



### The Slaton Slatonite

Published Tuesdays and Fridays.  
Slaton Times Purchased Jan. 20, 1927.

Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas.

T. E. Roderick - - - - - Publisher

Subscription price, per year - \$3.00  
Display advertising rate,  
per single-column inch - 35c

Entered as second class mail matter  
at the postoffice at Slaton, Texas.

#### LUBBOCK MAN DOES SOME FALSE REASONING ON COUNTY'S HIGHWAY PROBLEMS.

In last Sunday's issue of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, on page five of section two, there appeared a lengthy article by C. E. Maedgen, Lubbock banker and chairman of the lost road bond campaign, under the title of "Lubbock County's Problems Concerning Paved Roads".

The article by Mr. Maedgen coincides, in many instances, with the views held and defended by many Slaton citizens during the two recent road bond campaigns in Lubbock County. But, it also contains several statements that will not bear up under careful analysis. These we wish to point out, since they pertain to Slaton's interest in the county's highway development program and refer specifically to Slaton's relation to a county-wide plan of road-building.

The first serious flaw in Mr. Maedgen's arguments is found in his statement, "I feel sure that their (Slaton's) opposition to the bond issue voted on, on January 12, was due to misinformation and lack of study of what really their share is and what the rest of the county is entitled to".

No, Mr. Maedgen, Slaton has not been without information on this question, and she has not been so mentally indolent as to fail to study the question. On the contrary, Slaton citizens and voters have secured information and have studied the question thoroughly, hence they were able to see the unfairness of the last proposed road bond issue, so far as Slaton was concerned, and therefore voted it down. Our very lack of ignorance caused us to vote intelligently for Slaton's best interests. We certainly do not want an alibi for our action on January 12 on the ground that we were without information and had not studied the facts in the case.

Mr. Maedgen then points out that the total tax valuations in Lubbock County are \$22,092,101.00 and that the total taxable valuations in Road District No. 1, which includes the city of Slaton are \$1,573,220.00. He then points out that the values in Road District No. 1 are "just seven per cent of the total amount of values in Lubbock County".

It remains for us to show you, Mr. Maedgen, that Road District No. 1 in Lubbock County includes a very small part of what may rightly and altogether justly be called "Slaton's trade territory". This road district begins at the northwest corner of Slaton's corporate limits, extending nine miles north from there, thence east six and one-half miles to the county line. From the northwest corner of Slaton's corporate limits, the district extends southward less than a mile beyond the

city's corporate limits, and thence east for less than six miles to the county line. This gives a mighty small district.

As a matter of fact, Slaton's section of Lubbock County, from the standpoint of her trade territory, extends eight to ten miles west of the west line of the road district, and at least two miles north of the north line of the district, and includes all of that portion of the county lying south of the road district and all southwest of the district, to Highway Number 9 on the west.

However, we will not even lay claim to all this area, and still the fallacy of Mr. Maedgen's argument is very apparent. Let us assume that it is sixteen miles from Slaton to Lubbock, and that the half-way point between the two cities marks the dividing line on what may be called their respective trade territories. With this eight miles as a radius, let us draw a semi-circle around Slaton, between Slaton and Lubbock. Then, count the percentage of territory and add up the tax values. The total will rise, and will go considerably beyond the seven per cent mark, because the area in this semi-circle is at least twice the area included in Road District No. 1.

It is unfair to say Slaton's area of the county includes only seven per cent of the county's tax values, merely because this may be true of Road District No. 1, in which it is located. We are reliably informed that another Lubbock man, M. G. Abernathy, also made a statement like Mr. Maedgen's with reference to this seven per cent ratio, and he made this statement in Slaton. It isn't fair to reason on that basis, gentlemen, it simply isn't fair, because it does not take into consideration all of the facts.

Mr. Maedgen's article said Slaton was getting about ten per cent of the roads under the last bond plan, whereas the tax values were only seven per cent. He figured this on the basis of paving 100 miles of highways in the county, whereas the plan as proposed called for paving roads totaling 125 miles in length.

We have not mentioned the ratio of population in this section of the county, as compared with the remainder of the county. It should be said that Slaton, Union, Posey, McClung and half of Acuff's vote in the bond election of Jan. 12 was over 25 per cent of the total vote cast in the county. We include only half of Acuff's vote because that community is about equidistant from Lubbock and Slaton. The total vote in these boxes, excluding Lubbock, was nearly 200 more than the rest of the county combined. Yet, the remainder of the county would have received all the other roads except Highway No. 7, or about seven roads to our one.

Nothing was said in Mr. Maedgen's article about Lubbock getting all the roads that were proposed for paving. We do not know what ratio of taxable valuations in the county are included within Lubbock's corporate limits. But, granting that this is as much as two-thirds of the total, why should Lubbock be entitled to 100 per cent of the roads, merely because she happens to be the county seat? Why shouldn't Slaton be entitled to more than her share, if Lubbock is entitled to more than her share?

Mr. Maedgen's article brought out another matter that we have been expecting to hear for some time, an ef-

fort to whip Slaton into line. He suggests that, if Slaton does not come to favor a plan of paving only the state and federal highways of the county, it might be wise to create road district number 2 in the county, leaving Slaton out, and then change State Highway No. 7 so it will go from Post to Tahoka, thence to Lubbock over Highway No. 9, missing Slaton entirely. He argues that this plan would save the counties and the state about \$1,500,000 in construction costs, and that the distance from Post to Lubbock would only be lengthened about nine miles.

This suggestion reminds us that in the summer of 1927 the Slaton Chamber of Commerce asked Lubbock to aid Slaton in having Highway No. 9 changed so as to come from Tahoka through Wilson and Slaton, thence to Lubbock over Highway No. 7, thus saving a big sum in construction costs, while the distance from Tahoka to Lubbock would be increased only seven or eight miles, a smaller increase than would be made in the distance between Post and Lubbock if the change mentioned by Mr. Maedgen should be made.

However, sentiment in Lubbock was divided on the matter of aiding Slaton in securing this change, we are advised, and no definite action was taken. It was contended by some Lubbock citizens at that time that the changed designation could not be secured. Now, however, it seems there are some who believe No. 7 could be changed and increased in length, merely to serve Lubbock's whim. If Lubbock is willing to change No. 7 so it will miss Slaton, why shouldn't she be willing to change No. 9 so it will serve Slaton, and at the same time serve the town of Wilson, south of here, and also continue to serve Tahoka and Lubbock as perfectly as it serves them now.

Is Lubbock willing to help build Tahoka, located in another county, before she would help Slaton, located in her own county? If so, if this is Lubbock's attitude, then we can see small hope of reconciling Lubbock and Slaton on a unified road plan for Lubbock County.

We would predict, however, that if Lubbock would concede to help Slaton have Highway No. 9 changed to pass through Wilson and Slaton, the difficulties of getting Slaton and Lubbock together on a road plan for the county would be very, very small. This is by far the more sensible solution of this problem.

If No. 7 should be changed as mentioned by Mr. Maedgen, it would miss Southland and Slaton, and all of the intervening territory, including one of the most productive sections of the South Plains. If it were changed, it would serve fewer people than it now serves, accomplishing no good purpose whatever, except to increase its distance. The same benefit, the saving in construction costs, would be realized in changing No. 9 to pass through Slaton. Really, this change in No. 9 should be made in the interest of economy for Lubbock County and for the state and federal departments, inasmuch as the change would injure no one, while its benefits would be very material in many ways.

This thing of working out a plan for building roads in Lubbock County is a problem, we are ready to admit. But, when Lubbock and Lubbock citizens forget their selfishness and deal with Slaton and other parts of the county on the right kind of basis, the problem will be quickly solved. Slaton is merely seeking to protect her rights without injuring Lubbock or the rest of the county. If this isn't fair, what could be called fair?

One more thing we want to point out. It is not something of which

Slaton is proud, but it is nevertheless true that if many Lubbock business men should suddenly lose the patronage they receive from Slaton, it would mean for them the difference between profitable operation and bankruptcy. It is true that the attitude Lubbock has taken with reference to roads in his part of the county will affect the volume of patronage they will receive in the future more than perhaps any other one thing that could have been done. In that sense, it will be a good thing for Slaton. It is rapidly aiding Slaton in solving her problem in this matter.

It is just here that Lubbock has failed miserably. She has not exhibited the progressiveness in this matter that was to have been expected of her. Why, in the name of common sense, can't Lubbock citizens see wherein a network of roads through the entire county would be the best thing they could think of in a thousand years? A few Lubbock people saw it when the first bond election was held on Dec. 1, 1928. They were wide awake and could properly appreciate true values. Some others, however, pinch their dollars until the eagle squalls, unless they are spending the money for themselves and Lubbock and for nobody else.

Slaton folks, spend your money in Slaton. It won't come back to you if you spend it in Lubbock.

#### PAY POLL TAX NOW!

Just a few days left for you to pay poll tax.

January 31 is the last day upon which it may be paid, and this is January 22. Don't put it off. You might forget it. Go pay it today—right now!

Anyhow, some important elections are likely for this year. Your poll tax will be your only means of protection. Without it you are deprived of one of the best blessings of citizenship—the right to vote.

Pay your poll tax today. January 31 is the last chance.

#### BOY SCOUT TRAILERS.

A motion picture trailer, running approximately one and one-half minutes, which shows brief flashes of Scouting activities, has been prepared for the Boy Scouts of America, for showing in connection with the forthcoming celebration of the Nineteenth Anniversary of the Boy Scout Movement in America, which occurs in the week of February 8-14, 1929. The trailer was produced for the Boy Scouts by the William J. Ganz Company, 507 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Austin.—State Highway Commission plans to have billboards removed from Texas highways during 1929.



For Your Health's Sake, Get Your Dairy Products from Florence Dairy  
PHONE 86

#### THE SPIRIT OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Buy a home, because: My interests are here, I believe in transacting business with friends. The community that is good enough for me to live in is good enough for me to buy in. The man I purchase from pays his part of the city, school and county taxes. I believe in my town and its future.

Speaking of home building, who is the REAL home builder. It is the home merchant. Who is he?

He is the chap who gives you credit when you are financially broke, and carries your account until you are able to pay.

He is the chap who gives you back your money or makes exchanges when you are not satisfied with what you have bought.

He is the chap who meets you at the door with a handshake, and lets you out with a message to the "kids" and a real "Come again, goodbye".

He is the chap whose clerks live in the home town and spend their money

with you and other local people.

He is the chap who helps support our churches, our schools, and our charity organizations, and talks for the home town and boosts it every day in the year.

He is the chap who visits you when you are sick, sends flowers to your family when you die, and follows your body out as far as human feet may travel.

He is the home merchant—your neighbor—your friend—your helper in time of need.

Don't you think you ought to trade with him, and be his friend and his helper, too?

Don't you know that the growth and prosperity of your town depends very largely upon the success and prosperity of the home merchant? Out-of-town people judge your city by the appearance of the stores and the degree of enterprise shown by the home merchants.

HOME MERCHANTS SUCCEED WHEN HOME FOLKS GIVE THEM THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT.—American Railway Journal.

## What about the FLU?

**HAVE you had it?**  
Are you going to have it? What are you doing to prevent it?

**Everybody is asking these questions just now.**

**Doctors say to keep out of crowds; be cheerful; eat good food; get plenty of sleep; keep the bowels open.**

**At the first sign of constipation, take a dose of Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT.**

**At the first sign of Flu, that is, when you begin to have a little temperature and feel like you are taking cold, go to bed and call your doctor. You can not cure the Flu on your feet.**

**Prevention, as everyone knows, is better than cure. One of the best ways to prevent catching a cold which might develop into the Flu, is to keep your system free from impurities by using Thedford's**

# Black-Draught

**For CONSTIPATION INDIGESTION, BILIOUSNESS**

LA-38



### The Drug Store Where Your Needs Are Filled Efficiently, Promptly and at Very Reasonable Prices

Service is our motto—our prescription department is run on that principle. Medicines are correctly compounded and delivered in the shortest possible time, at the lowest possible price.

We carry a full line of drugs, rubber goods and novelties.

This is the drug store of Service and Quality!

**CITY DRUG STORE**  
Prescriptions Promptly Filled

Poor Coffee often spoils the finest meal— a crime that

## SUNSET

*is never accused of committing*  
**IT'S FRESH ROASTED AND SOLD WHILE RETAINING IT'S ORIGINAL FLAVOR AND AROMA**

**AT YOUR GROCER'S**



SUNSET TEA ALSO ON SALE AT THE GROCERS

AVAILUABLE COUPON IS PACKED IN EVERY PACKAGE

**Topics of the Town  
—and—  
News of its People**

Frank Lux has leased a filling station at the intersection of Lynn St. and Panhandle Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elliott and little daughter, Juanita, were Lubbock visitors last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Elliott were in Lubbock Friday afternoon. Mrs. Elli-

ott received treatment at the Lubbock Sanitarium.

Mrs. S. E. Staggs and Mrs. J. M. Wolfskill were in Lubbock Sunday attending sessions of the nineteenth annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal missionary district of North Texas.

Miss Lucile Davis, of Nevada, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Tommie Kirby.

Dan W. Liles and H. C. Burrus, post commander and adjutant, respectively, of Luther Powers Post, American Legion, were in Lubbock Monday

night attending a meeting of Allen Brothers post. Other members of the Slaton post attended, also.

Mrs. W. H. Smith spent last week in Amarillo, visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Ball and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rushing, of Plainview, spent last week with their daughter, Mrs. K. L. Scudder, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl King, of Lubbock, spent Sunday afternoon in Slaton visiting with E. Barton and family.

Fred Stephens is reported as suffering from a relapse of the flu and is quite ill.

Jerry Leverett has returned from a short business trip to Nevada, Texas.

Bruce Gentry and family, of Lubbock, were visitors in Slaton Monday.

Mrs. O. O. Rountree and baby visited friends in Vernon during the week-end.

Little Mel Rust, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Thurman, was taken to a Lubbock sanitarium Monday night for treatment. The little Thurman baby has been ill for some time.

Miss LaRue Brooks, who is visiting with a sister at Levelland, is reported very ill with pneumonia.

The condition of A. J. Payne, who has been suffering with rheumatism at his home here for about two weeks, is reported no better. Mr. Payne's rheumatism followed a case of the "flu", it is said.

Wilbur Napps, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Napps, returned home Friday from Ada, Oklahoma, where he had been attending the Teachers' College.

Bill Huckabay went to Idalou Monday, where he is to manage a new hatchery being installed there by he and his father, Dr. W. L. Huckabay.

Mrs. C. M. Lee and little daughter, Charlene, visited last week with relatives in Lubbock.

Miss Floy Roberts has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Williams Transfer & Storage.

Jess Swint and F. C. Rector were business visitors to Lubbock Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hackett, whose home is in Oklahoma, arrived here Saturday from Los Angeles, Calif., where they had visited for some time. They are visiting here with their son, J. M. Hackett, Santa Fe engineer.

J. M. Stephens, who has been suffering with rheumatism for the past several weeks, is said to be in a serious condition at his home on South 13th St., here. His son, Fred, is very ill, also, it was reported early this week.

B. E. Clark, Santa Fe electrician, is reported to be very ill at his home on South Twelfth St.

Mrs. L. R. Gregory and children, J. H., and Blanche Adele, visited her mother, Mrs. J. H. Kemp, of Hereford, during the week-end.

**START 1929 WITH A FAMILY BUDGET**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas.—The buying of the American housewife is of greater national importance than that of any of the captains of industry because her buying builds the American home. About 85 cents out of every dollar received by the average family is spent by the housewife, and so important are these expenditures that every home should have its budget. This is the belief of home demonstration authorities of the A. and M. Extension Service as expressed recently by Miss Gertrude Blodgett, district agent.

"If the sleeves and skirt are to be of the right length and breadth a pattern must be followed in making the dress. So also must a plan of spending be adopted if the average family be freed of the financial worry that comes from ignorance and uncertainty. Budgeting is not a kind of servitude, as some people think, but just honest-to-goodness living within your income.

"A budget," says Miss Blodgett, "gives an accurate knowledge of the family income and expenditures, checks wasteful spending, establishes a proper relationship between various classes of expenditures, and encourages systematic saving for definite purposes. But a budget is of value to a family only when it has been made by and for that individual

group. No two families of the same size and income will apportion their income in the same way because needs, tastes, habits and standards of living are unlike. Similarly, the budget for the same family will probably change from year to year.

"The first requirement for making a successful family budget in a new year is to call a family council in which all the children, unless they be too small, participate. It's a waste of time to start with certain prescribed percentage divisions of the income, even when the income is fixed. The actual situation and needs of the family must furnish the basis for building the budget. From then on it's a matter of wise planning and whole-hearted partnership on the part of every member of the family."

**CASHES IN ON TURKEYS.**

ODEM.—Observing a few years ago that an old turkey hen and a few young poults caught lots of insects in his cucumber field, W. A. Stein, invested in nine hens last year. In giving his results to the county agent, P. Donald, it is disclosed that the turkeys not only kept Mr. Stein's spring cuke crop practically free from insects but made a total net profit of \$205.20, besides. From the sale of 69 birds came a revenue of \$185.20 and there are now 26 turkeys on hand valued at \$50. The only feed consumed was home-grown consisting of 1½ tons of kafir valued at \$30. Mr. Stein is so enthused that he now proposes to fence his entire farm turkey-proof and cash in still further on his insect destroyers.

**Would You Rather Lose a Bank Book or a Roll of Bills?**

Don't carry large sums of money in your pockets.

Put them in the bank where they are safe.

When you lose your bank book you are reasonable certain your money is not lost. But when you lose a roll of bills, the chances of them being returned are very slim—they are LOST.

Be safe. Put your money in the bank and make a profit in the form of compound interest.

**Slaton State Bank**

OFFICERS—  
R. J. Murray, President.  
W. E. Smart, Vice-Pres.  
W. E. Olive, Vice-Pres.  
Carl W. George, Cashier.  
J. S. Tekell, Asst. Cashier.

DIRECTORS—  
R. J. Murray  
W. E. Smart  
W. E. Olive  
Carl W. George  
W. S. Posey

**Fresh Buttermilk**

Clean and Sanitary. From Jersey Cows, on sale every day at these stores: Harry's Grocery, Chick's Market & Grocery, Piggly Wiggly, and Texas Grocery.

**N. C. DICKSON**

**Newest  
of the new five  
months ago  
—and newest of  
the new today!**

COUPES . . . \$1195 to \$1875  
SEDANS . . . \$1220 to \$2145  
SPORT CARS . \$1225 to \$1550

*These prices f. o. b. Buick Factory. Convenient terms can be arranged on the liberal, G. M. A. C. Time Payment Plan.*

**The New  
BUICK  
SLAUGHTER BUICK COMPANY  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

When Better Automobiles Are Built . . . Buick Will Build Them

**Help for the Right Man**

The man who has not yet found out That honesty is the best route, The man who always tries to shirk, Who feels himself above hard work, The man who simply does not care Just so he, himself, gets there, Should hasten to take good advice For he is skating on thin ice. The First State Bank has a good plan Of helping the man who is a man.

**The First State Bank**

(Cap. 1928 Adam Brown Building)

Capital \$40,000.00

Seventeen Years Serving Slaton and Slaton Community.



**After He Read**

**Green's Tailor  
Shop Ad**

He was a well-dressed man.

**YOU**

can be the same way if you only

CALL 5

**NOW—buy your  
One Minute  
ELECTRIC WASHER**



and receive  
**40**  
packages of  
**Rinso  
free!**

THIS is the kind of opportunity you can't afford to miss. The famous One Minute Washer is offered to you with 40 regular-sized packages of Rinso FREE! Money can't buy a finer washer than the One Minute, nor a better laundry soap than Rinso. Made by the makers of Lux, Rinso is recommended by the manufacturers of the One Minute for use in their washers.

**Cleaner Clothes, Washed Quicker, Washed Safer**

That's what you demand in your modern housekeeping. The One Minute washes all clothes spotlessly clean. No hard rubbing necessary. It washes a big tubful in an astoundingly short time. And it will not harm the finest of fabrics.

Phone us and arrange for a demonstration in your own home.

Only \$98.50 cash. Slightly higher when bought on terms of \$12.50 down, and \$7.88 per month.



40 packages free with each machine

**TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY**

