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NUMBER 1

### Football Lights To Be Dedicated Tonight

Attention of football boys, students, and local fans are centered on tonight's game with Crosbyton, when the new lighting system will be formally dedicated by Mayor B. M. Haymes. State Senator G. H. Nelson, representative Alvin Allison, Coach Pete Cawthon of Texas Tech, and other notable visitors are expected to be present for the ceremony and for the game which will follow.

Bands from Lamesa and Tahoka high schools will accompany delegations from those schools, and will take part in the program. On behalf of the O'Donnell school and the city, we wish at this point to express our appreciation to the Tahoka school for the distinguished mark of courtesy extended us this week in moving their scheduled football game up from tonight to last night, so that students and citizens of Tahoka might be able to take part in the dedication ceremonies here. This friendly interest and co-operation are indeed appreciated.

**Boys Ready for Game**  
Intensive work and coaching this week have the Eagles in first class shape for the game tonight, which is one of the most important on their schedule. The Crosbyton game is discussed and planned for from one season to the next because our former coach and superintendent, D. A. Edwards, is now head of the Crosbyton school system, and the Eagles are always anxious to put their best foot foremost for his benefit as well as for their own.

Coaches Conger and Snodgrass can't refuse to make any comments on the prospects, other than that the boys will do their best. (We all know that without being told.) So come on, folks, be at Johnson Field as soon as the lights are turned on tonight, and boost those Eagles from the kick-off to the final signal. We're betting on them to win.

### Wells 4-H Club Has Discussion of Clothes

"Clothes for kitchen wear should be chosen carefully," said Miss Maurine McNatt, county home demonstration agent at the regular September meeting of the Wells 4-H Club.

Aprons should be selected from cotton materials of small, all-over designs. Solid colors show spots readily, and large floral or checked patterns may clash with the design of the housewearer. All trimmings, such as rows of bias tape, are more pleasing when put on in uneven numbers. In the winter when a light wrap is needed in the kitchen, a smock is more suitable than a sweater or coat.

Officers for the ensuing year have been elected. They are: Verna Lee Simpson, president; Wanda Jean Tyler, vice president; Margaret Barrett, secretary; Cloia Rasmussen, reporter; Roba Watson, parliamentarian; Neta Watson, recreation leader.

Miss McNatt will be with the club again on the next regular meeting on Thursday, October 5.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bradley and Mack C. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Whitsett, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Palmer were among O'Donnell people who attended the circus at Lubbock Tuesday night.

### Eagles Down Visitors To Win First Game

O'Donnell High School Eagles downed the Big Spring "B" team here last Friday evening to the tune of 7-0 to win their opening game of the 1939 football season.

An estimated total of 1500 cheering, yelling fans watched the boys march down the field for one down after another as the visiting line-men proved powerless against the drives of the Eagles. The game was a contest of brawn against brawn almost exclusively, aerial attempts of both teams being discarded early in the game.

The Eagle touchdown came late in the third quarter after a non-stop drive down the field. The visitors threatened only twice during the game, and not too seriously then. All in all, the local team showed up remarkably well, amply justifying the expectations and confidence of homefolks.

Starting line-ups were as follows: Big Spring, ls: Wood, lt: Hardy, lg: Webb, c: Blunt, rg: Bush, rt: Suggs, re: Evans; quarter: Evans, ls: Laymon, lt: Moore; fullback: McCutcheon. **Players Broadly**

**Pep Squad Stages Show**  
One of the most thrilling parts of the game were the formations of the pep squad. Dressed in their striking uniforms of black skirts, gold blouses and caps, the eighty girls marched onto the field with military precision and went into a "B" formation, from which they saluted the visitors. At a signal from the drum, this formation was broken and the group went into the impressive double "O" formation. Though this was their first public performance this season, and the first time for many of the girls to take part in such work, every step and formation went through without an apparent hitch.

Another feature of this game or equipment on the sidelines, and favorable comment was the loudspeaker which broadcast the plays to fans. Singleton Appliance company set up the Philco loudspeaker equipment on the sidelines, and Albert Willis made a very creditable announcer.

#### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mr. Claude McKinney has recently returned from Texas where he spent thirty-nine days in the hospital. He seems to be much improved, though still is quite ill and weak.

#### MR. KOENIGER'S FATHER ILL

News has been received here of the serious illness of the father of Mr. Albert Koeniger at Paradise, near Bridgeport. The elder Mr. Koeniger has been in failing health for some time, and it is feared that he will not rally from this illness.

#### MRS. NOBLE ELECTED

At the regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association at the high school auditorium, Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. J. M. Noble, Jr. was named president for the coming year.

The second Wednesday in each month has been set as meeting date for the association. Program announcements will appear regularly.

### SCA District Act Be Explained October 5

How to form a soil conservation district and how it will benefit the farmers taking part will be explained at a meeting of the Lynn County farmers at Tahoka on October 5th, when the district hearing is held.

Lynn county farmers are already pretty well familiar with the steps in forming a district up to the time of the passage of the district act, and the second answer appeared to be that if farmers think they are going to get their land terraced free of charge, then they are wrong.

For the time being, it seems that only technical assistance can be given, as all state and federal agencies are lacking in men of proper training. The idea has been advanced that districts, once formed, can issue bonds to purchase equipment and hire personnel, but nothing in Texas can be so interpreted. Farmers at the Lynn county hearing will find that the board will want to know first of all if there is enough local interest to warrant calling an election, if the proposed territory is the most logical one that can be devised, and if formation of the district is justified. On the basis of the hearing, the board will deny or affirm the petition. However, full details of the proposed project will be explained at the meeting on October 5th, at which time all farmers of the county are asked to attend the hearing at Tahoka.

### Melons Are Profitable To Snyder Family

Sixty acres of sandy loam planted to watermelons have realized the tidy sum of \$1100 this season for T. G. Snyder and sons. A. W. Snyder, nineteen miles northwest of here in the New Moore community.

The Snyders, who came to this territory in 1915 and purchased their farm land from the Old Singleton ranch holding, believe in diversified farming and try to sort for a cash income of some sort throughout the year. The planting of fine melons was one of their plans toward this end.

They favor three kinds of melons, the Black Diamond, the Red Diamond, both yellow-meated, and the old stand-by, Irish Grays, for red meat. Mr. Snyder is of the opinion that for market purposes the yellow-meated are the more popular. Due to the fact that the fruit season is later here than in south and east Texas, the Snyders have always found a ready market to commercial truckers, who come for two and three hundred miles to pick the melons from the patch. The quality of the Snyder products is already well-known, and it seems that next year will be an even more profitable one for them.

"I'm not a fanatically religious fellow," said Mr. Snyder, "but the boy and I have tried to do right in carrying on our farming business, so the men we dealt with could make a little something out of it. It pays a man in money as well as in own feelings to try his best to do right."

#### NEW ENGLAND STATES STUDY CLUB SUBJECT

The 1939 Study Club met in the home of Mrs. R. R. Adams on Thursday, September 21, with twelve members present. An interesting program was given on the New England States. Features of the discussion were:

A Vacation Wilderness. Mrs. Perry Howard.  
Cities of Interest. Mrs. A. H. Koeniger.  
Historic Homes of the New England States. Mrs. Leath Higginbotham.

After the lesson, a pleasant social hour was enjoyed, at the conclusion of which a lovely salad plate was served with punch to Mrs. Middleton, Moore, Haney, Knight, Earles, Howard, Shoemaker, Carroll, Koeniger, Crawford and Higginbotham.

#### MRS. HENDERSON ENTERTAINS TUESDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Regular weekly meeting of the Tuesday Bridge Club was held in the home of Mrs. Fred Henderson on Monday afternoon, so that those who cared to might attend the Fair and circus at Lubbock.

Three tables of bridge guests enjoyed games, at which Mrs. Newell Hughes won high score, and she and Mrs. C. N. Hoffman won slam prizes.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mrs. Bradley, Boyd, Campbell, Cabool, Fargy, Hafer, Huffniss, Hughes, Noble, Whitsett and Miss Thelma Palmer.

Mrs. Hafer will entertain next week.

Mrs. C. L. Hafer was in Tahoka Wednesday afternoon.

### Tech Excavation Party To Work At Lamesa

Mr. Porter Montgomery, custodian of the museum at Texas Tech, and Messrs. Wheet and Renfro paid a short call to friends here Saturday afternoon as they were en route to Lamesa. They had been called down to investigate possibilities of interesting excavations in that territory. They were not prepared Saturday to make any definite statements concerning the prospective work there, but doubtless further information will appear soon.

#### QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT METHODIST CHURCH

The fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist Church will be held Monday evening at the local church. The fourth quarterly conference elect the officials of the church, and for this reason will be a very important session. All members of the conference and others interested are urged to be present.

#### PIONEER RESIDENT BURIED AT HANCOCK WEDNESDAY

Funeral services were conducted at Hancock Wednesday afternoon for A. M. Best, for many years a resident of this territory. Mr. Best moved from O'Donnell to the north plains several years ago. Many local people were present Wednesday to pay their last respects to one of the real pioneers of West Texas.

#### MR. THORNHILL'S BROTHER DIES IN ARIZONA

Mrs. W. H. Thornhill told friends here Monday of the death in Phoenix, Arizona, of Mr. Thornhill's older brother, Oke Thornhill. He had been ill for some days before the end. The body was brought back to the family home at Holland for burial. Friends here will join with us in extending sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Thornhill and other relatives.

### Students Extend Thanks To Citizens

Football boys, pep squad girls, coaches and sponsors have asked us to express to the town their hearty appreciation of the loyal support and interest shown on the eve of the opening game Friday night.

"That community page ad boosting us boys sure helped us win that game," said one of the boys with a grin Saturday morning. "Boy howdy, when we know the whole town is backing us, we can't do anything else but get in there and play as hard as we can."

#### BOB KIRKPATRICK CALLED TO STEEL MILL WORK

A telegram received last Thursday recalled Mr. Bob Kirkpatrick of Thornhill's Variety back to his duties as engineer in a steel mill at Gary, Indiana. He left immediately for Chicago, going on from that point to Gary.

Mr. Kirkpatrick has for several months assisted his mother, Mrs. W. H. Thornhill, in the management of the store here, and leaves many friends who will join with us in wishing him the best of luck.

#### GLENN BURLESON BREWER UNDERGOES OPERATION

Master Glen Burleson, Brewer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burley Brewer, underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils Saturday morning.

He was brought home from a Lubbock hospital Sunday, and is reported doing nicely.

#### BETTY JEAN SELF IN HOSPITAL AT LAMESA

Miss Betty Jean Self, student in the grade school here, was taken to Lamesa Thursday night for an emergency operation for appendicitis.

As we go to press Thursday, she is doing nicely, and will probably be brought home Friday.

### Merchants Report Splendid Business

Practically every merchant in O'Donnell reported a real fall rush of business over the week-end of the opening season got into full swing.

Each store was obliged to add extra members to the sales force, several of them using Mexican employees to serve Mexican customers, while others were eager to find someone able to interpret. While this fall will not come up to the historical 1937 season, the crop is apparently turning out better than was anticipated two or three weeks ago, with consequent much better business.

#### DISTRICT SINGERS WILL MEET AT DRAW SUNDAY

C. H. Maness asks that we announce the regular district singing convention, which will meet at Draw Sunday afternoon at 2:30. A number of visitors are expected from out of the county, and many local people plan to attend.

#### RELATIVES DIES TUESDAY

J. W. Gates was called Wednesday to Ada, Oklahoma, her news of the death of his brother-in-law. We were unable to contact members of the family to secure details.

#### EX-STUDENTS POSTPONE HOME-coming DANCE DATE

Roy Elmo Everett, president of the Ex-Students Association, said Thursday morning that due to various things, plans for the Homecoming Dance tonight had been cancelled.

Other plans and date for the affair had not yet been settled, he added.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schooler and children visited the Fair at Lubbock Tuesday, and also enjoyed the afternoon performance of the circus.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cabool were in Lamesa Sunday afternoon.

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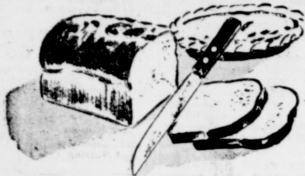
James Garland of Lamesa was a guest Wednesday of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Noble, jr., and family.

County Attorney Rollin McCord was down from Tahoka on business Friday afternoon.

Miss Adele Haidy of Borger is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Cool and Miss Angeline Haidy, here this week.

Edward Singleton was in Seagraves on business Sunday.

J. L. Adams of Amarillo was the guest of friends here Tuesday.



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### REPORTERS

Senior Class, Hilman Maxwell; Junior Class, Jane Gibson; Sophomore Class, Thelma Turner; Freshman Class, Stanley Cathey; General Science Club, Margaret Gibbs; Seventh Grade, Betty Jean Davis.

### SENIOR NEWS

The seniors have a good start in the race for football queen. We believe we have more than any class so far and we intend to hold our lead. We have sent the money in for our rings and they will be here in a few days. All the seniors are proud of the underclassmen for working so hard to win the race for football queen and we wish you luck because you are going to need it. We also hope the ex-student dance Friday night will be a grand success.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS

The Sophomores had a rummage sale Saturday and we sold popcorn and peanuts at the football game Friday night. We are working hard for our candidate and we think she has a good chance to win. We are going to have another rummage sale this coming Saturday in front of the postoffice. If anyone has any rummage they do not need just call on the Sophomores.

### FRESHMEN NEWS

We, the eighth grade, are trying very hard to get our football candidate for queen on the throne. We are giving every effort we have for her. Our candidate is Cassie Mae Newton. We are doing our best and will appreciate any help or cooperation given us.

### SPORTS NEWS

The O'Donnell Eagles are looking forward to Friday night's game as one of their toughest of the year. The Eagles were down by the Chiefs at Crosbyton last year and are out for revenge. The Chiefs and Eagles have long been gridiron foes and what could promise to be a better game for dedication night than a Crosbyton and O'Donnell game.

### ACTIVITY NEWS

The O'Donnell band students are making rapid progress in their work and they hope to have their Drum Corp ready for Friday night. The pep squad began work on a formation last Monday for the game Friday night between the Crosbyton Chiefs and the O'Donnell Eagles. As this game is to be

the most exciting game of the season game—we, the pep squad, hope to make a "hit" with our formation. Every class in high school is working hard for their football queen candidate. We hope you will give them your best cooperation.

### BIOLOGY CLUB

The Biology Club met Friday, September 20, 1939. The president, Nolan Hall, called the house to order and asked for the minutes to be read and approved. As there was no old or new business to attend the following program was enjoyed.

Harold Cook talked on Country Life in Norway.

Lacelle Frazier a current event. Billie Joe Burnett and Margaret Sue Goddard gave some jokes.

Dar Burkett gave the latest news of the war.

Hilman Maxwell talked on football.

Melvin Pearce talked from Time magazine.

### SPANISH CLUB

The third period Spanish Class met Friday and organized a Spanish club. The club is to be held Friday of every four weeks and is to be named at the next meeting. The officers of the club were elected and are as follows:

President, Raymond Kelly Curtis.

Vice president, Jim Jo Carroll.

Secretary, Allie Jo Scholer.

Reporter, Marcella Lambert.

### GENERAL SCIENCE CLUB

The General Science Club met Friday afternoon and enjoyed a short program. Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, and names of those who had paid dues were listed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

### SNOOPER

Why is it that Helen Galanescu opens her mouth so wide when the volleyball comes over the net. (It must be to catch the ball, instead of hitting it.)

Why does Margie want to meet that Lamesa boy? (Patsey.)

Wonder how Mary Louise learned

to prance so good. Was it from Tahoka or Lamesa?

Wonder why Nelson Dovel told June Gibson he likes blond-headed girls?

Helen June really likes Brownfield or is it the people who live in it?

What's his name, Helen?

Why is Margaret Lucille in such a good humor lately. Is it because of Guy?

Wonder why Pauletta is so happy. Is it because her Stanford boy friend is coming?

Why does Nila Rae like Brownfield so well?

Who is it that Emma Jo is always talking about from Anson?

What is this we hear about J. V. and the little Mesquite girl. How about it Lucille King?

Stanley, you seem to be beating Alvin Ray's time.

Daniel, you better be careful.

Miss Nunnally, you shouldn't get after John so much in English III class. Don't you know it will hurt his feelings or embarrass him?

Lula Margaret, what do you mean by talking to Hump so much in the study hall. Don't you know he wants to study and besides, Thelma doesn't like it.

What does Burt think about Claude Dovel?

Who is the boy that Averil just won't go with?

### JUNIOR NEWS

The juniors have been working very hard the past week to raise money for our football queen, and we have done very well. We had a rummage sale last Saturday and made as much as we do. I know that we can have the football banquet and the grandstands also.

If you would like to buy a ticket for the football game Friday night, remember the juniors have a lot of them and will be only too glad to sell them. The prices are 35c adults and 15c for school students.

We appreciate the outside help we have already received and will be glad to have all the help we can get.

Be sure and vote for Emma Jo Hinkle for football queen and when you see her being crowned you will agree with us that she will make a very good queen.

Our good friend, Mrs. E. D. Yeatts, finally ran us down Tuesday to renew her Index subscription. Thank you very much, m'am.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goughly were in Slaton and Lubbock Sunday.

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## Half Million Bales Of Cotton Stored

More than 500,000 bales of cotton from previous crops are in storage on the South Plains on compress platforms and in warehouses, according to a check made by cotton men.

There are 10 compress points with 11 warehouses: Brownfield, Lamesa, Levelland, Lubbock (2), Plainview, Ralls, Slaton Spur and Tahoka. The latter point is having a compress completed in time for the 1939 crop just starting to move.

Of the total being held, it is estimated at 340,000 bales represent the crops prior to last year. Approximately 300,000 bales are from the 1937 crop and the remainder held over from the old loan program in 1934.

Last year's crop is estimated to be between 200,000 and 250,000 bales. In recent years some cotton that did not come up to the Commodity Credit corporation's requirements has been moved off the compress to ports and will eventually be sold.

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## West Texas Teachers Choose Hanes Sec'y.

Superintendent W. T. Hanes of Tahoka was elected secretary of district four of the Texas State Teachers association, at a meeting



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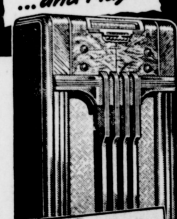
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## Santa Fe Announces Change In Officials

Important changes in the freight and passenger traffic departments affecting the Southwestern territory and other sections of the Santa Fe System Lines were announced today as the result of voluntary retirements of veteran officials. The changes are effective October 1.

Retiring are A. P. Morrison, for the past 20 years assistant passenger

traffic manager, Chicago, and J. C. Burnett, general freight agent, Topeka. They have achieved enviable positions in transportation affairs and are retiring, each, after 50 years of service.

Succeeding Morrison in the passenger department, is James R. Moriarty, also of Chicago, who has been 39 years in service in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Illinois.

Vice President Paul P. Hastings announced the promotion of Warren H. Turner, from the post of assistant to the vice president at Chicago, to succeed Burnett at Topeka.

Other important passenger traf-

fic changes announced by T. B. Gallaher, general passenger traffic manager, include the promotion of Glenn Eddie from general passenger agent, Topeka, to succeed Moriarty; Henry C. Vincent, assistant general passenger agent, Coast Lines, Los Angeles, to succeed Eddie at Topeka.

Other outstanding changes in the freight department promote Clark Davis, general freight agent at Chicago, to assistant to the vice president at Chicago; as successor to Turner; E. M. Fogarty, assistant general freight agent at Topeka, rises to the position vacated thru promotion of Clark Davis; and C. L. Davis, ascending to the vacancy created by Fogarty's elevation, is succeeded as division freight agent at Joplin by C. R. Reebie of Topeka.

Morrison began his half century of service with the railway in 1889 as stenographer to the treasurer at Topeka. He transferred to the passenger department and in 1902 was appointed chief clerk at Chicago. Seven years after, he was made assistant general passenger agent, and in 1920 made assistant passenger traffic manager, which position he maintained until retirement.

King, a hickhiker who caught a ride with Dickson across New Mexico, was convicted by a jury Saturday of manslaughter, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

There was no indication the defense would appeal. Sheriff Dan Divilbess left at noon to take King to the prison at Florence.

Dickson, 64, was found July 17, unconscious and suffering from exposure, two days after he and King fought on U. S. highway 66, immediately east of here. King said they argued over Dickson's loss of \$55 in a dice game, and that Dickson finally drew a gun on him. He took the gun away from Dickson, he said, and clubbed the aged man over the head.

## Congressmen Request Hearing On Air Line

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Three Texas congressmen today urged Chairman Robert H. Hinckley of the Civil Aeronautics authority to expedite the setting of a hearing to determine the need of an air line from San Antonio, Texas, to Denver.

Representatives Mahon, Kilday and South told Hinckley they had ample evidence to warrant authorization of the line, which would extend via San Angelo, Big Spring, Lubbock, Amarillo, Texas, and Pueblo, Colorado.

Hinckley informed them hearings on the CAA dockets probably would last until December.

Three companies have applied to

CAA for authority to serve all or a portion of the proposed San Antonio-Denver route. They are Braniff Airways, Continental Airlines and Zsair, Inc.

## INCREASE IS REPORTED BY GROUP OF RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The Association of American Railroads reported today \$14,828 cars of revenue freight were loaded during the week-end ending last Saturday.

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## Slayer Of Spur Man Given Prison Term

Holbrook, Ariz., Sept. 25.—Superior Judge John P. Clark sentenced Leland King, 22-year-old former soldier of Post, Tex. to five to seven years for the fatal beating of Walter Dickson, Spur, Tex. merchant, near here July 15.



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