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Gas Meeting Monday Night Well Attended

The Gas Meeting of last Monday night was largely attended and very satisfactory in results. The meeting was called to order by C. W. Nester and business immediately started. A Committee of fourteen was appointed and names of the gas signers and non-signers were checked off and a list of names given each member of the Committee to solicit by next meeting night. The number of gas signers grows gradually, day by day, and the Committee feels much encouraged as to the assured goal for which we are striving.

Messrs. Koerber and Palmer and others worked diligently to gather facts and figures of real information as to the price and cost of gas to users and this information will assist greatly in getting the required number of signers.

Another meeting will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the City Hall.

Following is a complete list of those who have signed up for Gas:—

1. M. K. FEATHER, res.
2. GEO. HARRISON, res.
3. HARRY BEAZELL, res.
4. A. B. CAIRNES, P. O. Bldg.
5. J. L. KOERBER, res.
6. R. G. PALMER, res.
7. N. L. HAYES, res.
8. R. H. HUDDLESTON, res.
9. GROVER LAWSON, res.
10. J. L. KOERBER, Hdwe.
11. R. L. PRICE, res.
12. R. J. SISSON, res.
13. IDEAL GROCERY
14. J. W. STEWART, res.
15. J. W. DISMUKES, res.
16. PALACIOS AUTO CO.
17. O. C. ARNOLD, bldg.
18. N. L. HAYES, shop.
19. J. R. ELLIOTT, res.
20. JNO. D. BOWDEN, res.
21. C. E. TEAGUE, Cafe
22. CITY BARBER SHOP
23. J. E. ROBINSON, res.
24. C. W. NESTER, res.
25. TRAYLOR HDWE. CO.
26. PRICE LUMBER CO.
27. GOLDEN RULE GROCERY
28. CHAS. B. HARRIMAN, res.
29. MILO M. MILLER, res.
30. J. T. DAVIS, res.
31. MARY H. ELDER, res.
32. MARY H. ELDER, rent.
33. WILLIAMSON EST. (Burke)
34. G. A. SALSBUARY, res.
35. WM. HOLLIDAY, res.
36. J. H. BROTEMARKLE, res.
37. R. T. HANKS, res.
38. D. RUTHVEN, res.
39. D. RUTHVEN, Bldg.
40. GUY BARNETT, res.
41. MRS. O. D. PRICE
42. F. A. SISSON, res.
43. A. R. HILLYER, res.
44. GUY STULTING, res.
45. J. E. GRANT, res.
46. R. L. PRICE, rent
47. J. Q. ADAMS, res.
48. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Palacios Toggery Ladies Style Shop Opens Saturday

The busy workmen have made rapid progress in painting, papering and redecorating the Ruthven Bldg., which will be the home of the Palacios Toggery. Opening day will be Saturday morning and all are eager to visit the new store. Spring is here, the new goods are arriving, and everything has a pleasing outlook for the Toggery.

A beautiful line of up-to-date Dresses, of silk, crepe and georgette, newest spring sport coats of gorgeous colors and beautiful hat creations are there.

Palacios gives the Toggery a hearty welcome to the business circle. Read their ad on page four and find out more of the many things they have.

P. H. S. ALUMNI MEET

Friday evening a number of the Alumni of P. H. S. met in the home of Miss Jane Elder to discuss plans for the Alumni Banquet, given each year at the end of school. The banquet is always looked forward to through all the school year. Each student strives for his graduation in order that he may be eligible to attend the banquet. Then after the first year it is looked forward to as a meeting place for class mates and school friends.

The meeting was called to order by President Matthew Burton, and the following committees were appointed: Place and Menu, Mrs. Walter Milam and Mrs. Wylie Milam; Dec. Com., Dessie Sullivan, Virginia Wylie, Thomas Brandon and Raymond Billings; Program Com., Mrs. Carlton Crawford, Cecil Grant, Jane Elder and Gladys McGlothlin; Nom. Com., Mrs. Clarence Chamblee, Mrs. L. S. Appleton, Claire Partain and Mrs. John Fox; Bulletin Com., Merwin Robinson; Invitation Com., Mrs. Nora Mae DuBoise.

The date for the next Alumni meeting will be April 4th. Every Alumni member is urged to come. Your co-operation and help is needed. The meeting place will be decided upon later so watch the Beacon for further announcements.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

Greenwood Post American Legion held its regular meeting Monday night and a large number were in attendance. A splendid program was given and matters of importance were discussed and plans formulated for future meetings of note.

At the close of the business session, Com. Appleton and Adj. Wm. Clement announced there was a real surprise awaiting the Legionnaires. A plate lunch of good eats and hot coffee in abundance. The luncheon was a birthday celebration for Wm. Elder. The pleasant occasion will long be remembered and was much appreciated by members of the Post.

Highway Work Progressing

Work on our highway continues with the grading and drainage structures from the railroad to the Army Camp nearing completion, and Contractor Chiles informs us he will be moving to the Pheasant section within a few days.

Russ Mitchell, of Houston, who has the contract for the section from Palacios to Pheasant, was in the city Tuesday and expressed that his fore-

man, Mr. Anstey, is working on this section of road from the Colorado river to the staff within the last few days, in the person of J. P. Ellis, who is working from the underpass south and is making rapid progress.

A large drag line machine is now busy on the Vann contract between the Tres-Palacios and Colorado rivers. This machine started near Tide Haven, is working east and moving earth at a very rapid rate.

The State Highway Department is advertising for bids to be received on the 19th, for the construction of the section of road from the Colorado river to Bay City. The letting of this contract will mean that the entire length of Highway No. 58 through Matagorda County will be under construction, except the large bridges and underpass section. It is to be hoped there will be contracted at an early date.

Fire Boys Stage Sumptuous Banquet Tuesday Night

CITY COUNCIL, OF REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHERS ATTENDED AFFAIR

One of the most delightful events of the season was the Fireman's banquet on Tuesday evening at Hotel Palacios, given by the Volunteer Fire Department, to which were invited members of the City Council, Ex-Mayors, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, ministers, fire boys past and present, and some of our best talent.

The spacious dining room was very inviting, where tables decorated with green foliage and bouquets of beautiful peach and plum blossoms wafting their fragrance, greeted you.

Plates were laid for sixty guests and words are inadequate to fully express thanks to the Ladies of the Auxiliary for preparing such a delicious repast, and the following menu was deftly served by six young ladies, members of this year's class in the H. E. department of our High School:—

Oyster Cocktail, Crackers
Salad
Fried Oysters, Cream Potatoes
Buttered Rolls, Lemon Pie
Coffee

After all had done justice to the eats the remainder of the evening was given over to a speech making program interspersed with musical numbers and readings. Chief L. S. Appleton, who presided, gave greetings and in fitting words welcomed the guests. Rev. F. G. Clark, pastor of the Methodist Church, offered the invocation.

Mr. Lipscomb was the first speaker and he gave briefly a reminiscence of early days in Palacios when it was in its infancy, how proud the city was when it purchased its first 500 feet of hose, on Christmas Eve, and had occasion to use it that night, when a fire broke out.

Rev. G. F. Gillespie was next, who after a few opening remarks, devoted his time in paying tribute to the past Chief, John D. Bowden, for his untiring efforts in helping to get the splendid equipment Palacios now possesses.

and things yet to be, which are sure to come in the near future.

Atty. W. C. Gray's subject was on the teaching of Fire Prevention in the school and the reduction of insurance rate thus obtained. Mr. Gray had on display a number of posters made by the school children. His remarks were thought-provoking and brought out a number of questions which resulted in some information being gained as well as the source of much merriment.

J. L. Koerber was asked to sing, "When Henry Made A Lady Out Of Lizzie," but gave his time to a short review of the town's achievements of the past few years and said he felt we were getting better and better in every way.

The last speaker of the evening was James Sartwell, former Mayor of Palacios, who now has his home in Houston, but spends most of his time at his ranch west of town. Mr. Sartwell talked of early days in Palacios and some of her fires and the heroic work he had seen done by some of the boys, especially Chief Bowden, and was justly proud of her present Volunteer Department and splendid equipment. Mr. Sartwell said he felt highly honored to be a guest on that occasion but the one he sure wanted to attend was when we celebrated the completion of our cement highway for he knew there would be "A Hot Time in The Old Town," then.

"Love's Old Sweet Song," was so beautifully rendered by a male quartette, composed of Messrs. Burton, Crawford, Appleton and Burton, that an encore was called for and by continued persuasion the boys responded with another number which was very much appreciated.

Mr. Appleton said he felt the evening's program was not completed until the guests gave a rising vote of thanks to Ex-Chief Bowden for his loyalty and untiring efforts in the helping and building up of Palacios Volunteer Fire Department.

The festivities closed with a prayer by Rev. Gillespie.

Scenic Curtains Installed in P.H. S. Auditorium

J. W. Holzberlien, of the Oklahoma City Scenic Co., arrived Tuesday noon to install the new curtains in the High School auditorium. This good news of the new stage equipment will be gladly received by both school and the general public for it is of mutual interest as loyal co-operation of town and school made possible the purchasing these new curtains under the auspices of the P-T-A.

The curtains were paid for by the business firms, generous space ads, and you will be given an opportunity to see these beautiful stage fixtures at an early date, when the home talent play, "The Three Pigs," will be presented at the High School for the benefit of the P-T-A.

Sub-County Meet Held At Palacios Last Saturday

The Sub-County Meet, or meet for elimination for West portion of the County, was held at Palacios High School Saturday, March 9, and was well attended by an enthusiastic crowd of interested patrons and citizens throughout this side of the county. Good fellowship permeated the school campus and good sportsmanship characterized the games. Following are the events and teams winning:—

TENNIS

Senior Boys', singles—Wesley Buller, for Palacios, by default.

Senior Boys' doubles—Buller and Rupe, for Palacios, by default.

Senior Girls', singles—Grace Evelyn Barnett, for Palacios, by default.

Senior Girls' doubles—by defaulting Midfield, Palacios.

BASKET BALL

Making Repairs On City's Water Storage Tanks

Extensive repairs are being done on the water storage tanks this week by an order of the City Dads under the direction of Guy Barnett, superintendent of the water system. The water tower has been thoroughly washed and refilled, while the cone shaped storage tank is being recovered with a new shingle roof, a dust proof and water proof shiplap cover underlying the shingles, thus giving the storage tank of 75,000 gallon capacity, a protection from any foreign elements.

Palacios can feel justly proud of her pure artesian water that is second to none and can stand the laboratory test to 99 per cent pure, flowing from a never ceasing source over 600 feet in depth, and does not have to be forced up with pump pressure, but continually flows into the storage tanks.

Supt. Barnett, by his efficient service has maintained for Palacios a state-wide, yet almost nation wide reputation for water unequalled anywhere.

L. S. APPLETON

ANNOUNCES FOR

CITY ALDERMAN

The attention of Beacon readers is called to our City Announcement column this week, under which head will be found the name of L. S. (Jack) Appleton, as a candidate for alderman of the City of Palacios. Mr. Appleton is well and favorably known to most everyone in Palacios, being assistant cashier in the Palacios State Bank and Trust Co., for several years, and has the confidence and esteem of all who know him. He is an enthusiastic booster and full of push, pluck and progress, and always planning and doing something for the advancement of his home town and community. He is well qualified to fill the office of alderman, and will make a good one if elected.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

CHECK FLAMES FROM

SPREADING THIS A. M.

At 7:45 A. M. this morning the building owned by W. D. Williams on Fifth Street, caught fire from an oil can which was placed too near a stove. The quick work of citizens with fire extinguishers, owned by C. W. Nester and the Ideal Grocery prevented the flames from getting a good start, which might have done serious damage. The fire boys were at the fire and ready to work almost before the siren stopped blowing and the boys finished putting out the blaze with the chemical tank on the truck. Damage was slight and the cause was carelessness.

Poultry School To Be Started Friday Evening

The Vocational Agriculture Department of Palacios High School and Chamber of Commerce are interested in you!

There will be an adult school in Poultry, held at the High School, starting Friday night and running for twelve lessons. Giving full instruction in ways and means of raising poultry.

If you are interested in the production of better birds and in increasing the yield of the flocks that you now have, come out and get started in with the class.

This School will be taught by men who are very efficient in this line. I am sure you will be benefitted by attending. This work will be divided into twelve lessons. Only those who are interested will be welcome. Just wanting "somewhere to go"—go elsewhere, please and do not come and bother us, for we come to learn. And non-interested onlookers will not be appreciated because of the limited amount of room.

We have to assist with us in this work, two of the S. P. railroad Agriculturists, two of the Purina Feed Experts, possibly one or two men from the El Campo Feed Co., also several men who are in the poultry business. The experiences of all of these will be at your command. Come out Friday night and get in line with the work.

This will cost you nothing, all that we are asking is your loyal support and co-operation. We want to tell you how to best care for your poultry, and get the most from your flock.

Remember the day and come!

R. D. Rawls,

Vocational Agriculture Instructor.

BLACKLEG—LOOK OUT!

Blackleg is among us, watch out for your young stock!

Several herds of stock have already died. Blackleg is a germ disease usually attacks young cattle between the age of six months and two years old. The appearance of gaseous swelling beneath the skin, usually on the hind quarters, hence the common name. Black-quarters, as it is sometimes called. Death soon follows the appearance of these swellings on post-mortem examination of the carcass. To determine whether or not Blackleg rub the hand along the side, if a crackling sound is noticed, this is a good indication that it is blackleg. Do not take any chances—Vaccinate immediately. Remember, an ounce of precaution is worth several pounds of cure.

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Chairman of the Finance
s. J. F. Barnett, wishes to
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Bryant, Mrs. J. H. Brote-
Mrs. J. E. Robinson, Mrs. A.
r, Mrs. C. L. de St Aubin.
Crawford, Mrs. Geo. A. Har-
s. N. L. Hayes, Mrs. F. A.
rs. Wylie Milam, Mrs. R. L.
s. Duncan Ruthven, Mrs. W.
r, Mrs. C. W. Nester, Mrs. Carl
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Girls' Jr. Grade School—Midfield.

Girls' Sr. High—Midfield.

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Girls' Jr. High—Palacios.

VOLLEY BALL

Girls' Sr. High—Palacios.

Girls' Sr. Grade—Blessing.

Boys' Jr. Grade—El Maton.

Boys' Sr. Grade—Blessing.

BASE BALL

Boys' Jr. Grade—Palacios.

Girls' Jr. Grade—Midfield.

These winners now have the right
to enter the respective events named,
with the respective winner of the
same events from the East portion of
the County for the County Champion-
ship, of the County Interscholastic
Meet, which is to be held in Palacios
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R. W. Helmer, of League City, is
here visiting his brother, Mr. Helmer,
who has been very ill, but reports Mr.
Helmer somewhat improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Maverick and little
daughter, of San Antonio, spent sev-
eral days at Hotel Palacios while Mr.
Maverick was attending business in-
terests.

"The Three Pegs," will be presented
by home talent at the High School
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mission 15c, 25c, 35c. 8 o'clock. Ben-
efit P.-T. A.

M. E. Sailer, of Illinois, who has
been the guest of his relatives, B. E.
and O. E. Sailer and families, for the
past week, says he likes Texas fine
and has accepted a position in Bolling.

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RAILROAD COMPANIES

TAKE OVER BUSINESS

OF EXPRESS COMPANY

The business formerly handled by
the American Railway Express Com-
pany, was taken over March 1st by
the railroads through the formation
of a new company, the Railway Ex-
press Agency, Inc. This company is
owned entirely by the railroads but
is being operated as a separate orga-
nization. All of the officers and em-
ployes formerly employed by the Am-
erican Railway Express Co., have been
retained. In fact, the business is be-
ing conducted in practically the same
manner as heretofore.

The railroad ownership, will insure
close co-operation, between the ex-
press and railroad operating depart-
ments, which should result in improv-
ed service.

The local office is in charge of C.
L. de St. Aubin, agent of the Railway
Express Agency, Inc.

C. L. Aldrich returned to his home

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