

2,000,000 Bushels Estimate of Wheat Crop

Prospects Good for Bumper Wheat Crop in all of Floydada Trade Territory

It begins to look like a two-million bushel wheat crop in Floydada trade territory. Rains of the past ten days have kept the wheat in exactly the right stage while the cool days and nights have kept the growth from becoming too spindly and rank.

The acreage in this trade territory is exceedingly heavy. It is believed to be the heaviest in all the panhandle, north plains counties not excepted. The condition of the crop is also considerably above the average of the crop condition over the southwest, which government men declare to be low.

While grain dealers and growers alike realize the crop is still just a prospect and that adverse conditions in May could heavily reduce the yield over the territory, it is argued on the other hand that the crop is entering the stage at which the head is made with ample moisture and that gradually dryer weather for the next 30 days would not damage as greatly as appearances would indicate. These admit, however, that at least one good rain must be had for the crop between May 15th and May 25th for a bumper crop to be raised. That adverse conditions of more than average proportions must prevail to prevent an average crop being raised is the consensus of opinion of practically every interest watching the development of the crop.

The backwardness of spring opening has been in favor of the crop so far. A belated freeze, however, could do tremendous damage.

METHODIST MEETING WAS BEGUN THIS WEEK

The meeting of the Methodist Church began Sunday of this week when Rev. J. L. Henson took as his subject, "The Revival," for Sunday morning's service, and has been preaching morning and evening since. Last night his subject was "The sin which can never be forgiven."

C. G. Spindler, director of music for the meeting, arrived Tuesday afternoon and is directing the song services.

Subject for tonight's sermon is "Storm Signals." Tomorrow morning the pastor preaches from the subject "The business man who miscalculated," tomorrow night on the subject "What must I do to be saved?," Saturday morning on "Paul's boast," and Saturday evening, "Coming to Jesus under difficulties."

The morning services last for one hour, from 10 to 11 o'clock. The evening service begins at 7:45.

Next Sunday morning Evangelist O. F. Zimmerman, of Naples, Texas, will preach his first sermon of the meeting, continuing with a series of sermons throughout the week ending May 6th.

MRS. E. B. MULLINS DEAD AT AGE OF 82 YEARS

Mrs. E. B. Mullins wife of Elder E. B. Mullins, died Wednesday of last week at noon at the family home south of Floydada, and the remains were laid to rest in Floydada Cemetery Thursday afternoon, following funeral services at the graveside at two o'clock, conducted by Elder J. J. Day.

The deceased was 82 years of age at the time of her death. She was a native of Tennessee where she was born in 1840. She had resided at Floydada the past six years.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Mullins is survived by one child, I. Gaither, and several grandchildren, who reside here.

She had been ill for more than a year.

FAT AND LEAN BALL GAME PLANNED NEXT WEEK

A ball game between the Fats and the Leans of Floydada is a probability for next week. The idea has been suggested that the Fats and Leans should have their annual set-to early in the season so the Fats will not be subjected to too great heat for their avoirdupois.

Mrs. T. R. Webb's division of the Study Club is sponsoring the movement to stage the ball game, and the proceeds from the gate receipts will be added to the funds of the Floydada Public Library Association.

Federated Clubs Will Meet at Lubbock Next

The Federation of Women's Clubs of the Seventh District at the close of their meeting last Friday and Saturday at Clarendon chose Lubbock as the place for their next annual session.

The Clarendon meeting was a great one in point of attendance and general interest. Reports of the work undertaken during the year showed the clubs' activities had been marked and that the Seventh District had many very active organizations.

Floyd County Federation of Clubs was represented by Mrs. M. D. Ramsey, county president. The Floydada clubs in the federation were represented by Mesdames A. P. McKimmon, J. B. Jenkins, Glad Snodgrass, O. P. Rutledge and C. H. Davis. Mrs. L. V. Smith who was to have addressed the meeting on "Fire Prevention," a new work undertaken in the Seventh District this year, and of which Mrs. Smith is chairman, was unable to attend on account of illness. Her address was wired to the meeting and there read.

LAKEVIEW PARENT-TEACHERS TO MEET MAY 4th

The Parent-Teachers Association of Lakeview held their regular meeting in the school auditorium last Friday night, the 20th. A short program was given by the pupils from the intermediate grades after which the usual business session was held. Following is the program for the next regular meeting Friday, May 4th:

Duty of the parent relative to the school—R. C. Smith, Miss Terry, Mrs. Isbell.

Duty of the superintendent and assistants—Mrs. Pitts, Mrs. Palmerton, Mrs. Harlan.

Duty of the trustees—Mrs. John W. Smith, Mr. Isbell.

Duty of the student body—Miss Adrian Baker, Cecil Jones.

WATSON TO M. O. P. CONVENTION AT GALVESTON

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Watson left yesterday morning for Galveston where they will attend as delegates from the Floydada Lodge the annual convention of the Modern Order of Praetorians.

They will return home the earlier part of next week.

MASSIE AND HOPKINS RETURN FROM AUSTIN

W. M. Massie and Maury Hopkins returned the first of this week from Austin, where they had been for the local committee seeking the location of the Technological College at Floydada.

They had gone to Austin to file the brief for Floydada but while they were enroute the time for filing was extended to May 1st and they did not make their filing at that time.

7th AND 8th GRADES CONTEST IN DEBATE

A public debate at the district court room last week was held between representatives of the 7th and 8th grades of the high school. Evelyn Kizziar, Frank Luttrall, Arie Gamble and Randall Alexander were representatives of the 8th grade in the debate. Thelma Gordon, Beth Pitts, Ethna Green and Lola Murray debated for the seventh graders, winning the decision on the affirmative side of the negatively stated question, resolved that Japanese should not be allowed to become citizens of the United States.

SHOWER COMPLIMENTARY FOR MRS. J. F. BLANTON

Mrs. J. F. Blanton was the recipient of a shower of handkerchiefs, fruits and candy Wednesday afternoon of last week, a number of close friends and neighbors joining in the expression of esteem.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanton will move this week or the first of next to Plainview, where Mr. Blanton is managing a gin company.

R. G. French returned last Thursday from Dallas, where he has been the past few months. Mrs. French will join him here soon. They plan to make this their permanent home.

Mrs. W. H. Hilton, who has been at the bedside of her father, W. E. Scobey the past ten days at Waco, has advised Mr. Hilton that her father's condition is very serious.

Cemetery Ass'n Plans Decoration Day Program

The Cemetery Association is making plans for a program for Decoration Day, this subject being one of the principal matters discussed at Saturday afternoon's meeting held in the County Court Room.

The next meeting of the association will be held on the first Saturday in May, which is May 5th. At that time a large attendance of the membership is asked because officers for the ensuing year will be chosen at that time. In order that the sexton's work may be continued in the highly satisfactory manner of the past year it will be necessary for all members to pay up their annual dues at an early date.

LAST CHAPEL EXERCISES HELD AT CHURCH MONDAY

The last chapel exercises of the Floydada High school for the term were held at the First Baptist Church Monday morning of this week.

The senior class had charge of the exercises and furnished a program of varied and entertaining numbers.

The following program was given: Piano Solo—Miss Josie Cates. Thesis—Miss Blanche Ramsey.

Song—Thelma Williams, Mary Childress, Minnie Clendennen and Evelyn Neil, Maurine Andrews at the piano. Piano solo—Geneve Shipley.

Reading—Mildred Olson. Piano solo—Evelyn Maddox.

Song—Sung in three languages—Margaret Grigsby, Gladys Covington, Fay Hatchell, Bell Cannaday, Robert Eubank and Roy Holmes; Beth Caruth at the piano.

Music—Society Novelty Four Orchestra.

Talks and announcements—Superintendent Johnston and J. C. Wester, principal.

MORE DIRT FOR STREETS AND BUSINESS PROPERTY

Approximately 300 yards of surplus dirt being removed from the excavation for the new sanitarium are being hauled to down-town business premises and the streets of the business section as the work progresses.

The city purchased 100 loads of dirt for the first and second blocks on South Wall where some bad places are being remedied. Among the other heavy purchasers of dirt is Higginbotham-Bartlett Company. Manager M. L. Kizziar bought 100 yards for spreading in their yard.

STREET LIGHTS OFF BEAUSE OF BURNED TRANSFORMER

Street lights in Floydada were off for five nights prior to Wednesday night of last week, on account of a transformer which carried the street light load being burned out.

The new transformer was put in place Wednesday noon.

Dirt Broken For New Sanitarium Monday

Dirt was broken for the new sanitarium of Drs. Smith & Smith in Floydada Monday noon with ceremonies, Mayor F. P. Henry plowing the first furrow for the large excavation to be made for foundation and basement floor, while business men and workmen looked on.

The new sanitarium, which is expected to cost when completed about \$12,000, will be one of the most modern in West Texas. Dimensions of the main floor will be 30x89 feet. It is located on South Main Street at the corner of Mississippi.

C. W. Swinson and Curtis Bumpas, of Wolfe City, left last Thursday for home after a week visiting here with J. E. Swinson and family. Q. M. Swinson returned to Wolfe City with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Moses, who had been visiting Mrs. Moses' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes for some two weeks, left the latter part of last week for a cross-country trip by auto to California where they plan to spend an indefinite period.

Rev. W. T. Cochran and family left last week for Dallas, where they will make their home. Rev. Cochran has had the pastorate of the Christian Church for the past year.

W. U. White, who has been residing at Abernathy for several months, was in Floydada Monday on business. He is moving back to Plainview this week.

Diet of Plains Eggs For Havana People

Havana, Cuba, is the destination of a carload of eggs billed out of Floydada Saturday morning by A. D. White Produce Company.

In the shipment were 400 cases of 30 dozen to the case, which constitutes a carload, or twelve thousand dozen eggs.

The shipment illustrates the tremendous growth of the poultry business in this territory and the plains country in general.

The year 1923 is expected to be the heaviest ever known in this section in the gross production of poultry of all kinds, eggs and cream.

CROSBY TO HAVE BIG DELEGATION AT SAN ANGELO

Crosby County will have a big delegation at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting in San Angelo on May 21st, 22nd and 23rd, according to an announcement out of Ralls, where it is stated that Ralls, Crosbyton and Lorenzo will co-operate to make a big showing for that county.

Each of the cities furnish a part of the "stunts" for the entertainment of the crowds in the cow town. Exhibits from Crosby will go in a large truck.

Miss Mary Parker has been appointed lady sponsor for Ralls and will represent that city in the pageant as "Lady Ralls."

One and a half fare for the round trip by railroad will be in effect for the meeting it has been announced from the office of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

LIGHTNING DOES DAMAGE DURING HEAVY RAIN

Lightning did some small damage in Floydada Tuesday afternoon during the heavy downpour of rain.

Several telephones were out of commission Wednesday morning and one house was struck. This was the residence of B. P. Woody on West California. The stroke tore a hole in the roof, none of the family being injured.

F. H. S. AND PLAINVIEW TIED IN BALL GAMES WON

Floydada High School and Plainview are tied in number of games won in their interscholastic tilt for baseball honors in the sub-district of four counties.

Saturday's game was a long drawn out affair, going twelve innings before a decision. It was played on Plainview grounds and the latter team won 5 to 4. Lefty Holmes went the whole route for F. H. S.

Monday at Floydada the local school boys turned the visitors back with a score of 9 to 6. Rains Tuesday stopped the arrangements for the concluding game of the series until dry grounds can be obtained.

Pauline Stevenson Champion Declaimer

Pauline Stevenson, of the Lone Star School in North Floyd County, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson, is the champion declaimer of eighteen counties comprising this interscholastic district, and will represent the district at the State Interscholastic Meet in competition for state honors May 4th and 5th.

Miss Stevenson won first place as senior rural declaimer at the Floyd County meet late in March, and at Lubbock last week she was declared winner by the district judges.

Pauline Stevenson is a niece of T. S. Stevenson, of Floydada. Another Lone Star representative came very close to championship honors in the junior rural declaimer's division. This was Marjorie Wimberly who won second place at Lubbock.

TUESDAY, MAY 1st, LINEN SHOWER COLLECTION DAY

Mrs. F. P. Henry, who is directing the arrangements for the Linen Shower for the Childers Sanitarium, requests that all persons who plan to help in the shower bring their articles to her home on West Missouri Street not later than May 1st.

There has been widespread interest in the proposal to "Shower" the sanitarium in partial recognition of the large contribution the institution has made to the welfare of the community in making surgical relief possible for the people of this territory generally.

Court Upholds Trustees in Shipley Suit

The trustees of Floydada Independent School District were upheld in their contentions by the Supreme Court of Texas at Austin Wednesday of last week in the long drawn out legal fight over the validity of the legislative enactment which made 17 sections in the south part of the Floydada Independent School District added to the district in 1912, a part of the district. W. A. Shipley and others began a contest of the validity of the enactment nearly two years ago.

The trial court held in favor of the complaining taxpayers in the "new" district, the appellate court at Amarillo reversed this decision and rendered in favor of the defendant school district. The case has been on the Supreme Court docket for almost a year awaiting a decision. It was argued orally before the court two weeks ago, E. C. Nelson, Jr., representing the school trustees and A. B. Martin the plaintiffs.

Pending the decision of the higher court the trustees have been unable to proceed with the issuance and sale of a \$90,000 bond issue voted two years ago for the purchase of a site, the construction and equipment of a new school building; and have been unable to collect taxes from property owners in what is termed the "new district." Two years taxes, interest and penalty have accrued on much of this land awaiting the outcome of the higher court's decision.

WHEAT AND COTTON GROWERS TO MEET JOINTLY

Members of the Texas Wheat Growers' Association will meet jointly with the members of the Cotton Association of Floyd County in Floydada on Saturday of this week.

The Wheat Growers' nominating meeting to have been held here Tuesday afternoon was rained out.

A large percentage of the wheat association members are also members of the cotton association in this county.

NEW GROCERY WILL OPEN DOORS SATURDAY MORNING

The Northcutt Grocery will open its doors Saturday, two doors west of the Post Office.

The new grocers began preparations to open the store here three weeks ago and the building has been re-modeled inside and out for their use.

J. L. Northcutt is manager of the concern. F. M. Northcutt, of Plainview, is associated with him in the enterprise. They also have a grocery and variety store at Plainview.

5th SUNDAY MEETING AT WHITEFLAT BEGINS TODAY

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Floyd County Baptist Association will be held beginning tonight at Whiteflat in Motley County. The sessions will last through Sunday.

Several messengers and pastors of churches in the vicinity will attend the meeting, among this number being B. Y. P. U. workers. Miss Margaret Grigsby of this city is president of the associational B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Floydada Church will render the program on Sunday afternoon.

PLAINS BOYS STARRING IN S. M. U. BASEBALL

Aubrey Bishop, Duke Bassenger and Ikey Sanders, former team-mates on the Floydada Baseball Team, are starting the season good this spring with the S. M. U. outfit at Dallas. Bishop was especially strong in a game Tuesday against Arkansas University. His two-base hit was the final of a 12-inning contest, which S. M. U. won 3 to 2. His batting won two of the three scores made.

Bishop and Bassenger played center and right field respectively Tuesday with Sanders on first base for S. M. U.

Postmaster J. D. Starks spent Tuesday in Amarillo, where he attended the ceremonies incident to the cornerstone laying of the new Shriner building.

H. P. Edwards and family, of McAdoo, visited in Floydada Sunday, guests of S. W. Ross and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Goodwin, of Munday, Texas, have been visiting the family of W. A. Baker here since early last week.

General Rains Fall Over Floyd County

Two General Rains in Ten Days Put Ample Season in Ground for All Planting Needs

Tuesday afternoon the heaviest rain of the season fell over Floyd and adjoining counties. At Floydada the downpour lasted from about two o'clock until four-thirty or five and the total precipitation was 1.9 inches. Reports indicate about the same amount of rain fell for distances of thirty to one hundred miles in every direction from Floydada. Lubbock, Plainview, Lockney, Matador, Crosbyton and Silverton all report good rains.

Quite a bit of water was put in the lakes over this territory, this being especially true in those portions of the county where the rainfall has been heaviest during the early spring period.

A rain measuring from a half inch to more than an inch fell over Floyd and surrounding counties last Thursday night, and afforded a wonderful addition to the already good season in the ground. Wheat was especially benefitted and in many parts of this county local showers preceding the rain of Thursday night had kept farmers out of the fields for several days.

That ample season is in the ground for planting purposes which will start up in earnest this week, and that wheat will have a good growing season for another three weeks, now is assured without doubt.

Only marked adverse conditions can now prevent a reasonable crop of wheat and favorable conditions during the remainder of the growing season will mean a bumper crop. The estimated acreage in Floyd County is approximately 120,000. The territory which normally markets at Floydada, including portions of adjoining counties, has approximately 100,000 acres of wheat, an increase over the acreage of any previous year in this territory. Reports from all this territory give the wheat condition at this time as excellent. Some late wheat will require late rains but another good rain between May 15th and 25th, it is believed, would make the early-planted crop.

WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN RAIL HEARING AT FT. WORTH

Widespread interest is being manifested in the history-making series of conferences over the United States relative to the consolidation movement inaugurated by the Interstate Commerce Commission by which the total number of railways in the country would be reduced from hundreds of lines to a few number. At this time the proposal that the total number of systems be reduced to 17.

The hearing in Fort Worth this week is being conducted to determine the attitude of business interests of Texas toward the proposed merger and to ascertain facts as to the effect on Texas and southwestern business interests the proposals would have.

Tuesday it was developed that the major portion of Texas interests expected to oppose the plan to group the Santa Fe and Fort Worth & Denver under one ownership. Frank Kell, of Wichita Falls, however, likes the proposal, as indicated by his testimony Monday.

That the discussions and hearings now being held are making railroad history in the United States is an assured fact. Plains people appear to be principally concerned over the possibility that the lack of competition among railroads would make more remote the probability of increased railway facilities for this territory.

MATADOR RESIDENT DEAD

F. C. Harmon, undertaker, was called to Matador Tuesday to prepare the body of John B. Sluder, a resident of that city who died Tuesday morning, for shipment to Graham, the deceased's former home, for burial.

Deceased is survived by his wife, five sons and five daughters. He was 61 years of age and a native of Kentucky. He had lived in Texas thirty years.

N. W. McCleskey, of Big Springs, was a business visitor in Floydada the latter part of last week.

M. C. Sadler returned last week from Tucson, Ariz., where he had been during the winter months.

W. F. Birch is home from California after spending the past few months in that state.

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A new sanitarium, a new high school building, a new Texas "Tech" and a new railroad for Floydada all in one year would look mighty good.

Estimates place the total sod crop to be planted this spring in Floydada trade territory at around 30,000 acres. This will be put in the forage grains principally. Sod plows have been going every day since the first rains in February.

It is said the school board plans to re-model the present high school quarters, do some repairing and shape the building up for use this year. This is a valuable piece of property and should be maintained for use for many years.

Floyd County is neither too far south for wheat nor too far north for cotton. It competes with the cotton counties in cotton production, with the wheat counties in wheat production and raises more feedstuffs than any county in West Texas. Floyd County is the greatest swine and poultry producing county of the state.

A rain May 20th will insure a two million bushel wheat crop in the Floydada trade territory. Uncle Sam says the condition the nation over is 69 with a smaller acreage than usual. All of which argues in favor of the man with some wheat growing in the fields of Floyd County. If wheat will sell at a high enough price to net the grower around a dollar on a 20-bushel yield our territory will be in a mighty sound condition financially long before cotton and feed crops are ready to harvest.

All West Texas has gone crazy on the subject of vast irrigation areas. Wichita Falls has announced an irrigation project of several thousand acres. Other communities are being affected by the same virus. Hall county doesn't need anything in this line, but if it ever becomes necessary to get in line, we can scrape up the finest irrigation project of any of them. We will just dam up the Palo Duro Canyon, and thus have a lake a thousand feet deep, five miles wide and sixty miles long. Talk about water—it would be the greatest reservoir in Texas, by long odds. Of course, it would cost money to buy the land.—Hall County Herald.

LIBRARIES FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

In all parts of the country the library is receiving increasing recognition as an essential part of the equipment of the rural school. Three examples of progress may be mentioned here.

The Maine State Library is rendering good service by sending out traveling libraries to the rural schools and also by encouraging the schools to have permanent libraries wherever possible. Travelling libraries each comprise 50 volumes, and are sent to schools for six months use on the payment of \$2.50. The books are selected for various grades of pupils, and for professional reading by teachers. The demand for this service has greatly increased of late so that the 80th Legislature appropriated \$20,000 for the work. The Chazy Central rural school in New York has a rural school library. There is a reading room equipped with professional books for the teachers, a reference collection for upper grade and high school use, current periodicals, and a carefully selected elementary library. Slides, pictures, and clippings are also at hand. Instruction is given in the use of books and libraries. In Virginia more than 1400 school libraries have been established within the past four and one-half years. These are \$40 libraries: \$15 is appropriated by local school boards, \$15 by local communities, and \$10 by the State. Some other States report different ways in which rural schools can get small libraries. School boards and teachers should make plans now for getting books or library boxes for the coming school year.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

The City Council at McLean is being petitioned by the Chamber of Commerce of that city to build a needed ice plant with funds obtained from a warrant issue. In other words, a municipally-owned ice plant. Arguments favoring the move include the one that the ice plant can be operated at no additional cost to taxpayers with the same help that their city light plant is hiring and that the ice-production will pay off the indebtedness created out of profits.

McLean citizens, doubtless, are getting in a good way to learn something. It seems almost a necessity that a municipality own and control its water works and sanitary equipment including sewer system, because these are necessities for a community for which every citizen taxed does no more than his part when he helps to pay. But the light business and ice business are enterprises in a sense of a private nature. Not everybody must have electric lights and the same is true to a greater degree of ice. A municipality can and should undertake to provide water and sanitary service. But light plants and ice plants are in the same category as municipally-owned street car lines and state-owned packing plants. Might as well have a municipal grocery store, too, and a municipal lumber yard.

BUILDING A SCHOOL HOUSE

The presumption is that with the decks all cleared and no obstacles now presenting themselves the trustees of Floydada Independent School District will begin their plans for the sale of the district bonds for school building and will start the study of plans and specifications for the new school.

Without presuming to speak for any but ourselves we admit we are not in a hurry for the board to let their contract for the new building for two or three reasons. One of which is that haste makes waste and another that building materials have again climbed "sky high" and a third that the building could not be completed for occupancy this year anyway. So that leisurely planning, to obviate the errors of haste, and careful investigation, to be sure of every step, will get a completed school building by the fall of next year anyhow, which is as much as could be accomplished in a hurry.

Neither are we anxious, particularly, for the board to spend \$90,000 just because they will have \$90,000 available. That's lots of money. To cities and towns in the habit of thinking in terms of million dollar bond issues it is not so much. But we are not sure some of these million dollar bond issues are being spent for improvements that will last until the bonds are paid. At any rate, if \$40,000 or \$50,000 or any other part of this \$90,000 will build and equip a school house that will adequately serve the community then that's a plenty to spend. It sure won't do any damage to have a little money left on hand.

On the other hand, we are not averse to spending \$90,000 for site, building and equipment if that amount be needed. What we are arguing against is the idea of spending all we have just because we have it. The primary aim is an adequate school building.

ELECTION NOTICE

The State of Texas, County of Floyd. Whereas on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1923, a petition was presented to me for an election to be held in Common School District No. 25, of this county, and whereas on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1923, a petition was presented to me for an election to be held in Common School District No. 30, of this county, on the question of consolidating said districts for school purposes, both of said petitions bearing the requisite number of sig-

natures of legally qualified voters of the respective districts, and being in every respect in conformity with law; and

It appearing that Floyd County contains a population of 9,758, according to the last United States census; and

It further appearing that said Common School District No. 25 has heretofore, to-wit, on the 3rd day of May A. D. 1920, been properly established by an order of the County Board of School Trustees of said County, which is of record in the minutes of said County Board, Volume 1, page 28; and that said Common School District No. 30 has heretofore, to-wit, on the 16th day of April, A. D. 1914, been properly established by an order of the Commissioners Court of said County, which is of record in the Minutes of said Commissioners' Court Volume 4, page 69; and

It appearing further that said districts are contiguous in their territory;

Now, therefore, I, E. C. Nelson, Jr., in my official capacity as County Judge of Floyd County, Texas, do hereby order that an election be held in each of said districts on the 28th day of April, A. D. 1923, the election in said District No. 25 to be held at the Bobbitt School House in said District, and the election in District No. 30 to be held at the Weathers School House in said District, as both of said Districts were established by the respective orders hereinabove referred to, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified voters of each of said Districts desire that said districts be consolidated for school purposes.

E. M. Wharton is hereby appointed presiding officer of the election to be held in said District No. 25, and Frank Walter is hereby appointed presiding officer of the election to be held in said District No. 30; and each of them shall select two judges and two clerks to assist them in holding said elections, and the said E. M. Wharton and the said Frank Walter shall, within five days after said elections have been held, make due return thereof to the Commissioners' Court of this County, as is required for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and of this county, and who are residents of the respective districts aforesaid, shall be entitled to vote at the election held in the district of which they are residents, and all voters who favor the proposed consolidation of the aforesaid districts shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: FOR CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT, and those opposed to the proposed consolidation of the aforesaid districts shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: AGAINST CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The sheriff of this county shall give notice of said elections by having this order published for three weeks prior to said elections in some newspaper of general circulation that has been continuously and regularly published for more than one year previous to the date of this order, in Floyd County, Texas, the date of first publication being not less than twenty one (21) full days prior to the date of the said elections.

Dated this 31st day of March, A. D. 1923.

(Seal) E. C. NELSON, Jr.,
County Judge Floyd County, Texas.
5-4tc

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hendrix, City, April 19th, a daughter.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

The State of Texas, County of Floyd:

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 12th day of May, A. D. 1923, at McCoy School House, in Common School District No. 16 of this County as established by order of the Commissioners' Court of this County, of date the 4th day of March, A. D. 1911, which is recorded in Book 3, pages 3-4 of the Minutes of said Court, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that District desire to increase the tax heretofore levied in said District of 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of taxable property in said District for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said District to not exceeding One Dollar on the \$100.00 valuation of taxable property in said District.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and County and who are resident property taxpayers in said District shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this County by order made on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1923, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 16th day of April, A. D. 1923.

J. A. GRIGSBY,
Sheriff Floyd County, Texas.
7-4tc

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Floyd.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Floyd County, of the 31st day of March, 1923, by G. C. Tubbs, District Clerk of said court for the sum of twenty three thousand four hundred forty four and 7/100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment with foreclosure of Vendor's Lien, in favor of Lee Bean Et-al. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1402 and styled Lee Bean Et-Al. Vs. O. D. Wofford and, placed in my hands for service, I, J. A. Grigsby as Sheriff of Floyd County, Texas, did, on the 3rd day of April, 1923, levy on certain tract or parcel of land situated in Floyd County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Three hundred twelve and 62/100 (312.62) acres of land, being all of the north one half (N 1-2) of Survey No. 75, in block G, certificate 335, issued to the E.L.&R.R. Ry. Co. Patent No. 88, Vol. 45 excepting seven and 38/100 (.38) acres conveyed to the P. & N. T. Ry. Co. for right of way and levied upon as the property of O. D. Wofford and that on the first Tuesday in May, 1923, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the court house door, of Floyd County, in the town of Floydada, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said O. D. Wofford.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Floyd County Hesperian, a newspaper published in Floyd County.

Witness my hand, this 3rd day of April, 1923.

J. A. GRIGSBY,
Sheriff Floyd County, Texas.
By J. R. Maddox, Deputy.
5-4tc

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Stark of Lockney were visitors in Floydada Sunday.

HESPERIAN WANT ADS—QUICK RESULTS

Money to Loan

On farms and ranches in Floyd County, especially attractive proposition to offer for loans of \$10,000.00 and over.

Let us take up and extend that old loan, we are in position to get your loan through in "quick time."

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Registered Percheron Stallion will make the Season 1923 at O. K. Wagon Yard
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Peacemaker has reigned supreme as the baking flour of many Texas homes for many years. It's velvety finish; it's wonderful nutritious food value and the easy manner in which it lends itself to the housewife's daily baking has won it a place in many of the best homes. If you have not tried Peacemaker let us send you a sack.

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Our charter was secured with the help and influence of the Hon. Marvin Jones, who indorsed the plan we are advocating;

Our insurance is for the benefit solely of the membership;

In 8 years our 12 per cent liability clause has NEVER been put into effect; In 8 years we have surely had as much hail as we will have in the next 8. Then why expect to have to comply with this provision in the next eight years?

During the past eight year period our members would have saved \$380 on \$1,000 of insurance had this provision in our constitution been put into force twice. As it has not been necessary to levy this assessment, they are \$600 on the \$1,000 to the good on their insurance in 8 years.

See our local representative for further explanation regarding our insurance.

M. D. Ramsey

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MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 13

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Your Mother

Have you a good picture of her?

Has she a good picture of you?

Make that Appointment Today

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Nothing is more appropriate for either young women or young men than a good watch, diamond or other fine jewelry, such as you will find at this store.

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BRIEFED NEWS ITEMS FROM MOTLEY COUNTY

From the Matador News:

The almost celebrated, and at least quite familiar case of Tom Garner's, growing out of the killing of George Tibbetts, near Flomot, on February 21st, 1920, was again submitted to a jury, this time in Cottle county, last week, and after a few hours deliberation a verdict of guilty of manslaughter was returned, with the penalty fixed at five years in penitentiary, which was the limit of the law.

This case, with which all are more or less familiar, was first tried in this county at the November term of court in 1920, when the accused was found guilty of manslaughter, and given a five year sentence. This case was appealed and reversed by the Court of Criminal Appeals. When called again a change of venue was sought and granted to Cottle county, just now being reached with the result as stated.

This has been one of the hardest fought criminal cases ever tried in this district, both the principals were members of prominent, highly respected families, residing at Flomot and Turkey.

The innumerable friends of Mrs. J. E. Russel learn with extreme gratification, that the good lady is recovering from her aggravated and prolonged illness.

E. P. Nelson, of Floydada, was in Matador the first of the week, in the interest of the Floyd County Mutual Life Insurance Association.

The base ball enthusiasm has reached a fever heat in Matador, as was evidenced by action taken at a mass meeting held last Thursday night.

In the first place, twelve of the representative business houses had agreed to each contribute one complete uniform, that is a suit, cap and hose, for the use of the organization.

At the meeting D. E. Pitts was named manager and Roy Burleson assistant manager of the team, and the suits, together with shoes, were ordered.

It was decided that the suits should be solid gray, with a purple "M" worked on the breast and on front of the caps, while the hose were to be gray with a purple stripe.

There is material here for a splendid amateur team, and with the addition of a good pitcher we will have a team that it will be hard to beat.

The suits will be here in a few days and with the acquisition of a pitcher the sport will be ready to grind.

HORTON WILL DELIVER BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Rev. J. Pat Horton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Floydada, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of Wayland Baptist College on May 20th.

He was given the invitation last week and has accepted.

WIND SOMERSAULTS HOUSE AND HURTS ONE

Thursday night's rain was accompanied by a few streaks of wind through Floyd county and reports of damage to several farm sheds, and windmills are reported.

At M. C. Sadler's place in the Fairview Community, the most serious damage is reported. The house was turned over once or twice apparently and badly damaged. John Singleton and family reside there. Mr. Singleton was considerably bruised but no other members of the family were hurt.

MISS SARAH ROSS MARRIED IN AMARILLO LAST WEEK

Mr. B. F. Jarvis and Miss Sarah Ross were quietly married, in Amarillo, Tuesday, the Rev. Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Amarillo, officiating. The wedding came as a surprise to their many friends, whose best wishes are with them for their married life. Mr. Jarvis is a member of the firm of Jarvis-Tull & Co., while Mrs. Jarvis was formerly head nurse at the Plainview Sanitarium. The couple will make their home in Plainview.—Plainview Herald.

Miss Ross is a sister of Mrs. E. C. Henry, of this city, and has a wide acquaintance here.

HEAD TEXAS WHEAT GROWERS IS DEAD

E. M. McCracken, formerly a leading wheat grower of Groom, more recently a resident of Enid, Oklahoma, died in Enid Monday morning according to advices received by M. D. Ramsey Monday.

The funeral services were held at Enid on Tuesday.

Mr. McCracken was president of the Texas Wheat Growers' Association and one of the leaders in the co-operative selling movement in this section of Texas and Oklahoma.

SINGING CONVENTION ALL DAY SUNDAY AT MCCOY

The South Side Singing Convention will hold its spring meeting this year at McCoy and next Sunday, April 29th, is the day.

The all-day song service will start at ten o'clock in the forenoon and dinner will be served on the grounds.

Advertise in The Hesperian. It Pays.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES IN- SPECTOR HERE FRIDAY, SAT.

G. R. Scott, state inspector of Weights and Measures for sixty-six counties, was in the city Friday and Saturday of last week inspecting all of the weighing and measuring devices used by local business men. In conversation with a reporter of The Hesperian, Mr. Scott gave the following report of inspections made by him:

Scales: Number sealed without adjusting 29; number adjusted and sealed 2; number condemned for repairs 1; total 32.

Liquid measures: Number sealed without adjusting 10; total 10.

Pump; Number sealed without adjusting 25; number adjusted and sealed 2; total 27.

Yard sticks: Number sealed without adjusting 4; total 4.

Counter measures: Number sealed without adjusting 6; total 6.

Measuregraphs: Number sealed without adjusting, 1; total 1.

A total of 80 measuring devices being inspected of which 75 were in good condition, 1 condemned for repairs and 4 adjusted.

The inspector expressed himself as greatly pleased with meeting our citizens and finding that they are co-operating with the state in enforcing the net weight and measure law, also that they were interested in seeing that their scales, pumps, liquid measures and yard measures gave to their customers net weight and full measure.

"It is a pleasure to make an inspection in a town like Floydada," Mr. Scott declared. "We not only get cooperation here from dealers, but we find them interested in strict observance of the law."

He did not make tests of the grain scales, public scales and other large weighing devices at this time but will be back before the grain season opens, for this purpose.

A matter in which maize and grain sorghum growers in general will be interested is the new rule by which these commodities will be marketed. Hereafter, Mr. Scott said, these crops will be sold on their food value and not on appearance, and further, weights and grades at point of origin will govern. Heretofore there has been a big loss in these commodities to the local dealer, he said, and this had to be passed on to the grower, the downstate buyer often times taking ad-

vantage of distance of destination to make extreme claims not justified by the condition of the commodity.

particularly delight the rattler variety of the snake family.

Chas. Fullengim, rider for the Matadors, found and killed one of the first reported in this section Thursday of last week. Fullengim was riding the Mott Pasture fence under the cap when he ran across the rattler, which was very large, measuring six feet in length.

RATTLESNAKE SEASON OPEN

The season for the capture of rattlesnakes in this section has opened with the coming of warm days and occasional thunder showers—days which



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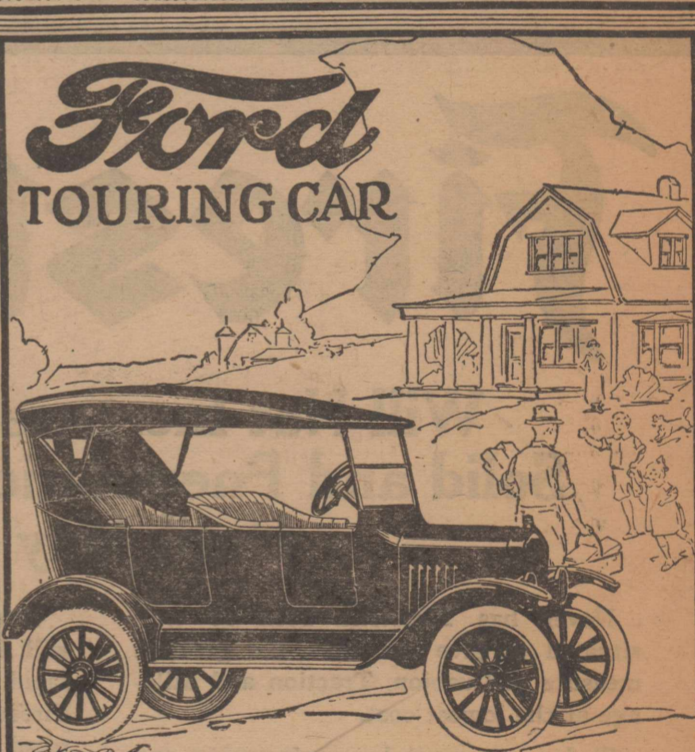
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To Meet Extraordinary Conditions

Why do OilPull tractors avoid the junk pile for 10 years or longer? Why is expense for repairs only half the Government's national average? One reason is 25 per cent reserve power in the OilPull heavy duty, valve-in-head motor. When plows run into hard, dry soil—when wet bundles are fed into separator—when adverse conditions of all kinds are met—this reserve power permits motor to work without laboring or straining. Let us demonstrate.

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The present price of the Ford Touring Car is the lowest ever made.

And yet the car itself is a greater value. It is better looking with slanting windshield, a one-man top and improved seats. And there are many refinements in chassis construction.

The demand is so great that deliveries will soon be impossible. To protect yourself, order now. Make a small down payment, the balance on easy terms.

Ford prices have never been so low
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Olympic Theatre Saturday, April 28th

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STROHEIM'S WONDER-PLAY

"Blind Husbands"

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST CHAPTER
PLAY

"In the Days of Buffalo Bill"

YOU CAN'T—YOU MUST NOT MISS THE
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Saturday

ADMISSION MATINEE 10c AND 20c
NIGHT 20c AND 40c

C. E. PROGRAM

For Sunday, April 29th at 7 p. m.
 Subject, Our Denomination.
 Scripture lesson, 1st Peter 2:9-12.
 Leader, Miss Campbell.
 Two songs.
 Prayer.
 Scripture reading and comments.
 Song.
 Prayer.
 Brief history of the organization of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church—Pierce King.
 Song.
 Prayer.
 Brief history of the local church—E. C. King.

Song.
 Answer roll call with a verse of scripture, memorized, taken from the book of Exodus.
 Song.
 Business.
 Benediction.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Program for Sunday evening, April 29th, 6:45.
 Subject, "God's goodness to man."
 Song service.
 Leader, Gwendolyn Green.
 Prayer.
 Scripture: 136th Psalm, read responsively.

Roll call, answer with favorite quotation.
 Reading, Mrs. A. N. Gamble.
 Solo, Miss Doris Armstrong.
 "Story of Elijah," Roma Swain.
 "What Christ means to the outcast" Erin Gamble.
 "Trust and go forward," Dovie McKinney.
 Talk, Rev. J. L. Henson.
 Benediction.

MEETING DATES FOR CHURCH OF CHRIST ARE CHANGED

The date for the beginning of the series of meetings of the Church of Christ in Floydada have been changed according to announcement made this week.
 The new date for the meeting to begin is Saturday night before the second Sunday in July. The meeting will run over the fourth Sunday in July, and will be held at the City Park Auditorium. Elder N. L. Clark of Fort Worth will preach for the meeting.

HARMONY SCHOOL PROGRAM FRIDAY NIGHT

Harmony school will present their number of the Harmony Lyceum Course tomorrow night.
 A play, with entertainment in the intermissions by primary and intermediate pupils, will be presented by students of the higher grades.
 The school program will be a free number.

PROVIDENCE NEWS

Providence, April 23.—The Providence school house was torn down last week and hauling lumber and brick for the new one has commenced. Hurrah for Providence!
 C. R. Veigel has installed a radio in his beautiful home. A sermon from Fort Worth was heard Sunday over it.
 C. E. Hartman went to Kress Monday. Mr. Hartman has traded his farm here for a farm near Hereford and will move this coming fall.
 Wade Wallace and Miss Harper, of Plainview, spent Sunday with Miss Flo Pullen.
 F. J. Boedeker returned Saturday from an extended visit in East Texas, much improved in health.
 J. C. Turner and children went to Silverton last week to visit some of his relatives, returning home the first of this week.
 D. J. Kennedy spent last week with his folks, having sprained a wrist while cranking his Ford. He was

able to go back to work Monday at the Plainview Laundry.
 Another fine rain visited us Thursday night. Wheat is looking excellent in this section now.
 H. J. Ratjen was a Floydada caller last week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Herman Quebe, F. J. Boedeker and son, Walter, visited in the Plainview community Sunday.

STARKEY NEWS

Starkey, April 23rd.—The farmers are feeling much better since the rain. The wheat is growing very fast and the prospects are fine for a good wheat crop.
 Clifford Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Smith, is in a critical condition. He appeared to be a little better Monday. We hope he will soon be restored to health.
 Starkey joined Cone in a picnic at the Canyon Saturday. There was a large crowd there, also more dinner than could be eaten. After spending several enjoyable hours there, everybody left about three o'clock to witness a ball game between Starkey and Petersburg.
 At the beginning of the game everybody thought Starkey would lose, on account of Petersburg having the heavier team, but Starkey ran in two scores in the second inning. Then everything was favorable for her. At the end of the seventh inning Starkey had run in four more and Petersburg one, making the score six to one in favor of Starkey. In the eighth Petersburg rallied and made three scores but Starkey also ran in three in the last half of the eighth and won the game 9 to 4.
 Starkey played at Ralls last Wednesday, neither side making any scores until the last half of the sixth. Then Starkey with four safe hits and a three bagger ran in four scores. Except for one unfavorable inning, when Ralls scored six, the game favored Starkey throughout, the final score being 8 to 6 in favor of Starkey.
 The Starkey team has played ten games and has lost only one.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Teaver and B. F. McDuffee all of Lockney were visiting Sunday in this city.

Mrs. T. R. Ross, of Tonkawa, Oklahoma, is here on a visit with her son, S. W. Ross and family, having arrived last Friday.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bloodworth returned last mid-week from a visit at Jermyn, Texas, with Mr. Bloodworth's mother.
 C. R. Wilkinson, of Lockney, was among the out-of-town visitors in Floydada last Sunday.

Hemstitching

Bring Your Hemstitching to
 BAKER-CAMPBELL'S Store.
 We do it right. 10c yard.
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 Abstract of Title to all Lands and Town Lots in Floyd County.
 Deeds and other instruments of writing prepared. 20 years experience with Floyd County Land Titles.
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Will Not Increase Prices on Solid and Pneumatic Truck Tires Until May 1st

Never has Firestone been so well situated to give operators the greatest measure of Cushion, Traction and Mileage at the lowest cost.

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Whatever the Truck Service—the Firestone Dealer Has the Right Tire

Firestone developments of the past two years have made pace for the industry and set new records in sure, economical performance. Five tires—the Heavy Duty Cushion, the Truck Type Cord, the Maxi-Cushion, the Giant Solid and the High Type—cover the needs of motor haulage in all its forms. Each has a distinct work which it does best. Each possesses a definite and special value for the operator.

Truck owners, using pneumatic tires, will find the answer to every demand of rapid, economical transportation in the Firestone Truck Type Cords with the tread that increases carrying capacity and improves traction, and the powerful gum-dipped carcass construction.

Let the Firestone Service Dealers Keep Your Trucks Moving

There are 800 Firestone Service Dealers, located in the principal trucking centers, fitted by natural ability and a thorough knowledge of trucking, to help you choose the right tire for your roads, loads and service.

Price Protection as Long as Stocks Last

Additional tires will be supplied to Service Dealers only so far as our present output will permit. Consult the nearest Firestone Service Dealer at once regarding your truck tire needs. He is in an advantageous position to give you an unusual tire—a specialized service—and prices which may not be duplicated in months.

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The Firestone Dealer will supply you with Passenger Car and Truck Type Cords. If you need solid or cushion tires he will refer you to the nearest Service Station, which is equipped with hydraulic press for quick change-overs. Make one of these Stations an active part of your trucking operations. You'll reap results in surer and more economical haulage.

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Now that the busy time of the year has come and many women don't have the time to do their sewing so we have assembled a very large assortment of Tub Frocks for the busy house wife and you will find many new ideas and styles here that you have not seen before.

Pretty aprons and house dresses and a very large showing of the pretty little frocks that are dressy and neat in appearance. The workmanship on these garments is better than you'll find in most of this class of dresses and the styles are newer than you have had a chance to buy lately.

They are made of good quality percales and gingham and are trimmed in very pretty combinations. Full range of sizes.

\$1.00 to \$5.00

We are showing the prettiest silk dresses you have seen in years made of taffetas, flat crepes, printed crepes and silk knits.

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A Golden Opportunity for Those Who Sew

Before the pattern stood in the way of many women—not every one could figure out the puzzling circles and perforations.

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Now the McCall Printed Pattern!

Where the circles and perforations use to be, printed words that tell you how to proceed step by step. Not a pattern that some women can use, but a pattern for every woman. So simple—so easy—so sure—it will help thousands of women to the economy of Home Dressmaking.

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A SHOWING OF THE NEW McCALL PATTERNS AT THIS STORE.

A very complete line of new spring piece goods from which to choose the materials for making the garments.

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Fleischmann's Yeast for health. Brown Brothers. 7-1tc

Will pay 17c for hens Saturday and Monday, April 28th and 30th. A. D. White Produce Co. 8-1tc

STRAYED—One bay horse about 15 years old, two colts one bay and one black—been at my place since April 15th. Owner pay feed bill and advertisement. John M. Lampkin, Lyman, Texas. 8-1tc

Guaranteed MILK 10c per quart. Phone 174. Huckabay Dairy. 7-4tp

Please come in and settle your account promptly on May 1st so we can recommend you to our successors. Jones & Howard. 8-1tc

All kinds insurance written in the oldest old line companies. G. C. Tubbs, Agent. 5-4tc

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Pay-in-the-field Hail Insurance, Independent hail adjustments, see G. C. Tubbs, agent. 5-4tc

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PERSONAL SERVICE

We can give better service this year in HAIL INSURANCE than any time during our six years experience in Floyd County.

We represent the same class of Old Line Companies that we have always had, and we give PERSONAL attention to each and every application given us.

Mr. Sam Henry, whom most of you know, will adjust for us, paying all losses in the field. We will appreciate a part of your business.

R. E. FRY

Office up stairs across street from Post Office. 6-tfc

Nancy Hall and Porto Rico potato slips delivered at \$2.50 per 1000 and \$2.25 per 1000 in 5000 lots or more. T. Jones & Co., Clarendon, Texas. 7-3tp

We will load another car of bones sometime next month. Watch for date of loading. Get your bones ready to bring in as we will load direct in car and will buy only for two days. A. D. White Produce Co. 8-2tc

Best grade kerosene. Collins Gro. Company. 4-tfc

We have secured the agency for the Advance-Rumely Thresher Co. If you are in the market for thresher or engine would be glad to figure with you. We will handle a line of repairs. A. D. White. 8-3tc

For marble or granite Monuments see S. B. McCleskey. 4-tfc

FOR SALE—Used John Deere lister-planter. Cash or terms. See A. L. Scoggin. 8-2tc

Good Gasoline, Good Coal Oil, Good Lubricating Oil, at Stephens' Store, successors to Floydada Oil Co. 3-tfc

Porch swings at Harmon's. 8-1tc

If you want a farm lease see W. M. Massie & Bro. 31-tfc

Another shipment of wall paper at Harmon's. 8-1tc

Red dwarf seed maize recleaned 4c while it lasts. S. D. Ferguson & Co. 3-tfc

A good level section of land in Hartley County, unimproved and located seven miles from railroad town to exchange for an improved farm. What do you have? D. P. Carter, Lockney, Texas. 8-4tc

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BUFF MINORCA HENS AND COCKS FOR SALE

At White's Produce Saturday, April 28th, at reasonable prices. Come early don't miss this chance to see this new breed of chickens. The thrifty, healthy golden beauties, the famous winter layers. Eggs and baby chicks on exhibition. Bronze turkey eggs for sale after May 1st, 11 for \$2.00. Mrs. S. D. IRWIN, Rt. 3, Floydada Texas. 7-2tp

FOR SALE—Used John Deere lister-planter. Cash or terms. See A. L. Scoggin. 8-2tc

Lubricating oils, gas and kerosene. Collins Gro. Company. 4-tfc

We are handling all the plants grown from the beds of Mr. C. E. Wells of this city, and we are now prepared to fill your orders for plants fresh from the beds, cabbage, tomatoes, yam potatoes and in another fifteen days peppers. Our prices delivered to you P. P. are per hundred 40cts. Per thousand \$3.75. Baker Mercantile Co., Lockney, Texas. 8-4tc

Oxyacetylene welding at Barker Bros. 6-3tc

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My companies have given absolute satisfaction to the farmers in adjustments on hail losses in Floyd County, for several years. G. C. Tubbs, agent. 5-4tc.

FOR SALE

394 acres good plains land, two miles from Friona. Price \$14.00 per acre, \$1,500.00 cash, balance good terms at 6 per cent. See us for cheap farm and ranch lands. M. A. Crum, Friona, Texas. 8-2tp

COTTON SEED

I have First Year Kasch cotton seed grown on my farm in 1922 recleaned, sacked and delivered at your station \$1.50 per bu. F. W. Alexander, Albany, Texas. 7-4tp.

MARTIN'S

MONTH END SPECIALS

A Sale of Bungalow Aprons

We have just received a big shipment of House Aprons made of Amoskag Gingham and Scout Percal, plain collars, checks and plaids, Month end special \$1.00

Georgette Crepe 40 inches wide, Month end special \$1.49

36-inch Ratine, solid colors and plain white, Month end special 39c

36-inch Ratine fancy plaid, Month end special 49c

36-inch light weight khaki suitable for shirts 19c

32-inch Dress Gingham, 6 yards for \$1.00

26-inch Dress Gingham, 9 yards for \$1.00

Humming Bird Pure Silk Thread Hose, all colors, Month end special \$1.29

8 pair of men's socks for \$1.00

Perfumes, Toilet Water, Talcum Powder and Notions

Eutaska, four piece Toilet Set \$7.50, Month end special \$3.98

Ben Hur, three piece toilet set \$6.00, month end special \$3.98

Ben Hur, two piece toilet set \$3.00, month end special \$1.98

Ben Hur perfume \$1.75, Special \$1.29

Ben Hur toilet water \$1.50, special 98c

Jergens Perfume 25c bottle, special 19c

Jergens Perfume 50c bottle, special 38c

Jergens Perfume \$1.00 bottle, special 78c

Jergens perfume \$1.25 bottle, special 98c

Jergens Toilet Water 50c bottle, special 38c

Marcelle Sachet powder 19c

Djer Kiss Sachet powder \$1.25, Special 98c

Ben Hur face powder 43c

Eutaska Rice Powder 25c

Jergens Crushed Rose Talcum powder, large 25c can, for 19c

Mavis Talcum powder 25c

Jergens Eutaska Talcum 25c

Marcelle Baby Talcum 25c

Hines Honey and Almond Cream, Special 39c

Marcelle Cold Cream 39c

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(Continued from last week)

5. General Growth of the South Plains

The establishment of the Quaker colony at Estacado had made possible the organization of Crosby County at a much earlier date than would have been the case by ordinary immigration and settlement, and with Crosby County's early organization, an impetus was given for the settlement of neighboring counties. As mentioned before, Hale County began to settle up rapidly in 1887 because of shallow water, abundant homestead land, and proximity to Amarillo as a railroad point. Settlers in Hale County became numerous enough for its organization August 13, 1888. Plainview and Hale City contested for the county seat, Plainview being the winner. The following county officers were chosen: J. C. Burch, county judge; E. Lowe, county and district clerk; L. G. Wilson, county attorney; R. A. Ford, sheriff and tax collector; C. W. Marselles, county treasurer; W. E. Jones, county surveyor; J. H. Bryan, tax assessor; A. J. Welter, R. S. Stringfellow, A. E. Adams, and J. N. Morrison, county commissioners; A. L. Conklin, justice of the peace, and Arthur Taylor, constable of the Plainview precinct. In the election of November 6, 1888, 84 votes were cast for the district judge. The total votes cast in Crosby County for the same office were 249, but many of these were cast in attached counties, 23 of which were cast in Floyd County.

During 1887 there were 4 marriages, 1 divorce, 3 births, and no deaths in Crosby County. The population that year was 108 males and 72 females. The disparity in the members of the sexes is due to the fact that many unmarried men were employed on the cattle ranches. There were 34 families and 53 children within scholastic age. In the election for State-wide prohibition on August 4, of that year, Crosby County gave 35 votes for and 16 against that proposition. No election was ordered in the attached counties.

6. Events Leading to the Founding of Della Plains

During 1886 a protracted and devastating drouth prevailed over Western Texas, a great scarcity of grass, stock feed, and surface water resulted, particularly in that region of the West lying east of the Staked Plains. There the surface is more or less broken and cattle, horses, and sheep died by the thousands from thirst and hunger. During this time, however, the Staked Plains was not perceptibly affected, as the wells were never-failing, the settlements sparse and the range not overstocked. It was in the midst of this perilous situation for stock-farmers in the West that T. J. Braidfoot, of Baylor County, was compelled to seek a new range for his cattle, and in the early part of the summer of 1886 he drove his herds to Floyd County. He spent the following winter in the breaks in the eastern part of the county.

In the meantime the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway was building westward from Wichita Falls and the Wichita Valley Railroad was making Seymour its objective. The construction of these railroads attracted attention to the West, and a tidal wave of immigration was flowing westward. Crosby County had already been organized, and Hale County was looking forward to an early organization. Therefore, one did not need to "have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries" to foresee that Floyd County would be in a few years sufficiently populous for county organization. Under these conditions Braidfoot quickly conceived the scheme of founding a town to be groomed for the county seat when organization should be effected. He located a school section as near the center of the county as could be ascertained, since the county boundary lines had not been definitely established. The first thing essential to the new town's existence was to provide a water supply, and efforts at sinking a well in the center of the section was undertaken by Robert Linn and R. A. Roberts, of Crosby County. But their work was of no effect, and a corrected survey by District Surveyor H. C. Knight revealed that this improvement was near the west line of the section and in a strip of country which afforded no underground water, a singular freak in the nature of the Staked Plains. An abundant supply of water was found by a subsequent drilling in the exact center of the section of the projected town.

At the outset of his enterprise Braidfoot, after taking an inventory of his own financial resources and estimating the probable cost involved, realized that he lacked sufficient capital to carry out to a successful conclusion his scheme for an embryo county seat. He thereupon formed a partnership with J. R. McLain, of Sey-

mour, to help put the new town on the map of Floyd County. McLain was then a man of means, energy, and experience. He had unbounded faith in the county's future. A little later, however, the partnership between Braidfoot and McLain terminated, as Braidfoot, after taking account of the hugeness of the undertaking, found that he was financially unable to perform fully his part in the partnership. Braidfoot sold his entire interest except a few blocks to Dr. L. T. Wilson and Judge I. R. Darnell, both of Seymour, but afterwards bought back an interest in the town promotion firm.

7. Della Plains' First Settlers and Improvements

To give tangible proof of the town's existence, a building was erected on the north side of the public square. The lumber and other materials for the building were hauled in the early part of the autumn of 1887 from Wichita Falls, a distance of 175 miles, by means of ox wagons. It was intended for a store, but at first lumber for the floor and shingles for the roof were lacking. It remained in this unfinished state for several months, but it served as a temporary dwelling place for the families of new-comers and as a place for public assembly.

Meanwhile the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway extended its train service to Childress, which was thenceforth for a few months, the trading point for Floyd County settlers. From the latter part of 1887 to the summer of 1898 Amarillo was the principal trading point during the warm seasons while Childress was the market for the cold seasons. Estacado was about thirty miles southwest of the new town in Floyd County, and this was then deemed quite convenient for Floyd County settlers for mail facilities, for land and legal business, and for trading in small wares.

Among the new settlers in Floyd County in the vicinity of the new town was J. S. McLain. He had been a citizen of Texas only a few years. He and his family came from Randolph County, Arkansas, in 1883, and lived a year or two in Johnson County, whence they moved to Baylor County, where they resided until their removal

to Floyd County in the autumn of 1887. He was influenced in moving to Floyd County by two men who were promoters. One was his uncle J. R. McLain, who was putting his faith in Floyd County and the new town then being founded. The other was Paris Cox, the founder of Estacado and the county clerk of Crosby County until 1888. Cox spent some time in the winter of 1886-1887 at Seymour transcribing the records of Baylor County pertaining to Crosby County. Cox lost no opportunity to set forth the resources and advantages of the Staked Plains. McLain settled upon a school section a mile northwest of the new town in Floyd County. The promoters incasting about for a name for the town decided upon Della Plains, in honor of McLain's daughter, Della.

Della Plain grew during 1888 and 1889 at a rate that was gratifying to its promoters. In 1888 a new store building was erected on the west side of the public square, but at first it served pretty much the purposes which had characterized the one on the north side of the square. A square topped building of several rooms was put up near the southwest corner of the public square. This most pretentious building of the first year or two was occupied as a hotel by T. J. Braidfoot. In all directions from Della Plain habitations were fast provided, and most of them were dugouts and sod houses. The settlers in general were not well supplied with funds, but they had ample time to devote to the construction of homes which cost nothing save muscular exertion on the part of the owners.

Seg Bradford, a surveyor by calling, near the close of 1887 located on a quarter section in the homestead strip lying north of Della Plain. Like a number of others about Della Plain, he and his family were from Baylor County. He built his home out of cedar posts after the fashion of a stockade. The posts were placed close together in an upright position, and the walls were lined on the interior with wagon sheets. Here Bradford resided until the organization of Hale County in the summer of 1888, when he located near Plainview, where he remained until 1898. He then removed to New Mexico, where he afterwards died of tuberculosis. He was highly respected wherever he lived. He located the school lands for the permanent school fund of Floyd County in Bailey County in 1890.

Business enterprises were few. In the fall of 1888 D. R. Wilson put in a small stock of merchandise in the first building erected in Della Plain. The stock consisted chiefly of tobacco, canned goods, and small wares, and represented a capital of about one hundred dollars. In the spring of 1889 Wilson was succeeded in this business by Davis Brothers, who felt justified to enlarge the stock of goods,

as more settlers came into the country; but in the following summer A. J. Sams came into possession of this store. The Davis Brothers left Della Plain and settled on some homestead land about six miles northwest of Della Plain and near the site of Lockney, which was to be the rival of Della Plain. Sams remained in business at Della Plain until the founding of Mayshaw in 1892, whither he

moved and continued merchandising until 1895, when he became a citizen of Lockney. The old store building on the north side of the square at Della Plain was occupied as a store, a post-office, and a dwelling by A. D. White until 1893.

In the spring of 1888 a special post-office at Della Plain was established. It was supplied from Estacado. J. R. McLain was postmaster, and R. E. L.

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In January, 1889, R. E. L. McLain founded The Della Plain Review in order that Floyd County and Della Plain might become better known to those who were thinking of seeking homes in the West. During the life of this publication its editor strove zealously to set forth the country's merits and to get people identified with Della Plain's aims and aspirations. The editor was also general agent of the town's promoters. Aside from his duties as editor, land agent, and assistant postmaster, he seemed to have at disposal much time to converse with prospectors and settlers over the country's resources and possibilities. His enthusiasm and rather glib tongue led him into a great many indiscretions.

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He sometimes unwittingly berated other towns than Della Plain and other counties than Floyd County. He urged vociferously the early organization of Floyd County and caustically censured the commissioners' court of Crosby County for delaying to provide for Floyd County to assume a separate existence.

When Della Plain was established there were no roads across the county, to speak of. Most travel was by a course or by cattle trails. To facilitate travel between Della Plain and Plainview a route was marked by aid of a pocket compass and by means of a cedar log drawn over the ground by a wagon. The mark thus made for the guidance of the traveler was on a line to Plainview, and it ran about one mile south of the site where Lockney was afterwards founded. Without some sort of dependable guidance it was indeed easy for a traveler to lose his way.

A blacksmith shop was set up at Della Plain in 1888 by J. C. White. As evidence of appreciation of the blacksmith's arrival, the town promoters erected gratuitously a shop of sod and timbers. For nearly a year he plied his trade in this structure, but in 1889 circumstances arose which influenced him to leave Della Plain and to locate at Lockney. His son-in-law, R. M. Emerson, was one of the promoters of Lockney, and White had what he believed to be a just grievance against some of the Della Plain people. Upon his removal to Lockney he exhibited his contempt for Della Plain by tearing down the sod walls and conveying the timbers to Lockney. Quite naturally the citizens of Della Plain could not look upon this indignity with complacency. White remained at Lockney until 1893, and then moved to New Mexico.

8. Social and Cultural Events
On Christmas eve, 1888, Della Plain had its first public dance in the old store building on the north side of the public square. Few, if any, of the nearby settlers were absent from this social function. J. C. White and one of his daughters furnished music for the occasion. The violins were his own handiwork. They were rough in finish, but the music they produced was quite satisfactory to all present. The dance closed before it was intended because of a quarrel between an overgrown boy and a domineering fellow. However, the festivities did not end. To the Braidfoot hotel the crowd repaired and played games, but these soon terminated, when a sensitive father took his daughters home.

One character who bore a conspicuous part at the dance on Christmas eve was a Mr. Van Winkle, a typical frontiersman. He was just as nature made him. He was well-built. His hair was long and unkempt, while his beard was tangled and shaggy. He wore a long, greasy, ragged overcoat of brown duck, with a piece of frizzled rope tied about his body. He bore some resemblance to the famous Rip Van Winkle just after recovering from his sleep of twenty years. Who were his ancestors no one could surmise. He did not really dance, but he actively directed the movements. He cared nothing for the amenities of society, and when settlers became more numerous, he and his family hid away for New Mexico.

The first school in Floyd County was at Della Plain in the winter of 1888-1889. There were fifteen scholastics in Floyd County, and the per capita apportionment was \$4.00, \$60.00 being the total school fund. Miss Emma Lewis, of Estacado, was the teacher, and T. J. Braidfoot, J. S. McLain, and A. V. McCracken served as trustees. The teacher was paid \$30.00 per month, and the term was four months. The teacher's salary was supplemented by private subscriptions. The year following there were twenty scholastics, and the total school fund amounted to \$80.00. W. M. Massie was teacher, and his salary was \$40.00 per month for four months. The teacher was paid for two month's service in money, and for the remaining two months in cedar posts and wood. The two Merrell boys, sons of W. A. Merrell, of Blanco Canyon, attended the second session of the school at Della Plain from their home twelve miles away.

The year 1889 marked the arrival of a number of newcomers in the vicinity of Della Plain. Among these were B. F. Farmer, Amos Hamilton, H. Terry, A. J. Byars, C. D. Farmer, W. M. Ewen, J. A. Ewing, C. H. George, R. T. Miller, J. T. Thomas, C. F. Ramsey, A. D. White, and W. M. Bailey. There were enough now to inspire the promoters of Della Plain with hope for an early organization of Floyd County.

Early in 1889 a Sunday school was organized. R. T. Miller was the superintendent. The interest was marked, as some people who attended lived ten miles or farther from Della Plain. Occasionally there were divine services at Della Plain. Sometimes the store building on the north side of the public square was used as a place of worship, and at other times meetings were held in dugouts. O. A. Shook, J. H. Stegall and Thomas Dun-

can, the men who preached in the Canyon settlement, visited Della Plain. These preachers, together with Anson Cox, the Quaker preacher of Estacado, may justly be reckoned the pioneer preachers of the Staked Plains. Cox included Della Plain in his visits. J. H. Stegall, writing from Dickens County September 27, 1888, reported that in company with Rev. John A. Wallace, a presiding elder, and Rev. Wiseman, he conducted a series of meetings, beginning at Estacado on September 15, then going to Plainview, where they held a quarterly conference of the Methodist Church on Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, and lastly reaching Della Plain, where Wallace preached on Monday evening. On the following morning Wallace and Wiseman left for Haskell to hold another quarterly conference, while Stegall proceeded to his home in Dickens County.

9. Lockney as Della Plain's Rival
Immigration in 1889 was relatively large. About seven miles northwest of Della Plain there was a body of State land subject to preemption, on which water could be obtained at fifty feet, while wells on the school lands nearer Della Plain were from 150 to 200 feet deep. The result was that many of the newcomers occupied these homestead lands, and the founding of a new town naturally followed.

The first men with families who formed the new settlement in the homestead belt included J. E. F. Koger, T. B. Stewart, S. D. Mills, R. M. Emerson, W. L. Covey, J. H. Lockney, and J. F. Lockney. J. F. Lockney was a man of much native shrewdness. He had had extensive business interests at Abilene and Haskell, but the drouth which prevailed 1885 to 1887 left him bankrupt. Like others, he moved to the Staked Plains to begin a new career. His keen eye saw an opportunity to found a town as the rival of Della Plain. In this enterprise he was joined by W. L. Covey, W. R. Davis, and R. M. Emerson. Together the partners owned four 160-acre home-steads, which formed a square section, and on this was platted the new town by District Surveyor H. C. Knight, of Crosby County. Knight was requested to choose a name for the town, and he called it Lockney, in honor of J. H. Lockney, the venerable father of J. F. Lockney. The new town thus established was ambitious to outstrip Della Plain and win the county seat at the approaching organization of Floyd County. Its promoters impressed prospectors with the difference in the depth of the water at the two places. Della Plain's promoters affected to look with contempt upon Lockney, which they called "Pullditch." Lockney had one store in which W. R. Davis & Company kept a small stock of merchandise and the postoffice.

10. Efforts to Hasten County Organization
Fearing the result of competition, Della Plain attempted to hasten the organization of the county, but found difficulty in obtaining the necessary 150 names to the petition for that purpose. Prospectors and transients who chanced to pass through Della

Plains were earnestly solicited to locate in that vicinity. If the traveler was headed elsewhere, he was warned against the mistake of settling where the soil was sterile, the water exhaustible, and seasons rainless. If all efforts were unavailing to induce him to locate at Della Plain, then he was prevailed upon to help by signing the petition for organization.

In the general election of November 6, 1888, the resident citizens of Floyd County had for the first time been permitted to vote. The commissioners' court of Crosby County constituted Floyd County, as a whole, as an election district and designated the home of Arthur B. Duncan, as the election box for the Floyd County voters. A total of twenty eight voted; viz.: B. P. Merrill, L. C. Darby, S. B. Chadwick, W. Methley, A. M. Mills, Frank Darcus, J. F. Sutton, P. C. Ketchum, A. K. Latham, Henry Schweitzer, Thomas Telling, Arthur B. Duncan, J. J. Day, Harry Van Trees, H. K. Baughn, W. R. Vandever, C. E. Vandever, J. A. Burrus, J. S. McLain, E. C. Fullingim, R. E. L. McLain, D. R. Wilson, T. J. Braidfoot, E. Cox, and Tom Cox. These comprised pretty fully the voting population of Floyd County at that time, and when, in August, 1889, a goodly delegation of Della Plain citizens visited Estacado and presented a petition for organization, bearing 150 names, the commissioners skip-

tically investigated the validity of each, and refused to order an election for organization. The Della Plain "boosters" sought at the next term of district court at Estacado to compel the commissioners by mandamus to effect the immediate organization of Floyd County. Failing in this, the Floyd County members of the grand jury instituted an investigation of the official acts of the commissioners, and found that three of them had failed to make reports on the condition of the public roads in their respective precincts, as the law provided. There were no public roads laid out, but the three commissioners were indicted for the non-performance of their official duties. Thus rested matters relative to organization until the following spring.

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VILES HOTEL SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Price this week contracted for the sale of the Viles Hotel corner Fourth and California Streets to A. E. Timmin, of Sand Hill, Mr. Timmin exchanging a quarter section of land near Sand Hill in the deal to the Price's.

Another sale of interest this week is that of the R. B. Smith well-improved 10-acre suburban home in the Price First Addition to A. J. Sitton, of Abilene.

Contracts are up on both deals and will be consummated at an early date.

Jno. A. Hollums negotiated both deals.

P-T. ASSOCIATION MEETS FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30

The Parent-Teachers' Association will meet tomorrow afternoon in regular session at 2:30 o'clock.

The meeting will be held at the North Side School.

BLANCO NEWS

Blanco, April 24.—Another fine rain fell in our community last Thursday night and was very fine on all feed, wheat and gardens.

Miss Vaughan West has been in Floydada for several days visiting relatives and friends. She thinks now of going to summer school at Canyon this summer.

Mrs. Fred Locke, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Burns at this place before going to her new home in Wyoming.

J. H. Mitchell, collector for the I. E. Company with headquarters at Amarillo, spent the week-end with his cousin, Will Snell and family.

Several from this community are working on the new Baptist Church at McCoy, which will be completed in a few more days and will be a great help to the community.

The Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. F. L. Taylor last Thursday afternoon. It is to meet at Mrs. McSpadden's in the Starkey Community this afternoon.

Mrs. W. C. Cates received the sad news a few days since that her aunt, Mrs. Rose, who lived in New Mexico, had died of tuberculosis. Mrs. Rose once lived in the Carr's Chapel Community.

Carey Griggs, of Tulia, was a business visitor in Floydada this mid-week.

McCOY HAPPENINGS

McCoy, April 17th.—The wheat fields in this community are looking fine. Every field seems to have plenty of moisture at present.

The hail storm that passed through this community seemed to damage some gardens and fruit trees considerably. Some of the school children were out in the storm going home from school but no one was seriously bruised.

The singing class of McCoy met at the school house Sunday evening. Mr. Cox, of Allmon, met with them.

The Baptist Church which is being built at McCoy is beginning to show up. They have the foundation laid. The people of the community are very busy at work on it.

J. M. Martin entertained the young folks with a party last Friday night. Everyone enjoyed it.

Rev. Lindley, of Floydada preached here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. He delivered fine sermons. Everyone enjoyed them. He preached in Rev. Tenison's place, as the latter was away holding a meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Morris, of Ralls, spent Sunday with Mrs. Morris' father, P. H. Pharr and family.

Mrs. Earl Williams and children, of Oklahoma, are in this community visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Utman. She will soon go to California where they are going to make their future home.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our appreciation of the expressions and tokens of tender sympathy of our friends in the sickness and loss of our dear wife, mother and grandmother and aunt.

E. B. Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. I. Gaither and family, Mrs. Mattie Gaither and Children, A. F. Finley and family, J. T. Finley and family, R. F. Jackson and family.

Y. W. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Y. W. A. met in regular session Tuesday afternoon of last week at which time we had a very interesting and beautiful lesson on "The Resurrection of Christ."

The following officers were elected at the meeting: Mrs. Lon V. Smith, president; Mrs. Wimberly Butler, vice president; Mrs. T. R. Webb, secretary treasurer, and Lela Windsor, corre-

Our Directorate

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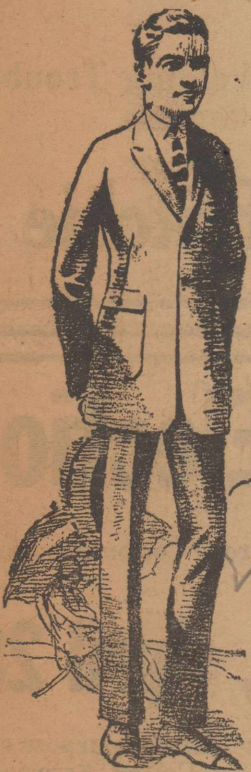
DIRECTORS: T. S. Stevenson, C. Surginer, N. G. Jackson, S. A. Greer, W. I. Allen, R. E. L. Muncy, Mrs. W. D. Long.

S. A. Henry, of Amarillo, was a business visitor in Floydada Wednesday.

R. T. EVANS IS REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL IN DALLAS

The many friends in Hereford of R. T. Evans will be concerned to hear that he is seriously ill in the Baptist Sanitarium at Dallas. Arch Collins was advised Friday that Mr. Evans was stricken Thursday and carried to the hospital on Friday. Physicians had not at that time determined the nature of the trouble but an operation seemed necessary. No further word as to his condition had been received to Friday afternoon.—Hereford Brand

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