

COMMISSIONERS
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This will necessitate adding this Voting Precinct to Justice of the Peace No. 5.

7. That the common boundary line of Precincts No. 23 and 24 be Farm Road No. 301 and that the voting place of Precinct No. 23 be designated as the "Community Building" in Sundown.

8. That a new Precinct No. 15 be designated in Levelland beginning in the center of the Courthouse extending East along the boundary between Commissioner's Precincts No. 1 and 4 to the middle of East Avenue, thence South along the middle of East Avenue to the intersection of the middle of Twelfth (12th) Street, thence West to the

intersection of boundary of Commissioner's Precincts No. 1 and 2. The voting place to be Le-elland High School Building.

The presiding Judge of Smyer, Voting Precinct No. 13 is Floyd Brown, and the judges: Harley Wood, Mrs. Harley Wood, and Mrs. Jack King.

The presiding judge of Ropesville, voting Precinct No. 14, is S. B. Berry. The judges: M. L. Collins, Mrs. Newt Green, and Mrs. J. C. Pointer.

WE TRAVEL
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time no one has been able to translate it.

Leaving the ruins, we moved into the petrified forest. Scattered over acres and acres are petrified

trees and parts of petrified trees. At one point a tree has fallen across a narrow gorge and formed a stone bridge, but you have no trouble telling it was a tree. In fact, the bark still appears natural.

According to the story given us, it is thought that in the early dawn of time this section was one vast forest of mammoth trees, inhabited by prehistoric beasts, then for some reason known only to God, it was suddenly covered by water, and the trees thus submerged turned to stone. The stone is flint like.

In the museum the stone is polished and is as slick as glass. We were told by an attendant that the museum this next year will be twice as large as it is now, as they have enough new specimens to fill such a building.

On display, in glass cases, are different kinds of rock formation, some showing the imprint of fern-like growth.

Leaving the Petrified Forest, we passed through Meteor City, which had a sign proudly announcing, "Meteor City, population 2." A little distance on we turned off on the road which leads to the "Meteor Crater of Arizona".

This is one attraction they have fenced in, and they knock you loose from 50c a person to take a peep at the big hole in the ground.

It is some hole. It measures, as we remember, some 700 feet across and 500 feet deep. It is rounding in shape, and appears as if some huge ball suddenly hit the earth and sank into the ground. You view it through glass windows or you go out on a catwalk and look down into it. Tours were being made into it, but people were warned not to go near an old mining shaft at the bottom, as a fire had burned out the shaft, and there was danger of a cave-in.

It was at the entrance to the Crater road that we saw our first wreck. Some tourists had started to turn, and another tourist's car smacked his auto a right healthy jolt. A highway cop was trying to settle the argument as we passed.

Fifteen miles out of Flagstaff we ran into rain. It poured for several miles. On the right of us were mountains. It is strange, but to those not used to mountains, when seen at a distance they appear as clouds on the horizon. We came in close to these mountains, and noted their heads soared high into the blue. In fact, they penetrated the clouds and went far above them.

We drove into Flagstaff Sunday evening, August 4.

The town is strung out down the highway — a tourist court, a bar and a service station. It was Sunday but the town was wide open with music blaring from the

drinking places, while Indians and white people came from within and others stepped from the outdoor dampness into the places of drink. Indians were in abundance.

Here in this place the country depends on timber, cattle and sheep — and tourists.

It had the appearance of the old west. We were reminded of studies we had made of old towns back in the days when everything was wide open. We looked about to see if any of the folks had guns swinging from their hips — they didn't. If there was a church holding Sunday night services we did not find it. The business section, which was off the highway, was closed tight as a jug and only those places along the highway stayed open to catch the tourist — a few drinks, a little gasoline, and a cabin with a sales tax added to the take.

As a matter of fact, most of these states are supported by money left by tourists in the form of a sales tax.

It was here that we paid 40 cents a gallon for gasoline, the dealer telling us it cost 8 cents a gallon to have it hauled in from California.

As we left Flagstaff we were in the pines. It was

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just out of this place that we saw our first rail fence — you know, the kind that Lincoln split logs for. It was along this route that we also saw a building on which was lettered the sign, "Mountain Men's Den". We don't know what it contained as we didn't have time to stop.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, August 5, we entered Las Vegas, Nev.

RETURNS FROM OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson and son, Weldon and family of Fort Worth, were in eastern Oklahoma a few days ago visiting with relatives.

Sunday they all visited relatives in Colorado City.

CITY COUNCIL MET MONDAY NIGHT

The Ropes City Council met on Tuesday night.

Mayor Gene Pierce presided with the following aldermen present: Ralph Riojas, Chester Stephenson, Everett Wallace, Troy Morris and Mansfield Thomas.

Only routine business was attended to.

W. E. PIERCE ABOUT AGAIN

After spending several days in a Lubbock hospital where he was being treated for a heart ailment, W. E. Pierce was returned home this past week.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting at the Fire Station on Friday night, the 23rd of August, to see about having a First Aid School in Ropesville.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Hockley County, Texas, will be in session at the County Judge's Office at the Court House, Levelland, Texas, on Tuesday, September 3, 1957, at 10 A.M., for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the adoption of the budget for Hockley County for the year of 1958.
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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas adding a section to be known as Section 49-c of Article III, providing for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of Texas to create the Texas Water Development Fund to provide financial assistance to certain political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas in the conservation and development of the water resources of the State; providing for the payment of such bonds; creating an agency to administer said Fund and to perform other duties prescribed by law; limiting the period during which financial assistance may be granted; and providing for the calling of an election and the publication and issuance of the proclamation therefor.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of Texas be amended by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 49-c, as follows:

"Section 49-c. There is hereby created an agency of the State of Texas to exercise such powers as necessary under this provision together with such other duties and restrictions as may be prescribed by law. The qualifications, compensation, and number of members of said Board shall be determined by law. They shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate in the manner and for such terms as may be prescribed by law.

The Texas Water Development Board shall have the authority to provide for issue and sell general obligation bonds of the State of Texas in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000). The Legislature of the State, upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of the elected Members of each House, may authorize the Board to issue additional bonds in an amount not exceeding One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000). The bonds authorized herein or permitted to be authorized by the Legislature shall be called 'Texas Water Development Bonds' and shall be executed in such form, denominations and upon such terms as may be prescribed by law, provided, however, that the bonds shall not bear more than four per cent (4%) interest per annum; they may be issued in such installments as the Board finds feasible and practical in accomplishing the purpose set forth herein.

All moneys received from the sale of State bonds shall be deposited in a fund hereby created in the State Treasury to be known as the Texas Water Development Fund to be administered (without further appropriation) by the Texas Water Development Board in such manner as prescribed by law.

Such fund shall be used only for the purpose of aiding or making funds available upon such terms and conditions as the Legislature may prescribe, to the various political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas including river authorities, conservation and reclamation districts and districts created or organized or authorized to be created or organized under Article XVI, Section 59 or Article III, Section 52, of this Constitution, interstate compact commissions to which the State of Texas is a party and municipal corporations, in the conservation and development of the water resources of this State, including the control, storage and preservation of its storm and flood waters and the waters of its rivers and streams, for all useful and lawful purposes by the acquisition, improvement, extension, or construction of dams, reservoirs and other water storage projects, including any system necessary for the transportation of water from storage to points of treatment and/or distribution, including facilities for transporting water therefrom to wholesale purchasers, or for any one or more of such purposes or methods.

"Any or all financial assistance as provided herein shall be repaid with interest upon such terms, conditions and manner of repayment as may be provided by law.

"While any of the bonds authorized by this provision or while any of the bonds that may be authorized by the Legislature under this provision or any interest on any of such bonds, is outstanding and unpaid, there is hereby appropriated out of the first moneys coming into the Treasury in each fiscal year, not otherwise appropriated by this Constitution, an amount which is sufficient to pay the principal and interest on such bonds that mature or become due during such fiscal year and the amount in the sinking fund at the close of the prior fiscal year.

"The Legislature may provide for the investment of moneys available in the Texas Water Development Fund, and the interest and sinking funds established for the payment of bonds issued by the Texas Water Development Board. Income from such investments shall be used for the purposes prescribed by the Legislature. The Legislature may also make appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for paying administrative expenses of the Board.

"From the moneys received by the Texas Water Development Board as repayment of principal for financial assistance or as interest thereon, there shall be deposited in the interest and sinking fund for the bonds authorized by this Section sufficient moneys to pay the interest and principal to become due during the ensuing year and sufficient to establish and maintain a reserve in said fund equal to the average annual principal and interest requirements on all outstanding bonds issued under this Section. If any year prior to December 31, 1958 moneys are received in excess of the foregoing requirements then such excess shall be deposited to the Texas Water Development Fund, and may be used for administrative expenses of the Board and for the same purposes and upon the same terms and conditions prescribed for the proceeds derived from the sale of such State bonds. No grant of financial assistance shall be made under the provisions of this Section after December 31, 1952, and all moneys thereafter received as repayment of principal for financial assistance or as interest thereon shall be deposited in the interest and sinking fund for the State bonds, except that such amount as shall be required to meet the administrative expenses of the Board may be annually set aside, and provided, that after all State bonds have been fully paid with interest, or after there are on deposit in the interest and sinking fund sufficient moneys to pay all future maturities of principal and interest, additional moneys received shall be deposited to the General Revenue Fund.

"All bonds issued hereunder shall after approval by the Attorney General, registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, and delivery to the purchasers, be incontestable and shall constitute general obligations of the State of Texas under the Constitution of Texas.

"Should the Legislature enact enabling laws in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such acts shall not be void by reason of their anticipation.

Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the 5th day of November, 1957, same being the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in said November, 1957, at which election each ballot shall have printed thereon, the following words:

"FOR the amendment to the Constitution of Texas adding a new section to be known as Section 49-c of Article III, authorizing the issuance and sale of Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) in bonds by the State of Texas to create the Texas Water Development Fund to provide financial assistance to certain political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas in the conservation and development of the water resources of the State."

"AGAINST the amendment to the Constitution of Texas adding a new section to be known as Section 49-c of Article III, authorizing the issuance and sale of Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) in bonds by the State of Texas to create the Texas Water Development Fund to provide financial assistance to certain political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas in the conservation and development of the water resources of the State."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The expense of publication and election for such amendment shall be paid out of the proper appropriation made by law.

Williams, County Judge, Hockley County, Texas, for a 115 horse power or better diesel motor grader, equipped with cab, heater, 14 foot mold board, 13 x 24 tires, auxiliary gasoline starting engine, hydraulic booster steering, with one 550 Adams grader to be traded in. Bids will be opened at 10 A.M. September 3 in the Commissioners Court Room, Levelland, Texas.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Paul A. Williams,
County Judge,
Hockley County, Texas.

ROPES GIRLS TAKE HONORS IN REVUE

Wenda Lou Lowrie took first place honors in the 14 years old dress division and Freda Pointer took first in the 9-13 year division at the Hockley County Dress Revue held at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Womens Building at the Fair Grounds in Levelland.

Wenda Lou modeled a dinner dress of Wedgewood blue made on the slim sheath lines featuring black nubs and a jacket lined with Wedgewood blue taffeta. With the dress she wore a blue scarf, blue gloves and the rest of her accessories were black.

Freda Pointer wore a one-piece cotton dress featuring a long bodice, short sleeves, small collar and unpressed pleats. It was made of an ABC print of red with blue flowers and black stripes.

Peggy Ann Tudor won third in the 9-13 year division.

The girls were judged on the basis of points. Each girl with 90 or above points received a blue ribbon and each 80 or above received a red ribbon. White ribbons were given to those making a point of 70 or more.

Wenda Lou Lowrie will compete in the district dress revue to be held August 23-24 at Lubbock.

RETURNS FROM ALABAMA

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whatley and children recently returned from Huntsville, Alabama, where they visited in the home of Mrs. Whatley's sister.

Hubert says he saw some mighty fine crops in that section, and was surprised at the way Martin maize was growing and producing.

COL. R. TURNER IS CITED

Headquarters, Second Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La.—Colonel Vernon R. Turner was recently awarded the Commendation Ribbon by Major General R. M. Montgomery, Second Air Force Deputy Commander, during a brief ceremony here.

Colonel Turner received the award for "exceptionally meritorious" service while in the capacity of Assistant for Material, Second Air Force Assistance Team.

The citation accompanying the award in part: . . . "The keen foresight, outstanding professional ability and devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Turner reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

Colonel Turner was graduated from Levelland High School in 1938. He also attended Texas Tech College, Lubbock, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, and the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. Colonel Turner was appointed to West Point by Congressman George Mahon from the 19th District, Texas.

The Colonel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Turner, live in Levelland.

Colonel Turner is married to the former Cora Jean Watson of Lubbock. They have two children, Dyke, age 9, and Kent, age 6. Prior to the Colonel's recent appointment to the First Missile Group, Cooke Air Force Base, Englewood, California, the Turners lived in Shreveport, La.

A veteran of 15 years active duty (one as an enlisted man) the colonel is now rated "Senior Pilot". He entered the armed forces on 25 May, 1939 as a Private in the U. S. Army.

During World War II he served as a pilot and engaged in 70 combat missions with a P-47 fighter squadron in England from January 1944 to July 1944. He was a prisoner of war from July 1944 until May, 1945.

Other noteworthy awards the colonel has received are: the Silver Star, Air Medal with 13 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

He is a brother of Matt Robertson and Mrs. W. L. Beaty.

LOWELL BEATYS HERE THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Beaty and daughter, of Willcox, Arizona, are here this week visiting friends.

They are former residents of Ropes.

VISITS FATHER ON BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin and James were in Sweetwater this past weekend where they attended a gathering celebrating the birthday of her father, L. E. McCormick.

Also on Wednesday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Tommy Littlefield visited in Lovington, N. M.

Mrs. Martin stated that on their trip to Sweetwater it rained all the way, and on the trip to Lovington they saw the best crops they had ever seen in their life.

SAM WILLIAMS
HERE WEDNESDAY
Sam Williams, of Brown-

field, was in Ropes Wednesday visiting friends and attending business.

RETURNS FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Cavitt returned this week from a vacation which first carried them to the Ozarks, then to Louisiana where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woods, and points in Texas where they visited relatives.

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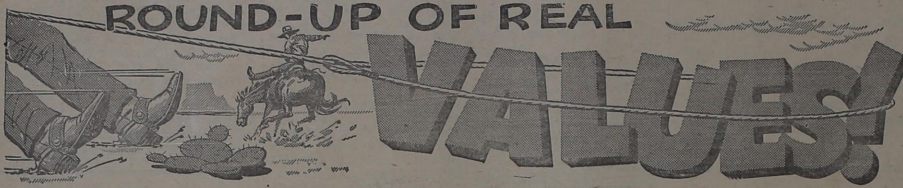
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