February 21, 1941

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J. L. Bateman, Clarendon, term of 2 years.
Mrs. George F. McKinney, Fayetteville, term of 2 years.
Mr. Bruce Kendall, DeWitt, term of 4 years.
R. A. Cox, N. Little Rock, term of 4 years.
George Bachelor, Conway, term of 6 years.
Dr. A. M. Elton, Newport, term of 6 years.
Chas. Maze, Clarksville, term of 6 years.