed to allow their names to appear on the ballot. Mr. Buzzard is out of the city, and has not been consulted by the City Secretary, but he is expected back in Spearman before the ballots are printed. Al Barkley has been appointed election judge.

Bill McClellan - Ted McClellan, Attend Zone Sales Meeting

Bill McClellan, Chevrolet Dealer for Spearman, Ted McClellan Chevrolet Dealer for Gruver and Elmo McClellan of Gruver attended the Zone Sales meeting of the Chevrolet Company held at the Herring hotel, Amarillo Wednesday of this week.

School To Dismiss Friday For Annual Scholastic Meeting

Spearman public schools will be dismissed all day Friday so pupils and instructors can attend the annual interscholastic meet to be held at Morse the Morse P. T. A. will serve a noon lunch, and citizens who can spare the time are urged to attend the meet and root for Spearman in the athletic and literary events.

Irving Hester Carried To Hot Springs N. M.

City Commissioner Dave Hester carried his son Irvin, to Hot Springs, N. M., early Tuesday morning to take the baths at that place.

College Students Home For Easter

This week finds several of the Spearman college students at home for the Easter holidays. Misses Mary Wilbanks, Lois Bailey, Dan Archer and Roy Wilmeth all from Texas Tech are visiting their homes here.

Dist. Meeting Here Of Methodists On Foreign Mission Work

Several Methodist laymen and representatives from the churches of this district met at the Methodist church in Spearman Tuesday night on the "Kingdom Extension or World Wide Missionary Week." A drive for this work will be culminated next Sunday in sacrificial offering everywhere.

JOHN BISHOP ACCEPTS POSITION WITH THE SPEARMAN HARDWARE

Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop who have made their home in Salina, Kansas for the past year and a half have moved back to Spearman where John will be employed at the Spearman Hardware.

LIONS CLUB TO ENTERTAIN GROUP DISTRICT "T" TUES.

Final arrangements for the group meeting of District T Lions clubs to be held at Spearman next Tuesday night, have been completed.

Former District Governor and National Director, Lion Sam Braswell will be the principal speaker at the group meet. The program will be a "Ladies Night" and Lions from Higgins, Perryton, Miami, Booker and Panhandle will bring their wives.

A splendid program which will include group singing of the Spearman Choral Club has been arranged. More than one hundred and fifty Lions and Lionesses are expected to attend.

"Ballyhoo Congress" Feature Of Next Democratic Meeting

Friday, April 2nd, has been set for the next meeting of the Hansford County Young Democratic Club at which time the "Seventy-Sum-Odd Ballyhoo Congress" will be in session in the District Court room in Spearman.

Each member of the club will take the place of a Senator and other democrats will play the roles of President Roosevelt, Vice-President John Nance Garner, parliamentarians, pages and what-have-you. At 8 p. m. sharp the congressional snuff box will be in place and the ballyhoo senators will take their places in the senatorial chambers.

The bill to be introduced into the senate is being drafted by Senators Burrin Wilbanks, or Wilbanks-Burrin. Supporters of the bill will be Miss Helen Buchanan, Mrs. Marguerite Gibner, Jack Hancock, Wilson Buchanan, Mrs. Mattie Ruth Barker, Ike Vernon and the brilliant non-sports porters include such names as Mrs. J. B. Cooke, (a candidate's wife), Eugene Richardson, Pierce Myers, E. Dowling McMurtry, Reba Barkley, Mrs. Bruce Sheets and others.

The one and only inimitable Bruce Sheets will fill the shoes of Pres. Roosevelt and the incoherent or glowing Judge J. H. Broadhurst (another candidate) will take the role of Johnnie Garner. For the first ten minutes of the congress the versatile John Morris, head history enthusiast of Spearman High School will outline the procedure of passing the bill, in a talk on "The Life of Bill." Then during the congress he and Miss Lucille Maize will be parliamentarians and see that everything is carried out in strictest parliamentary practice. Herbert Campbell will act as page during the session.

A refreshment committee composed of Mrs. Bruce Sheets, Mr. E. N. Richardson and Miss Opaline will make arrangements for refreshments.

"DUCK SOUP"



Groucho Marx, as Rufus T. Fly, Dictator of Freedom, kept the door open for further negotiations with the First Lady of Land, Margaret Dumont, in "D Soup" Paramount's Four Brothers' comedy at Lyric Theatre this Thursday-Friday-Saturday.

Your Church Calls YOU



Of all the days of the year there are two that stand out in their power to inspire and lift the eyes and the thoughts of men throughout the world. Those two days are Christmas and Easter when we commemorate His resurrection. And of the two days, Easter sometimes seems the most inspiring because all nature seems to be in accord, bringing new life, new assurance, new hope into the world.... Come to church---your church---on that day. Join with thousands of others in a renewal and rebirth of faith.

Go to Church Easter

At the Following Spearman Churches:

First Baptist Church Methodist Church Union Church
 Assembly of God, First Christian Church, Church of Christ

Spearman Business Firms and Citizens Name Below Invite You to Attend Church Easter

Special Services, Special Music Is Being Planned Throughout the City

SPEARMAN HARDWARE
 W. C. BRYAN & SONS GROCERY
 CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY
 Alvino Richardson
 FIRST NATIONAL BANK
 FIRST STATE BANK
 TEXAS-LOUISIANA POWER & LIGHT
 R. L. McCLELLAN GRAIN CO.
 CONSUMERS SALES COMPANY

PHILLIPS WHOLESALE and RETAIL
 Slim Windom, Wm. Glover
 PANHANDLE GAS & ELECTRIC CO.
 W. J. WHITSON, P. M.
 SPARKS CONFECTIONERY
 WOMBLE HARDWARE COMPANY
 JUDGE J. H. BROADHURST
 CAMPBELL TAILOR SHOP
 BURRAN BROTHERS GROCERY

JIMMIE DAVIS SERVICE STATION
 SPEARMAN DRUG COMPANY
 NEW SYSTEM GROCERY-MARKET
 DELON KIRK BATTERY SHOP
 J. E. WOMBLE
 ALLEN TIRE SHOP
 F. W. BRANDT & COMPANY.
 HANSFORD ABSTRACT COMPANY
 McCLELLAN CHEVROLET CO. Inc.

R. & C. MOTOR COMPANY
 FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH LBR. CO.
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