

Youngest Prosecutor



Edwin C. Hicks, District Attorney of Grant County, Oregon, is only 21 years old and didn't expect to be elected when he ran on the Democratic ticket.

1930 Texas Highway Building Will Total Sum of \$58,500,000

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Highway construction in Texas during the current year will call for the expenditure of \$58,500,000, according to a report submitted by the State Highway Commission to the United States Bureau of Roads, Department of Agriculture. These figures were collected from all the States in an effort to ascertain, if possible, the total to be spent on highway work, and show an estimate of \$1,601,167,455.00, which is almost a quarter of a million dollars more than spent for the same purpose last year.

Of the amount to be spent in Texas, \$25,000,000, it is estimated, will be required for state roads; \$3,000,000 for bridges; \$12,000,000 for upkeep and \$1,500,000 for miscellaneous overhead. In addition it is estimated that local authorities will spend not less than \$17,000,000 on roads and bridges for which they are responsible.

With the expenditures thus contemplated it is estimated that 1,650 miles of new road will be added to the state's total of 14,020. Of the new road the report shows there will be 800 miles of sand-clay, gravel and macadam, and 700 miles of asphalt, concrete or brick.

S. C. Rawlings for Constable of Precinct Number 3

The Texas Spur is this week authorized to announce S. C. Rawlings as a candidate for Constable of Precinct 3 of Dickens county, subject to the Democratic Primary election in July. Mr. Rawlings is now serving his first term as constable. He has been active in ferreting out law violations and making arrests in all violations coming under his observation or being brought to his attention. If favored for reelection Mr. Rawlings will continue to give the people the best service within his ability as a peace officer, and uphold the laws without fear or undue favors.

Voters of Precinct 3 are respectfully invited to give Mr. Rawlings' candidacy for reelection a due and deserved consideration at the polls in the Democratic Primary.

Revival Meetings Now in Progress in City of Spur

The city of Spur is now enjoying a season of religious revivals. The Baptists have a revival in progress under the guidance of Evangelist Dossey, and the services each day and night are being well attended, and are proving of real interest to those attending.

Under a big tent in the west part of the city, a girl evangelist, sixteen years of age, is conducting a revival under the auspices of the Holiness Church of which Rev. Cunningham is pastor. The girl evangelist is being assisted in the daily and nightly meetings by the Yearly Evangelistic party as singers.

Large crowds are attracted to the daily and nightly services, and the meetings will be continued throughout the week, and possibly over next week.

4-H Clubs Have Great Influence on Farm Life

It would be difficult to name any single influence which is doing more for the development of the young men and young women of America into useful citizenship than the 4-H Club movement. This year it is estimated that there will be more than ten thousand 4-H clubs organized in the United States. As the minimum number of members of a 4-H club is five, that means that 50,000 boys and girls engaged in intensive competitive effort for self-improvement in the fields which the four "H's" stand for—Head, Heart, Hand and Health.

At present there are eight different classes of competition around which the 4-H clubs are formed: corn, wheat, calves, pigs, sheep for the boys and canning, cooking, and sewing for the girls, although there have been and still are many girl members of the grain and livestock clubs. If they did nothing more than train these young folk in the most modern methods the clubs would be doing a great and valuable service, but they go farther than that. They teach the elements of team work, which in the future, even more than in the past, will be the key to successful farming and they inculcate the principles of good sportsmanship in teaching the unsuccessful competitors to be good losers. More important than those, even, is the stress laid upon exact cost accounting. The boy who has learned by his own 4-H club records just what it cost to grow a quarter-acre of corn or to raise a calf is going to be a better business man when he runs his own farm than most farmers today. And farming is on its way to be more of a business and less of a gamble than it has been.

There are still many rural communities in the United States which have no 4-H clubs. Such communities are backward by comparison with those which have encouraged the development of this practical, and productive method of helping the boys and girls to grow into better and healthier men and women.

Judging Team of School Will Go To Lubbock

On Monday, March 24th, the dairy judging team, composed of four Vocational Agriculture students from Spur High School, will go to Lubbock to compete in the Texas Tech judging contest. The team will not be chosen until Saturday, so cannot be announced to the paper this week. The team has a good chance to make a good showing in the contest at Lubbock. They will not have much hard competition and have had much more practice than most of the schools in this section.

W. D. Eldredge of McAdoo was in Spur the past week.

Sam Z. Hall Elected Superintendent of Spur Schools

Following the recent resignation of Superintendent R. N. Cluck, the Spur School Board this week employed Sam Z. Hall of Leonard, Texas, as Superintendent for the Spur Schools the next two terms, at a salary of \$3,200.00 per year and a promise of a raise if he makes good.

Prof. Hall is 35 years of age, has a wife and one son eight years of age. He has been superintendent of the Leonard schools the past five years, and the four years prior was at Rockston. He has had 14 years experience as teacher and superintendent of schools, and a distinguishing fact is that during the past thirty years he has remained and been employed within a radius of thirty miles of where he was born. He holds a B. S. degree from the North Texas Teachers College, and an M. A. degree from Southern Methodist University. Prof. Hall comes highly recommended not only as an able and efficient teacher, educator and school builder, but as a useful citizen, town and country booster and builder.

Spur has been fortunate from the beginning in securing men at the head of our schools who made progress each year, until at this time Spur Schools are recognized among the very best. Under the new superintendent we expect the school to continue to advance and progress in educational advantages and opportunities.

Vocational Agriculture Boys go to Fort Worth

The Vocational Agriculture boys, with Mr. Bethel, on Friday of last week motored to Fort Worth to take in the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

They all reached Fort Worth at four o'clock Friday afternoon. They were tired that night and all enjoyed a good night's sleep. The next morning they visited the exhibit and the Armour & Co. packing house. That afternoon they all went to the rodeo and saw the other exhibits. They showed great interest in all of the exhibits and they all now have a good idea of how good livestock should look.

Everyone making the trip reported the best time of their lives and hoped for another trip next week.

TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY

In making my announcement for the office of County and District Clerk, I do so fully realizing the importance of the office and too, the fact that our county has been blessed with some of the best and most accommodating clerks to be had anywhere. I do not expect you to think or believe that I could be a better one—I can only say that I will, if elected, put forth my very best efforts to give you service second to none.

I feel that I need no introduction to all those of you who have been residents of the county for many years; and to the newcomers, I will refer you to any of your neighbors who know me and who are good, law-abiding citizens.

I'm willing to stand or fall, win or lose by the opinion of that class of our citizenship. I am asking you for the office because it is yours to give. I need the office and feel that I can fill the place agreeably to our citizenship.

I certainly appreciate the nice things that have been said to me about getting in the race. The solicitations and encouragement you have given me.

I want to say, too, that for my opponents I have nothing but the best of feeling—I will run for you a clean race and may the best man win. To every voter: I earnestly and sincerely ask your support—J. V. McCormick.

Milton Smith, of Red Mud, was among the number in Spur Saturday trading and on other business.

Ice Factory Now Operating Day Night

The New Ice Company plant, under the management of M. E. Manning, this week started the machinery in the manufacture of ice, and will run hereafter on full time, twenty four hours, each day. Some fifteen or twenty tons of surplus ice will be stored in the refrigeration rooms to take care of the approaching summer rush of ice trade.

The ice now being manufactured in Spur is of the highest grade, being made of the purest water prepared in the plant for that purpose. Mr. Manning states that by beginning the manufacture of ice at this time he is hopeful of being in position to supply the entire trade territory at all times with the home-manufactured product.

HEAVY RAINS IN COUNTY FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK

Friday night of last week several sections of Dickens county was favored with heavy rains. Between Afton and Dickens farmers report to us that at least five inches of rain fell, washing down fences as well as soil. At McAdoo approximately three inches of rain is reported. The rain extended north from about half way from Spur to Dickens, where three-fourths of an inch or rain fell, to Roaring Springs where an inch or more is reported, with the five inches in between the two points. On the Plains, later, snow, sleet and hail was reported at Plainview. Reports of rains to the north, east, south and west of Spur have come in—but this immediate territory has been missed or slighted up to this date.

The rains have renewed the life of wheat crops, grass is coming, but the fruit is probably killed by the following freeze and frost the first of this week.

The country as a whole is now in fine shape with good top and bottom seasons, and the indication now is that bumper crops of all kinds will be harvested—regardless of the present prospect of low prices for all kinds of field crops.

Vocational Agriculture Boys Inspect Local Industries

Through the courtesies of the local hatchery and creamery under the management of Mr. Crockett and Mr. Carson, the vocational agriculture boys of the Spur High School were given lectures on incubation and brooding of baby chicks and in the different phases of the creamery industry.

The boys took a great interest in the visits to these local industries. The trips like this are worth more than any class room work that can be given. It remains in their mind in a picture that cannot be made in a class room.

JIM ELDREDGE SAY THINGS ARE FINE ON PLAINS

Jim Eldredge, of McAdoo, was in Spur Thursday. He says the Plains had a fine rain of approximately 3 inches last Friday night, and as a result everything is in fine shape and looking good. Jim had wheat which he had arranged to plow up, but since the rain is now coming nicely with the promise of a big harvest. A good bottom season is in the ground, and every indication is that bumper crops of all kinds will be harvested this fall.

T. J. Williams, of east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday, meeting with friends, and incidentally trading with the live-wire merchants of Spur.

Homer Dobbins in Race for District & County Clerk

This week J. H. (Homer) Dobbins had the Texas Spur to place his name in our announcement column as a candidate for the office of District and County Clerk of Dickens County, his candidacy being made subject to the action of the Democratic party primaries in July and August of this year. Homer Dobbins has been here since the early days of Spur and is personally known to most of the voters of the county. While he has never served the public in an official capacity, yet he is competent and well qualified to fill this official position. He has held a number of commercial office positions, is an expert bookkeeper and has the initiative ability for system and accuracy in office work. It favored by voters for the place, Homer Dobbins will make a record as an official, and will serve the public in the most accommodating and acceptable manner.

Voters of the county are asked to give his candidacy consideration before casting a ballot in the approaching primary election.

Work Under Way in Building Addition to Powell Brick

A contract was let to W. P. Nugent & Son this week, and the work is now under way in the construction of a brick addition to the Powell building recently vacated by C. R. Edwards & Co. on the west side of Burlington Avenue. The building will be made one hundred feet in length, and possibly changes made in the front, for occupancy by the Baker-Hanna Company whom we understand will take charge of the building on April the first.

J. J. Cato is Painfully Hurt on City Work The Past Week

J. J. Cato suffered a very painful if not serious injury last week while engaged by the city on the public works. A sledge hammer being used by a companion worker, made a mistake, slipping and striking Mr. Cato on the side of the face. The side of his face is bruised and lacerated. However, unless complications arise the injuries will soon be healed.

NOTICE TO LAND OWNERS, LESSEES OR TENANTS OF DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS

By an order of the Commissioners Court of Dickens county, made at the February term of said court, and entered of record, you are required to destroy all prairie dogs on your premises as is required by law.

A number of property owners and tenants have complied with the requirements, but some have not yet done so, and to avoid extra expense to those, we ask that they be killed at once.

The law provides that if dogs are not killed, it shall be the duty of the sheriff of the county to kill them, and he may charge \$5.00 for each and every days work in killing them, said charges to be levied against the property by the Commissioners Court, the same as taxes.

Now is the time to kill dogs, and poison may be had at Dickens for 7 cents per pound ready to put out. Commissioners Court.

MEETING BEGINS AT MIDWAY

Alva Johnson will commence a meeting at Midway on March 23rd, Sunday, which is the fourth Sunday. Everybody invited to come and hear the old Jerusalem Gospel, without subtraction or addition. Come—it will do you good.

Wilbur Perry returned the latter part of the past week from a trip to Dublin where he spent a short time looking after the farming and other business interests of his mother.

Follows His Old Chief



Hon. Edward Terry Sanford of Tennessee, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, who died within a few hours of the late Chief Justice Taft.

Dickens County Interscholastic League Meet Friday-Saturday at Dickens

The county meet of the Dickens County Interscholastic League will be held Friday and Saturday in the city of Dickens.

Following are the officers and directors of the league and meet: Director General, R. N. Cluck. Director of Spelling, Mr. Ribble. Director of Debate, Mr. Keefe. Director of Rural Schools, Mr. Speer. Director of Essays, Miss Morgan. Director of Declamations, Miss Ruth Dittich.

Director of Arithmetic, Miss Baisden. Director of Story Telling, Miss Branzen.

Director of Picture Mem., Miss Dittich. Director of Athletics, Mr. Kelley. Director of Music, Mrs. Reynolds, have charge of events: Play Grounds, Mr. Gheisky. Volley Ball, Mrs. Koonsman. Tennis, Mr. Thomas.

Following is the program as scheduled for Friday.

General assembly. Playground ball and tennis to begin at 10 Friday. Essay Writing, Arithmetic, 3-R Contest. Music Memory. Picture Memory. Junior Girls Rural Declaration. Junior Boys Declaration. Lunch. Junior Boys Declaration. Junior Girls and Senior Boys Declamations. Quartete, Extemporaneous speaking.

Saturday the following track and field events will be had:

Boys and girls races, 40 to 100 yard dashes. Boys and girls relay races, 440 and 220 yards. Broad jump. Chinning bar. High jump.

For Senior boys in the afternoon, Saturday: 120 yard high hurdle. Shot put, 100 yard dash. Discuss throw, 440 yard dash, 1 mile race, 1 mile relay race.

The literary as well as track and field events, both Friday and Saturday, will attract large crowds of interested spectators and visitors to Dickens. Everybody is invited to attend and enjoy the varied program of events.

J. V. McCormick Enters Campaign for County Clerk

As will be noted from his announcement elsewhere in his issue, J. V. McCormick has entered the race for District and County Clerk of Dickens county. J. V. has been here since the early days of Spur, first as lumberman, and for several years a 'dirt farmer'. It will be remembered by many that a number of years ago he made the race for clerk, being defeated by a small margin by Martin Gay who held the place a number of terms. J. V. McCormick is a good mixer, a good campaigner, and a "bully good fellow in every respect." He is competent and courteous, and if he gets the office will be courteous and accommodating to every individual who has occasion to visit the county clerk's office.

H. C. Eldredge was here the past week from McAdoo.

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