

# Butler County Welcomes Fourth District Editors



Spring meeting of the Fourth District Editors was held in El Dorado on April 26 with Butler County editors as hosts for a noon luncheon and a program of tours and entertainment.

Ed Geymann of Towanda presided at the afternoon roundtable in which publishing problems of a wide range were discussed. Larry Miller, secretary-manager of the Kansas Press Association, was called on to outline objectives of the organization's legislative program, as outlined by the legislative committee. This was followed by a round of questions and discussion.

Cars and a police escort, arranged for by the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce, took the visitors to the Skelly refinery where engineers explained the processing of crude oil into gasoline and other petroleum products. There was also a complete tour of the impressive St. Joseph home for orphan children.

At the evening banquet Carl Zerger of El Dorado Junior College faculty spoke on "An Analysis of Our Foreign

Above—Rolla Clymer, famed editor of the El Dorado Times, presides as toastmaster at the evening banquet. Seated at the head table, left to right, are the Fourth District president, George Clasen, Jr., of the Florence Bulletin, Mrs. Clasen, and the speaker of the evening, Carl Zerger of El Dorado Junior College.

Policy." He concluded that "We must be firm in our dealings with Russia but must be willing to compromise, though never letting that sink to the level of appeasement."

The So 'n So's, El Dorado barbershop quartet, entertained with several numbers following the banquet. Music for the banquet was provided by a string trio.

Lester Rosen of Wichita University invited the Fourth District Editors to hold their fall meeting in Wichita on October 18, at the time of the football game between Wichita University and Miami University.

Officers of the Fourth District Editors are: president, George Clasen, Jr.; vice-president, Floyd Souders of the Cheney Sentinel; secretary, Lester Rosen; and as representative on the KPA Board of directors, Henry Jameson of the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle.

Left—A hilarious welcome to Butler County (not forgetting Augusta) was given at the banquet by Bertha Shore of the Augusta Gazette, widely known as Ima Washout of her "Half and Half" column. She here expands upon the glories of fishing, scenic beauty, wealth, friendliness and numerous other fabulous attributes of the area. At the left is Leonard McCalla, Jr., editor of the Anderson Countian and president of Kansas Press Association.



## On the Front Cover

Some of the visiting editors and their families pause outside the gates of the Skelly refinery, after being taken on a tour of the plant. Near the center is David M. Benforado, one of the engineers who conducted a group through the plant.

The police officers flanking KPA President Leonard McCalla, Jr., provided an escort for the caravan of El Dorado cars that took the visitors on a tour of the city. After his get-away from the officers McCalla reported their names as Frank Ullum and Jesse Barnes, the latter a former pitcher with the New York Giants.

## Opposite Page

Upper Left—John R. Redmond of the Burlington Daily Republican chats with Mrs. Jesse Napier of the Newton Journal and Mrs. Lester P. Greenbank of the Valley Center Index.

Top Right—Early registrants were, left to right: Charles A. Knouse of the Lindsborg News-Record, John L. Todd of the McPherson County News, and Mrs. Todd.

Center Left—Women of the group seemed to have their own variety of shop talk. Left to right: Mrs. C. P. Ashcraft of the Hillsboro Star, Mrs. George Clasen, Jr., of the Florence Bulletin, Mrs. Jack Lawrence of the Council Grove Republican, and Mrs. Earl Fickert of Peabody.

Center Right—That newspaper family, the Greenbanks, made it a family reunion. Left to right facing the camera they are: Grant Greenback, junior partner in the Butler County News at El Dorado, Mrs. Grant Greenback, Mrs. Lester Greenbank, Lester Greenbank, publisher of the Valley Center Index, James W. Greenbank, publisher of the Butler County News, and Doris Greenbank, reporter on the Hutchinson News-Herald. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Greenbank of the Index attended the first of the convention but had to leave before the banquet. Lester and James W. Greenbank are sons of the late W. G. Greenbank, for many years publisher of the Little River Monitor.

Lower Left—Politics, presses or probably prices were getting a good going over by this trio, George Clasen, Jr., Lester P. Greenbank and Jesse L. Napier of the Newton Journal. Beyond Editor Napier can be seen Mrs. Mabel L. Hammond of the Osage City Journal Free Press and Mrs. Leonard McCalla, Jr.

Lower Right—Harlan Remsberg, secretary of the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce, leans over to confer with Ed Geymann, publisher of the Western Butler County Times at Towanda and the Potwin Ledger. Mrs. Geymann finds their conversation amusing.

Bottom—The evening banquet.