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Vote Water And Sewer Bonds April 2!

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS BE HELD APRIL 6

School District in Wheeler will elect one or more local trustees Saturday, April 6, and there will be two trustees elected at the same time.

County trustee from Comers precinct No. 1 and one from Commissioners precinct No. 2.

Supplies for all schools ordered by the Comers Court, for both County elections and local trustee elections.

Your name on the local election ballot. You may have the Wheeler County Judge to have it printed on the school trustee election and there must be there a non-subversive oath.

Legal qualified voters in school district may petition Wheeler County Judge for your name printed on the trustee election ballot and in there must be there to (Continued On Last Page)

\$81 ADDED TO RADIO FUND

Chief R. J. Holt this week had that \$30.81 had been added to the Walkie-Talkie Fund has been subscribed by the citizens of Wheeler and trade.

Contributions this week were: Sue Richerson \$11.81, D. C. C. C. Robinson \$5.00, Hampton \$2.00, M. C. Jacobson \$3.00, Virgil \$1.00 and F. Wofford \$1.00. Contributions bring the total to \$223.11. The members of the Wheeler Fire Department again give to all for the support of this much needed equipment.

M. E. RED DIES SUNDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. M. E. Red passed away in Chow-Chow, Tuesday evening at 8, will be conducted from the Baptist Church here at 2 o'clock.

Red was a former long-time resident of this community and will be laid to rest by her husband in Wheeler. Kirk Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. The body will arrive in Pampa about 6 p.m. Friday evening and will be taken to Wheeler.

Senior Class Present Play Soon

Seniors of Mobeetie High are practicing on their play, "Good Gracious, Granddaddy" which is to be presented Friday, March 15, 1957.

Mrs. Guy Hardin To Be Guest Speaker

Mrs. Guy Hardin of Shamrock, district 19 area vice president, will be guest speaker for the Wheeler Parent and Teachers Association Monday night, March 11.

The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. W. A. Goad, Jr., is president of the local group.

In observance of Teacher Appreciation Week a special program will be given, honoring teachers in the Wheeler school system.

All P-TA members and interested persons are urged by Mrs. Goad to attend.

WHEELER GAS RATE HEARING SET AT AUSTIN

Gas rates for the city of Wheeler will be considered at a hearing by the Texas Railroad Commission in Austin on March 18.

Public notice of the hearing is made by the state regulatory body in this issue of The Times.

Representatives of the City of Wheeler and of Wheeler Gas Company have been ordered to appear and present their cases.

The railroad commission hearing comes as a result of an appeal by Wheeler Gas Company from rates fixed by the City Council of Wheeler on February 7.

Rates set by the Council were: First 10,000 ft. 65c per 1,000 ft. Next 15,000 ft. 55c per 1,000 ft. All over 26,000 ft. 45c per 1,000 ft. Minimum charge \$2 per month, net.

Rates sought by Wheeler Gas Company in its appeal to the railroad commission are: First 2,000 ft. or less, \$2. Next 8,000 ft. 85c per 1,000 ft. Next 15,000 ft. 70c per 1,000 ft. All over 25,000 ft. 60c per 1,000 ft. Plus 10 per cent penalty for delayed payments.

Since January 5, 1950, the Wheeler Gas Company has been charging the following rates: First 10,000 ft. 60c per 1,000 ft. Next 15,000 ft. 50c per 1,000 ft. All over 26,000 ft. 40c per 1,000 ft.

MRS. LAWRENCE BURIED HERE

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Lawrence of Wheeler were held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, February 22, at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler.



HARRY CLAY

"Faith and it's the likes of you we'll be expectin' in Shamrock town on Saturday, March 16", says Harry Clay, above general chairman of the 1957 St. Patrick's Celebration. Plans for the gigantic festival are nearing completion, and as in past years, highlight of the day's activities will be the street parade beginning at 11 a.m. "There'll be singin' and dancin' in the streets, begorra," the genial chairman of the 11th annual winding declares, "and all we need to make things complete is for you to be present."

EDUCATORS TO AMARILLO MEET

Educators from a 26-county area of the Panhandle, including those from Shamrock, will gather in Amarillo, Friday, March 8, for information and inspiration at the annual Conference of Educators.

The day's program includes outstanding speakers and consultants on the state and national levels in a session planned by Mrs. Grace Scott, Tulsa, who is president of District IX of the Texas State Teachers Association, and by elected leaders of various subject fields.

Dr. Lyman V. Ginger, vice-president of the National Education Association, will give the keynote address in the Municipal Auditorium at 9:00 a.m.

Proceeding of the opening session, the House of Delegates will handle business matters of the district at a dinner meeting, Thursday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Amarillo High School cafeteria.

Fourteen luncheon meetings have been scheduled Friday, and at 2:30 p.m. all teachers will meet in subject field groups in various Amarillo schools. Many teachers of the district will participate in these groups as speakers and consultants.

In addition to Mrs. Scott, president, officers of the association are E. A. Sanders, Childress, vice-president; Mrs. Eloise McDougal, Hereford, secretary; and Sam T. Bryan, Happy, treasurer.

DWI Fine And Time Given In Wheeler

Gerald D. Lister, 28, white male from Borger was involved in a traffic accident with a Butane truck at Lela Tuesday afternoon. Investigating officers arrested Lister, charging him with driving while intoxicated. He was arraigned before County Judge Clarence Morris in Wheeler on Wednesday morning. Lister pled guilty and was fined \$200 and costs and given a 30-day jail sentence. Lister was the most seriously injured person in the accident.

About 9 o'clock Tuesday morning officers picked up a corpse in a 1957 Chrysler near the county line on Highway 65. Coroner's verdict showed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor blade. The blade was found in the car with the victim.

SCS District Meeting Monday, March 1

A meeting of S.C.S. District and Implement dealers, and Farmers, Monday night, March 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Wheeler Vocational Ag. building.

The meeting will consist of a discussion of the Wheeler County Agricultural Conservation Program for 1957. Discussion of seeding dates, practices, and payments.

All of the men interested in farming and these practices please attend.

NO SCHOOL IN CITY FRIDAY

There will be no school in Wheeler Friday on account of a teacher's meeting. Supt. A. E. Brown has announced. All faculty members are planning to attend.

Supt. Brown said a dinner business session school administrators will be held Thursday night. Attending are Supt. Kenneth Laycock of Shamrock, Supt. L. R. Reeves of Mobeetie, Supt. D. L. Mallin of Allison and Mr. Brown.

Local school happenings included observance of Texas Public School Week, highlighted by a program Monday night, presented by the Student Council.

Talks on choosing of careers were made by Larry Hunter, Tilly Green, Sondra Jones, Annette Hutchison, W. A. Tacker, Alvin Arganbright and Malcolm Belote.

Supt. Brown gave a short discussion of present school problems at the national, state and local levels.

Music was furnished by a girls' quartet and boys' quartet. The quartet was: Dorothy Hall, Carolyn Sims, Shirley Chapman and Annette Hutchison, accompanied by Phyllis Callan. The boys were: Larry Hunter, Dean Jolly, and Paul Harding, accompanied by Dale Wofford at the piano.

Tilly Green was elected by the student body as Wheeler Colleen in the St. Patrick's Day celebration at Shamrock on March 16.

LAST RITES FOR H. M. SHELTON

Funeral rites for Henry M. Shelton were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie. Mr. Shelton, a longtime farmer of the Mobeetie community passed away Friday morning, March 1, at 12:30 in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo, after a long illness, just one day before his 63rd birthday.

Reverend Gene Grace, local Baptist minister, officiated and was assisted by Rev. C. R. Copeland, Methodist minister. Masonic Rites followed.

FIVE CITIZENS HAVE FILED FOR CITY COUNCIL

The names of five persons were filed with the City Clerk, Reba Wofford, for printing on the ballot of the April 2 City Election. The terms of Percy Farmer, and Al Thomas expire this year. Both have filed for re-election. Lloyd Anglin, Wayne Edwards, and Harrison Hall are the other three who have filed with the clerk for Councilman posts.

Albert S. Thomas was appointed after the election last year to fill out the unexpired term of C. E. Kirk who was elected as mayor of Wheeler at the election last spring.

Percy Farmer has been on the council for several terms and has asked for re-election. The other three are all longtime residents of the City of Wheeler but are more or less newcomers in the group of aspirants for city council posts.

The election will be held on Tuesday, April 2. All voters are urged to come out and voice their selection for council posts. Two are to be elected.

At the same time qualified voters (Continued on last page)

MUSIC PROGRAM HERE MARCH 15

There will be a hot time in Wheeler on Friday night, March 15, when a musical program will be held at the school gymnasium, according to an announcement made this week by Dick Guynes. The program will start at 7:00 o'clock.

The Wheeler Ramblers with Minnie Pearl, the Green's Pantomime and the Bunny Hop will kick off the program. The Keys from Cheyenne Okla., with Rollin Reimer, the Rock N Roll Artist, follow. It is said that he even out does Elvis Presley.

The Browns, Wallace, Gene, and Don, with Gene fiddling the fiddle will bring many enjoyable numbers. Joe Flowers Band of Sweetwater, Okla., with two men playing one guitar will be featured in the program. G. R. Buckner Band of Shamrock and The Kelton Players will also be featured numbers in the evenings entertainment.

There will be an admission charge of 50c for adults and 25c for children. The proceeds of the program will be used in support of the Boy Scout movement and the High School Bleacher Fund. Come out and enjoy the evening of musical entertainment and support these two worthy funds, Mr. Guynes urged.

HOSPITAL NOTES

PATIENTS ADMITTED
Richie Barton, Mobeetie, February 27
Newman Riley, Twitty, February 27
Mrs. C. L. Markham, Tulsa, February 27
Mrs. Marl Jaco, March 2
Mrs. Lavina Hyatt, March 3
Bob Martin, Briscoe, March 3
Charlie Nixon, Mobeetie, March 5

PATIENTS DISMISSED
Mrs. M. C. Pigg, Wellington, February 28
Mrs. O. Lewis, February 27
Mrs. N. D. Ware, Jr. March 1
Mrs. Jerry Lewis, Ft. Worth, March 2
Mrs. J. L. Hudson, Childress, March 3
Richie Barton, February 28

Births
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robison of Amarillo announce the arrival of a seven pound fifteen ounce boy February 26, and named Steven Wayne. The grandparents are Mrs. Bessie Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hooker.

City Council Asks Expression of Voters

The City Council and the Mayor are herewith giving an expression on the much talked about bonds of the City of Wheeler. The bonds in question are the Water and Sewer improvement bonds voted by the public last spring. At the time the bonds were voted the council thinks the people did not understand the tax costs involved and are making his statement in an effort to get the voters of Wheeler to say what they want done in the matter of selling the bonds and going ahead with the proposed project.

Their statement follows:
Statement from the City Council to the Property Owning Tax-Payers of the City of Wheeler, Texas.

GREETINGS:
During the past year the citizens of Wheeler, by a decisive majority voted to sell \$110,000.00 in tax revenue Bonds for the purpose of water and sewer extensions and improvement.

It appears to your City Council that when the Bonds were approved, the people were of the opinion that a tax rate of \$1.00 would be sufficient for City needs and retiring of the Bonds. Folks from the start this was entirely impossible. Your council shall make no attempt to explain, but will give you some reasons why they followed the course they have chosen to take.

We realize that we have a legal right to set a tax rate up to as high as \$1.50 and go ahead. We do not feel that morally we have this right, unless the people know what we will have to do to proceed and approve of same. Due to the position in which this has your City Council, we do not think it would be a wise course on our part to go ahead until the people realize and understand what we must do and give their approval.

Due to all of this we are calling on you to once more, consider the entire proposition and let us know your desires in this matter. This by Ballot at the next election. Should you vote again in favor of Bonds, we will set a tax rate that will support them and proceed at once.

To get a clear picture of the entire situation, it is necessary that first, you know something about the finances and the financial condition of your City and where the money comes from, where it goes, and how much is needed.

The previous year and before extension of the City limits, the taxable valuation was \$567,457.00. The tax rate was \$1.00. It has been the custom, and your present Council has followed it to pay the Tax Collector 2% for assessing and 2% for collecting the tax. After these deductions on the above, there was paid into the City treasury \$5,303.01 for the year 1955.

On April 1, 1956, which is the beginning of our fiscal year, the City had \$769.11 cash on hand, still to be collected was the water and sewer accounts for March. Then there was the accounts and salaries for March to be paid. You will note the previous years tax money was gone.

On the first meeting night of the New Council, there was \$1400.00 in bills that we could not pay, for lack of funds. A sizeable amount of this was \$835.20, for hose for fire truck, purchased the previous year. This hose was needed and should have been purchased, but we had to pay for it.

In addition to this, there was \$8,800.00 in notes at the Bank, namely the final \$500.00 on fire truck, and \$3,500 that was borrowed to pay on repair to water tower. These two notes fell due and there was no money to pay them. Mr. Holt, as he always is, was very kind and gracious, about this and permitted us to renew the notes to February 1, 1957, when we would have some tax money in. Also, he would have let us have more time but it was our desire to pay them and stop the interest, which during the year, on the two notes came to \$183.30. On February 1, 1957, these two notes were paid in full, so there went \$4,000.00 of the new tax money.

The other \$4,800 note was for the motor-grader, which cost \$5,500.00 and is being paid off by monthly payments of \$140.00 plus interest. After the payment this

month, that will be down to \$3,120.00 plus interest, and will be about two more years to pay it in full.
Then we were informed that there was sufficient money in sinking fund for revenue bonds, to care for it up to September 1, when the next bond fell due. So for four months we did not put \$260.00 in this fund as was previously being done, making a total of \$1040.00, we did not transfer to sinking fund. Now at this time we were told that had been misread and the fund was about \$2,000.00 short of requirement. It made little difference, since we did not have the money to transfer.
This fund must be brought up to the required reserve, so there goes another \$2,000.00, of the new tax money. This makes a total of \$6,000.00 of this years tax money, already accounted for. In addition to this we put \$250.00 per month revenue money in this account, to pay for Bond due September 1, 1957, in addition to this, there is set aside another \$815.00 of the tax money to pay the water well bond due October 1, 1957.
It took us nearly all summer to catch up and pay off the \$1400.00. When that was cleared, we used the first available money to repair paving. Water and Sewer revenue is down during the winter months and it will require some of the tax money to help with expenses during that time. Total Water and Sewer revenue last year was \$22,559.20. This year to date it is \$22,553.26 with March still to be collected to complete the year.
It would make this to long to go into all expense when this was used up, but your Mayor would be glad to go into that with anyone that might be interested.
Now a look at our Bonded obligations. At the beginning of the year we had outstanding in revenue Bonds and interest \$33,280.00. The last bond in this series due September 1, 1968. In water well tax bonds plus interest there was \$14,795.00. One revenue bond plus interest was paid on September 1, 1956, in the amount of \$3,040.00 leaving a balance of \$30,240.00 yet to pay. In water well tax bonds, one in the amount of \$830.00 which includes interest was paid October 1, 1956, leaving in that account still due \$13,965.00. These bonds run to October 1, 1977. This leaves us with a present bond and interest debt in the amount of \$44,205.00.
Your Council realizes that to the average citizen it probably looks as if we are doing nothing, so take a look.
The \$1400.00 has been paid, plus \$500.00 Fire truck warrant plus \$22.90 interest paid. The \$3500.00 on water tower, plus \$160.40 interest also paid. \$1680 plus carrying charges has been paid on Motorgrader note. Then we paid \$200.00 to lawyer for fixing up the Bond election. A \$55.00 bill made the previous year for communication system on Fire Truck was paid in December. Then we have installed four man-holes on sewer line for Main Street that was a part of, and should have been installed when paving was done. This has all been paid, except the \$3,120.00, still due on grader note, which is being paid at the \$140.00 per month plus interest.
We have had no surplus money to do anything else. The City finances are now getting in good shape, and we hope to do a little more the coming year, tho we will not have as much as the previous administration, which had the \$5,303.01 in tax money as already (Continued on last page)

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LEGAL NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—**GREETING:**

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cause to be published for not less than 20 days, exclusive of the day of publication before the return day hereof, in The Wheeler Times, a newspaper published in Wheeler County, Texas, a copy of the following notice: **THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF P. P. Corcoran, Deceased, No. 1056, County Court, Wheeler County, Texas. Ellen C. Hanning and Charlie Corcoran Administrators in the above numbered and entitled estate filed on the 26th day of February, 1957 their verified ac-

count for final settlement of said estate and requests that said estate be settled and closed, and said applicant be discharged from their trust.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from date of publication, the same being the 1st day of April, 1957, at the County Courthouse in Wheeler, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Wheeler, Texas, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1957.

Harry Wofford
Clerk of the County Court, Wheeler County, Texas
By Wanda Pruitt
Deputy

Newspaper Advertising Page

Wheeler County Soil Conservation District News

The Supervisors of the Wheeler District have been spending a good bit of time for the past few weeks selling subscriptions to the magazine Soil and Water. This publication is owned and operated by the soil conservation districts of Texas. It is the only publication of its kind and should be read by every farmer.

After considerable delay because of dry weather, some spring construction work is now underway. O. C. Evans and Fred Nicholson have just completed terraces on their places east of Shamrock. Soil Conservation Service personnel assisting the district have several jobs laid off near Twitty. These should be built soon.

Many farmers are taking advantage of the Soil Bank to get old cropland back to pasture. There are many places where grass strips are needed to carry runoff water. The Soil Bank can be used to get seedings of this kind made also if the area to be seeded is over five acres. Smaller areas that need to be shaped into waterways are included in the ACP program this year. Payment includes both the shaping and the seeding.

Executive secretary.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pletcher of Lubbock were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers.

A 2c Doyle L. Brown who is stationed at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, is here for a fifteen day visit with his wife, Yolanda Brown and daughter, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown.

Mrs. Faye Havenhill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anglin, returned to her home in San Benito, Calif., after a three months stay she had major surgery in Pampa while here.

Those attending the funeral for Roy Puckett in Sayre, Okla., Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wofford, Ed Watson, Mrs. Madge Porter, Mrs. Glenda Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Gunter. Mr. Puckett is a former Wheeler resident.

Hester Dodson and Pat and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Killingsworth attended the singing at Erick, Okla., Sunday afternoon.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Grady Harris and Marcella Patterson returned from College Station where they visited Jimmy and Madge Horton and the new grandson, Brock.

Mrs. Vinita Hopkins and two sons of Austin, returned home to Austin Thursday after visiting her mother Sallie Harris and grandmother, Mrs. Belle Carson, who is in Canadian Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Dyer were called to Odessa Saturday by their daughter, Mrs. Margaret Dennis. The granddaughter was quite ill. Mrs. Dyer remained this week to care for her.

Mrs. Sallie Harris visited with her mother, Mrs. Carson, at Canadian hospital Tuesday evening. She is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Risner and Darla spent the week end visiting the Henry Risners in Midland. Sunday they came back to Abilene, to attend a family reunion celebrating her fathers birthday.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

MARCH 11-15
MONDAY
Hamburger Steaks, New Potatoes in Gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Butter, Milk, Cookies and Pineapple Slices.

TUESDAY
Chicken Pie, Buttered Whole Carrots, Pea Salad, Bread, Butter, Milk, Burnt Sugar Cake.

WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans, and Ham Hock, Breaded Tomatoes and Okra, Spring Salad, Corn Bread, Butter, Milk and Banana Pudding.

THURSDAY
Hamburgers, Pork and Beans, Carrot and Pineapple Jello Salad, Potato Chips, Milk and German Chocolate Cake.

FRIDAY
Tuna Fish Salad, Spaghetti and Cheese, Mixed Greens, Home Made Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk & Spiced Apple Slices.

Dick Pendletons Are Honored With Party

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pendleton and children were honored Sunday night, with a going away Fellowship meeting after Church in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Nations. Cake and coffee was served to about forty-five guests.

4-H Party Held At Briscoe, Tues. Night

The boys and girls of the Briscoe 4-H clubs met and enjoyed a party in the Gym, Tuesday, February 26th. Mrs. E. G. Fillingim was in charge of the games. Refreshments of cookies, sandwiches and colas were served.

The colas were furnished by the Shamrock Coca Cola Company. There were 43 present including

eight adults. All reported a good time.
Saundra Meek, reporter

Sunday dinner guests in the Wayne Edwards home were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards, Brenda and Ruth Ann, and Mrs. Gwyn Edwards of Rising Sun, Md., Mrs. Hank Brown and Lisa Kay of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boone, Mrs. Ethel Boone, Boyd and Joan of Sunray, Cecil Edwards of Pampa, and Scott Helton of Wheeler. Afternoon callers were:



Mr. and Mrs. W. G. M... spent Monday night with mother, Mrs. R. O. Johnson, where Mr. Murchinson was played.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Adams children of Pampa, Le... wards of Quanah, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crossland and of Borger, Mrs. Floyd... Mr. and Mrs. Ben Helton... dren and Virgil Helton.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
GAS UTILITIES DIVISION

IN RE APPEAL OF WHEELER GAS COMPANY FROM RATES FIXED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELER, TEXAS, ON FEBRUARY 7, 1957.

GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 232

NOTICE OF HEARING

WHEREAS, It appearing to the Railroad Commission of Texas that on January 1, 1957, the Wheeler Gas Company filed its application with the City of Wheeler, for approval of an increase in rates from natural gas distributed for domestic and commercial uses within the City of Wheeler, Texas, and that the City of Wheeler, Texas, did not approve the Company's proposed schedule of rates but did on or about February 7, 1957, approve and adopt by Ordinance an increased schedule of rates which the Wheeler Gas Company finds wholly inadequate and insufficient. Wheeler Gas Company is engaged in the business of selling and distributing natural gas and natural gas service within the City of Wheeler, Texas, and has duly filed its petition with the Railroad Commission of Texas for relief from the action taken by the City of Wheeler, Texas; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the appeal of said Company has been duly received by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and that a hearing should be held to determine, fix and order fair, just and reasonable rates to be charged for domestic natural gas and natural gas service within the City of Wheeler, Texas; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that there are persons purchasing natural gas and natural gas service from Wheeler Gas Company, who reside within the immediate vicinity of the City of Wheeler, Texas, but outside its corporate limits, and such persons are being served by and from the distribution system serving those customers residing within the corporate limits of the City of Wheeler, Texas, and that the Railroad Commission should therefore exercise its original jurisdiction to fix and order fair, just and reasonable rates to be charged such persons by Wheeler Gas Company.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, that Wheeler Gas Company and the City of Wheeler, Texas, be and appear before the Commission at 10:00 A. M., March 18, 1957, at the Commission's hearing room in the Tribune Building, at Austin, Texas, then and there to present all relevant facts and information as to the value of the property of Wheeler Gas Company used and useful in serving all customers from and through the distribution system serving the inhabitants residing in and adjacent to the City of Wheeler, Texas; and all facts and information as to total income derived from and operating expenses incurred in serving all customers for a representative accounting period not less than 5 calendar years; and to have available all books, records, accounts and vouchers, or complete exhibits setting out same, of investment and operating in the conduct of the business of said Wheeler Gas Company in serving said customers, together with any and all facts, evidence, information and data necessary to determine and fix just and reasonable rates for domestic and commercial gas and gas service to be charged said customers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Railroad Commission of Texas that Wheeler Gas Company shall compile and furnish data pertaining to the elements of value of property to be considered in fixing just and reasonable rates, such data to be submitted in such form that each of the rate base theories such as reproduction cost less observed depreciation, historical original cost less accrued depreciation, book cost less accrued depreciation, net book investment, and trended original cost will be available for comparative purposes, it being in the opinion of the Commission that the petitioner herein has the data readily available to it, and further that such data submitted in comparative form is desirable so that the Commission will have available in the record the data pertaining to the elements of value, and the method of calculation for each rate base theory.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that the Railroad Commission of Texas or any of its members is not present to preside over and hold said hearing, then in that event the Director of the Gas Utilities Division or the Examiner thereof is hereby designated and empowered to hold the same and to do and perform any act as provided in Article 6519A, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Notice of Hearing be mailed to Wheeler Gas Company and the City of Wheeler, Texas, which shall constitute notice of such hearing.

DONE AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, this 26th day of February, 1957.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OLIN CULBERSON
CHAIRMAN
ERNEST O. THOMPSON
COMMISSIONER
W. J. MURRAY, Jr.
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:
O. D. HENDMAN
SECRETARY

(Paid Advertisement)

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Merritt of Weatherford, Tex., and Mrs. Florence McCabe of Dallas, visited in the C. C. Merritt home over the week end. Mrs. McCabe stayed for an extended visit with the Merritts.

John L. Manning recently made an initial purchase of six registered Avshire cows, according to the Avshire Breeders' Association

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NEBLET'S GOLDEN Corn 2 12 Oz. Cans 29c

GORTON'S FROZEN COD FILLETS 1 Lb. Pkg. 39c

Gorton's Fresh Frozen FISH STICKS 8 Oz. Pkg. 39c

LIBBY'S FRUIT COCKTAIL 3 303 Cans 69c

CARNATION Milk 3 tall cans 43c

I.G.A. GRATED Tuna 3 cans 59c

T. V. FRESH FROZEN Peas 2 10 Oz. Pkgs. 33c

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GOOD VALUE PEANUT BUTTER 18 Oz. Refrigerator Jar 39c

WILSON'S CERTIFIED SMOKED HAMS

12 TO 16 POUND AVERAGE WHOLE OR SHANK HALF

lb. 51c

FRESH GROUND BEEF 4 lbs. \$1.00

I.G.A. Table Rite Smoked Sliced Bacon lb. 53c

I.G.A. Table Rite 1 Lb. Cello Roll PORK Sausage 33c

KREE-MEE 2 POUNDS Cheese 69c

CLAY Food Store

Save Valuable IGA Red Stamps—Double on Wed

NU-WAY BLEACH QUART 15c

ALLISON NEWS

Mrs. Lester Levitt
 (Written for last week)
 and Mrs. Roma Brown and
 son of Dumas, Ira Fish and
 of Fayetteville, Ark., and
 Mrs. Charles Townsley of
 spent the week end here
 relatives and friends.
 and Mrs. Lester Levitt spent
 day and Sunday at Borger

CHRONIC ARTHRITIC VICTIMS
 Meted Faster Relief From Pains

Special Esteric Control Tablet. Quick-
 relief blood stream from intestine.
 Get genuine A.K. Pain Relief

CITY DRUG

with the Roy Langford and Lyn
 Levitt families. Texas Langford
 returned to Allison with her
 grandparents for a week visit.
 Rev. Howard Smelser and family
 were dinner guests in the Bruce
 Harrison home Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Jones
 and daughter from Groom visited
 Mrs. G. A. Wise Sunday.
 Raymond Jones and family have
 moved to Pampa to make their
 home.
 D. Harrison and family of Amarillo,
 J. D. Wallace and family of
 Stinnett and Mrs. Roxie Sanford
 of Reydon were guests in the
 Bruce Harrison home over the
 week end.
 Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Hall and
 Gayle accompanied by Mrs. Curtis
 Hall from Amarillo spent from
 Thursday until Sunday at Colo-

rado Springs, where they visited
 Pvt. Curtis Hall who is stationed
 there.
 Mrs. Blanche Begert from Dimitt
 accompanied Edwin Begert
 and Gene Levitt, Canyon College
 students, here Friday, where they
 spent the week end with home
 folks.
 Rex Miller and Verlin Haggeman
 made a business trip to Draw-
 ley, Calif., the last of the week.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Curlee of
 Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. C.
 C. Curlee recently.
 Eldie Forsythe and family of
 Oklahoma City, Kenneth Levitt
 and family of Amarillo and J. L.
 Levitt and family of Borger spent
 the week end with the M. K.
 Levitts.
 Gary Hall was a patient in the
 Wheeler Hospital most of last
 week, for treatment.
 Mrs. Nona Hall and children
 visited relatives at Wheeler, Sun-
 day.
 Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Jones were
 in Pampa Tuesday to meet their
 son Troy Dean and family of Lub-
 bock. Troy Dean was chosen out
 of three to go to Pampa as judge
 of fat stock.
 Mr. and Mrs. Nick Weibe and
 Linda and Mr. and Mrs. C. L.
 Markham, accompanied by Glen
 Markham and family from Cana-
 dian spent the week end at Lub-
 bock with Mr. and Mrs. Charles
 Weibe.
 Rev. Moody and family of Borger
 and Bill Donaldson and family
 were dinner guests in the Loyd
 Jones home Sunday. The Moody's
 were supper guests in the home
 of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Grayson.
 Mrs. Glen Hardy of Gage, Okla.,
 returned to her home there, after
 spending a week here with her
 daughter, Mrs. Bob Watchous, and
 new grandbaby Pamela Jo, and
 Mr. Watchous.
 K. E. Morse has been on the
 sick list recently.
 Rev. A. J. Bolt and family of
 Amarillo, A. G. Cochran and Mrs.
 John E. Jones were dinner guests
 in the Harold Jones' home Sun-
 day. Raymond Wright and family
 of Reydon, called in the after-
 noon.
 Lorrin Dillon of Kankaker, Ill.,
 spent the week end here with Mr.
 and Mrs. Archie Dillon. Sunday
 the Dillons and Mrs. Rex Miller
 and children and Shot Childress
 motored to Wellington and spent
 the day with the Claude and Dud-
 ley McMillan families.
 Several from the Pentecostal
 Church attended a Ladies Auxil-
 iary rally at Borger Thursday
 night.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Evans had
 as their week end guests, Mrs.
 Gille Brock of Amarillo, Mr. and
 Mrs. George Bradstreet and Har-
 ley Wright and family of Briscoe,
 Jack Evans and family of Letors
 and Ronald Evans and family.
 Mr. and Mrs. Billy Aaron of
 Dallas visited in the parental

Forace Evans home recently.
 Kenneth Chandler and family of
 Pampa visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank
 Chandler and Katherine, Monday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chandler
 were dinner guests in the Willie
 Boydston home Sunday.

JANUARY BOND SALES INCREASE

E Bond sales in Texas during
 January increased 5.4% over the
 same month in 1956.
 This announcement was made
 today by Mr. Nathan Adams,
 Chairman and Mr. Ed Gossett,
 State Co-Chairman, of the Savings
 Bonds Committee for Texas. Total
 sales for the month were \$17,637,
 189 which is 9.1% of the state
 1957 goal of \$193,160,000.
 Mr. R. J. Holt, Wheeler County
 Chairman, reported that sales in
 this county amounted to \$8,375
 during January.
 "By purchasing U. S. Savings
 Bonds the people of Wheeler
 County not only help themselves
 but also help in the Nation's battle
 against inflation," Chairman
 Holt stated.

Briscoe Club Has Meeting

The Briscoe 4-H Club met
 February 5th, 1957, at Briscoe
 School. The business was con-
 ducted by the president, Ruth Fil-
 lingham. Discussion was held about
 the entries in the county wide
 "Fun Festival and the County De-
 monstrations." Electrical, vegeta-
 ble and dairy foods are to be
 most of the entries. Miss Crippen
 gave a demonstration on dairy
 foods.
 Those present were: Ruth Filling-
 gim, Sandra Meek, Jean Zybach,
 Jacquelyn Dodd, Violet Fillingim,
 Charlotte Austin, Annie Riley,
 Cheryl Wheeler, Beth Healey,
 Arvella Powell, Estelle Fillingim,
 Mozelle Fillingim, Carolyn Abbott,
 and Mari Kay Wilhelm. Reporter:
 Sandra Meek.

Newspaper Advertising Pays.

Mary Dodd Hostess To Briscoe H. D. Club

Mary Margaret Dodd was hos-
 tess when Briscoe H. D. Club met
 on Tuesday, February 19th.
 Subject of the demonstration
 "Increased Understanding of Self
 and Family". This was given by
 Emma Rogers. Each member of
 the family need to hear a recogni-
 tion of appreciation for the things
 they do to make a home run
 smoothly. Try the magic of "Thank
 You," on each one for little deeds
 of kindness shown you and see
 how contagious it is to the entire
 family. Children are great invita-
 tions. If we are to have courteous
 appreciative families, it is up to
 us to set the example. We must
 search for a word of praise for
 the efforts of a task finished well
 or not. Finding fault, discourages
 further effort.

Goals committee reported work
 done on club house. They reported
 that Jim Clark would furnish
 material and stucco the building
 for \$125.00. Motion carried to have
 Jim stucco as soon as he could
 get to it. Work day was set for
 Tuesday February 26. All day
 meeting to get the building ready
 for the stucco work. Plans for an
 outside fire place, with tables and
 benches were discussed. Committee
 was appointed to get a list of
 needed material and the cost.

The next meeting will be March
 5th, with Emma Rogers as hostess.
 Miss Crippen will give the demon-
 stration on Building Clothes Lines.
 Thirteen members were present
 for this meeting and were as fol-
 lows: Ruby and Anna Zybach,
 Katy Finsterwald, Josie Lee, Mary
 Dodd, Jane Kiker, Viola Parker,
 Lou Dean Douthit, Wilhene Wat-
 ers, Effie Renfro, Essie Finster-
 wald, Berniece Ramsey and Emma
 Rogers.

Mobeetie Birthday Club Has Meeting

The Mobeetie Birthday Club met
 in the home of Mrs. Minnie Gatlin,
 February 14, for a social hour.
 Three birthdays were observed.

Each received a nice assortment
 of gifts.

The next meeting will be March
 13, in the home of Mrs. Nora
 Trusty. New officers were assigned.
 Those present were: Minnie Beck,
 Fanny Bartram, Emalie Smith,
 Nora Murrell, Sally Ring, Minnie
 Gatlin, Eva Myers, Minnie Bailey,
 Francis Tolar, and Clara Hathaway.

The club was put off last month
 on account of bad weather, and

several were sick at the time
 this meeting.

Cecil Edwards and son, She-
 man, of Pampa, visited in the
 Wayne Edwards home Sunday.

Mrs. C. N. Wofford and Reba
 were Shamrock visitors Sunday.

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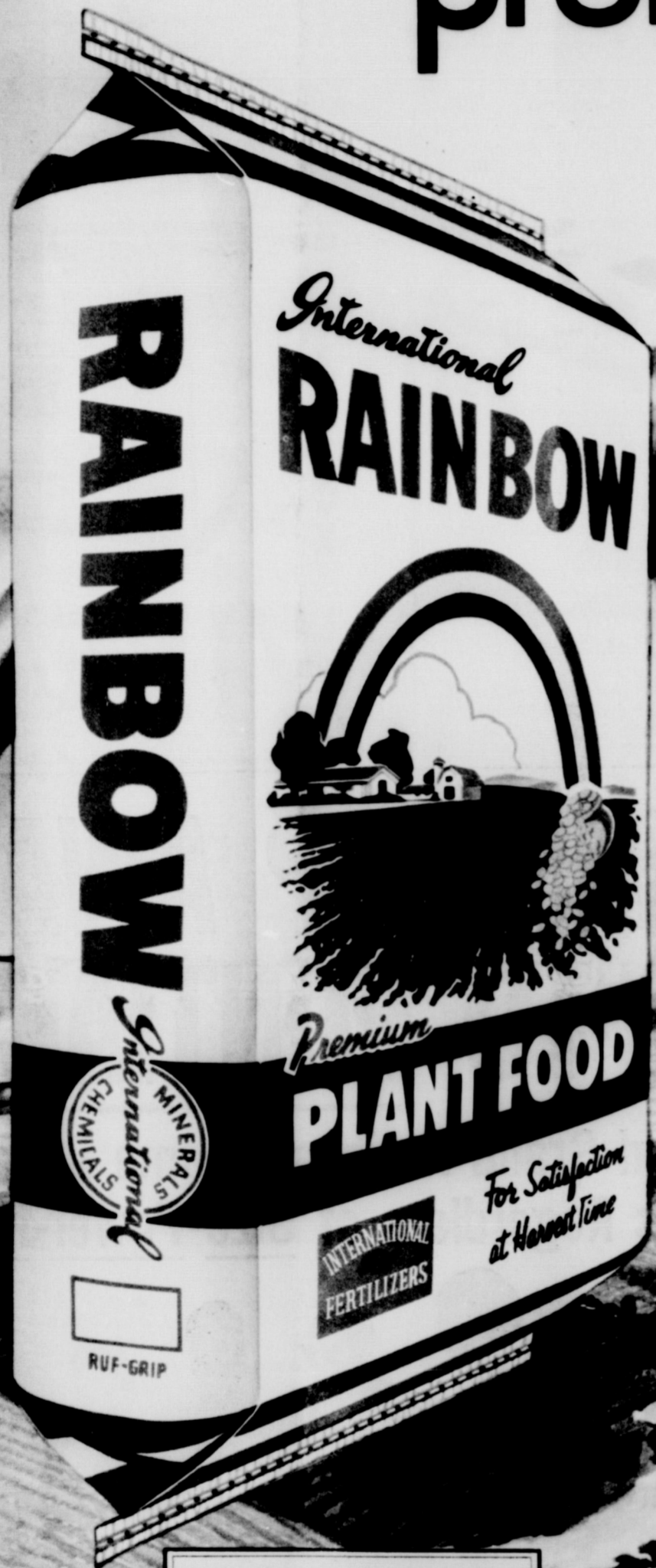
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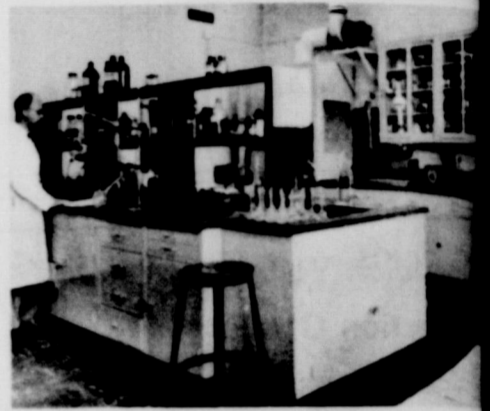
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DR. R. P. THOMAS
 Technical Service Supervisor
 of Plant Food Division

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FOR RENT—Grass Drill, 50c per acre. Briscoe and Allison FFA. See Jimmy Haston at Briscoe or call 5011, Wheeler. 10-tfc

WANTED—Man for profitable Rawleigh Business in Wheeler Co. Products well known. Real Opportunity. See J. A. Tucker 511 1/2 N. Wall St. Shamrock or write Rawleigh's Dept., TXB-151-119, Memphis, Tenn. 10-5tp

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CARD OF THANKS

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Dora Sullivan and family Kay Smith and family Zora Sanders and family Pearl Knudsen and family Will Weeks and family Lufe Weeks and family John Weeks and family

County Supt. Jesse J. Dyer made a business trip to Shamrock, Kellerville and Lela Schools Tuesday. Mrs. Walter Anglin received a telegram Sunday, of the passing of her sister, Mrs. Bertie Anglin in Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Ethel Boone, Boyd and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boone of Sunray, spent Saturday night in the Ben Helton home.

KIWANIS NOTES

The Wheeler Kiwanis Club observed Texas Independence Day with a very enlightening program brought by Mrs. Gordon Stiles at their regular meeting in Fellowship Hall Monday noon. Mrs. Stiles gave a brief history of the settling of Texas and the war with Mexico in which she won her independence. The talk was well received.

The regular monthly directors meeting will be held Thursday evening in the commissioners courtroom. Secretary Reeves asked for all committee reports to be handed him.

Five members of the Pampa club attended for an Inter-Club visit.

P. E. announced that he would be away for a month and that George Taylor would be in charge of program arrangements during his absence.

Mrs. Stiles wound up her talk with the thought that, "Texas is so fabulous that you cannot tell the truth and not sound like a liar."

Roy Puckett

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Survivors are his wife, a son, Capt. R. J. Puckett, Mount Home air base, Idaho, his father, T. S. Puckett, five brothers, Henry of Cheyenne, T. S. Jr., of Carnegie, Carl of Movado, Calif., Bert of Sayre, Kermit of San Diego, three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Brauch of Erick, Mrs. Mary Culp of Spring Valley, Calif., Mrs. Virginia McLean of Sayre.

Committal will be in the Sayre Dorey cemetery with the Scroggins Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Laffin of Miami visited his father, the Carl Laffin's Sunday.

Locals

Mrs. Cliff Golsen and Dorothy of Shamrock were Wheeler shoppers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crossland and children of Borger were Wheeler and Briscoe visitors over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fingerwald of the Briscoe community were Wheeler shoppers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gipson and baby of Shamrock spent the week end in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jewel Rimmer.

Chester Bowles is a patient in an Amarillo Hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Laycock and baby of Pampa visited in Wheeler over the week end with their parents, the Cecil Densons and Harold Laycock's.

Joe Puryear of Amarillo spent the week end with the Isaac Carter's of Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Nations spent Sunday afternoon in Memphis, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin May and

children and Mr. and Mr. Amos May visited the Glen Robertson's of White Deer, Sunday.

Mrs. Don Alexander of Perryton spent from Thursday until Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burley Mann.

Mrs. Burley Mann and LaJune Alexander visited in the Johnnie Burrell home in the Kelton community Saturday morning.

Marvin Dale Barker of Shamrock visited the Buster Callan's Saturday.

Mrs. George Weems Entertains Club

The '54 Study Club met February 19 in the Cafeteria with Mrs. George Weems as hostess and Mrs. C. C. Crowder as co-hostess. Mrs. C. J. Meek gave the book review on "Sand in my Eyes." There were nine members and three visitors present. The members were Mesdames Carroll Adams Isaac Carter, C. C. Crowder, Hazel Davidson, Amos May, Jim Montgomery, Joe Rogers, Harold Sivage, and George Weems. The visitors were Mrs. C. J. Meek, Mrs. R. Wm. Brokn, and Mrs. Puryear. The next meeting will be March 5.

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THE RAILROADS OF TEXAS

School Trustees —
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attached a non-subversive oath properly executed by the candidate. A candidate for county trustee may get his name printed on the county trustee election ballot in the same manner as the local trustee except that five legal qualified voters residing in the respective Commissioners precinct sign the petition.

It is unlawful for the County Judge to have any ones name printed on the ballot unless all the above requirements are met.

All legal qualified voters residing in the local district may vote for local trustees in county line districts those residing in the district but not in Wheeler County may vote for local trustees.

Legal qualified voters residing in Commissioners Precinct No. 1 may vote for a county trustee in that Precinct.

Legal qualified voters residing in Commissioners Precinct No. 3 may vote for a county trustee in that Precinct.

Briscoe is a County Line District partly in Precinct No. 2 and partly in Precinct No. 1 partly in Wheeler County and partly in Hemphill County. The part in Hemphill County is in neither Wheeler County Precinct 1 or Precinct No. 2 and there is no law stating where the dividing line is between Precinct one and Precinct 2 in Hemphill County. We would presume that a man who voted in precinct 2 last year and now resides at the same place is still in Precinct No. 2 and not in Precinct 1 this year.

Forms for the petitions to get names on the tickets for local trustees and non-subversive oaths may be had from the County Judges office.

All petition to get ones name on the ballot must be in the County Judges office, Wheeler, Texas at least 10 days before the election.

Five Citizens —
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ers are being asked by the City Council to vote on the proposition of whether the bonds voted last spring be sold and a sufficient tax levy applied to pay off same. Story about this action will be found elsewhere in this issue. Qualified voters for this proposition will vote at the same time and place but will be furnished separate ballots and ballot boxes for the bond issue ballot.

A voter in the bond election part of the election will be only those persons who have rendered property for taxation and hold a current poll tax receipt. These qualifications are required by state law, according to Mayor C. B. Kirk.

Last Rites —
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Calif. and Joe of Mobeetic; four daughters, Mrs. Jimmie Hall and Mrs. Pauline Wolfe both of Amarillo, Mrs. Jaunell Eberling of Laketon and Mrs. Mae Allen of Cheyenne, Okla., one brother, Mike Shelton of Pampa; and three sisters, Mrs. Susie Murry of Miami, Mrs. Fannie Jackson of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Robert Hollis Pampa, 16 grandchildren also survive.

Interment was in the Mobeetic Cemetery under the direction of Duenkel-Carmichael Funeral Home of Pampa.

Guests in the Wayne Edwards home Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Atwood and children of Pampa, Mrs. Ethel Boone and family of Sunray, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Brown and daughter of Amarillo and Mrs. Floyd Atherton of Wheeler.

WEEK END SPECIALS

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- Men's & Boys Jackets 1/2 Off
- Men's Long Sleeve Sport Shirts 1.98
- Men's Cotton Flannel Shirts, Reg. 2.79 for 1.98
- Group Of Ladies Shoes 1/2 Price
- Group Of Ladies Shoes and House Shoes 1.00
- Ladies Wool Mittens 25c
- Boys Long Sleeve Sport Shirts 1.49
- Men's Dress Pants up to 11.95 For 5.95
- A Group Of Men's Felt Hats \$3.95
- Shirt Lengths, Reg. 1.98 For 1.00

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City Council —
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explained, and that, without the extended City limits, Your Council thinks that they are entitled to at least that much, and with the with the extended limits, would expect more, were it not for the fact, that during the year a 2% gross receipts tax was placed on all utilities, using streets or galleries, which is city property. Surely no one would expect a City Council to operate with the extended city limits on the same amount that was previously used for city, before limits were extended.

We hope and think the 2% tax will make up the extra amount needed, at least for the present. With this all in mind, now let us take a look at the Bond business. After the equalization on valuations, we came up with a taxable valuation of \$1,151,392.00. Of this amount \$95,202.00 is on automobiles.

Folks, at the present time down at Austin, there is a bill before the house to ban taxing of cars. Should this bill pass it will vitally affect our valuation and require a considerable raise in tax on the rest of it. Our tax limit set by law is \$1.50, after that the only way to get more is a raise in water and sewer rates.

In talking to various bond buyers and others, we found that they use 90% collectable for all purposes of setting up a tax rate and sinking fund for retiring of Bonds, so that is the figure we must use. At 90% collectable less 2% assessment and 2% collection fees, our present valuation should have brought to the City \$9,752.60, deduct the \$5,265.01 previously had and it leaves \$4,487.59 to pay on new bonds. It takes 55c rate on our present valuation to get the \$5,303.01 as previously had.

\$110,000.00 in Bonds on 25 year basis, it takes \$4,400.00 per year to pay principle. It takes 45c to get that. The 55c plus the 45c comes up \$1.00 of the rate and we still have interest to account for. There has been no chance here, it is now and was that all of the time. At 4% the interest comes to \$67,880.00 or \$2715.20 per year. That would take 28c more or a tax of \$1.28 at 4 1/2% interest would be \$72,165.00 or \$2,886.60 per year. That would be 30c more or a tax of \$1.30.

At 4 1/2% total interest would be \$76,065.00 or \$3,042.60 per year. 32c more or a rate of \$1.32. At 4 3/4% total interest would be \$80,607.00 or \$3,224.28 per year. That would take 34c more or a tax of \$1.34. At 5% total interest would be \$84,850.00 or \$3,394.00 per year that would be at least 36c, making total tax rate of \$1.36 and so it goes on.

We have contacted various Bond buyers and have had some talk of 3 1/2%, 4%, 4 1/2% and 4 3/4%, but no offer to take them at these figures. One buyer did offer to try to deal with us at 4 1/2%, but that would have been for first 10 years and the rest at a higher rate. We have not offered the bonds at public bid, but have found out what to expect should we do so. It is not good. The Bond market is not good, and Wheeler is not in a class with larger cities that have both growth and industry to offer as an inducement to bond buyers for lower interest rates. Our rate would always be higher than the larger city rate. We are not at all certain that any of the bonds can be sold at the 4 1/2% rate and are almost sure that at least part of them would be at a higher rate.

We hired, and expected to use the Engineer, Mr. Hatfield of Amarillo, who had advised on the project. We learned of a government agency that loaned money where a reasonable rate could not be obtained, provided we could qualify for same. We made application to this agency for the loan with our Bonds to back it up. It seemed their rate was 4 1/4%, on tax bonds to one small town. They called for an Engineering report on project. The Engineer met with us and agreed to get this report up for \$100.00. Time passed and they again ask for the report. The Engineer was contacted by phone and said it had got mixed up in office but he would get it out to us that week. That was first of December but we never did get the report.

During the last part of February the agency notified us that our application was set aside, but we could reopen negotiation at an early later date should we wish to do so. We do not know why, but we are reasonably certain that the Engineer walked out on us, so that is the end of this for the present at least.

Even tho the bonds are not sold we are in need of another water well. Should one of the present ones cause trouble during the summer months and be down several days or weeks, we would almost be out of water except for bare necessities.

There is a \$1.50 limit on tax rates for a town the size of Wheeler. It takes 55c on our present valuation to get the \$5,303.01 for

city needs. This includes money for the water well tax bonds. It all comes to this; we need what we had (55c) plus enough more to take care of the Bonds and interest, present indications are that it will take around \$1.35 or \$1.40 on present valuation, and more than that should we lose our valuation. As valuation goes down, it naturally follows that tax rate must go up accordingly. We might even have to place a higher valuation eventually to stay within the \$1.50 limit. No one can say exactly what the rate would be until Bonds are sold and interest rate established, but we can get close.

In any case your present Council does not feel that they should sell the Bonds at a much higher rate than it seems most people expected. The \$1.00 rate is impossible. Also your Mayor seriously doubts that the entire program can, or ever could have been, carried out for \$110,000.00. Due to all of this and with this information available, it is the desire of your City Council that the people once more express their desire on this issue by ballot, at the city election on April 2nd. This election has been called for the purpose as well as for election of two admlerns.

And folks consider this; You saw in the Wheeler Times under date of February 24, where only 87% instead of the 90% was collected. That according to information in paper left a total of \$1245.80 in taxes not collected. This will also have to be considered in setting any new tax rate. Multiply the \$1245.80 by the 25 years for paying Bonds you will find that it would be \$31,145.00, the rest of you would have to make up, should this rate of collecting tax continue. It will take the cold cash to pay for Bonds when they fall due. Same must be paid so if some fail to pay tax the rest will just simply have to make up the difference.

We ask the voters to give this matter their careful consideration and come out and vote when it comes up again on April 2nd. Remember if the issue is not sold and is not voided any future City Council can go ahead and sell the Bonds at some later date without asking anyone anything about it. We could do that now, but we have not been made to feel that it is the desire of a majority of the people that we do this.

For the year 1956, the City received in tax money, \$9,402.08. The previous year, 1955, City received \$5,303.01. This is a surplus of \$4,099.07 over old income and is what we would have had to apply to Bond payment, and remember the principles alone on 25 year Bonds is \$4,400.00 with interest still to be added. The surplus of \$4,099.07 received by City over the old rate is only about half enough to take care of the bond project. As previously explained we used it to pay notes at Bank and to bring sinking fund up to requirement. This took \$6,000.00 plus interest, leaving us only about \$3,400.00 for other purposes against the previous \$5,303.01. The past year we had no tax money to use since it was all gone, when we took over. For the coming year we have the \$3,400.00. This is \$1,900.00 less than the previous administration had for operation expenses. In addition to the \$3,400.00 we will have the amount the 2% gross receipts tax will bring in. We do not know just what that will be. This

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Anyone desiring further information on this matter is welcome to it if you will only come by and discuss it with your Mayor. He cannot remember exactly as to all of the figures when you see him down town, but he has them at his home and will gladly go over them with anyone.

New folks, the position of your City Council in this matter is entirely neutral. The stand we take is neither for or against the sale of the Bonds. Should you vote to go ahead and sell them, we will move in that direction as fast as we can and set a tax rate that will pay for them even tho it might be nearly to the \$1.50 limit. Should you vote to cancel them, then for the next year we will set a tax rate, that will or should bring in about the same amount of money as was previously had for city financing. We can not give the exact rate until valuations are established and verified for the coming year.

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Signed
City Council,
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