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MIDLAND DEFEATS MERKEL FOR THE 1926 CONVENTION

ANOTHER MESSAGE ON CO. SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEFENDING LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT AND EXPOSING COUNTY DISTRICT IDEA.

An examination of the "14 points" submitted through The Reporter last week in a school message signed by "A Voter" reveals the fact that there is a move on foot to have a special act of the Legislature passed for the purpose of creating an independent school district of the entire Midland County. This proposed legislation is fraught with such dire consequences inimical to the development of Midland County that it must not be permitted to slip through the Legislature while those vitally interested are either busy with their own affairs, or are asleep.

In these latter days we have become so cussed progressive that we have forgotten the time honored principle of "Local Self-Government" and we are prone to scramble everything. The National government is gradually encroaching upon the state government's privileges, and the state is gradually encroaching upon the county and now the county seat of Midland County proposes to swallow the entire county and forever put an end to the right of each country school community to regulate its local school affairs according to the best interests of each local community, viewed from the stand-point of the property-tax-paying voters of each respective community. If this legislation goes through, doubtless the next move will be to have the streets of Midland paved at the expense of the entire county.

The writer hereof always feels like taking off his hat when passing a country school house. It is the community center where its citizens meet to discuss their local problems, where they have their religious services, and where the little fellows come toddling from over the hills with their dinner pails and book-bags to learn to attend to their own business and let the other fellow's alone, which is the first principle in local self-government. God pity the man who does not know the little country school house from the seamy side. We can abolish our universities and our colleges and our high schools, and still have the semblance of a government, but when we put an end to the little country school we shall have nothing left on which to build a government.

One peculiar thing about this recent agitation for a county school district is that it originates in the town of Midland. Now let us look at it from the stand point of the people in the town of Midland. If the town swallows the county it must digest it in some way or blow up. These country people will demand educational facilities equal to the town educational facilities and they will be entitled to it. This will mean ward schools scattered all over the county in various communities close enough to the farming centers to be accessible to the little fellows; and as the expense is to come out of the hot-potch fund, each community will demand brick buildings (not wooden as they now have) with all modern and up to date conveniences. And why not? They will be helping to pay for your ward school in town. If these ward schools are not provided, the mothers of the seven, eight and ten year old kids will induce their daddies to sell out and move out of Midland County. If these ward schools are provided for the country schools, as they will have a right to expect them, the bond issues for Midland County will necessarily run into the hundreds of thousands and in the long run the town of Midland will lose more than it will gain on taxes. And ye Gods, the strife and bad feeling—who would want to serve on the school board? All this is not to speak of the fact that in five or ten years, at the rate Midland County is now growing, there will be 20 or more schools outside of the present limits of the Midland Independent School District.

If the ward schools are not provided for each community, then automobiles must be provided to haul the

BULSTERBAUM MAKES BIGGEST SLAUGHTER

SECOND ISSUE OF POISON NOW OBTAINABLE FROM COUNTY AGENT.

One hundred and two rabbits from one-third of an ounce of poison! That was E. Bulsterbaum's record with the free poison being distributed by Midland County. He used the strychnine, which he obtained from the county agent at the Chamber of Commerce office, mixed with salt. The strychnine mixture was used on alfalfa leaves at the rate of one ounce to ten pounds of the leaves.

The first night Mr. Bulsterbaum killed 38 rabbits. The second night he didn't kill any. It was because he failed to remove the 38 dead rabbits and the coyotes, feeding on them, kept the rabbits scared away from the poison.

Mr. Bulsterbaum followed instructions of the Federal men here to aid. He pre-baited.

The Federal men, L. C. Whitehead and A. L. Bridenstine, both now in Midland, gave all their attention the latter part of last week to the mixing of rabbit poison, but since Monday have continued to mix prairie dog poison, which will be issued at cost to ranchers anywhere.

There is still some free rabbit poison, and re-issues will be made to those who have already used what they were given.

children from the country to town. How many? Who can estimate? A battery of automobiles must be bought and maintained. Repairs, punctures, blow-outs, break-downs, must be paid for. Many children would have to be hauled 25 to 30 miles each way each day, and the car that hauls them will have to run all over the community gathering them up and distributing them, so each community will need a car and some of them will need three or four where they are thickly settled. The expense of this project would be confiscatory. Besides, no mother will entrust her little fellows to an irresponsible driver, will leave the country before she will send her children to school under such disadvantages.

Besides being impractical from every conceivable angle, this county independent school district is wrong in principle. A few years ago a bill was offered in the Legislature creating Upton County into an independent school district. When the bill was offered, Elkin Brothers, Dr. Jno. B. Thomas, and other ranch owners along the north line of Upton County made up a fund to fight this legislation and defeated the first bill. But later the Rankin people got the matter up quietly, and the bill went through, and now the ranch owners along the north line of Upton County are paying taxes to support the schools in the town of Rankin, some thirty miles away. It will take a big-hearted, magnanimous man to relish a thing of this kind. To force a tax on the ranch lands of Jule Driver, E. W. Floyd, and W. A. Hutchison, 25 miles away, and other land owners along the south line of Midland County to support the schools of Midland is wrong in principle.

In view of the fact that the Legislature is now in session and the proposed measure can be slipped through on Midland County like it was in Upton County a few years ago, it behooves the country people of Midland county to assert their rights by circulating petitions to our representative, Hon. H. E. Webb, and Senator Benjamin F. Berkeley, protesting against this legislation. If there is opposition to the bond issue for a new high school building in Midland, let those who oppose it say so and give a reason. But by all means do not propose a subterfuge, such as that being proposed, in order to defeat the bond issue, for the consequences are too serious. This subterfuge promises not only to defeat the high school bond issue but to permanently wreck the school facilities of the entire county.

Respectfully,
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BANQUET WAS GREAT EVENT FRIDAY NIGHT

O. B. WEBB'S SPEECH WAS FEATURE OF AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAM.

With almost 100 people present, of which about half were women, one of the best banquets ever held in Midland was the Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Llano dining room last Friday night.

The program seemed to be just the right length, with just the right kind of numbers and in the proper order. J. B. Wilkinson was toast-master, and put pep into the whole event with his humorous instructions, his snappy work in keeping the program from dragging, and his comments on the various numbers.

W. W. Lackey, who led the songs, had a group of singers at his end of the table who were ready to chant on a moment's notice, "They say that old Chancellor, he ain't got no style," or whoever their victim proved to be. Other songs were sung, in which the entire crowd took part.

The invocation was rendered by Rev. L. U. Spellmann, then some songs followed.

Judge Chas. L. Klapproth made a fine talk on the relations of the work of the county commissioners to that of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Roy Parks entertained the crowd with a vocal solo, and was encored vehemently.

Oliver W. Fannin, who will soon leave for Fort Worth to make his home, gave a humorous address on "Now that I'm leaving Midland, I don't give a darn what I say", and made some clever take-offs on several of those present.

W. W. Brunson gave an optimistic report of the present and future conditions of the cattle business.

Mrs. Creola Richbourg Vickers entertained the assembly highly with a humorous reading, descriptive of the cares of a lazy man.

County Agent J. B. Snider spoke on the agricultural and horticultural possibilities of the Midland country, and gave some very constructive measures that could be profitably followed.

Then came the address of O. B. Webb, assistant to the president of the T. and P. Railway Company; and he absolutely took the house with his speech that dealt largely with community cooperation. He came all the way from Chicago, where he had been called from New Orleans, to fill his appointment in Midland; and the trip was worth worlds to the local people who heard him.

A "free for all" speaking was then held, in which several who were not on the program voiced their likes and dislikes of Midland and described their ideas for making it better.

LONG-COWDEN NUPTIALS SOLEMNIZED SATURDAY

The marriage of Miss Emma Long and Mr. W. F. Cowden of Midland was solemnized Saturday at high noon in Weatherford. The bride wore a beige ensemble with accessories to harmonize, with corsage of pink rosebuds and sweet peas.

Mrs. Cowden has made her home for some time with Mrs. C. C. Drake, 511 South Adams street, and has been a teacher in the Eighth Ward School for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowden left immediately following the ceremony for New Orleans and points in Florida, and later will make a tour of Europe. They will make their future home in Midland.—Star-Telegram.

GOOD BULL SALES

Two good bull sales have just been reported. B. N. Aycock sold eight Beau Blanchard bulls, and George Gray sold nine Beau Randolph bulls to William Bivens, of Menard.

Mr. Bivens would have none but the best bulls, so he came to Midland, where registered Herefords are nationally famous.

This is a new field for Midland bulls, the "tick area" being in need of well bred cattle to improve the herds.

INSPECTOR RECOMMENDS A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO AUTHORITIES AND EXPRESSES HOPE FOR SUCCESS.

The visitor or inspector of accredited high schools in Texas, having noticed in the daily papers an account of the petition which was presented to the school board praying for an election for a new high school building, writes as follows:

"Congratulations! I saw in today's Dallas News that the petition for a bond election in your town had nearly nine times as many names as were needed. I hope that success may continue to attend the plan, and that you may soon have the kind of a building you deserve. I am still remembering my visit to your town with a great deal of pleasure. Success to you and your election.

"Yours very truly,
"Cornelia H. Hutton,
"Visitor of High Schools."

The visitor writes from Texarkana, where she is inspecting the high school in that city. In her official report, after visiting our high school last November, she says: "In order that the schools may be properly certified it is essential that the minimum requirements as outlined in bulletin 182 be met. To that end the supervisor who recently visited your school makes the following recommendation:

"That Midland make preparation for a new high school building as soon as possible. At present the school is at a tremendous disadvantage in being crowded for class work, and in having study section in class room. Pupils have to prepare lessons, or try to do so, in rooms where recitations are being conducted. Lack of study hall and auditorium and library room work a hardship on the school."

We understand that every supervisor for the last five years who has visited our high school has made a similar recommendation with reference to the need of a modern high school building, and our school authorities and patrons are beginning to feel that the standing of our splendid high school will be jeopardized if this condition or recommendation is not met. In bulletin 182, we understand that our high school is listed among those schools needing room and schools needing library facilities. The lists are preceded by the following: "The following schools falling below standard in certain particulars are listed by order of the Committee on Accredited Schools as a warning that provision should be made to meet the needs specified." We dare say that Midland is the only town in Texas with as poor a high school building as we have and with the standing which our high school has. We believe that the good people of Midland will remove this reproach, now that they have the opportunity. Last year, 118 school districts in Texas completed new school buildings, 72 others voted bonds for school buildings, and 76 voted an increase of tax for school support.

NEW LIGHT PLANT ENGINE IS INSTALLED

BIG FAIRBANKS-MORSE WILL REVOLUTIONIZE ELECTRICITY IN MIDLAND.

With the big 300 horse power, Diesel type, Fairbanks-Morse engine installed, Midland is about to experience the most powerful electric service that has ever been seen here. The new engine is absolutely new, bought especially for this plant, and was rushed here as rapidly as possible after the recent break down of one of the old engines.

The plant has been equipped in many ways to handle the giant engine, and it is expected to be in operation today.

W. J. Sparks drove over to Odessa last Saturday, taking R. T. Waddell, who is now convalescing from his recent operation.

MANY LETTERS COME TO MIDLAND FARMER

NEWCOMER TELLS OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT MIDLAND COUNTY'S ADVANTAGES.

R. D. Hamlin, who moved to Midland a few weeks ago from Duster, Texas, has written an interesting article for the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News, and it is reprinted below:

Following the publishing of this article in The News, many letters have been received by Mr. Hamlin from people in all parts of Texas and Oklahoma, either asking more about Midland or asking him to help them get located here; some of them stating outright that they are coming to Midland.

If other people will follow Mr. Hamlin's example and use every opportunity to tell about Midland, and their own friends, kinsmen and acquaintances will decide to come here.

THINKS MIDLAND IS THE BEST COUNTY.

R. D. Hamlin, Box 395, Midland, Texas.

In January, 1923, I moved from Lamesa, Dawson County, to Comanche County, Texas. I farmed there two years. In the summer of 1924, while it was so hot, I put into action a long desire to be on the plains of West Texas again, where I could get some fresh air and pure water and enjoy the beautiful landscape of the plains. After traveling over many miles of North and West Texas and visiting not less than twenty-seven counties, I finally landed in Midland County to cast my lot among some of the best citizens of Texas.

This is the best county, taking everything into consideration. We have a big-hearted, sociable people. We have as good land as can be found in the West, and much cheaper than in many other places, owing to the fact that most of it has been owned by cowmen who have prospered during the years when prices of cattle were high, but since the inflation of the markets more interest is being taken in farming.

People here have begun to realize that money can be made farming this land, and ranches are being cut and to men who will, with the assistance of our new county agent and proper scientific dry farming methods, prosper. It has been thoroughly demonstrated that cotton, maize and cane can be grown here successfully; also garden truck and melons do well.

Midland County is located on the extreme South Plains, and is below the early frost zone. According to statistics the rainfall comes in spring and summer when needed most, and in sufficient quantities to grow good crops when the land is properly cultivated.

In boasting this county I do not mean to say this is the Garden of Eden, but I do think it is the land of Canaan.

LOOKING TO MIDLAND

Midland is becoming the cynosure of eyes of all Texas.

The Chamber of Commerce has received letters from 3 different parties interested in establishing a laundry. However, none of them has yet agreed to come here.

A cotton compress builder is due here this week to look the situation over.

A picture show man and a gin man, one from Lamesa, the other from Terrell, were here last week investigating the possibilities of Midland for these industries. A dentist and a lawyer also seek locations here.

A number of letters from farmers seeking land, renters seeking places, and laborers wanting work have been received recently.

RANCHMAN GROWS COTTON

W. W. Brunson brought his last bale of cotton to town this week. The cotton was raised on his ranch 35 miles north of Midland. This is the first year Mr. Brunson has ever raised cotton, but he says it will not be his last.

BIG DELEGATION WENT TO BIG SPRING MEET

MIDLAND WON 1926 DISTRICT CONVENTION BY VOTE OF NEARLY 3 TO 1.

With a delegation of something like sixty or seventy five citizens, Midland stormed the district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Big Spring yesterday, and won the 1926 convention by a vote of about 97 to 36.

J. M. Caldwell made the invitation speech. Judge Chas. Gibbs and J. M. DeArmond also addressed the convention.

Although only 53 people had signed up to go, many decided to make the trip even after the original party had driven off, and cars were headed that way till way up in the afternoon.

The convention, which represents the central West Texas district, was a great success from every stand point. Big Spring's hospitality was hard to beat, and the business men assumed the entire cost of the entertainment, two banquets included.

Delegations from Seminole, Andrews County, Stanton, Odessa, and a few from Colorado, also voted with Midland, making the voting strength rather heavy in comparison to that of Merkel.

Merkel had a good bunch of sports, however, and they made the election unanimous in favor of Midland, declaring their intention of coming here strong next year to continue their bid for the meet the following year.

Last Lyceum Number Here Feb. 10

The Metropolitan Grand Quartet, organized and coached by Tom Lane of Cleveland, one of the best known and most talented singing organizations of the eastern section, is to appear here on the evening of Feb. 10, at the Rialto Theatre.

Mr. Lane, now a leader and one of the most prominent teachers in the musical life of Cleveland, will be remembered as the original organizer of the old Metropolitan Quartet, which for years was generally conceded to be "America's finest."

It is a group of songsters that Mr. Lane has chosen for the personnel of the "Metropolitan Grand." Each is a soloist of distinction and Mr. Lane has chosen the four voices, not only with this in mind, but also with the idea of perfecting an ensemble which is second to none. They are four remarkably fine voices with group effects that rival the tones of a pipe organ. In their solo numbers they will be enjoyed as recitalists of marked attainment—in fact, a strictly high class recital program is really what their entertainment amounts to.

Heretofore their appearances have been limited to the more circumscribed area around Cleveland and Northern Ohio. A year ago we persuaded Mr. Lane to let us handle a coast-to-coast tour for the Metropolitan, because of the unqualified success which had followed their every appearance in their home locality. They have appeared at many noted gatherings, and have won unstinted praise everywhere.

Sketches, dramatic readings, and other features will add a touch if variety to the program. Their quartet repertoire is large and includes many classical arrangements, as well as popular and semi-popular groups. A talented pianist accompanies the quartet, giving opportunity for proper rendition of some of their brilliant numbers. A treat is in store for local music lovers when the Metropolitan appear here.

W. B. DRIVER

After an illness of several days, W. B. Driver passed away last Monday, having suffered severely from pneumonia. His son had died only a few days before. The stricken family is extended heartfelt sympathy by the entire citizenship of Midland County.

Mrs. Jack R. Medlin made a trip to Rankin this week.

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Political Announcement

For City Marshal:

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(Re-Election)

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Make no difference how far you live or how busy you are, it will pay you to take a day off and visit Morrison's 19c Sale. Started Thursday, the 5th—lasts ten days.

ANDREWS LOCAL NEWS

By F. S. Wilson

Miss Lillian Dorn returned Monday from visiting home folks in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams were the guests of Frank Wilson and family Sunday.

The little daughter of A. L. Wilson has been right sick, but is reported better at this writing.

The young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Osgen Saturday night.

Miss Florence Mathews is spending this week with her brother at the ranch.

Rev. Martin filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Everybody is invited to come out to church and Sunday school.

M. M. Fisher and brother, John, were attending business in town on Tuesday.

The people of Andrews met at the church Tuesday with team sand plenty of help and filled in around the church and cleaned up the grounds, all of which makes it look fine.

Farmers are moving in and getting busy breaking sod.

Mr. Myrick, of Florey, brought his baby over to the doctor Tuesday and it was found to be suffering with pneumonia. We hope for it a quick recovery.

C. W. Hart, of Delphos, N. M., is attending business and visiting old friends this week, in Andrews.

Nan Watkins stole a march on his friends here by going to Colorado last week and getting Miss Mable Dodson and bringing her to Andrews, where Justice Roy Wilson made them man and wife. We wish for the young couple a bright future.

The road viewers have been busy this week viewing out a road south of town.

CITY ELECTION HAS FOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the last two or three weeks, interest has been warming up in the election of City Marshal, and four candidates have announced, to be voted on in the april election.

They are mentioned in the order of their announcement.

W. O. Hale

W. O. Hale, familiarly known in Midland as Oscar, was the first to announce for the office, and gives as a strong part of his platform his good experience in street and road work. He states that he is also qualified in the various duties of the office and expects to poll a good vote.

John Winborne

John Winborne has served as City Marshal and City Secretary for quite a while, and has handled the office duties, the street work and the police department. He relies on his long experience and his record in the office to place him back on the job.

C. A. McClintic

Chas. McClintic was connected with the police department of the city of Sweetwater, and mentions his experience there as a strong qualification for the City Marshal's position. He thoroughly believes he can handle the various duties of the office to good advantage.

W. A. (Bud) Estes

Bud Estes has been in the employ of the city of Midland for quite a while, off and on, when the city maintained a night watchman. Having been requested by some of his friends to run, he is in the race, and states that he can fill the bill. He expects to poll a heavy vote.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley, of Abilene, were in Midland the first of the week, visiting relatives.

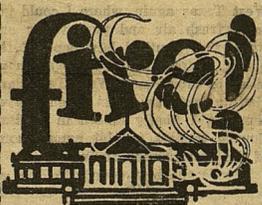
WISE SPENDING

Cities can't be built without the expenditure of money.

Midland is ambitious to be the district city of this part of West Texas, just as Abilene and Amarillo are district cities of their sections. Those cities were not niggardly in voting bond issues for better roads, better streets, better water, better schools, and other improvements.

If Midland goes ahead as she easily can and maintains her leadership, she must invest in better things. Money spent this way will make money for the investors in the long run. Citizens now old enough to vote and to take part in civic affairs, owe it to posterity to leave a better city behind than they found on coming to or being born in Midland.

The man who doesn't want the world, his church, his city, his community to be better for his having lived in it, is a pretty sorry man.



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A Message

To the "Wide-Awake" Voters of Midland Independent School District:

As the end of our dreams of a new school building is soon to be realized, I think that the people of this district should look into the future of the Midland Public Schools and build a large building with ample equipment for manual training, domestic art and science, chemistry, etc. The school districts of Midland County should be consolidated into one district and busses run to bring the children to school and take them home. This could be done and eliminate the cost of so many small schools and their teachers.

Most of the children living eight or ten miles or further from town never get a high school education without their families moving to town or without renting a room and being out lots of expense. As the country settles up, better roads will be built and the busses could be run with very little extra expense, and not as much as the small schools and their teachers.

A Building to Think About

Let me call the attention of the Midland people to the fact that the College building, located one mile west of town, is on its way to ruin if there isn't something done to keep it in condition. Why not use this for a high school instead of a new building? It could be profitably made into a practically new school building with new equipment at about half the cost of a new building and equipment and would be better than one costing from \$250,000 to \$300,000. There would be plenty of room for all kinds of agricultural purposes, an athletic field, and playground. Some of the citizens will say that this building is too far out for their children to walk, but it would only give them plenty of good healthy exercise. And a good hot lunch of simple nutritious food would cost no more than the "candy and such" that so many of the children eat at noon. One of two

hot dishes could be served at a cost of from 10c to 25c which with bread, butter, and a little fruit would be an ample lunch for a "brain-worker." One advantage of this building would be that the children would not be on the streets so much.

A plan that could be followed is roughly outlined as follows: First floor converted into class-rooms, lunch room, and dressing room with showers; Second floor converted into auditorium, domestic art and science, chemistry and manual training rooms; Third or top floor, converted into class rooms. Many other plans could also be suggested by different parties.

It should not cost over half as much to buy and equip this building in first class condition as it would to build a new one and equip it properly.

This should be considered by all taxpayers before voting on the proposition of an entirely new building, and if necessary it should be put before the Board of Trustees to look into.

A FUTURE CITIZEN
(15 years old.)

PLISKA HAD SEVERE FIRE THIS MORNING

In a fire that started about four o'clock this morning, the home and household goods of John Pliska, together with his warehouse filled with implements, wagons, windmill supplies, his automobile, and other valuables, was completely destroyed by fire.

The fire had gained such headway before it was detected that nothing could stop it, and the property was a total loss. The warehouse was close to the house, located about a block south of the court house.

News was received the first of this week of the death of Lee Bradshaw's mother, who lived in central Texas.

F. T. Shearman returned last week from a prolonged visit in Mississippi.

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"A CHAPTER IN HER LIFE"

Saturday, Feb. 7:

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Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 9 and 10:

"MIGHTY LAK A ROSE"

Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 11 and 12:

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RIALTO THEATER

CLASSIFIED ADS

FRUIT TREES—Nursery stock of all kinds, suitable to this section. I represent the Ramsey Nursery, of Austin. Let me take your order now for fall delivery.—V. C. Ray, Midland, Texas. 42tf

FOR SALE: Fordson tractor, Athens 2-disc plow, and a two row Case planter. Tractor is almost new.—E. M. Ferrell, at W. J. Moran's office. 16tf

FOR SALE at all times: Good Jersey cows or heifers.—John Waddell. 12tf

FOR SALE or Trade—Reg. Hereford bull—June 20, 1921, (calved)—H. A. Jesse. 19-2tp

FOR SALE—My home on Main street at a bargain. Good improvements.—L. C. Proctor. 19-2tp

FOR SALE—Milk cows to suit you; priced from \$35.00 to \$75.00.—Holly Roberts, Phone 325-A. 19-4tp

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS: In the Matter of Joseph Louis Jay, Bankrupt, No. 46:

To the creditors of the said Joseph Louis Jay, Bankrupt, notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of January, 1925, the said Joseph Louis Jay, was duly adjudicated a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office, in Pecos, Texas, on the 21st day of February, A. D. 1925, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

BEN RANDAL,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons interested will take notice that I have qualified as independent executor of the estate of Chris Scharbauer, Deceased, and all persons to whom he was indebted at the date of his death will please present their claims to me for audit and payment.

Clarence Scharbauer,
Independent Executor of the Estate of Christian Scharbauer, Deceased. 15-4t

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Midland County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Oscar J. Francis, Trustee and in person; Edward Morris, Trustee and in person; John P. Wilson, Trustee and in person; Augusta Rothchild and her husband, Maurice L. Rothchild, Ira N. Morris, Maud Morris Schwab and her husband, Henry C. Schwab; Oscar W. Kerr and wife, Minnie Kerr; D. Fasken, Donald S. Trumbull, T. C. Kimber and W. Harvey, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the district Court of Midland County, to be holden at the Court house thereof, in Midland, on the 1st Monday in February, A. D. 1925, the same being the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in the said Court on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1925, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1724, wherein W. J. Moran is plaintiff, and Midland Farms Company, Oscar J. Francis, Trustee, and in person; Edward Morris, Trustee, and in person; John P. Wilson, Trustee and in person; Augusta Ritcheil, and her husband Maurice L. Rothchild, Ira N. Morris, Maud Morris Schwab and her husband Henry C. Schwab, Oscar W. Kerr and wife, Minnie Kerr, D. Fasken, Donald S. Trumbull, T. C. Kimber and W. Harvey, are defendants, and said petition alleging Plaintiff sue to establish his right to a commission

against the owners of the "C" Ranch above named for a sale alleged to have been made by him July 1st, 1913, to O.W. Kerr, D. Fasken furnishing the money and alleges that the owners of the Ranch in question, a description of which is filed with the papers of the case and marked "Description of the Lands in the "C" Ranch", executed a deed of trust to protect plaintiff in his commission the said Deed of Trust being in the sum of \$75,000.00, and securing a note of like amount, and which Deed of Trust covers all the property of the "C" Ranch; and which Deed of Trust Plaintiff seeks to foreclose against all Defendants, and also seeks to cancel a certain release of said Deed of Trust, and seeks personal judgment in addition to said foreclosure against D. Fasken, O. W. Kerr and W. Harvey, T. C. Kimber, for interfering with Plaintiff in collecting his commissions, and prays for a judgment for the sum of \$75,000.00, interest as by law provided and attorney's fees as provided in said note, and for general and special relief.

Herein Fail Not but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this the 12th day of January, A. D. 1925.

C. B. Dunagan, Clerk,
District Court, Midland County, Texas.

Citation on Application For Letters of Guardianship

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Midland County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Midland County, a copy of the following notice:
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To all persons interested in the Welfare of Lois Cooper, a minor, W. J. Cooper has filed in the County Court of Midland County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the estate of said Minor, which said application will be heard at the next regular term of said Court, commencing on the 2nd Monday in March, A. D. 1925, the same being the 9th day of March, A. D. 1925, at the Court House thereof, in Midland, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, this the 28th day of January, A. D. 1925.

C. B. Dunagan, Clerk,
18-3t County Court, Midland County, Texas.

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THE REAL ISSUE OR THE SUBSTITUTE?

Which do we want? I am sure the question of enlarging the present Independent School District has had enough publicity in the past two years to warrant definite action on the measure, and I don't believe the tax payers of Midland County will vote for the substitute measure that is put up at this time for them to pass on. You know, as a rule people do not like substitutes if they know it.

If the whole, or half of Midland County had been put into one district two years ago we would have already had a new school building.

In anticipation of the arguments that will be advanced favoring the bonding of the Midland Independent School district, instead of the County as a whole, to build a new High School Building, I have a few observations to make and respectfully submit them to the voter, for his consideration.

It will be advanced and clearly shown that only the back woods, and non progressive settlements are bond free, and that they are the ones that have no public improvements, bad roads, no civic pride, and a general run down condition apparent every where you look, and a woe begone look on every old farmer that you run across, in other words the picture wont look good. No community would want to be like that. But did you know that some of the finest characters that ever live are to be found among just these kind of old fashioned people. They are honest, and "the honest man is the noblest work of God" They don't break banks and they pay their notes and think it a sin to place a heavy debt on the generations unborn to pay, where babies will have to pay an obligation placed on them in which they had no choice or voice. Is it right for us, in order that we might have fine public buildings, paved streets, an everything in a public way to make our lives enjoyable, to then saddle the debt on babies to pay, for what we enjoy. If we can pay the obligation ourselves then it is all right, to have these things, but I don't believe it is morally right to place the unborn in chains where they can't get away, and make them pay our debts in the years to come. To some extent it is true that they get what we leave, sure they will have the sack to hold, there will be deterioration, and the ravages of time will mar and render useless every thing that we built up, but the interest on the debt will go on.

It is admitted that we've got to have a new school house it is a necessity, and it is right to have the necessities of life. No whow is the best way to get that house.

Increase our already heavy and rapidly increasing tax in this small independent district, or increase the district, equalize the load, and on an average not increase the tax burden in the county and have the new school building too.

We all know one another in this little settlement of ours our lives are an open book, most all of us want to do right the ones that do not want to do right are a few restricted and on the whole this is a good community to live in, but we ought to get together, we are groping blindly in the darkness, and if we stumble into the right path that leads to the goal it will be an accident.

I have no ax to grind, just an earnest desire and hope that the people of Midland County will do the best thing, in the best way.

ROBT. E. ESTES.

A. A. Wisdom returned the first of the week from Waco and other points in central Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Whitefield left the first of the week for a market trip to Dallas, St. Louis and Chicago.

Mrs. Jack Rector and Miss Willie Richbourg, of Spur, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Paul T. Vickers, this week.

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Notice

Of School Tax and Bond Election
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Midland,

Midland Independent School District.
To the Resident Property Taxpaying
Voters of Midland Independent
School District:

Take notice that an election will be held on the 24th day of February, 1925, within said district, in obedience to an order duly entered by the Board of Trustees on the 24th day of January, 1925, which is as follows:

On this the 24th day of January, 1925, the Board of Trustees of Midland Independent School District convened in regular session with the following members present:

J. E. Hill, George Ratliff, John P. Howe, M. C. Ulmer, B. Frank Haag, Dr. Jno. B. Thomas, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Trustees was the following:

There came on to be considered the petition of R. M. Clayton Jr. and 179 other persons asking that an election be ordered upon the question of levying and collecting a tax for the maintenance of the public free schools in Midland Independent School District and also upon the question of issuing bonds of said school district for the purpose of constructing and equipping a public free school building of other than wooden material and purchasing a site therefor, within said district, and

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees that said petition is signed by at least twenty qualified property taxpaying voters of said school district, and is otherwise in conformity with law, the Board is of the opinion that said petition should be granted, and said election as prayed for should be ordered:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That an election be held in said Midland Independent School District on the 24th day of February, 1925, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, at which election in accordance with said petition, the following propositions shall be submitted to the resident qualified property taxpaying voters of said school district for their action thereupon:

Proposition No. 1
Shall the Board of Trustees of Midland Independent School District have the power to levy and collect annually a tax upon all taxable property in said school district for the maintenance of public free schools therein of and at the rate of not exceeding \$1.00 on \$100.00 valuation of all taxable property in said school district until the same shall be discontinued as provided by law.

Proposition No. 2
Shall the Board of Trustees of Midland Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of said school district to the amount of \$150,000.00 to become due and payable serially or otherwise over a period not to exceed forty years from their date and bearing interest at a rate not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum, with interest payable semi-annually for the purpose of constructing and equipping a public free school building of other than wooden material and purchasing site therefor within said district, and if there shall be annually levied and collected on all taxable property in said school district for the current year and annually thereafter while said bonds, or any of them, are outstanding, a tax sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and to pay the principal thereof as the same becomes due; provided, that the maintenance tax and the bond tax together shall never exceed for any one year \$1.00 on the \$100.00 valuation of said property.

The said election shall be held at the Midland County Court House in the town of Midland, Texas, in said Midland Independent School District and H. W. Rowe is hereby appointed judge and C. S. Karkalits and Miss Fannie Bess Taylor clerks of said election and said election shall be held as nearly as possible in conformity with the general election laws of the State of Texas.

The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the

"FOR MAINTENANCE TAX,"
"AGAINST MAINTENANCE TAX,"

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF,"

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

As to each of the foregoing propositions, each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote on the two propositions respectively.

None but resident qualified property taxpaying voters of said Midland Independent School District shall be allowed to vote at said election.

The Secretary of this Board of Trustees shall forthwith issue a notice of said election stating in substance the contents of this election order and the time and place of said election and said Secretary shall post a copy of such notice at three different places within the boundaries of said Midland Independent School District, which posting shall be done not less than three weeks prior to the date fixed for said election.

Immediately after said election has been held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the result thereof to the Board of Trustees of said school district, and return the ballot box to the Secretary of said Board of safekeeping.

JOHN P. HOWE, Secretary,
Board of Trustees.

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To The Members

Of the Farm Bureau Cotton Ass'n:
The season of 1924-25 is now practically over and on account of provisions not being made at the proper time some of the members' cotton has been sold outside the association, but we will another year expect members to make arrangements to ship all of their cotton to the Farm Bureau.

H. A. Jesse, President,
Farm Bureau Cotton Ass'n.

METHODIST CHURCH

All services will be held according to schedule next Sunday. All evening services meet at 7:30 instead of 7:15 as heretofore. League meets at 6:30.

L. U. Spellmann.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Leader: Dora Wall.
Song.
Scripture: Matt. 9:9-13.
Prayer—Clinton Dunagan.
Matthew's Business—Ray Coleman.
Matthew's Conversion—Al Cowden.
Piano Solo—Wallace Wimberly.
Matthew began at once to bring his friends to Jesus—Ruth Norwood.
Matthew's New Business—Pearl Wimberly.

Matthew's Message—Joe Cato.
Matthew is a nexample of the salvation of a hopeless case—Irene Arnett.

Song.
Closing Prayer—Dora Wall.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Opening Song: "Jesus is all the world to me."
Subject: "The Greatest Friendship."
Leader: Thalbert Thomas.
Devotional Reading: 1 Sam. 18:1-4.
Prayer.
Vocal Solo: Miss Madge Snodgrass.

McKee.
The Privileges and Duties of Friendship—Minnie Rieta Hutchison.
How We May Make Friend With God—Miss Marguerite Jenks.

Business session.
Song: "The Touch of His Hand on Mine."
Benediction.

Addison Wadley left last Saturday for his market trip to eastern points, and will do much of his buying in New York.

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