

## Town Topics

THE NEWS has been asked, on numerous occasions of late, to state the advantages of the commission form of municipal government, over the present aldermanic system. This because of the election to be held in Dimmitt this month, to determine if the voters of the city want the change, and at the same time to elect two commissioners, to serve, with the present mayor, until the annual city election next April. Space at this time does not permit of a detailed account of the advantages. But the two main points are, first, it is the general opinion that two commissioners and the mayor can accomplish more than the mayor and five aldermen, as we have at present.; second, the two commissioners will be under and to serve the city, while under the form now in power, no bond is required of aldermen. And we wish also to call attention to the fact that, one year ago, when the City of Dimmitt was first incorporated, it was, we understand from reliable sources and citizens, the desire of the citizens that the commission form be adopted. But the population would not permit it, under the State law. At present, however, we have more than the required population, and all that is necessary to get this acceptable and better form of city government, is to go to the polls on Tuesday, December 16, and vote "yes" on the proposition!

THE NEWS will not attempt to predict what the result will be in the division of the city on the waterworks question. We are not going to "beat about the bush", and try to make it appear that "everything is all right". It will be the policy of this paper to publish all facts, and the personal ideas or propositions of any one person will not enter into the news columns of the paper. The making of the new well contract Tuesday night will not, we have been reliably informed, interfere with the contract for the laying of the distribution system. We are informed that it is "barely possible" that the city will, in the end, have two water wells, from two different contractors. We readily dispel such an idea or assumption! We feel reasonably certain that the city will feel very grateful, and does not expect more than, one well for the municipal waterworks. It is the sincere hope of the News that the move made Tuesday night will prove to be beneficial to the town. In the words of many of our citizens, and men who are anxious to see the town grow and develop, "What we want is water!"

WE ARE pleased to make, in this column, editorial comment on Dimmitt's new bakery, open for business this week, as evidenced by their large ad, appearing on page four of this issue of Your Home Paper. The News urges its readers to patronize this institution liberally. Insist on Dimmitt Bakery products. If we are to build this town, or even keep it up to its present standard and reputation, it behooves every one of us to support the home institutions, and the ones, especially, that are themselves supporting home institutions. That's why we urge our readers, over 6,000 in number, to patronize only those merchants who are using the columns of your paper to invite your patronage. You will not help the town by patronizing concerns who never advertise, and concerns who resort to circulars, printed in other towns! It can all be sifted down to one word—cooperate! And we defy anyone to even try to show us where cooperation is not the best thing for any town, community, business concern, or—family!

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## Fire Averted by Night Watchman Early Sunday

By having a night watchman on the job, Dimmitt was saved what might have been a very disastrous fire early last Sunday morning. About four o'clock on that morning, E. N. Mitchell, the night watchman, discovered sparks flying over the row of buildings north of the court house, one of which is occupied by the News office. Upon investigation, he found a smoldering fire, invigorated by a sudden stiff wind, in the rear of the buildings. By quick work he prevented a possible costly fire to business houses of the city, as sparks were flying over the entire business section at the time.

## Federated Clubs To Meet at Big Square Tuesday

Club ladies over the county are eagerly looking forward to the next Federated meeting, which will be held at Big Square on next Tuesday, December 10. A very interesting program has been planned and the ladies of Big Square are leaving nothing undone to make this one of the most pleasant of our County meetings.

Other communities who have clubs organized, or who plan to organize in the near future, are urged to send representatives to this federation meeting, which begins at 10:30 a. m. Each lady is asked to bring one dish for the luncheon.

Following is the program:  
Address of Welcome—Mrs. Sam Layman  
Response—Mrs. Earl Lust  
"The Work of the Home Demonstrator"—Mrs. W. T. Sumner  
Song—John Agee.  
"Hot School Lunches"—Mrs. Leland Smith  
Luncheon.  
Christmas Song—Big Square School Children.  
Play—Dimmitt Study Club.  
Song—Mrs. Vance Hemington.  
Christmas Reading—Member of Flagg Club.  
Address.

## Girls Are In Lead In County Births

According to the records at the office of Mrs. R. B. Boren, County Clerk, girls lead the boys in births in Castro County since October 30. Following are those recorded:

James E. Hacker and wife, of Nazareth, boy, born October 30.  
J. A. Garv and wife, Dimmitt, boy, born November 11.  
O. R. Ivy and wife, Lazbuddy, girl, born November 15.  
Frank Huseman and wife, Nazareth, boy, born November 25.  
B. B. Huckabay and wife, Dimmitt, girl, born November 30.  
Joe Kramer and wife, Nazareth, girl, born December 2.  
George Wilkinson and wife, Dimmitt, girl, born December 3.

## BUILDING NEW FARM HOME

J. R. Roney, who recently purchased a farm located 12 miles northwest of Dimmitt, has let contracts for the erection of a new residence, new chicken houses, barns, etc., including a windmill. W. B. Howard, Dimmitt contractor, will erect the new buildings called for in this modern improvement program.

## OPERATING CAFE IN SILVERTON NOW

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris, who were formerly joint owners with Claude Morris, of the White Rose Cafe here, are now operating the King Coffee Shop in Silverton, in Briscoe County.

## New Contract Is Signed for City Water Well

### Quorum at City Council Meeting Tuesday Night Sign New Well Contract.

With three members and the city secretary present at the regular monthly meeting of the city council Tuesday night, a contract was entered into and signed by D. L. McDonald, contractor, of Amarillo, and the following city officials for the drilling of a water well for the municipal water works system, which has been under construction for several months:

George A. Barnett, Councilman, acting as mayor pro tem.  
B. B. Huckabee, secretary of the city council.  
J. H. Workman, councilman.  
O. B. Trimble, councilman.

Members of the council being absent were:  
A. M. Brownlee, mayor.  
Joe Hastings, councilman.  
Bruce McLean, councilman.

The contract provides for the completion, and guarantee, of a well by March 29, 1930, producing, after a twenty-four hour test, 500 gallons of water suitable for domestic consumption, per minute. The contract price is stipulated at \$13,500.00, and it is to be drilled on property designated by the city, work to start not later than December 12, 1929.

Payment for the well is to be made with city warrants, drawing six per cent interest from the date of each warrant, per annum, and payable annually. These are dated December 3, 1929, and are thirteen in number, the first becoming due on December 3, 1931, then being payable one each month thereafter, the last one, for \$500, becoming due on December 3, 1944. The warrants will be held by the National Bank of Commerce in Amarillo, together with a copy of the contract, until the well has stood the required 24-hour test, and has been accepted by the city.

In the event the well is not completed by March 29, 1930, a penalty of \$25.00 per day will be collected from the contractor, and in case the first test is a failure, another one will be drilled, on location furnished by the city, upon recommendation of the contractor.

Upon the completion and final test of the well, the contractor agrees to place a standard pump on the well, with a guarantee on same for one year.

Carl Gilliland, attorney, of Hereford, was present at the meeting, and acted as legal advisor for both parties in the consummation of the contract, the

## New Bakery Is Open to Public This Week

### Experienced Baker Opens Local Shop This Week and Invites Public Inspection.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Beardsley, formerly of Muleshoe, announce in this issue of Your Home Paper, the opening of our new Home Bakery, to be called the City Bakery, this week.

Mr. Beardsley has had twenty-five years' experience in the bakery business, and comes to this city highly recommended.

Workmen have been busy for several weeks in the building on the west side of the square, formerly occupied by the post-office, installing, complete electrical equipment for the plant, and it is strictly modern and sanitary thruout, having a daily capacity for all kinds of bakery goods sufficient to supply the entire county.

They announce that daily deliveries will be made to Dimmitt stores at present, assuring only fresh goods to patrons.

Mr. Beardsley wishes the housewives of the entire County to inspect the plant, and calls particular attention to the line of Holiday goods they will handle, announcements of which will be found each week in the News.

Associated with Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley, who will manage the business, will be Mr. and Mrs. Everette Hope, of Lubbock, and Loyd Gordon, of Muleshoe, all experienced in the business.

The News urges its readers and friends to patronize this home institution liberally, keep Castro County dollars in Castro County.

## ATTENDED FOOTBALL AT HEREFORD TUESDAY

The following were among the local people who attended the football at Hereford Tuesday afternoon, between the Hereford Whitefaces, of the High School, and the Perrytown team:

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Gunter, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Huckabee, W. D. Duree, Chas. H. Dean, and Cecil Montgomery.

The game resulted in a victory for the Deaf Smith County boys by a score of 20 to 7.

The Whitefaces played the entire season this year without meeting with defeat.

substance of which is given above. It is also understood by the News that this contract does not interfere, nor annul, nor have anything whatever, or any effect, upon the present contract with Jordan & Hall, who, it is reported, have abandoned the well they started some time ago.

## Dimmitt May Get Bus Service to N. Mexico Line

Application for a bus line from Clarendon, Texas, to Farwell, Texas, via Tulia and Dimmitt, has been filed with the railroad commission of Texas at Austin, by a W. E. Watson.

Notices have been mailed to County Judges, Mayors and Secretaries of Chambers of Commerce in all counties and cities thru which it is proposed to operate the line, and a public hearing will be held at the Kemp Hotel in Wichita Falls on next Thursday, December 12, upon the application.

It is very likely that either a representative of the local chamber of commerce, or a letter, endorsing the line, will be presented at this hearing next week in Wichita Falls.

## Carroll Laird Will Recover From Football Injury

Word was received Thursday morning from Lubbock that Carroll Laird, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Laird, and who was injured in the Plainview-Lubbock football game at the latter place on Thanksgiving Day, would recover.

It was at first thought that the injured boy would not recover, as he suffered a partially dislocated vertebra, and a slight brain concussion.

Late reports, however, say that he is able to sit up, and carries on conversations with the many friends and relatives who visit him daily.

Carroll is well known in this city and county, the family having lived here for many years, until about five years ago, when he moved to Plainview, where he was attending high school and playing on the football team, at the time of the accident.

## Carter-Houston Starts Gift Sale

Carter-Houston's, Dimmitt's leading dry goods and clothing store, and a consistent advertiser in the News, announces this week the beginning of their "Christmas Gift Sale", starting Saturday and continuing until the Yuletide.

J. C. Stringer, manager of the store, says that substantial reductions have been made, in hundreds of items not mentioned in his ad, which appears on page five of this issue. These bargains, he says, are given to the readers of the News in the form of a gift, and everyone is urged to take advantage of the offers in their Holiday shopping.

Boyd Williams, of Plainview, is here assisting Mr. Stringer in the sale, and will be here during December.

The store is now being decorated appropriately for the coming Yuletide season.

## BUILDING NEW RESIDENCE

W. B. Howard, contractor, began the construction of a new five-room modern frame residence this week for Jno. J. Hastings, in the northwest part of the city.

## CATHOLICS AT UMBARGER TO ERECT NEW CHURCH

Umbarger, ten miles west of Canyon, will erect a new Catholic Church during the next few months.

The edifice will be of brick, and will have a brick home for the resident priest in connection with it.

## CALLED TO BUDA ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS

Mrs. N. M. Gilbert left Wednesday afternoon for Buda, where she was called on account of the serious illness of her father, A. L. Piland.

## Farmers Talk of County Agent At C.-C. Meet

### Question of Grain Prices Results in Renewal of Efforts for Agricultural Agent.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Castro County was held at the courthouse last Friday night with about thirty present, and a splendid representation from the county, or rural districts of the county.

After a small amount of routine work, representatives of the farmers brought the question of grain prices in Dimmitt before the body. Several farmers made statements that Dimmitt was not paying quite as much for their grain as some neighboring towns.

This proposition was discussed at length, and an explanation offered by one of our local buyers, after which it was practically unanimously agreed that if Castro County had more dairy stock, hogs, and chickens, that a much better market for the grains now being marketed, would result.

This brought up the question of a County Agent, and several splendid arguments and experiences were cited by as many progressive farmers, for such an official for Castro County.

It will be remembered that, at the meeting of the County Commissioners' Court in October, that several farmers from various sections of the County appeared before the Court, asking that they appoint an Agent, or make application for the appointment of one, as it is solely within their power to do so.

After taking the matter under advisement, the Court announced that they would call an election, and let the voters decide whether or not it was the desire of the people for such an agent.

It will also be remembered that the News, in its issue of October 18, immediately following the meeting of the Commissioners, stated there was no law providing for such an election, since the Court itself was empowered to make the appointment, or application for an Agent.

The News representative at the meeting Friday night informed those present that, so far as the paper knew, no order for the election had been made.

It was then that several present voluntarily agreed to see that a delegation from every section of the County would go before the Court at its December meeting, which will be held on next Monday, December 9, at which time another appeal will be made for the employment of a County Agent for this County, by the Court.

## Kiddies of County To Reach Santa Thru the News

Good news for the Kiddies! In response to a radiogram recently sent out by Your Home Paper, Kiddies, we have received a communication from your old friend, Santa Claus, who is now at the North Pole, getting ready to make his annual pilgrimage among the good children of Castro County.

In his message to the News, he asks you to look thru the advertisements of the paper and let him know what you want, and where he can get it.

Old Santa is a great believer in advertising, as has been proven, for each year, his name is advertised more than anything else in the world. And the News will publish your letters to the old gentleman, who gets the paper.

Don't write long letters, for Santa Claus has millions and millions of them to read, and he appreciates short communications.

Bring or send your letters to the News, Kiddies, and we will guarantee that your friend Santa will see them!

# COLD WEATHER NECESSITIES

—Our stock of Hot Water Bottles, with and without Syringes, is the most complete in this section.

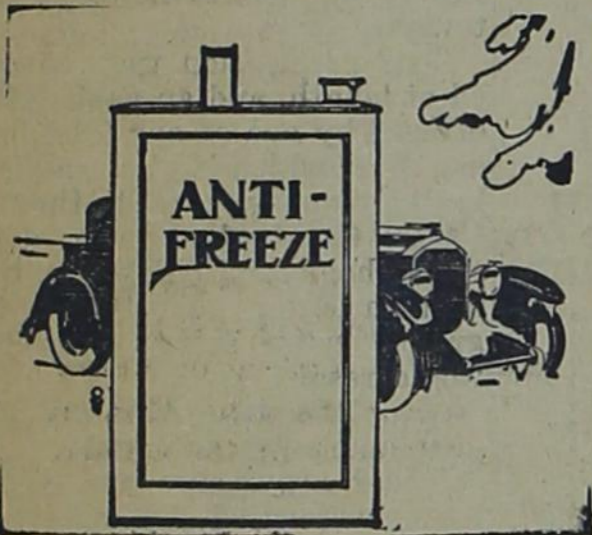
—We have a complete line of rubber goods, as well as Drug Accessories, Cold Remedies to Cure as well as prevent colds. Keep your medicine chest stocked from our store during this winter weather.

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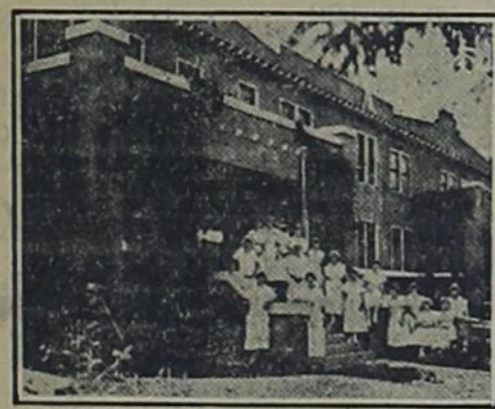
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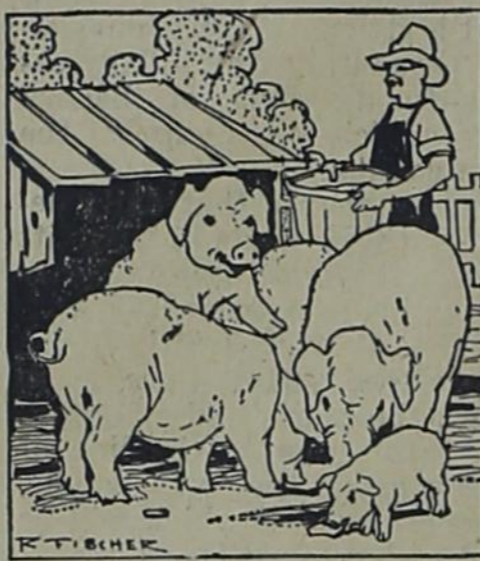
### DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE



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#### PIG GRUNTINGS

"Is it a food?" asked Grandfather Porky of Brother Bacon.  
 Brother Bacon had just said he thought it would be a grand idea if they had a meeting, a big meeting, an important meeting.  
 None of the pigs knew what he meant by the word meeting.  
 "Tell us at once if meeting is a food," continued Grandfather Porky.  
 "Tell us, and do not keep us waiting."  
 "Our mouths are watering already," said Miss Ham.  
 "Mine is," said Mrs. Pink Pig.  
 "So is mine," said Sammy Sausage.  
 "Is it juicy?" asked Grandfather Porky.  
 "Is it tender or tough?" asked Miss Ham.  
 "What difference does it make if it is tender or tough?" asked Mrs. Pink Pig.  
 "None at all," answered Miss Ham.  
 "Is it a weed?" asked Sammy Sausage.  
 "Is it a vegetable?" asked Grandfather Porky.  
 "Do you mean when you say that we should have a grand meeting that we



Their Appetites Were Better.

should have a great vegetable meeting in which all of us should eat as many vegetables as can be eaten before the other gets hold of them!" asked Master Pink Pig, without stopping to take a breath.  
 "Must be something like that," said Sammy Sausage.  
 "Oh, goodie," said Master Pink Pig, squealing with delight, and twisting his little tail.  
 "I'll say goodie when I see the food," said Master Pink Pig's mother.  
 "Hurry up and tell us all about it," said Sammy Sausage.  
 "Do not delay," said Grandfather Porky.  
 "Tell us at once," said Miss Ham.  
 "Why do you keep us waiting?" asked Master Pink Pig.  
 "Why do you indeed?" asked Pinky Pig.  
 "Because none of you will give me a chance to speak," Brother Bacon said, shrieking and squealing above the others.  
 "You haven't given me a chance to say a word."  
 "Say a word, then," Pinky Pig urged, "and tell us in one good round, delicious word, the name of the food of which you are thinking."  
 "But I am not thinking of food," said Brother Bacon.  
 "Not thinking of food," said Pinky Pig.  
 "Not thinking of food," squealed all the other pigs. "What in the world or in the pen is the matter with Brother Bacon?"  
 "He must have a fever," said Mrs. Pink Pig.  
 "He must be very ill," said Miss Ham.  
 "He must be dangerously ill," said Grandfather Porky.  
 "Oh, no," squealed and grunted Brother Bacon, "but as there was no food around at the moment I thought we might have a great meeting and talk about our favorite foods, and the best meal we ever ate and all our experiences having to do with food."  
 "Not such a good idea," said Grandfather Porky. "Let us rest our brains when we are not eating. Do not let us bother to talk."  
 "However," said Miss Ham, "it is better to talk about food than to talk about anything else." Squeal, squeal.  
 "Grunt, grunt, grunt," said the others, "Miss Ham is correct."  
 So all the pigs talked about food until the farmer came along with their dinner.  
 With what grunts they greeted the farmer. Their appetites were better than ever from the talk they had had.

#### Too Much Bait

Little Bobby, aged five, was sent outdoors to play after a hard rain. He came in almost immediately and started to take off his things.  
 "Why, Bobby," his mother exclaimed, surprisedly, "I thought you were so anxious to go out and play! Why do you want to stay in?"  
 "Because I don't want to stay out in the yard," said Bobby. "There's too much bait."

#### Fixed Up for a Dance

Mother—Doris, what are you doing with all that jam on your lips? What would you think if you saw me, looking like that?  
 Doris—I'd think you were going to a dance, mother!

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION

By making publication for thirty days in the Castro County News, a newspaper published within the City of Dimmitt, Texas, notice is hereby given of the following order on the petition of ten per cent of the qualified voters of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, requesting that an election be ordered to determine whether or not the City of Dimmitt, Texas, shall adopt the Commission Form of Government, such order having been by me made on the 6th day of November, 1929, and being as follows:

#### Mayor's Order On Petition For Election To Determine Adoption of Commission Form of Government.

On this 6th day of November, 1929, came on for consideration the petition of Mark Cowser and thirty-five other signers, requesting that an election be ordered to determine whether the City of Dimmitt, Texas, shall adopt the Commission Form of Government; and it having been shown that the said City of Dimmitt, Texas, is an incorporated city, having a population of over five hundred, and less than one thousand; and having furthermore, been shown that each signer of said petition is of proper age and residence and in all things a qualified elector under the laws of the State of Texas, and a qualified voter of the incorporated City of Dimmitt, Texas; and it furthermore, appearing that the said City of Dimmitt, Texas, has been heretofore incorporated under the provisions of Chapter Eleven of Title Twenty-Eight of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, (1925); and it furthermore, appearing that the signers of said petition request that an election shall be ordered in the City of Dimmitt, Texas, to determine whether or not the Commission Form of Government shall be adopted;

And it further appearing that said petition is signed by ten per cent of the qualified voters of the City of Dimmitt;

It is therefore, ordered and decreed that an election shall be held in the City of Dimmitt, Texas, at Courthouse, between the hours of 7 to 6 on the 16th day of December, 1929.

It is furthermore ordered that notice hereof and of such election shall be given by publication such notice in the Castro County News, a newspaper published within the City of Dimmitt, Texas, for thirty days preceding such election.

It is furthermore, ordered that J. F. Easter shall be and is hereby appointed the presiding Judge of such election, and that N. M. Gilbert shall be and is now hereby appointed a Judge of said election, and that W. T. Gollehon and Mrs. J. C. Tate shall be and they are hereby appointed Clerks of such Election, and it is furthermore, ordered that the above named Judges and Clerks of said election shall proceed to hold such election on the day hereinabove named therefor, and that they shall hold such election in accordance with and governed by the general laws of the State of Texas, and that they shall make due return of said election to the undersigned as the Mayor of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, within five days after said election shall have been held.

At such election there shall likewise be elected two Commissioners who shall, if said election results in a majority of the votes therein being cast in favor of the adoption of the Commission Form of Government, serve until the First Tuesday in April, 1930.

Witness my hand at Dimmitt, Texas, this 6th day of November, 1929.

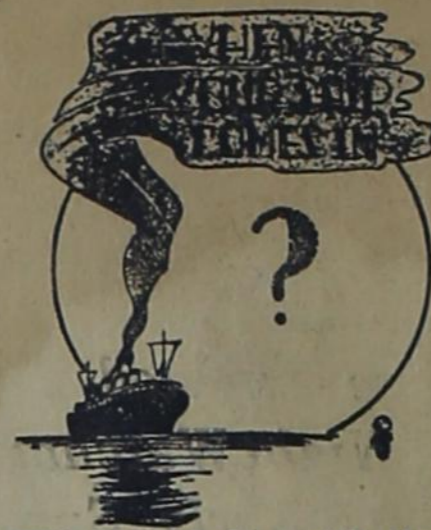
A. M. BROWNLEE,  
 Mayor of the City of Dimmitt, Texas.

And all of the facts and things herein all parties and persons concerned will take due notice.

Witness my hand at Dimmitt, Texas, this 6th day of November, 1929.

A. M. BROWNLEE,  
 Mayor of the City of Dimmitt, Texas.

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