



**Hospital News**

A. C. Jones is improving. Tony Frizzell was admitted April 16 for medical treatment. George Weast, who has been receiving medical treatment for several weeks was dismissed April 12. G. M. Brunner was dismissed April 12. Thelma Jo Newton and twin sons were dismissed April 10. Mrs. Jesse Harris was dismissed April 9. Mrs. W. R. Heath was dismissed April 13.

**CORRECTION**

In the issue of the last Beacon in the article concerning the Thompson family reunion the names of the following people were accidentally omitted: Marvin Sams, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Sams, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jackson and Betty.



**Betty Joan Huckaby Injured In Wreck**

Mrs. Robert Huckaby of Lubbock was treated for minor injuries at the Lubbock Memorial hospital after the car in which she and Robert were riding struck a parked auto Tuesday night at 11:30. Robert was uninjured.

Mr. and Mrs. Huckaby are former residents of Lockney.

Scheduled air mail service was first established in the U. S. in 1918.

Visitors in the W. B. Mullins home over the Easter week end were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mullins and sons, Mark and Gary, of Abilene; Mrs. B. H. Denton and girls, Lynn and Elaine, of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mullins, Miss Pauline Mullins, and Lewis Franks of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Webster and Bobby; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cunnys of Lockney.

First attempt by Americans to find the North Pole was made in 1753 from Philadelphia.



**YOUNG COLLEGE CLASS of 1901**—This class of students of the Lockney Christian College is composed of, front row, left to right, John Young, Julia Raines, Lester Honea and Meda Baker, now Mrs. L. M. Honea; back row, left to right, Leila Lusk, Frank Copeland, whose widow still lives here, Bertha Raines, J. T. Whitt, Dorra Jones and Walter Crawson.

**SUNDAY GUESTS**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffith had the following guests for dinner Sunday at their home: Mr. and Mrs. Kline Nall and children of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffith and children of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duckworth and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Copeland and family of Lockney. Calling in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. John T. Carthel, James and Janice of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Watkins and family and Joyce Carthel of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. Tot Lewis of Whitharrel.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our very deep appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and the beautiful flowers you sent at the death of our loved one. Thank you all so very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davis and children.

The Hindu and the Jewish are the two oldest existing legal systems in the entire world.

It is about 232 miles shorter from Chicago to New York by air than by automobile.

"Machine-Gun" Kelly is credited with first using the term "G-men."

Usual distance of a Marathon race is 26 miles.

NEWS THE TIME and your Spring... ing the budget... for money saving... when it comes... singing the accom... pretty lass find... time for this... She has prepared... its fruit flavored... and poured part... dishes until set... the remainder... until slightly... in a larger bowl... of each serving... and chilled, it... and inexpensive... Now's the time to... Newspapers, in... daily game, was... Romans... The Statue of... largest bronze... world.



**COUNTY OFFICIALS**—Left to right are, Dan Jenkins, first sheriff of Floyd County; Deputy Sheriff Anderson and Co. Judge Arthur B. Duncan, first Floyd County judge. The picture was made about 1894. — Courtesy Floyd County Hesperian

**Man Killed Near Sand Hill**

Charles Lee Holsapple, 25, irrigation pump installation crewman for the L. P. Davis Machinery Co. of Plainview, was electrocuted at about 10:40 Tuesday morning while helping move a motor on the E. M. Montgomery farm.

Holsapple, known to his friends as Peewee, was pronounced dead on arrival at the People's Hospital in Floydada.

Carey Davis of the firm with which Holsapple was employed said that from the best information he could gather Holsapple was standing beside the truck on which an A-frame was mounted when the A-frame came in contact with a highline. A bolt equal to 64,000 volts of electricity went through Holsapple's body.

A respirator from the Plainview fire department and a first aid crew was sped to the scene but it was too late to be of aid to the man.

Davis said an electric motor was being picked up from the Montgomery well to be carried away for repairs. Ray Duncan was driving the truck. Russell Jarrett, other member of the installation crew, was standing within a foot or two of Holsapple

when he was electrocuted but was uninjured.

Holsapple was born Nov. 26, 1926, at Oakwood, Oklahoma. He had been in the employ of the machinery concern about two months and prior to that worked for the Hale County Gin.

Holsapple served from late 1945 until May 1946 in the Army, spending a year of that time in Japan. He will be remembered for his participation in 1949 and 1950 in boxing rings.

He was married to Miss Patricia Deil Patty of Plainview on February 5, 1949. The widow and daughter, Patty Rachel; his mother, Mrs. Beive Belyea, Enid, Okla.; two brothers, Orrin Holsapple, Plainview, and Everett Holsapple, Fort Worth, and a sister, Mrs. Lester Smart, Selling, Oklahoma, survive.

The Montgomery farm is located three miles northwest of the Sand Hill school house in Floyd County.

Bobbye Lu Casey, Jontha Lee Casey and Mary Jones, students of Hardin Simmons University spent Easter holidays here.

Leonardo da Vinci, the painter, was also a sculptor, architect, engineer, philosopher and physicist.

High heels were originated by Louis XIV, who wore them because he was so short.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lynn and son visited in Los Alamos, New Mexico over the week end with their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson and son, and their son J. B. Lynn.

Geoffrey Chaucer, author of the "Canterbury Tales" lived in the 14th century.

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**Liability and Other Auto Insurance Is GOING UP! Effective May 1, 1952**

Rates on auto liability and other auto insurance is going to advance as much as 20% to 30% on May 1, 1952. If you want to buy auto insurance at the present low rate you had better get busy. After May 1 it will cost you more.

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**NOTICE**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Floyd County Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Floydada, Texas, April 19, 1952**

**BUSINESS MEETING AND ALL DAY PROGRAM HELD AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL IN FLOYDADA**

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT NOON**

- Registration will begin at 8:30 a. m.
- Meeting will start at 10:00 a. m.
- Entertainment and Drawing for attendance through out the day.
- First Edition R. E. A. Cook Books on Sale

FREE Show Tickets For All Children Under 12 years old

The days entertainment will include Ned Bradley, M... Ceremonies, Bernie Howell, popular Organist, the Ell... dren, Janice Smith with piano selections.

**Over 300 Attendance Prizes**  
**All Members Urged To Be Present!**

**Club In 1936**

Club was organized in 1936 in the name of Arney Manning. Polyana means dress and doing was a sewing and the first gift was 10c. The giver secret until her covered. There were members at the time Mmes. A. D. Gilbreath both Mrs. Gordon Mmes. Barney Allison, Lloyd Reecer all of the Polyana Club and the Sewing Club were members from

time to time during the years are: Mmes. A. C. Cope, Odessa; Mabel Johnson, California; Evelyn Bennett, W. B. Parrack, James Miller, Charles Baxter all of Plainview; Vernola Hannon, Floydada; Opal Lee Rhodes, Dumas; Louise Sherburn, Sand Hill; Bernard Pope, Abilene; Ruby Hall, Fort Worth; Dora Bennett, Hale Center; Mace McPherson, Midland; Clyde Sloan, Olustee, Okla.; Charles Goodnight, Dallas; George Mizell, San Antonio; Mildred Moore, Half Way; Mrs. Bernard Pope, Abilene; Harry Webb, Velca Thomas, Hilburn Casey, Ruth Cox, Flossie Huggins, Johnny Reasonover, Ina Hammonds, Jay McPherson, Fay Ferguson, Alma Raper, Alma Dutton, Klyce Ooley, Leona Holt, Faye Sams, and Mae Belt, all of Lockney.

There are 14 members at present.



**LOCKNEY BUSINESS MEN—** back in 1909. These hustling business men of 1909 were: back row, left to right, Homer Howard, postmaster; C. A. Wolford real estate; Joe Vandergriff, barber; Ghent Carpenter,

bank official; Judge J. N. Stalbird, lawyer; Ben Rigdon, barber; George T. Meriwether, hardware; Thee Griffith, cattle buyer; Robin Baker, mercantile; Ira Broyles, lumber; Carl McAdams, lumber; seated, left

to right, Homer Steen, publisher; Roy Phillips, confectionery; Sam Henry, insurance; Z. T. Riley, real estate; Geo. Brewster, real estate; and Wright Pace.

**Plainview Phone Contract Is Let**

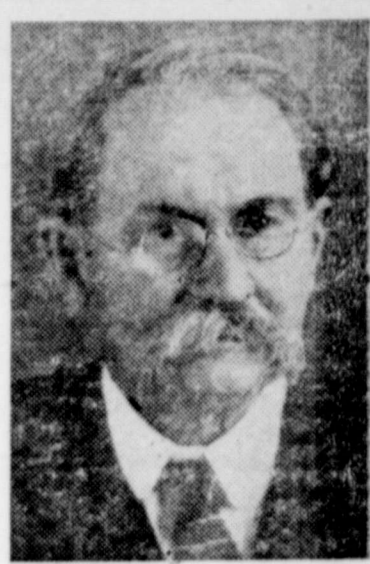
Plainview. — Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has awarded a contract for a new dial telephone building at Plainview. J. C. Oakley, manager of the Plainview area, said the contract went to the BMFP Construction Company of Lubbock.

The building will be erected at Tenth and Denver Streets a few blocks northwest of the downtown business district. It will be a basement and two stories, concrete with reinforced steel construction, with red brick facing and metal frame windows. It will face west on Denver.

The basement will house the power room, power mechanical equipment, engine room storage and men's club room.

The first floor will accommodate the business office, main frame and switching department room for the dial system, and plant officers.

The second floor will provide space for the long distance switchboard, toll operators' quarters and a lounge. The new operator toll dialing equipment will enable an operator in Plainview to dial numbers in thousands of cities over the United States.



**FIRST MAYOR —** Pictured here is Judge J. N. Stalbird, first mayor of Lockney and a community builder for 46 years. Judge Stalbird was also one of the founders of Briscoe County. He first came through Floyd County in 1890 enroute to Briscoe County but moved back to Lockney in 1902, the year The Beacon was founded, where he went into the dry goods business with his brother-in-law, E. L. Ayres. The Judge helped to organize Briscoe County in 1892 and was the first county judge. He served eight years as judge. Judge Stalbird was born in Sullivan County, New York, June 4, 1856 and passed away in November 1943 in Lockney. He served as county Democratic chairman for 20 years. He is the father of Miss Emma Stalbird, Mrs. Stalbird passed away in 1938.

July and August were named for Julius and Augustus Caesar.

"Prima facie" means "on first appearance."

**TRIBUTE TO THE PIONEERS!**

We pay tribute to the pioneers of Lockney and Floyd County. They have built well and because of their foresight and perservance we have a great country in which to live.

Sixty-two years of progress for this community and this county have brought many good things to its citizenship, among them prosperity, happiness and an above-the-average living standard.

We should all be grateful for the sacrifices made and the foundations laid by the pioneers of Floyd County. We are today reaping the benefits of their sowing.

**Services Conducted At Floydada For J. U. Borum**

Funeral services for J. U. Borum, 70, were conducted at 3 p. m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, Floydada, with the Rev. R. Earl Allen officiating. Burial was in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of the Harmon Funeral Home of Floydada.

Borum died Friday in West Texas Hospital at Lubbock of a heart ailment. He leaves his wife, a son, J. U. Borum, Childress; a daughter, Mrs. Venita Gambin, of Lubbock and two grandchildren.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols of Corpus Christi are the parents of a baby girl born April 14. The young lady weighed 8 lbs. and 5 oz. She is the first baby to be born in the Crum Clinic. Her grandparents are Mrs. Nan Boyd of Lockney.

U. S. President William Henry Harrison died only one month after his inauguration.

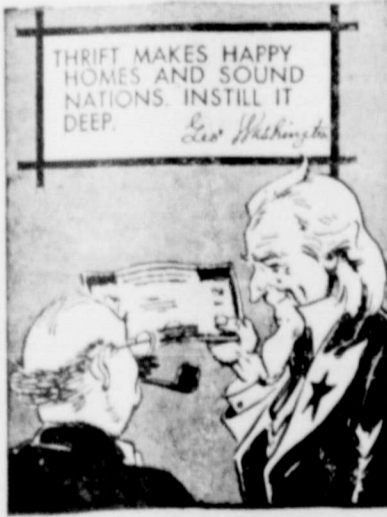


**91 YEARS YOUNG —** Pictured here is J. H. Fowler of Lockney, 91 years of age and still active.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler and children moved to Lockney in 1904 from the Indian Territory. The family first lived in a tent and then built a dug-out to live out a claim to a section of land twelve miles north of Lockney. At that time land was selling at \$2.00 an acre. Most of it was grass land and prairie fires were a dreaded and common menace. In 1909 there was an extra bad fire which destroyed several hundred acres of grass land threatening homes. In 1904 there were only three houses between the Fowler home and Lockney. Antelope were plentiful, one herd sited near where the Thurston Rankin place now is, numbered seventy-five. The Fowlers enjoyed the use of a telephone even while living in a dugout. Every fence served as a telephone line and most of their neighbors could be contacted by phone until after about five years when something happened that did away with the use of these phones.

The Fowlers have six living children: Luther of Lockney; Clay, now postmaster at Silverton; Sue of Missouri; Ruby of Canyon; Jeff at Houston and Ragnarald of Dumas, Mrs. Fowler passed away last July at the age of 82.

**Uncle Sam Says**



George Washington, our first President, said: "Thrift makes happy homes and sound nations. Instill it deep." One of the best ways to put that advice into action is to enroll today for the Payroll Savings Plan for the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds. NOW, LET'S ALL BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS. U. S. Treasury Department

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- Clip Boards
- Arch Files
- Filing Cabinet Guides
- Carbon Paper, Typewriter and Pencil
- Onion Skin Paper
- Second Sheets
- Adding Machine Paper
- Sales Books
- Shipping Tags
- Brown Kraft Envelopes

- Gummed Paper Tape
- Adding Machine Ribbons
- Staplers and Staples
- Roll Carbon for Register Machines
- Thumb Tacks
- Paper Clips and Paper Brads
- Ink Pads, Rubber Stamps, Rubber Stamp Ink
- Scotch Tape, and Tape Dispensers
- Scratch Pads
- Pencils
- Remington Portable Typewriters
- Remington Adders
- Showcard Ink
- Typewriter Ribbons
- Office Furniture of all kinds can be ordered

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**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank in Lockney**

in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 31, 1952, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

**ASSETS**

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$3,155,983.47
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	110,000.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	71,500.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	10,000.00
Corporate stocks (including \$4,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	4,500.00
Loans and discounts (including \$12,708.94 overdrafts)	928,407.70
Bank premises owned \$22,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$13,000.00	35,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,315,391.17</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$3,844,663.40
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	103,251.99
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	19,851.60
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	128,216.31
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	28,265.65
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$4,124,248.95</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$4,124,248.95</b>

**CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

Capital Stock:	
(a) Common stock, total par \$100.00, \$75,000.00	75,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits	41,142.22
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>191,142.22</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$4,315,391.17</b>

**MEMORANDA**

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 110,000.00  
Loans as shown above are after deduction of reserves of 15,748.57

State of Texas, County of Floyd, ss:  
I, H. L. Milligan, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. L. MILLIGAN, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of April, 1952.

(SEAL) J. E. COX, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
Ben Quebe, M. W. Wiley, L. M. Readhimer, Directors.

# Society News

## Lone Star Club Is Host To Sunny Side

The Lone Star Home Demonstration Club was hostess to the membership of the Sunny Side Home Demonstration Club in the home of Mrs. M. W. Hartman recently.

Early spring flowers and Easter motifs were used for decorations.

The guests were greeted by Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Raymond Teeple and were presented with a colorful Easter chicken to wear as guard over their corsages.

After the introduction playlet where each person received a minute personal description, Mrs. Teeple, program chairman, presented Mrs. Ben O. King of Silverton in a Travel Logue and Wiley D. Nance of Lockney furnished the music.

Refreshment plates of sandwiches, cake, mints, iced punch, and the Easter chick were served to Meses. W. D. Burke, S. J. Latta, Roy Curry, Claude Price, Robert Day, W. H. Hillone, C. W. Denison, Fay Hart, J. J. McKinney, Will Snell, John T. Hopper, and W. A. Lovell all of Floydada. Mrs. Ben O. King and Mrs. O. T. Bundy of Silverton, Wiley D. Nance of Lockney and Miss Wanda Hartman of Lubbock. The members of the Lone Star Club present were Meses. Hubert E. Frizzell, W. D. Nance, Raymond Teeple, C. L. King, Mark Martin, Bailey Henderson, Albert King, Ben McGhee, A. O. Foster, Carl Capers and M. D. Hartman.

## Mrs. Joe Ivy Is Shower Honoree

Mrs. Freddie Joe Ivy, the former Miss Nova Jean Cox, was honored with a bridal tea and miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Iva Rippstein of Plainview Wednesday evening, April 2. The hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Iva Rippstein and Mrs. Albert Bloom.

In the receiving line were the honoree, her mother, Mrs. John Cox, and the grooms mother, Mrs. R. C. Ivy, and Mrs. Bloom.

Miss Jean Taylor presided at the guest book and Mrs. Mark White was in charge of the gift room.

Mrs. Ray Brook and Mrs. Rippstein served sand tarts and punch from a lace covered table and a crystal punch set.

The bride's colors of blue and white were carried out throughout the entertaining rooms.

Out of town guests registered from Hamlin, Lubbock, Lockney, Tullia, Hart, and Plainview.

## Pollyanna Club Holds Easter Breakfast

The annual Easter breakfast was held Sunday morning, 7:30 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wofford for the Pollyanna members and their husbands. The center piece on the large dining room table was attractively arranged in a floral arrangement of colored carnations, stock and ferns. Smaller tables were set up throughout the reception rooms.

Members present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter, and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wofford, and Jerry Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Olson Allison, and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Pont Darnell, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Manning. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Valca Thomas.

After serving breakfast, pictures were taken of the group. Then all went to the Sunday School services of his own church.

## Schaffner-Howard Vows Are Exchanged

Miss Neida Faye Schaffner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schaffner, became the bride of S1C George Malcome Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Howard, Monday evening at 3 o'clock in the Providence Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. H. L. Anderson, pastor, read the double ring ceremony.

Sid B. Thomas Jr. accompanied by Mrs. Jack Faver, organist, sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Because" and Mrs. Faver played "It is No Secret," "Apple Blossom Wedding" and the traditional wedding march.

The altar was flanked on each side by a basket of pink and white fan shaped arrangements of gladiolus and a crystal basket of the same was placed on the organ.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a blue taffeta street length dress with white organly dorman sleeves trimmed in blue. Her hat was white with pink and white sweet peas across the front and a shoulder length veil in the back. She carried a bouquet of white roses and feathered pink carnations atop a white Bible. For something old the bride chose a pearl and rhinestone necklace given her by the 1951 junior class at the Jr. Sr. Banquet, something new was her wedding attire, borrowed was her pearl and rhinestone earrings belonging to her sister, and something blue was her garter.

Mrs. C. B. Breiger of Wilson served her sister as maid of honor. She wore a rose taffeta dress with small dorman sleeves and white accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

J. R. Turner, half-brother of the groom, served as best man. Ushers were Allen and Cordell Hagens of Lubbock, cousins of the bride.

For her daughters weddings Mrs. Schaffner chose a navy blue gabardine suit with white accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations. Mrs. Howard chose an aqua nylon dress and white accessories. Her corsage was also of white carnations.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the reception rooms of the church. Miss Rosalee Matthews presided at the crystal punch service and Miss Clara Sammann served the three-tiered white and pink wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom.

The serving table was laid with a white lace table cloth and white and pink flowers were used to make a beautiful and colorful floral centerpiece. Mrs. Elmo Schaffner, sister-in-law of the bride, registered the guests.

The bride and groom are both 1951 graduates of Lockney High School. Neida came to Lockney at the beginning of her Junior year. During her senior year she was Miss Lockney High, cheer leader, F. F. A. Sweetheart, runner up for football queen, most popular, received the "Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award," and was chosen to represent Lockney High in the "Personality" contest in Canyon. She also lettered two years in basketball.

Mac was an active member of his class holding a class office for three years. He was voted class favorite and was active in all sports being a four year letterman in football, lettering in basketball and boxing, and participating in track, baseball, and tennis. He joined the navy and left for San Francisco, California January 15, where he spent eleven weeks in basic training.

For her going-away attire the bride chose a dusty rose gabardine suit with blue and white



MRS. MALCOLM HOWARD

accessories and a corsage of white roses.

After a short wedding trip Mac will report back to San Francisco April 22 and Neida will remain in Lockney until a later date when she plans to join him.

Out-of-town guests registered from Wilson, Lubbock, Slaton, Taboka, and O'Donnell. Approximately 175 guests attended the wedding.

## Mrs. Jennings Is Guest Speaker Wed.

The El Progreso Study Club met Wednesday, April 9, at 3:30 p. m. in the Baptist Church with Mrs. L. C. Jennings of Plainview guest speaker.

Mrs. Roscoe Snyder of Plainview introduced Mrs. Jennings who reviewed "The President's Lady" by Irving Storie. Mrs. Jennings, a modest and effective speaker, was enjoyed by all present.

Punch and cake were served by the hostesses, Meses. I. A. Appiewhite and Guy Sams.

## Lockney Club To Be Hostess To Lakeview

The Lockney Home Demonstration Club will be hostess to the Lakeview Home Demonstration Club Thursday, April 17, at 2:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Calvin Tomme.

All members are to have their baked pies at the home of Mrs. Thomas Marr Saturday morning by 8 o'clock to be taken to Floydada.

All members who have children are to learn them at the home of Mrs. Thomas Marr on guest day. The "All Occasion" cards have arrived and are at the home of Mrs. L. W. McCuiston and each person who ordered any have been asked to pick them up immediately.

## LaVentana Study Club Met Tuesday

The LaVentana Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Elmer Sandusky Tuesday afternoon, April 8, at 2 p. m. Mrs. Albert King gave a reading on "Bit of Charm" and roll call was answered with "My responsibility as a citizen." Mrs. Charlie Merrick, president, gave "Our Age of Unreason" and a panel consisting of Meses. Clyde Baxter, C. L. King, and Clarence Strickland discussed "Delinquent Youth or Delinquent Parents?"

Members present were Meses. Clyde Baxter, H. E. Frizzell, J. T. Griffin, Albert King, Clois King, Charlie Merrick, Elmer Sandusky, Clarence Strickland, and Raymond Teeple.

## NURSES TO MEET

The licensed vocational nurses' association will have a regular monthly meeting Monday night, April 21 at the Courthouse in Plainview, starting at 7:30. It was announced this week.

## CLINGING VINE



Like to find this blond sprite in your garden this spring? The Men's Garden Club of Regional Detroit said they would when they crowned the winner of the "Clinging Vine" contest. Maxine Regan of the "Clinging Vine" contest, a Chrysler Corporation automotive stylist, is touring the United States with Chrysler's "New Worlds in Engineering" exhibit. The show has appeared in New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Kansas City and Detroit in the past ten months. It is scheduled for Cleveland, Columbus, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and western cities for the remainder of the year.

## Garden Club To Meet With Mrs. Cowart

The meeting of the Lockney Garden Club scheduled to be held with Mrs. Tom Rankin will be held in the Turner Cowart home Friday, April 18, at 3 p. m. The program will be on "Magic Drugs" with Mrs. Roy Patterson taking the place of Mrs. A. P. Barker Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beall of Amarillo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beall Saturday and Sunday.

## Garden Club Members Show Antiques

The Lockney Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Arthur Barker Friday, April 4, with the president, Mrs. Turner Cowart presiding in first the Antique Show. Each member brought an antique which proved to be quite interesting, since roll-call was answered with the description and history of each article. Several had been in families over one hundred years.

Since each hostess this year will add some special feature by way of interest to the program, Mrs. Barker brought an excellent surprise by having a quartet composed of Messers. Dee Copeland, Cleatis Jeffcoat, Brad Seale and Arthur Barker sing several numbers that were greatly appreciated by the ladies.

Delicious refreshments were served to the Meses. Mrs. Briggs, Tom Crager and Mrs. ...

Mr. and Mrs. ... and children of ... (ted Mr. and Mrs. ... coat last week ...

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# DEL MONTE GARDEN SHOW

Spring

<b>Fruit Cocktail</b> 303 Can <b>23c</b>	<b>CORN Yellow</b> 303 6 for <b>\$1.00</b>	<b>Ketchup</b> 14 ounce Bottle <b>18c</b>	<b>PEAS</b> 303 Size 2 for <b>39c</b>	Crushed <b>PINEAPPLE</b> Can <b>11c</b>
<b>COFFEE</b> Admiration Pound <b>88c</b>	<b>Grape Juice</b> 25 oz. <b>34c</b>	Kimbells <b>SHORTENING</b> 3 pounds <b>64c</b>	<b>BACON</b> Sliced Pound <b>37c</b>	<b>COFFEE</b> Folgers Pound <b>84c</b>
<b>Wholegreen BEANS</b> 4 for <b>\$1.00</b>	<b>Apple Butter</b> 28 oz. <b>24c</b>	FLOUR 25 pounds Every Sack Guaranteed <b>\$1.49</b>	Fresh <b>FRYERS</b> Pound <b>54c</b>	<b>SPINACH</b> No. 2 7 For <b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Orange Juice</b> 46 oz. <b>25c</b>	<b>CHEESE</b> Velveeta Pound <b>49c</b>	MILK Pet or Carnation Large Cans 7 for <b>\$1.00</b>	<b>FRANKS</b> Celso Pkg. 1 Pound <b>54c</b>	<b>PEAR</b> No. 2 1/2 <b>44c</b>

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CANCER CRUSADE BANNER — The American Cancer Society's 1952 Texas Cancer Crusade poster theme, above, will be displayed over the state during April, Cancer Control Month.



## T. Z. Reed Was Mayor 20 Years

By T. Z. Reed as told to Mrs. Edgar Hays

My wife and I and child left Bell County April 18, 1892 and after 32 days of travel in a common wagon driven by two yoke of steers we landed in Floyd county, parking our wagon not far from the southwest corner of the present court house square. After looking over the conditions in the different counties we pitched our tent in Swisher county in the Whitfield community where we filed on land and lived until 1907. We hauled lumber from Amarillo to build a half dugout.

When we moved to Lockney fifteen years later the little town was then several years old. I was elected mayor of Lockney in 1910 and have served the city in that capacity at different times for a period of twenty years. In fact I was the first mayor Lockney ever had as some other form of government had been practiced prior to 1910. I have served the county in various ways from city mayor to county commissioner, all except school trustee which I declined. I have the honor of signing every franchise Lockney has such as gas, water, electricity, telegraph and telephone.

I am now 86 years of age am proud of the record that in all those years I have never in my private business or in public office paid any debt past due and received no penalty on bills past due. I attribute my share of success to the cooperation of the good people among whom I

have lived, religiously, socially and financially. A few old timers still call me "Poor Zeb" which was derived from the name we had given Lockney's first lunch stand we established here in 1907.

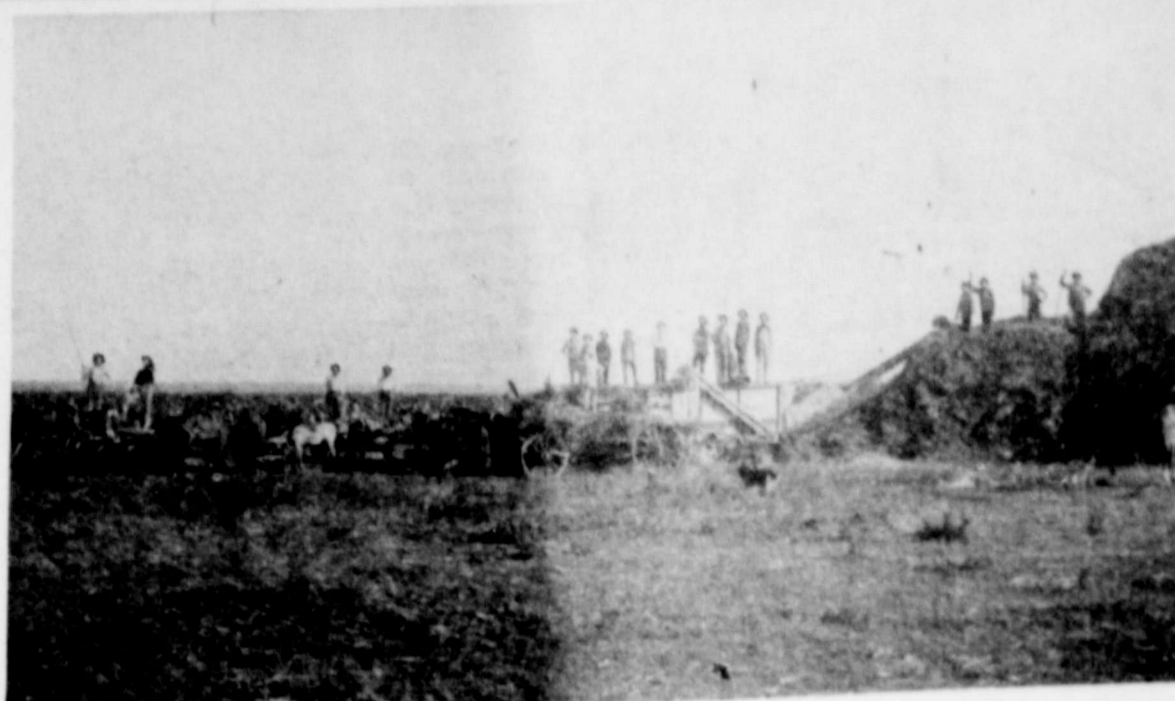
I was master of the Masonic lodge when the lodge building was built and was a director of the bank when the bank building was built and I can seriously say that all records of my work certifies that every institution I have served has prospered from beginning to close. Tom Deen was the first certificate Mason in the county and I was the second. Old Dr. Andrews was district deputy during the period 1908 to 1912 as I remember.

During the forty-five years we have lived in Lockney I have been in various businesses such as farming, trading, banking and grocery business being associated with Zack Riley and Bill Brewster. I was forced to retire four years ago when I was stricken with paralysis.

I united with the Baptist church when there wasn't a church house here in 1907 therefore I am probably the oldest living member. Brother Wynn and Brother G. I. Britton, preachers from Plainview came and preached here before we had a regular pastor. Aunt Becky Dodson who passed away several years ago was one of the first members too. We have only one child, Mrs. E. M. Lawson and three grand children.

First blood shed in the American Revolution was in Massachusetts.

Early Romans used razors made of iron.



**HORSE POWER THRESHER** — The picture was made in 1907 on the J. M. Carthel farm, now farmed by John T. Carthel, and located four miles northwest of Lockney. In the picture are, left to right, Guy Carthel, Ben

Eckols, the next two unknown but in front of them on the ground is Joe Carthel, W. A. Carthel on wagon in front of thrasher, Homer Steen on thrasher with hands on hips, Bob Smith to right, Uncle Joe

(J. M.) Carthel, Milford Carthel at extreme right on thrasher; on the stack, the first man unknown, then B. R. Carthel, Vige Smith and Don Muncy.



**PIONEERS** — Here is a picture of the Ramsey family, pioneers of this area, made sometime before the year 1906 at the old Ramsey home, 4 miles east of Lockney, Reading

from the left, the first three are unknown, the others being Louise Ramsey, deceased, C. F. Ramsey Sr., deceased, Mrs. C. F. Ramsey Sr., deceased, Bob Ramsey, Borger, Mrs.

Charles Ramsey Jr., Dallas, Charles Ramsey Jr., deceased, Sam Ramsey, Borger, Lina Ramsey, now Mrs. John Peters of Denver.

## Church Of Christ Organized In 1894

The Church of Christ of Lockney was organized in 1894 with Charles W. Smith as the first minister and W. E. Broyles and J. L. Shaw elders. The congregation met from house to house until 1895 when the Lockney Christian College was established by the Churches of Christ of the Southwest.

In July 1919 the West Side congregation built the building they are using at the present. J. A. Nail and J. D. Griffith were the church officials.

The Main Street congregation met in the college auditorium until April, 1928 when the present building was constructed at a cost of \$30,000. At that time J. Early Arceneaux was the minister.

Mrs. Guy Sams, Mrs. I. A. Applewhite visited with Mrs. L. G. Rhine of Providence Tuesday. Mrs. Rhine was returned home Sunday after undergoing a major operation at the Plainview hospital. She is convalescing nicely.

"OLD" mule used here for a long time. Lockney mule was a good one. Ladies on the mule. Boulder, Colo. Blount of Tex.

J. C. Pomeroy, Dallas, Texas, went major operation at the Plainview hospital. She is convalescing nicely.

## TAKING CARE OF YOUR TROUBLES

That's our business! All of us here we are old timers or "Johns Latelys" have more troubles to care for. Our business is to relieve your automobile and truck motor troubles of any kind.

We haven't been here but a few years but we have built a reputation for dependable service. Call on us if you are having troubles.

## Cooper Garage

Dial 2372

## WE ARE GROWING WITH THE CITY!

Lockney is 62 years old, according to the historians, and it is a bigger, better city than ever before. We are proud to be a part of this community.

We make every effort to keep our store in tune with the city's growth that we may take care of your clothing and dry goods needs. Our store is growing right along with the city.

We are thankful for your fine patronage and we trust that we may continue to serve you for many years yet.

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Lockney, Texas

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## Sermonettes From Revival Tabernacle

Jude 1:3 . . . "It was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints."

We can see by reading the Bible, the saints in the New Testament had faith. Faith is a substance that we have to have before we can please God. Without faith we can not even be saved. By grace are ye saved through faith.

Faith in God given. Jesus Christ is the author and the finisher of our faith. Heb. 12:2 We are not able to have faith in God because of the hardness of our hearts. I am persuaded to believe that if Jesus were to visit us again in the flesh that we would preach the same sermon that He preached to the scribes and Pharisees. "Ye generation of vipers how can you escape the damnation of hell." By faith Peter walked on the water; by faith the little woman with the issue of blood was healed. Jesus said "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say to this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

Jesus said in John 14:12 "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall be done also, and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father." Jesus did all sorts of miracles through the power of God.

Jesus said if any man will come after me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. So we can see through self-denial, prayer, fasting, and studying God's word that we can move the hand of God. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Let us pray that we may so hear God's word preached and so open our hearts that it will build our faith, that we may have the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ray.

### CARD OF THANKS

Ralph and I wish to express our thanks to each and everyone for the lovely flowers, gifts, cards and letters received during my recent stay in the hospital. We sincerely appreciate your kind wishes, deeds, and the prayers in my behalf.

Mrs. Ralph Thayer.

Mrs. L. G. Rhine was brought home from the Plainview Hospital Sunday afternoon after undergoing surgery. Mrs. Rhine entered the hospital April 8.

See us for

## COTTON SEED

We have several varieties to choose from — bagged and treated — some delinted.

## Lockney Gin

Dial 3388

## 58 Years Of Service

For 58 years, through good times and bad, the Baker Mercantile has tried to supply the needs of the people of this community. This store has been in existence continuously under the same ownership longer than any other retail establishment in the Panhandle or South Plains.

It was back in 1894 that our first store was opened with a few items of dry goods and staple groceries. Always through the years we have tried to sell good merchandise at fair prices.

We appreciate the patronage we have received from the people of Lockney and Floyd County through these many long years. You have been good to us and we have enjoyed serving you. It has been a privilege to live among you and associate with you.

## Baker Mercantile

DRY GOODS

### Flash-O-Gas In Panhandle

Plainview firm was changed to Baker Flash-O-Gas Co., Inc., and branches have since been opened at Turkey and re-opened at Lockney.

The firm has from the beginning been the leader in the development of butane usage in the area and has always made every effort to see that all installations met every safety requirement.

Being the oldest and first in the butane business the Baker-Fleming firm operated over a large area, making sales of tanks and appliances and delivered gas to Matador, Jayton, Spur, Crosbyton, Post, Lubbock, Littlefield, Muleshoe, Hereford and other places. For a several years the company sold butane gas to the J. A. Ranch headquarters in Clarendon. Now dealers are in every town, there being at least 12 in Plainview and the same number in Lubbock.

There is probably more butane gas sold in the Panhandle Plains area than any other place in the nation. This business has grown very fast in the past few years. In this area it is used not only for heating but for irrigation wells and tractors. More tractors use butane in this area than any other section of the nation.

Estimates are that only 20 percent of the gas coming out of the ground is refined and used. This great waste is caused because the oil companies refine only the amount they can sell.

The Baker Flash-O-Gas has spent considerable time and money in developing the sale of gas and appliances. They have lead in selling tractor butane systems as well as butane carburetors for irrigation well motors.

The large number of customers



50 YEARS AGO—Another group of Lockney young people made in 1901 includes. Front row, left to right, Lena Farnsworth, Lina Ramsey, Annie Ramsey, Icie Rigdon; middle

row, left to right, the man and baby are unknown, Sally Dodson, Lola Anderson, Cally Cherry, Goldie Green, Addie Dagley, now Mrs. A. R. Meriwether, Beedy Reed; back row,

left to right, Tom Rucker, Sam Ramsey, Jim Meriwether, Roy Barber, Tom Brackeen, teacher, Tacoma Reed, Hugh Reed and Bob Ramsey.

### Hammond Home Is Scene Of Shower

A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Freddie Joe Ivy, the former Nova Jean Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johns Cox, was given April 9 in the home of Mrs. Edwin Hammonds. Co-hostesses were Mes. Merit Dorsey, Weldon Smith, George Turner Sr., C. H. Rose, Bernard Harris, C. L. Record, O. B. Patterson, Alton Noland, Doyle Harrison, Clark Harris, Blaine Holt, and Alvin Wilson.

Punch and angel squares were served from a lace covered table to Mes. Shirley Race, Lynn Miller, Pepper Martin, Lewis Clements, R. C. Ivey, Johns Cox, Monty Barrett, Frank Reynolds, Claude Hammit, F. V. Payne, Ernest Lee Thomas, E. O. Cates, Glen Whitfill, Bill Wisdom, Mark Martin, Bob Merrell, Glenn Mitchell, Bobby Carthel, Robert Muney, Elmer Biggs, Edd Thornton, Ralph McGuire, R. C. Mitchell, Herman Burress, Curtis Malone, W. C. Wisdom, C. P. Fulkerson, Hilburn Casey, Johns Casey, Clarence Maier, Jimmy Brown, Byron Ford, Hall Ferguson, Bennie Teaff, Collis Roland, and Chester Mitchell.



From feed bin to milady's wardrobe of Sunday bests—that's an easy jump these days for cotton feed bags! Here three 100 lb. bags spend a gay second life as a fashion-right costume for either sports or dressy occasions. The print's a handsome one—a leaf design in grey, maroon, and white. This frock is included in the National Cotton Council's new cotton bag wardrobes available to women's clubs for unusual style shows.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sams and little daughter of Littlefield spent the week end here with their parents.

Michigan has frontage on all of the Great Lakes but Ontario.



Luther Cooper's Mail Wagon, used in carrying Route 1 out

of Lockney in about 1910. Mr. Cooper retired as a mail carrier

October 31, 1949 after 40 years of service.

patronizing the firm in this area require a crew of men to be stationed here. Albert Willis is manager here and two trucks operate out of this office.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The American Legion and Auxiliary and the Boy Scouts wish to thank each person who helped make "Shooting Stars" a success. Each organization received \$102.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Woodburn and family of Van Horn spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. E. L. Woodburn.

Magellan began his voyage around the world in 1519.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Bales and daughter of Albuquerque, New Mexico were week end visitors in the J. B. Johnson home.

The Pacific Ocean is the largest expanse of water in the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeffcoat and children from Franklin, La., have moved back to Lockney.

**Farmer's Question Corner**  
PREPARED BY American Foundation For Animal Health

#### WHAT ABOUT SWINE INFLUENZA?

Q: How serious a problem is swine flu?

A: It doesn't actually kill many swine but it takes a tremendous financial toll each year. Affected pigs go off feed, losing up to 15 pounds. Also, swine flu victims are easier prey to cholera, enteritis and similar diseases.

Q: How does it act?

A: Hogs run a temperature, have a deep cough, tend to pile up, lose appetite, and become weak.

Q: What causes swine flu?

A: Both a germ and a virus, highly contagious. Sudden changes of weather, poorly-ventilated or draughty quarters, and cold rainy spells seem to make hogs more susceptible.

Q: If a flu outbreak starts, what should be done?

A: Have the trouble diagnosed immediately, so proper nursing and other treatment can be started. Move well pigs away from the sick ones.

Q: What about prevention?

A: Keep swine away from old straw stacks, where flu infection is often picked up. Be sure hogs have

good shelter, with good bedding, proper light and ventilation. If new hogs are bought, isolate them for a week before allowing them to mix with the home herd.

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### 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Our Home Paper

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## LOCKNEY IS GROWING AND SO ARE WE!

Lockney is growing. Everywhere you see new houses and new buildings going up. We are proud of the town and its spirit of growth and progress. The fact that we were born and reared here makes up even more proud.

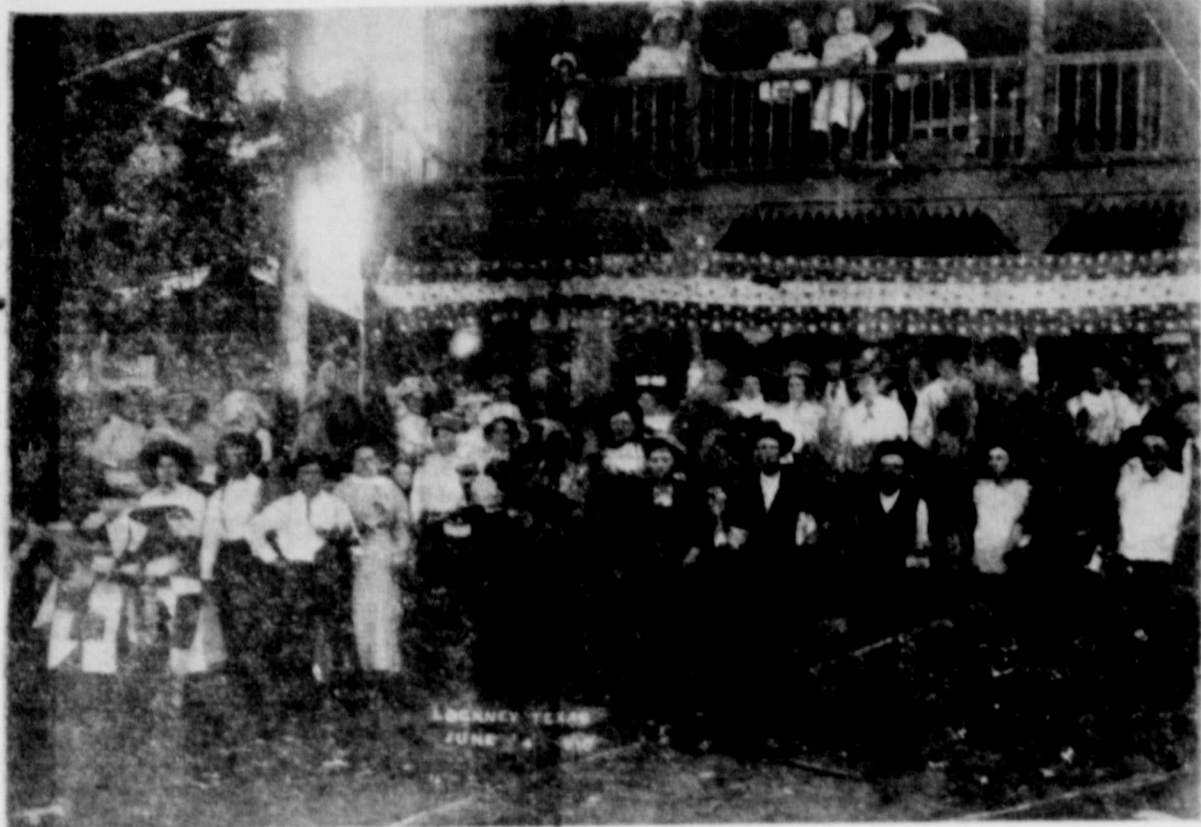
To keep up with the city we too are growing. Our line of men's ready-to-wear is increasing every week. We are adding on to our building so that we will have more room to display merchandise and serve your needs.

We are striving in every way to improve our service to you. When you have need of our merchandise or service we invite you to give us a trial. We will do our best to please you.

## BROWN'S CLEANERS AND CLOTHIERS

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Lockney



COUNTY FAIR IN 1910—This scene shows many products being displayed by their proud producers at a county fair on June 4, 1910. The two-story building is the old Marion Day hotel, located about where the

Lockney Auto Co. now is setting. Some of the people in the picture are; third from left in front row, Claude Barnes, brother to Mrs. M. H. Ragle; sixth from left, Mrs. Nannie Ramsey, who passed away last year;

eighth from left is Grandmother Stalcup, grandmother of John Stalcup; eleventh from left is Arthur and Frank Robinson's father.

### Nat'l H. D. Week April 27 To May 3

College Station — Texas home demonstration club women will join in the observance of the seventh National Home Demonstration Week, April 27 to May 3, announces Maurine Hearn, state home demonstration leader with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The theme, "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World," was adopted for the first national week in 1946 and is now accepted as the theme for home demonstration work.

Home demonstration work is that part of the Extension Service that deals with the home. Of the 3,107 counties in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, 2,565 counties employ one or more home demonstration agents and assistants, a total of 3,600. Of this number, 255 are in Texas.

During the week the more than 41,000 Texas members in 2,023 home demonstration clubs will observe the week by informing the public on the work of the organization. Special effort will be made to organize new clubs and secure new members in old clubs. The aims and purposes of home demonstration work will be publicized through editorials, news stories, special newspaper editions, radio programs, educational exhibits and tours of result demonstrations.

Miss Hearn points out that in keeping with the theme, home demonstration agents and club women, are planning to highlight the fact that home demonstration work aids families in developing and maintaining those qualities valued in a democracy. A successful home is dependent on a well-informed homemaker who helps the family develop pride in making the home comfortable, attractive and inspiring. A special effort is being made to interest younger homemakers. Rural women through organized planning and action are making a lasting contribution to community improvement and rural living.

### Amateur Art On Exhibit At Floydada

Mrs. W. H. Fields of Lockney will have entries in the Caprock Community Art Show which opens April 21 in Floydada for a six day exhibit of amateur art from the Caprock area. The show will be a general art exhibit of oils, pastel, watercolor and etchings and is open to all area artists. Entries are expected from Motley Crosby, Hale, Briscoe and Floyd counties.

Bill Strain, Plainview Junior High School Art instructor, will judge the best pictures in two age groups. First, second and third ribbon prizes will be awarded in the children's division, eight years old to fourteen years old and over. Entries will be limited to two pictures for each person.

There will be a teachers and professional division but this exhibit will not be judged and no prizes will be offered.

The show will be held in the Floyd County Court House and will open Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p. m. The pictures will remain on exhibit from 2 until 5 each afternoon through Saturday, April 26. Entries will be accepted on Saturday afternoon April 19 and not later than noon April 21.

The Caprock Community Art Show is a joint project of the Paint Brush Art Club and the Floydada Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. E. J. Baker of Floydada is chairman of the show committee. Mrs. Raymond Evans heads the exhibit committee and Mrs. S. J. Latta is chairman of the refreshments and reception committee.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We are very grateful to all our friends and acquaintances for the many acts of kindness you have shown us since our recent misfortune. We appreciate everything you have done. It is a great comfort for our friends to remember us at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jeffcoat of Commerce spent last week end here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Choyce Clark and Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffcoat.

### My Neighbors

By BILL PAULSON



"When somebody howls about 'profits'... just ask him how much he wants for his real-estate!"

#### MOVES TO FARMERSVILLE

Raymond Densmore and family will move back to Farmersville soon where he has accepted a position with an automotive parts house. Buck Formby from Tulla will replace Mr. Densmore in the Parker Furniture store here.

Watch your...

BUY DRIVE... Mr. and Mrs. moved back to Portales, N. M. the "60" Drive way to the home cooking short order Wednesday.

MRS. JOHN... Mrs. John... ing at her home to members in condition it has been... and recently... eration.

Bobby... Kendall... De Juan... Frizzell... Possum... than Los... Watch your...

#### Aiken Sunshine Club Met Tues.

Mrs. O. D. Wofford and Mrs. Robert Schoppa entertained the Aiken Sunshine Club Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ina Langfeldt had charge of the business meeting due to the absence of the president and vice president.

The hostess served lemon chiffon cake to Meses Mabel Andrews, Margo Andrews, Wilma Adams, Mary Barr, Francis Carlton, Jane Duval, Dorris Duval, Gladys Golden, Anna Lee Kellison, Ina Langfeldt, Jeanette Marshall, Keanne Porter, Leona Pickens, Marie Webb, Theresa Moore and one visitor Retha Wofford.

St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome is the largest in the world.

#### Polyanna Club Met Tuesday

The Polyanna Club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Owen Thornton of South Plains. The afternoon was spent in sewing and gifts were exchanged.

Delicious refreshments were served to Meses Wynona Allison, Laura Manning, Myrl Wofford, Ella Mae Carter, Ethel Waldroupe, Effie Smith, Gladys Cross, Martha Parrish, Joyce Wood, and Willora Terrell.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 29, with Mrs. Ethel Waldroupe at 2:30 p. m.

#### MRS. HAMMOND HOME

Mrs. Claude Hammond was returned to her home here Sunday after undergoing an operation in a Dallas hospital about ten days ago. She is improving. Mr. Hammond reports.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

#### BAKE SALE SATURDAY

A bake sale will be held Saturday at the former location of the Steele Shoe Shop, back of Lady Fair Shop. A group of girls will try to raise money to start a youth center. Pies and cakes will be offered for sale. Those who will donate pies or cakes are asked to bring them to the place or call 2112 or 2203.

#### MOVE TO LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bishop have moved to Lubbock where Mr. Bishop and his father have purchased a service station at 2501 34th Street. He has been manager here for the H&S Butane Company. Mr. Bishop did not know who would take the butane company's local office.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Threet and son and their grandbaby of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Scott McGhee of Clovis spent Easter Sunday here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Threet.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

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FRYERS, lb. 55c

CHEESE, Longhorn 49c

WILSONS CORN KING BACON, sliced, lb. 39c

PORK ROAST, lb. 43c

### STRAWBERRIES

Frozen—12 oz. package

39c

### PEACHES

Frozen—12 oz. package

28c

### ORANGE JUICE

Donald Duck—6 oz. can

15c

### Produce

LARGE HEADS LETTUCE, each 10c

CELLO PACKAGE CARROTS, 2 for 25c

LEMONS, dozen 39c

### OLEO

Yellow Quarters Pound

15

### BISQUICK

2 1/2 pound box

39

### COCOA

HERSHEYS

1/2 pound box

19

### SUGAR

Powdered 1 lb. box

10c

### LARD

Wilson's 4 lb. ctn.

59c



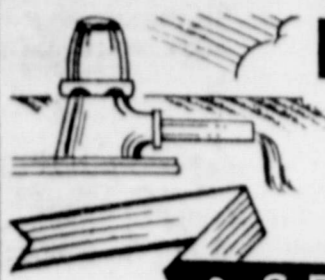
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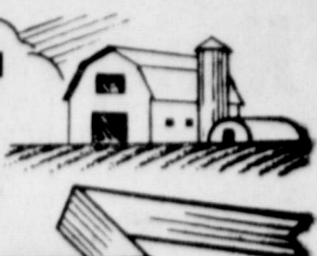
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## Urged Vehicle Now

"Get your vehicle inspected and avoid the delay of having to re-inspect," said Chief G. W. Motor Vehicle Inspection Department of Public Health, Austin, Texas.

Official inspection stations in Texas so far have inspected some 50,000 cars and in order to insure that the cars inspected in this State will have to be inspected by September 6th, the number of cars inspected per day will be doubled. Further extension of the deadline and operation of the law will not be subject to a fine of \$200.00 for any car operating a vehicle after September 7th when the law has not been improved. Inspection stations are in Texas daily and these stations are to be faithfully inspected your car at

your earliest convenience. Take your car to the inspection station of your choice and get your approval certificate while there is plenty of time and no waiting. When you get your approval certificate on your car, you will take pride in knowing that your car is safe to operate and that you are helping to contribute to a safer Texas. Inspection stations in Lockney are at "Whitely" Bacus Motor Company and Lockney Auto Company. Andrew Jackson, when he was U. S. President, appointed what he called his "Kitchen Cabinet."

## Heart Pumps 2500 Gallons Of Blood

Austin — Pumping 2,500 gallons of blood every 24 hours is the astonishing work done by the heart, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. The heart is about the size of a man's fist and is rated at 1-240th of a horse power; it never sleeps, loafs or takes a vacation from the beginning of life to the end. The only rest it gets is between beats. Yet with all the work the heart has to do it does not give out suddenly unless it has been injured or ill-treated.

Under pressure of work the average person neglects his heart and unwittingly abuses it. The chief causes of heart trouble, aside from the deterioration of old age, are rheumatic fever, acute infectious diseases, chronic infections, syphilis, too abrupt return to activity after a serious illness, too strenuous exercise and overweight may be a factor.

Many of the signs which you may think mean heart trouble can be caused by some other disorder. Indigestion, lung trouble, or nervousness may cause pain near the heart, shortness of breath, fainting and irregularity of beat. If you have any of these symptoms, do not try to diagnose the condition yourself, but go to your doctor for an examination. He will be able to find out what is wrong and may tell you that your heart is sound. Have a regular periodic examination and follow your doctor's advice.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

## Frank N. Oliver, Noted Publisher, Issued First Edition of The Beacon On April 14, 1902

The first issue of The Lockney Beacon made its appearance on April 14, 1902 with Frank N. Oliver, famed newspaper man and public figure of that day as its editor. The Beacon was printed on a George Washington hand press and all the printing equipment in the plant was owned by M. A. Shaw of Galesburg, Illinois, who had come to the Lockney country in an earlier day. The Mayshaw community, located east of Lockney, was named after him. Mr. Oliver paid the enormous sum of \$5.00 per month for the use of the equipment and the building which was then located across Main Street from the present Beacon plant. The first issue was a seven column paper as it is today though it has not always been that size, the size changing several times.

The Oliver family moved to Lockney in 1902 where Mr. Oliver purchased the subscription list and good will of the old Lockney Ledger from Mrs. Claude V. Hall (nee Dot Shafer) daughter of the founder and then publisher of the Hale County Herald of Plainview. Mrs. Hall was a niece of the late Mrs. G. W. Brewster.

The old Washington hand press on which The Beacon was first printed is a man-power press altogether and during the early days of publication Clifton Oliver, now of Amarillo, manipulated the ink roller and Leslie Floyd, who still makes his home here, furnished the motive power for the press.

Mr. Oliver was a very active man in state and public affairs and was the founder of a number of newspapers. He was born in Florence, Alabama, on February 17, 1848. His parents were Daniel and Jane (Ross) Oliver, the former a native of Devonshire, England, and the mother a native of Hickman County, Tennessee.

Mr. Oliver founded the first North Texas daily newspaper when he moved to Denton, Texas, and started publishing the Denton Review in 1874. At this time the Younger boys and Sam Bass gang were in circulation and it was no uncommon thing for them to raid the north Texas towns and shoot the windows out of the court houses and other law enforcement offices. Mr. Oliver later moved to Lewisville and started publishing the "Headlight" in 1881. In 1886, he moved to Pilot Point and printed the "New Era." In 1887 or 1888 he moved to Dallas where he erected the first business house in what is now Oak Cliff. The location was at Jefferson and Lancaster (or 10th streets). He brought his printing equipment from Pilot Point and established and published the Oak Cliff "Sunday Weekly." This was in association with T. L. Marsalis to promote the sale of town lots in the founding of Oak Cliff, Texas. Later Mr. Oliver had the distinction of printing the first newspaper in Texas on paper manufactured in the State. This was an issue of the Sunday Weekly printed on paper made in the Texas Paper Mills operated by Messrs. Lang and Wharton in Oak Cliff.

Mr. Oliver was one of the first traveling representatives of the State Fair of Texas. He was a member of the National and Texas Press Associations of that day, was one of a commission appointed by his friend Governor Ross to locate the State Orphan's Home when it was founded and built at Corsicana. The town of Oak Cliff was incorporated as a city in 1895 and Mr. Oliver was elected its first Mayor. On December 13th, 1868, at Cold Springs, Texas, Mr. Oliver was married to his childhood sweetheart, Mary Elizabeth Cogburn who was also a native of Florence, Alabama. Mr. Oliver's sister, the late Mrs. C. A. Floyd and her family had moved to the Lock-



Pictured here are Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Oliver. Mr. Oliver was the founder and first editor of The Beacon.

ney country in 1895 from Denton County and it was due to her influence that the Olivers came to Floyd County. Dr. J. M. Floyd and Leslie Floyd, now residing at Lockney are nephews and Mrs. Arch Keys, of Plainview, a niece, of Mr. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and sons, Clifton and Frank left Oak Cliff (now the 9th ward of Dallas) on June 20, 1901, in a covered wagon and drove up to the Lockney post office on July 10, 1901, and were cordially greeted by Mrs. Alice Baker who was then postmistress. The post office was located in the Northeast corner of the building which housed the general mercantile business which she and her husband, the late J. A. Baker operated. The Olivers moved out to the Aiken section north and west of town where the Aiken township is now located. They stayed there until late in the winter of 1901 when they moved to a quarter section of land 14 miles southeast of Floydada and which was near the rim of Blanco Canyon and a few miles from Mt. Blanco post-office in the canyon and which was then the home of the famous pioneer, Uncle Hank Smith.

Mr. Oliver bought this 160 acres of patented land from a friend in Dallas for a total price of \$180.00, or 1.12 1/2 per acre. However it was nearly as far to water down there as it was to town.

Mary Elizabeth Oliver, wife of the publisher, died at Lockney in 1903 and in August of 1906 Mr. Oliver turned The Beacon plant over to his son Coke, and with his son Clifton, moved to Dawson County, and settled on a section of land purchased from the State, located north of Lamesa. In 1909 he married Miss Emma Scarborough, member of a pioneer Dawson County family and a few years later moved to Spur in Dickens County where he died in 1927. He is buried in Lockney cemetery by the side of Mary Elizabeth and son, Ben. His widow, Emma, and sons, Frank, of Washington, DC, Coke of Slaton, and Clifton of Amarillo and daughters Mrs. Marie Kelly of Spur, Mrs. Pauline Moyers of Ferris and Mrs. Estelle Hindman of Los Angeles, are still living.

When Mr. Oliver arrived on the Plains he was amazed at the vast expanse of fertile acres covering the Llano Estacado wait-

ing for the plow without having to pull or blast stumps. With the first issue of the Beacon he began to propound the possibilities of the soil, urging the growth of cotton and beneficial farming. Thru his influence and persistence, Mr. C. R. McColium built and operated the first cotton gin on the plains at Lockney in about 1903 or 1904. The capacity was 20 bales per day. It was the forerunner of the wonderful expansion and production of the present day.

An ardent defender of people and principles that were right, and a persistent booster for churches, schools and the worthy things that would make his home town a better place in which to live, Mr. Oliver dedicated all of his editorial pages to the end that his home town might be the best in the world.

The diamond is the hardest stone.

Overall height of the Statue of Liberty is 305 feet.

W. E. Gladstone was Prime Minister of Britain four times.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

**SPECIAL PRICES**  
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International Farmall  
Cores—\$25.00 Exchange  
**STOVALL-BOOHER**  
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Plainview, Texas

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## CAUTION!

The cure of treating the dread disease POLIO has increased 100% in the past 5 years.

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For only \$12.00 per year

**DISEASES — SCARLET FEVER — LEUKEMIA — TYPHUS FEVER — TYPHUS FEVER — SMALL POX — POLIO — DIPHTHERIA — CHOREA — SPINAL MENINGITIS**

Policy pays up to \$12,000 aggregate for treatment of any member of the family stricken with anyone of the above diseases.

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**INNER INSURANCE**  
Lockney

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

## A HOME TOWN BOY

That's all we claim to be. Being born and reared here, we are naturally proud of our town and our business. We've been a Lockney booster for 40 years and we plan to continue for many years yet.



Remember — We appreciate the opportunity of serving you.

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## CONSUMERS FUEL ASSOCIATION

OF LOCKNEY

Has been serving the farmers of this area for

### 26 Years

Your loyalty and co-operation has enabled this organization to grow and prosper. We invite your continued patronage.

## Consumers Fuel Association

Lockney

## Lone Star Oil Co.

# The Lockney Ledger Was The First Newspaper To Be Published Here

The Lockney Beacon wasn't the first newspaper published in Lockney despite the fact it is 50 years old. "The Lockney Ledger" came out with its first edition telling of the affairs of this then young and growing West Texas community almost exactly 4 years previous to the first edition of The Beacon. As far as The Beacon editor can determine "The Ledger" was the first newspaper published in Lockney.



Here is a picture of Romulus Jones, co-founder of Lockney's first newspaper and later its editor and publisher. Mr. Jones had just completed his work in the Lockney Christian College and was still a young man when he helped to establish The Lockney Ledger.

The first edition of "The Ledger" was published on April 21, 1898 with Jno. C. Hendrix as editor and Romulus Jones as assistant. Mr. Jones, a brother of Mrs. George Meriwether of Lockney and now living at Kerrville, Texas, was kind enough to loan The Beacon editor a copy of this first edition recently.

Mr. Hendrix was a lawyer and only stayed long enough to get the newspaper started, stepping out soon thereafter leaving it in the hands of Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones was the son of J. B. Jones, an early day photographer of Lockney, and he had just finished his school work at Lockney Christian College, comparable to high school work now. He had about four or five years experience in the printing business, having started as a "devil" in the office of the "Lubbock Leader," Lubbock's first newspaper, started by Bob Rogers about July, 1891.

Mr. Jones continued to publish "The Ledger" until the fall of 1900 when he sold it to Mrs. Dot Hall, formerly Miss Dot Shafer, whose father, J. M. Shafer, published the Hale County Herald at Plainview.

"The Ledger" was a four page, six column all hand-set weekly, published on Thursday. The equipment for printing the newspaper was kindly furnished, without charge, by a board which had been given possession of it when a newspaper published at Mayshaw. "The Mayshaw Zephyr," suspended publication. The town of Mayshaw was located southeast of Lockney and north and a little east of Floydada and existed only a few years.

The printing plant used by the early publishers consisted of an old George Washington hand press and an assortment of 10-point body type, some display type, type cases and stands and a few other pieces of equipment. After a few months trying experience of pulling the lever that

made the impression on the old "G. Washington," an opportunity presented itself for the purchase of a second-hand 14x22 Universal job press and a pretty good supply of type and other equipment. Mr. Jones made a deal for the "new" equipment and turned the old equipment back to the group who had possession of it originally. He is of the opinion that this group either sold or leased the equipment to the founder of The Beacon, Frank N. Oliver.

After the better equipment was secured for "The Ledger" plant, a small religious paper, "The Bible Student," edited by Prof. G. H. P. Showalter, then president of Lockney Christian College, was printed each month. Later Elder Showalter discontinued this publication and purchased the "Firm Foundation," a religious paper published at Austin and is still connected with it.

The first issue of "The Ledger" is a well printed, well-edited newspaper although quite different from the modern weekly newspaper. In an article titled "Salutatory" the editors of "The Ledger" say that they seek the upbuilding of the community, Floyd County and themselves in the publishing of the newspaper. They promise to deal with facts, not to mislead anyone and to keep the people informed on public issues. They state that they will be independent in poli-

tics and desire to give value received both for money received for advertising and subscriptions.

Another article comments on the date of the first publication as being also the 62nd anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto in which "700 patriots under the command of one histories' most noted men, General Sam Houston, won the greatest battle recorded in the history of the "Lone Star State."

An "Educational Column" is written by G. H. P. Showalter, in which he discussed a summer normal to be held at Plainview and also the Lockney Christian College, at which the session will close June 10. He tells of the Young Men's Debating Club and ends with an article urging young people to think seriously on life.

On the editorial page a directory of various state and county officials is given including C. A. Culberson, governor, A. B. Duncan, county judge; J. B. Bartley, county attorney; R. T. Miller, county clerk; E. C. Henry, sheriff; J. D. Starks, commissioner, precinct No. 1; W. C. Nichols, commissioner, precinct No. 2; J. J. Rogers, commissioner, precinct No. 3; S. B. Chadwick, commissioner, precinct No. 4.

The editor has a long article telling of the only time the United States has declared war, that against England in 1812 and hinting that this country may again have to take such a course, apparently against Spain.

T. F. Beall, county chairman for the Populist Party, issues a call for all precinct chairmen to hold precinct conventions in their respective precincts on the third Saturday in May and to send delegates to the county convention meeting at Lockney on May 28. In the same vein a resolution is given signed by Mr. Beall and J. J. Rogers, Secretary, in which the men "endorse the action of the reorganization committee at St. Louis, and are opposed to fusion in any form."

The resolution further states that the men are opposed to the present administration, that a change is necessary, and that they favor a co-operative railroad in the state.

A long article in this issue describes Floyd County's many virtues, telling of its location, altitude, etc. In the latter part of the article describes Lockney as "the principal town of the county, located northwest of the center of the county, a thriving little village of 200 population." It also says, "Floyd City is the other town in the county, it being the county site, located about 12 miles southeast of Lockney and is a very nice little town filled with energetic business men."

Personal items included mention that Dr. D. J. Thomas "still peddles pills." Other items are: Sanford Boone made a flying trip to Floyd City Tuesday. John Kelly was having his



Mr. and Mrs. Romulus Jones are pictured here on their 50th wedding anniversary, celebrated at their home in Kerrville on November 11, 1950. Mr. Jones, co-founder of The Lockney Ledger, forerunner of The Beacon, and his wife were both students of the Lockney Christian College at one time. Mrs. Jones is the former Willie

Pinkerton, and the couple were married in a double wedding ceremony on November 11, 1900, the other couple being Tom Smith and Miss Ruby McCamant. Elder G. H. P. Showalter conducted the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have six children, five sons and one daughter, and nine grandchildren.

windmill repaired by S. M. Brown Tuesday.

Brewster & Dickenson intend to put in a full stock of hardware.

The directors intend soon to have work begin on the Lockney Bible School Building.

Mrs. M. H. Ragle and little son, Roy have been quite sick but they are convalescing now.

Those having books belonging to the Mayshaw Library will please return them to W. M. Chandler at Lockney.

M. F. Barber left for Quanah after freight Tuesday.

James Muncy and wife of Floyd City were in Lockney and J. B. Jones took their picture last week.

The advertising columns of "The Ledger" includes these advertisements:

Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, clothing, etc. by Cooper and Hobbs.

The Lockney Christian College, founded in 1894, offers courses to both male and female students, and parents are urged to correspond with G. H. P. Showalter, principal, C. W. Smith or P. F. Brown, directors.

S. L. Boone, real estate and livestock agent, offers his services to the public.

W. L. Covey, a dentist at Childress invites patronage.

Allen D. Smith, justice of the peace and notary public is in business at Lockney.

Brewster & Dickenson do blacksmith work and mill in connection. They also deal in coal and grain.

S. M. Brown also does general blacksmithing.

A. J. Shaw of Galesburg, Ill., is dealer in Texas lands and agent for the MK&T railroad.

The People's Drug Store, of which W. M. Chandler is proprietor, offers paints, oils, brushes, school books and stationery.

J. J. Roberts states that in the near future he will have a stock of bicycles, that he does bicycle repairing and also has a confectionery and cold drink stand in connection with the bikes.

J. B. Jones, photographer and father of Romulus Jones, advertises his photographic work.

D. Griffith & Bro. has a stock of groceries, fishes, tin ware, etc. They also want to buy eggs, butter, hides, etc.

R. C. Ware, dealer in general merchandise has a stock which includes fine dress goods, notions, shoes, etc.

D. J. Thomas, physician and

surgeon, will be found at the Peoples Drug Store. Joe E. Rosson, attorney-at-law at Plainview, offers his services. All in all, The Ledger was a well-printed and well edited newspaper when it made its first appearance 54 years ago this month.

Herbert Hoover was the first President of the United States to be elected from a state west of the Mississippi river.

President Hoover's father administered office to his son.

President Hoover was preceded in office by the served between terms.

## WE'VE BEEN A LONG TIME

Yes Sir, our business is new but we're old timers here ourselves. In fact we up on these "baldies" kinda like it here.

We're just home folks we want to continue to help when you're having motor trouble or the like. Call on us any time.

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NEW INSTALLATIONS OR REPAIR  
All Work Guaranteed  
**Harley Workman**  
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All Conoco Products  
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**Consumers Fuel Association**  
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Patronize your own Association for—  
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J. MARVIN COLE  
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AUTO, TRUCK and TRACTOR REPAIR  
Meters Steam Cleaned  
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Your friendship and patronage in past years means a lot to us.

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# Lockney Christian College Founded Here In 1894

Lockney Christian College was founded here in 1894. The school was temporarily conducted in a small two-room dwelling house, according to Mr. Hall's history. In a short time the college building was completed and the school moved into it.

Lockney, prior to the organization of the college, was made up of a postoffice, a small store and a schoolhouse and seemed to be on the decline until the college was started.

The first building of the college was a two-story frame structure 24 feet wide, 48 feet long and 18 feet high, with a hipped roof. A picture of this building is carried in this issue of The Beacon. During the first year the lower room only was occupied. The seats and desks were home made and the blackboard space was very limited. The structure was built wholly from donations.

The church school progressed and in the meantime the public school at the old town site closed and some of the pupils entered the church school. The enrollment continued to increase until nearly 50 pupils were enrolled.

The college was advertised far and wide by traveling evangelists, by circulars and through the columns of the religious publications of the day. Even the local newspapers, irrespective of church preference, assisted in making the claims of the school known.

The growth of the college contributed to the growth of the town and Lockney became quite a settlement. Settlers flocked in, mostly members of the church that founded the school, in order that their children might attend the college. Even the remnant of the population of Della Plain and Mayshaw joined in the move to Lockney and the town grew and grew fast.

Houses were in great demand in Lockney and Floydada had some that were unoccupied. Lockney people took great pleasure in buying houses at Floydada and moving them to Lockney.



CLASS OF 1900 — Pictured here is the faculty and students of the Lockney Christian College and Lockney Bible School believed to have been made in the spring of 1900. Some of the people are not identifiable but here is a list of the group as best remembered: front row, left to right, Laura Mickey, Gladys Cooper, Lora Rucker (now Mrs. John Parish), Ola Cooper (deceased), Florence Pinkerton (now Mrs. Lacey), Dana Thomas, Tot Cavor, Ethel Broyles (now Mrs. Carl McAdams), Jenny Rucker (deceased), Effie Anderson, Ethel Mickey (deceased), Edith Smith (now Mrs. J. H. Nail).

Reece Bryant (deceased), Zoeth Thomas (deceased), Austin McGavick; second row, left to right: Burley Smith (deceased), unknown, Tom Rucker, unknown, Willie Merrick (Mrs. John Stevenson, deceased), Pebble Baker, Lula Willmon (now Mrs. Lula Copeland), Lula Anderson, Marcia Jones (now Mrs. George Meriwether), a Caver girl, Willie Pinkerton (now Mrs. Romulus Jones), Vashti (?), Lillie Graves (deceased), Nannie Robbs (now Mrs. Frank Ross), Meda Baker (now Mrs. L. M. Honea), Lena Honea (now Mrs. G. H. P. Showalter, deceased), Montez McClain (now Mrs. Williams).

Minnie Hamilton (deceased), Hope Hamilton (now Mrs. Floyd Ewing), Alice (?), Maud Hamilton (Mrs. McCray, deceased), Ruby McCamant (Mrs. Tom Smith, deceased), Fannie Rucker (now Mrs. Bascom Jenkins), W. L. Swinney, teacher, L. S. Gay, teacher, G. H. P. Showalter, president of the school; third row, left to right, L. M. Honea, Chester (?), Tom Jones, John Whitaker, Ben Smith (deceased), Elbert Ewing, Wilfred Swinney, (?), Patterson, Alonzo Witcher, Reuben Thornton, Houston Rogers, Edgar Dixie; fourth row, left to right, Evert Nichols, now Dr. Nichols of Plainview, Lowist Pinkerton, Walter Crowson, Bert Broyles, Ernest Williamson, (?), Caver, Sam Cooper, Robert Ewing, Nathan Rogers, George Meriwether, (deceased), Tom McClain, now of Floydada, Tom Tucker, Rayburn Trimble, Tom Marshall, Will Baxter.

In 1895 the church school gave up its identity and its building for a part of the school year was used for public school purposes under the control of the trustees of the Lockney school district. The teachers of the church school for the previous year were employed. The total enrollment that year reached 95.

The year following the same arrangement prevailed and J. D. Burlison, P. B. Johnson and Miss Eula Barber were the teachers. The next year G. H. P. Showalter, S. Poyner and C. W. Smith were the teachers and subject to the

supervision of the public school trustees. Miss Ivy Thornton assisted in teaching a part of the year. In the autumn of 1898 the church school ceased to be used for public school purposes since the public school building at the old town site was moved to new Lockney and enlarged. The church school building was reconsecrated to a school to be operated to conform with the ideas of the founders and Mr. Showalter and Mrs. Ivy Poyner, nee Miss Thornton, were the teachers. This was the first year that the study of the Bible was made a part of the course of study.

W. L. Swinney joined Mr. Showalter as teacher in 1899 and in 1900 the names of P. B. Johnson and Miss Naomi Hamilton were added. In 1901 Mr. Showalter was the only teacher of the former year and A. S. Kennamer assisted in the teaching. In 1902 Mr. Showalter retired from the work as teacher. The building became the property of N. L. Clark, W. O. Hines, and A. S. Kennamer. Under this management the school was known simply as Lockney College. The next year it ceased again to operate as a church school and in 1904 Mr. Showalter returned and assumed charge and the name, Lockney Christian College was restored.

Chartered in 1909 In 1907 the catalogue of the school was issued with J. A. Sisco listed as president and John C. Graham as vice-president, and was called "Lockney College," and indicated as a select high

school for the practical education of both sexes. In 1909 the school was given a charter, new money put into its building and equipment and it was called Lockney College and Bible school with Chas. W. Smith as president of the board of directors and J. L. Germany president of the faculty. Other members of the board of directors for that year were Dr. W. H. Freeman, vice-president, Homer Howard secretary, B. F. Sanders, W. C. Nichols, J. A. Nail, C. R. McCollum, W. E. Broyles, E. V. Hartman, J. D. (Continued on next page)

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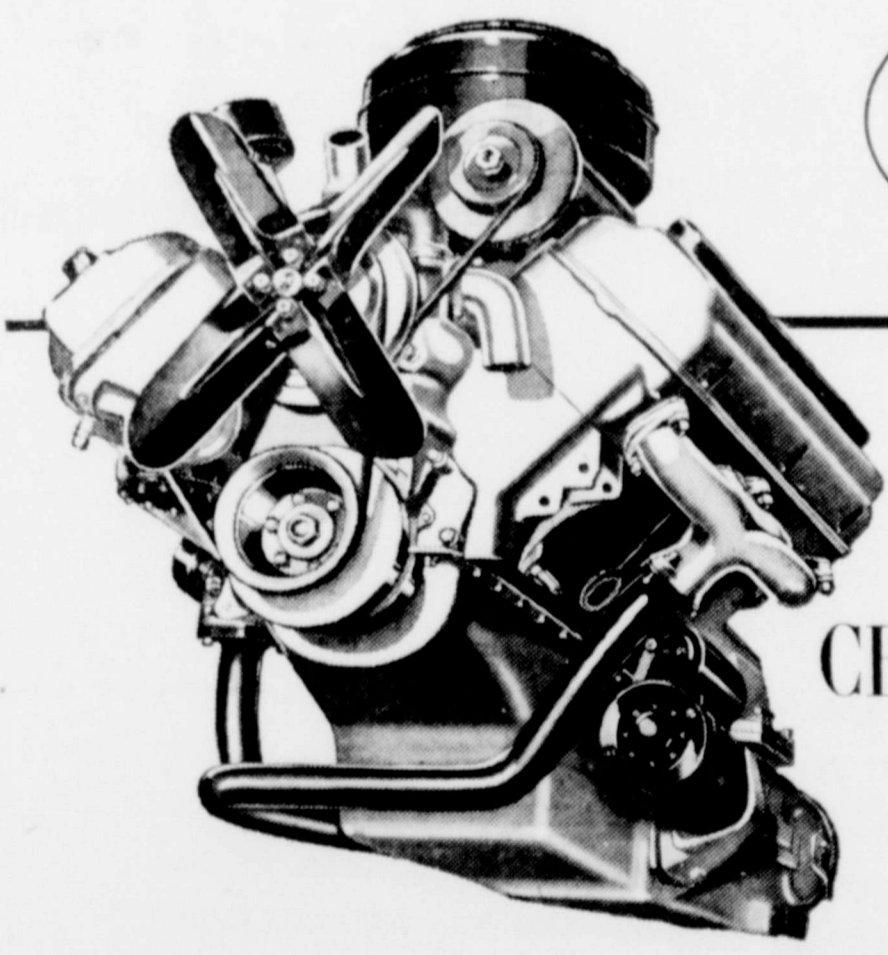


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It's not a "warmed-over" engine, but a basically brand-new one!  
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It will last longer than any engine you've ever known. It will cost you less along the way. It will stay "young" in performance thousands of miles past the point where an ordinary engine shows old age.  
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**EARLY SUPPORTERS OF THE LOCKNEY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE** — Shown here are men who had much to do with the early activities of the Lockney Christian College. Pictured are front row, left to right, S. W. Smith, director of the college, and A. J. McCarty, an evangelist of that early day; back row, left to right, C. W. Smith, director of the college, J. D. Burleson, who was one

**Christian College—**

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Griffith and J. L. Germany, Jr., all of Lockney, with an advisory board that consisted of G. H. P. Showalter, who had moved to Austin to take an editorship on the Firm foundation, A. W. Young of Sunset, Price Billingsley of Abilene, T. W. Phillips of Fort Worth, J. F. Smith of Laketon, A. E. Freeman, Cordell, Oklahoma, Liff Sanders of Lubbock, Dr. H. Z. Pennington of Claude, Chas. W. Watkins of Emma, Jesse P. Sewell of San Angelo and T. B. Larimore of Florence.

The school's catalogue for 1912-1913 showed J. C. Estes as president, D. J. Thomas, M. D., college physician, G. H. Brewster, teacher of typing, shorthand and bookkeeping, Miss Julia Gillispie, teacher in the primary department and Miss Millwee, teacher of instrumental music.

During the school's 19-year existence it had a marked influence on the lives of many people, some of its students reaching high places in educational and political fields. The school also had, as stated elsewhere, a tremendous influence on the population growth of Lockney and Floyd County.

When the school closed for the last time in 1915, George F. Mickey was its principal. He is a native of Mickey, the small community which was located near Sandhill. W. F. Ledlow was head of the school before Mickey became connected with it and after 1912.

Several years after the close of the school the concrete tile building was secured by the City of Lockney and converted into a city auditorium with a swimming pool and baseball stadium being built on the grounds. In recent years the City has leased the property to the Lockney school district and the school now has charge of the auditorium and grounds. A modern football stadium has been built on the east side of the grounds.

The growth of many other colleges and the lack of endowment to carry on the college work through periods of depression all contributed to closing of the school after a long and useful existence.



Pictured here is the first building of the Lockney Christian College founded in 1894 and standing on the plot of ground where the city auditorium now stands. Mrs. L. M. Honea, from whom we secured the picture, says that no other school and no other church building was in existence here at that time. At the time this picture was made, A. J. McCarty was holding an old time camp meeting. The picture was made about 1895.

**Ways To Prevent Polio Suggested By Dr. Cox**

Austin. — Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has issued the following statements and suggestions concerning the control and prevention of poliomyelitis which is always more prevalent during the summer months.

Until recently it was generally believed that this infection is transmitted by means of discharges from the respiratory tract. It is now believed that poliomyelitis is primarily another of the several gastrointestinal infections. Therefore control measures must emphasize clean-up campaigns and improvements in sanitation.

Strict sanitary measures must be observed in all communities. Stringent efforts should be made to eliminate the housefly and to destroy its breeding places. All mosquitoes and mosquito breeding places must be eliminated at once. Every effort should be made to institute approved garbage collection systems immediately. Safe water supplies must be assured. Where adequate community sewage disposal systems are not available or feasible, it is important to build and properly maintain sanitary septic tanks. In the event a water carriage system of sewage disposal cannot be secured it is important that at least an ap-

proved pit type toilet be constructed and properly maintained.

All raw foods and vegetables should be washed thoroughly before use and protected from flies, filth, and insects. All eating and food handling establishments should adhere strictly to the State Law concerning the sterilization of dishes and utensils.

Every effort should be made to secure approved milk. Bats and mice should be eliminated. Maintain in the home the same sanitary standards that are necessary in community life. Particular attention should be paid to personal hygiene. Excreta from cases and contacts should be handled and disinfected with the same scrupulous care as in typhoid fever or bacillary dysentery.

Early symptoms of infantile paralysis are headache, fever, vomiting, drowsiness, followed by stiffness in the neck and back. When suspicious symptoms appear, a physician should be called immediately.

Success doesn't depend so much on lying awake nights, as it does staying awake days.

The first two states to join the original 13 in the Union were Vermont in 1791 and Kentucky in 1792.

Thomas Jefferson was the first U. S. Secretary of State.

Virginia was first settled by Englishmen under the leadership of John Smith.

Dry ice is solidified carbon dioxide.

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of the first teachers of the school and P. B. Johnson, another teacher. This picture was made about 1896. Mrs. J. D. Burleson was also one of the early teachers in the college.

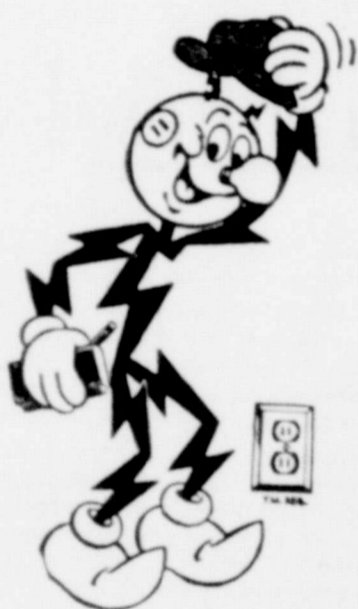
Only once has the speaker of the house ever become president. It occurred when James K. Polk was elected in 1844.

You're likely to get shocked when you step on anybody who is a live wire.

The best way to forget the high cost of living is to live so that it's worth it.

You don't have to be a fisherman to miss a good catch because of a weak line.

What this country needs right now is day clubs for night workers.



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**THE LOCKNEY BEACON**

SERVING THE RICH IRRIGATED SECTION OF FLOYD COUNTY

—And The Lockney Beacon—in the great tradition of the Free American Press—has been lighting the way to freedom for the community for 50 years. May the light of Lockney's Beacon glow still more brightly in the next half century ahead.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY**

37 YEARS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE

ONE OF THE NATION'S BUSINESS-MANAGED, TAX-PAYING POWER COMPANIES

### Texas Gas Unchanged

Recent meetings of the directors of Southwestern Development Company and subsidiaries, most principal of the several companies, were held for another year, as announced by Thos. Wright of Amarillo. Mr. Wright is president of Amarillo Gas Company, Dalhart Gas Company and Clayton Gas Company. H. R. Budke is president of Amarillo Gas Company. Wall of Lubbock is president of Texas Gas Company, and Cox of Amarillo is president of River Gas Company. P. ... of New York is president of the parent company.



**FLOYD COUNTY'S RECENT TORNADO**—The tornado struck the southeast part of the county, in the neighborhood of Daugherty, last summer and did some damage but there were no injuries. The remark-

ably good photograph was made by K. W. Cook, local jeweler, at a distance of about 11 miles. He was just this side of Floydada on the highway when he made the picture.

Utility Holding Company Act, and such plan was approved by the Commission last December 21.

As one of the steps in this simplification, The Mission Oil Company will liquidate by distributing its assets to its approximately 1500 stockholders, and will then dissolve. Mission's stockholders will receive, among other things, one share of Southwestern Development Company common stock for each share of Mission now held. Thus, upon Mission's liquidation, Southwestern will have at least 1500 stockholders, some of whom reside in this area.

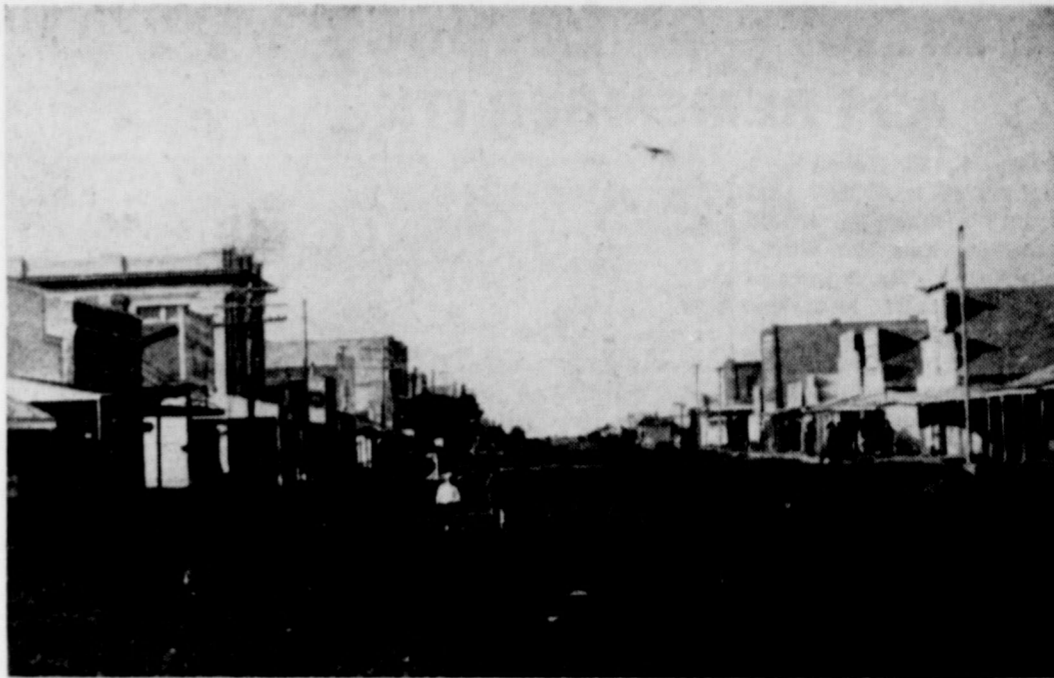
#### ONE-A-DAY HOME HINTS

Dress-up a bowl of fruit with a few flowers. It's most interesting as a centerpiece.

The safest way to knock the chip off a fellow's shoulder is by patting him on the back.

Wanted: "Young man desires traveling job. Uncle Sam, please do not answer; once was enough.

Kansas City. In 1951, Southwestern, Mission and Sinclair submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, a plan of simplification and integration under the Public



**LOCKNEY'S BUSINESS DISTRICT** before paved streets and many brick buildings were erected is shown in this picture. This picture is looking north on Main Street and was made from about the intersection of South Main and Bryant

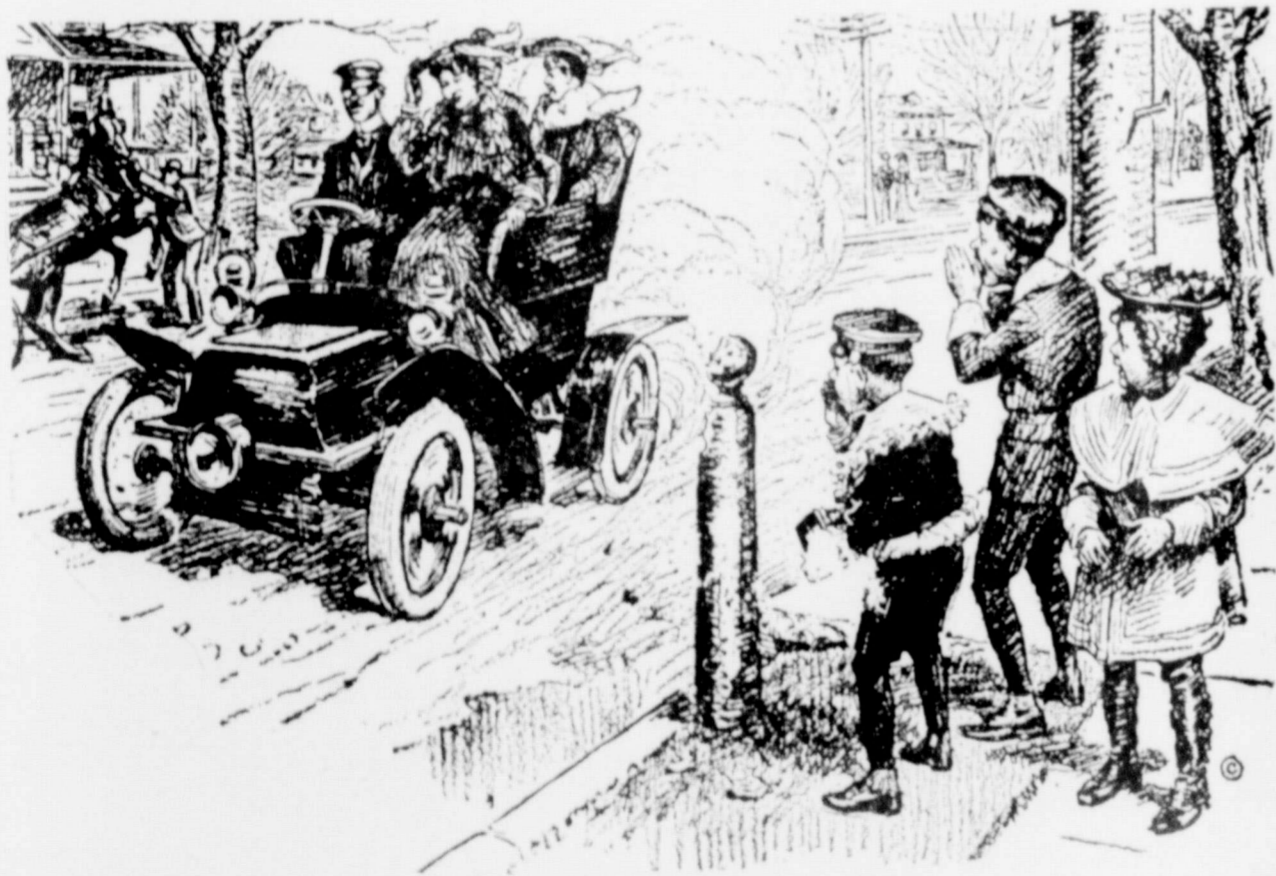
Streets. You will recognize The First National Bank building on the left, the Baker Mercantile store just this side of it and the two story former Thompson building, now occupied by Byrd Pharmacy, further down the street on the

left. Permanent buildings on the right are the present Plains Theatre building and the corner building occupied by the Rhodes Grocery. The picture was made about 1920.

## For Almost A--

# Quarter Century

We have been selling insurance to the people of Lockney and vicinity. It has been a great privilege to serve you and we have enjoyed our associations very much.



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### Buffalo, Indians Leave Their Mark On State Capital

Austin, Texas.—Those vanishing Americans, the buffalo and the Indian, left their mark on the Texas capital, a University of Texas historian reveals.

Dr. H. Bailey Carroll, Texas State Historical Association director and University history professor, has collected extensive data on early Austin.

Buffalo probably made a trail which the earliest explorers found leading to the original fording place on the Colorado River, Dr. Carroll says. The trail was used by Spanish explorers, Mexican traders, Indian peace and war parties, and freebooters before the area was settled by

Anglo-Americans.

Mirabeau B. Lamar, second president of the Republic of Texas, is said to have killed a buffalo near the site of the present Capitol.

The French Embassy, which still stands, was built in 1841 by Alphonse de Saligny, after the French representative had recommended recognition of Texas by France.

"The count did not spend much time in the legation," Dr. Carroll comments. "Indians, frequent and unfriendly visitors to Austin, affected the poise of the Old World representative."

In April, 1844, a large herd of buffalo traversed the principal streets of Austin, going north, and several were killed near the present Capitol grounds. Never before or since have buffalo stampede up the main thoroughfare of the regular designated capital of a nation, Dr. Carroll

### Signatures Added To College Collection

Austin. — Documents signed by Robert Hamilton and Robert Potter have been added to a University of Texas collection of the handwriting of the 59 Texas Declaration of Independence signers.

E. W. Bowers of Clarksville, Red River County district clerk, gave the two autographed papers. Only 16 signatures are needed to complete the collection.

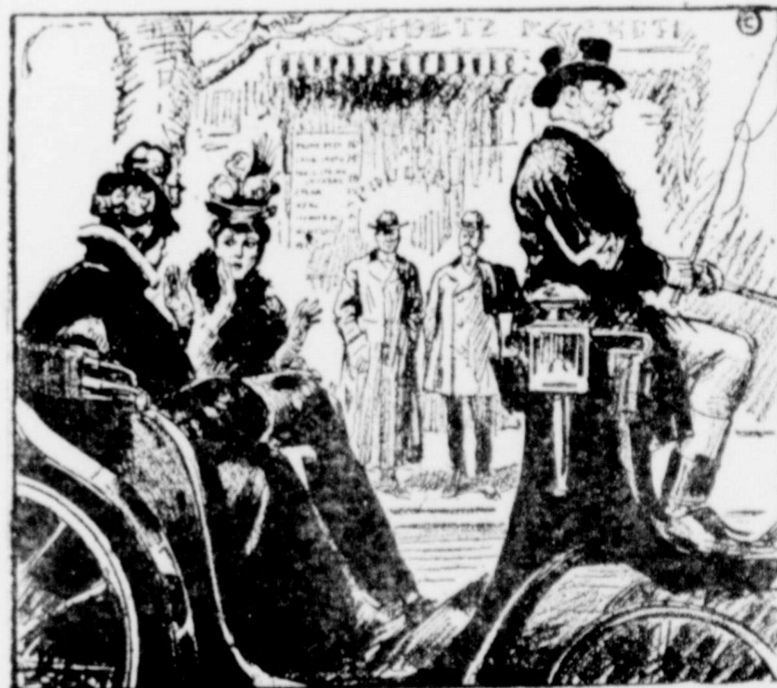
#### ONE-A-DAY HOME HINTS

When serving a guest breakfast in bed, tuck a flower beside the morning orange juice glass. It's an attractive good morning salute.

"Remember the Alamo" was the battle cry of the Texas Revolution of 1836.

For A Quarter Of A Century We've Been Busy Servicing

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Yes sir, we've been around here quite a while ourselves! Soon we'll observe our 25th anniversary. During all these years we've tried to help you keep your car running and we are still here to serve you. Come to see us.

## Jackson Tire Company

Dwight Jackson

Al Dutton

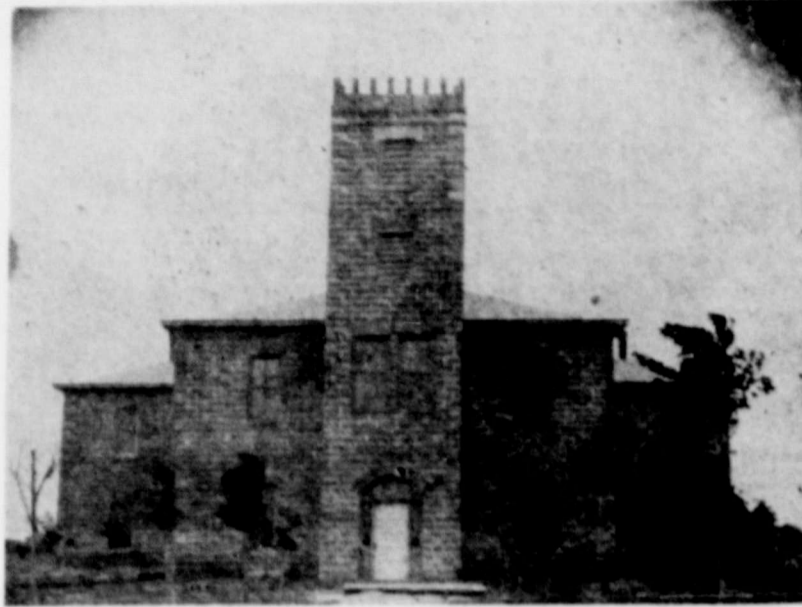
# The History of Lockney . . . AS I REMEMBER IT!

By Mrs. L. M. Honea

It was in 1886 and 1887 that Floyd County marked an influx of new settlers and the winter was most severe. Thousands of cattle froze to death and one man lost his entire herd of 3000 sheep. Although this early experience was most trying with disappointments, loss and suffering, the most determined settlers were quick to recognize the great possibilities of this rich grass land and in spite of conflicting problems obtained a foothold here. They soon learned to adapt themselves to the new west, thus lessening their labor and suffering.

Late in 1887 towns began to spring up over night it seemed. Before the county was surveyed or organized eight or nine towns had come into existence thus creating the immediate need for schools and churches. Among these towns were Della Plains, Mayshaw, Curlew, Starkey, Aiken, Irick and the original Lockney. Only two of these made much progress and they eventually moved to Lockney as some others did later. The more successful towns were Della Plains and Mayshaw.

Della Plains, located eight miles east and two miles south of Lockney, became the first organized town in 1887 and men from Galesburg, Illinois started a movement to found a college there. The sole purpose of this little town was education and when the building was completed a contract was issued whereby the Illinois men were to supervise the private school for five years. However they were unable to fulfill the contract and the school existed only a few months. The school was called The Della Plains Male and Female Institute. The following letter to the public was published in the Della Plains Review: "Come to the Beautiful little Della Plain, in the county of Floyd. Send your children. They will find board cheap but good, tuition reasonable; instruction thorough; discipline kind, but



This is the last building used by the Lockney Christian College. In fact the present city auditorium in Lockney is this building in a remodeled form. Our readers will notice the

concrete block construction such as the present auditorium is made. Many local people can still remember this building in the form it is shown here.

rigid. Send your sons that they may get the advantage of a college course without having to leave their homes to get it. Send your daughters that they may become skilled in the finer arts, as well as being equipped for the sterner duties of life. The school has many preparatory and collegiate departments. In the collegiate department the following subjects were listed: General History, Composition and Rhetoric, Metaphysics and Logic, Higher Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Surveying, Greek, Latin, French, German, Hebrew, Spanish and Natural Science and commercial law and art."

Mayshaw was the second town that made any progress. It was organized in 1891 with the sole purpose of organizing a county seat. The need for county government arose from ceaseless disputes among settlers mostly ranchers over land ownership. The town was named after a man who owned a patented section of land two miles west of Della Plain. Capitalized stock was \$11,000. A committee of sev-

en elected men had selected this site on which to locate a county seat. Mayshaw had a post office, public library, printing press and several other enterprises. However continued drought and grasshopper plague proved so adverse to town growth that after less than two years existence it was moved to Lockney as was Della Plain.

Early settlers staked out their own land in their mad rush for grass land since the county had not yet been surveyed or organized. Eventually when the surveying did take place it was found that Lockney was located on the corner four sections thus necessitating removal of the town to a new site. Lockney then was composed of a post office, school building, blacksmith shop, grocery store and a few dugouts for residences. A Mr. Covey was the first postmaster, the second was Wyly Davis and the third was my father, J. A. Baker.

The first school dates back to 1890-91 with D. F. Davis teacher, who received \$50 to teach thirty-one students. From 1891 to

1895 the one teacher school of old Lockney was taught by Mr. Davis, Mr. J. F. Lockney and Sam Kelsey. The first state school was taught in an 8x10' harness shed in Irick.

In 1892 Postmaster Davis wanted to leave the county because of the drought which was driving away many other settlers. He persuaded my father and mother who lived four miles south of town to move to Lockney and take over the duty of postmaster which then paid a salary of five dollars a month. They put in a general store in connection with the postoffice and incidentally kept the post office for seven years and mother is still actively engaged in business here.

It was in 1894 that my father bought 160 acres of land from Wyly Davis and this became the site for the new Lockney. The town received its name from J. F. Lockney, editor of the Floyd County Times in Mayshaw. It was now more important than ever to establish a school since Della Plain had failed in this respect.

Since ranchers had plenty of money to provide a private school for their children little or no thought was given as to how much land was needed for school taxes. Ten acres was mapped out for a college and campus together with residences nearby around the college.

In the fall of 1894 or 1895 a college was organized. This was the only school in the vicinity at that time and all grades were taught. Since the college building was not completed, school first opened in a private home located about where Mrs. Nora Gentry's home now stands. S. W. and C. W. Smith were the leaders in founding the college. Two well educated teachers, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burlison were employed. The college had no name for three years but later became known as Lockney Christian College in 1898 when G. H. P. Showalter of Snowville, Virginia became president and the college was reorganized. After several years the grade school building from old Lockney was moved to the site of the present school and elementary work began there. This building was destroyed by fire in 1914 and was replaced by a \$75,000 building. It was enlarged and used until 1945 when it was again destroyed.

Lockney Christian College was closed near the beginning of World War I. At that time 475 students were attending, sixteen teachers were employed and 65 men and women were in the graduating class. Many Floydada students came to Lockney for College degrees. A number of outstanding doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, geologists were Lockney Christian College graduates as well as one who became governor of New Mexico and one a governor of Arizona.

The college campus was later converted into a city auditorium, swimming pool and ball park. The club room and kitchen which were in connection with the auditorium excelled any this side of Lubbock or Amarillo. The first social in the club room was a wedding shower for Mrs. Clyde Applewhite who later completed 25 consecutive years of teaching in her home town of Lockney.

A modern elementary school building replaced in 1945 the building destroyed by fire. A school cafeteria and modern equipment has been added to make Townsend Elementary school an efficient workshop for the pupils now enrolled here.

It was in 1929 that a large modern high school building was erected at a cost of \$85,000 plus \$5,000 for equipment. This has made Lockney's educational program more efficient and a credit to our town.

Along with our schools came our churches. The first Sunday School was organized in 1889 in Della Plain. Worshippers had no meeting place to call their own but met in first one store building then another or went from dug out to dug out. The church was later moved to Lockney. Lockney had the first church building within about 60 miles radius. When the first church was built here there was none at Floydada, Lubbock or Plainview. A College quartet went to Lubbock many times and sang in the courthouse or on the courthouse lawn before a church was built there. I have seen converts baptized in open tanks when ice had to be hewn out with an axe in midwinter. There never seemed to be any ill effects.

Lockney has been almost wiped out by fire three times thus destroying records valuable for

history. The city incorporated in 1908 or 1910 with city Council government consisting of a mayor, secretary and alderman.

We have always had a town paper as far as I can remember. Mr. Romulus Jones was the first editor and the paper was named Lockney Ledger. The editor has changed a number of times. I once thought I was very efficient at hand setting type as I worked on the Lockney Ledger for some time.

The passing of a few years has made all manner of changes in our mode of living. Just look at your family album and note the change of fashions and personal appearances. Travel was done by ox carts following cow trails or plow furrows. In 1914 cars began to crowd out the wagons and horse and buggy. Wagon yards and livery stables have been converted into garages.

Mail service in the early days was carried on by stage line, a hack drawn by horses. Passengers rode the stage alone when it wasn't too heavily loaded with mail. The first railroad was a branch road from Plainview in 1913. In 1928 a great celebration marked the entrance of two railroads Acme and Pacific and the Fort Worth and Denver. Airplanes, motor freight lines, busses and star mail routes add to the convenience and swiftness of mail service and travel.

Sports also have changed a great deal. In the earlier days a most popular school sport was ice skating and could be enjoyed almost all winter because of such severe weather. Baseball and tennis, debates and speeches were held on Friday afternoon.

Electric lights and power service came into use here in 1916. Lumber yards appeared the same year. Rotary Club was organized and creameries were set up in 1929. In 1937 the first paved highway came through Lockney.

I don't remember just when or where I heard the first radio but I do remember when we paid ten cents and sat down by something and listened with a tube to our ears. We all saved our dimes for these occasions.

There is no record of when the Parent-Teacher Association was organized in our school but I do know that this organization

sponsored a four-year kindergarten that was outstanding.

Our town has been and still is supported mainly by agriculture and ranching. My mother kept the ranchers money in the post office safe until The First National Bank was established in 1903.

I have no record of when the first cotton gin was built here but I remember a very prosperous one was operated for some time by C. R. McCollum and later by R. A. Staleup until it burned on the grounds just south of

where our own and clinic were. A large house and operated by the early days known as the... Some of the... of an important... Thomas D... G. H. Gough... Stapleton and... Lockney boy... tor and establish... pital in Plame... (Continued)

## We've Been Here 11 Years

That's not so long compared to some of the real old timers here long enough to prove to you that we intend to stay for a long yet.

You've been mighty nice during these past 11 years and we want you to continue to come and see us when we can be of service to you.

The fact that we intend to stay here means that we're going to be a good job giving you good service and good merchandise every day in the week. Come in to see us.

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We have been selling real estate in this area. We're proud to be west Texans and we're proud of our long record of service to this community!



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Lockney, Texas

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## Wofford Wood Shop

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Luther Wofford

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### J. B. Harper, Sr. Tells Of Life

Mr. J. B. Harper, Sr. was born to Mrs. Edgar Hays and Margaret May Ashburn June 21, 1856 at Carthage, Mo. He attended school and later finished at the University of Missouri. Then the state didn't have books and we bought blue back speller, and copy writing



THE SMILING FACE you see here is that of Mrs. J. B. Harper, Sr., pioneer of Texas and Floyd County, now making her home in Lockney. Mrs. Harper will be 96 years of age June 21 of this year. She is still cheerful and alert and keeps abreast of the times and the news of the community and the world.

ing in the distance across the prairie and they made their way to the home of an elderly couple who lived there and ran a little grocery store in one room of their home. They told of having made application to the government for a post office and stated they had been instructed to submit a name for the place. Mr. Harper told them it should be named Happy as it made a fellow so happy to see the light on a bad night. Some time after that Mr. Harper had a letter from the couple stating that his suggested name had been chosen for the Post Office.

Mr. Harper passed away on February 1, 1934 at the age of 82. On June 21 will be 96 years old and as far as I know I am the oldest woman in the county. My life has been a long and happy one. Many are the joys that have been mine and sorrow has walked beside me part of the way. My dear husband and two sons have passed on, Homer in 1927 and Reed in 1950. I am the mother of seven living children, 33 grandchildren, 37

great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

### The History Of Lockney

(Continued from preceding page)

Perhaps the most interesting and doubtless the most profitable development in the Panhandle-Plains in the past half century is that of shallow water irrigation. From a single experimental well drilled in Bailey County in 1910, irrigation has advanced until at present hundreds of wells provide rain when and where wanted on thousands of acres in this area. As early as 1911 a well was drilled on the E. H. Perry farm southwest of Plainview six miles. Judge Wm. McGehee, pioneer citizen and county Judge, was the first individual to possess a well in Floyd County. Mr. McGehee started irrigating about 1911. His first venture, like many of the others, was moderately success-

ful. Artie Baker, former Lockney banker and son of a pioneer family was one of irrigation's foremost supporters. Recent development has centered around Lockney and the north, west and northwest portion of the county where some farmers operate as many as six or more wells on their farm.

An alfalfa mill has been established here in recent years to take care of the large acreage and numerous yearly alfalfa cuttings in the area because of the advantage of irrigation. Other main crops are cotton, wheat and sorghums.

### Requirements Are Down For Cadets

Reese Air Force Base. — To meet its present need for 5,000 Aviation Cadets per month, the United States Air Force has relaxed the age and education requirements. This means that Aviation Cadet training is now open to many individuals formerly denied the opportunity to fly. This is an excellent chance

for young men to win their silver wings as an Air Force pilot.

This exciting career as an Air Force pilot is open to civilian and airmen applicants, and the procedure is simple. Young men interested in becoming aviation cadets should apply as soon as possible.

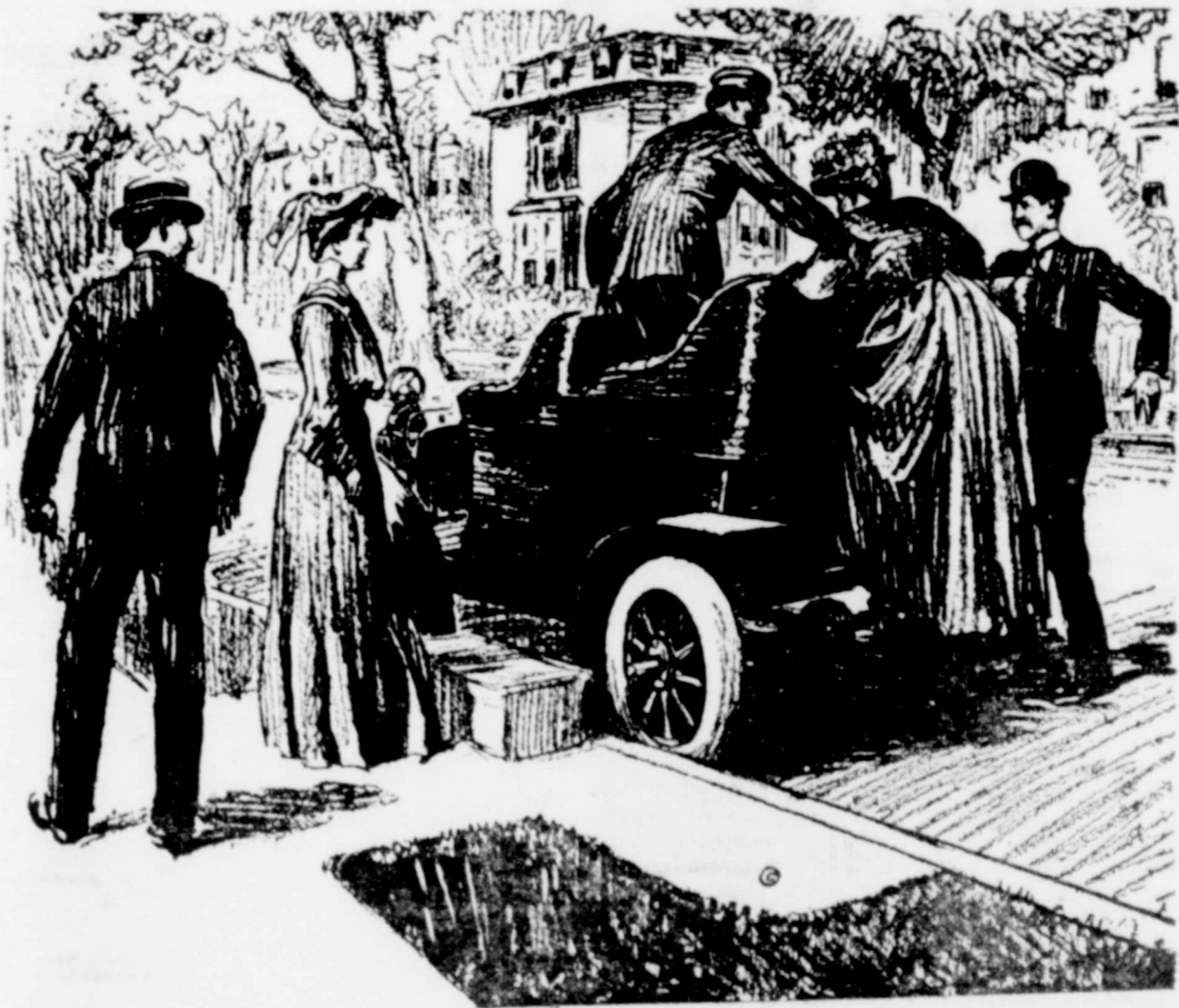
The quota for the April 17th class has been filled, however, there is still the May 29th quota to be reached. Applicants interested in taking examinations for the next class are urged to do so now. There is still an excellent chance to make the next quota providing the requirements are met.

Civilian applicants are eligible if they are male, unmarried United States citizens between the ages of 19 and 26½ years and have two years of college credits. Men without college, but who have a high school diploma or the equivalent, may apply also after making a regular enrollment in the Air Force.

Jupiter is the largest planet of the solar system.

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Has been serving Lockney and this community—  
Through good times and bad—Fair weather and foul  
—This bank has been an anchor to hold the community together — To encourage and support worthwhile movements and sound business enterprises.



It is our aim to continue to give dependable service to this community and to justify your patronage of this bank in every way possible.

## First National Bank

OF LOCKNEY  
M. W. Wiley, President

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Santa Fe, through your local agent, is your every day partner—your partner in business and pleasure, in progress and growth.

Our part is providing you with regular, safe freight and passenger service... service you need to keep local business humming and give you needed passenger transportation.

You do your part when you ship and travel Santa Fe. It is only through your continued patronage that we can provide you with this dependable rail service, so...

Whenever you ship or travel, make it Santa Fe all the way. It pays big dividends for our partnership.

Let your Santa Fe Agent help you with all your transportation problems.





OLD TIMERS — Pictured here are a number of ladies who have had much to do with the development of this area. They are back row, left to right, Mrs. N. E. Waller, now living at Kress; Mrs. M. H. Raigle, still a Lockney resident; Mrs. A. B. Duncan of Floydada (Deceased); Mrs. Tom

Stewart (Deceased); Mrs. A. J. Sams, who moved here from Della Plains (Deceased); Mrs. Daff (Mattie) Griffith, Lockney; Mrs. Alice Baker of Lockney, the oldest merchant in Lockney; front row left to right, Mrs. R. C. Bennett, Lockney; Mrs. Marion Day (deceased); Mrs. G. W. Brewster (de-

ceased); Mrs. C. F. Merrick (deceased).

### Bar Recommends Reshuffling Of Courts In Area

Austin — A general reshuffling of Plainview-area courts to equalize population and area is in store if the 53rd Legislature adopts a recommendation made by a State Bar Association committee.

Under the plan, Hale County, now in district 64 with Lamb, Swisher, Castro, Bailey and Parmer counties, total population 75,271, tax values \$62,976,060, would combine with Briscoe, Floyd, Swisher and Castro counties, decreasing the load to 55,940 population.

The proposal was submitted by a judicial redistricting subcommittee to the Bar Association's committee on administration of justice. The redistricting plan must get approval of that committee and the Bar Association itself before being introduced for consideration by the Legislature, where the final decision will be made. The Bar Association meets in July, the Legislature next January.

The arrangement results in the retention of 141 districts and



GOING A COURTING? This young man is Hilburn Casey with his buggy and horse com-

plete with a net covering. It was made about 1915, we are informed.

criminal district courts, composed of nine purely criminal courts and 132 numbered district events.

The Plainview-area court situation looks like this under the new proposal, with the present court district information included first:

Briscoe County: Now in District 64 with Hale, Lamb, Swisher, Castro and Parmer, total population 75,271, tax values \$62,976,060. Proposed: To combine with Lamb, Parmer, Hockley and Cochran counties, total population 59,729.

Floyd County: Now in District 110 with Briscoe, Motley and Dick-

ens counties, total population 25,203, tax values \$27,781,196. Proposed: To combine with Floyd, Hale, Swisher and Castro counties, combined population 55,940.

Castro County: Now in District 64 with Hale, Lamb, Swisher, Bailey and Parmer counties. Proposed to combine with Briscoe, Floyd, Hale and Swisher counties.

Floyd County: Now in District 110 with Briscoe, Motley and Dickens counties, total population 25,203, tax value \$27,781,196. Proposed: To combine with Briscoe, Hale, Swisher and Castro

county, population 55,940. Hale County, 190 with Gadsden, Hamilton, Madison, total population 75,271, tax values \$62,976,060. Proposed: To combine with Briscoe, Floyd, Swisher and Castro counties, total population 55,940. Lamb County, 64 with Hale, Swisher, Castro, Bailey and Parmer counties, total population 75,271, tax values \$62,976,060. Proposed: To combine with Briscoe, Floyd, Swisher and Castro counties, total population 55,940. Parmer County, 64 with Hale, Swisher, Castro, Bailey and Lamb counties, total population 75,271, tax values \$62,976,060. Proposed: To combine with Briscoe, Floyd, Swisher and Castro counties, total population 55,940. Swisher County, 64 with Hale, Swisher, Castro, Bailey and Lamb counties, total population 75,271, tax values \$62,976,060. Proposed: To combine with Briscoe, Floyd, Swisher and Castro counties, total population 55,940. Hockley County, 64 with Hale, Swisher, Castro, Bailey and Lamb counties, total population 75,271, tax values \$62,976,060. Proposed: To combine with Briscoe, Floyd, Swisher and Castro counties, total population 55,940. Cochran County, 64 with Hale, Swisher, Castro, Bailey and Lamb counties, total population 75,271, tax values \$62,976,060. Proposed: To combine with Briscoe, Floyd, Swisher and Castro counties, total population 55,940. Members of the judicial redistricting subcommittee: Judge W. E. ... Judge Charles ... Judge A. F. ... Judge Penn ... Judge Arthur ... Judge Allen ... and L. ...

### Use Care In Locating Outdoor Living Rooms

College Station. — The terrace for outdoor living rooms should be located where summer breezes can be enjoyed and winter winds may be shut out. It should be in a spot which has shade during early afternoon says Sadie Hatfield, homestead improvement specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Miss Hatfield suggests the south or southeast side of the house for such a terrace. If the terrace is stone or concrete, she says grow trees for all day shade in the summer. Otherwise the outdoor living room or terrace cannot be used comfortably, even after sunset. But, points out the specialist, not all terraces can be placed next to the house, sometimes it is better to build them around a group of trees for shade.

The terrace may be covered

with grass, native stones cemented together or it may be made of concrete or brick. Sand is used sometimes, but this is undesirable because the sand is tracked into the house. Many terraces are covered with grass but after a spring shower it may be several hours before it can be used.

Screen the terraces from the public and unattractive views. If the terrace is to be used in the winter, a windbreak is needed. On sunny winter days, such protection makes the terrace an enjoyable place for outdoor meals or sun bathing. Screen plantings can be a great variety of shrubs. Most of the plants should be evergreens for winter beauty. For all year color in the plantings, use flowering and berry producing shrubs. If there is an attractive view, such as a beautiful hill or a wide stretch of pasture or the flower garden, leave an opening in the screening so they may be enjoyed.

Miss Hatfield says the terrace should be planned for the comfort and convenience for family living and to add beauty to the homestead.

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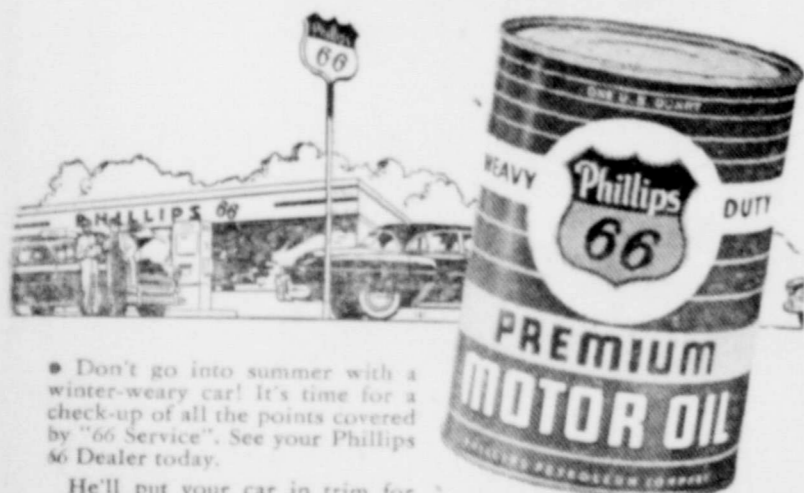
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### Lockney Auto Co. in County

Baker Hotel was remodeled and the firm moved into that place. They stayed there until 1926 when the large brick building which still houses the firm was constructed.

On January 1, 1930 the firm changed from a Ford agency to a Chevrolet agency and has been operating as a Chevrolet dealer since that time. This year marks 38 years of service to this community for the Lockney Auto Company.

### It's Never Too Late To Learn

College Station. — Knowledge and skills can be acquired at all ages. People continue to learn when they develop habits of mental alertness and keep up with the times.

Eloise Johnson, specialist in family life education with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says investigations show that the ability to learn seems to reach its peak at about the age of 25. Then it drops slowly until at the age of 45 the ability to learn is about the same as it was at 18. After 40 the learning capacity drops slowly, about one per cent or less each year.

Older people do learn and can acquire skills as well as young people, but adults over 40 take longer to acquire new ideas. Mrs. Johnson says skills are learned in later life as easily as in adolescence. Within limits, ability, interest, energy and opportunity are more important factors in learning than age. The ability to solve problems often improves with age. Whenever knowledge of ways to do things is important, then the older person's experience is valuable.

People should be learning continually if they are to grow older gracefully. This means acquiring dignity, patience, unselfishness, tolerance and sympathetic understanding for others. It means building the kind of personality which is a source of strength to others as well as a source of strength to the inner self against stress and strain of living.

Mrs. Johnson says that older people have a contribution to make to society. They must be made to feel useful and to know they do have worthwhile contributions to make. As the world faces more and more serious problems, well adjusted people with experience, knowledge and judgment are needed. People who continue to learn as they become older have these qualities and by example, give courage to others.

Scientists are seeking a substitute for gasoline. The surest one we know of is a pair of shoes.



45 YEARS AGO — This picture, furnished to The Beacon by Arthur P. Barker Sr., local Chevrolet dealer, was made in Plainview in 1907. The building was standing on the present site of the Kiker Filling Station and Garage. Reeves and Winn were the first Ford dealers in this locality and their territory consisted of approximately 14 counties surrounding and including Hale County.

The man at the far left standing on the ground with his arm resting on the top bow of the Winton automobile is Luther Paul Barker, brother of the local Mr. Barker. At the time of the photograph Paul was a mechanic for the Reeves-Winn agency. The Winton automobile was manufactured in the year 1904 and belonged to Kilmer Barker, father of Arthur P. and Paul Barker. It was a four-cylinder car with no windshield and enormous brass headlights. If you ran into anything the lights were the first to get smashed. You will notice in the picture they protrude quite a ways. The car

was a right hand drive as were all cars at that time with the exception of Ford cars. The side lights and tail lights burned kerosene and the headlights burned gas which was manufactured on the running board by a carbide tank. When one was ready to use his headlights he reached down and turned a little valve, allowing water to drip on the carbide which formed a gas. Then he went around, opened a door on the headlights and struck a match until he finally got them burning. You will notice

these tanks on the running boards of the cars. All other cars in the picture are Fords.

Shortly after this picture was made Paul Barker purchased Mr. Reeves interest in the dealership and the agency was operated as Barker-Winn Ford Dealers for 23 years. Paul Barker now resides in Los Angeles, Calif., and Mr. Winn still hale and hearty although in his nineties still resides in Plainview. His sons now operate the business established by their father nearly a half century ago.



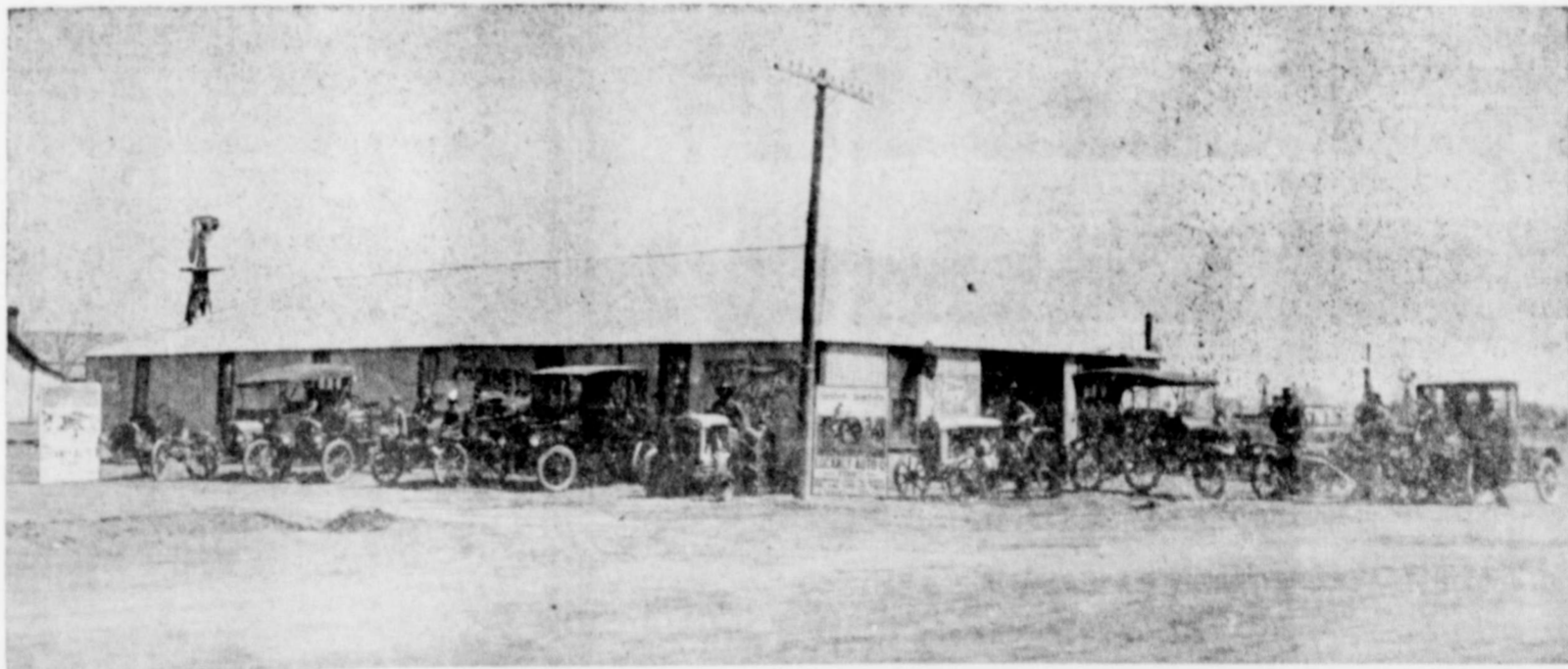
— Mr. and Mrs. Wofford, both now deceased, were pioneers of the area. Mr. Wofford was a doctor and was instrumental in bringing humanity to this area. He died in 1939 at the age of 81. The woman died in 1940 at the age of 81. They were married in 1882. He was an

outstanding community builder and citizen all of his active life, spending his time and money in helping any worthwhile movement for the community. Children of the couple are Luther Wofford, Dudley Wofford, Claude Wofford, all of Lockney; Mrs. Jake Smith of Lockney; Lee Wofford of Amarillo; William Wofford of Los Alamos, N. M.; Mrs. B. B. Lee of Amarillo.

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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1890 AT IRICK

Although the actual date of its organization is a little confused, it appears from old stories that the Lockney Baptist Church is almost 61 years old, or perhaps slightly more than 61 years.

At any rate the church was organized in a dug-out belonging to R. M. Irick and in which he made his home, about one mile south of the present site of the Irick schoolhouse after he had written to R. B. C. Howell, a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Plainview and prominent in church circles in this area for many years. From one source the date of the organization of the church is given as the first Sunday in December, 1890, while another says May 15, 1891. Mr. Howell came to the Irick home bringing with him Rev. L. B. Kimbrough, then pastor of the Plainview church, and assisted in the organization of the first Baptist church in Floyd County.

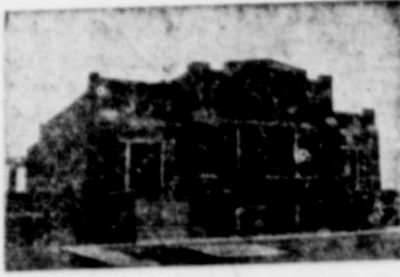
Again the number of charter members are not certain, one source saying the church had 11 charter members while another lists 19. The 19 listed included Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Irick, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. James K. Anderson, Miss Lillie Anderson, Miss Lou Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Beall, Miss Beulah Beall, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cowart, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dagley, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Windsor and daughter who later became a Mrs. Spears, and C. James, a school teacher.

Dr. Kimbrough was elected pastor to preach one Sunday of the month and other officers were C. James, Clerk, T. F. Anderson, superintendent of the Sunday school.

The church worshipped in the Irick home for several months and then held services in a schoolhouse. Their report to the association in 1892 showed 34 members with 5 officers and 65 attending Sunday School.

The church struck hard times and many moved away and the membership dwindled down to 8 in 1896. At this time J. W. Winn was called as pastor and under his leadership the membership increased to 49 in 1899.

At the same time there was another small church worshipping in the Lone Star school house, a few miles north of the present town of Lockney. After consultation between the two churches it was decided that they would combine their memberships and move into the new town of Lockney forming the First Baptist Church of Lockney. This was done in March of 1899 and at the first meeting of the



OLD CHURCH — Pictured here is the building of the First Baptist Church of Lockney which was destroyed on January 12, 1949.

new church Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Hanes Bobbitt, all of Lone Star and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark of the Irick community joined the church.

The church membership had a disagreement about the sending of missionary funds in the fall of 1900 and the church voted to join the Llano Estacado Association and become a member of the Baptist Missionary Association. They remained a part of this association until 1910 when they again joined the Staked Plains Association, and became a member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

In the spring of 1904 there started a movement among the members to build a church building. Committees were appointed to solicit funds and the matter dragged along until 1906 when a building committee was appointed. The committee was composed of D. J. Muncy, N. H. Bobbitt, J. M. Malone, A. J. Byars, and W. B. Clark. Plans called for a building 30x40 feet and 14 foot walls.

This house was used until 1918 when a new building was completed. The old building was then sold to the Baptist church of Cedar Hill where it was moved and still stands.

In 1917 the church decided to build a new building and the present lots of the church was purchased and funds raised. The building committee was composed of D. P. Carter, Dr. G. J. Stapleton, W. A. Potts, John Hodel, W. J. Teaver, Ed Reeves, J. S. Barnett, and the pastor, T. J. Barnett. A contract was let for a building of brick and tile 52x90 feet to W. O. Stark and Mitchell, contractors. Later it was decided to add the annex to the east. The building was finished in 1918.

Records show that church discipline was much stricter in the old days, with members being turned out of the church for dancing, drunkenness, and other un-Christian conduct.

In June of 1910 23 members withdrew to organize a church at the old Meteor schoolhouse. The church name was later changed to the Baptist Church of Aiken.

The church worshipped in the brick and tile structure until it was destroyed when the roof caved in from the weight of sleet on January 12, 1949. Then the debris was cleared away and the move started to build a bigger church on the old site began.

The church had less than \$10,000 on hand in the building fund when the old church was destroyed but they were determined to build what was needed. It was estimated that \$100,000 would be needed to build a church that would be adequate. A building committee composed of Edgar R. Hays, chairman, Leslie Ferguson, Harmon Handley, Horton Howell, Mrs. Hilburn Casey, Hugh Carroll and Robin Byars was appointed, and working with the pastor, Rev. E. J. Cobb, the work was begun in May of 1949.

Meanwhile the church met in the City Auditorium, not having a house of their own to meet in. The new building, constructed and furnished at a cost of \$102,000 was completed in February of 1950, and the first service was held on March 5, 1950 with an all day service and basket dinner at the church. At that time the church owed \$19,000 on the building.

In December of 1950, the church owed \$15,700 on the building, a movement was started by the pastor and deacons of the church to pay off the indebtedness. By January 7 the debt had been reduced to \$4,900 and the final day for the building offering, January 21, found the church owing only \$3,900. On that day the membership and friends of the church gave \$4,400 to complete the payment of all indebtedness.

After the church had been paid for in full there was approximately \$500 left over in the building fund. It was brought before the church that a cabin be built at the Baptist Camp Grounds in Blanco Canyon. The men of the church built the cabin in their spare time and in a very short while the debt on the cabin had been paid off in full and on March 2 at the annual Homecoming Day of the church in a note burning ceremony the note for the cabin was burned.

In January, 1952, Rev. E. J. Cobb, who had faithfully served the church and its people as pastor for nine and one-half years, resigned. He accepted the pastorate at the North Tucson Baptist Church in Tucson, Arizona. After searching for many



Pictured here is the new, modern building of The First Baptist Church of Lockney, completed in March, 1950, and occupied by the congregation the same month.

weeks for a new pastor to replace Brother Cobb, Rev. J. R. Naylor of Archer City, Texas became the new pastor of the Lockney Baptist Church. He began his official duties as pastor of the church on March 10.

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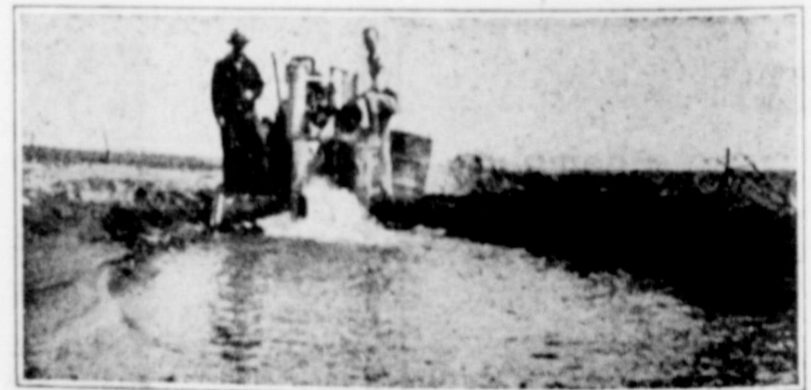
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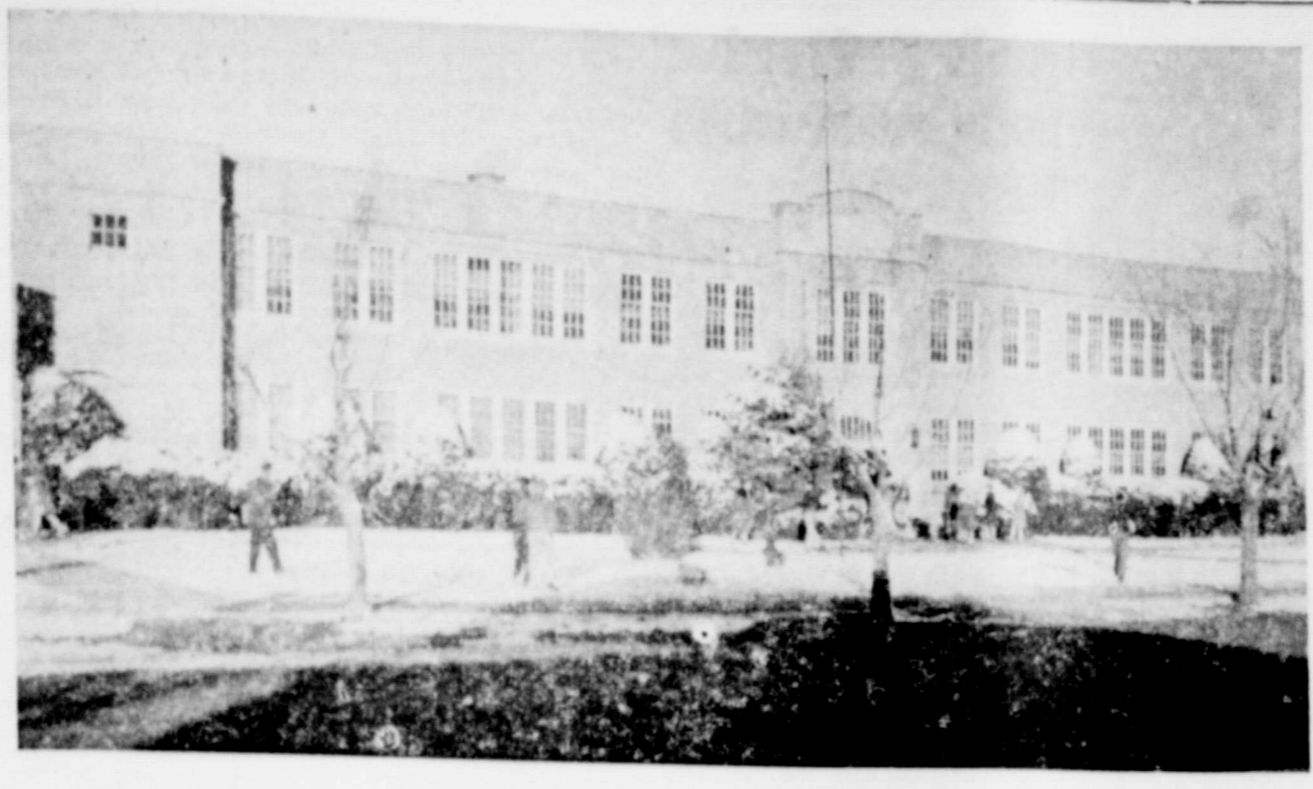
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When the Lockney school first began it was a one-room school. D. F. Davis was the first teacher and received fifty dollars per month. There were twenty-five pupils. The school was located on the corner of Main and Second streets. In 1885 the school was moved to the corner of Main and Third streets. In 1895 the school was moved to the corner of Main and Fourth streets. In 1905 the school was moved to the corner of Main and Fifth streets. In 1915 the school was moved to the corner of Main and Sixth streets. In 1925 the school was moved to the corner of Main and Seventh streets. In 1935 the school was moved to the corner of Main and Eighth streets. In 1945 the school was moved to the corner of Main and Ninth streets. In 1952 the school was moved to the corner of Main and Tenth streets.

the number increasing to four by 1905. In 1902 the Lockney Common School district, as it was then called, became an independent district. After the formation of the independent district the growth of the school kept pace

with that of the town, and in 1910 a bond issue of \$13,500 was voted and sold to build a school building. This was the first real school building in Lockney. In 1914 this building was destroyed by fire and a new bond issue became necessary to replace the building. In 1915 a bond issue of \$7,500 was voted, and the next year another \$5,000 issue was made for equipping the new building.

called for March 1, 1952 to authorize the Board of Trustees to issue bonds in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of constructing ten new classrooms, a lunchroom and a home making cottage and possibly a new auditorium if the school officials could secure priority to buy the steel at the present time. The issue was voted on and the majority of the people were in favor of the new building being erected.

No more improving was done until 1924, when a bond issue of \$35,000 was voted, the proceeds of which were used to build an addition on the brick building. During the late 1920's conditions became such that a new high school was needed to relieve the congestion due to increased enrollment, and a new bond issue of \$115,000 was proposed and voted. Because of the limit on valuations, only \$90,000 of this issue was approved and sold. The sum of \$85,000 was used for a new building and \$5,000 for new equipment. Approximately twenty-two years elapsed before any improving on the school buildings had been undertaken.

Lockney High school received its first affiliation in 1917 when a total of eight credits were granted by the state department. The number of credits slowly increased through the years until the present number of 36 units was reached. The present enrollment in Lockney High school and the grade school is 800. In the recent census survey scholastics in the Lockney Rural High School district show an increase of at least 10%.

In 1946 the Lockney Grade school burned, after which it became imperative that a new and larger building be built to supply ample room for the ever increasing number of school children. This new building, which was made modern in every respect, soon became too small and the need for more room became so alarming that it could no longer be ignored. A bond election was

In contrast with the one-teacher school Lockney first began with a total of 36 teachers are now employed in the Lockney Public Schools. "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World" is the theme for Home Demonstration Week which will be observed in Texas and the nation from April 27 to May 3. Sitting Bull is buried in Standing Rock Agency at Fort Yates, North Dakota.

suggest the need for medical attention. The second is prompt attention to any illness which may mean the difference between recovery and continued good health and prolonged invalidism. It is difficult to say which of these phases is the more important.

whereas if neglected until later stages they often cause permanent invalidism and even death. Good advice for persons over forty is that they have regular physical examinations and obtain prompt medical attention for any and all illnesses.

It has been found that men and women who faithfully pursue the habit of regular health examinations and who follow the advice arising from them tend to live longer, more satisfactorily, and freer from disease than those who simply take a chance and go to the doctor only when pain or disability forces them to give up their normal activities.

Cotton gin owners and operators who attend the series of 2-day ginners schools scheduled for different gin machinery manufacturing plants in Dallas the latter part of April and early May will be given information that should result in getting maximum efficiency from their machinery.

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### Life Becomes Complicated At 40

Austin.—From a literary point of view life may begin at forty, but from a health standpoint, life after forty begins to be more complicated for the average individual, than it was in his earlier years. According to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, the principal health foes confronting people in middle life are heart disease, cancer, kidney disease, high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries, apoplexy, diabetes, and arthritis.

Middle aged people of today are healthier than were those of preceding generations, and the present generation, when they reach middle age, should enjoy even better health than their parents of today.

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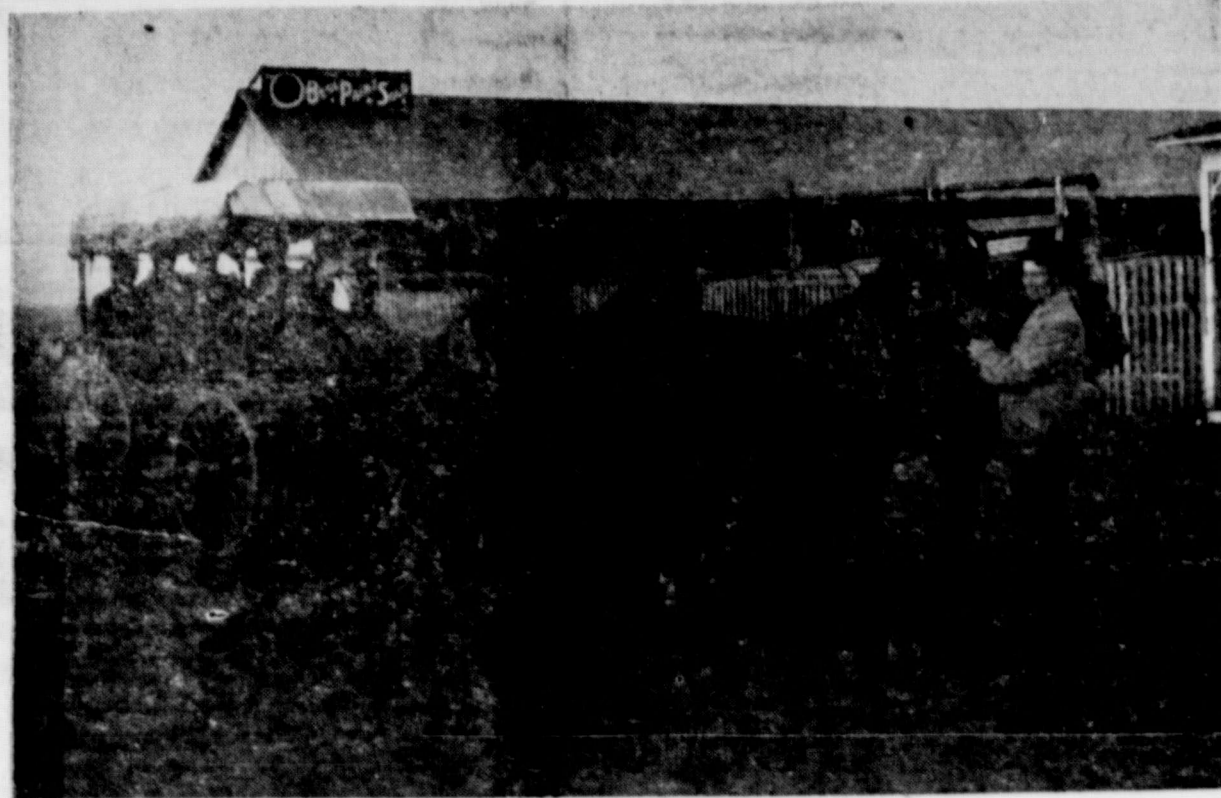
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LOCKNEY TO ESTELLINE STAGE — Pictured here is the Lockney to Estelline stage with Hunter Parsons, a brother of Mrs. W. O. Stuart of Lockney, at the head of the 4-horse team. He with his father, J. W. Parsons, operated the stage to Estelline

### MAIL ROUTE, STAGE CONNECTED LOCKNEY AND ESTELLINE

Before railroads came to Lockney and Floyd county a stage or hack was the community's connection with the outside world both for mail and for travel in person. Such a hack was operated from Lockney to Estelline by J. W. Parsons and his son, Hunter Parsons between Lockney and Estelline for a number of years in the early 1900s. Mrs. W. O. Stuart of Lockney is a daughter of Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Parsons and his family moved to Lockney in 1901. It was soon afterwards that they inaugurated a hack line to Estelline.

The distance between the cities was 100 miles and the men used 96 horses and six hacks in their business. Horses were changed four times on the trip and old timers will recall seeing the hack go by with the horses in a gallop. The horses "even ran down the cap" according to some who remember the line.

Mr. Parsons would leave Lockney early in the morning of each day except on Sunday and Hunter would leave Estelline at the same time. The two would meet about half way, exchange hacks and return home. Horses were changed four times on the trip, at the Geo. Gore place, about 16 miles out of Estelline, another time at Turkey, at the Sutton place just below the Cap, and at Curlew, now known as South Plains. A family by the name of Childress was in charge of the post office at Curlew.

Fare for the trip from Lockney to Estelline was \$4.00 one way and \$7.00 round trip. The hacks carried mail, express and passengers in fair weather. For a light load a two-seated hack and two horses were used. With heavy loads a three-seated hack and four horses were used, and sometimes six horses were used with a heavy load and muddy weather. The horses were fed maize which was bought at \$6.00 per

ton at that time.

The hacks were heavy Studebaker makes, such as is shown in the picture on this page. J. E. Burns, the blacksmith in Lockney, was kept busy working on the hacks since the roads were very rough and the cap-rock hills steep. Horses had to be shod every month or six weeks. Mr. Burns fashioned a horn about three feet long and gave it to Mr. Parsons who blew a long blast on it when he was entering Lockney, letting everyone know that the mail was in. The postoffice was a very popular place in those days at mail time.

Although the trip was usually made each day, one time it took two days to make it because the snow was so deep on the Lockney end of the line. It was necessary to shovel through many deep drifts and low places.

Many old time citizens of Lockney will remember Austin Ford, Vernon Bagwell and George Lee as drivers on this end of the line. The line was operated until the railroad was built into Lockney and then ran for a time from Estelline to Silvertown.

### Audit Of Floyd Soil Conservation District Is Made

Austin. — A \$437 operational loss was suffered by the Floyd County Soil Conservation District, an audit report released by State Auditor C. H. Cavness disclosed.

Depreciation of \$498 figured largely in the loss.

The audit covered the period from March 1, 1950, to July 31, 1951.

The audit report stated, "The district had a good set of cash receipt and cash disbursement records; however, it is suggested that the existing accounting records be expanded to include an invoice system which will maintain better control of income items, and an equipment ledger which will reflect the income and expense of each individual piece of equipment."

It also suggested that a general ledger should be installed to maintain control over all district transactions.

The usual recommendations concerning the raising of district board secretary's bond, the purchase of additional bonds for supervisors and equipment custodians and the transference of equipment rental funds to the local bank account were made by Cavness.

The district began the period with a \$237 bank balance, received \$18,856 as its share of the \$5,000,000 soil conservation and ended the period with a \$14,634 bank balance.

District board members during the audit period were: Chairman Bert Bobbitt and R. G. Dunlap, both of Lockney; Secretary W. F. Ferguson and Gilbert L. Fawver, both of Floydada; and Cecil Parcell, Quitaque.

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## BAPTIST BULLETIN

# First Baptist Church

LOCKNEY, TEXAS

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ROYCE DOWELL

#### PASTOR'S NOTES

Last Wednesday night our church took a step that is well worth our mentioning here. We voted to move Bro. Royce Dowell on the field and to pay him a full-time salary. I know that Bro. Dowell will be worth as much and more than the salary that we are able to pay him. Royce is the kind of a Music Director and Ed. Director that a lot of churches are seeking. May we consider ourselves fortunate to secure his services. If you hear of a house or apartment for rent, please let the church office know.

#### PASTOR AWAY IN REVIVAL

The Pastor is doing the preaching in a revival meeting in the South Side Church, Olney, Texas. Pray for him and the good church he is working with.

#### HAVE YOU HELPED?

Have you made your contribution to the folding door fund? Let's pay this off without borrowing money. We need about \$500.00 more.

#### SEED THOUGHTS

- Some people think a thirty minute sermon is too long, so they substitute a six hundred column Sunday paper.
- Someone has defined gossip as the art of saying nothing in a way that leaves nothing unsaid.
- It doesn't take horse sense to become a nag.

#### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- Sunday:**
- Mens Prayer Service
  - Bible School
  - Morning Worship
  - Junior Choir
  - Training Union
  - Evening Worship
  - Youth Fellowship
- Monday:**
- W. M. U. (Both Cities)
  - Sunbeams
  - G. A.'s and R. A.'s
- Wednesday:**
- Hour Of Power
  - Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday: (Tonight)**
- All Church Social under Royce Dowell and a group of people from Wayland
- Friday:**
- Mexican Service
- RECORDS SPEAK**  
(Last Sunday)
- Bible School
  - Training Union
  - Mid-Week Service
- Offering:**
- Budget offering
  - Folding Door Fund
- Only one life; T'will soon be past— Only whats done for Christ will last.

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school district was called when it was organized in 1891. The school building is a one room frame building on the site where the Aiken church now stands. There are no records of the first teacher, but the second was Miss Alice Giser. Mrs. Alice Giser now Mrs. Alice Giser, lived in the school for many years after its opening. The Meteor school was named after the meteor which fell in the land through the railroad switch. The school was named after the meteor which fell in the land through the railroad switch. The school was named after the meteor which fell in the land through the railroad switch.

on home grounds  
ment will be held at  
A. M. College on April  
22.

Plains Theatre  
Lockney

WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY  
April 17 and 18

Flesh And  
Fury"

with Tony Curtis, Jan  
Linne, Mona Freeman.

Curtis in a new role as  
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in a fast-moving  
with laughs — a  
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heavy foot work and  
wins the count.

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and NIGHT

April 19

Of Robin  
Hood"

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Edwards

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Rogers — at his all-  
time best — in  
outdoors adventure  
keep you gasping  
with excitement — packed  
with thrills.

CARTOON and 2-REEL  
COMEDY

WEDNESDAY and MONDAY

April 20 and 21

Detective  
Story"

with Douglas, Eleanor  
and William Bendix

with women, hunch,  
agrees — a dramatic  
parade in a po-  
tion — never before  
such excitement, so  
in a single  
pursues lawbreak-  
to bitter end and  
to a loaded gun.

CARTOON and NEWS

WEDNESDAY

April 22 and 23

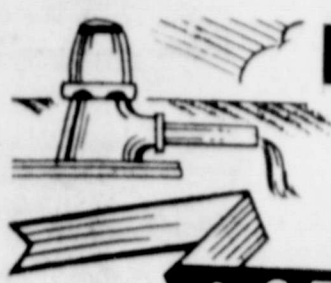
The Raging  
Tide"

with Winters, Richard  
and Stephen McNally

water front sec-  
the wide fury of  
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stormed their  
got every ex-  
that the screen

CARTOON

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## Two Fights For County Seat

History is dim on some of the happenings in Floyd County years ago, but it appears that two fights for the county seat have occurred since the founding of the county in 1890.

The first fight came in May, 1890 when Della Plain and Floydada were contenders, according to our information. Della Plain was the first town in the county and at one time believed that she was assured of the county seat. But Floydada came along about this time and so did Lockney. One source of information we have says that there was hard feelings between Lockney and Della Plain and when election time came Lockney stood with Floydada and helped Floydada to win the county seat.

Another says that in the election the Floydada people voted every cowboy in Crosby and Hale counties along with their own citizens and thereby won the election. At any rate the election was contested but the Supreme Court declared Floydada was rightful winner and Della Plain immediately began to decline.

The second and most bitter fight came in 1912. The files of The Beacon are very incomplete in this year but we do find this information:

The vote was held on June 8, 1912 and Floydada was opposed by a group, led by Lockney people, who wanted to put the county seat in the geographical center of the county, which was described as the west one-fourth of section 9.

A new courthouse building was already under construction in Floydada, in fact about halfway completed. The Commissioners Court did not call an election for a bond issue to build the building but rather issued warrants because, as Commissioner G. L. Fawver of Precinct 4 said in the paper, "A bond election would be defeated because opinion is too divided in the county."

The Lockney people declared the issuing of warrants for the building of a courthouse was illegal and apparently many other people joined in with them. They formed a committee which they called the "Center Removal Committee." Active on this committee were A. W. Tanner, Dr. J. C. Guest, D. C. Lowe, E. P. Thompson, A. J. Byars, J. D. Griffith, J. C. Garrison, Harve Bolin, B. F. Smith, Homer Howard, M. M. Day, Uncle Johnnie



ONLY TWO of these pioneer ladies are still living. They were all at one time residents of Lockney and this community. They are, front row, left to right, Mrs. R. C. Bennett, Mrs. W. R. Sams, mother of Guy Sams, Mrs. W. E. Broyles,

mother of Mrs. Carl McAdams, Mrs. Marion Day, Mrs. John Wilson; middle row, left to right, Mrs. Daff Griffith, Mrs. George Brewster, Mrs. D. J. Thomas, wife of Dr. Thomas, Mrs. A. J. Byars, mother of Baylor Byars; back row, left

to right, Mrs. E. P. Thompson, mother of Mrs. Buck Sams and Miss Juanita Thompson, Mrs. Arthur B. Duncan, Mrs. Tom

Steward, and Mrs. A. J. Sams, mother of Buck Sams. Still living are Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Griffith.

Pickle. The Beacon and The Hesperian were very much in the fight. The Beacon's headline the week before election declared — "Lockney Is Not In The Race — Vote for the Center of The County."

F. P. Henry was county judge at the time and William McGehee was commissioner, precinct 2. The building cost \$73,000.

The Beacon files do not tell how the race came out but reports say that Floydada won by a very narrow margin. People were carried to the polls on beds in

order to vote, they say, and the vote was a record turn-out.

Apparently those seeking to remove the county seat had two things against them — they sought to move the courthouse to a bare section of land and start a town around it, and they waited to start the fight until the new courthouse was halfway completed.

### ONE-A-DAY HOME HINTS

When fish comes to a boil, remove from the gas flame and allow to cool for a few minutes, then boil again. This prevents the fish from falling apart.

## The Beacon Has Had 10 Editors

As best we can tell from the files of The Beacon, many of which are missing, The Beacon has had 10 editors in its 50 years of existence.

The first editor and founder of the paper was F. N. Oliver. He and his sons ran the paper until 1907 when Ira Smith purchased it and became the editor. Mr. Smith lasted only one year and about Jan. 1, 1908 Homer Steen took over the helm. Our files are not complete in this interval but in July, 1910 we find J. H. Foster as editor of the paper. He continued until May, 1912 when Ben F. Smith began his long reign as the editor. He remained as editor of the paper longer than anyone else with the possible exception of H. B. Adams.

In April, 1923 Mr. Smith announced that he was going to move to Snyder and take charge of the Scurry County Times and he sold the paper to J. M. Adams and Robert W. Carter would be editor. This arrangement lasted only a few months when H. B. Adams bought the paper and remained at its head until in the early thirties. Our files again are not complete in this period but in 1935 we find that J. L. Suits was editor of the paper.

Bill Dison followed Mr. Suits along about 1938 and remained with the paper until April, 1942 when the present editor took charge.

Robert Bruce, the Scottish hero, died of leprosy.

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J. B. SEALE, Manager

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## Bakers Founded New Lockney

According to Claude V. Hall's history of the county published in the Floyd County Hesperian on December 21, 1905, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baker founded new Lockney and Mr. Hall says "Mr. Baker is justly entitled to the honor of being called the father of Lockney."

According to Mr. Hall's history the town of Lockney was re-founded by Mr. Baker on a 160 acre tract formerly owned by I. E. Davis and N. B. Davis. The first settlement called Lockney was located at the corner of four sections about a mile east of the south line of the present town where a store, postoffice and a school building composed the town's business section. First actual settlers of Old Lockney included J. E. F. Koger, T. B. Stewart, S. B. Mills, R. M. Emmerman, W. L. Covey, J. F. Lockney and his father, J. H. Lockney. The older Mr. Lockney was the man for whom the city was named.

James Artemas Baker was born in Lancaster, Dallas County, on September 22, 1859. He was reared in Coryell County. Mrs. Baker was born in Van Zandt County, Texas. The couple were married in 1885 and moved to Hamilton. In 1890 Mr. and Mrs. Baker and their family moved to a section of land five miles south of Lockney.

Mr. Baker came on horseback from Hamilton county to inspect the "promised land" which settlers called Floyd County. After traveling over much of the country and talking with farmers and ranchers who had already settled here, he staked out the section of land. All that was necessary that time was to stake out the land and place a bottle by the stake with a paper enclosed bearing the name of the new owner, the day claimed and the amount of land claimed. After this small amount of red tape Mr. Baker went back to Hamilton county to bring his family to their new home.

In the latter part of June, 1890, the Baker family started their trip to the plains. After leaving Hamilton county they



J. A. BAKER — founder of new Lockney, and the man largely responsible for the growth of the community. He and his wife operated the first store and postoffice here.

traveled several hundred miles without seeing any civilization other than a few horseback riders or a few wagon trains.

The family camped in a wagon bed on the courthouse lawn in Floydada for six weeks while waiting for lumber to be hauled from Amarillo to build a house. Mr. Baker was one of the first settlers to build a regular wood frame house. The house when finished was 14 feet wide and 28 feet long and the ceiling was 11 feet high.

In 1894 the family moved to Old Lockney, took the post office and founded the Baker Mercantile Company which still exists today and is one of the oldest stores in the Panhandle. One store in Amarillo is as old as the Baker Mercantile. In 1895 Mr. Baker bought the 160 acres the city now sits on and moved the store and the post office to New Lockney. In 1898 the school building was moved here and Old Lockney disappeared.

The Baker Mercantile was first located where the First National Bank now stands. Although officially he was postmaster actually Mrs. Baker took care of the postoffice and managed the store while Mr. Baker was busy freighting. The couple were progressive and interested in build-



MRS. ALICE BAKER—Lockney's oldest merchant still busy every day managing her dry goods store here, which has been in existence for 58 years. Mrs. Baker and her husband are largely responsible for the town's present existence.

ing up the community.

Mr. Baker was first in all public enterprises and his contributions were heavy to school, railroad and all other developments not the least among them being the church. His entire life was one of sacrifice and self denial. As a man Mr. Baker was a quiet, unassuming man, charitable and loved by the entire community.

Mrs. Baker is a real pioneer in spirit, making lodging for cowboys and traveling men long before hotels were known. She kept money for ranchers long before banks were established. In Mr. Hall's description of her he says, "She is one of the best of women. She has great common sense and business sagacity." They gave up the postoffice in 1901 and gave the business all their attention.

Mr. Baker passed away in 1917 and since that time Mrs. Baker has continued to manage the store here in most successful way. She is an alert business woman and has a reputation of attending to business as well as any man. She still comes to the store early, keeps all her own books and waits on the customers just as she always has.

There are twelve children in the Baker family. They are Mrs. L. M. Honea, Mrs. Lee Seaman, Dorsey Baker, all of Lockney; Mrs. Ed Gross and Mrs. Melvin Phillips of Port Lavaca, Robin Baker of Plainview, Francis and Larry Baker of Lubbock, Artie Baker of Pecos, Norton Baker of Amarillo, Mrs. J. A. Deavenport of Boulder, Colo., Mrs. A. H. McGavock of Perryton, Texas.

## Early Days In Dug-Out Told

By Mrs. M. H. Eagles as told to Mrs. Edgar Hays

I came here from Crowell in 1890 with my father, the late J. B. Barnes.

There wasn't a church or school building anywhere in this country so we held church in our home. First one preached and then another came to preach. The first was a Methodist by the name Morris. Men of the community hauled lumber from Childress to build the first school in old Lockney in 1891. Some twenty or twenty-five pupils were enrolled that first year as I remember. As far as I know there are only four of us left who started to that first session of school here. They are Mrs. Tom Neaves, formerly Lizzie Coger, her sister, Anna Coger, now Mrs. Jim Cope and their brother John Coger of near Silvertown and myself. Mrs. Nannie Ramsey, who passed away several months ago was among those first pupils also. The teacher of that first school was Frank Davis.

After the school house was completed church was held there too. The late C. W. Smith came to preach then. We didn't have many neighbors but everyone in the area for miles around were considered neighbors and many times I remember driving six miles in a wagon to sit up with a sick neighbor. We all looked after one another as doctors were far away. Some of our early neighbors were the John Dagley family, Jim Dagley's parents, T. F. Beal, father of Walter Beal, the Windsors, the John Roberts, the Teagues, the Athel Boone, Mr. Boone was the father of Dr. Oliver Boone now of Lubbock. The late Dr. J. H. Wayland of Plainview took care of most of the sick in this area.

I was married in the fall of 1892 to M. H. Ragle and we became the thirty-third couple to be married in Floyd County. We moved into a dug-out to live out Mr. Ragle's claim to a section of land. The unwelcome visits from snakes, centipedes and water dogs inside the dug-out kept life far from being dull. Mr. Ragle and I promised ourselves that we wouldn't go in debt for anything and we didn't although the going was certainly rough for some time. The first year we made only a very little maize and some fodder which brought us only fifty cents. We had the maize ground into meal by Judge Arthur B. Duncan, father of Mrs. Maud Hollums, Mrs. Claude Hammond Sr., and Silas Duncan. We raised some blackeyed peas



BAKER'S NEW STORE—The brick building now occupied by Baker Mercantile here is shown just after it was completed in 1914. Standing in

front are Robin Baker, left, now owner of Baker Flash-O-Gas Co., and Artie Baker, former owner of the First National Bank here and now of Pecos.

days for Levi Scheek to buy 20 pounds of sugar for \$1.00. I was married 14 years before I had a can of baking powder in my house. We cooked with soda. My father gave us two cows and I milked them and put the butter down in brine to supply us with butter and substitute for shortening that first year. We gathered grapes from the brakes and made some jelly. Mr. Ragle worked all day for four hens then someone gave us 20 eggs from which we raised eighteen chickens. He rode horseback to buy a pig from Mr. C. W. Smith who lived east of Floydada and brought him back in a sack—that was our meat for that year. We heard of a man in Calahan's pasture who had some sorghum molasses for sale so we rode ten miles to his house near Barwise to buy a jug of the rare dessert.

After three years in the dug-out we paid \$7.50 for a man's claim on a section of land which is now the Henry Schacht place. We reared eight children, 7 of them lived to be grown. After Mr. Ragle had to retire from farming we moved to the place now owned by Elbert Harris and later moved into town to be near a doctor when Mr. Ragle needed one. He passed away in December 1950. We lost one of our daughters about 15 years ago in

a car accident. She was Mrs. I. W. Collier.

I can remember when Mrs. Baker walked five miles to church one day when Mr. Baker couldn't round up the team. She helped me raise my children in many ways and all of our clothes was bought in her dry goods store.

I have 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. I now make my home with daughter and son-in-law, Minnie and Ray Canon who are wonderful to look after me.

## Lt. C. B. Hamilton Is Coming Home

With the 25th Infantry Korea. — Lt. Charles Hamilton, Route 4D, Floyd County, recently left the 25th Division on the Korean rotation to the United States.

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# METHODIST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN 1890

In September, 1890, the Lockney Methodist Church was organized as a part of the Vernon circuit and the families of Mr. Josiah Foster and family, Mrs. J. E. F. Koger and Mrs. J. H. Koger and children, the Thurlow family, and the Caruthers family were its only members. The church was organized with less than twenty-five members.

The next year or two the church grew fast and its membership doubled in membership. The first board of stewards consisted of the heads of the first families enumerated above. The W. C. Nichols family moved into the community and the church.

The Methodist pastor to Lockney was the first pastor from Plainville. He was a Mr. Morrison.

In the fall of 1890 the conference sent a Brother Ford, who had been a conference member, to Lockney. Brother Ford was killed a year or so later furthering the church.

Brother Cox, a Quaker, preached quite a number of times in the Lockney church in the early years.

In the fall of 1892 the conference sent the Rev. Ed R. Wallace, who served Floyd, Motley and the Counties besides preaching a Hall and Swisher counties during his leisure time.

Sam Hardy was the founding Elder. The Lockney church did not get to see very often as his district covered a large part of North Texas.

In the years passed, the little church grew. In 1905 Rev. J. T. Hill was pastor of the Methodist Church which was at that time meeting in a little old building for the want of a place to worship. There were about forty members at that time and several of them came from some distance out in country.

Records show that on February 1905 F. N. Oliver, William H. H. and M. W. Heard, members of the Lockney Methodist Church, bought land for the church from Mr. and Mrs. G. B. White and in 1908, during the pastorate of Rev. W. Carr, the building committee consisting of E. P. Thompson, C. T. and J. W. Parsons organized and the building was started on the lots where Arthur Barker Sr. house now stands. The Methodist people of Lockney worshipped in this building for some twelve years and prospered to such an extent that a new building was necessary to take care of the

membership. This church was moved to Lone Star and in later years was torn down and moved to Sterley.

In 1919 and 1920, under the leadership of Rev. H. Bascom Watts, the present Methodist Church building was erected at a cost of approximately \$27,000. This great undertaking left the Methodist people of Lockney several thousand dollars in debt. The debt was soon paid.

Down through the years the Methodist Church has continued to grow and prosper until once again it is necessary that more room be provided for the increasing number of members. During the pastorate of Rev. N. S. Daniel, pastor at the present time, a new building will be built about twelve feet from where the old building stands. The two buildings will be connected and the new one will be a sanctuary. The approximate cost of the building is \$65,000.

Since 1905 the following preachers and elders have served the Lockney Methodist Church:

- 1905-7, J. T. Howell; 1907-8, W. H. Carr, G. S. Hardy, Presiding Elder; 1908-9, Thomas Hanks, G. S. Hardy, P. E.; 1909-10, P. E. Riley, G. S. Hardy, P. E.; 1910-11, J. A. Laney, G. S. Hardy, P. E.; 1911-12, L. H. Tooley, P. T. Hicks, P. E.; 1912-13, Leon Henderson, J. T. Hicks, P. E.; E. P. Thompson Supt.; 1913-14, T. E. Williams, O. P. Kiker, P. E.; E. P. Thompson, S. S. Supt.; 1914-15, J. A. Sweeney, O. P. Kiker, P. E.; L. H. Gruver, S. S. Supt.; 1915-18, J. A. Sweeney, A. L. Moore, P. E.; L. H. Gruver, S. S. Supt.; 1918-19, H. Bascom Watts, A. L. Moore, P. E.; 1919-21, H. Bascom Watts, R. A. Clements, P. E.; 1921-22, H. Bascom Watts, G. S. Hardy, P. E.; 1922-23, R. M. Huckabee, G. S. Hardy, P. E.; L. H. Gruver, S. S. Supt.; 1923-25, J. P. Patterson, G. S. Hardy, P. E.; L. H. Gruver, S. S. Supt.; 1925-26, T. J. Rea, E. E. Robinson, P. E.; L. H. Gruver, S. S. Supt.; 1926-27, T. J. Rea, E. E. Robinson, P. E.; L. L. Savage, S. S. Supt.; 1927-28, J. B. McKeynolds, M. M. Beakers, P. E.; L. L. Savage, S. S. Supt.; 1928-30, J. E. Stephens, M. M. Beavers, P. E.; R. E. Patterson, S. S. Supt.; 1930-31, H. W. Hanks, M. M. Beavers, P. E.; R. E. Patterson, S. S. Supt.; 1931-32, George E. Turrentine, E. E. White, P. E.; 1932-34, B. J. Osborn, W. L. Tittle, P. E.; 1934-38, H. H. Hamilton, W. L. Tittle, P. E.; 1938-40, O. B. Herring, E. E. White, P. E.; 1940-41, O. B. Herring, L. N. Lipscomb, P. E.; 1941-42, W. B. Swim, L. N. Lipscomb, P. E.; 1942-43, W. B.



THE METHODIST CHURCH of Lockney. This is probably the first home of the local Methodist congregation, built in 1908 and used until 1920 when the present building was constructed.

Vaughn, L. N. Lipscomb, P. E.; 1943-44, W. B. Vaughn, W. C. Hinds, P. E.; 1944-45, Oscar Bruce, W. C. Hinds, P. E.; 1946-47, R. H. Campbell, W. C. Hinds, P. E.; 1947-48, N. S. Daniel, W. C. Hinds, P. E.; 1947-7, N. S. Daniel, Marvin Boyd, P. E.

## Mayshaw Floyd Co. Ghost Town

(Note: The following story of Mayshaw, ghost town of Floyd County, is taken from the Floyd County Hesperian's Golden Anniversary edition published in 1940, the story being written from Claude V. Hall's history of Floyd County published in 1905.)

A new town was started in 1892 by citizens of Floyd county and was christened Mayshaw in honor of Mrs. May Shaw, the wife of A. J. Shaw, one of the promoters of the new enterprise. The site chosen for Mayshaw was two miles west of Della Plain on a patented section owned by Shaw. After 1896 there were only a few dugouts to mark the sight of the defunct town.

After the supreme court had held that Floydada was the legally chosen county seat of Floyd county, many of the supporters of Della Plain regarded its cause as hopeless, and turned their attention to a new town project, with the plea for harmony. The Citizen's Town company was organized and its stock capitalized at \$11,000, the value of each share being \$5.00. At the head of this enterprise were A. J. Shaw, of Gatesburg, Illinois and A. F. Dodson, J. B. Dodson, B. F. Farmer, A. J. Sams and others of Floyd county.

The Mayshaw Zephyr explained the cause of the town's existence as follows: Mayshaw was started by the citizens of Floyd county who being tired of the ceaseless warfare being waged between the various towns of Floyd county determined to build a town of their own and for this purpose hold a mass meeting and elected a committee of seven persons who were to select a site.

The reasons given for selecting the Shaw site were "that this section was near the geographical center of the county, had a perfect land title, was almost the exact agricultural center of the county, had a splendid drainage, a magnificent view and last, it was known that plenty of water could be secured upon this section at a very small expense."

For a few months during the summer of 1892 Mayshaw seemed to prosper. A postoffice was established, a small public library was installed, and some new business enterprises were projected, but came to naught. A few of the houses at Della Plain were removed to Mayshaw, while others moved to Briscoe county.

### Town Declines

Colonel and Mrs. Shaw showed a paternal interest in the new town and encouraged the projected enterprises but conditions were adverse to the town's growth, as a long continued drought and a grasshopper plague followed in 1893. Vainly did the Mayshaw Zephyr attempt to attract recruits to the town. Its editor, J. H. Dodson, was a candidate for county judge and during the first year of its existence this publication was sent free to the citizens of Floyd county. It inserted without cost classified reading notices and the marks and brands of stockmen. In 1893 Dodson moved to California, and the Zephyr ceased to function until it was revived in 1894 by W. C. Hawkins. In the spring of

1895 Hawkins discontinued the publication and succeeded J. F. Lockney as editor of The Floyd County Times at Floydada.

Among the leading spirits of Mayshaw, besides J. H. Dodson, the editor and his brother, A. F. Dodson, the manager of The Citizen's Town company, were I. R.

Vorhees, a mechanic and windmill expert, S. H. Brown, the blacksmith, G. W. Farnsworth, a public-spirited farmer, C. F. Ramsey, one of the first members of the commissioner's court of Floyd county, A. J. Sams a merchant, Mrs. T. Cromartie, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel,

E. P. Thompson, who was "Prepared to put up or repair all kinds of windmills on short notice," and G. W. Grammer, who proclaimed himself an instructor in music, stenography and penology.

A Sunday school was organized at Mayshaw and there was preaching the first Sunday in each month by Rev. Anson Cox, of the Friend's church, and every third Sunday by C. W. Smith of the Church of Christ.

On May 19, 1892, the commissioner's court of Floyd county created the Mayshaw school district, and the first session was taught by Miss Rosa Ewing, a daughter of J. A. Ewing, mother of Mrs. Buck Sams and Miss Juanita Thompson of Lockney.

A Baptist minister and Populist leader, organized on April 28, 1892, the Mayshaw's Farmers alliance, with S. M. Brown as president, H. Terry as vice-president and S. F. Lindsay, as secretary, and on Saturday, May 14, it held its first regular meeting.

The following news item from The Mayshaw Zephyr tells about a party given by the young people of Mayshaw: "Thursday night May 2, 1892, a number of the youth and beauty of Floyd county went to celebrate the completion of the new business house of J. B. Anthony of Mayshaw. Messrs. Cox and Farmer

furnished the music and dancing continued until the wee small hours."

But Mayshaw's prosperity was of less than two years duration. Her promoters lost heart, as those of Della Plains did, and by degrees, the town was depopulated and in 1896 only a postoffice and a blacksmith shop, both of which was under the management of S. H. Brown were left.

### ... and I quote:

"Many blondes are a cross between a brunette and a drug store." — Dan Bennett.

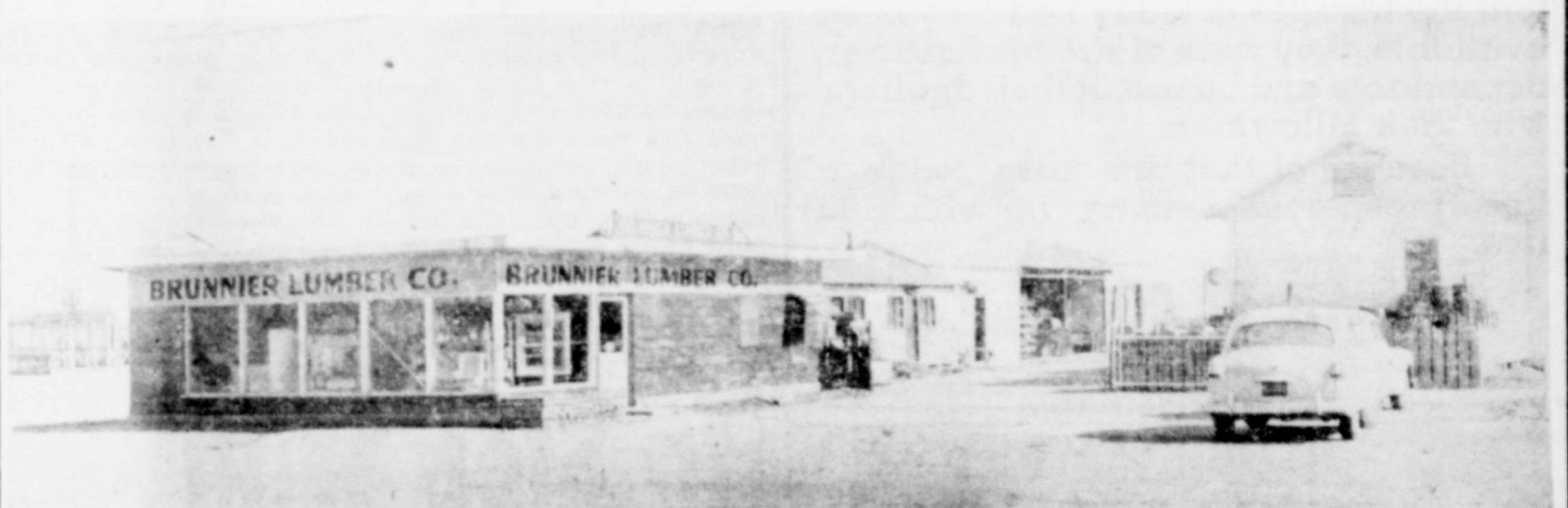
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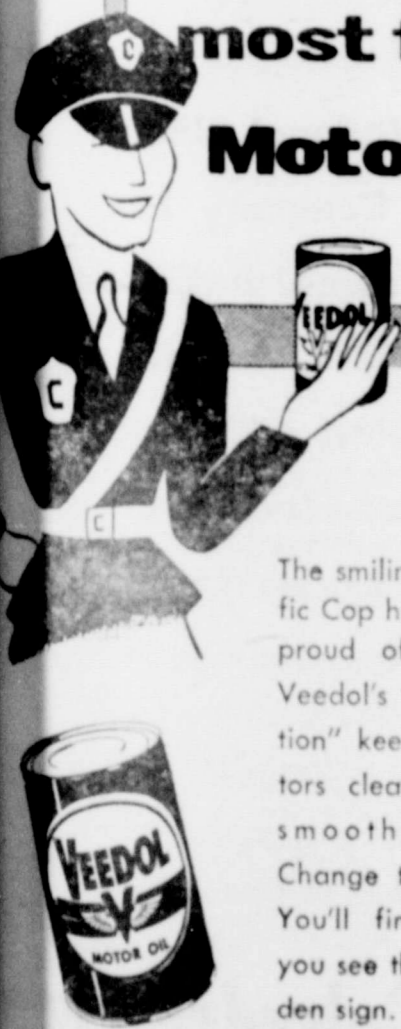


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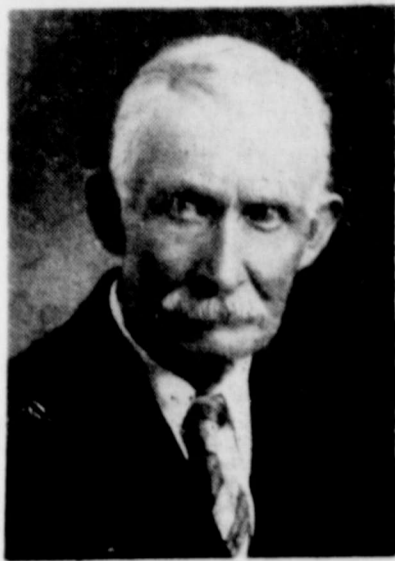
# BENNETTS HAVE LIVED FOR 62 YEARS ON SAME PLACE

By Joyce Cooley Wood

Mary Abbie Hestand was born Jan. 11, 1871 in Coffee County, Tenn. Came to Texas at the age of 6, with her parents, taking 3 months to make this trip via mule wagons. They settled in Hill County, Texas, near Hillsboro. There at the age of 18, after 5 years of courtship, she became the bride of Robert Corwell Bennett, a farmer, Dec. 19, 1889, on his 30th birthday. Mr. Bennett was born in 1859 at Livingston, Ky.

On April 1, the following spring, they loaded their possessions in one wagon, drawn by two horses, and "headed west prospecting," making several stops enroute at Anson, Abilene, etc., and finally on to Childress. At all these places the grass was not green enough. This last stop was a very miserable one, gip water and the grass was not good. There they met a man from Floydada who praised the water here on the plains, said that the grass couldn't be beat and advised them to come see for themselves. Thus they came here, still prospecting, and not knowing a soul.

Just 10 days after the organization of Floyd County, May 28, 1890, the Bennetts drove their wagon to their first plains stop (June 7) to Della Plains which was only 7 miles east of their present home. Now this small, western frontier village was soon dissolved, after losing the election of the county seat. There was a heated controversy due to the cowboy votes in Floydada winning this election, but had it not been so, perhaps the Bennetts would have driven on prospecting, for they heard of a piece for sale since the county seat was lost to this section of the new country. This Mr. Phillips (the first white man having filed and lived on the original Bennett section, was very anxious to sell his place, for real estate reasons, offering it for \$2.00 per acre. The Bennetts soon took



R. C. BENNETT — 92 years of age and probably the oldest man in Floyd County. Mr. Bennett and his family came to Floyd County in 1890 and he has been active in community and county affairs for the past 62 years.



MRS. R. C. BENNETT — 81 years of age and still very active and interested in community affairs. She and Mr. Bennett were among the first settlers to this area.

possession, moving into the already constructed sod-house. This construction was dug 1 1/2 ft. into the ground then built up with sod. It was indeed a very small one room dirt floor. The bed taking up at least three-fourths of the floor space. The door was made of boxing planks

and their 'Yale' lock was a wire in a staple. Mrs. Bennett says she is certain that the cost of building this sod-house couldn't possibly have been over \$30.00. Four children were born here. Little did she realize that this was to be her own front yard for the continued 62 years!

There was no "Lockney" at this early date. However, there was the beginning of such a place, for there lived on the present Al Smith farm, a family by the name of Jonathan Lockney. His aged parents lived with them. They shortly sold out, moved to New Mexico. Just north east of this same place was what Mrs. Bennetts refers to as the "original Lockney", for there were two business houses, and a postoffice. One was a blacksmith shop, run by a Mr. White. The other business was a grocery store whose merchandise was limited only to the staples. He also operated the postoffice.

The first public school building was later put up on this original Lockney grounds, just northeast of the present Al Smith residence. This was a one room structure, used for other purposes rather than the 3 R's, church services, and other public meetings. This was the first auditorium here. Again little did Mrs. Bennett realize that on the very first day of the opening of the public schools, she would have her children, to direct descendants, enrolled for the next 50 years. When her granddaughter, Mary Louise Manning, graduated from LHS 3 years ago she was the last of the Bennett line until the following year when little Miss Paulette Kropp, great-granddaughter, enrolled in the first grade.

Mr. Bennett by this time having acquired another wagon, would make trips to the brakes for the much needed cedar to make posts for the farm, as well as for fuel. Now the chief fuel was used pioneer style and called "cow or prairie fuel." All the family helped to gather this. There were so many things that Mr. Bennett was unable to buy at the local markets, so he would load up his wagon with produce, for there was always a bigger and better market there for it. Each egg had to be rolled up individually and there was a 6 gallon churn full of butter. Mrs. Bennett does not recall just how many pounds of butter this would average. Eggs here were 5c dozen, and sometimes you couldn't even give them away. Material was 4c per yard, but after all they were only getting 4c per pound for the cotton. However there were times that they got as much as 10c per pound for cotton, and this was indeed a gold mine. Produce could always be sold in Amarillo, or exchanged for the much needed various articles in their household. This round trip took from 5 to 7 days, depending on the weather, and the amount of trading to be done there. Now these same wagon wheels are painted a bright red, installed in the back yard for vines to grow on.



THE BENNETT HOME for many years located two miles southeast of Lockney. This picture was made of the Bennett family after the boys had gone rabbit hunting. Notice the rabbits between the two larger boys in the center.

They make a very picturesque view from the kitchen window. Mrs. Bennett lived here 5 years before acquiring her brand new Singer sewing machine. Mr. Bennett went to Childress, to meet her folks who came that far by rail for a visit with them. While he was gone he did some horse trading, a horse for this machine. Her parents visited her quite often, considering the distance, as she was their baby. But after she left home it was 7 years before she saw her sister again.

When asking Mrs. Bennett of the families who lived here "then" and if any continued to live here all these years, as they did, she said that she recalled a young girl, at that time, Lizzie Koger. She still lives in Lockney, and is now Mrs. Tom Neaves. She has two local brothers. She lived north of the present cemetery. In fact it was her family who started our Lockney cemetery, at the death of a baby that family. The broken-hearted father set aside the north section of his farm, and said from then on any one would be welcomed to use the burial grounds. Shortly after that a man was killed and buried there, making the second grave. The rumor is that this man was killed, just to start the local cemetery, but Mrs. Bennett says this isn't so.

It was a month after coming here, the following July before Mrs. Bennett recalls attending church services. There was a farmer living east of their home by the name of Charlie Smith, who preached in a small house near the original Lockney. All denominations always attended, but she does not think these services continued long. This Mr. Smith is the father of Mrs. Robin Baker and Mrs. Ida Ragle. This same house was used for all church services that were first held here, until the building of the first school, which was a much larger room, and could house more.

Mrs. Bennett recalls their first telephone on a barb-wire system party line. She thinks that this dates back more than 50 years ago. She also well recalls the first long, black, shiny 'automotive' she saw. This belonged to Gene Sams, father of Buck Sams, who was in the hardware business. She was afraid of this contraption and refused to ride in it, and tried to keep her husband and family from doing so. Sams drove it up and down the streets of Lockney, going fast too. No, she has not been up in the air, nor has no idea of doing so. Their son, Irving bought a new Ford possibly 40 years ago, maybe longer, before he married. She thinks it was when they first appeared on the market. Later the Bennetts bought this car from him, their first car.

She, like all other pioneer first ladies, ironed on a SAD iron, flat, hard work, but it got the job done O. K. It was many years later before she got her first washing machine. All her children, boys and girls alike, had various jobs both around the house and fields to help out. All had to work to keep a large family and place. She worked in the fields, too.

There was a small paper published at Mayskew which they subscribed to. There is no sign of this place now, but it was originally between them and Della Plains, in other words about 1 1/2 miles east of their

present home. She does not recall the first issues of the Beacon. Two of her older children attended the grade school of the college as it opened here.

By this time her family had well out-grown the one room sod-home, so they built a 4 room, frame home in 1897. This was to be their home for the next 43 years. As fortune and family grew, more rooms were added here and there, until it finally became a very colorful typical rambling ranch house of 13 rooms. Within these walls 7 more children were born. This home became a very popular meeting place for her children's friends, as well as their own.

Agricultural speaking, the first few years here really rough and tough going for the Ben-

netts. There were droughts, then pest to be completely transitory plague of pers. Depressions and fires were so common ready hardened pioneers. Texas, in their struggleistence. Thus they were compelled to forfeit the original home section, the price being reduced per acre.

A dream come true, its birth while living in house, was a new house. This house was begun and completed and in Sept. Later in the large House Opening believe it or not (Continued on next

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Story —

from preceding page) household, is that the to this new home to the exact spot that door stood for the 43 original 4 room house. It is hard to describe the it justice. Down the left stand a real on the wall, for at of its rambling branches of their 11 children. In one of the wall is "papered" another wall hangs grandchildren, total descendants.

gloss appearance. There are numerous other hand art pieces, too, crochet pieces too numerous to mention everywhere you look. The banquet spread is about the best example.

During all her life Mrs. Bennett says that she had the longing and wishing to study art. Due to a busy, full rounded life, this talent had to slumber for many years, almost as long as did Grandma Moses. About a quarter of a century ago she and all her daughters finally had the chance to study china and oils. Consequently all the walls of the new home now hangs pictures done by them. Many china cabinets are full of that art today. There are only 3 prints (pictures) in the house, and each one of them are gifts from personal friends that they prize very much. Mrs. Bennett's favorite oil is called "Ship At Sea." This was done by her many years ago. A twilight harbor scene, skyscrapers in the distance, with only a trace of the first evening lights on, brilliant dying sun, casting its last rays over the deep, angry waves. A row boat coming out to meet the anchored ship. This hangs in a prominent place in the huge living room. While Mr. Bennett's favorite one is also done by her, taken from the study of a magazine cover, of a white-face bereford prize cow. This hangs in the den, just outside the kitchen, which has an entrance of its own.

Mrs. Bennett has also done some china painting, but she takes the greater pride in displaying the complete service of china, done by Faye. There are other hand painted tea sets, vases, and etc., too numerous to mention. In fact her china cabinets are full to the brim, with

all those pretty priceless dishes. The what-not shelves, too, are running over, yet she is again studying art, china and ceramics. At present she has already done some lovely, exquisite pieces that will easily take its bow along with the rest of her colorful glassware. There are various pieces of crystal, too, including lamps, etc.

In conclusion, Mrs. Bennett sums up her 81 years young (this is 92) of living as she says she has seen it from the same, front yard where she has walked, cared for, and meditated for more than 62 years. Which years do you consider the best, and the happiest of your life? Why TODAY is definitely the best, in fact the only time to be alive. For there are more recent faster developments in this generation more than all the others put together. It will continue. For this she would love to be allowed to continue to live longer just to witness. This is the mere beginning. Forget the past, its long past gone. She, like others of her pioneer days, knew no other methods of doing things, and naturally she accepted things as they were, just "togging" along. She was happy then, she is happy now. Realizing that living in her new home is a dream come true of her philosophy of life, "Tomorrow always comes, bringing better things."

Believable, we realize that this interview is over. She must rest, its late you must go home. As you stand in the doorway, that no doubt hundreds have passed through (same door way of all the years) you have rapidly re-lived those years with she and her family, from the sod-house to the present modern, brick home. You feel warm inside, knowing you are a friend to her, as well as to the three generations of perfect hostess living there today, she, Laura and Mary Louise. She asks you to do come again soon, let's talk some more.

You take one more peep over your back, at the home, colorful, cheerful, and you know living, loving will continue there, as had always in the previous homes over which she has reigned. As you walk across the lawn, that she has for these 62 years, you glance at the place where the sod-house stood, your emotions are so mixed, so full, that all you can say is, "God bless you, Mrs. Bennett, and yours."

ONE-A-DAY HOME HINTS When making applesauce, add a tablespoon of salt to the water in which you drop the sliced, pared apples. This way they can remain uncooked without discoloring.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.



OLDTIMERS — Business men of Lockney in the early years were, left to right, Clyde Reeves, grocery and dry goods; Grady Brewster, insurance; A. J. White, hardware; Ben Rigdon, barber. The picture was made at Galveston.



MERCHANT — E. L. Ayres, a merchant at Lockney for 40 years, passed away at his home here December 3, 1946. He was a pioneer of the area, settling first in Briscoe County and then moving to Lockney in 1902. At one time Mr. Ayres had a very large dry goods store here. He was a very active business man and community builder and was always active in any movement for the betterment of the community.

Mrs. Ayres passed away Feb. 8, 1948 also in Lockney. The couple have six children as follows: Madison of Lamesa, Waller, Lee, Delia, Robert and Frederick, all of Lockney. One child Carlile is deceased.

Wylie, Taylor county, during the 1944-45 session and was an employee relations counselor at Abilene Army Air Base when he joined the Veterans Administration in 1945.

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ONE-A-DAY HOME HINTS If you run short of silver polish, pour some milk into a pan and put your tarnished silverware into it. Let it stand for several hours, then wash the silverware in sudsy water. All the tarnish will be removed.

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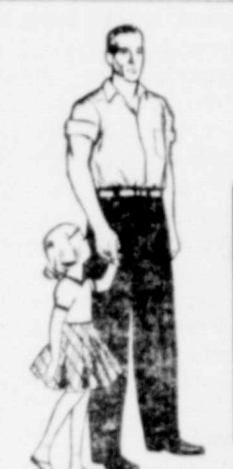
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### EDITORIAL

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure and whether it be right.—Proverbs 20:11.

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This week we present to our readers The Beacon's Fiftieth Anniversary edition. Although it is far short of what it could be had we had more help and been in position to spend more time on it, yet we are proud of the history it reveals and the interest that it will have for many people, particularly the older people of this area.

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We know that errors will appear. It is hard to get two people to remember the same event the same way when it happened 50 years ago. Perhaps every story is not absolutely correct in every detail but details do not matter

too much. The stories we believe you will find to be interesting and informative. We have found a great deal of pleasure in developing some of the stories herein and it has been a very interesting experience for us.

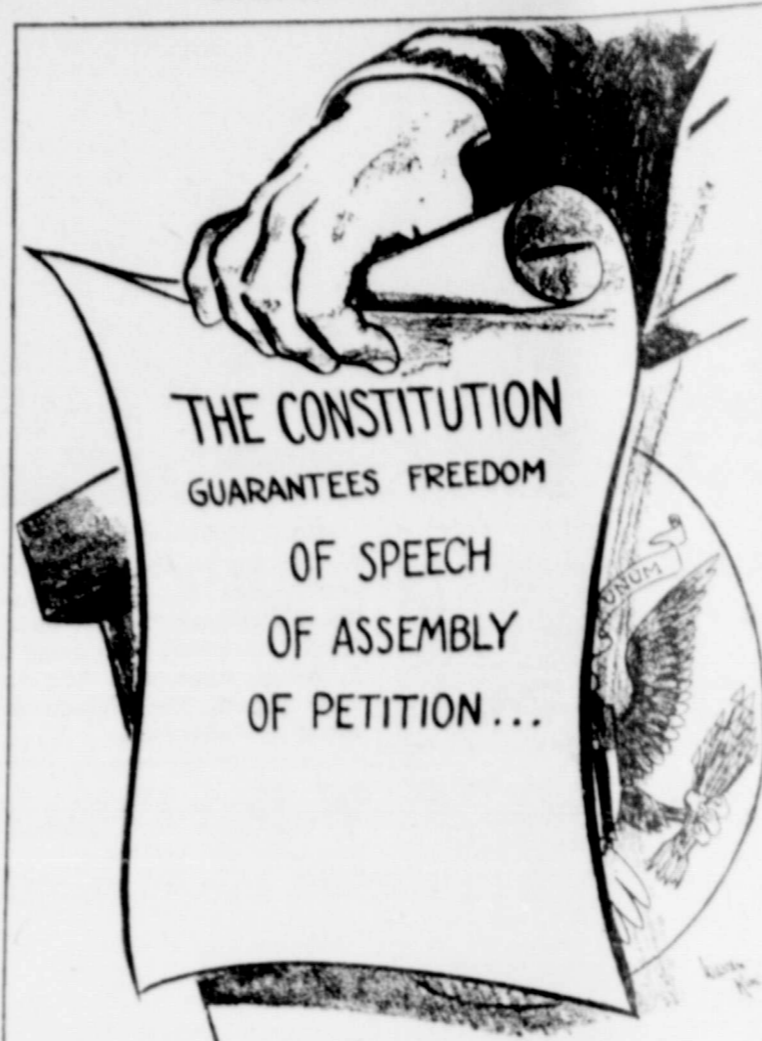
—oOo—  
Some things that should be in this issue will be missed. Some of them will be missed because we overlooked them or didn't know about them. Others will be left out because we didn't have room. It would take a newspaper three times the size of this one to give a complete history of the town and the area. We found, after we had started on the issue, that we should have started months earlier. We have tried to hit the "high spots" in the development of the town and county and we hope that you will enjoy the paper.

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We do appreciate the help we have had in working up this edition of The Beacon. Recognition of some of those who helped is given elsewhere in this issue. But we especially appreciate the business houses who have joined in the spirit of the venture by advertising in this special edition. You will want to keep a copy of this newspaper and as you do you, too, will appreciate the businessmen who have helped to make the edition possible.

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We hope, if this issue serves no other purpose, it will help all of us to appreciate the sacrifices, high ideals and sound judgment of the people who settled this country. We did not realize what the pioneers of Floyd County had to contend with until we began work on this edition. Hardship and sacrifice was the order of the day at the turn of the century, yet it served, we believe, to bring people to higher ideals and a more considerate attitude toward their fellow man. We fear at times that the luxurious living of this day will lead to the downfall of our great country through lack of moral principals, lack of ambition and desire to "get ahead."

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

### UPHOLDING OUR RIGHTS



### With Our EXCHANGES

#### A BOY

After a male boy has grown out of long clothes and triangles and has acquired pants, freckles and so much dirt that relatives do not dare to kiss it between meals, it becomes a BOY. A boy is Nature's answer to that false belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion. A boy can swim like a fish, run like a deer, climb like a squirrel, balk like a mule, bellow like a bull, eat like a pig or act like a jackass, according to climatic conditions.

He is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite. A noise covered with smudges. He is called a tornado because he comes at the most unexpected times, hits the most unexpected places and

leaves everything a wreck behind him.

He is a growing animal of superative promise, to be fed, watered and kept warm, a joy forever, a periodic nuisance, the problem of our time, the hope of a nation.

Every boy born is evidence that God is not yet discouraged of man.

Were it not for boys, the newspapers would go unread and go bankrupt. Boys are useful in running errands. A boy can easily do the family errands with the aid of five or six adults. The zest with which a boy does an errand is equalled only by the speed of a turtle on a July day.

The boy is a natural spectator. He watches parades, fires, fights, ball games, automobiles, boats, and airplanes with equal fervor, but will not watch the clock.

The man who invents a clock

that will stand on its head and sing a song when it strikes will win the undying gratitude of millions of families whose boys are forever coming to dinner about supper time.

Boys faithfully imitate their dads in spite of all efforts to teach them good manners. A boy, if not washed too often and if kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident, will survive broken bones, hornets, swimming holes, fights, and nine helpings of pie. — Plainview Herald.

### HUGE SAVINGS POSSIBLE

If you paid your proportionate share of the \$85,444,000,000 Federal budget, on a population basis, it would cost you \$551. Each of our 155,000,000 people would be taxed the same amount.

But a recent study of the budget by the National Association of Manufacturers shows where \$14,800,000,000 could be cut from the budget. On a per capita basis, that would save each of us \$95.48.

The NAM study shows how these savings could be made without reducing the amounts budgeted for aircraft, ships, tanks, ordnance, or other heavy "hard goods" needed for defense. It could be done by ending Federal waste and extravagance.

In these inflationary times, \$95.48 may not buy much. But it's worth saving. Let's insist that it be saved! — Hockley County Herald.

### LIKE'S RELIGION

Several papers have received inquiries as to General Eisenhower's faith. The General's father and mother were members of the Brethren in Christ a secret akin to the Quakers. His grandfather, Jacob Eisenhower, was a minister in the Brethren in Christ. The General and Mrs. Eisenhower were married in a Presbyterian church. Like is a devout Protestant and has always attended his Army life. — Tullia Herald.

"A real politician is one who can throw his hat in the ring without endangering his scalp." — Franklin P. Jones.

## Long Ago In Lockney

Items of interest from the files of The Lockney Beacon.

October 31, 1913

The Bachelor Boy's Commercial Club had a meeting Tuesday night and the matter of securing a Lyceum course was taken up and the Secretary was instructed to correspond with Lyceum Bureau for this purpose.

The first blizzard of the season struck the Plains country last Saturday night and Sunday morning a light snow covered the ground.

Eld. Floy E. Wallace of Georgetown is conducting a protracted meeting at the College chapel. Eld. Wallace is an able speaker and those who go out to hear him are well paid for their trouble.

Walter Campbell again leads the piano contest this week with a safe majority. This is the fourth time Walter has lead the contest sponsored by the Beacon.

Henry Smith of the Flomot country who is sixteen years old picked 606 pounds of cotton in one day the latter part of last week.

June 25, 1920

A few days ago two valuable milk cows belonging to Mr. Langfeldt were killed as the result of electric light wires breaking. Mr. Langfeldt was paid \$250 by the Tex. Utilities Co. for the loss of his cows.

Conde Davis returned Monday from New York where he took his 15 year old medical treatment. The radium treatment was administered by an eminent New York physician.

The Lockney section county is in general a land of tractors.

Wheat harvesting earnest in Floyd county this week. Many headers are going and with weather the crop well harvested.

The infant boy of Mrs. Clarence Cochran Wednesday and was the Lockney Cemetery afternoon at 4 o'clock.

George T. Merriam Wednesday from business. When asked going to move back he said his plans were not definite.

November 22, 1921  
The new 1921 Chevrolet now on display at the Auto Company.

Members of the Church are invited to a reception in the church Friday evening. A new pastor will be given in his new pastor and his family.

Mrs. H. B. Adams operated on at the White Sanitarium last day is reported to be nicely.

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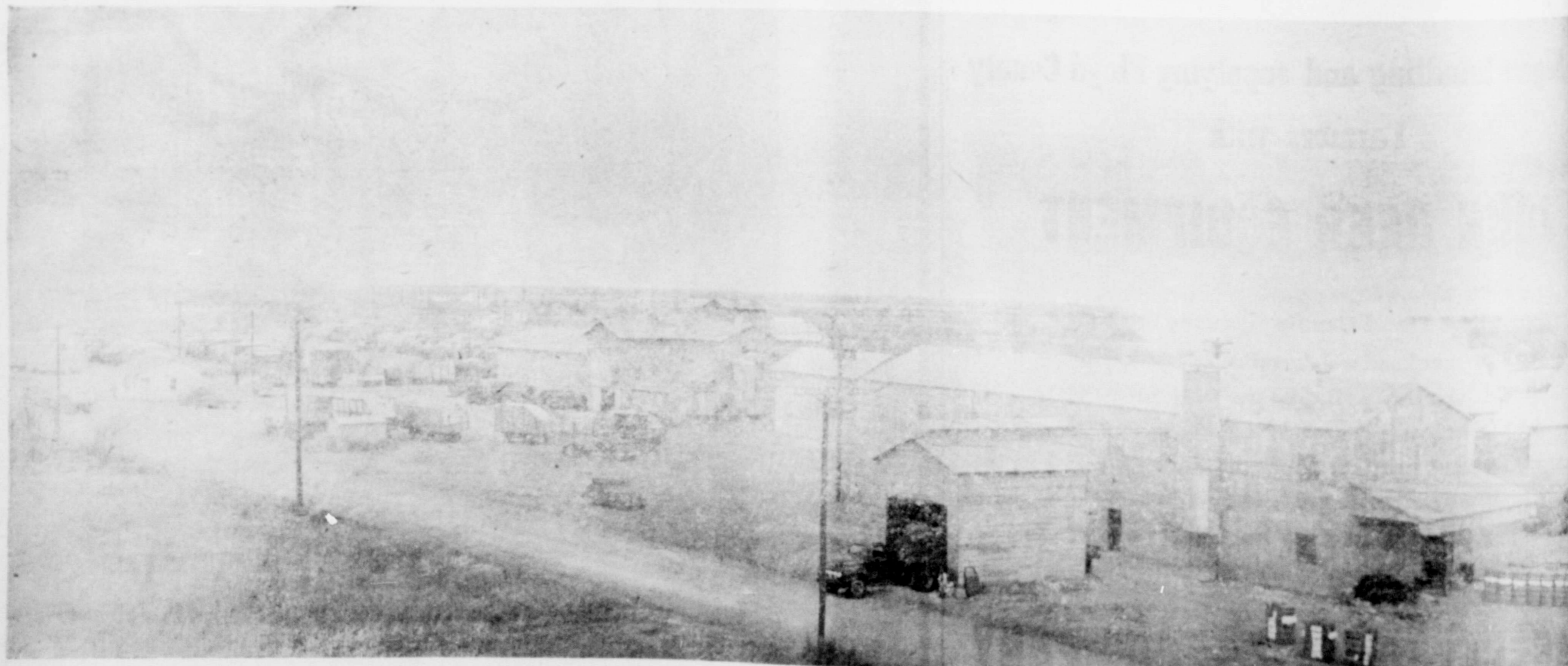
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# DELLA PLAIN FIRST TOWN FLOYD COUNTY

The story of Floyd county's first town, Della Plain, from the Floyd County Centennial's Golden Anniversary issue published in 1940, the story being written from Claude L. H. Cooper's history of Floyd County published in 1905.

Founded in 1887, Della Plain was the first town in Floyd county named in honor of J. S. McLain, the daughter of Della, located 5 miles north and east of the present city of Ada. After five years Della was practically abandoned.

Mayshaw sprang up two west of Della Plain. An account of a severe drouth in Braidfoot, of Baylor county, compelled to seek a new place for his cattle, and in the part of the summer of 1887 he moved his herds to Floyd county. He quickly conceived the idea of founding a town to be named for the county seat. A partnership was formed with McLain, of Seymour to put the new town on the site of Floyd county. Later Dr. Wilson and Judge I. R. White, both of Seymour, bought the land in the town promotion.

column of 1887 from Wichita Falls, a distance of 175 miles, by means of ox wagons. It was intended for a store, but at first lumber for the floor and shingles for the roof were lacking. It remained in this unfinished state for several months, but it served as a temporary dwelling place for the families of new-comers and as a place for public assembly.

J. S. McLain, also from Baylor county, was influenced in moving to Floyd county by his uncle, J. R. McLain, and Paris Cox, the founder of Estacado and the county clerk of Crosby county until 1888. It was J. S. McLain's daughter in whose honor the town was named. Seg Bradford, a surveyor by calling, near the close of 1887 located on a quarter section in the homestead strip lying north of Della Plain. He located the school lands for the permanent school fund of Floyd county in Bailey county in 1890.

**Post Office Established**  
Dr. Wilson, Davis Brothers, A. J. Sams, and A. D. White were among the first storekeepers of the newly created town. The old store building on the north side of the square at Della Plain was occupied as a store, a dwelling, and a postoffice by A. D. White until 1893.

In the spring of 1888 a special



—Pictured here are a group of select young men of the community in the year 1906. They are front row, left to right, Monroe Smith, Ben Eckols, France Carthel, Jake Smith, Joe Carthel; middle row, left to right, Marshall Davis, Grady Rigdon, Luther Cooper, Bill Alford, Ben Rigdon, Rod Rigdon; back row, left to right, Hyley McGehee, Lee Wofford, Lambert Thornton, Alvis Gopher, Homer Rigdon, Reed Harper, Percy Orman.

postoffice at Della Plain was established. It was supplied from Estacado. J. R. McLain was postmaster, and R. E. L. McLain, assistant postmaster. J. S. McLain served as mail carrier most of the time that Della Plain was specially supplied from Estacado.

About a year later Della Plain was converted into a regular postoffice. A mail route from Amarillo to Estacado, via Plainview and Della Plain was created and Della Plain received mail once a week.

In January, 1889, R. E. L. McLain founded The Della Plain Review in order that Floyd county and Della Plain might become better known to those who were thinking of seeking homes in the west. The Della Plain Review suspended publication in August, 1891, and its plant was moved to Silverton, in Briscoe county.

When Della Plain was established there were no roads across the county to speak of. Most travel was by course or by cattle trails. To facilitate travel between Della Plain and Plainview a route was marked out by the aid of a pocket compass and by means of a cedar log dug over the ground by a wagon. The mark thus made for the guidance of the traveler was on a line to Plainview, and it ran about one mile south of the site where Lockney was afterwards founded.

A blacksmith shop was set up at Della Plain in 1888 by J. C. White. In 1889 he moved to Lockney.

On Christmas eve, 1888, Della Plain had its first public dance in the old store building on the north side of the public square. Few, if any, of the nearby settlers were absent from this social function. J. C. White and one of his daughters furnished music for the occasion. The violin was his own handiwork.

**Massie Is Teacher**  
The first school in Floyd county was at Della Plain in the winter of 1888-1889. There were fifteen scholastics in Floyd county, and the per capita apportionment was \$4.00, \$60.00 being the total school fund. Miss Emma Lewis, of Estacado, was the teacher, and T. J. Braidfoot, J. S. McLain, and A. V. McCracken served as trustees. The teacher was paid \$30.00 per month and the term was four months. The teacher's salary was supplemented by private subscriptions. The year following there were twenty scholastics, and the total school fund amounted to \$80.00.

Wm. Massie was the teacher, and his salary was \$40.00 per month for four months. The teacher was paid for two months services in money, and for the remaining two months in cedar posts and wood. The two Merrill boys, sons of W. A. Merrill, of Blanco Canyon, attended the second school session, going a distance of twelve miles.

Early in 1889 a Sunday school was organized. R. T. Miller was the superintendent. The interest was marked, as some people who attended lived ten miles or farther from Della Plain. Occasionally there were divine services at Della Plain. Sometimes the store building on the north side of the public square was used as a place of worship and at other times were held in dug-outs. O. A. Shook, J. H. Stegall, and Thomas Duncan, the men who preached in the canyon settlement visited Della Plain. These preachers, together with Anson Cox, the preacher of Estacado, may justly be reckoned the pioneer preachers of the staked plains.

**First College**  
Early in the spring of 1890, shortly before Floyd county was organized, a movement for founding the Della Plain Male and Female Institute was put on foot. This enterprise had its inception at Seymour, where Rev. B. F. Fronbarger, the proprietor of a large private school at Springtown, in Parker county delivered an address in the interest of his school.

At the close of the address Fronbarger was approached by J. R. McLain with reference to founding a school at Della Plain and entered into a contract with McLain and seven others to erect a school building, maintain and supervise a school for five years, at the expiration of which the title to the building and some town lots were to vest in him.

When the building was finished it was learned that the contractors were unable to fulfill the contract. The lumber company the following year obtained judgment against those responsible for the erection of the building. Fronbarger secured a release to his part of the obligation by the payment of a certain sum of money.

The school existed only a few months in 1890-1891. C. W. Hutcherson, a graduate of Fronbarger's school at Springtown, was principal. Miss Anna Bedecarrax was assistant principal. Hutcherson entered upon his work with much vigor, but soon resigned and was succeeded by Fayette Copeland. The school ran as a public school and closed in about six months.

The Della Plain Male and Female institute building was converted into an additional room of the Floydada public school in 1895.

**Nemesis**  
The population of Della Plain dwindled away during 1891 and 1892. Briscoe county was organized March 15, 1892 and Braidfoot, Briscoe, and a few others, losing confidence in Della Plain's future, moved to Briscoe county and had one part in the founding of Silverton. Others had a part in the founding of Mayshaw, and still others moved elsewhere. Only the postoffice and a small store, operated by A. D. White, were remaining in 1893. In the autumn of 1893 the Della Plain postoffice was discontinued, and White settled on a 160-acre home stead nine miles west of Floydada.

In 1900 twenty acres of the Della Plain town site was planted in cotton and six bales were gathered and were ginned at Childress.

## City Incorporated By Vote In 1908

The City of Lockney was incorporated by a vote of the citizens on November 14, 1908. The election was rather hot and both sides made drives for votes according to files of The Beacon. The group favoring incorporation talked about progress and fire protection while those opposing talked of high taxes and needless expense.

The city favored incorporation by a vote of 52 to 37. The Beacon says, and plans were made for an election of officials.

On December 10, 1908 the following men were elected the first officials of the City of Lockney: Mayor, Judge J. N. Stalbird; Aldermen, R. F. Fry, G. W.

Brewster, L. H. Cooper, H. Howard and J. D. Griffith; Marshal, J. T. Livesay.

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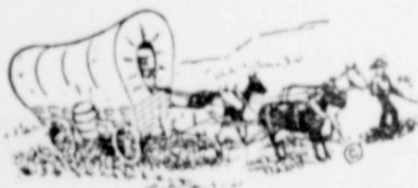
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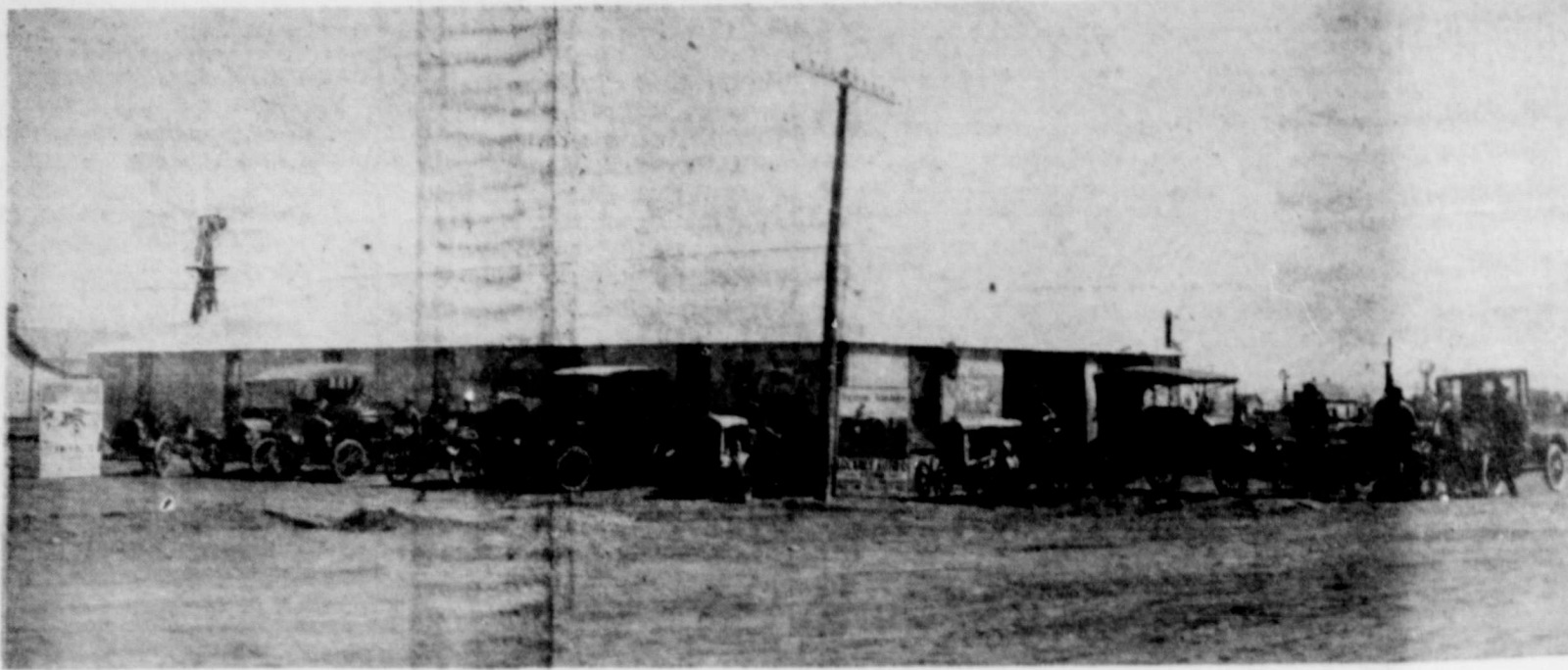
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**NEED A NEW FORD?** — Pictured here is the Lockney Auto Company, as it appeared in 1917. The photographer was standing about the present site of the Darnell Grocery, the former Maier Food Store, when the picture was made some 35 years ago. The Lockney Auto Co. was owned and operated by Arthur P. Barker Sr. then as it is now and he was the local Ford dealer at that time. The lot was purchased from J. A. Baker for \$500 and this building constructed in the

year 1914. The reader will observe that there was no paving in Lockney at that time. All the cars shown are Model T Fords and the tractors are iron-wheeled Fordson tractors. The stripped down Ford at the far left of the picture was the forerunner of all present day hot rod cars. Mr. Barker says. He took the body and fenders off the car, installed two bucket seats with a round gas tank immediately behind them, put a 3 to 1 gear ratio in the differential and

than had a car that would make the alarming speed of 45 miles per hour. The two glass enclosed cars, one a town sedan and the other a coupe, were something to be proud of at that time. This was the first year Henry Ford Sr. manufactured cars of this type. In this picture Arthur P. Barker Sr. is the third man from the right and standing directly in front of the gasoline pump. He regrets that he did not write down the names of all the boys and men in the

picture so that he could identify them now. He is sure that the three kids sitting on the hood and fenders of the Ford at the left are all grandfathers now and living right here in Lockney. T. Walling, Mac Dixon and Glenn Hamilton were mechanics at about this time and he is pretty sure the man sitting on the left Fordson is T. Walling. Mr. Barker changed from a Ford agency to a Chevrolet agency in 1930 and has been operating as such since.

rough for him to drive through the country to fill his appointments in his little two-horse buggy. Brother Weathers continued to operate his farm until late in life when he was forced by his health to retire from his ministry as well as farming. He passed away November 11th, 1938 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eva Whitfill in Lockney. His wife preceded him in death on April 29, 1925. Four of his children still make Lockney their home. They are Mrs. Ed Whitfill, and J. H. Clayton and Bill Weathers. His other two daughters are Mrs. Ethel Floyd, formerly of Lockney now of Brownfield and Mrs. Earnie Barrows of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**ONE-A-DAY HOME HINTS**  
Rub lipstick or rouge stains with lard or vaseline, say gas appliance experts. Wash in hot suds, always on tap with an automatic gas water heater. If the color stain remains, bleach with hydrogen peroxide. Do not use soap first, it may set the stain.

Warm spring days have a way of turning cool. That's when it's mighty convenient to have on hand one of those small portable gas heaters for use wherever direct heat is needed.

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Soon it will be time again to wash away heavy winter coats. Two minutes on a hot water heater, then a single rinse, followed by wringing out, is the prescription for washing wool. With the magic of a dryer, your blankets will be as fluffy as new.

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**Early Preachers Had Important Part In Area**

The oldest Baptist preacher in the Texas panhandle from the point of service was the late Rev. R. E. L. Muncy who passed away only last year.

Rev. Muncy came to the country in 1895 and established the Muncy community in 1897. Near the railroad switch built in 1910 which bears his name in a brick school in which Muncy Baptist Church was held for sixteen years. Rev. Muncy served as pastor of this church the entire time.

Rev. R. E. L. Muncy and family came from Wise County and settled in Floyd county in 1895.

The Muncy Missionary Baptist church was organized September 11, 1910 in the old Mayshaw school house but in view of the fact that it was to move to Muncy as soon as the school was completed it was also given the name Muncy. This church continued to function with Rev. Muncy as pastor until February 28, 1926 when it was dissolved and most of its membership was carried to Lockney. Rev. Muncy began preaching in Floyd County in 1895 and preached in nearly all the early school houses and was pator at one time at Floyviada, Lakeview, Campbell, Hill Crest, Sunset, Lone Star Iriek, Muncy and Baker.

Four of Rev. Muncy's five sons still live in this area. They are Robert B. Edt, Arch B. and Clay. The fifth son, Roy lives at Waco. Rev. Muncy recalled the J. J. Day and C. W. Smith, Church of

Christ preachers were here preaching in various school houses when he came to the county. Rev. Paris Cox of the Quaker faith preached at Mayshaw prior to 1895.

Another pioneer preacher known and loved by a host of friends in this area was Rev. J. A. Weathers who moved to Floyd County in 1904 with his wife and children from Hunt County. He bought a farm eight miles northwest of Lockney, now owned and operated by his grandson, Billy Ed Whitfill.

Mr. Weathers was an ordained Baptist minister for forty-five years and was instrumental in organizing the Meteor Baptist Church, which was later renamed Aiken Baptist Church. Meteor called him as their pastor and he served there for nine years preaching two Sundays a month. During this time he pas-

tered several other small churches among which were Sunset, now called South Plains, one near Happy and one in Crosby County.

A number of this church members at Sunset now live in or near Lockney a few of whom were Mother Harper and family, the Sims, the Uptions and the Walter Longs. The weather was never too severe nor the roads too

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