



## Wheeler, Texas

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CELEBRATION**  
**Saturday AUG. 20<sup>th</sup> 1955**

formerly BUFFALO RANGE and INDIAN HUNTING GROUND the EARLY SETTLERS were DISCHARGED SOLDIERS, COWBOYS and RANCHERS = \*  
 Wheeler WAS THE FIRST COUNTY ORGANIZED in the PANHANDLE = \*

**Congratulations TO FRIENDLY WHEELER, WHEELS OF PROGRESS and ITS FUTURE GROWTH**

WHEELER COUNTY CREATED AUG. 21, 1876 and ORGANIZED in 1879 =  
 OLD MOBEETIE ESTABLISHED in 1875 WAS FIRST COUNTY SEAT =  
 The ELECTION in 1906 MOVED WHEELER COUNTY SEAT to THE CITY of WHEELER = THE AREA WAS THE SITE of MANY INDIAN BATTLES = \*

YOUR WHEELER TIMES PROUDLY PRESENTS THIS EDITION in CARICATURE and CARTOONS INTRODUCING THE HISTORY of THE AREA, THE FIRMS and THEIR PERSONNEL SERVING THEIR PRODUCTS and SERVICES and THE PART EVERY CITIZEN PLAYS in THE DEVELOPMENT of WHEELER = \*

# WELCOME TO WHEELER 'EXES'

## Jam-Packed Program Set for Birthday Festival

A jam-packed program for the week end starting August 19 with the participation of all ex-students of the schools. Registrations are being received whether you are a student or not. If you are a Wheeler graduate you are requested to either Friday or Saturday evening and attend the meeting of Wheeler Ex-Students which will be held at the Wheeler Hotel Friday night, August 19.

A permanent organization for the ex-students will be set up and officers elected for the ensuing year, according to Harrison Hall, Tempe, Chairman.

Registration will get underway at the Hamilton Building on the corner of the square. This will be the day's activities. The High School band will play during the forenoon. Those interested in playing with the band are invited to attend the meeting to be held Tuesday, August 23, at 9 a.m. Ex-Students are requested to take part in this day's activities.

Congressman Walter Rogers will make an address from the bank corner at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Wofford will interview the public during the dinner. The program will reveal many interesting happenings of the early days of Wheeler.

10 p.m. Hurshul Clothier

will play for a gigantic street dance in the 500 block North Main Street. The dance will wind up the activities of the day.

Rhodes Carnival Rides will be in town all week and located in the street between the bank and post office. All street concessions will be open to the public and operated by local civic groups and clubs.

The first formal graduating



Congressman Walter Rogers

## Day's Program August 20th

- 9:30 A. M. Registration of Pioneers and Ex-Students at Pennigton Building.
- 10:30 A. M. Address by Congressman Walter Rogers at North West Corner of Square.
- 12:00 Noon. Free Barbecue. Served at the Northeast Corner of Square. Eating Utensils Furnished
- 2:30 P. M. Old Fiddler's Contest, American Legion Hut.
- Send entries to E. D. Guynes, Chairman
- Rhodes Carnival Rides will operate here all week starting August 15.
- Concessions of all kinds operated by local clubs
- 9:00 P.M. Street Dance in 500 block or North Main Street.
- Music by Hurshul Clothier and His Oklahoma Travlers
- Friday evening there will be a mass meeting of all Ex-Students of Wheeler in the Gymnasium. Harrison Hall, Chairman.

A day of visiting and entertainment for young and old is assured if you come to Wheeler and help celebrate our 50th Birthday on

**August 20th**

## History Of City Of Wheeler Is Typical Pioneer Story

From a lone dugout on the edge, across the span of a half-century, Wheeler has grown into a thriving little city.

A lot of 160 acres was set aside by Stanley and Rogers. The two men began promoting a town in the heart of Wheeler County in 1876. The name they chose was Wheeler.

The first name submitted for the town was Maude, which was the name of one of Mrs. Stanley's daughters as well as the name of Mrs. R. B. Rogers. Later, Alice and Emma, also names of two of the Stanley girls were submitted, but all three were rejected. The name Wheeler, for the county in which it was located, was finally adopted.

The first house was a "half-dugout" in which the R. B. Rogers family lived until their home was built. Mr. Rogers was named postmaster, and the mail was carried out from Shamrock by Robert Crowder. His salary was paid privately by Stanley and Rogers.

The town company gave Tom Bond a lot upon which to erect the first store building. Then followed a hotel and blacksmith shop.

The R. B. Rogers home was built on the present site of the Wheeler Hospital, and the Stanley Ranch headquarters, built in the Stanley grove just east of town.

The first religious services held near the new townsite was a camp meeting in the Stanley grove. A brush arbor was built and people of all denominations came for miles around and camped out for two weeks. Meals were cooked

over open fires. Rev. E. A. Westerson, a Baptist missionary of the Palo Duro Baptist Association, did the preaching.

The first lawyer to locate in the new town was J. B. Reynolds and his family. Dr. R. E. Blackerby was an early physician in Wheeler. A man named Ketchersid opened the first drug store in the new town.

Children in the community attended school in a little one-room schoolhouse, located about four miles south of the present Wheeler at Broncho Springs. The first term of school was in 1876. Emma Wine and Mrs. Emma were the first teachers. G. F. Witt, Murrell Wright, B. Cole, W. M. Hampton, Oller, Jack Williams, J. D. Williams and H. B. Guynes.

Today Wheeler has a modern school system, with an accredited high school. There are 12 grades and 18 teachers. A. E. Brown serves as Superintendent; B. K. Barham, high school principal and Carroll Killingsworth, grade school principal. Assessed valuation of the school property is \$1,713,580.00.

The first church in Wheeler was organized and built by the Baptists. Other churches followed. They were Methodist Church of Christ, Nazarene, Assembly of God, Landmark Baptist and Primitive Baptist. Although the churches began with small wooden buildings, Wheeler now has some spacious brick churches, well furnished and equipped.

In 1907 the old wooden courthouse was moved to Wheeler from Old Mobeetie. It was marked piece by piece and re-erected. The first court in the new county seat was held in the Baptist Church. An election was held in May of 1925 for \$80,000.00 bonds for a new court house.

The town was incorporated June 4, 1925. J. E. Stanley was elected as the first mayor of Wheeler. Members of the first city council were A. B. Crump, H. E. Nicholson, Norwood Hall, Hubert Hunt, and G. O. McCrohan. It is still served by a mayor and five city council members.

In 1926, Dr. J. A. Hall and H. M. Wiley formed the gas company, now known as Wheeler Gas Company, and it is still owned and operated by H. M. Wiley and his children, who also operate on Gas.

Strentz installed the first public water system in 1927. This system was installed in 1934. Porter was sold to the city in 1937. The population of Wheeler is 1,253. Two and one-half miles of new paving is in the process of being laid.

Diversified crops grow abundantly in the area around Wheeler — corn, cotton, wheat, grain sorghum, alfalfa. Dairying is a major industry, and Wheeler is the "Fruit basket of the Panhandle."

On nearby ranches many fine

(Continued on last page)



Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Reed came to Wheeler County in 1922, and settled on a ranch northeast of Wheeler. In 1946 they retired and moved to Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. Reed celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 23, 1952. Their children are: Ruben Reed, Mrs. O. V. Miller, Mrs. Clinton DeWolf, Johnnie Reed, Mrs. Bob Black, Domer Reed and Mrs. E. R. Stone.

### J. W. HOOKER REMINISCES

The J. W. Hooker and F. E. Gossett families came to Wheeler by covered wagon in 1907 from Duke, Okla. It took us four days to make the trip. Very few people were in Wheeler at that time. Mr. Bond owned a grocery store on the corner south of Ernest Lee Hardware. Mr. Flowers owned the first dry goods store. He sold it to Mr. Dill and Mr. Dill sold it to Mauldin and Mitchell. They also handled hardware, and the store was located where O. Nations barber shop now stands. Church services were held above the Flowers store until the courthouse was moved from Mobeetie in 1908. Then we had community services in the courthouse.

Mr. Ketchersid, was the first postmaster and he had a small drug store on the corner where the City Drug is located. Miss Margaret Hooker worked at the PO and the people would come in about once a week for their mail.

R. M. Stone had a real estate office and John Hilburn edited the first newspaper.

I operated the first Gin for two years, and the cotton crop was so small it was shut down, and then I worked for Mauldin and Mitchell for several years.

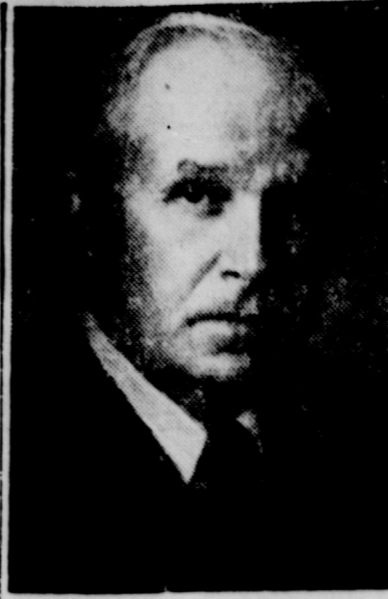
The first car in Wheeler was bought by Walter and Kid Breeding. They hired a man from Shamrock who had worked in the Buick plant at Detroit, to drive it to Wheeler. Everybody in Shamrock had to ride in it. On the way back we brought Anger Reynolds, who had been there visiting.

When we got to the bridge we got stuck in the sand. Mr. Marvin Sanders, who was sheriff then, came by with his big grey horse and tried to pull us out with a rope, but couldn't make it. So about that time Kid Breeding came by with a four mule freight team and helped us get across. About eight miles from Wheeler we broke down and had to send to Detroit for parts.

E. P. Reid of Mobeetie Major Anglin England, R. B. Rogers and J. E. Stanley were promoters of the railroad. A lot of money was spent on it at that time but the Boar war came and they had to drop it. I was driving the car all this time hauling these men from Miami to Vernon. Always had to have four men along to push and pull the car out of the sand.

One time it broke down and I had to send it to Amarillo to be repaired. Tom Morton and I went up on the train to bring it back. While we were gone a big snow fell, and since there were no paving, the roads got awful muddy.

We left early one morning for Wheeler. Mr. Morton would pull off his shoes and push the car through the mud holes. We were all day getting 6 miles this side of Pampa, and broke down. We tried to get some one to bring us on to Wheeler but they would only laugh at us, so we started on foot. When we got to the creek west of town it was dark, it looked like there were 30 ft. of water in it. We decided to climb across the creek in the middle of the creek. Mr. Morton fell off and it was then we found out it wasn't water at all, but white sand. We finally got to Judge Durhams and he loaned us a team and buggy to come on to Wheeler. Mr. Hooker says he moved here to beat the Railroad, has lived here 48 years and is still ahead of it.



D. E. HOLT

### Wheeler's First Banker

Mr. D. E. Holt was born in Bourbon County, Kans., on a farm, April 11th, 1874. He was one of six boys, and his father taught them to work together as a team, encouraging them to partnership business, and Mr. Holt carried this policy on to his own four boys. In 1900 Mr. Holt, as his first business venture owned and operated a telephone exchange in Kansas assisted by his wife. He later bought a meat market and slaughter house, at both of which he was successful. In 1902 he came to Texas in preparation to moving his wife and family to Wheeler. After organizing the Citizens State Bank, in 1908, August 8th, Mr. and Mrs. Holt and their three children arrived in Wheeler and he opened the Bank August 11, 1908.

Mr. Holt was a booster for Wheeler always ready to assist in its growth and the betterment of its future, giving of his time and resources unselfishly.

With the Wheeler Bank as a background Mr. Holt organized five additional banks in the state of Colorado, two which the family still operates.

Mr. Holt helped to interest many people in Wheeler County, selling land to farmers as they moved here.

Mr. Holt actively assisted in the building and financing of the Methodist Church, was always happy to help in its progress. It was during construction of the new chapel, as he watched with interest, that he fell, sustaining injuries from which he never recovered.

Mr. Holt was a 32 Degree Mason, a member of the Odd Fellows, and a member of long standing in the Woodmen of the World.

True to his training Mr. Holt looking to the future of his family, sold his oil interests which he had developed over a long period of years to his four boys, several years prior to his death.

Despite his varied activities, the Bank was always his pride and joy, he felt it a privilege to assist worthy people as he quietly walked through life. As the Bank grew and prospered his interest and pride were reflected in his many friends and customers.

His advice was never given unless asked for, being a man of few words, a keen sense of humor, he was a very retiring person, of high integrity, a man who lived his religion in his everyday life. His influence will go on in the lives of his family and friends.

### Newspaper Advertising Pays!



Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Vaughan of Briscoe came to Wheeler County about 1929 or 1930. They celebrated their golden Wedding Anniversary July 5, 1953. Their children are: E. T. Vaughan, Delbert Vaughan, Lena Temple, Finis Vaughan, Bulah Evans, Susie Fults, Bob Vaughan, Lois Hudson, Vada Vance and Margie Meadows.

### AARON COX HAS EARLY LIVERY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story was taken from an edition of the Wheeler County Texan published in December 1906. Mrs. J. M. Porter had preserved the edition and loaned it to the Times for this edition.)

Aaron Cox came to the town of Wheeler on the first September 1906 from Chickasaw nation and later purchased six town lots upon which he built his residence and put in a wagon yard.

Mr. Cox is going to enlarge his yard, and put in a double row of stalls, to accommodate his rapidly increasing trade. He is the owner of four head of good horses, and is the proprietor of the Wheeler-Shamrock hack line. He does a great deal of freighting from the former place.

Mr. Cox's family consists of his wife and two children, a son of 21 years, and another little fellow of five. He says he has risked his all on Wheeler being a good town, and of course he has won out.

When you are in Wheeler with your team, be sure and put them up with Mr. Cox; he will take the very best care of them and his rates are most reasonable.

### GARDEN CLUB ENJOYS EARLY DAY PROGRAM

The North Wheeler County Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. George Taylor, Mrs. Jess Moore was in charge of the business session.

The program was a memor of Wheeler County in the early days.

Mrs. Wiley remembering the early day flowers told us "When I came to Wheeler County, my cousin Nida Green, was a successful gardener. She had lilacs, Cosmos, Mums, Zinnias, Yellow Primroses and a bed of Sun Moss all over the top of the storm cellar. Cypress vines climbed clothes line poles and a big bed of dog tooth Crolets, which had been dug up on the creek, were lovely and had eight and ten inch stems.

In my first married years we moved many times, six times in twenty-three months. Then we settled on our hill where we are living and have been living here for forty-one years. Now I live among many flower beds and am still digging, for I believe that the who makes a garden labors with God.

Mrs. J. M. Porter told of the shrubs and trees of the early days.

She says "The sand grass was tall enough to be across the back of a horse and the mosquito and buffalo grass waved in the winds. The creeks were smaller and stood in waterholes with trickling streams from one to the other. Grass grew on the banks and the fish were plentiful.

There was a good many trees along the streams and a few on the wide prairie. Because some could be seen from long distances, they became land-marks, such as the twin hackberries that green on the way to our ranch. The plum bushes were of great benefit to the first settlers, but they didn't care enough to preserve them and most of the big yellow ones are gone. People would cut them down and drag them to the shade to

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AUG. 20th SATURDAY NEIGHBORS-YOU'RE ALL INVITED! A DAY for FUN and FROLIC FREE BAR-B-Q Big DANCE Entertainment for ALL WHEELER in TEXAS



Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams came to Wheeler in 1910, and helped pioneer this community. engaged in farming and ranching until his health compelled him to retire. Mr. and Mrs. Williams celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary November 2, 1953. A lifelong friend of Mr. Williams, Clarence Pearson, who had served as best man at the 50 years earlier, was present for the event. The children are: Glenn L. Williams, Mrs. Weldon S. Mrs. Gordon Whitener.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this thanking our friends for the beautiful floral cards of sympathy and way that you helped in our sorrow. May God's richest bless with you always. Richard Bradley Sharon Dianne Deborah Diane of Newkirk Okla.

July 1916 — Messrs S. W. A., and Creedy B here last Friday in an Colo. broke down at P laid over there until late afternoon before they sum their journey. They expected back tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon are the parents of a born August 5 in the Hospital. She has been name of Paula Louise. Her grandfathers are Mrs. H. Hagerman and ternal grandparents are Mrs. Aubrey Caudell.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen K of New London, former Superintendent, are visiting in Wheeler this week.

CONGRATULATIONS WHEELER WELCOME TO THE BIG PARTY AUGUST 20 We are proud to have had a part in growth and development of Wheeler We have served the area with gas, oil and accessories since 1930. GARRISON SERVICE Gulf gasoline and Oils — Fisk Tires and Tubes, Auto Accessories Phone 3031 Wheeler, Tex.

### KIWANIS NOTES

By Dr. C. C. Merritt

There were a goodly number of visitors at the luncheon Monday. They were from Amarillo, Pampa, Lawton and Wheeler. Geo. Taylor was installed as a new member of the club. We were all very happy to have George join in with us in our work.

The program was in the hands of Harry — and Harry made good at it too. Harry took his stand with those whose were trying to do something about the problem of the "small farmer". I told him that I thought it was the best speech I ever heard him make.

George Gandy was gone — C. J. was gone. So, Frank was appointed by somebody to call the house to order and to assume the leadership for the day. Frank always does a good job at such work. The club thanks you, Frank, for your service.

Then I must say something about that good, good dinner. One lady said that whatever I said they wanted me to tell the truth about it. Just like they thought I must have been kidding in some things that I've said in the past. No siren, I'm not kidding. That dinner suits those men first rate. And the only thing wrong about that gravy was that it was too thin — it got away from us to easy and to fast. But it was sure good what part of it we could get to stay put.

I think it will be okay right here to say something about our NEW bank. Have you noticed the interior of the bank? Oh boy! That puts Wheeler one more step forward toward a modern little city. Thanks Bankers — all of you.

### Locals

Jack Helton spent last week in Canyon visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tooter Helton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Martin visited last Thursday with her brother, Chester Morgan, who is a patient in the Veterans' Hospital in Amarillo.

Extensive remodeling is being finished this week in the First National Bank.

Miss Glenna Hefley of Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilmore of De Leon visited Friday in Berger in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dawson and small daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gandy and family are out of town this week on a vacation trip.

Week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Franklin and family were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flynt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Flynt and family of Pampa.

Some of the ones from Wheeler that are attending the National Guard Training Camp at Ft. Sill, Okla., are Gene Haddock, Harold Lloyd Loe, Dick Pendleton, Junior Haddock, Robert Denson, George Mize and Douglas Blevins.

Rev. and Mrs. Carlton Tomson and family spent a few days last week in Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos May and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Herd are vacationing this week.

### C. M. SETSER CITY'S FIRST PHOTOGRAPHER

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Through the courtesy of Mrs. J. M. Porter, we are able to bring you this article taken from an 1906 Wheeler County Texan. C. M. Setser was the first photographer in Wheeler.)

The Western Art Company is a thriving institution recently launched by C. M. Setser, a photographic artist of no mean ability. His purpose is to furnish photo work of all descriptions, including, besides the usual portraits in all varieties and styles, scenic and panoramic views of all parts of the country, postal and souvenir cards, stamp pictures, photo buttons, scarf pins, cuff buttons, brooches, etc. at the following rates: Mounted stamp pictures, 25 cents; buttons, 20 cents; scarf pins, 50 cents; cuff buttons, \$1.50; brooches from 25 cents to \$5.00.

Mr. Setser is an artist who thoroughly understands his business, and guarantees his work. The Western Art Co. will have its headquarters at Wheeler for a time with branches at Shamrock, Texola, and perhaps McLean and Erick. Mr. Setser's family consists of his wife and a handsome son of three. Personally, he is a gentleman of pleasing appearance.

### SILVER S DAY AUGUST 6TH

We had to call half the names in this tragic territory to give away the awards at the 4:00 event Saturday, but it was a lot of fun. The name of Arval L. Ladd of Shamrock was called for the jackpot at 7:00 and as he didn't respond the jackpot for next Saturday will amount to \$60.00. You'll come, and try to take it away from us.

W. L. Williams from north of town claimed the \$25,000 award, other names called were: G. R. Buckner, Doc Guynes, and R. B. Trostle of Shamrock.

Nick Wiebe of Briscoe took the second award of \$12.50 other names called were: R. B. Reeves, Twitty, Walter O'Gorman, and W. H. Gott, Shamrock.

Marvin Hefley of Wheeler was winner of \$7.50 for third award. Other names called were: W. J. Shaffer, Twitty Virginia Anderson, Ray Berry, W. G. Hlatt, R. B. Caperton, Shamrock.

M. W. Meadows, won the fourth award for \$5.00 other names called were C. C. Freeman, Mrs. C. H. Clay, Grandy Srtinger, Vernon Mitchell, Oma Bowerman, C. C. Bickford, Ernest Gowdy, and Mrs. Virginia Day Wheeler.

D. C. Briggs, M. E. Wood, V. O. Jett, R. C. Hall, Ocie Henderson, Leon L. Freece, Bill Phillips, Luella Levitt, Murray Tinsley, A. M. Barsofar, D. C. Hale, Carl Isacs, Stanley Rankin, John A. Smith, Mrs. W. R. Writer and Bobby Burrell.

Mrs. J. R. Clark, Shamrock, R. W. Bailey, McLean, Lim Clifton, Pampa, S. N. Carnahan, V. L. Carson, T. J. Quinn, David Wilson, Miami, Vern Lohberger, Briscoe, Charlie Corcoran, Pierce Furgeson, Hayward Romines, Mobeetie, Chris Schaeff, S. L. Moore, Canadian.

Times Classifieds Get Results!

### C of C Notes

By DICK GUYNES, Sec.

The regular monthly meeting of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce was held at Nora's Cafe last Tuesday night. There were 17 members and two guests present.

During the business session the motor caravan was discussed and date set for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Caravan to leave the Chamber office at 9:00 a.m. each morning. If you can go on the trip be at the office before 9:00 a.m. the days you can accompany the caravan.

Plans for the celebration were discussed and final decisions made. Streets down town were washed this morning and the date of the general clean up of the city set as Monday, August 15. Burn what will burn and stack residue by trash barrels to be hauled away. If you need someone to mow grass call Jim Risner.

Mrs. J. M. Porter and Mrs. C. C. Robison were the guests at the meeting and gave an interesting program by telling of the early days in Wheeler. A general discussion of old times was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Howell and family of Levelland, formerly of this city, visited friends over the week end.

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**GREETINGS:**

You are hereby commanded to  
 cause to be published once each  
 week for four consecutive weeks,  
 the first publication to be at  
 least twenty-eight days before the  
 return day thereof, in a news-  
 paper printed in Wheeler County,  
 Texas, the accompanying citation,  
 of which the herein below follow-  
 ing is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

TO: J. W. Perky, and the Heirs  
 of the said J. W. Perky, and the  
 Heirs of the deceased Heirs of the  
 said J. W. Perky, R. L. Davis  
 and the unknown Heirs of the  
 said R. L. Davis, D. C. Gal-  
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 of the unknown Heirs of the said  
 George Staggs, Defendants, Greet-  
 ings:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COM-  
 MAND**ED to appear before the  
 Honorable 31st District Court of  
 Wheeler County at the Court-  
 house thereof, in Wheeler, Texas,  
 by filing a written answer at or  
 before 10 o'clock A. M. of the  
 first Monday next after the expi-  
 ration of forty-two days from the  
 date of the issuance of this  
 citation, same being the 5th day  
 of September A. D. 1955, to Plain-  
 tiff's Petition filed in said court, on  
 the 21 day of July A. D. 1955, in  
 this cause, numbered 4546 on the  
 docket of said court and styled  
 John Amburn, Plaintiff, vs. J. W.  
 Perky, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature  
 of this suit is as follows, to-wit:  
 'trespass to try title as is more  
 fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition  
 on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served  
 within ninety days after the date  
 of its issuance, it shall be return-  
 ed unserved.

The officer executing this writ  
 shall promptly serve the same ac-  
 cording to requirements of law,  
 and the mandates hereof, and  
 make due return as the law  
 directs.

Issued and given under my hand  
 and the seal of said court at  
 Wheeler, Texas, this 21 day of  
 July A. D. 1955.

Attest: Barbara Fry  
 Clerk District Court  
 Wheeler County, Tex-  
 as. 33-4tc

July 1916 — J. R. Carver has  
 moved to the place he recently  
 bought from J. R. Edwards. Mr.  
 Edwards moved to his place east  
 of town, S. E. Mauldin has moved  
 to the residence vacated by Mr.  
 Carver and James E. Biggs will  
 move to the Mauldin residence.

July 1916 — Rev. Cal. C. Wright  
 is holding a meeting at the Totty  
 schoolhouse.

**Wheeler Street Scene**



LIKE SOMETHING from a Western movie is this picture of a street scene in Wheeler, made about 1924. The picture was made from the northwest corner of the courthouse lawn with the camera aimed in a southward direction. Not long before this, cow ponies stood at the hitching posts where the Model-T Fords were parked when the photo was taken. Ah, and it's pleasant memories these old pictures should bring to mind of many old-timers of the Wheeler area.

**J. P. Green Family  
 Wheeler Pioneers**

James P. and Rose Holt Green  
 and two sons, Wayne and Stanley  
 moved to Wheeler Co. in covered  
 wagons from Fisher Co. in 1903.  
 They settled on their ranch five  
 miles north of Wheeler. (The  
 Frank Walker ranch now.) At  
 that time Mobettie was their  
 shopping center, Benoin, east of  
 Shamrock was the nearest rail-  
 road. The ranchers would have to  
 drive their cattle to there to be  
 shipped to Kansas City for mar-  
 ket.

Mr. Green was engaged in rais-  
 ing Black Angus cattle and boys.  
 By 1912 he had seven boys,  
 Woody, Holt, Bronson, and Roe  
 were born while they were living  
 on the Ranch. Morris after they  
 moved to town. Mr. Green was in  
 Hardware business. They lived in  
 the house that is now the nurses  
 home by the hospital. They moved  
 to 608 Canadian St. (Grainger  
 McIlhany's place.) They stayed  
 there until their new home was  
 finished across the street. (109  
 West 7th St.)

It was a great day, June 15,  
 1914, when a baby girl came to  
 live with them. They named her  
 Helen Rose. Two years later a  
 baby girl came to play with her,  
 March 23, 1916. They named her

Annie May. It was this year that  
 they lost their oldest boy.

About 1919 Mr. Green sold his  
 hardware to Ernest Lee. The  
 Greens lived on the ranch in the  
 summers and in town in the  
 winter so the boys could go to  
 school. 1927 Mr. Green bought  
 another hardware store from A.  
 H. Hunt. Which he kept until  
 1953 when he sold it to Morris,  
 so he could retire. He sold the  
 ranch to Henry Bailey in 1929.  
 At one time all the boys were in  
 ranching or the hardware busi-  
 ness with their father.

Mrs. Green departed this earth  
 September 13, 1946 and Mr.  
 Green April 10, 1955. Woody  
 Green was burned to death in his  
 home near Heald, March 17, 1936,  
 age 30. Holt Green died October  
 14, 1951, age 48. Stanley Green  
 died July 19, 1955, age 54.

Bronson Green lives in Amarillo  
 and is employed by the Phillips  
 Co. Annie Mae lives in Shamrock,  
 She is Mrs. C. G. Cantrell, Jr.  
 Roe, Morris and Helen still live  
 in Wheeler. Roe is in the tailor  
 shop business and Morris is in the  
 hardware business. Helen, Mrs. E.  
 E. Sabbe, lives in the old home  
 place.

**County's First Church  
 Wedding In 1906**

As far as we can find out the  
 first "church" wedding ever  
 witnessed in Wheeler county took  
 place in the Broncho school house  
 while it stood in its second loca-  
 tion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rippy's  
 only daughter, Bonnie, was mar-  
 ried to Mr. Francis Devine Febru-  
 ary 18, 1906.

On Saturday before the marri-  
 age on Sunday, a group of them  
 had gone to the school house to  
 clean it up for the wedding. One  
 of the number looked out to the  
 northeast and saw several men  
 going here and there and asked

what was taking place down  
 there. She was told that we were  
 to have a city out there and  
 these men were surveying and lay-  
 ing off the townsite of Wheeler.  
 This was February 17, 1906.

Among the men were Bonnoe's  
 father, W. L. Rippy, J. E. Stanley  
 and R. E. Rogers.

September 1936, — Grainger  
 McIlhany went to Austin last  
 week where he enrolled Friday at  
 Texas university for his second  
 term. However this is his senior  
 year as he attended John Tarn-  
 ton at Stephenville for 2 yrs.

**An Early Drug Store**



Gunter Brothers owned and operated this drug store about nine years after Wheeler was founded. It was the original building where the City Drug now stands. Seated at the table are Dr. Blackerby, Wheeler's first doctor, second from right, and Dr. Joas, fourth from right, was Wheeler's second physician. Jeff Gunter operator of the drug store is standing near the fountain. Others in the picture were unidentified. Picture courtesy of the J. W. Hookers.

**CITY PARK HAS  
 INTERESTING  
 BACKGROUND**

Few people know the beginning  
 of the beautiful cottonwood grove  
 within the city limits in the  
 southeast part of Wheeler. John  
 Buntin and two of his brothers-  
 in-law, Will Alverson and J. W.  
 Hanksins settled in this community  
 in 1885. J. W. Hanksins two-room  
 sod house was located approxi-  
 mately where the courthouse now  
 stands. (Will Alverson was a  
 bachelor). John Buntin's house  
 stood east in the draw.

The pasture of John Buntin, ex-  
 tended south and east of his home.  
 These little cottonwood trees were  
 brought from Salt Fork Creek  
 and transplanted along the little  
 spring fed stream.

The city of Wheeler purchased  
 for a park the lovely site where  
 the Buntin's originally settled  
 and had planted the cottonwoods.  
 A beautiful stream of fresh water  
 flows beneath the cotton wood  
 boughs day and night. Flowers  
 bloom freely and provide a haven  
 for birds and a natural spot for  
 our city park. This grove of  
 cottonwoods is known as the  
 Stanley grove.

**DR. BLACKERBY  
 FIRST WHEELER  
 DOCTOR, 1906**

Back in 1906 when Wheeler was  
 about the smallest of small towns,  
 a traveler stopped at the home of  
 Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Morton, who  
 lived where Mrs. Hattie Womack  
 now lives. There was no cafe or  
 hotel in town at that time; so he  
 remained at the Morton's for  
 lunch. The traveler was R. E.  
 Blackerby, who became Wheeler's  
 first physician. The late T. P.  
 Morton was his first patient; he  
 was ill that day with the begin-  
 ning of a severe case of typhoid.

The people of Wheeler and sur-  
 rounding territory guaranteed  
 Doctor Blackerby a certain  
 amount of money if he would  
 locate his medical practice here.  
 This sum was raised by assessing  
 each family. Those who paid their  
 assessments received medical  
 treatment without further charge.  
 Previous to this medical aid had  
 been supplied by Doctor Redding,  
 of Mobettie who made an occa-  
 sional trip to Wheeler.

Dr. Blackerby drove a pair of bay  
 horses to a buggy and traveled  
 over a large part of the country  
 to visit his patients. He made his  
 home where Troy Shipman now  
 lives.

Many interesting incidents about  
 early physicians were recalled one  
 was a time when Dr. Blackerby  
 was called to visit Lizzie Randolph  
 who was very ill. He pronounced  
 it appendicitis and prepared for  
 the operation. Hospitals were too  
 far away; so he performed the  
 appendectomy at the girl's home.  
 His patient died and was the first  
 adult buried in the Wheeler ceme-  
 tery.

Dr. Blackerby practiced here  
 from 1906 to 1917 when he moved  
 to Colorado. Dr. William Joss was  
 Wheeler's second doctor. He came  
 in 1911 or 12. He did not come to  
 practice medicine, but settled on  
 his ranch northeast of town to  
 try to regain his health. Gradually,  
 as his condition improved, he re-  
 sumed his profession. When his  
 health was completely restored, he  
 moved to town and engaged in a  
 full time medical practice. He  
 remained here till 1936, when he  
 moved to Elk City, Okla.

Other Doctors were: Dr. A. H.  
 Smith who came in 1917; Dr. H.

almost completed a three or four  
 room addition to W. Q. Flynt's  
 residence.

July 1916 — the Clerks office  
 presents a very neat appearance  
 since the walls have been calcimin-  
 ec. and the fixtures rearranged.

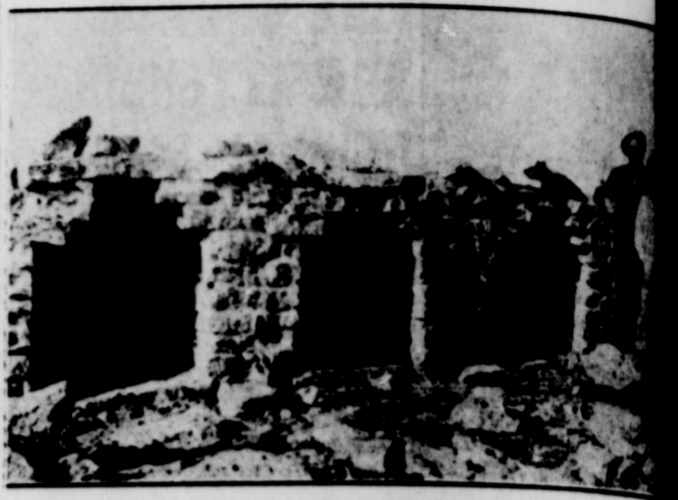
July 1916 — Mrs. Fletcher  
 Wagner and children of Rule, Colo.  
 is visiting her parents, Mr. and  
 Mrs. W. C. Shannon, north of  
 town.

July 1916 — Little Misses Alma

and Vida Dungle of the  
 low community are visit-  
 ing aunt Mrs. J. D. Meek  
 week.

July 1916 — FOR-  
 Buggy, harness and  
 old; 1 set of double  
 ness and single har-  
 trade or sell for cash  
 Call at Dr. Woods De-  
 ment

July 1916 — I have  
 er County grass land  
 sell for five dollars per  
 me quick. F. G. Ford.



**NINETEEN YEARS AGO, Precinct No. 1 had  
 to the only native stone masonry bridge in the  
 The bridge, located west of Highway 83, north of  
 er, was constructed by the late W. W. Adams,  
 then County Commissioner. Shone standing by the  
 usual bridge are the late Mr. and Mrs. Adams and  
 Carrel.**

**Locals**

August 1936 — Mr. and Mrs.  
 C. J. Meek and son, Joe Field, re-  
 turned Sunday night from a week's  
 outing spent at their summer  
 home at Eagles Nest Lake, N. M.

August 1936 — Harold Nash of  
 Wheeler Auto Supply and Elec-  
 tric Co. spent the week end at  
 Sayre, Okla., with friends.

July 1934 — Glen Render has  
 accepted a position on the Sales  
 force of the Royal Drug Store.  
 He is a former Oklahoma A&M  
 student and an old acquaintance  
 of Melvin Home, manager of the  
 Royal, for whom he has worked  
 in the past.

October 1936 — Mr. and Mrs.  
 Marvin Pierce are the parents of  
 twin daughters born Friday Octo-  
 ber 16. Their names are Ada Marie  
 and Katie Audrey.

March 1937 — Frank Wofford  
 who is a student at A&M College  
 at Stillwater, Okla., spent the  
 week end with homefolks.

July 21, 1916 — Wanted a good  
 looking young lady, to sell tickets  
 at the Happy Hour three nights  
 out of the week and four o'clock  
 matinee on Saturdays. — Frank  
 Reynolds.

July 21, 1916 — Born to Mr.  
 and Mrs. J. F. Fowler, Sunday a  
 girl.

July 1916 — Miss Clara Gunter  
 closed a successful six weeks sub-  
 scription school today.

July 21, 1916 — Mrs. Jno A.  
 Lee is in Chicago for a two months  
 visit with relatives.

July 21, 1916 — H. L. Gunter  
 shipped a car of hogs to the Okla-  
 homa City market Thursday.

July 1916 — Carpenters have

**Native Stone Bridge  
 Built 19 Years Ago**

Back in 1936, the late W. W.  
 Adams, who was then commissio-  
 ner of Precinct No. 1, built an un-  
 usual bridge north of Wheeler.

The structure, with a 30-foot  
 roadway, was 20 feet long, with  
 three arches and was constructed  
 entirely of native stone. Material  
 was obtained from the Sorensen  
 hill just east of a boggy vale span-  
 ned by the bridge, supplemented  
 by a one-fourth mile earthwork  
 fill.

This strip of road transver-  
 sening the Sorensen Ranch is 3 1/2  
 miles long between what is now High-  
 way 83 and what was then the  
 next passable road to the west.

The bridge served a distinctly  
 useful purpose in one respect. It  
 meant a big reduction in mileage  
 for school buses carrying chil-  
 dren from that area to the Briscoe  
 Schools.

A historical flavor attaches to  
 the limestone outcropping and the  
 bluff which the new highway was  
 built. The old court house and jail  
 at Mobettie is constructed of this  
 stone. Away back in 1884, so the  
 story goes, a quarry was opened  
 just north of the section  
 stone obtained for the  
 building.

Ox teams and wagons  
 the purpose hauled the  
 south across Sweetwater  
 west a few miles, and  
 creek was again crossed.  
 Mobettie. The structure  
 pleted in 1936.

So, 19 years ago  
 County claimed recog-  
 having the only native  
 masonry bridge in the

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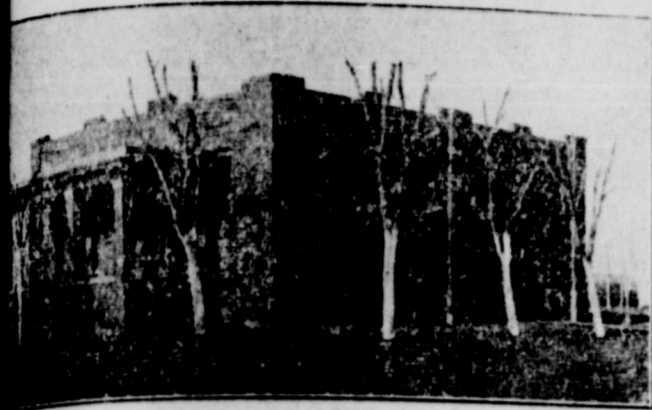
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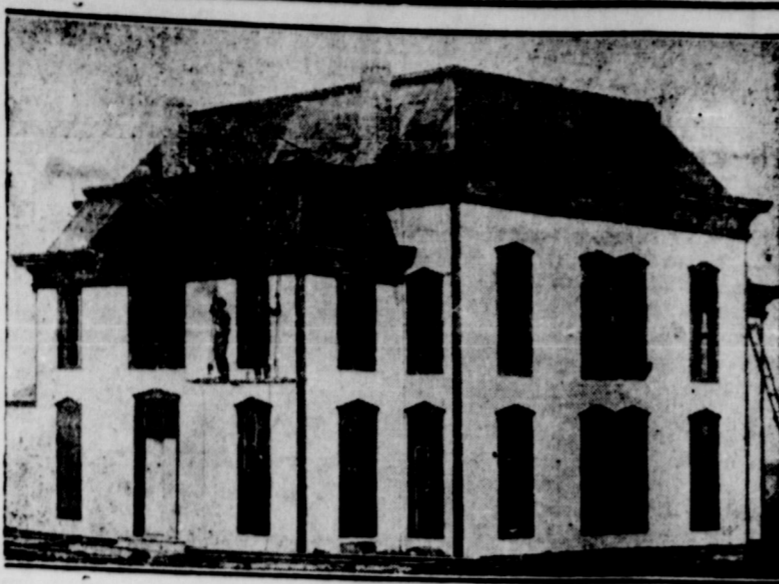
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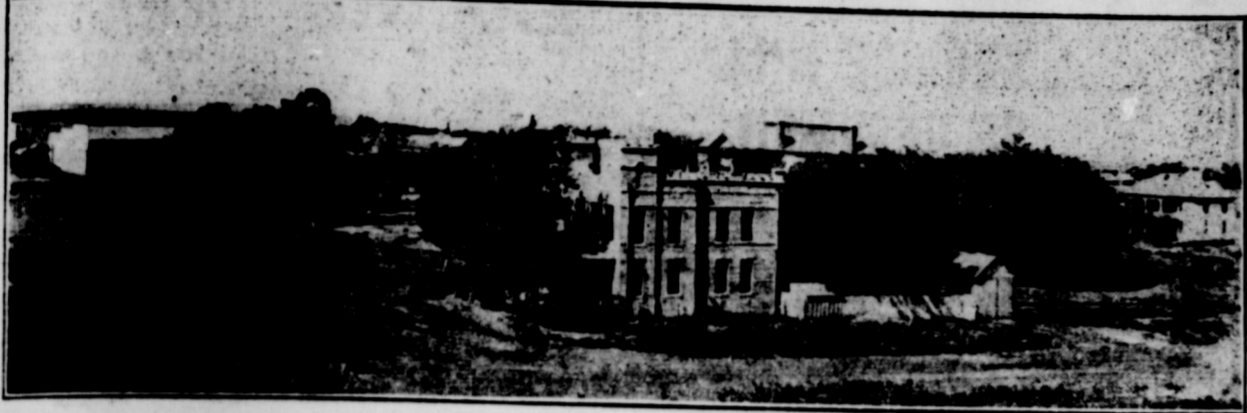
## Wheeler County's First Seat of Government



WHEELER was only eight years old when this building was constructed on the southwest corner of the courthouse lawn. It housed the office of County Clerk from 1913 until 1926 or 1927 when it was used.



As an Amarillo newspaper columnist, Wes Izzard, would say, "If you can remember when the Wheeler county courthouse pictured above was being used, you don't have to worry about the draft." This building housed the county officials and records until 1927, when the courthouse now in use was completed. The old structure was sold to Riley Price and moved away to make way for the present building.



TAKEN IN 1920 or 1921, the above picture shows four of Wheeler's old landmarks. In the foreground is the old county jail. At the extreme left may be seen the general mercantile store owned by J.B. McCurley. In the center background is the old county courthouse and at the right is the White Hotel.

## Spot Election In 1906 Moved Courthouse from Mobeetie To Wheeler By 11 Votes

December 13, 1906, issue of the Wheeler County Texan carried across the top columns on page one: WHEELER WINS!

A somewhat smaller type was printed below: BUT THAT'S ALL. WHEELER AND MOBEETIE A DESPERATE STRUGGLE COUNTY SEAT. THE BATTLE STUBBORNLY CONTESTED. WHEELER LOSES BY A MAJORITY OF 11 VOTES.

Under this caption were one column of R. B. Rogers and one column of J. M. Porter. The story of the election appeared underneath a Wheeler County banner written by Lloyd Porter. Here is the story from the page of the newspaper 49 years ago and loan to me by Mrs. J. M. Porter.

People of Wheeler County showed the state of the United States in how to move a county seat, neatly and completely, without trouble, scraping, mud or difficulty of any sort. Wheeler County insists everybody tipping his hat! The last spring sometime a

fellow from Mobeetie chanced to be driving through the central part of the county and, glancing across the prairie, espied a small collection of houses. Stuck with the oddity of the sight, he inquired of a horseman who had just overtaken him, as to what it meant.

"That," returned the fellow riding astride, "is the town of Wheeler. This same horseman was dressed in a pair of white pants, a long tailed coat, and a derby hat of the vintage of Bryan's first campaign. After satisfying his curiosity, the man from Mobeetie staitway forgot all about both town and horseman until several months later—then he remembered them both.

There is no use going over it—our subscribers know how Messrs. Stanley and Rogers, whose faces appear on this page, laid out the town of Wheeler, taking chances of being laid out themselves if they were not successful; how they reserved in their endeavors; how they finally succeeded in "starting" the town and of its wonderfully rapid growth. You all know how these men asked for the county seat, claiming that, as their own was almost exactly in the center of the county, and Mobeetie the

most inaccessible of the towns in the county, that Wheeler was the logical point whereat to transact the business of the people.

Next you recall the storm of opposition so naturally arising from the friends of Mobeetie—men who were loyal to her interests—the kind of men who will go to tie to, when you have them on your side. Big-hearted, whole-souled, generous men who stayed with their town till the very last—these men said No! Mobeetie has given satisfaction as a seat of justice since the early seventies; why should she be deprived of her honors?

But Wheeler nailed "the greatest good to the greatest number" to her masthead, and, while sympathizing with those who might possibly be adversely affected, yet declared the benefits accruing from a county seat being within reach of ALL parts of the county would touch many more. Then to show their unwillingness that any should suffer unnecessarily, Messrs. Stanley and Rogers volunteered to bear the expense of the removal of the county building—the courthouse and jail—from Mobeetie to Wheeler.

The sum of \$5,500 was placed in the First National Bank at

Shamrock, to be used by the county commissioners in moving these buildings in case removal carried at the election. Then the fun began. Probably every voter in the county received a personal visit from the friends of both sides. While the columns of both the county papers, the Mobeetie Texan and the Wheeler County Texan, were open to a free discussion to both sides, yet it soon became evident to the most casual observer that Shamrock was going to whoop'er up for the new town. After courteously inviting the people of Mobeetie to use our columns and meeting but little response; and seeing that the able editor of the Mobeetie Texan was putting in his best licks for his home town, the Wheeler County Texan grabbed the hind leg of the top dog and began to holler help. From every part of the south and east of the county came rapidly the responses, and, although it was a pretty scrap, the new town finally came out on top, badly scared and panting a few, but still victorious.

But the people of Wheeler County, we repeat have demonstrated the fact that a county seat CAN be removed without any disgraceful element creeping in. When some of the bloody fights about this same question in the past are recalled, it will be readily seen that the "wild and woolly west" can bring the blush of self-same to the cheek of its effete Oriental brother.

The scene at Wheeler last Saturday night, when it became evident that the town had accomplished its hearts desire, reminds of the reply given by an editor to a young poetess who asked him what he thought of her new book of poems. "Madam," said the pencil-pusher, solemnly, "it baffles description!"

Anvils, shotguns, revolvers, yells, squeals, yelps, howls and whoops intermingled to express the release of pent-up emotion. One fellow came into the post office about 10 o'clock and reported that the man in the moon was yelling Hurrah for Wheeler! Said he had just been looking at the old gentleman through a telescope. He was telling the truth, too, for we found the "telescope" the next morning out behind the lumber yard. It was empty.

"Now, that the smoke of the battle has cleared away, let us all as citizens of the best county of the best state in the best nation of this pretty fair old world, get together and work for its best interests. The question of the county seat removal has been settled; the next thing is to get Wheeler County settled.

To this end we would suggest that every resident of the county circulate at least a dozen copies of The Wheeler County Texan's big Special Trade Edition, which will appear, rain or shine, next week.

## 'Wheeler Is Rapidly Growing,' Stated News Headline In 1906

(EDITOR'S NOTE—An edition of The Wheeler County Texan published in 1906 got in some pretty good chamber of commerce licks for the new town of Wheeler. One story copied from the old edition follows.)

Wheeler, Texas is situated three miles north of the exact center of Wheeler County, in a fertile rolling prairie. It was founded in the early part of the present year on land owned by J. E. Stanley. Mr. Stanley became associated with R. B. Rogers in the townsite and these two men have bent all their energies during the past nine months toward building a substantial town.

The townsite proper, we are told consists of one quarter section, or 160 acres. Despite its youth, Wheeler already boasts of a good general store, a drug store, post office, hotel, lumber yard, blacksmith shop, photograph studio, a law office and a cotton gin, in the way of business enterprises.

In addition to this, several other general merchandise stores, including that of J. P. Flowers

late of Asher, I. T., are shortly to be erected. Mr. J. E. Ketchersid will enlarge his drug store building and put in a line of gent's and notions at once.

As to residents there are between 15 and 20 homes in Wheeler, including some very fine ones, as shown in accompanying cuts. We understand, too, that a bank will shortly be instituted in Wheeler, and there is every prospect of a good newspaper, that most important of all enterprises to a growing town, will be installed.

A lawyer and a physician are already located here, with other professional men to come. The firm of Carmichael & McLaughlin, carpenters and contractors, are kept very busy in erecting houses. Wheeler is growing rapidly. By a close examination of the pictures herein it will be seen that many of the buildings are just completed.

Wheeler was awarded the county seat by a majority of the votes a short time ago, but owing to an error on the part of the tally-keepers at one of the boxes, the town of Mobeetie is contest-

ing the election and the matter will be taken at once to the courts. There is no doubt that Wheeler will win in the contest, and its people are merrily proceeding to increase the growth of the town by erecting houses, inviting business enterprises, etc., and preparing to enjoy the result. E. Nicholson who came in 1922; Dr. W. A. Gaines who came in 1929 and Dr. Glen Walker who came here from Mobeetie in 1936.

Our newest physician is Dr. Harold E. Nicholson, Jr. Dr. Harold graduated from Baylor University in June, 1942. He served in World War II in the Medical corp and upon his discharge entered practice with his father in April, 1945.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—Much of the above information came from a 1934 issue of the Wheeler Times.

Messrs. Stanley and Rogers, are not one with discouragement over the mishap which defers for a time the realization of their hopes, knowing that, in the end, justice will prevail.

## An Early Store



This picture was taken in Wheeler in 1914. It shows some of the interior of a mercantile store operated by Mitchell and Mauldin at that time. J. W. Hooker, who loaned us this picture, said it was located about where the Nash Appliance and Supply now stands. The customer in the store is Mrs. John Wright. J. W. Hooker was store manager and is in the picture with his sister Maud who was a clerk and sold millinery as a sideline.

## J. R. EDWARDS WAS EARLY DAY MAIL CARRIER

The copy below written by Gwyn Edwards, and reveals parts of his experiences in Wheeler County. Mr. Edwards wishes everyone a wonderful day, and would like to be here, but says that it is impossible.

A story from a rolling stone that has seen 48 years of Wheelers progress.

My father, J. R. Edwards, moved to Wheeler County in 1907. We came from North Carolina and father bought a half section of land two miles south of Wheeler, sight unseen, for \$7. per acre.

We came to Shamrock on the train and had a team and wagon to move us to the place he had bought. It took most all day to get there winding through the hills and pastures. We came northwest from Shamrock, and crossed the river. The sage and grass was high and lots of long horned cattle. There were but two houses on the route, the Brown place 9 miles south of Wheeler and the Wallis Paret on Broncho creek.

We had the misfortune to lose our house by fire, on July 27 of the same year. We also lost a sister and a brother in the fire, and the good people of Wheeler County built us a house, which we appreciated very much.

We children went to school northwest of the farm we lived on. The schoolhouse was over close to where the cemetery now is. Hamptons farm joined ours and their children and the Hardin children also went to this school. Our house and the four previous mentioned were the only ones between Shamrock and Wheeler.

In 1909 my Dad put in a livery stable in Wheeler, also he carried the mail from Shamrock to Wheeler in a buggy. My Uncle John Crouse came from N. Carolina and worked for him, awhile, carrying the mail.

As I remember, there wasn't but two stores and the postoffice in Wheeler at that time, A Mr. Bonds and Flowers was in business, and I believe Mr. Kezee run the postoffice. It really started growing in 1908. Mr. D. E. Holt

put in a bank, a little frame building in which he done business in for several years. Then he moved to the new building where it stands today. With a pair of bay mules of my Dads, I moved the little building down the street west of the schoolhouse, and I believe it was moved to Mobeetie later.

I recall one Time Dr. Blackerby's well was out of order and he called Julius Carter to come fix it. So Mr. Carter went, and by tapping on the sucker-rod it began to pump. Dr. said "how much do I owe you" and Carter said \$3.00.

R. B. Rogers bought the first car in Wheeler. It was a big show, and the people gathered around to see it run. In 1912 the first load of Ford cars came to Shamrock, and my dad bought one. Brass radiator and straight dash, built was a dandy in those days.

In 1911 my dad moved south of Wheeler on Broncho creek and leased three sections besides the one we lived on. We plowed up 90 acres west of the house and put it in corn. It made good corn and we sold it to Jim Porter for 16 cents a bu. and he fed it to some big steers and they got awful fat.

In 1913 we moved southeast of Wheeler which is the Monroe Clay place now. Bob Holt and I plowed up a lot of sod Southeast of town. Bob worked a little bay and grey team of horses to a walking plow, and planted maize. He made a good crop of gooseneck maize that year.

Signed, Gwyn Edwards

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Brown of Dickerson, announce the arrival of a 3½ pound daughter born August 4. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bus Dorman. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown. Mrs. Dorman left Thursday eve to spend a few weeks in the Brown home.

July 1916 — T. M. Cornelius closed a ten days meeting at Wagner school house last Sunday night. Seven conversions being the result. Mr. Cornelius will begin a meeting at Gageby tonight. I. M. Ellis of Hamlin, Texas will assist him. On August 4th he will begin a meeting at Corn Valley.

July 1916 — F. E. Gosselt and A. A. Knight have been remodeling the Locust Grove school building this week.

July 21, 1916 — W. L. Williams is driving a new Ford.

## W. E. Pennington Early Storekeeper

Among the rugged personalities who came to the Panhandle in early days when most of the country was a vast ranch country and the little towns were struggling for existence was W. E. Pennington. Mr. W. E. Pennington was born September 28, 1867 in Tennessee and came to Wheeler in April 1909 when he opened and operated a Mercantile Store for a great number of years.

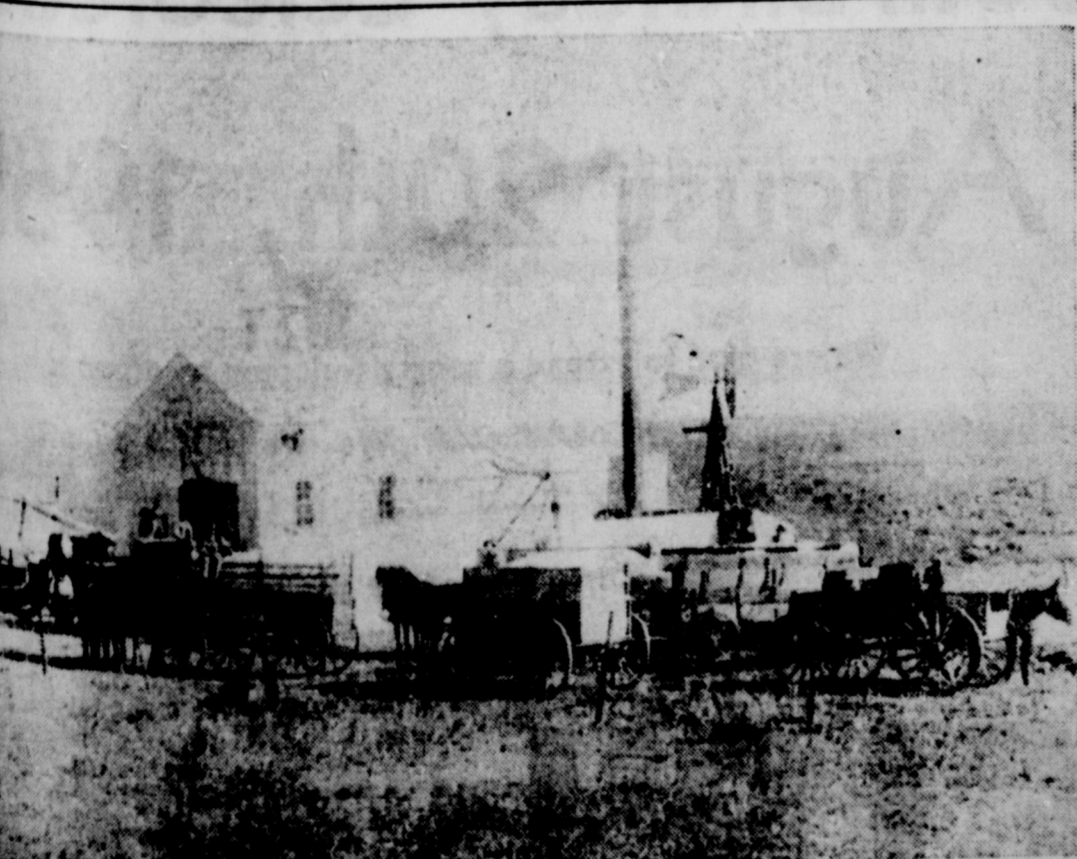
Floyd Pennington, his only son, was 11 years old when his father moved to Wheeler, and as soon as he was old enough, Floyd was taken into the business.

Mr. Pennington received his early schooling in Tennessee, but circumstances forced him to go to work at the age of 11 years to support his widowed mother and two sisters. He worked many a day for 25 cents. Mr. Pennington said many times he had plowed ground, when it was frozen. There were no modern implements. Canning was not thought of in the early days.

He was a member of the Baptist Church here and a Mason. He was always interested in the schools, churches and good roads, and donated to every church and every other worthy cause for the up-building of Wheeler. Mr. Pennington likes to recall the first Model T cars that made their appearance in Wheeler. They were tested on the sandy hill north of town and no one dared to ride out without five or six men to help push if the car got stuck. Ten or fifteen miles an hour was considered great speed.

Mr. Pennington is 88 years old now and lives with his son Floyd and family in Pampa.

## Wheeler's Second Cotton Gin



This was the second gin ever built in Wheeler. In 1912 a group of people pooled a certain amount of money and built it for Wheeler. It was powered by steam and burned burrs, coal or whatever was at hand for fuel. J. W. Hooker was the manager and it was built on the site where Beaty's Welding Shop now stands. The first gin in Wheeler was owned by R. B. Rogers and was located where the Haymaster Gin is now. Due to the lack of cotton in the area at that time the gin only operated about one season. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hooker had preserved this picture and our thanks to them for its use.

**Bank Observes —**

(Continued from page one)

since that date and the past few months has been busily engaged in redecorating the premises both inside and out. New fixtures were installed this past week and the interior of the bank has taken on a new look.

The original bank started as The Citizens State Bank and operated as such until April 12th 1930, at which time the name was changed to The First National Bank of Wheeler.

The Citizens State Bank started operation with a capital of \$10,000 and at the close of business on its first day of operation deposits amounted to \$5,199.03. Through the acceptance of the people of Wheeler the bank has grown during its 47 years and now has deposits of \$1,669,349.76. It has a capital of \$50,000, surplus of \$50,000 and undivided profits of \$31,506.29.

The personnel of the bank wish to extend a hearty thank you to the public for their acceptance during the past and an invitation to come in and look over the improvements that have been made in an effort to more efficiently serve you.

Wheeler's Complete Drug Store  
Wheeler Drug. If it is available, we have it.

**Wheeler Ties —**

(Continued from page one)

series between Wheeler and Hedley.

Wheeler and Hedley will meet for their first play-off game at Hedley on Sunday, August 14. On Sunday, August 21 they will play the second game here. If necessary to decide the winner, a third game will be played here the same afternoon, as all play-off games must be decided by August 21.

Winner of Hedley-Wheeler games will meet the winner of Clarendon and Amarillo in a three game series to decide the championship of the Caprock League. This series will be played on a home and home basis, best two game out of three. Third game playing field to be decided if three games are necessary.

The Sunday game Ritter went seven and one-third innings for Groom allowing nine hits and four runs. Charley Jones took over in the box and finished the game giving up two hits and one run.

Fir Wheeler, big Chubby Haynes went seven and one-third innings giving Groom six hits and one run.

For Wheeler, big Chubby Haynes allowed no hits and no runs to finish the game.

Line score Sunday:	
Wheeler	101 000 021—5 11 2
Groom	100 000 000—1 6 1

**Masons Will —**

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the Shamrock Lodge and Paul Starr of Wellington, District Deputy Grand Master, are in charge of arrangements for the program to pay honor to the Texas Grand Master on his first official visit to the Eastern Panhandle.

Lodges which have been invited are Clarendon, Alantreed, Hedley, Dodson, Quail, Wellington, Pampa, Seminole, McLean, Wheeler and Shamrock.

Grand Master Moffett has held office in the Grand Lodge since 1945 when he served as Tiler. In 1950 he was Grand Marshal, in 1951 Grand Orator, in 1952 Grand Junior Warden, in 1953 Grand Senior Warden and in 1954 Deputy Grand Master.

He petitioned Chillicothe Lodge No. 876 on November 21, 1917, the next day after he became 21 years of age. He was "raised" on February 17, 1918. He is a member of the Vernon Commandry Knights Templar, charter member of Maskat Shrine Temple, of Wichita Falls member of Eastern Star at Chillicothe the, Dallas Scottish Rite Consistory and St. Timothy Conclave of Order of Red Cross of Constantine.

Mr. Moffett holds a unique position in the political history of Texas. He has been a member of the Texas legislature for the past 25 years, a record for continuous service not exceeded by any other member of the legislature, past or present.

**C. C. Harmon —**

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where he has been employed for four years. Mrs. Harmon has been employed for four years. Mrs. Harmon has been teaching Home Economics at Kelton and that position too, will be vacant as a result of her resignation. Mr. Harmon holds Bachelor and Master's degrees from the University of Texas and has begun work toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Mrs. Harmon is also a graduate of the University of Texas.

Mr. Stiles has announced that he is accepting applications for the position of superintendent at Kelton.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richards came to Wheeler County in 1921. They have been active in the growth and development of their chosen home since that time. On September 3, 1949 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Their four children are: Mrs. Emmett Herd, Mrs. Roy Esslinger, Mrs. Cleo Gaines and Mrs. Irene Dyer.

**ASC Community Election Be Held**

It is again the time of the year for the Farmers and Ranchers of Wheeler County to elect the farmer-committeemen who, in 1956 will be responsible for the local administration of such national farm programs as Agriculture Conservation, Price-Support, Acreage Allotments, and others.

Ballots will be mailed to all Farm Operators on our list on August 15. Any eligible voter who fails to receive a ballot in the mail may secure one at the county ASC office in Wheeler. Ballots are to be returned to the county office by August 20.

The ballots will contain ten names of farmers in your community. Mark off five and vote for five, or if you want to vote for someone not listed on the ballots, you may do so by writing their names in the places provided at the bottom of the ballot.

The names appearing on the ballots were selected by a Nominating Committee from each community. The following names will appear on the ballots:

"A" Community:  
Clarence Zybach, Stanley Richerson, Zack Miller, Olan C. Smith, Charlie McCartney, H. B. Krug, John Ambler, H. D. Pond, Jess Hall and Other Dale.

"B" Community:  
E. A. Zybach, T. C. Lott, Otis Ford, Tom Helton, Grady Dodd, Charles Pond, C. K. Laycock, Lindsey McCasland, Frank Rogers and J. R. Clark.

"C" Community:  
Jack Finsterwald, Clifford Walker, Henry Johnson, Douglas Baird, Grady Harris, Farmer Heffley, J. T. Johnson, Mickey Mison, Bud Carrol Scribner, Doc Trimble and E. A. Rowell.

"D" Community:  
Paula Macina, Jr., V. W. Bentley, Jess Pennington, Bennie Schiegal, D. L. Miller, Walter Bailey, Wallace Rainwater, John McDowell, Robert Trostle and Vern Mangum.

"E" Community:  
John Vermillion, L. E. Clay, E. E. Henderson, Bill Woods, B. R. Cantrell, Vernon Sherman, W. R. Hill, Raymond Wofford, Euell Bradley and Sam McMurtry.

Petitions signed by ten or more eligible voters favoring nomination of additional persons on the ballot may be presented to the chairman of each community election board before August 15. The chairmen of the community election boards are as follows:

"A" Community — Gordon Stiles, "B" Community — George Heffley, "C" Community — C. J. Van Zandt, "D" Community — Paul Macina, Sr., "E" Community — C. C. Collingsworth.

Mrs. M. E. Harville and daughter Beatrice recently returned from a two weeks vacation in Plainview, Clovis, N. Mex. and Alamogordo where they visited a sister and daughter, Mrs. Stella Deering and her daughter, Myrna Mr. Deering and Myrna returned with them and they all made a trip to Houston, Mo. where they visited another sister and daughter, Mrs. Joe Bryant and family, and interesting points in Arkansas and Mo.

**House Without —**

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"HOUSE WITHOUT WINDOWS", by Richard Reich, was first published in 1952.

Barbara 'Shotgun' Mitchell will star in this drama as Estelle Marr, a wealthy old maid who has found life extremely bitter-almost unbearable-because no one ever loved her. Other interesting characters will be portrayed by Sue Gaines, the depressed sister-in-law; William Whitener, an intelligent professor; Bill Helton, a blind musician; Duane Hays, his crippled friend; Paula Green, a girl from the reformatory, and Patsy Ramsey, a social worker.

Everyone is urged to make plans to attend this final play of the summer.

**FPC TO PASS ON PIPELINE SEPTEMBER 12**

Whether Lone Star Gas Company will be able to keep the Natural Gas Pipeline Company from building a new gas line through Wheeler County should be known by September 12.

Natural Gas has already purchased right-of-way through the county for a line that would extend from Fritch, north of Amarillo to the gas fields of Jack and Wise Counties.

Lone Star opposes the construction on the grounds that Natural Gas would be invading their territory and increasing the price of gas from 11 cents to 15 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

The Federal Power Commission recently agreed to hear on September 12, Lone Star's request for authority to build a 230-mile pipeline from Jameson field in Coke County, West Texas, to the north to connect with the Cotton County-Fritch line near Clarendon in Donley County.

Lone Star proposes to deliver the gas to Natural at Fritch for 20.6 cents per 1,000 cubic feet at a 100 per cent load factor.

Lone Star claims it Natural Gas were allowed to boost the field price it would force Lone Star to increase the price it pays for gas all over North Texas and southern Oklahoma.

Lone Star is now in the process of taking up an 18-inch line from their plant north of Shamrock to Hollis, Okla.

**50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**AUG. 20th SATURDAY**

NEIGHBORS - YOU'RE ALL INVITED!

A DAY FOR FUN and FROLIC

FREE BAR-B-Q.

Big DANCE Entertainment for ALL

**WHEELER IN TEXAS**

**CAP ROCK BUS SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED**

Bus service between Pampa and Childress via Wheeler, which was temporarily discontinued on July 21, will be resumed on Monday, August 15.

Wayne Perry of Claude, has leased the Cap Rock Bus Line and purchased two buses from Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Bell, Shamrock, former operators, and will begin a daily schedule next Monday.

The south bound bus will be through Wheeler at 8:25 a.m. and west bound at 4:15 p.m. It will make direct connections with the Trailway bus to Fort Worth and Dallas to the south and with Liberal, Kans., Wichita, Kans., and Borger to the west.

Mr. Perry is establishing an office in Pampa, at 115 South Russell. He will operate the Cap Rock line himself. He has driven for Continental Trailways for 11½ years, for seven years making the run from San Antonio to Corpus Christi, and for the last four and a half years from Amarillo to Denver, Colo.

Wheeler Drug is headquarters for baby items.

**Locals**

Wheeler Drug offers a complete line of veterinary medicines for farmers and ranchers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sartor, Jr., and girls of Wildorado spent last week end at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sartor Sr.

Dink Hunt is in the Highland General Hospital at Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Johnson and family of Franklin, La., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Annie Sivage and other relatives.

The annual Sivage family reunion was held Sunday August 7, at Thompson Park in Amarillo. Those attending from here were: Mrs. Annie Sivage, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sivage, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Goad, Jr., and boys, Palmer Sivage, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Martin and Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sivage and grandchildren, Sue, Gaye, and Vernon of Mobeetie and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Johnson and family of Franklin, La.

Miss Connie Farmer and Charles Newberry will attend Junior camp at Ceta Canyon next week. Rev. Carlton Thomson will go as counselor.

**Kiwanis Club —**

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The farm was the origin of outstanding men because minds were not cluttered with unimportant things and could picture things as they are.

The Pampa Club has representatives here to extend a special invitation to the local Kiwanis Ladies night commemorating the 25th anniversary of their Monday, August 22.

**Fine Crowd —**

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was drum major of the Old Baptist University band and trumpet soloist for three He records for Word Records the present time and has several choruses and songs public is invited to hear as he gives solo numbers on trumpet and trombone to the congregation in great services.

Mrs. Bisagno accompanied husband to Wheeler and with him in some of the music during the services. Visitors from a number of surrounding communities are attending the services.

**Local School —**

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day, August 16 with the session at 9 a.m. All those who play instruments and are interested in playing with the band are requested to attend the rehearsal. Uniforms for the celebration are western shirts and blue jeans. The faculty for the year is complete and plans are made for the most successful of the school session. Mr. said.

Mrs. Joann Bresciani, who recently sailed for Germany to her husband who is stationed at Kissinger, has arrived safe. She says of the four countries she traveled through, New Zealand, Scotland, Holland and Germany, she thought Scotland was most beautiful. They will return to Germany until 1956. Mrs. ani is the former Joann C.

Wheeler Drug for reliable prescription service. Let us take next prescription.

**On Our 47th Birthday August 11, 1955**

We wish to express our thanks to our Customers and Friends for their patience during our recent remodeling of the Bank. We hope to serve you better with our new equipment. Our aim is to help Wheeler grow.

**First National Bank**

R. J. HOLT, President

**Locals**

Bring your Doctors prescription to Wheeler Drug for accurate service.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sivage visited relatives near Dallas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meek are visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meek and family, of Baytown.

Mr. and Mrs. Punky Martin of Pampa visited Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin and Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Forrester are away for a few days vacation in parts of New Mexico.

Hester Dodson was ill at his home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meek spent last week end in Bay Town, visiting in the home of their son, Joe and family.

**Theatre Calendar**

**SATURDAY**  
**Five Against The House**  
Guy Madison Kim Novak  
**AT THE ROGUE**

**MATINEE SATURDAY**  
Show starts at 1:30 p.m.  
**AT THE ROGUE**

**PREVIEW SATURDAY NIGHT SUNDAY AND MONDAY**  
**Blackboard Jungle**  
Glenn Ford Anne Francis  
**AT THE ROGUE**

**TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**  
**Three For The Show**  
**CINEMASCOPE**  
Betty Grable Jack Lemmon Marge and Gower Champion  
**THE MUSTANG DRIVE-IN**

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**  
**Love Me or Leave Me**  
**CINEMASCOPE**  
Doris Day James Cagney  
**THE MUSTANG DRIVE-IN**

**WELCOME..**

**All Old-Timers and Ex-Students to Wheeler 50th Birthday Celebration**

**August 20th, 1955**

We are glad to extend a hearty welcome to all on this, the 50th anniversary of Wheeler. We are proud to offer our store as your headquarters while in town celebrating Wheeler's birthday. Come in any time and meet your friends and neighbors at our store.

**CLAY Food Store**

Complete stock of Staple Groceries — Fresh Produce — Meats

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15c per line (counting 5 words to line) for first insertion. Minimum charge 45c; 10c per line after first time. Reader ads scattered among local items charge 30c. Reader ads scattered among local items charge 30c. Reader ads scattered among local items charge 30c. Reader ads scattered among local items charge 30c.

## FOR SALE

Small plain upright, condition; 2 good (one blond oak), like will be here shortly to of these pianos, if in a real bargain, immediately for part. These must be sold at cash, terms or trade. **WATER PIANO CO.**, Box address, Texas.

4-row Cotton seed, Ernest Clark, 10 Canadian on highway. 34-3p

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WINTER OATS  
WINTER BARLEY  
RYE SEED  
VETCH SEED

**NELSON GRAIN CO.**  
Clinton, Okla.  
Phone 88 Collect 35-2tc

**SEED WHEAT!**  
We Have The Following Varieties:  
PONCA  
EARLY TRIUMPH  
WICHITA  
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BLACK HULL  
All Re-cleaned Bagged, Tested, CHOICE QUALITY Reasonably Priced

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Clinton, Okla.  
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FOR SALE—Canning tomatoes, on Tuesdays and Fridays —\$2.00 bu. at Jowett Plant. Ralph Sims 35-8tp  
FOR SALE—80 acres, 40 acres mineral rights, \$1800. See Marie Fulks, 602 Cheyenne St. 32-1tc  
FOR SALE—pressure cooker see Risner's Market. 34-2tp  
FOR SALE—Re-cleaned Alfalfa seed. Fat Moore 18-1tc

FOR SALE—WICHITA, COM-MANCHE, TRIUMPH, WESTAR SEED WHEAT. Top Quality and Germination. Also Seed, Rye, Vetch, Winter Barley and Oats. All Seeds Priced Reasonable. Nelson Grain Co. Clinton, Okla., Phone 88. 35-3tc

## MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED — Car Hestess, 18 to 35. Pleasant Dignified Work. 42 hours a week. Paid Vacation. Good Pay. Apply in Person. CALDWELL'S DRIVE-IN. 35-1tc

Monuments, Markers, Grave Covers, Curbing, Surface Vaults, Will Warren. 4-1tc

Furnished apartment for rent. Call Wheeler Gas office, phone 7771. 1-1tc

Hardwick stoves are good stoves, change to a Hardwick today. Willey's 45-1tc

WANTED—Clean cotton rags, no scraps, buckles, buttons or snaps. Wheeler Times 31-1tc

## Locals

Mrs. E. L. Brown and daughter of Little Rock, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson and family of Norman, Okla., were guests part of this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown and Nancy.

Mrs. Maude Waylon of Sand Springs, Okla., is a guest this week in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Davidson. Additional Sunday guests of the Davidson's were Mr. and Mrs. R.

B. Davidson of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Killibrew of Canadian and Mrs. Neva Myers of Amarillo.

Mrs. Bob Douthit and David visited last week in Plainview with her parents.

Mrs. Ollie Hubbard is a patient in the Shamrock Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Parks and Richard left last Monday for a visit with their son, Garland, who has been working this summer in Hollywood, Calif. Garland will accompany them home and resume his duties as a teacher in the

Amarillo School System.

Ray Siegmund attended business meetings at College Station last week. Mrs. Siegmund, Eric Don and Brent accompanied him as far as Snyder, where they visited her mother, Mrs. N. R. Sipes.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gunter and family were Wheeler visitors over the week end.

Mrs. D. J. Johnson, and Ann, Mrs. Bob Holdeman, Mrs. Buster Callan and Phyllis made a trip to Newkirk, Okla., last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jolly, Jr

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have been in Galveston where Mrs. Jolly received a medical check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Weatherly, Haskell Weatherly and Roy Weatherly made a trip to Amarillo Sunday to visit Mrs. I. Weatherly, who is a patient in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lloyd Lee have moved to Wheeler from Amarillo last week. Harold Lloyd will be employed at the Lee Hardware. They will occupy the house on W. Texas Street just recently vacated by the Delbert McWhorter's.

Rev. Bill Thomas, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wellington is conducting revival services at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler beginning August 7. Johnny Bisagnio is in charge of the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Denson recently returned from a few days vacation in Colorado Springs.

Janet Russ of Canyon visited friends in Wheeler over the week end.

Lee Vinyard of Pampa was a business visitor in Wheeler Thursday.

Mrs. J. B. McKinney, Jean and Sandra of Sherman visited this week in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Killingsworth.

Gordon Whitener, Nancy, William, Terry, Bobby and Becky Vanpool made a trip to Canyon Tuesday to visit Mrs. Gordon Whitener and Mrs. Bud Vanpool who are attending summer school.

Mrs. Edna Yates, Harold and Ann Bell returned to their home in Wheeler Thursday after having spent the summer at Weatherford, Okla., where Mrs. Yates has been attending summer school.

Virginia Pettit is working in the Tax-Collector's office this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Farmer and family visited Thursday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Durham and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Sanders, Vicki Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Lindon Sanders made a trip to Denver City Sunday to take Pam Sanders home after having spent two weeks visiting the Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. McCraw.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert McWhorter have moved into the house on North Canadian Street just recently vacated by the Homer Lynch family.

J. D. Atwell is attending the Annual Texas Coaching School held in San Antonio.

## Wheeler County Soil Conservation District News

The Wheeler Soil Conservation District Supervisors met last week and made plans for the next election. The election will be held October 4. The supervisor elected will represent the southeast part of the district including the Twitty, Shamrock and Texola communities. Bennie Schelegel now represents part of the district.

The Board also made plans for an exhibit at the Shamrock Fair next month. The Farm Bureau will help with the exhibit.

Soil Conservation District technicians assisting the district have finished 13 miles of terrace lines for Marion Bryant southeast of Kelton. He is building channel type terraces on land that is farmed to wheat most of the time.

Grass seed yields have been fair on the acreage harvested to date. Harry Wofford threshed 830 pounds of weeping lovegrass. Most of the old stands of grass have thickened up very well this summer. A good seed crop on the native grass will help the sod next year.

**KILL RED ANTS!**  
Rid your premises of Red Ant Beds with DURHAM'S ANT BALLS for less than 5¢ per den. Just dissolve balls in water, pour in beds. Goodbye Ants! Handy 35¢ and 60¢ jars at your druggist or  
**CITY DRUG STORE**

## Mobeetic Meditations

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Rev. Robert Webb from the Trinity Baptist Church, Pampa, will do the preaching and John Wilby, Educational Director of the Hobart Street Baptist Church, Pampa, will direct the music. Services will start at 10:00 a.m. and 8 p.m., daily. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the revival.

The Legion and Legion Auxiliary are asking all members to be present Thursday night, August 11, for a meeting.

This is a very important meeting as plans for the Old Settlers picnic are to be completed and officers elected. Your reporter is urging all members to make plans to attend this meeting.

On Wednesday night, August 17, the regular monthly Birthday Fellowship dinner will be observed at the First Methodist Church. Quarterly Conference will be held that night also with the Dr. J. Edmond Kirby, Pampa, in charge.

A reminder to the Methodist ladies of the Christmas Party to be held in the church parlors, Monday August 15, at 2:30 p.m. Unwrapped gifts with wrappings included, will be mailed to the orphanage designated.

Mrs. Daisy Thomas has as her guests over the week end, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thomas, Olton and Miss Chestnut Thomas, Amarillo.

J. H. Scribner and J. M. Hathaway called a meeting for people of the Mobeetic Community, Monday at the Legion Hut, to make plans for the Old Settlers picnic to be held Labor Day, September 5, 1955.

Committees appointed at the meeting were as follows: To serve money for the beef: J. H. Scribner, C. R. Murrell and Henry Johnston; Program Committee, Henry Johnston, Mrs. J. M. Hathaway and Mrs. Johnny Murrell; Publicity, J. M. Hathaway, Boyd Beck and P. J. Tyson; Registration and Reception, Mrs. Arlie Jeffus, Mrs. J. H. Scribner and Mrs. Homer E. Matthews; Supply Committee, Johnny Murrell and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alexander; Bar-B-Cue Committee, Dick Wright, E. S. Trout, Clinton Strubling and John Dunn.

On Monday, August 29, there is to be a "Work Day" for both men and women, to get the grounds and buildings ready. This is not just for Legion and Auxiliary members, but for everyone who is interested and willing to help.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Kerr and children of Bakersfield, Calif., spent Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dyson and son Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson and children, Amarillo, spent Sunday night in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Ruff. The grandchildren, Jim, Pat, and Pamela, who had spent a week with their grandparents, returned home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Banks and children moved to Borger, Saturday, where he is employed with the Public School system there. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Duns II, are moving into the house vacated by the Banks family.

Miss Ruth Morris, who is employed in Plainview, spent last week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morris. A granddaughter, Miss Barbara Henderson of Pampa, was also a guest in the Morris home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Beck and Glynnda and Elaine Barker, visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Trusty and sons, Clyde and Dal, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Delton Barker, Wickett, spent last week end visiting his parents and brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Burke. They also visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Godwin and sons in Amarillo.

Miss Joan Beck returned to her home in Dumas, Friday after spending last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Boland and daughters, of Pampa, were guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. Luda Reed, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Meek and Mrs. C. G. Dyson motored to Amarillo, Friday where he had a medical appointment.

Mrs. Carl Pierce and children were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roper and family.

Enjoy a delicious toasted Sandwich and refreshing soda at our fountain. Wheeler Drug.

# 50TH BIRTHDAY Celebration

CONGRATULATIONS TO WHEELER ON ITS

We are proud to have been a part of this community since 1929!

coffee lb.	87¢	3 LB. CAN	Crisco	89¢
cherries	23¢	NO. 303 CAN	HEMET Spiced Peaches	29¢
tomatoes lb.	15¢	BLUE GOOSE	Lemons doz.	35¢
<b>SWANSDOWN ANGELFOOD CAKE MIX</b>	<b>Box 49¢</b>	PICNIC	Shoulders lb.	35¢
		BANNER	BACON lb.	45¢
		SKINLESS	Franks lb.	33¢
cheese Spread	59¢	2 LB. BOX	ALL MEAT Bologna lb.	35¢
apksns	25c	2 BOXES	WHITE SAIL Tissue 4 rolls	35c

Prices Good Friday, Saturday and Monday. Double stamps Wednesday.

# Puckett's WHEELER, TEXAS

## FOOD MARKET

J. B. Puckett came from Virginia in 1911 to start his chain of 11 fine stores. Serving the area with fresh meats, produce and fine foods of all kinds.

## DANCE

**AMERICAN LEGION HALL**  
WHEELER, TEXAS  
**SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 16**  
To the Music of J. T. WYLIE and his  
Top of Texas Playboys  
9:00 till 1:00  
Admission: Adults 75 cents: Students 50 cents

## Early Day Amusement Center



THE CITY OF WHEELER was proud of this building when it was constructed about 1915. Owned by the late D. E. Holt, located where the City Laundry now stands, it was the town's largest structure. The huge, frame building was used as a sales pavilion and for various community services and entertainment. Movies were shown in the building for a while, but this was not the city's first movie house. The structure was destroyed by fire but the Times staff was unable to determine the date that it burned.

## History Of City

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attle and hogs are raised. Gas wells southwest of Wheeler supply the north part of the county and part of Western, Okla., with gas.

Wheeler is served by Trailways Bus lines and Davis Motor Freight Line. It is situated on International Highway 83 and State Highway 152.

The Citizens State Bank was the first bank organized in Wheeler. It opened in the courthouse in 1908. E. E. Holt was president; J. E. Stanley, vice president; and D. E. Holt, cashier. The bank

later occupied a frame building before moving to its present location.

C. Bee Stevens an early district clerk, was a Wheeler resident, and Marvin Sanders served as sheriff from 1906 to 1912.

Julius Carter, a native of North Carolina, moved to Wheeler County about 1903, and into the town of Wheeler later. He and his brother, John dug wells by hand for early settlers.

Wheeler Hospital has a 20-bed capacity, and is owned by Dr. H. E. Nicholson, Sr., and Dr. H. E.

Nicholson, Jr., physicians and surgeons. Dr. Glen R. Walker is owner of a clinic. Dr. C. C. Merritt, has an osteopathic clinic.

Dr. Wm. I. Joss served as a physician in Wheeler for many years.

One of the early general merchandise stores was owned by W. E. Pennington and son, J. C. Mitchell, I. B. Lee and J. P. Green were the early hardware merchants. The McIlhenny's established a general merchandise firm years ago, and C. N. Wofford a dry goods store. E. W. Bagwell was

an early grocer.

The first cotton gin was built in 1906 by Will Taylor. J. W. Hooker was an early gin operator. T. P. Morton was an early blacksmith and with the coming of the automobile F. E. Gossett, Bob Brinman, Sam Watson, Fred Farmer and S. E. Mauldin were among those who opened garages. P. T. Gribble opened the first real estate office.

The first newspaper was the "The Wheeler Sun." Early records were destroyed by fire. The history "Texas and Texans", gives Rev. T. B. Hilburn as the man who established the paper. According to findings by Mrs. J. M. Porter, Clint Stamper was the first editor, and John T. Hilburn the second. The name of the newspaper was changed to Wheeler News Review by Dunkle and Merriman. It was sold to Bones and Bones. G. C. Miller changed the name to Wheeler Times.

Among pioneer families were the Cospers, Barrs, Woffords, Gunter, Flynts, Watsons, Hunts, Whites, Bud Bodenhamer, Millers, Rippys, Ketchersid and Arlos Knight, early postmaster. J. A. Spikes and R. H. Forrester, "school masters" who are remembered especially by the boys.

Today there are many varied business establishments in Wheeler, some 77 in number.

Wheeler has 21-man crew in the Volunteer Fire Department. The first fire chief after its organization was Jack Garrison, Jr., and the present chief is Carroll Pettit.

There are 4,142 motor vehicles of all types registered in the county. Postal receipts for the fiscal year 1954-1955 totaled \$12,458.55. Wheeler's city tax rate per \$100.00 valuation, is \$1.00. Insurance key rate is 46 cents with 15 per cent credit in the city limits.

The city has 293 electric meters, with a total of 381 including those outside the city limits. There are 387 water meters and on a yearly average, 447 gas meters.

Many civic organizations, lodges, clubs, and American Legion, have given assistance toward the building of the prosperous town of Wheeler.

The Cemetery Association has been largely promoted by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crump. They have not only donated generously in a financial way, but have done much of the work themselves in keeping up the grounds and beautifying them with shrubs and flowers.

Another pioneer woman of Wheeler, who came to the county in the '80's, Mrs. J. M. Porter, has been an outstanding citizen, and preserved the history of the county in her books, "Memory Cups," and "Put Up or Shut Up."

There are children and grandchildren of these early pioneers still living in Wheeler, too numerous to name. They are progressive citizens with the interest of Wheeler at heart.

Of the two families who started the town, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rogers, their son and daughter, moved to Melrose, N. M. many years ago.

Of the three remaining members of the J. E. Stanley family, Mrs. A. B. Crump, who was Miss Jim Stanley, is the only member who

## Interior Wheeler's First Bank



Pictured above is the interior of The Citizens State Bank of Wheeler moved into its first home. Pictured on the left is Leonard Green who was Cashier, of the bank at that time. The other person in the picture is D. E. Holt who was Vice-President and Cashier of the bank. The bank's name was changed from the Citizens State to The First National Bank on April 12th 1950. It celebrates its 47 birthday this Thursday. The original bank was started on August 1908 with a capital of \$10,000 and deposits of \$5,199.03 at the close of business on its first day of operation. It now has a capital of \$50,000 with a surplus of \$50,000 and an undivided surplus of \$33,566.29. Deposits at the close of business on June 30 were \$1,669,349.76. Picture and information courtesy of R. J. Holt, Sr.

## West Side Of Square



Above is a picture we obtained from R. J. Holt that was taken August 13, 1908 looking west from the Square in Wheeler. The man on the horse at the windmill is J. E. Stanley. The boy in the foreground on foot is R. J. Holt, Sr. the large building on the left is a Dry Goods Store that was operated by a Mr. Glover at that time. The next building was the Wheeler Sun office in the doorway of which stand John T. Hilburn an early publisher. In the same building was a Real Estate Office with P. T. Gribble in the doorway on the wagon in front of the building is Tobe Frye. Others in the picture are E. E. Holt and Bill Taylor. Next the Sun is T. P. Morton's Blacksmith Shop with Mr. Morton. In the background is a wagon Yard operated by Ben Cree, located where the Johnson-Burton Ford house now stands. Behind it is a portion of the Gunter Hotel.

## Theatre Calendar

**SATURDAY**  
**Five Against The House**  
Guy Madison Kim Novak  
AT THE ROGUE

**MATINEE SATURDAY**  
Show starts at 1:30 p.m.  
AT THE ROGUE

**PREVIEW SATURDAY NIGHT**  
**SUNDAY AND MONDAY**  
**Blackboard Jungle**  
Glenn Ford Anne Francis  
AT THE ROGUE

**TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**  
**Three For The Show**  
CINEMASCOPE  
Betty Bable Jack Lemmon  
Marge and Grower Champion  
THE MUSTANG DRIVE-IN

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**  
**Love Me or Leave Me**  
CINEMASCOPE  
Doris Day James Cagney  
THE MUSTANG DRIVE-IN

has continued to make her home in Wheeler through the years.

The youngest son, George L. Stanley, still resides in the county, and makes his home in Shamrock, and the other son, Tom Stanley, is a resident of Amarillo.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Credit for history of Wheeler goes to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crump, Mrs. J. M. Porter's book, "Memory Cups," "Texas and Texans," by Johnson and Barker, a copy of the Wheeler County Texan published in Shamrock December 6, 1906, and other sources.)

## Jam-Pack Program...

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class of 1916-17 had its valedictorian and salutatorian along with the regular graduating exercises. Miss Altha Breeding was declared the prettiest girl in the class of one girl and three boys who comprised the group. They were: Richard Sanders, deceased; Ernest Baird now in Albuquerque, N. M.; Jim McCasland now in Atlanta, Tex.; and Altha Breeding Hunt of Wheeler. R. H. Forrester of Wheeler was superintendent of schools. J. A. Spikes, now living

in Shamrock, was superintendent before Forrester.

Virgil Jamison is providing a fine barbecue for a host of people. He is being ably assisted in the preparation of the meat by John Barr, a real barbecue king in his own right. Hiram Whitener has all the preparations made under his set-up and clean-up detail, according to R. J. Holt, Jr., General Chairman of the celebration.

Thomas Daughtry, as president of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization of the celebration, has done a superb job of marshaling his crews and getting things done. Thanks to Tom the different ideas are all cleared and everything is in readiness for the big celebration.

R. J. Holt, Jr., has spent many hours in the making and coordinating of plans and activities for the day. Through his efforts all committees have been set up and are functioning expertly. R. J. Holt has had a hand in the decisions all down the line as all committee chairmen wishing information or help rush to him at all hours of the day or night. He has taken time to do a wonderful job.

To secretary-manager E. D. "Dick" Guynes goes the thanks

of the entire city for his in arranging the O. G. and the millions extra jobs that have to be done in organizing a great celebration such as this one. Dick also spent several hours in the making of the registration desk in the Cotton Building on Saturday, 20 and has made all these arrangements along with getting done in other ways. Holt and Crump have also been of valuable assistance to the in this edition.

Harrison Hall has accepted mammoth task of getting student's part of the celebration underway. He has made arrangements for their part activities and for the registration committee has acted with the aid of R. J. Holt, Guynes, Thomas Daughtry, others has had publicity celebration sent to all parts of the surrounding territory. Smith and KEVA have made arrangements from time to time regarding the celebration their radio programs.



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THE COUNTY SEAT NEWSPAPER

## As I Remember Wheeler

**N. Merrian**

I received an invitation to Wheeler's 50th Anniversary, it brought to me memories of those days in my home town. For the Wheeler Times, I recall a few of them.

Since I spent all of my days in Wheeler — from primary through graduation — I have memories of those days in Wheeler. I went to school in Wheeler until the new high school was completed. Of course, I shall always remember the old ones. I even went to school in the Christian and Baptist while a new building was constructed.

Forrester's admonition "one coming," made an impression on me; in fact, I knew I had in store. I wore two pairs of six weeks during the summer because of the excitement, and then the day that I left off the Prof gave it to me. I was watching all and waiting for me to extra padding.

Spinning tops and plugging tobacco tags was a great sport in the spring, and Professor Forrester was one of the best. He was one teacher who could spend recess periods with the students and let them know that the fun was over when they returned to the classroom.

Graduation was no doubt the highlight of my school career. I had the distinction of being the handsomest, the smartest, the most popular boy in the graduating class — I was the only male member. With a group of girls, who I will not identify because some of them might not care to recall that it has been 30 years since that memorable day. I had quite a time during that final school year. Being somewhat shy and sporting a considerable number of freckles (for which I was noted), I was not as popular with the young ladies as the first paragraph might indicate. Even a course in sociology seemed to do little to rid me of my shyness.

**FIRES** — The three big fires in Wheeler are vivid in my memory. When the Knight Theatre, just off the northwest corner of the square burned, I was so young that my mother would not let me go to town to see it. However,

I still remember the reflection of the flames and the billows of smoke I could see through the east window of our home.

I certainly never will forget the second big fire, when the south side of the square burned. Raymond Holt and I had stayed up late getting the pre-Christmas edition of the old Wheeler Sun ready to be mailed. I had planned to come down early the next morning and take the papers to the post office. The fire came in the early hours of the morning, completely destroying the printing office along with the adjoining buildings. That was one edition of the paper which was printed and never read by anyone. I hadn't even taken a copy home with me. I almost cried to think of the vast amount of work that had gone into that issue, and it all went up in smoke.

It was a different situation when the west side of the square burned. Uncle John (Dunkle), my brother Douglas and I were working late to get out an issue of the then Wheeler News-Review. We were just about ready to go to press, when the fire alarm sounded. We went out with almost everyone else in town to

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**POINTING** his camera down the main street of Wheeler from in front of the First National Bank building, R. J. Holt, Sr., made this picture in 1916. The pioneer ranchers and cowboys of this area watered their horses at the tallest windmill appearing in this picture. Near the other windmill was the town's wagon yard and livery stable.

put up with. Seems as all the young men would delight in trying to throw Papa in the horse tank in the center of the street and Mama said that he would come home with his shirt nearly ripped off and wet at times; laughing like it was fun. Now days you can call a fellow a Republican and he wants to shoot you. Times sure have changed!

When you go by the old jail next time you can look at it and smile cause there was a lot of happiness around there. I don't mean upstairs but in the living quarters down stairs. There have been a many person eat there and visit my parents and lots of the other sherifs families. I have heard the Bud Burgess's used to live there and others.

But to get back to what we started. There were six Gunter Children born to Lee and Maggie.

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There was Irene; Terrell; Gladys; Ralph; M. L. Jr., and the other one the insurance peddler. These children were raised there in Wheeler and went to school there. Ever last one of them. Lots of your mothers and dads were raised there at that time and probably knew the elder ones better than we do. But Papa at one time had the City Drug Store about where the present one is sitting and for some time was associated with it. Get Dick Crump or Walter Hooker to tell you about it. Maybe Mr. A. B. Crump or Jedge Forrester would know about such but it was a gathering place for such guys apparently and the commotion would start as I before mentioned. Guess there was nothing more entertaining than to try to toss a fellow out of the building or to see who could take

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## Lee and Maggie

by Ab Gunter

I guess it will seem funny for some to see just Lee and Maggie as this heading but this ain't for you kids, it's for the old timers to read. But since you are so darn inquisitive, Lee and Maggie were Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gunter. They lived here at Wheeler a long time ago when Prairie Dogs would chase the cat under the house.

In all due reverence to our parents I guess lots of the older folks still laugh at some of the things that Papa did. He was sheriff of Wheeler County for several years and Mother even raised part of our family there in the old Wheeler Jail. When they moved to Wheeler County they lived in Locust community and I have heard Mother say she has burned many cow chips and Shiner roots and papered the house with newspaper. My wife won't even let me paste up a picture of Marilyn Monroe, much less a whole newspaper, but them was the good ole days.

One time Frank Lee told me that Papa called him on the phone and said "Frank, there is a fellow

coming your way on a horse and I want you to stop him". He didn't tell Frank that the fellow he wanted stoped had just left jail with Papa's old hog leg with a pocket of bullets but anyway Frank said sure enough the fellow came trotting down the road and when he got to Frank's gate Frank stopped him and asked him to get off the hoss. Due to Frank's size the fellow obliged him and got off. A little later Daddy came up in his Model T and Frank said he never saw a fellow get such a dustin' in all his life. He said that Papa booted the fellow every step of the way to the car, but friends just were expected to assist in any manner, I guess, in those days.

Daddy was a friend to all the kids, young and old alike. From the stories I hear about him, most everyone loved him. I don't mean to be boastful but they seemed to. Guess he must have been a pretty nice fellow to help anyone when they needed help. But I don't guess a man could have had a nicer wife than Mama. I have heard her say what she had to

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**WHEELER ON YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

May each of you have the best time of your lives as you visit with all who have come to the celebration.

**Bus Dorman**  
Sheriff of Wheeler County

## Happy Birthday Wheeler!

May you continue to prosper and develop as the friendliest City in the Pashandle!

Welcome to Wheeler on its 50th Birthday August 20, 1955



**H. M. WILEY** was born July 24, 1882 at Newcite, Ala., and came to Wheeler September 1907. He organized the Wheeler Gas Company in 1926 and has now retired from its obligations. On December 14, 1911 he was married to Mary Leota Kite, at Wheeler and they have eight children, Max, Marilyn, Paul, Martha, Melba, Bill Celeste and Patricia. H. M. is a member of the Methodist Church, and the Masonic Lodge. His hobbies are "Calendar Reform and Left handed data".



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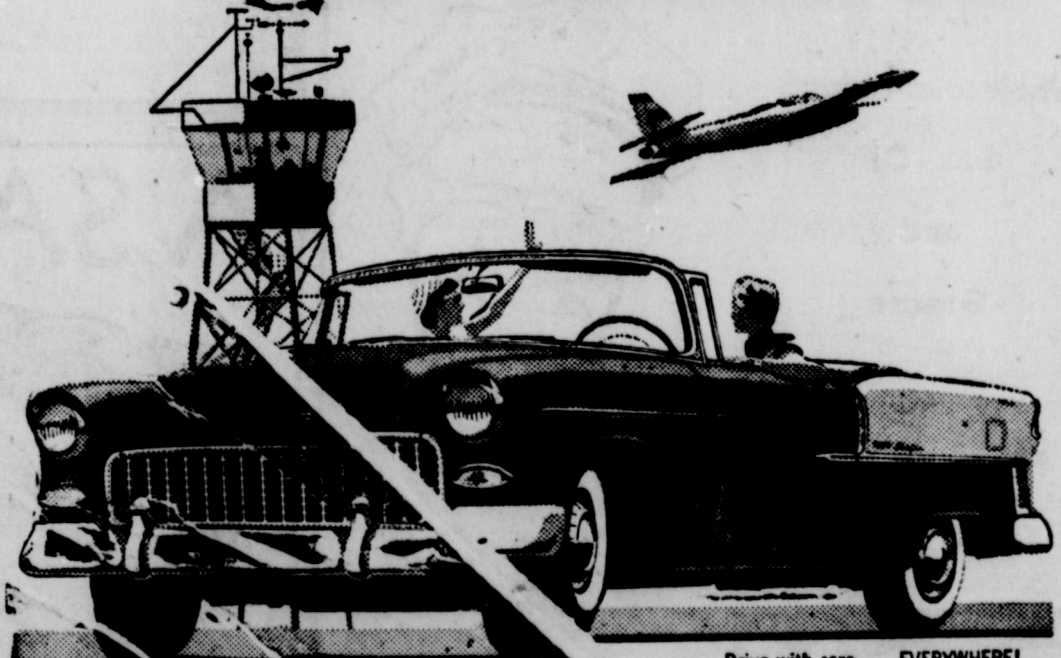
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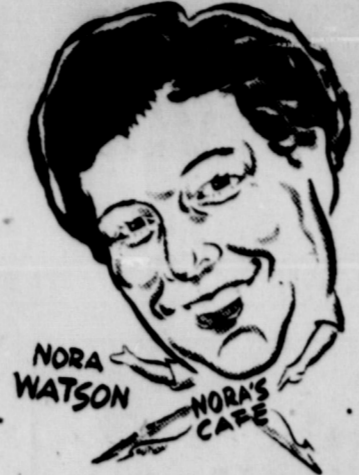
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WHEELER, TEXAS



## Welcome To Wheeler's 50th Birthday Party

**MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT NORA'S CAFE SATURDAY AUGUST 20**

Cool Refreshments or Meals at all Hours



**NORA WATSON** is co-owner of NORA'S cafe and has been in Wheeler since September 1921. She was born September 10, 1899 at Itasca. Nora is married to Sam Watson and they have one daughter, Dorothy Lee Jamison. Her hobby is "cooking good things to eat."



**SAM WATSON** co-owner of NORA'S cafe, came to Wheeler September 21, 1921. Sam was born January 7, 1888 and has been in the present firm since April 17, 1949. His wife's name is Nora and they have one child Dorothy Lee Jamison. His hobbies are his horses.

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**PEARL JONES** came to Wheeler in 1916 and is Cashier and Bookkeeper for the Wheeler Locker Plant. She was born in Hollis, Okla., October 3, 1914. Her husband name is Owen Clifford Jones and they have two children Lindon and Sandra Beth. Pearl is a member of the Church of Christ.



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**STEVE BURL (Buster)** was born March 31, 1914 in Texas, and came to Wheeler November 1946. He is manager of the Wheeler Locker Plant. His name is Norma Lee and they have two children Mary Elizabeth Patricia Ann, and one little daughter. Buster is a member of the Baptist Church and his hobbies are sports.

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## CONGRATULATIONS WHEELER, on your 50th Birthday Celebration



**ROY BURCHAM**, born May 10, 1913, in the town of Newton, Ill., came to Wheeler in 1923. In Shamrock on the 9th day of September, 1938 he married La Veda Sanderson and have two children, Virginia Thompson, and Joyce Ann. November 17, 1952, Roy became bookkeeper for the Texas Company, I. C. (Johnny) Mundy, Consignee. Roy is a member of the First Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge No. 929, the Order of Chapter and Council, and the 100F 377 Shamrock Lodge work is Roy's favorite hobby.

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**B. F. CHANCE, JR.** was born in Wheeler County, September 16, 1910. On the 24th day of January in the year 1937 he was married to Wanda Meredith in the town of Coolidge, Texas. The life of a truck driver was for B. F., so, March of 1955 he started working for The Texas Company, I. C. (Johnny) Mundy, Consignee. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, The Masonic Lodge No. 929, Order Chapter and Council, The Royal Ambassador counselor and served with the U. S. Air Force. Among his many hobbies, working with children, fishing, and camping are his favorites.



## I.C. "Johnny" MUNDY

Texas Company Consignee Shamrock, Texas



**C. B. KIRK** came to Wheeler August 1, 1947 when he, with Carl Mason of Shattuck, Okla., purchased the Hunt Funeral Home. He was associated with Mr. Mason in Kirk-Mason Funeral Home from that time till August 1954, when he purchased the interest of Mr. Mason, and since that the business has operated as Kirk Funeral Home. He was born January 9, 1899, near White-rock (Cherokee Strip) Okla. On June 11, 1921 at Enid, Okla., he was married to Irma Brown. After graduation from the Dallas School of Embalming he passed the state board examination and received License No. 1909. In 1936 when funeral directors were licensed he received License No. 1833. C. B. is a member of the Methodist Church, OES and a 32 degree Mason.

## Congratulations to Wheeler

On Its

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

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Providing the Area with funeral and Ambulance Service

## Kirk Funeral Home

C. B. Kirk

Irma Kirk



**IRMA KIRK** came to Wheeler in 1947 and is lady assistant at Kirk Funeral Home. She has been with the present since August 1, 1947 when she purchased from D. Hunt. She was born near Enid, Oklahoma when statehood was acquired in 1907. On June 1921 she was married to C. B. Kirk. Irma is a member of Methodist Church, OES Progressive Study Club.

## A SALUTE to WHEELER on its 50th Birthday

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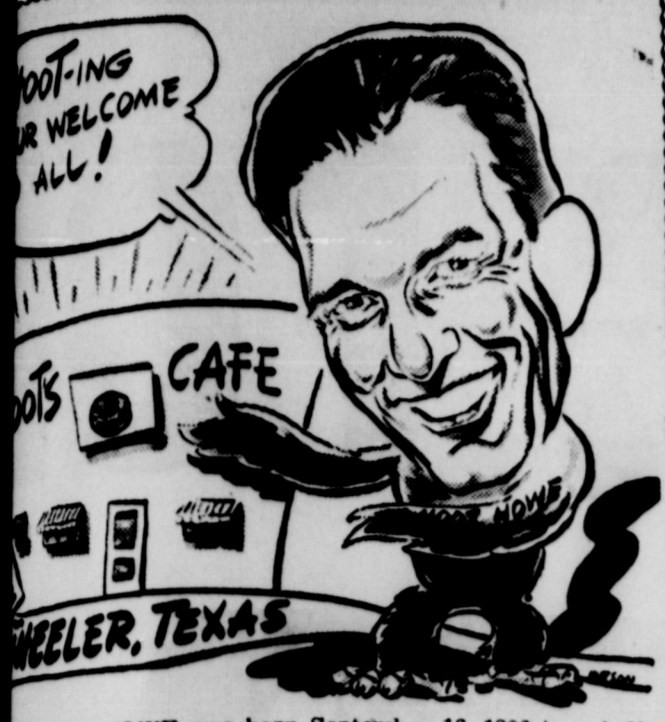
**OPAL (HANSARD) LAFLIN** came to Wheeler May 4, 1935. She is co-owner and bookkeeper of Wheeler Radio and Refrigerator Service and has been with the firm since May 1945. Opal was born August 18, 1907 at Thornberry (Clay County) and was married to L. C. Laflin December 24, 1933 at Walters, Okla. Her daughters are Mary Elizabeth Barnes and Virginia Rose Pettit. She is a member of the Baptist Church, Wednesday Study Club, and North Wheeler Garden Club. Her hobbies are flowers and vegetables and she likes football.



**EARL FRANCIS BARNES** was born October 25, 1922 at Muskogee, Okla., came to Wheeler in 1924. He is Electrician and repairman for the Wheeler Radio and Refrigerator Service and has been with the firm since January 1, 1946. On February 24, 1945 he was married to Mary Marrs, at Cheyenne, Okla. They have three children, Gwendolyn, D'Ann and Sherrilyn Jan. Earl is a member of the Baptist Church, Fire Department and American Legion. His hobbies are fishing, softball and he is a football fan.



**LEWIS CARL LAFLIN** born November 3, 1903 at Enid, Okla., came to Wheeler May 4, 1935. He is owner and manager of Wheeler Radio and Refrigerator Service which was organized May 1945. His wife's name is Opal and they were married in Walters, Okla., December 24, 1933. He has three children, Mrs. Maxie Howard, C. L. Doris Laflin. Carl is a member of the First Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club, and Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies are fishing, violinist, football to experiment in Electronics.



HOOT HOWE was born September 16, 1906 in a half block in Haskell County, Texas and came to Wheeler in 1947. He is the original owner of Hoot's Cafe which was organized in 1952. On December 29, 1924 he was married to L. L. Edwards in Haskell, Texas and they have seven children, Jadean, Frankie, Gene, Lanell, Evelyn, Bobby and "Hoot". Hoot likes fishing, baseball and football but is a die-hard Mustang fan.

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J. M. LAWRENCE is owner of Lawrence Feed. He was born February 16, 1890 in Winnsboro (Wood Co.). On December 24, 1915 he was married to Agnes Newsome at Pittsburg, Texas. They have one daughter, Mrs. Herbert Whitenr. J. M. is a member of the Methodist Church. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

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LOTIE EVA DENSON is owner of Clay Food Store and has been with the firm since 1939. She was born in Wheeler, December 23, 1911. Her husband's name is Cecil and she has two children, Mary Bob and Robert. She is a member of the Methodist Church and '54 Club.



IRENE DYER is one of the Checkers at Clay Food Store and has been with the firm since its opening in June 1929. Irene was born September 3, 1902 at Clarkville and came to Wheeler in 1921. Her husband's name is Ernest and she is a member of the Baptist Church.

# Congratulations Wheeler!

On Your

## Golden Birthday

# CLAY FOOD STORE

Complete Grocery and Market  
Wheeler, Texas



CECIL JAMES DENSON was born January 31, 1908 at Greenville, and came to Wheeler in June 1939. He is owner of Clay Food Store and has been with the present firm since that time. His wife's name is Lottie Eva and they have two children, Mary Bob and Robert. Cecil is a member of the Methodist Church and Kiwanis.

### Other Members of Our Firm Include:

DAYTON KIRKENDALL was born at Prairie Grove, Ark., and came to Wheeler in May 1955. He is a clerk at Clay Food and has been with the firm since June 1955. His wife's name is Dorothy and they have three children, Martha, Mary, and Dayton Michael. He was in the Army and is Pastor of the Assembly of God Church.

BETTY LOU JOHNSON is a Market Employee at Clay Food Store, and has been with the firm since March 1955. She was born September 30, 1934 in Shamrock and came to Wheeler in 1942. Her husband's name is Ray Cole and they have one son, Michael Ray. Betty is a member of the Baptist Church.

CECIL DOUGLAS BLEVINS is a butcher at Clay Food Store and has been with the present firm since March 1955. He was born November 2, 1935 and came to Wheeler in 1940. He is a member of Baptist Church, National Guard, and his hobby is baseball.

HAROLD B. CALLAN is head of the Grocery Dept. at Clay Food. He was born July 1, 1926 in Wheeler. His wife's name is Virginia, and they have a daughter, Debra. Harold is a member of the American Legion and Fire Dept. He served in the Air Force.

ODELL HARRIS is head of the Produce Dept. at Clay Food and has been with the firm since November 1954. He was born March 24, 1918 at Stoneburg, and came to Wheeler in 1951. His wife's name is Ruth and they have two children, Jerry and Coy. He is pastor of Church of Nazarene.

ERMA RILEY came to Wheeler in 1928. She has been a Checker at Clay Food Store since September 1954. Erma was born December 28, 1917 at Wheeler. Her husband's name is Ed and they have four children, Mary, Nilda, Bobby and Ann Helen. She is a member of the Baptist Church and OES.



ROBERT DENSON was born June 15, 1937 in Wichita, Kans., and came to Wheeler in 1939. He says he is the 'Boss's son'. He graduated from Wheeler High in 1955, is a member of the Methodist Church and National Guard.



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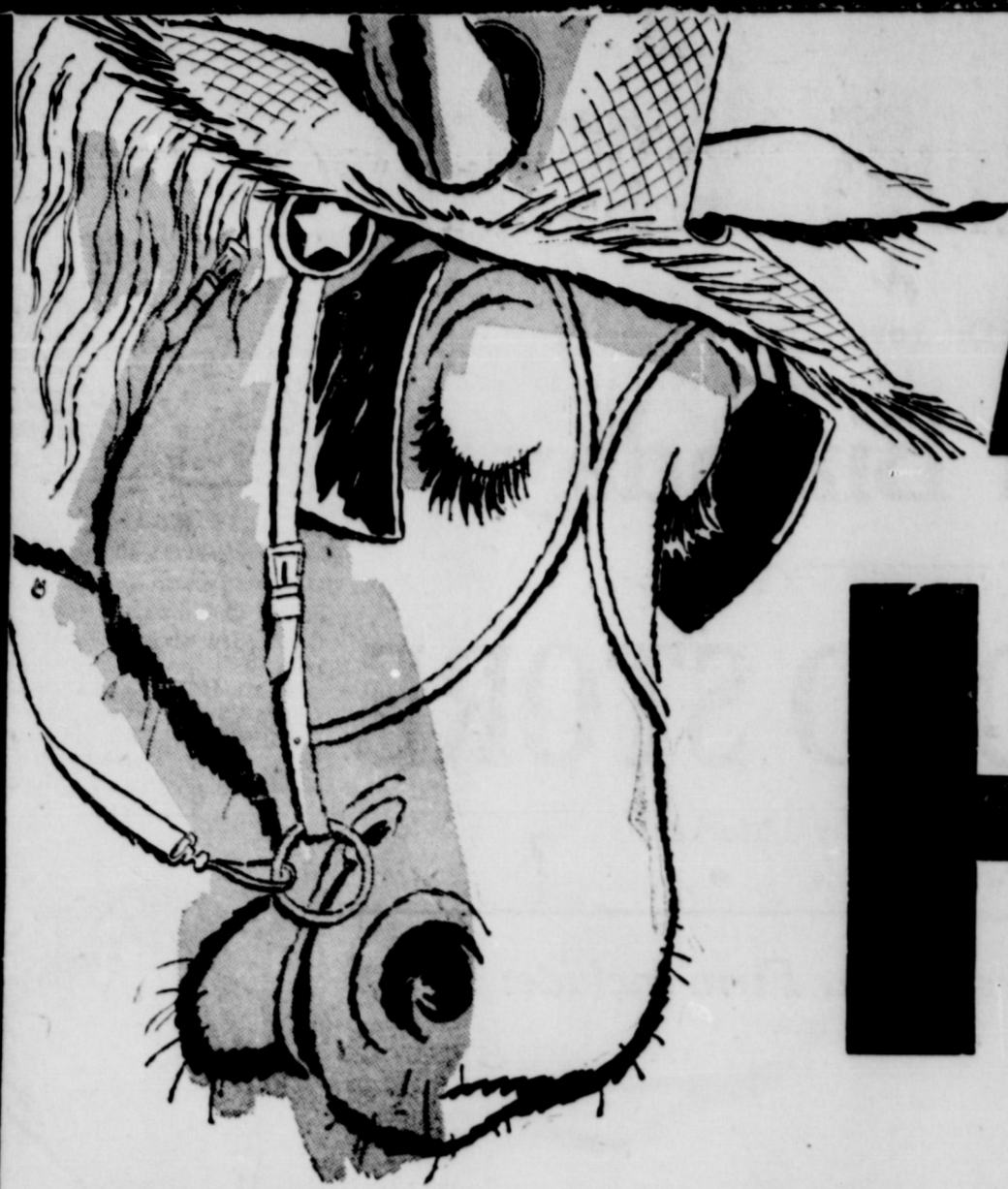


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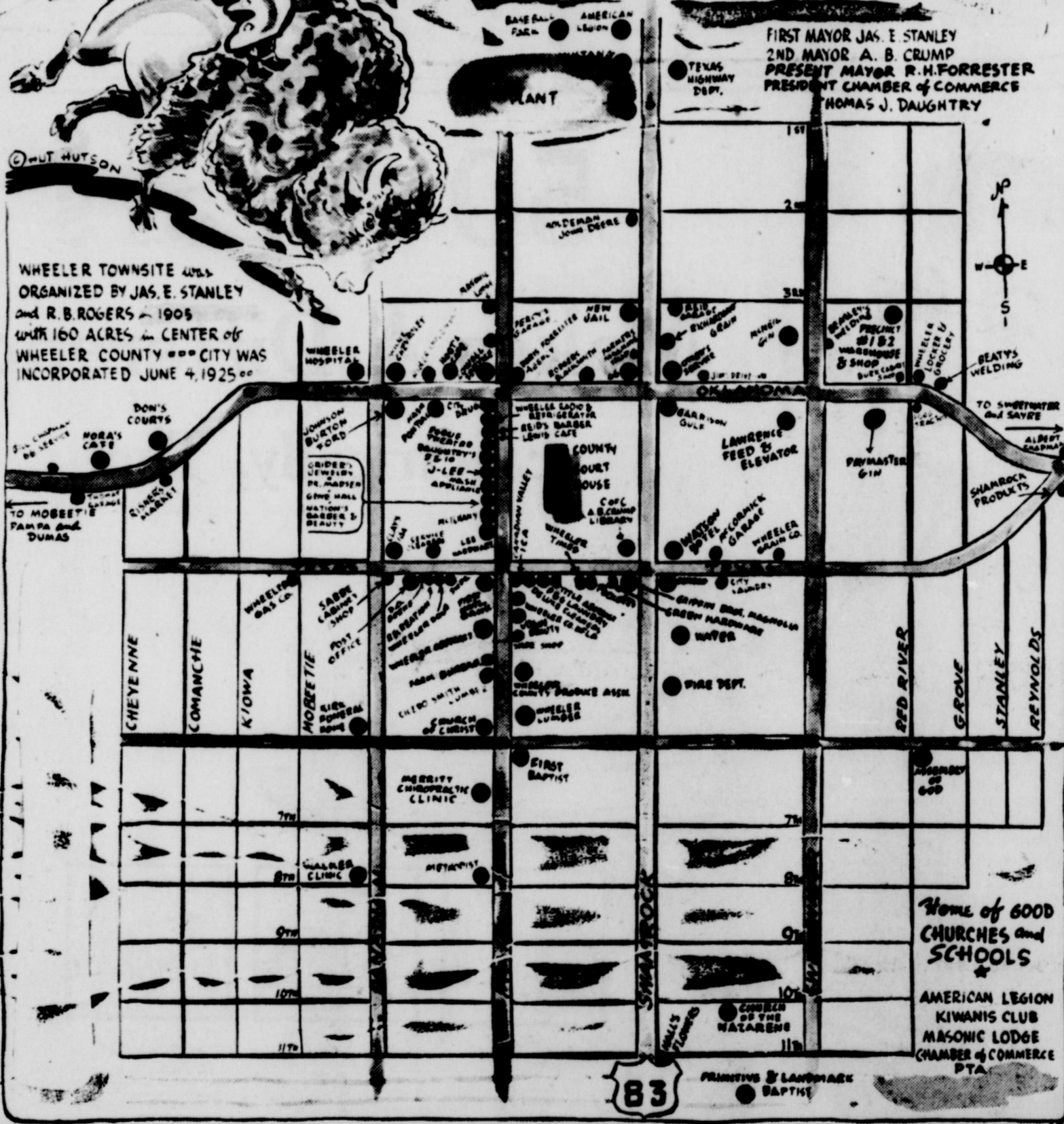


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### INTRODUCING The "TIMES"

CHAS SLEMMER was born near Okeene, Okla., in Ind. Ter. September 20, 1906. He has been publisher of the Wheeler Times since August 1, 1954. He was married to Mildred Sears, August 24, 1928 at Watonga, Okla. They have four children.



MILDRED ANN SLEMMER was born in Major county Oklahoma September 3, 1937 and came to Wheeler county in 1943, with her parents. She has been associated with the Wheeler Times since August 1, 1954. Mildred Ann is a member of the Methodist Church and Wheeler Band. Her hobbies are Music and twirling.

E. D. (DICK) GUYNES is Secretary Manager of our Chamber of Commerce, since February 1954. He was born at Goldthwaite, July 20, 1891 and came to Wheeler in 1912. He was married to Margaret Rowe at Rayland, December 31, 1911. They have seven children, H. B., Jack, Robert, Clyde, Augusta, Beauchamp, Florine Beaty, and Presley Holler. Dick is a member of the Methodist Church and Kiwanis Club. His hobbies are, making violins, fishing, and a Mustang an.



JIMMY Goad printer and has since Sep born no 1936 and school hunting.

# THE WHEELER

# WHEELER'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

MILDRED SLEMMER, was born in Rawlins County Kansas and came to Wheeler August 1, 1954. She is bookkeeper at the Wheeler Times and has been with the firm since that time. She was married to Chas. Slemmer August 24, 1928 at Watonga, Okla., They have four children, Bob, Ila, Jane and Mildred Ann. She is a member of the Methodist Church and her hobbies are sewing, domestic art and camping.



May You Continue to Grow  
And Always Be A Great  
Place to Call Home!

## MENTION



"HUT" HUTSON of Amarillo made the drawings and caricatures for this edition and he, with Dick Guynes dug up an enormous supply of historical information.

To them we express our sincere appreciation for their efforts in locating sources of information and the hours spent digging it up for us.

*It's Been A L-O-N-G and  
Glorious Fifty Years...*

Though we are "newcomers" to the City of Wheeler, We, as the management of the WHEELER TIMES, should like to take this opportunity to express our most sincere congratulations to THE CITY of WHEELER and to its progressive minded citizens who have made this memorable occasion a reality.

We hope that these same citizens do not consider this milestone as an end in itself; but will obtain a new foothold from this day and forge onward to an even more glorious fifty years when they reach the occasion to celebrate a centennial for the City of Wheeler.

KEARBY WEATHERLY is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Weatherly and is a new employee at the Times. He was born March 7, 1941 at Estelene, and came to Wheeler in 1947. Kearby is a freshman in high school and his hobbies are Oil painting and art.



# R TIMES

# WELCOME To Wheeler's Golden Anniversary!

GRAINGER McILHANY our State Representative, is manager of McIlhany's Dry Good and has been with the firm since 1945. Grainger was born here April 28, 1918 and will be married to Dorothy Dendinger on August 20, 1955. He is a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion, Kiwanis Club and Masonic Lodge. He was in the army during World War II, and his hobby is gardening.



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Wheeler, Texas

# Congratulations

TO WHEELER ON ITS  
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Serving The AREA SINCE 1954

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- TIRES
- GASOLINE
- OILS
- GREASE



General Service

- Greasing
- Flats Fixed
- New Tires
- & Batteries



THURSTON YOUNG is manager of the Courthouse Service Station and has been with the firm since 1952. He was born September 4, 1912 in Hollis, Okla., and came to Wheeler in January 2, 1937. He was married to Lanita Caswell April 3, 1931 in Gould, Okla. They have no children. Thurston is a member of the Baptist Church and Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies are fishing, hunting and cattle.

## Courthouse Serv. Sta.

Phillips 66 — Gas, Oil, Grease

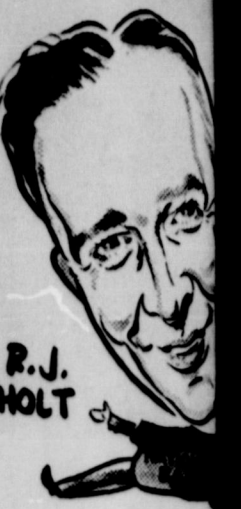
N. E. Corner Square

Wheeler, Texas



R. J. HOLT, JR. was born in Pampa on March 25, 1928. He graduated from Wheeler High School. He joined the First National Bank's staff in 1945 and is now vice president and Cashier. He is married to Arnell Sorenson and they have two children, John Michael and Carol Ann. His hobbies are photography and golf. He is assistant Chief of the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department.

WE ARE PROUD TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE HAD A PART IN THE PROGRESS OF WHEELER ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY



R. J. HOLT was born in Pampa, Okla., October 25, 1888. He came to Wheeler in 1908. He is president of the First National Bank and has been a member of the firm since February 1922. On March 19, 1927 he married Bess Carr. His children are Robert J., Margaret and Mary. He is a member of the Methodist Church and Scottish Rite. His hobbies are golf and fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Holt and family arrived in Wheeler August 8th 1908 to open this Bank, which he had organized and secured charter, First personnel, included D. E. Holt and Mrs. D. E. Holt and the Bank opened for business August 11th, 1908 in northwest corner of the old Court-House, in 1909 the new home was erected next door to its present home, and moved to a new building 500 Main in 1918 which it still occupies.

In 1922 Robert J. Holt joined his father as bookkeeper and in 1925 Raymond D. Holt began his banking as bookkeeper also, working up to Vice President and Cashier respectively. Raymond passed away in January 1946 and D. E. Holt brought R. J. Holt, Jr., in as Cashier, making the third generation of this banking family.

The death of our founder and President came in June 1953. R. J. Holt succeeded his father as President.

The bank has been completely modernized according to plans by its founder at this date.

Credit to the progress of this institution goes to our many friends and customers, all of whom we are justly proud.



ADRIAN (Coby) RISNER was born at Mountainburg, Ark., August 6, 1923. In 1925 he moved with his parents to Wheeler. He has worked at the First National Bank since 1953 and is assistant cashier. His wife's name is Dorothy and they have one child, Darla. Adrian was in the army in World War II. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department and West-Passions Post of the American Legion. His hobby is golf.

Deposits August 11th 1908	\$5,199.03
Deposits June 30th 1955	\$1,669,349.76

**First National Bank**  
Wheeler, Texas



CARROLL PETTIT was born in Wheeler September 10, 1898. He married Virginia. Served in the Navy World War II. In 1963 he came to work in the National Bank and is assistant cashier. He is an ardent golfer. He is the present Chief of the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department.



HAROLD NASH came to Wheeler in 1920. In 1936 he and his brother, Shelton started a business known as NASH APPLIANCE AND SUPPLY and Harold assumed the position of manager. He was born December 7, 1907 in Floyd, N. M. His wife's name is Mae and they were married in Durant, Okla., in 1939. They have two children, Garth and Marilyn. He belongs to the Methodist Church, Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club. Harold would like to fish if he could ever get a chance to go.

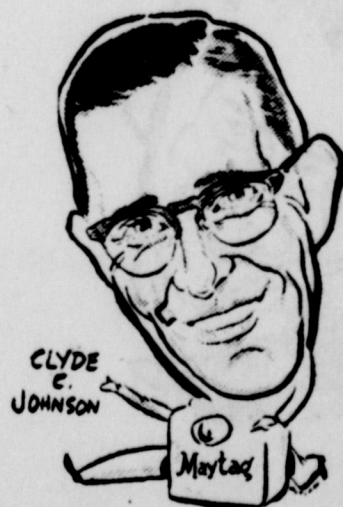
# Salute to Wheeler on its BIG GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

We are proud to have been a part of Wheeler's growth since 1936.

- FIRESTONE — PONTIAC — GMC — J. I. CASE
- MAYTAG — PHILCO — SERVEL — ZENITH
- Electrical and Gas Appliances — Radio and TV Sets — Furniture



JACK W. BARTON was born March 7, 1917 at Reed, Okla., and came to Wheeler county October 7, 1930. He is a car salesman for Nash Supply Co. and has been with the firm since July 1953. Jack was married to Sylvia Reynolds, April 28, 1940 at Shamrock. They have six children, Sandra, Sarah, Jackie, Jimmie, Ronnie and Rickey. His hobbies are baseball and football.



CLYDE C. JOHNSON came to Wheeler February 15, 1945 and has been in the Sales and Service Department at Nash Appliance and Supply since December 23, 1947. He was born June 3, 1914 at Pauls Valley, Okla. His wife's name is Geneva, and they were married January 6, 1933. They have four children, Claudine, Pearl, Wallace and Jackie. Clyde is a member of the Church of Christ, and he likes to fish and hunt.



JOE D. ROGERS was born December 10, 1921 at Flagstaff, Ariz., and came to Wheeler in January 1949. He is manager of the motor Vehicle Division for Nash Appliance and Supply Co., and has been with the firm since 1950. In Austin, December 15, 1942 he was married to Vera McNeill, and they have four children, Vell, Dean, Dale and Jo Rita. Joe is a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce and Fire Department. He served in World War II as Pilot in US Army Air Force. His hobby is outdoor life.

## Nash Appliance & Supply Company

# The Guthrie's

Lee, Laura, Corky, Rebecca

EXPRESS CONGRATULATIONS TO WHEELER

On its

## 50th Birthday Aug. 20



The Rogue Theatre, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Guthrie, was opened June 9, 1930 as the first talking movie in Wheeler. It was located in the building now occupied by J-Lee Department Store, where it remained until January 1947 when it moved to the new location as it stands today.

In June 1952 the Mustang Drive-In Theatre was built and operated by M. L. (Corky) Guthrie. In June 1955 Rebecca Gaines, by marriage, joined the Guthrie force and now assists Corky in the operation of both theatres which are fully equipped to show the newest wide screen and cinemascope productions.

## Rouge & Mustang Theatres

Good, Clean Entertainment Always

## Welcome To Wheeler's Birthday Party



The City Drug invites you to attend the Celebration and meet your Friends here!



We are proud to have had a part in the growth of Wheeler since March 1934 serving the Area with general drug sundries, veterinary supplies & fountain service



ELSIE GRIMES is a new employee at City Drug but has been in Wheeler since January 1927. She was born May 9, 1920 at Jacksboro, Texas. Elsie has five children, John B., J. T., Linda, Phillip Gene, and Bess.

WE'LL BE HERE on the Northwest Corner of the Square to give you that BIG WELCOME!

## City Drug

Where it's a Pleasure to Please!  
Wheeler, Texas

## CONGRATULATIONS WHEELER



R. D. HOLDEMAN came to Wheeler in December 1947 and has been an employee at Holdeman Implement Co. since its organization at that time. He was born in 1927 at Eldorado, Okla., and on June 12, 1950 was married. His wife's name is Dorothy Jean and they have two children, Robert Donald, Jr., and Carla Jean. Robert served in the Army during World War II.

CLARENCE A. HOLDEMAN came to Wheeler in December 1947 and organized Holdeman Implement Co., in which he is owner. He was born in 1905 at Texarkana. His wife's name is Virginia Lee and they were married February 12, 1927 at Bethel, Okla. They have four children, Robert D., Margaret Weatherly, Isla Gail and Audie Jo Holdeman.

## HOLDEMAN IMPLEMENT CO.

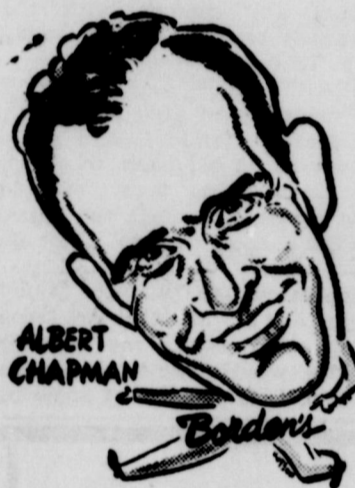
Bob • Clarence  
• Wheeler, Texas •

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WHEELER

We congratulate you on your 50th Anniversary and wish you the best of everything during the ensuing years.

Enjoy yourselves and help the community Celebrate on August 20.

ALBERT CHAPMAN was born "somewhere" in New Mexico September 16, 1914 and came to Wheeler in 1937. He is owner and operator of Chapman Dairy, an independent distributor, since 1950. His wife's name is Hannah Faye and they were married June 25, 1955 at Sayre Okla.. Albert has one child, Martha Ann Chapman Nickel. He is a member of the Church of Christ, Kiwanis, and Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies are birds, and his grandsons.



Serving the Area with Wholesale and retail Milk Products since 1950

## Chapman Dairy

BORDEN DISTRIBUTOR  
Wheeler, Texas

## CONGRATULATIONS WHEELER ON YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Serving Wheeler County with Fine Foods since 1936

STEAKS DINNERS  
Short Orders  
Lunches  
Coffee & Pie  
Headquarters  
on Highway  
66 and 83



JOHN L. NUNN was born February 24, 1902 in Blue Mountain, Ark. He came to Shamrock October 3, 1927 and is owner of Nunn's cafe on Highway 66. He was married to Bebe Clay, January 26, 1928 in Shamrock. They have no children. John is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Charter member of Rotary, and Masonic Lodge. His favorite pastime is hunting and fishing and all kinds of sports.

## Nunn's Cafe

Shamrock, Texas

## CONGRATULATIONS TO WHEELER ON ITS 50TH BIRTHDAY



A DAY for FUN and FROLIC

FREE BAR-B-Q • Big DANCE Entertainment for ALL

## WHEELER in TEXAS

Serving the area with the Best of Fine Foods. Meals — Short Orders — Sandwiches

## Jim's Drive Inn

Malts — Sno Kones — Cold Drinks  
Jim Magruder Wheeler, Texas

## WELCOME TO WHEELER'S BIG PARTY

Stop and Gas with Us when attending the Celebration



We have served the Area with Gas, Oil, Tires, Tubes, Batteries and Accessories since July 1946!

FLATS FIXED

## CHAPMAN SERVICE STATION

Phone 3211 Wheeler, Texas

JAMES WYLIE (BILL) CHAPMAN is owner, operator and manager of the Chapman Service Station on West highway 152. He came to Wheeler May 18, 1946 and has been with the present firm since July 1946. He was born October 17, 1919 in Clovis, N. M., and was married to Wanda Haworth in Yuma, Ariz., October 28, 1939. The Bill Chapmans have three children, Jo Ann, Shirley Jean and John Wylie (Johnny). Bill is a member of the Fire Department and American Legion; he served in the army in World War II. He likes baseball and football a lot better than he does the lawn mower.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WHEELER

We are proud to have been a part of the growth of this City since Spring of 1950. Serving the area with fruits, vegetables and staple Groceries

## ICE



HENRY RISNER is manager of Risners Market on West highway 152. He was born April 28, 1927, in Wheeler. He was married to Betty Sue Ripley on July 2, 1950 at Midland, Texas. They have one child, Phillip Stanley Risner. Henry is a member of the Baptist Church, he served in the Merchant Marines in World War II, and his hobbies are stamp collecting and hunting.

## RISNER'S MARKET

West Highway 152

J. E. (JIM) RISNER is a very important man to our city, as he is Water Superintendent of Wheeler. He was born February 18, 1897 in Nashville, Tenn., and came to Wheeler in 1909. On November 6, 1920 he was married to Hettie Dyer, at Van Buren, Ark. They have three children, Scotty, Adrian and Henry. Jim is a member of the First Baptist Church, C. of C., American Legion, Past Post Adjutant, and West Passions Post. He served his country in World War I. His hobbies are collecting relics, stamps and old coins.

## CONGRATULATIONS WHEELER On Your 50TH ANNIVERSARY

We wish to become a part of your city and community and we hope we will be here to celebrate your next anniversary.



R. W. RIAL was born April 2 1908 in Illinois and came to Wheeler in October 1954. He is land agent for Natural Gas Pipeline Co. and has been with the present firm since 1946. His wife's name is Lucille and they have one child, Albert Dean.

**NATURAL GAS PIPELINE CO.  
OF AMERICA**

## CONGRATULATIONS WHEELER On Your 50TH ANNIVERSARY

We are proud to be a part of the community, serving the area with auto, truck and tractor repair since 1935.

OTIS REID came to Wheeler in 1929, and has been owner and operator of Otis Reid's Garage since 1935. He was born June 21, 1904 at Stephenville Erath County. On March 3, 1929 at Miami, he was married to Opal Bradshaw, and they have four children, Jo Evelyn Winnie Dolores, Harold Edwin and Linda Kay. Otis is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Baptist Church. He says he likes to hunt, but never finds time to go.



**OTIS REID'S GARAGE**  
General Repair



DORIS FORRESTER was born in Davis, Okla., and came to Wheeler in the year of 1919. She has been with the present firm, Doris Forrester Insurance & Abstracts, since the year of 1927 and is Owner and Manager. Her husband is R. H. Forrester and they have no children. Doris is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and her hobbies include music, and doing domestic art.

In 1927 we purchased an insurance agency here and established the Doris Forrester Agency. Since that date we have merged two other agencies with ours to form the largest agency in the northern part of Wheeler County. It is now the oldest agency in the county operating continuously under the same management.

**DORIS FORRESTER AGENCY**  
INSURANCE and ABSTRACTS

Phone 5111

Wheeler

## As I Remember...

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fight the fire. When it was well under control, we went back to the printing office, wrote a story, set it up in type and made over the front page in order to get this latest news to the readers.

BASEBALL — I have never understood why I was tagged with the name of "John McGraw," unless it was that I took such an active part in the sport during my high school days and knew the rule book from "cover to cover." I well remember the wonderful times we had when we would all crowd into Dad's old Model T jalopy and drive to Locust Grove, Mobeetie or maybe Corn Valley for a game on Friday afternoon.

Along with Amasa Flynt, Robert Hunt, Roe Green, Dud McMillin, Marshall Adams, Clint Wofford, Lloyd Lee, Glen Porter Wayne Roper, Dennis Greer, one or two of the Tillman boys, and some others, if they could crowd in, we would drive to one of the other schools and put on an exhibition of the grand old American sport. I especially remember one time at Locust Grove when I struck out 17 batters — and I still have the old score card to prove it.

Many thrilling games were played by the town team during those days. Les Womack, Sam Hale, Brigham Young, Tom Young, "Fuzz" Young, Joe Page, Perry Morris and Earl Wofford are only a few of the players I remember. It was great sport to accompany this team and interpret the rules, if the occasion required it.

FOOTBALL — The rivalry between Wheeler and Shamrock is the outstanding memory of football in those years. Most vividly recalled is the game in Shamrock when Perry Morris was clipped and had his leg broken and a near gang fight followed on the streets. Dennis Greer and I climbed up on a store building in order to have a better vantage point for viewing the fisticuffs, and no doubt to be sure that we avoided any contact with the Shamrock boys who were ready for a fight.

HEARTACHES — As a boy I had my share of disappointments. The year my father took a group of boys in an old hack, to which was hitched a team of old gray horses, and spent the entire summer on a trip to Colorado was no doubt one of my biggest disappointments. I was too young to go, so I was told. As these were older boys, my brother Douglas would know who made the trip. I do recall that some of



Standing in the doorway of the old Wheeler Sun office is the late John T. Hilburn (age 19) first publisher of the first newspaper in Wheeler. Standing in the doorway with Hilburn is J. W. Hooker one of the pioneer residents of Wheeler who still makes his home here. The building shown in the picture was located somewhere in the middle of the block on the west side of the square. Mr. Hilburn passed away at Dallas October, 1951.

Sanders and Green boys went. They had many thrilling stories to tell about seeing Colorado from a hack drawn by two worn-out nags.

I had a few headaches when I could not go with Dad to some school where he was teaching, especially when some special program had been planned. Most of these disappointments were erased on the occasion I accompanied him to Corn Valley on April Fool's Day. Dad took his surveying equipment along as a ruse, but left the transit at home and filled the transit box with candy and fruit. When the students arrived at school that morning, he announced that those who wanted to play hockey that day could get up and leave. A large number took advantage of the invitation. Immediately after they had cleared the door, he bolted it from the inside and started distributing the candy and fruit. Those who received it ran to the windows and displayed it to those on the outside. There was a mad scramble to get back into the building, but no one was allowed to change his mind at that late hour. The occasion became a holiday for those on the inside.

VISITS — Certainly the many fishing, swimming parties and outings on Sweetwater Creek remain green in our memory. The visits to the Sorensons, Finsterwalds and other were wonderful. The many trips that I made with my father as he surveyed practically every quarter-section in Wheeler County took us into the homes of nearly everyone. Hospitality was a very real thing in those days, and I was proud that I knew almost everyone in the County.

GOBLERS — Who can forget the days when Fred Farmer called together "The Order of the Gobblers" on Saturday night after the barber shop closed? If you can recall those days, I am sure you will be welcomed to Wheeler as an old-timer.

Perhaps these glances into the past will bring recollections of other times and other faces to the readers of the Times. I hope to meet you in Wheeler on August 20th.



GRAYCE K. DAVIDSON came to Wheeler February 1932, and for the past 10 years has been Assistant and Chief Office clerk with Doris Forrester Agency. Grayce was born at Farmeville, and married A. T. Davidson. She has no children. Her hobbies are growing flowers and reading.

each other with cars. Advancement in civilization is the right name.

Then to keep going the Gunters lived in the old building West of the Johnson-Burton Motor Co. That used to be the Gunter Hotel where some of the best meals in town could be had. Looks sort of left out and "This Ole House-ish" don't it? But if it could talk it would really make you realize why it is still there. Brother that place is HOME. You probably have something that means a lot to you well that house was where Lee and Maggie called their home and babies and kids and teenagers had a wonderful time. You might have been there at one time or another. Maybe one your folks was sick and needed to be near the Doctor or maybe Lee had called you for Grand Jury or your ole fat Mother-in-Law was visiting your house and you need some place to keep out of her way but I bet you never got mistreated at that place. Our mother Mrs. M. L. Gunter passed away there. Her mother and father passed away there and our brothers and sisters lived there. Sort of hard to destroy something so full of remembrances so I guess that is why you still see it there. But it is one of the oldest houses in Wheeler and for a long time one of the most recognized hotels.

As far as history I'm stumped on when the folks moved to Wheeler but they left here in 1920 and moved to Panhandle and there is where I came into the picture beaming like a coon with a mouth full of Taffey. The family lived there until our Daddy's death in March of 1922 and when we moved back to Wheeler. There are four children left. Irene George passed away in 1929 and Ralph passed away in 1925, then mother passed away in 1951. But

I hope that Lee and Maggie be long remembered as the nicest people that ever lived in Wheeler.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was received by request from A. W. Gunter. We had to re-write man with a pound sledge hammer to him from revising the copy. The quality of the copy which characterizes this article needs preserving, a very minor changes have been made which we hope will only improve the idea.

## Lee and Maggie

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the most licks with one of Mr. I. B. Lee's buggy whip he had out side of his store. Doesn't that sound silly but it wouldn't hold a light to what we today. Killing

## BEST WISHES ON YOUR 50TH BIRTHDAY WHEELER



I. C. (JOHNNY) MUNDY organized in 1924, The Texas Co., Consignell. He was born in Shamrock, Texas, August 4, 1912. Johnny married Aline Vaughan February 14, 1935 in the county of Rockwall. They have two children, Jim and Judy. Johnny is a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Khiva, York and Scottish Rites, Past President of C. of C., American Legion, 40-8 club, Rotary, and past President of Booster Club.



WALLACE FIELDS is co-owner of the F. and M. Butane in Shamrock. He has been with the organization since it started in April 1954. Wallace was born October 17, 1917 in Shamrock. On December 19, 1949 he married Cecile Solomon and they have two children, Kenneth and Cindy. He is a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion and Boosters club. He served in the USAAF and he likes to hunt.

Butane & Propane — All Types  
of LP Gas Conversions

**F & M BUTANE**  
Shamrock, Texas



H. H. FORRESTER came to Wheeler in 1916. He is present mayor of the city. In 1938 he joined the Wheeler County National Farm Association and is now Secretary-Treasurer of that organization. He is a member of Masonic Lodge Number 138 of the West-Passons American Legion Post No. 138 and is active in all civic affairs. He served in the First World War. His hobby is insouciant tasmagoria.

Mayor of  
Wheeler

# You can reach Wheeler from any direction!

## So show up for our 50th birthday curtain call--August 20th

We Have Been Serving Wheeler With A General Automotive Repair Since January 1933.

# Percy's Garage



PERCY FARMER was born in Montague County November 1900 and came to Wheeler in the fall of 1920. He is owner of Percys Garage and has been since 1944. His wife's name is Bernice, and at one time they had three little "Farmers", but they are all grown now and have homes of their own. The children are Lowell, Don and Edna. Percy is a member of the Baptist Church and Masonic Lodge. He likes baseball and football.

# WELCOME TO WHEELER

## on Its 50th Anniversary Celebration

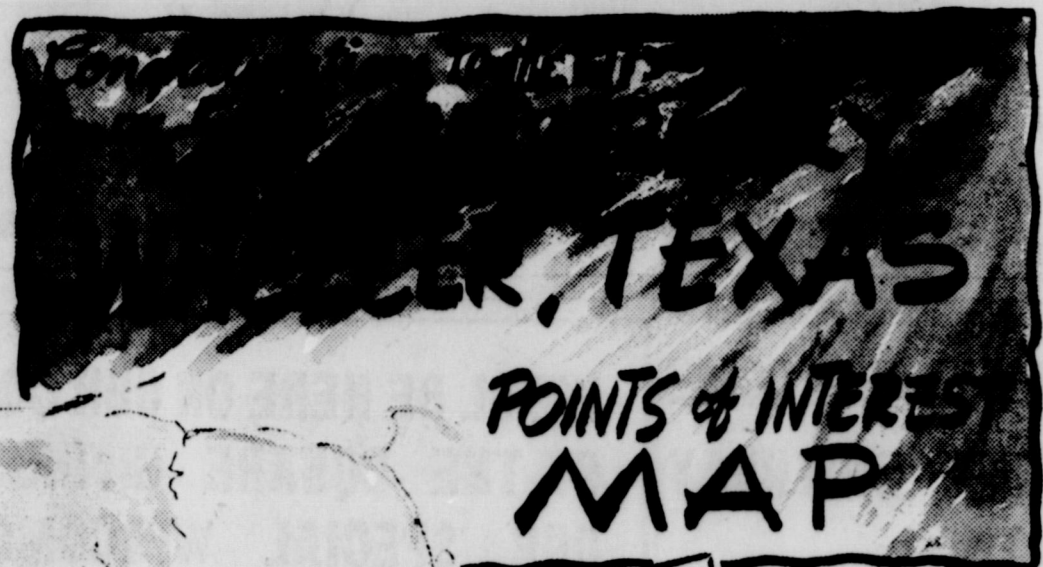
### August 20, 1955



WHEELER COUNTY AREA was BUFFALO RANGE and INDIAN HUNTING GROUND until 1874 and 1875.

NEIGHBORS - YOU'RE INVITED to CELEBRATE the 50th ANNIVERSARY of THE CITY of WHEELER - PARADE - BANDS - DANCE - BAR-B-Q FUN and FROLIC for EVERYONE

AUG. 20th 1955 SATURDAY



**MR. WHEELER**

**GAGEBY**

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**WHEELER, TEXAS**

**POINTS OF INTEREST MAP**

**ZYBACH**

**ALLISON**

**BRISCOE**

**KELTON**

**BENONINE**

**TWITTY**

**SHAMROCK**

**WHEELER INSURANCE KEY RATE .46 - .154 CREDIT in CITY LIMITS**

**THE WHEELER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT of 21 MEN - JACK GARRISON, JR. FIRST CHIEF AFTER ORGANIZED - PRESENT CHIEF HARVEY WRIGHT**

**POPULATION 1,253 - ELECTRIC METERS 361 WATER 387 GAS 447**

**4,142 VEHICLES of ALL TYPES REGISTERED 1955 in WHEELER COUNTY**

**MODERN SCHOOL SYSTEM 12 GRADES 18 TEACHERS - A. E. BROWN, SUPT. - B. BARNHAM, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL and CARROLL KILLING SWORTH, GRADE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

**CITY AREA 2 1/2 MILES EAST and WEST and 1 1/2 MILES NORTH and SOUTH**

**DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURE in COTTON, GRAIN SORGHUMS, WHEAT, CORN, HAY, ALFALFA - DAIRY INDUSTRY and CATTLE in MANY TYPES**

**SERVED BY CAP ROCK and TRAILWAYS BUS LINES - DAVIS MOTOR FREIGHT on INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY 83 NORTH and SOUTH and STATE HIGHWAY 152 EAST and WEST**

**ONE of THE TEXAS PANHANDLE LEADING CATTLE - FARMING - OIL and GAS - CARBON BLACK and INDUSTRIAL AREAS - WHEELER COUNTY was THE FIRST ORGANIZED in THE PANHANDLE (1879) - CREATED on AUG. 21, 1876 from BEXAR and YOUNG TERRITORIES**

**THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY SEAT are NAMED for ROYAL T. WHEELER - member of TEXAS SUPREME COURT - BORN in VERMONT in 1810 - MOVED to MACOGDOCHES TEXAS in 1839 - DIED APRIL 9, 1864 in WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**THE SCENE of MANY INDIAN BATTLES THE EARLY SETTLERS WERE DISCHARGED SOLDIERS - COW BOYS and RANCHERS WHEELER COUNTY HAS 916 SQUARE MILE AREA**

**WHEELER TOWNSITE OF 100 ACRES in 1905 BY JAMES E. STANLEY and R. B. ROGERS - INCORPORATED on JUNE 4, 1925 - FIRST MAYOR J. E. STANLEY - FIRST COUNCILMEN, A. B. CRUMP, H. E. NICHOLSON, NORWOOD HALL, HUBERT HUNT, and G. O. McCROHAN**

**COMPLETE MEDICAL FACILITIES INCLUDING WHEELER HOSPITAL 21 BEDS, DOCTORS & SURGEONS DR. H. E. NICHOLSON and DR. H. B. NICHOLSON, JR. and DR. GLEN R. WALKER, CLINIC**

**POSTAL RECEIPTS for 1954-55 FISCAL YEAR \$12,458.55**

**CITY TAX RATE PER \$100 of VALUATION \$1.00 and SCHOOL TAX RATE PER \$100 of VALUATION \$1.35**

**NEIGHBOR - WE DON'T KNOW THE PRESENT SITE of THE GARDEN of EDEN - BUT, WHEELER WILL GREET YOU WITH OPEN ARMS on ITS 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION on AUG. 20th DROP BY and SAY HOWDY!**

**OLD FORT ELLIOTT, ESTABLISHED in 1875 by U.S. GOVERNMENT on SWEETWATER CREEK NEAR TRADING POST CALLED SWEETWATER - in 1879 THE INDIAN NAME for SWEETWATER WAS ADOPTED MOBEETIE and WAS THE COUNTY SEAT - AN ELECTION MOVED THE COUNTY SEAT WHEELER in 1906**

**in 1902 the CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND and GULF R.R. BUILT their LINES ACROSS the COUNTY**

We Are Happy To Be Serving The City In Its Progress — With Sincere Wishes For A Constructive Future of Development

# CITY of WHEELER

JIM RISNER, Water Supt.    D. O. BEENE, City Attorney    R. H. FORRESTER, Mayor    REBA WOFFORD, City Secretary  
C. B. KIRK, BUD VAN POOL, HIRAM WHITENER, CHESTER LEWIS, PERCY FARMER, Councilmen



# Howdy--Wheeler Has A Glad Hand Of Welcome To All For Its First 50th Birthday Party

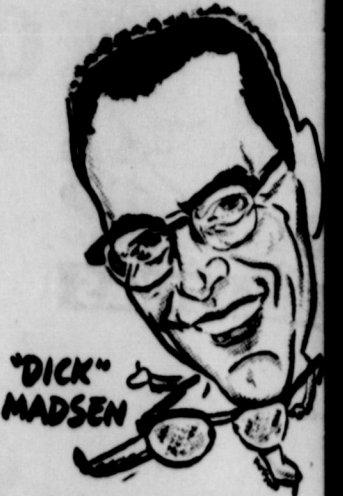


GENE HALL came to Wheeler in 1927. He was born in Wheeler on March 30, 1927. When it came to choosing a wife he selected Helen. They have two sons, Steve and David. Gene is a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce and the Fire Department. He was in a partnership with C. R. Weatherly in the accounting business from July 1950 to January 1955. At that time he bought C. R.'s interest and opened the Gene Hall Bookkeeping and Tax Service. Gene served a hitch in the Navy and likes sports.



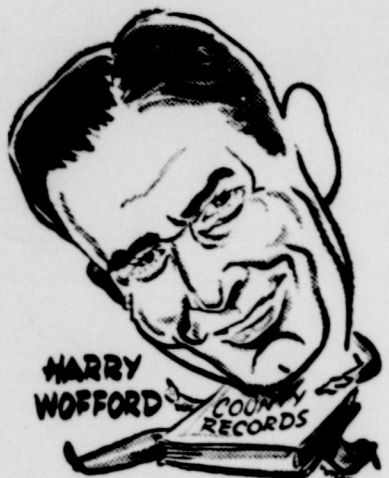
HUGH GRIDER was born July 6, 1920 at Atlas, Okla., and came to Wheeler November 10, 1949. He is owner and operator of Griders Jewerly, which was organized at that time. He was married to June Penrod July 10, 1944 at Oklahoma City. They have one son, Craig. Hugh is a member of the Masonic Lodge and American Legion. He served in the Navy 6 years and his hobbies are hunting and fishing.

DR. RICHARD JAMES MADSEN and his wife Helen Coleman came to Wheeler in 1954. They have three children; Eric, Cynthia and Stuart. Richard spent three years in the USAAF as a pilot. He likes sports. Dr. Madsen was born August 18, 1922 in Seattle, Wash. He is a member of the American Optometric Association, has a degree in Doctor of Optometry, from Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore. A BS from Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore., and a BS in Public Health, from the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash. When asked the Historp of his organization Dr. Madsen's answer was "Saturdays 9:00 - 9:00."



We All Serve You From The Same Location On The West Side Of The Square

## HOWDY NEIGHBORS AND WELCOME TO WHEELER'S 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



HARRY WOFFORD was born May 23, 1901 at Hartman, Ark. He moved to Wheeler County in the Shamrock Ex-Student Association and to the city of Wheeler in 1920. After leaving in 1923 he returned six years later. His wife was Mary Eunice Noah before their marriage. Harry has been county clerk since January 1, 1941. He is Deacon of the Baptist Church, Teacher Men's Bible Class, President Baptist Brotherhood North Fork Association, President of District 10 Baptist General Convention of Texas. He served as President of the County and District Clerk's Association in 1951; Kiwanis Lt. Governor Division 6 Texas-Oklahoma in 1954; Chairman of Agriculture and Conservation Committee in 1955. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner Khiva Temple, Life member of the Oklahoma University Alumni Association, and Vice President of the Shamrock Ex-Student Association and to the city of Wheeler in 1920.

## WE'LL BE HERE ON OUR CORNER OF THE SQUARE GIVING YOU OUR SPECIAL WELCOME TO WHEELER'S 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

AUG. 20, 1955



DELMAR LEE THOMAS came to Wheeler October 15, 1953 and has been an attendant at Lowell's Service Station since December 1953. He was born January 14, 1927 at Mobeetie. He is married to Maurine Cole and they have two children, Jeanett and Delmer Lee, Jr. Delmer served his country in Korean Conflict, and is a member of the American Legion. His hobby is electric motors.



Serving you with Texaco products, and accessories, Washing, lubrication and tire repair since September 11, 1950.

LOWELL F. FARMER was born in Wheeler June 7, 1923. He is owner of Lowell's Service Station and has been with the present firm since September 1950. His wife's name is Emily Lou and they have two children Connie and Lowell II (Butch). Lowell is a member of the American Legion and Chamber of Commerce. He was in the Army in World War II, and his hobbies are fishing, golf and a football spectator.

## Lowell's Serv. Sta.

Wheeler, Texas

## We Welcome You to Wheeler's 50th Birthday Party.

We are happy to have been a part of this Community since 1920. Serving you with Abstract and Title Insurance.



REBA WOFFORD is Secretary for Wheeler Abstract Company and has been with the present firm since 1936. Born October 11, 1907 at Hartman, Ark., she came to Wheeler in the year of 1916. Reba is a member of the Baptist Church, and her hobby is Photography.

Wheeler Abstract  
Phone 3311



HAROLD S. KENADY has been owner and manager of Wheeler Abstract Company since he came to Wheeler in March 1953. He was born March 12, 1912 at Cross Plains. His wife's name is Elsie and they have two children, Arden and Sidney Ann. He is a member of the Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club, American Legion, Farm Bureau Chamber of Commerce, Safety Council, and Boy Education. He served in S. Army, European Theater from 1944 to 1946. His hobbies are gardening and golf.

## SALUTING WHEELER ON ITS PROGRESS AND CONTINUED GROWTH



CECIL RICHERSON was born in Johnson County, Texas on October 15, 1900. He moved to Wheeler Christmas Day of 1917 where he married Hazel Bolton. The Richersons have six children; Cecil, Jr., Betty Jeane, Joan Ronald Dean, Phyllis and Ella Mae. Cecil says he has smoked \$26,000 worth of cigars since 1914. He is a fan of all athletic sports.

We are happy to be a part of its progress by serving the area with Grain — Fertilizer — Seeds — Cake and Feed Since 1942.

**Richerson**  
GRAIN CO.  
Wheeler, Texas

# Congratulations!

TO THOSE IN THE AREA WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHEELERS GROWTH AND PROGRESS DROP IN AND MEET OUR GANG!

Serving you with IHC Machinery, Equipment, Parts and Repairs since 1940.



ROBERT LANE is parts manager at Hibler Implement Co. and has been with the firm since 1948. Bob was born in Wheeler County December 12, 1917 and came to Wheeler in 1942. He is Secretary of Masonic Lodge No. 1099 and member of OES.



EBB SMITH came to Wheeler in 1935 and has been a mechanic at Hibler Implement Co. since 1950. He was born April 3, 1917 at Montague. His wife's name is Patsy Worley Smith and they have one child, Dale. Ebb served in the navy for 2 1/2 years and his hobby is farming.



**Hibler Implement Co.**  
International Harvester — Sales, Service and Repair  
Wheeler, Texas



A. L. HIBLER, JR. was born February 10, 1916 at Hartman, N. M., and came to Wheeler in 1940 where he owned and is owner of Hibler Implement Company. He was married to Lila Estell Madsen and they have two children, Lynn and Archie Lee. He is a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce and School Board. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

## Greetings and Congratulations

We are happy to be able to help celebrate the Anniversary of Wheeler, and proud to you chose to honor the pioneers of that day. Having known most of them, its with confidence we assure you, they didn't consider they lived in hardships and trying times. They were happy in progress, and looked forward to better days to follow. Let us press forward with the same confidence in the future.

Yours Sincerely,  
A. B. and Jim Crump



**A. B. CRUMP** was born May 18, 1889 at Paris, Missouri and came to Texas in 1902, and to Wheeler in December 1905. He was married to James Anne Crump at Miami, August 7, 1904 and they moved to the city of Wheeler in December 1905. They had one child Vaughan Dell (deceased). A. B. is a 32 degree Mason, Shrine, I.O.O.F. member of the Modern Woodmen of America. His hobbies are fishing, collecting of canes and bells and has kept up a diary for the past 26 years.

**JAMES ANNE CRUMP** was born January 30, 1886 at Lampasas and came to Wheeler County November 1901 with her father James E. Stanley. She was married to A. B. Crump at Miami, August 7, 1904 and they moved to the city of Wheeler in December 1905. They had one child Vaughan Dell (deceased). Her hobbies are art and photography, a collector of canes and bells and has kept up a diary for the past 26 years.

**WELCOME TO WHEELER'S**  
**First 50-Years**  
**Best Wishes For A Continued**  
**BRIGHT FUTURE**



**JESSE J. DYER** was born October 28, 1889 in Sevierville, Tenn. He came to Wheeler January 21, 1942 as assistant County Superintendent. He was appointed in 1949 and elected in 1952. He was married to Sue Jones, December 23, 1917 at Glenrose. They have one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Helen Dennis. Dyer is a member of the Baptist Church, Mason, Shamrock Blue Lodge 929, Shamrock Commandery 98, Consistory at Dallas, Khiva Temple, OES Wheeler, Texas Education Association, National Education Association, Texas Association of County Superintendents, American Association of School Administration. He served in World War 1 and his hobbies include flower gardening and woodcraft. He likes to fish, too.

**SALUTING WHEELER**  
**on its 50th BIRTHDAY**  
**HAVE-FUN WITH OLD FRIENDS**  
**ON AUGUST 20TH**

**PALMER SIVAGE**, born November 18, 1920 in Stephenville, Texas and came to Wheeler in 1947. Palmer is a graduate of Erskine High School and attended college at Big Springs. He is the County Treasurer, of Wheeler County, having been in office since January 1947. He is a member of the County Treasurer Ass'n of Texas.



**J. W. HOOKER** is manager of McNeill Gin and has been with the present firm since July 1953. He was born September 12, 1883 at Hubbard City, Texas, and came to Wheeler in February 1906. He was married to Florence Riley and they have seven children, Leo, Audrey, Doris, Temple, J. W., Jr., Odous and Voneva.

## Nearly All Texans Brag!

We'd like to get Our "two-bits" worth — and brag on Wheeler! Everyone will agree that Wheeler is the best place in the world to live. We invite you to stop and chat with us while in town on August 20 or at any time.

We are proud to have been a part of the growing Wheeler Community since July 1901. Serving the area with complete Ginning facilities.

**McNeill Gin**  
Wheeler, Texas

## The Future Of Wheeler Is Assured and We Wish To Extend Our Congratulations On Its Gala 50th Birthday Celebration



**PETE BURTON**, Co-owner of Johnston-Burton since April 1954, was born July 24, 1924 at Minter, Texas. He came to Wheeler in 1928. Pete and his wife, Gay have a son, Dickie. Pete is a member of the Baptist Church. He served three years in the U. S. Navy. His favorite hobby is baseball.

**Johnson-Burton Has Served the Area**  
**With Great Ford Productions**  
**Since April 23, 1954**

**We Are Happy in The**  
**Part We Have Played in**  
**Wheeler's Progress**



**J. C. CHANDLER**, body and fender man for Johnston-Burton came to Wheeler in August 1951. He was born October 19, 1922 at Brookston. His income tax exemptions include his wife, Dorothy Lee, and children, Ronnie Glenda, Gary Don, Carolyn Joyce, and Judy Kay. He is a member of the Baptist Church in Shamrock. J. C. served three years in the armed services. He enjoys trying to lure the fickle finsters onto his hooks.

**Mechanical and Body**  
**Shop**  
**New and Used Cars**

**Your Ford Firm**  
**Johnson Burton Mtr. Co.**



**ROBBIE ROBINSON** came to Wheeler in 1947. He has been employed as a salesman for Johnston-Burton since June 1954. His birthplace was Duke, Okla., in June 1927. He married Imogene McLemore and has two boys Mark and Mike. He is a member of the American Legion having served with the marines. He enjoys baseball, football and basketball.



**O. L. (Monk) BOWERMAN** was born in Montage, Texas in 1913. He came to Wheeler in 1927 and has been employed by Johnston-Burton as a mechanic for the past six months. Monk and his wife, Norma, share the pleasure of their children, Betty Ruth, Dennie, Dale and David. Monk is a member of the Church of Christ. He enjoys sports, particularly ballgames.

# Happy Birthday

MR. AND MRS. WHEELER  
on your

## 50th Anniversary

### August 20, 1955



NARVILLE (CHICK) ARGANBRIGHT was born at Niles, Okla., in 1909, and came to Wheeler in 1926. He has been Manager of Wheeler County Produce Association for the past 16 years. His wife's name is Mazie and they have eight children, Alvin, Beth, Jim, Laneta, Glen, Carl, Mark, and Bill. Norville says his hobby is "his work".

We are happy to have been a part of this Community since April, 1939.

This Co-Op organization was started by farmers who put up \$195.00 for operating capital. This amount was paid back in 1940.

The Association now has a net worth of about \$30,000 and has paid out approximately \$20,000 in cash dividends.

Elon Myers was the first manager of the Association, and upon his resignation, Mr. Arganbright took the job and has been manager ever since. Miss Audra Bean has been with the Association since 1943. She is the girl who handles the cash. Boyce Farris has been with the Association since 1947, and he is our righthand man.

**SERVING WITH FEED, SEED, AND FARM SUPPLIES AND BUYERS OF PRODUCE**



BOYCE A. FARRIS was born at Magic City, and came to Wheeler in the year of 1926. He has been with Wheeler County Produce, as clerk since 1947. His wife's name is Low and they have three children, Carolyn, Kenneth and Sharon.

Call Us Anytime  
We Can Be Of  
Help To You in  
Anyway



AUDRA BEAN was born at Edmond, Kans., and came to Wheeler in September 1925. She has been with Wheeler County Produce since 1943, and is bookkeeper and clerk.

# Wheeler County Produce Association

Wheeler, Texas

WE'RE ALL SET TO WELCOME YOU AND YOURS TO WHEELER'S BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY

YOUR PRESCRIPTION HEADQUARTERS

## Wheeler Drug



FRANK O. WOFFORD came to Wheeler in 1921. He moved to Shamrock in 1924, only to return in 1933. Frank was born January 14, 1917 in Shamrock. He and his wife, Neleta (Hard) Wofford have two children, Jane Dee, 9 and Martha Ann, 6. Frank is the owner of The Wheeler Drug Store which was opened and operated by Frank Gaines and Dr. W. L. Gaines under the firm name of Gaines Drug. He is a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, Masonic Lodge, American Legion First Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Retail Druggists and Oklahoma A&M Former Students Association. Frank is a former member and president of the Board of Trustees, Wheeler Schools; past president of the Chamber of Commerce, and past

director of Wheeler Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the Board of Deacons, First Baptist Church, Ex-Adjutant West-Passons Post No. 138. He served as a Warrant Officer in World War II and overseas service in the European Theatre. His hobby is sports, particularly Baseball and Football.



H. C. "DOC" KENNICOTT born December 10, 1886, Rapid, Iowa. His wife (Braden) Kennicott passed in October 1945. "Doc" came to Wheeler in August 1952 to work as a pharmacist at Wheeler Drug Store. He is a Registered Pharmacist since 1922, at Alexandria, La. He is licensed to practice in this state. He reciprocated to Texas on October 1, 1952 and was licensed to practice pharmacy in Texas. "Doc" is a member of "40 and 8" club, The American Legion, The National Association and the National Association of Retail Druggists. He served in the armed forces during World War I; pulling a tour of duty in the Hawaiian Islands in the Department. "Doc" has hobbies in guns and photography.

## Happy Birthday Wheeler!

C. J. MEEK came to Wheeler April 5, 1923 and has been owner and operator of Title Abstract Company since March 1, 1934. C. J. was born January 15, 1888 at Forestburg. He married Grace Alice Roberson and they have two children, William W. and Joe Field. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the official board of Methodist Church, past president of Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, program chairman in 1953-54 and vice president in 1955. His hobby is growing roses, shrubs and flowers.



We are happy to be a part if this fine Community since March 1, 1934!

Our Indexes were built in 1934 and we keep them up-to-date!

Serving the area with Title and Abstracts also All types of Insurance!

### TITLE ABSTRACT COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meek  
South Side of Square Wheeler

## ORCHIDS to WHEELER on its 50th Birthday August 20, 1955

WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE A PART IN ITS GROWTH AND PROGRESS!

Serving your Floral Needs Since April 1, 1954.



BERNICE HALL was born in Wheeler in May 1946. Her husband organized Flowers April 1, 1954 and she assumed management. She was born December 1, 1914 in Shamrock. On November 1941 she was married to son Hall. They have three children, Linda and Dorothy. Bernice is a member of the Methodist Church, American Auxiliary, Thursday Club and PTA. Her hobbies are bridge, reading and



HARRISON HALL was born March 25, 1922 in Wheeler. He is co-owner of Hall's Flowers. Harrison has spent most of his time in and around Wheeler, except when he served his country in World War II from 1942 to 1945. His wife's name is Bernice and they have two children, Linda and Dorothy. Harrison is a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion and Masonic Lodge. His hobbies are hunting and fishing but his first love is Golf.

Cut Flowers  
Potted Plants  
and  
Accessories

"Flowers for all Occasions"

## Hall's Flowers

Wheeler, Texas

## OWEN to the 50th BIRTHDAY of WHEELER... the OWEN Service Station extends its HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS



DOYLE WATSON was born October 25, 1936 at Noncon, Texas and came to Wheeler in September 1942. He has been an attendant at Owen Service Station for the past four years. Doyle is a member of the Church of Christ.

Serving the Area with Goodyear and Texaco Products since July 16, 1945

### OWEN SERVICE STATION

Wheeler, Texas



BURLEY OWEN, son of Bill Owen was born in Wheeler August 3, 1937. He has been an attendant at Owen Service Station, since 1950. Burley is a member of the Church of Christ and Charter member of the Key Club.



BILL OWEN, owner of Owen Service Station as of August 1945, has been here since he first saw light August 4, 1909, and has seen Wheeler grow into the nice little it is today. His wife's name is Doraeen and they have three children, Billie, Burley and Ray. Bill is a member of the Church of Christ, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, School board, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. His hobby is "Trying to be of service to my fellowman."

# Salute to Wheeler on its BIG 50th Birthday

**SERVING THE AREA SINCE  
APRIL 21, 1946 WITH COTTON  
SEED MEAL AND CAKE  
PLANTING COTTON SEED AND  
GINNING FACILITIES**



FAT JONES was born in Wheeler on April 20, 1921. He married Ruby Ayres in August 1940. Keeping up with these Jones' family-wise is little trouble as they have only one child; a daughter, Patricia. Fat is Manager of the Paymaster Gin and has been with the Company since 1946. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He served a two year hitch in the Navy. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

## Paymaster Gin

Wheeler, Texas

# Congratulations Wheeler!

we, too, are celebrating our Birthday in August

We are proud to have had a part in the Growth and Development of Wheeler since August 8, 1938.



Serving the area with Butane-Propane Gas, Sales and Service on Storage Tanks; Tractor, Car and Truck Conversions; and all LP Gas necessities for all Purposes



LEE O'GRADY was born August 6, 1890 at Bedford, Iowa. He married Ann Davenport May 25, 1916 at Maryville, Mo. The O'Grady's have two children, Rosalie and Colleen. Lee has been with Shamrock Products Co., since 1938; coming to Wheeler as warehouseman in February 1952. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and enjoys baseball and fishing as a hobby.

LUTHER PARKS was born in 1903 and came to Wheeler in 1928. He is a Salesman for the Shamrock Products Co. and has been with the firm since November 1948. His wife's name is Hazel, and they were married July 22, 1929 in Erick, Okla. They have two boys, Garland and Richard. Luther is a member of the Methodist Church and Chamber of Commerce. His hobby is coyote hunting.



## Shamrock Products Company

Jim Nation and Ray Kuhn, Owners

Lee O'Grady

Wheeler, Texas

Luther Parks

# Congratulations to Wheeler

on its

## Golden Anniversary!

**United Carbon Company, Inc.,  
And Employees**

**WHEELER IS THE  
Friendliest City  
WITH A 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY  
On August 20th  
Welcome! Welcome to All!**



**Wheeler City  
Attorney**

D. O. BEENE came to Wheeler March 10, 1927. He was born in Cooke County, Texas on May 31, 1887. "A dray year it was," says he, "mighty dry". D. O. married Ollie Wheeler in 1909 and was admitted to the Bar in 1916. He is a Mason; Mrs. Beene is a member of the Eastern Star. His hobby is raising whiteface calves. The Beene's have three children: Pat Beene, Bessie Penick, and Lucille Scott.

**Congratulations to Wheeler**

**ON ITS 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY**



**IDA  
McCORMICK  
DON'S  
COURTS**

**YOUR DON'S  
COURTS**



**H. J.  
McCORMICK  
DON'S  
COURTS**

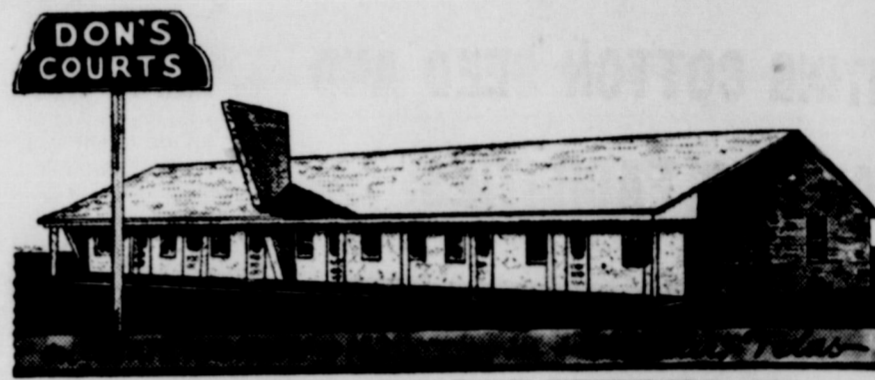
IDA McCORMICK came to Wheeler with her husband in 1944. She was born in Fairbury, Neb., September 2, 1910. She is presently manager of Don's Courts. In Amarillo on December 8, 1926 she married H. J. McCormick. They are the parents of four children, James, Gerald, Ann orSe and Bill. Ida is a member of the Catholic Church, Chamber of Commerce, 54 Study Club, Home Demonstration Club, Garden Club, North Wheeler County Garden Club, Alter Society (Shamrock). Her hobbies are raising roses and flower gardening.

**12 Units, Air Conditioned  
Modern Beds, Cool, Clean,  
Comfortable**

**"Rest For The Weary"**

**Constructed in 1950 on the  
site of a former Junk yard.**

HAROLD J. McCORMICK born in Nazareth, Castro, on October 13, 1902. He moved to Wheeler in 1944 and took possession of Don's Courts May 28. He married Ida in Amarillo, December 8, 1926. The McCormicks have four children: James, Gerald, Ann Rose and Bill. He is a member of the Catholic Church and the Chamber of Commerce. He served in the Navy during World War I as a Seaman First Class. His hobby is raising roses and he is a picture fan. Harold enjoys meeting people from all over the world.



**WHOO IT UP FOR OLE' WHEELER'S  
50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!**

I. B. (Bogin) GRIFFIN, was born in Erath County, October 22, 1908 and came to Wheeler in 1911 by covered wagon. In 1947 he established the Griffin Service Station and Grocery and has been with the firm since. His wife's name is Emma Lou, they have two children, Velma Jo Williams Moore and Alton Lee Williams. Bogin is a member of the Church of Christ and his hobby is gardening.



**GRIFFIN BROS. SERVICE STATION**

Mobil-Gas-Oil Tires & Tubes  
The sign of the flying red horse

**Taxes May Come and Taxes May Go — But  
Wheeler Will Roll On Forever —**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO WHEELER  
ON ITS 50TH BIRTHDAY!**



**THURMAN  
RIVES  
WHEELER COUNTY TAX  
ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**

THURMAN RIVES, Wheeler County Tax Assessor-Collector, was born October 9, 1925 at Shamrock. He came to Wheeler in 1951 when he assumed the duties of his office. Thurman married Jane Hamill on July 28, 1946. They have two boys, Ronald and Donald. He is a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion, and the Kiwanis Club. He served three years in the Army (the men's Army, i.e.). His hobbies are golfing, fishing, and playing softball on the Wheeler Fire Department team.

**Congratulations**

to Wheeler on its

**50th Anniversary**

**AND  
PROGRESS**

**SINCE IT WAS  
CREATED IN  
1905**



DICK PENDLETON came to Wheeler April 30, 1933. He has a boy Jackie Ray. Dick is a member of the Church of Christ, Fire Department, Southwest Basketball Officials Association and the National Guard. His hobby is playing for the Fire Department's Softball team and the Wheeler Independents.

**Congratulations To Wheeler and  
its Progress -- We Have Served  
The Area Since 1924**

**GENERAL BUILDING SUPPLIES  
CABINET SHOP**

**Our Yard was founded as the J. C.  
Wooldridge Co. in Wheeler in 1924.  
In 1947 it was Holt Brothers and in  
1953 it became known as the  
Wheeler Lumber Co.**

**Wheeler Lbr. Co.**



**GEORGE  
WARREN  
WHEELER LUMBER CO.**

GEORGE WARREN came to Wheeler 1923. He has worked and out of the lumber yard known as the Wheeler Lumber Company ever since it was founded as the J. C. Wooldridge Co. in 1924. George worked as a cutter and builder for many years here. George was born September 9, 1897 at De Leon, Texas. September 26, 1948 he was married to Nancy Ann Meyers. They have no children. George is a member of the Gulf Coast Lumber Association, his hobby is woodwork.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO WHEELER ON ITS  
50th Birthday**

**We are happy to have been a part of this  
growing community since 1945.**

**Serving your needs with both portable and  
Shop Welding Equipment and Dirt Contracting.**



**Caterpillar and  
heavy Equipment  
Dirt Moving Our  
Speciality**

Phone 3021

**BEATY'S  
WELDING AND  
DIRT  
CONTRACTING  
Wheeler, Texas**

JEARLD D. BEATY was born February 17, 1920 at Twitty, and came to Wheeler in 1945. He is owner and operator of Beaty's Welding and Dirst Contracting which he organized in 1945. He was married to Florence Guynes and they have three children, Sharon, Lynda, and Jearld Jr. He was in the navy in 44 and 45. J. H. is a member of Kiwanis, American Legion, Fire Department, Masonic Lodge and Chamber of Commerce.

**Welcome To BIG-W!**

**We are happy to have had  
a part in the quickest growing  
town in the Panhandle!**

**Your Wheeler County National  
Farm Loan Ass'n. Congratulates  
Wheeler on its 50th Birthday!**



GLENNA HEFLEY, was born November 12, 1928 near Twitty and came to Wheeler in 1945. She has been employed with the Wheeler County National Farm Loan Ass'n as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, since 1947. Glenna is a member of the First Baptist Church and Thursday Review club. Sewing is her hobby.



**R.M.  
JUDGE  
LAW  
FORRESTER**

# Welcome to Wheeler's 50th Birthday Celebration

Aug. 20 th. 1955

**SERVING THE AREA SINCE MAY OF 1922**

With the finest in Lumber — hardware — roofing — paint  
windmills and building materials of all kinds.

## Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

Wheeler, Texas



WAYNE EDWARDS, was born May 7, 1926 at Briscoe in Hemp County and came to Wheeler in 1946. Wayne has been with Cicero Smith Lbr. since May 1948 and has been manager of local store about two years. His wife's name is Joyce Lee, their son is Wayne. Wayne is a member of the American Legion, Kiwanis Club, Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, 517th Field Artillery and First Baptist Church. His hobbies consist of fishing and flying.



BOBBY HELTON, born September 27, 1935 at Canadian, Hemphill County, Texas and came to Wheeler July 1, 1953. He has been employed with Cicero Smith Lbr. Co. since September 1953 as yard man. His wife's name is Lavada Jeanette and they have no children. Bobby is a member of the Methodist church and he likes sports.



RUPERT HUGHES, was born May 16, 1916 in Lakeview, Hall County, Texas. He came to Wheeler August 10, 1953 and has been with Cicero Smith Lbr. Co. as salesman-bookkeeper since that time. His wife's name is Judy and they have two children, Ronald Mack and Katherine Frances. Rupert is a member of the Methodist Church and served in World War II with the 15th Air Force. His hobby is working with wood.

# Howdy Neighbor!

WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR COMPLETE  
ENJOYMENT OF

## Wheeler's 50th Birthday

**WE HAVE BEEN A PART  
OF WHEELERS GROWTH  
SINCE MAY 8, 1923**



Serving Your Needs  
With



GRACE WEATHERLY came to Wheeler in 1933. She has been an employee of Ernest Lee Hdw. since December 10, 1946. Grace lives on a farm east of Wheeler, with her husband Weldon. They have two children Peggy and Bob.

Frigidaire Appliances  
Morning Glory Mat-  
tresses Tappan Gas  
Ranges, Dempster  
Water Systems Gen-  
eral Hardware, and  
Furniture.

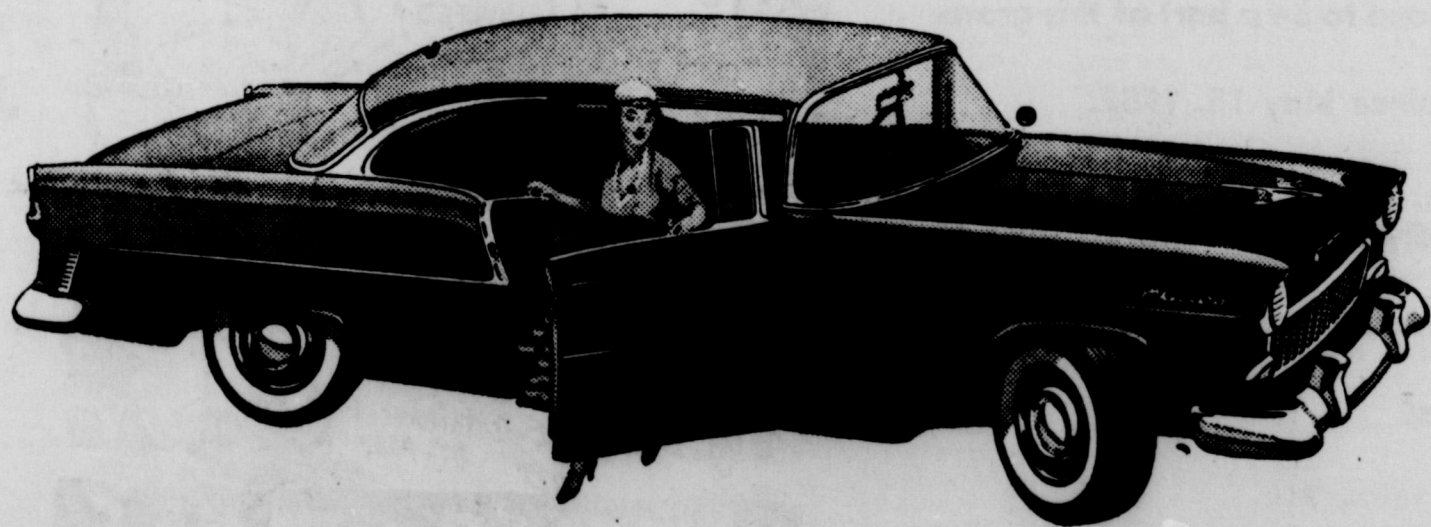
LOYD LEE, a long time resident of Wheeler, having been here since he was born in 1910. He is joint owner of Ernest Lee Hdw. and Furniture, and has been with the firm since 1930. His wife's name is Annie Ruth and they have 3 children. Harold Loyd, Nancy Ruth and Marsha Eva. Loyd is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Methodist church. Hobbies—farming.

## Ernest Lee Hardware & Furniture

Wheeler, Texas

# Welcome To Wheeler's 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY

WE ARE PROUD TO  
HAVE BEEN A PART  
OF THIS GROWING COM-  
MUNITY SINCE APRIL  
1949



SERVING THE AREA  
WITH CHEVROLET CARS  
& TRUCKS! GENUINE  
CHEVROLET PARTS &  
REPAIRS!

## New & Used Cars & Trucks

### Genuine Chevrolet Parts

- Skilled Mechanics -

BOB McNEIL has been with the firm as service Dep., Mgr., since it opened in 1949.

N. D. WARE, JR., has been with the firm since finishing school in 1950. He is a salesman.

# Ware Chevrolet Company

CHEVROLET SALES & SERVICE

N. D. WARE, SR., Owner  
N. D. WARE, JR., Salesman

A. O. "Bud" VANPOOL, Parts Dept.  
BOB McNEIL, Service Dept.



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO WHEELER ON ITS  
50TH BIRTHDAY**

Serving the Area with Fine Foods since  
November 1952

**LEWIS CAFE**  
Meals — Short Orders — Sandwiches  
MR. AND MRS. O. LEWIS, Owners

**Welcome To All On Wheeler's  
50th Birthday Celebration--August 20, 1955**



**DRY CLEANING**  
FRANKIE GREEN was born December 5, 1911 in Wheeler, Texas. She joined the Service Cleaners in 1947 and says she is Boss "2". She is married to Roe Harmon Green and they have three children, Sharon, Priscilla and Bill. She is a member of The Order of Eastern Star. Her hobby is vacationing.

**Your SERVICE CLEANERS**  
Serving Your CLEANING NEEDS Since July 1, 1946  
Wheeler, Texas

**And PRESSING**

ROE H. GREEN, owner of Service Cleaners was born in Wheeler on September 7, 1909. In 1946 he founded the cleaning plant in Wheeler. His wife's name is Frankie. They have three children, Sharon, Priscilla and Bill. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His hobby is finding a chance to go fishing.



THOMAS J. DAUGHTRY is owner of Daughtry's 5 & 10 cent Store and has been with the present firm since 1951. He was born June 28, 1912 in Pike County, Ark., and came to Wheeler January 1st, 1947. His wife's name is Opal Marie and they have one son, Kenneth James. Thomas is a member

**Happy Birthday!  
It's Wheeler's 50th**

We Are Proud To Be A Part of This Growing Community.  
Serving Your Variety Store Needs Since August 1951 With  
QUALITY MERCHANDISE at LOWEST COST!

Make Our Store Your Meeting  
Place With Your Friends!



of the Church of Christ, a 32 degree Mason and President of C. of C.

**DAUGHTRY'S 5c & 10c STORE**  
"THE STORE WITH 5,000 ITEMS"

**Compliments  
of  
Wheeler Hospital**



LEWIS LANCASTER came to Wheeler in July 1954 and assumed the position of manager of the J-Lee Department Store. He was born in May, Tex., Brown County, on July 22, 1917. His wife, Inez, and daughter Catherine constitute his family. Lewis is a member of the Baptist Church.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO WHEELER  
on its GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY!**

We are proud to be a part of this growing Area since May 15, 1952.

Our Friendly Folks are appreciative of the opportunity you give us to serve your needs!

**Howdy!**



**MEET THE GANG AT  
J-LEE DEPARTMENT STORE**

**MAKE OUR STORE YOUR  
HEADQUARTERS WHILE  
ATTENDING THE PARTY!**



FAYE MAY was born September 2, 1912 in Krum, Texas. She, along with her husband, Amos D., moved to Wheeler in January 1921. Faye has been an employee of the J-Lee Department Store, where she work as a sales clerk, since May 15, 1952. The Mays have five children; Lois, Harris, Melba, Robertson, and Melvin. Faye is a member of the Baptist Church. She likes to fish.



CUBA MANN does alterations and is Sales clerk at J-Lee Department Store, and has been with the present firm since August 15, 1953. She was born November 3, 1905 in Arkansas and came to Wheeler in 1927. Her husband's name is Burley and they have two children, R. E. Jr., and La Jaune. Cuba is a member of the Baptist Church and her hobby is sewing.



CURLIE CALLAN came to Wheeler in 1927. She is presently employed as a clerk for J-Lee Department Store. Curlie was born December 25, 1922 at Mangum, Okla. She and her husband, Buster, sport two children, Phyllis and Randy. Curlie is a member of the Baptist Church. She enjoys picnicing and fishing.



MISS DOROTHY GREENHOUSE, clerk for J-Lee Department Store, came to Wheeler in 1917. She was born September 7, 1906 in Vernon, Texas. Dorothy is a member of the Methodist Church. She thoroughly enjoys flower gardening.



HAZEL PARKS was born May 12, 1913 at Henderson, Texas. She came to Wheeler in 1921. She is presently employed as a clerk for J-Lee Department Store. Hazel and her husband, Luther have two sons, Gariand and Richard. She is a member of the Methodist Church. Her hobby is gardening.