

# TEXICO-FARWELL NEWS.

A NEWSPAPER OF AND FOR TEXICO-FARWELL, AND CURRY COUNTY, N. M., AND FARMER COUNTY, TEXAS.

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## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WILSON

That President Wilson believes in Democracy for American women and is eager that Texas shall have the honor of being the first Southern state to take this forward-looking step is evidenced by the following cable from Paris to Mr. M. H. Wolfe, Chairman State Democratic Executive:

M. H. Wolfe, Committee: Dallas, Texas.

"I am deeply interested, and every lover of the Country must be, in the vote to be taken by the people of Texas on the 24th of May, on the Constitutional Amendment, giving the women of Texas the right to vote, and take the liberty of expressing my confident hope that this exceedingly important amendment will be adopted."

Woodrow Wilson."

President Wilson's message is in response to the following which was cabled to him on May 2nd:

"Constitutional Amendment giving Texas women the ballot to be voted on by the people on May 24th. This question is submitted in compliance with demand of last Democratic State platform. The friends of suffrage would be gratified to have an expression from you as leader of the suffrage amendment."

M. H. Wolfe,

Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee.

## A GOOD SHOW

The community was treated to a gladsome surprise Wednesday when the Backmans-Tinch show gave two good entertainments. They were agreeably surprised, because it was taken for granted that it was a sort of a one-horse show. But not so, and instead each and every performer was an artist in his or her line. Capt. Bennett, the lion tamer, had the lions and bears at his command, and actually put his head in the lion's mouth. Prof. Buckley proved that some dogs and ponies actually have more sense than a lot of people we have met. Arthur Burso did as good a performance on the wire as can be seen in any of the ring shows. Della Prenno, the lady contortionist, actually tied herself in a knot. Madam Golda, with a high school horse, gave a very interesting entertainment. The clowns were good, and in fact the show was of the class, that if they should ever come to this community again, their reputation made this time will insure them a crowded tent.

## MACHINERY IN TRANSIT

A shipment of machinery is in transit, and as soon as it arrives will be placed in position at the factory. All the rest will be loaded about June 1st. It was hoped to have it all in transit ere this, but the work in getting it ready was delayed. The hurry up order has been given the shippers, and no doubt they will see to it that no unnecessary delay is given these particular pieces, and soon we will listen for the whir of the machinery, grinding out their wares.

For Sale—One 1918 model Ford in good condition. An outlay of \$141 has just been made to put it in good condition. A bargain. Enquire of R. K. Howard.

## THOSE GOLF CLUBS

An enterprising newspaperman in France has discovered that in the baggage of the German delegation to the Paris session there are not only trunks, suitcases, traveling bags, boxes of documents, official reports of a hundred and one kinds, card indexes containing classified information regarding treaties, but that there are three sets of golf clubs!

Just think of it! Three sets of golf clubs for the German delegates who are to sign on the dotted lines!

We claim no special knowledge about treaty making. We would not pose as expert economists. But if those German representatives have time or occasion to swat a golf ball around the links near Versailles we shall miss our guess.

The half dozen Teutons who are to represent what is left of Germany will be so awfully busy trying to keep up with the diplomats of England, France, United States and Japan that they won't even think of golf clubs or of tees, or greens, or Colonel Bogey, or putts, or drives, or brassies!

Three sets of golf clubs! It is to laugh.

## TAZEWELL FARM LAND SELLS FOR \$400 PER ACRE

Other Records Attained as Prices Advance in Delavan County.

Delavan, Ill., May 8.—A spirited sale of farm lands has been under way in this vicinity the past several days. Prices have taken a decided advance and few farms, however, are expected to be offered for sale during the coming week.

The highest price reported was the sale of 160 acres of land, formerly the T. N. Nichols farm, south of town, which is now owned by Claus Wiggers, of Hartsburg, which sold to Mr. Weyrich, of Tremont, for \$400 per acre. V. A. Weissel bought of W. T. Youle an unimproved 80 acres of land, adjoining his own land, for \$225 per acre. E. M. Wayne bought of the Jenkins brothers an unimproved 80 acres of land south of Delavan for \$325 per acre.

The above mentioned land is near the writer's old home in Illinois, and we wish to say, from our own observation, it is not one whit better than land in this part of the country. The only thing in their favor is the amount of rainfall, and we seem to be getting plenty of that.

## CURRY COUNTY OVER THE TOP

With the quota of \$113,900, Curry County raised \$135,300. Texico raised \$6,700. Melrose, \$3,750.

and Govina raised about \$24,000 and Santa Fe Employees in Clovis, \$68,000.

Subscribed through Clovis banks, about \$55,000.

## FARMER COUNTY KEEPS UP HER GOOD RECORD

With a quota of \$26,000, Farmer County went over the top. Farwell and Bovina raised about \$24,000, and Friona's report was not received at this writing, yet all indications are that she went beyond her quota.

## NOTICE TO THOSE WHO SHOULD ADVERTISE

As a merchant has his wares to sell, so the newspaper has its subscription and advertising space for sale. A newspaper is one of the big assets to any community. Not boasting, but we claim to have the ability to make a newspaper for this community, worth reading. We wish to make the prediction, that within six months, that instead of taking the paper, just for taking it, and then throwing it in the waste basket, as has been the custom with some, for the past, that the same parties will eagerly await its appearance each week. We do not want anyone to take space in the columns of this paper for charity's sake. If you cannot get value received for your advertising we do not want to sell you any advertising space. This paper is going to be an advertising medium worth the money to any who may wish to take advantage of the same. Last week our percentage of advertising space was less than 19 per cent. It should have been not less than 50 per cent. We have not made much of a campaign for advertising, but waiting until we prove to the advertisers that it is worth trying. They tell us, people who have had experience, that we have already done so. We have refused to let any outside advertisers to use its columns, where we could now have all the spare space taken. But after June 1st, we are going to make an active campaign for advertising. If not taken by home industries, then we will let it out to any legitimate business, which will ask for the same, guarded of course, by common sense.

In this community, we have the following businesses which would profit by advertising:

- Two Banks.
- Two Drug Stores.
- Two Pressing and Cleaning establishments.
- Two Butcher Shops.
- Two Lumber Yards.
- Two Manufacturing Industries.
- One Commission Co.
- Two Brokerage Companies.
- One Shoe Shop.
- One Tin Shop.
- Two Milliners.
- One Produce House.
- Three Doctors.
- One Theatre.
- One Feed Store.
- Two Grain Buyers.
- One Barber Shop.
- Four or Five Real Estate Agencies.
- Three Wholesale Houses.
- Four Hotels and Cafes.
- Several Eating Houses.
- Two Furniture Stores.
- Two Hardware and Implement Stores.
- Three Gas and Oil Comptons.
- Two Quick Service Stations.
- Three Garages.
- Three General Merchandise Stores.
- Six other Grocery Stores.
- Besides a number of minor businesses not mentioned.

There is no reason to go outside of this community to sell all the advertising space we can spare. What do you say?

## JAIL DELIVERY

There was some excitement in Farwell for about an hour Saturday evening, commencing about 5:30, when Sheriff Aldrich went to show some fair visitors the county's noted guests. When they arrived at the jail door, it was discovered that there had been a wholesale jail delivery, right in broad daylight. The sheriff did not allow any grass to grow under his feet for the next half hour, but went in hot pursuit, taking dare devil J. A. Hiner along, and soon rounded them up and returned them to the cells. Several posses were formed in quick order, but the one that caused consternation in the ranks of the jail breakers, was one composed of a preacher, school teacher, and the two editors, armed with a shot gun. With such a band of desperados on their heels, the two convicts gladly surrendered to the sheriff's force, and we don't blame them. At any rate they were put into cells, without the liberty of the jail lobby. John says never again.

Miss Loraine Boone has about recovered from her late illness, although she has been threatened with the return of the attack.

WHAT'S THE NEWS? \$150. a yr.

## Plains Buying and Selling Association OF TEXICO-FARWELL

### Now Open For Business

WE CARRY A FULL LINE OF

## Staple Groceries, Feed, Coal, Gas and Oil

### Highest Market Price Paid For Butter and Eggs

Come in and Look Over Our Stock

### Your Trade will be Appreciated

Ready to wear at Porter's.

Miss Boyle visited with home folks in Clovis over Sunday.

Jay Perrett arrived in the State Line City Saturday morning.

For genuine Ford Service and Ford parts, come to Peoples Auto Supply Company.

The Withers grain building is almost completed, and adds to the appearance of the town.

A series of meetings will be held at the Christian church this week. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Peoples Auto Supply Company has disposed of their second carload of Fords, and looking for another car load any time now. They surely are doing the business at this garage, having a large force at work all the time.

**NOTICE**

The Milo Musical Company, which gave a vaudeville show in the Criterion last Thursday night will appear at the Criterion again next Saturday night.

**TIME TABLE**

Plains Division A. T. & S. F. Ry.

**EAST BOUND**

918, Galveston ..... 8:02 a. m.

118 Kansas City ..... 8:02 a. m.

74 Local

**WEST BOUND**

913 Roswell ..... 7:20 a. m.

113 California ..... 9:16 a. m.

73 Local ..... 2:52 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster were Clovis callers Friday.

Mr. J. L. Nunn of Amarillo was a Texico business caller Friday.

Dr. Foote returned Friday morning after several days in Austin and other places.

Mrs. Porter has been on the sick list the past week, but is improving somewhat.

Wanted—A lady cook. Good wages and a pleasant home. Enquire at News office.

J. D. Hamlin returned Friday morning from an extended business tour in the northern states.

We were pleased to see Mrs. Stephen Jesko, Harry Jesko and Mrs. Watson in our city one day this week.

Miss Coar Cranfill was unable to pass the physical examination, hence returned home the latter part of last week.

Robert LeSage, the hustling manager of the Peoples Auto Supply Co., has moved into the Florence Armstrong residence.

Mrs. Avice McDowell is looking for her father to arrive here from Illinois about June 1st. He will make an extended visit before returning, at which time she will accompany him back to Illinois for several weeks visit with relatives there.

Atty. Lokey attended to legal business in Hereford Sunday. His case was continued.

Miss Oriale Curtis is assisting at the Faville drug store during the absence of B. O. Faville.

Dr. McCuan has purchased the nice dwelling property of D. W. Dunn, in Farwell, and will move there soon.

R. C. Hopping passed through the State Line City Monday morning on his way to Hereford to attend court.

Mr. Perrett, Sr. of Clovis, has sold his farm and will locate in Texico-Farwell. We welcome him as one of us.

Mr. Cranfill took a trip to Texas last week, visiting at Snyder and several other places in that section of the state.

One of our local correspondents reports that the application of one of our local attorneys, for court stenographer, has been turned down, but that his application for court valet has been carried to the judge, with prospects good for his acceptance.

## R. H. Kemp Lumber Co.

Farwell, Texas

### Posts, Wire, Cement and all kinds of Building Material

W. J. LINDQUIST, Manager

## WICHITA VALLEY REFINING COMPANY

F. J. DOOSE, Distributor

### Oil, Gasoline and Lubricants of all Kinds

PHONE 8

FARWELL, TEX.



**Texico-Farwell News**

ISSUED EVERY WEDNESDAY

TEXICO NEW MEXICO

C. A. ROBERSON, Publisher.  
JAMES McDOWELL, Editor and Manager.

Subscription Price, Per Year, \$1.50  
Minimum Advertising Rates, 15c per column inch on 500-inch contract. Less space 17 1/2c to 20c.

Reading notices in local columns, or classified ads in "want column," 1c per word each insertion. Minimum charge, 25c.

Cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, obituaries, etc., other than the usual news mention, charged for at regular advertising rates.

Entered as Second-class Matter, October 27, 1916, at the postoffice at Texico, N. M., under the Act of Congress, March 3, 1879.

Every Texan should read the President's message found elsewhere in this issue.

Every Texan who believes in clean politics will go to the polls Saturday and vote for the Prohibition Amendment.

Every Texan who believes in a square deal will go to the polls Saturday and vote for the Woman's Suffrage amendment.

We have received a copy of the Texico-Farwell News, published at Texico, New Mexico. We see our old friend, James McDowell, who formerly published the Arlington Helper, is the editor. It is a very neat paper and one the town need not be ashamed of. Brother McDowell was always a hustler here and he seems to have lost none of his "pep" in his new home.—Tremont (Ill.) News.

We have received a copy of the Texico-Farwell News, which bears at its head the name of James McDowell as editor and manager. Mr. McDowell was formerly postmaster at Arlington and editor of the Helper. Texico is located on one side of the state line in New Mexico and Farwell is on the other in Texas, although practically one town. In his salutatory, Editor McDowell says: "It is our desire to eradicate as far as possible the State Line. It is necessary it must remain as the boundary of the two divisions, but as far as the community is concerned we want to tear it down and forget that it ever existed."—Arlington, (Ill.) Helper.

The water proposition in Texico-Farwell is a losing proposition. The pipes are all badly demoralized. Only about three blocks of mains are what they should be. It appears that if some company was allowed a franchise, with such encouragement, as to warrant them to extend the system throughout the whole community, all would derive benefit from the same. No doubt but some company would undertake the proposition, if properly tendered. In the first place, with the exception of three blocks of main, the whole system would have to be replaced. It is too much of a financial problem for the city to tackle, perhaps. There should be a number of fire hydrants. Every house in the community should be given water facilities, in the individual yards. It is possible that the Southwest Utilities company would be in a position to do this job, so to speak. It is possible for the city authorities to make some sort of a deal which would give all service, and with less outlay than we are now out. We could be protected by a franchise limiting the rights, yet give us better service than it is possible now to receive, owing to present facilities.

During the early part of our war, the Mexicans seemed eager to lead America to the opinion that Mexico was becoming chummy with Japan and China. Just what part Germany played in this little program is not known fully—although it was revealed that Germany was attempting to get Mexico to stir up strife between Japan and the Union.

The Asiatics must have taken Mexico's statements seriously, for now the report comes from Mexico City that in the month of March of this year, five thousand Asiatics arrived in Mexico and that unless immigration is restricted in some manner, the immigrants from China and Japan into Mexico will reach the 100,000 mark before December. All of which goes to show that it does not always pay to pretend.

**FOUR SHORT LINES**

In Thursday's "Summary of the News" in one of our exchanges, was the following item which occupied four lines of ordinary brevity type: "Paris—The Council of four has sent Marshal Foch to the Rhine to take what action may be necessary

in case Germany does not sign the peace treaty."

"What action may be necessary!" But we almost fear to contemplate what Marshal Foch might do in case Germany does not sign on the dotted line. The American troops are being sent from the Rhineland as fast as there are transportation facilities to bring them back home. Britain has already sent a large percent of her fighters home, although probably half of the front troops of Britain remain; Italy shipped many of her soldiers back. But there are enough troops left on occupied German territory and in the immediate district to force Germany to do anything that the allied and associated Governments want done. These military weapons, strong as they are, are less powerful at this time than the economic weapons which are in the hands of the entente and America. German's shipping facilities are practically nothing. Her railroads are hampered because she has been forced to yield many engines and much rolling stock of the entente. Her factories are not returned to a peace basis and they have been stripped of munition-making machinery. Her food and supplies are being secured from enemy countries. And if Marshal Foch would turn the economic batteries loose against what is left of Germany, the German representatives would be forced to sign their names of the lines that have been left at the bottom of the last page of the treaty.

That little item occupied only four short lines—but!

**ROBINSON CRUSOE**

It was two hundred years ago last week that Daniel Defoe published the first volume of "The Life and Strange Adventures of Robinson Crusoe."

Defoe was not an unknown writer at that time. He had been a pamphleteer who had been as a thorn in the flesh of many statesmen and of both the leading political parties. He had written many essays, some verse that was good and some that was miserably bad, political treatises, campaign documents for friends, and had lived a tempestuous life which he apparently enjoyed. His "Mock-Mourners" was a satire which caused all England to gasp. He was pilloried three times for writing an anonymous article headed: "Shortest Way with the Dissenters," but he then wrote a "Hymn to the Pillory" which described his punishment and caused even his many enemies to modify their opinion of him.

"Robinson Crusoe" was the precursor of the modern novel. To review it would be to review a book with which almost every English-speaking person is familiar. It contains an abundance of common sense. Its theme is romantic to the extreme. It describes the trials and successes and failures of Crusoe, who had been shipwrecked; how he found the footprint in the sand; how he discovered "Friday;" how he made friends with the animals which he caught and tamed; how he philosophized on trees and birds and brooks; how he made his own clothes from skins, and manufactured felt cloth—and a hundred and one other things.

The little volume, by sheer worth, became an imperishable part of English literature. It made all Europe think. It raised the standard of ethics. It found the people tied up in all sorts of artificialities and it brought folks down to the real plane where they had to live.

"Robinson Crusoe" is something more than an interesting story. It has a real word of helpfulness for the world of today—because we have the same problems and almost the same crises to face now that the world faced then. While we are in a tangled maze of problems; while we have a super-abundance of laws and rules; while artificial things lie all about us; while the very nature of our lives and the very spirit of our times surround us with manufactured barriers—the old story is well worth re-reading.

It would pay modern folks to go to the book-case where the children have their volume of Crusoe and to read this rare story which, next to the Bible, still claims the greatest number of readers of any volume. And, be it said parenthetically, Robinson Crusoe was written, not for children, but for grown-ups. Its author was sixty years of age when he wrote it, and he penned the story in an effort to straighten out adults in their thinking and living as well as to provide an interesting tale with which to pass a few hours with the tallow candle.

**UTILIZING SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

New York has upon its statute books a law which does not allow school boards any option in refusing school buildings for public meeting purposes. Local assemblies, community gatherings, debates which discuss current questions, discussions of

keeping school property (gold, (about \$4,760,000,000.00) local political affairs, pe goods and ships; pay for maltreat- sions, religious assemblies— ment of prisoners; pay entire cost of many other kinds of me armistice—and there are several hun- school hours—and the se dred other demands, almost equally have no legal authority t strong and telling, which the Germans associations or groups the will be forced to meet.

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**THE CHURCHES**

**Methodist**

Sunday school—10:00 a. m.  
Preaching services—11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Epworth League meets at 6:30 p. m.  
Choir practice Friday nights.  
Prayer meeting, Wednesday evenings.

A welcome awaits you at this church. L. L. THURSTON, Pastor.

**Christain**

Sunday school and morning worship— 10:30 a. m.  
Evening worship—8p. m.  
Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 9:00 p. m.  
Ladies Aid Society, Thursday at 2:30 p. m.

A comfortable home like church where evrybody is welcome and invited to attend.

**Baptist**

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching service at 11 a. m.  
Sunbeams at 3:30 p. m.  
Junior Union at 6 p. m.  
B. Y. P. U. at 7:30 p. m.  
Preaching service at 8:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday night at 8:30.  
Ladies Aid 3:30 p. m., Thursday.  
You will find a cordial welcome to all our services.

J. S. ACREE, Pastor.

**OVERHAUL FARM IMPLEMENTS—BE READY TO GO**

With the present high cost of farm implements, no farmer can afford to allow them to go to rack. A little attention at the right time will often preserve the usefulness of an implement for a whole year. Now is the time to go over every tool and see that every bolt is tight and that no parts are lacking.

We are advised that it is going to be very difficult to get extra parts unless they are ordered in advance so every farmer who needs new parts will do well to order them now. We all know how annoying and expensive it is to have to discontinue the use of a good implement simply because some part is lacking. It often occurs that the losses sustained while waiting for some part to come from the factory are sufficient to pay for a new machine. Wheat will be ready to harvest before we are aware and no farmer can afford to let it go to waste simply because implements are not in repair.

It is expected that a great many old implements, due to the high cost of new ones, will be overhauled and used this year. In order to avoid a great rush and disagreeable delay at the last moment farmers should inspect their old machines and take an inventory of the parts needed and place their orders for these parts at once. Implement dealers do not expect to sell as many new implements this year as they do when prices are lower, but if farmers will place their orders for parts now these dealers will be in a position to supply their wants and so by a little timely thought and friendly cooperation, a great deal of good will result.

**DO YOU WANT COLLEGE BULLETINS?**

The State Agricultural College publishes every month the Farm Courier, which deals with timely farm problems as applied to this state, and from time to time publishes other bulletins and circulars which deal with specific farm problems. These are sent free of charge to any one interested. They contain a store of information and every one interested in agriculture should have his name placed on their regular mailing list to receive these publications as issued.

The Agricultural college is now revising its mailing list and has sent classification cards, which are to be checked and returned, to all those who are now receiving these publications. If you have received one of these cards, check and return promptly if you wish to be continued on its mailing list. Others who have not received one of these cards, can have their names placed on the regular mailing list by checking, clipping out and mailing the following form to the Extension Service, State College, New Mexico. Members of a single family should have all bulletins sent to one name.

Extension Service, State College, N. M.

An interested in the subjects checked below, and ask that my name

**The Modern Cafe**

You get Value Received in GOOD Food at the MODERN CAFE

Breakfast, 6:00 to 8:00 - - - 50c  
Regular Dinner 11:30 to 2:00 - - - 40c  
Supper - - - - - 50c  
Short Orders 6:30 A. M. to 11 P. M.  
Sunday Dinner - - - - - 50c

BOARD \$7.00 PER WEEK  
ROOM AND BOARD \$8.50 PER WEEK

Your Patronage Appreciated

GOOD SERVICE PHONE 202

**IF IT'S Anything Electrical**

We have it and can supply the demands

Southwest Utilities Co.  
FARWELL, TEXAS



No Bogus Ford Parts Here

Look out when having your Ford car repaired that the genuine Ford parts or materials are used. There are many "Bogus," imitations or counterfeit, so-called Ford parts of sadly inferior quality on the market. Be warned against them. Buy Ford parts and have your Ford car repaired by the authorized Ford dealer as this is the only way to guard against "bogus" parts. Bring your car to us for service. Come to us for Ford parts. Ours is an authorized Ford place.

Peoples' Auto Supply Co.

10,000,000 People Know All About It  
KNOW WHAT?

That the only correct way to have clothes pressed is on a Hoffman sanitary steam pressing machine  
That's Our Method

CANNON BALL BARBER & TAILOR SHOP  
Phone 13

MAKE IT YOUR WAY CALL US TODAY

be placed on the classified list to have all bulletins issued on same sent to me.

The Farm Courier, Hogs  
Dry Farming, Sheep  
Irrigation Farming, Beef Cattle  
Fruits, Dairy Cattle  
Truck and Gardening, Poultry  
Home Economics

Name -----

P. O. -----

County -----

CAN AFFORD TO MAKE MISTAKES

An Englishman explains the progress of the United States by saying that this country is so rich it can af-

ford to make mistakes. There is a good deal in the statement. He might also have said that it was young enough to afford to make mistakes. Youth and wealth can afford to make mistakes; age and poverty cannot.

The successful men of the world are not those who have made mistakes. They are the ones who could afford to make them—the ones who were not crushed by mistakes, and who had youth. The great businesses of this country have been built upon mistakes, in a certain sense. They have not grown great because they did not make mistakes.

If the other nations and the less wealthy nations make mistakes, it proves fatal. But in this land of ours it would require a series of colossal blunders to put us out of business.



# TOWN TOPICS

Ready to wear Porter's.

Miss Patton has accepted a position in the Canadian school. This is a promotion for the young school ma'am.

For Rent—One 4-room bungalow, Farwell. One 3-room bungalow, Texico. New, modern, convenient. V. V. Knowles.

It is our desire to give all motorists the best service possible at the lowest possible charge. Peoples Auto Supply Company.

Ry James and family were passengers to Amarillo Thursday morning, returning Friday. Mr. James was there on business.

Mrs. Florence Webb, nee Armstrong, visited her mother and sister here this week. Her many friends were glad to meet her again.

The Plains Buying and Selling Association will have sort of an opening at their store Saturday. Ice cream will be served. All are invited to attend.

We have a full line of automobile accessories, tires, tubes, gas and oils, and genuine Ford parts. We are at your service. Peoples Auto Supply Company.

Another rain Saturday night and Sunday to the amount of .32 of an inch, making the total of more than 8 inches for the year, and over 3 inches so far in May.

Arrangements have already begun to have a rousing picnic, the last of August, known as the Illinois picnic. A complete list of the committees will be printed in the near future.

C. G. Bratton returned from Roswell Monday of last week, where he had been at the bedside of his little granddaughter. He reports that she is now well on the way to recovery.

Albert Thomas, the manager of the Plains Buying and Selling Association, has opened up the store with a fine lot of merchandise and from the appearance will receive a good patronage.

Clovis won second place in the state meet at Albuquerque. Next year Texico will be represented at the state meet, and not only that, we will bring back something with us. Let us say "Amen."

Mrs. W. W. Vinyard left for Dallas Thursday morning for a visit with relatives there. Her mother from Lockney met her at Slaton. Mrs. Vinyard will be away about a month or six weeks.

The Commissioners Court met in adjourned session Monday with a full attendance of the commissioners. The road case seems to be about the only matter of interest. There was some talk of compromise, but it all went up in smoke.

F. R. Neal of the Criterion, advises us that he has secured six of the screen stars, one each Tuesday night, with the exception of this week, which will be tonight instead. The Stars secured are as follows: Norma Talmadge, Constance Talmadge, Alice Brady, Clara Kimball Young, Marion Young and Mitchell Lewis.

WHAT'S THE NEWS? \$150. a yr.

Mrs. Warren, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Maddux, returned to her home in Helena, Montana, Friday morning.

J. A. Barnett, principal of the Texico school left for Pittsfield, Mo., last week. He has been retained for the ensuing term.

F. R. Neal has taken charge of the Criterion Theatre, and promises to keep up the fine class of shows given by Mr. McGhee.

Miss Cora Cranfill has accepted her old position again; that of having charge of the dry goods department in the Triplett Bros. store.

Mrs. Mary Murphy took little Jeanette to an Osteopath in Amarillo Sunday. It was not determined just what was the trouble with the little one.

Miss Bessie Maddux was hostess at a lovely dinner party last Sunday a week ago in honor of Ralph Dycus, who was on a furlough from Camp Travis.

A band is being organized at Hurlley. In fact all the surrounding towns are supporting a band but Texico-Farwell. Why not revive our band?

Miss Gladys Lawrence of Topeka, Kansas, is relieving Jack Delaney, who went to the yard office in Amarillo, to relieve the regular man, for two weeks.

Mrs. Smith, who went to Oklahoma a few weeks ago, on account of the illness of her mother, returned here Monday, leaving her mother on the road to recovery.

Deputy Sheriff George of Shreveport arrived Monday for the three prisoners, taken near Bovina a few days ago. After some legal red tape he will start back for Louisiana.

C. A. Roberson returned Monday after covering the field in Wyoming and Salt Lake, where he has agencies for the Cannon Ball Motor capital stock. He reports all things on the boom.

M. C. Fooks has returned from Burk Burnett. He says that work is plentiful there, but so are expenses. He concluded with the danger of being caught in a storm, he was better off here.

The Cannon Ball Motor Company is experiencing some little trouble in getting sand for the construction of their building. However, this will soon be overcome, and the building rushed to completion.

Frank Wirth has accepted a position with Uncle Sam in Alabama. Few young men attain the mechanical ability as has Frank. We are sorry to lose him from our community, but what is our loss is another's gain.

For unavoidable reasons several of our correspondents' items did not appear in our last issue. Likewise other articles which we had intended having appear met the same fate. We trust that our correspondents will have patience with us, until we get into good running order. Our readers must have charity if some of the articles seem a little out of date.

WHAT'S THE NEWS? \$150. a yr.

Friends of the Texico school will be sorry to learn that Prof. Kays has not applied for the schools here for the ensuing term. He has not yet decided just what he will do. He has moved to his farm north of town for the summer.

Jas. R. McDowell, assistant cashier at the Texico Bank took a half-holiday off Tuesday afternoon, when he and his wife took in the Chauauqua at Clovis in the afternoon and night. They were accompanied by Mrs. Overstreet, Lawrence Overstreet and Miss Gladys Thurston.

Mike Hill returned Sunday from overseas, looking fine. He tells us that the prophesy that the boys coming back would be restless and not satisfied with home surroundings is not true, that they will be more anxious to remain at their former posts than ever before.

G. C. Smith's smiling countenance was seen on our streets here Wednesday and Thursday of last week. He came up from Lubbock on some business. He says that the young Smith is the greatest ever. Mr. Smith has a host of friends here who are always glad to see him.

Mrs. Battenfield will give an art exhibition at Porter's store, Saturday, May 24th. The ladies of the 1919 M. & M. will serve refreshments donated by the Waples-Platter Grocery Co. A musical program will be rendered in the afternoon. Don't forget the date.

Portales stood around and watched our boys run the bases Sunday. Triples and home runs were the features of the day. The score was 13 to 5 in favor of Texico. Chunky Morse got started and couldn't stop. He got as far as first on the second round before he could be induced to let up. The boys are going some.

The two young men in the Farmers State Bank were agreeably surprised Thursday evening when they were notified by the president of the bank, of a substantial increase in their salaries. It makes it doubly appreciative, because it came as a complete surprise and unsolicited.

We are sorry to note that it was necessary for Jack Dunn to go to Mineral Wells for treatment. Jack had as severe a case of influenza as is possibly known and yet live. It is hoped by his many friends that he will fully recover his health. He is a clean young man and an asset to any community.

Mrs. C. R. Holman is sorrowing the death of her sister, Mrs. Grant Hale, who died in Amarillo last week. Mrs. Hale was taken to Dodge City, Kansas, where she was buried. Mrs. Holman, who was at her bedside, returned Monday. Two of her brothers accompanied the remains to Dodge City. The sympathy of the community is extended the Holman family.

A civil service examination will be held in Clovis, June 7th, for the purpose of filling the vacancy on the motor route out of St. Vrain. The regular carrier has enlisted. This route will be filled by this examination on the condition that the regular carrier may have the route back upon his honorable discharge from the army.

Mr. Lindquist of the Kemp Lumber yard has made a great change in appearance of the yard, the past week. All the surplus dirt and trash gathered there during the spring winds was taken away, and now it looks nice and neat, and in keeping with his office. He is a hustler and a good mixer, as well as a perfect gentleman.

A. E. Swadley, formerly with the Texico Garage, has taken over the Highway garage, with the intention of making this his permanent home. This garage has had a lot of "comers and goers," and left the same with not a very good reputation. Mr. Swadley says that regardless of this, he will prove to the community that it is going to be a real garage from now on. Look for his ad elsewhere.

The communities of Fairfield, Union and Locust Grove, have met in several enthusiastic meetings of late, and have organized a high school district. They will build a nice modern building and have a school there that will compete with any high schools in this section of the plains. This is a very wise and forward movement, and the parties backing it are to be commended very highly for their part in the matter.

We do not want to appear as endeavoring to act as dictator in local affairs, but owing to reports circulated, we feel it our duty to voice a

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A. F. & A. M.

Farwell Lodge, No. 977, meets Tuesday night, on or before full moon.

J. J. DeOLIVEIRA, W. M.  
G. EADS, Clerk.

O. E. S.

Farwell Chapter No. 566 meets second Saturday in each month.

W. O. W.

Texico Camp No. 34, meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, in Taffinder hall.

R. D. WILLIAMS, C. C.  
M. A. BROWN, Clerk.

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J. L. Walling, P. C. C.  
F. J. Doose, A. L.  
C. H. Haber, E.  
M. A. Brown, Clerk.  
Meets each Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Peavish says that when Mr. Peavish has good digestion he takes the credit to himself, and when he has a bad conscience he blames it on her.

What has become of the old-fashioned candidate who demanded Government ownership of public utilities?

Optimism is our aim, but something tells us that when the driller quits our oil well he won't leave a grease spot.

As a general thing, if a man's wife were not his better half she would be nothing to brag on.

The most peculiar thing of all is why a woman dresses to attract attention and then gets mad if anyone stares at her.

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AN OPINION OF LOCAL INTEREST

The following has been handed us for publication. It is a decision pertaining to an Independent district in another county, but sent here in answer to questions along the same lines, pertaining to the Farwell Independent district. It might be well to clip this opinion and save it for future reference.

Independent School District; Taxation

1. The trustees of an Independent School District have the same powers in respect to the assessment, equalization and collection of district taxes as are possessed by the city council of incorporated cities and towns in respect to city taxes.

2. The Board of Trustees of an Independent School District cannot sit as a board of equalization for the district. They have only the power to appoint such a board for the district.

3. Where the trustees have selected the county assessor and collector to assess and collect the taxes of an Independent School District, the appointment of a Board of Equalization for the district is unnecessary.

4. Where the Independent School District has its own assessor and collector its trustees should appoint a District Board of Equalization.

Austin, Texas, May 3, 1919.

Hon. N. B. Stoneham,  
County Attorney,  
Anderson, Texas,  
Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. E. Bay, trustee for Anderson Independent School District, making certain inquiries and take the liberty of replying to Mr. Bay's letter thru you, because of the fact that we are prohibited by law from rendering opinions to any persons except Heads of Departments and certain other officials. Mr. Bay's letter is as follows:

"Have we, as a School Board of Anderson Independent School District, a right to sit as a Board of Equalization or Appraisers and assess the property of said district at a higher value, for school purposes only, than the Commissioners' court values it for state and county taxes?"

The Legislature, by express terms, has given to certain officers of an Independent School District the same powers in respect to the assessment and collection of taxes for such district as have been conferred by general law and similar officers of an incorporated city in respect to the assessment and collection of city taxes. Thus, by the terms of Article 2861, of the assessor and collector of taxes of an independent school district "shall have the same power and shall perform the same duties with reference to the assessment and collection of taxes for free school purposes that are conferred by law upon the City Marshall of an incorporated town or village; \* \* \* the President of the Board of Trustees shall perform the duties which devolve in such cases upon the Mayor of an incorporated city or town; and the County Attorney of the county in which the Independent School District is located shall perform the duties which, in such a case, devolve upon the City Attorney of an incorporated city or town, under the provisions of Chapter 103, General Laws, Regular Session, 25th Legislature."

In respect to the powers conferred upon the Board of Trustees of an Independent School District in the equalization, assessment and collection of taxes of the district, attention is called to Article 2863, R. S., which is as follows:

"The trustees elected in accordance with the proceeding Article shall be

vested with the full management and control of the free schools of such incorporated town or village, and shall, in general, be vested with all the powers, rights and duties in regard to the establishment and maintenance of free schools, including the powers and manner of taxation for free school purposes that are conferred by the laws of this state upon the Council or Board of Aldermen of Incorporated cities and towns;"

and, also, to the following provisions of Article 2861, R. S.:

"In the enforced collection of taxes the Board of Trustees shall perform the duties which may devolve in such a case upon the City Council of an incorporated city or town."

The powers of the City Council of an incorporated city or town are thus set forth in Article 945, R. S., which is as follows:

"The City Council of the several cities and towns in this State incorporated under the General laws shall annually, at their first meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable, appoint three commissioners, each being a qualified voter, a resident and property owner of the city or town for which he is appointed, who shall be styled the Board of Equalization; and at the same meeting with council shall, by ordinance, fix the time for the meeting of such Board of Equalization."

Succeeding Articles of the statutes prescribe the duties of such Board of Equalization. The City Council does not even have to approve the tax lists or rolls after the Board has equalized the value. This duty devolves upon the Board itself—Article 952, R. S. Outside of a general supervisory power, the City Council seems to have nothing else to do with the question of the collection of city taxes, except to prescribe the kind of notice to be given by the Assessor and Collector to the owners of property—Article 956, R. S.

It is plain from the provisions of the statutes referred to in respect to the powers of the City Council in tax matters that a city council should not sit as a Board of Equalization. Therefore, in our opinion, the Board of Trustees of an Independent School District has not the power or authority to sit as a Board of Equalization in respect to the taxable property within an independent school district.

The only restriction placed by the statutes upon a Board of Equalization of an Independent School District are those contained in the following portion of Article 2862, R. S. "Where a majority of the Board of Trustees of an Independent School District prefer to have the taxes of their district assessed and collected by the County Assessor and Collector, same shall be assessed and collected by said county officers, and turned over to the Treasurer of the Independent School District, for which such taxes have been collected; provided, that the property of such districts having their taxes assessed and collected by the county assessor and collector, shall not be assessed at a greater value than that assessed for county and state purposes."

From this language, it is plain that the Legislature intended that the property of an independent school district, having its own Board of Equalization and its own Assessor and Collector, might, for the taxing purpose of said district, be placed at a higher value than given it for state and county purposes, by the Commissioners' Court, sitting as a Board of Equalization.

In providing that the property of an independent school district, which has its taxes assessed and collected by the county assessor and collector,

"shall not be assessed a greater value than that assessed for county purposes," the legislature took a practical view of the subject. A great deal of bookkeeping required in the assessment and collection of taxes. If the trustees of an independent school district select the county assessor and collector to assess and collect the taxes of the district, and if the law, at the same time, permitted the property of the district to be assessed a greater value for district purposes for state and county purposes, it would be necessary for those officers to keep two sets of books for state and county taxes, one for district taxes. When the district has its own Board of Equalization and its own assessor and collector, the books of the district would be kept by these district officers and the records of the county officers would not be disturbed in least, although the property of the district was assessed for district purposes at a greater value than placed it for state and county purposes.

Having advised you the trustees of an independent school district cannot act as a board of equalization for the district, they have the power to appoint such a board for the district, we will now give the opinion of this department as to when this power of appointment should be exercised by trustees.

Obviously, when the Board of Trustees have shown a preference to have the district taxes assessed and collected by the county assessor and collector, the appointment of a Board of Equalization for the district is unnecessary, because such a board could not perform the proper functions of a Board of Equalization in respect to the property of the district for district taxation. It is placed thereon by the Commissioners' Court for state and county purposes. Under such circumstances such a board could perform no useful or necessary purpose, and the law does not contemplate that the trustees be required to do useless and unnecessary things. Our Supreme Court concluded in the case of Mill v. Vance 180 S. W. 739.

On the other hand, if the district has its own assessor and collector, the property therein assessed for district purposes at a greater value than placed thereon by the Commissioners' Court for state and county purposes, and a Board of Equalization for the district, now necessary and such a board should be appointed by the trustees—Article 2861 R. S., Avery vs. Cooper 10 S. W. 734.

Hoping this gives the information desired, we are,

Very truly yours,  
JNO. C. WILSON,  
Assistant Attorney General.  
This opinion has been considered in conference, approved, and now ordered recorded.  
C. M. CURET,  
Attorney General.

BOVINA NEWS

We shall not attempt to recite all the things that have happened since the last time we reported from Bovina, but shall try to give a few of the more important ones.

H. H. Smith is riding in new jitney and incidentally not alone. Mrs. Abbott, who has been in Des Moines, Iowa, for several weeks has returned home much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Messenger of Fort Worth were Bovina visitors Sunday. Mrs. J. P. Hammett was a business visitor in Amarillo the first of the week.

Rev. A. L. Moore, Presiding Elder, spoke here last Wednesday night on the Centenary movement. By W. W. Terry spoke Sunday, after which a canvass was made by the terms of the membership present and going went over the top. This was quite an achievement—something to be proud of. Bovina was second to go over the top in the Plainview district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lovelady are spending a few months with Mrs. Lovelady's parents at Bellview, Tex. Rev. Forbes filled his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

New lights have been installed in both the churches in Bovina lately, which add much interest to the night services.

Misses Irene Pridenberg and Gertrude Lambert returned Monday from Muleshoe, near which place they have closed a very successful term of school. We predict for these young ladies a bright career.

The Methodist revival is scheduled to begin at Bovina Sunday night the 25th.

The closing exercises of Bovina school will be held on Wednesday night. A more extended notice will appear next week.

# To Build and Foster

A COMMUNITY always welcomes the establishing of an institution that fills a recognized community need; unfortunately it doesn't always manifest a lively interest in the health of such an institution after it is established.

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LOCUST GROVE NOTES

(Delayed from last week.)

Well, we certainly have been having some rain this past week. Every thing is soaking wet. Just watch the weeds grow.

Sam Randol and family visited the home of Haden Jennings Sunday.

Aaron Williams and family of Fairfield visited Orman Landon and family Sunday.

Ed Williams, who has been visiting his brother, Will, of this place, left last week for the oil fields, where he will work.

Mr. W. F. Greer of Redland, is here visiting his wife, who is teaching school here. Mr. Greer says everything looks good down on his ranch.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Randol last Wednesday and left a fine girl. Ebb wears a smile now from ear to ear. Mother and babe doing nicely.

Mrs. Osborne visited with Mrs. Todd Sunday.

A number of Locust Grove people attended the show at Texico-Farwell Saturday night.

Mr. F. A. Cook, who recently left this state and went to California, came back last Friday on a business trip.

Mrs. W. A. Bell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ebb Randol this week. Barto Osborne and Ebb Randol made a business trip to Clovis Monday morning.

Mrs. Greer went to Pleasant Hill Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Todd, who has been teaching the Locust Grove school successfully for the past few years, has been elected to teach at Texico this year.

Pleasant Hill, Union, Fairfield, write and tell us what is going on.  
BILL AND WILL.

HURLEY ITEMS

(Delayed from last week.)

More nice showers. Excellent on grass, wheat and oats. Spring planting is progressing nicely, with the soil better tilled than for several years. Very few weeds fields.

Mr. A. S. Berry is conducting a singing school at the Hurley church. Attendance is good. Mr. Hurley is a fine instructor.

The Hurley Base Ball team is training for some real battles. Some of the boys have been drilling in France. Commissioners Court will meet

Monday when several road petitions will be heard and other business will be attended to.

A meeting was held Saturday night to organize the Bailey County Band. All boys and men of Bailey County are invited to join. Prof. Berry will have an assistant teacher when the band is organized.

Earl Snyder, who is in service overseas, is reported to be bugler at present.

D. B. Shiflet and family made an auto trip to Plainview last week.

HURLEY ITEMS

C. M. West of West Camp was a Hurley visitor Monday.

Commissioners Court met Monday and approved a petition for a public road beginning at Lamb County and running west thru the Y. L. to the railroad and northwest along the railroad to the Farmer county line, thus connecting a public road from here to Farwell.

Miss Gladys West closed her school east of Plainview and returned home Saturday. She was joined at Canyon by her mother, brother and sister, who were going to the Normal.

Jess Elrod made a business trip to Amarillo Saturday.

O. O. Reed of G. C. Electric Co., of Plainview was a business visitor at Hurley and Farwell.

Mr. Covertry and Mr. Shiflett made a business trip to Plainview last week.

FAIRFIELD FACTS

(Too late for last week.)

We have two reasons for being thankful for so much rain recently: First, we have better prospects for crops; next, the sand don't blow.

Fairfield school closed Friday, May 9th. Mrs. Brown, the primary teacher, left Saturday morning for her home in Portales. The closing school entertainment by the high school and primary room together, was given Friday night. A large crowd was present, a part of whom were here from Union, Moyer Chapel, Enterprise and Clovis. Most everyone present said that the program was good. The most conspicuous feature of the evening was the rousing yells given between the high school room and the primary room, before the program began.

Misses Mayme Houston and Della Boone and Fred Houston, attended singing at Moyer Chapel Sunday night.

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Clovis New Mexico

Mr. W. F. Martin and family made a short visit with Mr. G. B. Thacher and family Sunday evening.

Miss Minnie Haynes is back from Clovis, where she has been working for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Bennie Vaughn has been seriously ill for the past few days, but is some better now.

Several families from this community went to Portales Monday to see the airplane flights.

We had a nice crowd out Sunday afternoon and had a good Sunday school. After Sunday school we sang some songs.

Mrs. Emily Casteel passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Gerries, nine miles southeast of town, Sunday night at 11 o'clock. She had been in feeble health for several months. She was born in Taylor County, Kentucky, 81 years ago the 13th day of last December, making her 81 years, 5 months and 7 days old at the time of her death. Besides Mrs. Gerries, she has another daughter, named Alice, living in Peoria, Illinois, surviving her. She was buried in the Farwell cemetery yesterday at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Gerries and family have the sympathy of the entire community in this their sad bereavement.

Miss Skidmore, manual training teacher in the Texico school, left for Kansas Saturday to spend her summer's vacation. She will return for the next term, having accepted the position again.

WHAT'S THE NEWS? \$150. a yr.

# Announcement

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