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MOBEETIE HORNETS: The Mobeetie Hornets are shown here as they played Friday afternoon in Levelland in the Regional Tournament. The Hornets lost 72-65.

# **MOBEETIE HORNETS**

The Mobeetie Homets, shots by Gary May and Bi-District Champs, traveled Bryon McCurley brought to the regional basketball to urnament at Levelland last Thursday for the first time in the school's history. The team worked out Thurs day aftem oon in the big Texan Dome and met a fine Green wood team Fri-; day at 400 p.m. Mobeetie came out on the short end of a 72 to 65 deciison.

The Hornets had never played in a gym that size and had only a 36% field go al tally. On the other hand, Green wood had been there before and shot well from the 25 ft. range to open up a 13 point halftime lead. The Homets were down by 18 points in the third quater when they finally started their rally. A man to

The editor of a small town weekly was severely criticized because of an error appearing in his paper, and in the next issue had this to say about it

man full press and driving

'Yes, we know there were some errors in last week's paper. We will fur ther agree that there were some errors in the issue of the week before, but before bawling us and 4B. We appreciate out too unmercifully about it, we want to call your attention to these facts: In an ordinary newspaper column, there are 10,000 letters, and there are seven possible wrong positions for each letter, making 70,030 chances to make errors and several million chances for transposition. There are 48 columns in this paper, so you can readily see the chances for mistakes. Did you know that in the sentence, 'To be or not to be," by transposition alone, 2, 759, 022 errors can be made? Now. aren't you sorry you got mad about that little mi stake last week?

## Volleyball Tourn. March 11,12, & 13

Wheeler Fire Dept. and Eastern Star will have a volleyball tournament March 11, 12, 13,

Trophy's donated by Pete Burton Ford, Loyd's Ben Franklin, Lee !lardware, Denton's Welding Rives Insurance, and the First Vational Bank.

### CB Radio To Be Raffled Off

Wheeler Fire Department will raffle off a C3 Radio during the volley ball tournament See any fire department member to purch ase tickets.

Mobeetie back to with in one point, 66 to 65 with 1:38 minutes left in the game. At that time the 'Hornets missed two free shots

points short Bryon McCurley led Mobeetie with B points in one of his finest efforts. Gary May has 16 points followed by Roy Stribling with 12 points. Bill Howard had 9 points Ronald Gudgel made 8 points and Greg Estes

the lead. Mobeetie had to

ball and their valiant com-

back efforts ended seven

foul several times to get the

had 2 points. The Homets hit 15 of their 18 free shots and Greenwood seeds can contact any 4H sacked 22 of 29 free shots

The Mobeet ie fans and the coach were extremely proud of the way the boys showed their pride by coming back to almost win the game. The Hornets have not been be aten by more than eight points in any of their few losses this year.

CoachBill Beaty said. " For the first time to the regional tournament, Mobeetie basketball boys played well and did a fine job of representing Districts 3-B the Mobeetie fans and also the support and encouragement given to us from the Wheeler Community."

### Four Names On City Ballot

Four names will be on the ballot for the city election which will be held April 3 in conjunction with the School and Hospital for the Mayor and three

Mayor 'Jarrison Hall has placed his name of the bal-



COLLEEN: Brenda Jolly was selected by her classmates to represent Wheeler in the Miss Irish Rose Contest Saturday, Maych 20.

Four girls were nominated, 1 She is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jolly and is a senior Brenda is a member of FHA and Athletic Club. She is the Lions Club Sweetheart.

Livestock Show begins today, Thursday, March 11, in the Wheeler County Agricul ture Center. The show is being put on by the Wheeler County Livestock Show

Association. Over 170 4H and FFA livestock projects were put in place last night. This includes 34 steers, 7 heifers, 114 barrows and 24 gilits. 1

The barrows and gilts will be judged tonight beginning at 6:30 p.m. by Larry Schidendanz of Frank Phillips College at Borger. Schickendanz will also judge the steers and beef heifers beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday.

There will be a barbecue Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. This barbecue which is open

#### 4-H Conducts Seed Sale

Wheeler County 4 H Garwhich would have given them den and Flower Seed Sale be gan February 26th and will run till May Ist. Profits from the seed will go to the state 4H Center at Brown-

> Each multipack of seeds contains 5 varities of begetables of flowers. Five packages of seed sell for \$1.25 and 40% of this will go to the Wheeler County 4 H. The seeds are from Hygrade Seed Company of Fredonia, New York.

Those interested in buying member of adult leader or call the County Extension office at 8 26-5243

Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alexander are proud to an nounce the arrival of their baby daughter, Marcie Dawn, born February 28; 1976 at 10:34 P.M. in the Park view Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ford, Mrs. W. D. Weatherly all of Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander of Mayfield, Oklah oma.

lot for re-election and will run unopposed as will those filing for councilman. Charlie Wagner has filed to have his name placed on the ballot for Place 1. This Elections. Voters will vote will be one year term to fill the seat vacated by Ronnie aldermen. 1 Cox, Dr. Mike Smith was

the ballot 1 Louis Stas has placed his name on the ballot forreelection to place 4. Laura Guthrie will serve as election judge for the election which will be held in the school cafeteria.

appointed and has filled the

David Crosshas filed for

seat for the past year.

re-election to place 2 on

Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Killingsworth of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Killingsworth of Frederick, Okla, spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mr. s J.E. Killingsworth.

### Services Pending

Funeral services are pending at Wright Funeral Home for Mrs. C.M. (Birdie) Hampton. Mrs. Hampton passed away at Parkview Hospital at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday.

CITY COUNCIL TO MEET

The City Council of the City will meet in regular session, Monday, March 15,

The Wheeler County Junior to the public is being sponsored by Prime Feeders, Inc., Beef Cattle Company, and Wheeler County Farm

> Immediately following the barbecue, at approximately 7:00 p.m. the barrow acution will be held. Everyone who can is urged to come support the 4H and FF A boys and girls who have invested so much time and money in their swine projects. Bedford Forrest of KVII-TV in Amarillo will serve as auctioneer.

> Everyone is invited to attend as much of the show as they can.

### Three File For Trustee Board

Three persons have filed for two places on the Board of Trustees of the Wheeler ISD. Two are seeking position No. 5, they are Larry Jennings, incum bent in the race and Betty 'Yen nard. In place No. 4 Doyce Watson is unopposed.

April 3rd is the date of the election in the cafeteria of the Wheeler School. Absentee voting begins March 15th, and ends March 30th.

### Hospital Notes

Old Admission 1-23 Artie Weatherly Eul a Markham

2-3 S W. Roark 2-13 Roe Green 2-16 S.E. Mitchell Elmer Simpson

2-19 Hammy Herd 2-21 Dan Hefley 2-22 Willie Hefley Burt Kysar

Murrie Sanders 3-2 Andrew Markham New Admission 3-3 Paul Brown

Loubet Moore Carla Schaeffer Gwyn Manning Ruben Martinez

Frank Hyatt Exie Jones Willie Velencia

Ernest Gordon No rene Pavol sky

Di an e Altman Daine Ryan Opal Daughtry

Nora Hyatt Robert DuLune Lisa Dodd Edmund Williamson Tommy Velencia Curley Callan George McLourin

Nina McLaurin Buster Walser Frank Chandler Diane Shelton Ruby Williams

Dale Patterson 3-9 Thuman Rives Dismissal

3-3 Teresa Alexander Baby Girl Alexander Kevin Rarden Darrel Hutchison Shawn Kyser Loubet Moore

Nig Clark Tennifer Stas 3 4 Peggy Clay Arlie Jaco

3-5 W.L. Williams Jr. Julia Mas sey Jody Brown Jay Brown Dale Manning Linda Schwalk

3-6 Paul Brown Lawrence Bunch Dudley Baird Gwyn Manning Ruben Martinez

3-8 Joannie Lee Lori Lee Lyndol Loyd Willie Velenci a

1976 at 7:30 in the City Hall.

#### Four File For Two Places On Board

the regular voting polls,

m ay cast his ballot at the

office of the hospital ad-

hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00

P.M., Monday through Fri-

day on the above dates.

ministrator between the

Filing closed Tuesday for two places on the Parkview Hospital Board. The election will be held Saturday, April 3, 1976, in the Wheeler and Kelton School Dis-

Filing for reelection from . Kelton School District and unoppo sed, is Mrs. David Britt Mrs Britt is seeking her second term on the hospital board.

Those seeking election to the board from the Wheeler School District are Don Denton, Tommy Hennard, and W. A. (Dub) Goad, Jr. Barry Altman, present trustee from the Wheeler School District, is not seeking reelection to the Board of Trustees .

Absentee voting will begin March 12 and continue through March 31 Any qualified voter who will be unable to vote Saturday April 3 at

### Rites Read For C. Mace Flynt

Services for C. Mace Flynt, 66, of 7865 Canyon 'lighway was at 3 p.m. Saturday at Wheeler Church of Christ with Lee Henry, pastor, officiating Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Flynt died Thursday. 'Ie was born in Fort Worth and was a long time resident of Wheeler County. He had been a resident of Amarillo 22 years and was a brick mason. He was a member of Bricklayers Local 9.

Survivors are the widow, Gui; six daughters, Mrs. Imogene Pratt of Ruport, Idaho, Mrs. Mary Abrahamsen, New Orleans, La, Mrs. Martha Dunaway, Amarillo, Mrs. Marie Erwin, Amarillo, Mrs. Irene Powell, Hughes Springs, Tex., and Mrs. Mae Laguillo, San Francisco, California, two brothers, Walter Flynt and Edgar Flynt, both of Pampa; one sister, Mrs. Mildred Newkirk, Amarillo; I grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, and one

SO n. 1 Pallbearers were the ne-

## Religious Survey

A group of volunteer students from Lubbock Christian College together with local Christian workers will conduct an unusual and informative religious survey in Wheeler on March 20-21 that is designed to help all churches in the commu-

The survey will determine the religious make-up of Wheeler and as far as possible determine the religious thinking and church habits of the people here. Results of the survey will

be turned over to the local churches and will be avialable for use by any religious group or interested individuals.

be wearing identification badges similar to that which apperas in an advertisement in today's TIMES The workers will be going from house W.W. Bowers, Pampa, Mrs. to house contacting as many residents as possbile. They will be offering a free home Bible study course in addition to the survey.

Plans are for approximately twelve students to participate in the survey, which is being sponsored by the AGENDA: Regular Monthly Church of Christ in Wheeler.

# **OUT OF CONTROL**

The James No. 1 well located 34 mile southeast of Kelton blew out at 11:30 Monday. The gas is blowing up through the rig and did not ignite.

KELTON WELL BLOWING

The well has received a lot of publicity in recent weeks as being the deepest commercial well with production in both the Hunton formation and the Arbuckle.

Kelton school was dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Monday and no school was held Tuesday or Wednesday. The school officials were afraid the well might ignite, causing broken glass, etc.

Red Adair's crew was on the scene Tuesday. An effort to cap the well was to be made Wednesday.



### Fred Jackson Rites Are Read

Fred L. Jackson, 70, died Monday.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. M. B. Smith, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church in Pampa, and the Rev. David Campbell, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the Wheeler Cemetery by

Wright Funeral Home. Mr. Jackson was a native of Montague County and moved to Shamorck in 1912 He moved to Wheeler in 19 37. He married Fay Hohnson in 19 26 at Shamrock. He was a retired farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include the widow; three sons, Richard of !louston, Jimmie of Great Bend, Kans. and DeWain of Wheeler; two dau ghters, Mrs. Florine Castleberry of Pampa and Mrs. Linda Moore they spelled for 41 round of Eldorado; one brother, T.C. of words. The Junior winner of Groom; three sisters, Mrs. Jessie Gaye Tucker and lison School. He's elled Mrs. Mamie Mc Casland, both of Groom and Mrs. Laura Bledsoe of Mox ee City, Wash.; 10 grandchildren is eligible to go go Amarillo and one great-grandd aughter. to listen in on the regional

Pallbearers were Terry Hefley, Frank Coates, Harper is to attend the luncheon Muse, Jerry Pritchard, Shorty that the Globe-Newshas Sechrist, and Cecil Pierce. Honorary pall be arers were Loyd Lee, L. A. Mc Whorter, Bus Dorman, Herman Miller, and W.L. Williams, Sr.

Announcement Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tim

Blocker, 5 171/2 N. Russell, Pampa, a boy, Dusty Allen, 7 lbs. 12 oz., March 6 in Shammock Genral Hospital. Grandparents are Mrs. The Volunteer workers will Jean ie Mc Cann, Pampa; Mr. Roger Blocker, Lawton, Okla; Mr. and Mrs J.T. Tidwell, Wheeler. Great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lois Blocker, Dekalb; and Mrs. Evelyn Haire, Miranda, California Greatgreat-grand parents are Mr.

> Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lewis of Amarillo spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Killings worth and family of Kelton.

and Mrs. George Keeton,

#### NEW BUSINESS: Bob Frankenberry took over the operation of the Texaco Station at the corner of Highways 83 and 152. The business will operate under the name of Frankenbery's Texaco Service and will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. 6 days a week and 9-8 on Sun-

The Frankenbery family moved to Wheeler in 1966 and operated the Wheeler Milk Company until February of this year. The station will offer their customers a complete line of Texaco products, minor service jobs and tune-ups.

#### **COUNTY SPELLING BEE RESULTS**

There was very good participation of the schools in the County Spelling Bee

held March 5, 1976. The county Spelling winner nings. was David Haws of Mobeetie who will be eligible to spell in the Amarillo-Globe News regional spelling bee April 24, 1976.

In the Senior Division

there were 9 spellers and they spelled for 19 round of words. The word missed was famine and then the winning word was fanfare. In the Junior Division there were 10 spellers and was Craig Sullivan of Althe winning word of parole plus the word missed which was parity. Craig Sullivan spelling bee and also, he each year but he will not spell in the regional as a

junior speller. Each school had an elimination- the school winners and first alternates from each school are as follows: Allison: School Winner: Craig Sullivan, son of Rev. and Mrs. Mike Sullivan. First Alternate: Tina Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Black 1

Mobeetie: School Winner: Chrys Haws. son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haws. First Alternate: Ivan Dockins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dockins. Kelton: School winner:

David Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bryant. First Alternate: Debbie Mc Cakill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mc Cakill. Shamrock: School Winner: Andrea King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John King. First Alternate: Joe Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.J.

Brooks. Wheeler: School Winner: Mona Jennings, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jen-

First Alternate: Sherri Lewallen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lewallen.

#### Conservationist Honored

Lavon Williams, District Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Servece at Wheeler, was recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation at a recent meeting of District Conservation's at Pampa. The certificate was presented by Area Conservationist Douglas Cun nin gham and was in response to a time and money saving suggestion by Williams. "We are fortunate to have dedicated individuals like Lawon working for the Soil Conservation Service. This suggestion by him is being adopted statewide for use and will save our agency many dollars in the future, / Cunningham is quoted as saying as he presented the certificate.

#### WTSU Honor Roll

Two Students from the Wheeler area have been named to the dean's honor roll for the fall semester at West Texas State Univer-Si ty.

To be on the dean's honor

roll, students must have at least a 2.25 grade point average on a 3.00 scale. Students named are Elizabeth Alexander, senior, speech education major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander of Route 1, Briscoe and Danny L. Hardcastle, sophomore, plant science major, son of Mr. and Mrs. V.B. Hardcastle of Route I, Wheeler.

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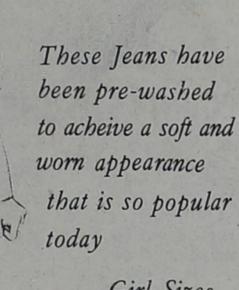
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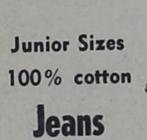
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Millan from Tulsa were over night guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. 'Clyde (Red) Dukes Sunday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harrison were in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday on bus-

Wednesday for her home in Garnett, Kansas after spending several months here with her sister, Mrs. Bill Miller. Mr. and Mrs. 'Rex Miller took her to Okla City where she met her daughter Mrs. Manuel Bonham who accompanied her on to her home at Gamett. The Millers went on to parts in Arkansas for a few days with

L.W. Grayson accompanied cotton denims or the crina group of area men to San Antoniolast week and attended a ASCS meeting.

Mrs. Lester Levitt visited Lyn Levitt and family at Panhandle from Friday until Wednesday.

#### **Shower Honors** Mrs. J. Grayson

Mrs. (Cindy) Johnny Grayson was honored at a wedding shower in the home of Mrs. Evelyn Dikeslast Tuesday, February 24 at 2 p.m. Co-hostesses were Ruby Craig, Nona Hall, Jane Dukes, Nova Powledge, Virginia Miller, Alice Kelly, Juanita Fillingim, Charlene Rainey, Willa J. Shelton, Elen Huff, Minnie B. Vint, son, and Vickie Boydston.

A large crowd attended



Top O' Texas CowBelles will be represented at the Spring State CowBelle meeing in Galveston on March 21 and 22 by Mrs. Lem Greene of White Deer, Mrs. Ted Alexander, Mrs. E.H. 3rainard and Mrs. W.B. AcIntire of Pampa. The Cos-Belles are meeting with the exas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Local CowBelles will a ain participate in National Agriculture Day on March 22 the theme is "Almost Everyhing Starts on a Farm." Top O' Texas CowBelles vill put bride's kits comaining a beef cookbook and nu trition information on beef n the seven county clerks ffices. They will be given o couples getting marriage

icenses. Beef By-Products Kits will go to each area town during the next few months :o be displayed in the loc al banks as a part of beef pro-

Tickets for the Top O' Texas CowBelle Style Show to be presented at the M.K. Brown Auditirium in Pam p March 27 at 3p.m. are still for sale. Anyone needing a ticket can get one from any Cow Belle in the area ar at Bernman's in Pampa

### Mrs. McCormick s Club Hostess

The 54 Study Club met Monday night, March 8, 1976, with Mrs. H.J. Mc-Cormick at Nora's Cafe. 1 The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Flyod Davidson. Mrs. Lloyd Davidson gave the devotional on 'Old Glory.'? Minutes were read and appo wed and the business of

the club was discussed Mrs. Floyd Davidson gave the program on 'Belle Boyd in Camp and Prison.' She was a Civil War lady. The club closed with the

Club Collect. Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Betty Cox, Harvey Davis, Floyd Davidson, Lloyd Davidson, W.D. Mitchell, Joe Rogers,

Fred Wood and the hostess, H. J. Mc Cormick.

Personal

Word has been received by the Dub Goads that Mr. and Mrs. John Barr, who recently went to Austin for an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. Lois Powers, are confined to hospitals. Mr. 'Barr is in the Veteran's "lospital in Temple and Mrs. Barris in an Austin Hospital. Their grandson, Keith Mathias, has been ill with the flu and unable to attend school this week.

## LINES FROM LINDA

Cotton Makes Spring Fashion News

Spring and summer fashions have "softened" to lend themselves to the ever popular cotton.

Cotton is cool, absor bent, comfor table and easy care--just what the consumer has been asking

Now that the easy-care cotton blends are available they're perfect for the prewashed wrinkled look in kled look in gauzes.

Cotton gauze, voile and organdy are ideal for the big sleeves or peasantinfluence blouses. Cotton sheers-printed, plain, crinkled or striped-lend themselves to the soft feminine look for warm weather sea-

Denim, too, is part of the fashion story, in brushed, patch work, printed, or plain. The denim wrinkled look extends into jumpers, dresses, and wrap skirts.

To top those popular denims are flashy printed or engineered printed T-shirts in colors or white.

leavier weights in cottondoecord, poplin, and corduroy-will be perfect for the suit styles with skirts or pants. Colors appear in apricot, jade, blue and the naturals.

Good fit in a garment should create an attractive. ple asing look- no matter what style garment it is

Diagonal or horizontal wrinkles, not apart of the garment de sign, indicate an improperly fitted garment. Consumers should avoid buy agolothing with these characteristics unless they have skills in altering for it

And when sewing a garment, try it on periodically during construction to make adjustments for fitting pro-

Steps in solving fitting problems:

-- Recognize the evidence; tightness or looseness, line out of place, off-grain or wrinkles.

-- Determine the cause: body or pattern proportions

#### -Decide a remedy: Let out or take up a seam raise or What Is A

United Methodist by Ernie McGaughey

The founder of the Methodist Societies, John Wesley, was an ordain Anglican priest. At a prayer meeting in London on May 24, 1738, he gained a new inspiration which led hom to become the first teacher of 'Methodism." He testified "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for Salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine and saved me from the law of sin and death." When asked, 'Who is a

Methodist? ", he replied, "A Methodist is one who has the love of God shed aboard in his heart by the Holy Ghost given him; one who loves the Lord His God with all his heart.

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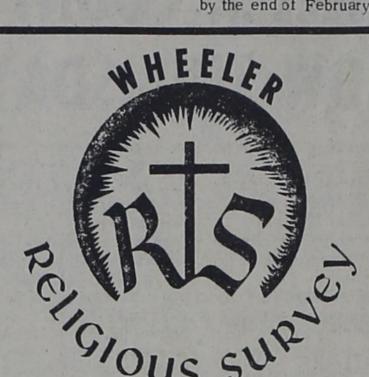
Florence George is just back from a two week trip to Santa Rosa, California But while she was there, it snowed for the first time in 15 years. Not much snow,

Moisture

Wheeler has received 103 inches of moisture for the year. The latest to fall was . 54 inches March 7-8. Earlier, March 4, . 23" fell along with a small amount of

Moisture in February amounted to . 26. This moisture fell on two different days, Feb. 4-. 16" and Feb. D-. D.

In 1975, 2.79' had fallen by the end of February.



## **MARCH 20-21**

YOU MAY BE ONE OF MANY persons interviewed March 29-30 in a comprehensive religious survey that will be taken in Wheeler. Interviews will be conducted by volunteers from Lubbock Christian College.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL CHURCHES.

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but beautiful. Florence visited her sister, Mrs. F. S. Rudolph. She returned Sunday.

"Nature is but a name for an effect whose cause is Gods."

-- Cougar 'N ature knows no pause in progress and development and attaches her curse on

all inaction." -- Goethe

Well, what I'm trying to get at is that it is spring We didn't do a thing about it, nature just took its course. We noted the daffodils sprout their gold, we watched the trees burst into clouds of blooms, now we sat 'Guess the fruit is all gon e," It might not be. That is what we thought last year. We were wrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Markham had such a nice surprise last weekend. On Friday night, their daughter, Martha Childress and her family drove over from Shattuck, Okla. Then for some reason another daughterand husband, Mr. and Mrs Charles Weibe and children had the urge to see mom and dad. Here thye came. Melinda Parker who is going to Lab. school in Sayre had a spring break. So she is at home. The Bryant Richardsons live here. So with no advance planning the whole family, except one son-in-law, had a week end to gether. That doesn't happen ofter. 'Usually takes a lot of foresight and planning to get a family to gether.

We seldom see Melvin May in Wheeler. He is always preoccupied with chores in Mobeetie, But on Wednesday morning, bright and early, he was in the Newspaper office. What the score? Ask him. He had to get a picture of the winning Hornets into the paper. That's good. Something has to stir us out of routine, or we will get into a rut. Congratulations, Hornets. Mrs. C. W. Whiteley is

having a weeks stay with her son, Dick and family in Oklahoma City. Dick came after her last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Chil-

dress are due our expression of sorrow on the loss of their relative. (Elsewehre in the paper.)

Ethel Moore of Santa Rosa California, passed away last Friday. She was the wife of Ben Moore, former residents of Wheeler.

well went to Quemado, Texas Satruday to their brother, Cecil Childress,

Personal

Childress and family, Mr. 1 and Mrs. Shelby Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Casfuneral. He had been sick for some time.

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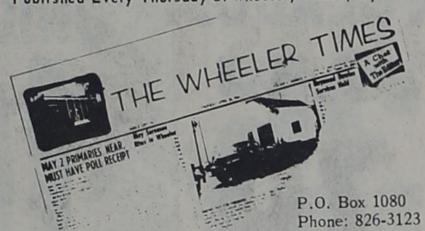
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## Mobeetie News

By Mrs. Wilber Beck

Congratulaitons are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mickey, Jay Allyn Northcutt made his appearance Thursday, March 8. Jay, who weighed 7 pounds and measured 191/2 inches is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Northcutt of Tulia. Also welcoming the young man

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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given by the Parks and Wildlife Department that a public hearing will be held at 2p.m. on March 23, 1976 at the County Courthouse at Wheeler for the purpose of ga-Wheeler County ......... \$4.75 thering information concerning proposed hunting, fishing, and trapping regul ations for Wheeler County.

As the result of action by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission is responsible for the setting of seasons, bag limits, and means and me thods of taking the wildlife resources in Wheeler County. 'All interested persons are urged to attend and comment upon the pro posed regulations.

> Words on Water TEXAS WATER QUALITY BOARD

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WANTA TRY FOR 100?

We asked a high school student a few days ago to a where Falcon Lake is." trips to well stocked Falcon.

Evidently they hadn't Toledo Bend on the Sabine River between Texas and Louisiana, or Lake Texoma which fences off Oklahoma.

Perhaps that fellow ought your luck, you can get a copy of it by writing to the TWQB, P.O. Box 13246, Austin 78711.

For example, how would you answer this one: You can tell if the water in a stream is polluted by looking at it. True; False. (Nope, you don't get the answers in this column.)

Or this multiple choice query: Discharge from a sewage treatment plant is called Effluent; Affluent. Or: BOD stands for bio-

logical oil deposits; biochemical oxygen demand. Or: If a stream is pretty and clear, you can be sure

the water is safe for

was an uncle, Kelly and an aunt, Robbin. Mr. and Mrs. Mickey are the parents of Mrs. Northcutt

Little Elizabeth Hale proudly announces the birth of a new brother, David Allen Hale, weighing in at nine pounds and one ounce and measuring twenty-one and an half inch es long. Parents of Elizabeth and David Allen are Mr. and Mrs. Allen 3. Hale.

Mrs. Edna Williamson of Borger is a patient in the Park view Hospital, this

Mrs. Nettie Walker was admitted to the St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo Thursday of last week. She was much improved at the last report.

home following a few days stay in Highland General Hospital in Pampa. Estelle had the misfortune of breakingher leg in a fall.

Mrs. Estelle Hodges is

Mrs. Ettie Grammer was admitted to the Highland General 'lospital Saturday for treatment

Ernest Gordon was admitted to the Parkview Hospital, Thursday for medical treatment He was improved at the last report. Mrs. Bert Kysar has been a patient in the Parkview Ho spital for several days, but was much improved at the lsat report.

Clyde Dickey is a patient in the Highland General Hospital in Pampa.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitten recently were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Whitten and children of Amarillo, visiting this week is Mrs. Whitten's sister, Mrs. Olene Bearden of Cary, near Chil-

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Grimes visited last weekend with his aunt, Mrs. Lois Russell and cousin Mr. and Mrs. John Fabrach all of Cordell Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne A. Leatherman and son Allen attended to business in Higgihs, Friday.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs Edgar F. Lester was their son, James Lester of Borger, Mrs. Sue Lester Green of Guymon, and James Allen Les ter. Last weeken d Mr. and Mrs. Lester visited their sons, James, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lesterand Mr. and Mrs. Gerald lester and family all of Borger.

Mrs. Emalie London of Groom visited last weekend with her sister in law, Mrs. Maggie Myers .

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitten and son Bret of Bovena visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitten last week

Guests of Mrs. Mary Brewer during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Sid Talley of Miami, Mrs. Mary Sue Ste-

swimming. True; False. Also: The State of Texas has been working to protect the state's waters for about 5; 10; 20; 30; 40 years.

Most people are not very well-informed about the quality of the waters in their state, and some others possess great deal of misname the rivers that form information. Even though Texas boundaries, and the water pollution abatement only one he knew was the and water quality manage-Rio Grande "because that's ment are highly technical matters, it isn't difficult to Turned out that he and his understand the basic facts, father had been on fishing and we think it's important that people know what is going on in their state so taken their rods and reels to far as water quality is con-

For example, a man who had lived in Houston all of his life was astonished the other day when he was informed to take our "20 Questions" that the quality of the water Quiz and if you'd like to try in the "dirty old Houston Ship Channel" was 75 percent better now than it was six or seven years ago. He couldn't believe it when he was told that tarpon and dolphins were swimming around among the ships that visit the Port of Houston from all over the

> But then, some pretty well-educated people, even those in scientific fields, have not done too well on the "20 Questions."

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The Mobeetie Community is extending their sympathy to Mrs. Ethel 'I erd in the loss of her daughter, Mrs. Myrtis Welch and also to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Gatin, her sister.

Condolences are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Estes in the loss of her grandmother, last week.

#### Mobeetie Little Theatre Meets

The monthly meeting of the Mobeetie Littletheatre convened at 2:00 pm with Glen Sherrell, president, conducting the business of the day.

Plans are continuing for the Little Theatre to persent the play 'Old Mobeetie a story about people and happenings in Mobeetie from 1876 to 1900. Present plant are for the play to be cast the last four Saturday evenings in the month of July.

At present, characters are being cast and the Mobeetie Little Theatre welcome anyone in terested in taking part in the play. Some 40 people are going to be

taking part in the play. A called meeting for Sunday March 21, at 200 will be held in the Community Church in Mobeetie.

### Whitten Hosts Mt. View Quilters

When the Mt View Quilting Club met on Thursday, March 4, Mrs. Fannie Whitten was hostess for the day. The quilt completed belonged able way, ending his comto Mrs. Whitten. An emergency quilt was put in and partly completed. The club makes several quilts a year to be used in emergency.

Members enjoying the day which included a covered dish luncheon were Mrs. Lou Dick, Mrs. Lela Roberts, Mrs. Mary Brewer, Mrs. Fred a Boyd, Mrs Leona House, Mrs. Bulah Grimes, Mrs. Audrey Seitz, and Mrs. Fannie Whitten.

### **Shower Honors Angela Appleton**

Angela Appleton, bride elect of Earl Seitz, was treated with a miscellaneous sho wer in the Fello wship hall of the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie, S turday evening at 7:00 o' Clockl

Miss Appleton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Appleton of Pampa and blood pressure clinic Frithe prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Seitz of Mobeetie. The wedding will take

## Mobeetie Bask'l Team Honored

place in Pampa, March 12

Sunday evening fellowship was hosted by the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie in honor of the 1976 boys basketball team.

Melvin May expressed appreciation for the Mobeetie High School boys team and their coach, Bill Beaty. Also giving appreciation for the Mobeetie Basketball girls team. Mr. May read Colossains 3:16, in expressing appreciation and admi ration of the young men and their coach in representing the Mobeetie

School in such an honorments with "We the community, thank God for out Mobe etie youth.

When Coach Beaty was asked to speak he gave the Lord all the credit for winning Bi-district and for watching over them in their journey to and from the games, saying, "What I try to do is stress not only being a good athlete, but being Christian athletes, which is more important'

Cookies and coke were served to a large number of people representing families and friends of the ball team. Pictures were displayed on the ball team's activities Each player signed the "Welcome 'Home Champs' banner.

## XYZ Club **Sponsors Clinic**

The XYZClub held a

day from 200 to 4:00 pm. There were more than 40 people attended. The XY Z Club held their shi regular monthly meeting at 5:00 with games, devotional and supper.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Virginia Hess, from the Social Security office in Pampa gave some help ful pointers on Social Security. A good crowd was in atten dance. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The club meets each first Friday from 5.00 to 9:00.



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MD-Marie Lister to Calvin E Pierce et ux 3-176 D/ 32) int E's Sec 4 J Poite-

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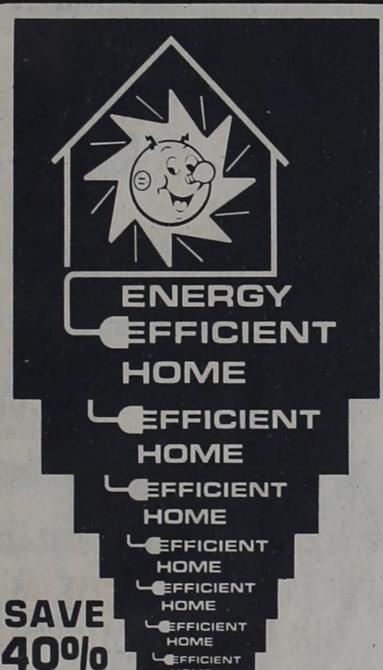
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By Lee Henry

Too of ten the 20th century Christian finds himself desperately trying to l live the Christian life without any power. Living next to a power house, he chooses rather to hover in a shack lighted only by a candle. What kind of live exists for the man holding a theology which portrays salvation as mere forgiveness but without the power to transform the sinner? No mere optimist or ideal-

God as His word, Paul proclaims this power -- a power at work within the Chirstain that is able to do far more than he would dare to ask or even dream of. Paul likens it no less than to the very same power which raised Jesus from the dead. What joy should come from that revelation! The power

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By 1820, the percentage of farmers had dropped to some 83 percent and about 60 manhours of labor were needed to produce an acre of wheat.

Gradually, the number of Americans in agriculture continued to slip until by 1870 farmers were no longer in a majority in the U.S. By then, only 47 percent of the country's population could be classified in agriculture.

The number of farmers dwindled further and by 1910 only a third of the growing population was in agriculture.

With only 21 percent of the population in farming in 1930. total man-hours required to produce an acre of wheat fell to just three.

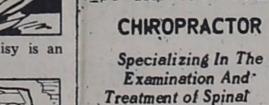
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### Young Homem'rs **HD Club Meets**

The Young Homemakers Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Benita Reed, March 4, 1976 with Benita Reed and Annie Singleton hostesses. Phyllis Melton presided over the meeting.

Linda 'lo rton gave a program on 4 H. She informed the club of the purposes and goals of 4H and told us of the different projects the members participated in and competed in.

We discussed the THDA district meeting to be held in Perryton on March 25th. All the members may attend and are urged to do so.

Refreshments were served after the business meeting. Those present were Phyllis Melton, Annie Singleton, Benit a Reed, and guest, Linda Horton and Suzanne Brock.

The next meeting will be March B at 1 30 p.m. in the home of Peggy Coffman.

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dispose of our complete stock.

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We urge our customers to take advantage of this final auction. It will long be remembered as the greatest sale of its kind ever held in this area. See you at the Sunday Open House. . . John Miller

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(EDITOR'S NOTE — With plans for the nation's bicentennial in the spotlight, the accompanying story of Wheeler County's historic Old Mobeetie will be of interest to area readers. Written by Bill Knox, it appeared in Grain Producers News for June, 1974.)

Shadows from flickering gas lamps played across the walls of Henry Fleming's saloon as two determined men matched wits and luck in a game of chance. One of the men, barely out of his teens, occasionally glanced at a winsome lass who had been at his side since the poker game started hours earlier. The other player, who wore a wrinkled Army uniform, glared at his

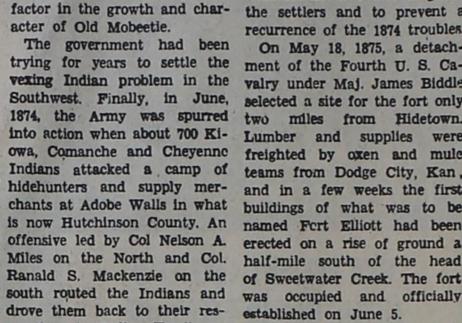
Outside, first hints of dawn were visible in the Texas sky.

Suddenly, a volly of gunshots shattered the air. Moments later the younger man staggered from the saloon, his gun still smoking. The soldier and the girl were dead, and a young gambler marked for fame, himself wounded in the stomach, could carve the first notch in the handle of his Colt.

The man was William Barclay (Bat) Masterson, the place was Old Mobeetie, "Mother City of the Panhandle," harbinger of an empire.

The beginning of Old Mobeetie can be traced to a buf-

the construction of its few which endured long enough to water where hides could be



quartered in Hidetown in the

spring of 1875 when the Army

made a decision which turned

the hidehunters' camp into a

permanent settlement and

which became an important

ervations in Indian Territory. dow of redskin terror still covered the Panhandle. As oppor-

tunity-seeking settlers followed the buffalo hunters into the unoccupied territory, the Army decided to raise its protecting hand over the region with establishment of a fort to guard the settlers and to prevent a recurrence of the 1874 troubles.

On May 18, 1875, a detachment of the Fourth U. S. Cavalry under Maj. James Biddle selected a site for the fort only two miles from Hidetown. Lumber and supplies were freighted by oxen and mule teams from Dodge City, Kan, and in a few weeks the first named Fort Elliott had been erected on a rise of ground a half-mile south of the head of Sweetwater Creek. The fort was occupied and officially established on June 5.

With or hard on the heels The Indian problem appear- of the first garrison or Fort ed to be settled, but the sha- Elliott came a group of freigh-

(Continued Col. 1)



Rev. C. W. Alexander

#### MOTHER CITY MAC'S ALIGNMENT

ters, gamblers, hunters, dance hall girls and honest, hardworking frontier folk who became the nucleus of Mobee-

Among those who arrived with the first garrison of the fort was the family of Tom O'Loughlin, a government teamster and buffalo hunter who had watched Indians burn his home and possessions in Ellsworth County, Kan., and who had heard of limitle's opportunity in the Texas Pan- VTC handle. O'Loughlin sfuatted on a section of land about halfway between the fort and the

excellent spot for a townsite, Fork of the Brazos River. finally was persuaded to give lots in the town.

1878 and abandoned the name of Hidetown for the more dignified Sweetwater. O'Loughlin built a cafe to supplement the town's leading industry - saloons — as other business houses sprang up.

George A. Montgomery, a resident of the town, gave this description of Sweetwater in

There were three saloons, a dance hall, a Chinese Laundry and a restaurant. The saloons were owned by Henry Fleming, Joe Mason and W. H. Weed, and the dance hall by Bill Thompson. The restaurant was run by Tom O'Loughlin and his wife, Eleanor, who was the only virtuous woman in town. There were about 15 dance hall girls there at that time. There was a butcher shop and a big store owned by Bob Wright and Charles Rath. Also in the town lived bullwhackers, mule skinners, buffalo hunters and gamblers galore.

Wheeler County was organized on April 12, 1879, with Sweetwater as the county seat and a few months later the town's citizens filed application for a post office. The government refused, since there was another Sweetwater in Texas, and it was then that the town's name was changed to Mobeetie, the Indian word for Sweetwater. Montgomery was the first postmaster.

From the beginning, Mobeetie grew rapidly. It was the only town in the Panhandle, located in the only organized county, and it became the business center for the entire area. Patronage of soldiers and their families from Fort Elliott was the backbone of local trade.

The first general store in town was established in the fall of 1876 by a merchantile company formed in Dodge City, Kan., to do business on the West Texas buffalo range. The firm, composed of Charles Rath, one of the leading merchants of Dodge City; Robert M. Wright, post sutler of Fort; Dodge; and Lee and Reynolds, sutlers at Camp Supply, Indian Territory, moved a huge stock

"buildings" consisted of poles have a name, but there is no stacked and supplies cached falo hunters' camp set up near driven into the ground and indication its inhabitants re- while the hunters went about the head of Sweetwater Creek covered with buffalo hides - garded it as permanent. To their business of annihilating sometime in 1873 or 1874. This was the first Anglo-American them it was merely a good lo- the buffalo. camp-called Hidetown because settlement in the Panhandle cation near a supply of pure About 150 people were head-



PROMINENT MOBEETIE CITIZENS



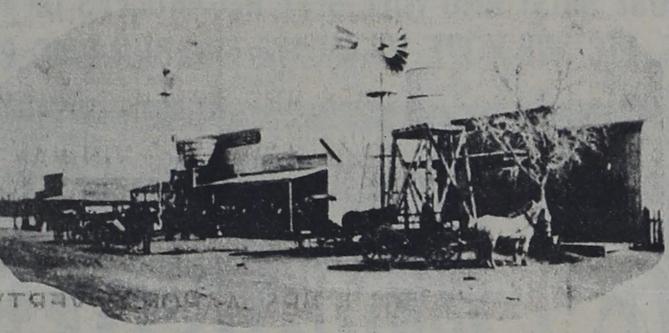
Mark Huselby



1. N. Browning



Judge Frank Willis Sr.



of merchandise to Mobeetie. where they were joined by 50 or 60 buffalo hunters, and set As the settlement grew, its up the store before continuing people sought a new location, south to establish Rath City O'Loughlin whose land was an near the Double Mountain

In 1878 Rath acquired up his interest in it for 100 Wright's interest in the firm, and Frank Conrad, trader at The thriving little village was Fort Griffin, Texas,, bought established on its new site in the Lee and Reynolds interest. The store operated under the name of Rath and Conrad's until sometime in 1879, when it became Rath and Ham-

> The big general supply store was one of the town's most important institutions, serving as the general depository of all goods that were distributed in the eastern Panhandle. In Mobeetie's heyday Rath and Hamburg's handled more than

\$100,000 in merchandise annually, buying hides from buffalo hunters and selling everything "from a dime ring to coffins and from drugs to hardware." W. L. R. Dickson, a former teamster, was later associated with the store.

Other businesses were established as the town prospered. There were two hotels, Tom O'Loughlin's Grand Central and one built by Mark Huselby. The Grand Central at first was a picket structure, but O'Loughlin later built a frame trinkets and later school sup-

commercially. After his dis- ing rink. charge from the Army Huselby Mobeetie's Chinese laundry planted about four acres of was operated by Charley Sing vegetables on a piece of land and his wife, who had come near town and sold them to south from Dodge City with the fort. To keep cattle off his the Rath expedition in 1876. garden he dug a four-foot Mobeetie was the trading deditch around the plot and pot of the plains, handling made a most by filling the mostly goods shipped south ditch with water diverted from from Dodge City, but by 1880 the fort. It was with his earn- manufactaured in Mobeetie. ings from the sale of vegetables and milk that he built the

J. J. (Uncle Johnny) Long, who was a teamster in Hidetown before Fort Elliott was established, owned a small mercantile store and ran a private bank for the benefit of friends and customers. This was the beginning of what later was to be the First State Bank of Mobeetie, which had Long as its first president.

Mobeetie's Business District



Interior of Dickerson Brothers Store. Also a private

Another private bank was run in a store built in 1882 by the Dickerson Brothers. The Dickersons had a cashier, C. H. Philbrick, to look after the

George Montgomery, one of the town's leading citizens and the first postmaster, operated a small store in conjunction with the post office, selling building which was one of the plies. In 1884, while on a most pretentious buildings in honeymoon excursion, Montgomery stopped in Dodge City Huselby was a former mess and bought lumber to build a sergeant at Fort Elliott who new store and what had to be also was the first person in an unusual form or recreation the Panhandle to use irrigation in any frontier town - a skat-

the creek. Huselby also ac- the town also was supplying quired several milk cows and Fort Elliott with shoes, saddles, sold milk to the soldiers at wagon wheels and clothing Mail at first was carried by

whoever happened to be leaving or arriving at Fort Elliott. Wagon drivers would mail and deliver civilian letters for 56 cents each. When the post office was officially established on Sept. 4, 1879, Mobeetie was on Star Route No. 32,034 from Vinita, Indian Territory, to Las Vegas, N. M., a distance of 725 miles.

The segment of the mail route from Mobeetie to Fort

Bascom, advertised as the "Lightning Express," schedule of 59 hours on horseback for the 200 miles run. First stop after leaving Mobeetie was North Fork of the Red River, 30 miles away.

The first newspaper in Mobeetle was established by J. H. Priddy, who brought an old G-Wash news press and a meager stock of equipment to Mobeetie from the Ozark region of Missouri in June of 1878. Pridy operated the paper, which he called "The Texas Panhandle," for two years, then returned to Mis-

Mobeetie had both its good and its bad elements. Though the good finally prevailed, Mobeetie's saloon society of gamblers and dance hall girls seemed to hold upper sway for a while. One oldtimer said of the town that some of the people "thought about seeing how tough a place could be and still be called a town."

It is true that many of Mobeetie's first citizens were gamblers, dance hall girls, buffalo hunters, freight haulers, cowboys and criminals who had fled west to avoid the laws of the east. Soldiers seeking a an important element. But much of the early law-

lessness was caused by adventurers just passing through or staying only temporarily. Because Mobeetie was the only town in the Panhandle for a time, all newcomers to the area made it their stopping place, enforce it," and Lee and Rey- revival.

Mobeetie also served from 500 to 1,000 cowboys who came into town with full pocketbooks, looking for a good time, and stayed until their money was erts. Thus the popular form of

Only a few were seeking per-

manent homes; most were

looking for an opportunity to

make money or for adventure.

western recreation - drinking, gambling and women -became erating. There also were gam- gamblers. bling houses and dance halls,

for Fleming and frequently continued with the arrests. played poker. One night he got claimed he had been robbed and shot Masterson in the stomach. In a hail of shots that followed King fell with a hole in his breast; he died an hour later.

Mollie Bennon, a dance hall girl Masterson was living with, had sat by his side all night. zens visited each saloon in During the shooting she some- town and read to the gamblers how got in the crossfire and a declaration which promised was killed instantly.

in-law, Granger Dyer, also was them would be hanged from killed in Mobeetie, after quarrelling with a man named John McCabe. Dyer, staying in the house of Tom O'Loughlin, spotted McCabe walking up the street and took a shot at him. When Dyer looked out the front door to see if he had killed McCabe, a bullet tore through his head. McCabe had only been hit in the knee.

Gunplay wasn't the only form of violence and lawlessness in Mobeetie, but more than two-thirds of the cases docketed in the first year of Wheeler County court records involved fighting or some other form of revelry.

One dance hall girl had a string of particularly bad luck in the winter and early spring of 1881. She was charged, at different times, with such things as "vulgar and indecent language, shooting and firing off a pistol in a private house, and displaying a knife in a manner calculated to disturb the peace." The court finally decided to let her cool off a while in jail, but a few days later several male citizens were brought to justice for helping her escape.

Cowboys fresh off the range and looking for a good time frequently shot up the town. Mrs. Tom O'Loughlin once stacked mattresses against her door to stop bullets which were flying up and down the street. Mrs. Temple Houston said that "many times have I seen a cowboy riding through the streets of Mobeetie shooting a pistol in one hand and taking a drink of whisky from his bottle with the other. Sometimes they would ride up and down the streets of the town by twos shooting and yelling as loud as they could . . ."

Even after the county was organized in 1879, the lawless crowd was still running loose. Emanuel Dubbs, first Wheeler County judge, and county attorney Moses Wiley were pow- G. W. Arrington marked the erless to stop them. Henry Fleming, an educated and hon- lawlessness, and a religious reest gambler who owned a sa- vival meeting 10 years later loon and who was the first sheriff, tried hard but could good time in town were also arrest no one. He apparently tie. had little influence (Fleming once won a herd of 800 cattle in a night at the gaming tables

while he was sheriff.)

nolds, sutlers at Fort Elliott, agreed. They fought it bitterly. Mobeetie rollicked along in

its lawless state until one day in the summer of 1881 J. N. Browning rode into town with a commission as district attorney from Gov. O. M. Rob-

"Honest Jim" was genial, full of jokes. He visited all the saloons with his jokes and good humor and soon had Mobeetie's leading business. At gathered evidence that resulted one time 13 saloons were op- in the arrest of almost all the

Some of the surprised and each with several female em- irate gamblers framed an anonymous letter and sent it It was in Henry Fleming's sa- to Browning, warning him to loon that Bat Masterson, later leave town and emphasizing to gain fame as a lawman, the threat with the skull-andkilled his first white man. crossbones sign Browning gave

into a game with a soldier got another similar letter. named King from Fort Sill and Dubbs decided something must played until morning. Near be done. The judge began to daylight King jumped up, round up all the responsible citizens he could find, and by the time Browning had received a third letter about 25 men were ready to fight if necessary for the young at-

The group of righteous citithat if anything happened to Charles Goodnight's brother- Browning every last one of the highest tree. There were no more letters and the gamblers began to leave town rather than go to jail. Many of them went to Tascosa, a newly spawned cowtown on the Ca-

> Oldham County. Mobeetie's first jail, a twostory structure of cottonwood logs, was crude but effective. Prisoners were put in the jail by a ladder and the ladder withdrawn after the prisoner was inside. He couldn't escape without scaling the walls, and this was almost impossible.

nadian River in what now is

The county's rock jail, which still stands, was completed in 1886 by Mark Huselby at a cost of \$17,300. Huselby brought in stone masons from the east and had the building partially complete when the county commissioners decided the stone wasn't suitable and condemned the building. Huselby found another stone quarry about 12 miles east of Mobeetie and started over again.

The old rock jail was built to last forever. Its blocks of native stone were held together by mortar and each stone had four steel pins set in it. The building still stands on the site of the old town.

The only person ever to escape the jail was a Negro scheduled to be hanged. The night before he was to be executed the desperate prisoner cut a hole in the ceiling of his cell and fled through a trip door in the roof. Using a rope made of bed clothing, the Negro was gliding to the ground when about halfway down ne slipped. He fell on an iron bucket and was cut severely but managed to get away. Next morning officers followed a trail of blood to Sweetwater Creek, about three miles west of town, but lost it there. The

Negro never was recaptured. Browning's arrival in town and a cleanup several years later by Texas Ranger Captain beginning of the decline of ended for good the dominance of the saloon society in Mobee-

The revival was conducted in 1893 by Rev. Abe Mulkey and his wife, Louisa. There were more than 300 conver-Charles Goodnight insisted sions during the meeting, athat the intention of county mong whom were some of the organization "was to prevent saloon keepers. Several churlaw and order rather than to ches were built soon after the

Another vital factor in establishment of law and order was the creation on February 15, 1881, of the huge 35th Judicial District encompassing 26

quartered in Mobeetie. Willis was one of the bestknown and most fearless frontier judges and the scion of a large family of Panhandle lawmakers. Goodnight said Willis found true bills "against every officer except himself,

Panhandle counties. Frank

Willis of Mentague County

was appointed judge of the

new district, which was head-

Dubbs and Fleming.' The 35th district had more than its share of talented great legal men. Browning, W. H. Woodman, W. B. Piemons, L. Masterson was a faro deale: the letter to Judge Dubbs and D. Miller, W. H. Grigsby, and the most glamorous of them Next day, when Browning all, Temple Houston, made legal history in Mobeetie.

It was through these men and others that justice was dispensed over most of the Panhandle They journeyed by horse and buckboard over nartrails and unbridged streams to Old Clarendon and Tascosa to bring criminals to justice with their interpretation of the law.

Judge Willis and several of the lawvers were crossing the Canadian River when it was too high and treacherous to ford. They decided to walk and swim. W. H. Woodman in the lead, Judge Willis following. The group had only one volume of the statutes of 1879, Judge Willis instructed Woodman to "uphold the law" (by holding it high out of the water). As they moved forward, the water became deeper and the quicksand more treacherous. Finally they had to swim. When Judge Willis, not a very good swimmer, seemed on the verge of drowning, he velled to Woodman: "To hell

Most famous of Mobeetie's legal names was Temple Housing attorney soon after the district was created. Houston, son of Gen. Sam Houston, wore a large white hat over his long and shiny black hair and had courtly, graceful manners. A master storyteller and orator, Houston was an expert der died in 1886. marksman, a favorite with the ladies and popular with the to Mobeetie soon after Rev.

with the law! Save the court!'

Once, when Houston was crossing the canadian and his buckboard overturned, almost drowning him, he allowed that "the Mississippi wouldn't make a ramrod for the Canadian."

"Court Week" was always a festive occasion. Since Mobeetie was judicial center of a large area, people from widely scattered sections of the Panhandle came to town during sessions of the court, many of them bringing camping outfits, to stay for several days. After each day's judicial routine there were horse races, roping contests and riding tournaments; every night there was dancing.

With the exception of the small but noisy clique of law violators, social life in Mobeetie after the county was established was well organized, and the wives from Fort Elliott ad-

ded color and dignity. The officers' wives at first held themselves aloof from the townspeople, but after the town calmed down, and in the latter years of the fort's existence, they mixed freely. It was astonishing at times to see the exquisitely dressed women from Fort Elliott go into Mobeetie's saloons and drink with their husbands. The officers' wives also were active in the Mobeetie Musical and Dramatic club., organized by Mrs. George Montgomery.

Greatest social events of the year were on Christmas and the Fourth of July, usually lasting three or four days. Horse racing was the favorite daytime sport and dancing the nighttime amusement.

The horse racing took the form of tournament racing, and these were lavish and colorfui events. Riders wore bright-colored suits often made of velvet

Rings were suspended from wires of equal heights and the game was to see who could remove more of the rings with a lance as he went by on a horse at top speed. Competition continued for several days.

When the tournament was over, the winner was presented with flowers and a crown and he then crowned his lady. Crowns also were presented to the second and third place winners, who in turn crowned their ladies. A girl was selected the celebration as the beauty queen and became partner of the fourth-place winner. After the coronation these four couples danced what was called the "royal set," the men dressed in their costumes and the women arrayed in beautiful

There also were occasional costume balls, and many of the women ordered elaborate costumes from Kansas City and St. Louis for the events, magnificent affairs for a frontier town in the Texas Pan-

First preacher of a Christian denomination to settle in Mobeetie was Rev. C. W. Alexander. Rev. Alexander, a Presbyterian, journeyed alone from Sherman, where he was teaching at Asutin College, to Mobeetie in 1884, stayed a year and then returned to Sherman for his family.

On the minister's return trip to Sherman spring rains were falling and the rivers were rising. When he reached the Red River it was so high he couldn't cross and he was forced to spend the night in the open. Rev. Alexander took ton, who was named prosecut- pheumonia from the exposure and never fully recovered.

After arriving back in Mobeetic Rev. Alexander set up dressed in flashy clothes, often his church in the public schoolhouse before the county's first church building, used for union services, was completed ni August, 1885. Rev. Alexan-Rev. Joe Youngblood came

> Alexander, in 1885, and held the first revival meeting. Though Rev. Youngblood was a Methodist, the revival was a union meeting and apparently resulted in establishment of the county's first Baptist congregation

> Early schooling in Mobeetie was informal at best. First classes were held by a young woman named Lynch in a little picket house with a sod roof and a dirt floor. First formal schooling began in 1885 when the county organized three school districts and built what was known as the Rock School. A Miss Beach, who came from Massachusetts to be with her sister, whose husband was a bookkeeper in Rath and Dickerson's store, also taught a private school.

> First stroke of the death knell of Old Mobeetie was sounded in 1888. In that year the Fort Worth and Denver Railway was built across the center of the northern Panhandle, missing Mobeetie, and in the same year the Santa Fe laid its line through Canadian and Miami, not Mobeetie. New towns sprang up along the

> Even so, Mobeetie still hoped for a railroad; some of its citizens talked of building a line themselves to Miami.

> Then, in 1890, second toll of the knell: The Army, noting that Panhandle settlement was proceedings apace and there no longer was need for protection. decided that Fort Elliott had served its purpose

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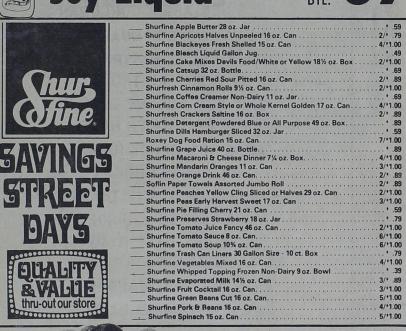
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