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## LOCATION FOR OIL WELL TO BE MADE SOON

Mr. Cooke, the geologist for the Oklahoma Oil Co., who are to drill a test well near Portales in the near future, arrived last Friday and has been looking over the situation during the week. Mr. Cooke received a telegram today from his partner, Mr. La Neve, stating that he would be here on tomorrow's train and it is expected that work will begin at once on the location of the well. We are also informed that Mr. Harry B. Gutes, attorney for the company will be in Portales some time next week to complete arrangements and get ready for sure enough drilling. Mr. Cooke made a report to his company this week which was very flattering for this district in respect to oil prospects. One thing sure, it won't be long now until we will know whether we have oil or not, and the chances are very much in favor of a good well.

## SHALL WE ORGANIZE?

There will be a call meeting at the courthouse tonight to discuss the question of a commercial club for Portales and it is hoped that a good attendance will be had. With the present prospects for this country there is much to be done and it is essential that a commercial club be organized in order to properly look after the interests of the town and county. We hope that by next week we can say that we have an organization to which we can look to with pride and one that will put Portales on the map in the place she justly deserves.

## Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. church met May 15 with Mrs. Denison. Seventeen present, two new members. Instead of the regular program an original one was carried out.

Music—by Mesdames Miller and Knapp.

Paper—"The Task of Our Church in Portales" by Mrs. Dickbreder.

A talk on "Home Influence" by Mrs. McDonald.

Refreshments consisting of cake and whipped cream on jello were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. C. V. Harris on May 29th.

## Exchanging Coupons for W. S. S.

Dallas, Texas, May 19.—Thousands of dollars in Second Liberty Loan interest money is being re-invested in War Savings Stamps over the Eleventh Federal War Savings District. Those who did not exchange their interest coupons for Thrift or War Savings Stamps May 15th, can do so at local postoffices at any time.

## METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m., and preaching at 11 a. m. Subject for the morning hour will be "Saved to Serve."

Dr. Boyd will preach the baccalaureate sermon at this church in the evening, beginning at 8:30. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Bob Poindexter is in the Upton community this week getting rid of the prairie dogs on about 6000 acres. This work is being done under the direction of the Roosevelt County Farm Bureau. He has just finished a large scope of country in the neighborhood of Kenna.

Robert Childs arrived Wednesday morning from California to visit a few days with his sister, Mrs. W. E. Crow. Bob has been in the army for the past year and received his discharge a few days ago.

Lieutenant Grace of Carlsbad, is in the city this week visiting with friends.

## OF INTEREST TO CATTLEMEN

Through the efforts of the Farm Bureau, Roosevelt County has been successful in securing the services of Dr. E. P. Johnson, Extension Veterinarian, who will be in Portales the week commencing June 2.

Dr. Johnson is especially qualified to talk along the lines of the cattle tick and louse, contagious abortion, scabbies, etc., and will give several lectures throughout the county, the dates and place of same will be published next week.

It is the Bureau's intention to have Dr. Johnson do just as much personal work as his time will possibly permit so parties wishing expert advice or herd inspection should arrange for dates at once. This can be done by seeing or writing County Agent Petersen who is now arranging Dr. Johnson's itinerary.

## DRIVE A NAIL

In every western city the demand for housing and new homes is growing with the influx of new residents.

Shopping construction during the war makes demand for building now imperative.

Millions of returning soldiers are establishing new homes for themselves.

Releasing railroads and public utilities from public ownership will make enormous demands for lumber and steel.

Successful termination of the League of Nations will give a great forward impulse to all activities and industries.

With high prices for farm products and livestock, the amount of building that will be done by the agricultural population will be larger than for years.

A building program is the keystone of prosperity in this nation now and until world conditions are again normal.

Assistant State Engineer Peabody was in the city the first of the week looking over the roads of this part of the state. This was his first visit to the East side and was very much pleased with the results which had been accomplished here. Mr. Peabody is making a tour of the state with a view to getting Federal aid and, together with District Superintendent D. W. Jones, is over in the Tucuman district this week. Mr. Peabody states that we have the best roads around Portales than any place he has visited thus far.

## Clovis Library Entertainment

Mrs. A. B. Austin, of Clovis, sent us the following announcement and asked that we publish: "The faculty of the New Mexico Conservatory of Music will give a fine program at the Clovis High School auditorium on the night of Wednesday, the 29th, inst., for the benefit of the Library Association. Portales lovers of music are cordially invited to attend and enjoy this treat."

## At the Baptist Church

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching both morning and evening by Rev. H. C. Slaughter. Everybody is invited to attend these services.

Mrs. Clyde Boucher and little daughter arrived Wednesday morning from Calexico, Calif., and will visit for about three months with relatives and friends here. She is a sister to Lloyd and Paul Horney.

Mrs. C. V. Harris returned Monday from Clarendon, Texas, where she attended the commencement exercises of the Clarendon College. She was accompanied home by her son, Heck, who has been attending that institution for the past term.

Dr. R. H. Bailey went down to Artesia Monday to look after his ranch interests at that place.



There are two roads in life. One leads to a quagmire of nothingness. The other leads to success. Both are lined with sign posts to show the wary traveler in which direction he is moving. But many people go along, their eyes on the skies, on the ground, or unseeing in dreamland, never noticing that they are advancing on the wrong highway. Do you know which road you are travelling? Here are the sign posts. The end of one will find you empty-handed. The end of the other will find you with funds for a sunny opportunity—with War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds working for you at over 4% interest.

### Spendthrift Road

"This is on me."  
"One more of the same."  
"Lend me five."  
"Charge this."  
"Here, boy."  
"Where do we go from here?"  
"Let's have another round."  
"You can go home anytime."  
"Your money's no good."  
"I can't be bothered with small change."  
"The sky's the limit."  
"I'm paying for this."  
"Don't be a piker."  
"It's all in a Lifetime."  
"More where this came from."  
"Aw, come on, be a sport."  
"Money's no object to us."

### Thrift Road

"What is the price of this?"  
"One will do."  
"The walk will do me good."  
"No, thank you."  
"I can't afford that."  
"Give me your best price."  
"I'll carry this."  
"I promised my wife."  
"I need the money."  
"Let me pay my share."  
"I can't get along without this."  
"Is it worth seeing?"  
"This is what I've gotten for my money."  
"I could, but there are more necessary things to be taken care of first."

Ed Lee, of Kenna, was in town Saturday on business.

Attorney T. E. Mears was in Fort Sumner the first of the week looking after some legal matters.

County Agent Petersen attended a Farm Bureau meeting in the Fairfield and Union school districts last Friday night.

The First National Bank has received the full paid Victory Bonds ready to deliver when called for.

Lee M. Brown, who has recently returned from France, left Tuesday or Oklahoma where he has been offered a position.

A number of the Dora folks were in town Wednesday buying material to fix up their telephone line.

J. P. Deen and County Agent Petersen motored to Rogers to attend a Farm Bureau meeting last Saturday evening.

Judge C. M. Compton, Jr., J. M. McCormack, Scott McDowell and H. B. Ryther went up to Clovis early Tuesday morning on business.

O. S. Strickland returned Wednesday from a trip through the oil fields of Texas. He spent most of the time at Ranger and Eastland.

Mrs. Charley Harris and son, Heck, were Clovis visitors Wednesday. They took Mrs. Connally that far who went on to her home at Fort Sumner.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson and children went up to Clovis yesterday and will stay there until the first with her husband who is there on business for a few days.

Miss Gladys Stone returned home Monday from Clarendon, Texas, at which place she has been attending the Clarendon College.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald are the proud parents of a fine baby boy which arrived at their home last Saturday night. John has been all smiles this week.

Married—At the court house this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Miss Electa Smith and Mr. Joe Stephens, both of Artesia, N. M. Judge J. P. Henderson performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hoagland left Tuesday for Rochester, Minnesota, at which place Mrs. Hoagland will enter the Mayo Brothers hospital for treatment.

Clyde Doyal and Frank and Reed Murrel returned Tuesday from Burkburnett, Texas, where they have been working in the oil fields for the past several weeks.

Andrew Miller received his discharge from the army and arrived home Sunday. He has been stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas, ever since he left Portales.

Charley Thomas, who has been in France with the American army for the past year or more, arrived home Sunday. Charley was among the first to leave Portales and was stationed at Camp Kearney for a long time.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Mae McHorse, Thursday, May 15th, a 9 1/4 pound baby girl. Mother and baby are doing nicely. Doe Brown has given up all hopes for poor old Mac.—Fort Sumner Review.

Ira Doyal and wife arrived in Portales last Saturday from New York. Ira has been in the naval service on the Atlantic coast for the past year. He was married about six weeks ago to a New York girl.

The County Agent's office announces that Mr. L. C. Taylor, Federal Poultry Expert, will be here this week on the 22, 23, and 24th. Poultry raisers can see Mr. Taylor by calling on Mr. Petersen for dates.

The News received a check this week from Lloyd Canfil, of Richland, Mo., ordering the paper sent to him at that place. Mr. Canfil formerly worked for Pearce's Pharmacy and wants to keep up with the conditions here.

The Portales boys seem to have realized the fact that they can't play ball successfully with some kind of system and this week they are re-organizing and have selected County Agent Petersen as the manager for the present. There is no reason why the boys here should not have a good team and we believe that they are taking the proper steps to make a go of it. Here's hoping.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Friday evening will be class representative exercises at the Methodist church. Everybody is invited.

Sunday evening at 8:30 will be the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. David R. Boyd, president of the State University.

Thursday evening, May 29th, will be commencement exercises at the Methodist church.

Friday afternoon, at the school building will be exhibit day for the school and the parents and patrons of the school are invited to come out and see what the children are doing along these lines.

## FIELD DAY

Last Friday afternoon was a big day for the students of the Portales Schools. The school marched to the ball park to hold their field day sports and competition was surely close in many of the events.

The students were all loyal to their respective rooms and rooted hard for any representative who might happen to contest for their particular grade. The relay race probably proved the most exciting of all the events. When the sun was getting low there still remained a number of events to be pulled off and those were postponed until this week at school. When they are finally all run off there will be a report of the high school boy and girl winning the greatest number of points as well as a report of the grade pupils who won highest honors.

The outlook is bright for the high school athletics for next year. There are many good athletes if they are developed properly. This will be done.

## WINNERS IN CONTESTS

The musical and declamatory contests by the pupils of the Public schools were held last night which resulted as follows:

Grade Pupils—Piano. Miss Lorena Henderson won the medal given by Mrs. Harold Rogers.

High School—Piano. Miss Elizabeth Priddy was winner. Medal given by G. M. Williamson.

High School—Declamation—Boys. Otis Cranford won the medal given by Prof. J. S. Long.

High School—Declamation—Girls. Miss Thelma Campbell won the medal given by Ben Smith.

There was a large crowd out and the entire program was enjoyed by everyone.

## Boon for Industries

The great country-wide boom for good roads, given impetus by the appropriation by the recent Democratic Congress of \$200,000,000 to aid the states in highway work, is proving a great boon to industries that probably would have lagged during the period of transition from war to peace activities.

During the war, almost the entire output of fuel oil was used for war purposes. Now, the asphalt products derived from this oil are being used on roads. Tar products that could not be produced during the war are going back into construction and maintenance of highways. Producers of stone, gravel, sand, etc., are finding a ready market in the enormously increased demand for road building purposes.

In addition, reports reaching the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture, which is administering the Federal aid fund, show that the extensive road-building program is absorbing much of the country's idle labor.

Mrs. Mattie E. Mitchell and children, Guy and Miss Hallie, have returned to Portales and will make this their home in the future. They have been living in Albuquerque for the past two years.

## WIDE AWAKE COMMUNITY AT ROGERS

Last Saturday night about twenty-five progressive farmers gathered at the Rogers school house where, together with the County Agent, they organized for better farming under the Farm Bureau plan.

The following projects under the County Program of Work were decided upon as being essential and committees are at work now developing same. Project eladers were also appointed.

W. O. McCormack, community chairman.

Henry Holland, prairie dog.

W. W. VanWinkle, silo campaign.

J. M. Grisso, dairy improvements.

Jno. Thompson, disposal of grain crops.

A. Littlejohn, broom corn.

## KEEP YOUR DOLLARS BUSY

Keep your dollars at work. The idle dollar not only loafs, it runs away and never comes back. Uncle Sam paid \$1,500,000 in interest to holders of Second Liberty Loan Bonds in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District on Thursday, May 15. Much of this was in small amounts. The best way to keep these dollars working and to tie them down is to invest them in Thrift and War Savings Stamps. This is profitable patriotism.

## JUBILEE MEETING

There will be a Jubilee Meeting of the W. C. T. U. on Tuesday night, May 27th, at the Baptist church in Portales, commencing at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. E. H. Bradford of Albuquerque, the most noted concert singer and soloist in New Mexico, will be present and will entertain the audience with some of her most beautiful solos. In the concert she will be assisted by some of the best voices in our town. The musical will last half an hour after which Miss Harriett L. Henderson, state organizer, will give a short talk. The citizens of Portales and vicinity are cordially invited to attend this meeting for the music will be a great treat to everyone.

## NOTICE!!

The persons invited to assist with the musical on Tuesday night, May 27, at the Baptist church, are requested to come to the church at 7 p. m. that evening for extra practice before the concert begins. Please be prompt.

By request of the Committee.

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## Attention, Odd Fellows!

Next Tuesday night will be the installation of officers and a nice supper will be spread and all members are requested to be on hand.