

CASTRO COUNTY NEWS

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Gas Company Has Crew Working on Lines in City

Construction crews started this week on the city gas mains for the West Texas Gas Co., who will furnish Dimmitt with this natural convenience the coming winter. Considerable pipe has arrived and been distributed over the city, and connections were being made by welding crews Tuesday, preparatory to laying the mains in the alleys. The ditching machine has arrived, and will probably be put on the job at an early date.

Without unforeseen interferences, it is an assured fact that Dimmitt will have natural gas early next winter, or possibly before.

WORK ON NEW SOUTH HI-WAY TO START SOON

Material Ordered and Work to Be Started by Castro County at Early Date.

According to Sam Allen, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, and in which section the Plainview-Dimmitt Highway will traverse, material for the fences were ordered this week, and just as soon as it arrives, work will be started on the right-of-way.

Bonds in the amount of \$5,000 were recently sold by the commissioners' court, with which to pay assessed damages for the right-of-way, which will parallel the Ft. Worth & Denver from this city, thru Hart, directly into the Hale county metropolis. At the July meeting of the court, according to Mr. Allen, the county clerk was instructed to mail checks to all parties entitled to damages as a result of this improvement.

Information received by the News from Plainview this week shows that the Hale county authorities have about completed the work on their end of the road.

It is estimated that the work on this end will be finished within the next forty days.

This road will cut the distance from Dimmitt to Plainview to about 40 miles, resulting in a saving of 19 miles between the two points, by auto.

Harley Sadler to Be in Dimmitt for One Night Only

Announcement is made in this issue of the News that Harley Sadler and his own company will be in Dimmitt for one night, next Tuesday, August 19, in a big tent theatre.

Harley needs no introduction to lovers of the Drama and comedy in Dimmitt, or even West Texas. His is strictly a West Texas company, and he has built a reputation in this section as has no other organization of this kind.

He announces a number of new and exceptional vaudeville acts, as well as a new repertoire of plays, and some of the old favorites, and for Dimmitt a n exceptionally popular drama has been selected, together with all of his latest vaudeville specialties.

IN MARLIN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS OF TREATMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Baxter left Tuesday for Marlin, where Mrs. Baxter will take treatment for several weeks. Altho her health was somewhat improved by their recent trip to the coast. Mrs. Baxter's condition was such that it was felt that the Marlin trip would benefit her to a greater extent.

—Let the News Print that next week!

Senator Sturgeon of Paris Will Speak for Sterling at Picnic

Will Speak at 3:30 P. M. on Court House Lawn During 39th Annual Picnic Here

Thru the efforts of a citizens committee, headed by B. D. Woodlee and L. P. White, to procure a State political speaker for the 39th Annual Old Settlers Picnic to be held in Dimmitt all day on Thursday of this week, word was received late Tuesday afternoon that Senator Jno. P. Sturgeon, of Paris, Lamar County, would speak in behalf of the candidacy of Ross P. Sterling, of Houston, who is in the gubernatorial run-off with Miriam A. Ferguson. Senator Sturgeon, who is well known in North and East Texas political circles, will speak on the court house lawn at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, during the picnic, and all voters are urged to hear him. He is an orator, and will present Mr. Sterling's issue and platform in a clear and comprehensive manner.

Making Efforts To Procure Ferguson Sepaker

Wednesday morning an effort was being made to procure either Mr. or Mrs. Ferguson, both of whom are making an active campaign, or a speaker in their behalf. At the time of going to press, however, nothing definite had been learned about a speaker for the Fergusons.

News One Day Early This Week

RECORD CROWD EXPECTED THURSDAY

WITH A view of broadcasting events of the 39th Annual Old Settlers Picnic, the outstanding one being that of Senator Sturgeon and a possibility of a Ferguson speaker, to present the gubernatorial race to Castro County people and their visitors on Thursday, the News is being issued on Wednesday of this week instead of Thursday, and all papers will be dispatched on Wednesday, both on the routes and train, as well as local lists.

We Welcome Our Visitors!

The News extends a cordial welcome to our honored guests, the Old Settlers of Castro County, their families and friends and all visitors to Dimmitt on this occasion.

News Requests Decorations

In honor of our guests on Thursday, the News suggests that Dimmitt be fittingly decorated with the Stars and Stripes during the entire day.

Complete Story of Picnic Next Week

A complete and detailed account of the 39th Annual Picnic of the Old Settlers of Castro County, with some photographs and list of guests here, will appear in the News of next week, August 22.

Meeting Dates of County Court to Be Each Month

Upon instructions from the commissioners' court, the county attorney this week is drawing up an order changing the meeting periods of county court.

Heretofore this tribunal has met every two months, but under the new order, it will be in session every month, when necessity demands, meeting on the first Monday and adjourning on the last Saturday of the month.

According to county Judge M. R. Avery, this will not only mean a saving in money, but will eliminate delays in probate work, which is handled by the court.

Demand for Cotton Pickers in So. Texas

James O. Avery, brother of County Judge D. R. Avery of Castro County, and secretary of the chamber of commerce at Karnes City, located 50 miles south of San Antonio, was a caller at the News office last Friday. Mr. Avery stated that the farmers in his section were in need of cotton pickers, and that if any persons in Castro County desired to make up a party to make the trip, full particulars would be given as to conditions, and prices paid. The News will be glad to explain to any persons interested.

RETURNED FROM EXTENDED VISIT AT AUSTIN

Mrs. J. R. Avery, known as "Grandma" Avery, returned from near Austin Sunday, where she had been visiting her son, J. O. Avery, and family, for the past year.

Absentee Voters Have Ten Days to Cast Their Ballot

Absentee voters in the second, or run-off primary, to be held on Saturday, August 23, are required to file their ballots with the county clerk between August 13 and 20, and the same procedure is used in this as in absentee voting for the July primary.

Since the State ballot was not arranged until Monday of this week, when the State committee met in Dallas, it will be Friday, August 16, before ballots for absentee voting in Castro County are available.

Over 50 absentee votes were cast in the July primary but not as many are expected in the August run-off.

C. C. DIRECTORS MEET TUESDAY FOR BUSINESS

Treasurer and Assistant Secretary Selected and Civic Work Again Started.

Meeting for the first time in several months, the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Castro County got back into the harness again Tuesday night at a special meeting.

This meeting was held, among other things, for the purpose of reviving the activities of the organization with the official announcement that A. C. Magee would report here for work as county agent and secretary to the body.

Offices Procured

Mr. Magee will have offices on the second floor of the court house, in the front of the building, facing Bedford Street, the main thoroughfare of the city, and he will begin his duties on September 1.

Treasurer Elected

Miss Ada Cox, formerly of Henrietta, Texas, was elected as assistant secretary and treasurer of the chamber of commerce, and will begin her duties on September 1, in the event she accepts the position.

Collections Start September 1

The pledge cards, totaling approximately \$2,500 per year, will be collected on monthly beginning September 1, the funds from which are to pay the county's share of the county agent's salary and other expenses of the civic body. These cards were signed by business firms and individuals of Dimmitt and the county last spring, with the understanding that no money was to be paid by them until the county agent-secretary arrangement was assured.

Letter From Mr. Evans

The following letter from Mr. Sterling C. Evans, District Agent for the Extension Department at College Station, has been received and should be of interest to every progressive citizen and business man of Castro County:

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mr. A. C. Magee, County Agent of Shackelford County has definitely accepted the position as county agent in Castro and will report for duty there September 1st.

With a splendid background—being farm-raised in the Panhandle, receiving his undergraduate work at the Kansas Agricultural College, and his Master's degree at Texas A. & M. and with some three or four years of very successful work as county agent in Shackelford County—I know we can expect a splendid program there.

Yours very truly,
Sterling C. Evans.

RAILROAD CHANGES NAME

The Trinity & Brazos Valley has changed its name to Burlington-Rock Island Railroad, and is again considering entry into Dallas over trackage rights

COUNTY TAX IS LOWERED ONE CENT FOR 1931

County Rate Lowered One Cent By Commissioners Court This Month.

In session this week, the commissioners' court of Castro County made a reduction of one cent in the county tax rate for next year, fixing the total at 72c on the \$100 valuation, divided as follows:

County Ad valorem.....	25c
Road & Bridge.....	30c
Jury Fund.....	15c
Court House Interest.....	
and Sinking Fund.....	2c
TOTAL.....	72c

State Rate Raised

Information from Austin recently conveyed the information that the State Automatic Tax Board had raised the State rate one cent for next year, making it 69c on the \$100 valuation.

This will make taxes in Castro County the same rate as of this year, despite the fact that our county rate has been lowered by the commissioners' court. The total rate will be, according to the above figures, \$1.41 on the \$100 valuation in Castro County.

State and County Receipts

Estimated tax receipt for state next year will be \$1,512, according to the session at Austin.

According to the assessor of the total value of the county will be \$1,399,96 adopted by both state and county.

Collections Good Here

According to deputy George A. Barnett of Sheriff-Collector Maples office, approximately 90 per cent of the 1930 tax money has been collected in this county.

RETURNED FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Webb returned last Friday from a trip of three weeks to New Orleans, New York City, and other points of interest in the east. They were guests on the trip of the Lamar Life Insurance Co., of which Mr. Webb is local representative, and both reported a most enjoyable trip.

Public Toilets for Men to be built By Com. Court

The commissioners' court of Castro county has authorized the building of a public lavatory for men, which will be located on the south side of the court house.

The building will be 12x12, and constructed of tile and stucco. It will be connected with the city sewerage system, now under construction, and will fill a much needed want in Dimmitt.

The ladies' rest room, located in the court house will be retained.

Political Rally at Nazareth Friday

Citizens of Nazareth, Tex. arranged for a political rally what is usually termed a "rally", for their community Friday night of the 15th at 8 o'clock.

It is understood that candidates in the county primary, and the public is hereby invited to attend.

Candidates will be asked to make short talks, and old-time fiddle music will also be a feature of the evening.

—Those who patronize the advertisers in their Home Papers are helping build the community.

OUR INSURANCE RATES
The News calls attention to the fact that with an organized fire department, our key rate on fire insurance will be reduced. And while on the subject, we might add that, due to about three fire losses during the past year, insurances rates have been advanced. And still, we have a new and modern fire truck, a waterworks system, a siren! Can ANYONE explain why our insurance rates are not reduced, instead of raised, in face of the foregoing facts?

Here's an item for the "Hooverite" to ponder over: The per capita circulation at the end of the Wilson administration was \$53. Now it is \$37.

DEATH IS TOO GOOD!

The "Payne case" in Amarillo is attracting a great deal of attention just at this time. And we hear on every side comments and opinions that this alleged murderer be electrocuted forthwith for his fiendish crime. We believe that in such cases there should be an unparadonable sentence, of hard labor for life, given, with a provision for a part of the proceeds to go to the support of the dependents. Payne will welcome the Texas supreme penalty, for he knows that his suffering and trouble on this earth will be over, and easily. What is really needed in such cases, is a life of hard labor, with no recompense, or hope of relief except by death, and when this penalty is meted, it will stand as a lesson and warning where our present system of a "tooth for a tooth" is not feared by men who commit such crimes. In fact, in most cases, as in this one, death is welcome by the guilty person.

UNSOLICITED LETTER TO YOUR HOME PAPER

Wichita Falls, Texas,
August 5, 1930

Mr. Geo. C. Smith, Editor,
Castro County News,
Dimmitt, Texas.

Dear Mr. Smith:
I received a copy of your paper, August the first issue, and have noted the vote I received in your county, in my race for Lieutenant Governor. Tho I was defeated, I appreciate more than I can express to you in words, your support and that of the people of your county.

We West Texans seem to be pioneers in politics as well as in developing the country. We came West and settled under many hardships, and now we are going East politically and encountering as many hardships politically as we had otherwise coming West.

Now that the election is over, and I am eliminated, I want to pay your paper a compliment. I received many weekly and semi-weekly papers from over the state and have occasion to judge them. It gives me pleasure to say that your's is one of the best that reached my desk. Your city and county should be proud of every issue and I am sure they do appreciate the service you are rendering them. I like especially, your editorial column. If all editors would devote more time to local problems and discuss them freely thru the editorial column, instead of dealing with the League of Nations and National problems, the reputation of the community would

be sincerely yours,
I. D. PARNELL

DANCE PAVILION IS ERECTED FOR DANCE

The large dance pavilion was erected Wednesday by the American Legion on which will be held a dance on Wednesday night and Thursday night of this week, during the Old Settlers Picnic. An orchestra has been procured and excellent music is assured by Russell Buckmaster, chairman in charge

To the Voters of Precinct No. 3:

—I wish to thank the voters of Precinct No. 3 for the support given me in my recent race for County Commissioner. Altho I was defeated, I hold no ill-will against anyone, and sincerely thank those who voted for me.

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—During the installation of new underground cables and modern switchboard equipment, during the past few weeks, we realize that many telephones in Dimmitt have been out of order, and service has been hampered to some extent.

—These changes and improvements are being made with a view of rendering better service than ever before to our patrons, and we trust that the public will continue to bear with us until this important work is completed. We thank you!

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LEGAL NOTICE

S. J. R. No. 19

PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1930.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 5 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

The Legislature shall meet every two years at such time as may be provided by law and at other times when convened by the Governor. When convened in regular Session, the first thirty days thereof shall be devoted to the introduction of bills and resolutions, acting upon emergency appropriations, passing upon the confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the Legislature; provided that during the succeeding thirty days of the regular session of the Legislature the various committees of each House shall hold hearings to consider all bills and resolutions and other matters then pending; and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor; provided further that during the following sixty days the Legislature shall act upon such bills and resolutions as may be pending and upon such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special message to the Legislature; provided however, either House may otherwise determine its order of business by and affirmative vote of four-fifths of its membership.

Section 2. That Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Members of the Legislature shall receive from the public Treasury a per diem of not exceeding \$10.00 per day for the first 120 days of each session and after that not exceeding \$5.00 per day for the remainder of the session.

In addition to the per diem the members of each House shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed \$2.50 for every 25 miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel, from a table of distances prepared by the Comptroller to each county seat now or hereafter to be established; no member to be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular or called session.

Sec. 3 The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors of this state qualified to vote on constitutional amendments at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1930.

(A correct copy.)

JANE Y. McCALLUM,
 Secretary of State.

LEGAL NOTICE

H. J. R. No. 11

PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1930.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 16, which shall read as follows:

"Section 16. All land mentioned in Sections 11, 12 and 15 of Article VII, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, now belonging to the University of Texas shall be subject to taxation for county purposes to the same extent as lands privately owned; provided they shall be rendered for taxation upon values fixed by the State Tax Board; and providing that the State shall remit annually to each of the counties in which said lands are located an amount equal to the tax imposed upon said land for county purposes."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State at the next general election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1930.

(A correct copy.)

JANE Y. McCALLUM,
 Secretary of State

News of Nazareth

By Miss Cornelia Huseman

Tony Bellinghausen is driving a new car, purchased last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bicksel and Ethel were in Tulia Monday.

Mrs. John Huseman and daughters, Cornelia, Gertrude Martha were in Tulia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Albracht moved here from Okarchoe, Ok., to make their future home.

August and Rudolph Huseman spent last week visiting their uncle, Ben Huseman, at St. Francis.

Miss Victoria Lonzo of Amarillo, is visiting her school chum, Miss Margaret Kern, for a few weeks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Hieman, Miss Helen Gerber and Frank Ball motored to the Carlsbad Caverns and El Paso last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Schulte and daughters Elizabeth and Theresia, motored to Hot Springs, N. M., where they intend staying for a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brackman left last Monday for Fort Smith, Ark., where they will attend the solemn profession of their daughter, Sr. M. Jane Frances, perpetual vows.

News of Cleo

By Miss Florence Houtchens

The Primitive Baptist Meeting will begin here Friday night and close Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Greathouse of Amarillo, visited their son, J. T. Greathouse, Sunday.

Mrs. Copeland's brother and mother of Grandfield, are visiting her this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin of Tulia spent the day Saturday with Mrs. J. T. Greathouse.

Mrs. George Webb's mother, of Baylor County, is visiting her this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan's daughter, of Vernon, is visiting them this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burch the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. and Mrs. Boyd were guests in Wagley, Sunday.

The Missionary Baptist meeting, which has been going on here for the past week, closed Sunday night, with one addition to the church.

Mrs. Ross Summers, Mrs. Jack Summers and Mrs. Elmer Dixon gave a surprise birthday dinner for Grandma Summers last Saturday. A large number of friends, including Grandma Dixon and Grandma and Grandma Burch, were there.

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News of Su

By Mrs. T. J.

Mrs. V. E. Bear on the sick list for a

Mr. and Mrs. Hon. dren were in Olton last

Everyone in this com is rejoicing over the fine we had last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wade Dent of Dimmitt were week end visitors with home folks here.

JOHN BRIDGES, T. J. BRIDGES and G. homes Monday and Tuesday last week.

To the Voters of Castro County

—Since the schools of Castro County are to open within a few weeks, the large amount of work in my office will prevent me from making a house to house canvass. —I intend to see everyone I can, but if I miss you, remember, I still desire your vote in influence in the election on Saturday, August 23.

Yours for Better Schools in Castro County,

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Candidate for County Judge-Supt. Schools

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