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GRAY COUNTY ELECTION NOW ON

Kell Railroad Contract Is Signed by Local Committee

AGREEMENT IS FULLY REACHED BY COMMITTEE

Right-of-Way Is Now Only Obstacle to Construction

LOCAL GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE

Considerable Money to Be Raised Yet in City

The Kell railroad is assured if the right-of-way may be secured in a manner satisfactory to the local railway committee.

This fact, considered so important to the future of this city, became a reality this morning when Frank Kell of Wichita Falls, personally and as president of the Clinton, Oklahoma Western railroad, reached an agreement with the local railroad committee.

"This action virtually assures the building of the railroad, and the contracts should be let in time to begin work by May 1 if the right-of-way is satisfactorily obtained," Mr. Kell told The News.

M. K. Brown, B. E. Finley, and J. M. Dodson stand behind Pampa's agreement to furnish 30 miles of right-of-way, terminal facilities, and $5,000 in cash. Their personal liabilities are being underwritten through the finance drive for $50,000, which has not been completed but whose goal is being neared as scattering pledges are added to those made yesterday.

It is considered practically certain that the contractor will begin work at Pampa, proceeding eastward. Before construction can start, deeds to the right-of-way must be delivered by the local committee, and this work will be rushed along during the next few weeks.

Mr. Kell must go to aWshington to obtain certain amendments to the original certificate of public necessity granted by the Interstate commerce Commission, pertaining to th eroute. Engineers found dificulty in selecting a suitable right-of-way, and their field notes will now be placed before the federal body for approval. No delay is expected, since the I. C. C. has shown interest in the new line granting the original petition in unusually show time. The linewill serve one of tht largest areas in the Panhandle now without rail transportation. The distance from Pampa to Cheyenne is approximately 92 miles, and the distance to Oklahoma City will be greatly shortened, opening new wholesale territory with Pampa as the center.

3 HUNG JURIES IN 84TH COURT

City Damage Suit Is the First on Docket Tomorrow

Three hung juries reported to Judge Newton P. Willis of the 84th district court in session at LeFors last week.

The first case was on a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor. The jury was out fifteen hours.

The second hung jury was in the case of C. C. Stockstill et al., against N. W. Shepherd et al., a foreclosure of section 188, block B-2, Gray county. The jury deliberated four hours before being dismissed.

A hung jury also resulted in the case of Joe Fox against the City Service and Oil corporation for $2,900 damagest for injuries received when a barrel of oil fell on his foot.

This first case to appear before Judge Willis tomorrow morning will be that of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Todd versus the City of Pampa, claiming $35,000. Their daughter, Mickey Todd was killed in an automobile accident on South Cuyler street last September.

Petit jurors for the final week of the 84th district court which convenes tomorrow morning are Joe Fox, Floyd Gatlin, A. D. Fish, Lee Banks, J. A. Banks, J. A. Jackson, A. M. King, A. Gordon, R. H. Crump, J. R. White, E. R. Sherrod, W. M. Hubbard, Horace Parks, O. N. Frashier, H. H. Isbell, A. C. Sailor, H. H. Heiskell, J. M. Dougherty, Lester Sills, C. E. Phillips, C. C. Stockstill, D. W. Upham, W. H. Mathis, W. P. Davis, J. F. Meers, Charles McMahon, C. V. Talley, H. T. Binder, Tom Lane Jr., Jess Ritter, W. W. Wilson, N. C. Kennedy, Vester Smith, R. B. Thompson, E. G. Nelson, T. B. Roby, H. P. Larsh, J. K. Sweet, S. J. Prior, R. D. Morris, L. R. Taylor, R. J. Sailor, Joe Lewis, B. W. Rose, W. H. Doyle, and E. S. Melton.

Pre-Election Dope Favors Pampa by a Large Majority

Based on information from the election precincts, the votes for and against removal of the county seat will be about as follows:

	For Pampa	For LeFors	Totals
Pampa	3365	35	3400
Knorpp	105	30	135
Hopkins	36	0	36
LeFors	50	50	100
Alanreed	25	175	200
Mc Lean	75	695	770
Laketon	60	20	80
Farrington	33	0	33

—Election Committee.

FRIDAY TO BE BIG OCCASION

Celebration of New Kell R. R. Will Be Staged Here

Flags in the breeze, thousands of people, tramping feet of school children, parades, slogans, brass band music, free automobile to someone—these are some of the things of interest planned for Pampa's mammoth Kell railroad celebration here next Friday.

Having landed the Kell railroad from Pampa to Cheyenne, local business men have decided to have a fitting celebration of this great accomplishment. They have obtained the Clarendon 20-piece band for the day and will give the band boys orders to "blow their heads off."

The school children will contribute their part by staging a big parade led by the band. The young folks are strongly behind every Pampa project and often discuss local problems in chapel.

A Whippet coach is on display on Pampa streets, and all people of 18 years or over who are in Pampa Friday may register for an equal chance at this free automobile.

The city will be all dressed up for the day, and good will and fellowship will prevail. It is estimated that there will be thousands of people in Pampa Friday.

REID OUTLINES PAMPA CLAIMS

Fire Protection and Conveniences Needed for the County Seat

By F. P. REID

Why should the county seat of Gray county be moved to Pampa?

First, Pampa has become the center of the greatest population of Gray county. Further, Pampa has the necessary conveniences to support such a move, by reason of having great fire protection at her disposal, with one of the LaFrance fire engines costing $12,000, also has the Reo speed truck with the National fire-fighting apparatus and the chemical wagon with two large 40 gallon tanks, for the protection of her property values in the city. Pampa has miles of water mains and has the greatest Sewerage system of any city of its size in Texas, which insures sanitary conditions.

There would be a great saving in expenses of attorneys fees when attending court, through not having to hire buses to convey them out into the country where there are no conveniences. This also applies to witnesses, Judge and others. Pampa will have two railroads by the time the Courthouse could be built.

Pampa has the conveniences of several large hotels with all modern improvements for the welfare of men and ladies, at their command, nothing lacking, also Pampa has state highways from all directions leading into the city with several local roads which will be hard surfaced in due time. The People attending court will not have that fear or rain and storms to make their attendance at court unpleasant. The 25-cent courthouse tax will not all be consumed in taking care of the new court house, at there will be some $25,000 collected each year whether a courthouse is built or not. Not over half of this fund would be consumed to build a courthouse at $200,000. A building that will be approprate to such a county as Gray has become, if the voters move the county seat to Pampa.

They will always be proud that they did so as their records will be much safer where fire protection is at hand by a fire department that has a fine record in the State for being alert to all fire calls. All of these advantages are worth more than can be told.

COUNTY SEAT PLANS BIG FOR COMING WEEK

Unanimous Support of Removal Shown at Meeting Friday

THREE TRIPS ANNOUNCED

Alanreed Man Says He Will Lose Gallantly If Defeated

In a meeting characterized by clear-cut talks on the county seat election and he railroad project, a large number of Pampa citizens found themselves in entire accord Friday evening at the session at the Church of God on South Cuyler street.

Assurance was repeatedly given that Pampa will go practically 100 per cent to move the county seat, and citizens of other parts of the county are sending in evidence of their support of this city.

Ivy Duncan, county seat election chairman, opened the meeting and introduced M. K. Brown, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Brown made a short talk in which he emphasized that while Pampa is out to get the courthouse, the city has the utmost good will for the county as a whole, and is behind Alanreed and McLean in their projects.

Mr. Duncan outlined plans for promoting the election, and said the city should poll more than 4,000 votes for removal. He said committees have been formed to look after every detail. Pampa folk will be asked to cast their ovtes by 11 o'clock March 9 in order that the oil men may vote quickly in the afternoon. He reported absentee votes coming in daily, and asked all who expected to be away on selection day to cast their ballot at LeFors before the evening of March 5.

A delegation of Pampa citizens will have a fraternity gathering Tuesday evening at Grandview school house and Wednesday evening at Laketon. They will take the Black Aces orchestra and a male quartet. On Thursday a caravan of local boosters, headed by a band, will make a tour of the entire county in the interest of the election.

Gwin Outlines Work

F. M. Gwin, city manager, remarked that he understood the Gray County Association of Woodpeckers had found further work on the courthouse unsafe, and that they favored removal to Pampa.

Large Addition Will Be Built to Increase Efficiency at Post Office---Many Boxes Ordered

A contract was signed Tuesday between A. S. Page, post office building inspector of Fort Worth, and J. N. Duncan, owner of the local postoffice building, to erect a 25-by-30-foot addition at the rear of the present building, to be ready for occupation June 1.

The contract has been sent to Washington for approval and work is expected to commence within the next fifteen adys. Mr. Duncan has not let the contract, but will do so as soon as confirmation is received from Washington.

This is Mr. Page's third trip to Pampa about the building. He has studied the situation here and is of the opinion that there is a bright future before Pampa and that all available space will be needed.

The building at the present time is 30 feet wide by 74 feet long, and with the adition will give the staff room to work with speed and accuracy. At the present time every department of the office is cramped, especially the general delivery.

The new space will allow for an additional general delivery window, which will relieve the congestion in the front oifce. A postal savings window will also be added.

An additional 285 postoffice boxes will be installed to bring the total to 1,283. More parcel racks are included in the specifications also another separating table and more office space.

Before leaving last evening, Mr Page stated that if Pampa continued to grow city delivery would be necessary and other changes will be made in the service of the local office.

COUNTY COMMISSIONES WOULD NOT FAVOR COURTHOUSE COST MORE THAN $200,000 THEY SAY

In order to clear up certain questions which had been propounded regarding the county seat, Mayor T. D. Hobart addressed a questionnaire to the commissioners of Gray county. The answers show unmistakably and officially the need for a new courthouse and the fact that a tax is being levied sufficient to build a structure of the size the commissioners have in mind.

The questionnaire and answers follow:

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GRAY COUNTY:

Gentlemen: For the benefit of the citizenship of Gray county, will you please answer the following questions.

1. In your opinion, is the present wooden courthouse at LeFors sufficient in size and arrangement to adequately and efficiently meet the demands that are made upon it by the citizenship and wealth of a county of this magnitude?

2. Is it not cheaper to keep a county prisoner at Amarillo than it is at LeFors, and hasn't this been the practice for some time?

3. Would you, or not, oppose the building of a courthouse and jail, either at LeFors or Pampa, that would cost in excess of $200,000?

4. Is it a fact, or not, that the citizens of this county pay annually a courthouse and jail tax of 25 cents on the $100 valuation of property?

5. If you answer Question No. 4 in the affirmative, then is it not a fact that the amount received this year from such tax will be approximately $25,000, the taxable valuations of Gray county last year being in excess of $10,000,000?

6. If a new courthouse and jail are built, either at Pampa or LeFors, what would be the highest figure you would be in favor of spending on such a project?

ANSWERS BY COMMISSIONERS.

TO THE CITIZENS OF GRAY COUNTY:

In answer to the questions propounded to us through the Pampa Daily News, we beg to answer them to the best of our knowledge as follows:

Answer to No. 1. It is our opinion that the present courthouse is not sufficient in size to adequately meet the demands made upon it.

Answer to No. 2. It is cheaper to keep a prisoner in Amarillo and this has been the practice for some time.

Answer to No. 3. We would oppose the building of a courthouse and jail either at Pampa or LeFors that would cost in excess of $200,000, for we believe that this amount of money would build a courthouse and jail that would amply meet the demands that would be made by the citizens of Gray county.

Answer to No. 4. Such a tax is levied and collected.

Answer to No. 5. The rate of this tax is 25 cents on the $100 valuation, and on a valuation of $10,000,000, which was the assessment of the taxable property in Gray county last year, this would create an annual fund of $25,000.

Answer to No. 6. We would oppose any movement that would require the spending of more than $200,000 in the erection of a courthouse and jail. As we stated above, we think this amount would be sufficient to build a courthouse that would amply meet all demands made upon it.

(Signed)

Commissioners:

C. W. BOWERS, Precinct 1
W. A. TAYLOR, Precinct 2
THOS. O. KIRBY, Precinct 3

NO. 1 WALL IS FLOWING WELL IN SECTION 162

Extends Production East of Camel Co.'s No. 1 Harrah

NO. 1 MEERS HAS 43-GRAVITY OIL

Texas' No. 1 Thut Has Good Showing at 2,859 Feet

A bailer full of 43-gravity oil came as a surprise to British American drillers who were preparing to clean out and complete as a gasser the company's No 1 Meers in the northwest half of section 107, block 3, about five miles south of here.

The well was abandoned as a gasser last May at 3,190 feet, then about a mile and a half west of production in the Wilcox field.

The company plans to clean out the hole and drill deeper as it is the belief that the oil is coming from a new oil pay below.

After believing the hole to be dry the Magnolia Petroleum company's No. 1 J. J. Wall in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 162, block 3, baut three miles northwest of here struck pay Monday abou t10 o'clock at 3,325 feet in granite wash.

It flowed 100 barrels from 10 o'clock last night until 7 o'clock this morning with a slight show of water that was expected to be exhausted.

This well proves up considerable territory, being nearly a mile east of the Camel Oil company's No. 1 Harrah, in section 163, block 3.

The Texas Oil company's No. 2 H. M. Davis in the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of section 86, block 3, struck granite wash pay Monday at 3,140 to 3,145 feet and is standing with more than 1,500 feet of high grade oil in the hole.

This location is an offset to the Empire Fuel and Gas company's No. 1 Holmes a flowing well and the Midwest and Gulf drilling wells about six miles south of here.

The Texas Oil company's No. 1 Thut in the center of the north half of the east 320 acres of section 1, Thut survey, in the H. & G. N. survey east of the LeFors townsite, struck a show of oil at 2,859 feet Monday. The well is standing today to let the oil work into the hole before further activities.

Ten million cubic feet of gas was encountered from 2,436 to 2,440 feet some time ago. Storage is being erected today.

M'LEAN TRIED TO GET COUNTY SEAT IN 1908

Later Votes Were in 1919 and Again in 1925

POLL TAXES ARE FAVORING PAMPA

Assurances of Support Come From Wide Area

Gray county's fifth county seat election will be written into history today as another chapter in a question which has been in existence more than twenty years.

McLean, Alanreed, LeFors, and Pampa have tried in the past to land the courthouse, and of these only Fefors has been successful. The present county seat was selected before Pampa was large enough to become a contender. LeFors won, and removal elections failed in 1908, 1919, and 1925 by the following votes:

March 17, 1908—LeFors 245, Alanreed 63, McLean 187. McLean sought the county seat and called the election.

June 10, 1919—Pampa, 487, LeFors 312, Alanreed 1.

March 19, 1925—Pampa 1,221, LeFors 775.

The election of this week has been called by E. A. Shackleton and 260 other voters, under an act of the last Legislature permitting elections to remove a county seat located more than five miles from a railroad to a point on a railroad acting as a common carrier. The old law permitted such elections only each five years more. Owing to an ambiguous statement of the new bill, an appeal had to be carried up through the Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals in the Hansford county case to secure an interpretation. Soon after the ruling was handed down, it was decided by voters from all parts of Gray county that, owing to increased population during the last two years, the county should have an election to remove the courthouse to a more convenient point.

A two-thirds majority vote is necessary for removal.

Soon after the election was called, a spirited campaign to encourage poll tax paying was inaugurated. In Pampa, Ivy Duncan was named chairman of the county seat election and poll tax drives, and much good work was done as time passed.

On the basis of the poll taxes paid, and considering the eligibles who do not have to pay poll taxes, Pampa is conceded a good chance for success if everyone votes. The records show that Pampa paid 3,390 poll taxes, McLean 770, Alanreed 200, LeFors 101, and Knorp 135, with 148 well scattered through other boxes.

Pampa's support is not limited to the city, but assurances of votes have come from a wide area.

Not Raise Taxes

It is admitted that there is a great need for a courthouse which will suit the needs of Gray county, and the fortunate factor is that heavy oil valuations will pay for the building in six or eight years WITHOUT RAISING TAXES. As a matter of record, property owners are and have been paying a courthouse and jail tax of 25 cents on each $100 valuation. This means that $25,000 will be paid in this year and probably twice that sum next year. Since LeFors has no accommodations and no fire protection, it is not considered good judgment to spend the money on a building of any size there.

The main issue is, WHERE WILL THE COURTHOUSE BE LOCATED? Pampa has put in her bid for the county seat, and she ofers the most advantages to be found in Texas north and east of Amarillo. The county commissioners have declared they will not vote for a courthouse costing more than $200,000, which makes it certain there will not be higher taxes.

On the basis of these facts, Pampa urges support of removal.

Mobeetie Citizens Hear Local Men

A delegation of local citizens this week motored to Mobeetie and conferred with the members of the Mobeetie Chamber of Commerce and citizens at a mass meeting. Those making the trip were F. P. Reid, M. K. Brown, J. N. Duncan, and J. M. Dodson.

The railroad question was discussed and a committee appointed to get the right-of-way from Mobeetie to the Gray county line. F. P. Reid is in Mobeetie today assisting the committee.

NOTICE OF ROAD BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GRAY
TO THE RESIDENT PROPERTY TAXPAYING VOTERS OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS:

Take notice, that an election will be held on the … day of April, 1928, within Road District No. 1 of Gray County, Texas, to determine if said Road District shall issue bonds and if a tax shall be levied in payment thereof, … in obedience to an election order entered by the Commissioners' Court … on the … day of February, 1928, which is as follows:

On this the 25th day of February, 1928, the County Commissioners' Court of Gray County, Texas, was convened in regular session at the meeting place thereof in the Court House at LeFors, Texas, with the following members of said Court present, viz:

T. M. Wolfe, County Judge; C. W. Bowers, Commissioner …; W. A. Taylor, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; M. M. Newman, … Precinct No. 4; Charli… Clerk, and passed th… der:

It appe… court that heretofore … trict … was creat… ed by order of th… and bounds as here…

And it further app… ly … court th… and establishment … trict No. 1 a pet… to this Court, pray… upon the question … issuance of Road B… valorem taxes in … follows:

THE STATE OF … COUNTY OF G… TO THE HON… SIONERS' C… COUNTY, TE…

We, the unde… erty taxpaying … trict No. 1 in … pectfully pray … order an elect… throughout sai… Gray County, … whether or no… District No. 1 … shall be issue… 000.00, bearin… 5 1-2 per … such time o… ed most exp… ers' Court, … than thirty … the purpose… ance and … graveled or … or in aid th… No. 1 in … whether o… be levied … erty in s… taxation … interest o… a sinking … thereof.

Said R… County, … within … by met… wit; B… ner of … the N… County … section … County … of Se… lands … N. R… with … tion … 12 … erly … of … Block … ed to the H. & G. … County, to a point, the Southeast corner of Section 4 in said Block B-2, and the Northeast corner of Section 5 in said Block B-2; thence East with the Southerly boundary lines of Sections Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in Block No. 1 of the lands originally granted to Alexander, Crane, Harris & Brooks, five miles to a point, the Southeast corner of said Section 10, and the Northeast corner of Section 11 in said Block; thence in a Southeasterly direction to a point, the Southwesterly corner of Section 8 in Block 26, of the lands originally granted to the H. & G. N. Ry. Co., and the Northwesterly corner of Section 70 in Block 25 of the lands originally granted to the H. & G. N. Ry Co.; thence East with the Southerly boundary lines of Sections Nos. 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, in Block 26 of the lands originally granted to the H. & G. N Ry. Co., and with the Southerly boundary lines of Sections Nos. 12, 11 and 10 in Block A-6, of the lands originally granted to the H. & G. N. Ry., Co., to the intersection of the East boundary line of Gray County; thence North with the East boundary line of Gray County to the place of beginning.

We further pray your Honorable Body to use a portion of the funds derived from the sale of the above bonds for the purpose of building and constructing three bridges across North Fork of Red River in said Road District at the following places, to-wit:

1. At the crossing commonly known as the J. S. Morse crossing, due North of McLean in Gray County, Texas, in Section 62, Block 25, H. & G. N. Ry. Co., survey.
2. At a crossing about three miles East of Lefors in said County, commonly known as the M. B. Davis crossing in Section 3, Block 1, of the lands originally granted to Alexander, Crane, Harris & Brooks.
3. At a crossing about one-half mile West of the Courthouse in said County, commonly known as Bull's crossing, and situated in Section 1, Block B-2, of the lands originally granted to the H. & G. N. Ry. Co., in said County.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1928. Signed by M. B. Davis and 56 other persons.

And it is further appearing affirmatively to the Court that on the 6th day of February, 1928, this Court by appropriate order set said petition down for hearing before the Commissioners' Court of Gray County, to be held at the Court house of said County;

And it further appearing affirmatively to the Court that notice of such hearing was given by the County Clerk of said County by posting three notices in said Road District No. 1 and one at the Court House door … ten days before the date of such hearing, and also by publication of such notice in a newspaper published in Gray County at least five days prior to such hearing.

And is further appearing affirmatively to the Court that on the 25th … February, 1928 … petition …

… Polling … LeFors, Texas. … G. M. Co… Laketon Schoolhouse, … Farrington Schoolhouse, H. A. Nelson …

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order in The Pampa News, a newspaper published in this District for three successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto the County Clerk shall post other copies of this order at three public places in the District and one copy at the Court House door of Gray County for three weeks prior to said election.

The County Clerk of this County is hereby directed to post such notices and to cause the same to be published as herein provided and further orders … said election shall … are … held and returns thereof have been made to this Court.

Given under my hand, with the seal of the Commissioners' Court affixed this the 25th day of February, 1928.

T. M. WOLFE.
County Judge, Gray County, Texas. 48-49-50

SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by … of the District Court 31st Judicial … County, on … for Four Thousand and Thirty-two and 83-100 ($4032.83.) dollars, in favor of C. S. Seiber, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

E. S. GRAVES
Sheriff Gray County, Texas. 48-49-50-51

H. B. Lewis Seeks Office of Constable of Precinct No. 2

H. B. Lewis announces his candidacy for the office of Constable for Precinct No. 2, Gray county, subject to the Democratic primary of July 28.

Mr. Lewis was born in Douglas County, Missouri, and moved to Texas … residing in Gray county, and spending practically his entire life at Pampa. He is a farmer by occupation and is highly respected by his many friends throughout the entire county.

His many friends have urged his entering the race for constable. He promises if elected to enforce the law in an impartial way and to the best of his ability and to do everything in his power to enforce the law of this State in a way that … with local …

… partment of Internal Revenue at Washington.

Mr. Littlebridge and others of the Amarillo office are making visits to all Panhandle towns.

Tax Figures Show Oil Property Will Build Courthouse

Three years ago the land valuation of Gray County outside of Pampa, McLean, and Alanreed was approximately $2,500,000. The valuation of this same land is no higher now than it was then. Three years ago the valuation of oil properties in Gray County was nil; the valuation of oil properties in Gray county for 1927 was approximately $7,000,000. The …-cent courthouse and jail fund tax on this $7,000,000 amounts to $17,500.

This year, 1928, the valuation of oil properties in Gray county will approximate $14,000,000, due to the new Bowers pool and the new Dee… pool. The …-cent courthouse and jail fund tax on this $14,000,000 valuation will approximate $35,000. Who will then be paying for this courthouse? The oil interests that are taking the wealth of Gray County from beneath the surface.

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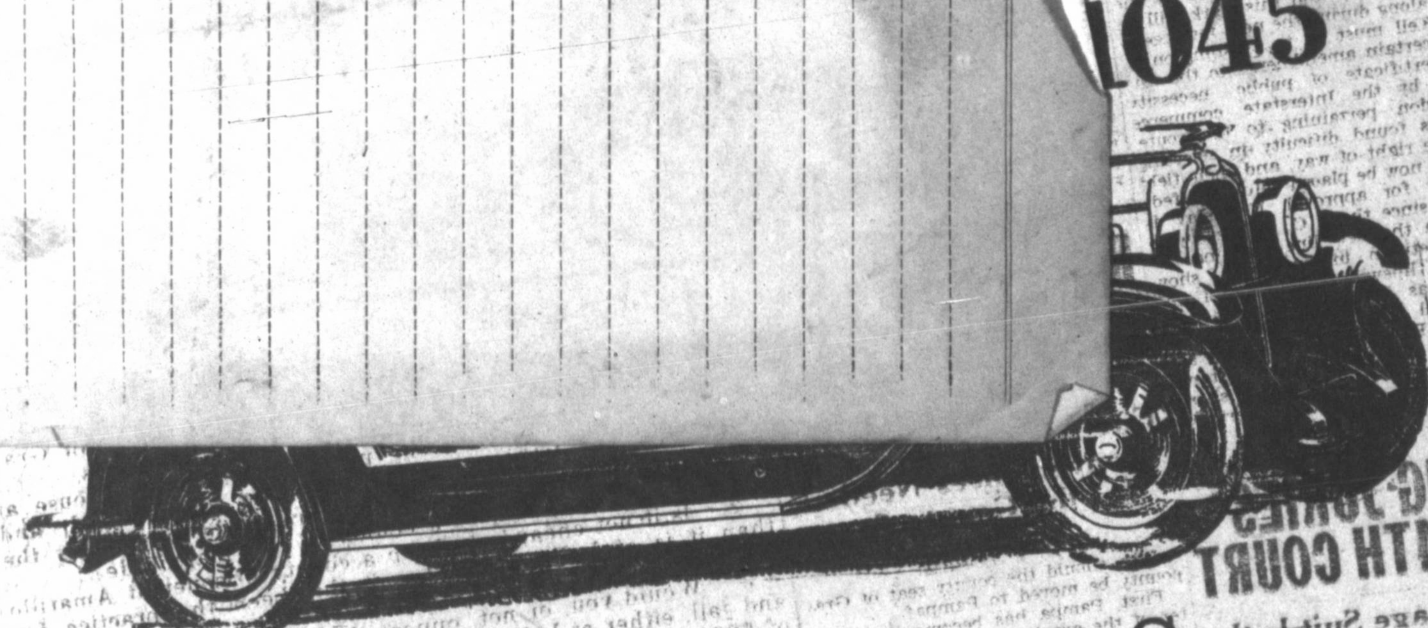
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WHY PAMPA SHOULD BE COUNTY SEAT OF GRAY

Listeners, I am asking you to remember that the dripping icicle is LeFors; the large house is Pampa, and the "New County Seat" represents the sun. I am going to relate to you a story concerning these and a few others. When I mention different phrases which you will readily recognize and when I read my story, I want you to think of the business world of our city, Pampa.

A long cold icicle is hanging off the roof of a house. Her name is LeFors. The name of the house is Pampa.

"Oh! I don't want that new county seat to come and shine on Pampa."

Pampa asks, "But why don't you want New County Seat to shine on me?"

"Because, don't you see how fast I am disappearing? Drip! Drip! Drip!" pleads the icicle.

"But of what benefit are you to Gray county? We could all get along without you. I am weary of supporting you and keeping you from falling. When you leave, some beautiful vines and flowers might climb up and adorn my walls. Then I can get new, warm, invigorating air, and I will smell the sweet scent of life and progress. But keep me so cold and lessen my vitality so much that I wish you were already gone. You also take much food and clothing from my household. Visitors look at you instead of me and give you many useful ideas. If you were gone all these things would come to me. You can bet I will be mighty glad when jolly New County Seat comes to shine on me," stoutly answers Pampa.

"Oh how can you be so cruel. You never think of poor me, dripping away and each drip shortening my life. Drip! Drip! Drip! wails poor LeFors.

Pampa retorts, "Why should I care whether you drip away or not? You never have been anything but a menace to my household; ... You and your sister, McLean, are working together to persuade New County Seat from shining on me and drying out my heavy bastioned roof. But, you shall see that loyal New County Seat, obeying a sense of duty, will come to shine on me, Pampa, the shelter of the greatest and most flourishing household in Gray County."

"Such awful, accusing words, and with me on my death bed," drawls LeFors. McLean, who is much stronger than I and who will not have dripped away for many days yet, will get revenge on you. You'll just see, Drip! Drip! Drip! wails LeFors in agony.

"I do not see how a warped icicle such as McLean can hurt me. I have done nothing to her for her to seek revenge. You and she have certainly delayed my progress, and it is I who seeks revenge. All the people of my household are faithfully calling to me to shake off you icicles who have barred my doof so it could not be opened to let them out. My neighboring houses are clamoring for the same thing. They grieve to see my people so held back. Do you think I could be unloyal to such faith and dependence? No, I cannot. Therefore, sister LeFors, I am asking new county seat to aid me by shining on me and melting you icicles. I will rejoice and flourish when he comes."

McLean goes sneaking back into obscurity when she hears these words of Pampa. Although she will never quite disappear, she is dripping away because New County Seat is coming to shine on Pampa. LeFors is too ashamed to say more not wishing to show her sympathy for Pampa, she only cries and wails as she knows her death is approaching. But, hoping to appeal to Pampa's sympathy she loudly keeps up her, Drip! Drip! Drip!

"Lo, says Pampa, next morning, look here at the news in the paper Little LeFors is so nearly gone that by the ninth of March she can be gently laid to her final resting place. "Poor thing says Pampa, she needs the rest badly. The paper also states that McLean will be put in the shade to keep from melting when jolly new county seat comes to shine on Pampa. My dear household will soon be able to see the great opportunities of the outdoors when New County Seat comes. That's not far off, for it tells here in the paper that he has telegraphed to the News office that he will be here at midnight March ninth, on a special train." —Evelyn Carter, Soph.

COURT HOUSE FOR PAMPA

The great question or vote before the people of Gray C... the present, is the removal of the ... house. Now is the last chance for ... pa to get it, for there has to be ... courthouse built because the ... one is not able to take care of the ... business. If Pampa does not get the courthouse this time it will never be moved.

Everyone knows that the courthouse should be in the center of the wealth and population of a county. Now, the remainder of the county can not compete with the wealth and population of Pampa and her vicinity. The assessed valuation of the land around Pampa, not counting the oil territory, is six dollars an acre while that of McLean is about one dollar and a half an acre.

People of Gray county can not howl about their taxes being raised to meet the bonds, for out of every man's taxes each year twenty-five cents on every hundred dollar valuation are set aside for courthouse and jail fund. Now this amounts to about twenty-five thousand dollars a year, enough to take care of the bonds that are voted. In ten years this will amount to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and that is almost enough to build a beautiful courthouse. Now, look at this situation from this view point; a courthouse is going to be built because we have to have one. So take for instance, if it did raise the taxes, would it not be better to pay for the courthouse here, than pay the same amount and have it at LeFors?

The taxes paid on the south side of the county are not to be compared with the taxes of this side. Pampa and her vicinity pay over seventy-five percent of the taxes of Gray county. It seems to me that this ought to be enough to convince any-body that Pampa is the only place for the county seat.

Of course, the oil boom has increased Pampa's population a great deal, but did the people ever stop to think that Pampa had a good solid foundation before she ever heard of oil? That is the main reason this town did not have a knock down and drag out with her boom. So without the oil industry Pampa has all the reasons in the world to own the county seat.

Now, there are very few people in Pampa that do not get called on the jury. So would it not be nicer to step over about a couple of blocks than to drive out about twenty miles, burning gas and oil and wearing one's car out going back and forth?

Another great advantage of having the courthouse here is that it gives the outer people a chance to see how ... is carried on. I'll venture to say ... is not more than one third ... of high school ... courts tried and ... court is conducted.

Ladies and gentlemen, ... what this town needs is ... If I live in a town ... boom it. I'm going to stay. —Claytom, Senior.

Many on Honor Roll of Central Ward School

High First Grade

Roy Rosh, Rex Rose, Chester Hunkapillar, Armine Edmonston, Elizabeth Mullinax, Martha Price, Mary Lorene Crooker, Marie Barnard, Jeanne Murfee, Jeanette Cole, Leona Hurst, Katherene Barrett, Charlotte Rhea Malone, Edith Beckham, Edwinna Gilbert, Betty May Van Arsdale, Roy Lee Jones, John Mahoney, Jr., Margbelle Crawford, Sarah Pafford, Farrington Lewis, Thomas Brabham, Carroll Haines, Gerald Hammer, Charles Shelton, J. C. Alexander, Idelle Rice, Eleanor Gober, Virgie Davis, David Purinton, Victor Watts, Etta Marie Little, Pauline Barrett, Ernest Barksdale, Ned Prichard.

HONOR ROLL FOR LOW PRIMER

Winfrey Moore, Jewel Farmer, Alcena Kerns, Darrell Williamson, Roscoe Davis, Catherine Culberson, Maurel Trice.

SECOND GRADE ROLL

Peggy Ann Sweatman, Howard Wood, Georgia B. Reeger, Kenneth New.

THIRD GRADE ROLL

Bob Mitchell, Mickey Ledrick, Sammy Link, Thurman Pinderton, Wade Taylor, Jr., Mary Louise Adams, Lauretta Elder, aJnice Purviance, Mildred Trice, Marjory Davis, Jerry Hancock, Lillian Rice, Frances Hampton, Frances Smith, Dorothy Ann York, Junior Strickland, Glen Twiford, L. M. Ballew Jr., Joseph Hodge, John Dowell Lawson and Leon Williamson.

FOURTH GRADE ROLL

(Straight A Card)

Lawrence McRee, Robert Talley, Otto Rice, Billie Bratton, Phyllis Smith, Hester Ella Lester, Fay Stokes, Harriet Hunkapillar, Lois Bryson, Alma Watson, Madge Tieman.

Straight A card for past 6 weeks—Herma Beckham, Blanche Stalcup, Jessie Marie Gilbert, Leah Lane, Harvey Reynolds, Wilma Battley, Georgia Lou Prichard, Alvin Kennedy, Sybil Husted.

SUPT. CAMPBELL TALKS

The student body enjoyed an imaginary trip with Mr. Campbell Wednesday morning when he told of his trip to the National Superintendent's convention held at Boston.

Sometime in the near future he will write for publication in the Spotlight a brief account of his trip.

The students and faculty are glad that Mr. Campbell attended the convention, and they are all looking forward to such a coveted trip in the future.

THE DECISION

A one-act play in which argument pro and con with relation to the Gray county courthouse is used.

CHARACTERS.

Mr. Pampa..... City of 12000 people
Mr. McLean..... City of 3,000 people
Mr. Alanreed..... City of 1,000 people
Mr. LeFors..... Town of 500 people
Mr. Farmer..... Group of 500 people

As the curtain rolls up, Mr. Pampa can be seen building up his community and transacting of business. Mr. McLean enters.

Mr. Pampa: Good morning Mr. McLean.

(McLean looks angry.)

Mr. McLean: What do you mean, good morning? You know good and well that the Gray county courthouse should be left at LeFors.

Mr. Pampa: Now, now, Mr. McLean, I didn't intend to cause any hard feeling, but you know that I should own the county courthouse. Just think what I have to offer: one good railroad and another soon, hotels and rooming houses galore, a good sewer system, water system, light system, good telephone connections, and the best fire fighting department in the county.

Mr. LeFors: (Who has just entered) Yes, but what have you to counterbalance my beauty and quietness?

Mr. McLean: Yes, what have you to combat these things?

Mr. Pampa: My dear friends, I'm afraid you are very badly misinformed. Just think of the opinion a town fifteen miles off the railroad would give to the president of the United States if he were to visit Gray county? It would be a disgrace to have a county seat of this nature. Wait a minute, here comes Mr. Alanreed; we'll see what he has to say.

Mr. Alanreed: Yes, Mr. Pampa, you old selfish fool, I would remind you of the Golden Rule. How would you like to have the courthouse moved to McLean? McLean has a good railroad.

Mr. Pampa: I'm sorry gentlemen, but the Golden Rule has nothing to do with the courthouse. What did McLean do in 1908; she tried to have the courthouse then, but it was to be moved to her city.

(Enter Mr. Farmer.)

Mr. Farmer: Mr. Pampa, I'd like to ask you a question. What have you to say about plunging the county into debt for this new courthouse?

Mr. Pampa: In answer to your question Mr. Farmer, I would inform you that a courthouse must be built, whether it be in Pampa or LeFors.

Mr. Farmer: I see your point. Mr. Pampa and I don't mind telling you that I favor the courthouse being built in Pampa.

(Exit Mr. McLean, grumbling)

Mr. Alanreed: Mr. Farmer, you are right, three-fourths of the taxable wealth of the county is in Pampa.

(Exit Mr. LeFors)

Mr. Pampa: Thank you boys. We will have a few paved roads so that you can get to court on time.

Mr. Alanreed: Yes, and have a good hotel to stay in while you are at court.

Mr. Farmer: I always knew that Pampa was a good guy. Besides, he's the center of population of the county.

Mr. Pampa: (Starting to exit) See you later. Be sure to vote for the removal of the courthouse. (Exit)

Mr. Farmer and Mr. Alanreed (Together) Courthouse! Pampa! Oh, Boy!

(Curtain)

By Lewis Fogleman

MISS REED PRAISED

We are glad to announce that because of the good work in dramatics sponsored by Miss VeLore Reed the annual is almost paid for. Miss Reed certainly deserves much credit for the wonderful success of plays this year. Let every one boost Miss Reed and the annual staff. Buy your annual now!

Seniors Win the Popularity Contest for The Harvester

Angela Ballew and Thomas Clayton seniors, were victorious in the recent popularity contest. It has been a long and hard fight for them with Melba Graham and Archie Walstad winning close second place. We seniors are proud to claim the winners and will appreciate a full picture of them in our "Harvester."

The score is as follows:

Seniors

Angela Ballew, 14,875.
Thomas Clayton, 14,425.

Juniors

Melba Graham, 10,950.
Archie Walstad, 11,715.

Sophomores

Violet Schafer, 6,400.
Delmar Hoskinson, 5,750.

Freshmen

Gnita Spurlock, 8,220.
Howard Hawk, 8,245.

Essay Contests Are Attracting Interest

Much excitement has been created in the senior high local essay contests which are connected to determine the representative for the [illegible] district meet. [illegible] one [illegible] Dee Blythe. The [illegible] third [illegible] were Mrs. [illegible] and [illegible] Evans and [illegible] Vickers, who proved very [illegible] fourth contest was held [illegible] but the papers have not been judged as yet.

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Bob Kahl—I'm going to Yale
Swede Friend—Dat ban nothing. I ban to yail sexty days.

Man(to angry wife)—Don't quarrel with me on the street. What have we got home for??

Central Ward News

March the 1 was a very important day in Mrs. Lester's room as it was Carrol Haines' birthday. Carroll brought the treats for each one in the room and he received several nice little gifts. We had a nice little party and each one went home wishing Carroll many happy returns of the day.

Grades of the Central Ward school enjoyed their first show at the Rex. It was a splendid show and the comedy was very good also. We all think that it is very nice of Mrs. Hicks and school authorities to make it possible for us to have such pleasures.

Mrs. Campbell has returned from Boston and the pupils and teachers of Central ward are glad to have him here to com around once in awhile to encourage and help us in our work.

New pupils are being enrolled in this ward all the time. Of course we lose some once in awhile but we gain more than we lose. There are 239 in the first and second grades and 257 in the third and fourth grades. We little folks are boosting Pampa for the county seat of Gray county.

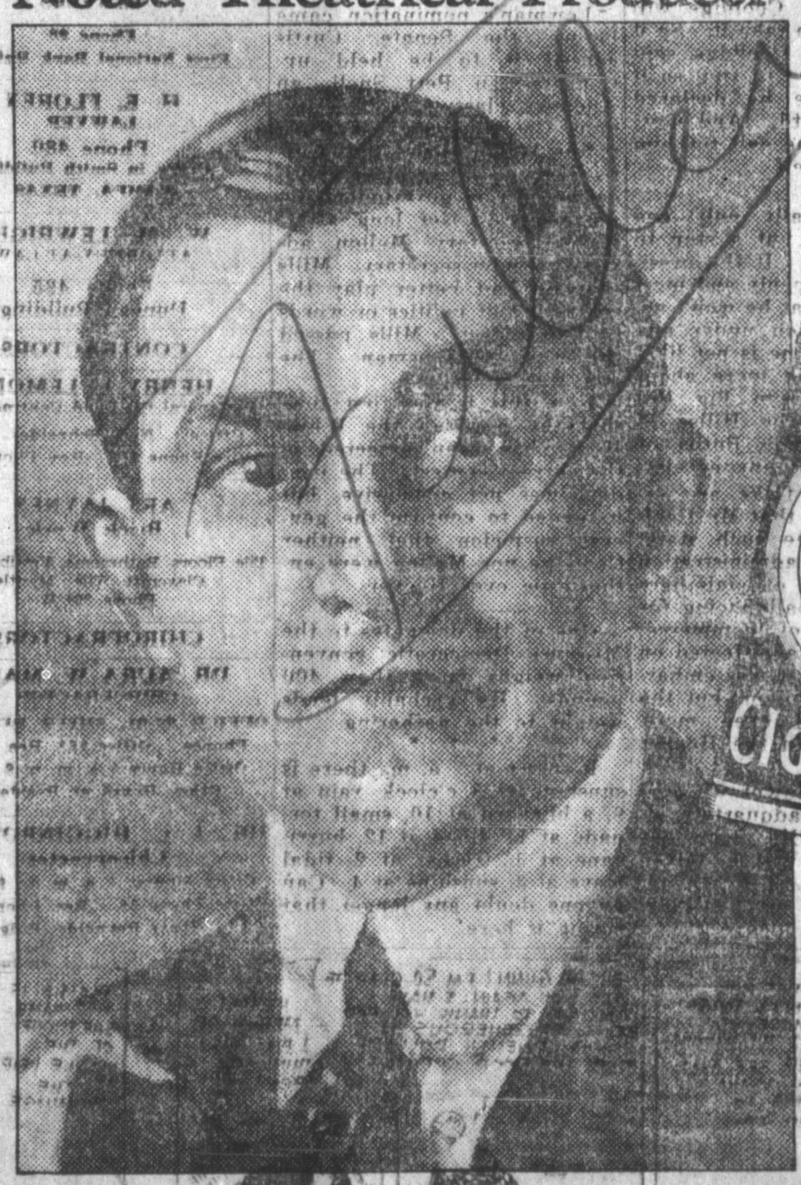
Officials Named for Local Meet

Events and coaches of the Interscholastic meet to be held soon at Pampa high school are as follows.

Boys track, Dickey.
Junior Boys Track, Allen & Meeks.
Junior Boys Playground Ball, Allen and Meeks.
Junior Girls Playground Ball, Miss Roberson.
Volley Ball, Senior Girls, Miss Carter.
Tennis Doubles and Singles, Taylor.
Debate, Taylor.
Extemporaneous Speech, Whiteley.
Essay Writing, Whiteley.
Spelling, Smith.
Music Memory, Donnell.
Arithmetic, Allen.
Declamation, Platter.

News, Classified Ads Bring Results

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NOTICE OF ROAD BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GRAY
TO THE RESIDENT PROPERTY TAXPAYING VOTERS OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS:

Take notice that an election will be held on the 5 day of April, 1928, within Road District No. 1 of Gray County, Texas, to determine if said Road District shall issue bonds and if a tax shall be levied in payment thereof, in obedience to an election order entered by the Commissioners' Court on the 6th day of February, 1928, which is as follows:

On this the 25th day of February, 1928 the County Commissioners' Court of Gray County, Texas, was convened in regular session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Court House at LeFors, Texas, with the following members of said Court present, viz:

[illegible] Wolfe, County Judge; C. W. [illegible]

[illegible] orders setting such petition [illegible] hearing, and in accordance [illegible] notice of such hearing, at [illegible] and place designated therefor, [illegible] missioners' Court of said [illegible] was duly convened and held [illegible] ing on said petition;

[illegible] further appearing, affirmatively to the Court that all persons [illegible] reasons for favoring or opposing such proposed bond election;

[illegible] further appearing affirmatively to the Court that said Court did [illegible] evidence pertaining thereto and [illegible] thereon, and does hereby [illegible] tively find that said petition is [illegible] by more than fifty to wit, 54 [illegible] resident property taxpaying voters of said Road District;

[illegible] it further appearing affirmatively to the Court that the proposed [illegible] vements will be for the benefit of [illegible] taxable property situated in said [illegible] District;

[illegible] is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that an election be held in said Road District No. 1 of [illegible] y County, Texas, on the 5th day of April, 1928, which is not less than [illegible] ty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. 1 of [illegible] ay County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of $75,000.00, bearing five and one-half per cent (5 1-2) rate of interest and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners' Court serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from the date thereof; and whether or not an ad valorem tax shall be levied upon all the taxable property of said Road District No. 1 of Gray County, Texas, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of the General Laws of the State of Texas, except as modified by Senate Bill No. 287, passed by the 39th Legislature at its First Called Session.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County and who are resident property taxpayers in said Road District No. 1 of Gray County, Texas, shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue such bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For The Issuance of Bonds and the Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes in Payment Thereof," and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the Issuance of Bonds and the Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes in Payment Thereof."

The polling places and presiding officers of said election shall be respectively as follows:

Polling Place:	Presiding Officer:
LeFors, Texas	M. B. Davis
Laketon Schoolhouse,	G. M. Counts
Farrington Schoolhouse,	H. A. Nelson

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order in The Pampa News, a newspaper published in this District for three successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto the County Clerk shall post other copies of this order at three public places in the District and one copy at the Court House door of Gray County for three weeks prior to said election.

The County Clerk of this Court is hereby directed to post such notices and to cause the same to be published as herein provided and further orders are hereby made that said election shall have been held and returns thereof shall be made to this Court.

Given under my hand, with the seal of the Commissioners' Court affixed, this the 25th day of February, 1928.

T. M. WOLFE.
County Judge, Gray County, Texas.
48-49-50

SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court 31st Judicial District of Roberts County, on the 20th day of February 1928, in a certain cause wherein C. S. Seiber is plaintiff, and W. J. Christopher and W. D. Christopher are defendants, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 10th day of January 1928, in favor of the said plaintiff C. S. Seiber against said defendant W. C. Christopher for the sum of Four Thousand and Thirty-two and 83-100 ($4032.83) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the First Tuesday in April 1928, it being the 3rd day of said month, at LeFors, Gray County, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of W. C. Christopher and W. D. Christopher in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of W. C. Christopher and W. D. Christopher to-wit:

All of section No. 4, block "S," John Stump Grantee, Patent No. 401 Vol. 14-A, being about 276 acres, more or less, save and except two acre tract out of said survey heretofore sold by W. C. Christopher to L. E. Howard, and described in deed record in Vol. 23 page 305 Deed Records, Gray County, Texas, to which reference is here made, said land being located in Gray County, Texas.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for Four Thousand and Thirty-two and 83-100 ($4032.83.) dollars, in favor of C. S. Seiber, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

E. S. GRAVES
Sheriff Gray County, Texas. 48-49-50-51

H. B. Lewis Seeks Office of Constable of Precinct No. 2

H. B. Lewis announces his candidacy for the office of Constable for Precinct No. 2 Gray county, subject to the Democratic primary of July 28.

Mr. Lewis was born in Douglas County, Missouri, and moved to Texas in 1907, locating in Gray county, and spending practically his entire life at Pampa. He is a farmer by occupation and is highly respected by his many friends throughout the entire county. His many friends have urged his entering the race for constable. He promises if elected to enforce the laws in an impartial way and to the best of his ability and to do everything in his power to enforce the laws of this State in a way that will accredit to the precinct. He further states that he will assist and co-operate with local officers in every way possible in matter law enforcement.

REVENUE OFFICER HERE DURING TAX FILING

J. B. Lillibridge of Amarillo, with the internal revenue service, was here Friday and Saturday assisting local people with their income tax returns. His service has been in helping citizens determine their tax liability.

Income tax reports must be filed with the income tax bureau by March 15. Willful failure to make a return involves a possible fine of up to $10,000 or a year in jail or both.

In connection with farm production returns, the revenue department is urging that farmers use what is known as Form 1040, from which the income tax statements can easily be taken at the end of each year. This form may be obtained by writing to the U. S. department of Internal Revenue at Washington.

Mr. Littlebridge and others of the Amarillo office are making visits to all Panhandle towns.

Tax Figures Show Oil Property Will Build Courthouse

Three years ago the land valuation of Gray County outside of Pampa, McLean, and Alanreed was approximately $2,500,000. The valuation of this same land is no higher now than it was then. Three years ago the valuation of oil properties in Gray County was nill, the valuation of oil properties in Gray county for 1927 was approximately $7,000,000. The 2½-cent courthouse and jail fund tax on this $7,000,000 amounts to $17,500.

This year, 1928, the valuation of oil properties in Gray county will approximate $14,000,000, due to the new Bowers pool and the new Delaney pool. The 2½-cent courthouse and jail funds tax on this $14,000,000 valuation will approximate $35,000. Who will then be paying for this courthouse? The oil interests that are taking the wealth of Gray County from beneath the surface.

Al Johnson—"The oil is here to stay long and therefore the oil workers are here to stay, and why not move the courthouse where the majority of the population may be served."

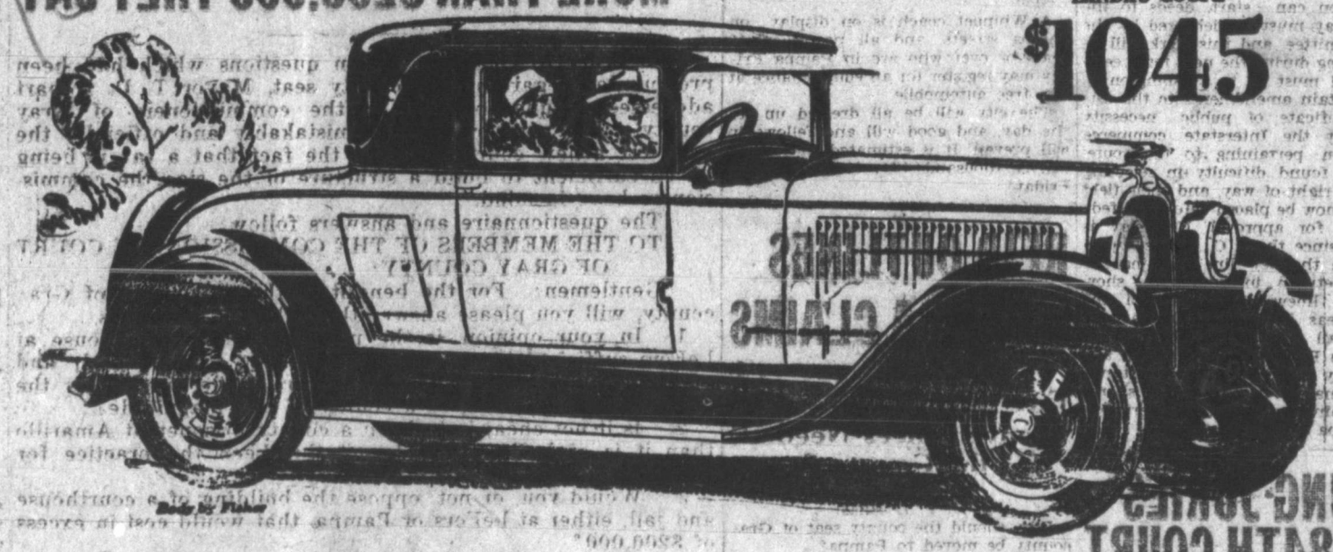
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Editorials

WHY PAMPA SHOULD BE COUNTY SEAT OF GRAY

Listeners, I am writing you to remember that the dripping icicle is LeFors; the large house is Pampa, and the "New County Seat" represents the sun. I am going to relate to you a story concerning these and a few others. When I mention different phrases which you will readily recognize and when I read my story, I want you to think of the business world of our city, Pampa.

A long cold icicle is hanging off the roof of a house. Her name is LeFors. The name of the house is Pampa.

"Oh! I don't want that new county seat to come and shine on Pampa."

Pampa asks, "But why don't you want New County Seat to shine on me?"

"Because, don't you see how fast I am disappearing? Drip! Drip! Drip!" pleads the icicle.

"But of what benefit are you to Gray county? We could all get along without you. I am weary of supporting you and keeping you from falling. When you leave, some beautiful vines and flowers might climb up and adorn my walls. Then I can get new, warm, invigorating air, and I will smell the sweet scent of life and progress. But keep me so cold and lessen my vitality so much that I wish you were already gone. You also take much food and clothing from my household. Visitors look at you instead of me and give you many useful ideas. If you were gone all these things would come to me. You can bet I will be mighty glad when jolly New County Seat comes to shine on me," stoutly answers Pampa.

"Oh how can you be so cruel. You never think of poor me, dripping away and each drip shortening my life. Drip! Drip! Drip! wails poor LeFors.

Pampa retorts, "Why should I care whether you drip away or not? You never have been anything but a menace to my household. You and your sister, McLean are working together to persuade New County Seat from shining on me and drying out my heavy burdened roof. But, you shall see that loyal New County Seat, obeying a sense of duty, will come to shine on me, Pampa, the shelter of the greatest and most flourishing household in Gray County."

"Such awful, accusing words, and with me on my death bed," drawls LeFors. McLean, who is much stronger than I and who will not have dripped away for many days yet will get revenge on you. You'll just see. Drip! Drip! Drip! wails LeFors in agony.

"I do not see how a dripped icicle such as McLean can hurt me. I have done nothing to her for her to seek revenge. You and she have certainly delayed my progress, and it is I who seeks revenge. All the people of my household are faithfully calling to me to shake off you icicles who have barred my doof so it could not be opened to let them out. My neighboring houses are clamoring for the same thing. They grieve to see my people so held back. Do you think I could be unloyal to such faith and dependence? No, I cannot. Therefore, sister LeFors, I am asking new county seat to shine me by shining on me and melting you icicles I will rejoice and flourish when he comes."

McLean goes shaking back into obscurity when she hears these words of Pampa. Although she will never quite disappear, she is dripping away because New County Seat is coming to shine on Pampa. LeFors is too ashamed to say more not wishing to show her sympathy for Pampa, she only cries and wails as she knows her death is approaching. But, hoping to appeal to Pampa's sympathy she loudly keeps up her, Drip! Drip! Drip!

"Lo, says Pampa, next morning, look here at the news in the paper Little LeFors is so nearly gone that by the ninth of March she can be gently laid to her final resting place. "Poor thing says Pampa, she needs the rest badly. The paper also states that McLean will be put in the shade to keep from melting when jolly new county seat comes to shine on Pampa. My dear household will soon be able to see the great opportunities of the outdoors when New County Seat comes. What's not far off, for it tells here in the paper that he has telegraphed to the News office that he will be here at midnight March ninth, on a special train." Evelyn Carter, Soph.

COURT HOUSE FOR PAMPA

The great question or vote before the people of Gray C... the present, is the removal of the ... house. Now is the last chance for Pampa to get it, for there has to be a courthouse built because the present one is not able to take care of the business. If Pampa does not get the courthouse this time it will never be moved.

Everyone knows that the courthouse should be in the center of the wealth and population of a county. Now, the remainder of the county can not compete with the wealth and population of Pampa and her vicinity. The assessed valuation of the land around Pampa, not counting the oil territory, is six dollars an acre while that of McLean is about one dollar and a half an acre.

People of Gray county can not howl about their taxes being raised to meet the bonds, for out of every man's taxes each year twenty-five cents on every hundred dollar valuation are set aside for courthouse and jail fund. Now this amounts to about twenty-five thousand dollars a year, enough to take care of the bonds that are voted. In ten years this will amount to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and that is almost enough to build a beautiful courthouse. Now, look at this situation from this view point, a courthouse is going to be built because we have to have one. So take for instance, if it did raise the taxes, would it not be better to have the courthouse here, than pay the same amount and have it ...

The taxes paid on the south side of the county are not to be compared with the taxes of this side. Pampa and her vicinity pay over seventy-five percent of the taxes of Gray county. It seems to me that this ought to be enough to convince any-body that Pampa is the only place for the county seat.

Of course, the oil boom has increased Pampa's population a great deal, but did the people ever stop to think that Pampa had a good solid foundation before she ever heard of oil? That is the main reason this town did not have a knock dow hand drag out with her boom. So without the oil industry Pampa has all the reasons in the world to own the county seat.

Now, there are very few people in Pampa that do not get called on the jury. So would it not be nicer to step over about a couple of blocks than to drive out about twenty miles, burning gas and oil and wearing one's car out going back and forth?

Another great advantage of having the courthouse here is that it gives another people a chance to see how ... carried on. I'll venture to say ... is not more than one-third ... of high school ... has tried, and if ... court is conducted.

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and ... what this town needs is ...

If I live in a town ... boost it. I'm going to move. ... Claytom, Senior.

Many on Honor Roll of Central Ward School

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Straight A card for past 6 weeks—Herma Beckham, Blanche Stalcup, Jessie Marie Gilbert, Leah Lane, Harvey Reynolds, Wilma Battle, Georgia Lou Prichard, Alvin Kennedy, Sybil Husted.

SUPT. CAMPBELL TALKS

The student body enjoyed an imaginary trip with Mr. Campbell Wednesday morning when he told of his trip to the National Superintendent's convention held at Boston.

Sometime in the near future he will write for publication in the Spotlight a brief account of his trip.

The students and faculty are glad that Mr. Campbell attended the convention, and they are all looking forward to such a coveted trip in the future.

THE DECISION

A one-act play in which argument pro and con with relation to the Gray county courthouse is used.

CHARACTERS.

Mr. Pampa..... City of 12000 people
Mr. McLean..... City of 1000 people
Mr. Alanreed..... City of 500 people
Mr. LeFors..... Town of 300 people
Mr. Farmer..... Group of 500 people

As the curtain rolls up, Mr. Pampa can be seen building up his community and transacting of business. Mr. McLean enters.

Mr. Pampa: Good morning Mr. McLean.

(McLean looks angry.)

Mr. McLean: What do you mean, good morning? You know good and well that the Gray county courthouse should be left at LeFors.

Mr. Pampa: Now, now, Mr. McLean, I didn't intend to cause any hard feeling, but you know that I should own the county courthouse. Just think what I have to offer: one good railroad and another soon, hotels and rooming houses galore, a good sewer system, water system, light system, good telephone connections, and the best fire fighting department in the county.

Mr. LeFors: (Who has just entered) Yes, but what have you to counterbalance my beauty and quietness?

Mr. McLean: Yes, what have you to combat these things?

Mr. Pampa: My dear friends, I'm afraid you are very badly misinformed. Just think of the opinion a town fifteen miles off the railroad would give to the president of the United States if he were to visit Gray county? It would be a disgrace to have a county seat of this nature. Wait a minute, here comes Mr. Alanreed; we'll see what he has to say.

Mr. Alanreed: Yes, Mr. Pampa, you old selfish fool, I would remind you of the Golden Rule. How would you like to have the courthouse moved to McLean? McLean has a good railroad.

Mr. Pampa: I'm sorry gentlemen, but the Golden Rule has nothing to do with the courthouse. What did McLean do in 1908; she tried to have the courthouse given, but it was to be moved to her city.

(Enter Mr. Farmer.)

Mr. Farmer: Mr. Pampa, I'd like to ask you a question. What have you to say about plunging the county into debt for the new courthouse?

Mr. Pampa: In answer to your question Mr. Farmer, I would inform you that a courthouse must be built, whether it be in Pampa or LeFors.

Mr. Farmer: I see your point. Mr. Pampa and I don't mind telling you that I favor the courthouse being built in Pampa.

(Exit Mr. McLean, grumbling)

Mr. Alanreed: Mr. Farmer, you are right, three-fourths of the taxable wealth of the county is in Pampa.

(Exit Mr. LeFors)

Mr. Pampa: Thank you boys. We will have a few paved roads so that you can get to court on time.

Mr. Alanreed: Yes, and have a good hotel to stay in while you are at court.

Mr. Farmer: I always knew that Pampa was a good guy. Besides, he's the center of population of the county.

Mr. Pampa: (Starting to exit) See you later. Be sure to vote for the removal of the courthouse. (Exit)

Mr. Farmer and Mr. Alanreed (Together) Courthouse! Pampa! Oh, Boy!

(Curtain)

By Lewis Fogleman

MISS REED PRAISED

We are glad to announce that because of the good work in dramatics sponsored by Miss VeLore Reed the annual is almost paid for. Miss Reed certainly deserves much credit for the wonderful success of plays this year. Let every one boost Miss Reed and the annual staff. Buy your annual now!

Seniors Win the Popularity Contest for The Harvester

Angela Ballew and Thomas Clayton seniors, were victorious in the recent popularity contest. It has been a long and hard fight for them with Melba Graham and Archie Walstad winning close second place. We seniors are proud to claim the winners and will appreciate a full picture of them in our "Harvester."

The score is as follows:

Seniors

Angela Ballew, 14,875.
Thomas Clayton, 14,425.

Juniors

Melba Graham, 10,950.
Archie Walstad, 11,715.

Sophomores

Violet Schafer, 6,400.
Delmar Hoskinson, 5,750.

Freshmen

Cunita Spurlock, 8,220.
Howard Hawk, 8,245.

Essay Contests Are Attracting Interest

Much excitement has been created in the school by the essay contests which are being conducted to determine the representative for the ... Dee Blythe. The ... third ... were Mrs. ... and ... Evans and ... Vicars, who proved very ... A fourth contest was held ... but the papers have not been judged as yet.

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Bob Kahl—I'm going to Yale

Swede Friend—Dat pan nothing. I ban to yail sexty days.

Man(to angry wife)—Don't quarrel with me on the street. What have we got home for??

Central Ward News

March the 1 was a very important day in Mrs. Lester's room as it was Carrol Haines' birthday. Carroll brought the treats for each one in the room and he received several nice little gifts. We had a nice little party and each one went home wishing Carroll many happy returns of the day.

Grades of the Central Ward school enjoyed their first show at the Rex. It was a splendid show and the comedy was very good also. We all think that it is very nice of Mrs. Hicks and school authorities to make it possible for us to have such pleasures.

Mrs. Campbell has returned from Boston and the pupils and teachers of Central ward are glad to have him here to com around once in awhile to encourage and help us in our work.

New pupils are being enrolled in this ward all the time. Of course we lose some once in awhile but we gain more than we lose. There are 239 in the first and second grades and 257 in the third and fourth grades. We little folks are boosting Pampa for the county seat of Gray county.

Officials Named for Local Meet

Events and coaches of the interscholastic meet to be held soon at Pampa high school are as follows.

Boys track, Dickey.
Junior Boys Track, Allen & Meeks.
Junior Boys Playground Ball, Allen and Meeks.
Junior Girls Playground Ball, Miss Roberson.
Volley Ball, Senior Girls, Miss Carter.
Tennis Doubles and Singles, Taylor.
Debate, Taylor.
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Essay Writing, Whiteley.
Spelling, Smith.
Music Memory, Donnell.
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NOW TO VOTE—There has been enough of argument—now let's vote. There are few people in the county who do not know that the present courthouse is inadequate and dangerous, that a 25-cent tax is being levied for a new building, and that location of the county seat here would be of benefit to all concerned.

Tomorrow is the final day. There will not be another opportunity for removal in the next two years, and the best chance to settle this 20-year-old question comes tomorrow.

Pampa has enough votes to carry the election, and there is ample support in neighboring communities to add a nice margin over the necessary two-thirds majority. But it will take a minimum of 4,000 votes to make success certain. Remember this and let no one assume that his or her vote is not needed. EVERY POSSIBLE VOTE WILL BE NEEDED FOR PAMPA TOMORROW.

Remember, too, that there is going to be congestion at the polls and that the earlier you vote the more easily you will be served by the judges. You should bring your poll tax if you have it, but if you have paid the tax and for some reason do not have the receipt, you can vote just as easily by signing an affidavit. And if you are exempt from poll tax payment, make affidavit to that fact and vote without a receipt or affidavit.

Every vote will count tomorrow, and remember, never before has such a large vote been necessary or possible, and it will take unusual interest and a lot of work to get out the voters. If you have no way to get downtown, call the Election headquarters located at the Old Schneider hotel and you will be given transportation. The headquarters phones are 384, 252, and 517.

Finding the Way to the Elephant's Heart



WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON — It looks as if President Coolidge may have to speak up again.

The Republican party's situation seems to be without parallel. Never was there such a hardy plant as the "draft Coolidge" movement. Each time the president speaks, the candidacies of the various aspirants for the nomination pick up a little speed. Then, after awhile, they all slow down and one begins to hear again that Mr. Coolidge will be compelled to take it. So it was after Mr. Coolidge said he didn't choose to run, so it has been since he declared himself eliminatd. And now, again, comes the call for him to explain himself.

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There is really only one thing that can put a stop to this little cycle. If the president declares openly and most emphatically that he won't accept renomination under any circumstances, one is not likely to hear much more about drafting him from Big Bill Thompson, Charlie Hilles of New York, Senator Butler of Massachusetts or anyone else.

The Hoover folks are especially anxious that Mr. Coolidge make some such statement since the administration muzzled federal officials here who had been ballyhooing for the secretary of commerce. The muzzling was effected on the ground that it was embarrassing the president, but the outcome caused even more embarrassment in the Hoover camp. It was, in fact, the first real victory the anti-Hoover politicians had won.

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As your correspondent gets the story, it happened thus: Senator Charlie Curtis had boiled over with wrath for weeks at reports of increasing Hoover strength. Curtis felt that false claims were being made for Hoover and that the public was being misled as to the attitude of the administration, meaning Coolidge and Secretary Mellon. Under-secretary Ogden Mills and Assistant Secretary Seymour Lowman persisted, from their treasury sanctums, in boosting Hoover and Curtis finally exploded.

Lowman's nomination came before the Senate. Curtis caused it to be held up. Congressman Bert Snell, an Amherst classmate of President Coolidge, carried word to the White House that Curtis demanded less open political activity in government departments. Not long afterward, Secretary Mellon advised Under-secretary Mills that he had better play the right kind of politics or words to that effect. Mills passed the word to Lowman. The gag was on.

Now this is the first time that the hand of the White House has been detected in the current contest. The incident was not conclusive, but it tended to confirm the general suspicion that neither Coolidge nor Mellon were enthusiastic over Hoover.

One of the delegates to the Missouri Democratic convention weighs more than 400 pounds. He probably lends weight to the gathering.

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It snows at 7 a. m., there is sunshine at 8 o'clock, rain at 9, a blizzard at 10, small tornado at 11, flood at 12, hurricane at 1, freshet at 2, tidal wave at 3, sunshine at 4. Can anyone doubt any longer that spring is here?

TWINKLES

It looks like a world's record is just something to be smashed. Why worship the ancients?

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If you are interested in memorizing, try the old bean on our new traffic regulations. Or if you prefer, the police will remind you.

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With the aid of the Biennial and Democratic conventions the horned toad, and the pink boll worm, Texas is getting quite a lot of publicity.

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We hope to "flash" lots of good news to Pampa folk this spring. And our new flash telephone system will be quite welcome, too.

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The old-fashioned farmer boy who used to break the "bull ring" now has a son who is an enthusiastic member of a "bull circle."

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LOS ANGELES REACHES CANAL ZONE, says a headline. Don't tell us Los Angeles has annexed down that far!

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A man has invented a fuelless motor. But you still have to feed babies in the middle of the night.

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Strange thing—election time drawing nearer and nearer, and we haven't heard a single candidate denouncing the corn borer.

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Some day a woman is going to celebrate her 104th birthday by not taking an airplane ride. That will be Page One news.

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