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MANY FARMERS TERRACING LAND

Many farmers are terracing in the county according to County Agent Trice, who is being kept busy at the present time doing this work. We believe that this is one of the most valuable pieces of work ever started in the county and will, where properly done, bring the greatest returns to the farmers in dollars and cents of any work that can be done on his place.

There are only two ways to terrace according to the County Agent, they are: the right way and the wrong way. Ask anyone that has had experience with terraced land and he will readily tell you that the right way is to properly construct the terraces which have been properly run then run the rows parallel with the terraces. Some of the farmers try to comprimise with the terraces and run their rows across them at various angles which is the wrong way.

Terracing is practiced to save the soil from washing away; to hold the moisture on the land where it belongs thereby causing an even growth of plant life over the entire hillside. To do this it is absolutely necessary that the rows run parallel with the terraces, even though this does cause short rows in the field. Where the rows cross the terraces it is impossible to hold the water where it belongs, for the rows are either running up or down hill even though that may be to a very small degree it will cause the water to run against the terraces and will soon wash them away. The terraces will hold the water for a time, but then if they do break the water will rush down the hill and wash breaks in all terraces down the hill and will carry more dirt than if the land was not terraced.

According to the County Agent the following men and many others are to have terracing work done during the year or have already had the work done: Will Whitman, J. W. Cowan, R. S. Stone, Walter Nanny, J. C. Montgomery, Farris Ranch, Paul Pelfer, Rudolph Lamm, Arthur Moser, K. A. Balser, J. R. Dinsmore, J. M. Cunningham, Shelby Harris, M. E. Parks, G. B. Fields, Mr. Mulkey, Dr. Taylor, A. D. Irick.

HASKELL SCHOOLS OPEN AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

The Haskell City Schools opened Tuesday Dec. 29 after a two weeks holiday, with most of the teachers at their post. There are twenty-two teachers in all and eleven of them live in Haskell, more than half of them all spent the Christmas holiday out of the city however. Haskell's citizenry welcomes her teachers back and hopes for them a pleasant an happy New Year. They are: Superintendent H. D. Neff, Principal M. B. Lebo, Haskell; Messrs. J. H. Flewharty and L. Kenneth England, Commerce; Misses Era Elinor Jackson, Temple; Inez Woodward, Roscoe; Mabel C. Baldwin and Fannie Jack Baldwin, Haskell; Lois Ware, Electra; Kathleen Mayfield, Bruceville; Amelia Payne, Lone Oak; Irma Churchwell, Archer City; Leda Bolin, Cumby; Aura Lee Tucker, Sweetwater; Mrs. J. H. Flewharty, Commerce; and Misses Mary Long, Ermine Daugherty, Alberta Smith, Minnie Ellis, Ella Cate, Lela Sprowls and Lois Earnest, Haskell.

CAR OVERTURNS, BUT NO ONE IS INJURED

A car driven by J. D. Holland, a local painter and paperhanger of this city overturned late Saturday afternoon near the home of Jesse B. Smith on the Rochester and Haskell road. Mr. Holland and a man by the name of Snyder were in the car with Mr. Holland when the accident occurred. Fortunately no one was injured because of the fact that the car was being driven very slow. The slippery condition of the roads caused the car to slide into the ditch and turn turtle.

NEW MANAGER FOR ALEXANDER'S NOTIONS

Mr. H. B. Binion, who has had charge of a chain variety store in Hugo, Okla, has taken the management of Alexander's 5-10-25c Department.

Mr. Binion has been connected with the large chain stores for a number of years and his experience will add much to this department of Alexander's store. Mr. Binion and wife have rented the M. H. Hancock house in the north part of Haskell and expect to become citizens in reality.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Myers of this city spent the holidays with friends and relatives in Yoakum.

His Annual Stunt

SETTING OF DOCKET IN COUNTY COURT

For the Week Beginning Jan. 18.

No. 1217—F. G. Alexander & Sons vs. G. W. Weaver. Jan. 18th.

No. 1312—F. G. Alexander & Sons vs. W. L. Coward. Jan. 18th.

No. 1368—Jno. A. Couch vs. H. E. Coursen. Jan. 18th.

No. 1382—First State Bank of Rochester vs. S. M. Head, et al. Jan. 20th.

No. 1472—W. H. Murchison vs. O. B. Collins, et al. Jan. 18th.

For the Week Beginning Jan. 25th.

No. 1314. W. S. Pope vs. Sun Fire Ins. Co. Jan. 25th.

No. 1444—The Hobart Mfg. Co. vs. T. P. Brooks. Jan. 26th.

No. 1448—E. L. Eastland vs. W. E. Flanary et al. Jan. 26th.

No. 1479—Jason Weiler & Sons vs. Haskell National Bank. Jan. 26th.

No. 1482—Christian Bros. vs. T. P. Brooks. Jan. 26th.

For the Week Beginning Feb. 1st.

No. 937—F. G. Alexander & Sons vs. H. E. Fields. Feb. 3.

No. 111—G. W. Thomason et al vs. Harry Tom King, et al. Feb. 1st.

No. 1167—M. S. Shook vs. K. C. M. & O. Railway. Feb. 1st.

No. 1181—W. C. Allison vs. K. C. M. & O. Railway. Feb. 1st.

No. 1307—M. S. Shook vs. K. C. M. & O. Railway. Feb. 1st.

No. 1337—T. P. Brooks vs. James Lyons. Feb. 1st.

No. 1354—Pope Wholesale Co. vs. H. R. Rich. Feb. 3rd.

No. 1357—Jno. W. Smith vs. K. C. M. & O. Railway. Feb. 4th.

No. 1362—First National Bank of Rule vs. Bryant Link Co. Feb. 2nd.

No. 1373—E. M. Carney et al vs. Elmer Hewitt. Feb. 2nd.

No. 1401—Eliza Kempner vs. T. A. Pinkerton. Feb. 1st.

No. 1161—W. T. Overby vs. H. B. Bell et al. Feb. 3rd.

No. 1416—D. B. Earnest vs. G. H. McClintock. Feb. 1st.

No. 1443—J. W. Wiley vs. R. C. Couch, et al. Feb. 4th.

No. 1468—N. G. Walker vs. I. F. Lea. Feb 3rd.

No. 1470—Frank Winn et al vs. J. L. Baldwin et al. Feb. 4th.

All cases will be tried in the order in which they come on the docket. All criminal cases are set for the week of Jan. 18th and will have right of way over the civil cases set for that week. It is the intention of the Court to clear the docket at this time.

Norther Strikes In This Section Early Thursday

A norther struck here early Thursday morning which was predicted Wednesday by radio fans and as we go to press the weather is gradually growing colder. No moisture has fallen during the week. Last Friday night thirty-one hundredths of an inch of rain fell and Saturday was cloudy most of the day with a light sprinkle before noon. Farmers believe the rain though less than one half inch will greatly benefit the wheat and other small grain which was sown last fall. There is a normal grain crop sown this year and with rain sufficient to tide it over a good yeild is expected.

MANY AUTOMOBILES BEING REGISTERED

Payment of taxes and the registration of automobiles in Haskell county is going forward at a rapid rate according to Chas. M. Conner Tax Collector a total of 926 cars were registered up to the first of the new year and an average of about 150 registrations each day since the first of January is reported. The time allowed car owneds to make their registrations will close at Midnight February the 28th.

HAYS & HOWELL BUY FIELDS DRAY LINE

Messrs. R. A. Hays and Floyd Howell of this city purchased the George B. Fields Dray Line last week, and took charge of the business Friday morning January 1st.

Mr. Hays is a former partner of Mr. Fields, having sold his interest only a few months ago. Mr. Fields has been engaged in the drayage business for a number of years, and had built up a reputation and made many friends by his efficient and prompt service. The new owners are experienced in the business, and capable of giving their patrons and the public in general service to meet all needs.

Mr. Fields has not announced his plans for the future; however it is expected that he will remain in Haskell.

Mrs. O E. Patterson has returned from Dallas where she visited her aunt, Mrs. S. O. Tisdale and attended Grand Opera.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning with our issue of January 22, 1926 the Haskell Free Press will be issued on Thursday of each week instead of Friday as has been the custom in the past. All advertising copy and news items must be in this office not later than Tuesday night, to insure publication.

The change is being made in order that we may better serve our subscribers and advertisers. Under the present mail service some of our subscribers in the county cannot get their paper on the rural routes before Monday. The change will enable everyone to get their paper not later than Friday afternoon.

We ask the co-operation of our correspondents and advertisers and we believe that the change will meet the approval of all concerned.

FARMERS SHOULD CLEAN FENCE ROWS

The farming land of the county is being rapidly put in shape for the coming crop. The ground is being turned and listed to put it in the best possible shape for the seeds that are to be sown in a few months and it is a good practice for the weeds and rubbish turned under now will have time to decay before planting time.

Every farmer in the county should put his land in the best condition possible and as soon as he can before planting time for, as a general rule, work done before planting time will repay many time over in crop returns. It has been noticed that the farmer that does not have time to do any work on his lands before planting time is one that is always troubled with insect pests, weeds of various descriptions and grasses.

Although the farmer is busily engaged in preparing his land for the coming crops he should not be too busy to remember that he has so many yards of fence row surrounding his place that is a hiding place for insects and their eggs and that harbors thousands of weed and grass seeds if the row is not properly kept cleaned. If the fence row is properly plowed and cleaned at the present time most of the insects that are now harbored on the fence row will be killed by the freezes for the plow will turn most of the eggs up to the action of the elements. This proper cleaning of the fence row will go a long way in assisting with the fight against the grasshoppers that has to be waged in the country each year.

New Building for the Crawford Chick Hatchery

J. C. Crawford manager of the local hatchery of this city is now erecting a new building in which he will install a new mammouth incubator of five thousand egg capacity. The incubator has already arrived and is waiting to be installed as soon as the building is complete. Mr. Crawford has been trying out the hatching business in a small way for the past two years and he finds through experience that a large hatchery is needed to take care of his increasing patronage. He is arranging his new building so that it can be enlarged as his business demands and he soon hopes to grow into one of the largest hatching businesses in this section of the state.

ELKS CAFE CLOSED FOR SEVERAL DAYS

The Elks Cafe, one of the most popular cafes in town, has been closed most of the week in order to make a few changes on the interior of the building. Messrs. McCurley and Collier, proprietors of the cafe, state that it is their custom to close up for several days each year in order to have a "general house-cleaning" so that they may be able to serve their patrons more satisfactorily.

Has Been Reader of The Free Press For Forty Years

F. G. Alexander one of the Haskell County pioneers who came to Haskell county in the year of 1884 was active in the organization of the county and is now head of the oldest commercial business house in the county doing business under the same name said, that he has been a subscriber to the Haskell Free Press from the first issue in January 1886 until the last issue in January 1926, covering a period of forty years that he has been a paid up subscriber. He is one of our most enthusiastic readers today. He is always ready to boost the Free Press with the zeal and confidence and his support is fully appreciated by the present management. The Free Press would like to know just how many readers have been on the list since the day the Free Press made its first appearance until the present issue.

MISS ESTELLE TENNYSON ANNOUNCES DISTRICT CLERK

The honors of being the first candidate to announce subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July goes to Miss Estelle Tennyson, the present District Clerk, who makes her announcement for re-election.

Miss Tennyson has discharged the duties of the office in a very efficient manner during the past, and needs no introduction to the people of Haskell County on this score. She has proven a very capable and efficient officer, keeping the records and discharging the duties of the office in a complimentary manner to herself and the county at large. During this time she has probably been called upon to handle a larger handled by the District Clerk's office volume of business than has ever been before. The duties of the office are of such a nature that the general public does not come into contact with the work as much as in some of the other offices, unless they have business in the District Court, but nevertheless the office is an important one and must be discharged by a capable and trustworthy person. Haskell County has been fortunate in having Miss Tennyson as District Clerk, and the voters will make no mistake in re-electing her for another term.

Miss Tennyson may not have any opposition in the coming election, but if she should not, she will appreciate your vote and influence just the same, and promises to discharge the duties of the office in the same careful and efficient manner as she has in the past, if elected.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE NEW DRIVER SOON

Applications are being considered by the city officials and Fire Chief Geo. B. Fields for the position of truck driver for the fire department. This position was made vacant Jan. 1st when Floyd Howell, driver for the past two years, tendered his resignation to enter the drayage business with R. A. Hays. Mr. Howell has been an efficient driver always on the job, and deserves his share of the credit for the record made by the Fire Department during the past.

No action has been taken as yet on the applications, several persons having applied for the place, and it will probably be several days before a new man is selected.

Elks Club Present Another Wrestling Match Friday Night

M. Barackman of Knox City, favorite of this section, meets Chas. Mason of Wichita Falls at the Elks Club here Friday night in the third event on the Elks wrestling card.

Barackman has won both of the matches in which he has appeared here, and has gained quite a reputation. In fact some say that he is slated for the middleweight championship. However, Mason comes with a number of victories to his credit. In Wichita Falls he has been beating some good men, and is a clever, scientific wrestler. He wrestled for the championship in Salt Lake City last year, and also defeated Walter Miller at Billings, Mont., for the championship of the Northwest.

Regardless of the outcome, spectators are assured a good exhibition, and the winner is a matter of speculation. Both men give their weights as 158 pounds, and both are smooth scientific wrestlers. The match will be a catch-as-catch-can, Police Gazette rules, with no time limit.

Preliminaries have been arranged before the match, which will begin at 8 o'clock sharp.

Miss Ruth Chambers of Abilene visited Mrs. Marshall Pierson last week end.

B. C. D. SELECTS COMMITTEE HEADS

In keeping with the new proceedure as will be followed this year by the Board of City Development—Chamber of Commerce, directors will serve as Chairmen of Standing Committees, and also for Special Committees, were practicle, while the membership of each committee will be composed of members of the organization; no Directors will serve on committees, other than as Chairman with exception of the Railroad Committee and the Hotel Committee. R. E. Sherrill, remains Chairman of the Railroad Committee, with Joe Lee Ferguson, T. E. Ballard and Hardy Grissom as his aids; John W. Pace remains Chairman of the Hotel Committee, with members and such Directors as now are on this committee remaining with this assignment; as each Chairman reports the personal of his committee it will be published, from time to time, until members will have, by clipping this information, the Chairman and membership of each committee and when interested in some piece of work can approach the Chairman or any member and discuss the subject without calling on the Manager, if it be more convenient or if desired.

The Chairmen and their assignments, as selected to date by President J. U. Fields, are as follows: Railroad—R. E. Sherrill; Civic Improvements, Street, Parks and Sanitation—Courtney Hunt; Conventions and Entertainments—C. V. Payne; Inter-City Relations—F. L. Daugherty; Hotel—John W. Pace; Finance—N. I. McCollum; Industries—W. O. Wallace; Roads and Highways—O. E. Patterson; Rural Activities and Trade Extension—R. C. Couch; School and Colleges—H. D. Neff.

As each committee goes into their respective labors reports will be made by the Chairman at the Board meetings held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the office of the Manager, in the Pierson Building, (over the Payne Drug Store) at 7:30 o'clock. (Wives of Directors are asked to clip this information, also, and help remind Directors accordingly)

Each committee will hold its meeting as desired, on the call of the Chairman; the President and Manager being ex-officio of all committees, will join them when it is desired. The Manager serves as Secretary to the Board and where necessary, Secretary to all Committees.

Call meetings of the Board will be held when the President deems it proper, eeither on his own initiative or upon a Committee Chairman, or members on the request of members of the Board requesting it for a special purpose.

The Manager serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the organization and issues checks against General or Regular Expenses; all special expenses or expenditures are passed upon by the Finance Committee Chairman and Committee, and checks thusly drawn are signed by the Chairman with the Manager. The books of the organization are subject to the Chairman of the Finance Committee at all times or upon demand of the Board in session, if desired.

All pledges for 1925 should be remitted to Chairman N. I. McCollum, payable to the Board of City Development or deposited at the Haskell National Bank and duplicate deposite slip taken and same mailed to Mr. McCollum or the organization so that proper credit might be given the member doing so.

There are a number of pledges showing balances due the organization and members will greatly assist the Chairman by remiting as early as convenient; if such members do not know what amount is yet due on their pledge this information can be obtained from the Chairman or the Manager.

The program of work for 1926 contains three main items, worthy of every citizens thought and support; Improved streets, perhaps a paving program; Street lights over certain sections of town, to be agreed upon; Extension of the Sewerage System; a survey has been furnished the proper officers consultation with the City Council will follow and the plan presented the public for their information and endorsement. The territory to be cared for will be stated and the plan of finance will also be presented at the proper time.

All members of the Board of Directors court suggestions from the membership of the Board of City Development and Chamber of Commerce, each tax payer being a member of the first mentioned and those paying annual pledges, being the membership of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce supports the Band Masters salary, takes care of the office expenses, and finances various special matters of interest that cannot be looked after by the Board of City Development or from its revenue; the Managers salary is cared for by the Board of City Development and the Haskell Fair Association.