

Phone Company To Make Survey For Expenditures

Special Correspondence.

DALLAS, April 8.—The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will make a complete survey of Texas to obtain data on which to base its expenditures to keep up with the growth of the State, it was announced by E. D. Nims of St. Louis, president of the company, on a recent visit to Dallas.

FRITCHARD ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT

County Judge E. S. Pritchard of the commissioners' court has announced for re-election. In his announcement, Judge Pritchard points to the record he has made of efficient and faithful service, and asks that the work be entrusted to him for another term. He says:

To the Voters of Eastland County: In making my announcement for re-election to the office of County Judge, I desire first to thank the citizenship of this county for the support given me in the past. As proof of my appreciation of the trust reposed in me, and in as much as some are attempting to mislead the voters of this county as to how the Commissioners' Court is handling the County Finances, I desire here to submit a report of the County Auditor, which speaks for itself:

Eastland, Texas, March 31, 1926. Hon. E. S. Pritchard, County Judge, Eastland County.

Complying with your request for certain information relating to the financial affairs of Eastland County, I have to advise that the records of this office show as follows:

Paid on County's indebtedness—Bonds, Warrants and Interest—from August 1, 1922, to December 31, 1925, \$1,170,623.40.

October 1, 1922, to September 30, 1925, \$149,856.30.

Excess Fees Collected from January 1, 1923, to December 31, 1925, \$16,891.62.

Collected from defunct First National Bank of Ranger, and from State Banking Commissioner on account of Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, since January 1, 1923, \$227,632.50.

Cash in Banks and in hands of County Treasurer, belonging to the various funds of the County, on March 31, 1926, \$583,942.21.

(Signed) W. S. MICHAEL, County Auditor.

Since I have been County Judge all county funds deposited in banks have been protected by Liberty Bonds and Government Certificates in excess of amounts deposited. This not only eliminates all possibility of the loss of county funds in bank failures, but also would eliminate a costly and long drawn-out law suit, in the event a County Depository bank should fail. All taxpayers are entitled to know the kind of protection that is being placed about county funds, and I invite an investigation from anyone interested. I have never lost ONE DOLLAR of the county's money since I have been County Judge, and believe that I can continue to manage the County affairs without losing any.

Certain candidates are guaranteeing to cut the county tax rate if they are elected. The county tax rate at present is \$1.54, \$1.09 of which is interest and sinking funds of the county good road bonds and courthouse bonds. If you will make a simple mathematical subtraction you will find that \$1.09 subtracted from \$1.54 will leave \$.45 for all other county funds. Eastland County, if it were not for the interest and sinking fund on outstanding bonds, would have one of the cheapest tax-rates of any populous county in Texas. The bonds have been voted, sold, the money is spent, and must now be paid. Any candidate offering to cut the tax rate is either grossly ignorant of the county's financial affairs or is too extravagant with his political promises.

The county now has road machinery, which means an annual saving of many thousands of dollars each year in the construction and maintenance of lateral roads. During the past three years the Court has graded and widened 746 miles of public roads in this county. Under the old method of road construction the county could not have built more than 75 miles. This means a saving of 671 miles of public road, which has been accomplished by business management and good machinery.

As you will note from the above auditor's report the county now has \$583,942.21 to its credit in depository banks. Only three years ago the present Commissioners' Court took hold of an empty treasury. Since that time we have paid \$1,170,623.40 on the county's bond and interest indebtedness, have built 746 miles of graded lateral roads, completed the highway system, and now have this vast sum of money on deposit for the county. Please have the gentleman, who is going around and charging that the present Commissioners' Court is extravagant, explain how the county could have made all this road improvement, paid indebtedness to the amount of \$1,170,623.40, have a deposit to its credit of \$583,942.21 and be extravagant? Bear in mind that this is the Auditor's report, and not my political statement.

In conclusion I wish to state that I am making this race solely on my merits and the record which I have made as County Judge. I have given the county a business and economical administration I have been fair with everyone, especially with the county, and I can account for every penny of the county's money. Some candidates are making many promises of what they will do if elected, but the tax-payers might be more interested to have the candidates promise what they won't do if elected. I won't betray the confidence of the citizenship, if I am elected.

Again thanking you for the past favors and assuring you of my appreciation of your continued support, I am,

(Signed) ED S. PRITCHARD,
Candidate for County Judge.



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

LOOK WHAT I FOUND!! I BETCHA IT'S A MINERAL OF SOME KIND - YESSR, LOOKS JUST LIKE GOLD!!

THAT'S A STONE YOU PICKED UP - WHY DO YA CALL IT A MINERAL?

I SEE YOU AINT ANUVA EDUCATION - BERRS SPARKLY THINGS IN THIS STONE, SO IT MUST BE A MINERAL - MINERALS ARE FOUND IN THE EARTH - LIKE GOLD AN' SILVER.

OH, I SEE!

G'WAN, YER TOO DUMB TO UNDERSTAND WHAT MINERALS ARE - NAME SOME OTHERS IF YER SO SMART!!

NEEDS AN' FISH WORMS!!!

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Mon'n Pop



MY CHICK BUT YOU HAVE GROWN TO BE A BIG FELLOW - WHY, WHEN I SAW YOU LAST YOU - MY GOODNESS - IS THAT A BLACK EYE YOU HAVE?

RIGHT YOU ARE COUSIN MATILDA!

FIGHTING, EH? A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK - PROBABLY A GIRL MIXED UP IN IT -

WELL IT WASN'T MY FAULT - I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS ENGAGED

COUSIN MOLLY, I CANT SAY I ADMIRE THE WAY YOU'VE BROUGHT UP YOUR FAMILY - IT'S A DISGRACE TO THINK A YOUNG MAN OF CHICK'S AGE SHOULD GET INTO A FIGHT OVER A GIRL

BUT COUSIN MATILDA - YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CIRCUMSTANCES

OH THEN YOU UPHOLD THE BOY? GLORY BE! IS IT ANY WONDER THIS GENERATION IS SO LAX IN ITS STANDARDS - BUT STILL HIS FATHER WAS ALWAYS MIXED UP IN A BRAWL OF SOME KIND BEFORE HE WAS MARRIED AND WHAT'S BORN IN THE BLOOD YOU CANT BEAT OUT OF THE FLESH - HE'S JUST ANOTHER GUNN

CHICK'S WINDOW DEMONSTRATION IDEA HAS BOOMED THE SALE OF MAGIC MUD.

POP IS NOW ON THE ROAD ENGAGING YOUNG WOMEN AS DEMONSTRATORS

TELEGRAM FOR MR CHICK GUNN!

A TELEGRAM! GLORY BE! MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT AND THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO OPEN IT

- TELEGRAMS ALWAYS MAKE ME SO NERVOUS - WHO COULD BE WIRING CHICK?

I MUST KNOW WHAT IT IS - I CAN STEAM IT OPEN AND THEN PASTE UP THE FLAP AND NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW IT

"CHICK - LEAVE AT ONCE FOR CANFIELD - HAVE TWO BRUNETTES DATED UP - POP!

WELL THIS IS A FINE PIECE OF BUSINESS - I SUSPECTED ALL ALONG THAT POP GUNN WAS OUT OF TOWN FOR NO GOOD, AND TO THINK POOR COUSIN MOLLY IS IGNORANT OF THIS

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By Taylor

Money Measure Of Success Tires College Teacher

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 8.—Tired of progress measured in terms of dollars and cents, Dr. Mattoon Monroe Curtis, 65, for 35 years head of the Department of Philosophy at Western Reserve University, is retiring from his professorial chair.

"The aesthetic side of life is being wickedly neglected," he told a group of alumni who gathered to honor him and his accomplishments on his retirement.

"Our college students are being dumped into the hopper of commercialism, and the alumni are aiding in this. To them the finest music, as is some one has said, 'no more than the scraping of a horse's tail over the guts of a cat.'

"I am sick of progress measured by dollars and cents. Money, of course, has value, but after all, it isn't very important. We neglect the discoverer, the experimenter, the scientist. We honor the commercially successful man." Dr. Curtis said the thing which hurts him most, on retiring, is the failure of his 20-year fight for chains of cultural anthropology and psychology in his university.

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Sheep Is Added To The Judging Contest; West

CANYON, April 8.—Because sheep raising has become a profitable industry in West Texas, this class of animal will be added to the regular classes of beef cattle, dairy cows, hogs, horses and mules when the fifth West Texas Vocational Stock judging contest opens here April 3. Fathers take lessons from their sons at this annual meet when the students who enter the contest judge the stock on exhibit at the meet.

According to Prof. T. M. Moore, superintendent of the contest, plans are being made to entertain the largest delegation to the contest in the history of its organization.

Latin Tournaments Will Be Held in Six Cities This State

DALLAS, April 8.—Latin tournaments will be held in six Texas cities tomorrow in which students will compete for scholarships offered by the following universities of the state: Southern Methodist University, Baylor at Belton, Lubbock Technical College (three), Canyon Teacher's College and the three colleges at Abilene—Simmons, McMurray and the Abilene Christian. The tournaments are to be held at Dallas, Abilene, Amarillo, Galveston and San Antonio.

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Swedish Youths Win Huge Fortune By New Invention

STOCKHOLM.—The happy idea of combining two simple gases in a new kind of an artificial refrigerator which generates cold from heat without movable parts has made two young graduates of the Royal Swedish Institute of Technology seem like heroes of a tale from the Arabian Nights.

Last year the Swedish Polhem gold medal, which has been awarded to inventors only eleven times in the past fifty years, was pinned by the Crown Prince himself on youthful chests of Carl G. Munters and Blazar von Platen, the first born in 1897 and the second in 1898, and now their invention has been sold abroad for the highest figure ever paid for patent rights.

The shares of the two young inventors, added to future royalties, will make them wealthy for life, though their invention has not yet reached the public. Their teacher at the Institute of Technology, Prof. Edward Hubendick, in whose laboratory they experimented with their new invention while still undergraduates, has announced that they are now working on another invention which he declares will be even more startling, but he refuses to discuss its nature.



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"The Splendid Road," a First National film featuring Anna Q. Nilsson, Lionel Barrymore and Robert Frazer, which is booked for the Liberty Theatre is the screen compliment to America's pioneer womanhood.

In her novel, "The Splendid Road," upon which the film is based, Miss Roe deals with the struggles, the hardships and romance of Sandra De Hault, who came to California from Boston to play a man's game in a man's way.

California in '49 was a hot bed of crime and disorder, the lust for gold and land being superior to conventions, system or life itself. The law was what men made it.

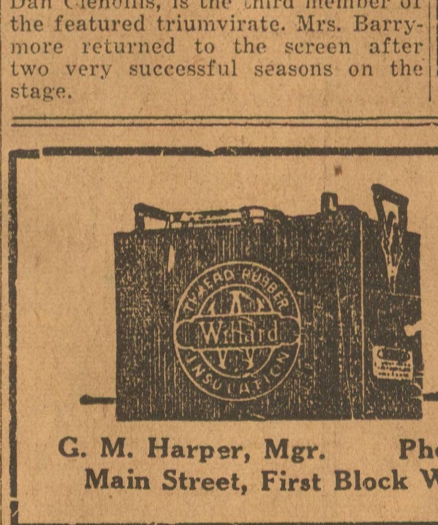
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