

JULY 4TH. 1976 - 200 YEARS OF FREEDOM

INDEPENDENCE DAY

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by John

Back to the weekly grind - and what a bore. We have been to a number of places in our meanderings and have always been glad to return to these old baldies. This time it's different. We could have stayed in Hawaii indefinitely without a twing of conscienceness.

We can understand the pull of the islands that have attracted uncounted thousands of mainlanders to settle out there. The climate is very salubrious, the scenery is breathtaking and the flowers are overwhelming.

Also, we suspect that everyday living is not much more expensive than in the contiguous states. We certainly believe that for tourists the cost of vacationing is not in excess of many less attractive places, even in the Southwest. Hotels were reasonable; we have paid more in a motel in Amarillo than in a beachfront hotel in Honolulu. Meals were very reasonable all the way from the Royal Hawaiian down to the chain Sizzler Steak House. You can't eat in Big "D" for what you can in almost any place in the Hawaiian chain of islands.

Rent-a-cars were from \$14.95 a day and up. The \$14.95 got a four-seat Vega, Toyota, etc., which was very adequate for island driving. Generally speaking, we found the people associated with tourism very polite and accommodating. You can't say the same for most of our stateside vacation Meccas.

Courtesy in Hawaii is a by-word. The word "Mahalo" meaning "Thank You" is used profusely. Even the street repair signs and detours were explained and signed "Maholo."

This we considered unusual as most places had customers in every nook and cranny. On the mainland, this kind of business would have generated a very brusque attitude from the help and management. Over here, a general observation would be that the more business a place has, the poorer the service. Not so in Hawaii; they still appreciate people's feelings.

We do not know if they have an "off season" where prices might be even more reasonable, but would advise you to go to Hawaii whenever the opportunity presents itself. You won't be disappointed.

We don't have much comment on the local or national scene. We hate to admit this but two weeks without a great deal of exposure to news was refreshing.

We took up the headlines and funnies almost where we left off. It's a good thing they date the news - a body could confuse one week's happenings with another, and never know the difference.

Methodist Church Sets Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell will get underway July 6 and continue through July 10. Classes will last from 9-11:30 a.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Plans for this year's VBS include an opening service experience each morning, and craft sessions. Visitation of classrooms followed by a

picnic in the city park will close out the school on July 10. Divisions and their head instructors are: three- and four-year-olds, Barbara Horner and Jeanne Norris; kindergarten, Margaret Aycock and Lillie Christian; first and second grade, Jean Brown and Robin Gregory; third and fourth grades, Gloria Hutchins and Linda Foster; fifth and sixth grades, Dot Christian and Linda Autrey.

Throughout the course of history, Although they seldom dared to try, All men had dreamed of being free— Until that fourth day of July; For then, two hundred years ago, With help from God a tiny band Of men proclaimed the thing we know As Liberty throughout the land. Because of them, we speak our mind; In government we have a voice. And then we may, when we're inclined, Attend the Church that is our choice. So, climb aboard the Freedom Train This special Independence Day; And pray that freedom will remain Forever, in the U.S.A.!

— Gloria Nowak

Texico City Budget Approved At Hearing

Department of Finance and Administration auditors approved a 1976-77 general fund budget for Texico during a hearing held in the city hall June 23.

The new budget is less than the \$50,139 budgeted for the current fiscal year but more than the actual projected expenditures of \$41,877 this year.

Included in the budget is \$13,148 for the fire fund, \$802 for recreation, \$7,255 in revenue sharing expenditures, \$4,750 for principal and interest on general obligation bonds, \$9,075 for principal and interest on revenue bonds, \$14,205 for solid waste disposal, \$2,450 for

cemetery expenses and \$43,499 for water and sewer expenditures.

The 1976-77 budget reflects an estimated ending cash balance of \$8,003, of which \$4,102 comes from the general fund.

The budget is based on a total valuation in the city of \$1,036,866 and an operating tax rate of .002225. The official census of the community, as listed in the budget is 772, while the estimated census is 830.

Proposed expenditures in the general fund include: legislative, judicial and executive expenses in the municipality's government, \$6,310; financial administration, \$20,450; police, \$13,381; highways and streets, \$4,600; and parks, \$1,500; making a total of \$46,241.

Several internal budget changes were approved by the Texico board of trustees at the hearing. They include an increase from \$8,250 to \$9,068 in the salary of the city marshal, and an adjustment in the solid waste disposal fund to provide for a part time rather than a full time employee, and

a boost from \$7,265 to \$10,000 in the operating expense line item, primarily to accommodate tractor repair expenses.

During the budget discussion, it was noted that Texico has water and sewer bonds outstanding of \$13,000 and street improvement bonds outstanding of \$23,000.

Mayor Manford Turnbough cited several other needs of the community. He said a new water well is needed, along with some new water and sewer lines, and paving.

The hearing was conducted by Rudy Tapia and Bryan Breen of the DFA auditing staff.

Present for the hearing were Manford Turnbough, and trustees, Bill Thigpen, Marie Christian and Vane Doshier. Clara Wiehl, city clerk, handled changes in the budget.

Tapia said that local government budget hearings next year will be conducted by governing bodies at their regular meeting, rather than having DFA officials conduct the hearings at special sessions.



Clean-Up Campaign

Mrs. Gil Patschke was one of the helpers who participated in Farwell's June 26 clean-up day. Farwell Jaycees supplied vehicles and manpower in cooperation with local merchants to clean-up the city's main street. Two buildings were painted and plans for this week include tearing down several old buildings. Future clean-up projects are anticipated but no definite date has been set as yet.

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Bicentennial Observance - -

Gala Celebration Slated In Twin Cities Saturday

Months of brainstorming and planning, plus hours of work and preparation, will result in a day of festivities and fun for all Saturday, July 3.

The gala celebration of America's 200th birthday will kick off with a 1 p.m. flag raising ceremony at the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell. Members of the Clovis detachment of the Marine Corps League will unfurl the flag.

Events at the Farwell City Park are as follows: (Times listed for all events are Central Daylight Time.)

Beginning after the flag raising ceremony, the Farwell Jaycees will sponsor sack races, three-legged races and a wheel barrow race. The sack races will be divided into pre-school, one through five grades, six through eight grades, nine through 12 grades and adults divisions.

The three-legged race will be divided into the following categories: pre-school, grades one through three, grades four through five, grades six through eight, grades nine through 12, and adults. The wheel barrow race will have two divisions, grades nine through 12, and adults.

Other Jaycees-sponsored events to start after the races include horseshoes, washer pitching, dunking board and cow chips. A Jaycees spokesman said the cow chip contests will feature competition between the Twin Cities' mayors, chiefs of police, fire chiefs and city councils.

Texico Chamber of Commerce offers horseshoes at 1 p.m. ESA Sorority has three events slated to begin at 4:30 p.m. They are sack races, tricycle races and egg toss. The tricycle races are for two, three, four and five year olds

only. A spokesman for ESA asks that no big wheel tricycles be used. The sack races and egg toss are for all ages to enjoy.

The Texico-Farwell Lions Club will sponsor a Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest from 2-4 p.m. Texico-Farwell Rotary Club will serve lemonade from 2-4 p.m. They will charge cup of lemonade. The picnic lunch will be from 5-6:30 p.m.

Events at the Lions Club Ball Park include a tug-of-war from 2-4 p.m. sponsored by the Texico Volunteer Fire Department. The Kiwanis Club will sponsor a greased pole contest

at 2 p.m. A \$20 bill awaits the victor who reaches the top.

Texico Woman's Club will serve homemade ice cream at 6:30 p.m. They will also sponsor a womanless wedding beginning approximately at 7:30 p.m. Farwell Jaycees will sponsor a ball game. All of the above events are to be staged at the ball park.

Other activities include water polo sponsored by the Farwell Volunteer Fire Department. It will begin at 3 p.m. near the Farwell water tower. The Old Fiddlers' Contest, sponsored by the Farwell Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 3 p.m. in front of the

Courthouse. Farwell Study Club and the Texico-Farwell Senior Citizen's Association will show antiques and historical items in the Senior Citizen's Community Center in Texico beginning at 2 p.m.

The day long celebration will be capped by a fireworks display at the Lions Club Ball Park beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Members present for the final meeting of the Bicentennial Committee were Teresa Curry, Bill Christian, Alma Hendrix, Doris Ford, Lewis Cooper, Juanita Hadley, Joe Caywood, Fred Chandler and Hal Helton.



Bicentennial Planners

The Bicentennial Committee conducted its final meeting Monday night. Ideas planted by the committee members and cultivated through their efforts and the efforts of Twin Cities organizations will finally bear fruit Saturday, July 3, when the bicentennial celebration kicks off with a 1 p.m. flag raising ceremony at the Farwell City Park. Committee members pictured are Lewis Cooper, co-chairman, in front and Teresa Curry, left, and Juanita Hadley. Hal Helton is in back.

Farwell Council Reviews Clean-Up Day

"I envision a delightful change in main street," said Gil Patschke, mayor, at the Monday night meeting of the Farwell City Council. Patschke spoke in reference to the June 26 clean-up day which resulted in two buildings being painted and the groundwork laid for several old buildings to be torn down this week.

He went on to say that June 26 was a "bad day" because so many farmers were busy harvesting or irrigating. He commended all those who participated in the campaign on Saturday and added that the light turnout was understandable under the circumstances.

Patschke announced that several Boy Scouts have volunteered to paint the steel on city park benches and swings if the city will supply the paint. The Council agreed to "take them up on their offer." The mayor commented that the initial clean-up effort had "gotten off to a good start, but we have to stay behind it if it will work."

Farwell Jaycees supplied vehicles and manpower in cooperation with local merchants to make the day a

success.

Mayor Patschke reported that Bennie Lawrence, director of regional planning for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, was in town last Tuesday. Patschke and Lawrence color coded a map of Farwell. Copies are expected to be available this week. Patschke said that once the maps are available, the first public hearing regarding the zoning ordinance will be called.

The Council agreed to purchase a \$60 cooler for the Sanitation Department. The cooler will be used to keep sewer samples which have to be tested at a constant temperature. These tests are required by the Department of Health Resources.

Douglas Landrum, city employee, reported to the Council that streets in Farwell are being damaged by tandem discs. The sharp blades cut through the asphalt leaving holes which will result in further deterioration if not repaired promptly. City Marshal Ron Mitchell added that street signs are being bent and defaced also. Commissioner

Fred Chandler said that the city should send the cost of the repairs to the person responsible for the damage. He added that it is an unfair burden to

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Oklahoma Lane Ready For July 4th Celebration

Oklahoma Lane Community plans to celebrate July Fourth in a big way.

A community prayer meeting sponsored by both the Oklahoma Lane Baptist and Methodist churches will begin at midnight Saturday, July 3, and will last as long as each individual chooses. According to Mrs. Harold Carpenter, chairman of the community program committee, the purpose of the meeting is to praise God for our country and to pray for continued peace.

Mrs. Carpenter also said that because this is the bicentennial, plans have been made this year only for everyone to meet at either of the two churches. She also stressed

that everyone is invited to attend and may participate in all or any part of the planned activities.

Each church will hold its usual Sunday morning service on July 4. Fellowship and fun will begin about 4 p.m. on the churches' grounds. Old-fashioned lemonade will be served throughout the afternoon. The basket lunch will begin approximately at 6:30 p.m.

After the meal, members of the community will present a patriotic program. This will be followed by more fellowship for the youth. Old-fashioned singing will also be offered for all to participate in.

A fireworks display will conclude the celebration.





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C of C Discusses City's Progress

Progress on the Farwell Clinic and Farwell Convalescent Home were discussed at the Farwell Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday noon at Clara's restaurant.

Work on the clinic is finished except for inside floor covering and a few finishing touches on the grounds. Equipment for the clinic has not arrived yet. Dr. Lee Clayton of San Antonio is expected to open his dental practice in the clinic July 19.

Barring any difficulties, construction of the Convalescent

Home is expected to be completed July 15.

It was noted during the meeting that the response of local people in regard to purchasing equipment for the clinic has been most gratifying.

Two representatives of the Farwell Jaycees reported on the city's clean-up campaign. Two buildings were painted and arrangements were made to tear down a few others. Further clean-up work will continue but no date has been seen as yet.

Colorful History Surrounds Old Texas State Bank Purse

(Editor's note: The following information was compiled from "A History of Parmer County Vol. 1.")

Ray Mears, Farwell, recently found an early 1900's Texas State Bank purse which belonged to the late Mervin Beam. Written on the inside of the purse are the words, "The only bank in Parmer or Curry counties that guarantees your deposits."

The exact date of the purse is unknown, but the Texas State Bank was established in 1910. It was chartered shortly after the First National Bank was abolished that same year. It was organized by some of the same men who chartered the first bank in Farwell and occupied the same building on Third Street as had the original bank. The amount of capital stock in the bank was divided into 100 shares of \$100 each.

The bank was bought in 1912 by H.E. Guy, who continued to operate the bank under the name of The Texas State Bank of Farwell. A fire destroyed the bank and it was rebuilt in 1922. Guy was president at the time. Soon afterwards the bank closed because of difficulties which arose.

Guy later shot and killed a Mr. P.E. Parker in front of the bank. The quarrel grew out of an alleged error that was made by a clerk in the bank who failed to give Parker credit for \$15. Guy was charged with murder, tried and acquitted. He reopened the bank, but it soon became insolvent and was ordered closed. The assets of the bank were taken in by the Comptroller of Currency.

After several years the Guaranty Bank was established in Farwell on Jan 17, 1925. It was reorganized as the Security State Bank in 1927.



Early Bank Purse Found

Gabe Anderson, left, Farwell banker, and Ray Mears examine an old Texas State Bank purse which Mears recently found. The purse, which belonged to the late Mervin Beam, came from the bank which was established in 1910. Inscribed inside the purse is the following: "The only bank in Parmer or Curry counties that guarantees your deposits."



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Recent Graduates

Three area men were among 45 apprentices who graduated recently at the Annual Apprentice Carpenters graduation and awards banquet. They are, left to right, Rex Call of Clovis, Steve Collins of Portales, and Jimmy Meeks of Farwell. They are shown observing the second place trophy awarded Collins in the New Mexico apprenticeship contest.

New Mexico Session - -

Hadley, Rolan Recall Boys State Experience

(Editor's Note: Richard Hadley and Larry Rolan recently returned from New Mexico Boys State held earlier this month on New Mexico Military Institute campus in Roswell, N.M. The following is an account of their experiences.)

On Sunday, June 6, we departed for New Mexico

Military Institute in Roswell to attend the 29th Annual Session of New Mexico Boys State. On arrival we were assigned to cities, counties and political parties.

The two political parties were Nationalist and Federalist. There were four counties and eight cities. Each person had the opportunity to partici-

pate in city, county and state government.

There were several sessions which we attended that taught us about our government, our laws and how they are made.

Highlight of this year's Boy State was a visit from our governor, Jerry Apodaca. He spoke to the group at the final night session.

Boys State is a very educational program. Every young man who has the opportunity should go. We will always treasure the knowledge we received there.

Boys State began in 1935 as an Illinois project and was adopted as a National American Legion program in 1936. Each Boys State is a separate operation, but all follow a general pattern and are assisted by the National Headquarters of the American Legion.

Boys State is a pure democracy in that all citizens may vote and are eligible to hold office. Its government is operated for, of and by the people.

The objective is to educate the youth of New Mexico in the duties, privileges, rights, responsibilities, and obligations which his citizenship entails.

The qualities to be stressed in making selections of Boys State delegates are leadership, character, scholarship, service and citizenship.

Clean - Up . . .

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taxpayers to have to pay for repairs on pavement which were caused by the carelessness of other people.

Patschke stated that salesmen representing legitimate businesses must be issued a permit through the city clerk's office before they may conduct their business in the city. Janie Bowery, city clerk, will take the application. The applica-

tion will then be reviewed by the Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting. At that time, the decision whether or not to issue the permit will be made.

Members present for the meeting included Mayor Gil Patschke, commissioners, Ralph Franse and Fred Chandler, and city clerk, Janie Bowery.

Semi-Truck, Train Collide at Crossing

A truck-train collision occurred at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at the Santa Fe railroad crossing near Monsanto Agricultural Center, east of Farwell.

A semi-truck driven by Cecil Eugene Reavis of Tulsa, Okla., allegedly pulled out of the Monsanto yard heading south. As the rig crossed the tracks,

according to the investigating officer, it collided with an eastbound train. The impact of the collision sliced the truck in half. No injuries were reported.

The truck is owned by an Oklahoma trucking company, Glenn Fant, Texas Department of Public Safety trooper, investigated the accident.

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Meeks Graduates As Apprentice Carpenter

Jimmy Meeks of Farwell was one of 45 apprentices who graduated recently at the Annual Apprentice Carpenters graduation and awards banquet.

To receive his journeyman card, Meeks had to complete four years of apprenticeship training which consists of on-the-job-training with a suitable contractor supervised by a journeyman carpenter for a minimum of 8,000 total hours. In conjunction with on-the-job-

training, Meeks also had to complete a minimum of 576 hours of classroom and shop instructions.

Two other area graduates were Rex Call of Clovis and Steve Collins of Portales. Collins placed second in the 15th New Mexico Carpenters Apprenticeship Contest held June 11 and 12 in Albuquerque. In addition to a trophy he received a \$100 savings bond and an expense-paid trip to Albuquerque for three days.

Miss Bertie Osborne Buried Wednesday

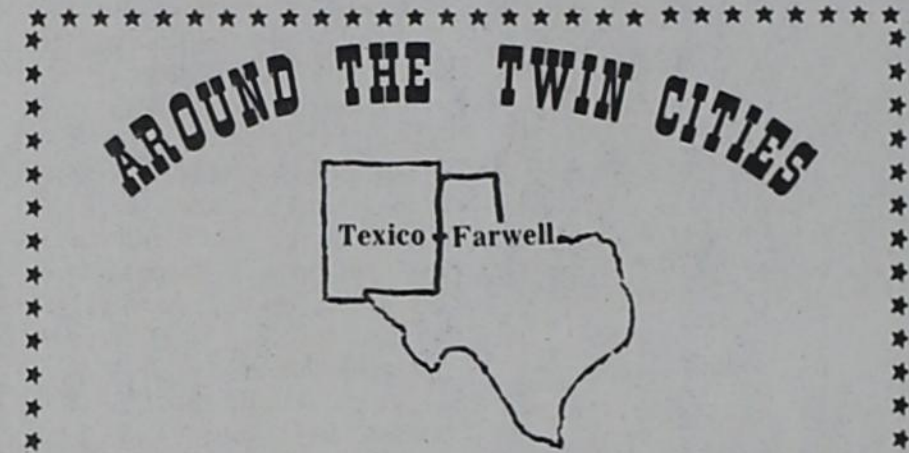
Funeral services for Miss Bertie Osborne of Farwell, who has been residing in a Clovis nursing home, were conducted June 30 at Steed-Todd Funeral Home Chapel in Clovis. Dr. Cliff Ennen, pastor of First Baptist Church in Farwell, officiated. Burial was in Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery, Farwell.

Miss Osborne died June 28 at a Clovis nursing home. She was born in Grandbury, Tex.,

on November 30, 1897. Miss Osborne moved to Farwell in 1913. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Texico.

Miss Osborne is survived by her sister, Mrs. Maggie London of Farwell and three nephews and two nieces.

Pallbearers were Claude Rose Jr., Martin Chandler, Bob Anderson, Clay Henson, Neil Stewart and Sterlyn Billington.



A Food Preservation Workshop will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, July 9, in the Farwell High School Home Economics Cottage. Connie Moyers, Southwestern Public Service Company home economist, will present a freezing demonstration.

Jana Pronger, Parmer County Home Demonstration Agent, will demonstrate principles of canning. She will also test

pressure cookers throughout the afternoon. Miss Pronger asks that appointments be made in advance.

Parmer County 4-H Family Camp will be held July 10-12 at the Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood. Registration deadline is 9 a.m. July 6. Anyone interested should contact Jana Pronger at 481-3619.

Receives Promotion

Wayne Kube, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kube of Farwell, recently received the promotion to Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

S/Sgt. Kube is an air traffic control radar repairman and has been stationed at Weisbaden, Germany for the past year.

He has also served temporary duty in Spain, Belgium, England and Germany. He was named Outstanding Of-

ficer of the Quarter for the second time since his enlistment in 1972.

Kube's wife, Vickie, is with him in Germany.

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By John Ricci

Things are looking greener for grain sorghum. Foreign Agricultural Service analysts now expect a 6% drop in world wheat and feed grain stocks. An upturn in world livestock feeding and drought conditions in some parts of the world are depleting the supply faster than expected. Feed grains are now expected to drop 0.9 million metric tons from last year. Earlier prospects were for a 3.6 million metric ton gain. One big reason for this 4.5 million ton difference is the drought damage in Argentina. The 220 million bushels of Argentine feed grains expected to be sold to foreign customers is 115 million bushels below projections. This means less competition for U.S. exports and smaller carryover from the 1976 crops.

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Coopers Are 'Pioneers' - -

Wagon Trains Celebrate America's 200th Birthday

As the Texas Bicentennial Wagon Train winds its way along the same trails taken over a hundred years ago by pioneers moving west, 11-year-old Chris Cooper, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cooper of Farwell and son of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Cooper of Fort Worth, is gaining nearly seven months worth of knowledge about America on a first hand basis.

Chris' father was a winner in the WBAP Radio contest which sponsored his trip with the wagon train from Fort Worth to Wichita Falls. A radiologist

at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Dr. Cooper entered the contest out of what he termed his "desire to be part of the Bicentennial Wagon Train." He answered the questions in the contest such as "Why would you like to make the trip?" and "Why do you feel you should be selected?" The wagon train is ultimately headed for Valley Forge, but Dr. Cooper decided that a trip of nearly six months was out of the question for him.

An alternative? The Coopers decided to let Chris make the

entire trip with friends they had met in Texas. Chris is traveling with 12-year-old Tom Becholdt and his father, Jim, a hardware store owner at Batesville, Ark.

The two boys, a modern-day Tom Sawyer-Huckleberry Finn duo, packed their gear, including schoolbooks, left family, friends and school behind and have temporarily become pioneers in the wagon train which should eventually contain 100 wagons and will meet six other trains in Valley Forge on July 4, 1976, for the nation's bicentennial celebration.

Tom's mother, a teacher, will tutor the youngsters along the way so that they will not miss the basic reading, writing and arithmetic that other youngsters their age are learning in the classroom.

Many who begin the journey to Valley Forge will go only part way. Many will join the train at various points along the way. The trip of 1600 miles is being made at the pioneer speed of some 20 miles per day, or two miles per hour.

Wagons from every state in the union are moving eastward to the birthplace of America. The Texas wagon train left Houston in early January, making stops along the way to share the experiences of its travelers with Texans and other Americans.

Texas wagon master for the trip is Guy Harrison of Fort Worth. Albert Lane, a former art teacher, is in command of the train's beat-up, hand-painted cook bus. His wife, Gail, is the bookkeeper.

"Real people are on the Texas Bicentennial Wagon Train, people who have shared the human experiences of death, marriage, birth and communion of giving and taking from each other.

"They have left farms, good jobs, found someone to oversee their businesses, and yanked their children out of school in order to recreate this human experience. Some are growing beards their 'other life' denied them. Sexagenarians are postponing their retirements and the younger set of modern day pioneers are trying not to think of the journey's end.

Why? "There is a goodness about this journey, this undertaking," said one adventurer. "It is giving us a new love and feel for this country."

The parents of a five-year-old who is missing six months of school to make the journey

said they really do not mind as, "He is getting a wealth of knowledge he could never get at home. This is opening up a whole new world for him - and us."

Another traveler phrased it this way: "It's like a family. I don't have a family... this is my family."

The Pilgrimage carries with

it scrolls of rededication that are being signed by citizens along the way, reaffirming the basic foundation of American democracy. "... all men are created equal... with certain inalienable rights... life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness..." The Bicentennial wagon trains underscore these immortal ideas.



Wagons Halt!

After a long morning haul, the Texas Bicentennial Wagon Train stopped for a noon meal along White River at Perryville, Ark. The wagon train plans a July 4 rendezvous with six other wagon trains at Valley Forge. The Texas wagon train left Houston in early January of this year.



Heritage On Wheels

The Texas Bicentennial Wagon Train halted for a brief rest during March of this year at Little Rock, Ark. Lawrence Cooper of Farwell, along with his wife, Mildred, traveled with the train from Fort Worth to Wichita Falls. The Coopers' grandsons, Royce and Chris Cooper of Fort Worth, were also traveling on the wagon train. Lawrence Cooper, left, is shown as the wagons are being readied for more of the journey.



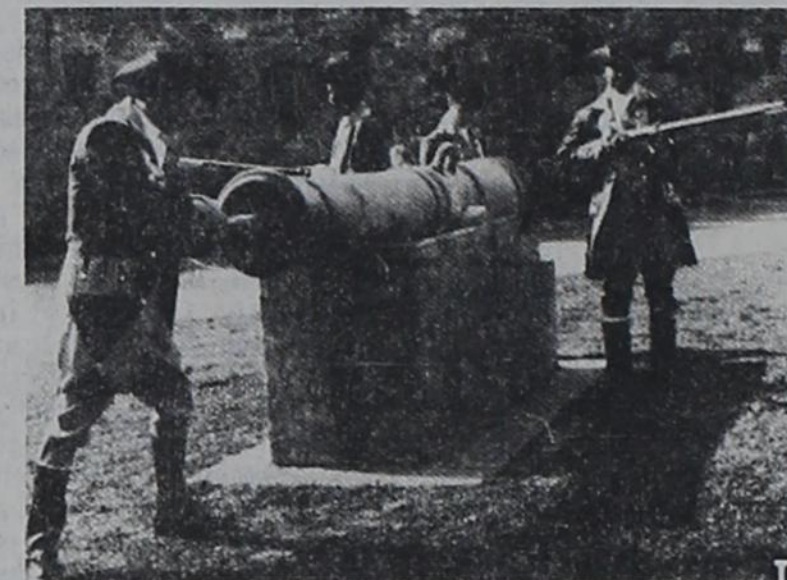
Boys Relive Pioneer Days

Young boys living in today's fast-paced, mechanized world often dream of those pioneer days of yesteryear. For Tom Becholdt, left, and Chris Cooper, the dream has become reality. The modern day Tom Sawyer-Huckleberry Finn duo is traveling with the Texas Bicentennial Wagon Train. They are shown during a rest stop while they water the horses. Chris is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Cooper of Fort Worth and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cooper of Farwell. Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Becholdt of Batesville, Ark.



Pioneer Days Are Here Again

Royce and Chris Cooper of Fort Worth are having an incredible summer experience. For a good many summers to come, they will remember their Texas Bicentennial Wagon Train Days. For Chris Cooper, left, the journey began January of this year and will end in July when the Texas train joins six other trains at Valley Forge. Royce Cooper, right, joined the Texas Bicentennial Wagon Train at a later date. The two modern day pioneers are the sons of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Cooper of Fort Worth and the grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cooper of Farwell.



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PROTECTING THE TRADITION—A Bicentennial color guard at Fort Hamilton in New York City reenacts colonial artillery operations on Theodorica, a 24-pounder that was forged just after the American Revolution.

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Diesels Cut Costs, Hike Farm Power

(Editor's Note: The following story is reprinted from the April 11, 1949, issue of the Clovis News-Journal. The article concerns Taft Turner, father of David Turner of Texico.)

BELLVIEW, NM, April 11 - A farmer-stockman in this state-line community has found a way to shave off some of the high operating costs shakling Southwestern agriculture.

He is Taft Turner, a native of the High Plains, who cultivates and runs cattle on 2-300 acres on both sides of the line dividing Texas and New Mexico. The place is about 21 miles north of Texico.

His discovery is a Diesel engine mounted on a 1928 Case Model-L tractor which, he says, supplies one-third more power for one-third less cost. He has used the engine a year. It cost him \$2,650 installed.

Some 100 farmers gathered at the Garland Harrington farm in the Rosedale community Friday to watch Turner demonstrate the engine, a General Motors 71.

He demonstrated its ease and power pulling a 17-foot Graham plow with chisels dropped 5 1/2 inches in hard ground. About an inch of rain had fallen on the plot in nine months. That's all.

"The remarkable feature about this," Turner said, "is that we can plow like this all day and day after day with no strain. It costs less than any plowing I've ever done."

The farmer said he recommends Diesel power further because its operation is so simple a child can handle it. His engine, of course, has no sparkplugs, no carburetor, no magneto. It's a two-cycle engine and self-starting.

"Thus you eliminate most of the trouble spots in conventional-type engines," Turner said. "We save more money on labor because we get our land plowed faster."

Turner's engine is a 69-horse power job manufactured by Detroit Diesel Engine Division of General Motors. It's similar to engines used in Greyhound buses, trucks and boats.

Royce A. Hill, a representative of the company from Fort Worth, said Turner's successful pioneering with Diesel power is the underlying reason GM now is looking to the Southwest as a new field for development for this new kind of power farming.

"We feel the way is open for us to make a real contribution to southwestern agriculture," Hill said. "Our mission is to manufacture that engine which saves the farmer the most money and at the same time gets the best results."

GM Diesel power already had been applied to irrigation pumps on the High Plains. Turner is one of the first to adapt it, or convert it, to tractor use.

This farmer, with lots of curiosity and pioneering spirit, also was one of the first to see the possibilities of ensilage as a way to put economical gains on beef cattle in the Southwest.

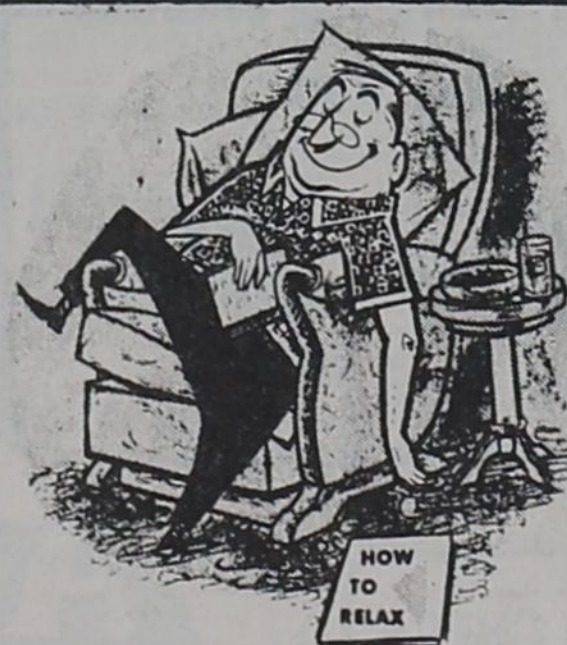
He dug his first silos in 1941, the year it rained to break the drought of the late 1930's and bring up a feed crop. He has put away silage each fall since.

Last year he stored 500 tons of atlas sorgo in three pits, more than enough to carry a pen of commercial steers and feed and supply his breeding herd at the same time. He has both kinds of registered Short-horns, dual-purpose and the beef-type.

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The Cyrus K. Holliday, Santa Fe Railway's locomotive number 1, is dwarfed beside one of the railroad's five red, white and blue Bicentennial locomotives. The Holliday was a coal-burning passenger locomotive designed to pull a few coaches in the 19th century, while the 5700 is a 3600-hp diesel electric that hustles Santa Fe freights across the country at speeds up to 80 mph. In less than 40 hours the Bicentennial beauty speeds about 2200 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles, farther than the Holliday went in a month's normal operation.



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Loves Music

Mrs. Jerry (Pat) Owen devotes herself to her family and to her teaching duties at Farwell Junior High School. For rest and recreation, she likes to read, play the piano and guitar, and "piddle" in the yard. Mrs. Owen says she loves taking care of her family and teaching and would not be happy doing anything else.

Party Honors Mitz Walling

Mitz Walling of Farwell was honored with a surprise birthday party June 27 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry (Edith) Campbell of Clovis.

Cake and ice cream were served following a birthday dinner. Message on the cake read, "60 And Still Horsing Around."

Present were the honoree

and his wife, Nell; the host and hostess, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Norton, Eula Mae Madole, Clay Williams, Rosa Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snodgrass, Fern Castor, Doris Reeves, Milton Lee Walling, Robin Miller, and three grandchildren, Jeffrey, Mitzi Lee, and Cory Don Campbell.

Pleasant Hill Pals

View Demonstrations

Pleasant Hill Pals 4-H Club meeting was called to order by Pam Southard, president. Leona Webb led the pledge of allegiance and Mary Lou Roberts led the pledge to the 4-H flag.

It was decided during the new business discussion to have a swimming party July 29. Demonstrations given included crop judging by Pam Southard, "look you best" by Beth Kelley and "our flag" by Zandy Kelley. Mary Ann Brunson presented a talk on how to train your dog.

Refreshments were served after the meeting was adjourned.

Members present were Pam

Southard, Tina Geries, Barbara Holley, Doyle Duncan, Mary Lou Roberts, Leona Webb, Beth Kelley, Zandy Kelley, Lori Pierce and Peggy Webb. Leaders present included Bertha Kelley, Naomi Duncan, Anna Southard, Beverly Pierce and Helen Kelley. Visitors were Blane, D'Lynn and Mary Ann Brunson and Kerri and Kim Pierce.

Visits Grandparents

Vandi Tarter visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Tarter of Farwell, last weekend. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tarter of Lazbuddie.

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Mrs. Jerry (Pat) Owen believes the key to a successful life is threefold: "do the Lord's work, marry the right man, and find a job you are happy doing." Her life revolves around her family and her profession. Mrs. Owen teaches reading, language arts, and physical education at Farwell Junior High School.

Pat's hobbies include reading, and playing the piano and guitar. She plays by ear but has taken lessons. Her favorite music is country and western and blue grass.

Mrs. Owen also likes to work in the yard. "After being cooped up inside I like to get out and 'piddle' in the yard. Sometimes I mow the grass," she remarks.

Pat and her husband, Jerry, completed extensive remodeling on their home several years ago. A carpenter re-framed the house but they did the rest of the work.

The Owen family also includes two boys, Mark, 14, and Kevin, 8. All are members of the First Baptist Church in Farwell. Pat teaches the third and fourth grade Sunday School Class.

Pat and Jerry, who is also a teacher in the Farwell School System, are very involved with school activities. He was a sponsor for the recent senior trip to Florida. She sponsored the seventh grade class last school year. Projects included a bake sale and bowling trip.

Mrs. Owen has been a teacher for ten years. She received her B.B.A. at West Texas State University in Canyon and her M.E. at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales. She is currently the director for the Right to Read program for Farwell School System. Mrs. Owen explained that the purpose of the program is to examine the current reading curriculum at Farwell schools and to initiate improvements.

Pat has consented to share with our readers three of her favorite recipes.

PEANUT BUTTER CANDY

- 1/2 c. peanut butter
- 1/2 c. Karo syrup
- 1/4 t. vanilla
- 3/4 c. powdered sugar
- 3/4 c. powdered milk

Mix all ingredients. Put in greased pan and chill.

EAGLE BRAND COOKIES

- 19 double graham crackers, rolled
- 1/4 c. flour
- 1/2 t. soda
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1 pkg. chocolate chips
- 1 c. nuts
- 1 can Eagle Brand condensed milk

Mix all dry ingredients. Add milk. Grease pan with margarine. Pack down with hand and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

CHILI RELLENOS

Preheat broiler unit. Wash chilies, wipe dry, place on boiler rack. Turn frequently until blistered and lightly brown all over, (watch close-

ly). Drop into plastic bag and close. Let stand in bag until cool enough to handle.

Remove one at a time, pull skin away gently, then slit open and spoon out seeds, white core and pith. Stuff with cheese or meat.

Filling: (thin and crispy)

Separate five eggs. Beat egg whites with 1 t. salt until they hold firm soft peaks. Beat egg yolks until thick, fold yolks into whites and use immediately. Heat 1/4 inch salad oil in pan over medium heat. Roll chilies in flour to coat all over, dip in batter and fry until brown.

Filling: (puffy)

Separate three eggs. Beat whites until they form soft peaks. Beat yolks with 1 T. of water, 3 T. flour and 1/4 t. salt until thick and creamy. Fold into egg whites.

**Wedding
Reminders**

Gail Meeks and Bob Renee will exchange wedding vows at 7:30 tonight (Friday), July 2, at the Church of Christ in Farwell.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meeks of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Renee of Walnut, Calif.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the wedding.

Friends and relatives are reminded of the wedding of Elsa Flores and Frank Galvan Jr. at 2:30 p.m. today (Friday), July 2, in St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Flores of Bovina and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Galvan Sr. of Texico.

A reception will follow at the parish hall.

Peggy Gwinette Lovett of Bethany, Okla., and Allen Keith Rose of Oklahoma City, Okla., will be married at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, in the Council Road Baptist Church in Bethany.

Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Troy L. Lovett of Texico and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carol W. Rose of Norman, Okla.

Frederica Frances Dodson will become the bride of Gabe David Anderson III at 7:30 p.m. July 10 in the First Christian Church in Amarillo.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wilkins Dodson of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Gabe David Anderson, Jr. of Bovina.

Everyone is invited to attend the wedding ceremony and the reception to follow at the Amarillo Club.

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The pattern is cut in three simple pieces. The large piece fits over the typewriter from front to back, and the two smaller ones cover the ends. The dimensions given in the illustrations allow for 1/4" seams and hems.

On plastic or oilcloth material, glue on features and details cut from felt. On fabric covers, sew

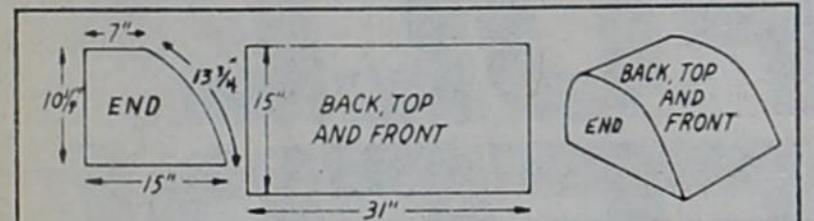
on the features or use colorful iron-on tape.

If your cover "personality" requires ears, sew these right into the side seams. If adding "hair," fashion it from heavy rug yarn. To make a cap or hat, cut a piece from felt, or cover a piece of cardboard with fabric.

One of these covers would also make a great and inexpensive gift for that career gal friend who's so hard to buy for.

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Deanne Day Returns From N.M. Girls State

(Editor's note: Deanne Day of Texico recently returned from New Mexico Girls State Session held on the campus of Highlands University at Las Vegas, N.M., the week of June 6-12. The following is Deanne's account of her experience.)

Girls State was a very good experience for me. It was a learning experience right from the start. We boarded a bus at Clovis on Sunday morning and picked up all the area girls.

Sunday afternoon when we first arrived we started campaigning and making posters and really started to get into the swing of things.

While I was there, I ran for two offices, city councilman and state representative. I didn't obtain either of these offices but I feel I learned a great deal by running for them.

They divided all 288 of us into two counties, Washington and Lincoln, and into two

parties, Federalist and Nationalist. I was in Washington County and was a Federalist. I was located in Pine City which was on the third floor of the dorm.

The thing that I liked most was that Thursday night at the Inaugural Banquet Governor Apodaca spoke to us. I felt very privileged to be a part of it all. Then Friday we took a trip to Santa Fe.

We visited the state capitol building and we were the only group of Girls Staters to visit the Governor's mansion since 1948! While we were at the mansion we had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Apodaca and she presented each girl with a bicentennial coin.

Also I really enjoyed participating in the Girls State Chorus. We sang at the Inaugural ceremonies, commencement ceremonies, and because this is the bicentennial year we put on a special program called "Happy Birthday America."

I enjoyed being with all the girls at New Mexico Girls State and I learned a great deal about our government. I would like to thank all the people who made it possible for me to go and I would especially like to thank the Texico Woman's Club for sponsoring me.



Modeling Clinic

The Parmer County 4-H Association sponsored a Modeling Clinic June 29 in the home of Mary Mesman of Oklahoma Lane. The clinic was conducted by Mrs. Debbie Shirley of Rhea, center. Two girls who participated in the clinic were Lisa Darby, left, and Diann McKillip, both of Farwell. The clinic was conducted in preparation for the 4-H Fashion Review which has been set for July 8 at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell.

4-H Club Sponsors Modeling Clinic

A Parmer County 4-H Fashion Review will be held July 8 at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell. Judging begins at 1:30 p.m. and the public review begins at 3:30.

In preparation for the Fashion Review a modeling clinic was conducted June 29 in the home of Mary Mesman of Oklahoma Lane. Mrs. Debbie Shirley of Rhea instructed the participants in the techniques of modeling. Parmer County 4-H Club sponsored the clinic.

Refreshments of punch and brownies were served and the girls enjoyed swimming afterwards. Those attending from Farwell included Lisa Darby, Diann McKillip, Alice Cantu, Johanna Mesman, Cheryl Gohke, and Mary McKillip.

Bovina residents attending were Jo Beth Monk, Debbie Whitecotton, Kara Mills, Mrs. Curtis Monk, Mrs. Polly Mills.

Those attending from Lazbuddie were: Jana Briggs, Terri Clark, Kim Gregory, Mrs. Jimmie Briggs, Mrs. Pat Clark, and Mrs. Sandy Gregory. Jana Pronger, Parmer County Home Demonstration Agent also attended the clinic.

Farwell H. D. Club Meets

Farwell Home Demonstration Club met June 22 at Farwell Home Economics Cottage. Members agreed at the meeting to meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The next meeting was set for July 13 in the home of Mrs. Bert Roanhaus.

Those attending this meeting were Mrs. Edwin Lingnau, Mrs. Steve Birchfield, Mrs. Bill Whitesides, Mrs. Van Tom Whatley, Mrs. Roanhaus and Jana Pronger.

New Mexico Girls Stater

Deanne Day recently returned from New Mexico Girls State held in Las Vegas, N.M. earlier this month. During the session, she ran for two public offices, city councilman and state representative. Highlights of the trip were visits to the capitol building and the governor's mansion. Deanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith Day of Texico.

Farwell JV Cheerleaders

Receive Superior Rating

Farwell Junior Varsity Cheerleaders recently returned triumphantly from a cheerleaders camp laden with awards and a super star certificate.

Dondra Geries, head cheerleader, Carole Perkins, Jana Berry and Lisa Hughes received ratings of outstanding, excellent and two superiors, the highest rating possible, during four consecutive nights of evaluations. For these evaluations the girls had to perform a yell they had been taught that morning and a yell from their own repertoire. They also had to perform motion technique yells and pompon routines.

The cheerleaders also fulfilled five requirements and were designated a super star squad. These tasks included

performing a motion technique yell, making up motions to a chant, performing a jump and a yell, conceiving ideas for a pep rally and making a sign, and performing a yell with a partner stunt.

Children Here

Visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W.T. Perry last weekend were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hargrave and Brandi of Cleburne.

Joining them for a surprise visit was another daughter and children, Mrs. Cal Crenshaw, Gary and Teresa of Roswell. Connie Crenshaw has been visiting her grandparents for the past two weeks and expects to stay for another two weeks.

The girls received a purple ribbon and certificate for achieving their super star status.

The Cheerleaders' camp was held June 19-24 at Lubbock Christian College. Over 400 girls attended the camp which was conducted by members of the National Cheerleaders Association. The 11-member staff came from colleges throughout the United States. They taught the cheerleaders yells, chants and pompon routines.

The Farwell cheerleaders were chosen to throw footballs during halftime activities at the All-American game June 19.

Barbara Perkins, sponsor, accompanied the girls to the camp.

Joe Caywoods Attend

Kiwanis Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caywood of Texico recently returned from the 61st Annual Convention of Kiwanis International held in San Diego, Calif., June 20-23. The Caywoods are members of the El Llano Grande Kiwanis Club.

More than 18,000 people attended the convention which saw the election of new Kiwanis International officers and trustees, the passing of resolutions upon which the organization's 1976-77 community service program will be built, and the amending of the Kiwanis International constitution.

Kiwanis International, a world-wide men's service organization, has over 282,000 members in 6800 clubs located in 50 countries or geographical areas of the world.

Among noted individuals speaking before the conventioners were Jesse Owens,

famed Olympic track star; Virginia Graham, well-known television and fashion show host; Dr. Robert H. Schuller, nationally-recognized television evangelist; and Kiwanis International President Ted R. Orsborn.

A series of conferences on contemporary issues headed by experts in various socioeconomic fields included Harold Russell, chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped; Lila McCray, national field director of CROP, the Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service; Edward M. Davis, chief of police of the city of Los Angeles; and Randall H. Meyer, president and chief executive of Exxon, U.S.A.

Other convention activities included various awards luncheons and banquets, workshops and clinics, youth tours and dances for the young people,

special programs for the Kiwanis wives, and sight-seeing tours to the famous San Diego Zoo and Sea World.

Founded on January 21, 1915, in Detroit, Mich., Kiwanis International is dedicated to serving youth, community and nation, and operates under the motto "We Build."

H.D. Club Has Meet

Oklahoma Lane Home Demonstration Club held its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Doug Autrey. She read the opening exercises and "If The Heart Believeth, Sing."

A representative from a Clovis florist, Ron West, presented the program. He conducted a question and answer session and demonstrated how to make a terrarium.

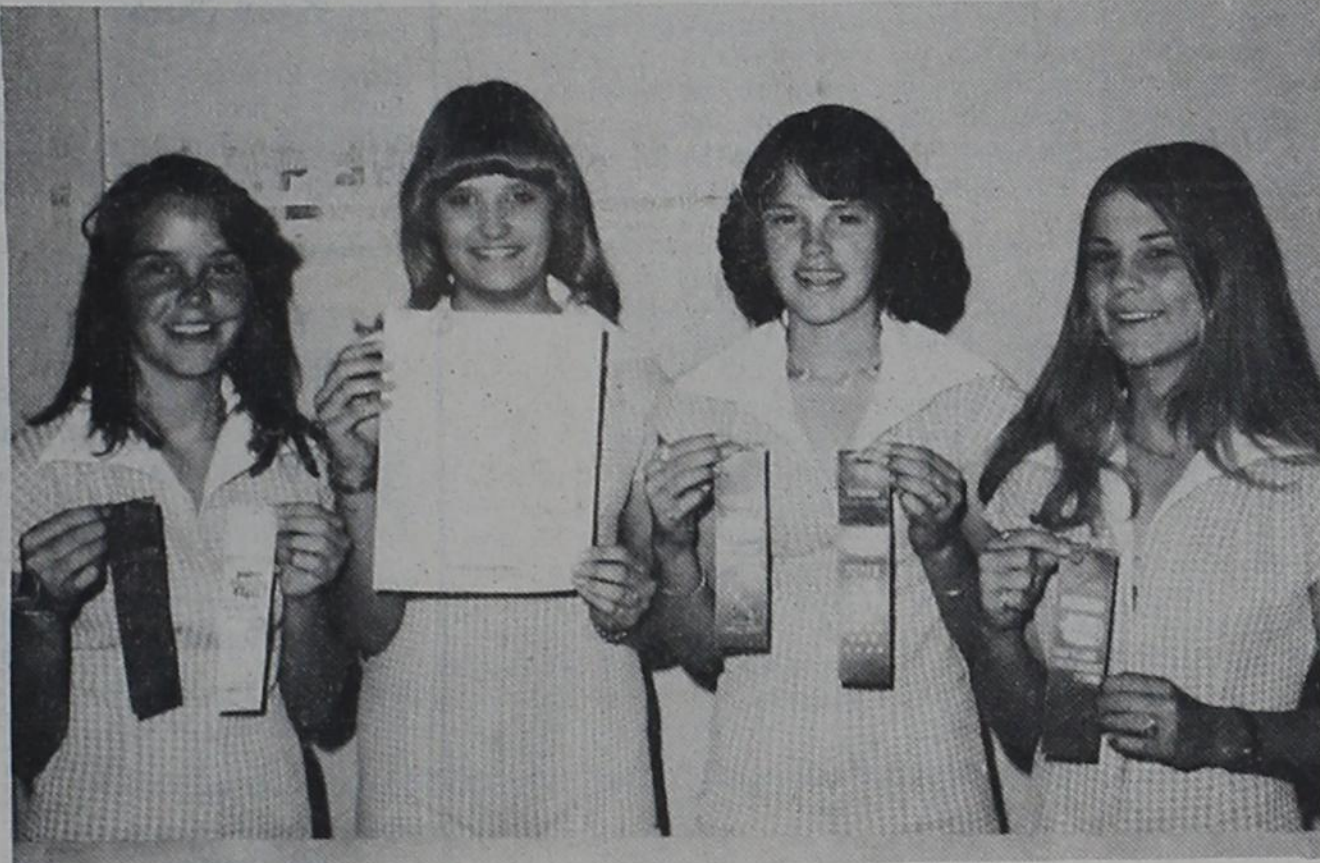
Future meetings were discussed. The next meeting has been set for July 8 at the home of Mrs. Vernon Symcox. A demonstration concerning outdoor cooking will be presented at that time.

Those attending the June 24 meeting were Mesdames Buddy Foster, Robin Mahaney, Vernon Symcox, Jimmy

Franse, Harold Jones, Eddie Winegeart, Mike Camp, Jimmy Meeks, Rickey Stewart, Doug Autrey and Johnnie Curtis.

Attend Meeting

Rev. and Mrs. W.T. Perry attended the sub-district meeting of Methodist ministers and families last week at Logan, N.M. The Llano Estacado Sub District, composed of churches at Clovis, Portales, Elida, Melrose, Ft. Sumner, Santa Rosa, Tucumcari, San Jon, Grady, Logan, Nara Visa and Texico-Farwell, conducts regular meetings of ministers' families. About 27 persons attended the session.



Super Star Squad

Farwell Junior Varsity Cheerleaders, from left, Jana Berry, Dondra Geries, Lisa Hughes and Carole Perkins, recently returned from a cheerleaders camp at Lubbock Christian College laden with ribbons and a super star certificate. The girls attended the camp June 19-24. Based on their performance of yells, chants and pompon routines, the cheerleaders received ratings of outstanding, excellent and two superiors, which is the highest award given. They also performed five tasks successfully and were designated a super star squad.

Marriage Licenses

Parmer County Clerk's office issued three marriage licenses the past week. These went to Willis Terry Wade and Mary Frances Crowder; Thomas Dale Blake II and Jeana Lynn McCumber; and Clifford Lee Ollom and Vickie Ann Coburn.

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Instrument report ending June 16, 1976, in County Clerk Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk.

WD - Eugene R. Jennings - Virgie Shaw - lots 27, 28 & 29, Blk. 24, Farwell.

WD - Homer Ruddick - Madel C. Ruddick - lot 3 & all N 4' lot 4, Blk. 40, Friona.

WD - Robert G. Riley - Richard Jerome - lot 3, Blk. 39, Bovina.

Deed - USA - Prosser I. Carr - all W 20 ft. lot 3 & E 40' lot 4, Blk. 2, Ridgeview Add., Friona.

WD - W. Doyle Elliot - George C. Taylor - S pt. lot 3 & N pt. lot 4, Blk. 5, Lakeview, Friona.

WD - W.D. Dub Hays - Mary Barela - lots 1 thru 4, lk. 8, Farwell.

Deed - Sondra Lynell Young - Jerry Virgil Young - E 1/2 Sec. 9, T5S, R4E.

Deed - USA - Paul P. Gonzales - lot 5 & W 10 ft. lot 4, Blk. 2, Ridgeview, Friona.

WD - Hardy Day - Leslie McCain - NW 1/4 Sec. 15, Blk. B, synd.

WD - William Higgs - Jerry Cunningham - lots 29 thru 32, Blk. 29, Farwell.

WD - Albert Lee Chesser - O.J. Pete Smith - lots 11 & 12, Blk. 9, McMillen & Fergus, Friona.

WD - Eugene I. Hester - James Herbert Hester - undiv 1/4 int. in SW 1/4 & E 1/2 Sec. 25, Blk. B, synd.

WD - Carlos Pena - Morris Gilmore - lots 21 & 22, Blk. 20, Farwell.

WD - Louis Romero Murieta - Arlene Mae Murieta - lot 9 & 10, Blk. 72, Friona (und. 1/2 int).

Instrument report ending June 23, 1976 in County Clerk Office Bonnie Warren, County Clerk.

WD - Willie Brailiff - O.J. "Pete" Smith - W 2 1/2 ft. of E 60 ft. lot 7, Blk. 4 McMillen & Fergus, Friona.

WD - Albert E. Harrison - John E. Bingham - part of lot 17, Blk. 5, Lakeview, Add., Friona.

WD - Margaret Stovall - Joe Alvin Mueller - lots 10, 11, 12, Blk. 51, Friona.

WD - Freman Davis - Larry Wayne Davis - 1 ac. out Sec. 84, Blk. H, Kelly.

Deed - Veterans Land Board - F.O. Turner - 77.576 ac. out SE 1/4 Sec. 10 T6S, R3E.

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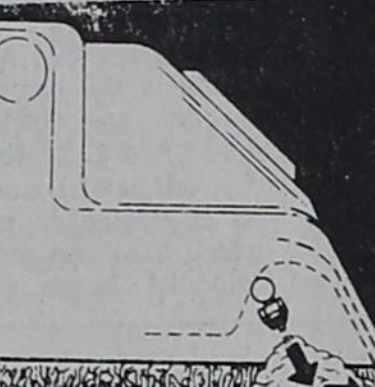
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We urge those who are not sure of salvation to read carefully and prayerfully Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*. You may be thanking God for the rest of your earthly life that you did. Read St. Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*.

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Dr. Glenn Now Psychiatrist - -

Hard Work Brings New Career Field

by Mrs. Grady King

Dr. T.J. Glenn, who was Farwell's family physician and surgeon from February 1957 to June 30, 1970, has recently opened his office for the practice of adult, adolescent and child psychiatry at Columbia, Mo. Dr. Glenn completed work qualifying him to practice psychiatry last summer.

Theodore James Glenn was reared in a small grocery store and livestock setting, with very little besides the bare necessities for keeping body and soul together. As a youngster his family was so poor young Glenn had to miss a lot of school days to help with the chores in the two projects that the James Glenn family was engaged in.

At a very young age Theodore earned a "German Butcher's" license and wore blisters on his hands from the mending of fences and using the meat saw. In spite of the limited number of days he attended school, he graduated from Alto High School at the age of 17 in the top ten of his class.

Through the years when he would speak of his dream of becoming a doctor of medicine, his parents, relatives, friends, and even his teachers would discourage this dream saying, "Such goings-on and carrying-on about anything that foolish, and ridiculous isn't right nor proper. It is not healthy for a child or young person to be wasting good time fretting over something that is as far away as the moon for a person of your background. Now get back to basics of how you are to make a living."

A few days before his high school graduation, his church school teacher walked home with Glenn to "have a little talk with him."

And these were the teacher's last words to Theodore: "Young man, you do not have the finances, the background of intelligence or the necessary education from Alto School to ever become a doctor or to do anything else in the education line. You have reached your end of education, you have done more in the education line than any other of your relatives. So, just be happy and content yourself in the family projects, stay around here and someday this store will be yours. None of your forefathers ever attended school except your father and mother - pshaw, they only finished the third grade. Do you think you can do something like become a doctor when they couldn't?"

Discouragement seemed to have lived with this fellow all of his young life, and continued to live with him, sleep with him, and eat with him for many years.

Glenn joined the Navy after high school and later took full advantage of Uncle Sam's educational opportunities to continue his education. There he put feet to his dreams for higher education, to become someone, to become a doctor.

These dreams gradually became a reality as he worked hard to be eligible for pre-med college. This certainly was no snap for this man; however, he was used to accepting hard knocks, and won the coveted eligibility.

He applied for a scholarship at Southwest Medical School of Dallas. But he didn't hear from the registrar until he had entered another college, and since he couldn't get his money returned from this particular college, he borrowed \$100 and walked to Dallas; not knowing where he would live, how he would obtain work, or how he would be able to stay in the University.

After he made the rounds of professors, teachers, and boarding houses, he found work as a "wash up boy" in one of the labs, and could live in an unheated attic in the home of a very old couple as long as he "made no noise coming or going from the attic."

As "wash-up boy" he became extremely interested in the work of the laboratory and the results that could help relieve the suffering of humanity. After several semesters Theodore earned his laboratory technician's license and also a teacher's degree, as a "back up" should he ever need this extra preparation for his life's work.

During his internship at St. Paul Hospital, Dallas, his training included serving jails, penitentiaries and free welfare patient care. Often with only two to three hours rest he plodded steadily on with very little encouragement - along the road toward his goals.

All along the road from March 31, 1927, when he joined the James Glenn family in Alto, Tex., to graduation day in 1955, through his internship in Dallas, Glenn maintained excellent grades. He had managed to overcome some extremely sticky and tough times when it looked as if there were almost unsurmountable hurdles in his way.

As T.J. Glenn stood proudly with his fellow graduates to

receive his doctor's degree in medicine, tears of joy and happiness flowed from relatives, friends, and his wife, Anna Marie, who had all gathered to share the honors of this man.

After his graduation the Glenns made a move to practice medicine in Hamilton, Tex., with financial help from his parents. The first practice was a disaster. Through lack of experience and training, the "Glenn Clinic" in Hamilton went broke.

Farwell had previously erected a brick building for a medical clinic and Glenn became the physician and surgeon of Farwell in February 1957. He was soon affiliated with Clovis Memorial Hospital, and became active in its work, continuing through the years he lived in this area.

The local clinic maintained adequate laboratory facilities and X-ray equipment. During the 13 years of residency in Farwell, Dr. Glenn delivered several hundred babies, assisted several surgeons in Clovis with major and minor surgery, and also qualified and received his "speciality degree" in general practice of medicine. He was a visiting Professor at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N.M., for three years teaching "Physiological Psychology," and received his master's degree in psychology from ENMU. He accumulated 800 post graduate hours in medicine while at Farwell to help him "keep on top of medicine," so he could better serve his patients.

Dr. Glenn also enjoyed a very colorful life other than in medicine. With Anna Marie, he served on various civic committees, worked in Farwell churches, were members of Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, active County Club supporters, P.T.A. attenders, and Farwell Study Club members. He personally pushed, pulled and cajoled for more interest in higher education.

The year 1963 brought to the Glenns a new experience that was enriching and encouraging in several ways. A new program of learning and leadership was introduced to them through the Dale and Dorothy Carnegie Courses. Again with extensive training and study Dr. Glenn became the only M.D. in the U.S.A. to become an accredited leader and instructor in the courses. Dr. Glenn instructed the leadership course for six years and the salesmanship course for



DR. T.J. GLENN

three years.

A representative of one of the nation's largest pharmaceutical companies came to Farwell (with the "top brass" to consult) to discuss and to put into action some of Dr. Glenn's theories and suggestions for better presentation of their products to doctors, laboratories, and pharmacists.

Dr. Glenn was offered one of the few executive positions in the Carnegie Enterprise of Boston, but his first love was and still is medicine. Today he has a standing offer from the Carnegie organization should he ever wish to be affiliated with it on a full time basis. Through this extensive training and study Dr. Glenn became an affluent and interesting speaker.

The time came when Dr. Glenn could no longer ignore the desire and need to incorporate his general practice of medicine with general psychiatry because he believed that the body and mind could not be separated in the medical profession but had to be treated together to achieve the full health and happiness of whole families as well as individuals.

With this idea uppermost in his mind he applied for a fellowship at the Menninger School of Psychiatry and the V.A. Hospital, Topeka, Kan. On July 1, 1970, the Glenn family left their home and a successful practice in Farwell to begin a long five-year program of study, training and hard work in a strange place.

In 1973 Dr. Glenn moved to Columbia, Mo., to complete qualifications and win the greatly coveted award of his goals, now to be known as Theodore J. Glenn, M.D., M.A., D.A.B.F.P.

Dr. Glenn is the only person to graduate from the many classmates who entered Menningers School of Psychiatry in 1970. As the others fell behind, the class picked up new entrants until graduation day, July 1, 1975, in Columbia, Mo. He qualified and has earned his degree in psychiatry with the highest grades and honors of all the group.

[Editor's note - The following is a personal message from Mrs. Grady King]:

In Covered Wagon - -

Muleshoe Man Realizes 'Dream Come True' Jaunts

by Shirley Gorman

On a Friday afternoon last month, a covered wagon ambled along the highway between Lariat and Farwell. For a moment it looked as if the clock had been turned back 100 years and an early settler was seeking to carve a place for himself in the new frontier land.

The momentary illusion quickly faded into oblivion and the occupants of the covered wagon were revealed to be two modern day individuals out to capture a brief moment of our country's frontier heritage.

R. B. Cunningham of Mule-

shoe has made several trips with his wagon, but for grandson Billy Scott Enos of Lubbock it was a first time adventure. Friday, their destination was Clovis, N. M., where Cunningham planned to participate in the Pioneer Day parade.

Billy's first time jaunt on a covered wagon was slated to end a few miles short of the Clovis destination. That afternoon his grandmother, Mrs. R. B. Cunningham of Muleshoe, picked him up for the return trip to Lubbock. She also brought the noonday meal to the "pioneers" as they stopped for a while near Farwell.

Friday's lunch was a special treat for Cunningham and his grandson. He usually carries canned food with him. He has his own utensils and when meal time rolls around Cunningham simply camps beside the road and prepares his food.

Supplies usually consist of Vienna sausage, beans, crackers, peanut butter and, of course, feed for the two mules, Pat and Mike.

Usually Cunningham averages 20 miles a day with his covered wagon. In April of this year, he traveled from Muleshoe to Floydada. Last month he drove his wagon and team in a Plainview parade.

Jaunting around the countryside in a mule-powered covered wagon has been "a dream come true" experience for Cunningham. It is something he has wanted to do "for a long time". Cunningham spent two years putting his wagon and team together, styling the wagon "like the ones he saw as a kid."



Old West Days Here Again

R.B. Cunningham of Muleshoe and his grandson, Billy Scott Enos of Lubbock, relived a brief moment of history last month as they drove their covered wagon to Clovis in order to participate in the Pioneer Days Parade, June 5. The mules, Pat and Mike, pull the wagon an average of 20 miles a day.

"We are proud to have known, loved and worked with this fine family from our community, who contributed so much to each of us in the 13 short years we were privileged to have had them in our area.

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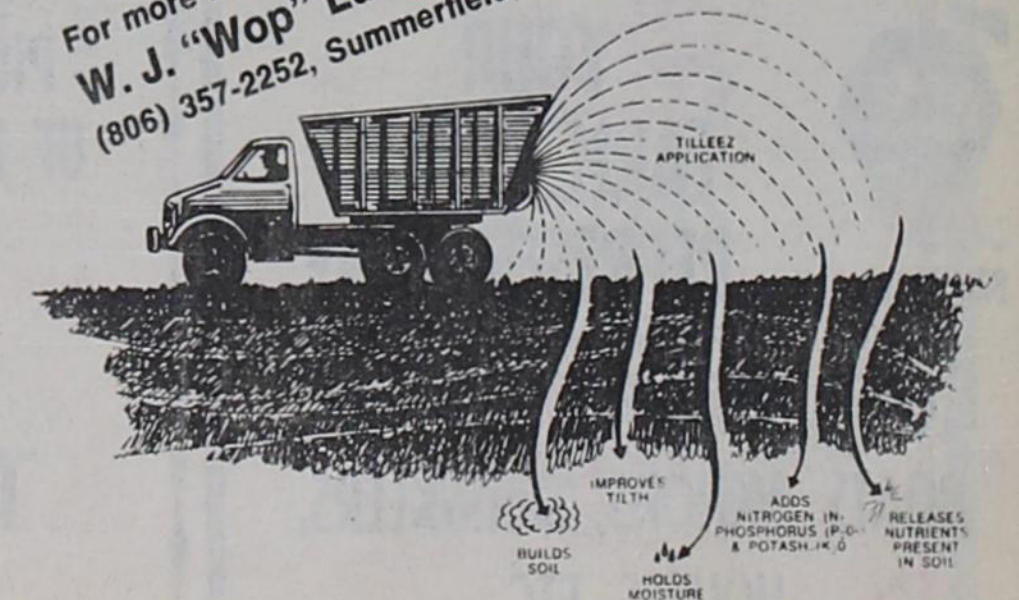
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Girls Earn Honors At Basketball Camp

Honors were bestowed on several Farwell girls who recently attended a basketball camp at South Plains College in Levelland. Lezie Castleberry was picked for the 9- and 10-year-old All Star team. She was also named outstanding ball handler in her division. Lezie won the lane slide (drill) and was rated the best passer. Janene Berry and Sharmy Christian were picked for the 12- to 14-year-old All Star team. Janene also won four other honors in the 11- and 12-year-old division. She e-

merged as the victor in the cone slide (drill), the free throw, the hook shot, and was named outstanding forward.

Sharmy earned the best attitude award in the 13-14 year old division. Tracy Williams also attended the camp which was held June 21-26.

Jim and Patsy Berry drove the girls to the camp the morning of June 21. They were picked up June 26 by LaMoin Williams, Betty Jean Castleberry and the Troy Christians.

Approximately 90 girls attended the camp. Besides learning the techniques of basketball the girls were treated to fun and games and a swimming party.



Basketball Camp

Four Farwell girls, from left, Tracy Williams, Sharmy Christian, Lezie Castleberry and Janene Berry, recently attended a basketball camp at South Plains College in Levelland. Lezie was picked for the 9-10 year old All Star Team and Janene and Sharmy were chosen to be on the 12-14 year old All Star Team.

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He may reduce the flow into the furrow in order to cut the tailwater. When furrow stream is stopped there still is considerable percolation loss.

For more information, see the Soil Conservation Service in Friona.

Whitener Is Member Of Swine Registry

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Hampshire Swine Registry is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and keeping pedigrees of pure blood for its membership. About 5,000 Hampshire swine breeders are members of the registry.

Whitener can be contacted at his address, Route 1, Box 10, Texico, N.M. 88135, regarding purchase of Hampshire boars and gilts.

Participates In Environmental Study Program

Brenda Winegeart, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Winegeart of Route 1, Farwell, is now participating in work and environmental study programs at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge Conservation Corps Camp, near Canyon.

Miss Winegeart was one of 30 selected from 70 applications for two months' participation in the camp program. According to Bryce Slack, YCC camp director, she will be assigned a 30-hour week on various work projects and will participate in environmental study sessions.

Slack said instruction is offered in wildlife and resource conservation. Outdoor recreation activities include hiking and camping, as well as safety and first aid training.

Miss Winegeart will be a senior at Farwell High School this fall.



**Lions Club
Convention**

Texico-Farwell Lions Club participated in the parade held Saturday, June 5, as part of the annual convention activities of Lions Multiple District 40 of New Mexico. Members and wives attending the three-day convention in Roswell were Mr. and Mrs. James Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fant, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hutchins, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Helton, Mr. and Mrs. John Getz; and Hal Helton. Pictured with the group is International Director Howard Towns from Florida.

Bicentennial Notebook - -

Traitors, Voters, and Ship Builders

by Donald Whisenhunt

As the Continental Congress prepared to adopt the Declaration of Independence 200 years ago this week, events were occurring throughout the colonies that demonstrated the vibrancy and the pace of change in the American colonies.

On June 28 Sergeant Thomas Hickey was hanged in New York after having been convicted of "exciting and joining in mutiny and sedition." He was the first American soldier executed by the order of a military court.

Hickey was a member of Washington's personal guard. He was a deserter from the British army who had been converted back to the British by William Green, the drummer in Washington's guard. When he heard of the execution, Isaac Bangs noted in his diary: "He that is false to one Party is not to be trusted in any, though its opposite."

Hickey had been involved in a plot to kidnap Washington. So many rumors circulated at the time that it is hard to determine exactly what happened. Even so, the investigation turned up other plots, one even involving the mayor of

Elected President

I.W. Quickel of Farwell was recently elected president of Gateway Association, the national association of Life Underwriters. He was installed during a banquet June 25 at the Elks Lodge in Clovis.

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FIRE CALLS

Neither the Farwell nor Texico volunteer fire department reported any fire or emergency calls this week.



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"Texans will join other Americans in an all out salute to this great country of ours over the holiday period. Last year over the Fourth of July period, 49 persons lost their lives on Texas roads and highways in the holiday slaughter."

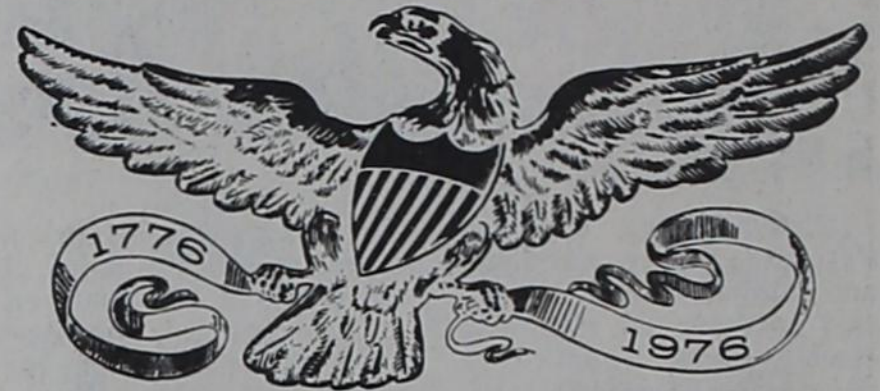
Major Bell added, "It is up to each one of us to do his part

to avoid such a high death toll by driving defensively and remaining alert to the driving hazard."

The Texas Department of Public Safety will be on full alert on all roads and highways of the area to control traffic, lower speeds and get the drinking driver from behind the wheel. All of the services including the Highway Patrol, License and Weight, Drivers License, Motor Vehicle Inspection, and Safety Education will be on conspicuous patrol to become a deterrent to traffic violators by both their presence and actions.

"We in this region hope to have the safest Fourth of July holiday on record to add as our part of the tribute to a great country's Bicentennial Celebration."

Major Bell summed up, "Our people are the ones the celebration is for and what better way to celebrate than by keeping them alive."



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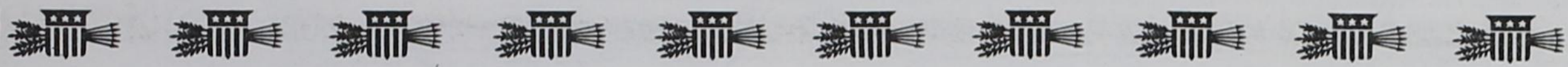
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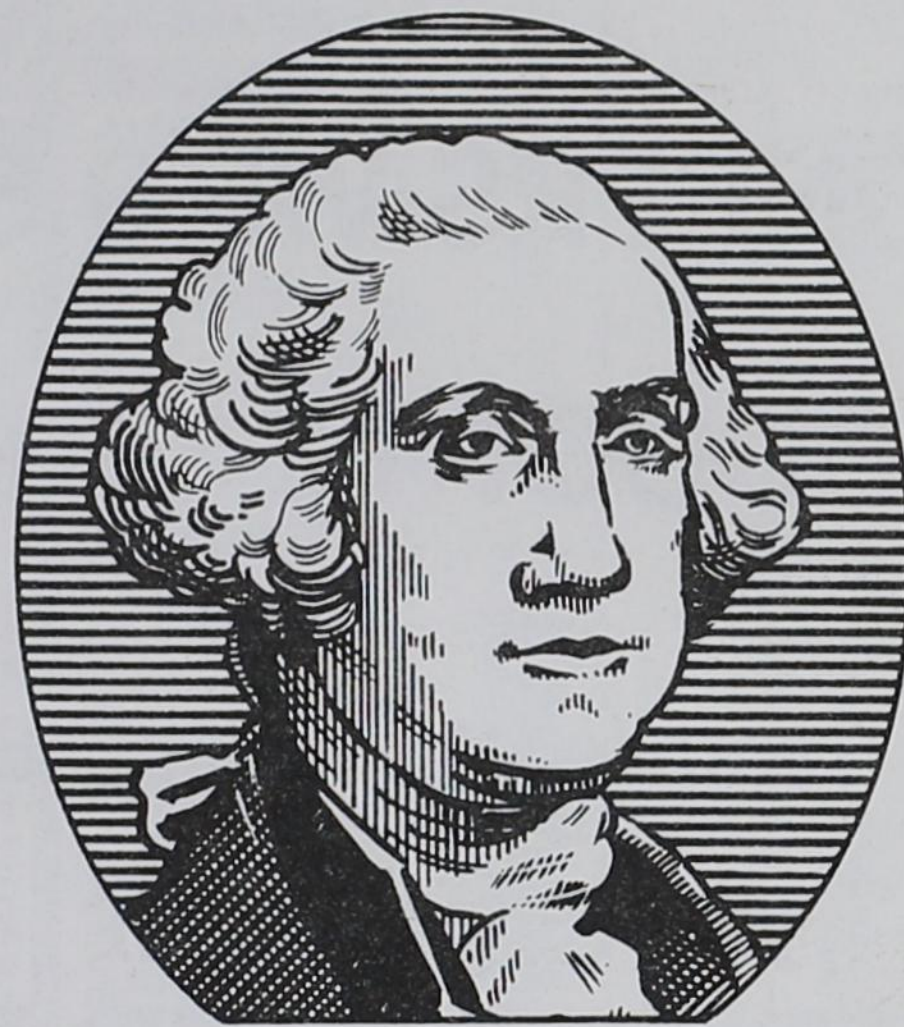
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July 3, 1976



*Agriculture is the most healthy, the most useful,
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These words were spoken by George Washington, who often liked to think of himself as more of a farmer than a statesman and soldier.

As the Father of His Country, Washington regarded agriculture as the founding profession of that country.

But long before the days of the Revolution, agriculture became as basic to American history as the soil is to the farmer who tills it. The Pilgrims realized soon after landing that their very survival depended on being able to scratch a livelihood out of the rocky, wooded land of New England.

It was the hardy, independent spirit of the Colonial farmer that formed the bedrock of the Revolution. Many left their fields to help win independence, while others provided the food and materials needed in the fight to throw off the yoke of oppression.

From these beginnings, the nation's farmers played a basic and vital role in many major historical developments as the nation grew and expanded from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

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I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

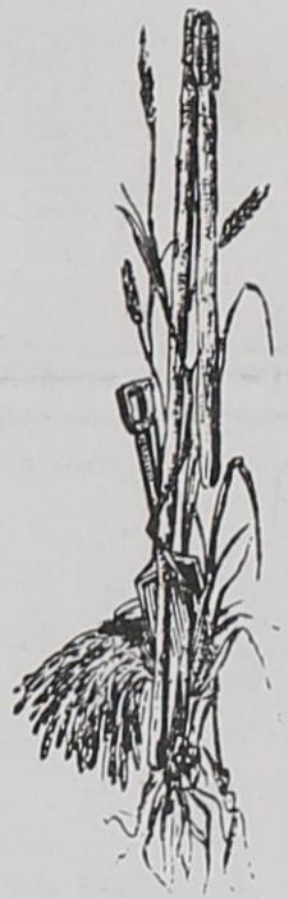
I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honor that does not come to all men.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellowman, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all things possible.



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Hard Work Key To Pioneer's Success

(Editor's note: the following information was compiled from Bonnie Jean Paine's story of the late Fred Eldon Kepley in "A History of Parmer County Vol. I.")

A common malady known as "land fever" struck Fred Eldon Kepley in 1919. He first decided to try the Ft. Sumner, N.M., area, but the extremely cold weather of the region changed his mind. He then decided to visit his brother-in-law, Dr. Gerard A. Foote who lived in Farwell, before returning home to Byers, Tex.

Dr. Foote showed Kepley the area and made certain he knew all about the disadvantages such as searing hot summers and heavy winter snows. Returning from a call to Bovina, Dr. Foote and Kepley came back through the Oklahoma Lane community, and that is where Kepley decided to settle.

He returned to Byers, sold his home and moved to this area by train with his wife and

daughter, Ora. Their pioneer spirit was soon tested as the land Kepley purchased had only its native grass and four boundary poles on it.

The first thing they built was a 12 x 14 foot tent and they lived in it until they could get a well dug and a house built. They drilled a well but the first building they constructed was a four-foot square house. Kepley built a new house in 1926 and converted the two-room house into a dairy barn.

Hard work and little pay still loomed until far in the future. Rupert Paul, a Texico-Farwell area resident used his Hartpar tractor to slowly turn the land into a farm. Kepley survived those first few years by the "cow-sow-hen" route, meaning that he had his own meat, eggs, milk and a garden when money was short. Money was short because the depression struck just nine years after the Kepley family moved to this area.

During those years Kepley used corn to heat with because

coal was \$8 a ton. Kepley planted 35 dry land crops and never failed to harvest one, although some crops were pretty short. Boll worms struck the cotton crop one year; so a spray rig was built on a wagon and the entire crop was sprayed by mixing the spray in a barrel and using man power to pump it into the nozzles. Spraying could only be done early in the morning before the wind started to blow and late at night after the wind had settled.

The cotton was pulled by hand, and the boys who pulled the cotton stayed in the Kepley home. In the year 1928 it rained for 17 days straight. Mrs. Kepley had to do the cooking not only for her family but for the other workers as well. After the rains let up and the cotton could be picked, several of the boys left without even bothering to pay room

and board.

Hog killing was a time which brought neighbors together. Kepley always killed a hog for every member of the family and the hired hand, choosing the coolest day in the fall to do it. The meat had to be cooled, sugar cured and hung in the "meat room," the little room over the cellar. Parts of the hog that would not keep were always eaten first.

The Kepleys always planted a big garden and there were orchards on both sides of the house, always providing fruits and vegetables to be canned. Mrs. Kepley canned 1,000 jars of various fruits and vegetables one year.

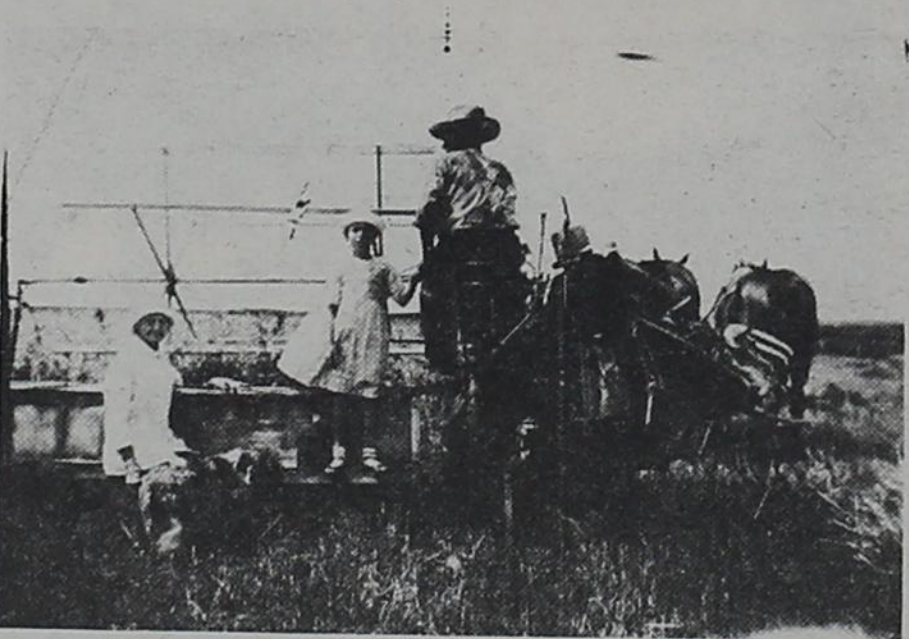
During the depression Kepley had his own wheat and corn meal ground into flour. Plenty of food was needed as the nearest towns, Farwell and Bovina, were ten miles away, and trips to town were not made too often. There were usually extra people to cook for. Threshing time meant 15-18 men to cook for.

Kepley served on the school board at various times throughout his life. He was a charter member and director of the Federal Land Bank and was helpful in organizing the Production Credit Association. He was also instrumental in getting electricity to the Oklahoma Lane Community.



Sentinel Of The Past

Rupert Paul, Texico-Farwell area resident, used his Hartpar tractor to plow virgin soil into farmland on the F.E. Kepley farm in 1920.



Harvest Scene

Hard work and perseverance helped the late F.E. Kepley, far right, carve a home for himself and his family in the Oklahoma Lane Community in the early 1920's. Kepley lived at Byers, Tex., before homesteading in the Farwell area. Shown with Kepley in the field during harvest at Byers are from left, his mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Edwin Foote, and his daughter Ora, now Mrs. Charles Smith of Clovis.

Did You Know?

by Katherine West

Excerpts from the May 12, 1946, edition of the Clovis News Journal concerning Texico residents including the following: "Texico juniors and seniors returned to their homes Tuesday night from a delightful trip to Eagle Nest, Red River, Taos, and Santa Fe. They were taken on the trip by R.S. Cherry, bus-owner and operator. Sponsors on the trip were Mrs. Russell Johnson, Mrs. Denver May, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell."

The paper also ran the following market report on that day: "hog mkt. - 14.25; slaughter cattle - 13.15; wheat - \$1.70; milo - \$2.24; and eggs - 28c a dozen."

On that same day the following movies were showing in Clovis: "Song of Arizona" starring Roy Rogers and Trigger and "Sentimental Journey" starring John Payne, Maureen O'Hara, and William Bendix. Admission prices were 35 cents for adults and kiddies 10 cents.



Door Into Yesterday

The late F.E. Kepley stands at the door of the Kepley homestead which was built in 1920 and still stands in the Oklahoma Lane Community today.

A History Of The Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church

Compiled by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carpenter

Everyone asks the question, "How did a small community located in the south-west section of Parmer County get the improbable name of Oklahoma Lane?" Well, I'll tell you:

The year was 1916. Woodrow Wilson was president of the United States. Jess Willard was heavyweight champion of the whole world. Babe Ruth wasn't renowned for his home run hitting exploits. That was yet to come. He was the ace of the Boston Red Sox pitching staff. The United States was at peace, although there were hints of trouble brewing in far away Europe. The Model T Ford ruled the road.

A vast expanse of grassland extended east of Farwell to the small settlement presently known as Lazbuddie. It was owned and operated as a cattle ranch, a portion of the original Capitol Freehold Land Trust. Their brand was the famous X I T. Although much of the "Syndicate's" land had been sold to settlers and land promoters in prior years, no effort had been made to dispose of this tract of land. Scattered windmills dotted the prairie. An occasional barb wire fence prevented Syndicate

cattle from straying. Travellers passing through this expanse drove down ruts beaten out through the native grass by hundreds of wagons, buggies and Model T's. Gates in the fences had to be opened and carefully closed. It was a Texas law that a person could not carry wire cutters of any description, including the conventional "pliers." Probably this law is still in the State books.

When the Chicago-based Syndicate decided to start selling this virgin pasture, land agents fanned out in every direction—mainly toward Oklahoma. The original seven families and the location of their residences are as follows:

The first house travelling east from Farwell was on the south side of the road, the Charlotte Fowler's. A widow with several small children. (Still occupied by the Fowler family.)

The second house was at the present crossroads on the north side of the road, Maude and Sherman (Shake) Wood.

The third house was farther east on the north side of the road, the future Foster place, occupied by the Jim Harts.

The fourth house, on the south side of the road belonged to Frank Ayres.

The fifth house, also on the

south side of the road, was occupied by Frank's father, Joe (Grandpaw) Ayres.

The sixth house, located on the north side of the road belonged to Clarence Givins. This house was later moved to Farwell and is currently occupied by Fred Gerles.

The seventh and last house was located on the south side of the road. This is where Will Bryant lived. It is presently known as "the Bolton place."

As there was only a pair of ruts leading east from the underpass and as all of the seven original families living on each side of the lane had originated in Oklahoma, people in Farwell picked up the expression "the Oklahoma lane." This name has endured through the years and has applied not only to the original lane but to the school, churches, community center and general area. In subsequent years the lane has been extended and paved eastward through Hart and Kress - all the way to Quitaque.

Sherman (Shake) Wood, a young Oklahoman had brought his wife, Maud, and growing family west and settled on land owned by his father-in-law, Martin Alexander. Their modest home was built in the southwest corner of the section where the present day church is located. This is now known as the Oklahoma Lane Crossroads.

Being devout Baptists and with no church to attend, they immediately opened their home to the neighbors regardless of church affiliation, for Sunday Bible study. Occasionally, a preacher would be available for preaching service. They welcomed preachers of any denomination, although attendance was predominately Baptist. A Rev. Savage, a huge, whiskered man from Old Hurley in Bailey County was a frequent and welcome guest speaker.

After a few years of fighting an unfamiliar climate and thoroughly home sick for Oklahoma, Shake checked it in, loaded his family and belongings in wagons and returned to Frederick, Okla. His widow, Maud, still resides there. She has two sons who are presently Baptist pastors. She is a sister of Dora Verner,



Where It Began

Sherman (Shake) Wood and his wife, Maud, who were devout Baptists and with no church to attend, immediately opened their home to the neighbors regardless of church affiliation. The Woods were responsible for conducting the first church services in Oklahoma Lane. This picture of Mr. and Mrs. Wood was taken in 1958. Although the couple resided in the Oklahoma Lane area for only a few years, the seeds of Christianity which they had sown have continued to grow.

a Farwell resident. But the seeds of Christianity, sown by the devout Wood family, continued to grow.

In 1923 an effort was made to organize a Baptist Church in the new school building. No records of this effort can be found. No pastor was ever obtained. We can only assume that meetings were infrequent and attendance sparse. Later records reveal that a Brother Garret, pastor at Pleasant Hill made an attempt to organize a church. But more people continued to move in, mostly from Oklahoma. They tried again in 1927. This time they survived.

In church "minutes" dated September 18, 1927, recorded by pencil, a written commitment was made to "live and teach God's words." They elected Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Roberts and Addie Rundell as representatives. They immediately voted to join the Tierra Blanco Association of the Southern Baptist Convention and the die was cast.

Six weeks later they officially called a pastor, Ben D. Johnson. He preached every other week, coming in and holding services Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. The Sunday night services had to compete with the traditional Oklahoma Lane Singing which was started years before by Carl

Fowler. The Singing was a great success for many years. Local families jammed the small school auditorium, overflowing into the hallways. Visiting singers from such remote places as Y-L, West Camp, Clovis, and Bovina came regularly, eager for fellowship and fun. It was a huge success and survived long after the Baptist Church was organized.

During the first months of his ministry, Brother Johnson survived on free will offerings. Records show his first collection on November 6, 1927 was \$2.50. On December 3 it was \$4.00.

Many times during the early years the church clerk noted that bad weather and impassable roads prevented church services. On March 9, 1930 it was recorded that illness in the community caused services to be cancelled.

Baptism services were held during summer months only due to the lack of a baptistry. Sometimes these services were held at one of the nearby lakes. Other services were conducted at the tanks of Jim Bargar and Luther Grissom.

Fifth Sundays were a big day. Several visiting preachers were invited in. Sometimes preaching started on Friday night, continuing through Saturday morning and night, Sunday morning, "dinner on



Prayer Time

Students in the Sunday School class of Avis Carpenter participated in prayer. Shown as they appeared in 1944 are, from left, Donnie Carpenter, Avis Carpenter, Brenda Mason, Karen Boone, Errol Johnson and an unknown child whose last name was Hickman.

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the ground" and more preaching Sunday afternoon and night. It was the custom to have two "protracted meetings" per year, ending with a baptism service at some convenient lake or tank.

The decision to build a church of their own was made on March 31, 1935. This must have been a big step forward as the Great Depression had the farming community in its grip. A building committee was elected: E. C. Brown, Joe Donaldson and Wade Carpenter. The finance committee consisted of A. B. Wilkinson, Jack Roach, H. T. Edwards, and Jim Miller, treasurer.

Thad Watkins and Wade Carpenter made the long trip to a lumber mill in Clouderoft, N. M. with a grain truck and brought back all of the needed materials. One acre of land on the east side of the road was purchased from Anna Bradshaw. Ernest Hromas was hired to boss construction. Church members and men from other denominations in the community donated labor. Women fanned out over the country collecting money, non-laying hens and eggs to sell.

On June 23, less than three months after the decision to build, the first services were held in the new church. Final cost was about \$2000. The old building is still in use. It has been modernized and currently houses the kitchen, fellowship hall and children's Sunday School rooms. Dedication services for the new building were held February 13, 1938.

At this time Brother Garret's name appears for the only time in church records. It is noted that he had helped

organize the church in 1923 and presently resided at Borger. He had a part in the dedication service. The pastor, W. B. Wages, Brother North of Texico and Hubert Faust of Plainview also preached on this occasion.

Here is the yearly church budget for 1937 and 1938:

Pastor's salary	\$480.00
Missions	50.00
Sunday School literature	32.00
Orphan's Home	25.00
Janitor (Bill Hanna)	60.00
Lights	18.00
Coal	12.00
Insurance	21.10
TOTAL	698.10

Another big decision was made on October 7, 1949. World War II was coming to a close and building supplies were available again. Two more acres south of the church had been purchased from Charley and Verda Summers and Bill and Lucy Hanna. The need for a parsonage was discussed and a building committee elected: E. H. Young, Bryan Smith, Walter Hardage, D. W. Carpenter and Gladys Hromas. The church also called a full time pastor, J. J. Terry. He and his young family moved into the community and "Brother Jess" helped complete the new parsonage.

By 1952 the congregation had grown to the extent that additional space was needed. Another building committee was elected: H. T. Edwards, Harold Carpenter, Sterling Donaldson, Claude Watkins, chairman and W. E. Verner, treasurer. Charlie Hromas was hired to co-ordinate the volunteer labor and work was started on a new brick auditorium. Part of the money, \$9000

for construction, was borrowed from Jack Dunn at 6% interest payable in five or less annual installments. This debt was fully paid by 1958 and the building dedicated on June 29, 1958. This is the last time that the church has ever been in debt.

Those having a part in the dedication program: Piano solo, Irma Jobs; Sermon, Barto Massey (previous pastor); Solo, Vance Zinn (previous pastor); Church History, Jimmie McGuire; Solo, Julia Symcox; Duet, Jolene and Doris Donaldson; and Sermon, D.G. Davidson (previous pastor). The pastor, Irving Looney, served as master of ceremonies.

In 1954 a tile cabin was constructed at Plains Baptist Assembly near Floydada. This was a Brotherhood project headed by Howard Garner, president. Walter Verner had previously purchased tile for the construction of a dairy barn on his farm but later decided to sell his cows. He donated the tile and the Brotherhood journeyed to Floydada, camped out and completed a four-room concrete and tile cabin. Total cost, \$400.

About the same time, two more rooms and a garage were added to the parsonage. Again, volunteer labor was headed by Howard Garner.

Each year more Spanish speaking people were moving into the community, drawn by labor on the irrigated farms. The need for mission work among the Mexicans was evident. In 1961 the church voted to build a Spanish mission on the extreme south side of the property. Charlie Hromas again co-ordinated volunteer workers. The first full time Spanish pastor, Daniel Morin, moved into the community. Total cost of mission, \$4000.

The question of whether or not to replace the old parsonage had been discussed for years. Finally, in 1975 church action was taken and a building committee elected: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Symcox, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Donaldson. Medlock, a Lubbock firm, was contracted to build the house, a modern brick building immediately south of the church. In all of the church history, this was the first project undertaken that was not completed by volunteer labor by the church members. A time tested method commonly known as "poor boyin' it."

A finance committee was



Off To Camp

This picture was taken in 1961 of boys and supervisors of the Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church as they prepared to depart for Plains Baptist Assembly Camp. Pictured, left to right, are James Symcox, Jerry Ford, Harold Carpenter, Randy Barrett, Charles Wade Norton, Bill Johnson, Carl Coffey and Ricky Stewart.



Ordination Of Deacons

In 1952, ordination of deacons was held at the Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church. Among those ordained were, from left, Sterling Donaldson, Barto Massey and Walter Verner. Shown with the deacons are their wives, from left, Dorothy Donaldson, Mrs. Massey and Dora Verner.

school before he came to Texico which was then in Roosevelt County. He was also an attorney when he established the K.K. Runnels Lumber Company in Texico which dealt in coal, lumber, doors, shingles, paints, posts, and other builder's materials. The original lumber company building is still located on the south side of Hwy. 60-70-84, east of the mobile home dealership.

Miss Runnels' mother, the former Bessie Leita McCary, died in Texico in August, 1913,

when Kathleen was only four years old.

"Back in those days we started school when we were only four or five years old," Miss Runnels said. She recalls that the present highway from her father's lumber company (where the local drive-in restaurant is now). During that year, construction was underway on the brick building that housed the Texico schools for many years.

She also remembered several of the former teachers in the

Texico schools. One of the earliest superintendents was James Bickley, and Mrs. Watson was a well-known teacher in about 1914. One superintendent, Edwin G. Hobbs, married Judge Patton's daughter.

Another teacher that taught Miss Runnels when she was nine or ten years old was a Mr. Rhoden. A former military man, he taught Latin and "Made us march—hup, two, three, four,—every place," she reminisced.



School Days

Taking time out from their school work, students of Texico Schools posed for a picture in about 1914. On the front row, the girl second from left with the black sweater is Kathleen Kay Runnels. The boy sixth from the right is Kirk Runnels and the boy eighth from the right is King Runnels. The tall man in the black suit at the right top of the photo is Superintendent Bickley. The first woman at the left of the top row is a teacher, Mrs. Todd.



Getting Supplies

Several men posed with their wagons loaded with lumber in front of the Runnels Lumber Company in approximately 1914. The third gentleman from the right, with the white shirt and suspenders, is K.K. Runnels. Holding the reins in the first wagon is possibly a Mr. Moss. The second man from the right has been identified as G.W. Paul. Third from the left, standing on the second wagon, is possibly Walter Skaggs.



KATHLEEN KAY RUNNELS

and threatened him and called him a profane name. Papa hit him and knocked him in the water trough, and that was the end of the threats," relates Miss Runnels.

"The Sage of the Sandhills" was a prominent businessman in Texico. "Papa would not allow us to chew gum because he always said it would damage our teeth," said his daughter. He was a very civic-minded gentleman and an active member of the Texico Baptist Church. "One year he paid half of the minister's salary so that the Church could afford a pastor. He also donated church pews and a church piano," she relates. At various times, the businessman was a member of the Texico School Boards and most other civic programs in Texico.

Texico lost one of its influential pioneers and builders when K.K. Runnels died in 1967.



In 1825, the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture offered a gold medal worth \$50 to any person who shall have carried on farming without using any ardent spirits on his property, except when prescribed by a physician, for a period of two years. There was no claimant for the premium. Products of home stills for many years was the chief cash crop of farming.

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K.K. Runnels - -

Pioneer's Memory Still Lives In Texas, New Mexico Area

by Katherine West

(Editor's Note: The following story regarding the late K.K. Runnels was taken from the November 30, 1961, issue of the Portales News-Tribune.)

Early Day Settler At Age of 93 Still Lives on Ranch Holdings

K.K. Runnels, who has his ranch in Roosevelt County in the Fairfield vicinity, has recently returned home from Texas where he had been hospitalized. Mr. Runnels is 93 years of age and has lived in New Mexico for more than half a century. He was born at San Augustine, Texas, but came to New Mexico from Childress.

He worked for \$10 a month to get his education and then taught school for four years.

When he came to New Mexico he entered the hardware and lumber business at Texico. Later he established his present ranch of about five sections and has since had his home there.

He is near the Coldwater Cattle Company ranch which was formerly the 69 ranch, so named on account of the brand. It was the property of a foreign company with about 50 sections. In the recent land selling program ten sections were sold. A few years ago Mr. Runnels decided it was advisable to buy property rather than lease and he acquired part of the property under his lease contract.

His wife and some of his children have passed away, leaving a son and daughter. The son, King, lives in Seattle, Washington, and the daughter, Miss Kathleen, had a position in an eastern city until she decided to come and be with her father.

Mr. Runnels is as keen in his thinking and reasoning as ever but his eye sight is dimming. His signature has not weakened and he gives that familiar flourishing stroke under the word Runnels.

In the living room is an oil painting Miss Kathleen had

made of him two years ago. The wide gold frame gives elegance to the picture. The father is proud of his daughter's interest but feels the painting makes him look "too young."

He is a cousin of former Governor Runnels of Texas and Runnels county is named for his family.

He treasures the flowers and "get well" cards sent to him at the Texas hospital and was delighted when Banker A.W. Skarda of Clovis visited him three times.

Nicknamed "Sage of the Sandhills" by Hop Graham, former editor of The State Line Tribune, K.K. Runnels died five years after the newspaper was written at the age of 98, recalled Miss Kathleen Kay Runnels, his only surviving daughter, recently.

Miss Runnels now resides in Portales and until recently has taught private organ lessons to students. She still retains and supervises the operation of her father's ranching property as well. She is also a close friend and supporter of Congressman Harold Runnels from the Second District of New Mexico.

In memory of her father, Miss Runnels donated much of the land where the new Texico park will be located. The park will be named the K.K. Runnels Memorial Park.

Many original K.K. Runnels' antiques are on loan to the E.N.M.U. Museum on the Portales campus. Included are two saddles, a wagon, a shotgun, his diplomas, and the oil portrait of the pioneer.

Congressman Harold Runnels has an original coal oil lamp belonging to the early settler too. Several years ago when the Congressman's home in the East was without electricity because of a flood, the coal oil lamp was the only source of light the family had for several days.

A prairie schooner, in excellent condition, owned by K.K. Runnels will also be in the forthcoming Bordertown Days Parade, says Miss Runnels. The wagon will probably bear

the official Bicentennial Flag presented to Miss Runnels since her family has the title of an official Bicentennial family. Ancestors of the family include Gen. Runnels who fought in the Revolutionary War and Gen. Harmon Runnels who fought in the Civil War.

Miss Runnels also recalled several other stories that the newspaper story did not mention about her father and the early days in Texico.

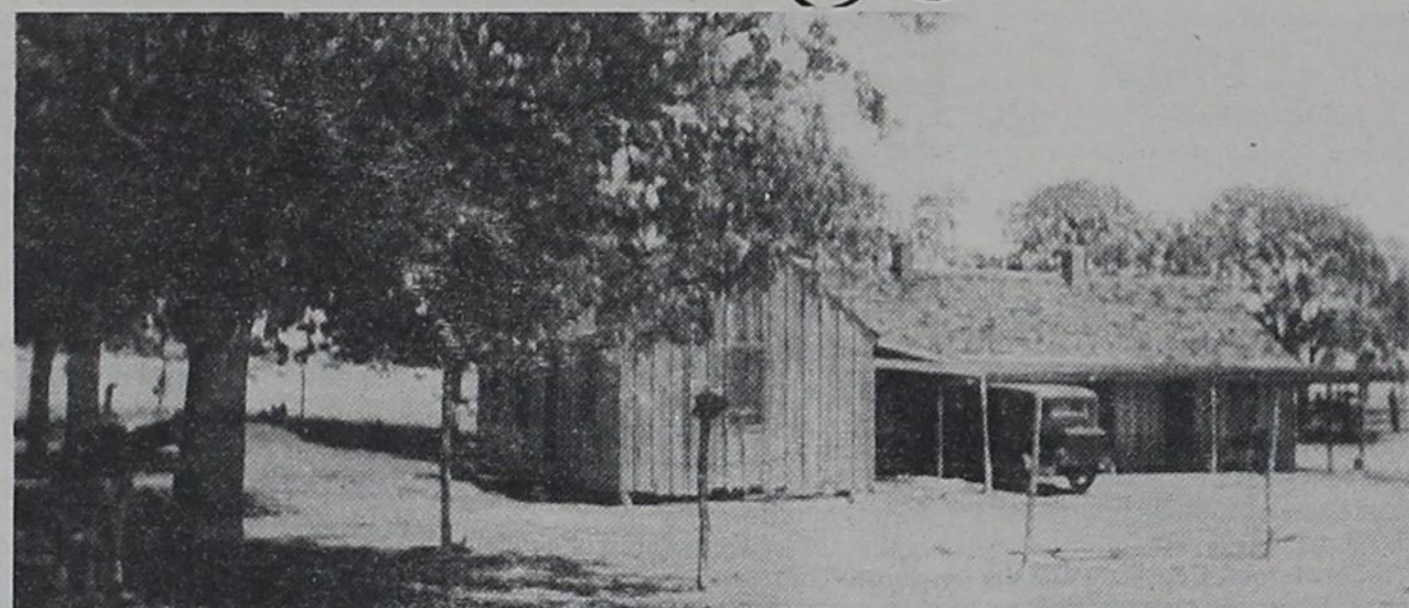
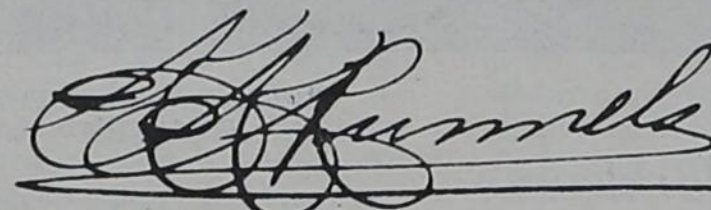
K.K. Runnels did teach



K.K. RUNNELS IN 1914



K.K. RUNNELS IN 1962



Homestead Dwelling

The K.K. Runnels family lived several months of the year in this homestead dwelling. The homestead was located 12 or 13 miles south of Texico. This photo, from the K.K. Runnels collection, was taken in 1933.



Modern For Its Time

The old red brick school building was very modern in its day when it was constructed somewhere around 1915. This was the second public school building constructed in Texico. It was located just west of the oldest gym now on the Texico school grounds.

ected; Harold Carpenter, Max Eubanks and Robert White. This committee will forever be remembered as the committee that didn't function. When the house was completed, the membership had already contributed more than enough to settle the account, \$40,000.

Dedication services were held in the new parsonage Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1976. The church has been completely free of debt since 1958.

The old parsonage was sold to Clifford Hugg, Portales, N.M. It was moved off the premises and now serves as a farm home three miles east of Portales.

As we read the old church records, we were impressed. Many pages are almost undecipherable, some written with a lead pencil, some in a farmer's cramped scrawl. We can only imagine many of the past efforts to organize and hold a church together. During the early years and through the Great Depression the main theme seems to have been "What are we going to do for money?"

Yet through the years, progress was made. Some ten local

men and boys entered the ministry and were sent out to pastor other Baptist churches. One foreign missionary and one home missionary among the Spanish people are also noted. Many deacons were ordained, some later moving to other parts of the country and continuing the work in other Baptist churches.

Pastors of Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church have been Ben D. Johnson, 1927; J. S. Greenwood, 1931; W. B. Wages, 1935; J. J. Terry, 1936; R. N. Davis, 1939; H. P. Bishop, 1940; D. G. Davidson, 1942; J. J. Terry, 1944; Mayo Carpenter, 1950; Barto Massey, 1952; Vance Zinn, 1953; Irving Looney, 1956; Carl Coffey, 1959; Ray Wood (Interim), 1964; Wayne Baldwin, 1965; Charles Vick, 1967; Doctor Fred Howard (Interim), 1970; Robert J. Roberts, 1970; Doctor Cecil Golden (Interim), 1975; and Moody Smith, 1975, current pastor.

Pastors of Oklahoma Lane Baptist Mission have been Daniel Morin, 1960; John Jaquez, 1962; B. C. Ancira, 1963; Joe Salazar, 1966; and Eloy Romero, 1968, current pastor.



Easter Of 1943

The congregation of the Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church conducted an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, 1943. These children, most of whom were not identifiable, posed for this picture before the big hunt began.

Pleasant Hill Church Organized In 1907

by Katherine West

The Pleasant Hill Baptist Church was organized January 29, 1907, and has grown from 15 members to a total enrollment of 228.

Using the Articles of Faith as given in the Penelton Manual, the charter members of the church included: J.W. Singleterry, W.F. Singleterry, Sebina Singleterry, Lucinda Singleterry, J.M. Singleterry, Winnie Blackwell, Mary Brock, E.J. Moyer, J.W. Johnson, M.O. Singleterry, Bertha Moyer, Lana Wells, Clary B. Singleterry, Dessia Singleterry and W.P. Wagner.

The organizational meeting was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Singleterry.

For a number of years the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church did not have a real home. Members met in chicken houses, tents, dugouts, and members' homes.

Circuit rider preachers served the church until 1912. The Rev. L.L. Reeves and the Rev. J.L. Bynum were among those circuit riders.

In 1912, the church called the Rev. W.W. Taylor for its first full-time pastor. W.P. Wagner

served as the first church moderator and J.W. Johnson was the first church clerk.

In 1918 the first church building was constructed on donated land. The original building remained in use until 1974.

Baptismal services in early years were in lakes, stock tanks, and in neighboring Baptist churches.

The Rev. Walter Taylor served the church from 1912 to 1913. He was followed by E.H. Harper (1913-1915); O.H. Hurlinger (1915-1916); T.M. Blacklock (1916-1917); R.L. Day (1917-1918); Sam Culpepper (1918-1919); J.F. Nix (1919-1922 - who was also a pastor at Texico Baptist Church in 1919); H.P. Garrett (1922-1924); J.M. Rankin (1924-1927).

In the years 1927-1930, Rev. T.J. Gamble and R.L. Day served the church. Rev. Day also served for a third time in 1933-1937. In 1930-1932 J.C. Banks served and in 1932 A.L. Eades was at the church.

Rev. Harold Russ took Rev. Day's place in 1937, J.L. King came in 1938, James Thacker in 1940, and R.A. Long in 1941. Others included Benjamin Bedford (1942-1945), J.L. Carmen

(1945-1948), Clarence Moore (1948-1949), E.L. Hooker (1949-1951), Gene Hawkins (1951-1954), Charles Jones (1957-1961), Hugh Frazier (1961-1966), Billy Parvin (1966-1968) and Tommy Farmer (1968-1975).

Rev. Robert Roberts is the present pastor. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church now has 228 enrolled members; however, only 135 are resident members.

Of the earlier pastors, two preachers, Benjamin Bedford and Tommy Nesbitt, were only 16 years old when they began their pastorates at Pleasant Hill.

In 1958, two classrooms and a baptistry were built at the front of the auditorium. The original church building was torn down in 1974 and the educational space was completely remodeled. Seven rooms were added. An auditorium, constructed to accommodate 300 to 500 people, was connected to the classrooms to form the present modern U-shaped church home.

The Pleasant Hill Baptist Church history has been collected and updated periodically by Mrs. Troy Lovett, an active member of the church for many years.



Mission Work

Santa Clara Pueblo was the scene of mission work by members of the Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church in 1955. Among those participating in mission work were, from left, back: Rose Naranjo, Joyce McGuire and Avis Carpenter. The name of the woman shown with the group was not available.

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At Lariat - -

St. John's Lutheran Church Marks 55 Years Of Service

St. John's Lutheran Church of Lariat has been serving area residents since 1921, devoting 55 years to God.

The first Lutheran service in the Lariat community was conducted in the early part of 1921 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graf, about five miles northwest of Lariat, by Rev. R. G. Deffner, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church at Rhea. Under his leadership, St. John's was organized on June 19, 1921 with the following charter members: Paul Graf, William Schwede, Carl Zoch, Nick Woelfel, Charles Hildebrandt and Otto Kieschnick.

Pastor Deffner was succeeded in the spring of 1922 by Rev. Theo. Evers, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran at Hereford. On November 26 of that year, the services were moved from the Graf home to a schoolhouse just across the road.

In January of 1923, Pastor Seidel of Rhea succeeded

Pastor Evers. In the fall of that year, the first mission festival was held at Bovina jointly with the Rhea congregation.

Early in 1924, the congregation voted to buy a schoolhouse located west of Lariat on the Charles Hildebrandt farm for \$325. Later that summer, this building was moved to a plot of ground at the edge of Lariat, which was purchased for \$132.

During September of 1924, Rev. A. Groeschel became pastor of the combined Lariat-Rhea parish. He lived on the Ramm place until January of 1927 when he moved to Rhea. Pastor Groeschel served until April 26, 1931, when he accepted a call to Mart, Texas.

Rev. A. R. Allman's name first appears in the minutes of January 1, 1932. It is thought that he must have been installed during the closing months of 1931. On January 1, 1933, Pastor Allman moved to Lariat and lived for a short

time in the Ritter home. In the July 30 meeting, it was resolved to build a 26' by 32' parsonage. However, nothing was done to carry out this resolution until after Rev. R. Weiser was installed on August 10, 1941. During the fall of 1933, Rev. Allman moved to Clovis and both congregations helped to pay his rent. In the September 23, 1933 meeting of the church, the Lariat-Rhea parish became self-supporting. In the same meeting it was voted to hold a joint reformation and 450th Luther Birthday Anniversary Celebration in Bovina.

June 1, 1941, was the date Rev. Allman accepted a call to Navasota, Texas, and Rev. E. H. Riese of Littlefield became the vacancy pastor. Candidate R. Weiser was called July 20 and installed to serve on August 10. On August 27 the building committee was authorized to begin immediate erection of a 26' by 36'

parsonage. Rev. Weiser was married on October 26 and with his bride moved into the new parsonage about a month later. On December 14, 1941, it was voted to drop all German services.

On September 27 of 1943, Rev. Weiser accepted a call to Eola, Tex., and Rev. Riese again became vacancy pastor. Nine months later on July 18, 1944, Rev. H. O. Hartfield

became the pastor. After one and one-half years of service, he left Lariat and returned to his former congregation at Laubau, Texas. Rev. Riese again served as vacancy pastor.

On June 29, 1947, Mr. Beckmann became student pastor for one year. During July of 1948, Rev. Riese left Littlefield and Rev. Edmund Lichtsinn of Rhea became



Seen in this picture, which was taken January 3, 1928, is the first building known as St. John's Lutheran Church in Lariat. The photo was taken on the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ramm, center. On the couple's left are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kube, parents of Martin Kube of Farwell. On the couple's right are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gerles. It was an old German custom that women sat on the left side of the church while the men sat on the right side. It was reported by one member of the church that she firmly believes that the two doors leading into the church were designated as entrances for men and women. (From the collection of Mrs. Albert Kube, the former Amanda Graf.)

First
Church



Paul Graf

Paul Graf, grandfather of Martin Kube of Farwell, could well be called "father of the Lariat Lutheran Church." Graf donated the use of his homes for church services before a church was built. (From the collection of Mrs. Albert Kube, the former Amanda Graf.)



Handsome
Home

This residence at 510 Third Street, Farwell, was the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Fears and children for several years. They moved to this house in July 1914 after having lived in the parsonage of the Congregational Church for a time. Prior to that time they had lived in the back of the building which housed the Tribune office and print shop. A fire almost destroyed this building in 1913 and 10 years later a fire did ravage the building, taking with it all the old newspaper copies and files. (Photo from the B.F. Fears Family Collection.)

were Fannie Boyle, schoolteacher, and Brother Wright T. Moore, a minister of the Christian Church, where Mrs. Fears played the piano for Sunday school classes and church services. Moore came to Farwell from El Paso where he had been stationed with General John Pershing's army.

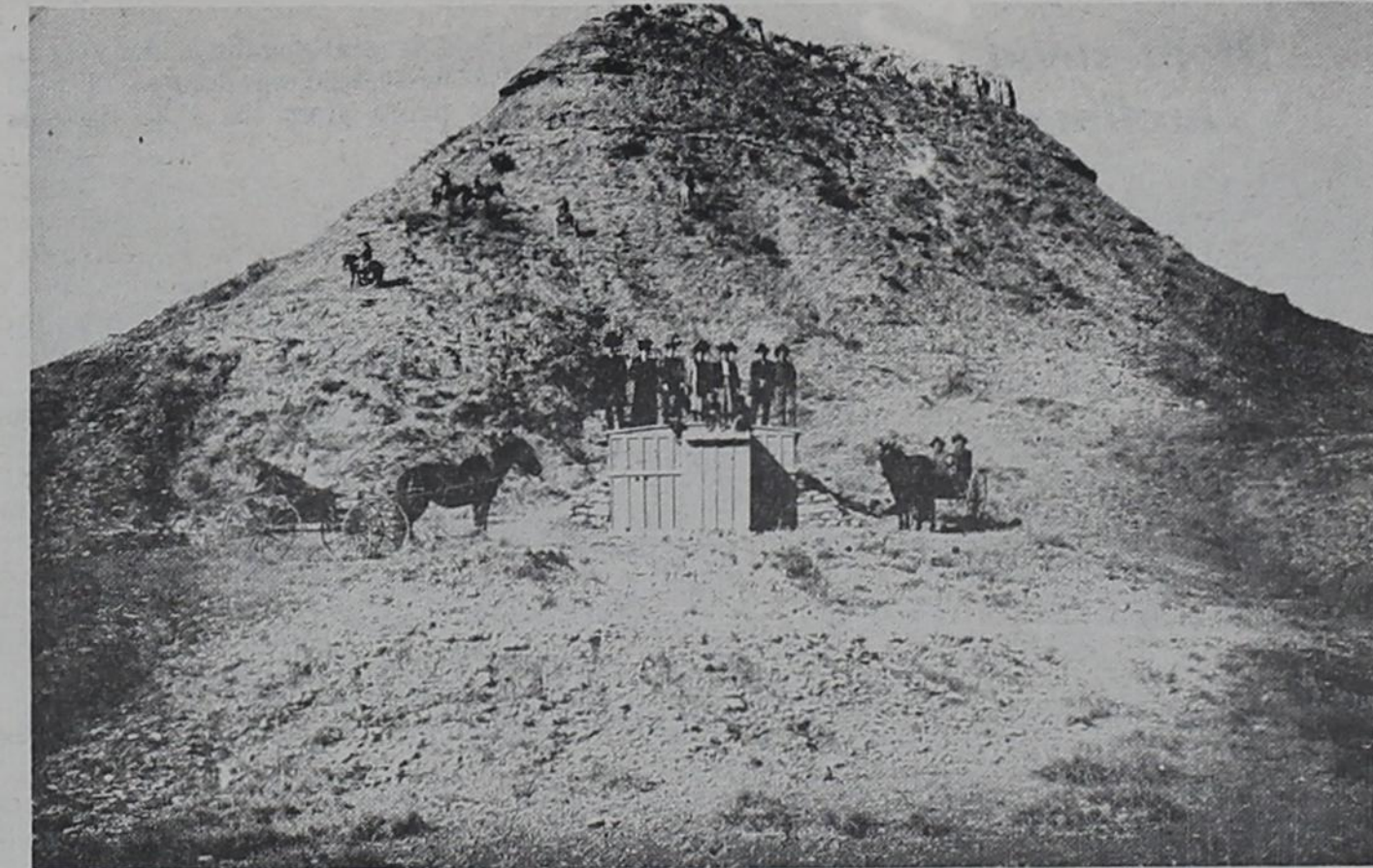
Moore was an expert with the rifle and often took the boys hunting.

While living at their new home, another daughter, Mary Eunice, was born on July 14, 1920.

In 1924, Fears' ill health forced him and his family to

leave Farwell and the Texas High Plains. They moved to Uvalde where Fears became the editor of the Leader-News.

B.F. Fears died on December 1, 1965, preceded by the death of his wife, Lois, on January 15, 1965. They both were buried in Uvalde.



When I
Was 16

When Rufus Carter of Farwell was 16 years of age he was an Oklahoma resident. He is pictured here, at left on mountain top, when he and a group of fellow Oklahomans visited Haystack Mountain, located near Willow, Okla. The photo, which is from Carter's collection, was made in 1906.

Whites Homesteaded In Early 1900's

In the early 1900's Farmer County beckoned settlers to its land of promise. Many answered the call and came to settle and help the county grow and prosper.

Dewey and Oran White arrived in Farwell in the year 1918. They came from Santa Anna, Coleman County, anxious to establish their own homesteads. They boarded with another brother and his wife, Claude and Edith White, who had preceded them to Farwell.

Dewey White was determined to share the beautiful new land he had discovered with a wife. He set out to coax Bessie Nuchols to come to Farwell to be his bride.

Bessie was a school teacher in Brownwood at the time of her marriage to Dewey in Brownwood on April 11, 1920. After arriving in Farwell they homesteaded north and east of Farwell. For a while Bessie

taught in the Knox School.

On September 2, 1921, twin boys, Wilbert and Milbert, were born to the Dewey Whites. They were believed to be the first twins to be born in Farmer County. The Whites had four more children, Gwynne, Joel, Henry and Theda. All of their children graduated from Farwell High School.

Joel remembers the time when the mail carrier helped him and his brothers kill a rattlesnake. The White brothers liked to hunt. Joel was a good shot and always returned with a rabbit for every bullet he had taken with him, it is reported.

The White family moved to Amarillo in 1951. Dewey died in 1967. His wife Bessie still resides in Amarillo. Of the children, Joel resides in Farwell with his family; Wilbert and Gwynne in California; and Henry and Theda in Amarillo. Milbert died in 1963.



[Photo from the Clarke White collection]

Wagon Train

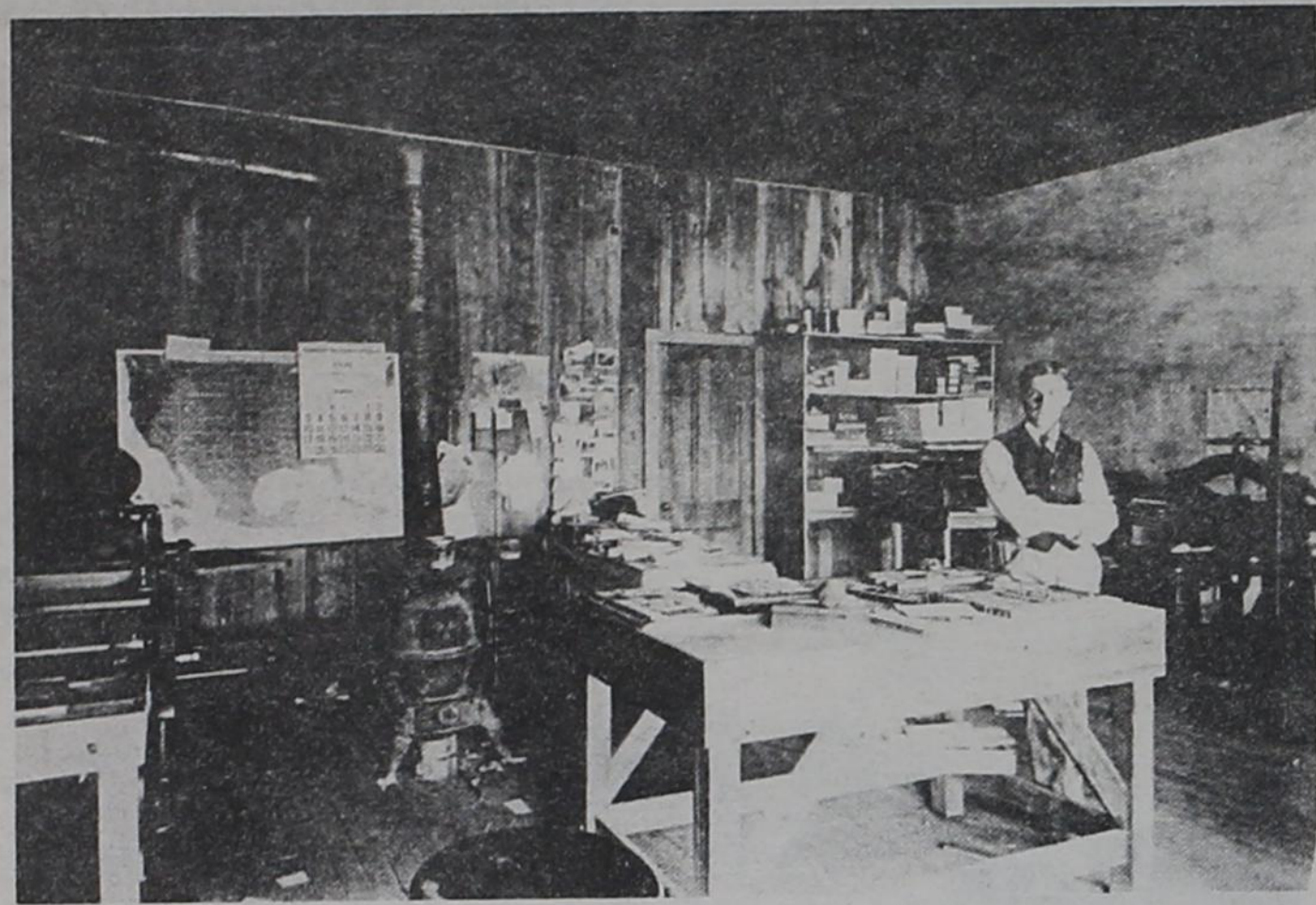
Twelve wagons hauling sacked grain or seed pause in Texico in 1894. In the background is Texico's original Main Street which is now Garwood Street. Many businesses were located on both sides of this street, some of which can be identified. The white two-story building in the center was the Taffnder Rooming house; the next building housed Sims Market and the corner building was the First National Bank building. To the right of the bank can be seen an early day drugstore.

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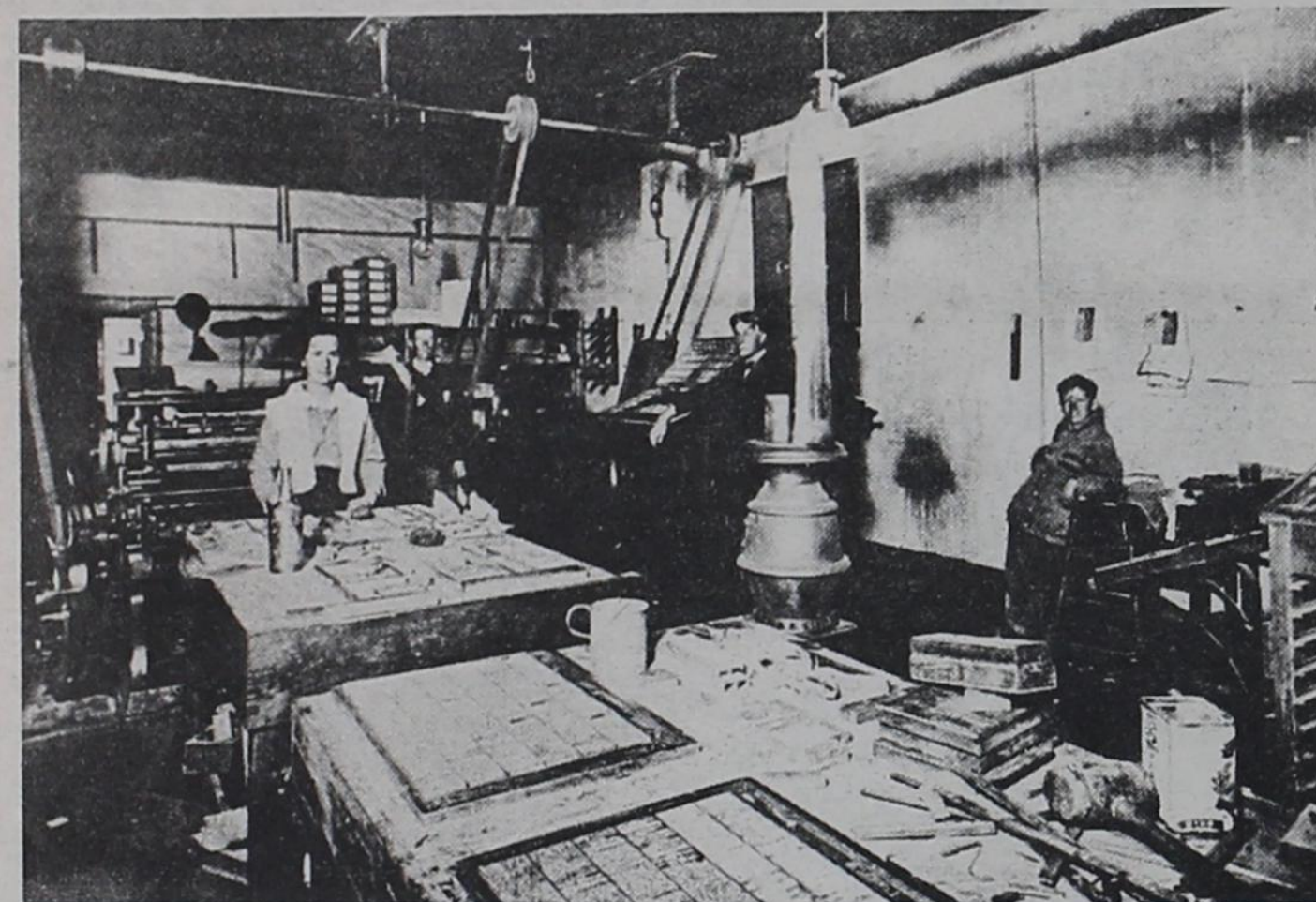
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**State Line
Print Shop**

An inside look at the State Line Printing Shop in March of 1912. At right in the photo is B.F. Fears who purchased the Farwell newspaper and printing shop in 1909. Equipment and furnishings in the shop were sparse, but Fears managed to publish a newspaper and turn out job printing, often being paid for his services with bacon, chickens, vegetables or whatever barter a customer had to offer. (Photo from the B.F. Fears Family Collection.)



**Family
At Work**

The entire family often worked in the newspaper and print shop when B.F. Fears was owner, editor and publisher of the State Line Tribune. From left are Mrs. Fears (Lois), an unidentified helper, B.F. Fears, (partially hidden by the pot bellied stove) and the Fears' son, Claude (leaning against the wall). Fears sold the newspaper to the Autrey Brothers in 1922. (Photo courtesy the B.F. Fears Family Collection.)

B.F. Fears - - Settler Pioneers Early Newspaper

(Editor's Note: The following story was submitted to Hugh Moseley, chairman of the Parmar County Historical Commission, by Claude Fears and Mary Fears Sanders. Moseley compiled the information.)

Benjamin Franklin Fears, his wife Lois, and their two young sons, Claude Hollis and Harold Franklin, moved to Farwell in the Spring of 1907 during one of the worst sandstorms that occurred that year.

Fears had visited the Parmar County area in the Fall of 1906 and discovered it to be a "land of promise." He had been working in the coal mines near McAlester, Okla., as a carpenter and timberman. However, after two near fatal explosions and cave-ins he decided to seek his fortune elsewhere.

Fears had no trouble finding work as a carpenter, as Parmar County was in the midst of a building boom. When this boom slowed down the following year, he worked the night shift at the Ice Plant in Farwell, firing the boiler and pulling ice.

Farwell had a small printing plant at this time. As Fears had worked on a newspaper in Oklahoma, he decided to buy the Farwell newspaper in 1909.

The news plant consisted of a few fonts of type, and an 18 x 24 Chandler and Price foot-powered press and a few other items.

Fears soon added an 8 x 10 job press and some more type, installed a gasoline engine for power and started publishing the State Line Tribune on a full time basis.

In 1913 a second-hand flatbed press was added which printed a whole double page without folding it. This had not been possible with the Chandler and Price press.

Fears was a self-educated man who wrote editorials with a sharp pen. Naturally he had his hand called a few times. In those days the editor of a newspaper wrote what he

thought and was prepared to back up his convictions.

The citizens of Parmar County did not always have money to pay for their subscriptions to the State Line Tribune, and printing jobs. Sometimes the customers paid their bills with chickens, eggs, a pound of butter or a side of bacon. These payments were readily accepted by the Fears family who lived in the rear of the printing shop.

The brick building housing the State Line Tribune and the Fears family was located at 304 Avenue C in Farwell. It had previously housed the Farwell Real Estate Exchange business.

The Fears' daughter, Vera, was born during the three-year period the family lived in the back of the printing shop.

A devastating, May 19, 1913, fire destroyed the "Hamlin Brick" building, which had served as a temporary courthouse, located on the west side of Third Street in the 300 block, and it almost destroyed the building housing the State Line Tribune and the Fears family. The Fears boys helped rescue the county records from the burning building. Later they threw water on the roof and south and west sides of the Tribune building.

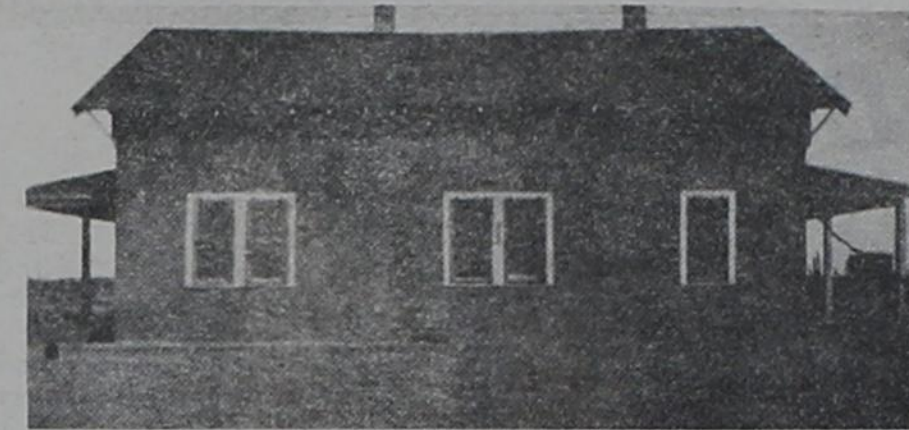
Ten years later another fire succeeded in destroying the building. According to Claude Fears, all the old Tribune newspaper copies were lost in the fire.

Fears sold his newspaper to the Autrey brothers in 1922.

After moving from the Tribune building, the Fears family lived for a short time in the Congregational Church parsonage, located about one block northwest of the Farwell Inn.

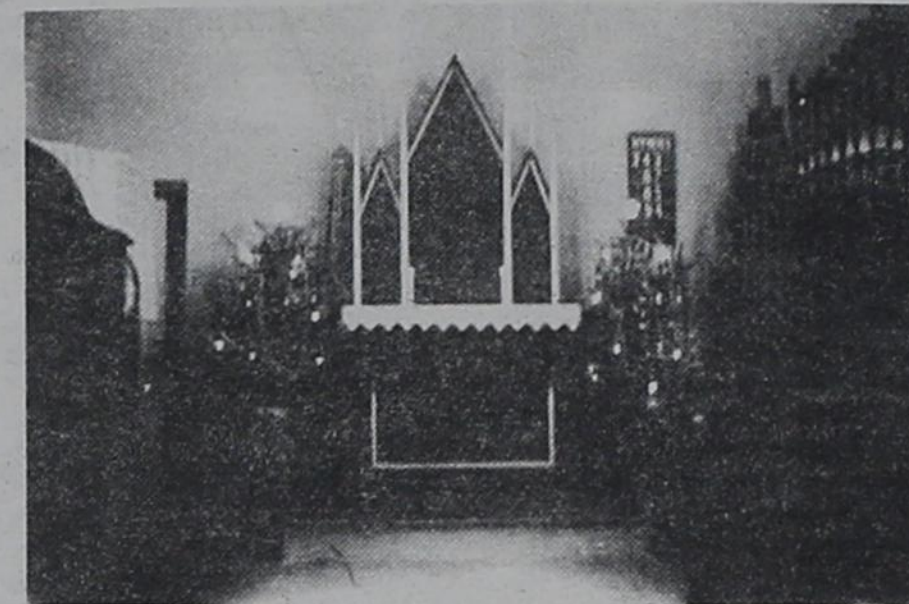
The Fears family moved again on July 14, 1914. They had bought the O.M. Conoley home at 510 Third Street. Mrs. Fears added two rooms to the home. The two young boys were thrilled to have their own rooms; however, this did not last long as Mrs. Fears soon took in boarders.

Two of the new residents



Second Graf Home

When Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graf moved into their new home, Lutheran Church services were being held in the school house. Confusion developed when all the area churches tried to hold their services there. As a result, the services were once again held in the Graf home.



Church Interior

An imitation pipe organ, right, was one of the accommodations which could be found inside the first building known as St. John's Lutheran Church of Lariat. Photo from the collection of Mrs. Albert Kube, the former Amanda Graf. Mrs. Martin Kube of Farwell has possession of the first communion cup used at the church. She also possesses some of the original song books used by church members. The books were printed in the German language.



Early School House

This school house was located east of Farwell, just a short distance from the Graf home. Lack of transportation caused many small community schools to spring up all around the area. Sometimes church services were held there. Eventually that led to confusion because all the local churches wanted to hold their services at the school. Later the building was moved to Oklahoma Lane and attached to another school building.



**Meeting
Place**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graf was the first building used to hold services of the Lutheran Church in the Farwell area. Mrs. Graf is standing on the steps. The Grafts freely offered the use of their home, and the first services preached were presented in the German language. (From the collection of Mrs. Albert Kube, the former Amanda Graf.)

vacancy pastor until the latter part of October when Rev. Walter Gummelt of Perryton was installed as pastor of St. John.

On the date of July 19, 1953, the congregation dedicated the present brick veneer church building. Speakers for the occasion were Rev. Carl Gaertner of Dallas and Candidate Reuben Meissner of Lariat.

On September 23, 1954, Rev. Gummelt accepted a call to Alabama and Rev. E. J. Stelling of Clovis served as vacancy pastor. After a vacancy of a little more than one year, Rev. E. Z. Oesch was installed August 21, 1955. Under his leadership, the congregation built a parish hall addition to the church which was dedicated July 15, 1956. Three months later, October 28, Paster Oesch accepted a call to Houston.

This time the vacancy lasted only six weeks for on December 8, Rev. Martin Moser became the pastor of St. John. Pastor Moser's stay was very brief as on November 2, 1958, he accepted a call to Needles, Calif., and Rev. Andrew Szedgin of Hereford became vacancy pastor.

The next pastor, Rev. A. R. Sander, was installed January 7, 1960. After two and one-half years, he accepted a call to become assistant pastor at St.

John, LaGrange, Ill., and Rev. David Bergmann of Clovis began serving as vacancy pastor. Rev. Herbert F. Peiman was installed April 12, 1964.

During his ministry, which lasted until January 1, 1971, 19 juniors were confirmed and 19 adults were received by confirmation or baptism. The church debt was paid off, a new two-manual Hammond organ, a loud speaker system and book racks were installed and \$2000 was deposited with the Texas District Church Extension Fund toward the building of a new parsonage. The communicant membership increased from 58 to 87.

Having suffered a stroke in 1971, Rev. Peiman was unable to serve as pastor. The congregation was served by Rev. Driessner of Clovis as vacancy pastor until August of 1972 when Rev. Martin Platzer was installed as pastor. Rev. Platzer was a Candidate, graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

He served the congregation until August 1974 when he began clinical training for hospital chaplaincy at St. Luke Hospital in Houston.

Rev. Donald Hinz served as vacancy pastor for several months but was unable to continue because of illness. St. John congregation was then

served by Rev. Kirchner of Friona, assisted by Rev. Gardels and Mr. Carlson of Clovis, until February of 1975 when the present pastor, Rev. Herman J. Schelter, was installed.

The present membership of St. John is 106 confirmed members or communicant-members, plus 51 baptized children and youth.

A new parsonage for the church was dedicated during September of 1975.



**Rhea
Lutheran Church**

This is a photo of the first Lutheran Church at Rhea. The minister of this church came from the Rhea community every Sunday and held services of the Lutheran Church in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graf, who lived east of Farwell.

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The Former Amanda Graf*

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History Recorded For Texico Baptist Church

(Editor's Note: The following account of the history of the First Baptist Church of Texico was compiled by Mrs. B.A.

Kelley.)

Although no one is sure when the First Baptist Church of

Texico was first organized, since no minutes were recorded until 1904, the history of the church has been recorded

since April 16, 1905.

On that date, a group met in conference with Bro. D. E. Baker moderator protem, and Bro. W. C. Grant, church clerk protem, to establish a church in Texico.

Letters submitted for membership included Bros. J. N. and S. N. Williams, Henry Williams, Frank Vaughn, Bro. and Mrs. S. T. Jamerson and Bro. D. B. Lanford. On statement or promise of letter were Bro. and Mrs. Watson and Bro. and Mrs. Taylor. The church covenant was read and articles of faith were read and adopted.

On May 20 of that year, Bro. W. C. Grant was elected pastor and the church was named First Baptist Church of Texico. Bros. S. T. Jamerson and J. M. Williams were elected deacons.

It was on April 14, 1906, when Bros. D. B. Lanford, S. Staffman, S. T. Jamerson, W. M. Jackson and Henry Williams were appointed as a finance committee to raise funds for a church building.

It was also during October of that year that Bro. J. D. Ballard was elected pastor. At this time in the church history, pastors were elected for one year at a time. Bro. Ballard resigned in June of 1907.

On December 6, 1906, plans were presented and accepted for a building. At this time, \$300 was subscribed and it was agreed that application was to be made for \$300 from the American Baptist Missionary Society. This application was made for three years at six percent interest. However, the note was not paid until September 10, 1947.

Records show that on April 5, 1907, the building had been erected and was accepted at the May 18 conference.

The church broadened its membership that year, when on July 20 an arm of the church was extended to include anyone who wished to join from the Midway community.

October 27, 1907, was the date Bro. W. T. Cantrell was elected pastor at a rate of \$700 per year.

The first group of deacons for the church was ordained during January of 1908. Deacons were Bros. S. F. Woodling, D. B. Lanford and Coke Hopping.

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March of 1910 saw Bro. Gordon T. Bailey elected half-time pastor at \$25 per month. The church found it difficult to raise the \$25 and Bro. Bailey resigned in August because the church was behind with his salary.

In May, 1911, Bro. D. B. Jackson was called and he resigned in May of 1912. On June 8, 1913, Bro. W. W. Taylor was elected pastor for half-time at \$20 per month. In October of that year, Bro. B. B. Crim preached and Bro. Cumby led the singing in a great spiritual revival with 80 conversions. In November, the church voted to go full time.

The summer of 1914 saw pews and a piano purchased for the church.

In April of 1917, Bro. J. F. Nix was called as full time pastor for an indefinite period of time. Another great spiritual revival was held with 31 additions (21 conversions).

It was while Bro. Nix was pastor that the annex on the north side of the auditorium was built for additional Sunday school space.

Minutes were lost from this time until November 4, 1925, when Bro. H. B. Strickland became pastor. Bro. Strickland resigned March 10 of that year and was replaced in June by Bro. W. M. Couch who resigned in August of 1927.

Bro. John Evans was elected pastor on September 7, 1927. At this time a nursery and room over the church office were built for more Sunday school rooms. Bro. Evans resigned September 23, 1928.

The following November, Bro. H. Haywood was elected pastor. In January, 1929, the parsonage, which had been located in Farwell, was moved to Texico.

In March, Bro. J. E. Schleuter, Joe Ford and G. L. Nicewarmer were elected first legal trustees for the church. On August 18, 1929, the lots in Farwell were sold for \$300. Bro. Haywood resigned in November, 1929.

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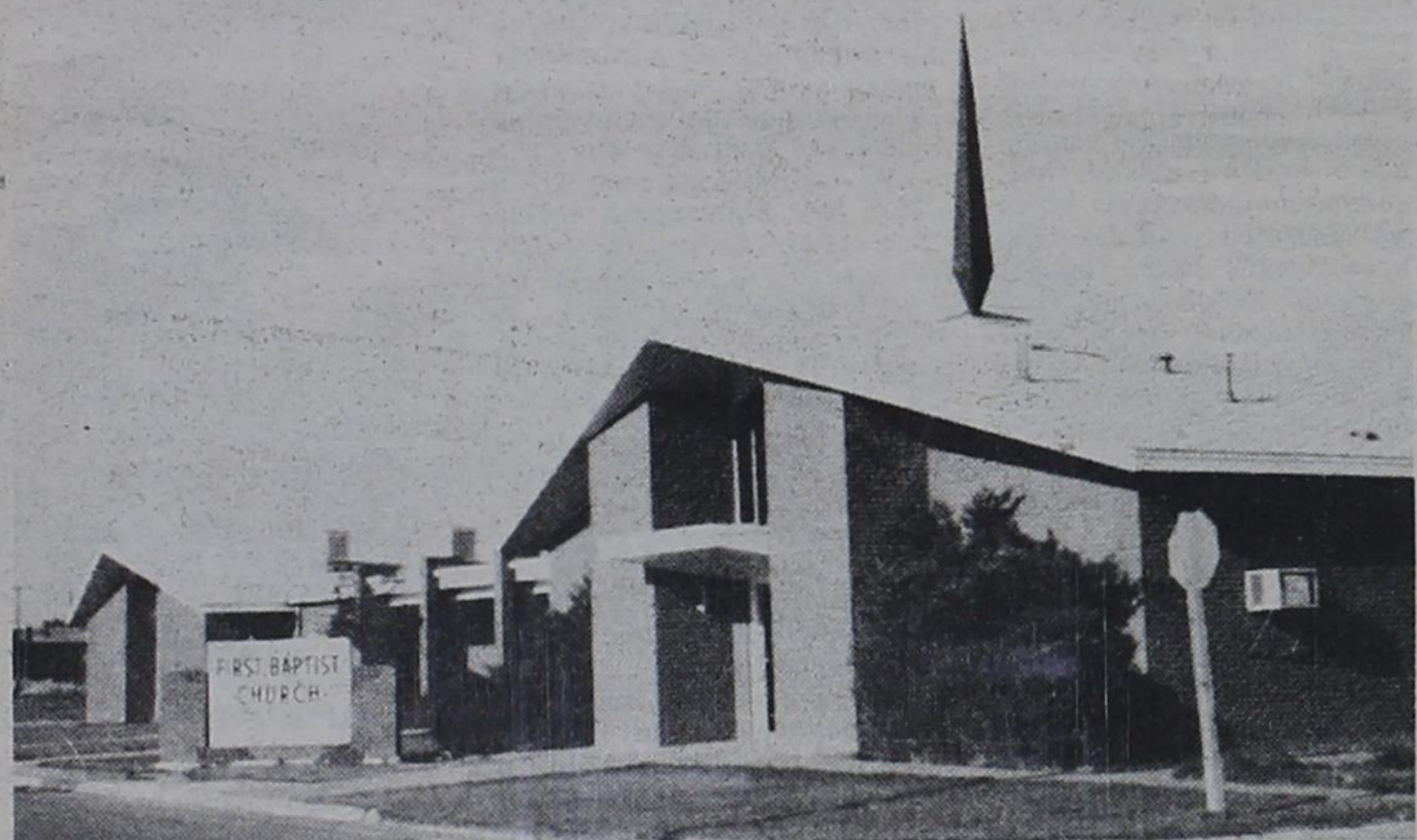
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Original Building

This photo of the first building called the First Baptist Church of Texico was taken in 1942. The building was torn down in early 1973 after the construction and dedication of a new education building. The church has marked another milestone in its history as on May 23, 1976, ground was broken for a new parsonage and Joel Horne was accepted to serve as pastor. (Photo from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Lockhart.)



Church Today

Dedication of the educational building and chapel at the church plant of Texico Baptist Church was held Sunday, Dec. 3, 1972. Rev. John C. Summers was church pastor at this time. The newest portion of the church facility contains some 9,000 feet of floor space and was built at a cost of \$153,135. Work is now underway on a new parsonage for the church, adding still another step forward in the church's building program.

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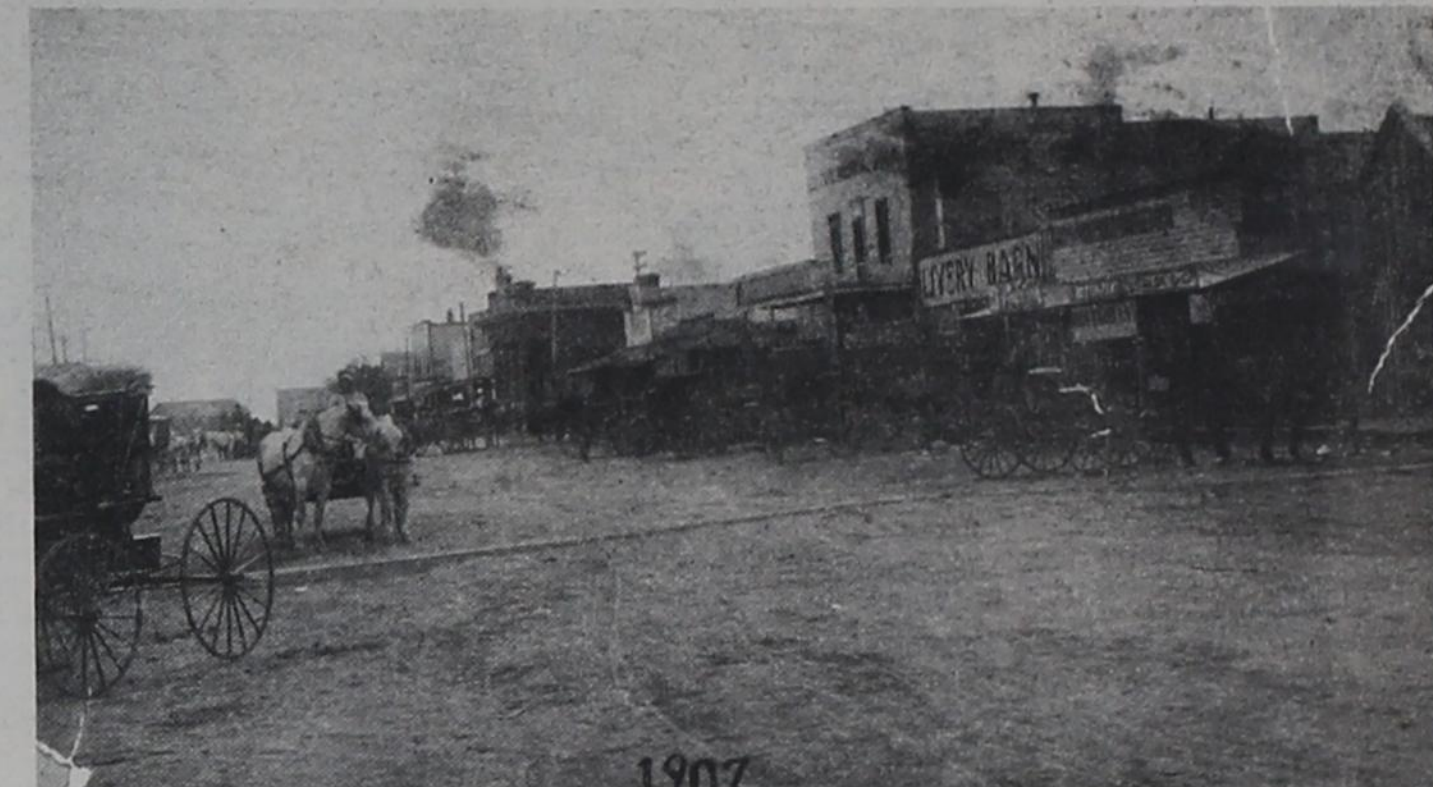
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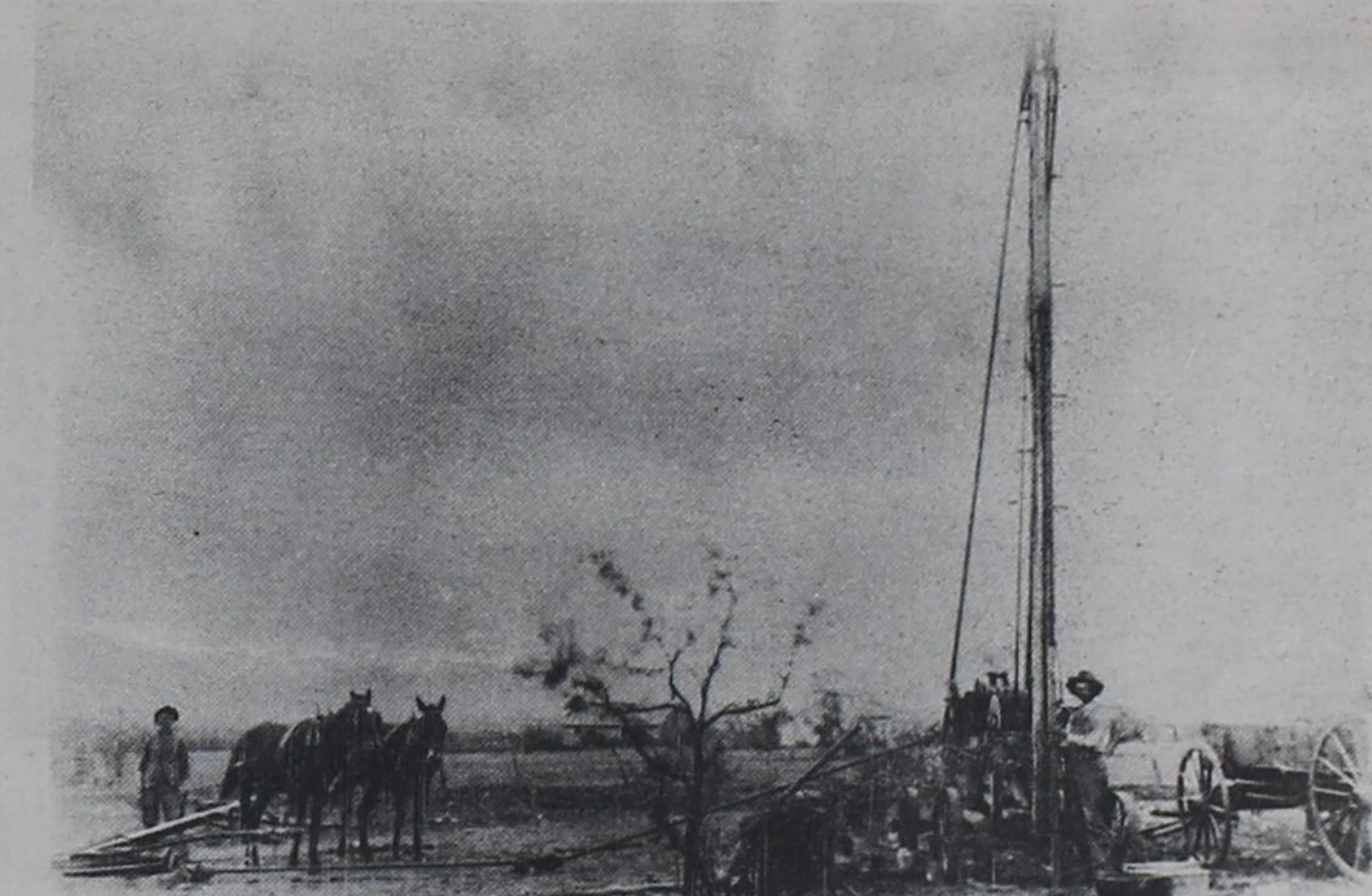
Early Day Texico

If you looked south down the main street of Texico a few years after the turn of the century, this is what you would have seen. The main street, now known as Garwood, ran north-south. The only major building in the picture which is believed to still be standing is the old First National Bank building shown on the corner in the background. This post card photograph is owned by Ed Engram of Farwell.



Bicentennial Christmas

Almost everyone is in the swing of the Bicentennial Year. Shown are members of Mrs. Jean Patschke's class at Farwell Elementary School with their Bicentennial Christmas Tree which was decorated in the spirit of the year. Children pictured are, left to right, first row: Gracie Ortega, Eric Williams, Bobby Ford, Kevin Hogan, Rhonda Lingnau, Angie Morris; second row: Frances Lavato, Blake Kelley, Carroll Smith, Cheryl Stanton, Jeffrey McClenney, Jessie Anduzulda; third row: Steven Jaime, Brian Coburn, Shirlyn Thigpen, Carlos Nicolas, Pete Hernandez and Kindel Coates.



Well Drilling In 1900

A very early day drilling rig in operation somewhere in the Farmer-Deaf Smith area. Note the horses used to turn a long shaft that raised and lowered the spudding machinery in these drilling operations.

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Homestead Claim Supports Four Generations

David Turner and his wife, Cora, homesteaded in 1906 at what was then known as Frio Draw. The name of the community was later changed to Hollene and is now known as Rosedale.

The history of the Turner family is a colorful account of

the close-knit family which, for four generations, has farmed the original homestead claim.

The first generation to farm the land was David Turner who sold the land to his son, Taft Turner. In later years, Turner's grandson, David Turner of Texico, purchased the

land from Taft. The younger David Turner, along with his sons, Spencer and Steve, the fourth generation, are currently owners and operators of the land.

The following story is reprinted from a late 1950's or early 1960's edition of the

Clovis News-Journal. Title of the original article is "Pioneer Settler Of Region Recalls Activities, Scenes of Bygone Days."

HOLLENE (Special) -- Mrs. Cora Turner celebrated her 77th birthday recently at the home of her son, Elbert Turner of Elida. Mrs. Turner is the widow of the late Dave Turner, who homesteaded south of Hollene and north of Frio Draw in 1908.

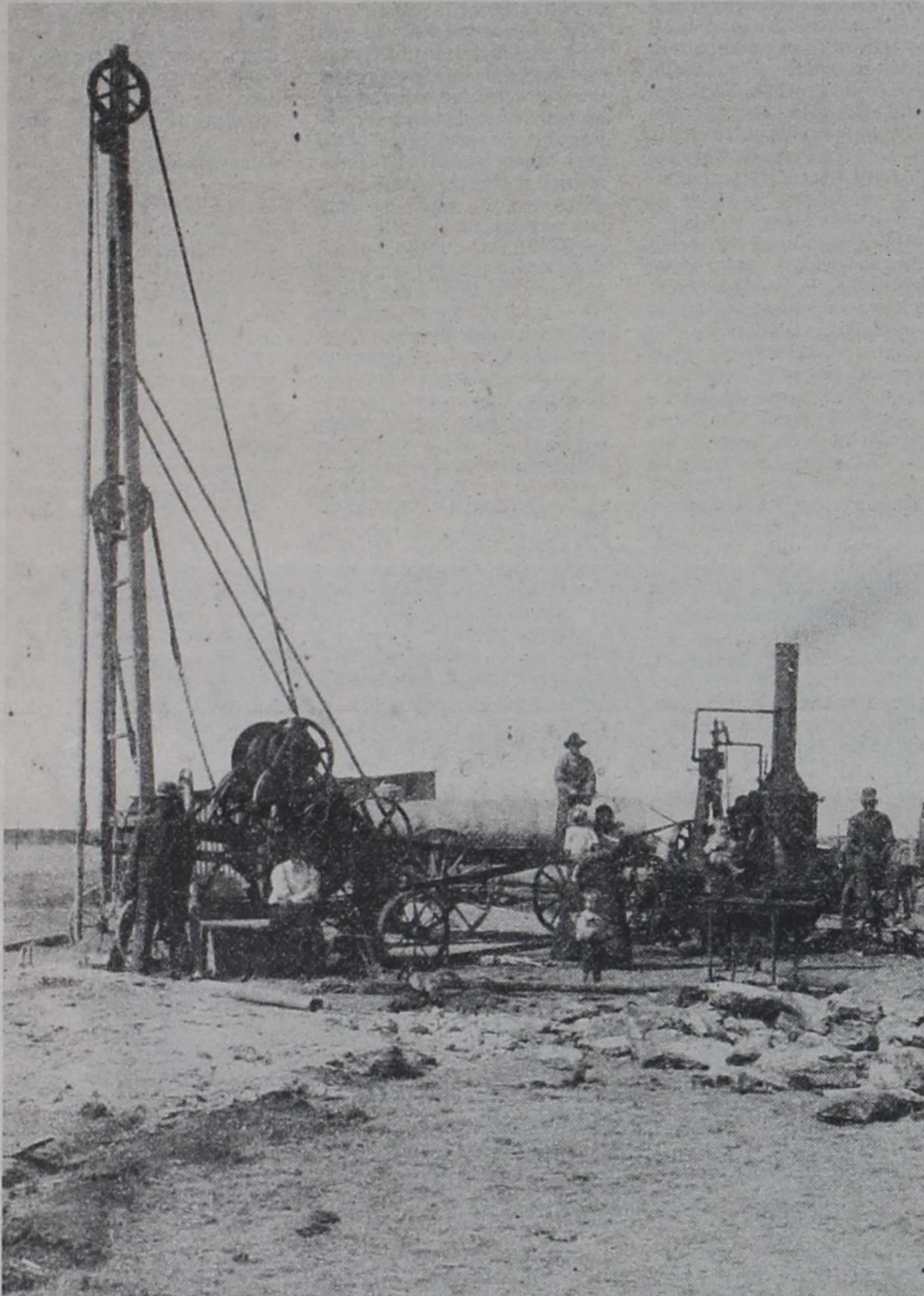
Cora Bruce was born in Guinette County, Ga., in 1882. At the age of four years, she moved to Pickens County, where she lived with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Whitley.

On the north of the Whitleys lived Mr. and Mrs. James Turner, who had a son, David, living on an Indian leased farm in the Indian Territory around Dustin, Okla.

David Turner made trips to see his parents in Georgia and

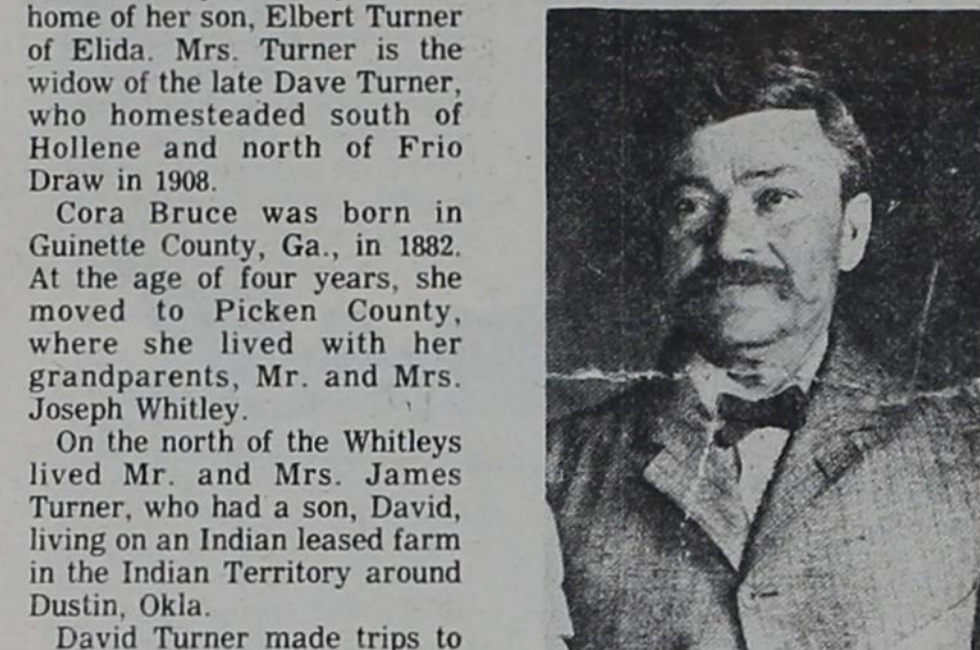
it was on one of these trips that he met Miss Bruce. The couple corresponded frequently and later became engaged.

Cora Bruce, 23, and David Turner, 43, were married by a Baptist minister in 1905 at the Sally Davis School House in



Steam Driven

This was one of the first well drilling rigs in this area and was used to drill many of the first water wells here. In the picture, taken around 1908, are from left, Grant Allen, unidentified, John Anderson, Flora Turner, Cora Turner, Elbert "Bud" Turner, David Turner and an unidentified worker.



DAVID TURNER



TAFT TURNER



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SPENCER TURNER



STEVE TURNER



Promotion Day Crowd

The congregation of Texico Baptist Church posed for this photograph at a special promotion day program in 1946. The pastor, Rev. Virgil Hunton, Sr., had told the congregation that if attendance reached a certain number, they would have a photographer to take a picture that day. Rev. Hunton is pictured standing second from left at the left side of center pew. (Photo from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Lockhart.)

1935 the church voted to adopt the unified budget and six point record system through the church.

On November 29, 1935, the church voted to extend an arm of the church to the Fairfield community.

The May 4, 1938, minutes include the first mention of Vacation Bible School for the church.

Following the resignation of Bro. North on May 18, Bro. W. C. Wright was called.

In 1942 the parsonage indebtedness was paid off.

Mention was made in February, 1942, of the first cooperative program. In October the first church library

was mentioned and in January 1943 the first brotherhood was accepted by the church and more Sunday school rooms were approved.

During June of that year, the first radio broadcast financed by the church was aired.

On September 5, 1945, Bro. Virgil Hunton, Sr. was called as pastor to fill the vacancy created by the June resignation of Bro. Wright.

In June of 1947 Bro. Hunton resigned and September 10 of that year marked a milestone for the church as a note burning service was held to retire the note of the \$300 borrowed in 1906.

October 8 was the date Bro. E. M. Treadwell was called as pastor and he left as a missionary to Brazil in May of 1948.

Bro. O. O. Holliday was called as pastor August 15, 1948, and he resigned in September of 1950.

Bro. C. M. Field was called November 8.

In March of 1952 the church authorized the treasurer to buy added lots south of the church. This was done in 1959.

March 18, 1953 was the date a group of 115 withdrew from the Texico fellowship to organize the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

On June 10, 1953, Bro. C. C. Morgan was called as pastor when Bro. Fields resigned.

In January, 1954, an addition was made at the back of the parsonage.

Bro. Morgan submitted his resignation August 25 with the effective date being September 18.

On December 28, 1960, Bro. Orvill Brantley was called. In January of 1961 the present parsonage was purchased and the old parsonage was converted to a Spanish mission building. Needs for a new auditorium were felt. Bro. Brantley resigned February 3, 1963.

May 5, 1963, saw Bro. Leroy Looper begin as pastor. During his pastorate, the red rock-faced auditorium was constructed and dedicated August 29, 1965. Bro. Looper resigned June 29 of 1969.

On September 28 of that year, Bro. John C. Summers was called and served until December 14, 1974. During this time the educational building was constructed.

Rev. Joel Horne came to the church as interim pastor on February 17, 1975. On Sunday, May 23, 1976, Rev. Horne was accepted as pastor of the church. Also on that day, the first spadeful of earth were turned for a new parsonage.

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Texico-Farwell - -

Methodist Church In 73rd Year Of Service

In the year 1904, Rev. Joe Hedgepeth was assigned to begin a new Methodist Church in Texico, New Mexico and Farwell, Texas. In the fall of that year, a building was erected in Texico where Highways 60-70-84 and the Pleasant Hill Road intersect. It was a frame building, planked with rough lumber and stripped to keep the wind and dust out. The building measured 30 feet wide and 44 feet long. It was heated by a pot-bellied coal burning stove.

A two-room frame parsonage of rough lumber was located next door and was purchased at a cost of \$350. Problems developed a year later when a family claimed the property and it cost the church an additional sum for a quit-claim deed.

In 1908, church officials decided to move to a new location and two lots were purchased in eastern Texico and a church was built. This location was to serve Method-

ist people in Texico and Farwell for over 50 years. In 1910 the church was known as the Texico-Farwell Methodist Episcopal Church, South. There was a T-shaped bell tower on the building according to some word-history of the church. The church records for that period are rather sparse. In February of 1926 a faulty flue resulted in a fire that totally

destroyed the church building and equipment.

That afternoon, the Official Board met amid the smoking ruins of the destroyed building and with the pastor, Rev. W.B. Gillian, began planning a new building. A contract was let on July 8, 1926 for the construction of a building at a cost of \$10,450. This building, a portion of which still stands, was first

occupied in 1927 and served as the worship facility of Methodist people in Texico and Farwell from then until 1960. In 1929 the name of the church was changed to Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church of Texico-Farwell in tribute to the leadership, service and influence of J.M. Hamlin. In 1930, Bishop H.A. Boaz dedicated the building, in accordance

with Methodist Church policy that buildings for worship may be consecrated for use, but may not be dedicated until they are debt-free.

Because of a continual membership growth and need for additional facilities, and restricted by available land space, in the early 1950's the congregation began to discuss the possibilities of relocation of the church facilities. In 1957 a Church Conference was held and it was determined that new facilities were a must. In 1960, that facility was completed and the church-congregation moved into the beginning of a new church-plant located in the 300 block of South Fifth Street in Farwell.

Immediately, it was recognized that this was just the first stage of construction and that additional space, including a sanctuary would be needed. In 1965 the new sanctuary, foyer, office spaces were added and consecrated for use.



Methodist Congregation

The date of the above photo of Texico-Farwell Methodists is not known; however, the picture was made in front of the red brick building in Texico which housed the congregation until the 1950's when a new church plant was constructed in Farwell.

100 Years Ago - -

Parmer County Celebrates Its Centennial Year

(Editor's note: The following story was compiled from "Early Days in Parmer County" by Frank H. Payne, published in 1974 in "A History

of Parmer County." Parmer County was created on August 26, 1876. The county was named after Martin Parmer, a Virginian. He came to

Texas in 1825 and settled at Mount Prairie in Cherokee County. Parmer represented San Augustine in the 1836 Constitutional Convention. He died the following year.

By 1898 the Pecos Valley and Northeastern Railroad built switches in a diagonal pattern across the country from northeast to southwest. Switches were built along the line and were named Black, Friona, Bovina, Wilsey and Parmerton. Later the railroad attempted to develop a townsite at each new switch.

While the railroad was being built, an incident occurred on Christmas Day. The crew decided to celebrate the day in Bovina. They were riding the engine and caboose to town when a herd of antelope attempted to cross the tracks in front of them. The train slowed; the men fired at the antelope, and they missed every one of them. However during all the excitement a large buck had managed to catch itself on the cowcatcher of the engine. Upon arrival in Bovina the crew ate antelope steak for Christmas dinner.

The Santa Fe Railroad acquired the Pecos Valley and Northeastern railroad. They planned to build a line from Belen to intercept the Pecos Valley line where it crossed

the state line. Judge J.D. Hamlin and John Hutson bought land on the New Mexico side at the point where the two lines joined. They laid out the townsite of Texico which started with a boom.

The townsite of Farwell was then established on the Texas side adjacent to Texico. The townsite consisted of 640 acres. Texico's boom extended to Farwell. Several brick business houses were built. Each townsite constructed a post office and the rapid business boom continued.

Instead of building their railroad yards and roundhouse in Farwell or Texico the Santa Fe bought a tract of land ten miles west of Texico. They established their own townsite which became known as Clovis. Now Texico and Farwell could no longer harbor hopes of becoming sizable towns.

Judicial reasons made it expedient for Parmer County to be attached to Deaf Smith County. Bovina was expected to become Parmer County's county seat. Farwell at that time was not regarded as a favorable location for the county seat.

The necessary 150 voters signed a petition asking the commissioners court of Deaf Smith County to let Parmer County organize. After the

petition was granted, Parmerton was chosen as the county seat. The first court house was a small box-strip building which housed a small vault.

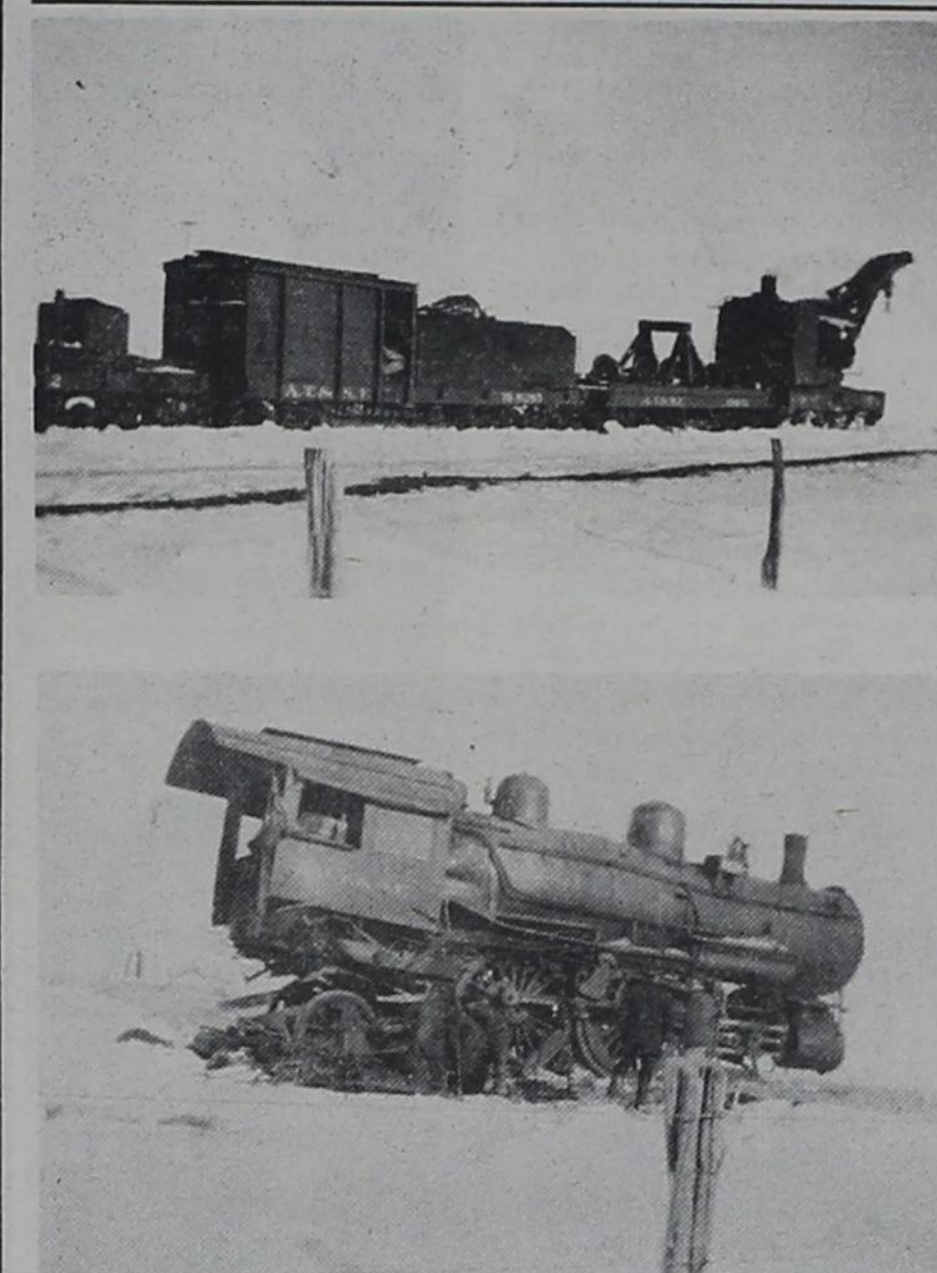
Hardly had the new county been organized when a struggle over the county seat began. Even though Parmerton had been designated the county seat, no one but the local residents wanted it to remain there. Friona, Bovina and Farwell each wanted to be named the county seat. A majority of Bovina's voters decided to support Farwell.

The hottest issue in the first general election following the creation of Parmer County was the moving of the county seat.

At that time the basis for claiming legal residence depended on where a man had his laundry done. Since the XIT ranch hands had their laundry done in Farwell every two months or so, they were eligible to vote in the election.

Election day dawned giving birth to a flurry of legal and illegal activities. After the smoke cleared away and tempers were once again under control, the results were in favor of moving the county seat to Farwell.

After all contested votes were validated, Farwell became the new home of the county seat.



Train Wreck At Lariat

Dick Geris of Farwell was a small boy when these two trains collided in Lariat one cold wintery day in 1919. Snow prevented the freight train from going in on the switch and, as it tried to back in from the other end, the freight train collided with an oncoming passenger train. Geris said he remembers that a few people were injured, but no one was killed.



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FAMOUS XIT RANCH IS MEMORY NOW

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is taken from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, page 4, section one, Sunday, Jan. 13, 1963.)

Cowboys who pounded leather on the famous XIT ranch more than 50 years ago have a right to shed a sentimental tear because the last vestige of the 3,000,000-acre spread in the Texas Panhandle has been moved.

Sale of the last 39 acres of the former cattle empire was announced in Fort Worth last week by Hamlin Y. Overstreet of Farwell, last of the representatives of the ranch holdings.

Overstreet said he has passed a deed to the 39 acres to Hurschel R. Harding of Farwell. The land, within the city limits of Farwell, now is industrial property, lying between two main lines of the Santa Fe Railway, one of which runs to Chicago and the other to Houston and Galveston.

The Representative made his announcement while visiting in the Fort Worth National Bank with two friends, Joe A. Clarke, executive vice-president, and

Brandon Stone, vice-president. The land transaction in Farwell, Overstreet reminded, marks the completion of a bright chapter in Texas history. The original spread of 3,000,000 acres was given by the State of Texas in 1882 in exchange for the construction of the \$3,000,000 state Capitol in Austin.

The XIT was the largest fenced ranch in the continental United States, and perhaps the largest in the world.

Overstreet explained that in 1951 the Capitol Freehold Land Trust, owner of the ranch, was closed when the remaining 25,000 acres was divided among 10 shareholders. A part of the acreage went to Hames H. Douglas, Jr. of Chicago, including the 39-acre tract which was sold to Harding.

The Story of the XIT goes back to 1875 when the state officials found they were getting cramped in the old capitol in Austin, and a constitutional convention set aside the 3,000,000 acres of state land with which to get a new capitol.

However, nothing was done about the proposed new capitol

until Nov. 9, 1881, when fire destroyed the old building. Gov. Oren M. Roberts called a special session of the Legislature, and it stuck a bargain with Charles B. and James V. Farwell, Chicago brothers, under which they agreed to build the new capitol and accept the 3,000,000 Panhandle acres in payment. The red granite Capitol stands in Austin today as the largest state capitol building in the United States.

The Farwells borrowed money in England to develop the ranch. The debt was liquidated in 1909. The original ranch covered all or portions of 10 counties, Dallam, Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmar, Castro, Bailey, Lamb, Cochran and Hockley.

The 10-county spread perhaps helped perpetuate the story that the XIT name meant "ten in Texas."

In 1885 the first cattle started moving into the XIT pastures from South Texas. Thousands of cattle drummed along the dusty trail to their new home on the XIT.

Came the time for branding and the ranch needed a brand.

Ab Blocker, who drove one of the first herds into the 3,000,000-acre pasture had the responsibility of choosing a brand.

Blocker dug his boot heel into the sand and inscribed the letters, XIT — a brand that would be difficult for the cattle rustler to change.

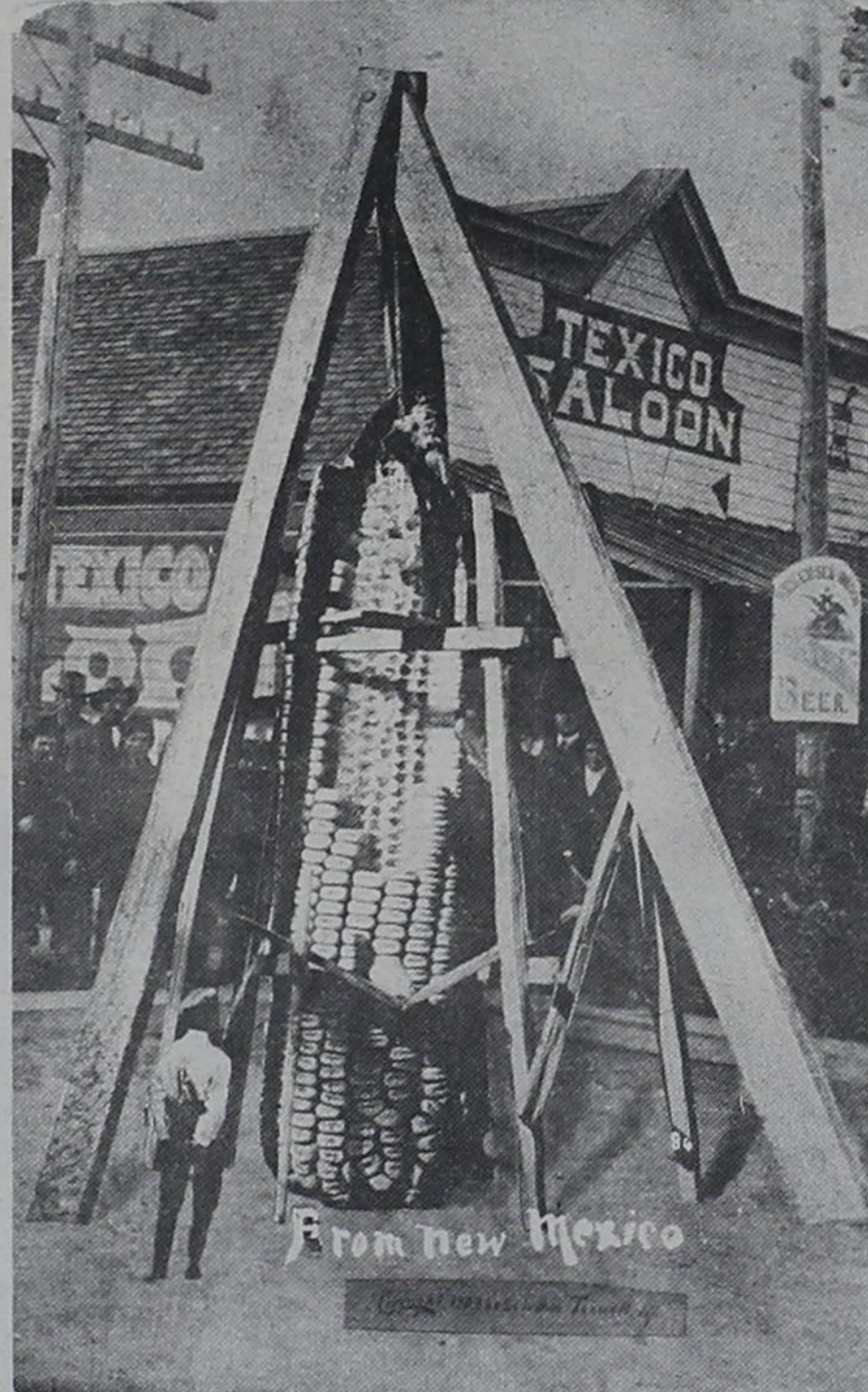
Overstreet is a nephew of the late Judge James D. Hamlin, who was resident representative of XIT until his retirement. Judge Hamlin died 12 years ago.

The Farwells began fencing the ranch in 1882. Sale of parcels of the ranch began in 1901,

creating smaller ranches and townsites that were to grow into sizeable cities in the Panhandle. The last of the cattle was sold in 1912.

All that remains of the far-flung cattle operations are the mineral rights on the land, reserved by the Capitol Mineral Rights Company.

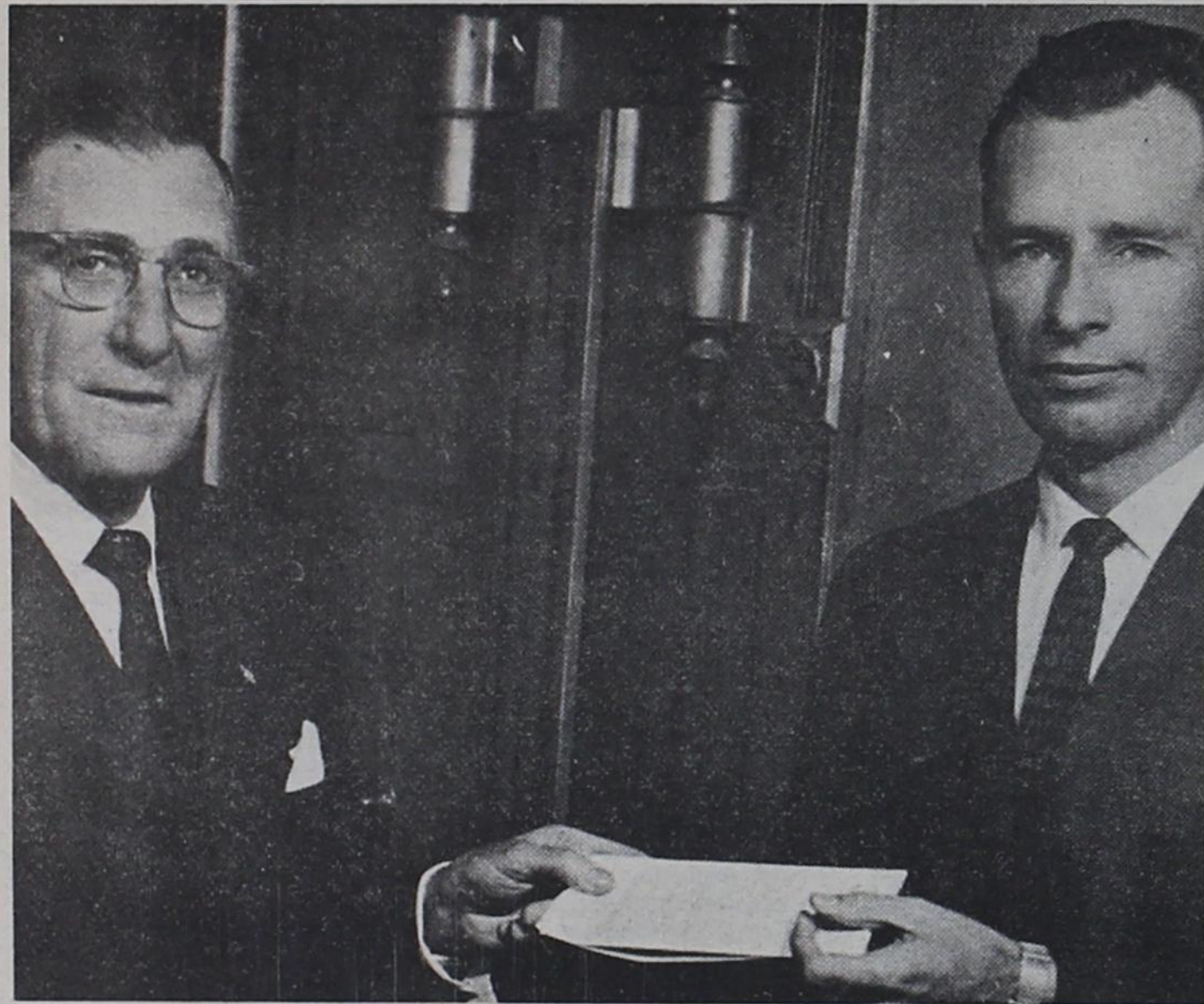
Time for obsequies will come this summer when the fast-fading remnant of XIT cowboys gather for their reunion. They will shed a tear for XIT, death of which marks the passing of an era in history.



[Photo from the Clarke White collection]

Tall Corn

This picture postcard showing some of the "tall corn" grown in the early days in Texico was made and copyrighted in 1909 by Sale Bros. photographers. The old Texico Saloon can be seen in the background.



Last Of The XIT

Hamlin Y. Overstreet, left, passes a deed to the final 39 acres of the once vast XIT Ranch to Hurschel Harding. The final sale of Capitol Freehold Land Trust tract occurred in 1963.



Early Day Sunday School

This is an early day photo of the Susannah Wesley Sunday School class of Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church. The exact date and location of the picture is not known. Shown left to right on the back row are Mrs. Fred Barker, Mrs. J.R. Thornton, Mrs. B.N. Graham, Mrs. Anne Overstreet, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Wolfman; second row, left to right, Mrs. Beene, Mrs. Claude White, Mrs. Lewis Pearce, Mrs. B.E. Nobles, Mrs. Doctor Clark, front row, left to right, Mrs. J.H. Heiner, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Doctor Jordan, Mrs. Fred Doose and Mrs. Jess Newton. (Photo courtesy Mrs. Ogetha Barker Langford)

Also, in that year a new parsonage for the minister was acquired.

Building Committees for the construction of both buildings included J.H. McDonald, Jack Williams, Woodrow Lovelace, W.D. Howard, Jr., Sam Aldridge, Elmer Teel, W.H. Graham, Joe Helton, Paul Wurster, Joel White, Harold Travis, Joe Jones, Hamlin Overstreet, Buck Gregory and Joe Blair. The land on which the church plant is now located was donated by Hamlin Overstreet.

Pastors who have served the Church include Joe Hedgepeth, Rev. Woods, Rev. Woolridge, Rev. Turner, G.W. Gardner, B.T. James, J.C. Jones, Franklin Cramer, T.I. Beck, J.W. Hendrix, E.W. Morton, H.B. Ellis, L.L. Thurston, H.W. Carter, C.O. Davis, W.B. Cilliam, D.D. Dennison, J.L. Evans, J.L. Chunn, R.L. Butler, W.W. Pitman, E.J. Sloan, Paul Tripp, Charles Walker, Harvey Carroll, Murphy Duncan, Lance Hurst, M.H. Stroup, R.C. Cantrell, W.H. Hardwick, Robert Tomlinson, W.C. Strickland, Hardin Atkins, Philip Baker and W.T. Perry, the current pastor. Rev. Perry was

recently returned to Hamlin Memorial Church for his seventh year.

Hamlin Memorial Church of Texico-Farwell is a part of the New Mexico Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The New Mexico and Northwest Texas Conferences form an Episcopal Area under the leadership of Bishop Alsie Carleton. In 1972, Bishop Carleton formally dedicated the church facilities in a Dedication Service in which Rev. Perry presided and Dr. B.C. Goodwin, Jr., then superintendent of the Carlsbad District assisted. Currently, the District Superintendent of the Carlsbad District, in which the Texico-Farwell Church is located, is Dr. Robert Templeton.

From an humble beginning in 1904, the church congregation has seen drought in which people moved away from the area, the congregation has remained loyal and observed the return of people, the growth and development of the Texico-Farwell area. Now beginning its 73rd year in the history of this area, the church remains a stable influence in the life of the communities.

Mrs. Graham Recounts Methodist Women Years

Mrs. B.N. Graham has been an active member of Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church's chapter of Methodist women for many years.

The organization was originally called an Aid Society. Mrs. Graham said the purpose of the group was to help the local Methodist church. Later it was retitled the Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS).

About five years ago, the society underwent another name change and is now known as the United Methodist Women (UMW). Mrs. Graham proudly stated that the UMW is the largest single organization of women in the world.

Projects of the early aid society included taking care of the parsonage and making pledges for the missions overseas. That same dedication to help is present in the UMW today. Whatever needs to be done for the church the ladies of the society band together and do it.

Mrs. Graham said the UMW used to hold fund raising projects all the time, but they began to phase out this method about 10 years ago. Now, she said the members pledge

whatever they can toward the project on which they are working.

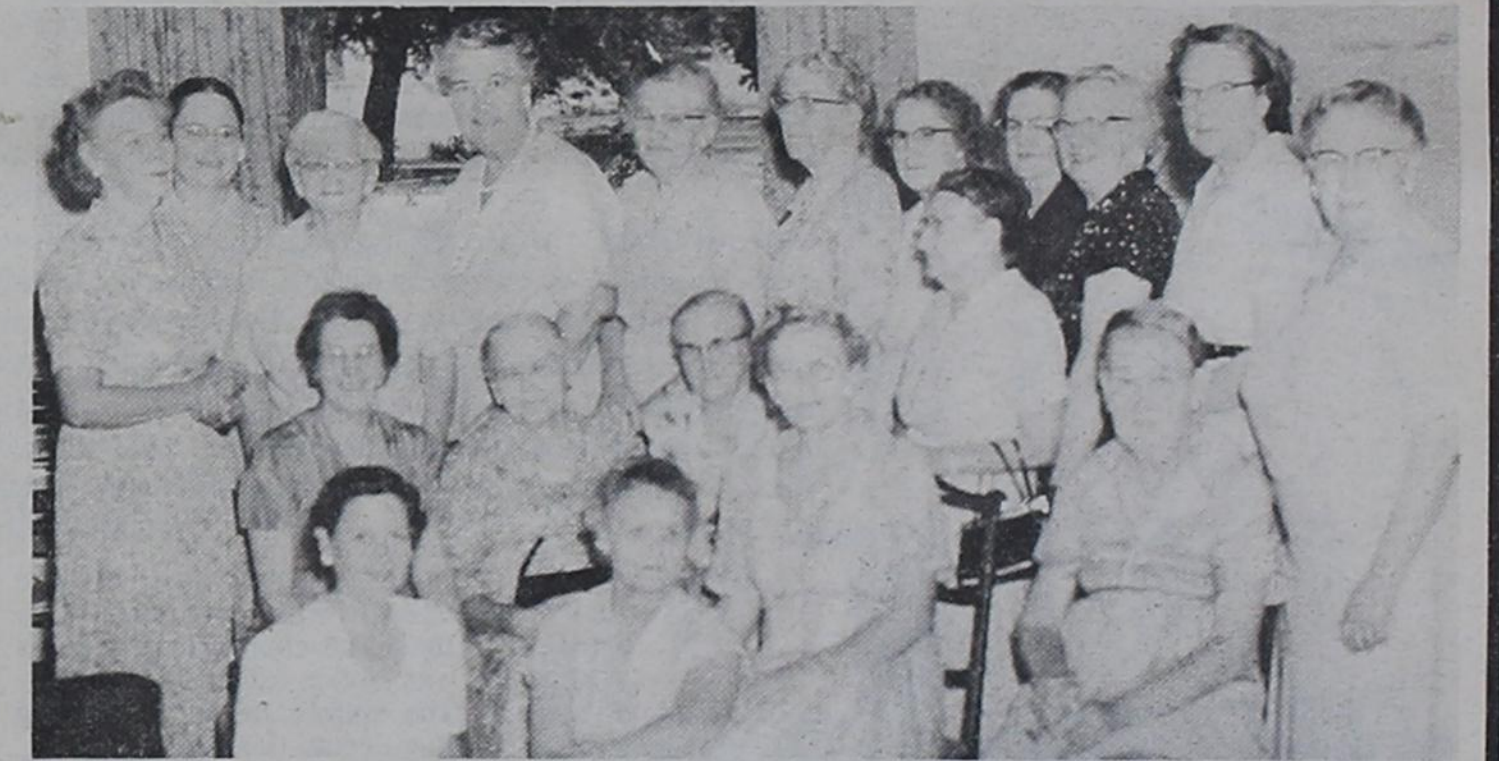
Mrs. Graham has served as president of the Methodist women group several times and was secretary of the district conference.

She was born in Archidelpia, Ark., and came to Texas in 1907. She and her husband moved to Farwell in 1916. B.N. Graham was the Parmar County District Clerk for ten years. After that he opened his own insurance business.

When they first moved to Farwell, Mrs. Graham was not a Methodist; but she soon joined the Methodist church because "it makes a better team if both belong to the same church," she stated.

She describes herself as a "homebody" and says she does not drive a car. She likes to quilt and do crevel work.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham reared five children. Benton, the oldest son, died. Howard lives in Pampa and John Austin lives in Abilene. The two married daughters are Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Thornton of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ross of Morton.



1950's Sunday School Class

This photo was made in 1958 or 1959 at a meeting of the WSCS of Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church. The meeting was at the home of Mrs. W.H. Graham, Sr. Pictured are, back row, left to right, Mrs. E.E. Booth, Mrs. Elmer Teel, Mrs. J.A. Cox, Mrs. Ruby Dixon, Mrs. J.R. Thornton, Mrs. Anne Overstreet, Mrs. Claude White, Mrs. Albert Thomas, Mrs. A.D. Smith, unidentified, and Mrs. B.N. Graham. Middle row, left to right, are Mrs. W.H. Graham, Sr., Mrs. Lena Yoder, Mrs. G.W. Atcheley, Mrs. Ralph Humble. Front row, left to right, Mrs. W.H. Hardwick, Mrs. W.N. Foster, Mrs. E.G. Blair and Laura Temple.

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First Baptist - -

Many Accomplishments Noted In History Of Farwell Church

(Editor's Note: The following account of the history of the First Baptist Church of Farwell was compiled by members of the church and submitted for publication.)

Feeling the need for a Baptist Church in Farwell, some of the Baptist people met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McManigal in March, 1953, and discussed the possibility of publication.)

Later a meeting was held in the showroom of Hardage Motors and because of interest shown, a meeting was held in the Farwell School Gymnasium on March 14, 1953. Bro. Barto Massey of Oklahoma Lane spoke to the group on organizing a church. At this meeting a date was set for a meeting to organize a church. That date and place being March 22, 1953, in the school gymnasium. Sterlyn Billington was elected temporary moderator and Mrs. Willie Hardage was elected clerk pro tem.

On March 22, 1953, the group met with names of 126 people who expressed a desire to organize and become members of a church in Farwell. The

meeting began with singing led by Walter Hardage and followed by Bro. W.E. Markham reading a scripture and leading in prayer. Bro. M.D. Durham was elected moderator and the First Baptist Church was duly organized.

It was voted that the members who were ordained deacons be installed as deacons. They were Sterlyn Billington, Dick Gerles, Willie Hardage and Joe McWilliams.

Bro. Markham introduced Bro. Otis Holiday who brought the message "Camping in the Wilderness," admonishing the church to go forward even though there would be times they would feel like turning back.

April 5, 1953, was set as the deadline for charter members. At this date the membership had increased to 136.

The church met in the school gymnasium until the first unit of the educational building was built. The church parsonage was built at the same time.

Bro. J.D. Horton accepted the call to become pastor of the church on June 10, 1953, and served until July 1954.

August 2, 1953 was a joyful

day for members of the First Baptist Church, for they had seen a dream become a reality and now had their own building for a place to worship. This was move-in day and Sunday School and worship services were held in the new building for the first time. Following the morning services a basket lunch was served in the school cafeteria.

First revival meeting for the church was held August 16-23, 1953. There were several additions to the membership with 16 by baptism. The first anniversary of the church was observed March 21, 1954, by having a basket lunch at noon and afternoon services. Sunday School attendance for the day was 184 and Training Union was 103. There were 15 additions to the membership that day.

First Vacation Bible School was conducted May 24-28, 1954, with eight conversions.

Bro. E.J. Keith served the church as pastor from August, 1954, to May 30, 1956.

A cabin was built at the Plains Baptist Assembly at Floydada, Tex. in June, 1956.

Bro. Sidney Cox was pastor from August 1, 1958, to January 31, 1961. The auditorium was started in July, 1959, and was completed in the spring of 1960.

Bro. J.L. Bass became pastor in May, 1961, and served until November 7, 1971. In March, 1962, the church purchased a building for a Negro Mission and is currently helping finance the mission work. Also in May of 1962, extra lots were purchased for the church. A church library, under the direction of Mrs. John Zahn, was set up in 1963 and Mrs. Zahn was elected the first librarian.

The newest unit of the church was constructed in 1963. The church indebtedness was paid in full on June 5, 1968. The church began sponsoring Boy Scouts this same year.

In addition to gifts through the cooperative program and special mission offerings three times a year, the church began at this time to contribute to help support two churches in the northwest.

In April, 1971, the lots between the church and parsonage was paved for parking space and a sprinkler system put in the parsonage yard.

Clifton L. Ennen became pastor in March, 1972. The church purchased a bus in December of this year and a bus ministry began.

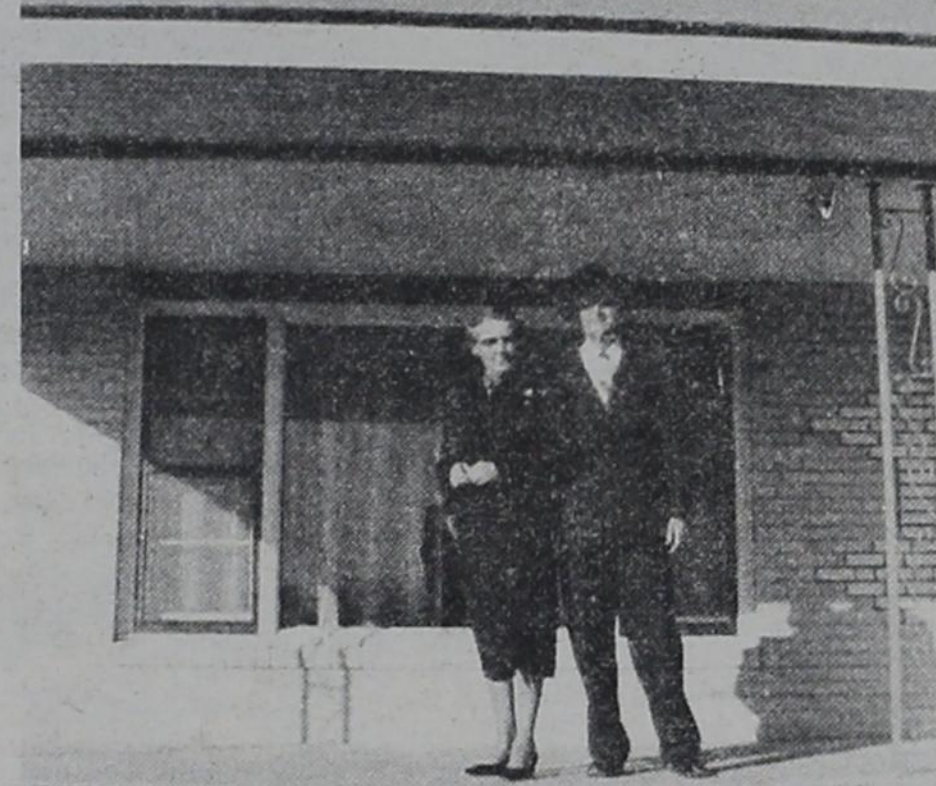
In June of 1973, it was decided to redecorate the auditorium with new furniture, lights, choir loft and choir robes.

A group from our church membership along with Dr. Cliff Ennen went on the Guatemala Crusade in December, 1974. Then in January of 1976 a group with Dr. Ennen

also went to El Salvador on a crusade.

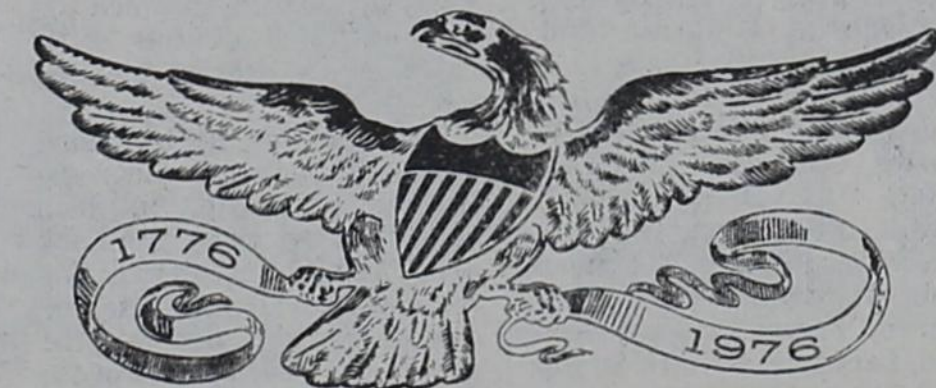
The two churches from the northwest are now self supporting and we are helping support two churches from the Phoenix area.

We now have 576 church members, our library has increased to over 1300 volumes, we have eight staff members and we have a daily radio ministry and Sunday morning worship service broadcast on the radio.

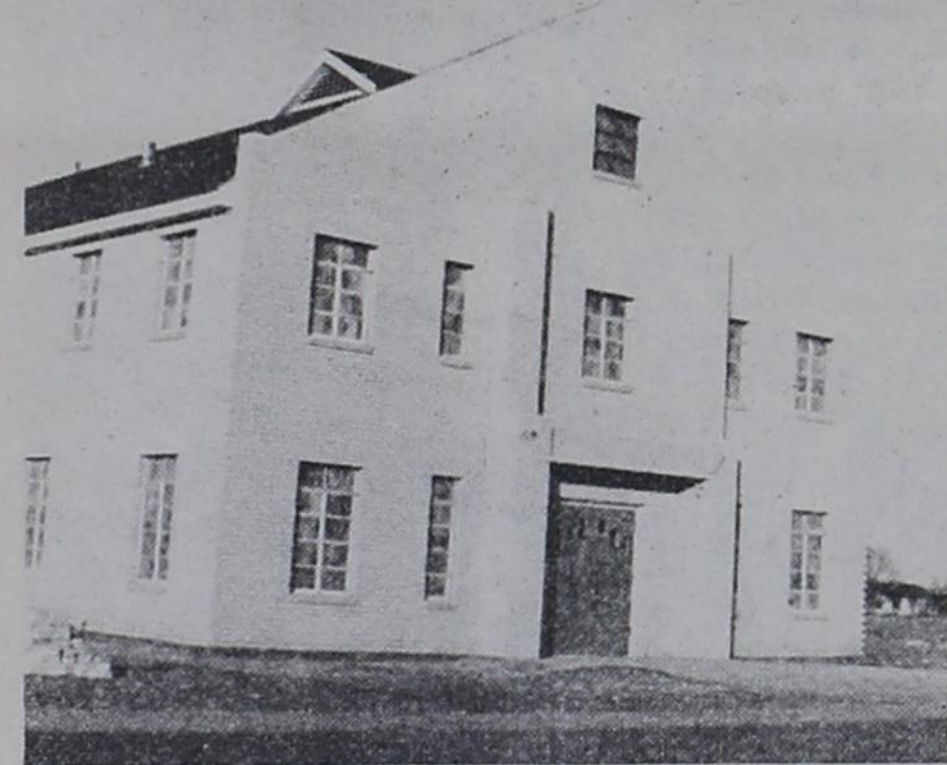


First Pastor

Rev. and Mrs. J.D. Horton are pictured on the porch of the parsonage of First Baptist Church, Farwell, which was built in 1953, shortly after the Baptist church was organized in Farwell. Rev. Horton was the church's first pastor serving the church from June 1953 to July 1954. (Photo courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Sterlyn Billington.)



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First Church Building

This was the first portion of the church plant of First Baptist Church, Farwell. It was built during the summer of 1953 and on August 2 of that year, the church had "move-in" day, occupying the educational unit for the first time. Church members had met in the Farwell School gym until this structure was completed. (Photo courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Sterlyn Billington.)



Ready To Go

The late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barker Sr. are all dressed up and ready to go somewhere, taking a break from their busy lives as farmers. The Barkers came to Texico-Farwell in 1920, settling on a farm three miles east of Farwell. The family watched Parmer County grow from a range land, dotted with farms, to the prosperous agricultural area it has become.



Barker Children And Friend

Posing in front of the family car for this photo were members of the late Fred Barker family and a friend. In front is Mary Lou Barker Collier; on the back are the late Jack Barker, Bowden Darr, Fred Barker, Jr., and Joyce Barker Coffman.

bought and the family headed for their new home.

Nearest neighbor to the Barker farm was Mrs. Annie McDowell, who had been recently widowed. She with her children farmed approximately one-half mile west of the Barkers. In true neighborly fashion she had prepared a repast for the travelers.

Ogetha Barker Langford recalls what an agony it was to be forced to share bananas, bought as a special treat, with the McDowell youngsters. "I thought I had never seen so many kids in all my life and there wouldn't be a banana left for me," she quips as she relates that there were 11 of the McDowell clan.

Neighbors helped each other with all chores and field work during those early days. While the men worked in the fields women gathered to sew, quilt, and chatter about the latest happenings or to share recipes as they cooked for the men, who labored early and late.

A special time each year was corn shelling and threshing season as the crops were harvested. Corn shelling time in 1921 found Dollie at the McDowell home assisting with the cooking. However, before the second day's work was completed she fell ill. She was put to bed and the late Dr. J.M.

McCuan was called. He diagnosed her illness as pneumonia admonishing "don't move here - she must stay here."

During the next several weeks she remained at the McDowell home attended by Dr. McCuan and nursed by Mrs. McDowell, until her health was regained. Other neighbors assisted in caring for the Barker children.

After Dollie regained her health she did her share in caring for the sick, assisting in the delivery of babies, etc. Fred was always on hand to give whatever assistance was necessary to those in need. He often sat up with the sick or helped to "lay out the dead."

Almost a social event each year was hog killin' time. At that time, several families brought their hogs for the year's meat supply, to the Barker farm to be slaughtered. While the men and boys killed, scraped and dressed the animals, women and girls were busy cutting meat into pieces and strips to be rendered into lard and ground for sausage. Even the smallest child had a job. They attended to the babies or carried water from the well to the scalding vat.

After all of the animals had been dressed, the hams, shoulders and bacon were smoked and sugar cured, then hung in the "smoke house" for future use. Lard was rendered in large iron pots and poured into five-gallon cans to be stored. Sausage was ground, seasoned and stuffed into cheesecloth bags and hung along side the hams.

All was not work during those early years, however, for after a hard day's work neighbors gathered at homes in the area for ice cream socials, singing around a piano, yard games, dominoes or sometimes "just plain visiting." In the summers everyone attended revival meetings in the Twin Cities and no one missed church on Sunday morning. The Barker family attended the Methodist church.

After arrival of three more children, Harold Fred, Mary Lou, and Bobbie Jean, an addition was erected to the original home. The addition consisted of a kitchen, bedroom, and separator room. The separator room, housing the milk separator, was a necessity after the family established a milk route in the Twin Cities.

Milk, cream, butter and eggs were delivered twice daily to the towns' residents. Butter was churned by the children and molded into one pound squares by Fred. He used fresh

well water to wash the butter and cooled it with ice bought from the Farwell Ice Plant operated by the late F.W. McElroy.

All of the Barker children began school in Farwell Independent Schools. Two of the number graduated from Farwell High School and the rest completed high school in Friona. A civic minded person, Fred spent many years as a member of the Farwell School Board, later serving on the Parmer County School Board. Through the years the couple worked as leaders of 4-H club groups and were active in various civic organizations.

In 1931, at height of the great depression, tragedy struck the family when their oldest son, Jack a stellar football player for the Farwell squad, was stricken and died of pneumonia. Many times following the death of their son, Fred said, "It is only when one loses a loved one that he learns the true meaning of friendship... without the help of our friends we could not have stood the loss!"

In 1938 the family moved to the Lakeview community, near Friona, where they farmed until 1959. At that time they sold their farm, retired and moved back to Texico-Farwell to spend their remaining days among old friends and close to several of their children.

Fred died in 1964 and his wife followed in 1967. They are laid to rest in the small community cemetery at Oklahoma Lane, in the county they watched grow from a range-land, dotted with farms, to the prosperous agricultural area it has become.

When family members gather they often recall days of yore. Names of early day friends often mentioned include those of Lovelace, McDowell, Boyd, McDaniel, Magness, Vinyard, Graham, and McGregor. Stories "fly thick and fast" as each recalls a special event or friend of those early days.

Before returning to their respective homes the group frequently gathers around a piano to sing some of the songs learned at those long ago, but not forgotten singing schools.

Family members residing in Parmer County include Mrs. Elmer (Ogetha Mae) Langford and Mrs. E.R. (Joyce Oleta) Coffman of Farwell; Harold Fred Baker and Mrs. Robert (Mary Lou) Collier of Friona. Other daughters of the pioneer couple are Mrs. Robert (Bobbie Jean) Widner of Holtville, Calif., and Mrs. Crystal (Chris) Moss of Levelland, Tex.

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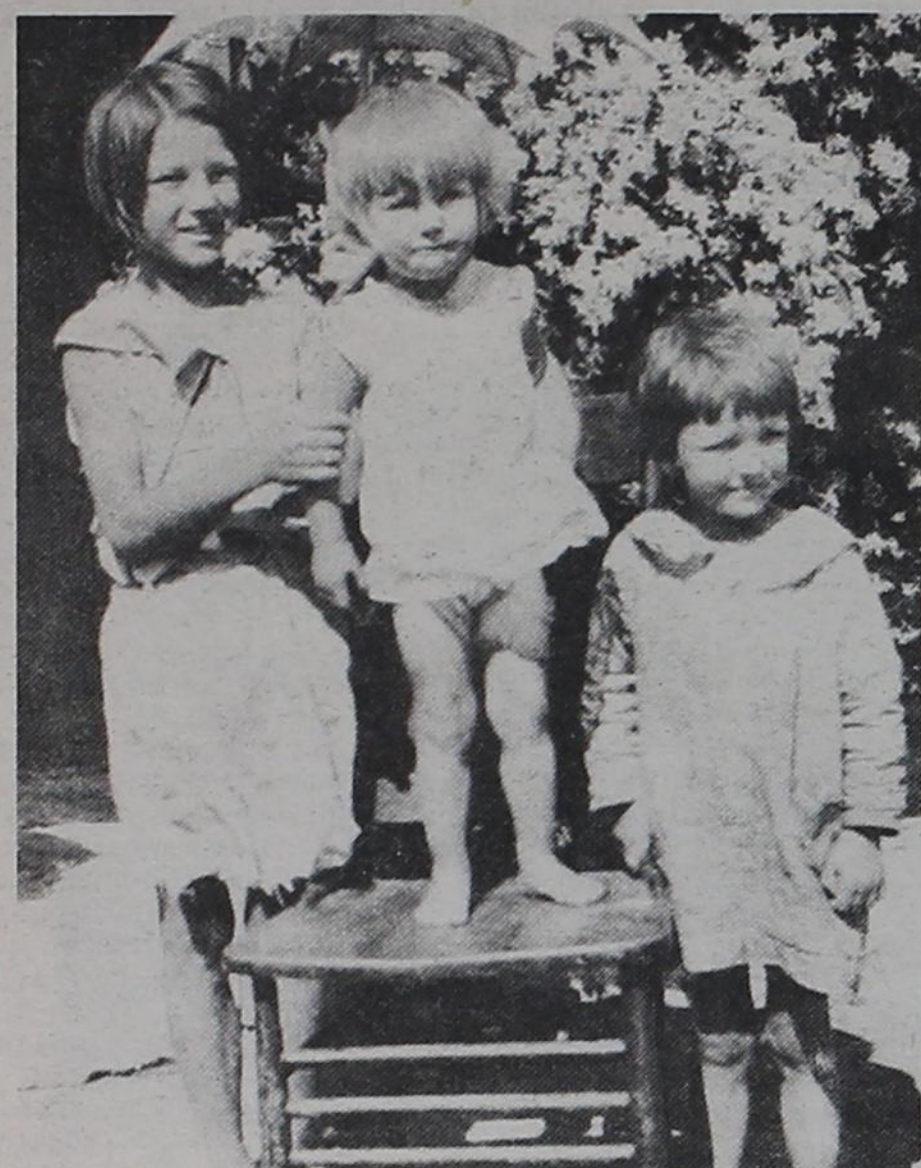
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The Barker Sisters

Three daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barker Sr. posed for a picture outside their home in late summer of 1931. Bobbie Jean Barker Widner, center, discovered a way to make herself as tall as her big sister, Joyce Barker Coffman, left. The other sister is Mary Lou Barker Collier.

Parmer County- Home Forever

by Crystal (Chris) Moss

"Texico, New Mexico-Farwell, Texas," chanted the conductor that Indian summer day in October 1920, as he made his way through the train. The passengers were alerted, by sound of his voice, that they were approaching the Twin Cities on the Texas-New Mexico border.

At sound of the words Texico-Farwell, a young mother with a sleeping infant in her lap, called to the three small children playing quietly on the opposite seat. "Hurry now...get ready...we are almost there and daddy will be waiting."

The young mother was Mrs. Fred (Dollie) Barker, who with the children, Ogetha Mae, T.F. (Jack), Crystal and Joyce Oleta, had come to join her husband and establish a home in Parmer County.

Fred had arrived in Farwell several days earlier bringing all their worldly possessions by immigrant car from Donley

County Tex.

Following World War I, word of the rich land and opportunities in Parmer County had reached the young couple who farmed cotton in Donley County. In 1919 Fred had made a trip to the Parmer County area to inspect land offered for sale by Capitol Freehold Land Company.

He liked what he saw -- knee high grass waving in the breeze, rich farm land, plenty of churches and schools and friendly people. Before returning home he purchased land three miles east of Farwell, near the Oklahoma Lane underpass.

"Parmer County is the place to raise our family and make our home forever," he told his wife. "They don't raise cotton

in that area," said the former school teacher. "Our children will never have to miss school to pick cotton and work in the fields," he concluded.

The young husband returned to Farwell in the late summer of 1920 to build a house for his family. He was assisted in construction of the two-room frame house by Ira Taylor, who had settled southwest of Texico several years earlier. A water well was drilled by a Mr. Romans, who drilled wells and erected windmills for many of the early settlers.

After the family had been welcomed by W.W. Vinyard, depot agent, they were loaded into the waiting model T for a trip to the nearest grocery store, owned and operated by a Mr. Rogers. Supplies were



**Family
And
Friends**

When family and friends got together in "the good old days," they enjoyed having their pictures made. Posing at such a gathering were, standing l to r, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barker Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Darr; sitting, left to right, Alma Mae McDowell, Virginia McGregor, Inez Darr, Fred Barker, Jr., Bowden Darr, John Francis Tate and Joyce Barker Coffman.



Pioneer Mother And Daughter

The late Mrs. Fred Barker Sr. and daughter, Mary Lou Barker Collier, were among the many pioneers who settled in Parmer County. The Barker farm was located three miles east of Farwell.

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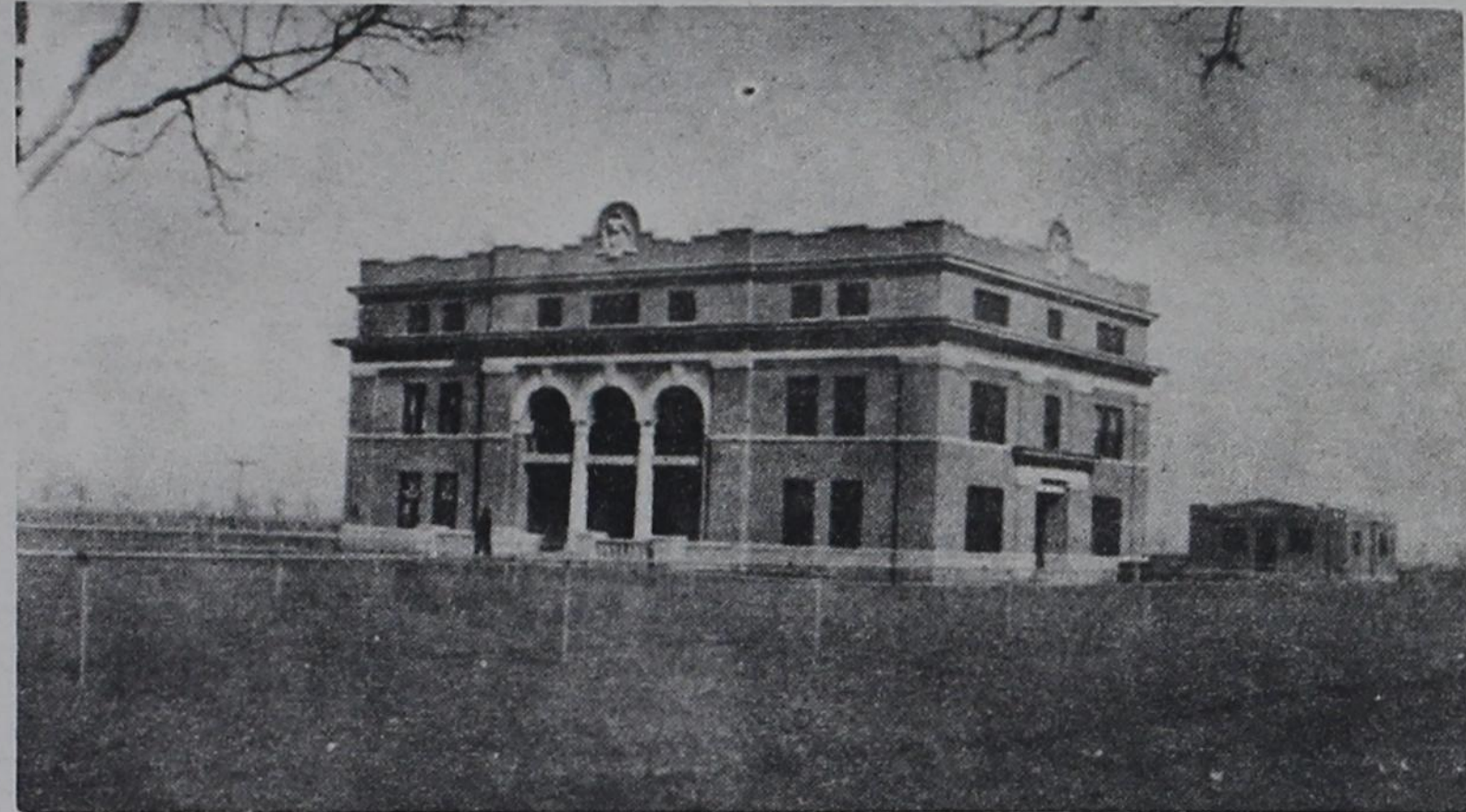


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Sons And Daughter

This photo of the three children of Cyle and Mary Jones was taken in 1910. The children are, from left, the late Byron Wesley Jones, the late Mary Inez Jones and Charles Atlas Jones, now of Albuquerque. The daughter, Mary, died at the age of three months following the death of her mother, who died ten days after the child was born. Byron Wesley died in 1968. Photo from the collection of Sonny Jones.

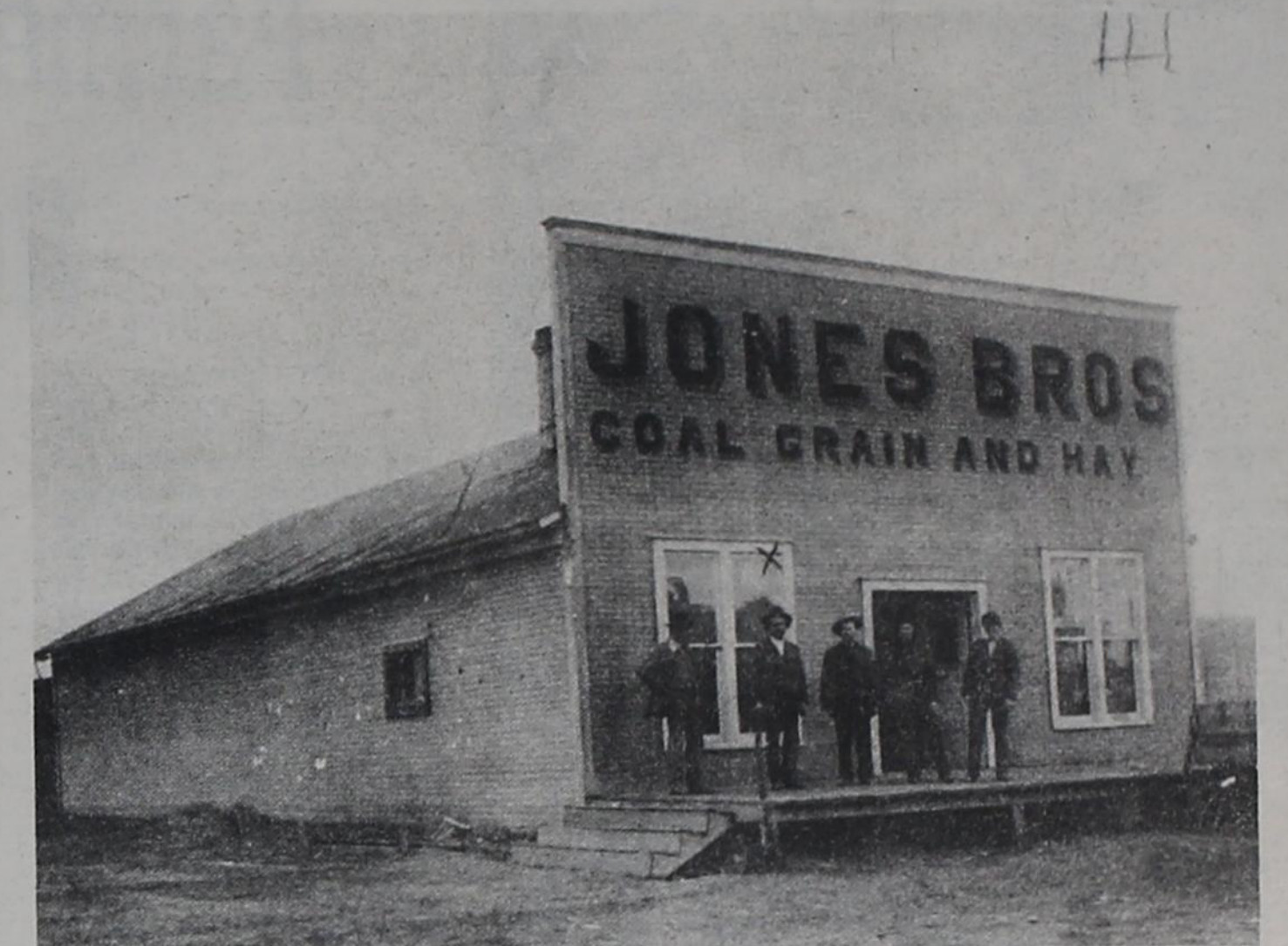
took place June 11, 1976, 75 years after the first Cyle Jones had come to this area, took a wife, had a family and established a business.

And the story goes back to the beginning with the marriage of Kyle Jones. It is truly

a long, strange circle as Kyle's mother was born in Kansas and Kyle in California, but the new life and family of the younger Jones will begin in the Texico-Farwell area as did the new life and family of his great-grandfather, Cyle C. Jones.



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New Business

Following the fire which destroyed the original Jones Bros. & Co., this building was constructed by Cyle C. and Keet Jones. Cyle is pictured second from left with Keet standing to his left. The Joneses constructed the building themselves and it is reported that the second structure also housed a bar. Photo from the collection of Sonny Jones.



1954 Parmer County Well

A.T. Watts and Monroe Lovell sit astride a gushing eight-inch well developed east of Farwell in 1954. The early 1950's ushered in the big irrigation age for local agriculture.

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75-Year Cycle - -

Jones Family Circle Begins, Ends In Texico-Farwell Area

A long, strange circle for the family of Cyle C. Jones was begun in 1901 with the circle completed and begun anew 75 years later on June 11 of this year.

Cyle Jones came north from Beeville, Tex., in 1901. He married Mary Hall, daughter of Charles A. Hall of Taiban, N.M., and the couple moved to Texico in 1905.

Cyle and Mary, who were 33 and 17 years of age, respectively, at the time of their marriage, had two sons and a daughter born to them. Their children were the late Byron W. Jones, Charles Atlas Jones of Albuquerque, N.M., and the late Mary I. Jones, who died at three months of age.

Mrs. Jones died 10 days after the birth of her daughter. Both

she and the child were buried in Texico until Cyle's death at which time the bodies were moved to the Family Ranch Cemetery at Taiban. The ranch currently belongs to Ben Hall, Jr., the youngest son of the youngest son of the Hall family.

The Jones brothers, Cyle and Keet, remained in Texico until 1911. During this time they first purchased a building which had been partially constructed and formed a business known as Jones Bros. & Co., where they handled coal, grain and hay at a feed and sales stable.

The original structure burned and the Jones brothers then built a new establishment in Texico. The actual construction was done by the Joneses

and the building also housed a bar.

Cyle and Mary's son, Byron, married Bonnie A. Anderson of Fort Sumner, N.M. in 1927. The couple had two sons, Byron W. (Sonny) Jones, Jr., of Bovina and Richard L. Jones of Farwell.

Byron W., Jr., and his wife, Dusty, are parents of three sons and one daughter. Their children are Dan V. Neal of Spokane, Wash., V. Tony Neal of Bovina, Bonny N. Sorensen of Friona and Byron Kyle Jones of Bovina.

The Jones family circle was completed recently when the Sonny Joneses' youngest son, Kyle, wed LeeAnn Williams of Farwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams.

The Williams-Jones wedding



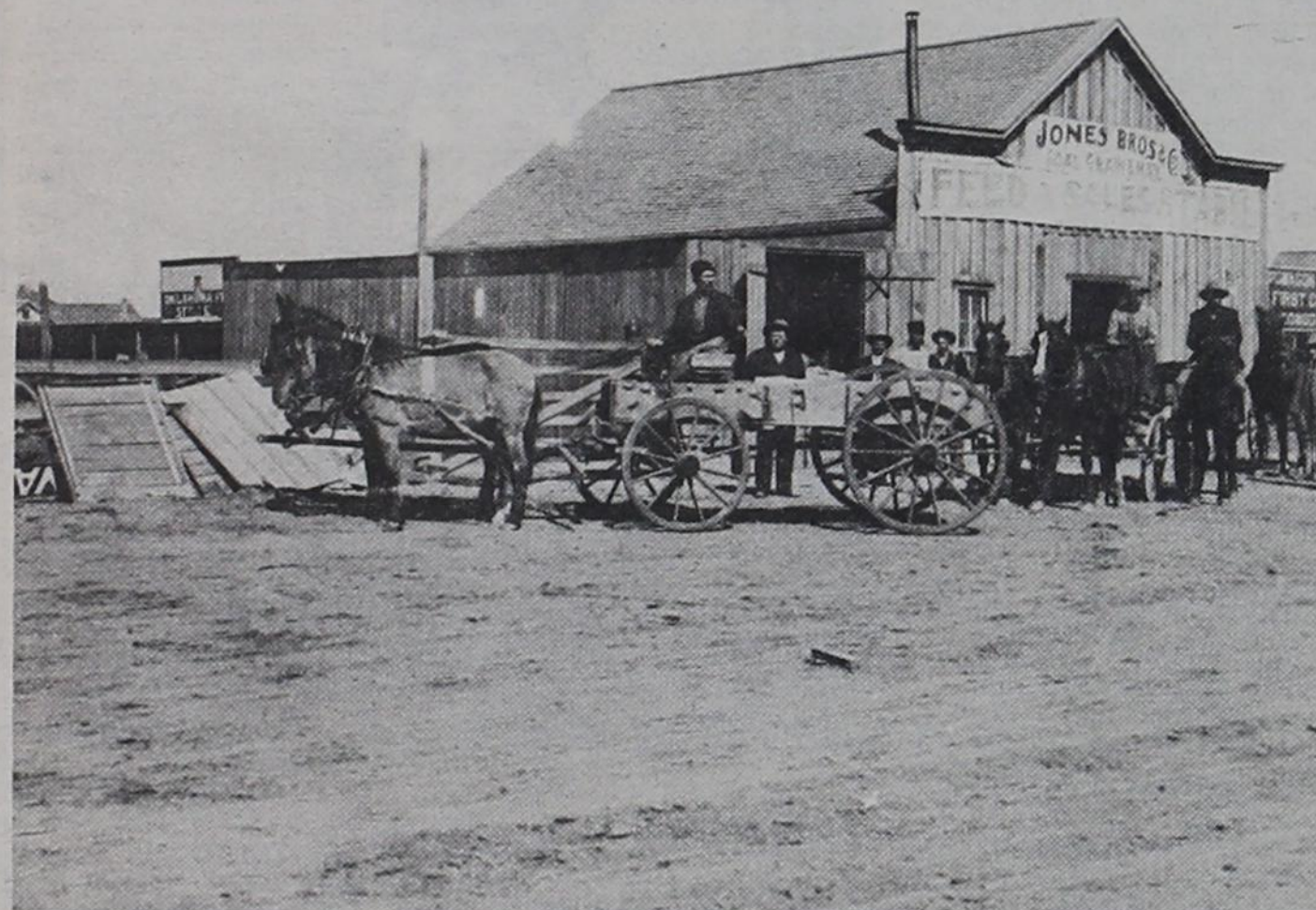
Cyle And Mary

A cycle of the Jones family spanning 75 years was begun when Cyle C. Jones came to this area in 1901, took a wife, Mary, and produced a family of two sons and a daughter. Jones joined with his brother to establish a business, Jones Bros. & Co., which handled coal, grain and hay in Texico until 1911. Photo from the collection of Sonny Jones.



Kyle And LeeAnn

The 75-year cycle of the Jones family was completed and begun anew June 11, 1976, when Cyle's great-grandson, Byron Kyle Jones of Bovina married LeeAnn Williams of Farwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams. Photo from the collection of Sonny Jones.



First Stable

The first building known as Jones Bros. & Co. of Texico was purchased when the building was only partially constructed. Cyle C. Jones and his brother, Keet, completed the building and conducted business at the establishment until it burned. No exact location of the original business has been established. Cyle Jones is pictured third from left. Photo from the collection of Sonny Jones.

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It's the place the youngsters head for, when they prepare to say, I vow.
And it's the showdown place for trouble, that wrinkles many a brow.
It's the bastion of our freedom, where it may be jail or bail,
And it's where neighbor judges neighbor on justice' lawful scale.
Here you will find the judge, and sheriff and of course you will note the clerks.
It's America's best example of how "grass roots democracy" works.
A salute to the county courthouse, and a lusty cheer,
For a symbol of our freedom and the traditions we hold so dear.
Perhaps it's wrong for poets to give her a feminine touch,
But in a way she mothers, things that touch our lives so much.
God bless the county courthouse, and please always keep it near,
Lord, keep it always open, and keep its purpose clear.

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Oklahoma Lane Methodist - -

Church Serves Community For Fifty Years

The Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church was organized on Sunday, Jan. 31, 1926 by Rev. Ira Ernest Walker, pastor of the Methodist Church at Bovina. On that Sunday, Walker



Ladies of the Church

These six ladies and child are pictured as they attended services at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church in 1942 or 1943. Shown, from left, are Becky Foster, Bea Kent, Florence Foster, Loucile Foster, Mrs. Bentley, Bobbie Lou Kent Foster and Gertie Foster.



Worship Services

During the early history of the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church, McMurry College of Abilene celebrated its "coming of age" as the college marked 21 years of service. The announcement of the 21st anniversary was made during worship services at the church and the poster at the right of the picture was displayed for service attendants to observe.

carried water in a fruit jar so he could baptize a baby.

Prior to the establishment of the church a Sunday School was organized in 1917. A visiting preacher from outside the community came to preach during the afternoon meetings.

In 1926 the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church had 11 charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Luther Grissom, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Foster, Tom Foster, Carrie Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bates, Mr. and Mrs. John Gross and Mrs. Fred Kepley.

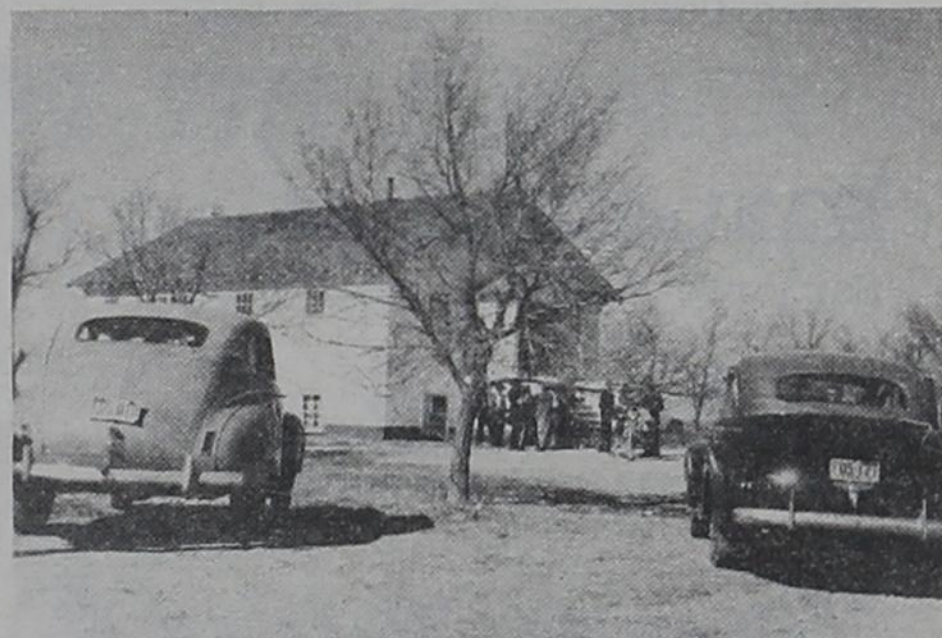
Grissom and Gross were elected Stewards and Mrs. Kepley, church secretary. Services were to be at 2:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at the community's school building.

Preaching and Sunday School continued in the school building until one acre of land was purchased from Jim and Lou Perkins for the sum of \$10. On that one acre a building for education and worship was constructed in 1930.

The first parsonage was a

small three-room house located south of the present church. In 1950 a new parsonage was built and in 1967 additions were constructed, making it a three-bedroom, two-bathroom parsonage. The church purchased its present quarters after the Oklahoma Lane schools were consolidated with the Farwell system. The building which had housed the elementary school-gymnasium was bought in 1952 and remodeling for church purposes was completed in 1953.

Pastors of the church have included: Walker, 1926; W.B. Gillam, 1927-28; Z.B. Pirtle, 1929; Ancil Lynn, 1929-33; I.E. Biggs, 1933-37; Neland Hester, 1937-41; M.R. Pike, 1941-42; Roscoe Trostle, 1942-46; C. Newton Starnes, 1946-47; J.P. Cole, 1947-48; A.D. Moore, 1948-51; Vernon Willard, 1951-57; J.R. Wood, 1957-61; Douglas Gossett, 1961-65; Hardy Cole 1965-67; Woodrow Williams, 1967-71; Oran Smith, 1971-76; Harvey Whittenburg, 1976-present.



Back In '42

The year was 1942 and the day was clear and balmy as these persons attended services at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church. Sunday School classes and worship services were conducted in this two-level structure.



AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL

When Dr. Pierce in Portales retired, Dr. Johnson bought many of his physician's tools and paid him \$1.00 a week until he had completely paid for them. He still possesses one of the first brass Spencer microscopes, a rare antique now.

"Back in those days no one ever thought about locking office doors in the daytime or even locking up the cash drawer when you were leaving the office for a short time," Mrs. Johnson said. "One day when we came back from lunch, blood was splattered all over our office floor."

The couple followed the bloody trail to the site of its origin - where two brothers about six and eight years old had borrowed the doctor's tooth-pulling pliers and were busily pulling each other's teeth. "We'd better leave them nameless since they still live in this area and might be a little embarrassed at the memory," chuckled Mrs. Johnson.

In the winters they would rush home from the office so they could pull their homemade sleigh behind their car. "The ground was always covered with snow in the winters back in those days," they recall. Doc Johnson also used the colder winters to his advantage. He rigged up a canvas sling and pulley, attached it to a big locust tree in their backyard, and was able to "refrigerate" half a beef suspended high in the air throughout the winter.

The handyman-doctor also built the first home swimming pool in this area. He made that out of canvas ducking, or cotton-sack material, too. The 12' x 14' pool and home-made slide were very popular with the couple's three children, Marcy, Nancy, and Scott (or Boog as many area residents nicknamed the boy). The Johnson back yard was also a haven for Hop Graham's children, Al Blanche, Warlick Thomas and his sister, as well as other neighborhood children.

"When the water would get dirty, we'd empty it into our garden." Many children have lived with the Johnsons throughout the years. "In fact, we had six children who graduated from high school before Marcy entered school," recalls "Mommie," the name so many area residents now call Mrs. Johnson. "We'd make ten to twelve dollars a week so we felt rich then," the medical husband-wife team remembers.

During the depression period in the Texico-Farwell area though, times were a lot harder and not nearly as much fun. "There was a hell of a lot of hungry people here during the depression," said Dr. Johnson. "I can remember people from this area who walked into Ebb Randol's grocery store, Triplett Brothers in Texico, and other groceries, and would take a sack of flour and walk out. They'd tell the grocer to put it on their ticket or just shoot them, but they had to have food."

"Once during the depression, I went to the bank and borrowed \$2.00 from Gabe Anderson. I used the money to buy gas for Doc's car and to pay 'Fats' Danner to drive me around the country to try to collect on some of our outstanding accounts. I wasn't very successful though," Mrs. Johnson said.

Mrs. Johnson, who was named New Mexico's Mother-of-the-Year in 1958 and was a finalist in the national competition at New York, has always had a deep concern for the children in this area. She was instrumental in getting the first cafeteria started in the Farwell schools back in 1936 or 1937.

"So many of the kids were coming to school hungry that I helped start a co-op cafeteria. Each student would bring in whatever he could from the farm whether it was one egg, a couple of ears of corn, milk, or whatever." Then each morning Mrs. Johnson would go to the school and inventory the day's bounty, and with the help of a volunteer cook, plan a meal. She would also pasteurize the milk.

Doc, Jack Dunn's boys, and other high school boys built a store room in the school for supplies. Then, high school boys would go to fields as far away as Portales and pick up overlooked potatoes, pumpkins, etc. to put in the cafeteria store room.

In an effort to "help keep the doctor away," Doc tried to always keep two or three barrels of apples on their back porch. It was understood that any school student could go by their home and help himself to one apple per day.

"One Christmas during the depression, Doc took what little money we had and bought peppermint sticks. He put candy in everybody's wagon that appeared in town that Christmas," his wife said.

"My favorite memory of a visit to Doc's office many years ago wasn't of Doc, but was of his dog," one patient, Mrs. J.C. Boone, recalls. "He named his dog, 'Dammit' and since that dog was always underfoot in the office, many patients were a little shocked when Doc would noller, 'Dammit, move!'"

In 1946, the Johnsons moved permanently to Clovis where Doc had been one of the co-founders of Clovis's first hospital, built in the early 1930's. The hospital is now the Ramsey Hotel on Fifth and Prince. "I was delivering too many babies in Clovis by then and seeing too many patients in the hospital to remain in Farwell and do all that driving," said Doc.

However, Dr. Johnson continued making home deliveries in the country, too. "Many nights, we'd bed our children down in the back seat of the car while we'd deliver a baby in someone's country home," Mrs. Johnson said.

On April 15, Dr. Johnson celebrated his 75th birthday. He still sees patients in his office at 600 Mitchell in Clovis, and Mrs. Johnson often works at the office too.

Throughout the years, the couple has witnessed many changes in their own lives and in the area. Their children are scattered; Marcy teaches school in the Farwell kindergarten, Nancy sells real estate in Scottsdale, Ariz. and Scott has his PhD and teaches at the University of Miami. The Johnsons now have nine grandchildren.

Times have changed, and the Johnsons have changed with the times, but Dr. Johnson's office furnishings reflect some of the couple's memories of the Farwell-Texico area. An old clock which once hung in Ebb Randol's grocery store now has an honored place in his lobby. Other memorabilia are also displayed intermingled with the modern medical equipment. Doc still sports the same moustache too. "He shave it only once, and we kids cried," daughter Marcella says.

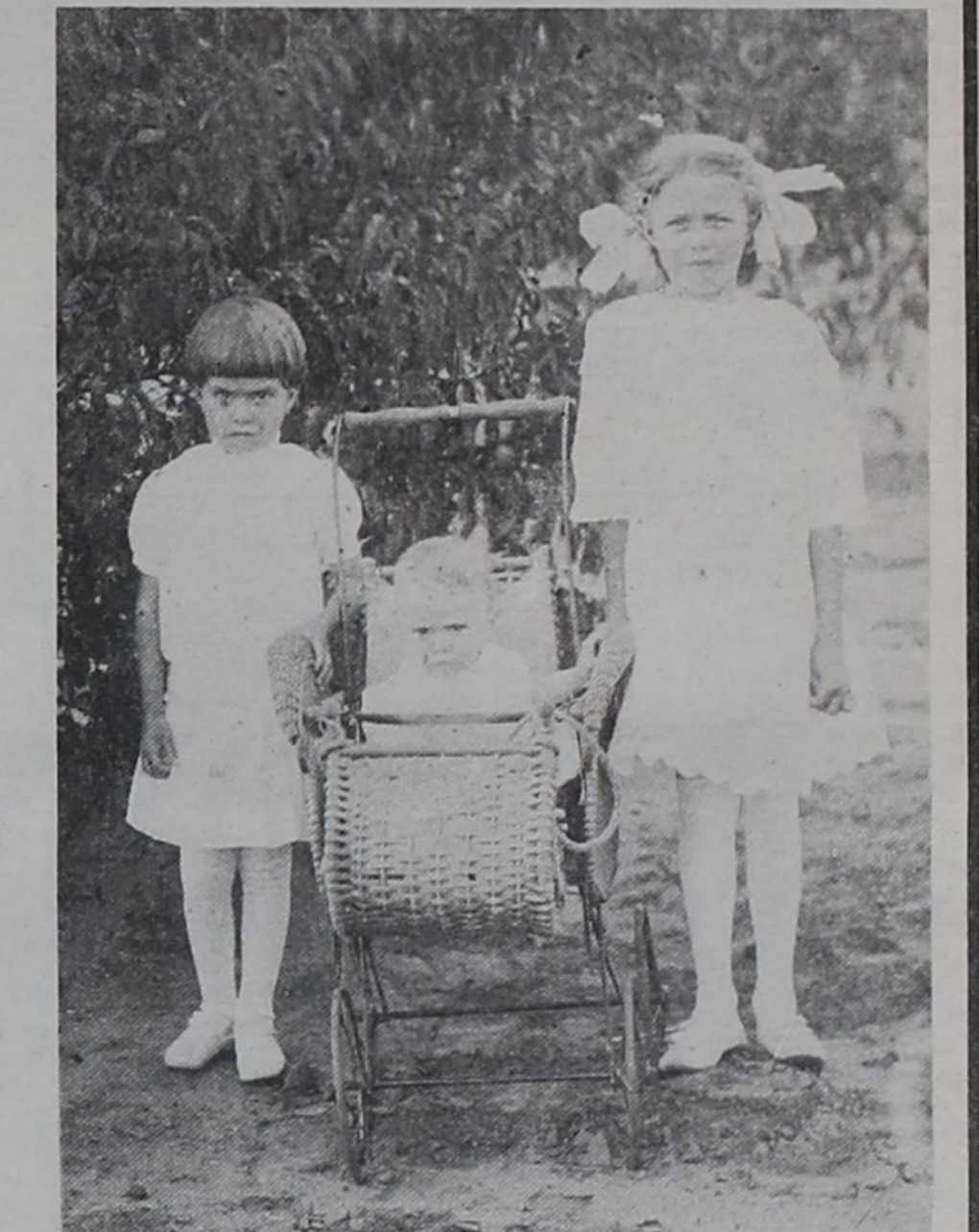
"I still wouldn't trade for my Farwell-Texico days," Doc asserts, and Mrs. Johnson adds, "Times were often hard, but our memories are happy reflections."



LUCILLE JOHNSON



V. SCOTT JOHNSON



Those Were The Days

Yes, the early 1900's were the days of personalized picture post cards, a method used to send greetings and also let friends and relatives see the latest pictures of children's smiling faces. Well, most of the time they were smiling faces. Although this photo was not dated, it is apparent that it is an "oldie" by the construction and materials of the baby carriage.

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CASTOR FARMS AND FEED YARDS

Dr. V. Scott Johnson Recalls Early Days In Texico-Farwell

by Katherine West

"I wouldn't take anything for my years in Farwell and Texico," said Dr. V. Scott Johnson recently.

"Doc sailed around the corner in his 1929 Ford coupe with his straw hat on," says Gabe Anderson, and that was the first impression that the Twin Cities had of their new doctor.

On that first day, August 28, 1930, Gabe Anderson, John Aldridge, and Hamlin Overstreet took Doc on a tour of the country to help convince him that Farwell-Texico would be an excellent location for him to set up a practice.

"The white maize was waist-high and this was the greatest farming country in the world then," Doc reminisced recently. "Farmers grew a type of maize called 'kafir' then and, of course, it was all dry-land farming too," he continued.

The tour was the deciding factor for the doctor and on August 29, 1930, he opened his first office in a room in the back of the Farwell Bank.

"My first big job was to get office furniture, so since I was handy with tools, I started on that first day by making my furniture," Johnson says. The doctor still has some of that original furniture—a hand-carved chair with intricate detail was displayed as an example, and it is a classic piece of beautiful handcraft that would defy any modern factory-made chair on the market today.

Dr. Johnson received his medical degree from Baylor University in the spring of 1929. From there, the young, unmarried doctor moved to Missouri Baptist Hospital for his internship. After the internship, he went to work for the Missouri State Health Department for a very large salary in those days—\$3,600 a year.

"One of my duties in Missouri was to take case histories of convicts in the prison. The Health Department was trying to prove a theory that people who did not have their tonsils removed would become criminals," said Dr. Johnson.

However, Dr. William Thaxton, a classmate and good friend of Johnson, urged him to check out the greener pastures in New Mexico. Dr. Thaxton was on his way to Hobbs to in-

vestigate the possibilities there for himself, so Dr. Johnson travelled with him as far as Clovis. Doc's cousin who lived in Clovis told him that Farwell and Texico was in need of another doctor. A call to Charlie Rose at Farwell confirmed this and the tour of the countryside was all that it took to convince Dr. Johnson to establish himself here.

Doc moved in with Claude Rose in a room in the back of Rose Drug. Claude had just finished his pharmacy training and was running the pharmacy for Charlie Rose.

At the time the young doctor came to the Twin Cities, three other doctors were serving the medical needs for the community. Dr. Presley, Dr. Clark, and Dr. McCuan were all in their seventies and beginning to think of retirement then.

"Of course, antibiotics and modern drugs were unheard of then. We had calomel, which was a purgative, quinine, and aspirin. We really couldn't do much except give a purgative, give baths and aspirins to patients to bring the fever down, and give a warm water enema."

The young doctor's practice grew rapidly because an epidemic of measles and other diseases overtook the community. "I was working night and day trying to help. Red Butler, the Methodist preacher in Texico, helped me out by driving me at night to my patients in the country. He'd sleep days, drive me at night, and preach on Sunday."

Other help arrived too when Lucille Lampp came to Farwell to nurse for the busy doctor. The doctor and Miss Lampp had met and dated while she was a senior nurse in the Missouri Baptist Hospital's Nursing School. She graduated from there in April, 1930, and in November, 1930, she moved to Farwell and roomed with the Guy Hawkins Family.

Mrs. Johnson recalls that during one of these terrible measles epidemics, she and the doctor would see patients all day in the office and make country housecalls during the nights. While she drove, the doctor slept, and while he was making his calls, she slept in the car. "For three weeks, we never went to bed for a night's rest," she added.

They were married May 5,

1931, in Nashville, Ill. For a short time, they lived in the doctor's office in the back of the bank. "We had a single patient bed for sick ones in the office that patients used in the daytime. At night, I changed the sheets and we'd sleep on that bed," Mrs. Johnson remembered.

"Texico and Farwell had nothing but dirt roads when we first came. It started raining the first day after I got here and it rained daily for three weeks," said the nurse. "I can remember where Charlie Lovelace lives now (412 1st Street), kids were riding in tubs in front of an office. The water was three to four feet deep in the streets."

In 1933, the couple built their first house across the street from where the Dovie Sears' residence is now. They would use whatever fees they had collected that day and buy lumber and supplies with it, so each day's materials were paid for.

"The Longbell Lumber Company sold boards for four or five cents a foot then," Doc recalls.

Of course, the physician's fees were a lot different from today's prices, too. Office calls were fifty cents, local house calls were \$1.00 and house calls in the country were \$1.00 plus five cents a mile. Babies were delivered in homes since no hospital facilities were available. "It was a real treat to get a chicken or a glass of jelly for the delivery fee," said the couple. Many of the doctor's fees were paid by exchanging food items for the bills.

"Eph Young used to bring us in huge turnips by the bushels, and we'd bury them in our back yard for the winter months."

When the couple's first child, Marcella, (now Mrs. Marcella Cole) was born in their own home, "I had to administer my own anesthesia," Mrs. Johnson said.

The practice of medicine has changed considerably since the husband-wife team started too. "One of the big tasks was educating young mothers on the care of babies and young children." In those days many babies and school children were forced to wear asafetida bags, bags containing a foul-smelling gum-resin substance with a garlic-like odor. The sacks were tied and worn



DR. AND MRS. V. SCOTT JOHNSON

around the neck and were supposedly a preventative for diseases. "They probably did prevent some diseases too, because no one could stand to get too close to someone wearing one. Pity the poor school teachers who had these students in their rooms!" laughed the medical team.

"Dr. Wills, a friend of mine, would come over from Hereford and one day each week, we would do 30 to 40 tonsillectomies in the present courtroom," recalls Dr. Johnson. "He'd give the anesthesia to the patient, and I'd operate; then on the next patient, we'd reverse the roles. The county was supposed to pay us \$10 for each operation, but we did a lot of them for nothing. On the following day we'd go to Muleshoe and do the same thing over there."

One of the doctor's earliest patients was Mrs. Freda Finley, a sister to Crump and Roy Melugin. The young woman had been bitten by a rattlesnake, brought to town, and placed in a room in the hotel where she was slowly dying. "Dr. McCuan told the family that he knew of nothing else to do for her except to call me in since I was new in the field.

Fortunately, I had helped to work on the perfection of the serum for snake bites when I was stationed in Ft. Sam Houston in the army. George Sasser had ordered a stock of the serum for his pharmacy in Clovis at my request. I called George and told him to stand out on the street corner with the serum in his hand and I'd be there shortly to pick it up. I was considered to be a pretty daring driver in those days, and I made it to Clovis on the dirt roads in record time. George was waiting just like I'd instructed him, and I never even had to stop. I got back to Farwell, administered the serum, and that dying woman lived."

Doctors in the 1930's had to set bones, pull teeth, deliver babies, do skin and muscle repairs with very few tools to work with. "I'd make my own braces and appliances then with Ira Selman's help. Ira owned a blacksmith shop here," the doctor recalled. "One young man almost lost his arm when they were building the road from Farwell to Amarillo. The brace I made him forced him to keep his arm straight up in the air for months, but it saved his arm."

First Area Irrigation Wells Drilled About 1910

The first irrigation wells in this part of the country were put in about 1910 some 16 miles southeast of Farwell, according to Ralph Barger who was a youngster at the time.

Barger, who now lives in Truth or Consequences, N.M.

with his wife, the former Dorothea Kloepper of Oklahoma Lane, has photographs of an irrigation well installed by his

father in 1911 on their farm in Bailey County about 16 miles southeast of Farwell.

Barger said his father's well was the second in this area and the first one was drilled by his grandfather about a year earlier and a mile away from the location of the second well. He has no photographs of the earlier well.

Barger said his family decided to irrigate because the area was so dry that it was hard to grow crops or even plow the sod. He said his grandfather, J.D. Burns, had "witched" for veins of water in Missouri and Iowa. Barger said his grandfather found that "everywhere he went" around their new home in Texas, his "witching" worked.

Both wells were drilled by the Mardis brothers, members of one of five families who lived in the area at that time. The wells were shallow, Barger said. The well on his father's place was hand dug to a depth of 20 feet and then the Mardis brothers drilled about 40 feet further.

When everything was working right, his father's well could pump 1,000 gallons per minute at full capacity. The well was powered by a 1900 model International engine which had been used earlier to run a grist mill in Farwell. The pump had to be primed with four or five buckets of water in order to operate. The engine initially was cooled by a water tank which had to be continually

refilled, however, the system was later revamped and rigged so that the engine would pump water to cool itself and could run with no one present.

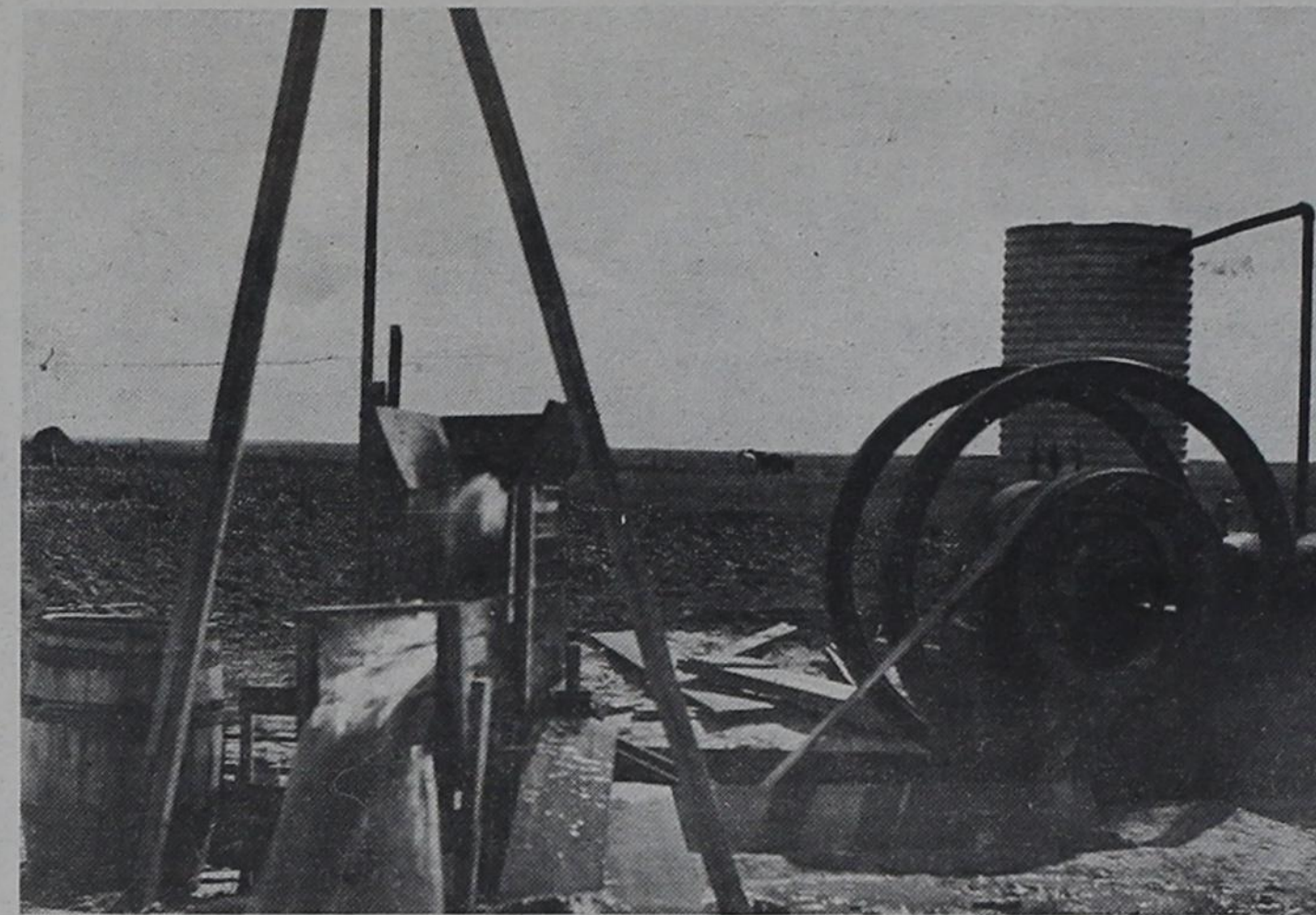
Although his father owned a half section, Barger said the well was only used to irrigate about 80 acres.

Barger also elaborated on West Texas farm life in the earlier part of this century. He said when his family moved to the area in 1909 "all that was there were long-horned cattle, rattlesnakes, prairie dogs, coyotes and rabbits." He said the rabbits were "a life saver" as they were "our source of meat."

For energy, "cow chips" were burned as "there wasn't a tree in sight." He said, "We had to get our supply piled up in the summer or fall before winter snow came and covered the energy up."

Farwell provided the only railroad outlet and trading place for the area. "One of the neighbors came to Farwell at least once a week to get mail and groceries for everyone (in the community)," he said.

Barger's family sold the farm in 1924 and moved north about eight miles into the Oklahoma Lane area of Parmer County. There he met and later married Dorothea Kloepper. The couple moved to Albuquerque in 1938 and then to Truth or Consequences in 1974. They are still occasional visitors to Parmer County.



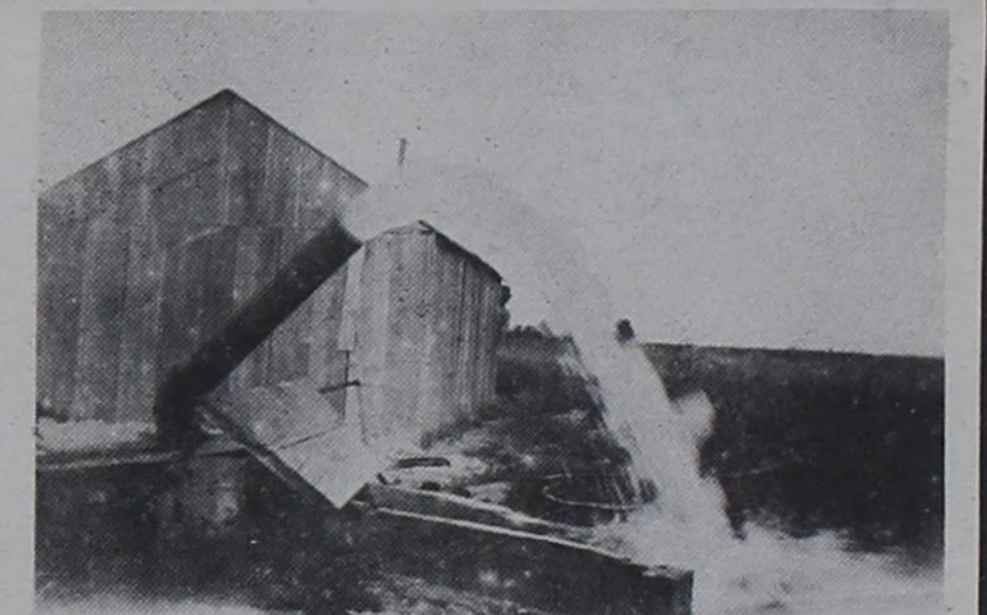
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Ralph Barger, Early Pioneer

Ralph Barger, third from right in the back row, is pictured at what was probably an early day "Sunday-Go-To-Meeting" gathering. Barger remembers West Texas farm life in the early 1900's. When he and his family moved to this area in 1909, "all that was there were long-horned cattle, rattlesnakes, prairie dogs, coyotes and rabbits." Barger and his wife, the former Dorothea Kloepper of Oklahoma Lane, now reside in Truth or Consequences, N.M., but are still occasional visitors to Parmer County.



Solid Pipe Of Water

This early day West Camp well sticks its pipe of water almost straight up in the air as the water is pumped from the 60-foot water table. Very shallow wells were common in the early days of High Plains irrigation. Photo from Ralph Barger collection.

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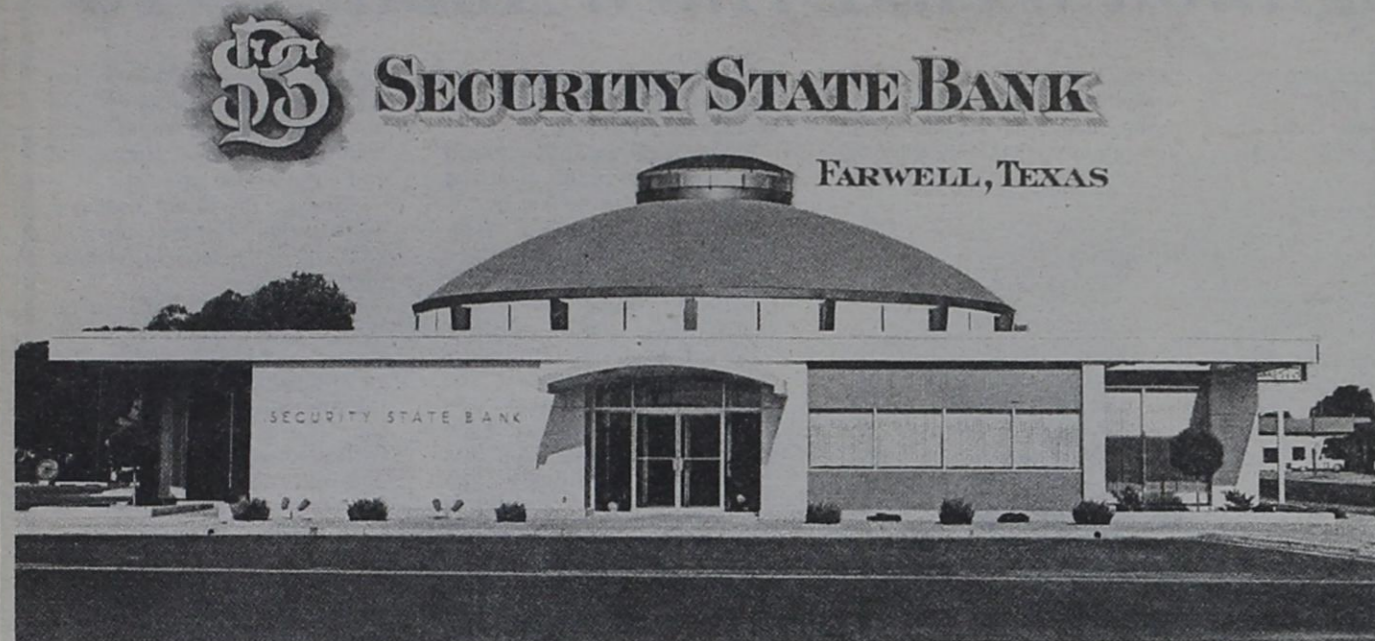
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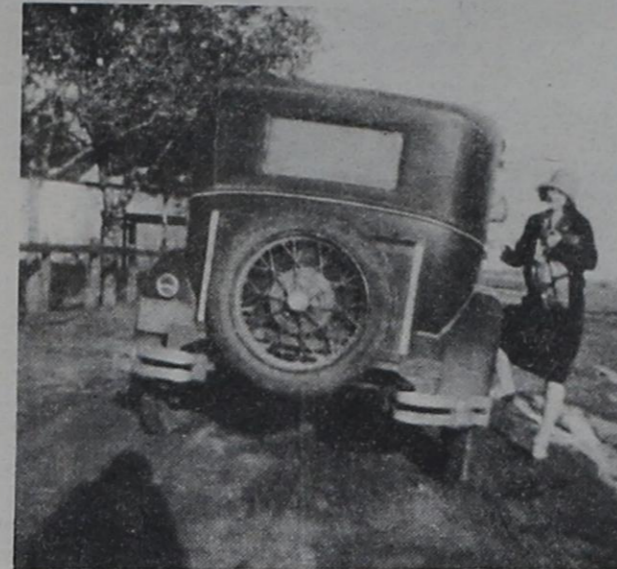
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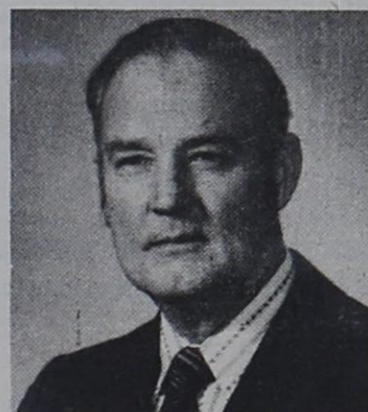


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