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## GOOD PROSPECTS FOR HIGHWAY

THE BUSINESS LEAGUE OF THROCKMORTON IN THE CITY MONDAY.

### COUNTY APPROPRIATES COIN

Route Goes by Murray, McCan's and Masters, Near Woodson to Throckmorton.

Monday was not only a day for the gathering of Young county people in Graham, but was also the occasion of a visit of about forty members of the Young Men's Business League of Throckmorton, besides about twenty other citizens of that place.

In all there were 25 automobile loads came over, arriving here at various intervals in the morning until about noon.

Upon arrival the guests were escorted to the parlors of the Graham Social Club, where the Mayor, S. Boyd Street, delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mr. Ewalt.

At noon the visitors were given cards for dinner at the Mountinside Hotel and Dolman House.

In the afternoon a joint session of the Graham Commercial Club and Throckmorton League was held, and the proposition of building a portion of the Ft. Worth to Roswell highway was discussed.

After speeches by Mr. E. E. Edwards of Ft. Worth, D. N. Hardy of Throckmorton, O. J. Wood of Woodson, M. K. Graham and S. R. Crawford of Graham, besides several others, the matter was turned over to a committee for final adjustment.

The committee went into executive and after much discussion it was decided to build the highway in Young county from the Jack county line on the Bryson road to McCan's on the Throckmorton county line, through Graham, and by the way of Murray.

No representative from Newcastle was present but a proposition was made that Graham would put up an equal amount of money with Newcastle to construct a first class road from Newcastle to Graham.

The following proposition was submitted to the Commissioners Court Monday by Mr. M. K. Graham, upon which the Court acted favorably.

Be it ordered that the proposition of the Graham Commercial Club, looking to the improvement and maintenance of a public road from the county line near Bryson through Graham and Murray to the county line west of Murray be accepted to wit:

That Young county out of its general fund will spend in improvement of said approximate thirty-five miles of road one dollar for each two dollars expended by said Commercial Club up to a total of one hundred dollars per mile, and when so improved said county will supply road drags, and arrange if possible to have said thirty-five miles of road regularly dragged at its expense. And further that Young county will expend one dollar for each one dollar expended by Graham and Newcastle, that is, one dollar to their two dollars, on the Graham and Newcastle road via

Williamson's up to a total expenditure of \$100.00 per mile and provided as above for the regular dragging of same. All of said money to be expended as soon as may be possible during 1914, and under the joint supervision of the parties extending the same.

Accepted by the county.

### Mrs. R. G. Graham Entertains.

Mrs. R. G. Graham entertained a number of friends last Thursday afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, as a courtesy extended to Mrs. J. A. Montgomery, of Memphis, Texas, a charming visitor in the city, and the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Burkett.

The guests assembled with fancy-work bags and the moments slipped by fraught with bright conversation, as the crochet and embroidery devotees stitched happily. Dainty handwork is pre-eminently woman's sphere, and a group of lovers of this fine art can become delightfully congenial over the intricate workings of a crochet hook.

An impromptu program was offered, which was much enjoyed. Mrs. R. A. Duncan, who possesses a voice of singular sweetness and sympathy, sang "The Heart of a Red, Red Rose" and "Forgotten." Happy little readings were contributed by Mesdames Widmayer, Duncan and Hallam, after which Mrs. Graham served delicious cream with cherries, and two varieties of excellent cake, assisted by Mesdames Morrison and Crabb.

The following were present: Mesdames Johnson, Street, H. L. Morrison, Wynns, McJimsey, Widmayer, Hallam, Duncan, Lynch, Bowman, Kramer, Morris, Crabb, Mabry, Vick, Eichelberger, Griffin, Vaughan, Burkett and J. A. Montgomery of Memphis, Texas.

### LITERARY CLUB

The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle were entertained in a delightful manner last Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Edgar McLendon, assisted by the three preceding hostesses of the Club, Mesdames F. F. Parrish, E. Mabry, and H. E. Griffin.

The home was transformed into a bower of beauty, to which wild violets and daisies lent themselves charmingly.

The Easter idea was dominant in the decorations, bunny rabbits, easter eggs of brilliant hue, tiny fluffy chickens, and other conceits of the Easter-tide were used in profusion.

In the absence of the president and vice presidents, Mrs. A. A. Morrison presided. Roll call was somewhat in the nature of an innovation, as the quotations were given from the poets of Greece. Mrs. Fred Arnold read an excellent paper selected from "Rambles and Studies in Greece," on the subject: "From Thebes to Athens." Mrs. R. G. Hallam closed the study of "The Meaning of Evolution," with a paper on "Science and the Book," the author's plea for the harmony of the sciences with theology. A table talk followed. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. H. Crabb contributed several delightful piano and violin selections.

Several attractive tables were used in serving the guests, over which dainty covers were drawn. The largest table was centered by a reflector, banked with wild flowers; the tables were marked with various Easter conceits, among which were hand-painted rabbit heads, concealing a unique contest. In this contest, the names of the club members figured in stray sentences. This was made more difficult as the maiden name was used and much puzzling came over the collection of various "Marys" and "Susans."

Ice cream was served, moulded in the shape of Easter bunnies, with delicious cake to the Club members and the following guests: Mesdames B. B. Garrett, A. W. Kay, R. V. Tidwell, Jno. Pohlmann, J. H. Norman and J. F. H. Crabb.

## Community Co-Operation

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Everyone is more or less proud of the community in which he lives, and justly so. But, really, about the most inconsistent thing I know of is a person who evinces great interest in local affairs and conditions, and at the same time deliberately does those things that tend to retard the development of his home town or community.

Those people who proudly boast of the advantages offered by their home town as a desirable place in which to live, and then fail to extend their local merchants their patronage whenever possible, appeal to me as being about as ridiculous as the proprietor of a restaurant who loudly praises the quality of the food and service he of-

fers the public and then eats elsewhere himself.

It may be a fact that your local stores are not as large or as handsomely equipped as some of the big city stores, but surely you will agree with me that your merchants cannot possibly enlarge their business or improve their service beyond the extent of the patronage accorded them. Therefore, if you are interested in bringing about better local shopping facilities, it is up to you and every other resident of your locality to buy in your local market whenever possible, thereby keeping your money at home, where it can work its way through various channels for the improvement and growth of your community.

### Passing of the Cowboy.

Whence has the cowboy fled,  
The pride of days no more,  
With his tried lasso at his belt,  
His singing camp-fire lore?  
He rode knee deep in clover,  
He whistled merry tunes,  
He was a loving rover  
In his leather pantaloons.

He jingled spurs of silver,  
He knelt the ace of spades,  
His trusty rifle at his hip  
Made shift of Indian raids.  
The native heart of Texas  
Recalls him evermore,  
His sombrero in an heirloom,  
So, dear cowboy, here, bon soir!  
—Reporter Staff Poet.

### Throckmorton Breaks Even.

The Throckmorton ball team made an even break here Big Monday. In the morning Olney and Throckmorton played a close game which was won by Olney on account of the Throckmorton boys being unable to hit when hits meant runs. The hard hitting of Blevins for Olney featured the game. He made two three-base hits in four times at bat. Walsh, a former Graham boy, saved the game for Olney by making a shoe-string catch in right field. The score was 7 to 5 in favor of Olney.

In the afternoon Throckmorton defeated Jacksboro before a crowd of about five hundred people. The game was interesting from the beginning. The Throckmorton team outplayed Jacksboro at all stages of the game and hit the Jacksboro pitchers with great regularity. Carlton started the game for Jacksboro and showed great form until the fourth inning, when he was pounded for six runs. He retired after the fifth in favor of Ham, who fared some better. The feature of the game was a two base hit in the fourth inning by Rankin of Throckmorton, with three men on. At the first of the ninth inning the score was 6 to 6, then Throckmorton took a two-run lead that Jacksboro was unable to overcome in her half of the inning.

Batteries for Jacksboro, Carlton, Howard and Owens; for Throckmorton, Dearmon and Wilkerson.

Miss Aytchie Chism, who is teaching expression at Grapevine, Texas, visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Chism, the latter part of the week.

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The head of the Health Department has been sick for the last two weeks. This being a fact many things have been neglected that should have been attended to. But now I am back on my job and have been inspecting the town and find a few unsanitary conditions existing, some of which I will mention later. These inspections will be made each week throughout the summer. By keeping your places in a sanitary condition you will save this department the trouble of writing you a personal letter, calling your attention to the unsanitary surroundings about your place.

We have no favors or special privileges to grant anyone for being filthy. Your neighbor will report the unsanitary condition of your premises. Save them this trouble. I am glad to note that a great number of our citizens have been active in co-operating with this department. I regret to say that some have neglected to clean up their back alleys, also quite a number have failed to clean up their barns and chicken yards. These things should not be neglected as your summer associate (Mr. Fly) is getting ready to dine with you three times a day without an invitation. He thinks if you furnish him an incubator of filth that he has a perfect right to the place, which is correct.

I wish to call the business men's attention to a few unsanitary things, of which some are guilty. One thing I wish to mention especially, and that is sweeping the contents of the floors of their buildings upon the front street, after burning that which will burn, leaving the other to be scattered by the wind throughout the town. This trash should be collected and put in barrels in the back alleys so the scavenger can collect each morning and remove from the city. I find that barns and sheds in the rear of business houses should be rendered more sanitary. Please attend to this immediately, without delay. I also find the chicken yards should be attended to at once, as they are in a very unsanitary condition. The pure food law is very strict in regard to unhealthy conditions and surroundings of animals and fowls that are sold to the public for food. The pure food inspector is expected to visit this town at any time. This is a reminder.

Respectfully,  
DR. W. H. LOGAN,  
City Health Officer.

### PRISCILLAS

The Priscillas met this week with Mrs. R. E. Bryan. The needles flew, for several pieces are nearing completion, and a new pattern in crochet was being learned. Tongues flew also, as there are many interesting subjects for Priscillas to discuss.

After several pleasant hours of work, accompanied with music rendered by different members of the club, the hostess, assisted by Mesdames Stovall and Norman, served ice cream and wafers.

The guests were Mesdames John Norman, Jim Norman and W. M. Morton. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. E. Norris. A Member.

Miss Mary Craig spent Easter with relatives.

## TOWN OF BELKNAP IS NO MORE

STREETS AND ALLEYS ARE ORDERED ABANDONED.

### WAS ONCE THE COUNTY SEAT

Historic Old Fort Was Once Populated by Several Thousand People.

The town of Belknop, or what was once Fort Belknop, is no longer a town.

A recent order of the Commissioners Court abandoning the streets and alleys of the old place, puts it back as it was before the stirring days of the 60's—a farming and stockman's country.

Fort Belknop was established by the United States government in 1857, and soldiers were kept there for the protection of the citizens of this country against the Indians. Shortly after the Civil war the fort was abandoned and in the organization of the county Belknop was made the county seat. It remained the county seat until 1874, when an election was held making Graham the county seat.

Many thrilling adventures have taken place in which residents of Ft. Belknop took part and old settlers still talk of those frontier days.

### Honoring Miss Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Graham entertained several friends on Monday evening with a progressive party, honoring their charming visitor, Miss Robinson of Dallas.

Seven rounds at Rook were played and Mrs. Chas. Hutchison was awarded the ladies' high score prize, sheer handkerchiefs. Mr. McKinley won the gentleman's high score handkerchiefs and Mrs. Will Norman was presented the consolation, "Don't Worry—Smile," in book form. The honor guest was given a piece of sterling ware.

A salad repast was served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames C. P. Hutchison, W. D. Norman, E. S. Graham, Mesdames Fowler, G. Q. Street and Wadsworth; Misses Manning, Richardson of New Mexico, Bladen Garrett, Mayzelle Morrison, Allye Logan, Dorothy Graham and Messrs. P. K. Deats, Leslie Scott, S. Boyd Street, Wesley Johnson, J. P. McKinley, the honoree, host and hostess.

### Christian Ladies' Aid.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Jackson Thursday afternoon with twelve members present. Meeting was opened by song, followed with prayer by Mrs. Stallings, after which a very interesting lesson on "The Journey to Emmans" was led by Sister Miller. Each member present answered to roll call with a scripture verse containing the word "grace."

Next meeting to be with Mrs. W. M. Johnson. Keyword sacrifice.

Mrs. Roy Golston and children have returned to Quanah, after a short visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mabry.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Loving were in town Sunday.







### MT. PLEASANT

It is feared the corn crop was damaged by the freeze last week.

Some sickness among the little folks in our community now, among them Terrel Wright, 'ma Lee Martin, Jennie Lee Nisbett, Ruby Hughes, Minnie Ola Mathews and possibly others.

Mrs. Roy Pardue happened to the misfortune of getting pretty severely burned one day last week by her clothing catching fire from an open heating stove. We understand she is getting along nicely and it is to be hoped she will soon be on the road to recovery.

The election held here last Saturday for the purpose of voting on the question of whether an additional 20 cents on the \$100.00 valuation should be levied on this school district resulted as follows: 15 for the tax and one against. This gives us 30 cents special tax, and will enable us to have a six months' school and hire a good teacher. And still the good work goes on—"so mote it be"—even so well yet.

Elder J. H. Fisher filled his regular appointment at the Chapel last Sunday.

It is expected that all who feel interested, and desire to do so will meet at the Chapel next Saturday, April 19th and work on the cemetery.

Saturday, April 26th has been designated as the day to paint the school house and clean off the school grounds. The men and boys are expected to bring an axe, grubbing hoe or a paint brush and ladder. The ladies are requested to bring or cause to be brought, well filled baskets of the world famed eatables, and of course the day would not be complete without the presence of the ladies and the "little ones." Women and children first and then "whosoever will may come." After the work is all done it is proposed to have a singing. Come one, come all.

Uncle Pink Brooks spent last week with his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Hulise, in the Elbert community. Mr. and Mrs. Hulise returned home with Uncle Pink Friday and stayed until Sunday.

Of course I attended Big Monday; met a number of Correspondents, among them Gander, Salemite, Kid, Dago, and got a glimpse of the Goose and Buster. It is like meeting kinfolks to meet these noble pencil pushers. No doubt we are termed "greenies" by some, and this scribe here and now enters a plea of guilty and I file charges against those who so accuse us that they are "blacky." Of course some of our items do sound silly to people of well organized social centers, but it is simply "life on the farm" and means a great deal to all concerned. It is "real life" as it actually transpires among the simple (not ignorant) yet great, earnest country people, and this is the simple reason why country people like The Reporter so well. It is to be presumed, of course, that the Manager, Editor and printers, of the Reporter have their individual political and church views, and religious beliefs, but when it comes to dealing with the public generally, the utmost fairness is accorded all alike. They know no church or creed, clique or ring. They place no difference between the most common citizen and the richest potentate in the land, but are simply living up to the policies and principles as announced in their advance sheet that "The West Texas Reporter will not be the paper of any clique or ring." Any newspaper which adopts and adheres to those policies is bound to win. (The Reporter has already won) because if there is one thing more dear to the American heart than any other, it is the right of "free speech and free press."

But I have digressed. Referring to our writeups will say that I am reliably informed that the town people read and appreciate our writings—a thing perfectly natural—because most people who live in town once lived in the country "on the farm" and no doubt they often sigh for the erstwhile country life. Most of our best business men were once either farmers or farmers boys, therefore they are likely better acquainted with our conditions than we give them credit for being.

Say Kid, don't you get uneasy about the "Plow Boy" brand of syrup, for if I am elected commissioner you can still get the same article of "sop" at the old

stand. The earth will still revolve on its axis showing us the beautiful sun once every twenty-four hours, provided no clouds arise, the wind will not forget to blow betimes, and the rains will continue to come "not" at the right time and the next Correspondents' reunion will be pulled off just the same as if I were a private citizen.

A number of our people attended church, Easter egg hunt and dinner on the ground at Briar Branch last Sunday. They report a good time. Those people sure know how to make folks welcome.

Some of our people have been attending the Baptist revival at Graham the past week. They report good preaching and good singing. Plow-Boy.

### COUNTY LINE

The people of this community became very much excited Tuesday morning when those dark looking clouds began to appear. It was feared that the Plow Boy's "war clouds" were fast approaching but by the time we could collect our fire arms we saw there was nothing to fear except a norther. But it certainly was a norther, all right. Has lasted now forty-eight hours and looks very much as if would last forty-eight hours longer.

Miss Mary Caudill spent Sunday night and Monday night with her sister, Mrs. Oscar James, at Gooseneck.

The singing at the home of J. M. Reed Sunday was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Olif Ribble of Ming Bend was in our vicinity again Sunday. Old Fox Hollow still has some charms doesn't it Mr. Olif?

Mr. Robert Newby and Mr. Frank Ribble went to Cedar Creek fishing Monday night. We think they had rather a cold time to fish, but they say they had pretty good luck.

They held a school election at the school house Saturday for the purpose of electing trustees. The following named men were elected to serve: J. M. Reed, J. Y. Dendy and Alex Stringer.

Alex Stringer and family, John Farrer and family, Misses Anna Robertson, Lara Dendy, Rena Cammack and Mr. Jewell Nicklas were pleasant visitors at the Reed home Sunday.

George Valentine and family moved to Pickwick last week. Mrs. Valentine will be operator at the telephone office at that place.

Mr. Will Caudill and family of this place went to Graham Tuesday and spent Tuesday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves at Little Arkansas.

Mrs. J. A. Caudill has been sick for several days but we are very glad to report her better at this writing.

Thank you Goose for what you said to the postmaster at Bunker, but really I don't believe that the postmaster heeded what you said, any more than what I said, for my letters are not coming the right way yet. But it is not the letters that I care for so much as for my Reporter.

The farmers are looking sick in this part of the world since the freeze killed their corn, and to plant over means four dollars per bushel and that is steep corn.

What came very near being a serious accident happened Thursday. Robert Newby and family started to Graham and the team became frightened at something and ran away. Mr. Newby succeeded in getting them stopped long enough for Mrs. Newby and the baby to get out of the buggy, but before he could hand little Lois out, the team started again. One of the lines broke and Mr. Newby managed to jump out with little Lois without getting hurt. The team ran for some little distance finally breaking the tongue out of the buggy. We are glad to say that no one was hurt.

Homeite I'm very sorry that I caused Prof. Chambers and Mr. Bunker to be disappointed, but they were not as badly disappointed as myself. I don't think, however, I'm going to try to come to the next literary at Mountain Home.

B. P. Ritchey went to Sorghum Flat Friday after seed corn. He says he is just going to plant "once more this year."

Maggie said she sure did enjoy the party Saturday night, and we are inclined to believe that Mr. John Lisle enjoyed the party also.

J. M. Reed visited the school

Thursday afternoon.

We are sorry to say that little Bill Reed fell against the heating stove Wednesday and was pretty badly burned, although not serious. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Thank you Brunette for your words of praise, and listen, that cousin of mine said tell you that you ought to see him now, since he has sprouted some whiskers and you would think him a handsome man—sure enough.

Three cheers for the Reporter Staff Poet and her pies. Silver Bell.

### MARKLEY

I would like to say that everything is quiet at Markley but not so. Everything is moving. We have to move or freeze. I have been in Texas a long time but I have never seen so much disagreeable weather in April before. The corn is bit down, the gardens are down and out and the fruit is all killed. We can re-plant the gardens, but some things the freeze got it is too late to plant.

Mr. Charles Ferguson tells me that his Johnson grass is all killed, but to say the least we are badly injured; but I am optimistic about the whole affair as it could be worse.

Our school closed April 10th with a nice entertainment and we wish Mr. Moreland success wherever he may go. We will miss him and his excellent family.

Mr. L. Edwards and family of the Shearer district are visiting Mr. J. P. Logan.

Miss Ruby Black has been visiting Mrs. M. A. Stewart.

Mr. N. J. Jones passed thru Markley with 250 steers from the Hunt ranch. He had sold them to Mr. Dale of Clay Co., price \$45.00 per head. Don't that sound good. He has passed back to Hunt ranch with 150 head of stock cattle.

Allen Williams sold Mr. Jones a bunch of cows.

We have a good Sunday school at Markley, and it is a union school, which is as it should be.

I agree with Buster, if we can't say something good about our people we will not speak of them. While I do believe in just criticism, while in that way we arrive at a truth that we could not do otherwise.

I see in Plow Boy's letter that a Mr. Creager is teaching the Mt. Pleasant school. I would like to know if it is my old friend, D. H. Creager. If it is I want to say to you keep him if you can for he is a good one.

We will meet the first Saturday in May to decorate the graves in the Markley cemetery. There will be dinner on the ground and we bid you welcome. Bono.

### LES HIBOUX

Mrs. M. K. Graham entertained the Thursday Auction Bridge Club last Thursday afternoon, to meet her guest, Miss Margaret Robinson of Dallas.

The color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in the dainty prizes, refreshments, and score cards.

Four games were played, after which the hostess served delicious brick cream in yellow and white, with pretty little cakes artistically decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums.

Four prizes were given, three of which were dainty pieces of lingerie. Mrs. E. S. Graham won the high score prize, Miss Robinson the guest prize, Miss Dorothy Graham the cut prize, Mrs. E. C. Stovall was given the "booby."

Those present were Mesdames E. C. Stovall, W. Norman, H. Wadsworth, Q. Street, E. S. Graham, J. Gay, R. Fowler, C. H. Hutchison, L. Clark and F. Parrish; Misses Lillian Manning, Theo. Richardson, Bladen Garrett, Dorothy Graham, Allye Logan. Invited guests Misses Kate Street, Nelle Graham and Mrs. A. A. Morrison and the honor guest.

### Christian Church.

Sunday was a good day, as evidenced by 201 in Bible School and a good attendance at the morning preaching service. Bro. Stallings delivered a splendid sermon on "The Power of the Resurrection." There were no evening services on account of the Baptist revival now in progress. Every member of the church is urged to be present in Bible School next Lord's day. Friends and strangers are cordially invited to all services.

of. About \$40.00 was realized by these industrious ladies, toward the monument that they are endeavoring to erect in the Court House Park in memory of the "ole fellers in Gray." This shaft would add greatly to the civic beauty of our little city, besides betokening the esteem and love with which we revere these heroes of the Lost Cause. Let us all do what we can for the "Daughters."

### Thanks for Assistance.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy desires to extend thanks to the Norris-Johnson Hardware Co., Matthews & Norris, Mr. H. P. Rose, Mr. J. L. Woods and all others who assisted them in making their Monday efforts successful. The public is also thanked for its liberal patronage.

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### PRINCE

Cleveland bay Percheron Stallion, height 16 hands, weight 1500 pounds, will stand at my farm 8 miles north from Graham on Indian Mound road. To insure \$10. Pasture for mares \$1.00 per month.

H. H. Stephens.



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