

# The Lynn County News

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## BULLINGTON IS SPEAKER HERE

Candidate For Governor Was In Tahoka Short Speech On Last Thursday

Orville Bullington, candidate for governor, arrived and spoke here Thursday afternoon of last week after the News had gone to press. Arriving late, he did not speak more than fifteen minutes. He was introduced by Judge L. C. Heath.

Bullington explained that while he was a Republican no national issues were involved in this campaign. Only state issues, he said, were involved and he contended that the people should vote for the best interests of the state regardless of party affiliation.

He declared that he was dealing in no abuse of Jim Ferguson and had very little to say concerning the Ferguson. He did assail, however, Ferguson's proposal to cut the gasoline tax into three parts, giving one-third to the school fund instead of one-fourth now paid into this fund, one-third to the general fund, and one-third to the highway fund. This would be unfair to thousands of tenant farmers and laborers, who own little property but who do buy gasoline for their cars, for it would result in their paying a larger proportionate share of the state taxes, he argued. Furthermore, he showed that such a policy would mean that not another mile of highway in this state

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## Little Girl Dies Of Diphtheria

The little nine-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner living near Draw died of diphtheria Monday night. The remains were interred at Draw on Tuesday.

The family formerly resided in Tahoka, Mr. Turner having been employed for some time at Colleen's blacksmith shop.

Many friends sympathize with the parents in their great loss.

## Democrat Rally Held Saturday

Speaking to a small audience in the district court room here Saturday afternoon, Judge J. E. Vickers and Judge G. E. Lockhart of Lubbock made appeals to the voters to support the Democratic ticket straight, laying stress on the duty of Democrats to vote for the Democratic candidates for president and governor.

Judge Lockhart also discussed briefly some of the relief measures recently enacted by Congress. He explained the provisions of the Home Loan Act and contended that it afforded little relief to the home owner.

While the crowd was small it seemed to be in thorough accord with the speakers from start to finish.

## PREACHING AT CHURCH OF CHRIST ON NEXT SUNDAY

Preaching services will be held at the Church of Christ on each first and third Sunday in the month at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M., according to announcement of members of that church. Preaching by the pastor, Elder R. P. Drennon. Everybody cordially invited.

## MULE BREAKS LEG

A team of mules belonging to E. H. Cantrell, who resides north of town a few miles, became frightened and ran away with a cotton wagon at one of the gins here Tuesday night, and in the runaway a leg of one of the mules was broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baldrige of Clovis are visiting here and at O'Donnell this week. Mr. Baldrige says that the wheat crop last year was a complete failure but that the prospect for the next crop is now very fine. But the price of wheat is about like the price of cotton and the wheat farmer is in a bad predicament.

Mrs. H. C. Crie visited her daughter, Mrs. Sumner Clayton, in O'Donnell last Sunday.

## WILL ANNOUNCE VOTE RESULTS

Big Election Party Is Planned For Tuesday Night; Complete Service Secured

Arrangements have been made for election returns to be received and posted on a bulletin board in the middle of Main Street here next Tuesday night, as has been done heretofore.

It is believed that the service will be much more satisfactory than heretofore, however, since the returns will come in over the Western Union wires at two-minute intervals, until midnight, after which time they will be received over the radio. Heretofore the returns have been telephoned from Lubbock.

Returns from the Presidential race covering practically every state in the Union will be received as well as the returns of the Texas contest for governor.

The people of the county are invited to come in Tuesday evening and night and watch the returns as they are posted every 20 minutes on the bulletin board.

## Wilson Woman Is Getting By OK

Without her pantry, garden, chickens, and hogs Mrs. B. R. Adams of Wilson thinks she and her husband wouldn't fare so well.

She now has twelve varieties of vegetables growing in her garden. Water cress, a salad green, is also growing on the banks of the tank. From her one-fourth acre garden, Mrs. Adams has canned 275 containers of vegetables which are of 20 varieties, valued at \$41.95. She has sold fresh vegetables amounting to \$3.83. It cost her \$5.13 to raise and preserve this food. For \$6.60 Mrs. Adams bought 20 cans of salmon, 6 gallons and 15 number 2 1/2 size cans of fruit for her pantry. This she paid for with poultry profits.

"Our dairy products have averaged \$30.00 per cow. We have six cows. This has furnished us car expenses, clothes, and what groceries we can't raise this year," stated Mrs. Adams.

"I shall can a beef later and cure pork. The nicest thing about canned meat is its readiness to serve. Three unexpected men came for dinner one day when my husband and I had planned to eat a lunch. By the time the men had prepared themselves for dinner, I had roast and gravy, snap beans, corn, and fruit all prepared from my pantry and a fresh salad from my garden. Had it not been for my pantry and garden I could have never done this in such a short time."

Mrs. Adams is a turkey demonstrator and is working to improve her flock of bronze turkeys.

## Boydston Youth's Shoulder Broken

The little son of J. J. Boydston, about ten years of age, suffered a bad fracture of the shoulder on Thursday of last week while wrestling with a playmate at school.

Proper surgical and medical attention was promptly given and the patient is making satisfactory improvement.

## NEW PRODUCE MANAGER

Amel Willingham has accepted the position as manager of Park's Produce, being checked in this morning. He says his motto will be quick service and courteous treatment. He invites his produce friends around to see him at any time.

## DAVIS KILLS DEER

H. D. Davis, proprietor of the new Help Yourself Store here, went on a hunting expedition out in the mountains of New Mexico near Magdalena, and reports that he killed a 4-point buck weighing 190 pounds. It was the thrill of a life time.

Mrs. W. L. Knight has been making a practice for several years of sending the Lynn County News to her children residing in other cities. She came in Wednesday and renewed one of the subscriptions. It is a thoughtful thing for her to do, for the children enjoy the news from Tahoka.

## At the Helm—In Time of Need!



## Blanton Was Not Tharp Murderer

H. C. (Buddy) Blanton of Amarillo, who was charged by complaint with the slaying of Robert Tharp, manager of an M-System store in Lubbock on Saturday night, October 15, when the store was robbed and who was being held in the Lubbock County Jail, was completely exonerated by a Lubbock county grand jury on Monday of this week, after evidence was presented to the grand jury which convinced that body that the wrong man was being held.

Blanton had been positively identified by witnesses to the robberies as the guilty man, it is said, but more than twenty residents of Amarillo who knew Blanton well testified that Blanton was in Amarillo on the night of the killing. Their statements corroborated in the minutest detail, it is said, a voluntary written statement given by Blanton to the assistant district attorney detailing his movements in Amarillo on the night of the Lubbock robbery and murder.

No blame is attached to witnesses who testified to Blanton's identity. It was evidently just an honest mistake on their part.

## NEW SCARLET FEVER CASE

The little daughter of L. O. Mitchell became sick of scarlet fever at Central Ward School the first of the week. We understand the patient is doing as well as could be expected. His brother, who has been seriously ill so long following a second operation for appendicitis, is still quite seriously sick.

## Lubbock County Attorney Warns Of Criminals' Trek To The Small Towns

Lynn County News: Following the general movement started in Lubbock several days ago against the criminal and undesirable element which has infested Lubbock and its immediate vicinity for some time, we have noticed that the absence in Lubbock of this class of persons is conspicuous to those of us who constantly come in contact with them. This movement was necessary in this locality because of the increase of unconscionable crimes committed in this section. The public has been aroused by this crime wave and the officers are receiving the cooperation of law abiding people in this movement because they realize that citizenship imposes upon them this duty, and such movement is for public protection.

I have been informed from several sources that this element has migrated to smaller towns on the south plains and I feel it is my duty to call your attention to that fact in order that thru your publication you may make it publicly known that

## Negroes Hold Convention Here

Three Negro choirs combined to render a program in a singing convention held in the First Baptist Church here last Sunday afternoon. The visiting choirs were from Lamesa and Big Spring and they were assisted by the local Negro choir. Quite a number of white folks were present to enjoy the program and many others probably would have been present if the affair had been given wider publicity.

This convention was a part of the program of a convention of West Texas Negroes in session here from Thursday night till Sunday night meeting with the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church here. There were ten visiting preachers and 34 other visitors, according to George Bivins. They raised a total sum of \$90.35 for the work being carried on by them.

On Sunday night, Rev. O. C. Hollins was elected pastor of the local church.

## ATTENTION EASTERN STAR!

All members of the order of the O. E. S. are requested to meet at the Masonic Hall Friday night, Nov. 4 at 7 P. M.

The Worthy Matron will make her report from Grand Chapter. Beulah Applewhite, W. M. Bonna Stokes, Secretary.

## NEW LYNN BOX SUPPER

The New Lynn Live Wire club girls are giving a free program and box supper Friday night, Nov. 4, at the New Lynn school house. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Schools Dismissed For Cotton Picking

### T-BAR CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

John T. McMillan, 85, Dies After Long Illness; Was Prominent In Masonic Lodge

John T. McMillan, 85, prominent citizen of the T-Bar community died at his residence Tuesday night after a lingering illness and the remains were interred in the cemetery at O'Donnell on Wednesday afternoon. Harris & Applewhite, undertakers, prepared the body for burial.

The funeral was conducted from the family residence and concluded at the cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity. Deceased was a member of the Lodge here, and about fifteen members went down to conduct the funeral rites.

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### Pretty Weather Brings In Cotton

More than 2,000 bales of cotton have been ginned in Tahoka this past week, according to reports given to the News by the various gins early Thursday morning. It is believed that this breaks all records for a single week in Tahoka. A total of 3,718 bales has been ginned here this season as against 1,682 up to the same time last year.

This is considerably below the total that had been ginned up to a corresponding date last year, however. The total number of bales ginned here last year prior to October 29 was 4,100, while the total number ginned prior to November 5 was 5,672.

The total crop this year, barring destructive storms, will considerably pass the total last year, it is believed. The crop is much later this year than last.

The price of cotton has hardly been holding its own. The New York market opened this morning at 6.03, which means about 5.25 in Tahoka.

### Party Tonight At Methodist Church

Plans have been completed for a big all-community party at the Methodist Church basement tonight, Thursday, at 8 o'clock. Games, music, stunts, and refreshments are included on the program, and all people, young and old, are invited.

Approximately 140 tickets have been sold, and those who have not bought "pasteboards" may secure them at the door tonight. Entertainment well worth the 25c admission fee is promised.

### NEW VALUATION POOL ANNOUNCED BY CO-OP

A new holding plan which enables cotton growers to hold their cotton for possible higher average seasonal prices at the minimum risk, obtain full credit for the market value at time of pooling and avoid loss from weather damage is announced by J. B. Magee, local Texas Cotton Cooperative Association representative.

The grower leaves one cent a pound or approximately five dollars a bale in this new valuation pool. Should there be a five dollar per bale profit, the grower gets back the five dollars withheld and the five dollar profit, or a total of ten dollars. The Association carries the cotton for the grower.

### MASONIC CALL MEETING

There will be a call meeting of the Masonic Lodge at 7:30 P. M. next Monday night for work in the Master's Degree. All members are urged to be present.

W. S. Anglin, W. M. O. A. Luallin, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith have sold their hotel at Brownfield, which they have been operating for several years, and on Wednesday the family moved back to Tahoka to reside. They formerly lived here.

### PLAN RECESS OF TWO WEEKS

Tahoka Children Go To The Cotton Fields Wednesday Morning Of This Week

The board of trustees Monday night decided to suspend the public schools of the Tahoka Independent District for a period of almost two weeks to enable the children to assist in gathering the cotton crop. School work was suspended accordingly at the close of the day Tuesday and will be resumed on Monday, November 14.

Quite a good many of the school children were already in the cotton fields and others, it is said, were planning to go. Many of the children therefore hid themselves to the fields on Wednesday morning to aid the farmers in gathering the crop and to earn a little money for themselves.

Since school started about a week earlier this year than last year, it can close next Spring just a little later than last year without undertaking to make up any of the time by teaching on Saturdays, as was done last year.

### Gets Arm Broken In Belting At Gin

While dressing a belt at the Handley Gin No. 1 last Saturday night, George Copeland had the misfortune to get his right arm caught between the belting and the wheel, resulting in a compound fracture of the bones just above the wrist. The bones were not only broken but were also splintered somewhat.

Mr. Copeland was immediately taken to a sanitarium in Lubbock, where the bones were set and treatment given. He was released from the sanitarium Tuesday afternoon but it is feared that it will take a long time for the fracture to heal completely.

### MISS BRILEY MARRIES

Friends here have received invitations to the wedding of Miss Juanita Briley, daughter of W. G. Briley, to be consummated this morning in the First Baptist Church of Abilene. The groom is a most excellent young man of that city. The Brileys lived in the Magnolia community for many years and in Tahoka for two or three years and were among the very best families of the county. The bride has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Steele of Abilene were brief visitors here Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McCord. They formerly resided in this county near Central Church.

### DON'T FORGET THE EDITOR!

Our readers and friends can greatly help us just now by renewing their subscriptions. During these strenuous years since the depression hit us, many of our subscribers have permitted their subscriptions to become delinquent, and we have not pressed them for payment. Knowing that many of them were in straitened financial circumstances, we were willing to suffer with them. But we have just about gone the limit.

On account of the depression, business men have not deemed it profitable to advertise. With our advertising so greatly curtailed and with so many subscribers neglecting or unable to pay their subscriptions, our need for funds with which to pay running expenses has become acute. We therefore appeal to our subscribers, especially to those whom we have accommodated, to use just a little of their cotton money now to pay up their subscriptions. It will not be but a small sum for each individual, but a large number of small sums will mean much to us. We know you will respond, folks, and we thank you.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflection upon the Advertising Rates on Application reputation or standing of any individual, firm or corporation, that may appear in the columns of the News, will be gladly corrected when called to our attention.

Many, many thousands of the best men and women of Texas are enthusiastically supporting Mrs. Ferguson for governor. Many, many thousands of them think that Jim Ferguson is one of the purest and most patriotic men that ever trod the soil of Texas. We think that these men and women are woefully deceived but we do not question their integrity or patriotism. Some of them are our very best friends and we would not intentionally do or say anything to offend them. We have never said anything in this paper editorially or otherwise that would reflect in any way on that great mass of good men and women who have staunchly supported Jim and Ma in their numerous political campaigns, and we do not intend to do so. However, we have flayed some of the crooked politicians who have been willing to go to any lengths of deception and abuse to whitewash Jim's record and to discredit his political and personal enemies. We shall continue to do that as occasion may arise. If Mrs. Ferguson should be elected governor on next Tuesday we sincerely wish that she and Jim for one time might give Texas a clean and unblemished administration, free from scandal and political turmoil. But at present the indications are that, in spite of the appeals Mrs. Ferguson has been making for political harmony and peace, they intend, immediately after being installed into office, to begin a fight to oust from all appointive positions every person who has been unfriendly to their political aspirations and to reward as many of their friends as possible with political jobs. Already Jim Ferguson has sternly declared that one of their first acts will be to oust the present highway commission. This commission is made up of three members, one appointed each two years, their tenure of office being six years. The purpose of this arrangement was to lift the office above the mire of party or factional politics and to always have experienced men on the board. Now Jim Ferguson has served notice that he intends to change all this. He proposes to oust the whole commission at one fell swoop, so that his

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own friends and supporters may be appointed to these places. We predict that when Jim Ferguson starts a row like that he will have a scrap on his hands that will make all his previous battles look like a love feast. The determination of the Ferguson to have all the spoils of office, to oust his enemies and entrench his friends, will embroil this state in such turmoil and strife and feud as it has not known since "Carpenterbag" days.

In his speech last Saturday afternoon Judge G. E. Lockhart made one observation that political speakers would do well to repeat over and over again everywhere. Judge Lockhart stated that although bad and incompetent men are often placed in positions of responsibility and leadership, yet he still has the utmost confidence in our government. "We have the greatest government on the face of the globe," he declared. And that is true. Most of us have gotten into such a habit of cursing the government that people generally have come to regard it as a great tyrant or a great fraud, it seems. If prices for what we have to sell become low, we cuss the government. If prices for what we have to buy become high, we cuss the government. If industrial conditions get in a bad way and men are thrown out of employment, we cuss the government. If general hard times hit the country, we cuss the government. If times are prosperous and men grow immensely rich by fair means or foul, we cuss the government. If a crime wave hits the country and many of the criminals are not caught, we cuss the government. If officers become hard-boiled and really undertake to enforce all the laws, we gripe about spies and snoopers and cuss the government. We have become a nation of chronic-critics and bellyachers with respect to our government. Three of our Presidents have been assassinated and another died from nervous strain, disappointment, and a broken heart, due largely to intense, bitter, unjust, and inexcusable public criticism and abuse. The politicians are chiefly to blame. During political campaigns or while manufacturing ammunition for a campaign, they frequently resort to deceit, hypocrisy, and just plain lying in order to discredit the head of the government and bring about his defeat. Members of both the great parties seem equally guilty. It is an unpatriotic and infamous thing to do. It creates distrust and hatred where none should exist. It undermines confidence in our government and breeds a spirit of resentment, bolshevism, and anarchy. We wish the politicians of both great parties could learn to be fair and would quit it. Our government is far from perfect. We must be eternally vigilant and alert to remedy defects, suppress greed and injustice, punish wickedness in high places and low, and to secure justice and protection for the weak and lowly, but we can do all that without lying and hypocrisy and defamation of character and intemperate and foolish abuse of our government. In spite of its defects and failures, we still have the best and greatest government on the face of the globe, folks, and we ought to appreciate it. Let's quit this foolishness of blaming everything on the government. Judge Lockhart was right, people; he was right.

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The News Twenty-Five Years Ago

From Files Of Lynn County News of November 1, 1932

Mr. Jesse Hatchett and Miss Beattie Marchbanks, both of Lynn, were united in marriage Sunday, Oct. 27, at three o'clock. Rev. Virgil Coughran spoke the sweet and solemn words that made them man and wife. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents. The Masonic building is being finished this week. Mrs. Singleton, who has been visiting in Colorado, is expected home any time. Troy Cowan of Colorado came in last Saturday to attend the death and funeral of his brother, Jesse, who had been very ill for several weeks. The West Texas Real Estate Company reports the following transfers: S. F. Singleton to R. W. Warren, 8 sections for \$25,000.00; C. N. Hutto to Mr. Waechter, 160 acres at \$10.00 per acre; Bob Majors to W. J. Crouch, 160 acres for \$1,600.00. Last Friday and Saturday, S. N. McDaniel, county clerk, recorded 35 lot transfers ranging in value from \$50.00 to \$75.00. A. L. Lockwood left for Snyder last Saturday to visit his father, who is sick. Will Gore and family were in town Tuesday visiting Mr. Gore's sister, Mrs. A. I. Thomas. J. E. Stokes of the hotel and Charley Brown of the meat market were summoned to Gail the first of the week. Mrs. J. D. Donaldson was in town Thursday. Mr. Donaldson has been at his farm harvesting the feed crop but is at work on the new house in east Tahoka again. J. L. Yarbro has sold the blacksmith shop to H. C. Smith, who served Tahoka in this capacity once before. J. V. Dyer brought in some fine

Sentiment in favor of Orville Bullington for governor seems to have spread and grown wonderfully the past two weeks. Jim Ferguson is again on the stump and on the radio, "pooring it on." He is at his best when indulging in abuse of his political enemies. And this kind of balldy takes with a great many people. But there is evidence that many who supported him in the summer campaign are growing tired of his bluff and bluster. They are beginning to wonder, too, if it really would be wise and safe to turn the power of the governor's office over to him without placing any of its responsibilities on him. When "Ma" was governor a few years ago, Jim brought in the wood and water, but it was for the big corporations chiefly. He represented some of them during her term of office, at a neat salary. The Ferguson Forum waxed fat in those days on advertisements inserted by contractors who were seeking road contracts from Jim's highway commission. The pardon business also flourished, and it is not believed that Jim was overlooking any bets while Ma was busy granting the pardons. At the end of her term, after she had been defeated for re-election, their friends put on a campaign on paper at least—to raise funds with which to build her a home. They built a mansion. Some have been unkind enough to call it "the house that pardons built." The charge has been made publicly and repeatedly during recent months that during the sessions of the present legislature Jim acted as the paid lobbyist of the sulphur interests. We have never seen any denial from Farmer Jim. There is no law against his so acting, even while Ma is governor. There is no law to prohibit or prevent him from practicing law for the corporations or for private individuals either before the courts or elsewhere. There is no law to prevent him from representing them before the legislature or even before the governor, which will be Ma. At every session of the legislature an attempt is made to raise the tax on the big sulphur interests that are taking immense quantities of sulphur, the major portion of the world's supply, from the deposits in South Texas. This proposal will be before the next legislature, and Jim will doubtless be on the pay rolls of the sulphur interests again to prevent such action. There is no law to prevent him from representing the big oil companies, the pipe line companies, the gas companies, the electric light and power companies, the railroads or any other corporation before the legislature or the governor. Is it safe and wise, folks, to again elect Ma? Let's ask ourselves that question when we go to the polls next Tuesday.

Mrs. L. F. Craft, who was taken to a sanitarium in Lubbock for treatment on last Friday, is reported to be somewhat improved.

sweet potatoes last Saturday, one of them weighing three and a half pounds, grown since the first of September, when a rain came and set things to growing. J. M. Caruthers and family of Salem, Arkansas, arrived in Lynn county last week to make their home on Mr. Reed's place east of town. Elder Eubanks and G. W. Samford went to Lubbock Tuesday to attend the Methodist-Christian debate. W. C. Cowan is having the grounds about his new residence broken up and sown in wheat. He intends to plant out trees later. Skinner & Reed sold 240 acres of the S. F. Singleton land to Andrew DeBord of Rule at \$5.00 per acre and \$2.00 to the State; also 320 acres of the Joplin section to Edwin Bristow of Rule for \$4.00 per acre and \$2.00 to the State. A. I. Thomas has the walls up and part of the roof on his new house. James Millman and Frank King of this place left for Big Spring Friday morning with three wagon loads of baled cotton. The gin has been as busy as can be since the sun came out. A half column news story relates the death of Jesse Cowan, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cowan, which occurred Sunday morning, Oct. 27. Railroad Construction Begun E. D. Skinner received a telephone from H. B. Cox of Stanton saying that S. G. Bon Durant was in Dallas and had sent out a lot of teams and scrapers for use on the railroad; that he thought actual construction work would begin the last of this week at Stanton and would be pushed on north as rapidly as the weather would permit; and that the new town of Brownlee, 20 miles north of Stanton on Sulphur Wells, has been laid out and the work of improvement will be begun at once.

Most Sunday schools throughout the nation and in many foreign countries had a lesson last Sunday on Temperance. Many fine lectures on this subject were doubtless heard in countless Sunday school classes throughout our country, but we doubt if there were many that were superior to the one delivered by G. E. Hogan to his class at the English Theatre. Absolutely free from abuse or harshness or radicalism, it was yet one of the most incisive and effective presentations of the subject we have heard in recent years. Mr. Hogan gave another lecture on this subject a few weeks ago that was equally as good. We wish that every father and mother in Tahoka might have heard these lectures. We believe that they would have been helped and inspired as we were.

Editor E. I. Hill of Tahoka News and Sam Brasswell of the Clarendon News are tickled pink that Governor Roosevelt has said something or another which they take justifies one in bolting, and we gather that these men, probably bolted four years ago. But, my good friends, Mr. Roosevelt surely did not mean that you should bolt him this year?—Brownfield Herald.

We doubt if Roosevelt cares a whoop how we vote, Jack. We haven't had a line from him during the entire campaign. We don't know whether he has willfully ignored us or just didn't have time to write. But since he has publicly endorsed our position on this bolting business, we guess we'll have to go ahead and vote for him anyway Jack. Old Potato.

Miss Wilma Ward, assistant to A. M. Cade in the county tax collector's office, was back at her work Monday morning after a two weeks' vacation spent at her home near Wilson.

Miss Mary Preston, who is teaching at Southland again this year, is spending a few weeks at home while school work is suspended for cotton picking.

A TONIC Laxative

CONSTIPATION, with the annoying symptoms that usually come with it, cuts down organic force and disturbs normal health and well-being. A thorough cleansing of the digestive tract is of great assistance in the removal of sickening constipation symptoms. When excessive accumulated waste matter disturbs and strains the muscles of the large intestines, rendering them temporarily unable to perform their way-like evacuating movements, Theford's Black-Draught is useful in stimulating them to activity, which, again started, should continue regularly until some future disturbance interferes. In this way, Theford's Black-Draught is one of the TONIC laxatives, tending, as it does, to establish a regular habit of evacuation.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Lynn. J. J. Didier, vs. J. B. Rhodes, et al. in the District Court of Lynn County, Texas. Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Lynn county, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 21st day of September, A. D. 1932, in favor of J. J. Didier, against the said T. A. Smith, No. 931, on the docket of said Court, I did, on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1932, at 3 o'clock P. M. levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land, situated in the County of Lynn, State of Texas, and belonging to the said T. A. Smith, to-wit: Being all of the South one-third (S1-3) of Survey No. 27, Block No. 8, Certificate No. 654, of the E. L. & R. R. R. Co. Surveys, in Lynn County, Texas, containing 213 1-3 acres of land; also 6 2-3 acres along the South line of the East 1/4 of the North 2-3 of Survey No. 27, Block No. 8, Certificate No. 654, of the E. L. & R. R. R. Co. surveys, in Lynn County, Texas, making a total of 220 acres of land. And on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1932, being the First Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of said defendant, T. A. Smith, in and to said property. Dated at Tahoka, Texas, this the 21st day of October, A. D. 1932. B. L. PARKER, Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas. 10-3tc.

Charley Doak, now a citizen of Gaines county, was a business visitor in Tahoka Tuesday. Charley was a citizen of Lynn county many years, residing both at Tahoka and O'Donnell, and we think he has a hankering to come back. We'll let him come any time he says the word.

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STATED MEETINGS of Tahoka Lodge No. 1041 the first Tuesday night in each month at 7:30. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome. W. S. ANGLIN, W. M. O. A. LUALLIN, Sec.

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"The Night Club Lady," a Columbia picture that brings Adolphe Menjou in the suave role of Thatcher Colt, police commissioner de luxe, to the English Theatre Sunday and Monday, moves from the highest pinnacle of a New York roof top to the glittering depths of the city's night life.

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SOCIETY Club and Church News

MUSIC CLUB HAS TASTE OF HALLOWE'EN SPIRIT

When Mrs. H. P. Caveness and Mrs. E. E. Callaway entertained the Tahoka Music Club last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Caveness, members were greeted by black cats peering from the windows, lanterns concealing the lights, and other seasonal decorations.

The central theme of the program was Indian music. Hazel Connolly played "By the Waters of Minnetonka," and Willie Lois Nevels played "Invocation to the Sun God." The first unit of the study course of the club was presented by Mrs. Callaway when she discussed the beginning of music. In accordance with the Halloween spirit, Mrs. K. R. Durham gave the musical reading, "Little Orphan Annie," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Rubie D. Suddarth.

The refreshments further accented the holiday. Hot chocolate and cake was appropriately served in black glassware with yellow napkins and doilies.

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The Methodist pastor at Grassland received quite an agreeable surprise recently in the form of a generous "pounding." Practically the entire membership had part in the pounding. There were more than one-hundred pieces, consisting of groceries and canned goods. Credit for getting the pounding together is due to Mr. A. L. Shepherd and Miss Mildred Edwards, who went among the members and collected the good things to eat. The pastor, Rev. J. N. Hester, is closing out his second year on the charge. He resides at Draw and gives half time each to Draw and Grassland.

PHEBE K. WARNER CLUB STUDIES NOVELISTS

A character study of an American novelist, Edna Ferber, was the theme of the program of the Phebe K. Warner Club last Friday afternoon, which met at the home of Mrs. H. C. Smith with Meses. M. C. Finch and Smith joint hostesses. Following a short business session, an interesting program was rendered. Members answered roll call with a character of Edna Ferber's works, after which a character drawing of the novelist was given by Mrs. G. M. Stewart. A biographical sketch was recounted by Mrs. Finch, and Mrs. H. P. Caveness reviewed two books of this most popular writer, "So Big" and "Cimarron". The closing number was a song, "Texas, Our Texas", by the Club-Reporter.

LIVE WIRE 4-H CLUB GIRLS MEET AT NEW LYNN

The Live Wire Club met Thursday night, Oct. 27, at the home of Miss Lucille Cashion with the following members present. Misses Alice Barton, Oma Dee Baker, Alice Church, Faye Jones, Zorine Sales, Mavis Jones, Madeline Sales, Vera Fleming. The club girls practice on this program to be given Friday night, Nov. 4 at a box supper. The social hour was spent playing and singing. The club guests were: Misses Christine Rohne of Crockett, and Alton Fleming, Muriel Sales, and O. B. Rohne of Crockett. The refreshments served were jello and cake. The Club meets next with Miss Oma Dee Baker Nov. 2.—Reporter.

NEW LYNN CLUB GIRLS MEET WITH ALICE CHURCH

The Live Wire Club girls met Wednesday night, October 19, at the home of Miss Alice Church with eight members present. A business session was held to select a style to make the club dresses. The Club constitution was read and adopted. A program was made out to be given at a box supper to be given Friday night, Nov. 4. The club decided to run the most beautiful girl and the ugliest boy. Miss Alice Church played the piano throughout the social hour. Refreshments served consisted of cake and ice cream. The club members all reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Keltner and little daughter Sarah Lee of Ada, Oklahoma, were here from Friday until Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Keltner and family. The Messrs. Keltner are brothers and the Messdames Keltner are sisters.

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ZONE THREE B. Y. P. U.'S HAD PARTY MONDAY EVE

About 100 members of B. Y. P. U. Zone Number Three enjoyed a social at the Tahoka Baptist Church on Friday night of last week. Nice crowds from Wilson, Central, Wells, and New Home, together with the local membership made up the group. Various informal games regaled the crowd causing much fun and hilarity. The dining room, in which delicious refreshments were served, was made attractive with tasteful and appropriate Halloween decorations.

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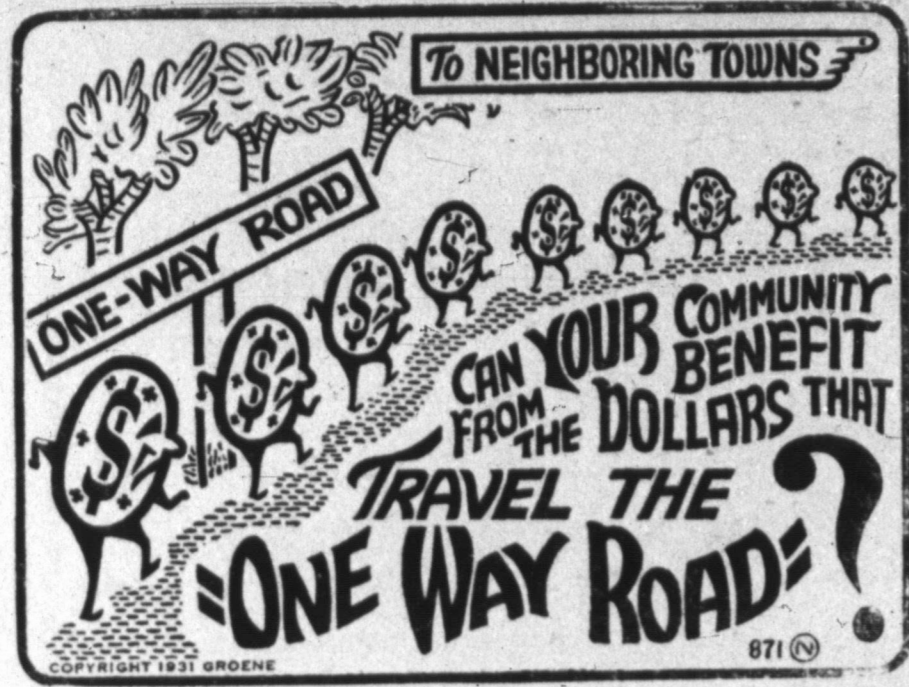
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Little Pat, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Klos, passed away and was buried Thursday of last week in the Slaton cemetery. Diphtheria was said to have been the cause of his death.

Mrs. Elbert Gumm has been in a Lubbock sanitarium for several days and is still there. She is very seriously ill and seems to improve very slowly, if at all. Mr. Gumm is also ill from blood poisoning caused from a skinned place on his hand.

J. W. Partin Jr. is assisting Mr. Gumm with the harvesting of his crop during the illness of Mr. and Mrs. Gumm.

Mr. W. W. Perkins accompanied by his son-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cook, all of Waco, arrived in our city, Sunday morning and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Crews for the present. Both Messrs. Perkins and Cook found employment and expect to remain here through the cotton gathering season.

Miss Mary Lovelace was the charming hostess at a 42 party given in the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Thurston Saturday evening. Mr. Norman Galloway was high score man and Miss Florene Server was high score girl. Mr. Loyd Hamilton succeeded in winning the "booby" prize. Refreshments of pumpkin pie and cocoa were served and the decorations made the occasion truly a Hallowe'en party.

The Slaton Epworth League entertained the Live Wire Union of Wilson at the club house in Slaton Thursday night of last week. This was a Hallowe'en party and all present report a wonderful time.

A brother and wife and sister of Mr. Bill Klos are guests in the Klos home.

Mr. E. R. Blakeney has been petting a severely injured hand the past few days. It was injured Monday and it was feared that blood poisoning would result from the wound. He seems to be getting on very well at this time.

The Intermediate B. Y. P. U. had a party at the haunted house of Wilson, Saturday night. Their stay was

very short there as the spooks and goblins kept them on the jump. From the haunted house they went to the Clyde Shaw home, where they enjoyed the remainder of the evening making candy, cocoa and cookies.

Mrs. Ruby West and daughter Aletha of Dunn and Mrs. H. M. Murphy also of Dunn spent the week end in the W. J. West home.

Hallowe'en night proved to be a bad night for some of our citizens and especially to the L. Lumsden family. While Mr. and Mrs. Lumsden were driving to a banquet at the local Baptist church, their car got stuck and in trying to get it out the axle was in some way broken, causing it to have to be taken to the car hospital. The same evening, William Lumsden was driving a practically new car when he ran over an old wagon axle that had a hub on the end of it that had been placed in the street by Hallowe'eners. In some way the axle crushed the crank case and did other bad in-



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juries to the car causing it to have to be dragged to the garage. This accident could have easily been a serious one.

The L. H. Taylor family, who have making their home with the Clyde Shaw family for several weeks, left Tuesday for their home at New Hope, where the school they will teach in will start Monday, Nov. 7th.

Miss Kathleen Tadlock gave a Hallowe'en party at her home Saturday night for the juniors. All had a jolly good time.

Miss El Fleda Harrison gave a demonstration on canning in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Faubion Tuesday. Mrs. E. T. Henson and Mrs. A. L. Faubion canned a beef. Several women were present to learn the new methods of canning.

Mrs. Mary Lawson and daughter Louise of Lubbock visited in the home of Mrs. W. J. West Saturday. Mrs. Lawson is a cousin of Mrs. West.

Miss Bertha and Mr. R. B. McAlister of Brownwood visited in the Shaw home Thursday night.

Howell Taylor of Lubbock was a business visitor in Wilson Friday. Rev. J. W. Partin filled the Baptist pulpit at Petersburg Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Cook took over the management of the local telephone exchange Thursday of last week. She has as her assistant Miss Oleta Smith of Meadow.

Grandpa Key was a guest in the home of his grand daughter, Mrs. Leroy Johnson of Lubbock last week. Miss Curtis Cook was at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Guy Cockrell of Vernon, who was operated on at a sanitarium in Lubbock Sunday.

The congregation of the Baptist church worshipped with the Methodist brethren Sunday morning and on Sunday night they enjoyed a splendid lecture on temperance at the Baptist church.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. honored the Adult Union with a banquet at the Baptist church Monday night. Toast-mistress, Mrs. V. L. Hobbs; invocation, Rev. J. W. Partin; toast to the fathers and mothers, J. W. Partin Jr.; response, Mrs. W. L. Forrester; music, Gerene Shaw and R. B. McAlister; address, R. E. Key; play, "Picking Green Nuts". A splendid feast was enjoyed by the guests.

**SOCIETY STATIONERY**—Printed on faces. Engraving on two weeks' no-high grade stock from latest type tice.—The News.

**RAISES FINE PECANS**

That pecans can be successfully grown in Lynn county has been demonstrated by R. C. Forrester. He has a couple of trees, five years old, growing beside a surface tank on his premises in Wilson, bearing nuts this year. The yield is small, of course, but the nuts are big fine fellows. They are of the thin-shell variety and will compare favorably with the best pecans we have seen from other parts of the country. Farmers who have surface tanks should plant two or three trees and in a few years they will doubtless be eating fine pecans from their own trees.

**To The Voters of Dixie Box**

Next Tuesday is general election day. Although it is very busy times, let me urge every voter to take off enough time to come out and vote for a new deal. Those of you who have conveyance ask your neighbor who has no way to go with you. Listen, friends, one of the county officials has said that the Dixie box was the most deceitful box in the county and that we were a bunch of Ku Klux and that the box would go for Hoover Nov. 8th. Let me urge you again to come out and cast your

vote and deceive him again. Let me say that I am proud of Dixie and her citizens. So, let's come one and all and vote for a new deal: Thank you. A. L. Dunagan, Pre. Chr.

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To take the trail again.

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# 'Buckskin' Rowden, 84, Fort Griffin Character, Visits City

CAME TO GRIFFIN 64 YEARS AGO; CLAIMS HE KNEW NOTORIOUS OUTLAW, BILLY THE KID, AND "BAD NELL".

(By Frank P. Hill)  
"Buckskin" Bowden, 84, stooped and gray-whiskered, one of the very few and possibly the only living man who was in West Texas as early as 1868, is back in this section after an absence of almost exactly fifty years. His first entry was by ox-wagon; his last by automobile. He first came as a run-away from his Indiana home; his second trip out was with a family of Hopkins county cotton pickers.

"Buckskin", which name he says he got in West Texas many years ago, has spent the past fifty years as a "desert rat", gold mining in Colorado and Arizona, but he tells hair-raising tales of the wild days at old Fort Griffin from 1868 to 1880 of a woman outlaw known as "Bad Nell", and of a rendezvous with Billy the Kid near Tascosa. He does not doubt for a minute but that Sheriff Pat Garrett actually killed the notorious outlaw who carried twenty-odd notches on his gun that July night of 1881 in Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

"I arrived in Dallas, a little berg of just a few houses, in the winter of 1867-'68," Bowden relates, "just a 19-year old kid, looking for excitement, and fell in with an ox-wagon driver headed for Fort Griffin with a load of flour and lumber. After several weeks' ride, during which we saw two bands of Indians, we arrived at Griffin, which had just been established by the Government."

He describes Fort Griffin as having been just a few wooden and adobe huts housing a handful of soldiers in February, 1868, but it was soon to become a town "worse morally than any gold-mining town ever in the West, and I've been in several of 'em." Fort Griffin had just been established a few months previous to his arrival. The site of the old fort, its location now hardly discernable, is on a fork of the Brazos River in northern Shackelford county.

There were then only two or three ranches in that immediate area, and Bowden could not find work. "I fell in with the wrong crowd," he says, "and was a bad little boy for two or three years. Then I got work from old man Johnson on the Brazos just above the fort. I done things I shouldn't a did, but most of the ranch herds out there were made up of strays from the trail which then went up by the Fort Worth country but which later came as far west as

Griffin. "When the buffalo hunters began to come out to the Plains, Griffin began to grow. Hunters made their headquarters here and brought their hides back here before hauling them on to Fort Worth and Dallas. Desperadoes, wild women, and other scum began to come in; and I say Fort Griffin was tough. You boys in this day don't know the meaning of 'tough'."

"By 1871, there were a few more ranchers coming in. A bunch of Tonkawa Indians settled near the fort. They were the lowest class Indians, or any kind of humans I ever seen, but they were friendly with the whites, enemies of the Comanche, made good guides, and also good thieves in the hands of the crooks around the fort.

"Thieves began to come to Fort Griffin: They were nearly all wanted for crimes back east. There were saloons kept by Nat Backham, Poker Jack, and Tol Bowers. They were all desperadoes. Nat was said to have killed several men, and he and Tol Bowers both finally got killed themselves. In a rage one night, Nat killed a Tonk and beat a naked Indian woman to death with a mesquite limb. Next morning Nat's body was found in his tent with his stomach cut out. Tol was killed in Oklahoma later.

"There were fights every night and killin's were pretty common in spite of the soldiers being there. The soldiers had to keep a heavy guard all the time to keep from getting their horses and supplies stolen. They were afraid to leave the fort except in groups of at least three or four men.

"I read in the Denver Post or the Kansas City Star last year about some noted women outlaws—Calamity Jane, Poker Alice, Belle Starr, and some others. I didn't know these ladies, but I knew Bad Nell of Fort Griffin better than any man, I reckon. Nell was an outlaw and a thief and a poker player, a good shot with a pistol and as good a horse rider as any man—and she played her game solitaire—she didn't have to have any men conederates. Otherwise, she was a nice gal morally and had nothing to do with the hundred or more tough women around Fort Griffin. I was her best friend, I guess, and just a casual acquaintance at that.

"Nell came to our ranch about 1874. I know it was about two years before the Fort Griffin flood, and that was in 1876. She was dressed, as a boy, weighed about 130. I had just gone to work for Old Bill (we'll call my boss), and he made his living at the expense of trail herd owners. Nell went under the name of Neil, rode herd all day, and bunked in the same room with me and three other hands for six months before anybody knew she was a woman. Our main work was to see that the wild longhorn strays from the trail found their ways to Old Bill's ranch.

"About a week before Christmas, Neil and I went up to Fort Griffin one night to celebrate. We went into Poker Jack's saloon, took a drink, and went back into the dance hall. Each of us danced with a girl. After a while we got together again and came out to the bar. This time old Poker Jack himself was behind the little bar. We ordered whiskey straight. Jack turned around and faced Nell.

"They stared at each other a minute, and Jack says: 'Bad Nell! What the H— you doin' here?'"

"Breathe that name agin and I'll bore you," says Nell, drawin' her gun. "I'm a man now, can't you see, and if you ever tell anybody different but Buckskin I'll bore you."

"Nell told me she had a scrape with him in Kansas, and I promised I would never reveal her identity, which I never did until after she left.

"A few nights later, about 10 o'clock, Nell said she believed she would ride up to Fort Griffin. I wanted to go, but she said she didn't want me. About 12 o'clock she came back in, and explained she had decided not to go to town. Griffin was fully three hours' ride away, but it was only about two miles over to the trail. Next morning she took me out to the corral, pulled up a post, and there lay \$600 in gold. I asked where she got it but she says 'Ask no questions.' Next day there was big talk in Fort Griffin about a lone horseman that had pistol-whipped a trail wagon boss and taken all he had left from the sale of his cattle in Kansas.

"About that time the news got out that Nell was a woman, and Bad Nell, to boot. When a bunch in Tol Bowers accused her of being Bad Nell one night she readily admitted

it. A half-drunk loafer insulted her and she pulled her pistol and shot his knee-cap into a dozen pieces. I was standin' in the door when she fired the shot, and when I came to I was flat as a pancake from bein' stomped on the dirt floor by them cowboys and dancin' girls gettin' out of the way.

"We then went to Poker Jack's saloon. She says: 'Jack, I told you I was goin' to bore you if you told who I was.' Jack's face turned white, but before he could say anything, she says: 'But I am not goin' to do it, I'm goin' to take you to a cleanin' at poker, your own game, you ole gossip.' She called all the astonished boys around, and told them to look on—Jack was going to play or get shot. She pulled out her bag of gold and dumped it on the table. Jack said he didn't have no money but a little change. Nell says: 'Buckskin, get me his change and then look for the change away from him.' Three or four boys helped me and we soon found about \$300 buried under the bar. That night old Fort Griffin saw its biggest poker game. Poker Jack was about the best shark West Texas ever seen and was as good as any that ever went to the Colorado or California mining camps, but he was so scared that night—that Nell soon cleaned him. Nell was a shark herself, the 'sweaters' soon agreed.

"Next night Nell asked for her pay. Old Bill refused to pay off. She pulled her gun and took his gun and a few dollars and rode away. That night about twenty-five miles north of Fort Griffin a lone rider held up a whole cow camp, but all they had was about \$20. I later learned that she went to Jacksboro, then to Indian Territory, and finally settled down on a farm when Oklahoma was organized with a man she had married several years before. I got it very straight that even the man she married never knew she had been a outlaw."

Mr. Bowden tells of a big rise that came down the Brazos in 1876 and almost totally washed the town of Fort Griffin and the Government post away. At that time he estimates the population was 3,000 or 4,000 people in the town and fort. Most of the houses were of adobe, some of stone and frame construction; while many people lived in tents made of buffalo hides. There were more saloons and dance halls than anything else. After the flood, Fort Griffin was never as large or as wild as it had been. Bowden worked on the Captain Overall ranch after "reforming" and then for the Long boys, Andy and Frank, quitting the latter in 1880 to go hunt for gold in Colorado.

He rode horseback alone all the way to the Goodnight-Adair ranch in the Panhandle, and spent a night in Col. C. C. Goodnight's home.

"The next day," Buckskin Bowden relates, "I overtook six men driving a herd of horses. I fell in with them and soon learned they were horse thieves. A few nights later, as we neared Tascosa, five of them hid out with the horses in the Canadian breaks while the leader and me went on to Tascosa.

"Tascosa was then the famous bad town of the Panhandle, but I don't believe it was as bad as Griffin in spite of the reputation it got from that hill there where so many men were buried with their boots on. Arriving there, we sat down in a saloon. Soon four young men, well shod with weapons, two of them Mexicans, came in. Pointing to the leader, my companion whispered to me, 'That's Billy the Kid.' I didn't know Billy the Kid from anybody else's kid, so I didn't pay much attention to him. He bought the drinks for the house and I stood right at his side. At that very time, I heard later, the officers at Tascosa were debating whether or not to make a run on the saloon and try to arrest or kill him.

"When Billy was gone, the horse thief I was with told me Billy was the man they were to deliver their horses to. He insisted so much that I go back to the horse remuda that I was afraid not to. Though the Kid and the horse thief had not appeared to recognize each other in the saloon, I found they were the best of friends that night out in the breaks where the horses were delivered. We sat around and talked for an hour with the Kid. Then he started toward New Mexico with the horses. The thieves made me ride back south with them until daylight. I got into Tascosa again about noon but never told about meeting the Kid.

"These stories that are bein' told that the Kid was not killed at Fort Sumner is bunk. I have known several who knew both the Kid and Pat Garrett personally. Everybody who

knew Garrett knows he was not the kind of man that would not have killed Billy, even if he had been his best friend, under the circumstances."

Bowden prospected in Colorado until 1906, and was in Arizona from that time until a year ago. He now lives with the daughter of a mining partner of twenty years ago, Mrs. Sam Shegart. She and her husband and family expect to pick cotton in the Littlefield territory this fall. Bowden says he saved a few dollars mining, but that any prospector can not hope to make over \$1.00 to \$3.00 a day panning gold. He admonishes young boys not to run away from home and to be honest. Buckskin Bowden never married. He says by remaining single he has managed

to save \$150.00 in sixty-five years of hard labor.

Note—The writer is reliably informed that parts of Bowden's story do not quite tally out with known historical facts, but the fifty-five to sixty-five years intervening between the time Bowden was in Fort Griffin and the present time may be easily charged to the chances of a man's memory not being quite correct in that length of time. We are seeking to verify his story, as we are sure some of it is new to the general public, and history should be recorded correctly.

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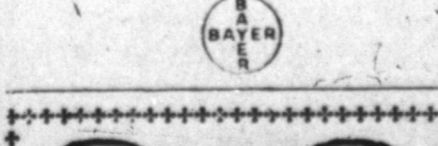


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