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Babson Thinks Upward Trend To Return In 1938

Two Snyder Youths Plunge to Death In Sunday Afternoon Plane Tragedy

Two Snyder youths, Ray Neal and Ralph Gore, plunged to death Sunday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, when the two-place airplane in which they were riding nosed into the Bill Leatherwood pasture four miles northeast of town.

Cause of the fatal crash has not been determined. Spectators were not aware that the plane was in trouble until it was near the ground. The landing was so direct that the first persons to reach the ship were forced to pull the tail onto the ground before they could extricate the bodies.

Plane Owned Locally. The rebuilt plane was purchased recently by Melvin Neal, Ray's father. It had been kept at the Sweetwater airport hangar. Ray, 16, and Ralph, 22, had been taking flying lessons at Lubbock and Sweetwater for several months.

Young Neal was a junior in Snyder High School and a member of the Tiger football squad. Young Gore was driver of a Snyder school bus. Ralph was killed instantly. His head was split open on the front of the cockpit. Ray's neck was broken and several bones were broken. He died a few minutes after he was rushed to a Snyder hospital by spectators.

Ray is survived by his parents and one brother, Ralph, of Snyder. Young Gore's survivors are his father, H. C. (Doc) Gore, his stepmother, one brother, Louis, and one step-sister, Mildred, all of Snyder.

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POLITICAL POT

The county political pot has started boiling this week.

Most candidates agreed this week that the big issue in January will be the big for their announcements on this issue. Several of them have already expressed their intention of throwing their hats into the ring next week.

It is probable, too, that several city, district and possibly some state announcements will appear in The Times next week.

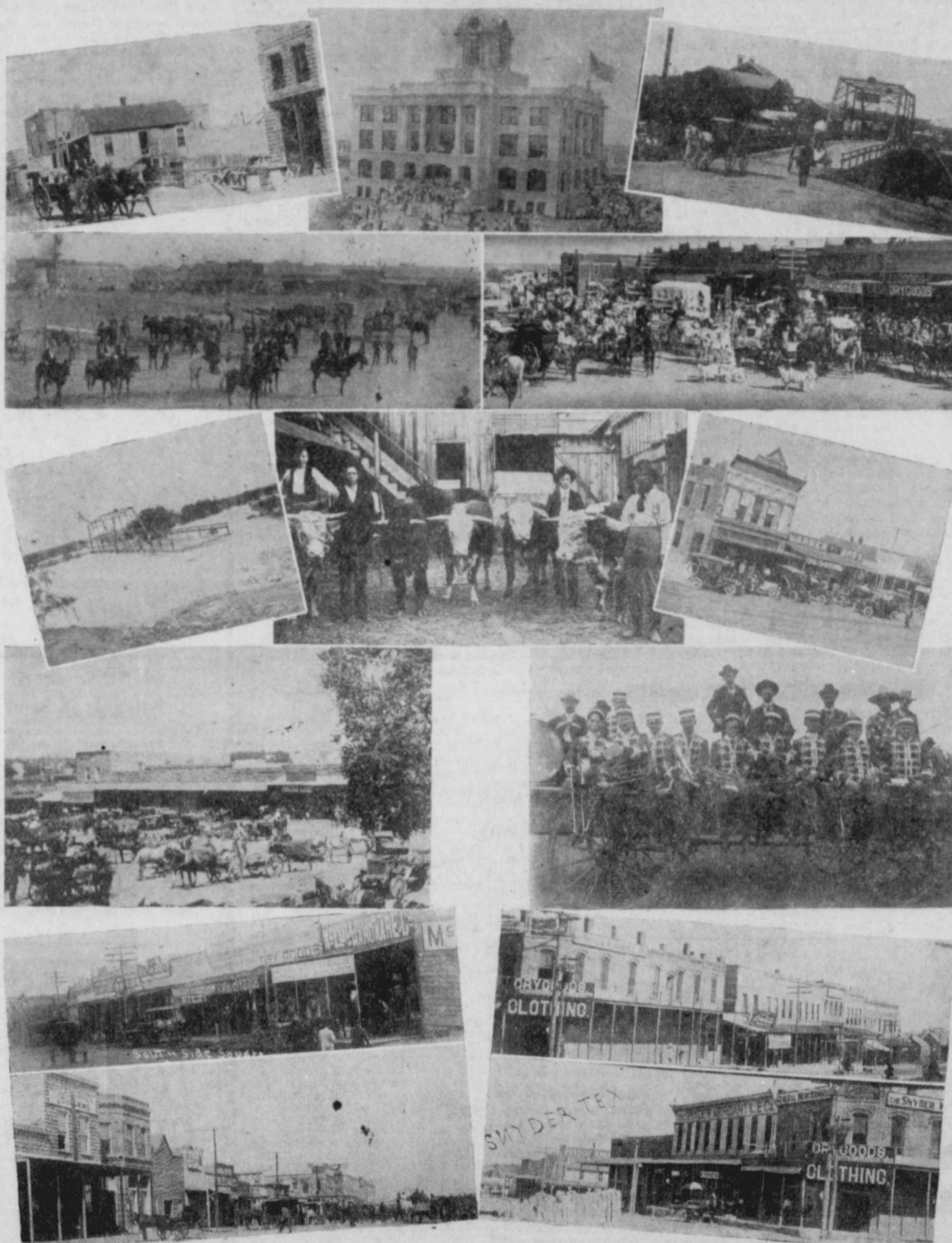
Candidates are advised that two strict rules will be applied by The Times during the campaign: First, all announcements will be strictly cast in advance; second, announcements must be turned in not later than Wednesday noon of publication week.

J. C. Ziegler Are Bound for Honolulu

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ziegler of the Dermott community, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, will leave a few days for the California coast, where they will board a boat for Honolulu, Hawaii.

After many years of "handlubbering," the pioneer couple are going to the island capital to visit their eldest son, Charley, who has been a barber there since then.

LOOKING BACK OVER 50 SCURRY COUNTY YEARS



Here, in these 14 history-laden pictures, is an introduction to what you may expect in the eight sections of this Golden Anniversary Edition. Top row, left to right: (1) A new building was going up on the east side when this wagon-and-horse snapshot was made; (2) A July 4 picnic day in Snyder, soon after the new courthouse was built; (3) Old Bridge Street looking west across Deep Creek, with Rev. Jas. H. Tate and Will Cowling in the buggy. Second row from top: (4) A familiar street scene early in the century, looking toward the south side of the square; (5) A big parade in Snyder, not long after picture No. 4 was taken. (Snyder Band in wagon on extreme right). Third row from top: (6) Deep Creek flood scene in 1902, bridge on what is now Twenty-fifth Street, probably highest water in Snyder history; (7) Early day purebreds, picture taken in old livery stable, which formerly stood on the north side of the square; (8) portion of north side, in 1908, looking east, First National Bank on left. Fourth row from top: (9) Looking toward the east side, almost 30 years ago (notice ancient truck under tree on north side); (10) Snyder Cornet Band about 30 years ago, including George Brown, A. P. Morris and other "young" men. Fifth row from top: (11) South side, looking east; (12) Looking north from the square (Snyder Mercantile Company building on left is now Snyder National Bank building). Bottom row: (13) West side, looking north; (14) Looking west from the square, Bridge Street.

Famed Economic Expert Says There Should Be No Depression Next Year

By ROGER W. BABSON.

Babson Park, Massachusetts, December 30, 1937—We are not entering a major depression; 1938 will see a resumption of the upward trend which began in 1933. The first quarter may be poor—much worse than the early months of 1937; but later in the year I look for a substantial revival. Do not confuse this current sharp recession with a major depression! Payrolls, prices, stocks, real estate, and jobs should be on their way to new highs by the end of 1938.

"THANKS" AND EXPLANATION

In compiling an edition of such proportions as this, the publishers naturally became indebted to a large number of persons for a variety of services.

First of all must come the regular Times force, who have sacrificed time, sleep and patience in order that the edition might be an achievement in weekly journalism and printing. Leon Guinn, staff writer, is a close second.

The 175 advertisers in the 120 pages of the edition are of course due a tremendous vote of thanks. Without them there could be no Golden Anniversary Edition, for the production cost of such a mass of printed information is considerable. Special thanks are due several newspaper friends who said "Congratulations!" with paid advertisements.

Judge Crane thanked. Judge R. C. Crane of Sweetwater, whose leadership among West Texas historians is unquestioned, has contributed liberally of his storehouse of experience, information and research.

Several county friends of the paper, whose names are not mentioned for fear of omitting some of them, have furnished much information and prepared material that is invaluable.

This word of thanks would be incomplete without including the News Engraving Company, Abilene, which cooperated in every way to rush engravings back to Snyder before press time.

Some Material Omitted. Several articles were omitted because there was no space for them. Several old-time pictures were likewise omitted. A large amount of this material will be used from week to week, in regular issues.

Originally, the Golden Anniversary Edition plan included a large amount of information concerning Scurry County farms and ranches, smaller towns of the county, and homes of the county. Lack of time prevented the staff from working up the bulk of this information, but much space will be devoted in 1938 issues to these four major phases of modern Scurry County life.

Readers will kindly bear in mind that some portions of the edition have been printed several weeks, and a few changes of recent days are not related.

1937 Year of Prosperity.

This December presents a tremendous contrast with a year ago. Then, the old year was riding into the history books on a great wave of optimism and hope. "Good times" lay over the horizon of 1937. The dark years of 1929-1935 were drowned out in a hurricane of wage boosts, dividend extras, and gigantic Christmas trade. My forecast at that time was: "1937 will be the first year of real prosperity since 1929. . . . The entire year's gain should average seven to eight per cent above 1936."

Prosperity did come. Business did average seven per cent above 1936. This past August the Babsonchart stood at eight per cent above normal, higher than it had been for seven years. But Labor Day, which had been brewing all year, suddenly struck.

High taxes, political meddling, labor agitation, and this stock market created a tornado of distrust and fear. The result has been one of the sharpest business declines on record. The Babsonchart is now 19 per cent below normal.

The current gloom will continue to hurt business during the early months of 1938. But while activity will average at least 15 per cent below the first quarter of 1937, it should not fall much below current levels. During this discouraging period the base for a resumption of the upward trend will be laid. The spring rally in 1938 will be much stronger than seasonal.

Good 1938 Trend. By next Fourth of July, business should have recovered from a third to a half of its late 1937 loss. The revival will pick up momentum during the second half. How far it will go, it is, of course, impossible to say now. Nevertheless, as a long shot, it would not surprise me if the 1937 peaks were equalled before next Christmas!

Because of the poor first quarter of the new year, the average of general business for 1938, however, will be slightly under—roughly 10 per cent below—the average for 1937. The important point next year is the trend. A poor start (but not much lower than current levels), an improving second quarter, and then a sharp upward surge during the final four or five months is my idea of the 1938 business pattern.

In making these estimates I am counting on cooperation from Washington.

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THAT'S THE TRUTH!

As Told in This Big Edition

Woodson Stimson sold the first Chrysler in Texas to W. W. Gross of Snyder.

Captain R. B. Marcy gave Scurry County its first soil survey in 1849.

Snyder had an official population of 2,514 people in 1910.

Only five cities in Texas (any size) have cheaper average water rates than Snyder. No West Texas city has a cheaper average rate.

The first light plant built in Snyder in 1909 was to run a picture show, and not to sell electricity.

The truck bed on the International fire truck now in use was built here in 1916 for a new Maxwell truck.

In 1912 Snyder had a model opera house.

In 1883, one year before the county was organized, Scurry County had six churches.

In the first gin built in the county in 1893, cotton was thrown into the stands by baskets.

Scurry's population in 1890 was 1,415.

The Snyder telephone exchange in 1901 had 37 telephones in its network.

J. Wright and John W. Moar made the first wagon tracks in Scurry County in October of 1876.

J. Wright Moar owns the only white buffalo hide in the U. S. Only seven white buffalo are known to have been killed in all of America.

Praying for rain was profitable in 1911. County Judge Smith called on Snyder people to pray for rain July 14. July 21 the county faced prospects of a bumper crop.

In 1917 the first rural aid was granted county schools.

E. F. Sears was the first Oldsmobile dealer in Texas to sign a contract after General Motors came to Texas.

Texas Mammoth, a Scurry and Borden County product, received state certification in 1933, the first West Texas cotton to receive this recognition.

When the first house was built in Snyder in 1878, lumber was hauled from Fort Worth by ox-carts.

Cotton acreage reduction was talked of in 1912, community committees being formed.

Snyder Transfer Company was founded 22 years ago by the late Pete Bridgeman with a hay wagon and two draft horses.

During the financial panic of 1907, when banks all over the country were closed, a person could withdraw only \$10 per day, for expenses only.

Until 1876 it was necessary for the Legislature to pass a law creating new counties, with directions and details. The 1876 constitution specified all that was necessary was to have 150 qualified voters in the county.

John Daugherty was the only man to be hanged in Scurry County. . . . Some say hanged to hackberry, some to mesquite tree; so the correct tree probably hackberry-mesquite.

Much of Block 97 had to be purchased the second time because the word "railway" was changed to "railroad." Webster's word "railway" tied up 611,840 acres of land; each letter was worth 67,982 acres.

Hell Roaring Hollow is the only stream flowing west seven miles. Camp Creek, heading just east of Strayhorn, is the only county stream to flow to the north seven miles.

The Texas Almanac gives the area of Scurry County as 887 square miles, while the soil survey of Scurry County says 910 square miles. . . . Shilling sand dunes might have given us new unclaimed territory the last few years.

Snyder, with 13 recognized study clubs, is said to have more women's clubs for its size than any other Texas city.

When Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Lee was winning his spurs on the Texas border in 1856 looking for Indians, he followed the Marcy trail to where Snyder now is; camped at Camp Springs and Dowell. Lee said in his report this section of Texas was "unsuited to farming, would never be anything but prairies and ravines."

BEHAVIOR FOR HOLIDAY GOOD

Snyder had some fireworks, some last minute Christmas shoppers, and a few young folks stilly sparkling—or whatever it may be—but Snyder was, generally speaking, a quiet city during the week-end.

Sheriff Clyde Thomas and other officers appreciate the quiet, orderly crowds here over the week-end, and commend the folks of the county for making possible an enjoyable Christmas. The officials report a minimum of drunkenness, and traffic laws were well observed.

Yes, sir, Scurry County folks showed officers just how nice they could be in regard to keeping within legal bounds, and officers hope the jailhouse bedbugs—if there are any—can "fine in" the "empty bunk in the calaboose" refrain.

COUNTY'S BIGGEST NEWSPAPER

Your copy of the Times Golden Anniversary Edition weighs slightly less than one and one-fourth pounds. Multiply your copy by 5,000—the number of papers that have been printed—and you have 5,700 pounds, almost three tons.

It is the largest paper ever printed in Scurry County. It contains more inches of advertising, more pictures, more history, more news, more pages—and probably more errors—than any other paper ever turned out in more than 50 years of Snyder newspaperdom.

Paper makes up 5,600 of the total pounds. One hundred pounds is ink. Eighty reams of paper, weighing 70 pounds to the ream, went into this single issue.

40,000 Sheets Used. Thus, 40,000 sheets of paper, each sheet 36x48 inches, were "stuffed through" the big two-cylinder Huber press, pictured on the front page of the newspaper section. There are

SAYS PRAIRIE DOGS MUST GO

Sheriff Clyde Thomas hopes county farmers will adopt the theme song of "Gee Along Little Doggies, Gee Along," in the near future, and rid their farms of prairie dogs before winter is over.

Some farmers in the county failed to exterminate the prairie dog "towns" in their pastures last year. And if the little doggies aren't "gotten along" by next spring, legal steps will be taken to force farmers to kill out the pests.

Armed with poisoned mash, or long hoses attached to car exhausts put in holes after stopping up the openings, farmers find prairie dogs are inexpensively killed out. A similar plan has been used in the county in previous years, with good results.

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# The WOMAN'S Page



## Mrs. S. C. Porter Receives Wedding Ring as Anniversary Is Celebrated

Christmas Day Mrs. S. C. Porter received her wedding ring, a gift from her husband, just 50 years after their marriage. The couple has lived in Snyder the past 35 years.

Married on December 25, 1887, in Eastland, by Rev. A. D. Knox, pioneer Presbyterian minister, when they were 19 and 16 years of age, Mr. and Mrs. Porter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Christmas Day with open house. Many old friends called during receiving hours at the family home in East Snyder, where the two have lived for years.

Parents of both were pioneers of the West. Their fathers, W. B. Porter and John Moss, were among the famed "Minute Men," in service during pioneer days to protect the people from raids of hostile Indians, who took part in the battle in which Captain Ross and his men took Cynthia Ann Parker from the Indians, with whom she had lived a captive since childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter, natives of Parker County, moved to Snyder in 1902, and their four daughters have been reared here. Carroll, only son of the couple, died of pneumonia during the World War. These daughters, who with their husbands and the six grandchildren were present for the celebration Christmas Day, are: Mrs. C. E. Wade, Kingsville; Mrs. Roy Stewart, Camp Springs; Scurry County; Mrs. Bob Preston, Midland; Mrs. Frank Welch, Weibort.

Other near relatives present included Mrs. Porter's brother, B. L. Moss of Mineral Wells; her sister, Mrs. P. B. Bryan, and Mr. Bryan of Tres Lagunas, New Mexico; and the Bryans' daughter, Mrs. Ida B. Butler of Socorro, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter received guests at the door, assisted by two daughters, Mmes. Welch and Stewart. The other two daughters, with Betty Ruth Wade, Marjorie and Lon Ray Stewart, granddaughters, were in the dining room to assist in serving. Two other granddaughters, Helen Stewart and Martha Jane Preston, presided at the registering table, which was graced with Herbert Hoover roses.

The register, where 75 guests left their names, was a memory book given to Mrs. Porter on her 11th birthday by her grandfather, who lived to the ripe old age of 102 years.

Living room decorations featured a lighted Christmas tree, sprigs of holly and mistletoe, poinsettias and blooming pot plants. Appointments in the dining room carried out a gold and white color scheme. Mmes. J. M. Newton, A. C. Leslie, W. W. Gross, J. R. Huckabee, J. P. Morgan, N. B. Moore, W. P. King, P. E. Wade; Kathryn and Bill King, Miss Sula Scoggin, S. R. Pickett, S. J. Casstevens, L. D. Wade and son.

Local people registering were: Messrs. and Mmes. N. M. Harpole, Lyman Wade and son, Bernard Longbotham, A. C. Leslie, W. W. Gross, W. G. Williams, W. R. Bell, W. E. Doak, Joe Caton, Willard Jones and children, T. E. Irvine, Fred A. Gray, J. W. Wade and daughter, Mmes. W. B. Cavousett and daughter; Mmes. J. M. Newton, T. S. Worley, Joe Hale, J. R. Huckabee, A. D. Erwin, Estelle L. Roberts, J. P. Morgan, N. B. Moore, W. P. King, P. E. Wade; Kathryn and Bill King, Miss Sula Scoggin, S. R. Pickett, S. J. Casstevens, L. D. Wade and son.

Local Couple Takes Vows In Big Spring.

Of interest to friends of Hazel Holcomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holcomb, comes the announcement of her marriage to I. B. Berryhill, which was solemnized in Big Spring Wednesday, December 22. Melvin J. Wise, minister of the Church of Christ, officiated.

Both are graduates of Snyder High School, Berryhill in 1932 and Mrs. Holcomb in 1934. At present the bride is a regular operator for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Snyder, and her husband is a young rancher. The couple will make their home in West Snyder.

**MARY J. BEALL SUNDAY BRIDE JOEL HAMLETT**

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hamlett, who were married Sunday, arrived here Wednesday and will make their home at 2012 Twenty-seventh Street. Mrs. Hamlett is the former Mary Jane Beall of Snyder and Ladonia, and her husband is a local business man.

Miss Beall became the bride of Hamlett in a home service held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emma Beall, in Ladonia at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. Guy E. Perdue officiated for the ring ceremony in the presence of members of the two families and friends.

Given in marriage by her brother, Joe Beall, the bride wore a severely tailored dark gray woolen suit. Her shoulder corsage was of yellow sweetheart roses. Attending her as maid and matron of honor were her sisters, Dorothy Ann Beall of Ladonia and Mrs. Sidney Johnson of Snyder. Miss Beall wore a gray woolen frock and rhododendron in a corsage, and Mrs. Johnson was dressed in navy blue and wore gardenias.

Sidney Johnson of Snyder served as best man to the bridegroom.

Mrs. Hamlett, who received her education in Ladonia and Draughon's Business College, Abilene, was employed in Snyder as collector for the city water department for several months. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamlett, attended Snyder schools, later attending T. C. U., Fort Worth, and Texas University. He is connected with a local tailor shop.

**Jewels Announce Daughter.**

Dr. and Mrs. Harold J. Jewell of Ardmore, Oklahoma, are announcing the birth of a seven and one-fourth pound daughter Monday morning, 5:14 o'clock, in an Ardmore hospital. Mrs. Jewell, the former Lera Mae Scott of Snyder, and her daughter, who will be known as Diana Louise, are doing well.

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## Snyder Girl Weds Elmo Dunn Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Robison are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Christine, to Elmo Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dunn of Cuthbert, which took place last Thursday afternoon. Rev. Forest Huffman read the service.

The bride is a graduate of Snyder High School with the class of 1935. Dunn attended local schools in 1931 and 1932. Mrs. Dunn wore a green crepe sports dress with copper accessories for the ceremony.

The couple left Sunday morning for a honeymoon trip to El Paso and points of interest in Old Mexico. They were accompanied by the bridegroom's brother, Jack Dunn, and his wife, Mrs. Dunn's sister, who were married recently. The newlywed couple will be at home at Cuthbert.

## Club Complimented With Theatre Party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Spear was beautifully decorated with Christmas scenes last week when Mmes. Frank Arnett, Bob Terry and Spear were hostesses to members of the Busy Bee Club at a Christmas party, followed by a theatre party.

Mrs. Jack Keller directed the program, which was as follows: Ball call, scripture of love, scripture reading, Mrs. Ruby Walker, vocal selection, Mmes. N. W. Aury, A. C. Martin, Terry and B. H. Moffett; discussion of Christmas, Mrs. C. T. Glen; reading, Mrs. Moffett; "Silent Night," vocal, by the club.

After exchanging Yuletide fellowship and distributing gifts, the group enjoyed a theatre party. Next meeting will be with Mrs. N. W. Aury, January 14.

## Mary Nell Morton Weds Cecil Reynolds.

Marriage Sunday, December 19, of Mary Nell Morton and Cecil Reynolds was announced here Christmas Day by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morton. Both have lived in Scurry County all their lives and will continue to live in Snyder.

Vows were taken by the couple in Big Spring at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Will C. House, with Rev. House, pastor of the First Methodist Church there, reading the ceremony. Mrs. Reynolds was dressed in an all-black costume.

Following her graduation from the local high school in 1933, Mrs. Reynolds did work at Draughon's Business College, Abilene. For the past nine months she has been employed as a stenographer in the office of H. J. Brice, Scurry County Judge.

Reynolds, a native of Northwestern Scurry County, has been employed as a service station attendant at Howard Brothers for several years. He is a member of the local National Guard unit and of the Scurry County chapter of the Masonic Lodge. His mother is Mrs. A. G. Reynolds.

## Three Hostesses for Wednesday Party.

Cyrella Fish, Joyce and Helen Singletary were hostesses to friends last Wednesday afternoon at a Christmas party held in the home of Miss Fish.

Following an afternoon of entertainment, the hostesses passed a refreshment plate, in which Christmas colors were used, consisting of open-face sandwiches, cookies, mints and punch.

The guest list was: Patti Hicks, Margaret Gray, Faynell Bentley, Kathryn King, Buena Bentley, Pauline Smith, Nell Verna LeMond, Billie Lue Taylor, Jeanne Taylor, Marie Sumruld, Carolyn Dunn, Oleeta Ikard, Lucille Grinnett, Yvonne Werner and Wernette Faver.

## Poorly Nourished Women - They Just Can't Hold Up

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## Morning Coffee Is Scene for Reunion.

Annual Christmas-time get-together of a group of seven local girls was held in the form of a morning coffee Tuesday at 10:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. T. L. Lollar, Mmes. Lollar and E. M. Deakins were hostesses to the group for their daughters.

The dining table was decorated with candles and cut flowers. Remembrances were exchanged between the girls, several of whom now live elsewhere.

Those present were: Charline Ely of Gorman, Roberta Raybon of Lubbock, Gwen Gray, Johnnie Mathison, Ruby Lee, Margaret Deakins and Jeanette Lollar of Huntington, Pennsylvania.

## MARRIAGE OF LOCAL COUPLE IS ANNOUNCED

Announcement of the early December marriage of Ernestine Taylor, Johnson and Royal W. Connell, graduates of the local high school, in Snyder Christmas Eve came as a surprise to Scurry County friends of the couple. They will make their home here.

Rev. Allen G. Roe, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church in San Angelo, officiated for the simple service held Saturday, December 4, at his home. The couple was unattended. The bride wore a three-piece costume suit of black woolen with black and white accessories.

Mrs. Connell has made her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Taylor, in Ira since childhood. She is the daughter of Dee Robison of the Ennis Creek community. She received her elementary education in the Ira schools and came to Snyder for her four years of high school work, graduating with the spring class of 1932. She was a member of several school groups. Later, in 1934 and 1935, she was a student in North Texas State Teachers College, Denton.

Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Connell of the Union community, graduated from the Snyder High School in 1934, after doing most of his school work at Mineral Wells. In the local high school he was an outstanding debater. He held membership in the high school dramatic club and the local chapter of National Honor Society, and served as president of both.

## Leaguers Guests Of A. C. Preuitts.

Members of the Intermediate League of the First Methodist Church were entertained with a Christmas party at the A. C. Preuitts home last week. About 15 members were present.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doak and baby daughter, Mary Ruth. The group sang Christmas carols, and enjoyed games, directed by Mrs. King Sides.

Mrs. Preuitts and her daughter, Virginia, served refreshments buffet style to these present.

## Former Snyderites Wed Christmas Eve.

Ada Lee Smith of Levelland and Russell Nixon of Whiteface recited their marriage vows at the Baptist parsonage in Levelland at 8:00 o'clock in the evening of December 24. Rev. Lawrence Trott officiated for the service.

Attending were: Mrs. Trott, Marie Ward, Loeta and Mavis Nixon, Fred and C. W. Overman.

The bride received her early education in Snyder schools, and Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nixon, formerly of Bison, was a member of the 1933 graduating class of the Ira High School. The couple will live at Whiteface.

## MARRIAGE OF POPULAR PAIR READ LAST EVE

Wednesday evening marriage of Mavis Webb, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Webb, and Loy Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Logan, united two of Scurry County's best known families.

The impressive ring ceremony was read by Rev. H. C. Gordon, pastor of the First Methodist Church, at his home at 7:00 o'clock. Buster Stacy attended Logan as best man, and Allene Curry was maid of honor.

Date of the marriage was especially significant because it marked the thirtieth wedding anniversary of the bride's parents.

The bride wore a jacket frock of Windsor blue crepe fashioned with a lace collar and trimmed with navy velvet bows, and navy accessories. Her flowers, white chrysanthemums, tied with silver, were arranged in a corsage and were worn high at her throat. Her attendant wore a black velvet frock and orchid chrysanthemums.

Members of the town's younger social set, both Mr. and Mrs. Logan were born and reared in the Pleasant Hill community. Fathers of both are Scurry and Borden County land owners. Each received education in Scurry County schools. Mrs. Logan graduated with the class of 1930 from Snyder High School.

The couple left immediately after the service for a short wedding trip. On their return they will be at home four miles southeast of Snyder.

## Christmas Party Held by Duce Club.

Delightful Christmas party was held by Duce Bridge Club Tuesday evening, when Mrs. Billie Lee Jr. was hostess. Vesta Green, club president, was in charge of presenting gifts from the pretty tree to each guest early in the evening.

Both prizes, high score and traveling, were won by Mrs. Buster Curtis in bridge play. Small pointed poinsettias centered tables at the refreshment hour when a plate of sandwiches, sweets and coffee was passed.

Club members present were: Ruby Lee, Margaret Deakins, Vesta Green, Frances Stinson, Mrs. Willard E. Lewis, Alta Bowers, Mrs. E. E. Boyer, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. E. C. Miller, Bonnie Miller, Mavis Webb and Allene Curry.

Next meeting will be held January 6 with Mrs. Lewis at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. O. Dodson.

## Turners Entertain.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Turner for Christmas dinner included several out-of-town friends and relatives. They were: Rev. and Mrs. Lee Crossmore, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gardner and children and Grandmother Gardner, all of Roscoe; Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Roberts of San Angelo. The San Angelo couple remained this week to visit with her sister, Mrs. A. S. Baker, and other friends and relatives.

## Mrs. Sam Joyce Named Honoree at Tuesday Afternoon Tea in Snyder

Honoring her daughter, Mrs. Sam Joyce, who was before her marriage December 14 Miss Frenz Winston, Mrs. Wade Winstontentained at tea Tuesday afternoon. One hundred guests left the names in the bride's book.

Four generations, Mrs. Joyce's family were in the receiving line with Mrs. J. R. Joy, her husband's mother. Mrs. Weston presented her daughter, who turned introduced her grandmother, La. R. M. Stokes, her great grandmother, Mrs. D. S. Pearson, and the der Mrs. Joyce. Each representative of the four generations is the eldest daughter of her family.

The honoree wore a lovely frock of cerise chiffon in blue, with a corsage of white wet rosebuds.

Mrs. Aubrey Sides, the bride's aunt, greeted guests at the door, and Mrs. Mauric Brownfield, another aunt, was as greeting callers in the living room which was graced with bouquets of American Beauty roses.

Besides members of the families and Mrs. Novis odgers, others in the house party are 1935 members of the Lucky 13 sports Club, girls' social group of local high school, in which Mrs. Joy held membership, and Miss Fattie Ross Cunningham of Na, California, who was then sponsor of the club.

The girls, part of whom are now college students and others married, were: The honoree's sister, Dorothy Winston; Estine Dorward and Mary Margaret Towle, Southwestern University, Georgetown; Wynona Keller, The Hockaday School, Dallas; LaFrances Hamilton, McMurry College, Abilene; Evelyn Erwin, Baylor University, Waco; Orla Ware and Mmes. Clemmons McCasland, Armur McFarland, Bernard Longbotham Jr. and Vernon Slocumb.

Program for the tea was given by Estine Dorward, reader, who gave "Poem for Brides" by Dixie Willson, and Mrs. Novis Rodgers, piano artist, who played numerous selections during the afternoon.

The dining table was covered with a beautiful maders linen cloth, and the centerpiece was a mound of white carnations and stock. Miss Cunningham and Dorothy Winston prepared coffee, which was served with heart-shaped sandwiches and fruit cake, from the silver services at each end of the table. White tapers in silver candleabra and cut flowers were on the buffet.

Among the 100 guests who registered were the following out-of-town people: The honoree's sister-in-law, Mrs. Becton Templeton of New York; Mrs. R. L. Williams, Lockhart; Maurine Cunningham, Lubbock; Mrs. Bob Corley, Memphis.

## ONE PIONEER GREET'S ANOTHER -

Our Home Count Paper looks back upon half a century of eventful times in this our great West Tex; we want to extend our hearty congratulations.

## OUR BEST WISHES, TIMES

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Former Graduating Class of SHS Have Reunions Here During Holidays

Three graduating classes of Snyder High School have planned reunions here during the holidays...

TWO COTTONS TO BE PLANTED BY HERMLEIGH

In a cotton planting last Wednesday night at Hermleigh, farmers of the Hermleigh community went on record as in favor of two varieties of cotton for 1938...

Snyder General Hospital

Patients who were in the hospital Tuesday included the following: Mrs. Roy Taylor, surgery; Dr. J. G. Hicks, surgery; Jo Evelyn Walding, Colorado, surgery; Wilson Connell, Polaris, medical; Mrs. Eugene Payne, Whiteface, accident; Foster Stevenson, surgery; and Ida Lee Caviness, surgery.

First Methodist Church

We are entering 1938. Let us go into the new year with good resolutions and consistent conduct. Cooperating together, and seeking the help of Him whom we serve, we should make next Sunday an unusual day.

Ross Bowers of Dunn Succumbs; Rites Set Today

Final rites for Ross Bowers, 23-year-old farmer of the Dunn community, who died in a local hospital at 8:30 Wednesday morning, will be held this (Thursday) afternoon, 3:00 o'clock, at Dunn Methodist Church.

HOME LIGHTING AWARDS GIVEN

Winners in Snyder's "Home Beautiful" contest, sponsored during the Christmas holidays by the Woman's Culture Club, are being announced this week. Each home-lover received a cash award of \$2.50.

Steady Improvement For Injured Woman

A. M. Morgan, manager of the Gem Theatre, reports that his wife, who was injured in a car accident at Sweetwater two weeks ago, is steadily improving. Mrs. Morgan is still at the home of her mother in Denton.

Emergency Hospital

Mrs. Bob White of Snyder and Mrs. Dudley Arnett of Garden City have been medical patients in the Emergency Hospital for several days.

First Baptist Church

Sunday morning, January 2, the pastor will preach on "Cleaning House." At this service, members of the Hardin-Simmons girls' quartet will sing. Let's begin the new year right.

Soil Conservation Summary Reveals \$168,000 Brought to 1,605 Producers

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Robert Helms and H. P. Wellborn showed calves in another class. Owners of the boys fed pigs and dairy calves, while other boys had dairy crops. Due to the resignation of the conservation assistant and the change in office personnel in the fall, the county agent was not able to devote the time needed on this and other extension programs.

Williams Guest for Lions Club Meeting

Snyder Lions had no regular program at their Tuesday meeting, but mixed some fun and gaiety with the luncheon hour. Lion J. E. Sennel announced that plans for ladies' night next Tuesday night are being completed.

Pioneer of County Passes at McAllen

An old-time Snyder harness and saddle man, Z. F. Samples, 86, died Tuesday of last week at McAllen. He left Snyder 15 years ago. Several of his old friends will remember that he visited here last summer.

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Superintendent R. L. Williams of Lockhart, principal of Snyder High School from 1932 until 1935, was main speaker at the annual alumni banquet for the 1935 graduating class of the local high school held at the Manhattan Hotel Monday evening.

A beautifully decorated dining room, with streamers on lights and tables in class colors, red and gold, greeted the 22 guests at the affair. A huge bowl filled with red carnations, class flowers, was centering the banquet table. Maxine Huckabee headed the committee making arrangements for the reunion.

In the main address of the evening, Williams stressed the fact that education must be pursued throughout life, whether through college courses or in the affairs of ordinary life. "Ultimate success," he said, "awaits those who specialize in a definite field, meet changing social conditions which are doing away with rugged competition and rough-shod individualism, and utilize their abilities as best they can."

Beef Calf Fattening

With the development of trench silos and a dependable feed supply, the next step will be the fattening of the good beef calves this region produces. West Texas can raise the grain sorghums that furnish both a good roughage and a fine carbohydrate feed and in addition the cottonseed meal to supply the protein feed to balance the ration and make the grain feeds the most effective.

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\$10.00 in cash was awarded to these 100 entrants for the 10 best Photos of each week of contest

Table with 5 columns: 1st WEEK, 2nd WEEK, 3rd WEEK, 4th WEEK, 5th WEEK. Lists names and locations of winners for each week.

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# About People You Know

Sue Snider of Cisco was a week-end guest of relatives here.

Miss Vela Bell of Ennis is a Christmas holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bell.

Victor Drinkard of Odessa is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Drinkard.

Buck Howell of Kermit is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Howell.

Jack Nelson of Los Angeles, California, was a holiday visitor in the home of Mrs. W. W. Nelson.

Mrs. W. A. Barnett of Simsboro, Louisiana, is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Grady Ferguson, this week.

Evanelle Arnold, teacher in the R. Hester schools, spent the past 10 days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Arnold, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gloyce Drinkard of Anton were Christmas holiday guests of their parents, the J. S. Lewis and J. G. Drinkard families.

Mrs. Jim Bridgeman and son, Dawson, of Lamesa, former Snyder residents, were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnett and daughters spent the Christmas holidays in Hobbs, New Mexico, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hodges.

Miss Madie Davidson, a student in Sul Ross College at Alpine, spent Christmas week with Carol Davidson and family of Camp Springs.

Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Carrell of Poyte have been visiting with relatives and friends here. Mrs. Carrell is the former Mildred Patterson.

Mrs. W. J. Leach, with her son, Jackie, came from their home at Cisco to be holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dawson.

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Katie Poteet spent the holidays with her parents at Sipe Springs.

Willie Lock was a holiday visitor with her parents at their ranch home near San Angelo.

Doris and Elaine Davis of Rotan, former Snyder girls, visited with friends here during the holidays.

Mrs. H. T. Sefton and children visited relatives and friends in Tulla and Plainview during the week-end.

Elmer Watkins of Vega was a Christmas holiday visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins, and friends.

Sykes Curry of Eunice, New Mexico, visited with his mother, Mrs. A. M. Curry, other relatives and friends here during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Pittman and small daughter, Nelda Lee, of San Angelo are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Sefton for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Covey and son, John Jr., former residents of Snyder, are visiting relatives and friends here over the Christmas holidays.

Olha Lee Clark, now of Pecos, was home for the Christmas holidays, visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Clark, near Ira, and with local friends.

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A six-pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Keil, Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Keil is the former Mary Janet Smith, who was a student in Snyder High School when the family left here seven years ago.

Jimmie reminds the Times that he scored a real "coop" for he became a real grandpapa, on the very week The Times is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, before he reached his own 50-year milestone.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fuller left Christmas Day for a few days visit with relatives and friends in Fort Worth. They were accompanied by Andrew Fuller, the local man's brother, who spent last week here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dawson, Mrs. Velma Bruen and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vaughn were Colorado visitors on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson visited in Lamesa Sunday with her niece, Mrs. Elmer Boyd, and Mr. Boyd.

Mattie Ross Cunningham, teacher in the Napa, California, schools, is visiting during the holidays with her mother, Mrs. R. W. Cunningham, and other relatives and friends in Snyder. Maurine Cunningham of Lubbock is also here for the holidays.

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### Two-Year-Old Child Passes at Lubbock

Howard Lundy, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lundy, who lived south of Gall, died Wednesday in a Lubbock hospital from acute Bright's disease. The Lundys are moving to the Union community.

Services were held at the graveside, Snyder cemetery, at 10:00 o'clock, Thursday morning, with Rev. Forest Huffman officiating and Odum Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

### Feature of Golden Wedding Affair Is To Be Open House

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Williams, pioneer Scurry County residents, will on Sunday afternoon, January 2, observe their golden wedding anniversary with a celebration that will include open house from 2:00 until 4:00 o'clock.

The couple invite their many friends to call at their home, 1111 28th Street, for a bit of old-time fellowship and visitation. They were married in Ellis County in 1888.

Most of their children and families will be guests during the day. "An invitation is to all. And we expect your friendly call," reads the announcement and invitation handed The Times by Mrs. Williams.

Mr. Williams was for a number of years a local photographer. He is now judge of the city court.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Tollett of Abilene were week-end guests in the Mrs. Ida Hudnal home in East Snyder. Tollett is a highway department employee at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs.



**POLITICAL Announcements**  
Announcement fees, payable in advance:

District offices	\$15.00
County offices	10.00
Precinct offices	7.50
City offices	5.00

The Times is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to action of the Democratic primary, July 23, 1938:

**For County Assessor-Collector—**  
HERMAN DARBY  
STERLING TAYLOR

**Herman Darby Gets Into Race for Tax Assessor-Collector**

To the voters of Scurry County: In this announcement of my candidacy for the office of tax assessor-collector of Scurry County, it is my aim to present to you a few personal facts that you as voters may better decide whether or not I deserve the privilege of and am qualified to perform the many and varied duties of the office which I am seeking.

I am 31 years of age and have been a resident of Scurry County for the last 29 years. My educational training was received in the Snyder public schools, Texas Tech and the University of Texas, where I graduated with a B. B. A. (Bachelor of Business Administration) degree in 1931. Since graduation I have extended my business training by that best of all teachers—experience, which included clerical positions in various types of executive offices, public accounting and public auditing.

My experience in tax work began in 1933 when I was made tax assessor for the Snyder Independent School District and completed the work to the entire satisfaction of my employers. On January 1, 1935, I was appointed chief deputy tax assessor-collector of Scurry County and at the beginning of the term which I now seek I will have served four years in that capacity. These years of experience have taught me the importance of having well kept, accurate public records. You as tax-

**Palace, Texas and Ritz Theatres**

**Program for Week—**

**AT THE PALACE—**  
Thursday-Friday, Dec. 30-31—  
"THE PERFECT SPECIMEN"  
starring Errol Flynn and Joan Blondell. News and Comedy. (Your December program, when accompanied by a paid admission, will be good for a Free Pass to see this show.)

Friday Night at 11:30, Dec. 31—  
Big New Year's Eve Show  
"HIGH FLYERS"  
with Wheeler and Woolsey and Lupe Velez.

Saturday, January 1—  
"HEART OF THE ROCKIES"  
starring the Three Mesquiteers. Last Chapter of "Jungle Menace" and comedy. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

Saturday Night Prevue and Sunday and Monday, January 1-3-3—  
"BEG, BORROW OR STEAL"  
starring Frank Morgan and Florence Rice. News and Comedy.

Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 4-5—  
"NAVY BLUE AND GOLD"  
with Robert Young, James Stewart, Lionel Barrymore, Florence Rice and big cast. The Love Story of Annapolis. Selected Shorts.

**AT THE TEXAS—**  
Thursday-Friday, Dec. 30-31—  
"JUDGE PRIEST"  
starring Will Rogers. "Radio Patrol," Serial and Comedy. Family Night. All the family for one 15-cent ticket.

Saturday, January 1—  
"WINDJAMMER"  
starring George O'Brien. Boaring action on a raging sea. Chapter Eight of "Wild West Days" and Comedy. Admission 10-15 cents.

Sunday-Monday, Jan. 2-3—  
"WALLABY JIM OF THE ISLANDS"  
with George Houston and Ruth Coleman. High adventure on a pirate sea... thrills... action galore. Comedy.

Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 4-5—  
"DANGEROUSLY YOURS"  
with Cesar Romero and Phyllis Brooks. A thrill-packed escapade that covers two continents. Selected Shorts.

**AT THE RITZ—**  
Thursday-Friday, Dec. 30-31—  
"RAW TIMBER"  
starring Tom Keene. Comedy. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

Saturday, January 1—  
"THE ARIZONA GUNFIGHTER"  
starring Bob Steele. "Coast Guard," Serial and Comedy.

Sunday-Monday, Jan. 2-3—  
"LOVE ON TOAST"  
with Stella Ardler, John Payne, Benny Baker and others. Comedy.

Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 4-5—  
"SH THE OCTOPUS"  
with Hugh Herbert, Allen Jenkins and others. Last chapter of "Blake of Scotland Yard," and Comedy. Family Night.

**Student Killed in Crash That Involved Two Hermleigh Men**

Hubert, 11-year-old Electra student of Wichita Falls business college, was killed when the automobile he was driving rammed into the side of a Sweetwater city limits at 10:15 p.m. Saturday night.

The truck was driven by Joe Senkirk of Hermleigh, owner of the truck, who was accompanied by Lester Beva also of Hermleigh. Neither was injured. Miss Sarah Chaffin, Hermleigh, Pye's cousin who was a companion, suffered painful, but not serious injuries.

Sectarian justice of the peace, S. H. Cook, returned a verdict of "accidental death in car and truck collision," his body was shipped to Electra for burial there. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pye, were planning to move to the Rio Grande Valley to

**MAHON CONGRATULATES**



GEORGE MAHON  
U. S. Representative  
19th District

Washington, D. C., December 22, 1937.  
Dear Willard and Jake:  
I am glad to hear about the Golden Anniversary Edition which you are preparing. Every issue of your paper exemplifies the pride which you take in upholding the standards of a noble and useful profession. I note with regret that some of the metropolitan papers of the East are indulging in practices which are harmful to the country and unworthy of the profession. The channels through which Americans, young and old, secure their information, and sometime inspiration, should certainly be kept free from taint and distortion. The weekly press is doing a good job, and America would be infinitely poorer without the influence of hundreds of weekly papers.

I hope that 1938 has many good things in store for you and Scurry County.  
Yours cordially,  
GEORGE MAHON.

**Christmas Death Takes Father of Mrs. Jim Merket**

C. C. Maner, 83, father of Mrs. Jim Merket of the China Grove community, was taken by death on Christmas Day. He had been in ill health for some time. The aged man, who came from Baird eight years ago to live with his daughter, was a retired farmer.

Rev. J. F. Fields and Rev. A. T. Williams officiated for final rites at the China Grove Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Odom Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements for burial in the Dunn cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Merket, Mrs. P. H. Wilkerson of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Mrs. Wayne Douglas of Oklahoma City; two sons, Luther Maner of Baird and Doss Maner of Littlefield; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Carl Hairston, Roy Allen, Avery Thompson, Roe Rosson, Earl Brown and A. M. Angel were pallbearers. Dorothy Merket, Earlene Brown, Bonnie Ruth Wood and Anna Bell Krop were flower girls.

**Browning Store To Open 8th.**  
Brooks and Hollis Browning, who have worked the last four years for Worth Food Markets of Fort Worth, will open Browning Food Market Saturday, January 8. They are adding final touches to their food store north of the square.

Earl Solomon of San Angelo, former Snyder man, was a holiday guest of Hazel Lewis at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lewis.



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H. J. Brice Wayne Boren  
Austin Erwin Jr.  
South Side Sq. — Snyder



This bank observe next Saturday, January 1, as a Legal Holiday. Our doors will be closed in observance.

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**CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER**

Because The Times has served well its territory during the past fifty years, we want to be among the hundreds of the paper's friends who will be extending felicitations on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary. Best wishes for

**MANY MORE YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE**

**PIGGY WIGGLY**

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**Thanks, Friends**

We want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the nice business you have given us during the past year. We have tried to do our best to merit this support, and now as the year closes, let us wish you

**A Prosperous and Happy New Year!**

1938

Everlite	20-Lb. Sack	<b>MEAL</b>	<b>45c</b>
Lux or Lifebuoy	3 Bars	<b>TOILET SOAP</b>	<b>19c</b>
Del Monte	Large No. 5 Can	<b>PINEAPPLE JUICE</b>	<b>29c</b>
Miracle Whip	Pint Jar	<b>Salad Dressing or Spread</b>	<b>23c</b>
Armour's Veribest	3 Cans	<b>POTTED MEAT</b>	<b>10c</b>
Armour's Veribest	3 Cans	<b>VIENNA SAUSAGE</b>	<b>25c</b>
Compound	Swift's Jewel	<b>8-Lb. Carton</b>	<b>85c</b>
		<b>6 Cartons</b>	<b>\$4.95</b>
		<b>TOMATOES</b>	
	No. 2 Hand Packed	<b>2 Cans</b>	<b>15c</b>
		<b>24 Cans</b>	<b>\$1.65</b>
		<b>COFFEE</b>	
	Folger's, Drip or Regular Grind	<b>1-Lb. Can</b>	<b>29c</b>
		<b>MEAT SALT</b>	
	Kiln Dried	<b>100-Lb Sack</b>	<b>\$1.15</b>
		<b>LAUNDRY SOAP</b>	
	Big Ben	<b>6 Bars</b>	<b>25c</b>
		<b>Case, 60 Bars</b>	<b>\$2.35</b>
		<b>PINTO BEANS</b>	
	Choice Recleaned, New Crop	<b>10 Pounds</b>	<b>55c</b>
		<b>Ous Xmas Sales Were Good, But We Had Too Many</b>	
		<b>CRANBERRIES</b>	
	Now Buy Them at—	<b>Pound</b>	<b>15c</b>

**PREINVENTORY TWO DAY SALE**

**FRIDAY and SATURDAY**  
December 31st and January 1st

<b>Flour FLOUR Flour</b>	Your Chance to Buy Your Winter Supply!	
Everlite	48 Pounds Barrel	<b>\$1.69 \$6.60</b>
Gold Crown	48 Pounds Barrel	<b>\$1.59 \$6.10</b>
<b>Syrup</b>	E. Texas Sorghum Gallon Can	<b>63c</b>
<b>Mackerel</b>	Tall Can, Two for	<b>25c</b>
<b>Crackers</b>	Saxet Sodas 2-Lb. Box	<b>19c</b>
<b>CHILI POWDER</b>	French's, Pound	<b>29c</b>
<b>PEACHES</b>	Gingham Girl, Two No. 2 1/2 Cans	<b>35c</b>
<b>PEACHES</b>	Extra Choice, 10-Lb. Box	<b>\$1.15</b>
<b>RINSO</b>	Makes Clothes Whiter—Large	<b>23c</b>
<b>BROOMS</b>	5-String, Each	<b>29c</b>
<b>SCOTTISSUE</b>	100-Sheet Rolls, 3 Rolls for	<b>25c</b>
<b>PIGGY WIGGLY</b>	<b>fresh PRODUCE</b>	
<b>APPLES</b>	Large 100 Size, Per Dozen	<b>25c</b>
<b>ONIONS</b>	Spanish Sweets, Per Pound	<b>3c</b>
<b>LETTUCE</b>	Firm, Green Heads—Each	<b>5c</b>
<b>CELERY</b>	Large Bleached, Per Bunch	<b>12 1/2c</b>
<b>POTATOES</b>	No. 1 Whites, Smooth—10 Lbs.	<b>19c</b>



Hermleigh News

Minnie Lee Williams, Corresp. Rev. Ira T. Hunkabee and family spent the Christmas holidays with relatives at Frost.

Turner News

Mildred Bates, Correspondent Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clinkenbeard and sons visited in Stanton over the Christmas holidays.

Fluvanna News

Mrs. Alvin Tatum, Correspondent School will open Monday morning, January 3, to close the holidays.

Martin News

Mayme Lee Gibson, Correspondent Martin school dismissed for the Christmas holidays Friday, December 24, and will resume work January 3.

Lloyd Mountain

Eric L. Reynolds, Correspondent Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Carlile of Monahan has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Nicks, during the Christmas holidays.

Egypt News

Mrs. R. A. Hardee, Correspondent It is raining as I write my news this (Tuesday) morning. Not very many farmers are through with their 1937 crops yet.

German News

Offie Pagan, Correspondent Mr. and Mrs. G. W. V. and sons visited in the home of Big Sulphur S. Mr. and Mrs. Zack L. and Vekna Lee of Sweetwater.

Polar News

Mrs. H. Randolph, Correspondent Bro. Frank Smith of Robert Lee filled his regular appointment here over the week-end.

China Grove News

Anna Bell Krop, Correspondent Everyone has been enjoying the Christmas holidays for a week. Mr. and Mrs. L. Lewallen spent Friday and Saturday night with his mother, Mrs. D. R. Way of Knapp.

Mrs. Albert Bennett and children, Deloris Ann and Charles Ray, of Colorado and Bertha Mae and Little Fae Bennett of Dublin visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood and son, Jimmie Richard, and Mrs. C. H. Allen Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stavelly and Rosa Nell ate Christmas dinner in Southland. Agnes Craft returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McCarter Jr. of Henderson is visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Vance Martin of Crane visited through Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Arch Lavender, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Boren and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Boren of Lamesa visited relatives here this Christmas.

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County Line News

Mrs. Lawrence Brown, Corresp. Christmas was observed by almost everyone in this community. Among those who spent the holidays elsewhere were: Guy Madison and family, who visited her parents at Muldrow; Guy Floyd and family, who visited relatives in New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Johnston, who visited their daughters at Houston; Ralph Payne and family, who visited relatives near Itasca.

Mrs. Minnie Duncan joined her son, Max, in a visit with relatives in East Texas over the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Hendrix of Snyder have moved to the W. O. Moore farm, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis, who have moved into the Gannaway community.

Jesse Spikes and Miss Opal Hale were married Friday at the home of Rev. C. E. Leslie. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hale, and was a senior in Hermleigh High School. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spikes and is engaged in farming east of town. We extend congratulations.

Mrs. Elbert Bennett and children, Deloris Ann and Charles Ray, of Colorado and Bertha Mae and Little Fae Bennett of Dublin visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood and son, Jimmie Richard, and Mrs. C. H. Allen Sunday evening.

Mrs. Natha Gillis and son, Alexander, of Barstow are visiting friends and relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Edd Taylor and daughter, Bobbie, of Canyon and Robert Edward Krop of New Mexico spent Wednesday night with Mrs. A. Krop and children.

Miss Anna Bell Krop and Bo Scott and Robert Edward Krop of New Mexico and Miss Flossie B. Seal visited in the Pete White home last Wednesday night.

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FROM ONE PIONEER TO ANOTHER - CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES for the fine record of service you have made for yourself and your section during your past fifty years in West Texas. Best wishes for the future growth and prosperity of Our Home County Paper.

Murphy News

Mrs. W. W. Weathers, Corresp. Almost everyone of Murphy spent the holidays at different places. However, there was a community tree at the school house Friday night.

Mrs. Ben Weathers is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett at Trenton.

Glynn Edd Murphy of Texas Tech, Lubbock, and Bruce Murphy of Snyder spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Murphy.

Nolan von Roeder and family are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, in Clovis, New Mexico.

Jack COLWELL NU-SHEAN DRY CLEANING Tailor-Made Suits A Specialty PHONE 55 S. W. Corner of Square



Make A New Year Resolution To Save on Groceries By SHOPPING at THE RAINBOW MARKET PLACE! Specials For Friday and Saturday

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Price. Includes Fruit and Vegetables, Apples, Oranges, Grapefruit, Pecans, Cranberries.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Price. Includes Meal, Bulk Rice Crackers, Dried Fruit, Evap. Milk, Hand Soap.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Price. Includes Sanitary Market, Cheese, Seven Steak, Salt Bacon, Eggs.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Price. Includes Coffee, Baking Powder, Toilet Tissue, Peanut Butter.

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Bell News

Mrs. Will Caffey, Correspondent
Mrs. L. H. Beane, Miss Vivian and Dorcas left Thursday morning for Durkan, Arkansas, for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

Ma News

Mrs. Webb, Correspondent
Now the Christmas holidays are over and are returning to their homes.

Midway News

Callie DeShazo, Correspondent
Mrs. H. N. O'Neal and children of Lamesa have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. DeShazo and children.

Union Chapel

Ruth Barnett, Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. Grady Biggs and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brook and son visited relatives here over the week-end.

Bethel News

Marian Jones, Correspondent
Holly Shuler and family spent Friday in the W. R. Shultz home at Snyder.

Big Sulphur News

Ann Mahoney, Correspondent
Those who took Christmas dinner in the A. J. Mahoney home were: Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Pierce of Wolfe City; Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Dever and little daughter, Jonilou, of Dermott, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowlin of Hermleigh.

Pleasant Hill News

Ruth Merritt, Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gillum and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Estel Whitefield and children of Colorado.

Arah News

Olene Milson, Correspondent
Almost all of the farmers have their cotton out.

Round Top News

Mrs. H. L. Harrison, Correspondent
Mrs. Claude Bolding and children of Jal, New Mexico, spent the holidays in the B. D. Durham home.

Lone Wolf News

Gladys Ruth Mahoney, Corresp.
Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Blair and little son, Richard Bennett, have been visiting relatives at Ranger.

Bison News

Mattie Shook, Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rinehart spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rinehart of Snyder.

Dunn News

Loie Standerfer, Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. Milt Shoffner and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Standerfer and Mr. and Mrs. Algie Martin and son, Roland Jack, spent Christmas Day at Ira with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Newman and children.

Pyron News

Thelma Kinney, Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lauw visited relatives in San Angelo during the holidays.

Miscellaneous

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Lone Star News

Mrs. E. N. Smiley, Correspondent
Mrs. D. L. Winburne's daughter of Ropesville and a step son, Alton, spent Christmas with her.

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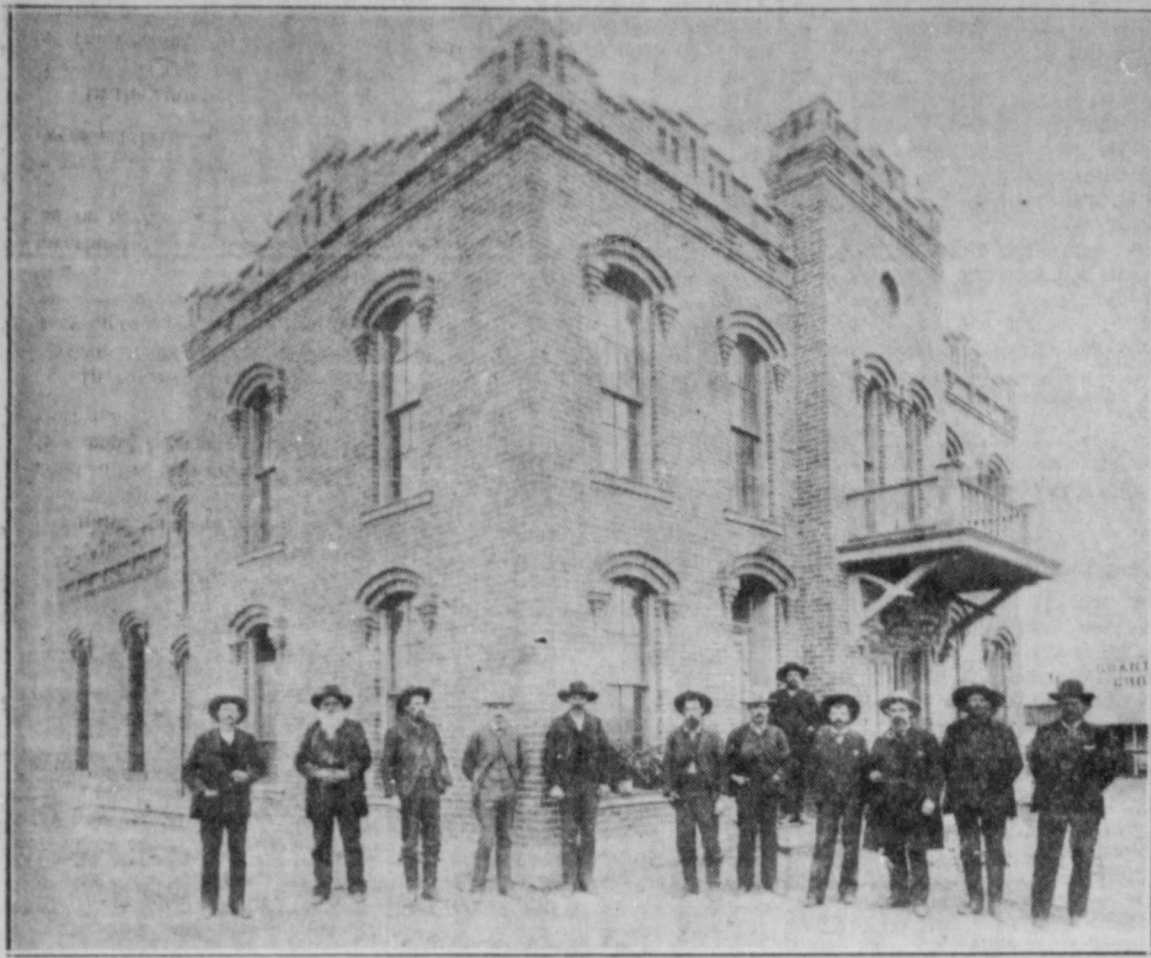
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THIS COURTHOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1886



This two-story courthouse with jail on the lower floor, was completed in 1886 on the northeast corner of the square. It was built of home-burned brick. When this picture was made in 1891, Snyder is said to have had

four saloons, one dry goods store, one grocery store, one livery stable. Saloons were soon after that taboo, however, never to return to the town or county. From the best information The Times can gather, the men in

the picture are, left to right: Jim Nunn; "Old Man" Grant; "unknown"; Houston Patterson; "Grandpa" Byrd; Frank Wyks; Ira Kutch; Walter Grantham (on steps); "unknown"; William Bell; Az Woody; Oz Smith.

County Gin Total December 13 Set At 43,624 Bales

From the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Washington, the following report was made available on the amount of cotton ginned in West Texas counties prior to December 13.

Scurry County ginned a total of 43,624 bales up to December 13 of this year, while last year at the same time the county had ginned only 14,942 bales (round bales being counted as half bales).

Dawson County, 97,996 bales this year, 44,003 last year; and in like order: Dickens, 31,934, 9,501; Fisher, 41,076, 20,848; Haskell, 43,338, 19,739; Stonewall, 13,490, 5,334; Taylor, 31,245, 22,582; Mitchell, 27,780, 16,032; Nolan, 26,215, 15,826; Jones, 62,536, 36,236; Kent, 9,473, 5,649; Lamb, 82,133, 39,456; and Howard, 42,954, 17,183.

The three counties in Texas that surpassed the 100,000 bale mark are: Ellis, 101,383; Lubbock, 131,203; and Lynn, 121,618. Last year Ellis County figures were 81,194 bales, Lubbock 55,489, and Lynn 46,579.

WEATHER MAN OF SOME HELP TO GRAIN CROP

Light Fall During December Not Sufficient to Bring 1937 Up to Normal.

The weather man during December has been of some help to the county grain crop, but in spite of a few spasms of moisture this month, 1937 promises to be one of the lightest years recently from a rainfall standpoint.

Unless the grains receive some substantial moisture soon, the 1937 yield will be a sharp contrast to the bumper crop of 1937. Pastures, too, are in bad condition due to lack of moisture in recent months.

December, prior to Wednesday morning at 8:00 o'clock, had yielded a total rainfall of only 1.04 inches, which is just about the December average over a long period of years. November, however, was far below the average, with only .68 of an inch. October, too, was under the average, September and August being just about average.

Unless heavy rains come the last two days of 1937, the year will have less than 16 inches of moisture, between 20 and 25 per cent below normal.

November and December rain figures, by days, are as follows: November 9, .30; 10, .30; December 3, 12; 14, .30; 15, .09; 16, .25; 22, .02; 28, .22; 29, .04.

Dunn Family Has Reunion as Children Visit With Parents

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Nall of Dunn were hosts to all of their children except one at a family reunion held at the home during the Christmas holidays.

A Christmas tree loaded with gifts was entertainment enough for the group Christmas Eve evening, and a turkey dinner Christmas Day was enjoyed by the children, grandchildren and a number of friends.

Children who with their families were present for the gathering were: Mrs. Charlie Quillet of Kermit, Mrs. Cliff Brooks of Snyder, Owen Nall, Virgil Nall, Mrs. Roy Johnson, Mrs. John Sherrard, all of Dunn.

Friends who enjoyed the Christmas dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Grady Brown and children, Miss Eleanor Thomas, of Dunn; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas and children of Snyder.

Former Merchant of Snyder Dies in Dallas

Funeral services for W. C. Crowder, 55, former Snyder merchant, were held at the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas Saturday. The Dallas man had been employed with a street car company there for more than 20 years, before his death Friday.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Bertha and Geneva, and a son, W. C. Scurry County people attending the funeral included the Dallas man's mother, Mrs. E. L. Crowder, his sister, Mrs. H. M. Blackard, and J. P. R. G., Elmo and Doyle Crowder and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams.

RUPTURE

SHIELD EXPERT HERE H. M. Shevnan, widely known expert of Chicago, will personally be at the Settles Hotel, Big Spring, Thursday, only, January 6, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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MANY KIDDIES, OTHERS GIVEN YULE BASKETS

Fire Department, Lions Club And American Legion Sponsor Kind Acts.

Snyder Good Fellows played Santa Claus to the needy families of the city Christmas morning—who otherwise would not have had any Christmas cheer baskets or Christmas gifts.

At 5:00 o'clock Christmas morning the goodies, toys and groceries that gladdened hearts of many a family were loaded into four pick-ups. So systematically were plans worked out, Fire Chief N. W. Autry reports, that by 5:35 all the baskets had been distributed.

A total of 30 aged people were given Christmas cheer packages, with 76 families being visited and 233 baskets distributed. A total of 208 children received sacks chock full of candy, nuts, toys and goodies.

While this good work was carried on by the fire boys, American Legion and Lions Club, with Clyde Boren as chairman of the Christmas cheer committee, the report would be incomplete without a list of the firms and people who gave money, toys, groceries and many useful gifts.

Contributors were: Cresset Junior Club, Twentieth Century Club, Mrs. D. B. Ans, Chamber of Commerce, Perry Brothers, Mrs. Wayne Boren, Mrs. J. P. Morgan, Miss Williams for the 7-B home room of Snyder Grammar School.

Carlos Don Keller, Marian and Eugene Jones, Mrs. H. N. Davis, Mrs. A. J. Riley, Methodist Intermediates, Mrs. G. M. Heinzelmann, J. S. Bradbury, Junior Billingsley, Joe York, Bryant-Link Company.

Mrs. Carl Pettit, J. Wright Moorar, Ingleside Study Club, Fidelity Sunday School class of First Baptist Church and Business Women's club.

On behalf of the fire boys N. W. Autry and Clyde Boren of the Good Fellows wish to thank sincerely everyone who helped make the distribution of Christmas cheer baskets in Snyder possible.

BANK AND P. O. TO BE CLOSED

New Year's Day will be a holiday with only two business institutions in Snyder. Snyder National Bank will be closed all day, and the post office will be closed all day also except for city delivery Saturday morning.

The other Snyder business firms will remain open all day to accommodate week-end customers. Postmaster Warren Dodson wants to remind people only morning city delivery will be a post office feature Saturday.

HERE IS MORE CONCERNING CRASH- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Funeral services for Ralph were held Monday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock, at the Odum Funeral Home chapel. Rev. James E. Spivey, assisted by Rev. Lawrence Hays of San Angelo, officiated.

Rites for Ray were held two hours later at the First Baptist Church, with Rev. Hays and Rev. W. F. Ferguson of Slaton officiating. Both were buried in Snyder cemetery, with Odum Funeral Home in charge.

Gore pallbearers were J. D. Boyd, Jesse V. Jones, Hardy Hulsey, Joe Palmer, William Hardy and Orus Bullock. Helen Grant, Dorothy Irion, Frances Bentley and Ray Nell Lightfoot were in charge of flowers.

Pallbearers for the Neal rites were York Murphy, Jim Hartley, Wesley Norred, Elmer Watkins, R. C. Gilmore and Herman Doak. Dorothy Winston, Melba Ann Odum, Irene Taylor and Jonisue Cogdell, classmates, were flower girls.

Church of the Nazarene

There will be services at the Church of the Nazarene each Sunday morning and evening—morning service at 11:00 o'clock, evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

We extend a cordial invitation to all. Remember the location—23rd and Avenue O.—R. B. Williamson, pastor.

Former Residents Gr

Message to Scurry County from J. B. Nixon and former residents of the Bison community, were sent to The Times week, along with renewal subscriptions to The Times and Scurry County friends, Nixon writes. The Nixons pose at Whiteface. John Nixon was a Times correspondent for Bison community.

Mt. Zion Preaching.

Rev. M. W. Clark will conduct services Sunday morning, 11:00 o'clock, at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, east of Snyder on the Roby road. Community citizens are invited to attend.

Send this Golden Anniversary Edition to a friend. Only 15 cents mailed in a special wrapper, or 10 cents if called for at the Times office.

Advertisement for Odom Funeral Home, featuring SuperAmbulance Service, Embalmers, Funeral Directors, and Ly Attendant. Located in Snyder, Texas, Phone 84.

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Glorious Years, Fifty of Them! In celebrating our Fiftieth Anniversary this year, The Times looks back over 50 glorious years of walking hand in hand with the people of Scurry and adjoining counties. . . . And when a newspaper has managed to live and grow in West Texas for 50 years, there is a bond between the newspaper and its subscribers that mere ink and newsprint cannot explain.

means, as Sorrells suggests, that we try to be "just folks." Every week, as The Times is born out of blood and sweat, out of ideas and ideals, someone probably says: "There's not a thing in the paper that interests me." The reader is not at fault. Someone on the Times staff, maybe everyone, has fallen down on the job or that person would find something in The Times to suit his personality.

Not many of us breadwinners stop to think sometimes what would happen to our families if we were suddenly taken from them. If more of us did stop and ponder this matter, more of us would provide for any emergency.

Advertisement for Pick & Pay Store, featuring various food items like ROAST, BANANAS, PEANUT BUTTER, Toilet Tissue, VIENNA SAUSAGE, SYRUP, and COCOA. Located in Snyder, Texas.

Advertisement for Southern Old Line Life Insurance, featuring a woman and child illustration. Text: "HELP them to 'CARRY ON' Provide Them With Protection That Only Life Insurance Can Give—"

Advertisement for Scott & Scott, featuring HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER— and FIFTY YEARS OF GOOD SERVICE TO CURRY COUNTY. Office Over Towle Jewelry Company.



# GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 30, 1937

## The Scurry County Times

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

HISTORY MARCHES ON AS COUNTY REMEMBERS HER PAST

# GLORIOUS YEARS



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—The Times, in this first historical section of its Golden Anniversary Edition, is happy to pay tribute, in picture and story, to the men and women who carved an empire out of a wilderness . . . they are leaders; we, followers.

—As Judge R. C. Crane suggests throughout the articles he has prepared for this edition, Scurry County has ever been a West Texas leader . . . in pioneering, in progress and in material achievement. A sure foundation was laid.

HISTORY OF SCURRY COUNTY READS LIKE FICTION



# Creation of Scurry and 53 Other Counties

## Formerly Portion Of Bexar County

By R. C. CRANE.

When Texas became a state of the Union, Bexar County or district comprised about the entire west half of the state. In the days of the Republic it had comprised even a larger portion of Texas.

From time to time until 1876, numerous counties had been carved out of Bexar territory.

By 1860 such counties as Runnels, Callahan, Taylor, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Haskell, Baylor, Knox, Archer, Clay, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Hardeman had been created by the Legislature but had not been organized, the war between the states having put a stop to all settlement in West Texas; and Indian depredations on the settlements that had been made, during the war, and for several years succeeding the war, had driven back the settlements from 50 to 100 miles and had caused the practical abandonment of such counties as Young and Palo Pinto.

### Hunters to Panhandle.

In 1873 the slaughter of the buffalo on a commercial basis was in full swing in the region of Kansas and Nebraska. In the spring of 1874 these operations of killing the buffalo had moved down into the Panhandle of Texas, and a trading post for the accommodation of the buffalo hunters was established at what was called Adobe Walls in Hutchinson County. This Adobe Walls site was located about three miles from the original Adobe Walls fort originally established by the Brents in about 1840, and at which Colonel Kit Carson had his famous fight with the Indians in November, 1864.

In June, 1874, there was an Indian outbreak, and the buffalo hunters and trades people were attacked in overwhelming numbers by the Indians. Much has been printed about the facts of this engagement.

The outbreak of the Indians called 2,000 United States soldiers into the field from all directions. Among the officers of the army who were in the field to put down the uprising of the Indians were such men as Nelson A. Miles, E. A. Chaffee, both of whom later rose to the supreme commandery of the United States army, and General R. S. Mackenzie and Frank Baldwin and numbers of others who subsequently rose to high rank.

### Indians Subdued.

By the summer of 1875 the Indians were thoroughly subdued, and driven back to their reservations in what was then Indian territory.

## A GROUP OF SCURRY COUNTY PIONEERS



Forty-five years in the experience of many folks is reckoned as almost the circle of life; but to these Scurry County pioneers it is just a sector, cutting their youth from their sunset days. When this picture was taken in September, 1929, not one in the picture had been in this county less than 45 years. Some have

lived here more than 50 years, as J. Wright Mosar, who leads with 58 years to his credit.

Reading from left to right, those in the picture are: Standing—Billie Green (deceased), Jim Nunn, G. H. Barnhart, J. Wright Mosar, Miss Annie Nunn, J. W. Woody (deceased), Mrs. J. W. Woody, Dr. and Mrs. A. O.

Scarborough, Mrs. O. P. Thrane, W. D. Davis; seated—T. N. Nunn, Uncle Billy Nelson (deceased), Mrs. M. J. Sharp, Mrs. O. P. Wolf, Mrs. May Gardner (deceased), Mrs. J. I. Green (deceased), and J. I. Green (deceased). This group picture was taken on the porch of Mrs. Gardner's former home.

All of this time the buffalo hunters were killing out the buffalo by the thousands, and in all the region of West Texas and the Panhandle the chief law enforcement agency was a buffalo rifle and a Colt six-shooter.

By August, 1876, it had become apparent to the Texas Legislature that some effort must be made toward law enforcement in West Texas and the Panhandle, as settlement had begun, and the Legislature thereupon in August, 1876, passed a law creating 54 counties out of what remained of Bexar territory or district.

The Legislature in its preamble to this law recited that there was no law enforcement agency in all of the region.

These 54 counties thus created included Nolan, Fisher, Scurry, Mitchell, Borden, Howard, Martin, Dawson, Gaines, and Andrews, and all of the counties north of these to the Oklahoma Panhandle.

These 54 counties when thus cre-

ated were attached to nearby or organized counties for surveying and other administrative purposes. Twenty-two of the new counties were attached to Jack County, 10 of the new counties and three of the old unorganized were attached to Shackelford.

These counties attached to Shackelford included Scurry and were as follows: Haskell, Throckmorton, Nolan, Jones, Taylor, Fisher, Scurry, Mitchell, Borden, Howard, Dawson, Martin, Gaines, and Andrews.

By 1877 cattlemen were coming into West Texas and the Panhandle region taking chances on occasional depredations on the part of the Indians, though the latter had been stopped from armed advance into the region. By 1880 all the

region had been dotted over and occupied by cattle ranches, and counties had begun to be organized in the Panhandle and along the line of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, which was then pushing westward—Taylor County in 1879, Nolan and Mitchell in 1881, Scurry in 1884.

### Attached to Shackelford.

By the law which created these 54 counties, Scurry and a number of other counties as named above were attached to Shackelford County for administrative purposes. Albany was then as now the county site of the latter; and until March 27, 1883, all business pertaining to surveying, recording, etc., concerning Scurry County had to be transacted at Albany.

## Insurance Firm Started In 1909

Snyder Insurance Agency was founded in 1909 by Fred Grayum, T. F. Baker, and E. J. Anderson. The first location was in the courthouse, but it was moved to the present location in the middle of the square's south side in 1928.

In 1919, J. M. Denson and Bob Smith bought Snyder Insurance Agency from Grayum, Baker and Anderson. In 1920, Hugh Boren and A. D. Erwin bought out Denson and Smith.

Then, in 1923, J. O. Dodson, Ivan Dodson and Wayne Boren purchased Snyder Insurance Agency from Hugh Boren and A. D. Erwin. In 1924, Snyder Insurance Agency proper was formed, with Wayne Boren, Ivan Dodson and H. J. Brice at the helm.

When the late G. A. Hagan was added to the firm in 1927, Scurry County Abstract Company was purchased from the late C. R. Buchanan. Austin Erwin entered the firm in 1935, when the Ivan Dodson and G. A. Hagan interests were absorbed.

Present owners are: H. J. Brice, Wayne Boren and Austin Erwin. Mrs. Inez Brown is office stenographer.

But when the Texas & Pacific Railway built into this region in 1880 and 1881, Mitchell County was organized, and then on March 27, 1883, Scurry, Kent and Garza Counties were attached to Mitchell County, and so continued until its organization at the election held for that purpose on June 28, 1884.

The records of Mitchell County are peculiarly silent regarding the administration of the affairs of Scurry County, although it appears that the passing of the law attaching Scurry to Mitchell was a foregone conclusion for more than a month before its actual passage, for, on February 12, 1883, J. Y. Yarborough was appointed justice of the peace for Scurry County, and Boyd Mullin, constable, a month and a half before the law was passed.

### New J. P. Named.

At the October term of the Commissioners Court of Mitchell County, 1883, a petition was granted, on the showing that the justice of the peace,

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## A New Market

But an Old Meat Cutter!

Eighteen years ago we started in the Star Market on the north side of the square with W. R. Bell. We believe we know something of the game.

We are grateful for a growing trade in our new stand, and will appreciate any new business.

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## Crowder Meat Market

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# Thirty Years of Lumber Service In Snyder!

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We can recount with The Times most of the Half Century of years through which our Home County Paper has passed. We pause here to extend felicitations to our own newspaper for the definite service it has been to the area.

**—BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TIMES**

# O. L. Wilkirson Lbr. Co.

HALF BLOCK EAST OF THE SQUARE



# County Named for General of Civil War

## He Was Killed In Battle of Saline

By R. C. CRANE.

When the Legislature of Texas was carving out and creating 54 counties in West and Northwest Texas, many of the notable men of the republic and of the state were remembered in the names of the counties created. That was on August 31, 1876.

Scurry County was named for a noted Texan, who rose to the rank of brigadier general in the Confederate army. Here is the sketch of his life as given by Fullmore in his "History of Texas as Given in County Names":

"William R. Scurry was born in Gallatin, Tennessee, February 10, 1821. He was reared, educated and studied law in that county and came to Texas in 1840, locating in Washington County. He became a full fledged lawyer before he was 21 years old. He was elected a member of the ninth and last Congress of the Republic, and at the time of the Mexican War he promptly enlisted and was elected major of Wood's regiment.

"He was conspicuous for gallantry in the engagement of Monterey. After that he moved to Clarksville, in Red River County, where he actively engaged in the practice of law and became one of the most popular orators in the state. He then located in De Witt County, at Clinton, then the county site, and was engaged in his profession when the Civil War broke out in 1861. He promptly enlisted in the Confederate army and was elected lieutenant colonel and accompanied Sibley's brigade to New Mexico and participated in the battles of Peralto, Valverde and Glorieta.

"Upon his return to Texas he was appointed to the command of the eastern military sub-district. In 1863 he was commissioned brigadier general and assigned to duty under General Dick Taylor, and was killed at the battle of Saline (Jenkin's Ferry) April 30, 1864."

London Daily Herald: The local council decided to give every child a coronation mug as a souvenir, the mayor remarking that in the days to come the mugs would remind the children of the councilors who gave them.

## FIRST WOODEN HOUSE STILL STANDS



This is the first wooden house that was ever built in Snyder. It now stands on the Nunn place

in Southeast Snyder, where it is still in use. A complete story of its erection and history may be

found in this section. The house was originally located on the site of the present Snyder square.

## First of Wooden Houses Yet Here

The old Nunn home, pictured in this section, is not the house that Jack built. But its furnishings and every board and nail that went into its structure were worthy of even more detailed mention than the house of the famous Jack. This house, nestling now by several large mesquites, was built by Jim, Jeff and Ben Webb. In the history of Scurry County it is known as the first house ever to be erected in the county of which Snyder is now the seat of government.

Behind the house is a history as romantic as the west itself. The lumber of which it was built was hauled from Fort Worth on ox carts, through a country almost unbroken by trails of any kind . . . through a wilderness, in many places, where Indians were often on the warpath and where civilization's outposts were rare. The year 1878 was the time of construction. In the same year, history tells, Pete Snyder, from whom the county seat was named, built the first business house in the county, on the spot where the Manhattan Hotel is now standing.

When built, the house stood on what is now the courthouse square. The house now stands on J. H. Nunn's place, where it has been for a number of years.

## W. E. Doak & Son Conoco Handlers

W. E. Doak and son, Herman, have been Snyder's Conoco agents since 1931. W. E. Doak moved to his present location at the Snyder Garage in 1918.

The elder Doak came to Scurry County from Wise County in 1897. He farmed until 1900, then began working for Paxton Hardware Store, which was located where Hugh Taylor's store now is.

Doak began working for the city when the water works was built about 1910. He began work at Snyder Garage in 1912, when the business was just west of the fire station, and he was Buick agent in 1916.

Texas rice hulls, formerly considered a waste, are now being used commercially as packing material, as a filler for horse collars, as an insulating product and as a mulch.

## Gordon's Furniture Established in 1932

Gordon's Furniture Store, which is now located on 25th Street, is owned by J. A. Gordon, who founded the store in 1932, and since then has had some other locations.

Gordon's handles furniture for the home, from beds and rocking chairs to living room sets and breakfast nook furnishings.

## He Blacksmithed Fifty Years Ago

Ed S. Darby, who has been blacksmithing for 50 years, moved to Snyder in 1910. He began working for the late W. T. Baze in 1912, who was located just west of where Yoder Chevrolet Company is now located.

Ed Darby has been in his present

location, one block west of the square on 25th Street, since he bought out Billy Sims in 1914. Sims was located one door west of Darby's present shop.

Darby started blacksmithing in Fort Worth in 1887. Bern Baze began working for Darby in 1911, and has been employed at Darby's shop since.

## A QUARTER CENTURY

—Twenty-five years ago we came to Snyder and entered business on the east side of the square with Will Rogers.

—We are grateful for a generous patronage from Scurry County people all during these years. We shall strive to merit your continued support.

## CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER—

for having doubled our record of service to this section. We wish for you many more years of growth.

## CASSTEVEN'S TIN SHOP

North of Bank

Snyder, Texas

## GOOD LUMBER SERVICE



## Times, Let Us Extend Congratulations—

to you, as our own fine newspaper, just when you pause at the half century mark and look back over some rosy times and some tempestuous ones.

That you may live and grow in years and prestige is our sincere wish as you pass the threshold of this year—

## Fiftieth Anniversary

From a meager beginning back in 1885, when the first Burton-Lingo yard was opened in Abilene, the firm has spread to 32 cities in Texas. The concern looks back upon many years of dealings with thousands of friends, confident that a worthy service has been rendered to generations of builders.

## FOURTEEN YEARS IN BUSINESS IN SNYDER—

have likewise drawn many loyal customers to our doors—and they have gone away pleased. We are thankful for their support for these years.

## Burton-Lingo Company

J. MONTGOMERY, Manager



## R. J. Nesbitt First Judge of County

By LEON GUINN.

When an election was held June 28, 1884, to organize Scurry as a county independent of judicial attachment to Mitchell County, Scurry, Kent and Garza Counties had been attached to Mitchell County since March 27, 1883.

In June of 1884 the pioneer citizens of the county decided the tide of empire must turn to self government; deleted of long trips by horseback and buggy to Colorado City to obtain official information on county affairs.

When Scurry County was officially organized, R. J. Nesbitt was elected county judge; H. B. Patterson, county clerk; W. S. Smallwood, county attorney; H. A. Goodwin, county surveyor; W. W. Nelson, sheriff; and the following commissioners: G. W. Reed, Precinct 1; H. J. Camp, Precinct 2; and G. G. Williamson, Precinct 4.

### First Meeting July 23.

The Commissioners Court met for the first time July 23, 1884. S. G. Singletary was further recognized as county treasurer. H. C. Miller was appointed constable of Precinct 1. W. W. Nelson was appointed tax collector; and as such was authorized to let a contract to the lowest bidder for:

"Building a calaboose; specifications being: 8x10 feet in width and length, 8 feet in height, the same to be built of 2x6 inch scantling and covered (and floored) with 1x12 in. plank, and the same to be of good and substantial material."

In the eleventh day of August, 1884, Commissioners Court again met, approving the donation of certain lots referred to in another article for courthouse square. On the same day the commissioners marked out the four commissioner precincts.

September 29, 1884, Commissioners Court ordered one dozen chairs for the county of Scurry. And in April of 1885, the commissioners appointed T. J. Faught as sheriff and tax collector. W. W. Nelson had "discharged the duties of office like a real gentleman."

In October of 1887 the Commissioners Court met to authorize the county judge "to examine the scalps of wolves, Mexican lions, and tigers; and issue bounty certificates for all predatory animals except wildcats."

### New Stove Bought.

These notes from Commissioners Court records give an idea of the business at first transacted by the honorable commissioners, and to increase the comfort of county officials the commissioners on February 13, 1888, "allowed S. G. Singletary (treasurer) \$5 for an office stove."

February 18, 1890, an ad valorem tax of 25 cents on the \$100 valuation was levied on Scurry and Garza Counties for the year 1890. Garza County was organized in 1907, but in 1890 was attached to Scurry County for taxation purposes.

Thus we may get an insight into the problems facing the first Commissioners Court in the county, as well as succeeding ones until 1890. Today, county officials, as well as commissioners, can still find pointers along the way by studying the old county records. Citizens wanting to know Scurry County better can make a good beginning by studying the first Commissioners Court records. Yet very few do.

## L. B. Peterson to Snyder From Polar

Peterson's Shoe Shop, located on the east side of the square, was established in May, 1932. L. B. Peterson is an old-timer in the shoe "cobbling" business, coming to Snyder from Polar in 1925, and worked several years for Ed Curry in the courthouse basement.

Peterson's Shoe Shop has had some other locations, besides the present east side of the square site. Clifton Walker is Peterson's present employee. The shop has new Landis equipment for turning out any type of shoe repairing.

"Go your way with serenity, to see things as they are and not as they seem to someone else, for no one else is you."—Dr. John Edgar Park.

## BAD MEN ONCE FEARED THIS BASTILE



When bad men were really bad out here in West Texas, this now-rickety jail kept many of

them out of badness by day and by night. It is the county's first jail, now rotting away on the

Nunn place in Southeast Snyder. It was originally located on a corner of the square.

## Thompson's Barber Shop Opened in 1924

Thompson's Barber Shop, now located one door east of Pick & Pay on the highway, is operated by E. E. and Edd Thompson, with James Wiley working on Saturdays. The shop was founded at Snyder in 1924 in The Tavern basement.

Edd Thompson began barbering in

Judge: If those guest artists on the radio behave anything like the guests we have for the week-end, it won't be long now until they appear on programs and bring along six or seven friends.

Snyder in 1924; E. E. began at Texico in 1922. E. E. came to Snyder the same year. Specialties are haircuts, any type or fashion.

## A. C. Crowder One Of Pioneer Butchers

Crowder's Meat Market, owned by A. R. Crowder, is located one block west of Snyder National Bank on 25th Street. It was founded in October, 1937, by Crowder. A. R. Crowder is the present firm employee.

A. R. Crowder Sr. has been a meat market operator and employee in

## Initial Jail Now In Final Throes

The heavily barred brick jail over which Sheriff Clyde Thomas now stands guard seems to be a Gibraltar beside the sagging shanty pictured in this section. But the time was when Scurry County sheriffs used this very building for their prisoners. The ancient structure, which once stood on a corner of the square, now leans against two heavy poles on the back of Tom Nunn's place in Southeast Snyder.

Through the tiny barred windows a stream of light now strikes pieces of harness and odds-and-ends. On two hinges one dare not test for fear the door will fall from its rickety posture, swings a rotting combination of heavy boards and nails, which probably spelled misery and separation from the world to many a frontier badman.

Jim Nunn tells that Snyder was known as "Robber's Roost" in its youthful days. One reads between the lines and wonders how such a small jail could hold the badmen that the wild frontier town once knew. At any rate, Uncle Tom had it moved down on his place a good many years ago.

So it stands there now, not far from the town's first house, as if daring the world to prove that it is not yet capable of holding a 1937 Jesse James. Yet it is a sorry sight . . . leaning toward the west's setting sun like the pioneers who built it . . . slowly passing away like the trailblazers who know no conqueror but death.

Snyder for 18 years. He started in 1919 with W. R. Bell, operating the Star Market on the north side of the square where Perry Brothers is now located. Crowder came to Scurry County from Denton County in 1890, and is one of Snyder's pioneer meat specialists.

Send this edition to a friend.

# Over Fourteen Years Ago



Bell's Flower Shop had its inception in Snyder in the good year 1923, to give the county its first florist establishment. It was in the same location that a modest beginning was made. During this more than decade of service we feel we have played a definite part in the affairs of the community.



From that first start in East Snyder, Bell's Flower Shop has grown to be one of the city's going business concerns. With a big investment in equipment and stocks, we feel that ample provision is made for caring for the our patrons needs.

Growth of the concern has been due not only to the alertness of the people in charge to keep abreast of the times in modern facilities and stocks, but to the patronage of numerous people of this area. We are grateful for this generous trade.

## THE TIMES

because of the fine record of service it has made during the closing half century deserves the hearty

## CONGRATULATIONS

of its thousands of friends. We here want to wish for Our Home County Paper and its force growing prestige during the next

## FIFTY YEARS

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Complete stocks of trees and shrubs. Consult us with your landscape problems.

# Bell's Flower Shop

800 Twenty-Fifth Street

Telephone 350



# Marcy Reconnaissance Thru West Texas

## Important March Included Scurry

By R. C. CRANE.

Captain R. B. Marcy was probably the outstanding finder of roads in the United States army in the forties and fifties. Incidentally, he was the father-in-law of General George B. McClellan of Union army fame and was General McClellan's inspector general while the latter was commander-in-chief of the United States forces during the war between the states.

Later during the seventies, he was again inspector general of the United States army and accompanied General Wm. T. Sherman, commander-in-chief of the United States army, when he made his tour of inspection of the frontier forts in 1871.

In April, 1849, Captain Marcy received orders from army headquarters to fit up an expedition at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and accompany a number of Arkansas emigrants to Santa Fe, New Mexico. From there he was to go to the vicinity of El Paso, Texas, to endeavor to locate a route practical for wagon travel across West Texas to the vicinity of Denison.

### Starts With "Army."

He fitted up a little army of about 80 men, with numerous wagons and supplies, including a cannon, and traveled almost due west across what is now Oklahoma and across the Panhandle of Texas to Santa Fe and from Santa Fe traveled south to Dona Ana, some 30 miles north of El Paso. He had his own Indian scouts, including the outstanding Delaware Indian scout, John Connor, but he had no scouts who were familiar with West Texas, west of Big Spring. In the vicinity of Dona Ana he found a Comanche Indian who had been largely reared in West Texas and was familiar with the region. Marcy engaged this Indian to pilot his expedition through to the vicinity of Big Spring, from which locality on eastward his own scouts were acquainted with the country.

This Comanche Indian scout, however, stipulated that Marcy must pay him for the work in advance and place the money in the hands of his wife, a Mexican woman, before he would go with him because, as he said, the country was wild, absolutely unoccupied by people except possibly roving hostile Indians, and he might never get back home.

### First Recorded Trip.

Thus equipped, Marcy started the first recorded expedition across West Texas along the lines indicated.

The report of the experiences of the expedition dated November 20, 1849, are printed in full in Senate Executive Document No. 64, Secretary of War, etc., printed in 1850.

This report gives in detail day by day a description of the country as he traversed it, the nature of the soil, watering places, etc.

They reached Big Spring of the Colorado on October 3. This was an outstanding landmark in all the region during that period and was the spring located about two miles south of the city of Big Spring and from which the latter took its name.

He left Big Spring October 4, 1849. Below is quoted the report of his expedition as the same crossed the county of Scurry.

He had only one mishap to any of his men on the entire expedition except the one described below, in which his lieutenant, Harrison, lost his life on account of a misguided notion about the characteristics of wild Indians.

### Man Killed in Scurry.

It will be noted that Lieutenant Harrison was killed and scalped in Scurry County.

Marcy's report indicated that he carried the remains of Lieutenant Harrison all the way back to Fort Smith for interment, but he does not indicate how he managed to do it.

The only other mishap he had on the expedition was a few days later when he reached the vicinity of Hamlin, when he was overtaken by a severe blizzard or storm and, to find a good camping place, he had

## SCARBOROUGH SANITARIUM



The Scarborough Sanitarium, one of our early day clinics, was opened in 1909 when Dr. A. O. Scarborough was chief surgeon for the R. S. & P. Railroad. The sanitarium was operated until 1914, when it was turned into a hotel. Dr. A. O. Scarborough,

who is the oldest physician in point of practice between Fort Worth and El Paso, graduated from: Missouri Medical College, 1886; Kentucky School of Medicine, 1889; New York School of Medicine, 1889; and University of California Medical College, 1916.

his teams raked up. When he camped that night, apparently just below Flat Top Mountain, his little Mexican mules had suffered from the storm, and 25 of them died in the night, and he was compelled to abandon six of his wagons.

Several years later Captain Marcy wrote and published a little book entitled "The Prairie Traveler, a Handbook for Overland Expeditions." This little book gives the route that Marcy had made in this expedition in 1849, lays it down as one of the best wagon roads across the continent, and carefully logs the route with notation of the watering places, etc. He strongly recommends that no expedition should undertake to travel this or any of the other routes across the continent, which he also logs, unless in well organized expeditions of at least 100 men.

### Railroads Follow Marcy.

Almost as a direct result of Marcy's finding that wagon travel was practical through West Texas and that railroad construction was also practicable, three transcontinental railroads were chartered in Texas to commence at the northeast cor-

ner of Texas and traverse the entire state in the general direction of Marcy's route.

The construction eventually of the Texas & Pacific Railway was the outcome.

This expedition of Captain Marcy as outlined, through West Texas, was also important in the discovery to the world of the real nature and the lay of land in West Texas.

With this explanation, here now follows Marcy's report as his route traverses Scurry County from Big Spring to the vicinity of the Double Mountains over in the neighborhood of what is now Rotan. Persons fa-

miliar with the region can trace his steps easily from this report.

It must be understood that all West Texas, Northwest Texas, and the Panhandle were unknown regions to the white man in 1849.

### Report of Marcy's Reconnaissance, Through Scurry County in 1849.

"October 4.—We left the "Big Spring" today at 1:00 o'clock p. m., and traveled 12 1-8 miles in course N. 43 degrees E. to a spring in a beautiful timbered valley, with excellent grass. The spring is in the limestone rocks to the south of the road, and furnishes a good supply of water. It is a tributary of the Concho. We have passed over a rolling country today, covered with mesquite trees.

"After marching 11 1-3 miles we encamped in an extensive bottom or flat through which there is good water standing in pools along the bed of the stream, and a great abundance of the finest mesquite grass.

### Manuel Goes Home.

"Manuel, our Comanche guide, leaves us at this place, and returns alone through a wild Indian country, some 600 miles, to his home at San Miguel. He strides directly across the "Llano Estacado" to "Bosque Redondo," on the Rio Pecos, over the route which has been spoken of before as possible for wagons. He expects to make the journey in 14 days, and has no fear but what he shall reach home in safety. I have found him a man of much more than ordinary judgment and character; and should it ever become necessary to make an examination of the route from here to the Bosque Redondo, and thence to Joya de Cibaletia, I would have no hesitation in recommending him as the best guide that can be found in New Mexico.

"October 6.—For about 11 miles after leaving camp this morning, our road passed over a perfectly flat prairie, covered with short buffalo grass, and through a continuous dog

town almost the entire distance. We then struck out into a creek bottom, crossed and followed down about three miles to its junction with a large stream, which is the main Red Fork of the Colorado, or, according to the Comanche nomenclature, the Pash-a-ho-no.

### Find Small Stream.

"We found this a stream of 20 yards in width, six inches deep, and running rapidly over a rocky bed; the water has a red tinge, and is slightly saline. The banks are bold and rocky, and I should imagine this to be the character of it to its source in the "Llano Estacado". This is the first tributary of the north branch of the Colorado that we have crossed. The main Rio Colorado has, near its head, two principal tributaries—the Concho and the Red Fork; all others are affluents of those two.

"The country through which we are passing now is becoming much more interesting than it has been; there is some timber and streams of running water. Our camp is in a grove of mesquite and wild China trees upon the bank of a creek running into the Pash-a-ho-no.

"We have seen wild turkeys upon this creek—the first since leaving the Rio Grande. Quails and meadow larks are common everywhere upon our route.

"October 7.—Lieutenant Harrison started out after dinner today to examine a ravine two miles from here, and, as he has not returned, I think he must have wandered farther than he intended, and has not been able to reach camp before dark. I have had our cannon fired, and if he is within 20 miles of us he will be likely to hear it, as the atmosphere is perfectly still and clear. Should he not return before tomorrow morning, I shall send out parties to search for him; but, as he is a

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## OLD TIMERS OF WEST TEXAS—

Back in 1906 we began supplying West Texans with the finest musical instruments. We have tried throughout these years to back each sale and transaction to our customer's satisfaction.

Now, in 1937, we are proud of our past accomplishments and years of service. We are striving as never before to merit your continued patronage and good-will. We pledge our best efforts in the future.

# You are Invited To Come to See Us

Or, if it is not convenient for you to come to Abilene, we shall be happy to have one of our representatives call on you and discuss with you any matter pertaining to our business.

**Congratulations, Times . . .**

for the determination and courage that has carried you through 50 years of newspapering in Scurry County. Our hope is that you shall continue to grow for another . . .

**HALF CENTURY**

# Hall Music Company

"EVERYTHING IN MUSIC"

434 Pine Street

Abilene, Texas

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—

We started shining shoes in Snyder at our present location back in 1922. We have tried to give good service during the past 15 years.

We are thankful for the patronage of our friends.

**Congratulations, Times—**

for having stayed in there and pitched for Half a century.

## BILL MILES

At Patterson's Barber Shop



## Marcy's Trip Into Area Is Related

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good woodsman, I am in hopes he will find his way to camp alone.

"We remained in camp to rest our men and animals, intending to resume our march tomorrow.

### A Melancholy Day.

"October 8.—This has been a melancholy day to us. As Mr. Harrison did not return during last night, I concluded that he might have become lost upon the prairies, and at daylight this morning I had another gun fired, in order that, if within hearing, he might take the direction and return to camp. I also sent out Lieutenant Updegraff and Beaver to take the track of his horse, follow it to the ravine, and, if possible, find out where he had gone; besides sending several parties of dragoons in different directions in search of him.

"In the course of two hours Lieutenant Updegraff returned, and stated that he had followed the track about one mile and a half beyond the ravine, where it appeared Lieutenant Harrison had been met by a party of Indians, and gone off with them in a southern direction. I immediately ordered Lieutenant Sackett to take all our mounted force, get upon the trail of the Indians, and follow them until he overtook them and recovered Lieutenant Harrison.

"Lieutenant Sackett followed the track about two miles from where he was met by the Indians, to a small branch of the Colorado, where, to his horror and astonishment, he suddenly came upon the murdered and mangled corpse of poor Lieutenant Harrison, lying down among the rocks, where they had thrown him, scalped, and stripped off all his clothing. The Indians had then struck out upon the prairie, and set off at full speed.

### Wagon Sent for Body.

"These facts having been reported to me, I dispatched a wagon for the body, had it brought to our new camp (three miles from that of last night), and am preparing a box, in which I hope to take it to Fort Washita.

"As it was late in the day before we got the corpse to camp, and as it was impossible to follow the trail after night, I directed Lieutenant Sackett to postpone his departure until early tomorrow morning. They have already had sufficient time to get a long distance from us, and as our horses are mostly jaded and poor, I have not much expectation of his overtaking the murderers, unless they have gone to an encampment where there are women and children; but, from the course they have traveled, and their manner of encamping, Beaver thinks it probable that he may be able to form a very correct idea as to the part of the country they are making for, and perhaps tell to what tribe they belong.

### Emigrants Followed.

"There are several circumstances which have led me to believe that the act has been committed by a party of Kioways. There has been a large band of them lurking about the head of the Rio Concho during the whole summer, committing depredations upon the inhabitants of the state of Chihuahua; and it is but a short time since they stole several horses from an emigrating party from Louisiana upon this same stream.

"The emigrants followed them, but, on overtaking them and not finding their animals, determined to keep them prisoners until they were returned. This resulted in an encounter, in which several of the Indians were killed, and among them their chief. Besides this, I heard of two other instances where Indians of this same tribe have committed depredations upon emigrants on the northern routes to New Mexico.

"It has occurred to me that a remnant of the band upon the Concho may have been following us to get revenge for the loss of their chief. If so, they have taken most ample compensation; for a better young officer, or a more courteous, amiable and refined gentleman, ever lived. He was universally beloved by all who knew him. His kindness

of heart and gentleness of disposition were remarked by everyone.

"When the melancholy news reached us that he had been murdered, there was such an expression of gloom cast over the command as I have never witnessed before. Old soldiers who had often seen their comrades falling by their sides in battle, and whose hearts, it might be supposed, were steeled against the manifestation of what some might consider weakness, were seen to turn away their faces to conceal their tears. They knew that in his death they lost a good friend.

### Murderers Pursued.

"October 9.—After starting Lieutenant Sackett, with all our mounted force, in pursuit of the murderers, I moved forward, this morning, over a fine rolling country of prairies and timber, with good soil, and in many places well watered. At 11 miles we passed a pond in which there will be good water at all seasons. At nine miles from this we struck the first affluent of the Brazos (a tributary of Clear Fork), running north. All the branches of the Colorado upon our route run south.

"Our camp is upon the creek, where we have good grass and mesquite wood.

"Lieutenant Sackett, with his command, returned about 10:00 o'clock this evening, and reports that he took the trail of the Indians, and followed it for a few miles, when he came to a spot where they had made a fire, cooked meat, and departed in great haste, after night, leaving a pair of new moccasins, a

lariat and a saddle, from which we infer that they did not know we were so near, were alarmed at hearing our gun, and left immediately. Their course from here was almost due north for 15 miles (the distance he followed them).

"Finding that some of his horses were failing, one giving out entirely, and the Indians far ahead upon fresh animals, he reluctantly abandoned the pursuit, and returned to camp.

### Kioways Blamed.

"Beaver pronounces the saddle and moccasins the same kind as those used by the Kioways; and, as their permanent abiding place is nearly opposite the Antelope buttes between the Canadian and Arkansas, the bearing of the trail would lead there. These are additional evidences of the correctness of my first suspicions.

"It is well known, furthermore, that these Indians are a most deceitful and treacherous race; even the Comanches will not trust them. Lieutenant Harrison has always, in the goodness of his heart, had great confidence in the effect of kind and hospitable treatment toward the Indians, in order to secure their goodwill; and has often been heard to remark that, should he meet with a party of Indians when alone on the prairies, he would approach and greet them cordially. He was well armed and mounted; and it is thought that, if he had made the attempt, he might possibly have reached camp unharmed.

"October 10.—Our road today passed over a very level plain, mostly

covered with mesquite wood, until we reached this place. Our course has been N. 62 degrees 28 degrees E.; and the distance traveled 13 miles.

### On the Same Stream.

"We are encamped upon the same stream that we left this morning, and have good water standing in large pools where our road crosses. About 400 yards below, however, there are salt springs running into the creek, which renders it nauseous and unfit for use.

"We passed over some gypsum rock today, near a small creek, and here we found the water bitter and unpalatable, as it has always been when we have met with the mineral.

"October 11.—Leaving camp early this morning, we marched about two miles, when we struck a piece of sandy road three miles in extent; but we passed over it without difficulty, and had a most capital road from there to our camp.

"There have been two low bald mountains in sight, about 10 miles to the north, nearly all day, which are good landmarks. They are upon the head of the Double Mountain fork of the Brazos, and give it its name. We have been travelling through groves of mesquite timber, with a beautiful carpet of rich grama grass underneath, nearly all day."

Humorist: Called on to make a speech after a banquet, a guest arose and, remarking that he really had nothing to say, sat down again. In similar circumstances, most after-dinner orators don't sit down; they just go on saying it.

## King and Brown Old Car Dealers

King & Brown, located at the same place—1914 25th Street—since founding of the firm in 1921, are two of the oldest Snyder automobile dealers in point of continuity at the same place of business.

King & Brown started out in 1921 selling Dodges, those famous fours of the early twenties, and doing mechanical work. Earl Brown came to Snyder in 1899; Porter King came here in 1908.

King & Brown has been Snyder agent for General Motors Frigidaires since 1930. Of the 1938 Frigidaires, Earl Brown says: "When folks realize what a meter-miser the '38 models are, and the silence of the new type refrigerators, we feel Frigidaire will sell itself."

Porter King came to Scurry County in 1908, and barbered until he joined the army. He began work in May of 1920, when he got back from the army, at the place he is now located.

King & Brown took over the Snyder agency for De Sotos and Plymouths in 1934, and sell Dodge cars as well. The firm has been giving folks in this trade territory the same dependable mechanical work for 16 years.

Earl Brown and Porter King are owners of the firm, and Roy Brown is full-time employee, doing mechanical and refrigerator work.

Of course, we didn't come to Snyder in an ox-wagon, but we are classed as—

# PIONEERS

IN THE FUEL AND OIL BUSINESS

If our arithmetic is not failing us in our later years, when we subtract 1909 from 1937, the remainder is 28 years . . . that, friends, marks the time we have put in the oil and fuel business in Snyder.

But our arithmetic does fail us when we try to count the number of people we have served during the more than quarter century in the same business. However, we want to express our thanks to them here.



Gasoline - Oils and Greases - Distillate - Kerosene

We've Seen You Thru 40 Years—

Because we came here in 1897 from Lampasas County, and have stayed by Our Home County Paper all during that period. Times, we want to here extend our best wishes for continued growth and prestige, and express our sincere . . .

Congratulations for Your Long Service

GET YOUR COAL FROM US—

We carry a big stock of coal, ready for immediate delivery, in small or large quantities.

# J. C. Dawson

TELEPHONE 13



# Snyder Had Start In Buffalo Camp Days

## Named From Pete Snyder, Merchant

By LEON GUINN.

When the slaughter of the buffalo began in the early seventies, buffalo hunter and merchant alike were following the bison trails onward. In 1878, when a number of buffalo hunters made camp on Deep Creek, Pete Snyder established the town's first business house, on the spot where the Manhattan Hotel now stands. Thus was obtained the city's name, Snyder.

Until 1882 Snyder had a flavor of excitement not unlike gold rush days in California; the buffalo camp boasting of commissaries, a saloon at its honky-tonk loudest, and a dance hall. But by 1886 people began to realize the buffalo had gone to the sunset of his glory; and from 1886 to 1900 we find Scurry County becoming rapidly "settled."

### City Government Needed.

Early in 1907 Snyder was becoming a city of nearly 2,000 souls, and citizens began to realize the need for a city government. Enterprising citizens applied for and obtained a charter of incorporation for the city of Snyder. This charter was granted Tuesday, July 2, 1907. Six councilmen were elected, and a mayor appointed.

Mac Taylor, records show, was Snyder's first recorded mayor. C. R. Buchanan was county judge at the time; the year 1907 being an eventful one for the city of Snyder. Not only was the city granted a charter of incorporation (under the general laws of Texas), but the R. S. & P. Railway started construction of its line from Roscoe to Pluvanna. The Santa Fe also surveyed in April and May of 1907 its prospective line from Plainview south through Lubbock, Post, Snyder and into Sweetwater.

### Court-Council Cooperate.

The Commissioners Court in 1907 worked with the City Council in matters of county and city government, although acting entirely independent of that body of aldermen who bemoaned the fact Snyder needed a hitching rail.

In the election of April 7, 1914, J. Z. Noble was elected mayor, succeeding Taylor; Dr. Sed A. Harris, however, was mayor for a short time in 1908. Since then mayors have been: J. Z. Noble, 1914-16; Dr. R. L. Howell, 1916-17; E. F. Smith, 1917-18; W. W. Echols, 1918-20; M. A. Fuller, 1920-22; Fritz R. Smith, 1922-26; and H. G. Towle, 1926 to the present time.

Since the incorporation of Snyder in July of 1907 as a city council form of government, the same number of councilmen has been elected. These six councilmen, together with a city secretary and mayor, have constituted Snyder's city government.

Today, one finds Snyder's business affairs being run as nearly as possible on a cash basis. More money is collected in a month now from water bills alone than was collected by the City Council in 1914 in four months from all sources.

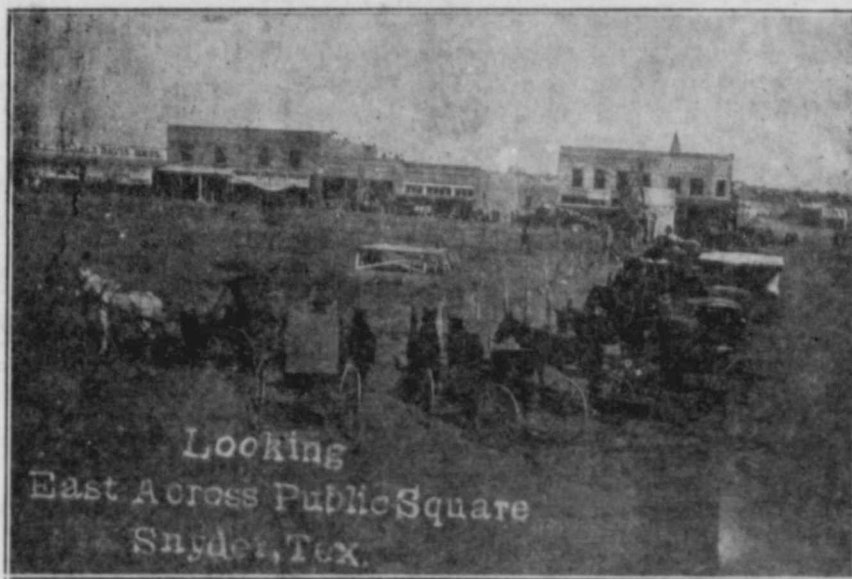
### Towle Since 1926.

As mayor since 1926, Dr. H. G. Towle has led in putting Snyder's city government on a high plane of efficiency, and has been cited several times in recent years for putting the "city farm" on a paying basis. The city secretary is J. S. Bradbury. Councilmen at present are: Dwight Monroe, G. H. Leath, W. J. Ely, Willard Jones, Joseph Robinson and F. G. Sears.

City Council members may vote on all matters pertaining to local government. The mayor votes only in case of a tie. The city secretary has no vote in council matters, which would leave a possible four to two vote on local government problems, for instance.

At present Snyder's city government is termed the automatic form. Council members declare this to be one of the best forms of local civic government for cities under 10,000 population. A study of our city government will enable us to appreciate more the problems the mayor and City Council must cope with in governing our growing county seat.

## RUBBER-TIRED BUGGIES ONCE HITCHED HERE



Rubber-tired buggies, spick and span from whip socket to top, were the pride of Snyder Beau Brummels when this interesting picture was snapped back in 1911. The hitching rail, reaching entirely around the square, was an institution in

those days. It is said that when forward looking citizens proposed to replace the old rail with a sidewalk, when automobiles were coming into their own, many of the old-timers raised a howl. It was politically decided to remove the rail, put in the side-

walk, and then replace the landmark. Somehow the rail was never put back in its place. The courthouse in those days was located on the northeast corner of the square. A small speakers' stand is noted in the foreground. Harrie Winston has the picture.

## Beauty Shop One Of First In West

Every Woman's Beauty Shop, located on the south side of the square—1820 26th Street—was founded in 1925. Every Woman's was not only the first beauty shop located in Snyder, but is one of the oldest in West Texas.

Every Woman's Beauty Shop has had some other locations, but recently was remodeled and modernized with new lounging chairs in its present location. Every Woman's was one of the first West Texas beauty shops to introduce the Spiral Eugene permanent.

It took all day for a Spiral Eugene permanent, and the cost was \$15, when permanents were first coming into their own. This was in the day of Marcel Irons.

Mrs. Woodie Scarborough has been owner of the beauty shop since its founding—12 years of beauty service to the women of Scurry and adjoining counties.

At present Mrs. Scarborough is specializing in Zotos machineless permanents; has a six-head Hoffman gas dryer unit and other hair drying aids; and sells the famous Contoure toiletries, perfumes, colognes and lipstick.

# Nothing Old-Timey About This....

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# 1938 FRIGIDAIRE with NEW SILENT METER-MISER CUTS OPERATING COST DEEPEST IN FRIGIDAIRE HISTORY!

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Saves up to 25% more on operating cost than even the current-saving Frigidaire of 1937—biggest saving in Frigidaire history! Simplest cold-making mechanism ever built! Only 3 moving parts, motor completely sealed! Comes with 5-Year Protection Plan backed by General Motors!

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1. Releases cubes instantly—saves 20% more ice! Lift lever, cubes come loose, 2 or a trayful! All-metal for faster freezing. Ends waste of melting under faucet.  
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Come in! See—Try—the PROOF!



# KING & BROWN

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## Scurry Pioneered With Civic Set-up

(Continued From Page Two)

J. Y. Yarborough had died, and Thomas Hambricht was appointed to succeed him. Scurry County was then Precinct No. 5 of Mitchell County.

The petition asking the appointment of the new justice of the peace is interesting from the fact that it was signed by 21 early citizens of the county, and these are listed as follows: S. G. Singleton, R. R. Stemmons, T. B. Harness, J. B. Culp, S. L. Johnson, H. B. Patterson, A. J. Gelstrap, A. O. Scarborough, J. L. Puffin, Joe Castleberry, J. E. Welch, R. L. Campbell, J. W. Woody, F. W. Stroud, R. A. Davis, H. F. Wellborn, A. J. Scarborough, J. D. McKinney, J. H. Patterson, H. G. Craig and M. L. Slaughter.

On November 23, 1883, William W. (Uncle Billie) Nelson was appointed constable for Scurry. The record does not indicate how the vacancy in the office had occurred, for in February preceding Boyd Mullin had been appointed constable. At the same term of Commissioners Court the dates for the terms of the justice court for Scurry County were fixed, for civil cases.

### Vacancy Not Filled.

It appears that on May 27, 1884, and just before the election for the organization of Scurry County, Justice Hambricht resigned his office, and the vacancy was not filled.

On June 17, 1884, and just 11 days before the election for the organization of Scurry County, the Commissioners Court of Mitchell County rejected an account in favor of A. J. Scarborough for the sum of \$11 for holding a local option election in the former county. Apparently the election had been regularly called and held, and it is not apparent in the records of Mitchell County why the account should have been rejected.

But at that time, Colorado City, the county site of the latter county, was in the heyday of its boom days. It had street cars, and about 25 saloons and "beer parlors," and all of the things which usually go with saloons, and it would appear that the pioneer citizens of Scurry County were anxious to avoid in their prospective county site town (Snyder) some of the rougher elements of the saloon town.

### Inquest Fee Allowed.

It appears that in the latter part of October, 1883, a man by the name of Runnells died at "Snyder's old store" in Scurry County under circumstances which called for an inquest, for J. W. Pearson, the county judge of Mitchell County, presented a bill for \$15 for holding the inquest, and Wayne Parks was allowed \$10 for furnishing the judge a vehicle in which to go, in November, 1882, by the Commissioners Court. The records do not disclose the cause of the Runnells death, whether by foul or natural means.

Until 1876, to organize a county in Texas, a law by the Legislature was required, providing the directions and details. Under the constitution of 1876 all that was necessary was for the unorganized county to accumulate as many as 150 legally qualified voters, and to petition the Commissioners Court of the county to which it might be attached for an election on the question of organizing the county.

In the late spring of 1884 such a petition was presented to the Commissioners Court of Mitchell County, signed by 15 citizens asking for such an election for Scurry County.

Here is the petition as found in the musty and dusty files in the basement of the courthouse at Colorado:

### Petition Submitted.

"The state of Texas, county of Scurry, to the honorable Commissioners Court of Mitchell County;

"We the undersigned represent that we are citizens and legal voters of Scurry County in said state; that said county is unorganized and attached to Mitchell County for judicial purposes;

"We represent that we desire that Scurry County shall be organized as early as possible;

"Therefore we pray that you make orders to organize said county as the law requires. (Signed) C. M. Watson, J. J. Harper, C. W. Pires, (?),

J. W. Rector, J. H. Baker, S. L. Smith, S. Webber, J. A. Jones, James Barnes, P. S. Davis, J. D. Watson, A. M. Johnston, W. H. Fowler, Geo. S. Massey, and Clay Berry."

No file mark appears on this application or petition, and there was no record found in the minutes ordering the election, but from other sources it is practically certain that the election was promptly ordered on the strength of the petition.

In all probability evidence was presented to the court that there were as many as 150 qualified voters in Scurry County, as the law required, when the petition was presented, as it does not show on the face of it that the facts existed which justified the calling of such an election.

### Election Is Called.

So, to have justified such an election, the Commissioners Court must have been satisfied that the facts did exist to authorize it to call the election, as was done.

But the fact that there were as

many as 150 voters in Scurry County at the time may have been so self evident and notorious as to make it unnecessary for the commissioners to require evidence. They may have known the facts.

And it appears that Mark Hardin, afterwards for many years the county clerk of Kent County, held the election, or at least at one box in the county at the election, for he presented an account for the sum of \$20 for holding the election for the organization of Scurry County to the Commissioners Court of Mitchell County at its November term, 1884, which was rejected by the court and the matter referred to the Commissioners Court of Scurry County.

And thus, as far as is shown by the records and files of Mitchell County, the county of Scurry was started on the road as an organized county of Texas.

St. Louis Star-Times: Our idea of tops in optimism would be opening a credit grocery in a trailer camp.

## Sentell Practicing Attorney 18 Years

John E. Sentell, with an upstairs law office in the Times Building, has been practicing law for 18 years. He came to Scurry County from Parker County (of which he is a native) in 1923, and was superintendent of Snyder schools.

Admitted to the bar in 1919, Sentell came to Scurry County in 1923. He formed the legal firm of Sentell Brothers, with C. F. Sentell, who at that time was county attorney. Lois Burrow is present employee in John E. Sentell's office.

Recommendations which will solve the major water problems in the five Texas drainage basins have been forwarded by the Texas Planning Board to the national resources committee in Washington for submission to Congress. Recommendations call for the expenditure of approximately \$300,000,000 in Texas.

## Dawson in Same Stand for Years

J. C. Dawson, specializing in fuels and coal, has been at the same location on 26th Street since the firm was founded in 1909. It was first known as J. C. Dawson's, fuels.

Dawson obtained the Gulf agency in 1911, which he operated for nine years. He was one of Snyder's first major company agents.

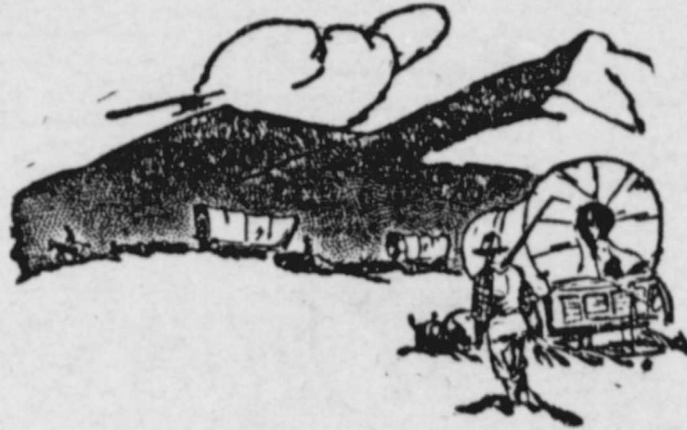
Dawson came here from Lampasas County in 1897, and opened a filling station in 1912. J. C. Dawson's, fuels and coal, is operated as an independent firm.

Present employees are Bill Vaughn and Jack Tate at the station, and Clint Rivers, coal.

"That singer has his voice well under control."

"I cannot agree—every time anybody asks him, he sings."

# Honor The Pioneer



## BUT PROTECT THE PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS!

We are all indebted to those trail blazers of fifty years ago, whose courage and stamina brought this great section out of its rough and rugged stage and gave us the modern, progressive Scurry County of 1937 as a heritage.

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### CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER—

for having carried the principles of good newspapering through half a century of Scurry County history.

Here's our wish that your usefulness and prosperity shall not stop with this your—

### FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

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with ample facilities and years of experience, our Abstract and Title Department can care for all your needs in this line.

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EAST SIDE SQUARE



# Early Scurry Adventures Told by Pioneer

## Country Wild And Woolly In 1876

By MRS. O. P. THRANE.

Upon the banks of a running stream, where tall grasses and willows grew amid whose branches the winds whistled, in the year 1876 were camped three strapping youths, Jim, Jeff and Ben Webb. The stream, now known as Deep Creek, passed through virgin land that seemed to extend in every direction as far as the distant horizon; land upon which cattle had not roamed and civilization had not claimed.

These people had heard of the wild buffaloes which roamed at will over these vast prairies, and being great hunters, also seeking adventure and the call of the wild, had followed trails, sometimes perchance a dim wagon track, from Travis County, near Austin, which county at that time was sparsely settled.

They found this site a good one for pitching camp while hunting. Upon their first arrival here there was no sign of habitation at this particular spot, now called Snyder, Texas, but they found plenty of cool spring water, grass, fresh air, free life and danger, a lot of game—wild turkeys, antelope, deer and herds upon herds of buffalo.

### Camp on Creek Bank.

They camped upon the bank of Deep Creek, where now stands Yoder Chevrolet Company, and found what they sought. At that early date there was one other camper or buffalo hunter who had been in here a short time and had located in Scurry County on what is now known as Moor's Creek. His name was J. Wright Moor.

Upon the return of these people to Travis County, they were dissatisfied and grew restless with a longing for the great outdoors and wide expanse of territory, with thousands of acres of grassland which seemed theirs for the asking. After a few months they persuaded the good wife with their two small girls to board long government wagons and attempt to come to this wonderful country, now called Scurry County.

It took months at the very best to make the trip. With courage that only the pioneer had, the little caravan set forth with a few thousand head of cattle, 50 horses, two covered wagons, five children, feather beds, quilts, pillows, a very few clothes, perhaps a wooden wash tub and homemade board, a piece of broken looking glass, and tin dishes (unbreakable), for roads had to be made in those days and all trails were welcome sights.

The first real stop was made after weeks of hardships, in Brown County,

near the town now called Brownwood. Here a baby girl was born to this family. They called her Kate Webb (now Mrs. O. P. Thrane).

After several weeks of waiting, when cattle and horses were in condition to travel, and the mother was in better health, they moved "Westward Ho!"

A few weeks more and the sight of what is now known as Scurry County and the spot where Snyder now stands came into view and the children were filled with delight to get to their journey's end. They had listened to the tales of their brothers, narrow escapes from reptiles, Indians, buffaloes, etc., that only young boys can tell, and which grew with each telling.

The wagons were driven across the stretch where now stands the beautiful high school building, and just as they crossed the ravine that the little bridge now spans just east of the school building, horror upon horrors, a man was hanging from a limb of a hackberry tree (which is still standing).

### Dugouts Had Come.

Upon their reaching the banks of Deep Creek, where their old camp ground stood, several dugouts had been cut back into the banks of the creek and covered with buffalo hides and dirt. One was occupied by some buffalo hunters, who gave us permission to move into one of them. They had whiskey and were fighting and gambling more or less, but the father finally got their consent to cut the dead man down and bury him.

About a year after moving out to these wilds, the father died, leaving the mother and six children in an almost unknown, uninhabited land, where the buffalo ran riot and Indian raids were frequent. A few months after their arrival, cedar posts and slabs cut from roughly hewn cedar were hauled from Double Mountain and a rude house was constructed, covered entirely with buffalo hides, which were sewed together with strings made from the hides. These hides today would bring \$5,000 each. This structure stood where The Times Building is now located.

### First Lumber Hauled.

In 1878 the Webb boys hauled the first lumber ever brought to Snyder, from Fort Worth, in government wagons drawn by oxen, and built the first house, placing it on the spot now occupied by the courthouse. The same year Pete Snyder built the first business house on the square, placing it where the Manhattan Hotel is now located. It took three months for 10 to 12 yoke of oxen to make the round trip to Fort Worth for supplies and lumber.

The Comanche and Apache Indians were the chief raiders in these early days, and upon many different

## Burton-Lingo Was Early County Yard

Burton-Lingo Lumber Company, with present location on 25th Street just east of the R. S. & P. tracks, was founded in 1923. Burton-Lingo has been in the lumber business for 52 years.

The original lumber yard was opened at Abilene in 1885 by Willard Burton and Lingo (now deceased). Today Burton-Lingo has 33 yards in Texas, with the main office at Fort Worth.

The first Burton-Lingo yard in Snyder was established in 1923 north of The Fair Store where Poteet's Blacksmith Shop now is. It was moved to its present location in 1932.

Burton-Lingo handles Lowe Brothers paints exclusively. J. Montgomery, manager has been in his present position since February of 1937. J. D. Boyd is yardman.

occasions they came to these lonely houses and drove away every horse. They came at night—and once shot a milk cow which a member of the family was milking. These tribes were not on the warpath if left alone in their stealing activities.

We often heard how the buffaloes were slaughtered in such great numbers, which was true, for this home was a rendezvous for all transients, such as hunters, freighters and out-

laws as well, for creed was then unknown, and hospitality was as broad and extended as freely as the west was big; so frequently these men killed as many as 25 or 30 buffalo per day.

### No Mail Service.

An interesting feature worth recording was that we had no mail service, and Ben Webb (20 years old), together with another young man, took a government contract to carry the mail horseback from Estacado, Texas, to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, for \$1,400 for six months. During that time they carried one letter.

The county was organized in 1884. The first county judge was Mr. Nesbitt, who was defeated for his second term by a bunch of cowboys, who elected Tom Watson, who could neither read nor write. The first sheriff was Uncle Billy Nelson, now deceased.

Captain Scarborough's family (Dr. A. O. Scarborough's parents) was the second family to live on the public square of Snyder. They conducted the first hotel. The first post office was situated on the west side of the square, where Stinson Drug Company No. 2 is now located.

The first church and school was where the Methodist church now stands. It was used for all purposes.

Extra copies of this edition may be obtained at the Times office.

## Mercantile Store Is Fluvanna Vet

Fluvanna Mercantile Company, one of the oldest concerns in Scurry County to retain its original name, has been serving the people of Fluvanna and surrounding territory for 22 years.

Fluvanna Mercantile Company was founded in May, 1915, and was located on the north side of Main Street. In 1916 the present building on the south side of Main Street was constructed and the firm became "fixed" on the south side.

Founders were: John A. Stavely Sr., president; W. R. Craft, vice president; and S. P. Smith, secretary-treasurer. Directors were John A. Stavely Jr., J. E. Park, and D. A. Jones.

The firm has specialized in general merchandise since its founding. Present owners are: D. A. Jones, president; Wallace Jones, manager; Leo Beaver, vice president; John A. Stavely Jr., secretary-treasurer. Today the firm can forge ahead, guided by 22 years merchandising experience.

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stone of all successful public service.

Take from the workers their reasonable wage and their enthusiasm in the job. What becomes of loyalty and morale which lie at the very foundation of good telephone service?

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## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

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## Harry Nelson, A Friend of Folks Fluvanna Settled Early In Nineties

By F. I. TOWNSEND.

It is my well considered opinion that Harry Nelson was a friend to more people and had more genuine friends than any man that ever lived here. When he died, the people mourned as if they had lost a near and dear relative; not with the perfunctory sorrow and stereotypical expressions of grief that really mean nothing. It was a grief that stirred the very depths of their emotions.

As merchant, postmaster and bank cashier, Harry Nelson proved that a man can be the friend of every man and yet be successful as the world knows the meaning of success. Harry Nelson used his money to help others less fortunate than himself. He died with the consciousness that he had never intentionally wronged any man, but had helped every man, woman and child here, by working for the common good.

He was progressive. He built the home now occupied by Mrs. G. C. Buchanan. It was a show place in a town of hovels, but it was not built for show. That was his idea of a place to live, and he would have rejoiced if every family in Scurry County could have owned a home like it.

During the fall of 1907, when the panic had the country in its grip, Harry Nelson had just become cashier of the First National Bank. Business was absolutely and completely stopped. Banks all over the country were closed as tight as a drum so far as loaning money was concerned, and those who had money in the banks on deposit could only withdraw \$10 a day for expenses and not a dollar for any other purpose.

Under these awful conditions I had two notes coming due—a land note for \$420 and another note for \$50; not at Harry Nelson's bank, for I had never transacted a dollar of business there. I had plenty of cotton to pay my debts, but I could not sell it. There was no money to pay for it. That was the only time that I ever knew when a bale of cotton or a mule would not sell at any price.

Faced with this awful condition, I went to see Harry Nelson, and laid my troubles before him. He listened to me without saying a word until I had finished and then said: "Townsend, I have instructions from the directors not to loan a dollar of the bank's funds, but I have on hand \$18,000 of my own money and I can do as I please with it, and I am going to let you have what you need."

He handed me a check book and said, "When those notes are due,

Today, as one turns west from the highway a few miles north of town, bound for the little city of Fluvanna, the road leads almost straight into the main street. One passes between pasture lands and farm lands, beside homes which have apparently become accustomed to the weather peculiarities of North Scurry County.

It was not so when John Jones came to the new lands in the West from his McClennan County home on November 25, 1893. Only one field separated him from the small town of Snyder. Only one fence had to be opened along the entire route from the county seat.

Antelopes, wolves, and Mexican lions were plentiful, and many times when the nights were bleak and silent the more courageous animals would steal into the pasture lands and eat stock such as colts and calves.

The lone field between Snyder and Fluvanna was worked by Bill Jones. Only five families were in the entire country now known as Fluvanna territory. They were: G. R. Ball, D. A. Jones, B. F. Dargitz, the Van Winkles, and Jumbo Wilcox.

Most of the country between the two towns was open prairie, grazed by cattle on two large ranches—those of J. Wright Mooar and the Jumbo Ranch. Snyder had no railroad of any kind, and of course Fluvanna, which is now visited by the R. S. & P., was in the same plight.

Although Texas produces large quantities of excellent hides and many varieties of tanning materials, very little leather is manufactured in this state. The Texas Planning Board realizes that there are opportunities in this state for additional tanneries to utilize a larger percentage of Texas hides and save the freight on the hides to the industrial East and the freight on the finished leather from the industrial East to Texas.

pay them off." Turning to Jesse Thompson, the bookkeeper (now of San Antonio), he said: "When those checks come in, charge them to my personal account." He did not even take my note for it.

Harry Nelson was one of God's noblemen. I would prefer to be Harry Nelson, in the grave, than to be living and possess the riches of a Croesus and know that it had been acquired and used in the usual manner.

# Congratulations . . .

## HOME COUNTY PAPER

We recognize the tenacity and determination that must have been required of the early-day newspaper publisher in West Texas in enduring the hardships of small equipment, lack of modern methods, etc. Because your predecessors did endure those struggles, we know you are proud now that you can observe—

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We are proud of The Times and the fine record it has made during more recent years. Therefore, it is a distinct joy now for us to extend our very hearty congratulations on this occasion.

That Our Home County Paper may continue to achieve its aims for a good newspaper for many years to come is the sincere wish of—

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B. W. DODSON, Postmaster

J. P. Nelson, J. O. Morrison, Pearl Lary and J. O. Littlepage, Clerks  
Hilton Lambert and Jess Rodgers, City Carriers  
J. E. LeMond, R. O. McClure and John Green, Rural Carriers  
Marshall Butler, Floyd Blakely and C. O. Fox, Star Route Carriers  
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## We've Shined 'em for a Long Time!



We've been on the job for a number of years, operating the only exclusive Shine Parlor in Snyder. Plenty of fast boys assures everyone prompt, quality service.

We are thankful for a good business all through the years past.

## HOME COUNTY PAPER

We rise to extend our hearty congratulations to The Times for its Half Century of good newspaper service to this area.

## BLUE JACKET SHINE PARLOR

Roy Jennings, Prop.

East Side Square



# Story of Block 97 Told by Judge Crane

## Scurry In Vital West Texas Spot

By R. C. CRANE.

The sub-joined story dealing with the above question does not elucidate all of the interesting phases of it.

The Houston and Texas Central Railway Company had received patents from the state of Texas for the odd numbered sections in the block—about 425 sections of 640 acres each, or about 272,000 acres—and sold to the ranchmen of Scurry and adjoining counties of the land so patented, before the question of the validity of the locations as made by that railroad was called in question.

The state of Texas brought into the suit all parties who were interested in these railroad surveys, and as a result of the suit all titles were invalidated.

The ranchmen had bought these lands from the Houston & Texas Central Railway Company, the patentee. The lands had been granted under a law passed by the Texas Legislature in about 1854, under which every railroad was entitled to 16 sections of public land for every mile of railroad built in Texas.

### Company Insolvent.

Between the time that the ranchmen bought the lands from the above railway company, the company had become insolvent, and had undergone re-organization in the courts, and had been re-chartered as the Houston & Texas Central Railway Company—a mere difference between the words railway and railroad.

But by the re-organization the new company had become absolved from all of the debts and obligations of the old company which had sold the lands under general warranty deeds.

And so, after the final decision in the Bacon and Graves suits, the purchasers of these railroad surveys cast about to find where they stood as regards their rights, they found that their grantor had undergone re-organization in the United States courts and had become completely absolved from all liability on account of having sold these lands to the ranchmen. And consequently the ranchmen lost the lands bought and the money paid for them, and were compelled to buy them again from the state of Texas.

### Tom Trammell Loses.

One instance which to the personal attention of this writer was that of the banker and ranchman, and outstanding citizen of West Texas, Thomas Trammell of Sweetwater. He owned the Nine-9 Ranch on the line of Scurry and Borden Counties. He had bought three sections and had paid for it in full.

Under investigation after the courts had gotten through with Block 97, Trammell ascertained that he had no recourse against his warrantor for the simple reason shown above—his vendor had been wiped out. And therefore Trammell and all others in his situation suffered complete losses of all of the money they had expended.

But the Block 97 question was a very lively one in West Texas, indeed in the whole state, for several years; and the immense amount of advertising which its situation—for free land—gave, resulted in the bringing of many settlers, usually in their covered wagons, to Scurry County.

### The Story of "Block No. 97"

By A. C. Wilmeth, Esq.

In the settlements of a country many interesting things occur of small interest at the time, but are history in the making, and should be known by the succeeding generations in order to properly understand the wherefores and the whys of little kinks in the title to the lands. None is more interesting than a survey in Scurry and Borden Counties known as Block 97.

In 1873 the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company sent out surveying parties under Captain Jack Elgin to locate the strip (scrip?) issued to it by the state of Texas. The trip had to be made, of course, by wagon from Waco west, and it was

late in the spring before the work was commenced, and little if any mail reached the party from the time it entered the field.

The surveyors worked portions of Nolan, Coke, Mitchell, Scurry, Fisher, Stonewall, Kent, Borden and Garza Counties. One large survey they termed Block 97, containing 956 sections of land, the larger portion of which lay in Scurry County.

### "80-Mile Reservation."

While the work was going on in the field the Legislature was in session and created what was afterward known as the eighty-mile reservation; that is, it reserved from location by any other than the Texas & Pacific Railroad all the land lying within 40 miles north and south of a certain line (on which the Texas & Pacific Railway expected to build—note). The surveyors knew nothing of this new law. They turned in their field notes, and the land they had surveyed was segregated from the public domain and recognized correct until about 1888, when two employees of the general office discovered the location had been made after this law had been passed and therefore was void.

At the time of this discovery, under the law, public land could be purchased at 50 cents an acre and yet land in large bodies could be readily cashed for two dollars or more an acre, so Bacon and Graves, the land office employees who discovered the

## Casstevens Among Oldest in Business

The S. J. Casstevens Tin Shop, at present located north of Snyder National Bank on Avenue S, has had several owners since its founding as a tin shop. In 1912 Will Rogers and Casstevens bought the shop from Albert Lowe and Horace Leath. At this time the tin shop was located on the east side of the square.

In 1922 S. J. Casstevens bought Rogers' interest in the firm. Casstevens came to Scurry County in 1898 from Johnson County. He worked some on a ranch, and opened a meat market in 1907, which he ran for four years.

The tin shop has been located on all sides of the square except the south. Casstevens has been in his present location for several years. He is equipped to fix everything from stove pipe to wheat and oat combines.

error, resigned, and securing the assistance of a group of moneyed men of New York, tendered the state applications and the money for all the land in Block 97 south of the north reservation line. This tender was at first refused, but it being re-tendered with threat of suit the then Attorney General Hogg ordered it

accepted under protest and notified at the same time that the state would resist the giving of title.

Bacon and Graves having everything to win and nothing to lose, to test their claim and to get quick action brought suit against the Jumbo Cattle Company, which had several of the sections leased from H. & T. C. Railway Company. This suit was hotly contested, the decision was favorable all the way for the plaintiffs.

### All Claimants Sued.

The victory was short, for the governor, now the former Attorney General Hogg, ordered the attorney, Hon. C. A. Culbertson, to sue all claimants. The suit was filed in Scurry County and removed to Mitchell County and tried before Hon. Wm. Kennedy, one of the ablest judges of the state. The decision was in favor of the state, declaring that all the surveys made after creation of the 80-mile reservation were void.

This, in effect, declared all of the said public land, but denied recovery to Bacon and Graves because this was not the kind of land contemplated in the 50-cent act and further that they, Bacon and Graves, had not complied with the terms of the law. This case was also affirmed by the Supreme Court. This decision also kept the money for the

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## Wilkirson Lumber Here Since 1907

O. L. Wilkirson Lumber Company, located on East 25th Street, was founded in Snyder in January, 1907. Founders were O. L. Wilkirson and G. B. Clark.

G. B. Clark came here in 1900 from Itasca, where he was connected with one of Wilkirson's lumber yards. He has been in the lumber yard business for 37 years.

Wilkirson Lumber Company has a partnership yard here and at Post. G. B. Clark is manager of the Snyder yard, G. B. Clark Jr. is office man, and George Etheredge is yardman.

Wilkirson's Lumber Yard handles Cook's paints exclusively, and has a new line of both printed and inlaid linoleum. Builders' hardware, pipe fittings and plumbing equipment is also handled by Wilkirson's.

In the glass department, car replacement glasses are carried, along with window panes of any size. Wall paper is sold, along with brushes, screws and screening.

Wilkirson's also specializes in windmill parts, and in the lumber yard handles plywoods, plastics and sheetrock. Turpentine and linseed oil find favor with farmers needing "hoss tonic."



# We Are 45 Years Younger

than The Times, but even during our stay of half a decade in the community, we have tried to not only sell good eats to our patrons, but to be of service to our community as well.

Any worthwhile undertaking for the good of the county will always find friends at Pick & Pay—and, after all, the service one can be to his community make his living in it count for most.

## Five Years' Steady Growth

### AFTER FIFTY LONG YEARS—

The Scurry County Times, we know, feels a great deal of pride in Half a Century of Service in the newspaper game in this area.

We want to be among those who will be extending congratulations and best wishes on its birthday to

OUR HOME COUNTY PAPER

That's what this Modern Grocery Store and Market can look back upon at this moment. From a small beginning on north side of the square on October 27, 1932, our business has grown to be one of the leading concerns of Snyder. These factors make business good here: Quality Foods at Right Prices; and Courteous, Friendly Service.

## WE ARE MOST THANKFUL

For a generous patronage since we established this concern over five years ago. That we have served well is proven by the fact that each year numbers more customers at Pick & Pay Store.

# Pick & Pay Store

"BEST FOR LESS"





1937 is nearly gone and generally it can be said that for those of us fortunate enough to live in West Texas it has been a satisfactory year.

And Reddy Kilowatt and his fellow workers sincerely hope that 1938 will be as good or better for all concerned. Reddy is looking forward to a continuation of his many activities throughout the year and will devote all of his time to bringing you the same economical and dependable electric service that he has in the past.

To West Texas in general and Snyder in particular, here's to a busy 1938!

**Congratulations to Scurry County's Paper . . .**

Because The Times has reached its Half Century mark with a fine record of service, we want to be among those who will extend best wishes for

**Many More Years of Service for the Future**

# Texas Electric Service Company

J. E. BLAKEY, Manager



# General Robert E. Lee In Scurry County

## "Rebel" Visits In Summer of 1856

By R. C. CRANE.

In the spring and summer of 1856, General R. E. Lee, then the lieutenant colonel of the 2nd U. S. Cavalry, was stationed at Camp Cooper, on the south line of Throckmorton County, on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River.

This army post was established to be near the Comanche Indian reservation, then being occupied by all of the Comanche Indians which Texas and the United States governments were able to get settled on a reservation.

General Albert Sidney Johnson was the colonel of the regiment, with his headquarters at Fort Mason. General Lee was in command at Camp Cooper, succeeding Major (afterwards General) W. J. Hardee.

### Well Known Officers.

George H. Thomas, afterwards general in the Union army, was a major, and E. Kirby Smith, Earl Van Dorn and George Stoneman were captains in the regiment, and John B. Hood and Fitzhugh Lee were lieutenants. Many others who rose to prominence in the war between the states were officers in the regiment.

Lee had four companies of cavalry under him at Camp Cooper, one of his captains being Van Dorn, who rose to distinction in the Confederate army.

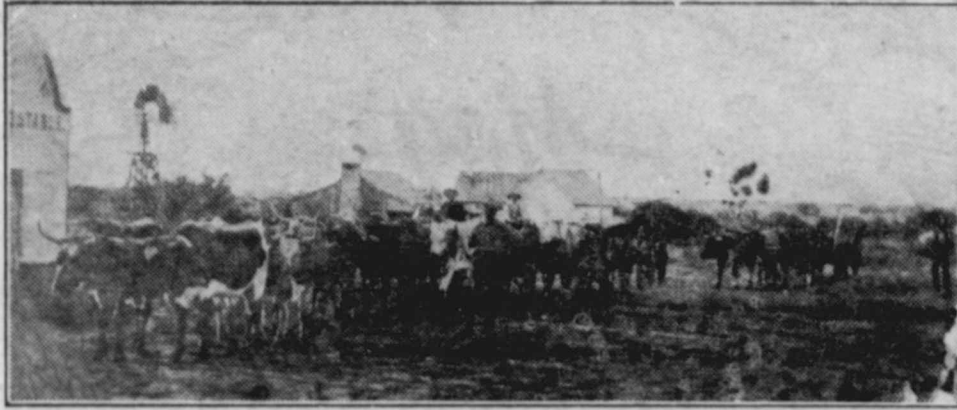
In June, 1856, Lee received orders from Colonel A. S. Johnson to take the field against the Comanche Indians, in the upper reaches of the Brazos River.

He left Camp Cooper with two companies, and proceeded by the military road to Fort Chadbourne, where he was met by other companies from regimental headquarters at Fort Mason.

### Through This County.

From the latter post he proceeded in a northwesterly direction, across Nolan County, turned westward and crossed the Colorado River in the vicinity of where is now located Colorado City; thence to the southwest corner of Scurry County, there coming in contact with the Marcy trail (the old California trail) as found and logged by Marcy in 1849, and described in another paper. He apparently followed this trail for some distance without saying so, and proceeded to "the head of the Clear Fork of the Brazos River," which is

## WHEN FREIGHT-HOOD WAS IN FLOWER HERE



Scenes like this were common in Snyder before the railroads came. O'd-timers say the road

from Colorado to Snyder was often an almost endless caravan of freighters. For many years,

Snyder merchants sold goods of many kinds far into the Plains area, and west and northeast.

presumed to be Camp Springs, on the east line of Scurry County.

Making this point something of a headquarters, he and the forces under him traversed a total distance, according to his report, of 1,600 miles over 32 West Texas counties, looking for hostile Indians.

Lee reports that he himself covered 800 miles.

From Camp Springs they went eastward, past where Rotan is now located; northward to where Aspermont is now located, near where Rule, Benjamin, Seymour, Knox City, etc., are located, and found no fresh signs of Indians. Lee split up his command, and the force under Van Dorn, in what is now Borden County, came into contact with the only Indians found on the entire expedition. This party consisted of three Indian men and one woman. They were promptly attacked, and two of the men killed and the woman captured. The other man made his escape.

### Had Been to Mexico.

The woman told Lee's Indian scout furnished to him by Major Neighbors the Indian agent at Camp Cooper, that her party had been on an expedition into Mexico, but returning to Texas with a good haul of stolen horses, the party was attacked in the region of the Rio Grande, presumably by U. S. soldiers as the records indicate a fight of that nature at about that time by soldiers, and dispersed, with the loss of all of their booty. Her party managed to escape with their own horses, to the vicinity of Big Spring where the men managed to steal several head

of cattle from immigrants traveling the Marcy trail, camped at the spring; and these cattle they were engaged in turning into "jerked" beef when Van Dorn found and attacked them.

Lee and his command on this expedition traveled over what are now the following counties of West Texas: Mason, Menard, Schleicher, Reagan, Crockett, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Coleman, Runne's, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Tay-

lor, Callahan, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Baylor and Knox.

(This expedition is fully described in the recently issued annual (13th) of the West Texas Historical Association, in a paper by this author.)

Inquiries for information on Texas agriculture have been received by the Texas Planning Board from agriculture experts in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and England.

## Roy Jennings First Colored Citizen to Purchase Property

Roy Jennings, who established the Blue Jacket shine parlor several years ago, was the first colored citizen to purchase property in Snyder. He bought the Charlie Reichart gin block, near the oil mill, for a home site, and then assisted in establishing the colored settlement in that part of town.

Roy, whose shine parlor is now located on the east side of the square, came to Snyder in 1924. He is a World War veteran. He first worked for J. G. Lockhart's barber shop, and was later employed for several years as janitor by the First State Bank & Trust Company and by the state banking department. His activities in those early years also included buying and selling livestock in his spare time.

"I certainly appreciate all that has been done for me in Snyder," says Roy.

### Intelligent Folks!

From The Scurry County News, March 14, 1895: Scurry County has a greater per cent of an intelligent citizenship than most counties. Hence the easy spreading of The News.

Extra copies of this edition may be obtained at the Times office.



She Looked Differently—

## 12 Years Ago

--When Every Woman's Shop Was Established In Its Present Location

One of the pioneering beauty shops in West Texas, Every Woman's Beauty Shop came into existence back in 1925, when the commercial art of beauty culture was young. It filled a definite need in that early day just as it fills an even more important place today.

We remember now that our first permanent waving was a spiral Eugene method, which required practically an entire day, and the price of the service was \$15. Marcel irons, heated by gas or an electric box, were in their heyday, and beauty work was uncomfortable.

## Snyder's First Beauty Shop

wants to have a part in the congratulating of our Home County Paper as it observes its Fiftieth Anniversary. We wish for The Times many more years of growth.



PHONE 22

## Every Woman's Beauty Shop

MRS. WOODIE SCARBOROUGH, Prop.



## LET US THINK NOW—

The proprietors of the West Side Grocery and Market have been in Snyder a combined total of 68 years. So, we are really among the told-timers here, we believe.

## WE'RE NEW IN THIS CONCERN

Although the concern has been established only a few months, we know how to deal with people. And hundreds of folks have been to our place and learned that they can find good foods at right prices every day in the year.

CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES, ON YOUR FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY!

**WEST SIDE GROCERY**  
AND MARKET



# Scurry Always With West Texas Leaders

## Record Could Be Envied By Many

By R. C. CRANE.

Scurry County has always had a consistent record for forward looking vision, for the growth and development of West Texas which many counties in West Texas could well envy.

It has always stood ready to do its part toward the upbuilding of West Texas, with vision, public spirit and enterprise.

Its ups and downs have been those of West Texas.

Its consistent record in work for the better things is illustrated by its record in the case of the long-drawn-out fight for the school which eventuated in the establishment of Texas Tech at Lubbock.

### Works for Colleges.

When the movement was first started back in 1916 for a West Texas A. & M. College, Scurry County early took its place in the movement for the school; and when the Legislature was called on in 1917 to pass the first bill for that school, its member, the late lamented Judge Fritz R. Smith, was there to help with its passage.

And when in 1921 the second bill for that school was vetoed by the government, Scurry County was on hand at the protest meeting at Sweetwater against that action, and against favoritism in Texas legislation, and thus kept alive the movement for the school.

And when in 1923 the bill for the Texas Tech as now constituted was finally passed as a blending of the old West Texas A. & M. College movement and a later effort for a technological school, Scurry's honored and lamented member, the late M. E. Rosser, was a leader for the school as finally provided for, after seven years of work by the people of West Texas; and Scurry's front rank in winning success was recognized when Judge Rosser was given front rank and a leading part in celebrating the success (at Sweetwater) of the movement, in April, 1923.

### Hospital Commended.

And, again, Scurry's self reliance and self dependence in the things looking to supplying the modern needs of humanity, was well illustrated a few years ago when its citizens got together and organized and

## West Side Grocery Started This Year

West Side Grocery, founded by Henry Shuler and Ivan Teter October 5, 1937, is one of Snyder's youngest markets. Located on West 25th Street just west of the Deep Creek bridge, the grocery-market is one of Snyder's newest food houses.

Henry Shuler came to Snyder in 1899 from Mississippi, and has been butchering since 1925. He started working for Charley Glen, who was located about where Needles Tire Store now is. Ivan Teter came here in 1907 from Springtown. Both Teter and Shuler have been identified with Snyder business interests since coming to the county.

uilt one of the best and best equipped hospitals in all West Texas, and called to its head one of the outstanding surgeons in all this region.

The building of that hospital was a display of vision and public enterprise of an unselfish nature, and the possession of public spirit not to be found in all places and counties of like population.

Yes, Scurry County has won for herself, and consistently retains, a front rank among the best counties in West Texas.

## Story of Hanging Is Fictional Tale

When John Daugherty killed "Happy Jack" over a card game in the late eighties, he started a tale to rolling that has been repeated far beyond Scurry County ears. No doubt the story has been twisted according to the vagaries of the teller, but it remains for one of the old timers himself to give a version that has all the earmarks of truth.

The killing itself was not so important, of course, as the hanging of John that followed. It seems that John and Jack were having a friendly game of cards when the former became riled up over a turn of fortune's wheel. He promptly reached across the table, pulled the cape of "Happy Jack's" Union uniform over the victim's head, and stuck him in the back with a butcher knife. When Jack had crossed the divide, justice, in the form of a hastily gathered moot court, ruled the killer should die.

John Daugherty was taken before a firing squad. The court, through sympathy or disinclination, fired over his head—all except one. Daugherty was wounded with the single shot, and hid away in the waters of Deep Creek over which

the Gail highway bridge now crosses. But the killer was doomed. He was given another route toward the river of death. He was taken down to the small branch that flows through the Snyder High School campus today. On a hackberry tree now standing near the high school building Daugherty was hanged until dead—and long after.

The family of which Mrs. O. P. Thrane was a recently arrived member came into the county on the very day of the double killing. As they traveled the last weary yards of their several months' trip, they beheld the body of Daugherty still hanging on the hackberry tree beside the trail.

The court, it seems, had adjourned after the hanging, stocked up on good whiskey, and started a big card game. Daugherty's body had been forgotten. The newcomers, after camping for the night, persuaded the court to cut its victim from the tree and bury him.

Burial was made near the creek. When the road gang was laying off Snyder streets, years afterward, they found Daugherty's bones where the street running east and west beside the school building is now located. The only man ever hanged in Scurry County was given a second burial then.

Send this edition to a friend.

## Magnolia Station in Snyder Since 1926

Magnolia Service Station has been known to county motorists since 1926. It was established March 11, 1926, where Highway Garage is located. Ben Davis and Rob Walls were the first owners.

October 1, 1927, Earl and Ralph Hicks bought Magnolia Service Station from Davis and Walls. It has been in its present location, a block north of the square on the highway, since founding. Richard (Rip) Crenshaw is Hicks' present employee. Earl Hicks has run Magnolia Service Station since he bought it in 1927.

Besides Magnolia products, Hicks is agent for Star Tires. He plans to close the building in the near future. The present building will be dismantled, and from the same location will arise a modern and newly built Magnolia service station.

Texas produces all of the materials used in the manufacture of automobile tires except rubber. Texas, with its cheap natural gas, cotton, sulphur, mild climate, intelligent labor and deep water ports, should produce a large percentage of the automobile tires now used in the United States.

# Picture Scurry County

TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO WHEN FLUVANNA MERCANTILE WAS ESTABLISHED



As we look back upon nearly a quarter century of existence for the Fluvanna Mercantile, we come to the realization that numerous changes have come about in the picture of things. Progress has brought order out of bedlam. Modern methods have made life easier and happier.

Fluvanna Mercantile Company has tried to stay abreast of advancements in methods and goods. We count as our friends literally hundreds of people whom we have been privileged to serve. We are grateful for the generous patronage this concern has enjoyed throughout the years.

## CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER—

As one of the really old-timer institutions of this section, we salute The Times for having given our area a fine newspaper for half a century. Our sincere wish is that you shall grow in years and prestige long after—

THIS YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

# Fluvanna Mercantile Co.

FLUVANNA, TEXAS



## TWELVE YEARS—

Back in 1925 we came to Snyder and began plying the shoe and leather trade. We offer our patrons one of the best equipped shops in this section.

We are grateful for a liberal patronage during our stay here.

### Here's to You—

We are proud of your record, Times, made during the past half century and wish for you another prosperous

## FIFTY YEARS

PETERSON SHOE SHOP

East Side of Square — Snyder



## Block 97 History Was in Limelight

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state. The money being thus confiscated caused the Legislature to be waited upon by the would-be purchasers and importuned to return the money. The Legislature, in order to get all questions of title cleared up as to the state, requeired the railway company and Bacon and Graves and the men who advanced the money to execute a release to the state before they were allowed to withdraw their tender money.

### Block 97 in Limelight.

During all of these years of litigation Block 97 was in the limelight for the newspapers and others claimed it was public land subject to entry by the homesteader. One R. R. Lively, owner of a newspaper known as "The Coming West," made it his hobby for years, kept interest at boiling point heat over the possibilities of a man on Block 97.

Hundreds flocked to this place of easily gotten homes, but most of the land had been leased for long terms to local stockmen and they disputed every attempt to take it from them. This caused many little law suits, generally of forcible entry and detainer.

The writer remembers one that is amusing now, not so much when O. L. Slaton, the well known Lubbock banker, and myself were counsel for the ranchmen. The settler was a fine old Presbyterian preacher of the blue stocking order. We won the suit and persuaded the old gentleman to pay the cost and save issuing a writ of ouster. He agreed and as he paid the bill he said: "You have been very nice in showing me the law and I would like you to do me an additional favor. I have lived Christlike and I would like to die Christlike, and I would like for each of you to stand on opposite sides of me when I die." We agreed.

### Hard on Settlers.

The settlers were mostly poor, and the long continued suit made it hard for the settler to stay, it being unwise to put much improvement on this hazardous title. Finally, our Mr. Hogue attempted to mandamus the land commissioner, the state through its attorney general joined issue with Plaintiff Hogue, and the

## This First Section Merely a Sample!

The publishers wish to call attention to the fact that this 16-page section is merely an introduction to the large number of historical articles that will be found throughout this Golden Anniversary Edition.

History and reminiscence, pictures and historical sidelights have been interspersed from one section to another. Thus, in order to really enjoy this edition, the reader, whether he is newcomer or old-timer, must "follow through" each of its 100-plus pages.

## Bell's Flower Shop Established in 1923

Bell's Flower Shop, 800 25th Street, was founded in 1923 by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bell. The establishment of the firm made Bell's Snyder's first florists.

Present manager is Mrs. W. R. Bell, who employs Dawson Moreland and Mrs. Emmett Chapman to assist with their increasing business.

Bell's Flower Shop has been serving the people of Scurry and other counties for 14 years continuously in the same location. W. R. Bell came to Snyder in 1910, and was connected with "The Western Light."

Send this edition to a friend.

plaintiff's attorneys having agreed that the school fund was entitled to so much and that it had not received its proportion and that there was not sufficient land yet left for it to get its portion, the Supreme Court held that the Legislature failing to have it segregated did not leave it subject to entry but that the state must keep the balance as school land.

"The Legislature at its next session declared it all school land and gave settlers the prior right to purchase. Most of the settlers accepted and thus ended the long contest lasting something over 10 years. Today thousands of people reside upon the block, and very few know of the ups and downs of the settlers that preceded them.

## J. Wright Moorar Farmer's Friend

By F. I. TOWNSEND.

In 1908 we had a very heavy rainfall in Scurry County, and the prospects were fine for bumper crops, and bountiful crops of feed were produced. But the boll worms literally destroyed the cotton crop.

I had a land note for \$420 that would be due on December 19, and not a dollar to pay it; and my once promising cotton crop—my only means of getting the money—utterly destroyed. The vision that I had of owning a farm and establishing myself here was breaking. It did not add to my peace of mind when I was informed that it was being talked in the neighborhood that I was going to lose the land that I had bought.

When I went to Snyder on some errand, when I was in this frame of mind, I met J. Wright Moorar on the streets. He stopped, spoke to me, shook hands with me and asked me how I was getting along. I replied by telling him about my troubles. He stood for perhaps a half minute looking at me, then slapped me on the shoulder and said: "You go back home and don't worry any more about that. I am going to see that you pay for that land!"

My troubles vanished into thin air. He went on my note at the bank, I secured the money to pay off my land note, and he continued

## Mechanic in Snyder For 22 Years—Neal

Melvis Neal has been working as a mechanic since 1912. He began working for J. W. Couch in that year, when Couch was located about where the city hall is now located.

In 1933 Melvis Neal began working for himself, putting in a shop at the Snyder Garage. Jesse Buchanan is a full-time employee.

Neal, who has followed the Model T from its youth to graduation in the V-8 hood class, has a modern shop throughout. He is equipped for any type of overhaul, having a lathe, electric welder, and latest valve and reboring machines.

### Negro Education in Texas.

Educational facilities for Texas negroes are improving rapidly, according to a bulletin recently issued by the state department of education. The bulletin shows a total of 244,180 negro students enrolled, an increase of 1,679 over the previous year. An addition of 56 principals brings the number to 290, while the classroom teachers increased by 79.

to assist me until the last dollar due on my land was paid.

He was the friend of every honest settler, but had no use for those who came here to steal land. In one instance, when land was cheap, he sold 160 acres of fine valley land for \$25, and took it in cane—and waited until the settler could grow the cane!

## 37 Telephones in Regular Service!

From "The Coming West," January 3, 1901.

The local telephone exchange was put into regular service Tuesday morning with 37 regular subscribers on the list, besides the long distance lines being connected. There are several more phones to be placed as soon as they arrive and for the convenience of those now using them we publish a list of those connected. As soon as all the phones are in we will publish the full list on good cardboard and furnish one to every subscriber. The card will also be a business directory of the town.

Business phones—W. T. Baze, Coming West office, courthouse, Dodson & Wasson, Dunbar Hotel, S. R. Fickas, Grayum & Company, C. T. Girard & Company, Hallen & Byrd, George Kidd, Light Office, Thomas Lockwood, Nelson & Nation, Pruitt, Brothers, Reddell & Grantham, Wilson & Grantham, Wilkerson Livery Stable.

Residence phones—T. F. Baker, Dr. S. D. Bettes, A. J. Grantham, F. J. Grayum, L. D. Grantham, Dr. Sed A. Harris, W. H. Harvey, W. E. Jones, Dr. A. C. Leslie, P. P. Martin, W. W. Nelson, E. W. Pool, Dr. A. G. Person, Joe A. Reddell, Long Smith, Jack Smith, Joe Strayhorn, A. J. Scarborough, Dr. A. O. Scarbrough, A. C. Wilmeth.

The Old Pioneers and Settlers, who launched the development program for Scurry County more than fifty years ago, followed through regardless of hardships.



# THEN....

—The old wagon and team were the most practical means of hauling freight, and the horse and buggy afforded the only means for pleasure outings.

# NOW....

—You can fill your car with Conoco gas and oil, turn on your radio and enjoy the smoothness of real performance as the miles go by.

## A PIONEER IN ITS OWN RIGHT . . .

We recognize the pioneering which our Home County Paper must have done to span the early day hardships of Scurry County half a century ago—and since.

So we want to be among the hundreds who will be extending congratulations and best wishes to The Times as it observes—

## ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

# W. E. Doak & Son

CONOCO WHOLESALE AGENTS



Darby Blacksmith Shop was on the job in Snyder, having started in 1914 just west of our present site. During our nearly quarter century here, we have served hundreds of folks with good blacksmithing.

ALSO — RAMBOUILLET REGISTERED SHEEP

## CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES—

We have seen our Home County Paper come a good portion of its fifty years. Best wishes for continued growth, Times!

# ED DARBY

BLACKSMITH SHOP



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 30, 1937.

**The Scurry County Times**

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

**KING COTTON**

—Although a practical program of diversification is practiced by farmers and ranchmen of the area, Scurry County still considers King Cotton as its principal "money crop." Grades are being improved each year by raisers.

—Ample ginning, classing, marketing and shipping facilities for cotton are maintained in the county to handle its production. A cottonseed oil mill provides a ready outlet for the by-products of this section.

**PRESENT ESTIMATES ARE THAT SCURRY COUNTY'S  
CROP WILL APPROACH 50,000 BALES THIS YEAR**



# County's First Gin Was Modern in Its Day

## Built by Engle In 1893 on Darby Site

Tradition has it that Scurry was the first county in West Texas to attempt cotton growing. The story goes that a few seeds from one of the old Southern states were planted here back in the eighties.

Even if Scurry was not the first cotton growing county in West Texas, she has certainly been one of the pioneers in the development of the so-called "staple" crop in this section of the state.

So it is that this 16-page section of the Fiftieth Anniversary Edition of The Times is dedicated to the men and women who pioneered the cotton industry in Scurry County and West Texas.

### Engle Built First Gin.

Following within a few years after the first commercial raising of cotton in this area came one of the first cotton gins in the immediate section. Pioneering in the industry in Snyder was P. J. Engle, who erected "one of those ginning contraptions" back in 1893. It was built on the lot now occupied by the Ed Darby blacksmith shop.

Material for the first gin was freighted on the new T. & P. Railway to Colorado, then hauled by teams to Snyder. It was a two-stand affair that had a capacity of a bale every two hours. Screw conveyors were yet unborn, so cotton was thrown into the stands by hand from baskets loaded at the cotton wagons and carried to the stands.

The early-day gin had no perfected baler or press for tying out, so as the cotton was ginned it was carried to a home-made baler, where usually two men tromped it down until time to tie out; then a hand-operated screw-down baler was brought into action and the ties made.

### Plenty of Raw Material.

Power for the Engle gin came from one of the first steam engines in this part of West Texas. Steam was generated from a boiler fired by wood from the nearby supply of mesquite, rustled by the engineer as he needed it. Water was taken from Deep Creek, which ran the year around.

John Ozler and Tom Pruitt purchased the Engle gin in 1894, operated it a part of the 1894 season until it burned. The community was without ginning facilities the rest of that season.

Coming back in the spring of 1895, Tom Pruitt became associated with his brother, Sam, and they erected another gin on the same site. The improved gin burned the same year after a several weeks' run.

Gin No. 3 was built on the same plot in the summer of 1896 by Pruitt Brothers, who operated it for two years. In the summer of 1898 Joe and Pope Strayhorn purchased the Pruitt interests, and operated the gin for four years, when it was sold in 1902 to Petty Brothers.

### Gin on West Bank in 1903.

Leroy Johnson erected a gin on the west bank of the creek, on the present Snyder Cooperative Gin site, in 1903. Rumor has it that competition across the creek caused Johnson to purchase the Petty gin late in 1903, and he operated both of them until the end of the 1904 season, when the older gin was dismantled. (The picture on this page was made while Johnson was operating both the gins).

The Fuller interests purchased the gin from Johnson in 1910, and ran it until 1923, when A. H. Trice came to Snyder from Camp Springs and purchased it. He rebuilt the gin in 1926. After 12 years of Trice operation, the Cooperative Gin Company acquired the gin in 1935.

"Yes, ma'am," he said. "I guarantee this to be a genuine skunk fur that will wear for years."

"But suppose I get it wet in the rain," asked the woman. "What will happen to it then? Won't it spoil?"

"Madam," answered the furrier, "did you ever hear of a skunk carrying an umbrella?"

## SNYDER GINS SNAPPED WAY BACK WHEN—



Back in 1904, if a photographer had climbed atop a building located where Snyder National Bank now stands, and focused his camera west on Twenty-fifth Street, he would have snapped a picture that looks like the one shown here. First building on the left shows a "City Blacksmith

Shop," located where N. M. Harpole's store now stands, that was owned by F. W. Wenner, now of Fluvanna. The two-story frame structure just beyond was Strayhorn Brothers' implement house. The first gin stood where Darby's blacksmith shop now is. The gin in the distance was on the pres-

ent Coop gin lot. Both the gins were owned and operated by Leroy Johnson when the picture was made. On the right side of the street in the view is a general merchandise store (awning of which shows), wagon yard operated by Billy Patterson, and grocery owned by V. C. Wasson.

## Old Cotton Firm Is Still in Snyder

W. B. Lee, whose career has taken him from Alaska to the Rio Grande Valley, has retired from active work in the Lee Cotton Company. But Billie, his son, is carrying on the business his father established—and, incidentally, doing quite a job of it.

The business was founded in 1914 by W. B. Lee and J. A. Lee. The latter severed his connections with the firm in 1917. W. B. Lee moved to Robstown and the Rio Grande Valley in that year, and witnessed most of his holdings and property washed away in the flood of 1919. Soon after the flood he moved back to Snyder, and has since operated here, with most of his summers spent buying cotton in the Valley.

In recent years the concern has also dealt in grain. Billie has been actively in charge of the business since early 1936. He has worked at odd times since a boy in his father's cotton office, and has spent full time with the company for almost four years. He worked in Mathis during the summer. He is assisted in the office by his sister, Miss Rube Lee.

W. B. Lee opened a general mercantile company when he came to Snyder in 1907. His local career later included two years' connection with the Snyder paper. His early manhood experiences included operation of a shoe shop in Alaska.

### What They Wanted.

From Colorado Spokesman, 1900: Give us a good land law that will remedy existing evils and prevent future trouble, then let us alone. That is all the people of West Texas ask and no people ever made a more honorable request. They demand simple justice and nothing more, they condemn chicanery and will fight fraud to the last.

## The Snyder Signal in 1912 Set Forth Varied Advantages County Offered

From "The Snyder Signal," January 5, 1912.

There is so much prejudice in the eastern country against West Texas that many people thereby influenced are being kept away from opportunities to become independent. There are thousands of people back there who are making a bare living cultivating other people's high priced farms and coming out of one year after another with no advancement in material affairs.

Those people have been told of drouths and sandstorms in West Texas until they are filled with an unjust prejudice against western country and they ignorantly believe that they would starve to death if they should leave the "fleshpots of Egypt and migrate even to the land of the most choice grapes."

It is but proper and a real service to those people to tell them that West Texas is destined to be the greatest region in the state.

### "We Feel Free to Boost."

We are not disposed to boom conditions, but we do feel free to boost for a country that holds so much promise to people who will tear away from the old haunts and seek better conditions in the fertile and rapidly developing West.

Scurry County is capable of sustaining a population of 75,000. There are now possibly 15,000 people here and these are all white people. Practically all the county is susceptible to cultivation, yet there is only about 18 per cent of the land in cultivation.

The soil is deep, fertile and easily worked, and nowhere in the South will pay greater returns for good cultivation and a moderate moisture.

Land may be bought in Scurry County for eight to thirty-five dollars an acre, according to location and improvement. These lands will provide from a fourth of a bale to a bale per acre and other crops in proportion. Fruit of all kinds, except tropical, grow here in perfection. Elberta peaches grow larger and more luscious here than in East Texas, and this is preeminently the favored home of grapes, plums, apricots, watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and other fruits and vegetables.

The rainfall here is not always what is desired, but the average

for a series of years, is after all not so far below that in eastern counties and it has been noted that when other sections of the state have rain, the western country gets a fair share of it.

It is true that Scurry County and all West Texas have suffered from dry weather for two or three years, but then what section of Texas has not? Just now the cotton crop here and elsewhere is being rounded up and Scurry County has harvested about 13,000 bales while the eastern counties, a country of solid farms, has grown a large cotton crop, yet the farmers in the west have gathered a large feed crop, while the eastern farmers are forced to pay out their cotton money for corn.

As proof that the so-called drouthy years have not stranded West Texas let the candid observer note the constant progress in material achievement, and be assured that the spirit of improvement is still in active force. What may be said of Scurry County is also true of practically all of West Texas.

### Two Railroads Come.

Since the coming of the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific railroad, the town has made rapid progress and with the coming of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, the conditions have gone forward to even grander achievements. Within the past two years, there have been more than 100 residences built in Snyder, ranging in cost from \$700 or \$800 to \$10,000.

There have been a great number of substantial business houses built, including the solid north side block and half the west side, besides others on the square and the magnificent Scarborough building on the southwest corner.

The finishing up of the courthouse gave to Scurry County one of the best and most perfect temples of justice in the state, outside of the large cities.

### \$16,000 Jail Is Built.

The county is just now completing a cozy, comfortable and well constructed jail at a cost of \$16,000. The city of Snyder has just completed systems of sewerage and waterworks at a cost of \$44,000.

These improvements, together with a model new opera house, railroad

buildings, three splendid brick school buildings, oil mill, planing mill, electric light and power plant and numerous other business concerns places Snyder far up to the head of the list of progressive cities and had crop conditions been more favorable there is no knowing how much further the list might have been extended.

The city has nine grocery stores, five drug stores, seven large dry good stores, two furniture stores, two gents furnishing stores, three hotels, three banks, three barber shops, three grain and commission houses, two large lumber yards, six hardware, machinery and implement houses, one planing mill.

Several restaurants and tailoring establishments and numerous other commercial and industrial concerns.

### Five Churches Thrive.

The Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian and Protestant Episcopal churches are all thriving.

The Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Woodmen all have good lodges and the morals of the people attract favorable comment

from all who make a study of conditions.

The same conditions prevail in other parts of the county proportional to the population.

There are 42 schools in the county outside of Snyder, with 52 teachers and a scholastic population of nearly 3,000.

The towns of Dunn, Hermleigh, Knapp, Fluvanna, Dermott, Camp Springs and Arah are all thriving places surrounded by fine farming and stock raising territory. All have good schools, successful merchants, progressive farmers and moral, enlightened and honorable people.

## Prepare Now

For Next Year's Cotton Crop

I offer for your selection several strains of pure-bred seed, noted for their productivity—

**WATSON**  
**QUALLA** } \$2 Per Bushel  
**HARPER** }

I also have some first-year Watson and Harper seed which I can sell you for \$1 per bushel.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Times, for maintaining the principles of a good newspaper that have brought you to this your Fiftieth Anniversary. Best Wishes for many more years of service!

**S. J. LITTLEPAGE**  
Route 2—Snyder



# SCURRY COUNTY'S FIRST GIN

## Stood A Few Yards From the Present Site of the Co-op Gin

—Roar of the present modern gin plant of the Snyder Cooperative Gin Company brings memories to many old-timers of this section of Scurry County's first gin, which stood just across the creek from the present institution.

—This first gin in the county, one of the first in West Texas, was a two-stand, hand-fed affair, and the boiler was fired with wood gathered from the nearby supplies of native mesquite, cut by the engineer as he needed it.

## A Farmers' Institution for Benefit of the Farmers

—Now, with two powerful Diesel-type oil-burning engines to pull the load of up-to-date machinery, we are completely equipped to turn out a high quality bale of cotton within a few minutes' time which used to take about two hours at the first gin.

—Owned cooperatively by farmers in this area, the Snyder Cooperative Gin is prepared to take care of all the ginning needs of the cotton raiser.

—And, of course, a ready market for your cotton and cotton seed are yours, too.

We Want to Be Among Those  
Who Will Extend

### CONGRATULATIONS

to Our Home County Paper upon  
a Half Century of Service to  
the people of this section. The  
sincere wish of the Cooperative  
Gin is that The Times . . .

*May See Many More Birthdays*

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# Snyder Cooperative Gin Company

Sterling A. Taylor, Manager



## China Grove Gin Erected in 1929

China Grove folks have as their gin owners and operators some of their own citizens—A. M., Jim and Floyd Merket, who are associated in ownership with Doss Maner. Jim Merket is the active manager. He came from Eastland in 1929.

The same group own and operate the Valley View gin, just a few miles from China Grove in Mitchell County. Doss Maner is the Valley View manager.

The present owners of the Merket gin at China Grove were the builders in 1929. They have found the gin a good business investment, for China Grove folks point out that they live in one of the best farming areas in the United States, and they have a bigger proportion of good cotton than most West Texas communities, no matter the weather.

Merket gin employees include W. M. York, ginner; Ollie Dunn, pressman; Aubrey Krop, engineer; Stanley Merket, bookkeeper.

In a grade school a geography teacher was having no little difficulty trying to teach geography to a none too precocious and somewhat indifferent little girl. Finally in a state of desperation she wrote a note to the child's mother insisting that she see to it that her daughter prepare her home work. The next day the teacher received the following reply:

"Dear Miss: My granmaw didn't know no geography and she got her man. My maw didn't know geography and she got her man. I don't know no geography and I got my man. You know geography and you ain't got no man."

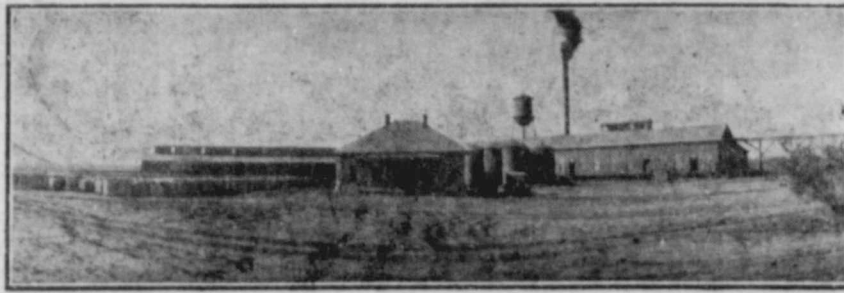
The champion athlete, in bed with a cold, was told that he had a temperature.

"How high is it, doctor?" he wanted to know.

"A hundred and one."

"What's the world's record?"

## THIS IS SCURRY COUNTY'S MAJOR INDUSTRY



Fuller Cotton Oil Company, established in 1908, was and continues to be the largest single

industry in the county. This picture of the oil mill in Southeast Snyder was made several

years ago, and does not include a number of additions and improvements.

### Williams & Miller Hermleigh Ginners

The Williams & Miller gin at Hermleigh, built in 1925, is one of 13 West Texas gins owned by the same concern, with headquarters in Elk City. The gin was established as the Williams & Terry concern. Sam and Leon Williams of Sweetwater have direct control over the Hermleigh gin.

Bob Adams is the Williams & Miller gin manager at Hermleigh. He has held that position since 1932, but he is an old-timer at Hermleigh, having come there from Georgia 29 years ago.

Other employees are: W. C. Rea, bookkeeper; W. L. Etheredge, ginner; W. W. McMillan, engineer; Vernon Mayo, pressman.

A traveler said to the conductor of a slow train: "Does this railroad allow passengers to give advice?"

The conductor replied gruffly that he thought so.

"It occurred to me," said the traveler, "that it would be as well to detach the cow-catcher from the front of the engine and bolt it on to the rear, for what is to prevent a cow from strolling into this car and biting one of the passengers?"

### Cotton Business Centered Locally

From "The Coming West," April 23, 1903.

Our prosperous city is headquarters for cotton in this and adjoining counties, there being located here a fine cotton gin, and our merchants pay the highest market prices.

The past two years the cotton crop in this country has been very light. Last season there were ginned by the Snyder Gin Company only 458 bales. The season before last 1700 bales and the season of 1900 there were 3100 bales ginned by the company. The present year, there has been so much moisture in the ground there will be a heavy yield of cotton this season if it continues as favorable as it has up to the present time.

"I thought you said if I was sociable to the judge that he'd let me off," said one neighbor to another.

"Well, didn't it work?"

"Sure did—in reverse. I said, 'Good morning, judge. How's a boy today?'"

"And what did he say?"

"Fine—ten dollars."

### Inadale Cooperative Gin Is 12 Years Old

The Inadale Cooperative gin, established in 1925 as an Acme gin (Roscoe), annually turns out thousands of bales of cotton from corners of Scurry, Fisher, Nolan and Mitchell Counties. The 1937 ginlings are among the best on record. A second Inadale gin was burned several years ago.

Henry Ohlenbusch is manager. C. H. Stahl is president of the cooperative, and directors are J. F. Cleckler, Hy Coldewey, W. E. Williams, J. P. Lambert and Hubert Turner.

Ohlenbusch brothers purchased the gin from Acme in the summer of 1932, and the co-op purchased it from the Ohlenbuschs last year.

"It was Granddad's ambition to have a 'gig and a gal'."

"Yes, and Dad wanted to have a flivver and a flapper."

"And the son will probably want a plane and a Jane."

"Is college youth really liberal?" queries a western educator. Well, as to that we don't feel qualified to say anything. All we know is that it generally hopes that dad is going to be, anyway.

## Civil War Oath Is Owned by Local

Original copy of the amnesty oath, made at the close of the Civil War by his grandfather, was displayed at the Times office by J. S. Lovelady of Snyder. The veteran local resident came to Snyder April 11, 1892. He is 71 years of age.

The oath, made out in Louisiana, the local man's native state, is dated September 6, 1865. It reads:

### AMNESTY OATH

I do solemnly swear or affirm, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Union of States thereunder, and that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all Laws and Proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion, with reference to the emancipation of slaves.

So Help Me God.

J. L. Lovelady

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6 day of Sep. A. D., 1865.

W. G. Coleman

Justice Peace

the Parish of Calburn, La.

Hotel clerk—"Inside or outside room, sir?"

Guest—"Inside, I guess; it looks like rain."

Mrs. Riggs—"And the new stadium is wonderful."

Mrs. Diggs—"Isn't it? Now they are building a new curriculum too?"

Mrs. Riggs—"And what's that like?"

Mrs. Diggs—"More like a merry-go-round—from what I hear."

The teacher was having her trials and finally wrote the mother: "Your son is the brightest boy in my class, but he is also the most mischievous. What shall I do?"

The reply came duly: "Do as you please. I am having my own troubles with his father."

# Into Our Second Season With A Successful Past and A Bright Future....

—Hermleigh Cooperative Gin looks back over a successful season for last year, in spite of a short cotton crop. With the principles of cooperation in the ginning business, the concern can not fail to succeed.

—We face the future with added courage, and the remainder of the current season bids fair to being a decided success—thanks to those who have brought their cotton to us for ginning.

—Profits from ginning will be divided among those who gin with us, whether the cotton grower is a member of the institution or not—after the gin plant has been paid for. Mr. Cotton Grower, gin with us and share in the profits of the business.

## SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER—

We want to voice our Best Wishes for continued growth and service, following completion of Half a Century of Progress through good years and bad. We are strong for you, Times!

# Hermleigh Cooperative Gin & Supply Company

HERMLEIGH, TEXAS

Owned and Operated by Farmers . . .

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# County Agent Discusses Improved Cotton

## Market and Price Advantages Given

By W. R. LACE,  
Scurry County Farm Agent.

The value and need of growing a good variety of cotton in Scurry County has been brought home to the cotton producers in a direct way this fall by the price they have received for the good staple lengths above that of the shorter staple.

The farmers of this county have not made a sustained and coordinated effort to improve the staple length of their main cash crop in the past. While most farmers have been willing to acknowledge the need of a staple length of 15-16 inch or better for their cotton, this was not sufficient to cause a change, especially since the producer who was growing the shorter staple would receive approximately the same price per pound as his neighbor who had produced a 15-16 inch or better cotton and the shorter staple was making more pounds of lint to the acre.

### Market Makes Difference.

However, now that the market is making a difference of approximately \$10 per bale for 1-8 inch longer staple a change to longer staple varieties will be made. This price difference will likely continue, since foreign competition has taken most of the short staple cotton business from the United States due to lower production costs. In fact, this foreign trade situation is such that it is necessary that the United States move forward more rapidly in breeding and improvement work and produce better cotton than is grown anywhere else in the world.

It is not enough that a change should be made by the individual producer, but this should be made by communities or districts. Most farmers have bought improved seed only to find that when they went to the gin it became mixed with their neighbors' cotton, and the seed when planted next year showed this mixture. In tests conducted with artificially colored seed at time of ginning it was shown that seed were being mixed in from as far back as the fifth bale ginned before.

### County Had 25 Varieties.

In 1935, a check made in Scurry County showed that 25 varieties or strains were being planted in addition to ordinary gin run seed, which was planted on approximately one-sixth of the acreage. The same check showed that no one variety or strain predominated in any community or district. We can readily see that an individual farmer's seed ginned under ordinary gin operation becomes a mixture of the several strains or varieties ginned just ahead of him and in turn his seed was mixed with the four or five who ginned their cotton following him.

A plan that is working very successfully in many sections of the South is the one-variety community plan. Under this plan a majority of the cotton producers of a certain community or area meet and decide upon a variety that they believe to be the best for their conditions. These producers then plant all of their crop in this variety or plant a seed block with this one variety. The local gins will then set certain days during the harvest for ginning this variety only. Thus the seed can be kept pure at the gin. Ira community has adopted such a plan.

In many communities where this plan has been used for several years every farmer is producing this one variety. Their cotton commands a premium upon the market as well as the seed when sold for planting purposes.

A railroad agent in Africa had been "bawled out" for doing things without orders from headquarters. One day his boss received the following startling telegram:

"Tiger on platform eating conductor. Wire instructions."

What this country really needs is a good insecticide for radio bugs.

## Headstream Directs Modern Gin at Ira

The modern Ira gin, gasoline-driven, erected in 1932, is owned and operated by W. W. Headstream, who has been a West Texan since 1906. He has been in Fisher County much of the time. Headstream also has a gin at Mathis.

Built entirely new, the Ira gin replaced the Merket & White gin, which burned in the fall of 1931. It has a wide patronage from the farmers of Ira and vicinity, and plans are being made for building of a cotton house next year, to accommodate farmers who are planning to cooperate in Ira's new one-crop plan.

On Headstream's force at Ira are included: Glen Holladay, engineer; Floyd Kizer, engineer; Autry Eubanks, pressman; Dick Hardee, bookkeeper.

Talk about being narrow-minded. That professor is so narrow-minded that if he was any more so his ears would be on the wrong side of his head."

Teacher—"Name three collective nouns."

Tommy—"Fly paper, waste basket and vacuum cleaner."

## Ginning Runs In Browning Family

Ginning runs in the Browning family. J. T. Browning, who last spring purchased the Farmers gin from Joyce & Sons, has been a ginner since 1894, and his father was a ginner before him, in Wood County. The elder Browning is in active charge of the Browning gin here, with a son, Brooks, as assistant manager. V. E. Browning, oldest son, has been a designer of gin machinery for Continental Gin Company.

J. T. Browning has built over 100 gins in West Texas. He went into the gin business at Bluffdale, Erath County. In 1930 he was in Abilene, in 1931 he went to Welch in Dawson County, whence he came to Snyder.

Employees of the gin include Marvin West, ginner, Ollie Prather, engineer, Raymond May and Raymond Tucker.

The Browning gin is a new motorized gin, built in September, 1932, by Joyce & Sons.

Dumb—"Are you yawning?"  
Dora—"No, I'm giving a silent Indian war whoop."

## Cooperative Gin at Hermleigh on Boom

The big gin at the very edge of the Hermleigh business section is enjoying one of its best years in history. It was taken over in 1936 by Hermleigh Cooperative Gin & Supply Company from the Fuller interests, by which the gin was established in 1927.

The 10-year-old gin that is now being used replaced the gin that was built by Fuller in North Hermleigh in 1920—a gin that later burned.

L. B. Rea, manager for the co-op, had previously been manager for the Fuller interests since 1933. His associates include Fred Kasper, ginner; R. E. Smith, engineer; Roy Cox, pressman.

J. O. Leach is president and H. T. Gleastine is secretary of the Hermleigh Cooperative Gin & Supply Company. Stockholders are Rufus E. Mize, Joe Nachlinger, Joe Kuss, Frank Watzl, Ross Williams.

Little Mary—"Mother, they are going to teach us domestic science at school now."

Mother—"Don't you mean domestic science?"

Father—"There is a bare hope our little girl means what she is saying."

## Family Controls Big Yellow Gin

The big yellow gin at the intersection of the highways and the R. S. & P. tracks, two blocks east of the square, is one of the leaders, year after year, in the amount of cotton ginned in this section of West Texas. It was made even more complete this year with expansion of its cotton house.

J. R. Joyce and sons are the owners and active operators of the gin. It was established in 1923 by Joyce and G. H. Leath. Two years later it became known as the Joyce & Sons gin. The gin was rebuilt in 1927.

Besides J. R. Joyce and sons, the gin force includes Jess Louder, ginner, Ed Wade, pressman, Henry Kelly, engineer.

The elder Joyce, a veteran in the gin business, says he has seen more cotton on the yard at one time this year than at any other time in his experience.

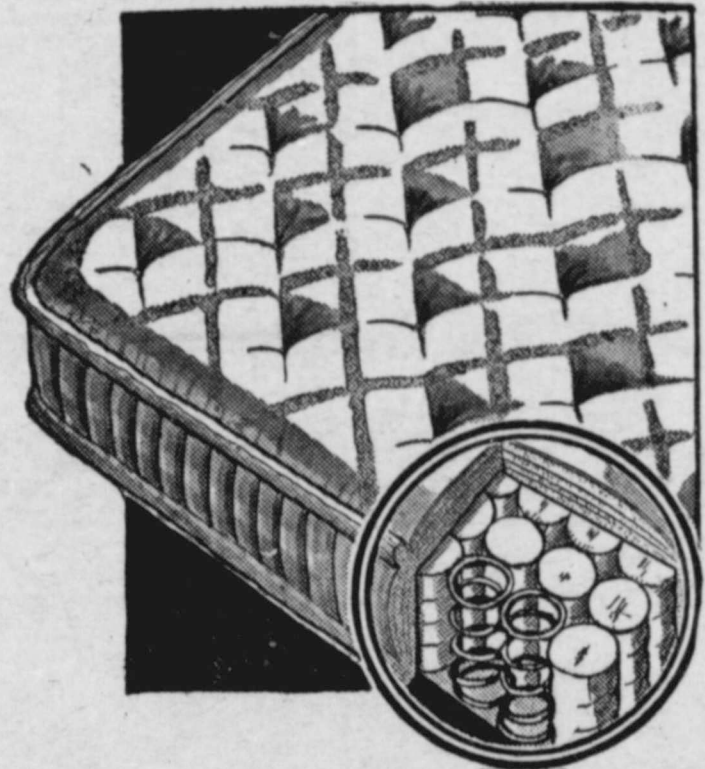
"What! You want four pairs of trousers with this suit?"

"That's right. You see, I've just received a playful St. Bernard as a present."

# THIRTEEN YEARS AGO

—Dunnam Brothers began making mattresses in Snyder. During the period of time that has passed we have made sleep more comfortable for hundreds of satisfied patrons. That numerous re-orders have come from old customers proves we have given them Quality, Service and Reasonable Prices.

—May we here express to our many friends sincere appreciation for this splendid patronage. We count our friends our greatest assets.



## LET US MAKE YOUR MATTRESSES TO ORDER!

### Congratulations . . .

We are happy to extend congratulations and felicitations to

### SCURRY COUNTY'S NEWSPAPER

for having weathered the stormy days and the balmy days of Fifty years' existence here.

We have gone the limit in making the finest Mattresses money can buy. Recent additions to equipment further fit us to supply your needs.

### Furnish Your Own Cotton If You Like—

and have it made into an Inner Spring or Tuftless Mattress, carded in felt layers.

A variety of Ticking to select from, in Stripes, Herringbone, Damasks and Woven Art.

Phone or Write Us—And We Will Be Glad to Have Our Representative Call at Your Home and Give You Estimates

# Dunnam Brothers

One and One-Half Blocks North of Square—Phone 471



### U. S. Reduction Plan Is Not New

There's nothing new about Uncle Sam's cotton acreage reduction program. From the files of The Snyder Signal, January 5, 1912, comes this article concerning a voluntary reduction program that was being talked at that time:

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Cotton Acreage mass meeting, held in Snyder on December 22, to appoint local chairmen in each school district, have met and appointed the following gentlemen to act as local chairmen of the cotton acreage reduction movement in their respective school districts:

- No. 1—Faver, T. B. Faver, Fluvanna.
- No. 2—Pyron, S. J. D. Hallman, Pyron.
- No. 3—Camp Springs, J. D. Boone, Camp Springs.
- No. 4—Guinn, J. D. Guinn, Camp Springs.
- No. 5—Cottonwood, J. B. Hudnall, Hud.
- No. 6—Canyon, Joe Golden, Snyder.
- No. 7—Blson, P. A. Miller, Knapp.
- No. 9—Red Bluff, J. J. Hodnett, Cuthbert.
- No. 10—Bethel, W. H. Shuler, Snyder.
- No. 11—Independence, J. A. Merritt, Snyder.
- No. 12—Plainview, D. A. Corley, Snyder.
- No. 13—Fluvanna, B. F. Dargitz, Fluvanna.
- No. 14—Bookout, Warren Scrivner, Dermott.
- No. 15—Crowder, W. B. Lemons, Snyder.
- No. 16—Bluff Creek, Ross Bishop, Ira.
- No. 17—Gannaway, R. B. Corder, Hermleigh.
- No. 17—Bell, J. I. Chorn, Hermleigh.
- No. 18—Strayhorn, J. J. Crenshaw, Snyder.

### VIEWES LIKE THIS ARE FAMILIAR IN COUNTY



With an average cotton acreage of approximately 100,000 acres planted to cotton for the past several years, views like the

one above of a cotton field near Snyder are familiar to those who frequent the agricultural sections. Varied soils, from clays,

to loams, to black waxy, to sand, permit cultivation of almost any variety of cotton. Pure-bred strains are increasing in favor.

- No. 19—White Bluff, W. D. Huffman, Dermott.
  - No. 20—Ennis, R. W. Ramage, Snyder.
  - No. 21—Fisher County Line, J. H. Dean, Wastella.
  - No. 22—China Grove, Sam Wilson, Dunn.
  - No. 23—Lone Wolf, Jim Pagan, Hermleigh.
  - No. 24—Mitchell County Line, T. Y. Hammond, Dunn.
  - No. 25—Deep Creek, Frank Brownfield, Dunn.
  - No. 27—Whatley, A. A. Pruitt, Dermott.
  - No. 28—Woodard, C. W. Morton, Snyder.
  - No. 30—Arah, B. C. Taylor, Arah.
  - No. 31—German, M. J. Galistl, Hermleigh.
  - No. 33—Sharon, W. B. Wagner, Ira.
  - No. 34—Moore, Thell Browning, Fluvanna.
  - No. 35—West Point, John Myers, Snyder.
  - No. 36—Santa Fe, J. Y. Bowen, Pyron.
  - No. 37—Egypt, J. H. Waldrip, Ira.
  - No. 38—Ira Ind., T. F. Kelley, Ira.
  - No. 39—Dunn Ind., J. W. F. McFarland, Dunn.
  - Hermleigh Ind., L. C. Darby, Hermleigh.
  - Snyder Ind., D. N. Price, Snyder.
- A mass meeting will be held at the courthouse in Snyder on Saturday, January 13, at 2:00 p. m., at which time it is hoped that all of the above named gentlemen will be present.
- At this meeting, the cotton acreage reduction movement will be discussed and explained.
- It is earnestly desired that all farmers and business men in all lines of business will attend this meeting.
- There is no connection between this movement and the New York syndicate plan of financing cotton. At the meeting above referred to the necessary blanks will be furnished the local chairmen together with full instructions for carrying on the work.
- This movement effects the welfare of every person in Scurry County, and it is therefore hoped that there will be a good attendance.
- F. I. TOWNSEND  
W. R. WREN  
F. I. DAVIS  
Committee.
- Barber—"What's the matter? Ain't the razor taking holt?"  
Victim—"Yeah, it's takin' holt all right, but it ain't lettin' go again."

### Oil Mill Has Seen 30 Years' Service

Fuller Cotton Oil Company looks back upon 30 years of existence in the present stand, where it has served the cotton industry with seed crushing facilities for this area.

One of Scurry County's leading industries, it has furnished employment for many men every year since its inception. A. D. Erwin is manager of the enterprise.

Established in 1907 by a company headed by M. A. Fuller, it was known as Snyder Cotton Oil Company. E. W. Clark was vice president. First season of operations was in 1908, when the cotton industry was becoming popular throughout this section of West Texas. In 1914 the Fuller interests assumed control, and changed the name to Fuller Cotton Oil Company.

E. J. Anderson, identified with early day cotton activities, was one of the first bookkeepers at the plant. Erwin became associated as bookkeeper in 1911, and assumed managership in 1920. Harvey Shuler is head bookkeeper at the plant now.

Attention of many visitors to the oil mill is directed to the fact that the huge 300-horsepower steam engine, carrying a fly-wheel with a circumference of 16 feet plus, has given continuous service since its installation. Also the driving belt now in service was the original one bought for the mill. Two deep wells on the grounds furnish ample water for operation of the plant.

Storage facilities at the oil mill provide room for 4,000 tons of seed. Supplementing this enormous capacity, seed is now being stacked in ricks north and east of the plant, until milled. Similar ricks were used in 1932, when the county's record production of 55,589 bales was recorded.

The Fuller interests operate gins at Snyder, Camp Springs, Dunn, Fluvanna, Post, Southland and Crosbyton.

# GINNING SERVICE FOR THE IRA SECTION

Ira Gin, we feel, is a component part of the community which it has tried to serve faithfully for six years with First Class Ginning Facilities. Modern Equipment, plus Personal Service, have enabled us to satisfy hundreds of patrons of the vicinity.

We are thankful for a liberal patronage through the years, and we pledge continued Good Service in the future. As always, you can depend on us in the future for Complete Cotton Service. At the Ira Gin you may be assured of—

**We Want to Greet The Times . . .**

Our Home County Paper, for the tenacity that has brought it down to its

**FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY**

That The Times shall continue to fill a necessary place in events of Scurry County, and that it shall see many more years of service is the sincere wish of Ira Gin.

- Good Staple Turnout
- Prompt, Courteous Treatment
- Ready Market for Your Cotton and Cotton Seed

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR LIBERAL PATRONAGE**

# THE IRA GIN

W. W. Headstream, Owner



# We're Newcomers to the Snyder Vicinity . . .

## And We Want to Greet An Old-Timer

We are happy to extend congratulations to Scurry County's newspaper that has seen half a century of service to the section. We believe a newspaper is a community necessity, and that The Scurry County Times is ably filling the needs of a good newspaper. Our best wishes for continued success are here extended.

## But We're Not New in the Ginning Business

Our entrance into Snyder and Scurry is by no means a new enterprise for us, but rather an extension of many years in the business. We have come here to live and ply the trade on good business principles.

Modern equipment and experience qualify the Browning Gin to give everything one would expect of a first class gin. Plenty of competent, home workmen further assure cotton growers of good service here.

### COTTON GROWER—

If you have not tried the Browning Gin, we cordially invite you to try us for—

*A Satisfactory Gin Turnout,  
Clean Staple,  
Market Prices for Your Cotton  
and Cotton Seed*

# The Browning Gin

Three Blocks North of Square—Snyder



# Good Cotton from Go

*And Von Roeder Seed Farms Offer Three Distinctive Cottons Especially Adapted to the Soils and Climatic Conditions of West Texas—After Several Years of Successful Breeding and Improving.*



Sunlight-and-shadow view of the Von Roeder-Dunn display at the 1937 Scurry County Fair.

A Von Roeder stripped

Most farmers realize that there are many varieties of good pure-bred cotton; but that very few are exactly suited to their type of soil and to their particular needs. While their choice of variety is somewhat like their choice of the make of automobile—a matter of taste—yet it is very important that the variety of cotton they plant does well on their farm and fits their farming practices.

Recognizing this important fact, Von Roeder Seed Farms have for years been doing considerable research work, testing different cottons on different soils, with different purposes in view, until they have developed three Cardinal Cottons. One of these will fit every farmer's needs.

Under these three Cardinal Cottons we list Texas Mammoth and Improved Acala, two good staple picking cottons, and Western Prolific, a medium staple general purpose cotton that picks well yet is especially suitable for pulling or snapping.

In our picking cottons we have the maximum lint production per acre consistent with a high quality of lint, while in our snapping cotton we have the maximum per acre lint production for West Texas.

To grow inch staple in adverse seasons we must have strains that will grow 1 1/8-inch staple in good years. Our Texas Mammoth pulls 1 1/8-inch most years, while our Improved Acala is only slightly shorter; whereas, other so-called inch cottons will grow inch staple under the most favorable conditions only, and most years grow 15-16 inch in West Texas. Our Western Prolific, like these so-called inch cottons, generally runs 15-16 inch staple.

All our cotton breeding is done by the latest scientific methods approved by the State Seed and Plant Board. All our seed come from one best plant every year. This close line-breeding prevents off-type stalks from showing up.

## TEXAS MAMMOTH

Texas Mammoth is especially adapted to tight and mixed soils. It is not recommended for snapping, but is positively the best cotton to pull off in picking and will afford protection in storage. The cotton does not string out—another feature that makes it good to pick and at the same time will withstand wind and weather. In short, for good picking and storm-resistance Texas Mammoth has equal, nor has it a superior in staple among upland cottons.

The high yield of extra quality staple makes Texas Mammoth the favorite with the farmer who desires quality cotton. It is worth a premium of one or two cents per pound over other so-called inch cottons. While the "gin turnout" of Texas Mammoth is naturally not quite so high as some of the shorter staple cottons it will usually produce more lint per acre than the shorter cottons do, and, after all, that is what counts. In dry years Texas Mammoth makes 40 per cent lint from clean picked cotton. Because western-bred, Texas Mammoth is naturally a drought-resistant variety. It was originated in 1911 from a mutation from Mebane cotton.

If you have heavy or mixed land, and take pride in having the best quality cotton, a trial of Texas Mammoth will convince you. You will be elated with the results.

Price for 3-bushel cotton bag of State Registered Texas Mammoth Seed, freight prepaid to your road station, \$6.00.

## VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT OUR FARMS—COME OUT

### CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES

for having the fortitude and determination of purpose that has brought you to this year

### FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

We believe a good newspaper is an indispensable asset to any community, and that The Times fills the bill in this section.

*Best Wishes for Many More  
Years of Growth!*

On our farms are also produced pure-bred row crops, fruits and vegetables. Our orchards have been cared for and developed to high stages of production. And from year to year our farms have produced fine watermelons of high quality.

The Von Roeder farms are 24 miles south of Snyder, southeastern Borden County. The places are popular and we shall be glad to be interested in better

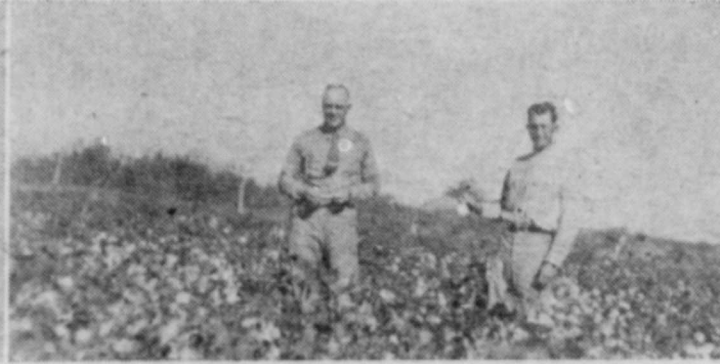
*C. N. Von Roeder*

*Nolan Von Roeder*

# VON ROEDER



# Good Seed Must Grow!



breeding block, with a few stalks  
wide spacing between stalks. C. N. Von Roeder (left) and Nolan Von Roeder, in  
one of their half-matured fields.

## —Long Staple, High Quality Upland Adapted Picking Cotton

Hermleigh, Texas, Jan. 10, 1937.

Von Roeder Seed Farms,  
Knapp, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I wish to thank you for the prompt delivery of the 10 bushels of your wonderful cotton seed. I expect to buy a similar quantity of them each year from now on. Your seed have proven themselves, beyond any doubt, to be the best adapted to West Texas conditions.

In the serious drouth last year your cotton made good sized bolls while the other variety I had made the smallest bolls I have ever seen. Your Texas Mammoth yielded just about twice as much lint, of a good staple, per acre as the other variety.

My whole crop shall be planted with Texas Mammoth this year.

Very truly yours,  
RUFUS E. MIZE.

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Vealmoor, Texas, Dec. 21, 1936.

Von Roeder Seed Farms,  
Knapp, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am sure if you can induce cotton planters to try your Texas Mammoth seed they will agree with me that it is the best breed of cotton for this section. It withstands the drouth better and produces more cotton per acre than any other kind.

My ginner told me that my cotton had the longest staple he had ever ginned, and it will take a long staple cotton to bring top prices next year.

I want 30 bushels of your seed for next year.

Yours very truly,  
E. V. HOISAGER.

Rotan, Texas, Dec. 19, 1936.

Von Roeder Seed Farms,  
Knapp, Texas.

Dear Mr. Von Roeder:

When I bought the sack of cotton seed from you last year I also bought a sack of several other varieties. Will compare yours with Half-and-Half, as it is one of the leading breeds here. I planted the sack of your cotton and the Half-and-Half the same day, worked the same way, on the same kind of land, and picked it the first time on the same day. On the Half-and-Half I got \$79.00 and on your Texas Mammoth I got \$151.00.

Sincerely yours,  
ROY KINGSFIELD.

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Roscoe, Texas, Jan. 12, 1937.

Von Roeder Seed Farms,  
Knapp, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have had all my individual crop in your cotton now for five years, and I got increase enough from the seed bought of you last year to furnish all my tenants seed. I am afraid the first good crop the United States makes we will not be able to sell short staple cotton for a living price, and I do not want to have a year's work tied up in a bunch of buzz-fuzz cotton.

The way the gins have been Santa Clausing the short staple there hasn't been as much incentive for the good varieties as rightfully belong to them, but even at that we have been able to sell your cotton for a little bonus over their prices.

Come down Saturday to our John Deere Centennial Day and spend the day with us. There will be a lot of good farmers here.

Yours very truly,  
R. E. GRACEY.

## WESTERN PROLIFIC

### Fine Yielding, Early Snapping Cotton

Western Prolific is designed to supplant Half-and-Half and similar short staple cottons in West Texas. Not only will our cotton yield more lint per acre—not higher lint-percentage or "gin turnout," but more lint per acre—yet our lint will be of tenderable staple length. For earliness, high production and good snapping qualities Western Prolific cannot be beat. Western Prolific is a Mebane 141 strain of cotton.

For the origination of this wonderful high-yielding cotton we are indebted to Mr. J. Roy Quinby, superintendent of the Chillicothe Experiment Station, who worked for years to develop an "early maturing cotton with tenderable staple that would outyield Half-and-Half in West Texas." In a letter to Mr. R. V. Miller of the State Seed and Plant Board under date of Nov. 9, 1936, Mr. Quinby said: "I was extremely glad to hear that the Von Roeder Seed Farms have taken up my strains of cotton for commercial distribution. I have become discouraged several times in the past concerning the distribution of these strains as I knew them to be well adapted to West Texas. I knew, however, that until some commercial firm took hold of the strains they would amount to very little. . . . It is gratifying to know that these strains are going into commercial production."

Western Prolific is the result of years of research work and variety testing to find or develop the best snapping cotton of tenderable staple length for West Texas. This new cotton will produce more lint per acre on such soils in favorable or adverse seasons than any other cotton. While Western Prolific picks well in good years, it is really especially well adapted for snapping because the burrs are light and pull off easily. Being western bred and western grown, this wonderful cotton withstands drouth well, making a quick crop and maturing early.

Western Prolific is a 15-16 inch cotton, ranging from 7-8 inch to 31-32 inch according to season. There is no cotton more dependable for sure crops. We are proud to introduce Western Prolific.

Price per 3-bushel cotton bag of State Certified Western Prolific Seed, freight prepaid to your railroad station, \$5.25.

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### 1936 Comparison of Mebane 141 With Half-and-Half at West Texas Experiment Stations

Station—	Mebane 141 (Western Prolific)		Half-and-Half	
	Lint Yield	Staple	Lint Yield	Staple
Chillicothe	112 lbs. lint	29-32	88 lbs. lint	24-32
Big Spring	226 lbs. lint	29-32	224 lbs. lint	26-32
Lubbock	192 lbs. lint	28-32	152 lbs. lint	23-32

All West Texas stations showed Mebane 141 to outyield Half-and-Half. Lubbock reported 24 per cent open at first picking, compared to 17 per cent for Half-and-Half.

All stations that reported on earliness and size of boll reported Mebane 141 better than Half-and-Half.

## ANY OLD TIME !

Seed Farms are located  
at Snyder, in extreme  
Scurry County. Fair roads to  
travel the year 'round. We  
respond with anyone in-  
quiries of any kind.

Ed Murphy

## IMPROVED ACALA For Sandy Soils

Improved Acala is a member of the well known and popular Acala family. We secured our foundation stock from New Mexico State College, and have been breeding it since 1930. Since that time we have through plant selection work, improved the boll size, storm resistance and picking qualities of the cotton.

We find Improved Acala especially well adapted to our light sandy lands of West Texas. In variety tests it outyields other quality cottons on light soils. It grows a staple one-eighth inch longer than most other standard cottons under adverse seasonal conditions, one that will measure an inch. Lint percentage runs well up around 40, and in dry years even a little better. For a sandy land picking cotton of high quality and high yield, Improved Acala has no superiors.

Price for 3-bushel cotton bag of State Registered Improved Acala Seed, freight prepaid to your railroad station, \$6.00.

# ROEDER SEED FARM

Post Office: Knapp, Texas



### Four County Gins Owned by Fullers

As part of a seven-gin group, four Scurry County communities are served by Fuller gins. Each a component part of the community it serves, the plants have given good service to the cotton raisers of each section.

Snyder Gin, originally acquired by the Fuller interests in 1910 on the present Snyder Cooperative Gin site, was moved and enlarged on its present North Snyder location in 1916. W. A. White is manager, having succeeded H. L. Wren in 1934. The employees at the Snyder Gin are: Morgan Smithers, ginner; Ora N. Thompson, pressman; Bill Patterson, engineer; W. E. Holcomb, cotton buyer.

Camp Springs had one of the early day gins of the county, a picture of which may be found on the back page of this section. Following destruction by fire of the Leath Gin in 1932, the Fuller interests erected a new gin at the old stand in 1933. A. H. Trice, veteran ginner of Snyder, is manager at the Camp Springs concern.

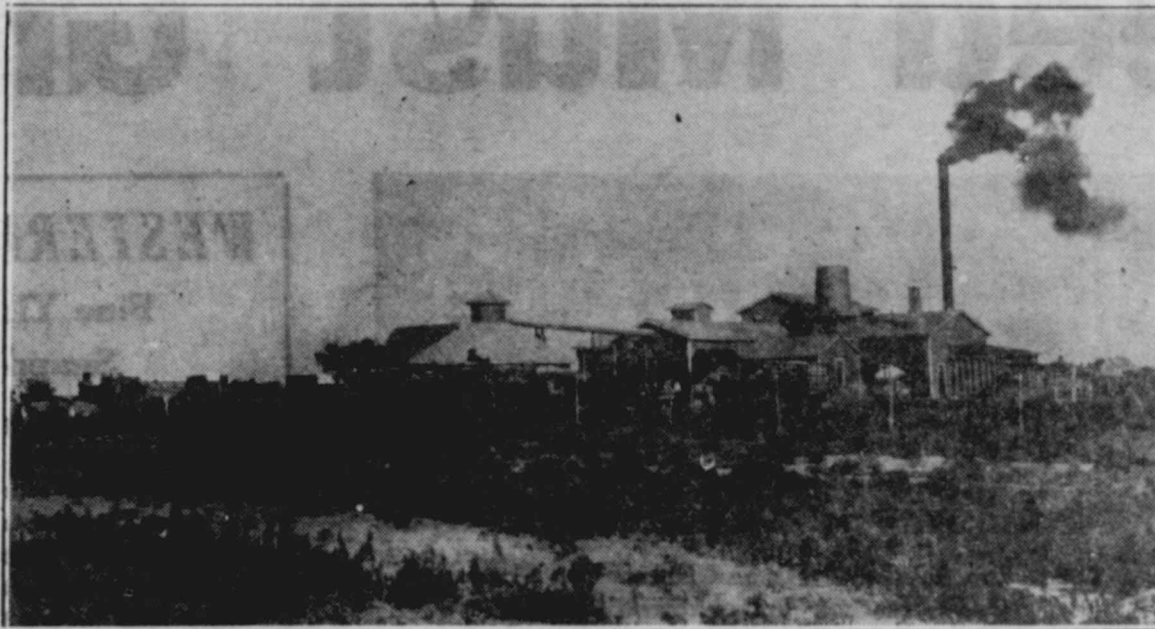
Dunn's gin has been operated by the Fuller interests since 1909. Following a fire that destroyed the plant in 1933, the gin was rebuilt on the same location, on the south banks of Sulphur Creek, in 1934. N. W. West is manager at Dunn.

It was 21 years ago that the Fullers entered the Fluvanna country and erected a gin plant. Since 1916 it has been operated as part of the group. Two years ago the Taylor & Boren gin, built in 1924, was acquired by the Fluvanna Gin, and was dismantled. Oliver Willis is manager at Fluvanna Gin.

Lecturer—"Now you all know what a molecule is—"

Chairman—"Most of us do, but you had better explain for the benefit of those who have never been up in one."

### BRICE GIN WAS ONE OF NEW TYPE IN ITS DAY



Scurry County was on a development boom when this gin was built in 1908. The gin was built just north of where the oil mill had just been completed. It was rumored at that time that a

compress might be built on the R. S. & P. tracks between town and the oil mill. H. J. Brice, present county judge, was associated in construction and early operation of the gin with his

father, W. T. Brice, and his uncle, J. J. Burnett. Later, H. J. Brice and G. H. Leath, now a cafe man here, bought out the other two, and H. J. Brice later was full owner. The gin burned in 1923.

### Snyder Co-op Gin In Third Season

With probably the most interesting background of any present gin in Scurry County, the Snyder Cooperative Gin is still one of the best equipped plants in the area, according to Sterling A. Taylor, manager.

A separate article, found on page two of this section, tells in detail the history of the gin up until it was taken over by the Trice interests in 1923. Following its operation by the Trices until 1935, the Snyder Cooperative Gin Company assumed control of the plant August 6, 1935.

Powered by two Diesel-type oil-burning engines, the five-stand gin offers a ginning service that takes care of hundreds of farmers every week. A new cotton storage house, constructed at the beginning of the current season, is the latest addition to the concern's equipment.

Financed through a government loan, the cooperative company was organized by a group of farmers and landowners of the area 20 months ago, and purchase was made from the Trice interests. Officers of the company are: W. B. Lemons, president; S. G. Lunsford, vice president; Nolan von Roeder, secretary-treasurer; A. L. Payne and L. D. Sturgeon, directors.

Among employees at the plant are: Bill Nichols, engineer; Bill Davidson, ginner; Evans Millholland and Loy Crenshaw, tie-out men; Jim Hassell, trucker; Sterling A. Taylor, Edgar Wilson, Mrs. Carrie Line and Mrs. Sterlene Morgan, office.

The foreigner had just bought and wrecked his first car. When asked by the policeman to give a report, he replied:

"Me go down road and see truck; me missum. Me go down road and see car; me missum; me go down road and see bridge; me missum."

Former ginning activities of H. J. Brice, county judge, and Horace Leath, cafe man, are mentioned elsewhere in this section.

### Early Day Ginners In Other Businesses

Scurry County gin history reveals that a number of pioneers in the industry have followed other occupations in recent years, but many of them are still in this section.

J. I. Baze of Snyder was connected with the Strayhorn Brothers' gin from 1898 to 1902. Burn Baze, also of Snyder, was bookkeeper for Petty Brothers gin in 1903.

The late C. R. Buchanan was employed by the Leroy Johnson gins when ginning was in its infancy in this section.

Ernest Sears, present agent for Gulf products and Oldsmobile au-

### Early Cotton Buyers.

Probably the first cotton buyers in Scurry County—and perhaps the first in West Texas—were the late Dave Nations, who was justice of the peace here at the time of his death, and S. R. Fickas, who is still an honored Snyder citizen.

tomobiles, was interested in the old Arah gin, which later was moved to Snyder.

The history of ginning in Scurry County would be incomplete without mention of H. L. Wren, who was associated with the Fuller interests for many years prior to his entrance in the hardware business in 1936.

### County Has Boasted Other Gins in Past

Even some of the newer old-timers can remember when there were a great many more gins in Scurry County than there now are.

In former years, Dunn, Fluvanna, Ira, Inadale and Arah had two gins each, there was a gin at Dermott, and Snyder at one time saw seven gins in operation.

In 1927 Scurry County's lone compress, located in Snyder on the present cotton yard site, was destroyed by fire.

Additional Anniversary Edition copies available at the Times office.

# FOR THIRTY YEARS . . .

—Yes, back to the days when Scurry County was yet a child in the cotton growing industry, the Lee Cotton Company was providing a ready market for the fleecy staple right here in Snyder.

—Thousands of bales of cotton have passed through our concern—on which hundreds of thousands of dollars has been paid to our patrons. We are grateful for the many friendships these dealings have made for us.

## HALF A CENTURY—

of existence in this section of West Texas is a long time for a newspaper. We are proud of The Times' record of service.

## We Congratulate Our Home County Paper

as it pauses to reflect back over fifty years of service—when the going was good and when it was not so good.

Best Wishes for the Future from Lee Cotton Company!

## MR. COTTON GROWER—

Get the 9-cent Loan for your cotton — Do not sell for less until you have seen us.

Bring your Cotton to us for classing by a competent Government Bonded Cotton Classifier!

## Quick, Courteous Service at Lee Cotton Company Always on

- Government Cotton Loans
- Highest Market Prices for Your Cotton

# Lee Cotton Company

Office—Upstairs in the Times Building



# All That You Would Expect

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## IN A MODERN GIN

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*Are Yours, Mr. Cotton Grower, When You  
Bring Your Cotton to the Joyce Gin*

- CLEAN COTTON GINNING
- GOOD TURNOUT AND STAPLE
- READY MARKET FOR COTTON AND SEED

**J**OYCE GIN has been serving the cotton growers of this area for more than fourteen years with a Ginning Service unsurpassed by anyone. Always keeping abreast of the times with modern equipment, we pledge our continued efforts to merit our friends' patronage solely on satisfactory dealings in every transaction.

**A** NEW STORAGE HOUSE for cotton is the latest addition to our equipment—to give our patrons the service they want.

**W**E APPRECIATE the splendid patronage accorded our Gin during the past decade and more. That we can continue to be privileged to serve you is our desire.

**FIFTY YEARS IS A LONG TIME—**

for an institution to continue in anybody's community — through good years and bad. Because Our Home County Paper has reached such a ripe old age—

**We Congratulate Our Friend,  
The Times—**

and wish for the business many more years of friendly relations with a growing number of citizens.

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**BEST WISHES, TIMES**

# The JOYCE GIN

Two Blocks East of the Square—Snyder



# Early Day County Appealed to Farmers

## The Coming West Of 1903 Tells Tale

"The soil of this county is noted for its productive qualities and the character of which is a red sandy loam and a black loam with a clay subsoil," relates "The Coming West" of April 23, 1903. Continuing, the 34-year-old paper says:

This enables it to stand a greater drouth than most any other country, and when the seasons are extremely wet, the soil being of that character which rapidly absorbs the moisture and retains it until nature demands its return for the benefit of the growing plant. Fully 75 per cent of the land of Scurry County can be utilized for agricultural purposes and the remainder can not be excelled for the grazing of our fine cattle.

It is an undisputed fact that there is more land in cultivation in this county than any county in West Texas. It is termed the agricultural county of this part of the state as well as being adapted to the breeding of fine cattle. Some of our stock farmers have as fine bred cattle as you will find in any part of the state, and our beef cattle bring the top prices in the market. The soil is from two to ten feet deep and is very productive of anything that will grow in a like climate.

### Principal Crops Then Grains.

The principal crops produced in this county at present are milo maize, kaffir corn, millet and sorghum cane. Milo maize and kaffir corn make excellent feed for stock and will yield from 35 to 65 bushels per acre and equals the Indian corn as fat producers. Millet produces well and sorghum cane which is also splendid for stock feed, is a never failing crop in this county, producing from 5 to 7 tons per acre. Oats will yield from 60 to 80 bushels per acre, wheat, 18 to 40 bushels.

Anything that bears a vine Scurry County is its paradise, such as sweet potatoes, melons, pumpkins, peas, grapes and beans can not be excelled in the amount they yield and in flavor and quality. It is nature's home for the grape and apricots and plums do equally as well. Several varieties of fruits have not been tried in this county, but from other counties of like climate and soil, they should be good producers.

### Vast Uncultivated Areas.

While there is more land in cultivation in this county than any county in West Texas, being probably ten per cent, there are thousands of acres that are yet to be cultivated. Upon this land that has not yet encountered the farmer's plow, there is a splendid growth of native grasses, such as mesquite and needle grass and upon which our farmers and ranchmen graze their cattle, preparing them for the markets of the world—not the long-horn Texas cattle—for our farmers are breeding nothing but high graded and registered stock, and their cattle have the reputation of being the best cattle on the market.

In order that farmers in our sister Eastern states, who are more unfortunate than our Scurry County farmers, having to cultivate lands of a very high price, we will state that the land in Scurry County can be cultivated with much less trouble and will produce equally as well as your \$30 to \$80 per acre land. One man and his team can cultivate in this county twice as much land, which is just as productive, as our Eastern cousins will be able to do on much higher priced lands.

### Land Was \$2.50 Acre.

Good land can be had in this county at the present time from \$2.50 to \$10 per acre, according to location, and whether it be grazing or improved land, but it is gradually increasing in value. To the farmer who is contemplating a change of location, who is looking for a place where it is a pleasure to cultivate the soil, in a climate which cannot be excelled, and to mingle with a class of farmers who are big hearted, liberal and neighborly, we extend to such men an invitation to come

and see us and investigate and be convinced that Scurry County is the best agricultural and stock-farming county in West Texas.

Long before the name of Scurry was thought of as a name for a Texas county, when the buffalo roamed in West Texas at will, with an occasional conflict with the buffalo hunter, animal instinct prompted them to choose the land which is now called Scurry County, seemingly as their headquarters. No doubt it was from the fact that this particular tract of land, 30 miles square, was well covered with nutritious grasses and pure and clear water that flows in its many streams.

### Fine Stock Followed Buffalo.

So it was when the buffalo surrendered its claim to this part of Texas, to the long horned Texas steer, for he also fancied this particular place in West Texas as being his ideal home. It was not long until he was compelled to stand aside in order to make room for the registered and high grade stock which are more profitable to their owner.

Statistics show that in settling up West Texas the earlier pioneer and those that are coming now, could see in Scurry County opportunities for the stockman and agricultural man that they could not see in other western counties. We have a larger voting population than our

## Planters Gin Is Rebuilt in 1927

It was in 1927, probably the biggest gin building year in Scurry County history, that the Planters Gin Company plant at Hermleigh was rebuilt, almost altogether new. A small portion of the equipment was carried over from a gin that had been located several blocks south of the present site.

The Planters Gin Company, with headquarters in Sweetwater, has 33 gins in West Texas. Bob Simmons of Sweetwater is general manager. The company also operates the Sweetwater Cotton Oil Company.

Ed Stroebel, manager of the gin since 1932, was injured several weeks ago, and the gin is at present in charge of Foster Watson.

"John, you had better keep your eyes open in New York."

"Why?"

"You will look pretty silly if you go around with them closed."

neighbor counties, which is an evident fact of our greater immigration and better opportunities for the farmer, stockman and merchants.

## Boom Business for Weigher Henderson

Public Weigher Dick Henderson has been more or less drifting along with a slow-moving job since he came off the farm in 1933 to run for and win the political race.

But when Uncle Sam went back into the cotton business this year (actually, the government is only loaning the farmer money on the cotton), Dick's business began booming, and the local weigher has been losing plenty of sleep, patience and sweat since early October.

Dick, born in Snyder in 1896, and sometimes referred to as the youngest old-timer in the county, has been doing a handsome job of pulling the government loan cotton out of the fire, so to speak, and giving farmers, ginners and buyers some excellent service.

A fashionably dressed woman approached the flower-seller and asked for a shilling's worth of blooms. After the purchase she inquired:

"Will you be here next Wednesday, as I shall want some flowers for my daughter? She's coming out that day."

"She shall have the best on the market, ma'am," the woman answered. "What's she in for?"

## Dunnam Mattress Plant Has Grown

The Dunnam Brothers mattress plant, two blocks north of the square on the highway, has grown in business and in equipment in recent years, despite the strain of depression years. The plant is now equipped to handle tufted cotton, latest type inner spring mattresses, and other modern mattress methods.

Burney and Fred Dunnam, operators of the business, came to Snyder with their parents in 1922 from Dallas County. After farming two years, east of town, the family moved to Snyder, purchasing a mattress plant that was then located on Avenue R a block north of the square.

The plant was moved in 1926 to the old highway, next door to the Dunnam home in Southeast Snyder. In 1935, shortly after the highway route was changed, the final move was made to the present site.

Miss Lula Dunnam is associated with her brothers in the business.

Detroit Free Press: There is less inequality now. The old-time hotel gave "transients" canned peaches, while regular boarders got prunes.

# The Market Gin Has For Sixteen Years....

*Been a Landmark in the China Grove Community*

—Cotton farmers of the China Grove Community have looked to the Market Gin for Ginning Service and a ready market for their cotton and seed for 16 years.

—We are grateful for this maintained patronage, and we pledge continued good service in the future. Always satisfactory dealings will be our aim.

*A Good Gin in a Good Community!*

GREETINGS, TIMES . . .

We are happy to extend congratulations to Our Home County Paper on its Fiftieth Birthday. That you may further achieve your aims is the sincere wish, Times, of Merket Gin on this your

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

**THE MERKET GIN**  
CHINA GROVE, TEXAS



# Years of Hard Work and Faithful Service...

*have gained for us the Confidence and the Loyalty of the Cotton Growers of Scurry County. We are proud of this record of long standing*

Four Modern Gins, in four thriving Scurry County communities, have given years of ginning service to the cotton growers of those areas. We are thankful for the pleasant relations we have had with hundreds of farmers. Our friendships with our patrons are among our most valued assets.

## We Look to the Future With Courage...

We look to the future years with the hope that continued fair dealings and good service will merit the sustained satisfactory relationships and business transactions. This shall always be our aim.

MAY WE PAUSE AND EXTEND HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOME COUNTY PAPER FOR

### FIFTY YEARS OF GROWTH and GOOD SERVICE TO THIS SECTION

We have always been friends to our newspapers. We believe a good newspaper is a community asset and necessity. It is a privilege to extend felicitations upon half a century of existence for The Times.

That through maintained efforts and work, Our Home County Paper may continue to function as a reflector of affairs in this area, we hope it shall go forward during another

HALF CENTURY

# THE FULLER GINS

Snyder - Fluvanna - Camp Springs - Dunn



# Von Roeder Gives History of Seed Farms

## Propagation of Superior Seed Began By Accident With an Unusual Stalk

Within a few years the Von Roeder Seed Farms in Borden and Scurry County have become the outstanding commercial breeders of cotton seed in West Texas. In fact, they are the only big-scale breeders of state pedigreed and state certified cotton seed outside of Northeast, East, Central and South Texas.

The fact that the Von Roeders, Clemens and Nolan, and their breeding associate, Ed Murphy, make their headquarters in Snyder (their post office is Knapp, Scurry County) makes them a part of Snyder's wide and valued trade territory.

### In Borden County Sand.

Most of the cotton produced for seed by the Von Roeder Seed Farms is raised on the deep sand of Borden County, 24 miles southwest of Snyder. Thousands of bushels of the seed have been sold in West Texas, with Howard, Dawson and Nolan Counties as the major buyers. Two communities in Howard County have adopted Texas Mammoth, the first Von Roeder seed, as the standard planting seed, year after year.

In the following article, Clemens von Roeder tells in his own words how the breeding of Texas Mammoth, Western Prolific and Improved Acala cottons came about:

### Started by Accident.

In August of the year 1923 I discovered an exceptionally good-looking cotton plant in a patch of Mebane cotton. The bolls of this mutant plant were exceptionally large, especially easily picked, yet very nearly storm-proof, and the staple measured 1 3-16 inches. Without any intentions of cotton breeding, I saved the seeds of this plant, and planted them the next spring. That was the beginning of our Texas Mammoth cotton.

The cotton—with the exception of a few hybrid plants that I pulled up—took my fancy. I decided to grow my crops in it thereafter. More hybrids showed up the following year. Because I had not studied cotton breeding I didn't know how to keep the strain pure.

### Saves Best Bolls.

Like most other farmers probably would have done, I went to work picking the best-looking bolls out of the cotton until I had enough to make a few bushels of seed for my planting. I selected my bolls with regard to size and shape and length of staple only; paying no attention to lint percentage, earliness of maturity and other important characters in cotton. Of course it had never occurred to me that I had hybrid bolls or seed of hybrid plants among my selected seed stock, but I soon found out that the uniformity or varietal purity of my cotton had got in bad shape.

In 1930 and from then on Nolan helped with the cotton. He was no more a cotton breeder than I was, but he hit upon the idea of getting state certification and applied for same to the State Seed and Plant Board. That opened our eyes—we began to learn what we had to do to get a pure line of seed out of what we had. We secured special textbooks on cotton and studied the principles of genetics. In other words we had to get the scientific or theoretical part of cotton breeding to accomplish anything worth while.

### First of Seed Sold.

In the meantime we had already been selling a few seed of our cotton, and Texas Mammoth got a bad reputation in 1932 that has been hard to erase. We occasionally have farmers tell us yet, "I tried some of your cotton in '32 and didn't like it." No doubt that was a good lesson for us, but it seemed a little too hard.

In 1933 we secured state certification. The next year we sold seed of a much purer line—our 23M strain—under certification tags, while for the last three years we have had state registration on our Texas Mammoth—that means a varietal purity of 99 per cent or better. But what is more important we corrected other defects in our cotton and produced a type that meets popular approval with those who like quality in cotton.

The only objection we sometimes hear now is that Texas Mammoth is not a good cotton to snap. However, we do not try to sell Texas Mammoth seed for snapping cotton. It has too good a staple to be butchered up by the burring machinery of the gins. On the other hand we do not hesitate to recommend Texas Mammoth as a good cotton to pick, a cotton that will withstand wind and weather, and a cotton that has no superior in staple among the upland cottons of Texas.

### New Snapping Cotton.

Realizing that there is a definite demand for a snapping cotton with tenderable staple we set out to develop such a strain. We did considerable variety testing to find the best suited foundation stock to work from, and finally settled on the Chillicothe experiment station's strains of Mebane 140 and 141. These are light-burred cottons that have been yielding more lint per acre and matured earlier than Half and Half at West Texas experiment stations. But their biggest advantage over Half and Half is that they produce tenderable staple. From the Mebane 141 we have developed our Western Prolific, on which we have state certification.

## S. J. Littlepage Is Salesman for Seed

S. J. Littlepage, who lives just outside of Snyder, southeast, sells genuine Watson, Qualla and Harper cotton seed. In so doing, he believes he is helping to raise the standard of cotton produced in the county. He has been selling cotton seed for five years.

The veteran farmer came from Hamilton County with his family in 1907, and has since been a substantial county citizen.

"I don't know whether to be a barber or an author."  
"Toss for it—heads or tails."

Then, too, we felt the need for a dual-purpose or a good all-purpose cotton—one that would snap well and pick well and make inch staple. For this purpose we have Improved Acala, a cotton we have bred up from the New Mexico State College Acala since 1930. We believe the Acala line is destined to become the leading or coming cotton for West Texas, and we are willing to stake our reputation as cotton breeders on our state registered strain of Improved Acala.

## Only Round Bale Established 1927

Scurry County's only round-bale gin, established here in the spring of 1927, is owned by W. J. Ely, A. W. Arnold and L. G. Ely, all of whom are active in operation of the gin. The gin, built entirely new slightly more than 10 years ago, also turns out square bales.

The Ely-Arnold-Ely gin was built by O. C. Lambeth, W. J. Ely and A. W. Arnold. Lambeth's interest was later purchased, and L. G. Ely became a member of the firm. The round-bale patent under which that feature of the gin operates is owned by W. L. Anderson of Anderson-Clayton, Houston.

All the gin operators have seen extensive experience in the West Texas gin business, and W. J. Ely, particularly, is active in district and state ginners' organizations.

Employees of the gin include Bernard Longbotham Jr., Jimmy Brooks, ginner, Buck Joyner, pressman, Charlie Burke, engineer.

"How big is your home town, Al?"  
"Oh, about the size of New York, but it isn't built up yet."

## Mrs. Teter Operates Local Mattress Plant

Mrs. Ivan Teter is at the helm of the Snyder Mattress Factory, located two blocks west of the square on Twenty-fifth Street. Complete equipment for renovating and fluffing cotton for mattress work are supplemented by ample sewing and shaping facilities.

Established originally in 1933 by Mr. Teter, the concern has been operated continuously in the same location, across the street from the Snyder Cooperative Gin plant.

Ray Niedecken is in charge of the mechanical department of the enterprise.

A minister in a church that used natural gas for illumination was announcing his text in solemn tones: "Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out."

In an instant after he made the statement, the church was in total darkness due to a failure in the gas supply. With scarcely a moment's notice, the minister said:

"Brethren, in view of the sudden and startling fulfillment of this prophecy, we will spend a few minutes in silent prayer for the gas company."

# TEN YEARS SERVICE At the Present Stand . . . .

has brought hundreds of farmers to our Modern Gin—and they have gone away satisfied. Thousands of bales of Scurry County cotton have gone from our presses in the past ten years—and we feel a pardonable pride in the hundreds of friends we can count among the cotton raisers of this area. We believe that—

- A GOOD GIN TURN-OUT
- A CLEAN, SALABLE STAPLE
- A SQUARE DEAL ALWAYS

have brought those patrons back to the Planters Gin from year to year. And our aim shall continue to be to give our cotton grower friends the best Ginning Service of which we are capable.

## A Ready Cash Market for All of Your Cotton and Cotton Seed

### Times, We Greet You on Your Fiftieth Birthday—

—Yes, we want to be among those present when the congratulations are being extended to our Home County Paper for completion of half a century of faithful service to this area. Best Wishes for continued growth, Times!

# PLANTERS GIN CO.

HERMLEIGH, TEXAS

## YOUR OWN COTTON—

in samples or cuttings, as it comes from the gin, can be made into comfortable, downy

## MATTRESSES

Let us make your new Mattresses just as you want them, or renovate and sterilize your old ones like new.

Prices Are Reasonable—See Us Today

CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES—  
upon having reached your Fiftieth Birthday. May you live to reach another fifty.

## Snyder Mattress Factory

Across Street from Co-op Gin



# Over Ten Years Of Ginning Service

*has made many friends for us in this community. And friends are, after all, the greatest asset we have!*

As we look back over our half score years of dealings with patrons from all over the county, we consider it a privilege to have had so many pleasant associations and business transactions.

We are thankful for the opportunity of having served you, friends. Our appreciation can best be shown, we believe, by pledging our continued efforts to making ours an institution worthy of maintained patronage.

**Both Round and Square Bale Ginning Service**  
**A Ready Market for Your Cotton and Seed**

## HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES . . .

—Through all these years we have been good friends of our Home County Paper. We believe in it—and have given it our support. We count the Times plant one of our leading enterprises.

—As the Times force pauses to count back fifty years of service on the part of the paper to this section, we want to add our word of Felicitations and Best Wishes. May you see many more birthdays, Times!



# Ely-Arnold-Ely Gin

SNYDER, TEXAS



# Over Half Million Bales Made by County

## Second Best Yield Certain For 1937

For six years, beginning in 1922, Scurry County produced 24,000 to 40,000 bales of cotton yearly, and folks seemed to get the idea that maybe that sort of production would go on forever.

But 1928 brought little rain, and the 13,430 bales of that fall meant that Scurry felt the pinch of the depression earlier than most parts of the country.

From government records beginning in 1910, provided The Times through the courtesy of Manager A. D. Erwin of Fuller Cotton Oil Company, one gathers the indisputable evidence that "some years do and some years don't" in Scurry County. Only during the six-year period from 1922 through 1927 is there any semblance of uniformity for any lengthy period.

### 27-Year Production.

Records from 1910 through 1936 reveal that approximately 551,421 bales were produced in Scurry County. Every record is complete during this 27-year era except 1918, one of the two big drouth years, when only two gins operated in the county. For purposes of comparison, the same figures as those for 1917—1,637 bales—are used.

From 1910 through the drouth years of 1917 and 1918, the average yearly yield was about 11,462 bales. From 1919 through 1936, the average was 24,904 bales. If 50,000 bales are produced in 1937, the average for 19 years beginning in 1919 would be 26,225 bales.

The 27-year average, 1910 through 1936, is 20,423 bales, with all yearly figures entirely accurate except for the 1918 estimate.

It will surprise many cotton observers to learn that more than 40,000 bales have been produced—prior to 1937—in only two years. The total in 1926 was 40,750; in 1932, 55,589. Thus, 1937 is already easily the second largest cotton producing year in Scurry County history.

Following are the bale figures from 1910 through 1936:

1910	7,700
1911	13,110
1912	7,795
1913	10,014
1914	29,902
1915	18,227
1916	13,132
1917	1,637
1918	? ?
1919	19,705
1920	18,985
1921	18,924
1922	24,211
1923	27,021
1924	31,144
1925	25,040
1926	40,753
1927	35,550
1928	13,430
1929	18,674
1930	18,481
1931	21,206
1932	55,589
1933	31,948
1934	9,171
1935	23,252
1936	15,186
1937	? ?

### Mass Meeting in 1900.

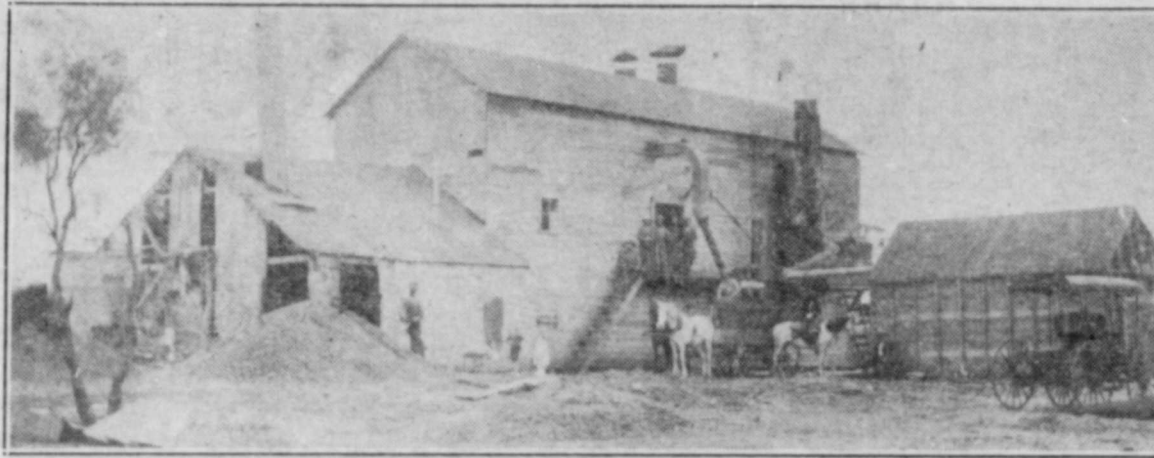
From "Borden Citizen," December 27, 1900: There will be a mass meeting held at Gail January 5, 1901, for the purpose of petitioning the Legislature to abrogate the absolute lease line now fixed upon us. Everybody who is interested in the development and opening up of this country should attend and do their best toward the cause.

Mother—"Willie, there are seven pieces of candy on the table. Divide them with Susie."

Willie—"All right, mother. Now, Susie, I'll take one and then you take one, until they're all off the plate."

Life: It's not to be overlooked that the splendid work of the WPA in forming huge symphony orchestras keeps just that many musicians from going into chamber music trios.

## EARLY DAY CAMP SPRINGS GIN WAS MODERN



More than a quarter of a century ago this picture was made of the Camp Springs gin, one of the finest in West Texas at that time. Mrs. W. V. Jones, who

furnished the picture to The Times, names several of the people in the picture: Her husband, familiarly known as Bill Jones, on horseback; Rev. Trice,

father of A. H. Trice, Methodist preacher, sitting at edge of seed house in front of Jones; the late T. S. Worley is one of the men on the platform.

## Good Farm-Home Year Is Indicated

A banner year in farm and home activities is indicated for Texas farm families in a preliminary report compiled by the Extension Service division of Texas A. & M. College, Director H. H. Williamson has announced from College Station.

While insects on one hand and bumper crops on the other brought many problems, improvements on farms and ranches and in homes are going forward at a satisfactory pace, Williamson indicated.

Grasshoppers threatened the record wheat and feed crops of northwestern Texas, but swift action and effective cooperation between the farmers, the Extension Service, and the federal government halted the insects and prevented an estimated five million dollar loss, Williamson said.

The agricultural conservation program has resulted in the listing of some 56 million acres of range land for improvement. Besides the construction of dams, spreader terraces, and similar practices, 150,000 acres of range land has been contoured to hold rainfall and encourage grass production. County owned equipment alone has accounted for the terracing of more than 400,000 acres of farm land, and 1½ million acres were planted to summer legumes.

Home food supply demonstrations have resulted in the canning of more than 16 million pints of fruits and vegetables and the storing of four million pounds of dried products and 3½ million pounds of cured meats. These figures represent a 10 to 15 per cent increase over 1936 totals. The 67,000 home demonstration club women and 4-H Club girls in the state are following the lead of some 2,000 demonstrators in home improvement, according to Williamson. Meetings to discuss cotton improvement have been held in 81 counties, and information on this subject will be carried to all the principal cotton producing counties. Williamson estimated that 200 new one variety cotton communities would be added in 1938 to the 61 in operation in 1937.

A display of erudition sometimes produces embarrassment.

The fair young debutante was surrounded by an admiring crowd of officers at the colonel's ball. Mama was standing near by, smiling complacently at her daughter's social success. This discussion was over the quarrel of the day before between two brother officers.

"What was the casus belli?" asked the fair debutante.

"Maud!" exclaimed Mama in a shocked voice. "How often have I told you to say stomach?"

An optimist, we guess, is any traffic expert who can take the little old family bus through a downtown traffic jam and still call it a "pleasure car."

"Some men thirst after fame, some after love, and some after money."

"I know something they all thirst after."

"What's that?"  
"Salted crackers."

Employer—"I hear you and George almost had a fight."

Sam—"Yassah, boss, we all would of had a terrible fracas, only they wasn't nobody there to hold us apart."

## The Snyder Gin Is Tops in 1903

From "The Coming West,"  
April 23, 1903.

The Snyder Gin Company is one of the enterprises of Snyder that brings many dollars to the pockets of our business men. It is one of the best equipped gins in this part of Texas. It is equipped with four gin stands of 70 saws each and has a capacity of about 45 bales per day.

The acreage of cotton planted by our farmers this year, we are informed by their manager, Mr. W. C. Jones, is much larger than last year, and the season so far is much more favorable for a large yield.

Mr. W. C. Jones, the present manager of the Snyder Gin Company, has been engaged in educational matters in West Texas for a number of years. He graduated at the University of Nashville in 1892 and up to the present year has mostly been teaching school, being principal of the Hico public schools. He is also interested in the cattle business, breeding high grade Hereford and Durham cattle on his ranch in the southwest corner of the county.

Send this edition to a friend.

# Greetings from Your Warehouseman . . .

to his Home County Paper, which he considers one of his staunch friends, for the perseverance and principles of good newspapering that have safely brought it down to this good hour. That The Times has fulfilled a mission in reflecting the activities of the area is manifested in the fact that it has completed—

## Fifty Years of Good Service

We believe in The Times. We have supported it with words and with actual patronage. It maintains a Printing Department—which has served us—that amply supplies the wants of those interested in good printing. We give it our support because we believe in patronizing home institutions wherever possible.

## WE ARE GRATEFUL . . .

for the cooperation of cotton growers and others affiliated with the cotton industry during the present and past seasons. Especially for the patience you have shown in the present crisis we are thankful, and promise our continued efforts to give those with whom we deal the best service of which we are capable.

# Dick Henderson

Public Weigher, Precinct No. 1—Snyder



SECTION IV

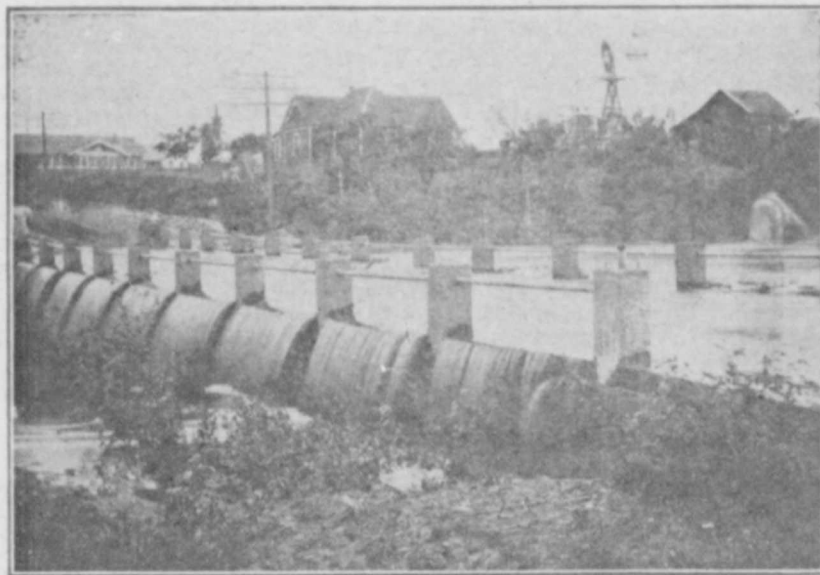
# GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 30, 1937

## The Scurry County Times

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

# GOOD WATER



—Scurry County, during its history, has received about the average rainfall for West Texas Counties. Since government records have been maintained, beginning in 1917, the yearly average has been exactly 20 inches. With the coming of terracing and contouring of her farm lands, the agricultural sections are showing increased production on a minimum of rainfall.

—Snyder, with an abundant underground supply of good water, has not been faced with water shortages or tainted supplies as have many West Texas cities. Moreover, pumps that supply the needs of a growing city also furnish the Santa Fe Railway with millions of gallons of water annually—at rates cheaper than the railroad could maintain with its own pumping facilities.

**SNYDER HAS ONE OF CHEAPEST WATER RATES IN THE STATE FOR CITIES OF ITS SIZE — PURITY IS VERY HIGH**



# City Has Unique Money-Making System

## Waterworks Nets Profit To Snyder

Snyder makes money on her water. Strictly speaking, the city really does not make the money, for profits go right back into payment of water and sewer bonds, and for other city expenses, making it possible to keep taxes down just that much.

But the city-owned water works, first established in 1910, and improved from year to year, operates well above actual expenses, and has done so for several years.

Three unique features make the Snyder water and sewer system outstanding.

In the first place, rates are among the lowest in Texas, as explained in full in another article.

Second, the bulk of the water is pumped from the ground within a stone's throw of the heart of the business section, just southwest of the square.

In the third place, the disposal plant is unique in that it sits atop a hill two miles southeast of town, rather than in a low spot, like most disposal plants.

### Wells Near Square.

The first city well was dug at the present pump room, exactly a half block west of the corner of the square. When the second well was dug in 1927 and the third in 1928, several hundred feet to the southwest, the first well was soon abandoned. From time to time, new equipment has been added, with a modern water system in operation practically all the time.

The second and third wells are capable of yielding a total of 1,200 gallons of water per minute, as proven by actual tests. But they supply the city's demands with no more than 500 gallons per minute.

The fourth well, in North Snyder, was put on the pump after several tests in various parts of town failed to find water in quantity anywhere near as great as the second and third wells. This fourth well is capable of providing 130 gallons per minute.

### Pure Snyder Water.

Although slightly harder than average water, the Snyder water is remarkably pure, and receives high tests when specimens are sent regularly to the State Department of Health. The water flows from a depth of 140 feet, although the holes were blasted at least 180 feet into the earth's surface. The underground fountains flow off the Plains, according to some water authorities.

The two principal wells have shown no signs of any dangerous weakening, but the well in North Snyder was put down in 1930 to care for any emergencies.

Year in and year out, the average consumption of water averages about 10,000,000 gallons monthly. Largest user is the Santa Fe Railway, which averages about a half million gallons per month. Peak month for Santa Fe consumption was in August of this year, when the big engines drank several times the monthly average.

The city also furnishes water for the R. S. & P. Railway when the supply in Deep Creek, more than a mile below town, prevents the short railroad from pumping therefrom.

### 650 Water Connections.

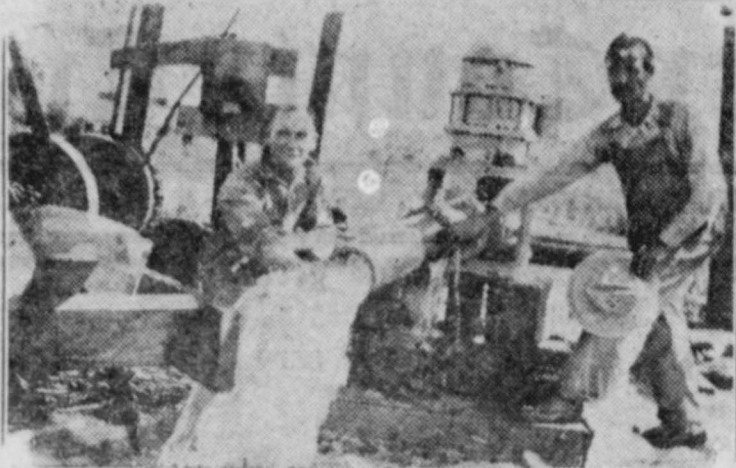
Approximately 650 water connections are maintained. Of this number, about 60 per cent have city sewer connections, and a number of others have pit toilets that are being purchased from the city on a monthly payment plan.

Plenty of water is kept in reserve for these 650 customers. The concrete tank in the ground behind the pumping station holds a maximum of 150,000 gallons, and the big stand-pipe in Southwest Snyder has a capacity of 100,000 gallons.

J. P. Strayhorn is the water superintendent, and G. M. Browning, who has worked for the city a number of years, is his assistant. In charge of water collections is Mrs. J. P. Morgan.

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

## CITY OF BOUNTIFUL WATER



Snyder is literally a land flowing with water, as this picture typifies. This picture was made when one of the city's two big wells was brought in just southwest of the square. The

wells are now under cover. On the left is Burn Baze, then water superintendent; on the right, G. M. Browning, who is the city's oldest employe in point of service.

## U. S. D. A. Story In Printed Form

The most vital agricultural force in the nation—the United States Department of Agriculture—is celebrating its 75th anniversary during the same year that The Times celebrates its 50th anniversary.

To bring the story of the rise and development of the department direct to the citizenship, that story is now available in printed form. Copies of the new publication may be obtained free by farm and ranch families who write to the office of information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and ask for "The Response of Government to Agriculture."

Turning back to the time when the acts that created the department were signed, the author, Arthur P. Crew, says: "Agriculture was at a crisis then, a crisis in which the principal need was more production. It is at a crisis now, though of a different kind. The modern difficulty, which still includes the need to increase the productivity of the farms, embraces also the job of finding a satisfactory market for increasing productivity."

## Question of Water Rights Is Explained

The question of water rights has been a matter of deep concern in practically every pioneer country. While not of particular local concern just now, the following explanation of water rights, taken from Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Encyclopedia, should prove interesting:

"In its original sense, the use of water of non-navigable streams, lakes, springs, irrigation canals, and in certain instances of the sea. In the United States the water of flowing streams is not deemed capable of private ownership. Every landowner has a natural right to the use and enjoyment of a watercourse which flows through his land. An owner must not interfere with the rights of other owners in any way, by diverting, fouling, damming, or by lessening the steady flow.

"The pollution of a flowing stream, as, e. g., by the unreasonable discharge of sewage, is actionable, and in some states subject to criminal prosecution."

### Jail Bonds Voted.

From The Snyder Signal, April 14, 1911: Scurry County voted the jail bond issue by a majority of more than two to one. The vote was light throughout the county. Total vote: For, 544; against, 244.

Visitor (in editorial rooms)—"What do you use that blue pencil for?"

Editor—"Well, to make a long story short, it's to—er—make a long story short."

## Old-Time Ginner In Own Business

A man who spent more than a quarter century in the gin business left his first love in September, 1935, to begin a hardware store of his own on the north side of the square.

That man is H. L. Wren, who handles just about everything you would expect to find in a modern hardware store. Associated with him is Jack Inman, also a former ginner.

Wren, active in church and civic work, came to Scurry County from Lampasas in 1903, worked with the old Farmers Union gin for three years, then farmed until 1910. In that year he went to work for the Fuller gin interests, for whom he worked a quarter century, lacking only a few days . . . in every capacity from roustabout to gin manager and gin erector.

### All Lighted Up.

A very shocking place is Texas, considering the amount of electric power harnessed and functioning today. With about 250 electrical generating stations operated by around 15 major companies and 50 or 60 local companies, the total investment is more than \$300,000,000. Contribution of 1936 is the development of rural electrification, which is spreading through all parts of the state.

## He Was Blacksmith In Railroad Era

A. L. Poteet can't remember quite as far back as Longfellow's "Under the spreading chestnut tree the village smithy stands." But he can tell you a heap about his early blacksmithing experiences on the Texas & Pacific Railway, when that road was being built 30 years ago.

In 1922 the veteran blacksmith came from Somerville to do blacksmithing and other mechanical work for Fuller gin. It was in August, 1924, that he went into business for himself, purchasing the Brown blacksmith shop, then located across the street from his present location, a half block north of the square on Avenue R. Poteet purchased the Tom W. Baze power outfit in 1927, and in 1933 he moved to his present site.

Cecil James and Bob Alsop are Poteet's employes.

## Praying for Rain in 1911 Was Profitable

From The Snyder Signal, July 14, 1911:

According to previous agreement and pursuant to the call of County Judge Smith, the people of Snyder assembled this morning at the tabernacle to pray for rain. The service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Hunt, and the people seemed deeply in earnest. We realize that we have gone the limit of our strength and resources and must depend upon God to give us a harvest.

From The Snyder Signal, July 21, 1911: Not since Scurry County came under sovereignty of the man with the hoe have the prospects been brighter for a bumper crop of both small grain and cotton.

The teacher asked a small pupil to repeat the alphabet.

He began splendidly, but toward the end he seemed to need a little help and encouragement.

"Well, now, Tommy, you know what comes after M?" said the teacher.

"Yes; N."

"That's correct. Now what is after N?"

"I know; O."

"That's right. Now after O comes—"

The little fellow brightened up and replied, "Yeah."

Author—"Have any recognitions of the publication of my work arrived?"

Publisher—"Yes, a man of the same name as yours has asked us to insert a notice that he is not the author."

## Joe and Jack at Old Tailor Shop

Joe Graham and Jack Martin are doing business at an old tailor shop stand, but the service and equipment they offer are entirely up-to-date. They have one of the best equipped shops in a small West Texas city.

George Borgeman first opened a tailor shop just north of the bank in 1919, and a similar establishment has been in the present building or an adjoining building ever since.

Graham, the senior partner, was reared in Snyder, moved to Ranger in 1917, and back to Snyder in 1924, where he became associated with Fish & Bantau. In 1926 he and Earl Fish became partners in Snyder Tailoring Company. Graham and Abe Rogers became partners in 1932.

Martin, graduate of Snyder High School, became one of the town's youngest business men when he entered partnership with Graham in March, 1935. This partnership continues . . . and the plant continues to grow in just about the same location in which George Borgeman established that plant in 1919.

Claude Moore and Morris Collier are regular Graham & Martin employes.

### "Everyone Rejoices."

From The Snyder Signal, March 10, 1911: The Santa Fe railroad will soon be operating trains into Snyder, giving us two railroads with all the advantages accruing therefrom. Work will soon begin on the waterworks system, and a new modern church, costing in the neighborhood of \$30,000, erected by the Methodists, and all this preceded by a good rain is sufficient to cause everyone to rejoice.

"Oh, what a funny looking cow!" said the fair young visitor from the city. "Why hasn't it any horns?"

"There are many reasons," answered the farmer, "why a cow does not have horns. Some are born without horns, and do not have any until the late years of their lives. Others are dehorned. While still other breeds are not supposed to have horns at all. So you see there are many reasons why a cow sometimes does not have horns. But the chief reason that this critter does not have any horns is that it isn't a cow at all. It's a horse."

"Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army."—E. Everett.

# IN THE SPRING OF 1920

Yes, it's been seventeen years and more since we dropped anchor in Snyder, and established a Furniture Store at our present location. We have tried to make our store an integral part of our community, serving the people with Good Furniture at reasonable prices.

## Our Friends Have Been Mighty Good To Us . . .

throughout these years, and we also want to here express again our appreciation for a liberal patronage during nearly two decades.

"WE TRADE"

# A. E. DUFF

FURNITURE

North of Bank : Snyder, Texas

## Congratulations, Times—

We believe you have performed a necessary mission to our community and West Texas. May we extend our congratulations because you are

## Fifty Years Old

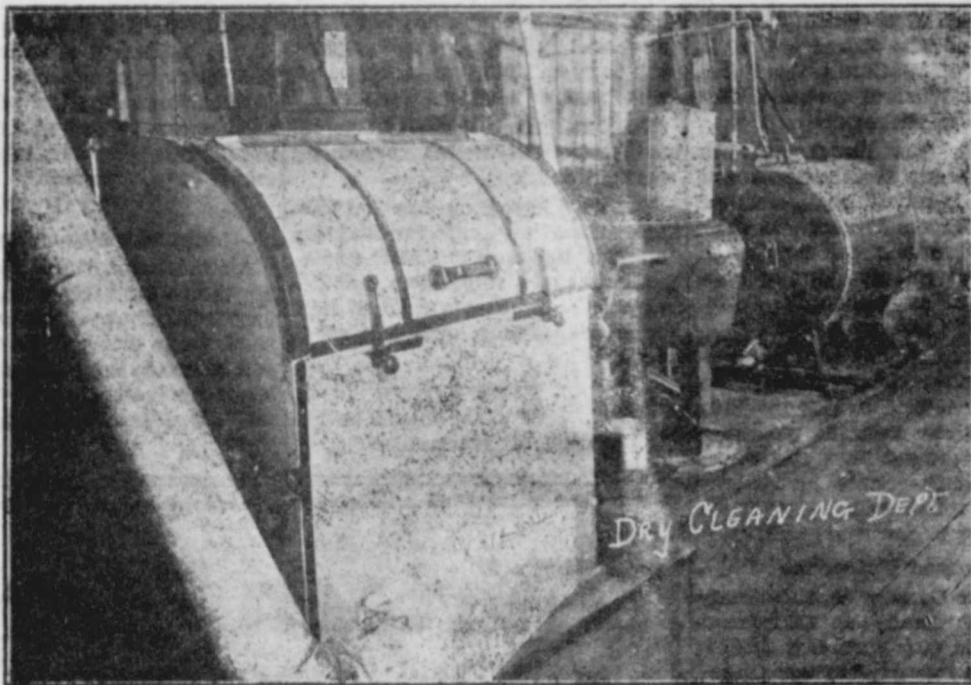


# "As Fine Work As I Can Get Anywhere In West Texas"

... are the words used by a customer when telling us the other day about some cleaning and pressing we had done for her. We know of no better advertisement we could write to tell others of our service that is second to none in this area.

## MODERN PLANT EQUIPMENT

MAKES GOOD WORK  
POSSIBLE



The above picture, taken before much new equipment was added, shows a portion of our plant that permits us to render such unmatched service. Our installing of the latest equipment from year to year assures our patrons the finest workmanship in—

- Dri-Sheen Dry Cleaning
- Hat Cleaning and Reblocking
- Knit Suit and Leather Jacket Work
- Altering, Repairing and Rebuilding
- Tailor Made Clothes

### MAIL ORDERS GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION

We pride ourselves on having a regular group of out-of-town customers who take advantage of our prepaid charges on all mail orders.

## For Years We Have Advertised In The Times—

Because we believed in it and the results it has brought to our establishment.

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## And Now, We Want to Write an Advertisement to Our Home County Paper—

and tell the Times force in this corner of our page that we are proud of the fine record it can look back on at its

## HALF CENTURY MARK

Our sincere hope is that it shall continue to maintain its leadership in the weekly newspaper field of Texas long after it has published this

## ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

JOE

JACK

# Graham & Martin

Master Cleaners and Tailors



## Growth of J. C. Penney Company Has Been One of the Story-Book Nature

The commendable success of The Times in Snyder is strikingly exemplified in the progressive development of the nationwide chain of J. C. Penney Company department stores, one of which has been in operation on the north side of the square since April, 1929.

The local Penney store is numbered among the well established institutions of Snyder. It has enjoyed continuous success since its opening. Penney's prides itself in the large following of friends it has gained among shoppers of Snyder and trade territory and on the hearty acceptance by Texans in many other parts of the state. At Wichita Falls, over 20 years ago, the J. C. Penney company was first introduced to Texas. There are now 109 stores established throughout the state.

### Vann Comes in 1932.

At the local Penney store's helm when it opened in 1929 was H. H. Thomas. From Cisco in 1932 came H. L. Vann, who has been associated with the Penney concern almost 20 years. He started his work with Penney at Miami, Arizona, and was, prior to coming to Snyder, manager one year at Cisco, one year at Eastland and three years at Decatur, Alabama.

Horace Mullins, assistant manager, is a Scurry County product, having been associated with the store since 1931. Miss Vesta Green is the oldest local employee in point of service, having become cashier of the store six months after its opening. Mrs. Margie McClinton has been with the store since 1930. Other regular employees are Miss Laura Banks and Sam Jones.

### Romance in Business.

Expansion of the Penney Company from one small store in the tiny mining community of Kemmerer, Wyoming, into this successful coast-to-coast organization of more than 1,500 stores, located in every state of the Union, is regarded among many as one of the outstanding romances of American business.

Thirty-five years ago, James C. Penney, a young salesman in a dry goods store in Hamilton, Missouri, was ordered west by his doctor. Penney settled in Denver, where he worked for T. M. Callahan in a local dry goods store. It was here that the idea of building a system of stores first was born! Callahan and his partner, Mr. Johnson, were at that time engaged in creating the first partnership system—a novel idea at the time, permitting managers to share substantially in the profits of the business. Young Penney had the vision to see the unlimited possibilities of this partnership plan and determined to develop it in a larger way.

Before long, with \$500, which he had borrowed, Penney acquired a one-third interest in a store which he opened in Kemmerer, Wyoming, together with Callahan and Johnson. Shortly afterwards, the latter two decided to separate, and Penney arranged to buy full interest in the Kemmerer store, and also in stores at Rock Springs and Cumberland, Wyoming. These three stores were the nucleus of the present nationwide organization.

### Local Needs Served.

At the outset, Penney placed full merchandising control of each store with the local manager. He knew that each manager would know the wants and needs of the people of his own community. Penney further realized that business done on a friend-to-friend basis would make for the utmost in customer satisfaction. Thus, from the very beginning, this vital asset has been an important factor in the company's progressive trend.

The further development of the partnership system was largely responsible for the growth of the Penney Company. Large scale buying through one central buying office became possible. This, in turn, made for greater savings which Penney customers ultimately share.

Every Penney store is an integral part of the community in which it is located. Penney store managers

take an active part in local business, civic and religious affairs, and many of them hold offices in one or more of these community organizations. A large percentage of Penney managers own their homes and are so deeply rooted in their communities that their stores are very often known by their own names as well as by the name "Penney's."

### Headquarters in N. Y. C.

The headquarters of the Penney Company are in New York City, where a large staff of buyers, each one an expert in his particular line of merchandise, handle the requirements for all Penney stores throughout the country. Thus Penney customers derive benefits from capable, timely buying in large quantities. The savings obtained are passed along to Penney customers in the form of low prices.

That Penney's keeps abreast of modern merchandising technique is evidenced in its testing laboratories. Every conceivable test is made for wearing ability, warmth, color fastness, shrinkage, texture, construction and other factors that make for assured customer satisfaction. Clothing, shoes, hosiery, gloves, work clothes, piece goods, and so on, up and down the line, all must resist the rigid laboratory tests or be rejected.

It is a far cry from the little store in Kemmerer, Wyoming, with its red woolen socks hanging from rings, its suspenders, bandanas and overalls stacked in piles and draped on walls, to the vast organization that constitutes the J. C. Penney Company of today. But the same sound principles of merchandising laid down by Penney in the Kemmerer store have always been considered a most vital factor in the success of the 1,518 stores which, at present, constitute the J. C. Penney Company.

### Quanah Parker's Death.

The Snyder Signal of March 3, 1911, carried an account of the death of Quanah Parker, Indian chief, who was an enemy and later a friend of J. Wright Moorar, first white settler in Scurry County.

### Ira Bank Dissolves.

Notice of dissolution of the First State Bank, Ira, is carried in The Snyder Signal for March 10, 1911. T. C. Stinson, president, signed the dissolution notice.

## BORDEN COUNTY LANDMARK



This is a Borden County landmark that will be remembered by most old-timers. It is really more proper to say this WAS a Borden County landmark, for the Durham post office and store, which once stood between Knapp and Gail, now on the Alex Murphy place, disappeared with the old townsite. Mrs. J. L. Weathers of Borden County, who furnished The Times this picture, points out a few of the

folks: H. L. Pierce, second man from left in doorway, owner of store; Olan Keen, now of Gail, sitting in doorway; Pat Warren, Mrs. Weathers' brother, in buggy, wearing striped bandana; Bob Caraway, last man on right, wearing black bandana, then boss of Nine-R Ranch; Mrs. Bob Caraway, in buggy, last woman to right; Mrs. Bob Caraway (formerly Katie Wills), in open buggy; Sim Yeargan, horseback.

## Wilsford Tea Room Open 10 Years Ago

Wilsford's Coffee Shop, operated here by Mrs. J. C. Wilsford in the basement of The Fair Store, is an outgrowth of Wilsford's Tea Room, which Mrs. Wilsford opened in 1927 just south of the square.

Wilsford's Tea Room was the mecca of many local citizens who enjoy "old-fashioned home cooking." The tea room was discontinued when Mrs. Wilsford and her family left Snyder five years ago, and was opened again as Wilsford's Coffee Shop about three years ago.

Mrs. Wilsford came with her parents to Scurry County from Delta County in 1901. In 1908, as Miss Lois Gross, she held the plow that broke the ground that symbolized entrance of the Santa Fe Railway into Scurry County.

### Brady of Clairmont.

From The Coming West, February 7, 1901: P. Brady of Clairmont came down last Saturday, and is spending a few days in our peaceful little city. He is here on business, we presume, as he seems to be enjoying the best of health.

## Bynum Has Charge Of Produce House

Dock Bynum has been in the produce business here since 1930. He purchased the local Swift agency in February, 1933, an agency now known as Dock Bynum Produce.

Dock was born in Scurry County, and resided in Bethel community most of his life.

Swift & Company has been in the produce business in Snyder since 1925, and has been one of the companies largely responsible for developing a profitable market here for cream, poultry, eggs and other produce.

"Public instruction should be the first object of government."

## Towle's Jewelry Started in 1904

One of the oldest continuous business establishments in Snyder is H. G. Towle's Jewelry Company, now located on the northwest corner of the square. The present mayor of Snyder came to Snyder in 1904 from Colorado, where he had worked with Majors there for two years after finishing school in Illinois. That two years in Colorado was long enough for beginning of a romance that blossomed into a marriage.

One of Dr. Towle's earliest experiences after he opened for business in a former livery stable, site of the present Times building, was a robbery that netted the invaders about \$500 in merchandise. After three months on the corner, he moved to the present J. H. Sears & Company site for a year; to the present Manhattan Hotel building for about two years. In 1907 he built the structure now occupied by Ben Franklin Store, moving from there to his present site in 1928.

At one time, while in the Ben Franklin location, Towle Jewelry Company had the largest stock between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Associated with Dr. Towle are Mrs. Towle, C. T. Burnett, Mrs. Velma Bruton and Miss Irene Spears.

### What a Legislature!

In a letter from F. I. Townsend, Farmers' Union representative at Austin, in The Snyder Signal for March 3, 1911, it is stated: "There has perhaps never been a Legislature in Texas like the present one. No man can forecast with any degree of certainty what it will do with reference to adjournment."

### Hamlin's Water Supply.

A recent issue of the Hamlin Herald was considerably wrought up because the city's water supply was about to go blooey. But the astute editor, Bowen Pope, solved the problem at the bottom of page one by announcing: "Look for Water on Page Two."

## Ten Years of Cooking ...

Yes, ten years ago the Wilsford Tea Room was established south of the square. Its reputation for serving for foods spread rapidly, and in 1933 we moved to our present location, where a growing number of patrons come for meals.

We are thankful for the patronage of our friends during the past decade.

## GREETINGS, TIMES—

upon your having reached your Fiftieth Birthday. That you shall continue to grow in service and influence is the sincere wish of Wilsford Coffee Shop.

## Wilsford Coffee Shop

Basement of The Fair Store

## Thirteen Years Ago . . . .

we entered the blacksmith trade in Snyder, and then made it our aim to please our patrons. We feel we have carried that aim through the years. We are grateful for a patronage of hundreds of friends.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO—

Our Home County Paper set up for business under the name of The Western Light. We are proud of the record of good newspapering it has made.

Congratulations, Times, for Having Served Your County for Fifty Years!

## A. L. POTEET Blacksmith Shop

North of Square on Avenue R



# City Water-Sewer System Cost \$150,000

## First Well Drilled By Snyder In 1910

Through the courtesy of J. S. Bradbury, The Times is presenting figures to show that the total cost of Snyder's present water and sewer system is upwards of \$150,000.

The actual figures gathered by the city secretary show a total cost of \$142,957.75. These figures would be increased several thousand dollars by addition of small items over a period of years.

The first water and sewer system was installed in 1910, when bonds were voted for \$44,400. The first water well went down the same year, included in the cost of the bond issue.

### System Is Extended.

In 1924 the water and sewer system was extended by a warrant issue to the tune of an additional \$45,000. In 1927 the second well was put down at a cost of \$3,551.50. The following year a third well was drilled at approximately \$3,500.

The year 1929 witnessed a number of improvements. The sewer system was improved at a total warrant issue cost of \$24,000. Later in the year the sewer system was further improved and extended, the city farm was purchased and a disposal plant was installed thereon. Bonds for the latter improvements were voted to a total amount of \$9,562.50.

### Fourth Well Drilled.

A fourth well went down in 1930 at a total cost of \$5,328.75. Costs on this well, as well as earlier wells, included costs of various tests before the best flowing localities were found.

Miscellaneous extensions of water and sewer systems from time to time have totaled about \$2,615. Pumping equipment, not included in other items in the summary, have been added to a total value of approximately \$5,000.

## New Pyron Gets Booming Sendoff

From "The Snyder Signal," May 19, 1911.

The formal opening and town lot sale at the new town of Pyron came off on Wednesday and Thursday, May 10 and 11, and it was a great event. The first day was given over to the south country people, a special train was run up there from Sweetwater and lots of people from that town seized the opportunity to buy property in Scurry County. There was a barbecue and a big crowd. Thursday was Snyder day and the Santa Fe ran a train of four coaches carrying down about 200 people.

Pyron is twenty miles southeast of Snyder in one of the prettiest and richest portions of Scurry County. It is an old settlement. The new town is about three miles from the old town of Pyron and of course the stores of the old town have been moved to the railroad. The Santa Fe people have a fine well of water there and have erected a large stand pipe and will soon build a depot and be ready for business. The town-site is laid out on the gentle slope of one of the prettiest prairie landscapes to be seen anywhere, and already there is a general merchandise store there kept by the Adams brothers.

Another large building is soon to be occupied as a general store and another house is waiting for a stock of drugs. The Pyron Hotel, kept by W. E. Warren, is a substantial house and they set a good table there. A long stretch of concrete walk on either side of Main Street gives the place a look of progressiveness. Arrangements have been made for the erection of a banking house between the post office and the hotel and taking a general survey of the situation a sprightly town will be there within a few months.

## SNYDER'S OFFICIAL RAINFALL RECORD SINCE 1917

Month—	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	Mo. Avg.
January	.00	.64	1.00	.44	.00	.40	.00	1.40	3.27	1.25	.40	.60	1.50	1.40	1.78	.20	.35	.05	.45	.17	.77	
February	.57	.21	.25	.95	.06	1.85	.50	.00	.00	1.20	.80	.00	1.15	3.01	1.06	.22	1.03	.12	.25	.66		
March	.00	.21	3.43	.00	1.05	1.20	2.05	.00	.00	1.98	.90	.40	1.89	.80	.57	.55	.70	2.70	1.61	.44	1.39	1.11
April	.88	.45	3.45	.00	.30	8.42	3.90	4.34	2.75	1.92	1.03	.27	1.05	4.05	1.63	1.25	.10	.56	.42	1.03	.06	1.85
May	.99	1.46	2.19	4.66	.87	5.09	.75	4.27	4.26	3.10	.70	4.40	4.07	3.76	1.35	3.47	1.59	.65	4.07	2.40	4.25	2.79
June	.83	1.14	4.55	4.01	7.05	4.48	2.20	.00	.25	1.47	3.05	1.17	.50	2.55	1.10	3.12	.02	.40	4.10	.33	1.55	2.09
July	1.04	.00	.85	.50	.70	.00	.93	.57	1.13	1.03	6.35	1.67	2.76	.10	.94	1.12	3.20	.21	4.58	.92	1.45	1.43
August	2.18	.44	2.23	10.14	.40	1.75	2.10	1.55	2.47	4.35	3.85	2.82	.61	1.27	.18	5.79	1.90	1.25	.21	.00	2.38	2.28
September	1.53	1.20	3.20	1.43	4.15	.00	2.00	1.40	5.00	2.17	5.20	.73	2.51	.25	.13	10.60	.00	1.58	2.54	8.87	1.76	2.68
October	.00	3.73	5.78	1.55	.70	.93	6.38	2.00	3.55	3.60	.65	.35	1.61	5.04	5.35	.30	2.68	.24	1.75	1.79	.44	2.35
November	.12	.62	1.13	.22	.00	1.65	3.15	.00	.00	1.10	.00	1.52	.33	1.85	1.80	.00	1.20	2.60	2.11	.53		1.01
December	.00	1.28	.00	.00	.00	.00	1.39	.00	.00	3.30	.02	.28	1.00	2.00	2.74	4.32	1.43	.03	.67	.61		.95
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>11.10</b>	<b>27.66</b>	<b>23.76</b>	<b>16.61</b>	<b>23.58</b>	<b>27.10</b>	<b>15.53</b>	<b>20.81</b>	<b>27.29</b>	<b>24.20</b>	<b>14.81</b>	<b>16.93</b>	<b>23.17</b>	<b>18.34</b>	<b>35.31</b>	<b>14.08</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>23.14</b>	<b>17.79</b>	<b>13.67</b>	<b>20.00</b>

### Noble & McClinton Among Top Traders

Among the county's top buyers and sellers of feed, livestock and other farm and ranch products are Charley Noble and Howell McClinton. They specialize in K-B feeds.

Noble left the tailoring business and McClinton the grocery business in January, 1935, to enter "horse trading." Noble came to Scurry County in 1909 from Hill County. He was associated with dry goods stores here for several years.

### Hurrah for Kent County!

From The Coming West, December 23, 1897: Uncle Kin Elkins, Kent County's tax assessor, was in the office warming Tuesday morning and a friend reached over and picked up a long blonde hair from his collar. When asked for an explanation Uncle Kin said he was at an entertainment Monday night. Hurrah for Kent!

### Plenty of Drinking.

From The Scurry County News, June 6, 1895: Thanks to Bro. Sharp for bucket of nice fresh sweet milk.

### Come Again, Girls!

From The Scurry County News, April 4, 1895: Just as the hands of our timepiece reached the point of the disc marked twelve on last Thursday night, we were agreeably awakened by as sweet music as the voice can make. A number of young ladies—about six—had stepped into the front yard and gently aroused us with the guitar. Come again, girls.

"Better build school rooms for 'the boy', than cells and gibbets for 'the man'."—Eliza Cook.

### Bill Jones and His Hack Traveled Fast

From "The Coming West, January 3, 1901: Bill Jones' hack seems to be doing a good business between here and Colorado and we have heard several remark that there was some consolation in at last being able to make the trip in less than six or seven hours, the hack making it in about four hours.

Send extra copies of this Anniversary Edition to your friends.

# Entertainment . . . .

has varied considerably during the past Half Century . . . just as other things have gone through changes.



Only in the larger towns did the people of fifty years ago have the then "tops" in entertainment of the Opera House. The budding city of Snyder did not get her Opera House until the turn of the present century. The modern show house offers the best entertainment—within reach of everyone's purse.

## SINCE COMING TO SNYDER SEVERAL MONTHS AGO—

our Theatre has been accorded a liberal patronage by the people of the Snyder area. We are grateful for an ever-increasing trade, and we pledge our continued efforts to give our patrons their money's worth in high class pictures, produced at their best.

The Gem Theatre Brought Low Admission Prices to Snyder. Patronize the Gem and Keep Them Down!

### Congratulations, Times—

for the fine record you have made for yourself and your community while newspapering for the past—

## HALF CENTURY

As one of the newer business concerns of Snyder we want to express our appreciation for one of this area's finest weekly newspapers, and bespeak for you, Jones and Smyth—

Many More Birthdays

# The Gem Theatre

East Side Square



# Snyder Has One of Cheapest Water Rates

## Comparison With Other Cities Made

If you have really complained seriously about Snyder's water rate, you should be faced with the cryptic statement: "Why don't you move somewhere else?"

For a check-up of water rates in Texas cities, prepared by Chester Cohen, engineer with the state department of health, reveals that Snyder has the cheapest range of rates, with two possible exceptions, of any of the 33 Texas towns having populations from 3,000 to 4,000.

All in all, Snyder's rate is lower than any town or city of any size in this part of the state. Only five cities and towns in Texas have lower rates, both minimum and maximum, quantity considered.

### How Rates Compare.

Snyder's minimum monthly charge of \$1 is as cheap as any in its population range. Few towns of any size in the state have a lower rate than \$1, and most of them range from \$1.50 to \$2. Only six towns out of the 33 in Snyder's population range have minimum rates as low as \$1, and only one of these, Alamo Heights, receives as much as 3,000 gallons, the Snyder minimum.

The two towns whose range of rates is slightly lower than Snyder's have higher minimum rates. Pelly, with a population of 3,452, has a minimum rate of \$1.80, but customers may use up to 20,000 monthly for the same flat rate. Cotulla, population 3,175, has a minimum rate of \$1.50, which applies to any quantity up to 15,000 gallons. The Cotulla rate is \$2 for 15,000, \$2.50 for 20,000.

### Alamo Heights Rates.

No town except Alamo Heights has a lower rate than Snyder's for

## WHAT IS WATER, ANYWAY?

We speak of water as we speak of air, of earth, of the stars, of life. But what is water, anyway?

Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Encyclopedia has the following enlightening discussion of "Water, a clear transparent liquid, neutral in its reaction, and devoid of taste or smell."

"By a process of distillation and condensation it is possible to obtain a fairly pure water. . . . In the liquid state it is colorless in small quantities, blue-green in large masses, and blue in still larger masses. . . . Absolutely pure water is not to be found in nature. Rain-water contains not only atmospheric air, but also some ammonia and carbonic acid and traces of nitrates, together with salts derived from dust.

"Of the total surface of the earth about 142,000,000 square miles may be taken as covered by water, and 55,000,000 square miles by land."

5,000 gallons. That town's rate is \$1.40, Alamo Heights' rate climbs to \$2.40 per 10,000, as compared with Snyder's \$2 rate; to \$3.40 for 15,000, as compared with Snyder's \$2.50 rate; and to \$4.40 for 20,000, as compared with Snyder's \$3 rate.

Wink has the highest over-all rate in Snyder's class, \$3 up to 3,000 gallons, and a rate ranging up to \$12.25 for 20,000 gallons. With the exception of Pelly and Cotulla, as noted, Snyder has the cheapest rate for higher quantities of water. Brady is just lower, with \$3.30 for 20,000 gallons, but Brady's basic rate of \$1 is for only 1,000 gallons.

Georgetown has a \$3.55 rate for 20,000 gallons. Its basic rate is \$1.25 for 3,000 gallons.

### Larger City Rates.

Most of the larger cities of Texas have a low minimum rate, but practically all of them climb higher than Snyder's for 5,000 gallons and more. Of the 113 cities with more than 4,000 population, only these five have lower quantity rates than Snyder: San Antonio, Brownwood, Del Rio, Plainview, New Braunfels.

Of the 616 towns smaller than Snyder, only these six have lower

rates, in minimum quantities, than Snyder: Jefferson, 50 cent minimum, 500 gallons; Plano, 75 cent minimum, 1,000 gallons; Whitesboro, 90 cent minimum, 1,300 gallons; Sugar Land, 60 cent minimum, 3,000 gallons; Van Alstyne, 75 cent minimum, 1,000 gallons; Holland, 37 cent minimum, 2,500 gallons.

### Higher Average Rates.

All of these six towns have a higher average rate and a higher 20,000 gallon rate than Snyder.

Of the 762 cities and towns listed in Texas, ranging from Houston down to Austwell, with population of 233, only 52 have lower quantity rates than Snyder, and practically all of these are towns in extremely wet sections of the state, where water can be provided at a very low expense.

Snyder's rates in comparison with nearby towns are as follows: Snyder, \$1 minimum for 3,000 gallons, \$3 for 20,000 gallons; Colorado, \$2 minimum for 4,000 gallons, \$6 for 20,000 gallons; Post, \$1.25 minimum for 1,000 gallons, \$5.25 for 20,000 gallons; Rotan, \$2 minimum for 3,000 gallons, \$8.80 for 20,000 gallons; Roby, \$1.50 minimum for 3,000 gal-

## Hot Times When School Land Sold

From The Snyder Signal, June 23, 1911: The Commissioners Court made a land deal Wednesday for Scurry County in which they sold to local people of Snyder all of that body of Scurry County school land lying in Hockley and Cochran Counties. Our progressive commissioners have sold the land for \$6.77 per acre (17,112 acres) on 40 years time at five per cent interest.

From The Snyder Signal, June 30, 1911: In view of the fact that it has come to our knowledge that the county commissioners and county judge of this county have entered into a contract of sale, disposing of the school land belonging to the children of the county at a fraction of its value. . . . Therefore we ask that a mass meeting be held and we hereby call same to consist of all who are interested in the future well being of our children. (Signed by about 50 Scurry County citizens.)

(A lengthy answer to those who protested the school land sale was carried in the next issue of The Signal.) Said the Signal editor: "The mass meeting here today was about the most interesting gathering that we have had in Scurry County for a long time."

### C. R. Buchanan Leads.

The top vote in the first primary election of July, 1902, was polled for the late C. R. Buchanan, county and district clerk. He received 326 ballots.

lons, \$5.75 for 20,000 gallons; Sweetwater, \$1.60 minimum for 4,000 gallons, no maximum given on chart; Big Spring, \$1.50 minimum for 2,000 gallons, \$8.70 for 20,000 gallons.

## Deep Creek Flows, But Not Every Day!

The picture on the front of this section of the Times Fiftieth Anniversary edition represents, to some extent, the water that flows through Scurry County—sometimes.

In the early days, Deep Creek flowed practically all the time. Now, with more cultivated land and less runoff water in the country, scenes like the one on the front page are rare, for the historic creek runs only after heavy rains.

This picture was made at the Avenue S crossing, just south of the square, when a bridge, instead of the present dip, spanned the creek.

### Ralph Hicks, Polar.

From The Snyder Signal, March 17, 1911: Ralph Hicks of Polar was tossing the ball with the Snyder boys Tuesday and Wednesday. Ralph says that he expects to tap some home runs this season.

A little boy who is a member of a large family, was describing to an elderly friend the "wonderful time" he was going to have on Christmas. . . . and we're going to have turkey and pumpkin pie; and my cousins are going to visit me, too."

"How nice!" said the man. "But I have no one to eat dinner with me. I'll have to eat mine all alone."

For a moment the little chap was silent. "Well," he said, brightening up with a smile, "at least you'll have enough to go around."

A storekeeper had for some time displayed in his window a card inscribed, "Fishing Tackle."

A customer drew the proprietor's attention to the spelling.

"Hasn't anyone told you of it before?" he asked.

"Hundreds," replied the dealer; "but whenever they drop in to tell me they always buy something."

# FROM ONE PIONEER OF THE COUNTY TO ANOTHER . . . .

Yes, we are old-timers, too. Let us look back to 1908, when we came to Snyder and entered the grocery business where the firm of King & Brown now does business. In 1909 we built on the site which we now occupy.

We would be ungrateful if we failed to here thank the thousands of friends we have served with over \$1,000,000 worth of groceries in the 30 years of dealings. We shall continue to try to observe the Golden Rule.

## Congratulations to The Scurry County Times—

We want to add our word of congratulation to Our Home County Paper for having carried on for half a century.

Our sincere hope is that the paper shall continue to exert an upbuilding influence on its community long after it shall have observed its

**FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY**

We Are Thankful to a Fine People Who Have Made Our Thirty Years in Snyder Possible!



# N. M. HARPOLE

Just West of the Times Building



# 33 Years In Snyder---



—Of course, the picture shown here does not go back quite that far—but this business can count back the years spent in Snyder for over three decades. Good years, some not so good . . . still they all have shown us that we have filled to some degree the needs of a host of people.

—As a matter of fact, the picture was made in 1908, when the firm was located in the building occupied by the Ben Franklin Store. Now in convenient quarters on northwest corner of the square, we offer superb service in Jewelry, Chinaware, Silverware, Glassware and Leather Goods.

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE FRIENDSHIP OF HUNDREDS OF PATRONS WHO HAVE MADE THIS RECORD POSSIBLE !**

## CONGRATULATIONS TIMES

for having endured the trials and tribulations of early day and modern newspapering that has brought you safely through Half a Century of existence.

We want to be among those who shall offer you best wishes on this—

## YOUR FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

# H. G. Towle Jewelry Co.

Northwest Corner of Square—Snyder



# From ONE SMALL STORE To More Than 1500 Stores



*Kemmerer, Wyoming, in 1902*

Expansion of the J. C. Penney Company from one small store in the tiny mining community of Kemmerer, Wyoming, twenty-five years ago, into a successful coast-to-coast organization of more than 1500 stores, located in every state of the union, is regarded among many as one of the outstanding romances of American business. Above is shown the original store in Kemmerer, which was called the Golden Rule Store.

Partnership Plan  
Guiding Principles  
Development of  
Leading Business

## FOR MORE

... the J. C. Penney Company people of this area with a shopping in this community—with merchandise every member of the family. This store has been accredited to its faithfulness with the merchandise at the prices they wanted to pay.

### CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER . . .

for the determination of purpose and the fortitude to weather the trials and vicissitudes of a pioneering community that have safely brought you down to this year—

### FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

We, for one organization, believe in Our Home County Paper. We believe it has a definite place in the progress of any community, and our firm conviction is that The Times has faithfully served Scurry County and Texas with a newspaper worthy of the support of everyone in the area.

Our sincere desire for The Times, as it pauses to observe its Half Century Milestone, is that it shall see

**MANY MORE BIRTHDAYS!**

### ECONOMY—

—has long been a watchword of the Penney organization. However, in giving our patrons the most for their money, we have not lost sight of another thing that determines giving a person who buys merchandise his money's worth, and that thing is—

### THE GOLDEN RULE OF THE J. C. PENNEY COMPANY

*North Side of the Square, Snyder* - -

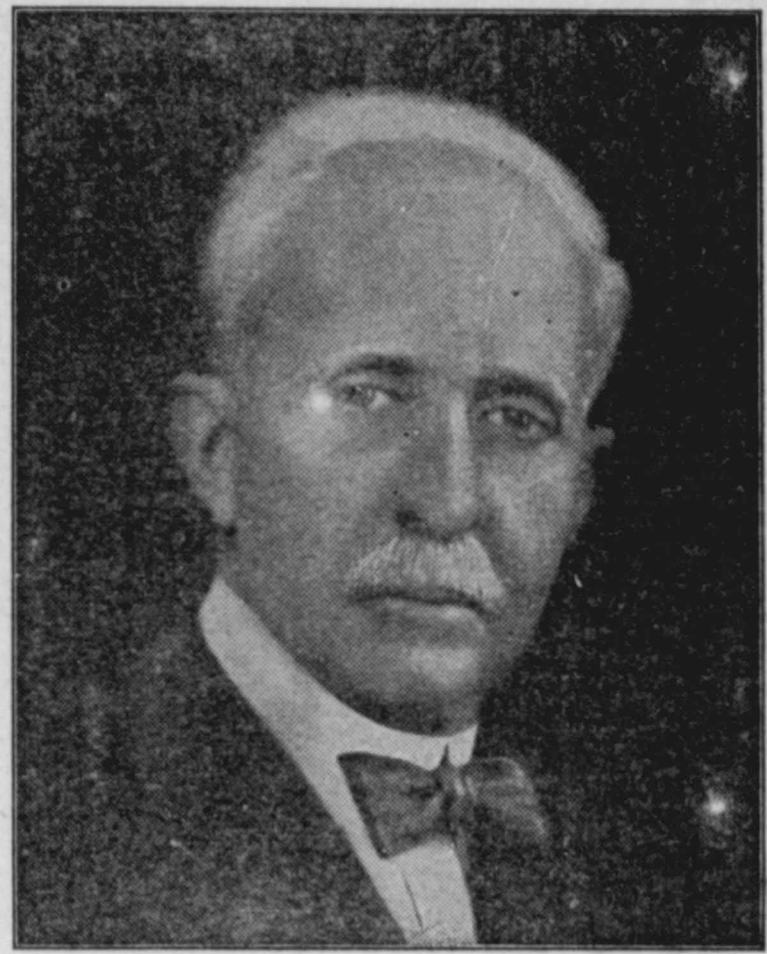
# PENNEY

J. C. PENNEY COMPANY



# ORE IN 1902 es Today....

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Basis of Progressive  
One of the Nation's  
Concerns.



J. C. Penney, Founder and Chairman of Board, Penney Stores

## THAN EIGHT YEARS

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wanted, and at

Since the establishment of the Penney store on the north side of the square in Snyder, we consider that our friends have increased with each year since April, 1929. That we shall continue to fill a niche in the scheme of things for this area shall be our constant aim. We have no fear that our friends will desert us as long as we serve them as we have in the past.

### GOOD QUALITY—

—which after all, causes a firm to hold its trade once it has been built up. We believe we have faithfully adhered to the principle of Good Quality, commensurate with the price paid, in every transaction we have made since we came to Snyder. And, another thing—

### PROMPT SERVICE—

—is the joy and pride of our organization. By giving our employees the advantages of years of experience in dealing with the buying public, we have striven to make our Service as prompt, courteous and satisfactory as we can. Incidentally, discourtesies reported are appreciated.

BEST STORE GUIDES THE OPERATION OF THE STORE IN SNYDER!

**LEWIS**  
ANY, Incorporated

- - - H. L. Vann, Local Manager



### Snyder Board of Trade Is Formed

From "The Coming West," April 23, 1903.

Snyder's business men fully realize the many undeveloped resources that our city and county have to offer to the home seeker, business men and capital seeking a landed investment. They are also like the typical western business man, liberal in their views upon all subjects and are willing and anxious for others to come and participate in developing these many resources.

With this object in view, on last March they met and formed an organization which is known as the Snyder Board of Trade.

The organization was perfected by electing our enterprising citizen, Mr. F. J. Grayum, banker and druggist, as president; Mr. D. Nation, president of the Snyder Mercantile Company, as first vice president; Mr. S. R. Pickas, merchant, second vice president; Dr. A. O. Scarborough, physician, third vice president; Mr. I. H. Nelson, postmaster, fourth vice president; Mr. B. F. Smith, editor and publisher of the Western Light, secretary; Mr. E. B. Barnes, one of the editors and publishers of the Coming West, treasurer.

This organization has an executive committee composed of the following named business men, who are acting jointly with the above named officers whose duty is to devise means of advertising our city and county, and taking action on any matter of public interest that may come before the board.

These gentlemen are C. T. Girard, manager of the Snyder Mercantile Company, A. C. Wilmeth, attorney, C. L. Jones, attorney, W. L. Gross, real estate broker, J. W. Haley, merchant, Dr. A. C. Leslie and Leroy Johnson.

The membership of this Snyder enterprising organization consists of 30 of Snyder's business men. . . . With the unity of action displayed by these business men it is evident that the commercial success of Snyder

### MEET SOME OLD-TIME BANKERS



This picture of the old First National Bank, taken in 1916, reveals several of Snyder's old-timers. The institution stood on the northwest corner of the square, now the H. G. Towle Jewelry Company site. The first two men on the left are un-

known. The late "Uncle Billy" Sims is shown wearing cowboy boots; first man inside the window, Jesse Thompson; Billy Johnson, president, in front; the late R. H. Carnutte, cashier, just inside right window; Miss Ethel Wasson (now Mrs. Pete Ben-

nek), in right window; man on far right inside cage is unknown; just under the light, N. M. Harpole, wearing "handle-bar" moustache; on far right the late T. J. Faught, and Jack Smith. Sims, Johnson, Harpole, Faught and Smith were directors.

### Gem Theatre Is Local Newcomer

One of Snyder's newest places of business—and amusement—is the Gem Theatre, whose brilliant neon lights beckon the public nightly to the east side of the square.

Manager of the Gem is A. M. Morgan, who installed the show-house in May of this year. At the time he and Mrs. Morgan resided in Colorado, but when they sold the Gem Theatre there they moved to Snyder to make their home.

Mrs. Morgan is the show's cashier. M. Z. Barrow is the chief operator and Mrs. Barrow is assistant cashier.

Morgan is a West Texan, having been in the show business for 20 years, including theatres at Rule, Brady and Colorado.

### D. H. Goodnough in Pioneer Shoe Shop

The shoe shop that has been operated here since April, 1937, by D. H. Goodnough, was established in Snyder in 1909 by E. F. Walker, father of Dr. C. E. Walker. Of course the shop has been improved from time to time, but the present owner's shop is an outgrowth of that shop almost 30 years ago.

When established the shop was conducted in connection with the Strayhorn Brothers saddle and harness shop, located in about the Stinson No. 1 site on the north side of the square. In 1912 it was moved to the present Palace Theatre location, then in 1920 to its present space under the rear of the Times Building.

W. T. Baze purchased the shop in 1926, after the death of E. F. Walker. W. W. Ainsworth leased it in 1930, after the death of W. T. Baze. Guy Peterson was in charge from 1934 until 1936.

The present owner, a shoe man with years of experience, moved to Snyder from Sweetwater.

Little boy—"Phew! It's awful hot for spring."

Little girl—"You ought to be thankful it's no worse. S'pose we lived in Arkansas. Wouldn't that be awful?"

Little boy—"Arkansas? Why?"

Little girl—"You'd better study your geography lesson. The geography says Arkansas is famous for its hot springs."

as being the greatest commercial port in West Texas is assured. We have the foundation upon which to build and we have the class of men who do not know the true meaning of failure.

### Water Discussed in 1928 Lions Meeting

From "The Scurry County Times," April 5, 1928.

The weekly luncheon of the Lions Club was especially pleasing with the presence of Mr. Dennis Doty, head of the Well Worth Drilling Company, whose concern was responsible for the remarkable water wells they have brought in for Snyder. Mr. Doty was happy to state publicly that "Snyder has two of the finest and best water wells in West Texas, and if the last well were located in Sweetwater, I could get a million dollars for it."

Judge C. P. Sentell was invited by

President Wedgeworth to tell a little of the history of the Snyder water wells, and he opened by paying a compliment to A. J. and H. G. Towle for being among the first to drill wells in this section that made it possible to know the structure of the land and that today has been of significant use in getting Snyder's water wells at the proper points.

Member O. P. Thrane asked the chair for the privilege of a word, and told of the splendid and noteworthy service that has been tendered the city of Snyder by Mayor H. G. Towle, and a rising vote of appreciation was given His Honor, which he blushing accepted.

Send this edition to a friend.

# We're Not the Kind To Brag

But We Believe That We Have Made Life Easier For More Women in the Snyder Area Than Any Other Institution Here!

Pride in a work accomplished is an inspiration to anyone. When we look back over the many years of service we feel we have alleviated the hardships and drudgery of housewives of the Snyder community.



We are grateful for a generous patronage of hundreds of good friends all through the years. Our belief is that this appreciation can best be shown by a pledge to give even better service in the future than we have in the past.

## HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER—

for the perseverance and hard work that have carried you through half a century of service to Scurry County and West Texas. That The Times shall continue to grow in years and service is the hearty good wish of those connected with the Snyder Steam Laundry.

# SNYDER STEAM LAUNDRY

For Wash-Day Relief—Telephone 211



# More Than A Quarter Century of

## COMPLETE BANKING SERVICE

For thirty-two years, to be exact, Snyder National Bank has served the people of the Snyder area with a Banking Service that has met their every need for facilities of good banking. Through good years and bad years, we have tried to make our institution one of stable business principles and practices.

That we have to some degree filled a definite place in the scheme of sound business is attested by the fact that we number our friends by the thousands—from all walks of life. Our continued efforts shall be to afford ample service to those with whom we may carry on business.

### WE CONGRATULATE OUR HOME COUNTY PAPER—

for having weathered the storm of fifty years' existence in this our own great West Texas. We want to be among those friends of The Times who pause at its—

### HALF CENTURY MILEPOST

and extend hearty good wishes for the newspaper and its force. That our local paper may continue to grow in years and in prestige is our hope; and we bespeak for it—

**MANY MORE YEARS OF SERVICE**

OFFICERS	
M. A. Fuller	President
A. C. Alexander	Vice President
A. J. Cody	Cashier
Wayne Williams	Asst. Cashier
DIRECTORS	
M. A. Fuller	Harrie Winston
J. J. Koonsman	A. D. Erwin
A. C. Alexander	

Capital Stock - - - \$50,000



Surplus and Undiv. Profits \$90,000

# Snyder National Bank

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION



## Snyder National Founded in 1905

Snyder National Bank, now the only banking house in Scurry County, was founded in 1905. It was an outgrowth of The Snyder Bank, the first bank in the county, founded as a private institution in 1890 by F. J. Grayum and associates.

Purchasers of the private bank and nationalizers of the present bank in 1905 were W. A. Fuller and associates. W. A. Fuller was the first president, succeeded later by his son, Marshall A. Fuller, who continues to head the bank. F. J. Grayum was cashier, O. P. Thrane was assistant cashier. In the same year the bank was moved from the present Snyder Insurance Agency site, south side of the square, to the present Texas Electric Service Company location, west side.

In 1916 the building now used by the banking house, northwest corner of the square, was erected and put into use. A. C. Alexander, present cashier, became associated with the concern in 1919, when he came from Rhame.

Assets of the bank, officers and directors may be found in the bank advertisement in this section.

Second bank in the county was the private Dodson Bank, founded by Dr. J. E. Dodson in 1893, with his brother, A. D. Dodson, as one of the directors. In 1900 the First National Bank grew out of this private bank, with H. B. Patterson and Dr. Dodson as organizers. The First National functioned here until 1929, when it was absorbed by the First State Bank & Trust Company. The old Dodson Bank was located on the south side of the square, and had a drug store in connection.

The First State Bank & Trust Company opened in 1907. H. B. Patterson was president, and stockholders included T. F. Baker, J. A. Lee, W. B. Eddleman, Dr. A. G. Person, and Dr. J. E. Dodson. V. M. Tyler was cashier.

## Bon Ton Cafe Said To Be Oldest Here

The Bon Ton Cafe, owned and operated by Mrs. Vick Montgomery, is the oldest eating place in operation in Snyder. The late Vick Montgomery and his wife founded it in 1920 as the Blue Front Cafe, located in the present Snyder Transfer Company building. They resided in Fisher County three months, after they left Arkansas, before coming to Snyder.

The cafe was moved to the north side of the square in 1926, where it was known as Montgomery Cafe. Later, the Montgomerys operated a cafe on the south side of the street, west of the square; then to the present Williams feed store site, a half block north of the square. Now it is located a block north of the square on the highway.

L. P. Moore is chief cook; Myrtle Bryant, waitress.

### Opera House Is Crowded.

From "The Snyder Signal," May 19, 1911: A pleasant evening occurred on Wednesday evening at the opera house when Mrs. Hutcheson's class in expression played before one of the most cultured and critical audiences ever assembled in our little city. The house was full to its capacity. It was worth the price alone to note the interest of both patrons and friends of these young folks.

A lion met a tiger  
As he drank beside a pool,  
Said the tiger, "Tell me why you're  
Always roaring like a fool."  
Said the lion, "That's not foolish,  
With a twinkle in his eyes—  
"They call me king of all the beasts—  
It pays to advertise."  
A rabbit heard them talking,  
And he ran home like a streak,  
And though he'd try the lion's plan  
His roar was but a squeak.  
A fox came to investigate,  
Had dinner in the woods.  
Moral: Never advertise  
Unless you've got the goods.

"Well, dad, I just ran up to say hello."

"Too late, son. Your mother ran up to say good-by and got all the change."

## A. E. Duff Stopped In Snyder in 1920

"Get off the train at Snyder." So read the telegram that A. E. Duff sent to his family at Plainview in 1920, shortly after he had sold out his furniture business in that Plains city and started southward.

The newcomer started his local furniture business in a hurry, and has operated it continuously since that time. The store is located several doors north of the square on the highway. Associated with him is his son, Eunice.

T. H. Duff, eldest son, and Arthur Duff, second son, are now in the furniture business in Plainview, having "graduated" several years ago from their father's store here.

After an hour and a half of preaching, a clergyman who was given to both long-windedness and fanciful flights of oratory, was just getting warmed up to his sermon on immortality.

"I looked up to the mountains," he shouted, "and it said, 'Mighty as you are, you will be destroyed; but my soul will not'. I gazed at the ocean and cried, 'Vast as you are, you will eventually dry up, but not I.'"

And then he wondered why his hearers smiled.

Another thing a mere man can't understand: Why the world isn't knee-deep in handkerchiefs that women lose.

## Snyder Laundry Here for Years

Snyder Steam Laundry has seen several managements and several locations, but in name it is among Snyder's oldest business establishments that are intact today.

History of the institution is not entirely certain. But it seems that Harrell Brothers established the laundry in 1909, just north of the present site of the Fuller gin. It was moved to the Towle Building, a block west of the square on 25th Street, in 1924.

S. A. LaRue, now of Austin, took over the business about 1918 and operated it until it was purchased in 1934 by H. G. Towle and A. C. Preull, present owners. Hal A. Lattimore is the manager.

The size of the business may be gleaned from the fact that it is the largest user of water, the year round, of any local business concern. It is considered one of the most modern laundries in Central West Texas.

"What can you do as fullback?" the captain of a football team asked a new member of the club.

"Oh, passable," was the modest reply.

"Well, you won't do. We already have a fullback who's passable. What we are looking for is one who is not."

## NEARLY 3 YEARS AGO

We established our little business a block north of the square, and we are proud to say that the trade of the firm has grown remarkably. Maybe it's because we've been selling mighty good feed to some mighty good folks. And let us say thanks now, patrons!

## FIFTY YEARS

is a long time for a newspaper or any other business to keep going through good years and bad. Therefore, we are glad to say here and now—

*Congratulations, Times!*

See Us If You Have Livestock to Sell

CHARLEY

HOWELL

## NOBLE & McCLINTON

Block North of The Fair Store

# THEY NEEDED PILLS

## IN THOSE DAYS . . .

Of course, we haven't been here so terribly long (not fifty years we are positive), but we know that the Drug Store played a very important part in the early days, providing medicines curative and preventative.



## HOME COUNTY PAPER—

We seek a part in extending to The Times and its force our heartiest

## Congratulations

as you come to the close of Half a Century of newspapering, and observe your—

*Fiftieth Anniversary*

## AND THEY STILL NEED PILLS NOWADAYS—

None the less important is the role of the modern Drug Store to the welfare of humankind. In fact, advances in medicine and science make the Druggist and Pharmacist even more needed now than then.

Irwin's Drug Store, with ample facilities and competent dispensers and pharmacists, offers you—

*Everything You Would Expect to Find In a  
First Class Drug Store*

# IRWIN'S DRUG STORE

Southwest Corner of Square



# A Good Hardware Store In A Good Community ...

The constant aim of the H. L. Wren Hardware is to make it just what its hundreds of friends want it to be. Aside from our efforts to stock the kind of supplies our patrons want, we try to put the added touch of Personal Service and Accommodations that go to making business relations pleasant and satisfactory.



## We're Not Pioneers in the Hardware Business, But ...

—We have been identified with the business life of Scurry County for 29 years. These years have brought to us numerous friendships, which, after all, are life's greatest asset. Without friends, this world would be dreary.

—We are thankful for the loyal group of customers who have made our store grow from the very first day we opened our doors in the Fall of 1935. Business has been good from day to day.

We Are Proud of

### OUR HOME COUNTY PAPER

and the fine record it has made in the newspaper field in Scurry County and Texas. We believe in its ability to fill a very definite part in the progress of the community.

We want to be among those friends of The Times who will extend congratulations to the newspaper as you, Times force, observe—

### YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

*Such Standard Brands as These Have Made  
Business Good at Our Store—*

- Challenge Long-Life Windmills
- Remington Arms and Ammunition
- Baltic Cream Separators
- Bird Brand Rugs
- Lawson Gas Heaters
- General Electric Radios
- New Patterns in Dishes

# H. L. WREN

HARDWARE



# Grasses Help Control Erosion By Water

## Vegetation Now Treated as Ally of Farmer in Battle to Retain Topsoil

By L. G. BLACK,  
Soil Conservation Service.

After years spent in trying to eradicate grass on farmlands, the farmer has come to the realization that it is one of the best allies he has in the never-ending fight against erosion. He knows that grass, like shrubs, vines, trees, roots, ground litter or leaves and stems, crop residues and organic matter accumulated within the body of the soil, is one of nature's own guardians of the land.

Vegetation is an economical and effective weapon of land defense at the service of every farmer. If he is to stop erosion damage, he must cloak his fields, or portions of them, with vegetation and work into the soil spongy, absorptive, vegetable matter to bind the soil and to hold needed water.

### Projects Visited.

Hundreds of farmers who have visited soil conservation service projects and camps in Texas during the past year have seen at first hand the simple, practical measures which are being used on the farms of land-owners and operators who are cooperating with the service to keep soil and water on the land.

The first visit to a soil conservation service project or camp area is a real revelation to most farmers. The practical, common sense methods of erosion control being applied to the farms in project and camp areas make many farmers wonder why they have not availed themselves of the materials at hand in the fight against erosion.

But, back to vegetative means of erosion control. Officials of the soil conservation service early learned, from experimental results and observations, that land covered by a good vegetative growth suffers practically no erosion damage. In those sections of Texas where soils and climatic and rainfall conditions are conducive to abundant grass and other vegetative growth, the soil conservation service program has been teamed up with nature in such a way that natural vegetation is being used in many ways to combat erosion.

### Grass Species in Use.

Bermuda grass and buffalo grass, for instance, are used in establishing meadow outlet strips and sodded outlet channels to care for excess terrace water in pasture areas, and for individual terrace outlets. Kudzu is used to stabilize gully banks and other steep slopes. Eroded land or land that is too steep for safe cultivation is returned to pastures or woodlands where grass, trees, and other vegetative cover can protect such areas from the damage of rushing rain waters. Vegetation is used for filter strips above diversion chan-

## City of Rotan Gets Water From Scurry

From "The Scurry County Times,"  
January 12, 1928.

The city of Rotan in Fisher County is going to get its water supply from Scurry, in the Camp Springs neighborhood, according to the Rotan Advance, which said last week:

"When we enlarge our water system to pipe in Camp Springs water, Rotan will have the best water in the state that goes through a city water system. And we are going to get the Camp Springs water."

"The chemical analysis shows the Camp Springs water to contain less of minerals found in all water; but more important, or rather more understandable to the average person is the finding that the total hardness of the Camp Springs is 250 per million as compared to 396 per million in the Lubbock water, which is among the purest and best in the state."

nels; for the recovering of denuded lands, for the protection of highway ditches and back slopes, and for many other purposes in the complete farm program.

This use of vegetation in the soil conservation service work in Texas not only simplifies the program, but does away with expensive engineering devices and puts a complete plan of erosion control within the reach of the individual farmer.

### Projects in State.

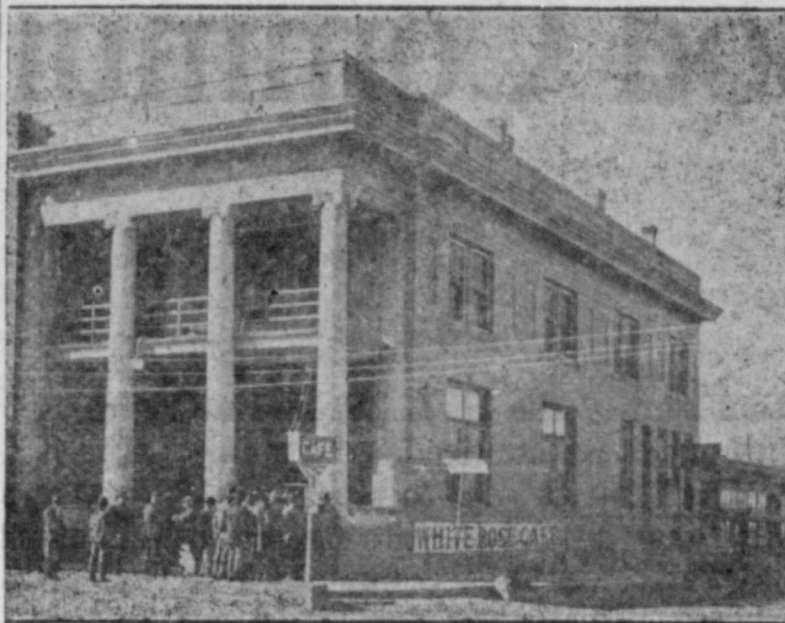
If you have not yet visited one of the soil conservation service projects located at Lindale, Nacogdoches, Mount Pleasant, Garland, Lockhart, Temple, Dublin and San Angelo, or one of the 24 soil conservation service camp areas in the state, let me suggest that you do so at your very earliest convenience. It will be a revelation to you to see how many Texas farmers are using Bermuda and other grasses as important allies in the fight against erosion.

If you have been doing your level best to rid your farm of grass over a long period of years, I think you will find it both interesting and enlightening to see the many ways in which cooperators with the soil conservation service are using this so-called "pest" to great advantage on their farms. Talk with the cooperators yourself. Let them tell you how and why they have become converts to the use of vegetation in the control of erosion.

"Bessie and I can hardly understand each other when we talk over the telephone."

"Did you every try talking one at a time?"

## OLD FIRST STATE SITE



This, one of Snyder's most impressive buildings, was for a number of years the home of the First State Bank & Trust Company, which bowed in 1931 to the depression. In July, 1936, the Times Publishing Company moved into the building, and continues to hold forth here. Its three floors are well occupied.

In the basement is Boren & Graym Insurance Agency, Snyder Abstract and Title Company, city secretary's office, D. H. Goodnough shoe shop; on the ground floor, rear, Clark & Early Cafe; upstairs, John E. Sentell's law office, Lee Cotton Company, and Taylor & Thorpe, cotton buyers.

## New Water Well Is Contracted in 1929

From "The Scurry County Times,"  
January 12, 1928.

The City Council closed a contract yesterday with the Well Works Company of Garden City, Kansas, for another water well that will be drilled on the city auditorium lot. Work is to be started at once and on the same basis as the water well that was completed the past year.

Snyder's council is stepping right ahead with a progressive program that will more than insure a never-failing source of this important commodity. They are to be commended on their activity, for Snyder is more than blessed with an unlimited supply of good, fresh water—something that Abilene or Sweetwater would give anything in this world to get.

## New Standpipe Put Up in January, '29

From "The Scurry County Times,"  
January 3, 1929.

Snyder now boasts a practically new water storage tank with the completion this week of the standpipe in the western end of town.

Mayor H. G. Towle and the City Council are responsible for this move which gives the city a practically new water supply tank at a total cost of \$930. Snyder citizens do not realize that for the past 13 years no water has been in the standpipe. In case of a disastrous fire the modern equipment that has been installed by Mayor Towle and his council would have been adequate.

The improvement also includes a 300 watt electric lamp on top, and the word "Snyder" in 12 foot letters on each side.

## Scurry County's Fine Back in '95

From "Scurry County News,"  
May 7, 1895.

So many questions are asked of so many different persons here, by those residing in other parts that we have thought it would be a great saving of time and labor to those not accustomed to writing, if we would publish in our columns a fair and correct statement of facts regarding our county, its soil, climate, grasses, timber, water and its lands; by what tenure holden and how obtained.

Scurry County was organized in July of 1884. Its latitude is about 32 degrees north, and its nearest point to the Texas & Pacific Railroad is about 10 miles north from that road. Colorado, a beautiful little city on said railroad, is situated about 25 miles south of Snyder, our county seat. There are various soils, mostly of a loamy appearance and usually plow well; so that a correct topography of the county would represent it easily tillable and productive everywhere all things being equal.

Our water is good with sufficient amount on the surface in some parts of the county, and easily gotten, by artificial means most anywhere. We have enough timber for ordinary purposes; there being little or no coal used and most fencing posts are made from timber found on the land fenced. The grasses are mesquite and buffalo or gamma, but chiefly the former which is considered by judges as the very best of the wild varieties.

The lands are alternate sections of school and railroad, either of which may be bought at low price on long time. The school land at from \$2 to \$3 per acre on forty years. The railroad is about the same price we suppose on ten years. But there is a feature about the ownership of our lands that enhances their value above that of other counties near us. Those who possess these lands are settlers on them.

There are few if any, great capitalists or syndicates, interested in any neighboring county. We have good school and church facilities. The schools in Snyder are under the supervision of an able educator, assisted by two excellent teachers, which schools altogether enrolled this year about 150 pupils.

# OLDEST IN CAFE Service In Snyder...

For seventeen years Mrs. Vick Montgomery has served food over the counter and table to thousands of folks who wanted good eats served right.

Located on the present location of the Snyder Transfer, the old Blue Front Cafe opened its doors in the spring of 1920 under the Montgomeries.

**YOUR PATRONAGE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!**

## CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES—

Yes, Snyder's oldest continuous cafe service wants to be among those who extend felicitations and best wishes as Our Home County Paper observes its Fiftieth Anniversary.

# BON TON CAFE

North of the Bank—Snyder

## A New-Timer Salutes an Old-Timer . . .

Although we have been in Snyder only 7 months, we know a good newspaper when we see one—and it's our pleasure to congratulate a good one when we extend best wishes to The Times on its Fiftieth Birthday.

## But We're Really An Old-Timer—

To the leather business, having spent 17 years plying the trade in West Texas. You're playing safe when you entrust your shoe, boot and harness work to us.

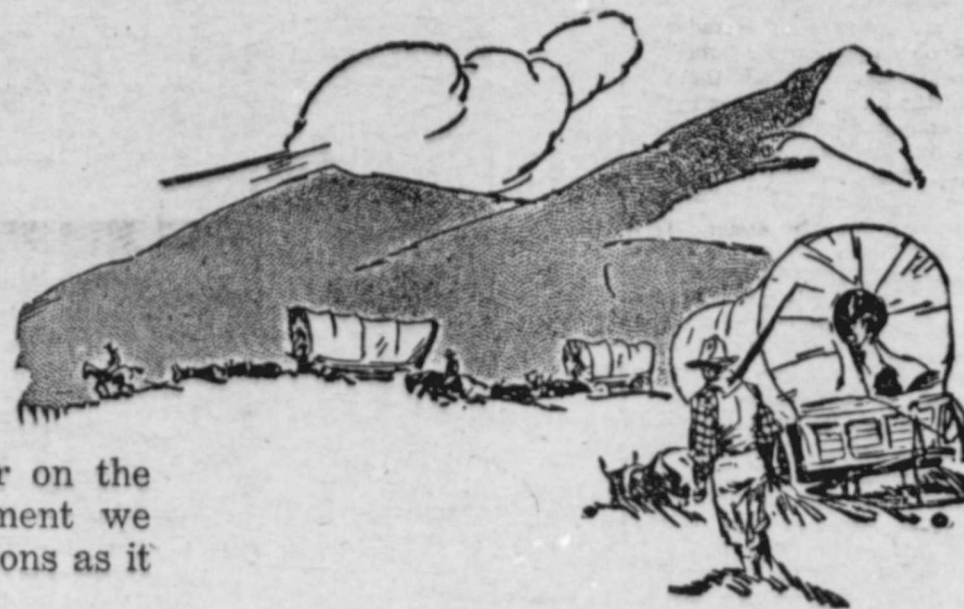
## Goodnough Shoe Shop

Basement Times Building



# PROGRESS . . . .

has been blazed by The Scurry County Times in its steady march of service in Snyder and Scurry County for the past half century.



To Our Home County Paper on the completion of such achievement we offer our sincere congratulations as it pauses now to observe its—

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

### From A Meager Beginning in 1915 To 68 Stores Today

—September 15, 1915, saw the opening of the first Perry Brothers Store at Center, in extreme East Texas. That the growth of the organization has been phenomenal is proven by the fact that there are now 68 stores in a chain of Quality Variety Stores.

—Snyder Store, No. 63 in the group, was established more than three years ago, because we felt we could become a definite part of our community and at the same time offer a service that would be appreciated by a value-knowing public.

☞ With thankfulness in our hearts for a liberal patronage during our more than three years in Snyder—we look to the future with a determination to serve even better our hundreds of friends in this area.

# PERRY BROTHERS

5c, 10c AND 25c STORE

Jesse Elliott, Local Manager

North Side Square—Snyder



# Flood Control May Be Salvation of Area

## Retaining of All Rainfall Is Sought

By BEN F. SMITH.

Much has been written and many projects promoted the past few years looking to flood water conservation, which has a two-fold advantage, namely: Storage of water for irrigation; and to increase our natural rainfall. The government is spending millions on projects of this nature, storing the water that annually goes to waste. Dams and reservoirs in all parts of the country and especially in many sections of the Southwest are being built and many thousands of acres of semi-arid lands are being reclaimed and put into a high state of production.

Other features to be pointed to is the natural increased rainfall that would ensue as result of flood conservation. The best of authorities claim that many sections of the Southwest would increase their precipitation if and by the impounding of our flood waters, which naturally would cause a change in our atmospheric situation.

### Flood Water Storage.

Several months ago a member of the national agriculture department, writing from Washington, advocated the storage of our flood waters in order to increase rainfall and prevent soil erosion. Soil erosion and water impounding are closely linked together and in fact are almost inseparable. The writer above mentioned states that we will never overcome blowing and washing of our soil until proper and extensive methods are adopted, looking to a national system of flood water control.

A few years ago, when Snyder was an applicant for location of Texas Tech, a committee headed by E. J. Anderson, prepared a prospectus, in which our annual rainfall and water sheds were enumerated. We quote from Mr. Anderson:

"The annual rainfall at Snyder and in Scurry County is 23.83 inches. The general average rainfall in Texas is 28 inches. The lowest is at El Paso, eight inches, and the highest at points in East Texas, 48 inches. By these averages it will be seen that the rainfall in Scurry County is nearly at the point of general averages between the western and eastern rainfalls. In other words, the mean average rainfall of this county is at a central indication between the minimum western and the maximum eastern extreme precipitation."

### Many Advantages.

It will be seen that our natural rainfall in Scurry County would and does furnish abundant flood waters, and if impounded could be turned to many advantages. Our water sheds by reason of the broken and rolling surface of our lands would create a rapid accumulation of flood waters.

Again we quote from Mr. Anderson: "Due to the caprock to the north, which forms and terminates as a 200 foot bluff (or more at the edge of the South Plains) on which Snyder and Scurry County is located, the climatic changes coming from the north are moderated on account of the sheltered position of our county." The impounding of waters in lakes and reservoirs would greatly lessen our hot summers and do away to a large extent with hot winds that are so injurious to growing crops.

### Not a New Subject.

The question of flood water conservation is not a new subject to Scurry County people. Some preliminary work has been done in way of engineering estimates. A few years ago the Duvall Engineering Company made up estimates of the Moorar irrigation project on Deep Creek, situated some eight miles from Snyder. In pointing out Snyder's advantages to the locating committee of Texas Tech, the prospectus issued at that time has this to say of the Moorar irrigation project:

"Snyder is located eight miles southeast of the Moorar irrigation

## SNYDER'S ONLY BANKING HOUSE



This substantial banking house on the northwest corner of the public square is the home of Snyder's and Scurry County's only

bank, Snyder National Bank. It was erected in 1916. This picture, looking north on what is now Avenue S, reveals practically

the same buildings that are now on the block, but several changes in the business that occupy them.

## Pill Rolling Career For Irwin Since '15

John Irwin, owner of Irwin's Drug Store, has been in the "pill-rolling" business since 1915, when he became a registered pharmacist. His first experience was at Panhandle.

On June 5, 1926, he came from Midland to become associated with Stinson No. 1 here, and he was later at Stinson No. 2 until 1935. He opened his own drug business in that year on the southwest corner of the square, where he is still located.

Elmo Crowder is assistant pharmacist, and other regular employees are Jack Wright and Wolsey Barrett.

project. We inspected the dam and reservoir site and found it ideal. The reservoir is to be obtained by an earth dam 60 feet high between two mountains across Deep Creek, and a natural spillway is secured by utilizing the saddle between two adjacent mountains. From the plans and reports from the Duvall Engineering Company we gather the information that the project would cost approximately \$200,000; the reservoir would hold 22,000 acre feet; the drainage 150 to 200 square miles, and 9,000 acres would be irrigated."

### Dam Never Built.

For some reason this dam was never built, but if it had been built after this survey was made some 12 or 15 years ago, it would have paid the initial cost many times over. Not only is the Moorar irrigation project feasible, but there are many other desirable sites in Scurry County where dams and reservoirs could be built and irrigation taken advantage of. Deep Creek itself furnishes many possibilities in way of flood water conservation.

It has been suggested that a system of low dams could be built from the head to the source of Deep Creek, some four or five miles apart, and by so doing a large volume of water could be impounded for irrigation purposes.

The government during its last session of Congress made available \$10,000,000 for flood water conservation in the Southwest, naming in the bill Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Scurry County can get some of this money if her people will get busy through the Commissioners Court, and then make application for some of these funds. It would be the biggest thing by far that could come to Scurry County people.

### Change This Section?

If we ever change this section of the Southwest from a semi-arid section to one of abundant moisture it must come through flood water conservation. And these things must come by and through our own initiative. There are other streams in Scurry County besides Deep Creek that need their flood waters con-

### Grass and Finance.

"Stay off the grass" would be a hard rule for Texans to follow consistently, since the state is literally over-run with it. Half as many species are to be found here as can be discovered all over the United States. Thirteen of the 14 great American grass tribes have representatives on Texas land.

served—Little and Big Sulphur, Ennis Creek, Bull Creek, Lone Wolf and Cottonwood Creeks. And, in addition, the people themselves should be encouraged to build tanks and reservoirs on their lands wherever a site is available. Not only should Scurry County turn to flood water conservation, but every county in West Texas should adopt a similar program. West Texas Chamber of Commerce should wholeheartedly adopt the program, and set as its goal the storage of flood waters that go to waste each year in West Texas.

All other time and money expended in the past in this county in highways and other project fade when we look deep into the possibilities of changing our future productive advantages in flood water conservation.

## More Than Million In Groceries Sold

More than a million dollars worth of groceries! N. M. Harpole has passed the million mark in grocery sales during almost 30 years in Snyder. And before he came to the West, he sold about the same amount during 20 years in the grocery business at Mineola.

As The Times celebrates its golden anniversary, the veteran grocer is celebrating his fiftieth year in that business. He came to Snyder in January, 1908, setting up for business in the present King & Brown location. He built on his present site, a half block west of the square on 25th Street, in 1909, and remodeled in 1933. Mr. Harpole rode the mail cart from Colorado to Snyder in 1908, and his family, coming later, rode on the newly built R. S. & P. to Hermleigh and on to Snyder by hack.

The groceryman also owns other local property, and has been active in civic and church affairs.

Send this anniversary edition to a friend—mailed for 15 cents.

## 68 Perry Brothers Stores in State

Perry Brothers, Texas chain of five-ten-twenty-five-cent stores, recently established its sixty-eighth store in the state, at Huntsville. The Snyder store, established three years ago, was No. 63 in the state-wide group.

The local store, of which Jesse Elliott is manager, recently moved two doors eastward on the north side of the square, opening in one of the most modern variety stores in West Texas.

Basing their business on "Quality and Economy," the Perry Brothers No. 1 store was established September 15, 1915, at Center, by A. F. Perry, now president of the concern. Headquarters were later placed in Lufkin.

V. R. Rucker, Stamford, is district manager of the local store, while Roy Spears, Lufkin, is general supervisor of the chain, and visits here frequently. R. L. Perry is chairman of the Perry Brothers board; H. W. Perry, vice president; E. B. Mott, vice president; J. B. Perry, secretary; J. M. Warren, assistant secretary, and C. W. Perry, member of directorate.

A miserly man was approached by a friend who tried to persuade him to dress more in accordance with his station in life.

"I'm surprised," said the friend, "that you should allow yourself to become shabby."

"But I'm not shabby," said the miser.

"Oh, but you are. Remember your father. He was always neatly dressed. His clothes were always well tailored and of the best material."

"Why," shouted the other triumphantly, "these clothes I'm wearing were father's!"

Jones was a bootmaker. By dint of hard saving he had managed to send his son, Billy, to a good school.

One afternoon Billy came into the shop.

"Father," he demanded, "I want five shillings to go to the theatre."

"What!" cried Jones. "Do you realize that I've got to sole and heel three pairs of shoes to make five shillings?"

"All right, father," he said. "I'll wait."

# Home-Owned Produce House For Home People . . .

A native of Scurry County, I feel as a real old-timer among the people of the area, and I know I can count as my friends hundreds of citizens of the community. We have striven for seven years to serve the people connected with the produce industry in a satisfactory way with a Home-Owned Produce House.

**Congratulations, Home County Paper—**

upon your having attained your Fiftieth Birthday. We hope you shall live and grow and serve your County and Texas for many more

**Happy Birthdays**

**WE ARE THANKFUL . . .**

for the measure of success which has crowned our efforts during these seven years. Our friends' support has made this possible.

**DOCK BYNUM**

Block North of The Fair Store





SECTION V.

# GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 30, 1937.

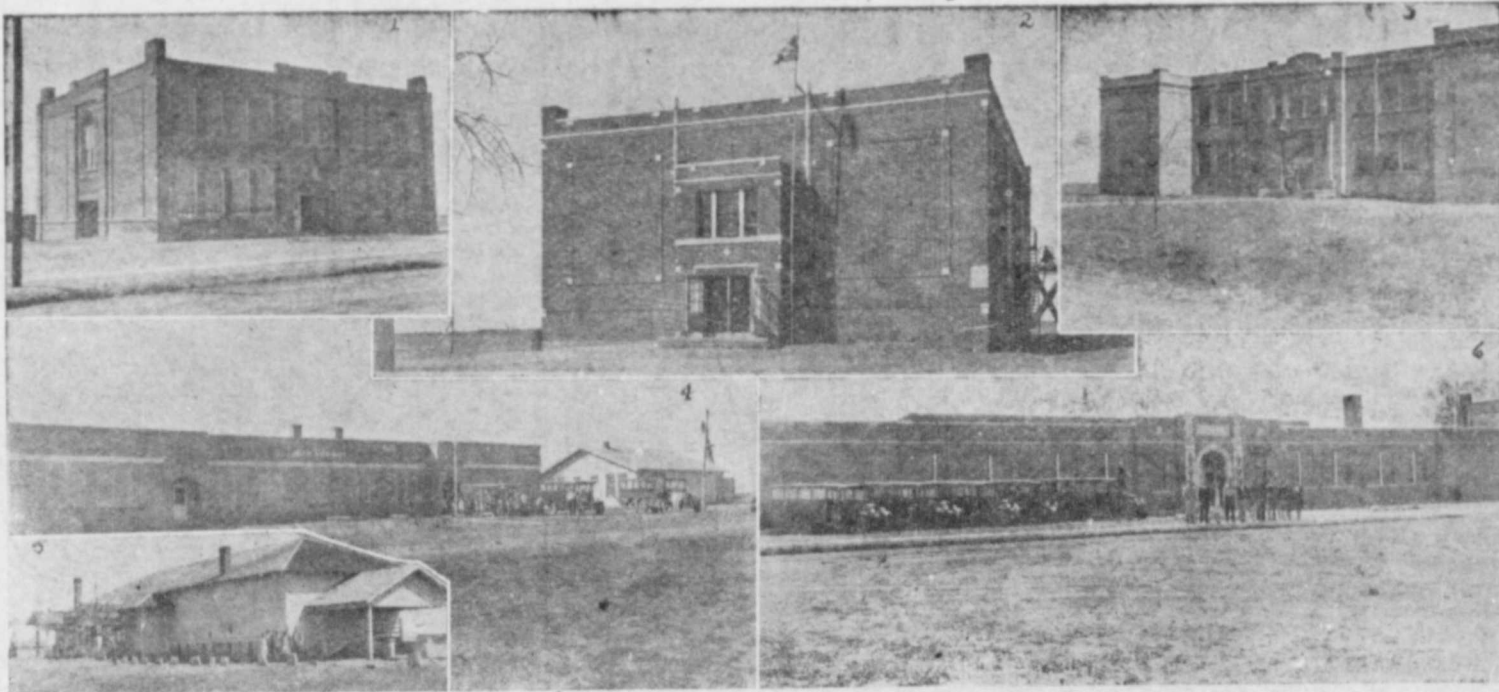


## The Scurry County Times

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

ALL OF SCURRY COUNTY IS PROUD OF ITS FINE, EFFICIENT

# SCHOOL SYSTEM



—Scurry County has always had a citizenry that has been zealous of good opportunities being offered its children in good educational institutions. And for years the county has been pointed to by leading school authorities as being a leader in this field.

—One of the first counties in the state to adopt the policy of centralized high school units, Scurry County has ever been alert to afford high school courses to a maximum number of students. Consolidations have aided in promoting better facilities.

SIX THRIVING COMMUNITIES BOAST FULL ACCREDITED  
HIGH SCHOOLS IN SCURRY COUNTY



# Steady Growth Features Snyder Schools

## Entire System Is Under One Roof

History of Snyder's school system is a history of pioneering in West Texas. The scene has shifted from superintendent to superintendent, from school board to school board, from expansion to expansion. But always the local educational advantages have been on a par and often far ahead of the average West Texas community.

Much of the present status of the school is told in the pictures that are used in this section. Much of the old-time history of the school system will be found in other sections of the paper, for space does not permit its use here.

Back in 1921, when J. H. Burnett was superintendent, there was much discussion concerning a new building to replace the central structure, located just south of the present building, and the ward schools in West and North Snyder.

### Bonds Voted in 1921.

Minutes in the office of Secretary A. C. Preuitt reveal that bonds of \$75,000 were voted on February 24, 1921. Contract for the new structure was let March 2, 1922, to Dane & Biffle. Members of the board at that time were: T. E. Jenkins, president; Harvey Shuler, secretary; G. B. Clark, A. Johnston, T. L. McMillan, D. P. Yoder and J. A. Stallings. For the 1923-24 term, I. C. Bagwell of Tulla was named as superintendent. A total of 797 students were enrolled for this term.

On November 24, 1925, another bond issue of \$65,000 was voted, and A. L. Martin was named as contractor for the present high school building and connecting auditorium. The building was completed in 1926.

C. Wedgeworth, superintendent at Stanton, was elected September 3, 1927, to succeed Bagwell for the term that began that month. He is now serving his eleventh year as superintendent.

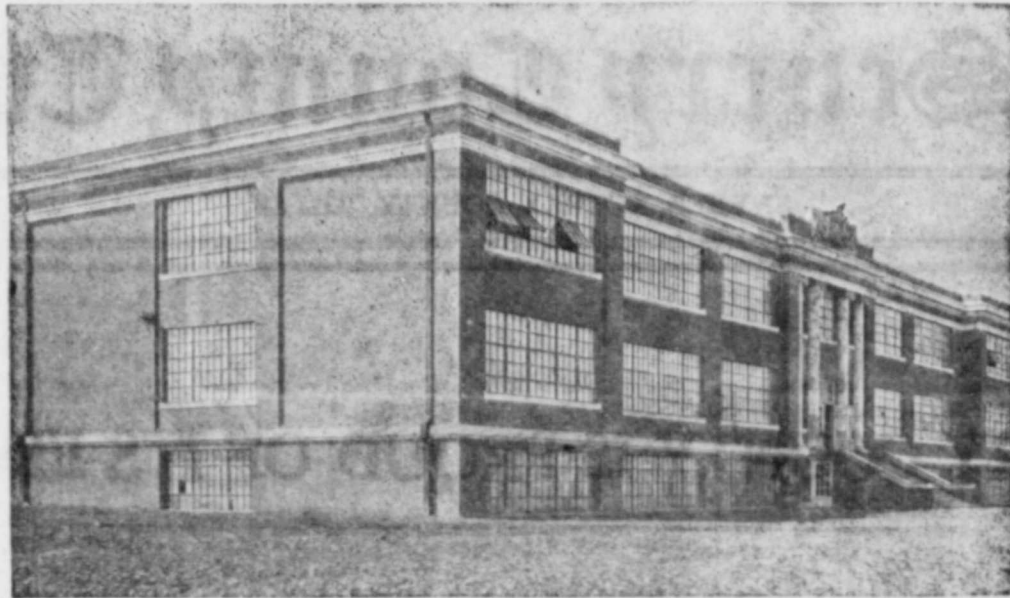
### Gymnasium Completed.

Most recent addition to the school plant was the garage and workshop, which was added to the east side of the gymnasium and physical education building. The gymnasium, of native stone, was completed in 1936 on the southeast corner of the campus.

Most drastic change in the school plant in recent years was addition of a large amount of campus area. The present campus, expanded in 1935 and 1936, includes two city blocks, with the combination school building on the northeast corner.

With the aid of government agencies, the course of Dry Creek was changed; a park was built on the creek bank; 27th Street was opened

## FIRST SECTION OF PRESENT SCHOOL SYSTEM



In 1922 this modern school building was erected on the north end of the Snyder campus. It replaced a building that stood several hundred feet southward.

and two ward school buildings—one in North Snyder and one in West Snyder. An auditorium and several rooms were built in 1926 to connect this building with a

south wing. The south wing is now used for high school and administration, the north building, shown above, for junior high and grammar school.

through the campus and a new bridge spanned the creek on this street; new bridges replaced old ones on 26th Street and 28th Street; and numerous other changes were made to beautify the campus and grounds.

### Dry Goods Store on Corner for 12 Years

The Fair Store, owned by R. N. Kayal of Lamesa, began its Snyder sales in June, 1933. But a dry goods store had been in that location, northeast corner of the square, since 1925, when it was known as Davis-Matthews.

H. L. Davis, who was manager of the store until he moved to Rotan several months ago, was associated with E. C. Matthews, who now resides on the Plains. In 1928, Howell Harpole purchased Matthews' interest, and the store was known as Davis-Harpole. H. L. Davis & Company was established in 1929 when Harpole moved from Snyder.

In charge of the Snyder store is E. J. (Dock) Richardson, who has been in dry goods stores since he became associated with Caton-Dodson Dry Goods Company in 1916. He was later an employee of the predecessor of the Fair Store.

Mrs. Bill Taylor, Mrs. Alfred Roggenstein and Victor Baze are the store's regular employees.

## Local Head



SUPERINTENDENT C. WEDGEWORTH

Conductor—"Can't you see that sign, 'No Smoking?'"  
Passenger—"Sure, but you can't pay any attention to everything you see. That other sign says 'Wear Gossard Corsets', but I couldn't do it."

## Hardware Store Started in 1928

Snyder Hardware & Implement Company was started here in 1928, with George Northcutt and E. H. McCarty, both deceased, and George Oldham, now of Big Spring, as the owners.

From its first location, west of the square on 25th Street, the store moved in 1929 to the north side of the square. Its present location, west side of the square, has been occupied since 1933.

Owner of the store now is W. W. (Jack) McCarty, and Earl Brown is manager. Employees are Marion Newton and R. E. Boyer Jr. Jack McCarty became associated after the death of George Northcutt in 1932, and Oldham sold his interest in 1931. Jack came to Snyder from Wichita Falls, where he was production manager for an oil company.

The concern handles Farmalls and International trucks, and has placed hundreds of these widely-used items in this trade territory. A \$3,000 stock of Farmall parts is carried at all times. The store also features Aladdin lamps and Blue Grass shelf hardware. A full line of guns and ammunition is carried.

Send this edition to a friend.

WE CHALLENGE ANY HOUSEWIFE TO TAKE UP HER

## Pencil and Paper



and figure with us on the actual cost of doing her laundry the new way at Help Yourself Laundry, and compare it with the average home washing. When one considers the finger-tip presence of modern washers, soft water and steam heat which are not available at home, we can help the family—

SAVE ON THE WEEKLY WASH

## CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER—

for having sailed your newspaper over stormy seas and balmy seas of the past fifty years. It is a pleasure for Snyder's first self-serve laundry to extend its best wishes on—

This Your Fiftieth Birthday

Help-Yourself Laundry  
NORTH OF BANK

# 22 Years Ago....

... the name of Benbenek entered the minds of folks when boot and shoe work was mentioned. And now, after all these years, its mention brings the same thought to hundreds of patrons of our shop.

BEST WISHES, TIMES!

as you look to the future. At the close of this your first half century of newspaper service, we want to be among the thousands who will extend to you hearty congratulations.

THANKS, FOLKS, FOR A LIBERAL PATRONAGE ALL THROUGH THESE 22 YEARS!

"Remember the Alamo"

Pete Benbenek





# More Than 175,000 Prescriptions!

Yes, enough medicine carefully compounded to keep sickness, and even death, from the doors of a great city for a year . . . .



That's the record of our Prescription Department during our more than 17 years in the drug business in Snyder.

## A Reputation To Uphold . . . . .

As we approach our first score birthday, we come to the realization that with the thousands of patrons we have served we have gained a reputation to uphold—and one of which we are proud. Our reputation of Fair Dealing, dispensing only Quality Merchandise at fair prices and to render prompt, courteous service to all alike.

Whatever measure of prosperity we have enjoyed has been due to the honesty and integrity of our pharmacists and clerks, to the dependable merchandise and pharmaceuticals we use, and to our strictly modern and up-to-date drug store. We have tried to serve justly and efficiently the people of Scurry County, and shall continue to serve our patrons with loyalty and satisfaction.

### **WE CONGRATULATE YOU, TIMES—**

as you pause at your half century mark in the newspaper game in Snyder. That you have served your community well is proven by the thousands of friends we know you have.

Our sincere hope is that in the years that lie out ahead, the paper shall continue to fill a very necessary part in events of the area, and that you shall continue to grow in years and service long after you shall have observed—

**THIS, YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

- Nyal and Rexall Medicines and Remedies*
- King's and Miss Saylor's Fine Candies*
- Practical Drawing School Supplies*
- Lentheric Perfumes and Toiletries*
- Banner Pure Food Ice Cream*

# STINSON DRUG COMPANY No. 1

North Side Square

Telephone 33



# Many Changes in Pyron Schools Since '98

## Gym Completion Recent Highlight

Pyron's consolidated school district of today, with 285 scholastics, is a far cry from the little one-teacher affair in which the first school was held on the old Pyron Ranch. It is probable that no school in the county has seen so many changes in location, size and area covered.

Latest addition to the school system was a modern gymnasium of native rock, which is used for basketball and other games, and all school and community gatherings.

Town and school received their name from Bob Pyron, deceased, who formerly lived in the community and owned the old Pyron Ranch. The school which later came to be known as Old Pyron was at the old town site near where the cemetery is now located. It was established in 1898.

### Another School Begun.

When the Santa Fe extended its line to Pyron in 1911, another school, known as Santa Fe, was opened. Later Santa Fe and two adjoining schools, Lynn and County Line, consolidated to form New Pyron. In 1926 Old Pyron was divided between New Pyron and Hermleigh.

In 1932 Lone Wolf consolidated with Pyron, and Wastella consolidated in 1937.

The district now contains 77 sections of land and \$473,000 worth of property. Four frame buildings and the gymnasium make up the school property, with the school buildings valued at \$20,000 and the gymnasium at \$7,500.

Pyron has 10 teachers, and 17½ affiliated units are taught in high school. Shop for boys is taught two years, home economics for girls is taught three years, typing is given one year, bookkeeping one and one-half years, and Spanish two years, in addition to the regular academic subjects.

### School Buildings.

The school buildings now include a six-room teacherage, a shop, primary and home economics building, high school and intermediate building.

The board of trustees is composed of: Walter Miller, president; R. N. Garrett, secretary; Jay Stevenson, Charles Ince, H. Y. Coldewey, W. C. Cleckler and Herman Stahl.

Plans are being made, under the leadership of Superintendent M. H. Greenwood, to construct a new 12-room brick structure in the very near future. Growth of the district practically demands a more modern school plant, according to most community leaders. Of the 285 scholastics, 77 are in high school.

A school paper that is printed each six weeks and sent to all homes is edited by the student body. Four small towns and two railroads are included in the districts from which the school draws students.

**Editors' Note:** A picture of the Pyron superintendent, M. H. Greenwood, will be found in another section of this Anniversary Edition of The Times.

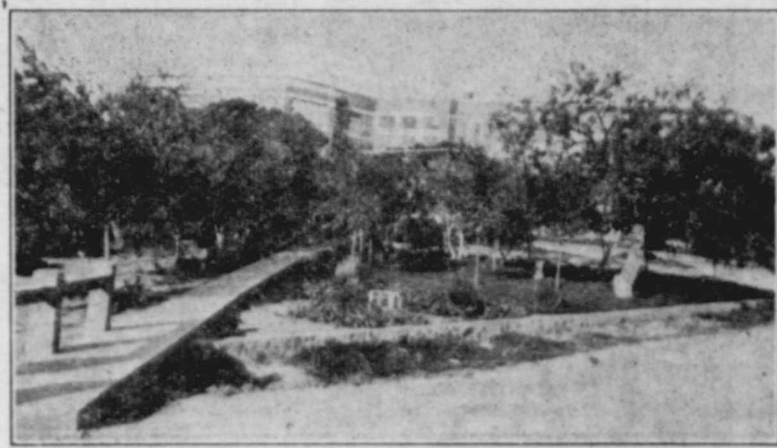
## Economy Started Locally in 1924

Economy Dry Goods Company, of which Henry Rosenberg has been manager most of the time, arrived in Snyder in March, 1924. At that time it succeeded "The Leader," which was owned by Joel & Levin. It is one of the few stores that has operated here in the same location for as long as 13 years.

The store is owned by Charles Rosenberg, father, Gus and Henry Rosenberg, sons. Gus lives in Brownwood and operates a store there, Charles and Henry living here. Henry was manager of the store from the time it opened until 1930. In the interim, Charles and Nathan Rosenberg were in charge. Henry returned to take charge in 1934.

Featuring its motto, "The Price Is the Thing," the Economy Dry Goods

## BEAUTY ON LOCAL CAMPUS



This is a section of the Snyder school campus. The remarkable thing about this corner of the two-block campus is that some

of the trees, shrubs and flowers in the picture are growing in what was formerly the bed of Dry Creek.

## Local Teachers, School Training

Following are Snyder's faculty members, with their scholastic training:

C. Wedgeworth, superintendent, M. A., University of Colorado.

High school—King Sides, A. B. and M. A., Columbia University; Frank Patterson, B. S., Texas A. & M.; Ralph L. Reschar, bachelor of music and master of music, Indiana University; Annie Fannie Sewell, B. S., Texas State College for Women; Vera Periman, B. S., Texas Technological College; W. C. Hollis, B. A. and M. A., University of Texas; Jewel Foster, B. A. and M. A., University of Texas; Glen W. Berry, B. S. and lacks thesis for M. A., University of Texas; W. F. Cox, B. S., East Texas State Teachers College; W. W. Hill, B. A., McMurry College; Wanda Newman, B. A., Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College; A. W. Yeats, B. A., McMurry College, lacks thesis for M. A., University of Texas; Effie Elizabeth McLeod, B. A., North Texas State Teachers College; Helen Ruth Reeves, B. A., Texas Technological College.

Junior high school—Hadley Reeve, B. S., West Texas State Teachers College, lacks thesis for M. A. from Texas Technological College; James K. Polk, B. A., Hardin-Simmons University; Mrs. Ruth Saunders, B. A., Hardin-Simmons University; Margaret Williams, B. A., Texas State College for Women; Dorothy Strayhorn, B. A., University of Texas; W. M. Smith, B. A., Hardin-Simmons University; Mrs. Hal A. Lattimore, B. A., Texas Technological College.

Primary—Mrs. Madge Popnoe, B. S., McMurry College; Mrs. Herman Darby, B. S., Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College; Alta Bowers, B. A., Mary Hardin-Baylor College; Mrs. O'Dell Ryan, B. A., West Texas State Teachers College; Mrs. W. P. King, lacks one summer in Texas Technological College; Hattie Herm, B. S., North Texas State Teachers College; Gertrude Herm, B. S., North Texas State Teachers College; Quata Barrow, B. A., Hardin-Simmons University; Mrs. King Sides, B. A., Texas Technological College; Mrs. C. C. Moseley, B. A., Abilene Christian College.

Mrs. W. C. Hollis, librarian; Mrs. Beryl Caton Birdwell, registrar, Texas Technological College.

Company handles a number of nationally advertised articles, including: Simplicity patterns, Admiration hosiery, Peters shoes, Resistol hats for men, Nocona boots, Jarman Friendly shoes, Fortune shoes, Lee and Crown work clothes.

Mrs. Bess Fish, who had been associated with the store for about nine years, was forced recently to resign because of her health. Regular employees of the store now are Miss Hazel Lewis, Mrs. Ed Thompson, Miss Ethel Lynn Hays, Buster Stacy, W. E. Johnson and Herman Elkins.

## Poland Shoe Maker In Snyder 22 Years

An energetic young Pole who began his shoe making career in Radom, Poland, came to Snyder in 1915. His name was Pete Benbenes.

His first repair work was in Snyder, for in Poland and later in Olethe, Kansas, he was trained as a professional new boot and shoe maker. He came to the United States in 1907.

Since moving to Snyder, Pete has specialized in cowboy boot making. He first set up shop in the basement of the courthouse, was in several other locations until 1934, when he moved to his present site a half block east of the square on 26th Street, in the building with Alamo Hotel.

## Shipp & Butts Are East Side Barbers

J. E. Shipp, elder partner of the Shipp & Butts barber shop, started in the tonsorial business back in 1909 at Hermleigh, and he has been at it almost 30 years. He took time out to help Uncle Sam's army fight the Germans during the World War, and then he homesteaded for a spell in New Mexico.

Introduction of Emmitt Butts, songbird of the firm, to the business was in 1924. He decided he could wield a pair of scissors and a razor, and, as rumor goes, promptly sliced the roof of W. G. Williams' mouth during his first shaving attempt.

Since the partnership began in 1931, Shipp & Butts have been in three east side locations.



## WELL, I'LL TELL YOU, FOLKS—

Even some of the oldest timers of this area remember when there was a barber shop at this stand.

And just as that first barber shop cared for the needs of the early day folks, so does Pierce Barber Shop please its patrons with good work nowadays.

### Best Wishes, Times—

for continued growth and prestige in the years that lie out ahead. We are proud of Our Home County Paper and its records of service during the past...

### Half Century

## PIERCE'S BARBER SHOP

NORTH SIDE SQUARE

## D. & D. Is Among Newer Concerns

Among Snyder's newest—and fastest growing—concerns is the D. & D. Auto Supply, which was established in September, 1935, just north of Snyder National Bank.

Owned by A. E. Dennis, managed by Merl Price, the supply house also lists as members of the firm Keith Price, Merl's brother, and Andrew Schmidt, who recently came to Snyder from Gatesville to be radio repairman.

D. & D. handles not only a full line of retail and wholesale auto supplies, but also features Stewart-Warner radios, and a number of other specialty electrical and similar appliances.

The first D. & D. Auto Supply was established at Ballinger in 1933. Merl Price moved from Ballinger to the Snyder store when it was started here. The Ballinger store was recently moved to Rotan. Ben Dennis, manager of the Rotan store, is the son of the owner of both stores.

There is no medicine like a good joke.

Don't expect any special privileges from Nature!

## The House of A Million Articles—

—recognizes in The Times one of the finest weekly papers we know of. So—

## HOME COUNTY PAPER

We want to extend to you on this your Fiftieth Birthday our sincere congratulations for the long period of faithful service you have given your county and Texas.



## Furniture Repaired, Upholstered and Refinished—All Work Guaranteed

Stock of New and Used Furniture  
Racket Goods — Shelf Hardware

# Gray's Variety Store

EAST SIDE SQUARE



## First School at Dunn Was Small

The following account of the first Dunn school, taken from "Owl's Hoot," the school paper, is typical of experiences in early-day Scurry County schools:

The first school house of Dunn was built in the summer of 1890. It was located several feet west of the gate of the present cemetery. The wooden frame one-room was only 20 feet square; the school house was not as large as one of our class rooms of today. There was a wooden bucket that sat on a bench in the southeast corner of the room which supplied the children with water. The water was carried from the large hole of clear water, known as the rock dam. We recognize the hole today as a shallow, moss grown mud puddle.

The county superintendent when this school was started was ex-officio county judge, R. E. Byrd. W. H. Taylor, W. H. Richardson and A. T. Dunn were the first trustees of the school.

### First School Master.

Mrs. L. C. Murphy was elected as the first school master, with a salary of only \$42 per month. With this meager salary as a means of livelihood, school was kept in the best fashion of the day for approximately seven months.

The heating system was neither coal nor steam, but a box wood heater. The fuel was gathered by freckle-faced boys on their way to school. At different times patrons of the school would have a load of wood hauled to the school, only to be burned in a few nights' time by freighters, who camped in the house overnight.

The desks that are to be compared with our uncomfortable seats were only hand-made benches, with no backs. The pupils' books were kept on the bench by them. The teacher was given a table and chair in which to spend the day.

### No Grades Then!

The children brought their own spellers, readers, geographies and arithmetics. There was no promotion from the first to second grade, but from first to second book. The students recited their lessons by standing in rows and answering the questions fired at them by the master. No themes and source reports were to be handed in, for the slate was all they had to write on from day to day. There were home-made blackboards, with a sheepskin for an eraser.

School began at 9:00 o'clock and dismissed at 4:00 o'clock by the dollar clock on the table. The recess and noon periods were carefully observed to the minute, and the students were called to and from the house by the faithful old hand bell.

The children amused themselves at recess and noon with such games as these: Annie over, town ball, bull pen, chase the wolf, and pitching rings. The outstanding entertainment was the spelling matches.

### Leather Strap Licks.

No use was made of the modern detention hall, but for punishment for the lazy and shiftless the school master applied many licks with a leather strap three feet long and four inches wide, always ready in her satchel.

Some few times the first year school was dismissed early, so the children could follow their stobs or furrows home before the sand became too dense.

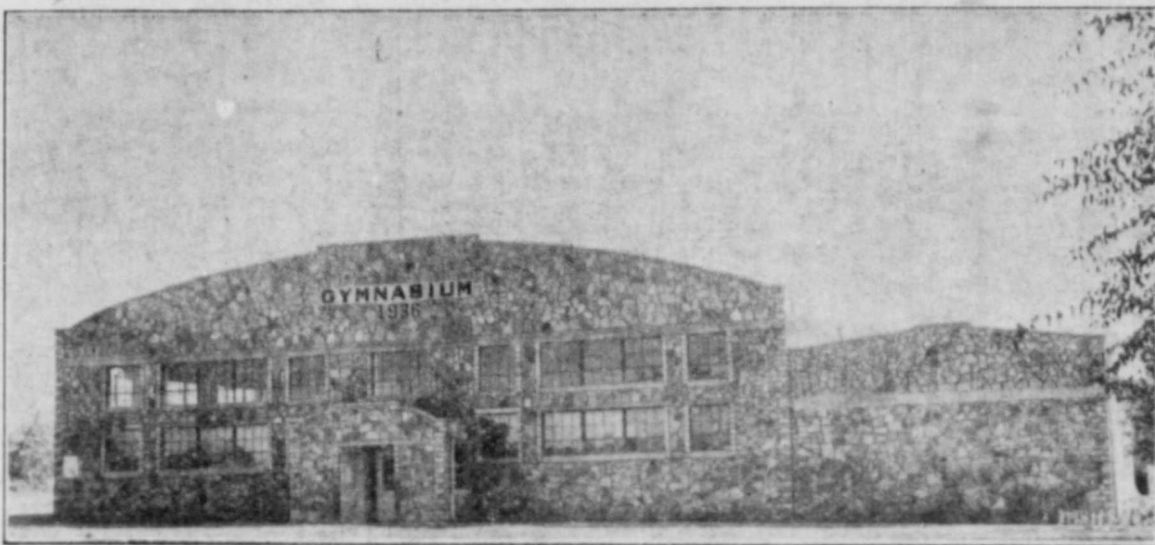
The students who attended the first year of school at Dunn were: Ethel and Pearl Richardson, Ellen, Bill, Leanna and Volley Taylor, J. A., Sudia, James and William Dunn, Ben Aulden, Ed Coon, Josie, Will, Lee, Kate and Emma Johnston, Lou Will Creech, Maudie and Gibbie Williamson, John Jordan, Hoyt and Alice Murphy.

"I advise you, madam," instructed the doctor, "to take frequent baths, get plenty of fresh air and dress in cool clothes."

"What did the doctor say?" inquired the husband an hour later.

"He said I ought to go to Atlantic City and then to the mountains," related the wife. "Also I must get some new light gowns at once."

## SNYDER'S GYMNASIUM OF NATIVE ROCK



This picture of the Snyder gymnasium was taken before the garage and workshop was completed on the east to match the west wing. The second wing was

finished early in 1937, while the remainder of the building was ready for use in 1936. The beautiful combination structure is said by visiting school people to

be the most modern and complete of any similar public school building in West Texas. Band and physical education rooms, athletic lockers, are included.

"My wife is very irritable, the least thing sets her off."  
"You're lucky at that; mine's a self-starter."

Some people can't distinguish between criticising judiciously and damning indiscriminately.

"Where is the car?" demanded Mrs. Dulan.

"Dear me," replied Professor Dulan. "Did I take the car out?"

"You certainly did. You drove it to town."

"How odd. I remember now that after I got out and turned around

to thank the gentleman who had given me a ride, I wondered where he had gone."

"If a woman does housework for \$10 a week, that's domestic service; if she does it for nothing, that's matrimony."

# We're Proud of Our Home County Paper

And we are sure that many a community larger than Snyder by far would be proud to own such a newspaper. We are proud of the splendid record which Our Home County Paper has made for itself and our section during the past fifty years. That's why we hasten to extend our heartiest congratulations to The Times and its force as they observe their Fiftieth Anniversary.



The Fair Store, although a comparatively new institution in Snyder, also is proud of the reputation which it has gained for itself in selling Quality Merchandise for all members of the family at live-and-let-live prices. We are anxious to maintain this reputation, so our constant aim is to please on every transaction.

It would seem that we were unappreciative if we failed to say in this advertisement that we are sincerely grateful for the generous patronage that has been extended to our store during its operation in Snyder. Best proof of our appreciation, we believe, will be to renew again our pledge to be of even greater service in the future.

Good Dry Goods Store  
For Good People—In a  
Good Community!

# The Fair Store

"SELLS FOR LESS"

## Rainbow Market Well Established

It was just two and one-half years ago that the Rainbow Market Place was established a block and a half east of the square on the highway. That length of time has been sufficient for growth into one of the town's leading food stores... growth in size, in stock and in volume of business.

Jim Adams and J. C. Turner are the owners. Adams has been in the fruit selling business since he established the Adams apple house on the southeast corner of the square—after a good farmer had been ruined by moving to town. The store lived out 1932 and 1933 on the east side, and went to the south side again in 1934.

The Rainbow was opened as a small fruit stand in the summer of 1935, with Smith Adams associated with his brother most of the time. Turner, who has been associated with grocery stores here for 10 years, purchased an interest in August, 1937, and a grocery department was immediately begun. A full-grown meat department now graces the closed-in store, which has been expanded three times since 1935.

Mark Hattox, formerly of Sweetwater, has charge of the market. Smith Adams, Horace Williamson and Louie Minton are the regular employees.



# Dunn School Develops With Community

## Children Hauled From Wide Area

Just as Dunn has been one of the leading communities of the county for many years, so has its school system been one of the educational leaders of the area.

Progress of the high school is reflected by the fact that it now has 17½ credits of affiliation—credits that were obtained under three superintendents.

Superintendent W. C. Hooks, who continues to reside in the community, led the school in securing 15 units of affiliation, as follows: English, 3; Spanish, 2; commercial geography, ½; advanced arithmetic, ½; ancient history, modern history, government, plane geometry, general science, biology, American history, 1 each. One credit in general agriculture is being sought this year.

### Other Credits Added.

Under the late Superintendent Guy Stark Jr., in 1934, a fourth credit in English was granted. The present superintendent, Cleo W. Tarter, was responsible for adding one credit in general mathematics and one-half credit in Texas history in 1936.

It was in 1925 that the present main school building was erected. J. C. Beakley was president of the board at that time, W. A. Johnston was secretary, and members were W. H. Richardson, W. A. Taylor, B. B. Johnson, W. E. Wade and J. L. Denson. A teacherage was added later.

An attractive auditorium-gymnasium of native rock was completed in 1936 as a WPA project, with M. H. Hanson as project superintendent and C. E. Tarter as foreman. President of the board at that time was T. A. Echols as president, R. G. Crowder as secretary, and Fred Cotton, Jackson Ellis, Joe Lewis, Homer Harrison and Harrison Durham as members. This board remained unchanged this year, except that Superintendent Tarter has been made secretary.

### Two Main Buildings.

The main building includes eight class rooms and the study hall, one of the rooms being used as a science laboratory. This building formerly contained the auditorium, but the gymnasium building, completed in 1936, is now used for that purpose. The gymnasium includes the basket

## Dunn Chief



CLEO W. TARTER

ball court with bleachers, two dressing rooms, stage and two class rooms.

The teacherage has six rooms, and a double garage is also included in the property. Garages are maintained for three buses. Lights for all the buildings are provided by electricity from the highline that went into the Dunn community several months ago. Windmill provides the water.

The Round Top district was consolidated with Dunn in 1926. Buses each school day collect students from this community and from a radius of several miles around Dunn. A 35-passenger Chevrolet bus was bought in 1926, and its days of usefulness recently passed.

### Four Buses in Use.

Four buses are now used: A 38-passenger International purchased in 1934; two 58-passenger Internationals purchased in 1935; and one 58-passenger Chevrolet, added this year.

The Dunn faculty is composed of: Cleo W. Tarter, superintendent, M. A. degree from Texas Tech; C. B. Connally, principal and coach, B. S. degree from Sul Ross; H. B. Sanders, high school English, B. A. de-

## Stinson No. 1 in Town Since 1920

That drug store located in the center of the north side of the square became Stinson Drug Company in 1920, and in more recent years, when the west side drug store was added to the firm, it was called Stinson No. 1.

Joe and Lee Stinson, the owners and active managers, came with their parents from Bell County in March, 1903, and settled on Bull Creek. During their 17-year tenure in the drug business here they have filled more than 175,000 prescriptions—"enough," says Lee, who is a registered pharmacist, "to cure the ills of everybody in West Texas."

Associated with the firm are Ted Moser, pharmacist, Winston Pedigo, Jack Scarborough and Bobby Mitchell.

The store that Stinson No. 1 succeeded was started in 1906 by Woodson and Charley Stimson. It was known as Stimson drug store, located in the present Manhattan Hotel site. W. T. Thompson purchased it in 1910, and in 1914 it was bought by W. W. Echols and E. J. Anderson. When the Stinsons gained possession in 1920, it was known as Echols Drug Company.

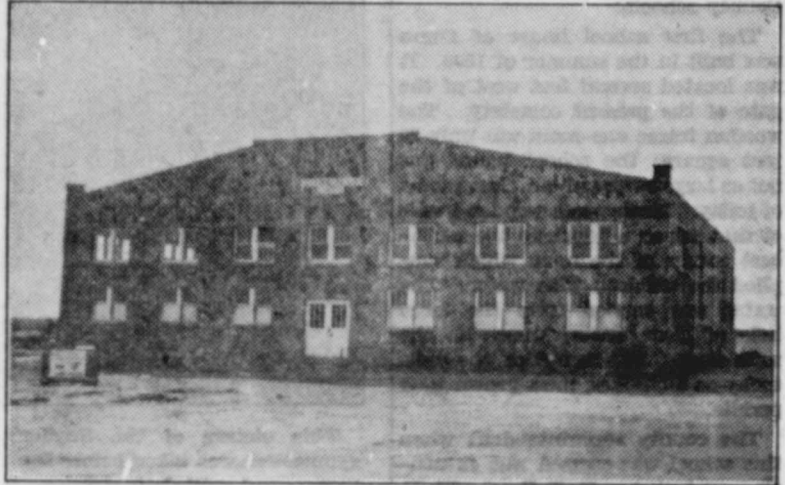
Always leaders in the drug field in West Texas and the state, the Stinsons early this fall again asserted their leadership by modernizing their store into one of the most attractive and best stocked west of Fort Worth.

Mr. Jones—"Mandy, do you know anything concerning my wife's whereabouts?"

Mandy—"Yes, sah. I put dem in de wash."

gree from East Texas State Teachers College; T. B. Hicks, seventh grade and social studies in high school, Texas Tech; Sybil Cope, fifth grade and high school Spanish, B. A. from Texas Tech; Ben W. Newhouse, sixth grade and music, B. A. from A. C. C.; Nannie Marie Pearson, fourth grade and music, B. A. from Daniel Baker; Vivian Beane, second and third grades, B. A., Texas Tech; Mrs. Erdice Gilmore Stock, first grade, West Texas State Teachers College.

## NEW GYMNASIUM AT DUNN



Dunn's gymnasium, faced with native rock, was completed in 1936. It contains a basketball

court, bleachers, stage and two class rooms. It is also used as a school and town auditorium.

## Moser Produce Not An Outside Concern

Moser Brothers Produce, established at Colorado in 1927, has been doing business in Snyder since 1931. But the concern is localized now, Bob Moser having moved to Snyder. He and his brother, V. L. Moser of Colorado, own the Colorado-Snyder firm.

Joe, now at Cisco, formerly called at Snyder stores. He is not now connected with his brothers. Fruits and vegetables of all kinds are handled by V. L. and Bob.

Asked how long he had been in the business, Bob declared he was raised in a banana crate bed.

A green investor soon turns gray.

## Express Agency in Snyder Since 1908

When Snyder's first railroad came to town in 1908, the express agency came with it.

But W. W. Smith, the present agent, did not come as early as 1908. He came along in November, 1921, and has taken an active part in the civic and religious life of the Snyder community.

Railway Express Agency, it is called now. Until a few years ago it was known as American Railway Express. Railway Express Agency has more than 24,000 offices in the United States.

P. S.—Smith came from the Parker County watermelon country; Weatherford, county seat.

## IF WE THOUGHT FOLKS WOULD READ THIS

—We'd take the whole side of our ad in this edition of Our Home County Paper to say that we are proud of the record of service The Times has made.

—We believe in The Times and appreciate its contribution to the area it serves.

—So, here's best wishes for continued growth of

The Times

# Thirty-Five Years Ago

recounts the establishment of this concern about the middle of the west side of the square in the good year 1902. We feel that we are among the pioneer business concerns of the area.

During all this period we have been able to consider as our friends hundreds of mighty good people. For the patronage of this host of friends we are truly grateful.

Stock of New and Second-Hand Furniture  
Furniture Refinishing and Repairing  
Musical Instruments and Supplies

# A. P. Morris

EAST SIDE OF SQUARE

## WE DIDN'T SHAVE HIM



That is, when this picture was made, at least. The shave we'd give him now, even if he is an old-timer, would make him look like Clark Gable or Robert Taylor.

Barber Work of the Better Class All the Time at Patterson's!

## Here's Congratulations, Times

for the determination of purpose and the sticktoitiveness that has brought you through good times and bad for—

## FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

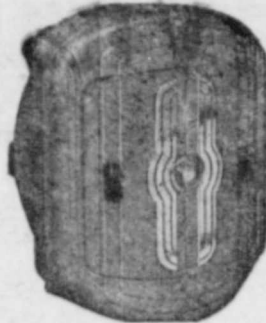
# PATTERSON'S BARBER SHOP

NORTH OF BANK



# Nearly Everything--

## THE WELL DRESSED AUTOMOBILE OF TODAY SHOULD USE AND WEAR!



Scurry County's leading automobile parts and accessory supply house has made it easy for car owners to find just what they want for replacement parts, added equipment and a hundred-and-one useful gadgets for the modern auto—at prices they can swallow without gagging.

Since the opening of the D. & D. Auto Supply in September of 1935, we have made thousands of transactions among a growing list of patrons. Whatever measure of success that has crowned our business in Snyder is due largely to the fact that we have always striven to please the customer.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR A SPLENDID PATRONAGE DURING OUR MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF BUSINESS IN SNYDER . . .**

### *Times, We Want to Add Our Congratulations, Too!*

Because we believe that Snyder and Scurry County have a newspaper and printing plant of which any section would be proud; and because this newspaper has gone through years of struggle to reach

### **YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

. . . we want to express in this corner of our advertisement our sincere congratulations. We believe, Times, that you are filling a necessary niche in the progress of our own great West Texas.

*Best Wishes for Your Future*



## **EXPERT RADIO SERVICE**

Contributing to the steady increase in our trade during recent months has been our new Radio Service Department, in charge of Andrew Schmidt, expert radio service man. We offer in this department Scurry County's most efficient radio trouble-finder.

Equipped with Supreme instruments, and with years of experience in this line of work, our Radio Man can quickly locate and remedy practically all your radio's ills. Come to him in confidence.

*Ask to See the New Stewart-Warner Radios at Our Store*

# **D. & D. Auto Supply**

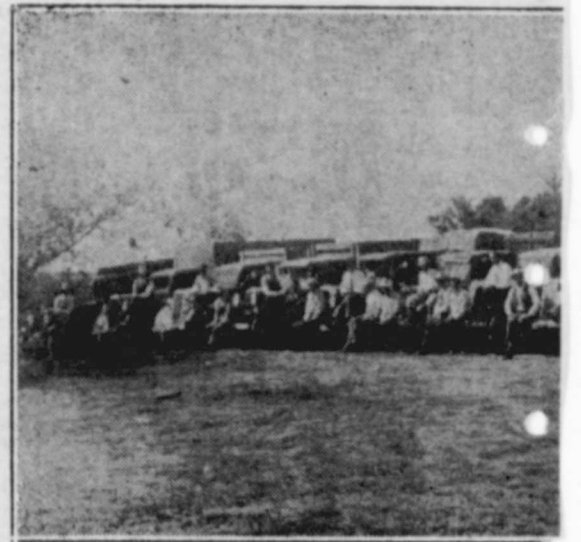
NORTH OF BANK



# SERVING SNYDER

## With An Unsurpassed Vital Shipping Points :

**W**ITH A FAITHFUL TEAM of heavy draft animals hitched to his first "dray wagon" the late Pete Bridgeman started the forerunner of the Snyder Transfer Company in Snyder back in 1915. From that small beginning—nearly a quarter century ago—the organization has grown to one of the leading individually owned transportation companies in Texas. Pete made the trains in the early days, did odd jobs of hauling wherever the occasion demanded, and gradually improved the facilities of his moving concern.



### Upholding a Splendid Record Made in Twent

Yes, We, Too, Want to Extend Hearty Congratulations  
To Our Friend,

## The Times

for the consistent and true picturing in words and pictures every week of things that go on in our own Scurry County and West Texas. We are sure that its past

### HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE

to this area is appreciated by The Times' thousands of friends. We want to be among the scores who will offer their best wishes for

### MANY YEARS' GROWTH FOR THE TIMES

*Operating a Complete  
Fleet of Modern and  
Up-to-Date All-Weather  
Trucks and Trailers.*

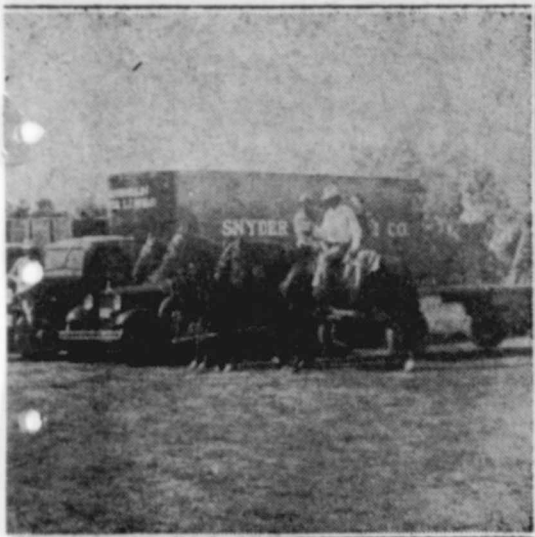
*Overnight Service  
Out of Fort Worth  
And Dallas to  
Snyder and the  
South Plains Territory.*

# SNYDER



# AND WEST TEXAS

## Freight Service Between and Connecting Lines . . . .



*S*TILL ABREAST OF THE TIMES, Snyder Transfer Company now operates a fleet of up-to-the-minute trucks and trailers in serving not only Snyder but all the immediate country surrounding with dependable, efficient, fast trucking service. Hundreds of tons of all types of freight are handled every week by our organization in a manner that makes our services more in demand by the business man every day. Pick-up and delivery service right to a concern's place of business makes our handling of freight desirable.

## Two Years of Service To The Snyder Section

MAINTAINING 401 MILES OF TRUCK LINES

*With Offices and  
Terminals in—*

*SNYDER,  
ABILENE,  
SWEETWATER,  
LUBBOCK,  
LAMESA,  
BIG SPRING—And*

*Serving All the  
Intermediate Points.*

# TRANSFER COMPANY

MRS. PETE BRIDGEMAN, Owner



# Bullock Writes of Rural School Progress

## Consolidation Is Feature of Story

(Editors' Note: A. A. (Pat) Bullock, superintendent of Scurry County schools for eight years, now in charge of the school lands division of the state land office, has prepared the following article on county schools, at our request.)

At the time I began teaching in Scurry County (the school year 1915-1916), few schools in the county outside of Snyder ran more than six months; in fact, most of them were open only five months each year. At that time the salaries ran from \$50 per month to not more than \$75 in the rural schools.

In 1917, I believe, the first rural aid came to the rural schools of the state. This gave them a little boost, although the total appropriation for the biennium was only one million dollars.

### Schools Were Poor.

Before the rural aid law was passed, the average rural school in Scurry County was poorly equipped. The buildings were poor and the equipment was poorer. The blackboards in many cases consisted of a section of the wall painted to serve that purpose. There were few maps, charts, globes, etc., no library books at all and no playground equipment except that provided by the teacher and pupils. The buildings were constructed without thought of proper lighting or ventilation. The windows were placed on all sides and usually the unjacketed heaters sat in the middle of the room. All ventilation necessarily came from the windows when it came at all.

This condition existed throughout the state, and, in fact, still exists in many counties in Texas where no aid is given. The aid in these coun-

## MEET ONE OF FIRST COUNTY SCHOOL BUSES



Pat Bullock, former county superintendent, is standing in this picture beside one of the first buses that was used to transport

children to the schools of Scurry County. Don't be surprised if you discover some of today's college graduates in this picture,

for it was snapped in the late twenties. The streamlined buses of 1937-38 offer a sharp contrast to this pioneering vehicle.

ties is withheld because the people refuse to provide the necessary taxes required under the various aid laws.

When I took the oath of office on January 1, 1924, as county superintendent of Scurry County, there were 41 schools in 41 districts scattered throughout the county. The largest of these was Hermleigh, where, I believe, six teachers were employed for a period of seven to eight months. Dunn, Ira and Fluvanna each had four teachers and Pyron had three teachers. There

was not a consolidated school in the county, and school buses were unheard of. If I remember correctly, there were 16 one-teacher schools in the group.

During the eight years I served as county superintendent the following things were accomplished:

Consolidations were effected reducing the number of rural schools to 25. Four-year high schools were established at Dunn, Hermleigh, Ira, Fluvanna and Pyron. Playground equipment was provided for each school. Modern equipment was plac-

ed in all the schools, and the term materially lengthened. The county was divided into seven high school districts. This was too many, but I had to have the approval of the state superintendent on my grouping and he would not approve a smaller number.

The high school centers were placed at Ira, Dunn, Fluvanna, Hermleigh, Pyron, Snyder, and the other one at about where the Strayhorn school house now stands. As you know, all of these units except the one at Strayhorn have been com-

## School Kept for Colored Section

School is "kept" year after year for the colored section of Snyder, with an average attendance of 25 to 30 pupils. It is under the supervision of C. Wedgworth, city school superintendent.

The teacher this year is Mrs. B. H. Johnson of San Angelo. A seven-month term is maintained, with seven grades taught.

Jessie Carruthers was the first teacher when the school was started in 1923. The regular term has been maintained every year except 1927, when there was no school.

The old R. S. & P. depot was used for the school when it was established, and it has been repaired and improved by the school board.

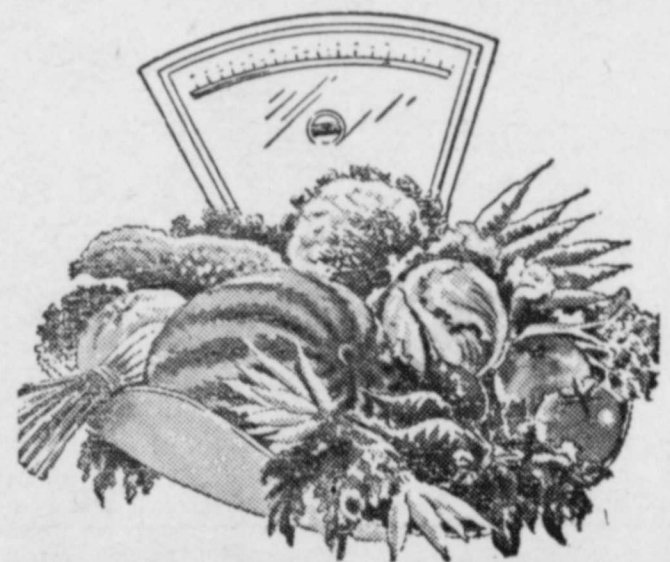
pleted with the exception of the one grouped around Snyder, and under the present arrangement the high school children from this territory go to Snyder anyway.

A rural school paper, known as the "Scurry County Rural School News," was published and distributed to all the families in the county having children in school. A general school awakening seemed to take place, and from what I know of the present situation the spirit still exists and the schools of the county are still going forward.

There is no doubt but that the rural schools in Texas have been improved many hundred per cent since the rural aid law was passed. It was due almost entirely to this fund that county superintendents desiring to do so were able to build up a semblance of an adequate school system in the rural communities of the state. Under the proper leadership this growth will continue.

# FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

Make Up a Very Necessary Part of Everyone's Every-Day Diet If That Person Would Enjoy the Best of Health, Say Leading Food Authorities . . .



## HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, TIMES—

We want to be among those who will be extending congratulations to Our Home County Paper as it observes its Golden Anniversary. Our hope is that it shall enjoy many more years of growth long after it shall have observed its

*Fiftieth Anniversary*

## A FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SUPPLY HOUSE FOR SCURRY COUNTY RETAIL STORES—

is what Moser Produce Company has been trying to maintain for several years. Since 1931 our concern has sold to practically every store in the county.

We are grateful for the support of almost 100 per cent of the food stores in Scurry County. We shall strive to continue to merit their patronage by giving good service and quality goods.

We will have one of the finest selections of Apples and Oranges this Christmas that we have had in many years. The grade is better and prices are lower. Buy them by the box from your local grocer and save

# Moser Brothers Produce

BOB MOSER, Snyder Representative



# Ira Conducted Its First School in Dugout

## Fully Accredited Work Is Offered

(Note: The Times is indebted to Elmer L. Taylor, present superintendent of Ira schools, for most of the facts contained in the following history of the three R's in that community. Mr. Taylor, with becoming modesty, omitted mention of the extensive part he has played in the recent growth of Ira consolidated school.)

The first school of the immediate Ira community was located at about the present site of the Ira gin. This school was started about 1893 or 1894, and was taught in a dugout. The late Judge Horace Holley related that a brush arbor that stood in front of the dugout caught fire, and that both the arbor and the dugout-school were burned.

After the burning of the dugout a small room was built about where the Bob Roe place now is, and later another school house was built on the Stinson place. This school, known as Center View, was later torn down and moved to what became known as the old Egypt school site. H. M. (Bub) Blackard and others assisted in the transfer of Center View to old Egypt. The

building, which stood on the Roe property, was finally moved to the present Ira school property about 1906.

### Walked From Cuthbert!

One of the early teachers, D. T. Boozman, walked from Cuthbert, taught school all day, and returned on foot to his home at Cuthbert.

Many are the stories and jokes told of experiences of those early teachers—experiences with parents as well as students.

The Ira school continued to use one room, with all grades taught therein, until about 1907. A cloth curtain was placed across the room, making it possible for two teachers to use the one-room building.

In 1908 another room was added, and three teachers were employed in 1909. D. Holcomb was principal.

### School Near Bridge.

A school house stood near the Bluff Creek bridge, near Mrs. Joe Merritt's place, and school was held here until about 1909. A building was then erected on the property near H. V. Dosier's present home, later moved to the corner of Walter Martin's place. All three had the name of Sharon, but in 1929 Sharon consolidated with Ira.

In 1910, Ira, under direction of P. A. Miller and two other trustees, erected a new building, even painted it. This building had four large

## TYPICAL SMALLER SCHOOL



The three-room building, pictured above, is typical of the smaller schools of Scurry County. Consolidation movements in recent years have decreased the number of school districts from

41 to 23, eliminating a number of schools similar to the one above. In most cases, the old buildings have been moved to the larger school centers and used for various school activities.

class rooms downstairs, and a large auditorium upstairs. Every two weeks a literary society program was held in this auditorium for the entire community.

This building served several years,

and Principals A. B. Riddle, Ben F. Thorpe, Tom Bryant and others held forth.

In 1928 the new brick building now in use was erected under the leadership of A. J. Leach, President J.

E. Falls, Secretary Tom Halley, O. H. Holladay, J. E. Murphy, A. T. Casey, E. E. Carlisle.

### Room to Let Then?

This new building contained six class rooms, and an auditorium with stage, and looked as if room was to let. But Sharon came in the next year, and County Line followed in 1930. County Line was known as Red Bluff in the early days. Egypt disbanded and came to Ira in 1923.

Since the new building was erected, a home economics laboratory and garage combined was erected in 1929. Also, in the same building, the boys' workshop held forth.

In 1923, under the leadership of Frank Farmer, the boys erected a much larger shop—a shop which seems too small now. In 1936 the home economics room and old shop room were made into one large room, and new equipment was installed for the home economics girls. This department now has one credit, and looks good to obtain the second this coming spring. The boys, in their shop work, have credit in general agriculture and farm engineering.

### Auditorium Converted.

The auditorium in the school building has been converted into a class room for English and typing, while

See FIRST IRA SCHOOL—Page 14

# RACHEL'S SECRET . . . .



## CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES, OLD BOY—

for having stood up and taken your medicine—when it was good and when it was bad—down the years in Scurry County for

## HALF A CENTURY

We are for our Home County Paper strong. We believe it plays a vital part in the forward moving of the community. That's why, Times force, we are extending our

## BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED GROWTH

## Gerald Johnson, in His Life of President Andrew Jackson, Says of Jackson's Wife . . . .

"Rachel was old and dowdy and fat. Her hands were calloused and her figure had slumped into shapelessness. But there was nothing the matter with Rachel that the general could see. She had made a man love her so well that nothing could release him from her power. Her husband adored her, and for 35 years laid at her feet such rich and passionate devotion as few women are fortunate to receive."

## RACHEL'S SECRET—

- 1.—She didn't nag.
- 2.—Didn't try to make Andrew over after marriage.
- 3.—Didn't criticize.
- 4.—Was appreciative.
- 5.—Was thoughtful in doing little things to make life happier.
- 6.—She was courteous.
- 7.—She served good meals.

Many housewives in Scurry County are using Rachel's methods today. They have depended on Hugh Taylor & Company for 14 years for aid to success on Item No. 7.

# Hugh Taylor & Co.

SOUTH SIDE SQUARE



# Fluvanna School First Taught at Jumbo

## One-Room House Was East of Town

By GILBERT MIZE, Principal.

The Fluvanna school system had its beginning in 1892, when the Jumbo school opened with a Mr. German as teacher. The school plant at that time consisted of a small, one-room, box house. There was no ceiling, and strips covered the larger cracks in the wall.

This building was located about one mile east of what is now the site of Fluvanna, and about one-fourth of a mile east of what was later the Light post office. The school received its name from the Jumbo Cattle Company, which at that time had under lease a great part of the land in that vicinity.

This structure served the community for some 12 years. Some of the teachers during this period were: Miss Emma Shaw, Miss Mattie Patterson, Miss Kate Buchanan, M. E. Sewalt, and J. E. Williams.

### New Teacher Added.

In 1903 the community had become more thickly settled, and it was necessary to add another teacher. By 1904, the enrollment had reached the point where it necessitated another building. This building was a frame structure, approximately 30 feet by 60 feet, with a curtain across the center to divide it into two rooms. This building was located near the site of the first one, but in 1909 was moved to the lot adjacent to the present Fluvanna High School campus, and a third teacher was added.

This section was being rapidly settled and soon this building would no longer house the student body, so that in 1911 another new building was constructed. This time, a two-story, four-room structure of concrete located on the lot where the Fluvanna High School gymnasium stands now. During the school year of 1911-12 a fourth teacher was added to the system.

This building was used but a short time when it was partly demolished by a storm. It was torn away, and a brick structure was erected on the same site in 1916. This building was a two-story affair with four class rooms on the first floor, and two class rooms and an auditorium on the second floor. At that time there were six teachers in the system.

### First Consolidation.

In 1917 the first consolidation was effected, when the Favorite school was brought in. T. S. Christopher was superintendent at that time, and two more teachers were added. This consolidation lasted only two years. In 1919 the Favorite school withdrew. In 1928-29 this school again consolidated with the Fluvanna school, and a new Chevrolet bus was purchased to bring these students to Fluvanna. E. H. McCarter, who was at that time principal, drove the bus. E. O. Wedgeworth, present superintendent of Fluvanna schools, was serving his first term as superintendent.

The year 1929 was an outstanding one in the history of Fluvanna schools. It was during this year that, under the leadership of young Superintendent Wedgeworth, three other districts were brought in by consolidation. They were: Moorar, Snellings and Hackberry schools. This completely over-ran the housing facilities, and in December, 1929, a new building was begun. This building, which is the one in use at the present time, is a modern, fire-proof, brick structure, containing eight class rooms, large study hall, well equipped laboratories and libraries, and a large auditorium. Eleven teachers were needed at that time, and both buildings were used to house the student body.

### Cut to Nine Teachers.

With the depression came an exodus of people from this section, which cut down the enrollment until only nine teachers were needed. Until that time, a part of the old building was used to house the elementary grades, but these grades were then moved into the new building, and in 1934-35, the inside walls and

partitions were torn out of the old building and it was converted into a gymnasium.

The present Fluvanna school system, which grew out of this background, has a faculty of nine teachers, headed by Superintendent E. O. Wedgeworth. It offers 19 units of affiliated work to the high school students, and boasts the only vocational agriculture department in Scurry County at this time. Five buses, owned and operated by the school, transport some 175 students.

The legislative body of this school consists of a board of seven members. They are: W. H. Jones, president; J. G. Landrum, Guy Turner, T. J. Rea, Mert Noel, Walden Willis and Arlis Haynes. Much credit is due the superintendent and this progressive board of trustees, for it is through their foresight and untiring efforts that continuous improvements are being made in Fluvanna schools.

Rex—"What's your name?"

Lil—"Marigold."

Rex—"I said your name, not your aim."

Wife—"John, is it true that money talks?"

Husband—"So they say, dear."

Wife—"Well, I wish you'd leave me a little to talk during the day. I get so lonely."

## Old-Timer Still In Variety Shop

Among the oldest of the old-timers still in business here is A. P. Morris, who came to the county seat of Scurry in 1897.

Old pictures reveal the A. P. Morris sign as early as 1902 on the west side of the square, the present location of J. H. Sears & Company. Morris bought a general repair and variety store from Jim Hardin in that year.

Practically all the time since 1902, the early-comer has been handling second-hand furniture, musical goods and other similar articles on the east side of the square. Bicycle repairing has also been a major business with him.

At times he has let his inventive genius hold sway, and he has been at the point of realizing good financial returns on several occasions.

The present Morris location on the east side of the square was moved into in 1933. The veteran business man admits that he has done business in practically every part of town.

"When you get something for nothing, someone gets nothing for something."

## He's "Red"



E. O. WEDGEWORTH

Bricklayer (new on the job)—"I guess I can't work here. There's no place to park my car."

Boss—"No, you won't do. We only hire bricklayers who have their own chauffeurs."

## Taylor-Blackard Firm Since 1927

Hugh Taylor and Melvin Blackard have been partners in Hugh Taylor & Company, southwest corner of the square, only since 1927, but the store was established on the south side of the square back in 1922.

Founder of the store was T. B. Ware, uncle of Henry Ware, owner of Ware's bakery. In 1924 it became Taylor & Smith, with Hugh Taylor and L. O. (Chunk) Smith as partners. Blackard purchased Smith's interest in 1927.

Taylor came to Scurry County from Baird in 1900. He was in Denton County until 1899. Blackard is a native of the county, having been born at Dunn. With the exception of three years in Reeves County, he has lived in Scurry all his life, since 1911 in Snyder.

In addition to a full grocery line, Hugh Taylor & Company handles hardware, implements and feed. Joe Brown and L. A. Crenshaw are regular employees.

Visitor—"So God has sent you two more little brothers, Walter?"

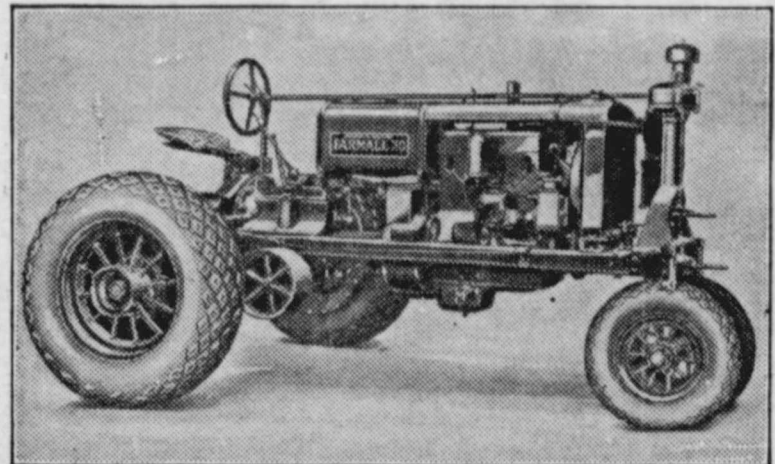
Walter (brightly)—"Yes, and He knows where the money's coming from. I heard daddy say so."

# More Than Nine Years Ago

Snyder Hardware & Implement Company Was Established to Care for the Needs of the People for Good Hardware and Implements

We're Still Filling a Very Definite Need for Hardware and Implement Service in the Community

## FARMALL TRACTORS



When the Spring season is in full swing, the horse farmer is at his wit's end for time. Long hours in the field behind slow-moving teams bring him to the end of the day thoroughly tired—and then the round of horse chores begins.

Farmall Tractor owners will tell you that this drudgery is needless. They do more work in the field each day with their up-to-the-minute power, and when night comes they snap the switch and call it a day.

\$3,000 in Stock Parts for Farmalls Help Us Give Farmall Owners Quick Repair Service When Needed

Complete Stocks of Blue Grass Shelf Hardware, Aladdin Lamps—and Everything you'd expect to find in a first class Hardware Store

BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED GROWTH, TIMES—

We are happy to extend our hearty congratulations to Our Home County Paper for having passed its Half Century milestone.

Our sincere hope is that you shall continue to serve your community with a fine newspaper long after you shall have observed—

YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

# SNYDER HARDWARE & IMPLEMENT Co.

"GOOD EQUIPMENT MAKES A GOOD FARMER BETTER"



# Of Course...

**WE WEREN'T HERE  
FIFTY YEARS AGO  
SELLING DRY GOODS—**



We didn't have the leading Dry Goods Store on the south side of the square at that time. In fact, there was only one dry goods store in Snyder at that time, and it also handled groceries, harness and hardware.

If we had been here, we would have stocked bustles and flannel petticoats for the ladies, long skirts and cotton stockings. For the man we'd have stocked high shoes, ribbed red flannel underwear, derbies and arm-bands.

**But We Are Here Now Trying Our Best  
To Sell Dry Goods To  
Mighty Good People...**

## TIMES.....

**WE CONGRATULATE  
YOU HEARTILY**

is the sincere wish of your friends at the Economy Store. That you may live and prosper in the years to come is our hope.

**THAT YOU MAY GROW ON IN  
YEARS AND PRESTIGE**

for having pulled your newspaper through the lean years and the bad, and now are celebrating your Fiftieth Birthday. We want you to know that we are for you tooth and toenail. We believe you have a definite place to fill in our great community.

Since March 5, 1934, when we first opened the Economy Store in Snyder, we have endeavored to operate an institution that would supply the needs of a growing customer list for Wearing Apparel, Dry Goods and Notions.

We have always made paramount our motto "The Price Is the Thing," bearing in mind quality consistent with that price.

*Let Us Pause Now to Say "Thanks" to our Legion  
of Friends in This Vicinity—*

We are appreciative of the confidence a host of patrons have placed in our store and our merchandise. We trust we may continue to merit this patronage.

# ECONOMY DRY GOODS CO

"THE PRICE IS THE THING"

Henry Rosenberg, Manager

South Side of the Square



# Hermleigh Seeking to Train for Lifework

## Variety Offered To Each Student

The value of an education in the modern world can not be estimated. The high schools of today are turning out thousands of students. Question: Are they prepared for a vocation? A large percentage never goes to college. Therefore, it is the duty of a school to fit them, if possible, for some position after their graduation from high school.

Hermleigh school curriculum has been organized around the new methods of doing old things. We want to learn to do by doing. Hence the curriculum for the next few years includes an extension of our present vocational work. Shop, typing, home economics, bookkeeping are going to be given in a fuller vocational program.

### Variety in Program.

The present system at Hermleigh offers the student a varied program. Certain subjects are offered that are elective, that is a student does not have to take them. Others are required by Hermleigh and the state for graduation. We now have credits in the following subjects, mathematics, history, English, Spanish, typing, home economics and general science.

In the elementary grades the subjects are mathematics and science, language arts, social science, music and art, and home and vocations. The work is departmentalized, with each teacher working on units of study best adapted to that group's needs. Every six weeks, each teacher completes one or more units and displays certain parts of it at Hermleigh in the various merchants' windows. The merchants are very considerate in allowing these displays of work which help the school to form a contact with patrons who do not have an opportunity to visit the school. Each home room teacher tries to instill pride in his unit, thus forming a class spirit which is always necessary to make school a living unit, instead of just another school.

### Faculty Makes School.

The faculty of any school makes that school what it is. No school is stronger than its faculty. If the faculty is weak in any phase of teachers' duties or extra-curricula activities, then the whole school suffers. The plan of urging all teachers to be responsible for the interest of children is the motivating force behind a desire for interest in all work.

Every teacher in Hermleigh has a college degree, except two. All

## OLD HERMLEIGH BUILDING



This is the school building that was used at Hermleigh before the enrollment became so

heavy that more space was essential. The present modern structure replaced this old one.

have had two to 15 years experience. Although not a rule, it is customary not to employ any teacher without some experience. Certainly this shows a desire to protect the pupils on the part of the school board.

Hermleigh students conduct themselves in such a way that shows they are interested in what the board, superintendent, faculty and patrons are trying to do for them. No major problems of discipline have come up, and all minor problems have been handled satisfactorily for the group as a whole.

### Club for Students.

In awarding students for good conduct, Hermleigh has a "Privilege Students Club." This group consists of those students who have conducted themselves in a splendid way. Teachers pick certain ones eligible, those making satisfactory grades, and those students are recommended to the principal, who selects the members. Although all are not members, every student has the opportunity to be a privilege student. A privilege student may do anything during school hours when not in class that does not infringe on the rights of others. Thus, Hermleigh gives credit where credit is due.

The present enrollment of Hermleigh school is 323 in the entire system. A major portion of these students are transported to and from school by buses owned and operated by the school. Attendance this fall has been unusually good considering the abundant crops to be gathered.

This certainly shows that the patrons will sacrifice to send their boys and girls to school at considerable loss to themselves.

The extra-curricula, or outside class room work is one phase of the school life that needs special mention. These outside activities, such as football, basketball, track, debate, tennis, declamation, spelling contests, dramatics and all other activities, tend to hold the interest of the student when class rooms will not. We believe in the extra-curricula work as a means of putting before the patrons and parents the fact that the school is in a large measure helping the pupil meet a life-like situation.

### Line and Staff Plan.

The organization of the school system itself is called the line and staff plan. The board over the superintendent, superintendent over the principals, and principals over the faculty. This method fixes responsibility and enables all to receive the same problems to solve as one would have in a large school system. We believe that the complete set-up is a program of going forward.

In conclusion we might add that to obtain any knowledge of the system that you patronize, you must be

## First Ira School Was In Dugout

(Concluded From Page 11) the larger part is used for a study hall and library.

Until about 1933, Ira had thought little of getting accredited. Then, aroused to the need of students' work being affiliated, she started out to secure credits and a longer term of school. Since that beginning, Ira consolidated school now has built up to 16½ credits of affiliation, with prospect of more the ensuing year.

Ira school is directed by the following trustees: J. E. Falls (a former student of Ira school), president; R. A. Hardee (also a former student), secretary; W. H. Sterling (former student), T. F. Bryce, Pete Hester, Perry Echols, C. D. Franks.

### Taylor Heads Faculty.

The present faculty is as follows: Elmer L. Taylor, superintendent for 10 years; A. A. Mitchell, high school principal; Earl Horton, grammar school principal; Miss Jo Halley, vocational home economics; Mrs. Margaret Dell Hilton, English and Spanish; E. W. Baldwin, shop, typing, boys' basket ball;

Mrs. Ben F. Thorpe, first grade; Mrs. E. W. Baldwin, second grade; Mrs. Elmer L. Taylor, third grade; Miss Marie Casey, fourth grade. The fifth, sixth and seventh grades are handled by departmental work.

The new native stone gymnasium was erected in 1934-35. It has a splendid oak floor, with a new coat of floor finish, just completed in November. "We expect great games this winter from both boys and girls," declare school leaders.

**Editors' Note:** A picture of the Ira superintendent, Elmer Taylor, will be found in another section of this Anniversary Edition of The Times.

interested in that school. It is the desire of the administration to furnish complete reports from time to time of all work. Plans to be carried out include a bulletin with this information given each month.

Hermleigh schools are for Hermleigh patrons. Know it and believe in it, then you will see the vision of a great work and with all at the job the school will grow and prosper.

## Meet Hanes



SUPERINTENDENT W. T. HANES

## House of Million Articles: Gray's

"The House of a Million Articles"—that's Gray's Variety Store, which has been located on the east side of the square since May, 1923.

Anyone who has been into the store knows that the slogan is almost literally true, for Gray's offers everything from an old-fashioned cast iron waffle iron to living room furniture upholstered in the modern manner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gray came to Snyder from Carthage, Panola County, where the local merchant had been in business. First location was in the Rollins Building, and the store has been in its present site, two doors north of the southeast corner, since January, 1936.

Regular employees are Clyde Clay and Luther M. Hill, who specialize in furniture and other repairing.

Mrs. Blue—"Was your husband cool when burglars broke in the other night?"

Mrs. Green—"Cool! Why, he was so cool that he shivered all over."

## For Thirty Years--

We have practiced veterinary medicine in this area among the old-timers and the new-timers. We feel we have had a small part in the growth of the section.

## WE ARE THANKFUL

for the loyalty of many good friends all through the years. We hope we shall merit further support.

## Congratulations, Times—

for having come down through the years with a newspaper that has been an asset to the region you have served. Best wishes!

# Dr. C. E. Walker

At Goodnough Shoe Shop

# Smith, The Expressman

Wants to Have a Part When the Congratulating Is Being Done!

Of course, we haven't been here—or anywhere else—for fifty years, but we know it's a long period of time. So when Our Home County Paper goes a-celebrating its Golden Anniversary we want to tell the Times force that we're mighty proud with them.

## AFTER 26 YEARS ON ONE JOB . . .

We feel like an old-timer, all right. And if we tried to count the friends we've made during that stretch we'd be another score of years doing it. May we pause here and express our thanks for friends who've made our 26 years on the job here possible.

Ship Your Christmas Packages by Express—Phone 267

# Railway Express Agency

W. W. SMITH, Local Agent





## From "Scratch" To One Of Snyder's Leading Stores . . .

**THAT IS THE RECORD OF  
RAINBOW MARKET PLACE  
IN SIX YEARS—**

Since the establishment of Adam's first Apple House in 1931 on the southeast corner of the square, there has been a marked improvement each year. After four years of operation on the square, we found a definite demand for a more convenient food market, so opened the Rainbow Market Place in its present site in the summer of 1935.

With the coming into the firm of J. C. Turner in August, 1937, and the addition of a grocery and Meat Market, the place has grown to be one of Snyder's finest Food Marts. Now every need for the table can be supplied under the same roof—Fruits, Vegetables, Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fresh and Cured Meats, Nuts, Candies and Cold Drinks.

**UNMATCHED DAY AND NIGHT COMPLETE FOOD SERVICE MAKES BUSINESS AT  
THE RAINBOW GOOD ALL THE TIME!**

We would be ungrateful if we here failed to express our sincere appreciation for a splendid business at the Rainbow. Our constant aim shall be to give our customers the most for their money in Quality Foods.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOME COUNTY PAPER—**

We believe Snyder and West Texas have one of their finest weekly newspapers in The Scurry County Times. We believe it is filling a definite part in its field.

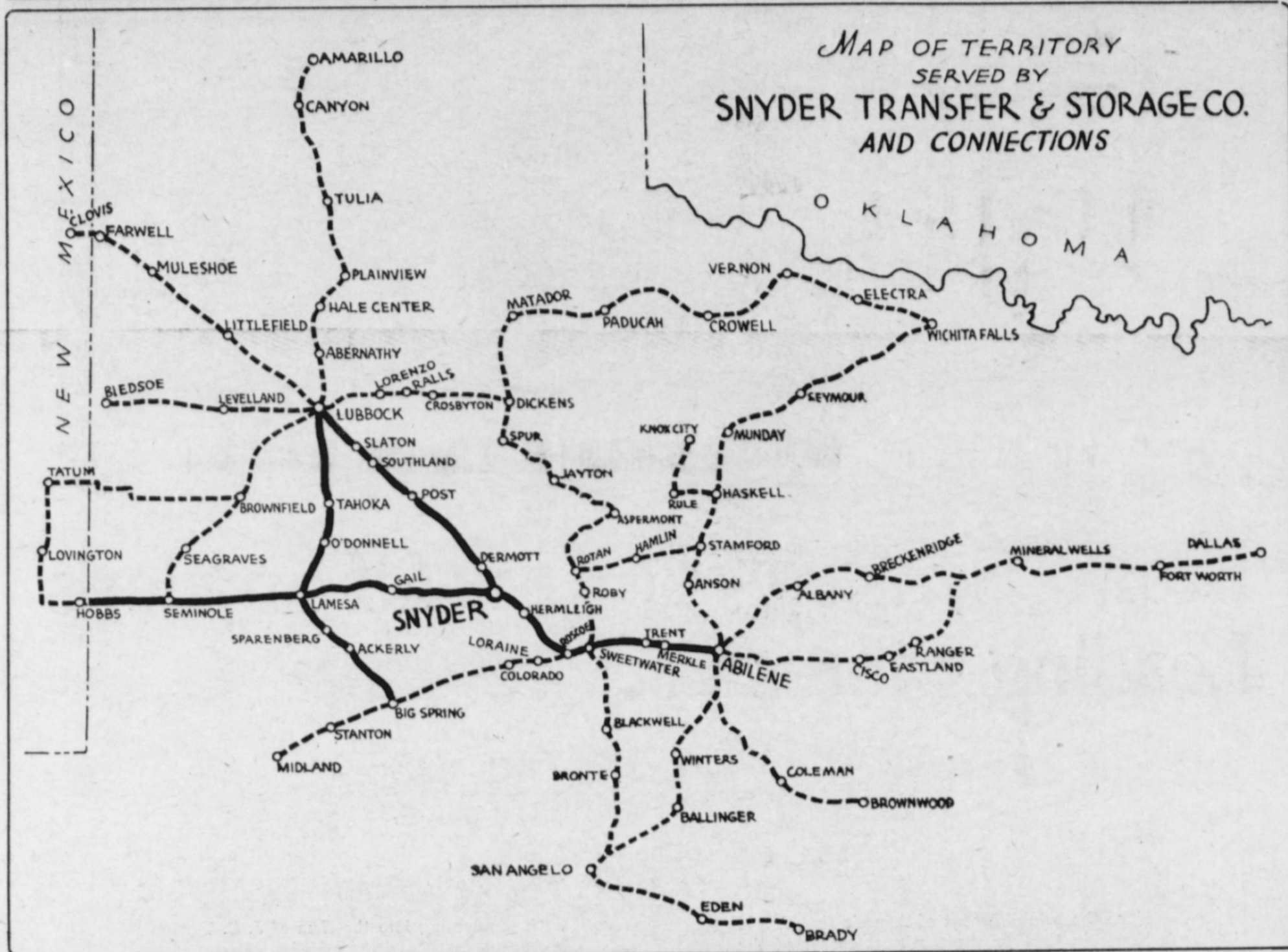
That's why we want to be among The Times' thousands of friends to extend hearty good wishes upon its Fiftieth Birthday Celebration. Here's to your health, Times!

**MAY YOU GROW AND PROSPER FOR MANY MORE BIRTHDAYS, TIMES!**

# Rainbow Market Place

JIM ADAMS — J. C. TURNER





### Snyder Transfer Has Served Snyder And West Texas Area for 22 Years

As The Times celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of Snyder newspapers, Snyder Transfer Company pauses to remember that it is more than 22 years old.

Established by the late Pete Bridgeman and Lit Chapman, now living west of Snyder, in 1915, the concern has had a gradual expansion until today it ranks as one of the leading lines in West Texas.

In the early days the firm was located just south of the present Palace Theatre site. In 1926 it was moved to the present location, a block west of the square on 25th Street, where office and storage facilities are maintained.

#### Lines Serve 401 Miles.

Snyder Transfer Company serves 401 miles of West Texas territory. Back in 1922, a pick-up was purchased to supplement the "horse" services of an earlier day. In 1926, with a truck or two, Bridgeman started a line from Snyder to Sweetwater—his first venture outside Snyder.

In 1931 the line was extended eastward from Sweetwater to Abilene and northward from Snyder to Lubbock, making a continuous route from Abilene to Lubbock. In 1934 the local concern purchased the McCaulley Transfer Company line from Lubbock to Big Spring, by way of Lamesa. In 1935, the line was extended directly west from Snyder, by way of Lamesa and Seminole, to the New Mexico line.

The accompanying map shows the extensive nature of the lines. Dotted lines show direct connections with other major transportation concerns. Terminals are maintained at Abilene, Sweetwater, Lubbock, Lamesa, and Big Spring, in addition to Snyder. A new building was recently erected for the Lamesa terminal.

#### Mrs. Bridgeman Owner.

Mrs. Pete Bridgeman is sole owner of the firm. General manager is O. D. McGlaun. Others connected with the local office are J. R. Reeves,

Mrs. Lawrence Jones, Jerrell Lee Cook, W. M. Morgan, Hughey May, Albert Chism and Herbert Smith. A total of 35 employees are used by the concern over the entire route.

The company's "rolling stock" is now composed of 10 trucks, seven pick-ups, four business cars and the team and wagon that is used occasionally in Snyder—a total of 22 vehicles.

Dean of Snyder Transfer Company is "Old Dutch," whose horseflesh pulled dray wagons for Bridgeman as early as 1923. His running mate is "Dan," who has also seen considerable service. For more than 10 years these two big horses have pulled transfer wagons. Their lot in life is much easier now, for they work regularly on special work only.

#### Pete Was Horse Lover.

Everyone knew Pete Bridgeman as a horse lover. Even after "Old Dutch" and "Dan" had been replaced, as far as economy was concerned, by motor-driven vehicles, the popular transfer man kept them. And "Pete's" favorite riding horses, "Tony" and "Bert" are also kept in the company's stables to this day.

Teletype equipment is maintained in the local office and in the Lubbock office. This equipment, as well as the very latest types of trucks and other appliances, keep the Snyder Transfer Company in step with the times . . . constantly growing in value and service, constantly meaning more to the business life of Snyder and West Texas.

Funny guy—"You should have seen that cop's face when I said, 'Okey, flatfoot, so what?'"

Serious guy—"You'll pardon my changing the subject, but don't you think this jail cell is damp?"

Daughter—"Daddy, what is your birthstone?"

Father—"I don't recall, but it must be a grindstone."

### "Pat" Landed Here Thirteen Years Ago

J. W. W. Patterson—most folks forget all his initials and just call him "Pat"—first came to Snyder in March, 1924. Comanche, Oklahoma, was his home town at that time.

He first opened a shop two doors north of his present location. In April, 1935, he moved to the second building north of Snyder National

Bank, which he shares with Graham & Martin.

Jesse Garner has been associated with Patterson for a number of years. Charley R. Berger, formerly of Tyler, has the third chair in the shop.

Doctor—"So you have pains in your left leg? Why, that's a sign of age."

Patient—"But, doctor, I don't have pains in my right leg, and it's as old as the other one."

#### Take Cattle to Plains.

From "The Coming West," August 8, 1901: Billy Pitts and W. W. Nelson started last week with a herd of 790 cattle for the Plains. Their destination is Beall's pasture, the old Serratt Ranch in Cochran County. They carried well drills and machinery with them and will be gone several weeks.

Calvin Coolidge: "I have never been hurt by anything I did not say."



# This Is A Darn Big Ad--

## FOR A BARBER SHOP!

But it's not often that our credit is good with those fellows at the newspaper office, so when they told us we could have an ad on credit we decided we'd go the limit. About all we can advertise is that you can get—

### Barber Work With or Without Conversation—

from a couple of old-timers in the game—that is, if you can get us to work. Razors and clippers are sharpened at least once a month!

# Shipp & Butts

EAST SIDE OF SQUARE

### Here's Mud In Your Eye—

Times, just because you're fifty years old (and we bet you need a shave right now with those old whiskers)—we want to here congratulate you on your birthday . . .

## You Old Fossil!



# GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 30, 1937.

## The Scurry County Times

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

WE SCURRY FOLKS HAVE EVER BEEN SPIRITUALLY LED BY

# OUR CHURCHES



"And he commanded us to preach unto the people."

Acts 10:42a



—Throughout her history, Scurry County has been a religious community. At no time have lawlessness and rowdyism had the upper hand. Church leaders have ever been in the forefront of civic progress, and religious and material upbuilding have thus gone hand in hand.

—Unfortunately, many of the church records are incomplete. This section of the Times Golden Anniversary Edition is thus a cross-section rather than a complete religious history of the county . . . a form of tribute to the men and women who built for good.

SCURRY COUNTY SAYS: LET'S GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY



# Pioneer Preacher Tells Early Experiences

## Rev. Tate Heard In Most Sections

The history of Scurry County—especially of the county's religious life—would be incomplete without something of the experiences of Rev. Jas. H. Tate, who preached in Snyder, Fluvanna and practically every school house community for a quarter century. This article was written at his present home in Mentone, California, where he has lived since he left Scurry County early in 1930 because of ill health.

Rev. Tate has an especially warm place in the heart of The Times, for he was a regular correspondent for the paper for several years.

Here is his story—a tale of triumph and sorrow, progress and setbacks in Scurry County:

### To Snyder in 1904.

In response to the good editors' invitation, I am making the following contribution:

I came to Snyder in January, 1904, under what has always seemed to me to be Divine guidance. Like Abraham who "went out, not knowing whither he went," I left my home in Baird, Texas, almost immediately after my ordination, by the Presbytery of Abilene, in quest of a field where I could do full time ministerial work. Having spent years in preparation, I was "flat broke"—without a dollar and without a charge. My situation seemed almost desperate; but go, I must—"Go work in my vineyard." The Holy Spirit was driving me toward a field—the right field—but I knew not what field.

Thus situated, I borrowed a little money and boarded a west-bound T-P train, not knowing what my ultimate objective would be. I came to Snyder—having learned that our church there was in quest of a pastor. Not only was I financially embarrassed, but I had a heavy cold and was wholly unfit to make a favorable impression. Nevertheless, the good people of that then little, inland frontier town took me in and showed me every kindness.

With red eyes, dripping nose and husky voice I preached—at least tried to—on Sunday; and, "believe it or not," was called to the pastorate of that congregation for half time (and that was the way the other churches were supplied those days). Of course I must have work for two more Sundays, but Bison, and Dowell in Fisher County, were in prospect.

### Moves Family Here.

Now I must borrow money the third time, return home and move my family (wife and son) and household stuff to Snyder. This done and

## Snyder Tailoring in Town for 12 Years

Back in July, 1925, Snyder Tailoring Company was established on the north side of the square, present location of H. L. Wren, hardware. At that time the firm was operated by O. M. Bantau, now a tailor in Abilene, and Earl Fish, who continues as owner of Snyder Tailoring Company.

For a time the concern was operated by Fish and Joe Graham, on the north side. The present site, a half block south of the square on Avenue S, has been used since October, 1932.

Fish came to Snyder in 1915 from Gorman. Before he went into the tailoring business he was bookkeeper at Higginbotham Brothers & Company, at the bank, at the oil mill and at the Snyder Garage.

having secured a two-room residence—the only place available—we were clad in work clothes, and busy receiving our household goods, just arrived on wagons from Colorado City. In the midst of this confusion and embarrassment, a delivery man arrived, bringing quite a lot of much needed goods, and insisted on "unloading on us," despite the protest that we had ordered nothing. Then, to our further embarrassment, there came a group of my new parishioners, bringing not only goods but greetings of welcome, etc.

It was one of those old-time poundings, common to preachers in those days. God bless their memory. They have saved the day for many a hard-pressed pastor; and were occasional, happy experiences for this one and his family, both at Snyder and Fluvanna, for many years. You see, pastors' salaries, in those days, were on a pretty low scale. It was new country, and everybody was trying to get a start.

I shall never forget my first trip out to Bison. I had no conveyance, hence, must "thumb a ride." Late Saturday afternoon I was granted passage on a cotton wagon, with John Collier (a Baptist), who, with his young wife, lived in a dugout in that community. They, like many others, had only meagre accommodations to offer, but their fellowship and hospitality knew no bounds. Accordingly they took me in for the night, for it was now dark. Years later the Collier family were near and pleasant neighbors to us at Fluvanna.

### Horseback to Dowell.

My first trip to Dowell was different and far more taxing. It was on horseback—a borrowed horse and saddle. As I was not then accustomed to horseback riding, I was completely worn out when I reached

## PIONEER PREACHER AND WIFE



One of the county's pioneer preachers is Rev. James H. Tate, who retired to California eight years ago because of ill health. Rev. and Mrs. Tate are pictured above. The veteran Presbyterian

minister formerly pastored the Snyder and Fluvanna churches, and preached at practically every school house and church community in Scurry and adjoining counties.

## North Side Cafe Old-Timer Here

Leath's Cafe, north side of the square, had been here for several years before it was purchased in 1927 by G. H. Leath. It belonged until that year to the late Vick Montgomery. Leonard Gill purchased an interest in the concern in 1929.

Recently remodeled, repainted and given a sparkling array of front neon lights, the cafe is inviting to travelers and locals alike. Henry Whitehurst is chief cook and Lon Adams is assistant. Mrs. Mollie Pinkerton and Miss Ora Gray are regular waitresses, and Bill Markum is dishwasher.

Leath came to Scurry County in 1907 from Alabama, his home state. He has been in the gin and several other lines of business since his residence here. Gill moved from Fisher County in 1921 to a Scurry County farm, where he lived until he moved to Snyder.

he drove a one-horse cart all over Scurry and much of the adjoining counties, preaching the saving Gospel of Christ to a spiritually hungry people. A whole book might be written about his work.

During our residence in Snyder—six years and three months—I preached in nearly every school house in the county. For a long time I preached one Sunday night each month in the Bookout school house, near Dermott.

Finally, in 1909, the R. S. & P. was building through to Fluvanna. Then, a little later, the Santa Fe was coming on. These developments brought on a great boom and there was much building along these lines. Snyder took on abnormal growth, and Fluvanna supplanted Light. Hermleigh sprang up as an entirely new town. Many new people were coming; inasmuch that it was necessary for the schools and churches to keep step with the march of progress.

### Moves to Fluvanna.

It, therefore, became evident that our churches must have an additional minister on the field I had hitherto cultivated. Accordingly, I voluntarily resigned at Snyder April 1, 1910, and moved to Fluvanna. This

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the edge of the community I was to serve, and was taken in by friends, but with some six miles yet between me and the church where I was to begin a year of pastoral work the next day.

Another happy surprise came to me a few weeks later, when a good man led a white horse to the front of our little home, and informed me that the faithful animal was my property. Friends had made up the money and purchased a "missionary" horse for the pastor. A ruling elder of the Dowell church made it possible for me to get a good—though not new—buggy, and harness. Thus, I was very well equipped for my work. In passing, let me say, I drove this rig far enough to go around the world; then came the Ford.

Let the reader remember that, in those days, no automobile had graced the roads of Scurry County. Furthermore, all our roads were in a very primitive state. Highways, with hard surfacing, had not been thought of. No road was even graded. This condition with varying and often severe weather, meant hard-

ships and plenty of exposure for the traveler.

In due time the little Bison congregation moved its base of operations to Ira, where we later built a church. Several years later this congregation—because of deaths and removals—was dissolved and its remaining membership transferred to Snyder.

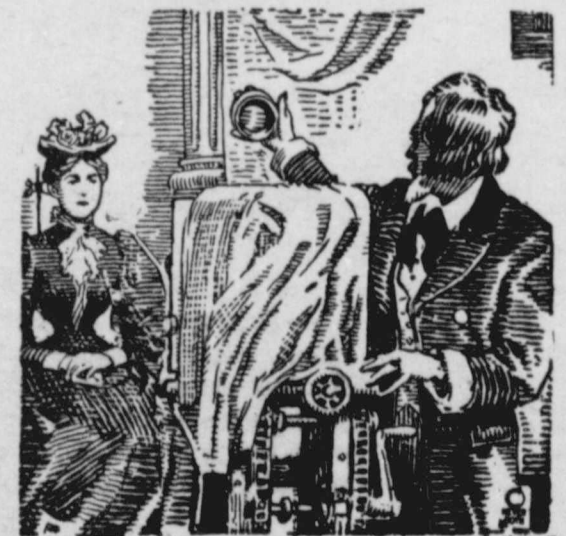
### Second Minister Comes.

At the beginning of my second year in Scurry, arrangements were made for another minister to take care of Dowell and, at the same time, I was called to be the shepherd of the Fluvanna congregation, then known as Light, where four denominations held monthly services in the one-room school house. A union Sunday school was also carried on there until 1910, when churches were erected in Fluvanna.

At Light, as was the case at Snyder, I succeeded the Rev. W. W. Werner, who, years before, had organized each of these congregations and had built the original church at Snyder. I am not able to pay tribute to the memory of this grand old man of God that is due him. For years

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Townsend's Dairy has been serving Snyder people with good Milk, Cream and Butter. Maybe that accounts for the fact that business has always been good with us.

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A pioneer spirit has brought an unsettled region to a commanding position in the agricultural development of the state. Only people with a determination to withstand the vicissitudes and hardships of the early days could have weathered the storm of natural disadvantages in this area.

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## Snyder Has Come a Long Way In Twenty-Eight Years . . .

**TIMES, WE GREET YOU ON YOUR FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY**

We have long been a believer in the place a good newspaper has in anybody's community. We are proud of the fine record that has been made by our own Home County Paper during the closing half century.

We bespeak for The Times and its force continued growth and prestige in the section which it serves. Our sincere hope, as we pause to extend to you congratulations on this eventful occasion, is that you shall live to enjoy—

**MANY MORE YEARS**

*Since Our Original Business Was Established In Snyder Back in 1911—*

**YET THE PIONEER SPIRIT LIVES ON!**

Continued progress in Snyder and Scurry County is certain. The same pioneer and progressive spirit is destined to carry on. The accomplishments of today are providing a sure foundation for the achievements of tomorrow.

To citizens of the community who are hopeful of the future, but unprotected in the present, INSURANCE offers the one certain opportunity to create security. Under the assurance of real protection Scurry County businesses and individuals can devote full thought and full energies to carving a successful place in this area.

# Boren-Grayum Insurance Agency

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# Methodists First Organize at Ennis Creek

## Most Members to Snyder in 1883

The history of the Snyder Methodist Church is of wide interest to the old-timers in West Texas, for Snyder Methodist Church was one of the first Methodist churches organized in this immediate territory, its organization in 1883 calling into being a church one year before Scurry County was organized.

From authentic sources, we condense the following history of Snyder Methodist Church:

In July, 1883, Rev. R. F. Dunn, at the request of R. L. Patterson and family, came to Ennis Creek and conducted a revival meeting under a brush arbor. He was assisted by Rev. Thomas, who was then pastor at Colorado. All those attending the meeting were fed at Mr. Patterson's camp.

### First Church Started.

At the conclusion of the meeting a Methodist church was organized. From information furnished by Mrs. J. W. Woody, the following were charter members: B. L. Patterson, Houston Patterson, Betty Patterson, Mary Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and daughter, Mrs. Tom Lockwood, Mrs. Bettie Wellborn, Mrs. Florence McDonald, Mrs. H. C. Clark.

Mrs. Bettie Patterson afterward became Mrs. Jeff Webb, the mother of John L. and Richard Webb, Walter and Fred Wasson and Mrs. Hattie Gatlin, also the sister-in-law of Mrs. O. P. Thrane, most of whom are now members of the Snyder Methodist church. Mrs. Tennie Patterson afterward became Mrs. J. W. Woody, and as far as can be learned is the only living charter member of the church.

### Families to Snyder.

In the fall of 1883 nearly all the above named families moved to Snyder for school benefits for the children, and the church organization was also moved to Snyder and became the beginning of the present Snyder Methodist Church. As soon as the Ennis Creek Methodists moved to Snyder they were joined by the following: Dr. J. C. Cornelius, H. A. Goodwin, Mary Goodwin, T. N. Nunn, Nancy Cornelius, J. H. Nunn. H. A. Goodwin served as the first Sunday school superintendent of the newly organized church at Snyder. Rev. Dunn continued to

## Baptist Church for Colored Residents

The colored residents of Snyder established the Mt. Olive First Baptist Church in April, 1926, the same year in which their school was started.

Rev. W. Jenkins of Abilene, colored, assisted in establishing the church, along with Rev. W. F. Ferguson, white pastor here at that time, and the pastors of other congregations, plus several interested laymen. Rev. W. B. Culpepper was the first pastor.

Present pastor of the church is Rev. G. A. Hammons of Abilene. Officers of the church are: Roy Jennings, clerk; Troy Sanders, chairman; J. J. Smith, John Baker and Lessie Taylor.

serve the church as a part of the then Sweetwater circuit, which was in the Abilene district.

From carefully completed material we get this pastor directory of Snyder Methodist Church: Revs. R. F. Dunn, 1883-4; H. W. Glass, Ellis, Duncan and Miller. It was during the pastorate of Rev. Miller, 1889-90, the first church building was erected. This building was erected on the site of the present building, the lot having been donated by T. N. Nunn.

Then came as pastors Revs. Galloway, W. H. Harris, J. T. Rascoe (who died within one month after accepting as pastor), and E. R. Wallace, under whose pastorate the first district met with the Snyder church, an addition being built to the church to care for the conference.

### Rev. Roberts in 1900.

Then came Rev. A. B. Roberts as pastor from 1900 to 1902. It was during his pastorate that Snyder was made a half station. Mrs. Roberts, now in her seventies, lives at Plainview. Local Methodists remember her for her sweet Christian life. Rev. C. D. West was pastor 1902-03. During the ministry of Rev. M. H. Hudson, 1904-06, Snyder was made a full time station. Then came Rev. J. B. Dodson, 1906-07; and Rev. W. P. Garvin, 1907-10, under whose pastorate the present parsonage was erected.

Quoting again from official information: In 1910 the old Northwest Texas annual conference was divided into what is now the Central Texas conference and the Northwest Texas conference, and Snyder was

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



Completed in the early twenties, this meeting house of the First Methodist Church is attractive not alone because of its architecture and spaciousness,

but because of its record of service and the outstanding pastors who have preached from its pulpit. Rev. H. C. Gordon is the present pastor.

placed in the Sweetwater district. Rev. J. W. Hunt, now Dr. Hunt of McMurry College, came to Snyder that year, and dirt was broken for the present church building.

Although the Snyder Methodist Church was opened for services in the summer of 1913 under Rev. Hunt's ministry, it was not formally dedicated until February of 1914, when the indebtedness on the church was paid.

### Cornerstone in 1914.

The cornerstone was placed in position with proper ceremonies February 12, 1914. The church was dedicated during the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Hicks, who is now Dr. J. H. Hicks, professor of Old Testament in the school of theology, Southern

Methodist University, Dallas. Bishop W. F. McMurry dedicated the church. Professor Hicks, who has a Ph. D. degree in the Old Testament, has just returned from Palestine, where he did extensive research on Biblical subjects.

Continuing the onward march of Methodism were: Revs. J. E. Stephens, R. A. Stewart, A. W. Waddell, J. W. Mayne, J. H. Hicks, C. E. Jamieson, A. B. Davidson, B. W. Dodson, and J. F. Lawlis, 1926-29 (upon the death of Rev. Lawlis in March, 1929, Rev. C. S. Hardy finished the church year).

Revs. Cal C. Wright, 1929-31; Sam H. Young, 1931-34; and H. C. Gordon, 1934, recently reappointed for another year.

## Five Years Here For Pick & Pay

It was just a few weeks ago—October 27, to be exact—that Pick & Pay Store, east side of the square, celebrated its fifth Snyder birthday.

Two years after it was opened, the store was moved from a small space on the north side to the corner building northeast of the square. It is in this building that the food market holds forth now.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Josephson, operators of the store, came to Snyder in 1932. Josephson had formerly been associated with his father in the wholesale dry goods business at San Antonio.

Pick & Pay maintains a complete line of groceries, and last year installed a full meat market with Howard Appleton, formerly of Hermleigh, in charge. Other regular employees are Ed Turner, Garth Austin and T. J. Kite.

### U. S. Leads in Inventions.

Evidence of the American's creative genius has been reported by the United States patent office. The office has just issued its 2,100,000th patent—on a camera that projects pictures as well as takes them. Although 140 countries and territories in the world grant patents, this nation far outstrips them all in the number of patents granted yearly, the patent office reports. Last year a total of 39,793 were granted.

So the pastors of Snyder Methodist Church have come and gone, to form gospel wave influences that will live on and on. And in the history of Snyder Methodist Church one finds a reflection of the best things in life that go to make up the ongoing of God's Kingdom work.

## FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING—



Yes, we want to pass out a few right here, and be among the scores of friends who will tell our Home County Paper that we appreciate it. Congratulations, Times, on your—

## YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The two proprietors at this shop have had combined 35 years of experience in the Barber Business. We believe we are qualified to give the kind of work you'd expect in a First Class Barber Shop.

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## PARKS MEAT MARKET

G. E. PARKS

East Side Square

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### Hermleigh Here Several Decades

The development of the present village of Hermleigh has covered several decades. The people, of course, have had their "bad times," but have nevertheless managed to always keep enough good points in view to bring forth a rather thriving village today.

The first site for a town in this community was surveyed by Mr. German in 1906. It was three and one-half miles from the present town. The town was known as Wheat, and had a gin, a post office, and a general store. This was the only town or settlement between Snyder and Roscoe at that time.

The following year, 1907, the Santa Fe Railway and the R. S. & P. Railway were laid. They were so far from Wheat that railway access was very inconvenient for the people. They had to make rather long drives during the winter to obtain lumber, merchandise and other products in wagons, which had been shipped here.

The most prominent citizens then awoke to the fact that if they moved their town closer to the railroad sections a thriving business could soon be developed in shipping. A site for a new town was surveyed by Mr. James from Abilene on the D. Z. Hess farm. There was some opposition, however, by the people, and after more careful consideration they laid the town out at its present location. Harry Harlin and R. C. Herm each donated 320 acres of land. The main street ran down the street one block north of Main Street today. The people named the new village Hermleigh, after two of its most prominent citizens, Mr. Herm and Mr. Leigh.

#### Progressive Movements.

Hermleigh then began its most progressive movements. It began building its business houses. Some of the first businesses and proprietors were: Barber shop operated by Mr. McCall; general merchandise operated by Rev. I. N. Anderson; drug store operated by Dr. Whitehead; livery stable operated by Mr. Woodfin; hotel operated by Mrs. Lofton. Besides these business buildings, our four churches were built, excluding the Catholic church. It was in these that Hermleigh's school system began. In the summer of 1908 a two-story, six-room school house was erected. A. C. Tate was the first principal. He is now a resident of the Bell community. There were three other teachers who assisted him in his teaching.

After the moving of the town and the building of the first school, the people took so much interest that in 1909 another new school building was erected. In due time this building also proved to be non-beneficial to the community because it could not accommodate all of the children who attended. It was torn down and the present building erected.

#### School System Grows.

Since then Hermleigh's school system has been mending rapidly. In fact the entire community enjoyed several prosperous years, for at one time there was an active chamber of commerce, a municipal band, a First State Bank, two large dry goods stores, a ladies' ready-to-wear shop, a furniture and hardware store, several grocery stores, a confectionery, two cafes, two drug stores, two barber shops, one beauty shop, two meat markets, a lumber yard, two depots, a telephone exchange, three gins, two blacksmith shops and several garages. This progressiveness lasted until the approach of the depression. It lost many of its business places and also its bank because of financial conditions.

Hermleigh cannot boast of all these stores today, but she does believe that she has a good school system, a good community spirit and an upward climb in her business.

#### Damon at Snyder Shop.

Damon Caruthers, colored shine boy at J. G. Lockhart's barber shop, has been shining and dyeing shoes for quite a spell, but he has just recently started to work with the north side shop. He says all he wants is a chance to show what he can do with shoes of any kind.

### Ivison Auto Parts All-Round Business

Ivison Auto Parts, operated by Ira Ivison and his son, Truman, two blocks west of the square on the highway, is what might be called an all-round business.

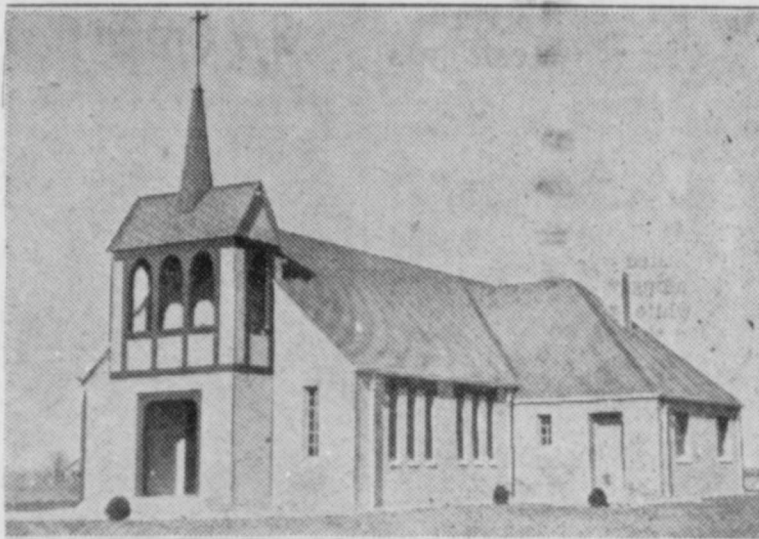
The Ivisons handle such well known products as Niehoff electrical parts, Raybestos brake linings, McQuay-Norris supplies (exclusive), Champion spark plugs, Sealed Power piston rings and Fitzgerald gaskets. In addition, they do repairing of all kinds, handle acetylene welding, and a full line of Magnolia products in their service station.

Ivison came to Scurry County in 1927 from Fisher County, where he had farmed a number of years. He opened his first local business in the fall of 1929, near the R. S. & P. station, moved in 1931 to the old Highway Garage, in early 1937 to his present location. He was associated a part of the time with a brother, John Ivison.

#### Two Cattle Items.

From The Coming West, February 25, 1897: Judge Patterson reports that stock are now doing remarkably well, and that everything is indeed encouraging. . . . Pete Scoggins passed through here Monday returning from his annual visit to Kentucky and his old home in North Carolina. The Coming West learns that he purchased and brought back with him a number of fine bulls which he will take to his ranch.

## HERMLEIGH CATHOLIC CHURCH



One of the newest and most imposing church buildings in Scurry County is this Catholic church at Hermleigh, only meeting place of county Catholics. The building was completed in

early 1937, with members of the congregation, most of them residing in and near Hermleigh, doing a large amount of the work. Father Austin of Sweetwater is pastor.

From The Coming West, June 21, 1900: County Superintendent Judge H. B. Patterson informs us that there are 1035 children in the scholastic age for this year, a slight increase over that of last year. Of these 189 are in the Snyder inde-

pendent district, while the others are divided among 20 school communities.

You won't bore the other fellow if you talk about him instead of yourself.

### Odom Succeeds Stokes in 1925

Odom Funeral Home, which succeeded the Stokes Undertaking Company December 9, 1925, was one of the first exclusive funeral homes in West Texas. It offered the first ambulance service in Snyder.

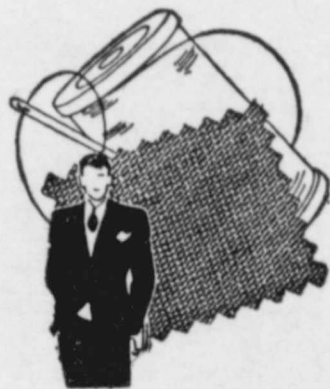
R. H. Odom, owner, came from Cross Plains, where he had been in charge of the furniture and undertaking department for Higginbotham Brothers Company. He had been associated with that firm since 1911. He secured his embalmer's license in 1923, and Mrs. Odom secured her embalmer's license in 1930.

The Stokes Undertaking Company was established in 1907 by the late R. M. Stokes, in the present location of the Duff Furniture Company, half block north of the square on Avenue S. When Odom came to Snyder, Stokes was located on the east side of the square, present Hande-Dande site. Shortly afterward, Odom moved the establishment to his present location, a half block east of the square. Here he has 11 complete rooms, large hall-way and space for three modern ambulances and funeral coaches.

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### TIMES, OLD FELLOW—

We are glad to take this portion of our advertisement to extend our sincere congratulations on your Fiftieth Birthday.

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East Side of Square



# Presbyterians Form Church Here in 1892

## Rev. W. W. Werner Is First Minister

By MRS. J. A. FARMER.

The First Presbyterian Church of Snyder was organized as the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Snyder on June 13, 1892, by Rev. W. W. Werner, assisted by Judge Beal of Sweetwater. There were seven charter members, as follows: Mrs. M. E. Bibbee, H. C. Bibbee, Miss Susie Bibbee, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gurrard, Mrs. W. W. Werner and Miss Mable Werner.

At the organizational meeting, C. T. Gurrard and H. C. Bibbee were installed as elders. Mr. Gurrard had been previously ordained to the eldership, but Mr. Bibbee was ordained at this service. At the same time, Rev. W. W. Werner was called to serve as pastor.

During the summer of 1892 a revival meeting was sponsored by the newly organized church, Rev. J. L. Elliott doing the preaching. It was highly successful, and there were a number of conversions and additions to the church.

### Change Made in 1904.

The local congregation was a member of the Buffalo Gap Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church until 1904. At that time, following the direction of the Texas Synod and the approval of the Buffalo Gap Presbytery, the latter organization was divided and the Snyder Presbytery formed. The first meeting of this body was held at Snyder on November 10 of the same year, with Rev. W. W. Werner serving as moderator.

At this meeting there was a favorable vote taken on the proposed union of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. This union was completed by act of the general assembly on May 24, 1906, and the local congregation became a member of the Abilene Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., where it still remains.

### New Building in 1924.

The First Presbyterian Church building was located at the corner of Avenue Q and 26th Street, on the lot now occupied by the Chapman Service Station and the south part of the O. L. Wilkerson Lumber

## Arthur Townsend in Dairy Here 7 Years

Arthur (Booger Red) Townsend has been in the dairy business two miles northeast of Snyder since 1930. During that time he has established a sizeable retail trade among Snyder folks, as well as a good trade among cafes, grocery stores and other wholesale handlers of dairy products.

The dairyman came to Scurry County from Fort Worth in 1905. Prior to his entrance into the dairy business he farmed, traded and often served as a public auctioneer.

He invites his customers and others to visit his modern dairy at any time.

Company yard. During the pastorate of Rev. J. T. Bryant in 1924, this property was sold and the basement of the present church building was erected, in which place the congregation worshipped until 1929, when the present structure was completed. This was during the ministry of Rev. E. C. Lambert.

During the history of the church, the following ministers have served either as stated supply or as pastor: Rev. W. W. Werner, organizer; Rev. James H. Tate, 1902-1919; Rev. U. C. Howard, 1910-1914; Rev. J. C. Bigbee, 1915-1917; Rev. G. C. Wright, 1920-1921; Rev. J. T. Bryant, 1922-1925; Rev. H. J. Manley, 1925-1928; Rev. E. C. Lambert, 1928-1930; Rev. J. Wood Parker, 1930; Rev. Alfred M. Dorsett, 1935-1936.

Beside these, there have been several student pastors who have served during the summer months. The present pastor, Rev. James E. Spivey, was installed on July 1, 1936.

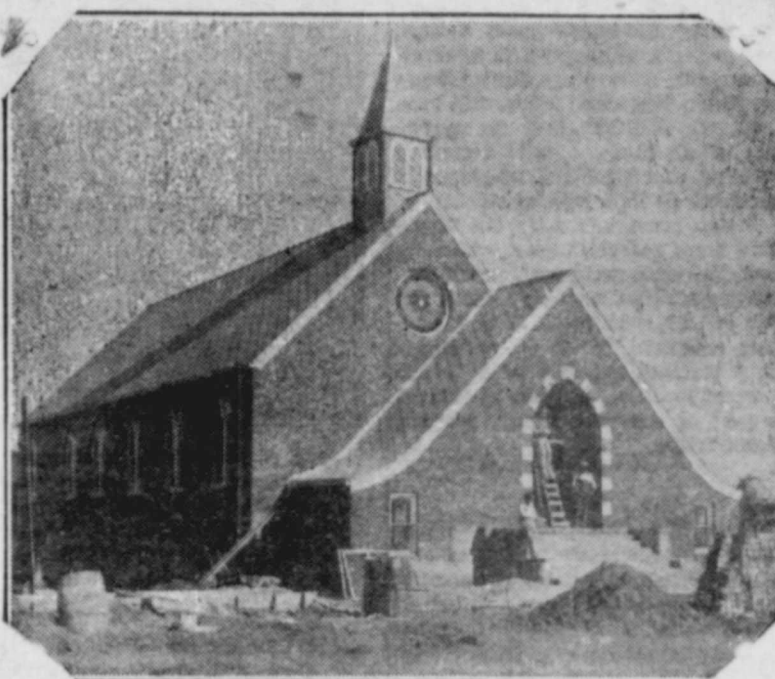
### Elders of Church.

The following men have been installed as elders: H. C. Bibbee, C. T. Gurrard, R. J. Strayhorn, C. R. Buchanan, W. H. Harvey, D. I. Rhodes, H. B. Patterson, D. F. Wilson, J. C. Mitchell, E. F. Smith, E. P. Renken, D. P. Strayhorn, D. A. Clark, S. N. Wilborn, L. T. Stinson, L. H. Orr, Sterling A. Taylor, G. M. McDowell, John R. Covey, J. A. Farmer, L. R. Bailey, W. R. Lace, D. C. Howell.

Throughout its history the church has striven through its various activities to minister to the spiritual and social needs of Snyder and community.

Beside the regular preaching serv-

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



This snapshot of the First Presbyterian Church building was taken while the beautiful structure was nearing completion nine years ago. Its graceful lines, worshipful atmosphere and

long story of religious upbuilding stamp it as one of the leading Presbyterian buildings and congregations in West Texas. Rev. James E. Spivey is pastor of the local church.

## Curley's Studio in Snyder Few Months

Curley's Studio, operated by Oliver A. Johnson, has been in Snyder since August, 1937. Located over Bryant-Link Company, the studio came here from San Angelo. "Curley" has seen eight years of experience as a photographer.

Associated with him are Jack Kraft and Mrs. Johnson.

The studio specializes in portraits, tinting, copying, enlarging, inside and outside photos and finishing.

ices on Sunday, it maintains a Sunday school, mid-week service, women's societies which have been formally organized since March 10, 1909, Christian Endeavor groups, and other clubs for youth, as well as full cooperation in every enterprise for the betterment of the people of Snyder, and the winning of men and women to Jesus Christ.

## Gordon & Maule in 12-Year-Old Place

A barber shop was established in 1924 in the spot now occupied by Gordon & Maule. Jesse Garner, still a Snyder barber, was the first owner of the shop.

W. B. Gordon began his barbering career at Amarillo in 1922. He purchased the shop from W. O. Trigg in July, 1932. M. M. Maule became associated with Gordon on September 1, 1935.

Maule first barbered at Hermleigh in 1917. He came to Snyder in 1926, and left Patterson's barber shop to become associated with Gordon.

## Bryant-Link Has 53-Year Record

A 53-year record of service in West Texas truly marks Bryant-Link Company as one of the pioneers of what has become an empire within an empire.

Actually, the first West Texas store was established at Anson on February 3, 1884, by J. C. Bryant, who came to Texas from Missouri. In 1901, George S. Link, who now resides at Spur, came into the firm. In 1920 the group of stores that had grown out of the original store established in 1884 were re-organized under the name of Bryant-Link Company.

Bryant-Link Company now has stores at Snyder, Spur, Stamford, Rotan, Lamesa, Post, Jayton, Hamlin and Aspermont.

The Snyder store was moved from Caddo in 1920, and T. L. Higginbotham was the first manager. The first local location was on the southwest corner of the square, in the spaces now used by Hugh Taylor & Company and Ware's Bakery. The present west side location was occupied in 1929.

The Blackard Hardware & Implement Company was purchased in 1925, and Higginbotham Brothers & Company was bought in 1929. A. V. McAdoo, now of Sweetwater, became manager in 1923, and he was succeeded in September, 1933, by E. E. Weathersbee, who continues in that capacity. Weathersbee started with the firm in 1923, was associated with his brother in Rotan from 1926 to 1930, returning to Bryant-Link Company in that year.

Local employees now are A. C. Kincaid, Mrs. H. C. Moore, Miss Edith Grantham, Mrs. Edith Singletary, Mrs. Joe Caton, Mrs. E. J. Anderson, P. D. Lambeth, Bobby Hairston and Hardy Mitchell.

### Cotton Goes Ahead?

From The Scurry County News, January 16, 1896: We are told that cotton is to be the leading crop of the West, and we are constrained to believe it.



## From Coffee to Fine Steaks . . .

Of course, we serve these two famous palate-pleasers, as well as all the in-between dishes and drinks—in typical Clark & Early style, which means just like the folks like 'em. If you haven't tried our eats—you've missed something!

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Rear of Times Office

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—and you'll get in touch with a firm that has made a reputation in our town for Quality Cleaning and Pressing. And we are not planning to let our reputation drag, either.

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and we want to extend here our hearty congratulations to The Scurry County Times as it observes its—

# FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

# SNYDER TAILORING CO.

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# Few Glimpses of Scurry County Leaders

## County Pioneers Are Paid Tribute

By BEN F. SMITH.

We have been requested to contribute a sketch of Scurry County history as far as we know it, which dates back to the winter of 1902. This is not going very far back as compared to other pioneers who came here some 40 odd years ago. But 35 years is sufficient time to record many changes in this section.

Time has laid heavy hands on the pioneers of this community. Many of those living in Scurry and adjoining counties when we located in Snyder have answered the roll call of the departed immortal pioneers, who blazed the way here for our present civilization. All callings of life and every avocation have witnessed the passing of some of our splendid men and women who were early settlers in Scurry County and West Texas.

### Bar Members Gone.

The Scurry County bar has numbered many of these good men and legal talents who were citizens and practitioners when we first landed in Snyder. Those who have gone to their eternal reward were Cullen C. Higgins, A. C. Wilmeth, M. E. Rosser, C. R. Buchanan, Fritz R. Smith and Robert H. Curnutte. These men and lawyers left their imprint upon the pages of Scurry County-West Texas legal history—as judges, representatives, state senators, etc.

Cullen C. Higgins, first district attorney, then district judge; A. C. Wilmeth, member of the House of Representatives; M. E. Rosser, serving this district in the House; C. R. Buchanan, county judge and later state senator; Fritz R. Smith, representative, chairman of the board of pardons, later district judge. His first services for the county were county attorney, county judge and later mayor of Snyder. Robert H. Curnutte was county judge at the time of his death several years ago.

### Pioneer Cattlemen.

Many of our pioneer cattlemen have joined the last round up. Actively engaged in the cattle business when we came to Scurry County were Bolley Brown and Pete Scoggins of Kent County, and Sims and Rogers, the Smith boys—George, Oz, Jack and Lon. The latter is still living and resides near Lampasas. T. J. Faught, who ranched in Kent and Scurry County; E. W. Clark, who ranched in Kent and Garza Counties; W. D. Stanfield owned and operated a ranch in Garza County; Uncle Kin Elkins, who was a pioneer ranchman of Kent County, are other pioneers in the cattle business.

Farmers as well as the ranchmen pioneered in this section. Space will not permit a personal mention or even numbering of these sturdy sons of the soil who began farming in the early days in Scurry County.

When we came to Scurry County, Snyder was a small town of frame construction. We got our freight and mail from Colorado. Bill Jones was a noted character in those days, furnishing transportation from and to Snyder via hack. He faced many sandstorms in those days, and was not always on time with mail and passengers. Harry Nelson was postmaster at Snyder in those days. He has been dead many years—a good man and a splendid citizen.

### Progressive Merchants.

Our merchants were progressive in those days. We recall the madly boys, Bill and Rube, who were among the dry goods merchants. Snyder Mercantile Company, whose home was where the Snyder National Bank now stands, was composed of some of our best citizens. George W. Brown, who is still living in Snyder, D. Nation, who has passed to his reward, I. W. Wasson and C. T. Girard composed the firm. They sold dry goods, hardware, furniture and groceries. I. W. Wasson has been dead many years. He was a splendid Christian man.

Other merchants we remember were Tom and Sam Pruitt, Joe and

Billy Lee, both of whom are still living. Leeroy Johnson was engaged in the hardware and implement business.

Our early banker was F. J. Grayum, who operated a private bank on the south side of the square. He was also in the drug business. Grayum sold to the Pullers, who established the Snyder National Bank, but not until the bank was moved into a building of its own on the west side of the square.

The First National Bank was organized later by that splendid citizen and cattleman, Billy Johnson. Robert H. Curnutte was cashier of the First National Bank for a number of years. Mr. Johnson has been dead several years.

The First State Bank was organized along about 1906 or 1907, Houston Patterson as president and T. P. Baker as cashier. Later Mr. Patterson left Scurry County, after selling his interest in the bank and moving to Uvalde, where he died. Mr. Baker is now a resident of Little Rock, Arkansas, where he is head of fire prevention in that state. The bank was first located in the Wilmeth corner building on the southwest corner of the square. Later it was moved to the building the bank erected on the northwest corner of the square, present location of The Scurry County Times. Henry Wellborn,

one of our early settlers, was later connected with the First State Bank & Trust Company. He also ranched in the west part of the county. He has passed on.

### Pack Wolf, Marshal.

Pack Wolf filled a very prominent position in Snyder's history as peace officer. He was considered one of the best city marshals Snyder ever had. He has passed on.

Among those now residing in Snyder who were in business 35 years ago are the Strayhorn brothers, Joe and Pope. Pope still sells implements out on the east highway. Both still live in Snyder.

No sketch of Scurry County would be complete without mentioning J. Wright Moorar, who was the original pioneer and buffalo hunter of Scurry County, and dates his residence in this section farther back than any other person of these parts. He still lives on his ranch and is hale and hearty at the advanced age of 80 odd. Also in point of age and long residence, business man and ranchman, Uncle Andy Dodson is not to be overlooked. He has been retired to his ranch for many years and is hale and hearty in his 80's. He was one of Snyder's early dry goods merchants.

In the medical profession here in those days were Dr. J. W. Warren

and Dr. Person. Both have answered the roll up yonder.

When we first came to Scurry County, there were very little farming activities, save the growing of maize and other feed crops. I think there was one gin in Snyder. Scurry County turned to cotton along about 1905. The first crop mortgage ever put on record in Scurry County was recorded around 1906. A crowd of farmers went to Colorado and gave

crop mortgages to Y. D. Murray for supplies. People rarely ever gave a note for merchandise in those days. Ranchmen would send their wagons to Snyder from Kent and Garza Counties and load out with supplies from our larger merchants.

Along in 1908, W. A. Fuller came to Scurry County and Snyder and invested in ranching properties and

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## REAL SHOE SHINES—

LIKE YOU  
LIKE 'EM!

Yassah, boss! Wear your shoes around here—and walk out with them glistening. We really know how to do the job.

## CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES—

for having faithfully served your section with a good newspaper for fifty years.

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And the Fine Record of Service It Has Made During the Past Half Century



## SO, HERE'S CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES, FROM SNYDER'S HOME-OWNED VARIETY STORE

For twelve years the Ben Franklin Store has tried to play an active part in the forward moving of the community—not only in a strictly business sense but as an organization that supports every worthwhile cause.

Whatever measure of success that has rewarded our more than a decade of service is due to our determination to give service and merchandise for value received. We are thankful for a large group of loyal patrons through all these years.

Let Us Help You With Your Shopping—And Keep the Profits at Home

# BEN FRANKLIN STORE

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Nathan Rosenberg, Manager

West Side of Square



# Bledsoe Baptist Church Was Pioneer Here

## Name Changed to First Baptist in '92

Scurry County Baptists have been like other denominations in believing that churches should pave the way for civilization before county organization. By May, 1883, we find Scurry County's first Baptist church, the Bledsoe Baptist Church, organized and growing in membership.

The Bledsoe Baptist Church was located on Lot 14 in the original town of Snyder. It was named after John S. Bledsoe, with the following first deacons: A. J. Scarborough, R. J. Nisbett, M. E. Scarborough, E. L. O. Scarborough, and L. A. Nisbett. Rev. J. G. Garrard was pastor of the Bledsoe Baptist Church from 1883 to 1890.

The first church was a one-story wood building, size 40x60 feet. On December 8, 1892, the name of the church was changed from Bledsoe—John S. Bledsoe had done much to help found the first church—to the First Baptist Church of Snyder, which is the present name.

### Order 14 Song Books.

As an indication of the crowds attending in the early nineties, 14 song books were ordered on May 14, 1893, for church use. A. J. Scarborough was the first church clerk, Lee K. Auten the second clerk, and B. L. Crump the third clerk.

Pioneer church goes point out that Bledsoe Baptist Church was located on the lawn of the present building site. In 1911 a tabernacle was built on the hill southwest of the J. M. Doak home. It was torn down in 1914. In 1919 we find church trustees leasing the 15-acre tract of land (southeast of the oil mill) which belonged to the church, for "oil and gas development."

Yet in 1914 the wooden structure First Baptist Church was torn down, and the lumber put into a tabernacle

## Ralph R. Ross Has Good Gulf Products

Ralph R. Ross has been at his present job—proprietor of the Gulf service station just a block north of the square on the highway—only since November, 1936. But he entered the garage business in Snyder in 1927, and has been in the garage and kindred lines since that year.

Ross also does hauling of all varieties, leaving Paul Claybrook as boss while he is away.

The young business man first worked for the Olds service station, of which W. C. Wenninger was then proprietor.

on the same site. This tabernacle was torn down in the early part of 1922 to make way for the present brick building, since on November 7, 1921, a building and finance committee was organized to proceed with construction of the present two-story brick church.

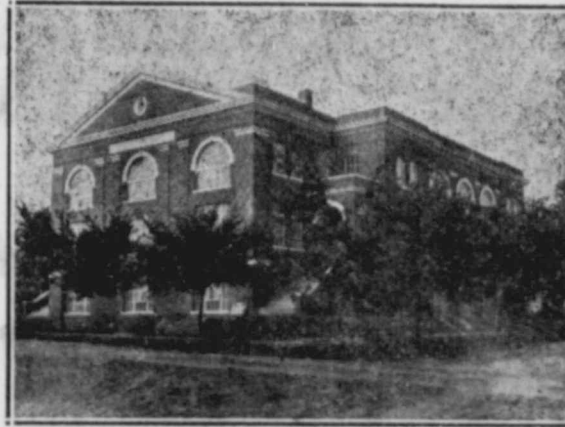
The present \$50,000 brick building, one of the finest Baptist churches in this territory, was begun under the ministry of Rev. Jeff Davis, and was completed under the pastorate of Rev. W. T. Rouse. In the fall of 1922 the newly constructed building was opened for church services.

### Fifteen Acres Sold.

In December of 1922, after completion of the present church, the 15 acres of land one mile southeast of the square belonging to the First Baptist Church was sold, and the two-story house used as a parsonage was torn down. It was replaced by the modern brick parsonage, which is valued at \$5,000. The total valuation of church property now, including the church and parsonage, is \$55,000.

The parsonage was partly destroyed by fire December 23, 1927, but was rebuilt in the summer of 1928.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



This picture of the First Baptist Church building, taken before paving was completed at the front and side, reveals one of the most imposing buildings in

West Texas for this denomination in a town of this size. Completed in 1922, it is valued at \$50,000. Rev. Ira Harrison is now pastor.

While some property was owned by the Bledsoe Baptist Church, we find all the lots disposed of by the time the present Baptist church was completed and formally dedicated.

Pastors of the Bledsoe and First Baptist Church, who march like the great heroes of faith they are in any church history, were: Revs. J. G. Garrard, 1883-1890; T. P. Speakman, 1890-94; R. J. McNeil, 1895-96; N. M. Leslie, 1896-97; J. J. F. Lockhart, 1897-1900.

### Pastors After 1900.

From 1900 on: Revs. J. A. Ogle, 1900-01; D. H. Burt, 1901-02; J. R. Kelly, 1903-04 (who died in July of 1904 shortly after his resignation); L. S. Knight, 1905-06; D. G. Wells, 1907-08; A. B. Ingraham, 1908-11; M. T. Tucker, 1911-16; and W. H. Sims, 1918-21.

Rev. Jeff Davis was pastor when construction of the present church

was started in 1922. Rev. W. A. Bowen was pastor for four months; Rev. W. T. Rouse being pastor upon completion of the present building in the fall of 1922.

Rev. Rouse was until the last of 1924 pastor of the First Baptist Church, when Rev. Jeff Davis was called back for a year (1925-26). From 1927 to the present, pastors are: Revs. W. F. Ferguson, 1927-31; Phillip C. McGahey, 1931-34; Lawrence Hays, 1934 until October of 1937; and Rev. Ira Harrison, beginning in December, 1937.

Through the years county Baptists have marched on; from building a wood church, whose pastors in the nineties went by buggy and horseback to preach to charges like Long Horn Valley, Sulphur Creek, and Pleasant Ridge, to 1937, when Snyder members can look back on 54 years of service.

## Moffett - Rogers Are Old - Timers

Moffett & Rogers, east side tailors, are old-timers at the "game," although their partnership went into existence only eight months ago.

B. H. Moffett entered the tailoring business on the west side of the square, present Bryant-Link hardware department, with a wooden shack as the base of operations. He has spent all of the intervening 25 years in business here, with the exception of two years in Hereford, 1917-18.

Abe Rogers began business on the south side of the square, present John Keller furniture store site, with the Eoff boys, in 1916. Later he was in the basement of what is now the Times Building, and still later, to the Buckhorn tailor shop, located on the north side. In 1927 he entered a partnership with Dick Chambers. He continued in business north of Snyder National Bank until 1935.

Moffett took over the east side business in December, 1935. Jim Hartley is the regular employee.

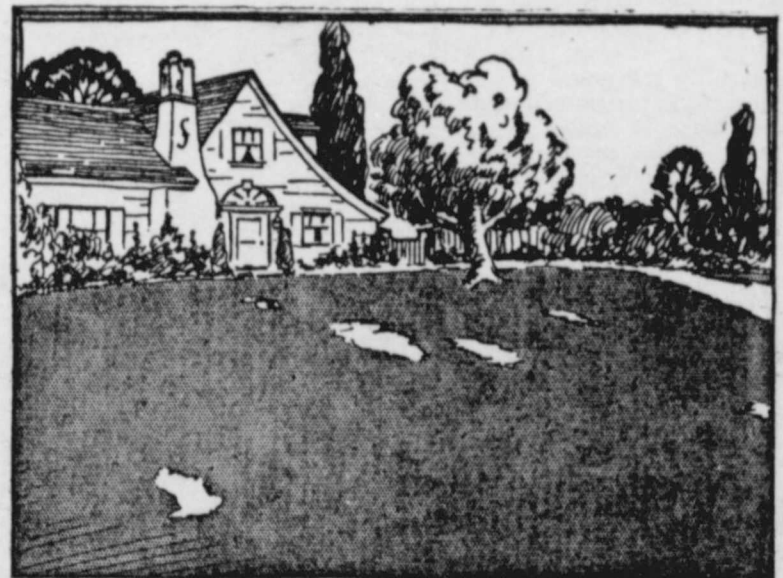
## Strawn's Cafe Has Been Here Since '35

Strawn's Cafe, east side of the square, has become one of the leading cafes in Snyder, under the management of Mrs. E. H. Strawn. Mr. and Mrs. Strawn came to Snyder in February, 1935, to purchase the cafe. They formerly lived in Dallas.

Size of the cafe was recently increased by putting the kitchen farther to the rear and adding several additional stools.

Employees are Mrs. Garth Austin and Miss Ellene Durham.

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## Scurry County Is Organized in 1884

From "Scurry County News,"  
June 20, 1895.

Scurry County was formed from Bexar County in 1876 and contains 900 square miles.

Scurry was organized in 1884 and in 1890 contained a population of 1,415. It lies in the west center of the state and is noted for the purity of her climate, the palatability of her waters, the variety of her grasses and richness of her soil.

The Colorado river flows across the southwest corner of the county, while Deep, Bull, Ennis and a number of smaller streams furnish abundant water for stock.

Wells abound on every hand and can be easily had at every point.

Stock farming is just beginning to obtain and promises to prove most satisfactory. Cotton, wheat, oats, sorghum, milo maize, potatoes, melons and all kinds of vegetables have been successfully grown.

Churches and schools have not been neglected, but these institutions are ample, successful and harmonious.

Society is good.

Snyder is the county seat; population 500.

This is a lovely village and situated on the banks of Deep Creek, from which our boys and girls take choice fish with which to supply our tables.

Snyder boasts one of the best schools in West Texas.

The Masons have a flourishing lodge of good working material.

The Baptists, Cumberland Presbyterians and Methodists, each have church organizations. There are two grocery stores, one drug store, one photograph gallery, one machine and smithing shop, two livery and feed stables, two hotels, three physicians, and three lawyers who have plenty of time to keep posted on the subject of free silver and unfree gold.

Lands are cheap; and all classes of good citizens will be welcomed by our people. Why not throw off the shackles of your servitude to all cotton? Why enslave your children and keep them out of school to grow 5 cent cotton? Why not get a few cows or other stock and come to Scurry? Why will you longer chill? Health invites. Come and procure a cheap home and find health, prosperity and happiness.

Scurry is the most inviting field. Come!

### Half Million Dollar Volume for Spears

Spears Real Estate Company, owned by John Spears and his son, Elmer, reports that 1937 has been one of its best years, with a volume of more than a half million dollars in ranch and farm lands. John Spears sees a gradual return to normalcy of the land business in West Texas, after several years of slow sales.

The elder Spears established the real estate business here in 1922, three years after he and his family moved from Brownfield. In the Plains town he traded in horses and "what have you."

Fire and life insurance are also handled by the concern.

#### Will Clay Shines 'Em.

Will Clay, colored, has been shining 'em on the north side of the square, same location, for 10 whole years. The shop, now Pierce Barber Shop, was formerly owned by M. E. Taylor and Roy Reed. First customer of Will after he went to work at the shop was Rev. C. E. Ferguson, now of Slaton.

Girl in student house—"I think it is positively disgusting the way those fellows in the frat house across the street give a show every night when they go to bed. It is absolutely immoral."

Dean of women—"But looking down from the window I don't see anything."

Girl in student house—"I know, not from there. But put that chair on the desk, get on it and lean 'way over to the left and tell me what you see."



## Snyder's Newest Yard

The Only Independent Yard  
In Scurry County

Starting from the vacant new stalls and store-rooms, stocked a brand new line of materials, fresh from the mill and factory. The assurance of quality and modern methods that a new stock offers is worth considering when you are ready to build, repair or paint.

# Twenty Years Ago---

Yes, back in the oil boom town of Ranger we started at the bottom of this lumber business with the J. T. Berry yard. From that good day to this we have stayed with the game through thick and thin.

Not that we think we know all about the lumber business, but we do believe this more than score of years has given us some mighty good knowledge that will help our patrons with their problems.

Since we opened our new yard west of the square in September, our business has been good. We are grateful for a liberal patronage. We pledge our continued efforts toward making every transaction satisfactory.

### Here's To Your Past, Times, Old Fellow . . .

We are proud with you, Home County Paper, for having completed a half century of service to this section with a good newspaper. So here are our most sincere congratulations for a task well done!

### And Here's To Your Future: Best Wishes!

## Let's Pull Together for a Bigger and Better Community

# RANDALS LUMBER CO.

R. J. (Dick) Rand als, Sole Owner





# Hardships of Early Preacher Were Many

## Poor Pay and Bad Weather Ignored

By DOCK KELLEY.

The formative days of this section have vanished, and today as The Scurry County Times records the story of our vast resources and "for old acquaintance sake" takes a little look into the past, it happily finds there a story of a great section of country that was opened to incoming souls of thrifty, hard-working, practical folks.

As the section was being settled in the closing days of the past century, it was only natural that a few old-time circuit rider preachers should find their way to it. These, no doubt, felt they were called to labor in the section—but not by great organized churches who were able to pay handsome salaries for the preacher and his family's material welfare while he ministered to their spiritual life and to the up-building of the church. Maybe an occasional dollar or so, meat from the hogs or winter beeves, and a world of good will was the only earthly harvest these men ever reaped, but they felt that was enough.

**Kelley and Werner.**

Two of the section's first preachers, C. H. Kelley and W. W. Werner, died within a few days of one another in the early part of 1918, ill health having ended the wide work of the former some time before, the latter going about his work almost until the end. It was about 1890 that these two men came with their families to settle in West Texas, came to farm in its fertile soil, to build their homes, to organize the work they felt should go forward, and to hold together such fragments of organization as had already been attempted by others.

Bro. Kelley was one of the first Baptist preachers in the section, and Bro. Werner was the first Presbyterian preacher, he having organized the First Presbyterian Church which is in Snyder today.

When their deaths occurred so close one to the other, it seemed almost natural, rather than coincident, so close friends and co-laborers had the two been. Bro. Werner was the first man Bro. Kelley met when he came into the county, the meeting coming wholly by accident, neither having heard of the other. Bro. Werner was traveling in a two-wheel cart to fill one of his pastorates at the time. Staunch friends from that day forth, the two held meetings together, studied, prayed, worked together, shared their problems and together worked them out.

**Preachers Used Carts.**

Two-wheel carts were the common modes of transportation for the early-day preachers. Bro. Kelley never said anything about envying Bro. Werner of the fine little cart he owned, but some years later when the First Baptist Church of Gail presented him with a fine horse, his first act was to purchase one of the little two-wheel carts to fill his appointments at Wheat, Pyron, Gail and Camp Springs.

In carrying out their work over a period of many years in widely separated churches, the two men traveled many thousands of miles. Neither of the two men's families can recall that they ever missed an appointment due to weather conditions, nor that they ever failed to arrive at home at the regular time. Old-timers say there was more rain then, and that in winter the weather was colder, but the two went on in spite of this. Bro. Werner once said he learned the old-time salutariness, which certainly have subsided during the past seasons, more than any other form of weather.

**They Do Not Forget.**

Scurry County's first permanent preachers have been dead for nearly 20 years, but never have the old-timers forgotten them. Their memories are perpetuated in more ways than one. Many of this section's folks were converted under the two men's ministries and are active in church work today, some as preach-

## Clark & Early Are Biggest Little Cafe

"The biggest little cafe" in West Texas is the slogan of Clark & Early Cafe, which has been operated behind the Times office since January 3, 1937.

The cafe was established by Boss Bae in 1928, and changed hands several times before Clark Hudnall and Worley Early took it over a year ago.

Hudnall, who has been "hashing" about five years, came to Snyder from Jacksonville two years ago. Early has been in the cafe business "off and on" since he worked for Clyde Boren at the American Cafe on the west side 14 years ago.

ers, others as laymen. Many couples, if they will look up their marriage licenses, will find the bold signature of one or the other as having performed the ceremony.

The central window in the Presbyterian Church in Snyder today carries Bro. Werner's name as a memorial to him—the middle window being the place for the name of the man, for it was about him and under his leadership that the little band of early-day Scurry County Presbyterians first gathered.

## HERE IS MORE CONCERNING LEADERS CONCLUDED FROM PAGE 7

established the Snyder National Bank. Both Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fuller have been dead many years, but they are still remembered, not as old-timers in the truest sense but trail blazers in financial affairs of this section. Their two sons, Marshall and P. L., are still citizens of this county, and highly esteemed as sound business men and good citizens. They both are in the ranching business, and connected in banking and other enterprises.

**They Built Solidly.**

Snyder's present greatness reflects the town builders of those early days. The two railroads in and out of Snyder are the result of the enterprise of our pioneer town builders. They laid the foundation and younger men builded well upon the stones laid by these builders. Our splendid highways across the county are achievements of later builders, and as time marches on a bigger and better town and community will result. One generation lays the foundation and another builds thereon.

It is not only so in business matters—it is evident in religious activi-

ties and educational advancement. From small wooden church edifices our pioneer fathers and mothers worshipped in, today we see in Snyder handsome brick edifices dedicated to God and humanity. So it can be said of our educational advancement. We built wisely from the start; today we have school advantages second to none in West Texas.

Time marches on. Today we lay

our plans and the next generation becomes the architect of our ambitions.

From "The Coming West," September 19, 1901: Cotton is coming in at a livelier rate this week and is commanding a fair price. It is thought that the gin at this place will turn out as many bales as it did last season, which was something like three thousand.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### Best Wishes, Times—

for having given us a good newspaper half a century. We hope you shall grow for many another—

50 YEARS

Our first customer gave us some mighty good advice about doing work thoroughly.

We have tried to make our shines and dyes the best in town, and are thankful for a liberal trade.

**WILL CLAY**  
At Pierce Barber Shop

# FIVE YEARS OLD



## AND OUT OF THE CRAWLING STAGE, TOO!

From the very first day we opened for business in Snyder, we have been able to count on a good number of folks who come to our tables and counters with their appetites.

It follows that if we could send them away with their tastes satisfied, they'd come back. We have satisfied them—and they have come back again and again. We are thankful, people.

## STILL THE FAVORITE EATING PLACE OF LOTS OF PEOPLE

### We Don't Know How It Feels to Be Fifty—

because, as our full head of hair will prove, we just have not been here that long.

But, since The Times has been on the job for the past half century we want to here extend hearty—

**Congratulations to Our Home County Paper**

- Plate Lunches
- Short Orders
- Sandwiches, Hamburgers, Cones
- Hot and Cold Drinks
- Candy, Cigars, Cigarettes

# THE TAVERN

Bob Gray and His Boys



## GROWING VALUE OF SHEEP IS DISCUSSED BY RADIO TALKER

Radio Talk by George W. Johnson, District Agent, Texas Extension Service, November 2, 1937.

The sheep occupies a unique place among domestic animals. It, perhaps, was the first to be bred in captivity and there is hardly a part of the world in which it has not been bred extensively.

Although of such great age and so widely known, its management is less understood by landowners in general, than is the management of cattle, horses or swine. This may be in part because the average farmer has not looked into the adaptability of sheep as an important part of the livestock program for the small or average sized farm. . . .

In no sense is this a promotional talk. We do believe that there are many average sized farms in most of our states that could utilize the grazing of a small flock of sheep on them with pleasure and profit. I say pleasure for the reason that in the old highly developed farming regions of the country the presence of a flock of good purebreds really loaned beauty and attractiveness to the farmstead. . . .

### Beneficial to Soil.

While sheep are not exclusive gleaners or scavengers, it is a well known fact that they will turn much of the noxious and undesirable growth of weeds and vegetables into profit. . . . At the same time the keeping of sheep on the land is generally regarded as beneficial to the soil.

In most of the Texas counties sheep were kept rather general on farms when first settled, but were almost wholly disposed of later on as the country was settled into farms. In some of the oldest farm households you may still find a wool mattress or cushion and sometimes a home tanned pelt of other days. . . . Some may recall that where fleas were a pest from hogs and dogs sleeping under the building, the older women often carried a small bit of sheep skin to capture the fleas. However, this is recalled from boyhood memory, and will not be vouched for as a fact.

### Waste Into Profit.

Sheep may still be used to turn waste into profit on most Texas farms. To substantiate this fact, farmers themselves are finding this out. Federal census shows that in almost every Texas county a few sheep may be found here and there.

Where county agents have looked into the sheep population of a county they invariably find more than the census reports. In early days of extension work there were no sheep demonstrations carried on in most of the counties in Texas.

"Martin Stiles of Annona community, Red River County, states that he believes he has learned a worthwhile lesson in raising sheep. That is, to rotate their grazing from one pasture to another. The change of pastures has been made about every two weeks during this year. He has not had a sick sheep, so far, this year and at this time last year he was having considerable trouble. Mr. Stiles has been a sheep demonstrator for six years, starting with a registered Hampshire buck and grade ewes. He has bred his sheep up until they look practically purebred. From one registered Hampshire buck and 60 grade ewes, he has been able to raise 71 lambs this spring. The pastures these sheep run in are beginning to show themselves free of weeds."

### Lamar County Sheep.

"Three years ago we encouraged Bob England of Lamar County to start to producing sheep, due to the fact that he had improved 400 acres of pasture land, the weeds making it necessary to mow as many as three times annually. He now has 143 head of sheep which sheared 350 pounds of wool, selling at 28 cents per pound or a total of \$240.04.

In addition to this income a 150 acre pasture on which the sheep have grazed will carry 25 per cent more livestock than an adjoining pasture of equal soil and grazing ability where the mower was used for weed control instead of sheep. Mr. England's ambition is to have one sheep for each acre of permanent pasture before he quits."

As a factor in utilizing much grazing that is often counted waste and actually improving the native pastures, manure for soil building, and some additional income for the farm, there is little doubt but that a small number of sheep on most moderate sized or small farms in Texas will prove a wise investment and a pleasant pastime for many farmers.

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The Times feels that this talk is particularly timely because of the growing importance of the sheep growing business in Scurry and other counties north of the T. & P. Railway.

## 38 Years Ago

We started to barbering in Snyder, and except for a few years out of the game, we have stayed on the job all the present century.

Thanks, friends, for a liberal patronage all during these years. May we continue to serve you.

### Our Hats Are Off to the Times—

We're an old-timer in Snyder, but The Times goes us twelve years better. Here's our hearty congratulations, Home County Paper!

## SNYDER BARBER SHOP

North Side Square

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That Magnolia has proven itself worthy of the confidence of millions of patrons the country over is proven by the fact that since Magnolia Petroleum Company was organized in 1911 its products have been more in demand every year.

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## HOME COUNTY PAPER

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## FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

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Telephone 447

Snyder, Texas



# First Christian Church Organized in 1898

## Wilmeth Donates Lot for Building

The First Christian Church of Snyder was organized in 1898. For a few months the congregation met at various places in the town, but before the year was gone A. C. Wilmeth donated a lot and the first church building was erected near the present site of the fire station.

The families of W. T. Baze, A. D. Dodson, I. W. Wasson, A. C. Wilmeth, and a few others made up the first congregation. Dodson and Wasson were two of the first elders of the church, and Baze and W. T. German were two of the first deacons. Wilmeth was the first Sunday school superintendent.

Mrs. W. T. Baze, Mrs. Nettie Wasson and A. D. Dodson are the only charter members living in Snyder at the present time. The church had no regular pastor for several years after its organization.

The congregation worshipped in the first building until the summer of 1910, when the present site was bought, the old church building torn down, and the lumber used in building the present church building.

The church has a membership of 115 at present. It has no pastor at this time.

J. T. Johnston is the Sunday school superintendent. A. J. Cody teaches a men's Bible class in the basement of the church, and other classes are conducted regularly each Sunday morning.

The church has been a constant leader in the religious life of the community since its influence for good began almost 40 years ago.

## The Tavern Started Here Back in 1932

The Tavern, established on the southeast corner of the square in 1932 as "Snyder's Most Unique Rendezvous," has been operated there five years and more by Bob Gray.

The proprietor formerly operated a highway eating house on the east outskirts of town. He had been associated with dry goods stores here most of the time previous to going into business for himself.

Bobby Collier and Carl Scott are the regular front-end employees, and Lادن Hardwick, colored, is the cook.

## Help Yourself Was First Self-Server

First laundry of the self-serve type in Snyder was the Help Yourself Laundry, established north of the square on Avenue S by H. B. Brown in January, 1935. Brown and his family came here from Lamesa.

In the same location and under the same management, the laundry continues to serve the housewives of Snyder and surrounding territory. Nine complete washing stands are offered.

Associated with Brown are Mrs. Matt Williams and Bill Smyrl.

## Nelson Dunn in One Spot About 10 Years

In a few weeks Nelson Dunn will have been in the same business in the same location for 10 years. His confectionery on the south side of the square was started on March 16, 1928.

He came to Snyder in 1906 from Weatherford, and went to work in 1907 for the Grayum Drug Company, which was located in the present Gem Theatre site. He worked for drug stores in Snyder until he went into business for himself.

A feature of his business is that he has handled Dairyland ice cream continuously since he opened his confectionery.

### Moves 2,000 Cattle.

From The Coming West, June 19, 1902: R. B. Pyron will start a herd of 2,000 head of cattle from his Scurry County ranch this week for his ranch near Clarendon. Bob has more grass now than he knows what to do with, especially on his Panhandle ranch.

## Ralph Mathison Has Been Here Since '19

Ralph Mathison's long suit is baking good bread and other bakery products. His short suit is talking. It's pretty hard, therefore, for a reporter to learn much about this man who has been a Snyder citizen since 1919.

Certain it is that Mathison and Mrs. Mathison came to Snyder in 1919, purchasing Snyder Bakery from Mr. Clovis. Mathison's baking career began in New York City, and it was in St. Paul, Minnesota, that the romance began that ended in his marriage.

Snyder Bakery has been located just south of the square on Avenue S since Mathison has owned it. Horace Roe has been employed for several years.

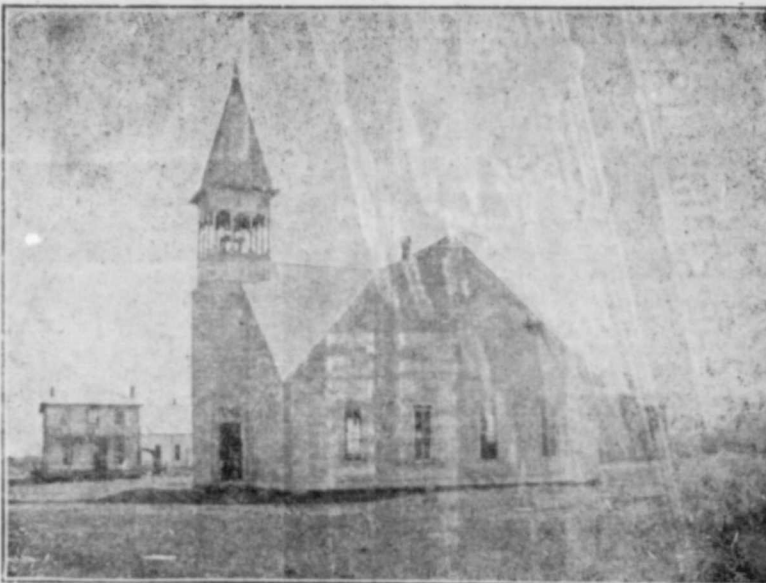
### Editor Needs Wood.

From The Scurry County News, 1895: We will take a good load of wood on subscription. Just one load, come quickly.

"Sorry, madam, but licenses are issued only when your form is filled out properly."

"Why, I like your nerve, sir. We can get married no matter what I look like."

## OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



This is the building that was formerly used by the First Presbyterian Church congregation. The building faced east, and was located on the present site of the Chapman Service Station. This picture, however, was made from the north entrance. The build-

ing in the left background stood on the lot now occupied by the G. B. Clark Sr. home, south side of 26th Street. This building was sold by the Presbyterians in 1924, and the basement of the present church was erected, in which they worshipped until 1929.

## Dick Randals in His Own Concern

R. J. (Dick) Randals, who has been in the lumber business since 1917, started in September of 1937 a company of his own. The new Snyder business firm, known as Randals Lumber Company, is located three blocks west of the square on Highway 15.

The English-style office and complete stock of lumber, windmill and plumbing equipment, plus Lincoln paints and small hardware, marks it as one of the most complete medium-sized yards in this section of the state. G. C. Spence is Randals' regular employee.

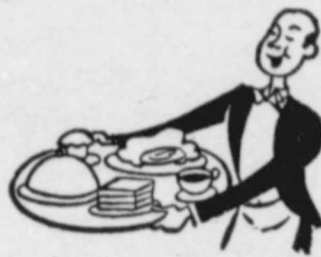
In 1917 Randals began his lumber career as an employee of J. T. Berry & Company, Ranger. He came to Sweetwater in 1921 with Gray Lumber Company. He was with Higginbotham-Bartlett Company, Snyder, from 1923 until 1927, and was manager in recent years.

### Mooar Drives Cattle.

From The Coming West, December 23, 1897: A bunch of fat cattle for Colorado passed through Snyder Sunday. They belonged to Wright Mooar.

# GOOD FOOD

Well



Served

has made business good the year 'round, day in and day out, at Leath's Cafe

# For the Past Ten Years

Since we assumed charge of our present north side location back in 1927, our reputation for serving good food has brought patrons every day to our counters and tables.

We'd be ungrateful if we failed to express sincere appreciation to this growing group of customers for their loyalty during the past decade. We shall strive to merit further patronage.

**TIMES, WE SALUTE YOU—**

As you come to your half century milestone of newspapering in this fine county of ours.

Accept our heartiest congratulations for having reached

**YOUR FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY**

**Snyder's Most Modern Cafe**

WE INVITE OUR FRIENDS TO SEE THE MANY RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

# Leath's Cafe

North Side of the Square



# Bryant-Link Was 3 Years Old

WHEN SCURRY COUNTY'S FIRST NEWSPAPER  
WAS ESTABLISHED!



## First Store Was Opened In Anson Feb. 3, 1884

### GREETINGS TO AN OLD-TIMER—

The Times has weathered the going  
when it was rough, so when it comes  
to the end of its first

### HALF A CENTURY

we want to join our Home County  
Paper' hundreds of friends and extend  
hearty congratulations. That the paper  
may enjoy many more birthdays is the  
hope coming—

### FROM AN OLD-TIMER

**A**T THE AGE of 19 years J. C. Bryant and an older brother, J. A. Bryant, came to Texas from Missouri. These two Missourians had to be "shown" what Texas was like. They evidently liked it, because on February 3, 1884, they opened a store at Anson, Jones County.

**F**ROM THIS BEGINNING the organization has grown to be one of West Texas' largest retail concerns. There are now nine stores in the group—Stamford, Hamlin, Rotan, Aspermont, Jayton, Spur, Lamesa, Post and Snyder.

**T**HROUGH more than a Half Century of Progress we have numbered our friends by the thousands. The Snyder store is thankful for a liberal patronage through the years since the store was established here in the Summer of 1920.

# Bryant-Link Company

"Quality Merchandise for Over Half a Century"



# Church of Christ Established Here in 1898

## First Building Is Erected in 1907

Members of the Church of Christ in Scurry County shared the belief of other denominations that churches should follow the pioneers to the county. From authentic sources, we find the first Church of Christ in Scurry County was organized at Snyder in 1898.

The first church house for Church of Christ members was built in 1907 on the northwest corner of Lot 4, Blankenship Addition, on the bank of Deep Creek. This placed this early day church just west of the present fire station lot.

Bro. Coleman was pastor of the church in 1907. Church officers were: C. H. Eoff, A. L. Jones, M. F. Cornelius, J. W. Webb, and Elders Hardin and Ditto. About 1911 the Church of Christ was moved to Avenue S. Officers were: O. L. Jones, Ira Sturdivant, T. T. Smith, I. B. Wade, Little Westbrook, and Gay McGlaun.

According to information furnished by Gay McGlaun, the present \$7,000 stucco one-story church, which is one of the finest Churches of Christ in this area, was built about 1924. Location of the new church was on the corner of Avenue O and 25th Street. The classrooms are located in the basement.

Pastors since 1920 are: Bros. E. Christian, 1920-25; R. C. Bell, 1927-28; W. M. Speck, 1928-29; O. D. Dial, 1934-35; Roy J. Clark, 1935-36; J. Porter Sanders, 1936-37; and O. D. Dial, beginning again as pastor as of December 1, 1937.

Present church officers are: Jim Davis, Israel Spikes, John Lynch, and H. F. Rogers. The Church of Christ has progressed; from one church on the banks of Deep Creek in 1907 to the present stucco building, with seven churches now in the county with an approximate membership of 1,000.

### The Sportive Heelfly.

From The Scurry County News, March 28, 1895: The sportive heelfly appears, and attacks that portion of the town cow calculated to cause and sustain the greatest velocity.

Judge—"Sam, can you tell if the defendant was expensively garbed?"  
Sam—"Deed she was, Judge. Ah knows expensive garbage when Ah sees it."

## Magnolia Petroleum In Charge of Autry

The Magnolia Petroleum Company has had a wholesale office in Snyder since 1914, when Jim Ellis was agent. Walter Beauchamp became agent in 1917, and N. W. Autry, the present agent, took it over in 1925.

Luring 12 years as Magnolia agent, Autry has taken an active part in activities of the town, having been for several years the chief of the Snyder volunteer fire department. G. L. Autry, a son, is on the big Magnolia truck.

Autry was raised in the Ira country, and continues to feel unnatural if he does not have some sand in his craw.

Magnolia Petroleum Company was organized in 1911 as a Texas-owned concern. It continues to operate in five states under that name. It was sold to Standard of New York in 1925, and consolidated with Socony-Vacuum in 1929. It has branches in all states of the Union, and in all foreign countries except Russia.

## Newspaperman and Farmer Join Hands

A former newspaperman and a former stock farmer joined hands in September, 1936, to form a partnership that has charge of the Parks & Bell meat market, east side of the square.

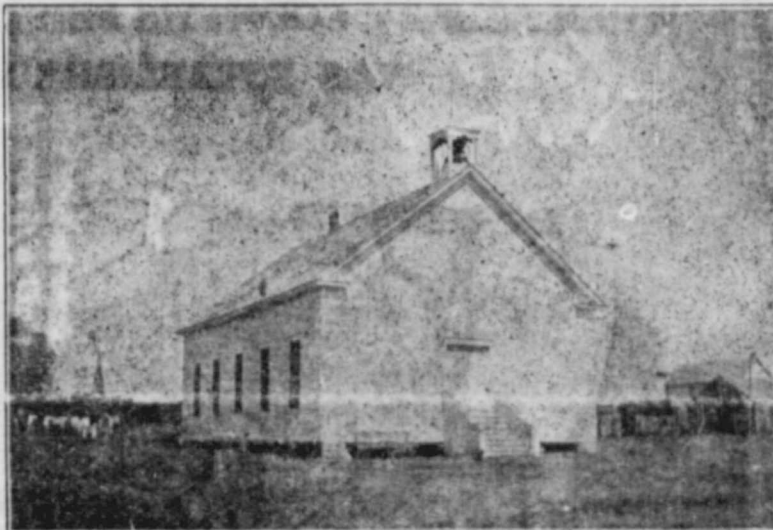
George Parks, who has been living a short distance from Snyder for a number of years, began cutting and selling meat just north of Snyder National Bank in 1929. He has been in some phase of the meat business here since that time in three locations.

W. R. Bell started his meat cutting career here in 1916 with Charley Glen at the present Olds Service Station site. He was originally a newspaperman, starting as a carrier with the old Fort Worth Gazette in 1894, working on the old Ennis Evening Meteor in 1899, and then coming to Snyder with the Western Light in 1910.

### Farmers Feed Stock.

From the Scurry County News, January 9, 1896: A few stockmen are getting farmers to feed their beeves and muttons for them. It is thought this will prove beneficial both to the stock man and the farmer, it enables the farmer to get a good profit out of large forage crops and the stockman realizes a better profit on his stock.

## ONE OF EARLY CHURCHES



You are looking west in this picture—toward the windmill that formerly was a part of the old home place of Fred A. Grayam, recently remodeled. The

picture shows the Baptist church building that was being used in the early part of this century, on the site of the present building.

## Lockhart Among Old-Timers Here

One of the oldest business men in Snyder in point of service is J. G. Lockhart, who has barbered here since 1899. The veteran barber came to Snyder from Erath County in 1896.

His first barber work here was on the southwest corner of the square. The shop has been in its present north side location since 1920.

"Jim," as the barber is familiarly known to hundreds of folks in this trade territory, admits that his best hunting days are over, but he still finds an important niche in the town's business life.

Occupying the second and third chairs in the shop are Claude (Shorty) Sims and Ivan (Bunker) Hill, whose long experience as Scurry County barbers almost qualifies them as old-timers too.

### Teachers Are Re-elected.

From "The Snyder Signal," May 19, 1911: The following teachers of our Snyder schools were re-elected for the ensuing year, to-wit: J. W. Leftwich, Miss Daisy Brady, Miss Ethel Burch, Miss Ina Davis, Miss Ida Kelly, Miss Ninadele Davis, Miss Florence Middleton, Miss Mary Heath and Miss Maud Williams.

From The Coming West, February 25, 1897: Our creditors who are sending in duns regularly are respectfully requested to leave one page blank. We are short on paper and the otherside blank can be used to write editorials on.

From The Coming West, April 24, 1902: W. A. Johnson, the well known Scurry County stockman, received three fine shorthorned bulls yesterday from H. C. Duncan of Missouri. The animals were purchased at the Fort Worth convention.

# They Have Left Smiling



## SINCE THE EARLY FALL OF 1929

Those are the folks we have served since we opened our doors for business in the auto parts and service station trade in Snyder. And when they leave smiling, they will come back.

If you haven't been among our smiling patrons, we invite you to try the smile route soon.

### Here's a Part of Our Line-Up for A Winning Team—

- Magnolia Petroleum Products
- McQuay-Norris Supplies
- Niehoff Electrical Parts
- Raybestos Brake Linings
- Champion Spark Plugs
- Sealed Power Rings
- Acetylene Welding

### Here's Mud In Your Eye—

Times, without crossing our fingers we can say that we are proud of the fine record that has been made during the past half century by you. So here's our sincere congratulation to—

### Our Home County Paper

## Iverson Auto Parts

Two Blocks West of Square on 25th Street

## NEARLY TEN YEARS IN ONE STAND

That's what we reflect when we remember that it was March 16, 1928, that we first opened the doors to one of Snyder's finest refreshment stands.

We are grateful for a generous patronage all during this decade in the Nelson Dunn Confectionery.

### Congratulations, Times—

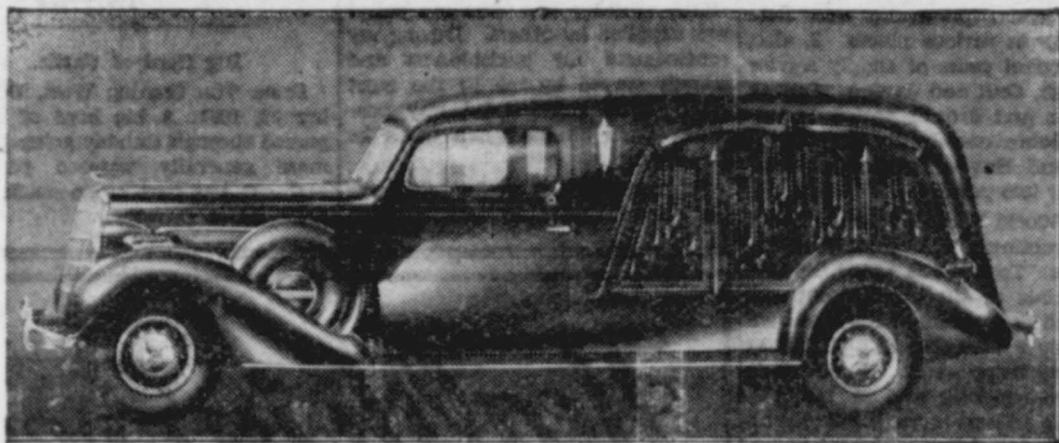
for having attained your mark in a Half Century of Service. We are proud of your record of—

### Fifty Years on the Same Job

**Nelson Dunn**  
CONFECTIONERY  
South Side of Square



# A Service Institution---



One of Our Modern Funeral Coaches

We recognize the vision, the spirit and the implicit faith of those who have transformed Snyder and Scurry County from an early-day wasteland of wide open space into a really livable place of comfortable homes, fruitful farms, productive ranches. We are glad we live in such an environment and such a community.

During our more than twelve years' stay in Snyder our every endeavor has been to make our concern a cog in the forward movement of the area which we serve. Among our most valued assets which these years have accumulated are the friendships of hundreds of loyal friends. These friends have relied on us for service when occasion demanded. We are thankful.

## WE'RE PROUD OF OUR HOME COUNTY PAPER—

and the fine record of service it has made for itself and for the section it serves. We are happy to be among The Times' thousands of friends who will extend congratulations upon the closing chapters of Half a Century of Service of the paper.

Because we believe The Times plays a definite part in the activities of the town, county and West Texas, and because we want to show our appreciation at this time, may we here express the hope that you, Times, shall see many more years of growth after you pass—

**YOUR FIFTIETH  
ANNIVERSARY**

## Beyond Duty . . .

In all fields of endeavor it is the personal quality which is most important. In our work the personal quality constitutes our entire service; that which is impossible to standardize and is dependent upon experience, training and understanding. Such represents the finest and most sincere service a Funeral Home can render. We pride ourselves upon faithfully performed obligations to both the individual and the vicinity.

**Complete Facilities of Our Modern Funeral Home  
Are Available Without Additional Cost**

**PROMPT AMBULANCE SERVICE  
DAY AND NIGHT**

# Odom Funeral Home

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Odom



## Insurance Firm Here Since 1911

The predecessor of Boren-Grayum Insurance Agency was established here in 1911 as the Foster Insurance Agency. It was then located at the rear of the present Times Building.

Various changes in the business include: 1916, J. E. McConnell Insurance Agency; 1920, A. J. Towle and Loy Ramsour; 1925, Towle-Boren & Ramsour Insurance Agency (Hugh Boren); 1927, Towle & Boren (Ramsour moved to Edinburg); 1930, Boren-Grayum (Fred A. Grayum became associated with Boren at death of A. J. Towle).

In 1928 the firm moved to its present location in the basement of the Times Building.

Both the owners are old-time Snyder business men, and both have seen long experience in handling farm loans, fire insurance and similar phases of the business. Boren is secretary-treasurer of the Snyder National Farm Loan Association.

## Pierce Barber Shop Succeeds Old-Timer

Although J. B. Pierce has been barbering for 25 years, the shop which he owns and operates on the north side of the square is more of an old-timer than he is.

A shop has been in approximately the same location for 40 years. Pierce came here from Comanche, Oklahoma, and purchased the shop from M. E. Taylor and Roy Reed on June 5, 1929. Associated with him is Elmer Hott, barber, who recently came to Snyder from Grapevine, and Will Clay, shine boy.

Legend has it that Harrie Winston was the first customer in the shop. He came in from the "sticks," asked for a haircut . . . and took everything the barber asked him about, thinking that the shave, shampoo, etc., were thrown in with the haircut at no extra charge.

## HERE IS MORE CONCERNING REV. TATE CONCLUDED FROM PAGE 2

enabled the Snyder church to move up to full time (along with the other churches), with the Rev. U. C. Howard as pastor.

My congregation at Fluvanna was just finishing its present building when I moved to that village and settled down to a long and happy pastorate; but punctuated with trials, for wife had several operations during those years. During this eventful period I continued to do school house preaching and hold meetings in various places. I, also, gave several years of supply service to Soash, Gall and Jayton. During the war and drouth period I supplied Rotan one-fourth time for a year, and Snyder, again, one-half time for two years.

The World War came on with all its detracting and demoralizing influences. To this was added the terrible trials of the great drouth of 1917 and 1918, when, at Fluvanna we had only 5 7-16 and 12 5-16 inches of rain, respectively. Sandstorms raged vehemently and at frequent intervals. There were absolutely no crops for two years. Water became very scarce; and as there was neither grass nor feed in this large, blighted area, most stockmen had either to move their cattle or sell them. Many people sold their milk cows—even down to their hogs and chickens. We had to buy war saving stamps, bonds, etc.—pay war-time prices for all supplies; while, at the same time, we had no crops for sale.

These were indeed trying years. They, also, brought us scourges of measles and flu. This latter malady hit me hard on two occasions. Dark as this picture is, there was a brighter day in the o'ring, for the following year brought ample rains, fine grazing, a bumper crop with good prices and, to the surprise of all, our section of country came back to real prosperity in 12 months time.

In May, 1924, my heart went down on me and I was compelled to stay in bed three months, indoors five months and "on the shelf" nearly two years. This was a terrible upset for me, for I had both hands full of work. In addition to my pastoral duties I was stated clerk and treasurer of the Presbytery of Abilene and on several important standing committees—had been chairman of two of them for several years. Thus, I felt that I did not have time to take even a few days off. This reminds us of the passage of scripture, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not," "as ye think not." The unexpected happens. Be ready. During this time my pulpit was supplied by others. During my confinement my parishioners and friends stayed by me in the most sympathetic and helpful way possible. Such kindness can never be forgotten.

In April, 1926, I again took over the pastoral care of that congrega-

tion, but in a "soft pedal" fashion. For a year I sat down while preaching. Finally I became fully convinced that I would have to retire. Accordingly, my final resignation went into effect January 1, 1930; after nearly 25 years with this congregation. This final break was the trial of my life. It also brought to a close more than four years of regular correspondence for this paper. We departed for California the next day.

With cordial greetings to all our friends, and with every good wish for the continued success of The Times, I am—

Most respectfully,  
JAS. H. TATE.

### Big Herd of Cattle.

From The Coming West, December 23, 1897: A big herd of cattle passed through Sunday going to the more generally watered pastures east. It was part of an outfit that belonged to Crowley.

## Rosenberg Store Here Since 1925

The variety store on the west side of the square, now known as the Ben Franklin Store, was started in 1925 by Clyde Shull. When it was purchased October 6, 1934, by Charles Rosenberg, Shull had changed the name from Shull's Variety Store to Ben Franklin Store.

Rosenberg had been in Snyder 10 years already, in the dry goods business, when he purchased the variety store. Nathan Rosenberg, who has been in Snyder since 1930, is Rosenberg, owner, and was associated with the Economy Store here for several years.

Employees of the store include Mrs. W. W. Gross, Mrs. Arlie Biggs, Mrs. Jake Brawley, Mrs. H. L. Galyean, Mrs. Joe M. Middleton and Mrs. Ed Fenton.

# Health in Every Slice!



## SNYDER BAKERY BREAD

has for 18 years been the mainstay of foods in hundreds of homes in the Snyder area. Made of fine ingredients by experienced bakers, it couldn't help being good.

We are grateful for the loyal friends the bakery has had all these years. We hope to continue to merit their patronage.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOME PAPER

for having weathered the struggles of Half a Century of newspapering in this our own great West Texas. We heartily congratulate you upon your—

### FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THIS AREA

# THE SNYDER BAKERY

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mathison



## She Smiled . . .

When we told her, as they prepared to butcher her, that her steaks would be cooked at Strawn's Cafe.

Of course, it's not every cow's privilege to receive the compliments of hungry people after being put on a platter at our cafe. But, we're here to say again that steaks, and other foods, are really fixed up in the right manner every day at Strawn's.

### ▼ Congratulations, Times . . .

for staying on the job, through good years and bad. We are proud of the record you have made during—

### Your Fifty Years of Service

ALWAYS GOOD EATING AT

# Strawn's Cafe

East Side of Square



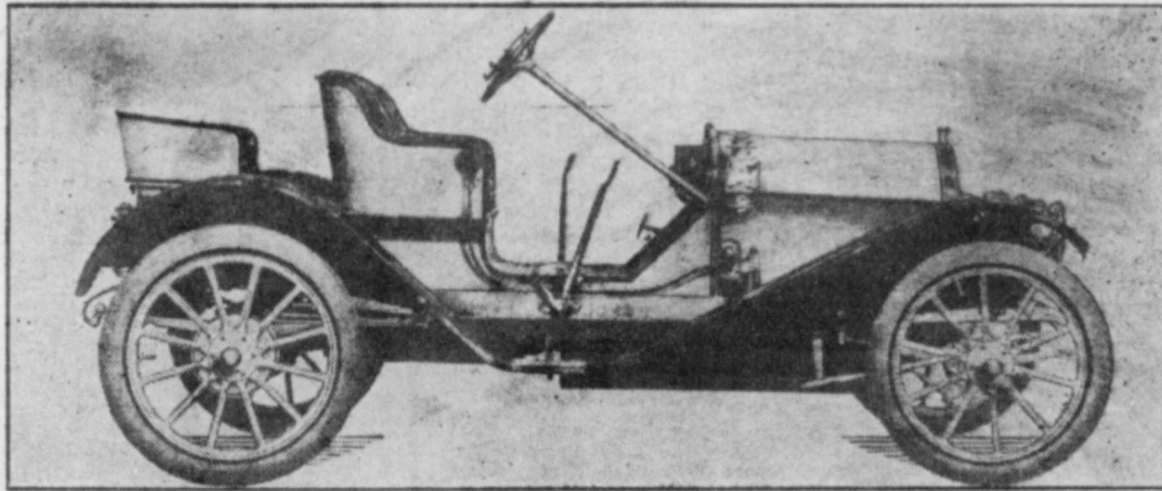
**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 30, 1937

**The Scurry County Times**

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

RECENT COUNTY HISTORY HAS BEEN CHANGED MUCH BY

**AUTOMOBILES**

—It is impossible to conceive of modern Scurry County without the "iron horse" . . . the vehicle that once almost caused a young revolution when it was introduced on the hack route from Snyder to Colorado. This section intends largely to chronicle the local history of this greatest of all modern inventions.

—The Times could not introduce you to this Automobile Section without mentioning the tremendous death and injury toll taken by the automobile in Scurry County during 1937. The toll is a ghastly indictment against us folks who have allowed an instrument of swift transportation to become one of "Sudden Death."

**SCURRY IS A LEADER IN BUILDING OF GOOD ROADS**



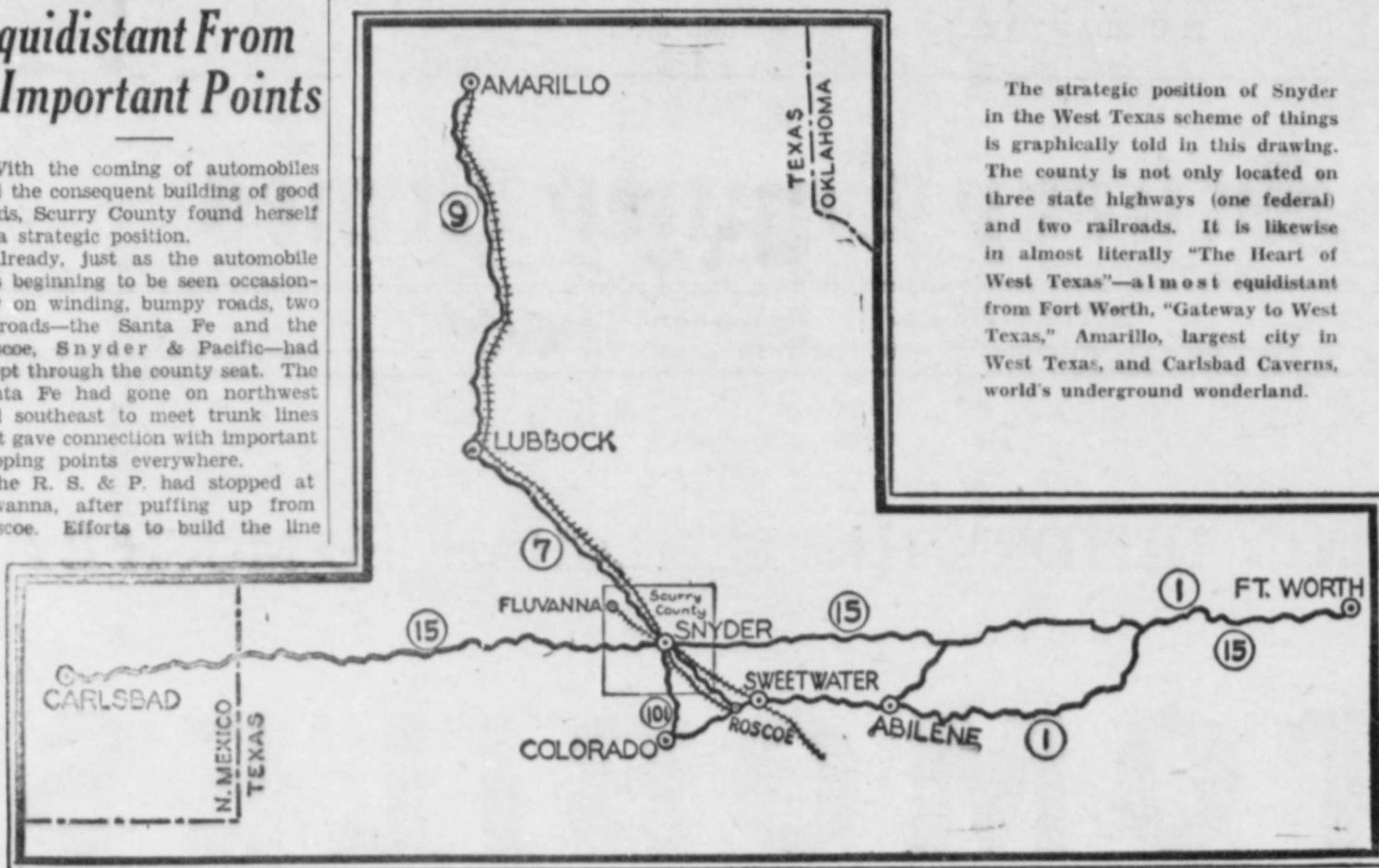
# Three Hiways, Two Railroads Serve Area

## Equidistant From Important Points

With the coming of automobiles and the consequent building of good roads, Scurry County found herself in a strategic position.

Already, just as the automobile was beginning to be seen occasionally on winding, bumpy roads, two railroads—the Santa Fe and the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific—had swept through the county seat. The Santa Fe had gone on northwest and southeast to meet trunk lines that gave connection with important shipping points everywhere.

The R. S. & P. had stopped at Fluvanna, after puffing up from Roscoe. Efforts to build the line



The strategic position of Snyder in the West Texas scheme of things is graphically told in this drawing. The county is not only located on three state highways (one federal) and two railroads. It is likewise in almost literally "The Heart of West Texas"—almost equidistant from Fort Worth, "Gateway to West Texas," Amarillo, largest city in West Texas, and Carlsbad Caverns, world's underground wonderland.

## Eilands to Town Five Years Ago

Scurry County Motor Company, located at 1707 25th Street, is operated by G. A. and H. H. Eiland. Scurry County Motor has been at the same location since its founding here in 1932.

H. H. (Horace) Eiland, manager of the firm, is agent for both Dodge and Plymouth automobiles. The Eilands came here in 1932, but had operated a Ford agency at Stanton since 1924.

G. A. still runs a car agency at Stanton, and is in partnership with Horace here. Horace Eiland has been selling cars for 13 years.

Dodge, now a division of Chrysler Corporation, has been making automobiles since 1922—a total of 15 years. The Dodge Brothers laid their fortune foundations when Oldsmobile placed an order with their little machine shop for 2,000 transmissions.

Dodge has pioneered a lot in the last 15 years, the 1938 Dodges offering the latest in riding comfort, with cooling ribs cast into brake drums.

Besides Dodges, Scurry County Motor Company is agent for Plymouth automobiles. Plymouth Division of Chrysler Corporation today sells one out of three cars in Plymouth price class, and is one of the "big three" in sales.

Present employees at Scurry County Motor Company are: B. A. McPherson, W. C. McDowell, Alfred Greenway, and H. M. Higgins in the shop; Orville Hall, flunkie; and H. B. Allen, salesman. Perkins Rivers and Lacy Cornelius, both colored, are porters.

er, for the rancher, for the business man.

onward toward the Pacific proved futile, as other lines criss-crossed the state.

When the railroads struck, Snyder found herself in the midst of a young land boom. All the county, for that matter, skyrocketed into prominence, as families by the hundreds rushed into her borders. Pyron, Hermleigh and other towns had their heyday. Snyder's population, in those rushing days, climbed well above 2,500, the census of 1910 giving an official total of 2,514.

The county, in the same year of 1910, had a population of 10,924, contrasted with 4,158 in 1900, 1,415 in 1890, and 102 in 1880. The 1930 county total was 12,188.

Snyder's first census of 1910 decreased by 1920 to 2,179, but climbed in 1930 to 3,008. Estimate of the 1936 Snyder population by The Dalhart News' Texas Almanac is 3,400.

These population figures serve to show the vast influence of railroads on Scurry County and Snyder.

But the figures do not reflect the tremendous effect of highway completion. They do not show, for in-

stance, that when Highway No. 7 was first paved through the county, back in the Ferguson regime, under the able district guidance of Joe Monroe of Snyder, thousands of dollars annually began coming into Snyder as a direct result of highway traffic.

Nor do the figures show that when No. 7 (U. S. 84) was completed with new paving two years ago, through Scurry County, and on north and south into the Plains and Central Texas, Snyder began to receive her greatest quota of truckers and other travelers.

Two highways—both important—remain incomplete. Most important of these, from a state-wide and nation-wide viewpoint, is the east-west route, known as Highway 15. Federalization of the road is seen for 1937 or 1938, and men who have worked for an east-west road "as the crow flies," for years, believe the route will be paved to the New Mexico border in the 1938 or 1939 program.

Already the road has been modernized through Fisher County, to

Scurry's immediate east. Much of it is paved through Dawson, two counties west, and other stretches are paved as one journey to the world-famous Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.

A far-seeing Commissioners Court in 1937 has pledged the right-of-way through the county any time the federal and state highway departments can finance the east-west program through the county. And all other counties along the route have made similar pledges.

Most important to Scurry County and Snyder from a local standpoint is Highway 101, which is recognized as a state highway only as far north as Snyder. Dunn, China Grove, Sulphur and other communities are linked to Snyder by this route, from a strictly local viewpoint.

But Highway 101, which has been completely surfaced in Mitchell County, and which has been partly modernized in Scurry County, has West Texas-wide and state-wide significance. It is being linked to the south of Colorado with San Angelo and points south and southeast, and

promises gradually to lap up much of the traffic from San Antonio and other points in that direction.

Yes, Snyder and Scurry County are strategically located as far as transportation facilities are concerned. When all her three highways are modernized, she will truly be one of the prime highway centers in West Texas. These three arteries combine with two railroads, which have for long been the backbone of her growth and progress, to make this county and town ideally situated for the small industry, for the farm-

## FOR THIRTEEN YEARS

WE'VE BEEN ON THE JOB IN THE OIL BUSINESS

In 1924 we opened our first fuel and oil business in Hamlin, and have seen more than a decade of service in the game. We came to Snyder about a year ago, and business has been increasing every month. We are grateful for the support of our friends. Gasoline, Kerosene, Distillate, Motor Oils, Greases.

### HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES—

—for having taken it on the chin for Half a Century. Our Best Wishes for further growth are here extended to our Home County Paper.

WHOLESALE — RETAIL

## SUNSET OIL COMPANY

D. E. Niedecken, Proprietor

## On The Job

FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS



Yessir, all the time in the same place of business is our record. And the fact that we've always managed to have a pretty good list of customers is some sort of a record, too.

SPECIAL NOTICE—Our Station will be closed until about March 1 for remodeling. Snyder's finest filling station will be your reward for your patience.

### WE ARE THANKFUL—

for the patronage of our friends during our more than decade of service at the Magnolia Service Station.

### FELICITATIONS, TIMES . . .

We're proud of our Home County Paper and its record of service. Our hope is that your growth and influence will not end with you—

### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

## MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION

Earl Hicks, Proprietor



# This--In 1903



We quote from an advertisement carried in Leslie's Magazine of 1903, when the above picture of the Ford car for that year was printed:

"Don't experiment—just buy a Ford. Experience is the key to automobile construction, and we have the key. "The fundamental features of the first Ford car were light weight (resulting in economy of maintenance) and absolute simplicity, with the elimination of every unnecessary complication, and ample power (not too much and not too little but always power. These features still further developed are distinctive in Ford cars today. There have been no freaks, no failures, no experiments in Ford cars.

"Send for detailed description of—

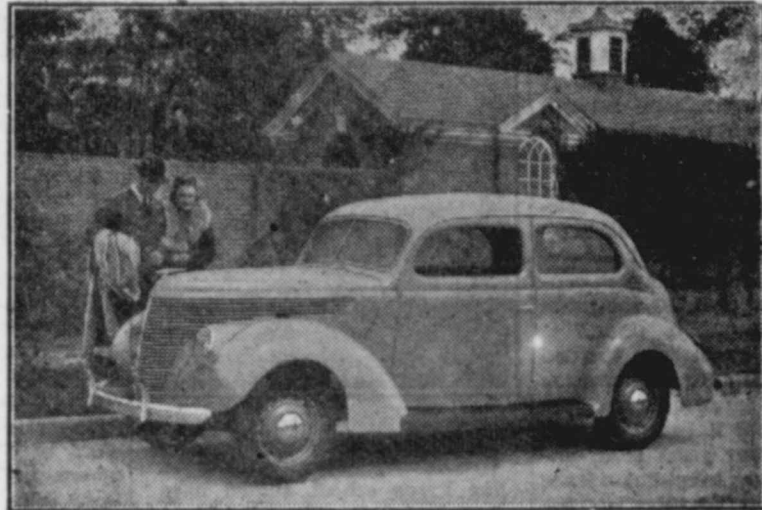
"Model C Tonneau car, 1250 pounds, two-cylinder opposed, price \$950.

"Model F Side Entrance Tonneau, weight 1400 pounds, 2-cylinder opposed, price \$1200.

"Model B 4-cylinder, vertical, weight 1700 pounds, side entrance Tonneau, price \$2000.

"Delivery car, weight 1350 pounds, 2-cylinder opposed, price \$950.

# This--In 1937



Most popular of all the Ford V-8 body types is the standard Tudor Sedan, shown above. A longer hood, more sweeping lines and newly-designed front end, grill, louvres, fenders and hubcaps are featured. The car is available either with 85-horsepower or 60-horsepower V-8 engine.

Interiors are attractively appointed. The front seat is full width. The back seat is divided. The sections are hinged diagonally and swing inward as they are tipped forward so as to leave a wide passageway on either side for entrance to the rear seat.

The standard cars are engineered for owners who demand the maximum of economy in first cost and operating cost.

Distinctive colors add beauty to the already imposing line of features.

Prices begin at \$777, f. o. b. factory.

## THANKS, FRIENDS—

for the nice trade that has been given our institution since we entered business in Snyder in August, 1934. We have tried to always make our transactions entirely satisfactory.

We offer the public a completely equipped shop, with skilled workmen who know their automobiles.

## GREETINGS, TIMES--

As Our Home County Paper comes to observe its Fiftieth Anniversary we want to join its hundreds of friends who will be extending congratulations for a task well through Half a Century of newspapering. Our sincere wish is that The Times shall continue to fill a definite place in the scheme of Scurry County businesses. And may you enjoy continued growth for many another—

—FIFTY YEARS

# Louder Motor Company

FORD SALES AND SERVICE



## Times-Telephone Born in Eighties

Back in 1887, when the first newspaper was printed in Snyder, the world was awakening to the fact that an invention by an obscure young Boston scientist might possibly have some practical uses. But few people ventured the prediction that Alexander Graham Bell's "talking toy" might some day be in practically every home in the country . . . making conversations between cities—or continents—possible.

Eleven years before—in 1876—the first telephone patent was issued to Alexander Graham Bell. The telephone then was a rather crude looking contraption, made of several pieces of wood, an iron magnet, copper wire, and a piece of sheepskin stretched tightly over a "drum."

In 1880 the world was startled when a long distance conversation was carried on between Boston and Providence, Rhode Island, a distance of 45 miles. Four years later, improvements in the telephone science made possible a conversation between Boston and New York—235 miles.

The telephone came to Texas in 1878, when Col. A. H. Belo, pioneer Texas newspaperman and founder of the Galveston News, had a line installed connecting his home and office. Since that time the telephone has constantly increased in popularity, and today there are more than 610,000 telephones in use in Texas alone.

In 1911 the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company, predecessor of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, purchased the Snyder exchange from the Scurry County Telephone Company. There were about 250 telephones in use in Snyder then. To get "central," a telephone user whirled a crank and the operator answered and made the connection. When the conversation was completed, another whirl of the crank signalled the operator to take down the connection.

In 1916—a year after the first transcontinental telephone call had been completed—Snyder discarded its crank telephones, and "common battery" instruments were installed for all subscribers. New switch-

## GREENWOOD



This informal pose of M. H. Greenwood, superintendent of the Pyron school, should have been included in the school section of this Golden Anniversary Edition. In less than two years as head of the consolidated district, Greenwood has led in construction of a native-stone gymnasium, and plans are now afoot to construct a modern school building.

board and other central office equipment went into service to give Snyder telephone users a faster, more efficient telephone system.

Today there are more than 400 telephones in use here. Seven operators, under the direction of Mrs. Hattie Wade, chief operator, handle the daily volume of calls here. Franklin D. Spain is in charge of installations and repairs. J. A. Williams, Lubbock, is manager of telephone exchanges in this area.

"Ah, said the guest as they approached the house, "I see your dear son and daughter awaiting us on the porch."

"No," said the host. "The girl in the short frock is my mother and the young fellow in riding breeches is my wife."

## Louder Motor in Town Since 1934

Louder Motor Company, located at 1711 25th Street, has been at its present location since August of 1934. Earl Louder, who has been selling Fords for 13 years, is the firm owner and manager.

Louder began getting grease on his hands in 1916, working for Ford dealers, and has been associated with Ford automobiles since.

Louder started in the automobile business for himself at Roscoe in 1924, and has been selling Fords since that date. In fact, Earl has not only grown up with Fords—or the Fords grown up with him—but has heard over 60 per of the jillion jokes about Ford cars.

From an advertisement of 1905 vintage—Ford Motor Company began operations in 1903—we find the slogan then was "No freaks, no failures, no experiments with Fords."

The standard model two-cylinder Ford of 1905 was priced at \$950. There was one feature of the 1905 Ford that seems odd today, to say the least. Chief improvement in the 1905 Ford was the luxury of a side entrance to the tonneau. For this convenience there was an additional charge of \$250.

The 1905 four-cylinder Ford weighed about 1,700 pounds, and cost approximately \$1.18 a pound. The Ford V-8's of today cost 20 cents a pound. Side entrance to 1905 four-cylinder Fords made the car cost \$2,000. Without side entrances, passengers entered the car at the back.

A few 1915 model Fords still run, as the W. H. Graham Ford. The Graham car was bought in Coryell County. John Neitzler of Hermleigh still has a 1916 model Ford.

A far cry from 1905 are the Ford V-8's for 1938, offering three body types with either 60 or 80 horsepower V-8 engine. The de luxe model is available only with the 85 horsepower engine.

## SENATOR



Wilbourne B. Colie of Eastland is 24th District representative in the Senate of Texas. His district includes Scurry and 11 other West Texas counties. Judiciary reform and other measures looking to economy and efficiency in the state government have held his chief interest at Austin.

Toledo Blade: There'll always be more or less trouble until the department of agriculture finds a way to cross a dust-bowl with a flooded valley.

"Measured by the advance made in other fields, radio in the last 10 years has lived a century. Perhaps it may crowd a thousand years into the next decade."—David Sarnoff.

Full-time Louder Motor Company employees are: W. K. Roberts, Frank Stevenson and Martin Norred, salesmen; Ted Pitner, parts; R. A. Duncan, shop foreman; Luther Holmes and J. B. Early, shop; and Cleveland Hill (colored), porter.

## Studebakers Are Sold by Pollard

T. W. Pollard, at Snyder Garage on 25th Street, has been Studebaker agent in Snyder since 1935. Pollard and Jesse Jones were co-agents for Studebaker a short while in 1936, but after the early part of the same year Pollard has been sole Snyder agent for the automobile.

The three Studebaker lines for 1938 are offered as the President, the Commander, and the Six. Studebaker for 1938 offers a vacuum gear shift, which is optional, and which utilizes engine manifold vacuum to make gear shifting easier.

Transmission gears are turned on their side, eliminating the tunnel in the front floor board. Free wheeling and overdrive, a new type clutch, and a center of gravity only 26 inches from the ground are features of the '38 Studebakers.

These features are far cries from the 1907 Studebakers, which were known as electric carriages. There were the Runabouts, Phaetons, Coupes and Stanhopes. Advertising copy in 1907 said: "Mechanically, the Studebaker is the most successful electric car. . . . The body is suspended on two pairs of superb springs."

The 1907 Studebakers had "even distribution of the batteries' weight upon both pairs of springs," and two pedals (clutch and brake), not unlike the Model T.

The 1938 Studebakers have 110 horsepower eight-cylinder engines on all the President models, the Commander and Sixes being powered by 90 horsepower six-cylinder engines.

From The Coming West, February 25, 1897: Snyder is not altogether without the appreciation of that which beautifies the home and exalts the spirits of the drooping. The Colorado hack came in last Saturday loaded with flower cuttings and some booze.

## Nearly Twelve Years

HOWARD BROTHERS HAS  
SERVED THIS AREA

Back in April, 1926, Howard Brothers began operation of their first station in Snyder where Burton-Lingo lumber yard now stands. Many a customer has been served during that more than a decade. A constantly growing trade has permitted the concern to expand from year to year until now it is one of the area's leading outlets for fuels and lubricants. Since 1933 we have handled Coltex Products.

We are grateful for the support of many friends. Our aim shall ever be to improve our service.

**Gasoline, Kerosene, Distillate and  
Oils and Greases**

**TIMES, OLD FELLOW—**

We are glad to here slap you on the back and extend congratulations as you observe your fiftieth anniversary. Our hope is that you have yet—

**MANY YEARS TO COME**

## Howard Brothers

WHOLESALE—RETAIL  
Henry Howard, Prop. 2 Blocks East of Sq.



# At Your Service!

with one of the Snappiest Bunches of  
Fellows in West Texas to deal out—

**CONOCO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
GOODYEAR TIRES AND TUBES  
WASHING AND GREASING**

*Best Wishes,  
Times—*

for the future growth of your fine publication in the years ahead.

And here's our hearty congratulations for half a century of service as you observe—

*—Your Birthday*

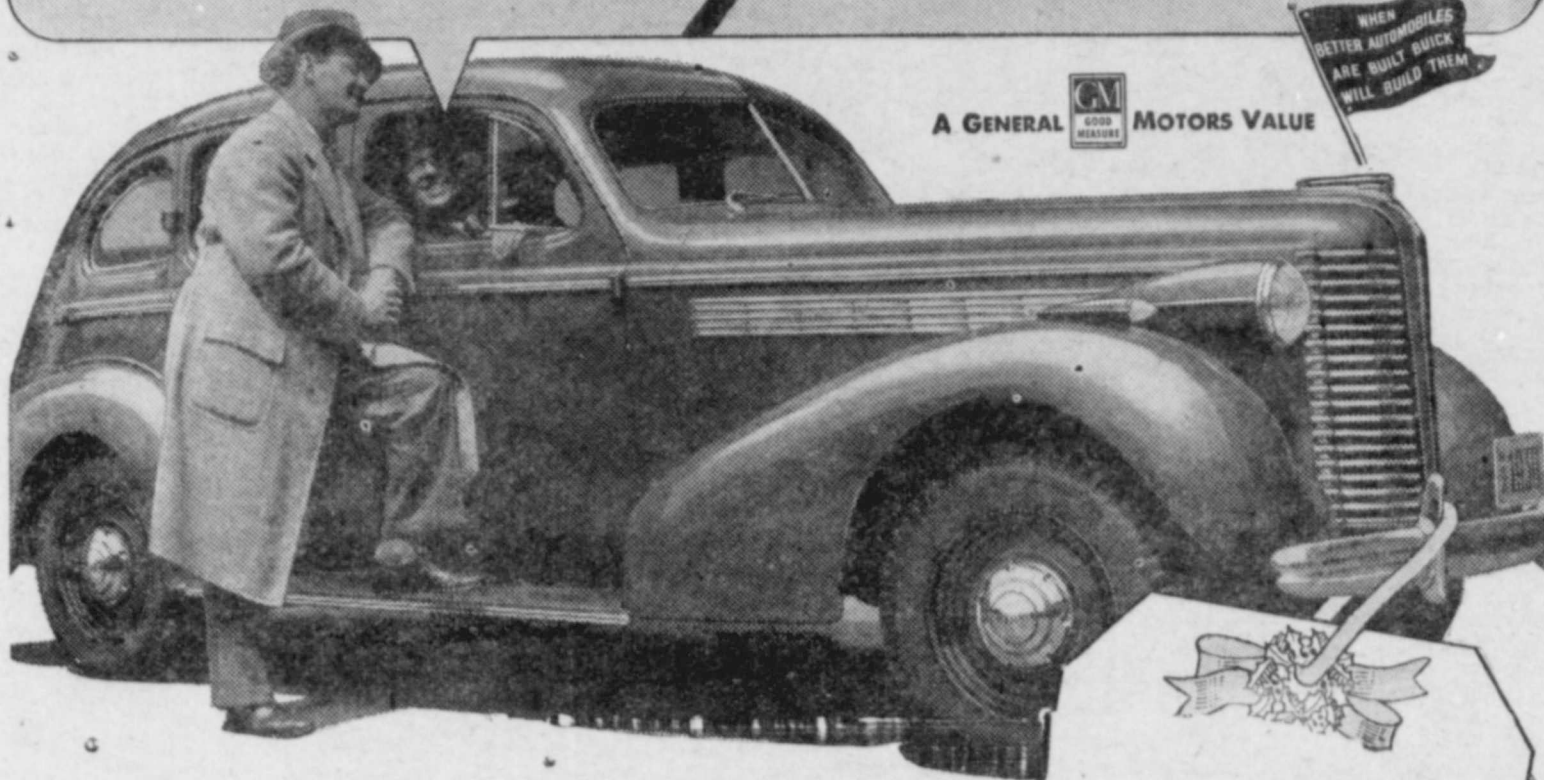
TRUST YOUR AUTOMOBILE TO US—AND  
YOU'LL BE SMILING FOR  
MILES AND MILES!

## Snyder Garage

Pollard and His Boys



**EVEN THE PRICE TAGS SAY**  
*"Better buy Buick!"*



**ONE OF THE PIONEERS IN THE AUTO INDUSTRY—**

Buick was one of the old-timers in the building of automobiles—back in the days when they wore high wheels, gearshifts on the outside of the topless one-seat buggy, and a two-cylinder engine (motor to you now) was mounted in the rear and transmitted power to the machine by chain drive.

How different today! Just as it pioneered then with "new fangled ideas" it has led the way to modern beauty and mechanical perfection.

**\$1022**  
 delivered at Flint, Mich.  
 Other models: Buick SPECIAL business coupe, \$945; CENTURY 4-door touring sedan, \$1297. Special accessories, freight and local taxes, if any, extra on all models.  
 EASY GENERAL MOTORS TERMS

**BUYER'S DIGEST OF THE 1938 BUICK**

- ★ NEW DYNAFLASH VALVE-IN-HEAD STRAIGHT-EIGHT ENGINE
- ★ NEW TORQUE-FREE SPRINGING
- ★ TORQUE-TUBE DRIVE IN SEALED CHASSIS
- ★ NEW QUIET ZONE BODY MOUNTING
- ★ ANOLITE PISTONS
- ★ AEROBAT CARBURATOR
- ★ NEW BULL'S-EYE STEERING
- ★ TIPTOE HYDRAULIC BRAKES
- ★ KNEE-ACTION FRONT SPRINGING
- ★ UNISTEEL BODY BY FISHER
- ★ BUILT-IN DEFROSTER CONNECTIONS
- ★ AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION OPTIONAL ON SERIES 40

**NO OTHER CAR IN THE WORLD HAS ALL THESE FEATURES**

**HATS OFF TO OUR HOME COUNTY PAPER—**

We are glad to extend our heartiest congratulations now as it observes its fiftieth anniversary. We appreciate the fine nflu-anniversary. We appreciate the fine influ-

The Times was one of the pioneers in the newspaper field in West Texas. It has kept abreast of advancements by giving its territory a good paper always.

**—BEST WISHES FOR YOUR FUTURE, TIMES!**

**Stimson Motor Company**  
 2013 Avenue S—Snyder



# City Probably Leads State in Study Clubs

## Almost 300 Local Women Members

Snyder houses probably more women's clubs than any town of its size in the state. Membership of its 13 study groups, not including church auxiliaries, takes in almost 300 women.

Braced by Four-H and Home Demonstration Clubs all over the county, Snyder's study groups complete an organization of women with civic problems of the community at their hearts, in addition to their social and intellectual culture objectives. Good fellowship reigns, and life-long friendships have been made between club members.

Organization of women in Snyder began back in 1908, when 20 local housewives in a fast-growing town organized for social and intellectual study the Altrurian Club, which has retained the distinction as "Mother Club." Mrs. E. B. Barnes, now of Austin, was first president, and Mrs. H. G. Towle is the only charter member still in the club.

### Second Club in 1921.

Altrurians were the only club women in Snyder until 1921, when Twentieth Century Club was organized, with Mrs. J. Nelson Dunn as first president. Organization of Musical Coterie, to satisfy the demand for a music talent group, came in 1922, and Mrs. Barnes was also first president of this group.

Mrs. C. F. Sentell was first leader of Woman's Culture Club, formed in 1925. Alpha Study Club, sponsored by Twentieth Century, was organized for younger women of the town in 1927. Its first president was Mrs. Wraymond Sims.

Others soon followed. Dates of organization and first presidents are these: Altrurian Daughters, 1930, Mrs. J. D. Scott; Art Guild, 1930, Miss Eula Stimson, now an art

## SEVENTH DISTRICT CONVENTION LEADERS



Committee chairmen, composing a central preparation group, in charge of the April 18, 1929, convention of Seventh District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Snyder, are shown in the above picture. Mrs. H. G. Towle was general chairman, and Mrs. James Ralph Hicks was finance chairman for the gathering.

In the picture are: Standing, left to right, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Fritz R. Smith (now of Big Spring), Mrs. J. Nelson Dunn, Mrs. Allen Warren, Mrs. J. M. Harris (now of Austin), Mrs. E. J. Anderson; seated, left to right, Mrs. Towle, Mrs. John E. Sentell, Mrs. Forest Sears, Mrs. Wayne Boren.

teacher in Dallas schools; Ingleside Study Club, 1932, Mrs. C. W. Harless, now of Denison; Twentieth Century Daughters, 1935, Ernestine (Morton) Irvin; Busy Bee Club, 1936, Mrs. N. W. Autry.

Inactive now, several other clubs were organized during this last period. They were: Business Women's

Club, Junior Harmony Club, Etude et Plaisir, Cresset Junior Club and Progressive Study Club.

Active chapters of Parent-Teacher Association, American Legion Auxiliary and Woodman Circle are also listed among civic groups of the town. All three are widely recognized in the state.

## Hospital Opened February of 1928

Dr. I. A. Griffin established the Emergency Hospital, over Piggly Wiggly, in February of 1928. The Emergency Hospital is a 16-bed institution, equipped with X-ray and a complete line of surgical and operating equipment.

When the hospital was established in Snyder it had only two beds. Mrs. Griffin assists her husband in hospital work, and Miss Fannie G. Warren is the registered nurse employed.

Dr. Griffin has been practicing medicine since 1908, and moved to Snyder from Bell County February 17, 1928. Emergency Hospital has been in its present location for several years.

Coterie, Mrs. John E. Sentell; Alpha Study, Mrs. J. C. Smyth; Woman's Culture, Mrs. E. F. Sears; Altrurian Daughters, Mrs. Herman E. Doak; Art Guild, Edith Grantham; Ingleside, Mrs. W. W. McCarty; Twentieth Century Daughters, Louise Bowers; Busy Bee Club, Mrs. C. T. Glen; P.-T. A., Mrs. Wraymond Sims; American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Ed Turner; Woodman Circle, Mrs. C. L. Banks.

# FROM SPARK PLUGS TO AN OVERHAUL



It makes us feel like an old-timer when we recollect that we have been at this automobile mechanic business since 1912. Our 25 years of experience is worth lots to the auto owner in Reliable, Dependable Work. Trust your automobile to us—and play safe.

## Bring Me Your Machine Work

One of the best equipped shops in Snyder is at the service of those desiring Machine Work or Welding of any kind.

# Melvis Neal

At Snyder Garage

## Congratulations, Times—

for having "bucked" the newspaper game for these two score years and ten.

We hope you shall continue to grow for the next—

# FIFTY YEARS



# HERE'S A REAL TONIC . . . . .

### FOR ANYBODY'S AUTOMOBILE

Developed in one of the Southwest's finest concerns, T-P Petroleum Products are manufactured to fit the needs of discriminating motorists. Refined from high grade crudes, strictest care is maintained in every refining process to see that the Highest Quality Oils, Greases and Gasoline are produced. We challenge comparison with any other products on today's market.

## HERE'S TO OUR HOME PAPER

as it emerges from the fray after the first half century of newspapering in Scurry County—we salute the old-timer. Because it has been of distinct service to its thousands of friends, we offer our

## HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

# Max Brownfield

T-P WHOLESALE AGENT



### J. Ralph Hicks Is Hudson Dealer

J. Ralph Hicks, Snyder Hudson dealer located in the Clark Building, 1924 25th Street, has been connected with the automobile business one way or another since 1926.

Hicks came to Scurry from Kaufman County in 1905. He was a farmer and carpenter until 1926, when he and Earl Hicks bought the Highway Garage, on Avenue S.

Ralph took the Hudson dealership over in June of 1936, and moved to the Clark Building in October, 1937. He sells six and eight cylinder Hudsons and Hudson Terraplanes. Herman Mitchell has a shop in the rear of the building.

The Hudson Motor Car Company is building three distinct lines of cars for 1938. They are the Hudson Terraplane (which is a rapid seller

in its price range, with two horsepower sizes), Hudson six, with 101 and 107 horsepower six star motor; and the Hudson eight 122 horsepower engine with two wheelbases.

Hudson Motor Car Company started building cars in 1909, and as a result of 28 years car building experience offers for 1938 a Hudson with new selective automatic shift transmission.

The 1938 Hudson Terraplanes, and Hudson sixes and eights offer mechanical refinements and driving comfort. Ease of handling in traffic with the automatic shift transmission is another point for Hudson.

#### Swapping Invitation.

From The Scurry County News, October 3, 1895: It is our desire to place The News in every home in the county and in order to do so we will take in exchange for the paper the following articles: Wheat, corn, oats, mlo maize, dora corn, potatoes, beans, peas, millet, cotton seed, turnips, butter, eggs, pork and wood.

### In Service Station Business 11 Years

Foy Wade, who operates Wade's Service Station, block east of the square on the highway, has been in the business since he began working for Glover's Service Station in 1926. He is co-owner of the station with his father, L. A. Wade.

In November, 1932, he started into business for himself at the station north of the Towle Building. He moved December 1, 1935, to the Texaco location, on 26th Street, and to his present location on March 1, 1937. He continues to handle Texaco products.

In the shop behind the Wade station, Bruce Woodson and Leonard Irvin are the mechanics.

Angler—"You've been watching me for three hours. Why don't you try fishing yourself?"

Onlooker—"I haven't got the patience."

### "THE HEART"



"Hermleigh, Heart of Scurry County" reads this sign. This picture was used several times by the late R. S. Norman in the old Hermleigh Herald, absorbed by The Snyder News in 1930.

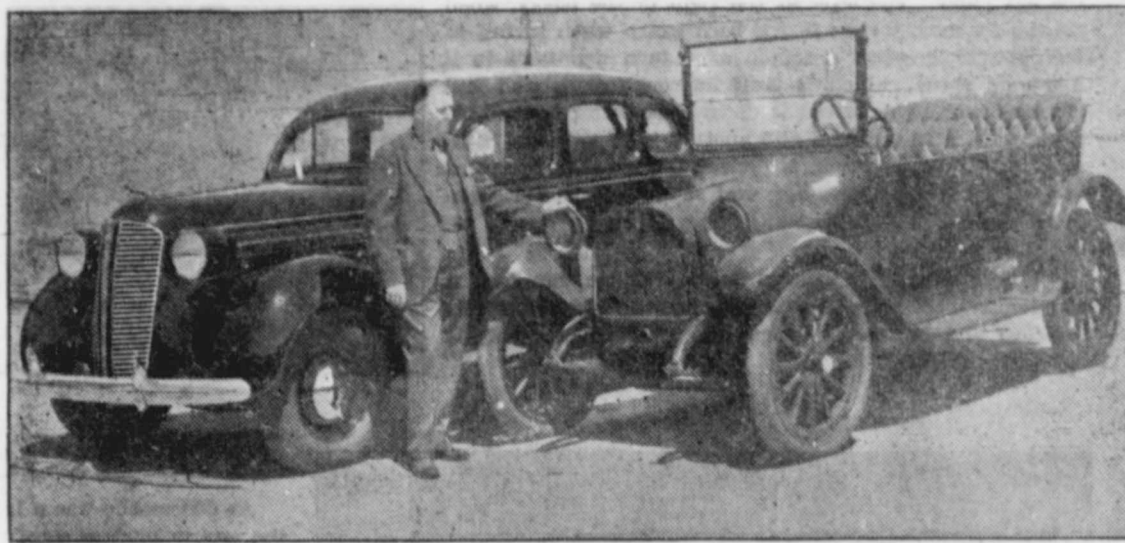
### Three Brothers With Texas Half Century

L. A. Chapman, who came to Scurry County from Rotan two years ago, is one of three Chapman brothers who have been with the Texas Company for a total of more than 50 years. Bert and Shorty Chapman, both operators of Abilene service stations, are the other two Texaco favorites.

Chapman became associated in August of 1937 with Charley Jones in operation of the Texaco Service Station, a block east of the square on 26th Street. Two months later he started operating the station alone. Associated with him is Buck Chandler. Goodrich tires are a specialty.

San Francisco Chronicle: A memorial planned in Washington would mean removing the famed cherry trees. Another school of thought is for chopping down some monuments and planting a flower.

# Eighteen Times He Switched To Dodge . . . .



When Leslie C. Tubbs of San Francisco bought an automobile in 1914, it was a Dodge touring car of the model seen at the right in above picture. Since then this motorist has owned 17 other Dodge automobile, including the 1937 sedan with which he is shown. Tubbs' business travels alone average 20,000 miles per year.

For a quarter century Dodge automobiles have been among the leading motor vehicles of the world. Even the early day models were the latest mechanical achievements of their day and age.

Now, with the years of experience as a background, Dodge engineers offer fine transportation that embraces all the comforts, safety features and dependability that modern machinery and ingenuity can devise.

## CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES . . .

Because you have served so well during the past half century with a good newspaper, we bespeak for you continued growth and prestige. So we here want to ex-  
to you—

## OUR BEST WISHES!

## DODGE AND PLYMOUTH COVER THE FIELD—

In the two lines of Dodge and Plymouth, the Scurry County Motor Company now offers the utmost for the money in their class in motor transportation. There's a model and a price to suit the desires of everyone.

We also offer a complete Washing, Lubrication, Painting and Repair Department, with a corps of trained workmen in charge.

☞ We want to here express our sincere thanks to a loyal group of friends who have made our several years' stay in Snyder pleasant and, to a degree, profitable.

# Scurry County Motor Company

Just East of the Square on Twenty-Fifth Street



# Touch of Mellowness Added by Historian

## Judge Crane Is Top West Texan

A top West Texan is Judge R. C. Crane of Sweetwater, whose articles have given the Golden Anniversary Edition a touch of historical mellowness that would otherwise have been impossible. He is a native Texan, Washington County, his birthplace.

After getting his diploma from the State University and his license from the Supreme Court, he located in Roby, Fisher County, and was soon elected county attorney. Declining a second term, he started the first newspaper ever published in the county, and collaborated in its publication until it began interfering with his other business.

When Jones County "seceded" from the 39th Judicial District, car-



JUDGE R. C. CRANE

rying the district attorney along with it, Crane was appointed to fill the vacancy, and was thereafter elected without opposition to a full term. Scurry County was in that district at the time. Before his term was out he resigned and removed from the district, locating at Abilene, where he at once took high rank professionally and in civic affairs.

### Moves to Sweetwater.

When it became known that the Orient Railroad was to build through Sweetwater, he removed to the latter place, where he has lived ever since, taking a leading part in the growth and development of that place, from a burg of less than 1,000 people and one railroad.

Incidentally, he (and another) wrote the first home rule charter for Sweetwater; and later, when that was outgrown, he helped to write the present charter providing for a commission-manager government, which insures a business administration and the elimination of politics.

He had a leading part in Sweetwater's fight to make the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad Company comply with its obligations to Sweetwater and maintain its headquarters, shops, etc. at that place. This case was tried in the district court of Scurry County before the late lamented Judge C. C. Higgins, and was decided in favor of Sweetwater. It ran the gamut of the courts for over three years, and was one of the most noted cases ever tried in West Texas. The Supreme Court decided it against Sweetwater, although the latter won in the lower courts.

### Leading Historian.

Judge Crane has been a life member of the Texas State Historical Association for over 30 years, and was for several years one of its vice presidents. For a number of years he was a member of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and of the Kansas State Historical Association, and from his membership in the latter he acquired valuable information on the early history of the Panhandle-Plains region of West Texas.

He headed the call for a meeting of those in West Texas interested in its history, which resulted in the organization of the West Texas Historical Association; was elected its first president, and has been re-

ected annually ever since. This association has issued 13 annuals, aggregating over 2,000 pages of valuable material bearing on the history of West Texas; and its officers and members in the meantime have written and published six or more books on the same subject.

He aided and abetted the organization and the work of the movement for an A. & M. College in West Texas, which eventually resulted in the establishment of Texas Tech at Lubbock.

### Centennial "Pusher."

In the summer of 1935 he presented the claims of West Texas before the Texas Centennial history advisory commission, for recognition in the allocation of funds for monuments, markers, etc., and dispatches out of Austin to the Fort Worth

Star-Telegram and The Dallas News at the time stated that his presentation was highly commended by the commission.

In June, 1935, he was one of the "guests" of Baylor University at its commencement, sat on the rostrum by Senator Tom Connally, and was presented by President Pat M. Neff as being responsible for the fact that West Texas was allocated \$200,000 out of Centennial funds, as a result of the work he did, in "digging up" and presenting to the commission its history. President Neff was a member of the commission which allocated the funds.

### Many Other Interests.

Judge Crane has held offices in the Woodmen, Knights of Pythias, and Masonic Lodge; is a charter member of the Eastern Star Chap-

ter, Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery (Knight Templar) in Masonry; and is a Shriner and 32nd degree Mason.

He has written and published many papers dealing with the history of Texas and West Texas; and several years since, he was instrumental in having corrected quite a number of errors in Texas history textbooks which were being taught in the schools of the state.

His wife was Miss Mamie Douthit, daughter of Thomas E. Douthit, who came to Nolan County in a covered wagon to establish a ranch in 1880; and he has one son, Roy Crane, the nationally known cartoonist who created the noted cartoon characters, "Wash Tubbs" and "Captain Easy," who appear daily in over 400 papers over the country.

## Jones at Manhattan Since Late in 1930

Jesse V. Jones, a native of Scurry County, has been at the Manhattan Garage since October, 1930. He has always handled Sinclair products, and on July 3, 1936, he took over the Sinclair wholesale agency for this territory. He also handles United States tires and Willard batteries.

W. V. Jones, Jesse's father, built the garage building in 1915, and it has been handled by several garage and service station operators since that time. Jesse was associated from 1933 to 1936 with T. W. Pollard.

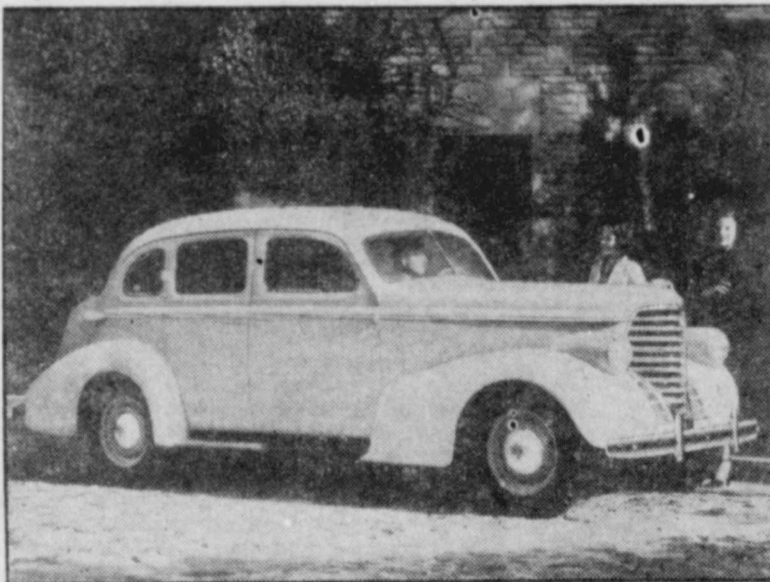
Front employees are Orus Bullock, Wilburn Palmer and Junior Robertson; garage, Doc Gore and James Rainey.

## BACK IN 1897—

The first Oldsmobile, the vehicle shown above, was produced in 1897 "in as nearly perfect a manner as possible." Some of the highlights of the vehicle may be found in a description by the company of one of its first automobiles:

"Underneath the box, and in every way independent of it, is a 5-horsepower gasoline motor, which in operation makes scarcely any vibration. The vehicle is steered with the left hand. The lever at the right of the buggy, when thrown forward, throws in the back gear; when turned in the opposite direction a fourth of a turn throws it in a four-mile speed, which is used for rough roads and hill climbing. If higher speed is desired another quarter turn gives eight miles an hour, still another is 12 miles an hour, and if still greater speed is desired the speed is increased at the governor of the motor and as high as 18 miles can be obtained.

"The machinery is said to be very simple, not even a countershaft being used in its construction; it is practically noiseless and impossible to explode, as the fuel supply is below the engine."



## THE 1938 EDITION—

As Oldsmobile was a leader 40 years ago, so it still leads the way in modern construction of automobiles. If we attempted to name some of the outstanding improvements of the 1938 Olds cars, here are some of the things we would print:

**Body Features**—Safety dash with safety instrument unit; safety interiors; unisteel body construction; turret top; steel body frame; no-draft ventilation; safety glass; adjustable front seat.

**Chassis Features**—Knee-action wheels; super hydraulic brakes; center-control steering; dual ride stabilizers; big, low-pressure tires; stabilized front end; streamlined headlamps.

**Engine Features**—Ninety-five horsepower six; 110-horsepower eight; air-cooled battery; electro-hardened aluminum pistons; rifle drilled connecting rods.

New style leaders for 1938—a dashing new Six, a dynamic new Eight. Here are cars destined to set America's pace in new streamlining style.

**Forty-One Years of Doing One Thing Well—Building Good Oldsmobile Automobiles—That Have Stood the Tests of Time . . .**

## CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER

As The Times, which has gone through the good years and the bad to come to its half century mark, observes its birthday, we want to extend our felicitations appropriate for the occasion.

Our hearty wish is that Scurry County's fine newspaper shall continue to grow and exert its influence of progress long after it shall have observed its—

## FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

OLDSMOBILE was already active in setting the pace when competitors sprang into existence everywhere, all eager to secure a portion of the unexplored car sales market.

OLDSMOBILE continued to set the pace the world through the years, establishing from time to time many of the innovations which later were to become standard features throughout the industry.

# E. F. Sears

Oldsmobile Dealer Since 1924



## Road Warehouse Is Financial Aid

The highway warehouse in East Snyder, manned by G. R. Austin, maintenance foreman, has brought about \$28,000 average annually during the past two years into Scurry and Borden Counties.

The warehouse and grounds, covering a full city block in wedge shape, between the highway and the Santa Fe Railway, have in recent months been leveled, fenced and planted with shrubs, flowers and trees.

A new warehouse, 30x75 feet, contains an office, tool room, stock room, truck storage, fuel storage and shower bath. The old building, still on the grounds, 24x40 feet, is still used for general storage. A large asphalt storage tank and other equipment is also on the grounds. Road equipment includes four big maintainers, three trucks and two pick-ups.

For more than 10 years, G. R. Austin has been in charge of maintenance here. His territory includes Borden County, where a warehouse is also maintained. E. W. Hollar is the maintenance gang foreman for Borden.

The Scurry County sector uses an average of 10 men, but 15 have been used much of this fall and winter. Eugene Smith is the utility man around the warehouse. In Borden County, the average number of employees is five, but as high as 11 have been used during the heavy traffic a part of the past year.

One of the accomplishments during the past three years that has struck the public fancy is the setting out of probably 3,000 trees and shrubs. Many of them have died, due to an exceedingly dry year, but hundreds of them continue to adorn the corners, bridges and angles of Highway 7 in Scurry County.

Austin's "pet" project is the park near Dermott, which was built with highway aid, plus donations of the plants, rocks, and so forth. It was the first real highway park in the Abilene division, and continues as a model for highway parks in the ranch country of West Texas.

## Modern Wash First - Opened June, 1935

Modern Wash House, with a location on 25th Street west of the square, was founded June 5, 1935, by R. B. Miller. The firm was first located just east of Odom Funeral Home.

Miller has been the first and only manager of the wash house. He came here in 1933 from Liveoak County. Employees at Modern Wash House are: Mrs. Belle Todd, Mrs. Tom Caldwell, and Jim Page.

## Walker Veterinary In County 30 Years

C. E. Walker really considers himself an old-timer in Scurry County, for he came here with his family, from Eastland County, on Christmas Eve, 1900.

He has been a practicing veterinary in the county, with headquarters in Snyder, for 30 years.

In addition to his veterinary practice, "Doc" Walker raises plenty of fruit, berries and other produce at his home on the extreme northeastern outskirts of town.

### Angelle Territory.

A romantic story is behind the well-known Texas name, "Angellina." When Spanish missionaries first came to Texas and established missions, a young Indian girl was attracted to one of their settlements and begged to be taught their language and religion. She learned so quickly and had such a charming personality that she was called "Little Angel." Her native village became "Angellina's Village," and the river and territory were also named after her. This girl later played an exciting part in the history of the state, acting as mediator and interpreter on several occasions.

Portland (Me.) Evening Express: Germans have been exhorted to chew their food longer for the sake of national economy. What if you're trying to manage a hot potato?

## NEW HIGHWAY WAREHOUSE



This new highway maintenance warehouse, completed a few months ago at a cost of about \$3,000 (including fence), is in

charge of G. R. Austin, veteran foreman. Notice the flowers and shrubs, in which Austin takes special pride and interest.

Real estate agent—"But she says she is a great singer and studied under Patti!"

Tenant—"Well, maybe that Irishman could stand it, but she can't study under me!"

An advertiser is asking everybody, "What would be the first thing you'd if someone were to give you a million dollars?"

We know a guy that would count it.

## Pollard Product of Camp Springs Area

T. W. Pollard, owner of Snyder Garage, has been in the filling station business since 1929. Snyder Garage handles Conoco products and Goodyear tires and tubes.

Pollard came to Scurry County from Denton County, settling at Camp Springs. Wince is a Camp Springs product, and moved to Snyder in October of 1926. He began working for J. C. Dawson in 1929.

In 1931 T. W. began working for himself, operating the Gulf Service Station north of the bank. He was co-operator of the Manhattan Garage for four years.

December 7, 1936, Pollard became owner-operator of Snyder Garage. Present employees are Lovell Baze and Cliff Gilmore. Snyder Garage specializes in Conoco products, washing and greasing services complete, storage, Goodyear tires and tubes.

## Guaranteed Lots Offered for Sale

From "The Snyder Signal," April 28, 1911.

The Snyder Development Company is now offering to sell lots on guarantee. The company shows faith in what they have to offer and should have the unanimous support of our people.

Artesian water has only recently been struck out at Toyah and it is confidently claimed by people at that place that the find will result in making productive farms and gardens out of thousands of acres of otherwise worthless land.

Those who have studied the situation closely say there is but little doubt that a valuable find will be made on the ground of the Snyder Development Company. Indications of oil have already been discovered.

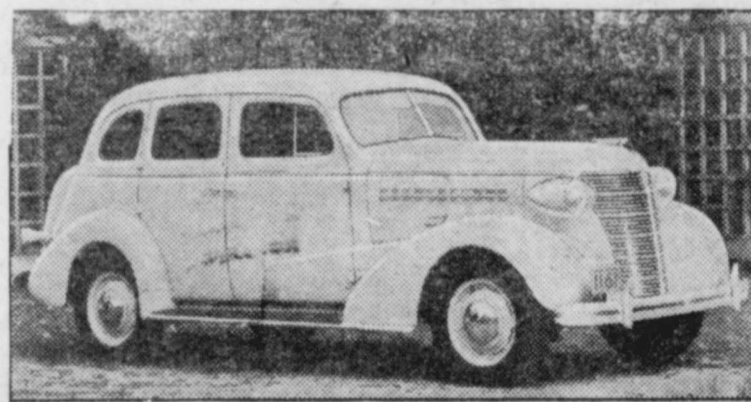
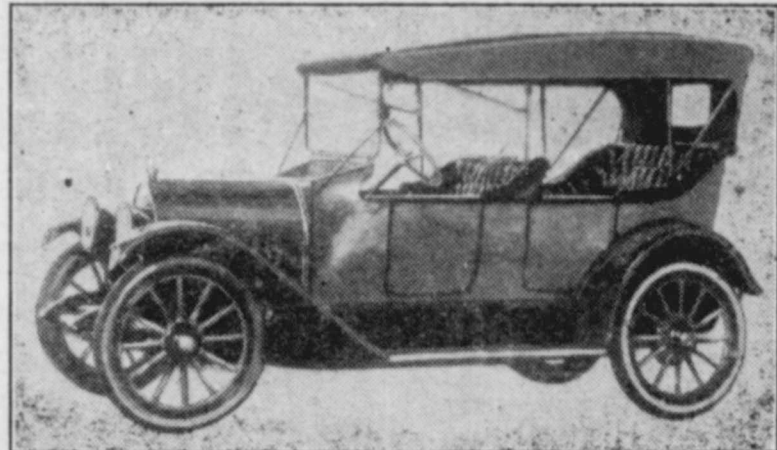
# CHEVROLET

## Quarter Century Ago --- And Today

Take us back twenty-five years and we will show you one of the first Chevrolet automobiles manufactured.

Some of the highlights of the early-day machine were: Cylinders, six; bore and stroke, 3 5-16x5 1/4; S. A. E. horsepower, 26.3; tire size, 34x4; wheelbase, 106 inches; road weight less passengers, 2,525 pounds.

List price, \$1,475.00.



In the new 1938 models performance, economy and comfort are carried to new heights, plus beauty and style.

Chevrolet is powered by the famous 85-horsepower six-cylinder valve-in-head engine. They offer the year's outstanding engineering advance, the new tiptoe-matic clutch. All models have perfected hydraulic brakes, steel turret top bodies by Fisher. Prices begin at \$740.00.

*For Economical and Reliable Transportation—Chevrolet Every Time!*

## TIMES, CONGRATULATIONS—

for having the courage and acumen to bring your paper down through the good years and bad years for half a century. May we add our best wishes for continued growth long after you shall have observed—

## YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

# YODER CHEVROLET CO.

Chevrolet Sales and Service



## Buick - Pontiac Sold by Stimson

Stimson Motor Company, located at 2013 Avenue S, was founded by J. O. and J. W. Stimson (now deceased) 15 years ago at the same location Stimson Motor has today. The firm is Snyder agent for Buick and Pontiac.

The Stimson family came to Snyder from Collin County in 1900. Ollie Stimson operated a cafe from 1919 until 1922, and the late Woodson Stimson began selling automobiles in 1912, having the Studebaker agency for Snyder.

Woodson located where the Manhattan Garage is now, and in 1915 took over the Maxwell agency. He was out of the automobile game for three years (moved to East Texas); but in 1922 formed a partnership to sell Maxwells. In 1923, when Chrysler took over Maxwell, Woodson sold the first Chrysler in Texas to W. W. Gross of Snyder.

In November of 1922, Ollie and Woodson Stimson founded Stimson Camp Ground at its present location, and cut nine loads of wood from two city blocks. Truly trail blazing the path to selling automobiles.

Stimson Brothers took over the Pontiac agency in 1926; Pontiac being their first love in the General Motors line. In 1934 Stimson Motor Company took over the Buick agency for Snyder.

After the death of Woodson, Ollie took over the firm, and continues to carry on.

"Better buy Buick" is the slogan adopted by Buick for 1938. The new model offers the Dynafash oil cushioned valve-in-head eight engine, hydraulic brakes, and automatic starting.

The 1938 Buick promises to break all records as the smoothest engineered Buick on the market, and when better cars are built, think of Buick.

Stimson Motor Company is also Snyder agent for Pontiac. Pontiac for 1938 offers center point steering, triple sealed hydraulic brakes, and "L" head six and eight cylinder motors of unsurpassed efficiency.

## Sears First Olds Dealer in Texas

E. F. Sears, Snyder Oldsmobile agent for 13 years, has his office on East 25th Street, just north of the R. S. & P. depot. Sears is the oldest Oldsmobile agent in point of dealership in Texas, who began after General Motors absorbed Oldsmobile in 1923.

E. F. Sears signed the first Oldsmobile dealer contract after General Motors came to Texas in January of 1924. He signed the dealer contract in February of the same year.

Oldsmobile is the oldest automobile building organization in this new vast industry. Ransom E. Olds and a group of Lansing, Michigan, stockholders formed the Olds Motor Works April 21, 1897.

The first Oldsmobile, built in 1897, "in as nearly perfect a manner as possible," is today housed in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C. We find this description of the first Olds car:

"Underneath the box, and in every way independent of it, is a 5 h. p. gasoline motor, which in operation makes scarcely any vibration. . . . The lever at the right of the buggy, when thrown forward, throws in the back gear. . . . When turned in the opposite direction a fourth of a turn it throws in a four-mile speed.

"This speed is used for hill climbing and rough roads. . . . If higher speed is desired, another quarter turn gives eight miles an hour; still another is 12 miles an hour. . . . If another still greater speed is desired, the speed is increased at the governor of the motor. . . . As high as 18 miles an hour can be obtained.

"The machinery is said to be very simple, not even a counter shaft used in construction. . . . It is practically noiseless and impossible to explode, as the fuel supply is below the engine."

The 1903 Olds Pirate won the world's speed record at Daytona Beach, Florida, making five miles in six and a half minutes; was the

## Bill Miles Leaves Granite for Shoes

Bill Miles, colored shine boy, has been shining shoes at Patterson's Barber Shop north of Snyder National Bank since 1922. "Yas, sah," Bill has been shinin' 'em up for Snyder and Scurry County folks for 16 years.

Bill Miles came to Snyder from Paris in 1921. He was a granite polisher in Paris for North Texas Marble & Granite Works, and translated his granite polishing ability into shining shoe leather. From marble tops to shoe tops for Bill.

### Occupations of a Lady.

Silk-making in West Texas may seem a bit queer, but according to a report on the early industries of the state, the cultivation of silk worms had a bright future. The description says that "The mulberry tree is of common growth and thrives vigorously in Western Texas, the climate of which is well adapted to the rearing of silk worms." According to this writer one of the best aspects of the situation was that the silk industry "would afford an easy and advantageous occupation to females and children."

same year awarded the Tour de France.

The 1938 Oldsmobiles have 95 and 110 horsepower engines, triple sealed hydraulic brakes, center control steering, and automatic safety transmission.

## Yoder Chevrolet In Town 22 Years

Yoder Chevrolet Company, 1921 26th Street, is another Snyder automobile house that has been here almost a quarter of a century—22 years to be exact. D. P. Yoder is now owner of the Snyder Chevrolet agency.

The first Chevrolet agency in Snyder was established in 1915 by J. W. Couch and Guy E. Paxton at the Snyder Garage. January 1, 1926, Yoder-Webb Motor Company was founded where Buchanan's Tin Shop is now located.

January 1, 1928, the firm became Yoder - Anderson Motor Company, with E. J. Anderson taking over the Webb interests. In 1930 the firm became Yoder Chevrolet Company, owned solely by D. P. Yoder.

Yoder came to Scurry County November 12, 1919, from Crowell, where he had been identified with the power and light industries.

In 1919 he bought Snyder Utility Company, which he operated until 1926. In 1926 he sold Snyder Utility to Texas Electric Service Company.

The first Chevrolet car turned out had six cylinders, a 26.3 horsepower engine (S. A. E. rating), 34x4 tires; carried five passengers, and sold for \$1475. Chevrolet today has passed the 13,000,000 mark in automobile production.

The 1938 Chevrolets, both the master Chevrolet and the master

## T-P Agency Among New Local Dealers

The Texas & Pacific Coal & Oil Company wholesale agency here, while one of the newer oil products dealers, has grown to sizeable proportions since it was established in 1928.

Max Brownfield, present agency man, purchased the business in April, 1936, from his father, F. M. Brownfield. The elder Brownfield had purchased it in 1935 from E. C. Nealey, who had been in charge since 1930.

Max, formerly in the grocery business, maintains his office a block east of the square in connection with the Highway Garage.

deluxe series, offer performance and comfort for 1938 that bear out the truism of "economical transportation."

Both series are powered by the same 85 horsepower valve-in-head engine, the difference lying in the chassis. Both models have the new "Tiptoe-matic" clutch.

The 1938 Chevrolets offer silent hydraulic brakes, trouble free hypoid rear axles, and fully enclosed knee action.

Present employees at Yoder Chevrolet Company are: E. J. Anderson and Wraymond Sims, office; Tate Lockhart, parts; Emil Slovacek, J. W. Norred and Gordon Clay, in the shop. Emil Slovacek Jr. is body and trim man. Ennis Powell (colored) is porter.

## Sears Local Gulf Dealer 15 Years

E. F. Sears, Snyder wholesale dealer for Gulf gasoline and oil, with Gulf warehouse and tanks located just west of the R. S. & P. tracks on 25th Street, has been selling Gulf products for 15 years.

J. C. Dawson was original Gulf agent for Snyder, having taken the agency in 1911. When Sears bought the Gulf agency from Dawson in February of 1922 it was still a drum station.

E. F. Sears ran a filling station on the corner of the present Dawson coal yard, just opposite the Railway Express office.

Sears bought the present warehouse site in 1923, but later sold the property to Gulf, when the first tanks were put up in 1925. Sears is one of the oldest Gulf agents, in point of continuous service, in this territory.

### Leaves Hermleigh.

From The Snyder Signal, March 17, 1911: George Long, formerly editor of The Hermleigh Herald, has bought the Trent Tribune and is putting out a creditable paper. George is an old hand at the business and knows how to handle a country paper.

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# EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

*For Nearly a Decade Has Tried To Be a Part of Our Community*

We came to Snyder in March, 1928, and look back upon many pleasant associations. Our constant aim shall be to continue to be of some service where we are needed. We are grateful for our numerous friends in the area.

## HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER

for the long period of newspapering in this grand old West Texas of ours. As you pause now to observe your Fiftieth Anniversary we wish for you—

## MANY MORE YEARS OF SERVICE TO YOUR SECTION!

# Dr. and Mrs. I. A. Griffin

Upstairs Over Piggly Wiggly



### Olds Service Is Miller Operated

Olds Service Station, northeast corner of the square, has been operated by R. C. (Bud) Miller since 1935. Olds Service Station was established at its present location by W. C. Wenninger in 1924.

Bud began in the automobile business as a service station operator in 1927, working at Carden's Camp Ground, two blocks north of the square on the highway. March 6, 1935, he bought Olds Service Station from J. R. Hicks, and has been operator since.

Miller specializes in Firestone tires and tubes, and that good Gulf gasoline and oil. Present employees are: Alvin Pierce, Lewis Bennett, Sam Lawson, Dee Singletary, Ralph Johnson, Elmer Rhodes and Howard Hunter (colored).

### Callis & McMath in Recent Partnership

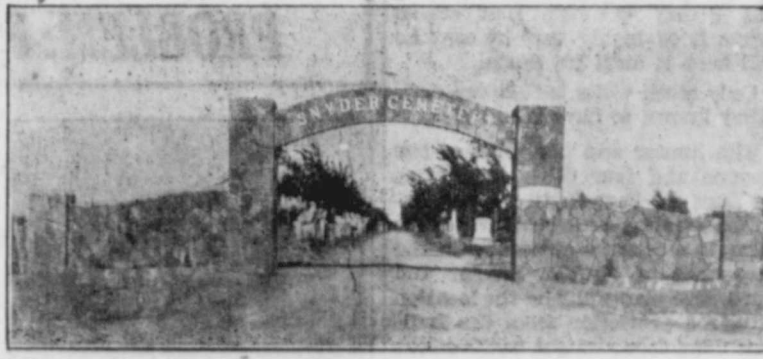
Callis & McMath, dealers in fuel and distillate, with headquarters in East Snyder, is another Snyder firm of 1937 organization.

C. H. Callis and Mitchell McMath became associated in the early part of 1937, handling fuels, distillates and oils. C. H. Callis came here from Col'in County in 1904; Mitchell McMath also came to Scurry County in 1904, from East Texas.

The senior member of the firm had been in the same business several years before the partnership was formed. McMath had previously been in the grocery business.

No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure, and good, without the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.—Phillips Brooks.

## THE CITY OF THE DEAD



This entrance gate of native stone, completed three years ago, leads you into Snyder cemetery, two miles northeast of Snyder. The stone fence encloses the well drained, well kept cemetery on two sides. A few graves re-

main at the old cemetery site, just to the left of the new highway, eastern outskirts of Snyder. Building of the arched gateway at the entrance of the cemetery was sponsored by the Twentieth Century Club of Snyder.

### Arnett Mechanic in Snyder Since 1920

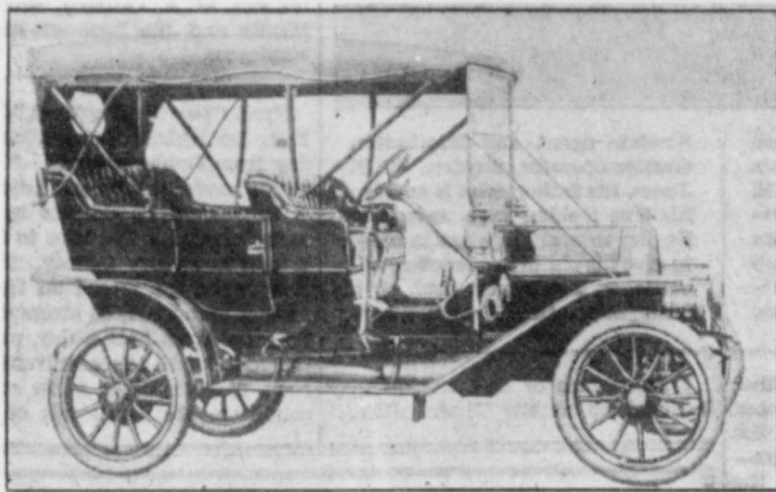
Frank Arnett, who operates a garage on West 25th Street opposite Snyder Cooperative Gin, has been in his present location since January of 1934. He has been in the garage business 14 years, and moved to his present site exactly 11 years after establishing his first garage.

Arnett established Frank's Garage in January, 1923, in the back of Carden's Camp Ground, which is located two blocks north of the square on the highway.

Frank Arnett started working in 1920 for Wesley Hendricks at the Cagh Garage, which was located where Magnolia Service Station is now on Avenue S.

Arnett moved in 1900 to Scurry County from Brackettville.

"The autos make the roads and roads make commerce and civilization."—Henry Ford.



## A CAPTIVATING CAR—

We quote from the Saturday Evening Post of March 2, 1907, concerning the model shown at the left:

"Studebaker cars—the Runabout, Stanhope, Victoria-Phaeton, Special High Speed Stanhope and Coupe—meet every demand of the most exacting private carriage service.

"The body is scientifically suspended upon two pair of superb springs. Mechanically its construction in the vital parts is that of thoroughness which permits no seen or unseen flaw."

## THE 1938 STUDEBAKER—

The Studebaker for 1938 is offered in three lines—the President, the Commander and the Six.

Noteworthy features of the new models include new frames, bigger bodies and availability of a vacuum-actuated shifting mechanism located on the instrument panel. Free wheeling and overdrive, new type clutch, larger brakes, improved steering and a host of other improvements are featured.



Let Us Demonstrate the New Studebaker to You Today or at Your Convenience. Liberal Allowance For Your Present Car on Purchase of a New Studebaker. Don't Fail to See the Studebaker for 1938!

Drive the 1938 Studebaker for the Utmost in

### HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES . . .

As you pause long enough to recognize your own birthday which has come at the close of half a century of good newspapering.

Our wish is that the growth in years and influence of The Times shall not end with the closing—

**FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE!**

- COMFORT
- SAFETY AND
- ECONOMY

# POLLARD

AT SNYDER GARAGE



# State Buffalo Hunters Led by Scurry Man

## J. Wright Mooar First in County

When it comes to buffalo hunters, the name of J. Wright Mooar comes to mind as the first professional buffalo hunter in Texas—the man about whom reams of copy have been written by writers all over the Southwest.

J. Wright Mooar is remarkably active despite his 86 years, and lives most of the time at his home 10 miles northwest of Snyder, near the spot where he first camped when he entered Scurry County as a buffalo hunter October 7, 1876.

In Snyder's Centennial celebration San Jacinto Day, April 21, 1936, J. Wright Mooar was given the place of honor in leading the parade on horseback. He was accompanied by his adopted granddaughter, 12-year-old Julia Mae McDonnell, herself an expert horseman.

### Old Skinning Wagons.

In the parade, Mr. Mooar's horse was followed by two wagons that represented the old skinning wagons. In them rode old-timers carrying buffalo guns and Winchesters.

J. Wright Mooar has doubtless been a vital part of more West Texas history than any other living person. Tales of high adventure and trail blazing are woven into the pioneer buffalo hunter's life.

Sixty years ago—October 7, 1876—Mooar established a buffalo camp on the banks of Deep Creek, 10 miles northwest of where Snyder was started as a trading post a year later. The two buffalo skinning wagons that followed the horse he rode made the first wagon tracks ever made by a settler in what was to become later Scurry County.

It was on that day that Mooar, the first professional buffalo hunter in Texas, killed a huge white buffalo. The rare animal was shot half a mile southeast of the site where the pioneer later built the house he now occupies.

### Only White Buffalo.

The hide was dressed at Dodge City, Kansas. It now is in Mooar's possession, the only white buffalo hide known to exist today. The famous skin has been on display in New York, and later was taken to the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. In recent years, it has been sought

by many museums and collectors, but Scurry County's first settler prizes it so highly that he says he will keep it until his death.

Only seven white buffalo are definitely known to have been killed.

The hunter and his outfit of two wagons and four other men came up from old Fort Griffin, in Shackelford County, and established the camp in a country where they found thousands of buffalo. Water and wood were plentiful, and the location promised protection from the Indians. The deep straight banks of the creek on which the camp was pitched prompted Mooar to call the stream Deep Creek.

The first outfit was followed in a week by John W. Mooar, brother of the hunter, with 13 more wagons and five more men. For two years the hunting party lived in a dugout, ranging over a wide area in their search for buffalo. A house was then built near the site of the pioneer's present home.

### First Hunting Outfit.

J. Wright Mooar led the first buffalo hunting outfit that crossed the neutral strip out of Kansas into the Panhandle of Texas. From this point when he was pioneering in the state's buffalo hunting business, he hunted almost continuously in Texas, although he marketed his hides in Dodge City until he came to Fort Griffin in 1875.

Quahah Parker, famous Indian chief, was camped on Middle Creek at the present site of the John Slaughter Ranch in Garza County, with 300 braves, when the Mooar brothers outfit established its headquarters on Deep Creek. Some years later, when the Indians were brought to terms with the settlers, the chief told Mooar that he and his men did not attack the white man's camp because they feared the hunter's big gun. "Shootum today; killum tomorrow."

The white buffalo was killed with a Sharpe's "Big Fifty" rifle, purchased by the hunter at Dodge City in 1873. He carried the gun in the Centennial Parade at Snyder in 1936.

### Mooar Does Killing.

Mooar did all the killing, while his brother and several men remained at camp to prepare ammunition and get the hides and meat ready for market. The skinning wagons followed not far behind the hunter.

At times, when the Indians were

## PROBLEM: FIND THE HOGS



In casting about for a good picture from the Camp Springs community, The Times picked this hog snapshot, made in October, 1912, on the W. V. Jones place near the town of Camp Springs. The suspended, short-panted boy is Jesse V. Jones, now

Sinclair agent and Manhattan Garage operator, Snyder. W. V. Jones, his father, who is cornering his fine looking hogs, moved to Snyder several years ago in order to give his children schooling advantages, but is now back on a farm just north of Camp Springs.

to be especially feared, another horseman accompanied the hunter. The first winter's hunt—with the Deep Creek camp as headquarters—was a remunerative one for the Mooar brothers. A total of 4,500 hides and 62,000 pounds of cured buffalo meat were sold at the end of four months. The meat brought seven and one-half cents a pound.

During his career as a buffalo hunter, which started in 1871 in Kansas and terminated in 1879 when the thundering herds were practically killed out, J. Wright Mooar killed more than 20,000 buffalo.

Today Julia Mae McDonnell, Mr. Mooar's adopted 12-year-old granddaughter, is the "apple of his eye." Julia Mae is an honor student in Snyder grammar school. She is at ease with the best horsemen when in the saddle, and has a pony which she rides in town, and on the Mooar Ranch.

Extra copies of this edition may be obtained at the Times office.

## McGlaun Pioneer In Wholesale Oil

A Snyder pioneer in the wholesale oil products business is Gay McGlaun, who took over the Texas Company interests here in 1913, when drums were still used instead of tanks.

The concern was established in 1910 by LeRoy Johnson, now of Sweetwater, in about the present Snyder Produce Company location. In those days, and for several years afterward, axle grease and kerosene were the principal products sold.

W. W. Nelson purchased the agency in 1911, and McGlaun took it over two years later. Tanks were erected in 1913, the year McGlaun went into the business. He established his office in connection with Mitchell and Casstevens, hardware and tin shop, in the present Fair Store site.

Associated with Gay McGlaun is his son, W. A. (Alfred), while John Martin and Jim Baze are also firm employees.

From "The Coming West," May 30, 1901: Ira Kutch returned last Monday from Donley County. He helped to move a herd of cattle from J. B. Slaughter's ranches in Glasscock and Garza Counties to the J A Ranch in Donley County. Ira says they broke the record on that trip, having branded 1,000 steers in a little more than half a day, and that the country all the way from Glasscock to Red River is in excellent condition, the lakes full of water.

## The Logical Choice

Of Quality-Wise Motorists Is



Because of the long period of refining experience behind Sinclair Products, auto owners can depend on them for highest quality which modern methods can devise.

Since 1907 products of this company and its predecessors have been sold in Snyder. Watters-Pierce Oil Company, which later became Sinclair, was the county's first wholesale agency.

## Sinclair Opaline and Pennsylvania Motor Oils

### Congratulations, Home Paper—

Our hearty good wish is that the Times shall continue to lead on to new marks as it enters its second

Half a Century of Prosperity!

## Growing With Snyder



Although we have been in this good town less than a year, our reception and business has been nothing short of pleasing. But remarkable values such as we feature make business good.

We are grateful for this patronage through 11 months in our Twenty-Fifth Street location.

**Brunswick Tires, Arvin Radio, Monarch Batteries**

**TIMES, WE CONGRATULATE YOU—**

for having stayed on the job through thick and thin in newspapering to give your section

**FIFTY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE**

## B. W. Warren Tire Store

1917 Twenty-Fifth Street

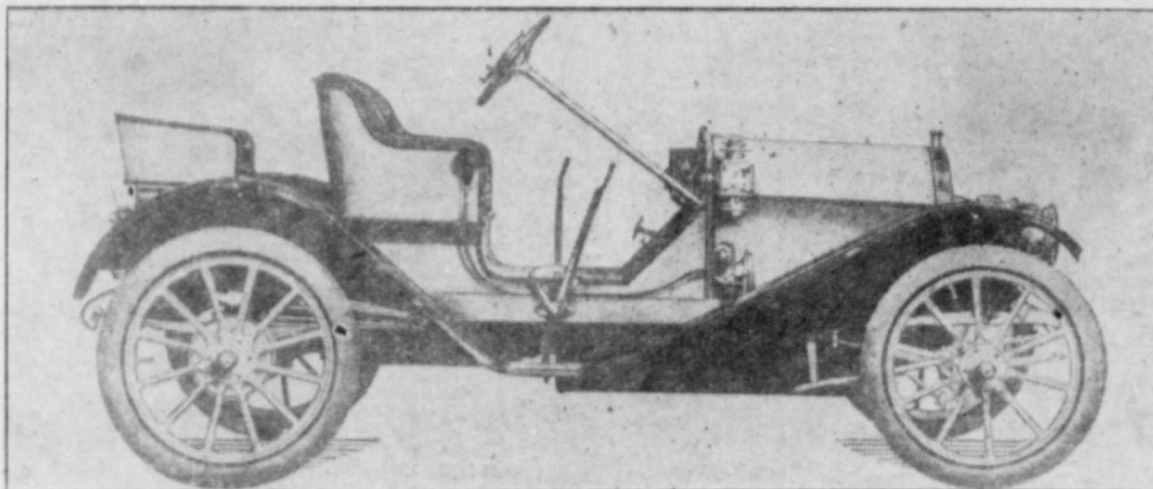
## Jesse V. Jones

SINCLAIR WHOLESALE AGENT



# Hudson 20 For 1909-\$900

Top is  
\$75  
Extra



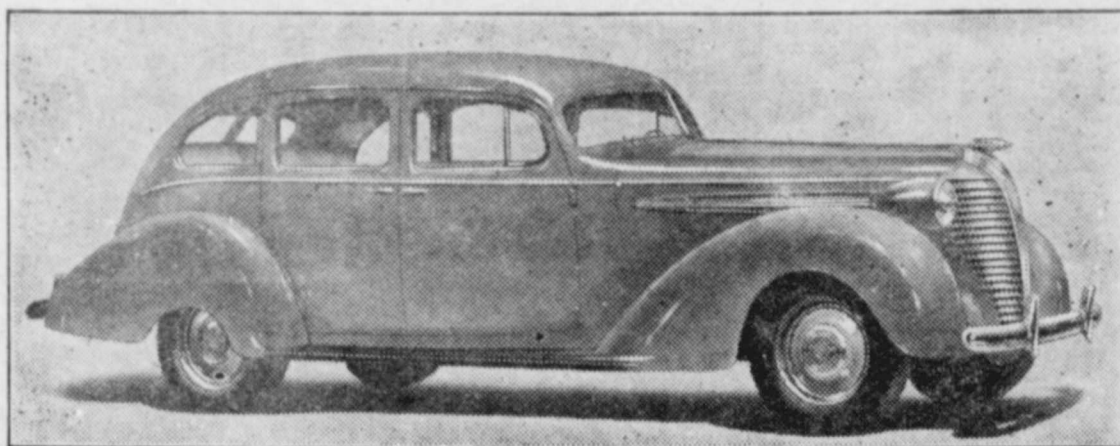
We quote from the Saturday Evening Post of June 19, 1909:

"There have been many low priced cars, but never one so big, strong, speedy and good looking as this Hudson 20. In this car you find that something called class—that something which other cars at or near this price have lacked. The radiator, steering column, side lamp brackets, hub caps and side control lever are of brass.

"Top, Prest-o-Lite lamps and generator are available at extra charge on all models.

"The Hudson 20 develops all the power you want. Any Hudson 20 will do 50 miles an hour. On the Grosse Pointe race track one of them has been driven a mile a minute. The motor is vertical, four cylinder, four cycle, water cooled, known as the Renault type. Tires are 32x3 in front and 32x3½ in the rear. Gear control is of the accepted standard sort, shifted by lever on the right-hand side. Equipment—Two large headlights, generator, two side oil lamps, tail lamps, full set of tools and horn.

# Hudson Terraplane For 1938



Today, Hudson proudly announces three unusual new automobiles—all under the Hudson banner. The Hudson Terraplane, Hudson Six and Hudson Eight. With prices starting close to the very lowest, these new Hudsons have been designed from the ground up with the one idea of giving you more for your money than you can get anywhere else.

And, in a year when automatic gear shifting is the brand new feature of other cars, Hudson's selective automatic shift transmission—made still greater for 1938—stands alone as the only automatic shift that has proved itself in three years of use by more than 150,000 owners and more than a billion miles of driving. See the new Hudsons!

## HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES—

for the tenacity of purpose and determination that have brought you down through fifty years of Scurry County history. We hope that your growth and prestige will not stop—

## ON THIS YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

# J. R. Hicks Motor Company

Half Block West of the Square on Twenty-Fifth Street



### Johnston Plants First Money Crop

"Only a fool would farm west of the Brazos," A. M. (Deep Creek) Johnston of Dunn is reported to have said many, many years ago. But the pioneer Dunn citizen is believed to have been the first man to turn over Scurry County sod.

Johnston is also reputed to have planted the first cotton in Scurry County, along with the Richardsons and a few other early settlers of the Dunn community.

Johnston cultivated the first land in 1882, one mile south of Dunn, where the Johnston family first settled. His half dugout was one of the first, if not the first, permanent residences in the county.

The elder Johnston, who died several years ago, was the father of W. A. (Will) Johnston, former county commissioner, still a leader of the Dunn sector.

A. M. Johnston's grandchildren are now growing up in this sandy land community—bruising their heels on the rocky banks of Deep Creek, leaving their footprints in the muddy bed of Sulphur.

### Sunset Oil Company Owned by Niedecken

D. E. Niedecken is owner of the Sunset Oil Company, which operates in the former Teter's Service Station location, just west of the bridge on 26th Street. Lester Minton stays at the station to handle retail business, and Arnold Marshall is on the wholesale truck.

Son of H. G. Niedecken of Snyder, Dewey was in the wholesale and retail oil business in Hamlin from 1924 to 1936. He started his present business here in January, 1937.

Onyx gasoline, kerosene, distillate, and motor oils are the Sunset specialties.

### Belk Blacksmith in Snyder for 13 Years

Belk Brothers Blacksmith Shop on Avenue Q was founded in 1924 by A. D. and O. M. Belk, present owners. The Belk brothers have been blacksmithing for a quarter of a century, beginning at Cleburne in 1912.

The Belk brothers moved from Cleburne to Mansfield in 1917 and put up a blacksmith shop. They came to Snyder in 1924 from Mansfield, and established the shop they now run.

### Brown's Started Here Back in '20

Brown & Son, 2513 Avenue S, was established at its present site in August, 1937. Harold Brown is manager of this firm which specializes in staple and fancy groceries, fruits, vegetables and fresh meats.

The firm was first established as Brown Grocery in 1920 where the Juarez Cafe now is. Brown Grocery was moved to the present location of Cochran's grocery, later to the site where Warren's Tire Store is now, then to the north side of the square, and next to its present site.

H. P. Brown came to Scurry County from Collin County in 1901. He farmed until he put in a cafe in 1906 where J. H. Sears & Company is now located.

Brown & Son is following the present trend of help-yourself groceries.

### Warren's Tire Store Founded This Year

Warren's Tire Store, 1917 25th Street, was founded February 1, 1937, by B. W. Warren, manager and operator. Warren worked several years ago for B. E. Needles at the Big Spring store, but founded this 25th Street store in the early part of 1937.

Warren handles Brunswick tires, Arvin radios and Monarch batteries. He has enjoyed a nice business since starting in his Snyder location. Orb Hammit is employed at the local tire store.

### Palace-Ritz-Texas Founded by Lollars

Snyder's Palace-Ritz-Texas Theatres had their beginning in 1922, when the Cozy Theatre was opened. The late T. L. Lollar purchased the Cozy, on the south side of the square, in 1926.

The Palace was opened in 1926, also, and the name of the Cozy was changed to Ritz in 1928. P. W. Cloud, manager of the shows, came to Snyder in October, 1928, after the death of Lollar. He started in the show business at Floydada in 1922, and was in Wichita Falls before he came to Snyder. The Texas was opened on October 15, 1937.

At the Palace, Dennis Adams is operator. Mrs. Lollar is in charge at the office; Texas, Lee Duckett, W. H. Grant and Mrs. Gaither Bell; Ritz, Wylie Brice, Paul Yarborough and Mrs. Duckett.

# A Sign of Quality In Scurry County---



For twenty-seven years people of Scurry County have bought Texas Company Petroleum Products. First agency was operated about where the Snyder Produce Company is located. The Texaco Star-Circle emblem still means quality to thousands.

## PIONEERS IN THE MODERN FIELD OF LUBRICATION—

Texaco has led the field in scientific research and tests to determine correct lubricants for modern automobiles. The company has spent millions of dollars in this important work.

The auto driver of today has as his heritage all which these years have accomplished.



## SCURRY COUNTIANS LOOK TO THE TIMES

for reliable information on what is new in news and advertising every week. For half a century our Home County Paper has served, and we're happy to extend congratulations on this—

*Your Fiftieth Birthday*

## AND MANY FOLKS LOOK TO US—

for their needs in fuel oils and lubricants for their vehicles, engines and stoves.

We are grateful for the patronage of numerous friends through past years.

# Callis & McMath

# Gay McGlaun

Agent, The Texas Company, Since 1913



# National Guard Brings County \$100,000

## Company G One Of Leading Units

If we follow the history of Company G, 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, we follow the history of an organization that has brought into Scurry County approximately \$100,000 in new money during its 13 years of being.

Company G was organized at Snyder April 18, 1924, with three officers and 52 enlisted men. The first officers of Company G were: Captain John E. Sentell, who has commanded the company from its inception to the present time; First Lieutenant Herbert W. Waterman, and Second Lieutenant James L. Ramsour.

Limited space forbids a complete roster, but some of the charter members of Company G still around Snyder are: Arthur C. Preull, first sergeant; Tim O. Cook, now first lieutenant; and Walter C. Dever, Charles E. Dever, Oliver W. Dever, Jesse V. Jones, John P. Nelson.

Martin Norred, Cecil C. Rhodes, Ernest Townsend, Billy Boren, Olan W. Curry, Herman S. Darby, James B. Edwards, Victor Longbotham, Elvin R. Thompson, Lloyd H. Merritt, Cecil H. Reynolds, Claude J. Sims, and James B. Early.

### First Local Armory.

The first armory was located over the Winston-Clements feed store. The armory was located here, until Company G moved in 1927 to its present armory, located on the second floor of the Towle Building, block west of the square on Twenty-fifth Street.

Approximately 420 men have received training with Company G, ranging from a few weeks in time to nearly 14 years. Of those now in the organization, Captain John E. Sentell, First Lieutenant Tim O. Cook, Sergeant Cecil H. Reynolds, and First Class Private Oliver W. Dever mustered in with the company April 18, 1924.

Officers who have served with Company G, in addition to those previously named, are: Arthur C. Preull, second lieutenant; Clinton S. Ware, first lieutenant; Harris E. Scale, second lieutenant; Wren O. Moore, second and first lieutenant; Tim O. Cook, second and first lieutenant; Tommie J. Black, second lieutenant; and Second Lieutenant Roy O. Irvin.

### Wins in Early Years.

Company G was two years in getting out of its swaddling clothes, and becoming molded into an effective military organization. When Company G received its third federal inspection in 1927, it received the highest rating in the 142nd Infantry, which was composed of 18 units. Each year since Company G has received an S plus rating, the highest given.

Company G through the years has been adding trophies and glory to the name of Snyder's National Guard unit, and two plaques now hang on the walls of the armory as evidence of Company G having won first place two years in division musketry competition, with 45 companies competing each year.

Out of five years the 36th Division has held a division musketry competition at the annual encampments. Company G won the plaques two years, and two other years was runner-up, being beaten by only one company.

### "Bodyguard Company."

Possibly one of the highest honors that has come to Company G was being designated as Governor Ross S. Sterling's and Miriam A. Ferguson's "bodyguard company" in 1931 and 1932. In addition to other trophies, Company G has been given 15 ribbons for outstanding accomplishments. No other National Guard unit in Texas has a better rating.

Scurry County has just cause to be proud of Company G. Not only because of its outstanding record as a National Guard unit second to none in the state, but because Snyder has been one of the few cities its size in Texas to retain a guard unit for the number of years Company G has been active here.

Company G, during its 13 years of existence, has given training with an educational value to young men from every section of the county. Personnel of the organization has continued to bring credit and honor to Snyder and Scurry County.

Captain John E. Sentell, who has been a good soldier as well as captain, gives the following information on just how much money Company G brings into the county: An approximate armory payroll of \$4,000 a year, plus a camp payroll of about \$2,000, which makes for an annual payroll of approximately \$6,000.

### \$500,000 Turnover.

Lease on the rifle range, rent on the armory, plus payrolls through the years, has caused Scurry's Company G to bring about \$100,000 in new money into Scurry County. This \$100,000 in new money is equal to a turnover of \$500,000 spent within the county.

Leading economists say every new dollar brought into a county is equal to five spent within county borders. Captain Sentell points out the fact other counties would be getting this new money if Scurry County were not.

Company G's first encampment in 1924 was at Fort Crockett, Galveston. The second encampment was held at Camp Mabry, Austin. All encampments since then have been held at Camp Hulien, Palacios. Next



Hermligh State Bank a few years ago was one of five banking houses in the county. It occupied the building in the foreground of this picture. To the right the sign says "Fargason

Brothers," still one of the town's leading firms. In active charge of the bank when it was purchased during the "repression" by a Snyder bank was Chas. J. Lewis, now county clerk.

year Company G will go to Camp Bullis, which is attached to Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio, for the next annual encampment of the

units that make up the 36th Division. Following is the present roster of Company G: Captain John E. Sentell, First

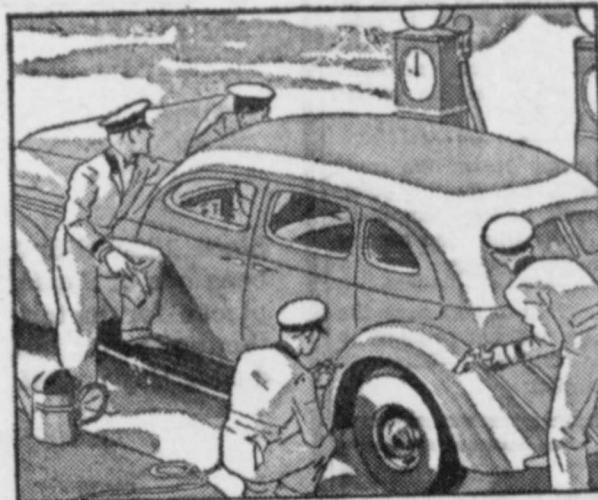
Lieutenant Tim O. Cook, Second Lieutenant Roy O. Irvin; First Sergeant Claude E. Ingram;

Sergeants—Clarence H. Brush, Howard Franks, Onice Holdren, Homer M. Spence, Leonard W. Spence; corporals—Leslie J. Cole, Richard V. Davis, Ivan F. Hardy, James C. Holladay, William H. Hudson; Hugh H. Merritt; Kenneth O. Pitner, Cecil H. Reynolds;

First class privates—Ralph A. Bates, George D. Bills, Ollie W. Dever, Fredrick S. Eades, Robert A. Groves, Clarence G. Irion, J. G. Irion, Allon V. McCowen, Billie M. McHaney, Harry R. McHaney, Charlie B. Morrow, Singular E. Pence, Essie L. Ryan, Harvey N. Walton, Foch W. Walton, Elbert H. Williamson;

Privates—Max C. Baugh, Ernest E. Birdwell, Lester Brown, Alvin Camp, James C. Cook, Harold D. Crawley, Raymond L. Curnutte, Jack P. Crowder, George D. Dyer, Leon Eades, Verdie L. Eades, W. D. Eades, Eugene R. Gladson, Calvin T. Hayes, Ardath V. Head, Alvin B. Johnson, Lutner P. Kemp, T. J. Kite, Henry S. Lightfoot, George E. Lincecum, William P. Martin, Willie T. Morrow, Eugene A. Pinkerton, Frank O. Pinkerton, Jeff D. Robison, Thomas A. Rosson, John G. Starnes, Winfield S. Starnes, Ethridge G. Strickland, George E. Trousdale, Joseph R. Watkins.

# For Over Five Years



## WADE'S HAS MEANT GOOD AUTO SERVICE

Whenever the name of Wade's Service Station is mentioned, hundreds of automobile owners of the area immediately associate the name with prompt, courteous service for their machines. In fact, we even lie awake at night trying to think of ways to improve our service.

Since the firm was established behind Towle's more than five years ago, business has always been good with our concern. We appreciate the constant trade of numerous customers. Best way to show our appreciation is pledging to give our best efforts in the future, we believe.

HERE'S TO YOU, TIMES . . .

As you come to the most eventful time in your career thus far, we want to be among the thousands who will wish you well and express congratulations upon your having reached your—

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Road Wrecker Service

Washing and Lubrication

# Wade's Service Station

TELEPHONE 500



# Nunn Reminiscences of Wide Interest

## Tom First Owner Of This Section

With our Scurry County pioneers, probably nothing is more interesting in their sunset years than to gather the reminiscences of their lives together for the benefit of future generations. From reminiscences of James H. (Jim) Nunn, compiled by Mrs. Omaha Ryan, Snyder, we glean a few highlights. His brother, Tom, donated lots where part of Snyder now stands.

Mr. Nunn remembers very well when Snyder was a buffalo camp. Tom Nunn had applied for a patent on some land where Snyder now stands, but due to the Texas & Pacific Railroad building through Colorado City, Pete Snyder moved his supply store there. Says Mr. Nunn:

"In 1883 my brother, T. N. (Tom) Nunn, applied for the section of land where Snyder now is, and after a time the board at Austin awarded it to him; but in the meantime Pete Snyder learned that this part of the county would be the county seat, and brought Mr. Marshall, a land surveyor of Mitchell County, from Colorado City and began to survey the town.

### Snyder Gets "None."

"Now, Tom Nunn had already applied for the patent to this land, and he told Pete Snyder he would divide the land with him if he would not take the matter to court. Snyder said, 'No, I will have it all or none'. A law suit followed and Snyder got 'none'.

"However, the county seat was named Snyder before the patent to the land was received by Nunn. He gave one-third of this section of land to Judge Luny of Colorado City, for running the suit through court. Later, in 1884, Mr. Wilmeth came here, and he paid Judge Luny seven hundred dollars for his third section of land.

"Brother Tom bought Ben Webb's claim to the land and his cattle about 1883. Later Tom Nunn gave a large portion of the land for the square and jail, as well as land for the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian people. Also the public school ground."

### Only Three Women.

In 1879 Mr. Nunn relates there were only three women in Scurry County he saw. There were: "Mrs. Webb, mother of Mrs. O. P. Thrane;

Mrs. J. I. Green, wife of our ranch manager; and Mrs. Jep Claton (Jep Claton brought the first cattle to Nolan County). Women had terrible times in those days. It was 30 miles to the nearest doctor, and there were no schools or churches. I taught J. I. Green's children to read and write on Sundays."

The first cattle brought to Scurry County were brought by J. H. John and T. N. Nunn. Continuing Mr. Nunn's account: "In 1876 three of us brothers, with a big outfit, started a part of our herd of longhorn cattle from Washington County west. We stopped in Williamson County and made the first camp.

"Well do I remember that experience. This was June 10—a most unusual thing happened; a big frost came that night. I rode in my saddle all night long, and I like to "froze" to death.

### Brings 15,000 Cattle.

"On October 30, 1877, brother T. N. and his outfit landed in Scurry County with about 15,000 head of cattle—the first cattle brought to Scurry County. One of his boys cut the date October 30, 1877, on a rock near Camp Springs, which may still be seen."

Mr. Nunn further states that bread and buffalo meat made good eating. He says, "I have poured water in the flour, in the top of the sack, and made dough around a stick and cooked it over a cow chip—'prairie coal'—fire, and broiled a big piece of buffalo meat on another stick for my meal. This was good as cake when a person was really hungry."

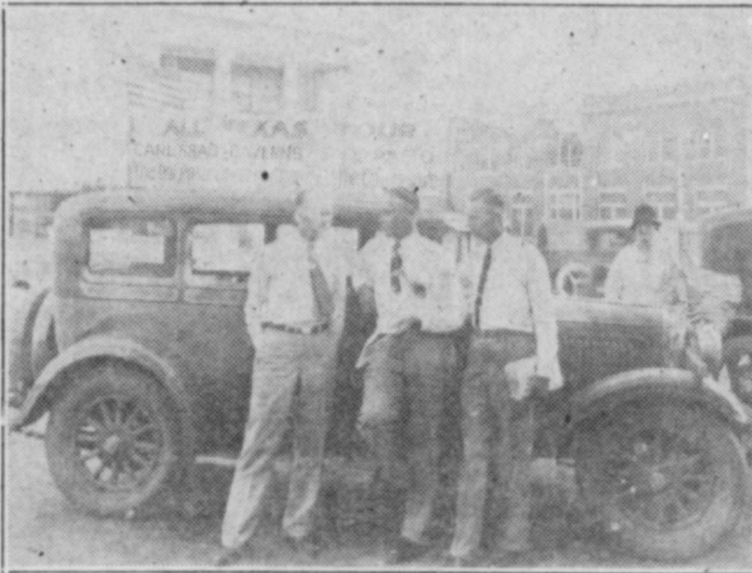
Early day mail service was from Buffalo Gap, 15 miles south of Abilene. The 85-mile trip from Snyder required several days. Mr. Nunn relates that the person going to the post office carried the mail for all the settlers in his community.

Probably the raising of a buffalo cow from a calf was one of Mr. Nunn's most humorous experiences. The N. N. N. brand was put on the buffalo calf, but in trying to make a milk cow let another buffalo calf suck, he missed his aim, and killed the second buffalo calf he wanted to raise as a "pet."

Dallas Morning News: We could discuss more accurately the possibility of a split in the Democratic party if we knew what had become of the Democratic party.

Let us be content to work to do the things we can, and not presume to fret because it's little.—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

## DAL-PASO ROUTE BOOSTED



This was the lead car in the Dal-Paso Highway motorcade that came through Snyder in the summer of 1929. In the foreground are: O. P. Thrane, long-time Snyder business leader, now bursar of McMurry College, Abilene; J. W. Scott, still secretary of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce; and Wm. A. Wilson,

manager of the tour, who was then secretary of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce. Agitation for complete modernization of Highway 15 into New Mexico continues into 1938, as it has for 10 or 15 years. The road has been practically completed through Fisher County, to the east Scurry County line.

## Homeseekers in 1901 to Scurry

From "The Coming West," April 11, 1901.

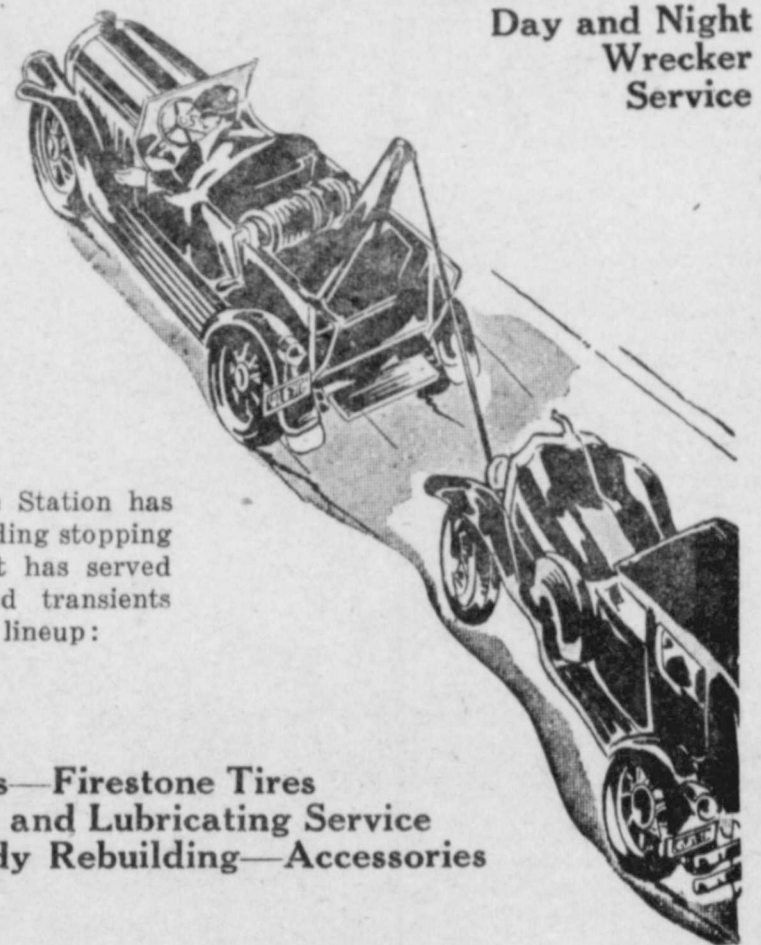
During the past eight or ten months hundreds of home-seekers from the East have visited our county and a large per cent of these have permanently located.

It would seem that the prevailing sentiment abroad is that this is indeed the land of Hesperides which, if not literally true, approaches very near the truth. To verify this you have but to visit our town, and look upon the fair face of our surrounding country where substantial farm houses and thriving stock ranches abound. A drive over the county will convince anyone of its bright future and of the importance of its capital as a business center.

Our gin is still running on Saturday, which is an index to the cotton producing elements in our soil and to the energy and enterprise of our farmers. But cotton growing forms but a small part of the diversified interests which engage the time and attention of the Scurry County farmer.

Extra copies of this edition may be obtained at the Times office.

# FOR 13 YEARS



Since 1924 Olds Service Station has been one of Snyder's leading stopping places for motorists. It has served thousands of locals and transients during this period. Our lineup:

Good Gulf Products—Firestone Tires  
Washing, Polishing and Lubricating Service  
Auto Repairs—Body Rebuilding—Accessories

As we look back on our record of accomplishments we want to express our sincere appreciation for a liberal patronage of friends.

### CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES—

for having carried the banner of a good newspaper through half a century of turbulent times. Our hope is that you shall live and prosper long after

### —YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

TELEPHONE 500

# Olds Service Station

R. C. (Bud) Miller, Proprietor

HERE'S TO YOU TIMES

We want to take the top part of our ad and express congratulations to Our Home County Paper as it observes

ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

## 17 Years Ago

we started in the garage business, working for Wesley Hendricks at the Cash Garage, which was located at the present site of the Magnolia Service Station. At our stand west of the square we now offer

### A Complete Automotive Service

backed by seventeen years of experience with every make auto. Bring us any of your car troubles with the assurance of absolute satisfaction.

YOUR BUSINESS APPRECIATED

# Frank Arnett

Two Blocks West of Square



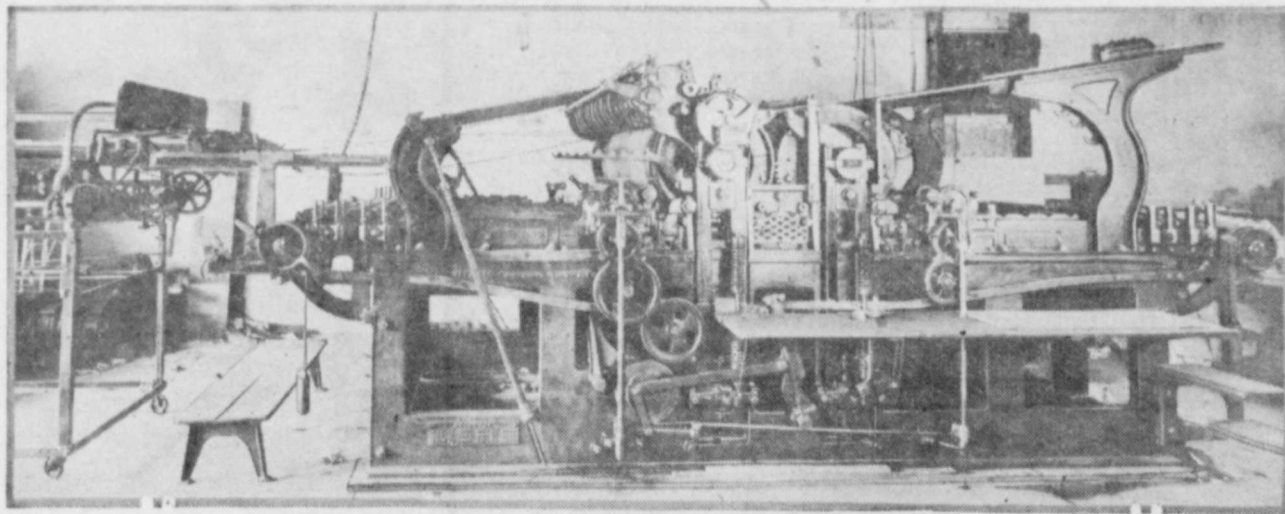
**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 30, 1937.

**The Scurry County Times**

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

SCURRY COUNTY OWES MUCH TO A STEADY PROCESSION OF

**NEWSPAPERS**

—If The Times had any inclination to brag over its accomplishments in recent years, that spirit would assuredly be missing after a reading of Snyder's glorious newspaper history. From the days of Dick Lively and A. C. Wilmeth, a half century ago, the press has been represented by a staunch breed of men.

—The progressive steps taken by Snyder and Scurry County have in many cases come as a direct result of newspaper efforts. So it is that a large portion of this section is devoted to a history of Scurry County newspaperdom . . . a history that admittedly lacks the punch that many early publishers would have given.

**THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A GOOD NEWSPAPER**



# Early Newspaper Records Are Uncertain

## Town Since 1934 In Town 22 Years

Unfortunately, Scurry County newspaper records are incomplete, no copies being preserved prior to 1895. Old-timers differ in opinion whether A. C. Wilmeth or Dick Lively started the first county newspaper, Wilmeth being interested in the newspaper business only a short time.

Dick Lively, however, was one of the widest known early day West Texas newspaper editors. He was editor of The Coming West as early as 1887.

On Saturday, February 23, 1895, No. 1 of Vol. 1 of The Scurry County News was issued. E. C. Dodson was editor, but a little later R. J. McNeil worked with Dodson for a short time.

### Crump Enters Firm.

McNeil went back to teaching, and B. L. Crump entered the firm. At this period in county newspaper history, Dick Lively evidently was publishing The Colorado Times.

February 11, 1897, Lively & Crump became publishers of The Scurry County News, with the office located on the south side of the square. The name was changed again to The Coming West, with the issue of February 18, 1897. "As it was the life and pride of West Texas once, so shall it be again," was the motto.

December 23, 1897, we find Lively and Crump still publishing The Coming West. Besides the paper, Lively & Crump also handled vaccine virus, tombstones, monuments and wire railing.

The Coming West of May 14, 1900, date had as a publisher E. W. Pool. He had come over from The Big Spring Daily Venture, and purchased the interest of R. R. Lively.

### Grantham Is Next.

November 29, 1900, L. D. Grantham entered the partnership. He had worked 12 years in Snyder with the Big Cash Store. On February 7, 1901, E. W. Pool retired from the business, and Grantham carried the paper until a half-interest was sold to E. B. Barnes in the summer of 1901.

In January of 1902, Barnes & Kinchen became publishers of The Coming West, Grantham and Barnes having dissolved their partnership. In February of 1902, Ben F. Smith came to Snyder and bought The

Western Light from Frank Barron. Kinchen had established The Western Light as a Populist paper—to catch the political fancy of the times. Snyder now had in 1903 The Western Light to read The Coming West by, as the saw went. Subsequent Light editors were: Maxie Williams, Frank Bowron (now with Graham Leader), Joe Byrd, J. S. Hardy and J. P. Chambless—besides Ben F. Smith.

### Barnes and Rosser.

About this time E. B. Barnes and the late M. E. Rosser were publishers of The Coming West, which was later consolidated with The Western Light. When Ben F. Smith purchased The Western Light, the plant was upstairs over Snyder Mercantile store, where Snyder National Bank is now.

The Western Light was sold to J. S. Hardy about 1909. In 1910 The Fluvanna Herald was established by the Fluvanna Townsite Company as sponsors, with a life span, however, of only a few years.

In 1910 The Western Light was located in a tin building where Bryant-Link Company now is, and later moved to the Wilmeth Building in the same year. J. S. Hardy, O. P. Hardy and W. R. Bell became in 1910 Western Light owners, after Ben F. Smith sold the paper in the fall.

### Snyder Signal Begins.

Along about 1911 The Snyder Signal, which had been established by enterprising editors, entered the field. E. B. Barnes was editor and publisher; John Baze and R. S. Jackson being connected with the Snyder paper business.

The Coming West was purchased by The Snyder Signal, which in turn combined with The Western Light in 1912. This combination put E. B. Barnes, J. S. Hardy and R. S. Jackson in as publishers.

John Baze had been editor, for a time, of The Coming West, and The Snyder Daily Signal, which ran for a time as a four-page daily sheet; carried in its April 21, 1911, issue an account of Dick Lively's death in Oklahoma.

The Snyder Daily Signal had Associated Press wire service—limited, of course—and a 50-cent monthly rate, or \$4.50 per year. When The Western Light was combined with The Snyder Signal (both daily and weekly), E. B. Barnes and J. S. Hardy were publishers.

### Barnes Sells Interest.

August 11, 1911, E. B. Barnes sold his interest in The Signal to R. S.

## SHE'S SHOT



This picture was made when the Harmon-Seifert No. 1, on the Cub Murphy place near Ira, was given a nitroglycerin shot in the early fall of 1930. The well is still pumping several barrels of oil daily. Oil men continue to believe that a paying field lies under Scurry County, although only a few light pumpers have been brought in. Every year since the early twenties has seen one or more wells drilled in the county, and three wells, two of them incomplete at this writing, were drilled during 1937. Tens of thousands of dollars are paid county land owners every year for leases and royalty rights, and several oil men have made their headquarters in Snyder from year to year.

Jackson. Hardy & Jackson thus became Signal publishers, with Hardy & Pickle soon taking over the paper.

In 1914, The Snyder Signal was moved to where King & Brown now are located; in 1916 Hardy & Cham-

bles becoming publishers, and The Signal being moved to the south side of the square where Snyder Insurance Agency is now.

In 1921, W. M. Curry and W. R. Bell bought The Snyder Signal. And in April, 1923, The Scurry County Times was established; first as a weekly, and for a while as a semi-weekly newspaper. Ben F. Smith was editor of The Scurry County Times, who sold the sheet to W. M. Martin.

### Another Consolidation.

December 1, 1923, The Snyder Signal ceased publication, Ben F. Smith buying it from W. M. Curry and W. R. Bell; and consolidating it with The Scurry County Times.

In 1924, J. L. Martin bought The Scurry County Times-Signal from Ben F. Smith. Bob Collier ran a job shop at Snyder for a while in 1924; The West Texas Letter-Press Company (a mimeograph affair) also operating a short period. John Baze also opened a job shop he ran about a year.

While J. L. Martin was publisher of The Scurry County Times-Signal, he installed a Huber press and folder, and changed the paper from six columns to its present size.

In 1927 J. L. Martin sold a half interest in The Times-Signal to George P. (Jimmie) Smith; Martin later selling his half interest to "Chubby" Ritzenthaler of Salisbury, Missouri. In late 1927 The Times-Signal had as its publishers George P. (Jimmie) Smith and "Chubby" Ritzenthaler.

"Well, the worst of our spring cleaning is over."  
"What's that?"  
"Oh, my wife has burned up all the valuable papers in my desk!"

## First Drug Store Founded in 1890

Out of Snyder's first drug store, founded in 1890 by F. J. Grayum and Lee K. Auten, has grown the present Stinson No. 2, located on the west side of the square.

Present manager is J. D. Scott, who purchased John Irwin's interest in the store in 1933. Cleve Blackard and Willard Lewis are the regular drug clerks, and Mrs. Lawrence Jones is bookkeeper.

The firm, almost as old as the first Snyder newspaper, was sold in 1905 by Grayum and Auten to a company headed by W. R. Fickas, now of Lubbock, Jim Chinn and Ab Howell. It was moved to the west side, where Grayum again became associated with the store in 1909, with Fickas, and in 1913 he purchased Fickas' interest. W. M. Morrow was the purchaser in 1917.

Warren Brothers purchased the store in 1920, and Joe and Lee Stinson bought it in 1928. Tom Boren was the first manager under the Stinsons, and Irwin later became manager and a stockholder. A. E. Wiese was manager from 1934 until he left for Stamford to become a wholesale drug salesman.

Daniel Webster, whose noble character and rich wisdom illumines many pages of America's history, was once asked, "What is the greatest thought that has ever occupied your mind?"

Instantly he replied, "The fact of my personal accountability to God."

# For Over 4 Years...

Producers of this section have depended upon the ready market offered by this firm for all their Poultry, Eggs and Cream as a source of income the year 'round. If you haven't been one of those, we invite you to get the habit of coming here.

We are grateful for the friendships of hundreds of customers. We pledge continued good service.

## Market Price for All Your Produce

### Congratulations, Times . . .

for having published us a good newspaper for half a century. Our hope is for continued success long after—

### This Your Fiftieth Birthlay

# Abilene Poultry & Produce Co.

J. H. BIRDWELL, Manager

## The Lockney Beacon

LOCKNEY, TEXAS

Jones & Smyth, Publishers.  
The Scurry County Times,  
Snyder, Texas.

Dear Willard and Jake:

Since we are former residents of Scurry County, we have watched its newspapers through the years with considerable interest. We believe Snyder has always had a good newspaper.

So, as The Times observes its fiftieth anniversary, we want to extend our hearty congratulations for the courage and determination of its publishers who have brought the paper through half a century of hardships.

The Lockney Beacon, carrying Volume 37, Number 17 in its masthead this week, sends best wishes for the continued growth and greater prestige for The Times in the future.

J. L. SUITS, Publisher.

P. S.—Greetings from Jeane Suits, Chattergrams chaperone.



# Flowers For The Living

*Yes, We Want to Toss a Few Out Today for One  
Of the Pioneers of the Area . . . So Here Are*

## Hearty Congratulations to The Times on Its Fiftieth Anniversary

Because of the fine record of service made by Our Home County Paper through the past half century, we feel a justified pride in The Times. Through the days when going was easy and when it was rough, our paper has always been a good one.

That The Times shall achieve even greater measure of growth and success in the years to come is the sincere wish of—

## YOUR COUNTY OFFICIALS

H. J. BRICE,  
County Judge

HUBERT ROBISON,  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

J. E. HAIRSTON,  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

H. M. BLACKARD,  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

J. E. HUFFMAN,  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

STERLING WILLIAMS,  
County Attorney

BERNARD LONGBOTHAM,  
Tax Assessor-Collector

CHARLES J. LEWIS,  
County Clerk

JIMMIE BILLINGSLEY,  
District Clerk

CLYDE THOMAS,  
Sheriff

MRS. O. S. WILLIAMSON,  
County Treasurer

FRANK FARMER,  
School Superintendent

T. C. DAVENPORT,  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1

A. A. CHANDLER,  
Constable, Precinct No. 1



## Texas Electric in Snyder Since 1926

Texas Electric Service Company, 2512 Avenue S, has been in its present location for 10 years. J. E. Blakey is manager of the Snyder office, and A. S. Legg is district manager.

The first light plant for Snyder was built in 1909 at the rear of the present H. G. Towle Jewelry Company building, by George Mosier. This first light plant furnished lights for the first Snyder picture show, which was operated by Mosier. This light plant also furnished lights for a few business houses on the north side of the square.

Another light plant was built late in 1909 by J. V. Ramsour and R. P. Brumbach near the present wholesale oil tanks on the R. S. & P.—about three blocks north of the R. S. & P. depot. Snyder's first commercial lighting came from this plant, house wiring being slowly adopted.

E. W. Clark and W. A. Fuller purchased the Ramsour and Brumbach plant in 1911, and moved it to the present site north of the oil mill, where it was consolidated with the ice plant. E. F. Renken, who is now with Texas Power & Light at Dallas, bought the plant in 1915. Until 1915 the light plant was operated only at night; and the power shut off about 11:00 o'clock, after flashing a signal.

In 1918, George Wilcox (who is now with a phone company in East Texas) bought the light plant from Renken. D. P. Yoder and W. B. McCormick (now of Los Angeles) bought the plant in 1919 and enlarged and improved same.

In 1923 McCormick sold his interest to E. J. Anderson. From the time Ramsour and Brumbach had the plant until Yoder-Anderson renamed the plant, it was known as Snyder Electric Company. Yoder-Anderson changed the name to the West Texas Electric Company.

Yoder-Anderson operated the plant until January 1, 1926, when it was sold to Texas Electric Service Company. Texas Electric built a highline from Sweetwater to Snyder in 1926. The company continues to use the local plant as an emergency power source.

## Sweetwater Life Founded in 1920

"Perfect protection at low cost" has been the motto of the Sweetwater Mutual Life Association since its organization in 1920. The late W. W. Davis, Sweetwater merchant, purchased the agency in 1920 from E. R. Bainbridge, the founder.

After the death of Davis in 1933, Mrs. Davis became secretary-treasurer, W. F. Davis was assistant secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Elsie Robinson completes the office personnel.

The company is one of the oldest insurance concerns in West Texas, it having been built under Davis management to include 16 counties in a radius of 75 miles.

An accident policy was added by the company in 1929, offering protection in two policies, death and accident.

## Farmer's Exchange Is Old Cooperative

Farmer's Exchange, 2510 Avenue R, has been in the same location for 11 years on the east side of the square. R. O. von Roeder has been manager of the firm since it was founded in 1926 as a farmer's cooperative store.

Von Roeder moved to Scurry County in 1909, and was a farmer in the Knapp community until 1913. He moved out of the county, but came back in 1925. He sold cotton for the Farm Labor Union, with headquarters at Austin.

When Farmer's Exchange was established in 1926, R. O. von Roeder became manager, buying the store in February of 1934. Regular employees are: Mrs. von Roeder, Ray Hudson and Edgar von Roeder.

E. J. Anderson operated the Texas Electric Service Company office briefly, until J. E. Blakey came here in the summer of 1927 from the Sweetwater office. Blakey has been manager since then.

"Your Electric Servant" is the Texas Electric Service Company motto. Employees are: Mrs. Ethel Elland, Mack Gideon, Nellon Linix, Buddy Martin and George Hendryx.

## "COMING WEST" OFFICE



"The Coming West," Scurry County's first newspaper, was housed in this frame structure

in about 1900, when Dick Lively was the editor. Notice that a feed store shared the quarters.

## Another Chapter in Newspaper History

An interesting chapter was written into Snyder and Scurry County newspaper history by the Autry family.

G. A. Autry and E. W. Dickey purchased "The Coming West" from E. B. Barnes in 1909. James A. Autry purchased the paper in 1910. He is a son of G. A. Autry, a nephew of Dickey. James A. Autry swapped the paper for a drug store, in 1912, with Bill Barnes, brother of E. B. Barnes, on the other end of the deal.

Later, James A. Autry was associated with the "Ira Echo." He, with J. B. and Bill Autry, started "The Snyder News" in the fall of 1927, selling it in May, 1929, to Willard Jones and J. C. Smyth.

## Bill and Maude Sell Southwestern Life

The DeBolds—Bill and Maude—have been Snyder agents for Southwestern Life Insurance Company of Dallas, a Texas owned institution, since they took over the Snyder agency in 1933.

Mrs. Maude DeBald came to Snyder from Sulphur, Oklahoma, in June, 1932. Bill DeBald came to Snyder from Oklahoma City in September of the same year.

For several years they have been members of the Southwestern Life Club, memberships being open only to agents who sell a large amount of insurance annually.

Southwestern Life is a Texas owned institution, with investments kept in Texas firms. It is an old line legal reserve firm.

## State Treasurer Scurry Product

When Charley Lockhart, state treasurer since 1930, first came to Scurry County in 1898, he did some work on books for the Strayhorns, and also worked for Lonnie Grantham, then county clerk. In 1900 he made his first race for county treasurer, and was elected.

"The courthouse at that time," reminisces Lockhart, "stood on the northeast corner of the square. The structure was made of home-burned brick. My office and the county attorney's office adjoined the jail, and I roomed in my office and had my meals in a hotel next to a livery stable."

The diminutive treasurer was elected to the county place eight times, once without opposition. He went out of the office in 1916, organized a small grocery company, and sold groceries until he left Snyder in 1919. He went to Austin with the 36th Legislature, when M. E. Rosser, state representative from Scurry County, and State Senator C. R. Buchanan, secured a job for him with the sergeant-of-arms in the House of Representatives.

Ewing Thomason of El Paso, who was speaker of the house, gave Lockhart his first state appointment, and on April 1 of the same year, John W. Baker, the newly elected state treasurer, gave him a job in the state treasury department as depository manager under the new depository bill as passed by the 36th Legislature. He held this place, with the exception of 23 months, until he was elected state treasurer in 1930.

At the time he was elected, the treasurer's department had only 20 to 25 employees. The number has increased now to about 53, due to the addition of many new taxes.

Also during the Lockhart term in office, a new vault, 16 feet underground, modern in every respect, has been built.

# The Roscoe Times

IN THE HEART OF THE BLACK LAND DIVIDE

wants to have a part in the birthday party and cake cutting which you fellows are staging up there at Snyder this week. Recognizing the fine record made throughout the past half century by your publication, we want to extend

## HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SCURRY COUNTY TIMES

as you recount the hardships and struggles through which your newspaper has passed. Our hearty good wish is that you shall continue to grow in years and prestige long after you shall have observed—

## YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

As The Scurry County Times reflects the activities of its area, so does The Roscoe Times mirror what's new in the Roscoe territory—and it goes into more homes in the Roscoe trade territory than any other newspaper.

[W. B. CROSSLEY, Publisher.]



**LOOK PLEASANT, PLEASE!**

Not many of the present generation will remember the time when picture making was a novelty. That is, all the gadgets and equipment furnished the novelty angle.

## BUT HOW DIFFERENT NOW—

With the modern equipment of the Miles Studio, Scurry County has at her command many new advancements in the art of photography.

**Congratulations, Times . . .**

for having given this area a fine newspaper for half a century. We wish for you

**Many More Happy Birthdays**

**KODAK FILM DEVELOPING AND FINISHING  
PORTRAIT WORK — ENLARGING  
TINTING — FRAMING**

**MILES STUDIO**

South Side Square



# THE GROCERY OF 50 YEARS AGO



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With open containers for most of the dry items in bulk, and slip-shod business methods, the old grocery store has given way to the spic-and-span, orderly, inviting self-serve grocery of today. Grocery stores have really led the way in modernization along the business front.

## With The Faith of Our Founder

The H. O. Wooten Grocer Company has been selling groceries wholesale to the merchants of this area for a long time. We have faith, like our founder, in the West Texas to come as well as the West Texas that has been the last 50 years. Progress has come by leaps and bounds. Progress the next 50 years will be even more marked.

Among the pioneers in the wholesale grocery business of this section, H. O. Wooten Grocer Company has progressed with the country. With 15 vitally located houses in the vast West Texas area, the concern offers a food and supplies distributing service that reaches over hundreds of miles of territory covering thousands of patrons annually.

Like other institutions which have gone through every sort of business hardship, it appreciates the support it has received from the buying public and the general trade. H. O. Wooten Grocer Company pledges anew the same kind of service that has been rendered during the last period of years. Our hope is that we shall be privileged to serve many.

### CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER

Because The Times has served well its territory during the past fifty years, we want to be among the hundreds of the paper's friends who will be extending felicitations on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary. Best wishes for

### MANY MORE YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

# H. O. WOOTEN GROCER COMPANY

L. C. RENNALS, Manager Snyder Branch



## Papers in Early Part of Century

By E. B. BARNES, Austin.

By invitation of its editors, I am to give the readers of *The Times*, in a brief resume, some thoughts that are called to mind from a retrospect of the years that I was connected with "The Coming West" and "The Snyder Signal," predecessors of "The Scurry County Times."

In doing so I am reminded that those years constitute a considerable period in the 50 years of recording local, county and state history, by a newspaper that is soon to commemorate its fiftieth anniversary.

It is a long trail back to 1901, when this writer became the owner and publisher of "The Coming West," the name first flown as its masthead by that well known newspaperman of his day, Dick Lively, whose chief delight was to carry on a spat with Heck McEachan of the "Colorado Stockman."

### Grantham and Crump.

L. D. Grantham and B. L. Crump had presided over the destinies of the paper for a number of years prior to 1901, and the office equipment at the time was a G. W. (George Washington) handpress and a few cases of well worn type. This press is now probably in some museum.

One of the red letter days in the shop was the installation of a Cincinnati Cylinder Press, so far as we know the only one in existence of this type, and for power we had imported a gas engine which was probably the first of its kind in the country. We are of the opinion that this particular gas engine served as a model and training school for all the mechanical engineers that were to follow, and was the subject of much fancy talk by the office force, led by Gregg Kinchen, who was an expert in that line, when it refused

to run, as it usually did on press days.

### Two Papers Then.

During these years Snyder had two papers. "The Western Light" was founded by C. H. Kinchen, and was subsequently published by Maxie Williams, Frank Bowron, now with the "Graham Leader," Joe Byrd, J. S. Hardy and J. P. Chambliss, and for many years by that well known newsman, Ben P. Smith. In those days it was customary that when anything went wrong in one shop, the other paper would lend a helping hand. With the ups and downs of the passing years some progress was being made, and the next step was the installation of a new Babcock cylinder press, Linotype, folder, cutter, new job presses and other accessories usually found in the present day newspaper plant.

We had also come to the conclusion that "The Coming West" had arrived, therefore changed the name of the paper to "The Snyder Signal."

We now had as business associates the late Judge M. E. Rosser, and that splendid young man, Hardy M. Boyd, brother to Joe, who is at present a prosperous business man living in Dyersburg, Tennessee.

### Daily Established.

There was to be no letdown, although our ambition and enthusiasm probably ran ahead of good business judgment and our pocketbook, and we decided to start a daily paper, with limited relay by wire of the daily world happenings. The mechanical part of the daily and weekly publications, at this time, were under the able management of Guy R. Scott, now of Lubbock, and John R. Baze, at present foreman of the "Colorado Record" office.

It was our pleasure recently to again visit the office of *The Times* and note the setup of a fully equipped modern plant, and the evidence of support that the citizenry of Scurry County is giving its management in their efforts to promote the interests of the community which it so ably serves.

## Wooten Grocery Has Rapid Climb

H. O. Wooten Grocery Company of Abilene has been wholesale purveyor of groceries to the merchants of West Texas for 40 years. H. O. Wooten, who founded the firm in 1898, is still president of a business that has a network of 14 West Texas stores, and one in Oklahoma.

H. O. Wooten Grocery Company was founded at the same site in Abilene the home office today occupies. Besides the Abilene office, wholesale houses are located at these cities: Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Big Spring, San Angelo, Lubbock, Coleman, Wichita Falls, Memphis, Quanah, Spur, Monahans, Seymour, Olney, and Frederick, Oklahoma.

Starting out with a small original capital, H. O. Wooten Grocery Company has progressed as an independent firm until the organization today has a capital of \$1,500,000.

The only stockholders are the founder and his associates in the wholesale business. Wooten's is the supply house for the Red & White stores of this area, which are an independent organization of retail stores.

L. C. Rennals is local manager of the H. O. Wooten Grocery Company wholesale house in Snyder. Kincaid is the employee working with Rennals.

## Lightfoot's Grocery Is Five Years of Age

Lightfoot Grocery, located on East 25th Street, was established at its present location in 1932 by L. L. Lightfoot, present manager. Lightfoot Grocery specializes in fruits, vegetables and good foodstuff.

L. L. Lightfoot came to Scurry County in 1908 from De Leon, and farmed until 1915. He returned to the county in September, 1932, and founded a fruit and vegetable store.

## Dick Lively's Death Recorded in Signal

From "The Snyder Daily Signal," April 21, 1911.

"Holdenville, Oklahoma, April 19.—R. R. Lively, familiarly known as 'Live Wire Dick,' editor and manager of the Seminole Capital of Wewoka and one of the most widely known newspaper writers of the Southwest died at Wewoka this afternoon of heart failure.

"He was a native of Georgia and had spent years in Texas and Oklahoma newspaper business since early manhood."

The above item will bring much genuine regret to Snyder people where Mr. Lively lived for years and was editor of the old "Coming West," the predecessor of *The Signal*. "Dick," as he was known here, was universally liked by our people. He conducted a newspaper at Colorado for many years during the early days.

## Ware's Founded By A. Ware, 1924

Ware's Bakery, 1822 26th Street, was established at its present location August 1, 1937, being moved from the north side of the square where part of Perry Brothers store now is. W. H. Ware is owner of the progressive bakery.

Ware's Bakery was founded by A. Ware in 1924, on the east side of the square where the Gem Theatre now is. A. Ware was an uncle of W. H. Ware, present operator.

The firm was moved to the north side of the square about 1932, and remained there until moved to the south side this year. Ware's Bakery has been serving the people of this trade territory for 13 years.

Employees are: Forest Wade, delivery wagon; Mrs. Opal Cleaver, Coy Cole, baker (pastries); and Anderson Davis, helper.

# Newcomers To Town...

But Doing Business Like An Old-Timer



—We took over the Texaco Service Station several months ago to carry on in a business that has numbered its friends by the scores for years.

—We are appreciative of the nice business that has been ours since we assumed charge. We pledge continued good service in the future.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS—

Slice us a piece of your Birthday cake, Times, because we want to share congratulations with hundreds of friends who extend felicitations to our

—HOME COUNTY PAPER



# Service Station

L. A. CHAPMAN  
Block East of Manhattan Hotel

# It's A Lot Of Comfort

TO HAVE LIFE INSURANCE WHEN YOU NEED IT!

Of course, the average person carries a Life Insurance Policy for years and years without having any use for its protection. Then, when an emergency comes, all those years come back as a friend indeed.

Let us talk over with you, at your convenience, the benefits to be derived from a policy with one of the South's greatest insurance concerns. We have a plan for every need—at any premium you wish to pay.

## Times, We Greet You Heartily—

as you come to the most eventful time in your long career of service to this area.

Best wishes for even greater accomplishments in the long years that shall come after

This Your Fiftieth Anniversary

## Know the Feel of Security for Your Loved Ones—

that comes with the knowledge that their future is safe with the backing of adequate insurance!

Southwestern Life Insurance Company  
Agents—

BILL and MAUDE

# The DeBolts



## Twice in Papers Says Ben Smith

By BEN F. SMITH.

I have been requested to furnish a brief sketch of the newspaper activities in Snyder. I came to Snyder February 1, 1902, purchased the "Western Light" from Frank Barron and operated same until January, 1910. Part of that space of time I was associated with R. S. Jackson in the publication of the "Western Light." Mr. Jackson died in California many years ago, victim of that dreaded of all diseases, tuberculosis.

The "Western Light" was established by C. R. Kinchen as a Populist newspaper. About that time all of the county offices were held by those affiliated with the Populist party. Kinchen sold to Frank Barron, who continued as a third party exponent until purchased by the writer.

There were two newspaper at this time in Snyder, "The Coming West" established by Dick Lively or A. C. Wilmeth, I am not certain which. At any rate both Wilmeth and Lively operated "The Coming West" at different times. It used to be said when I came on the scene that the readers had to have "The Western Light" to read "The Coming West" by. "The Coming West" had for its publishers when I took charge of "The Western Light" E. B. Barnes and the late M. E. Roeser.

### Upstairs Location.

When we purchased "The Western Light" the plant was located in the rear of the upstairs of the old Snyder Mercantile store, which was located where the present Snyder National Bank stands. The plant consisted of one George Washington hand press, the typesetters or printers were Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hugh Boren. After some months of operation, the plant was moved to the west side of the square in a frame building located where the Ben Franklin store now is located. Af-

terwards it was moved to Bridge Street in a small building we built about where King & Brown is now located. Then later the plant was moved to a building we erected on the west side of the square where Bryant-Link building is at present located. The lot was leased from J. J. Koonsman. In 1906 at the state press meeting at Brownwood we purchased a country Campbell press, a gasoline engine and other new equipment.

We sold "The Western Light" to J. S. Hardy of Ennis, who operated same until it was consolidated with "The Coming West," and if I remember right took the name of "The Snyder Signal."

### A Third Newspaper.

There was another newspaper established about this time, and I think all three papers were consolidated. R. S. Jackson and John Baze were connected, I think, with this third paper. John Baze has been and is now connected with the Colorado Record.

The history of the newspaper changes about this time is very indistinct to the writer, as we left Snyder in the fall of 1910 and moved to Lockney, on the Plains, where we became editor and publisher of the Lockney Beacon, which continued until April, 1923, when we returned to Snyder, established "The Scurry County Times" as a semi-weekly, which was operated as such a few months as semi-weekly and then a weekly. We sold "The Scurry County Times" to W. M. Martin and moved to Slaton to take charge of the plant we had sold to parties there six months previous. We established the "Slaton Times."

### Leaves Snyder Again.

The how come of our leaving Snyder newspaper field the second time was the result of circumstances at that time over which we had no control. In December, 1923, we purchased "The Snyder Signal" from Curry and Bell and consolidated same with "The Scurry County Times." In January, 1934, we sold a plant out of the consolidated prop-

## SCHOOL HEAD



Superintendent of Scurry County schools for several years, past president of the Lions Club, past chairman of the county superintendents of Texas. Yes, it is Frank Farmer, who was principal of Ira school when he was appointed county superintendent. He was subsequently elected to the position for four years. This picture rightfully belonged in the school section of this edition, but it just could not be secured at the proper time.

erties to parties at Slaton who established the "Radiogram" and went broke within six months of operation. This transaction had involved us financially to the extent we had to sell one of the plants, either "The Scurry County Times" or "The Slaton Radiogram," and as Snyder was a more interesting field we readily found a buyer for our property in Snyder. Hence we let go here and moved to Slaton.

## John R. Baze Is Among Veterans

By JOHN R. BAZE, Colorado.

Among my earliest recollections of newspapers of Scurry County was working for Col. Dick Lively on the old Coming West. It am not sure, but think it was Snyder's first gesture toward taking on city airs.

I started to work for Dick in the late 90's, 98 or 99. The plant consisted of a shirt-tail full of type and George Washington hand press. I received 5 cents a week (I can remember that very distinctly). Col. Dick was of the old school of newspaper editors, in that he wrote and said just what he pleased whether you liked it or not. One instance stands clearly out as I look back over the past. Dick had written an article about a rather prominent young man that he had taken exceptions to and he had come in to take him to task for it. Lick was distributing a handful of long primer, which he threw into the belligerent's face, after which he picked up an old-style side stick and belted the prominent young gentleman out into the street.

### Ardent Fisherman.

Dick was an ardent fisherman and Deep Creek at that time was a very beautiful stream of water and plentifully stocked with fish. Very often when the bug struck us we would close up, walk a block or so. Col. Dick would start casting while I acted as caddy for him.

Later the paper passed to the hands of E. B. Barnes, now of Austin, and who for many years nursed the Coming West along, gradually growing with the town. I worked for Bruce several years.

The old Coming West was run at different times by several people. I had a whirl at it for a time, but being of a roaming disposition I didn't last long. Dol Autry and

his brother-in-law, Mr. Dickey, ran it for a while.

I also ran a paper for Mr. Barnes in later years on what at that time we called North Scarborough Street. This was about the time that Bruce was postmaster there.

I worked for a few years for the Pierce and Powers townsite company, whose business it was of building towns. I worked for them at Hamlin when that town was built, going from there to Shafter Lake in Andrews County, being transferred from there to Fluvanna when the R. S. & P. was being built out of Roscoe to Snyder and later being extended to Fluvanna. Jim Ainsworth was editor of the Fluvanna Herald, while Lewis Self, the son of an old-time Snyder preacher, Mrs. Self and myself constituted the force.

W. M. Curry, now of Crosbyton, decided to start a paper at Hermling back in the early days. I erected the plant for Mr. Curry and remained with him for a week or so until he could get his hand in. I also erected the plant at Ira for Alton Autry when he started his Ira Echo.

Among the many old-time printers and newspaper men, who at some time in the past worked at Snyder, were: Ben Hill, later foreman of Senator Bronson Cutting's Santa Fe New Mexican; Monte Bowron, band director; Hardy Boyd, who graduated into a lawyer; Charlie Bucklin, Guy Scott, George Brown, H. H. Jackson, who was Ben Smith's partner on the old Western Light, Lance Suits, now of the Lockney Beacon.

Teacher—"Some fish travel long distances. Can anyone give me an instance?"

Scholar—"Yes, sir; a gold fish. It travels around the globe every day."

Gentleman—"Are you very poor?"  
Tramp—"Sir, if canvas were 10 cents a yard, I couldn't buy enough to make a canary a pair of spats."

Extra copies of this edition may be obtained at the Times office.

# YES, BACK IN 1910---



Sears set up for business in Snyder to begin what has been more than a quarter century of merchandising in this great West Texas of ours. All during those 27 years we have tried to be more than a business institution — a builder for the community.

As we remember that our long stay in these parts has been due to the patronage of our friends, we want to hasten to say that we are appreciative of a generous trade that has been ours. We pledge continued good service and good values for the future.

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY**

We want to be among the hundreds of friends of our Home County Paper who will be extending congratulations to The Times

**FOR A HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE**

# J. H. Sears & Company

WEST SIDE OF SQUARE



## Experiences Told By W. M. Curry

By W. M. CURRY, Publisher,  
The Crosbyton Review.

It was in the spring of 1907 that I did my first newspaper work in Scurry County. It was on the old "Coming West." E. B. Barnes was editor and owner of the plant and G. R. Scott mechanical engineer. I say engineer because it took the services of a good engineer to persuade one of those gasoline engines to kick off when you wanted it to.

Two or three years later Scott went to Fluvanna as editor of the "Fluvanna Herald," a newspaper established by the Fluvanna Townsite Company. About this time Fluvanna began to suffer with growing pains in anticipation of a building boom, for it was learned that this city, "The City of Destiny," a name given it by its citizens, would be the terminal of the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific Railroad, now building out of Roscoe headed northwest.

### Paper at Fluvanna.

The "Herald" was an exceptionally good plant for the size town and did lots of job work advertising the possibilities of Fluvanna and that section of the country.

Along in the early part of 1907, the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific was pushing its roadbed work all along the line, and by May had completed the line into Hermleigh, a new town being built 11 miles southeast of Snyder.

One day Barnes suggested that he put in a plant at Hermleigh and send me down there to run it. I agreed, and in a short time a George Washington hand press and a small 7x11 Pearl job press had been installed and a handful of type was brought in.

My first trip to Hermleigh was made on the big bus purchased by Bill Jones and operated by Chenoweth. This was his initial trip, several passengers were on the bus and it was raining. Chenoweth struck out across the pasture and stalled. The passengers all had to get out and push the thing out, and we finally arrived. John Baze went down with me, and we issued the first paper. John remained for a week or two and after that my wife and I did the work. I pulled the G. W. and she inked the forms.

### Buys at Hermleigh.

Late in the fall of 1907 Barnes decided to sell out. I didn't have any money but managed to secure a loan and bought the paper. We were at Hermleigh a little more than three years, we paid for the paper and also our home that we built when we went there. However, they did not cost as much as they do now. When we left Hermleigh we leased the paper and later sold it, but did not realize anything out of it.

A few years later I went back to Hermleigh to see if any of the material could be found, and not a trace of it anywhere. I have regretted many times that we did not preserve the old G. W. press as a relic of other days.

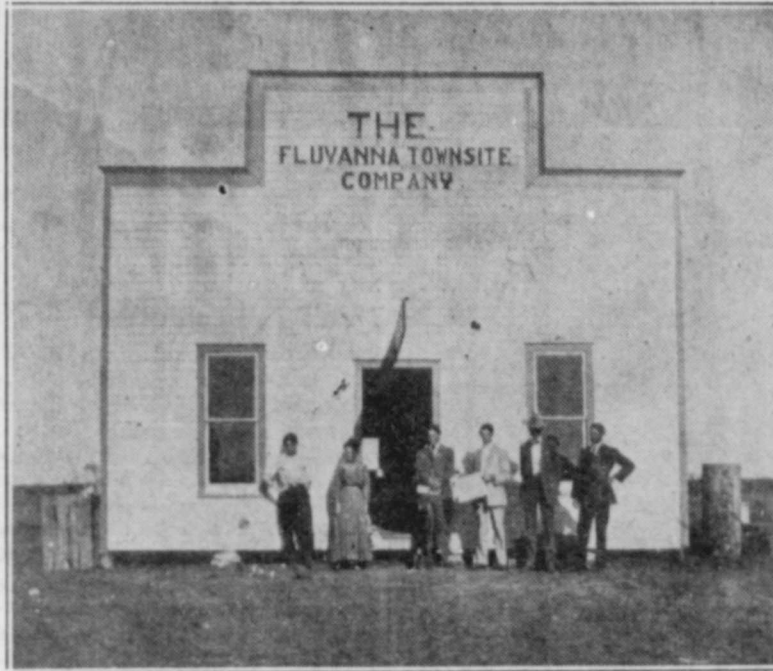
From 1907 to 1910 following the completion of the R. S. & P., and the building of the Santa Fe in 1910, Snyder was putting on its first real Sunday suit. The courthouse was finished, I believe, in 1909. Old frame business houses were torn down and brick buildings erected; many new modern homes were being built, the 1910 census completed about the first of June, 1910, giving Scurry County over 10,000 population, and that calls for another story that effected my newspaper ambitions for the next several years.

### Two-Man Campaign!

The 10,000 population called for the division of the sheriff's and tax collector's office, which opened the way for applicants for the office of tax collector. The way it happened is vague to me at this time, but late in the year 1909, as I remember, A. J. Kemp came to me and said: "Why don't you run for that new office of tax collector?" Whatever I decided to do about it in the future was entirely up to myself, as it is quite clear that Kemp was the only man ever to have asked me to run for office at that time. I entered the race, was elected, and we moved to Snyder in the fall of 1910.

Since those years I have always wanted an opportunity to express my

## FLUVANNA PAPER OFFICE



This office of the Fluvanna Townsite Company, back in 1910 when the Scurry County town was on an R. S. & P. boom, also housed "The Fluvanna Herald."

The paper was operated primarily for pushing of the boom community, and it was in the hands at various times of several well known newspaper men.

deep appreciation and gratitude, in print, to the people of Scurry County, and I trust that the present editors will pardon this digression. Although we have moved away, my family and I will, somehow, always feel that Snyder is still home.

For 10 years following I was a county official and lost connection largely with the printing business. However, in the summer of 1919, J. P. Chambless, who owned half of the "Snyder Signal," wanted to sell out, and I purchased his interest. My term as county clerk would not expire until the first of 1920, so my wife took my place and I went to the "Signal" office as partner of J.

S. Hardy, a veteran newspaperman who owned the other interest of the plant.

### More Paper Changes.

A few months later Roland Bell purchased Hardy's interest and Bell & Curry published the "Signal" until October, 1923, when we sold to Ben F. Smith. Smith moved his plant down from Lockney along in the early spring of 1923 and established "The Scurry County Times." Realizing the crowded condition of the field with two newspapers he offered to buy the "Signal" and we sold.

Business was fairly good during the years that Roland and I owned

the "Signal." In the spring of 1923, just prior to the annual West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention to be held at San Angelo, Bell and I decided to issue a Texas Tech edition, as Snyder was a strong contender for the location of the Tech College, which would be located that year. We published a 52-page edition, Bell took our model T Ford touring car, went to the convention, and scattered this issue all over the convention city.

Sometime in 1923 Bell and I decided Snyder needed a daily paper, and we proposed to enter the daily field. We had everything ready, had arranged with the mechanical department and on a certain Monday we would issue our first daily. On arriving at the shop that Monday morning our main Linotype operator did not appear, neither did he appear the next day or the next week, so we decided that this was some kind of an "omen" and gave up the idea of a daily. I don't remember the year, but Hardy & Chambless did issue a daily paper in Snyder for a while sometime in the 'teens.

### Buys Another Paper.

When we purchased the "Signal" there was another paper being published in Snyder by one of the Autrys. We bought out this paper and locked it up. At the beginning of the big development boom of West Texas about 1905, and for several years to follow, newspapers would spring up in every little new town; some survived, others did not. At one time in Scurry County there were four newspapers being published—two at Snyder, one at Hermleigh and one at Fluvanna.

Newspapers have made wonderful developments during the past 30 years. When I worked on the old "Coming West," there was no Linotype machine and very few anywhere in country newspaper shops. Hardy & Chambless brought the first machine to Scurry County. Now The Scurry County Times is equipped with all modern up-to-date machinery, unexcelled in cities even much larger than Snyder.

We congratulate Jones & Smyth,

## Martin Published Old Times-Signal

J. L. Martin, now publisher of The McCamey News, submits the following account of his Snyder newspaper experiences:

"Complying with your request, will say that I purchased the 'Scurry County Times-Signal' in 1924, from Ben F. Smith. At that time a man whose name I no longer remember, was running a mimeograph shop, called the West Texas Letter-Press Company, and Bob Collier was running a job shop. In a few months after I went there, Bob sold his shop to Boy Haynes of Miami, Texas, who removed it to that place. A few months later, John Baze opened a job shop, which he operated for about a year before selling it to a party who moved it out of town.

"This gave me an unopposed field, and in order to be able to hold it, I installed the Huber press and folder, purchased a lot of type and some other equipment, and changed the size of the paper from a six-column quarto to the paper's present size.

"In 1927, one of the Autry boys moved a plant into town and stored it. The same year I sold a half interest in the 'Times-Signal' to Jimmie Smith. We did not fully agree on the operation of a paper, and I later sold my remaining half interest to 'Chubby' Ritzenthaler of Salisbury, Missouri.

"You might add that I never met a better lot of people than I found at Snyder; they treated me and my family royally, and we still have a warm place in our hearts for them."

editors and publishers, on this their Fiftieth Anniversary Edition of The Scurry County Times, and the achievements they have acquired in building up one of the best newspapers in the West. They serve their territory efficiently and completely, assurance of which is voiced in unsolicited testimony by the people they serve.



## You Provide for Them Now—What About Their Future? Create an Estate for Your Loved Ones!

For more than 20 years we have been selling life insurance to people of this area at low cost, due to our methods of operation which enables us to offer protection within the reach of everyone.

A policy with us is a sound investment. Investigate our plan. Our Association is well organized and financially sound, and has proven satisfactory throughout the years.

See or write us for insurance you can AFFORD to buy.

# Sweetwater Local Mutual Life Association

MRS. W. W. DAVIS, Secretary-Treasurer

111 West Third Street

Sweetwater, Texas



# Tale of Courthouse Buildings Is Related

## First Completed September, 1886

By LEON GUINN.

If we trace step by step the movements that led to the building of two courthouses for Scurry County, we will go back to the birth of the county, July 23, 1884, when the first spark of life was breathed into a county free from dominance of government sent out from San Antonio, which was the county seat of Bexar County.

Scurry County was created in 1876 from Bexar County, but absolute government connections did not cease until organization of the county in 1884, although Scurry was attached to Shackelford and later to Mitchell Counties for judicial purposes. By 1878 the buffalo had been killed out in Scurry County, and the pioneer settlers turned their attention from the musket and powder horn to organizing and maintaining a county government; until that day in 1884 when Scurry County could stand on her own feet.

### Courthouse Needed.

As early as August, 1884, county citizens began to feel the need for a courthouse, and set in motion plans whereby courthouse bonds might be issued. Lots were given to Scurry County by W. H. Snyder, C. C. McGinnis, C. H. McGinnis, Fred Barnard, T. H. Nunn, R. H. Looney, H. A. Travekes, and R. H. Allen. These lots constituted "Courthouse Square."

A contract was let March 9, 1886, to Martin Byrne & Johnson for the construction of a two-story brick courthouse, with a jail on the lower floor. March 15, 1886, citizens of the county voted \$19,300 in bonds for courthouse construction; but when the courthouse was finished on September 10, 1886, costs had mounted to \$25,000.

This was considered a large sum of bonded indebtedness for a county having at this time 925 citizens, population by 1890 having climbed to a total of 1,415 people. The new brick courthouse was located on the northeast corner of Courthouse Square, and at this time in West Texas history was an imposing edifice indeed.

The first courthouse was literally built on a buffalo trail, and the new jail (which was equipped with a wood stove) relegated to an obscure place in Southeast Snyder our first crude 8x10-foot wooden jail or "call-boose."

### For Hitching Purposes.

County pioneers still had some of the blood of unfenced frontiers in their veins; and it was an event indeed when the Commissioners Court on September 1, 1886, authorized the construction of a hitching rail, with a board walk leading to this newly dedicated temple of justice.

From 1886 to 1900 Scurry County began to "settle up" rapidly. Post routes and post offices were established. Hack lines began to carry passengers and mail from Snyder to Colorado. The Commissioners Court met in 1894, designating four county roads running north, east, south and west from courthouse square. This designation later played an important part in shaping the four commissioner precincts.

As 1900 dawned on a county of farmers, who believed civilization must needs follow the plow, parts of Scurry County were still "wild and woolly." But by 1903 we find "The Western Light" campaigning for a new courthouse; as if our first courthouse had outgrown its day as a temple of civic virtue.

From "The Western Light," April 24, 1903, issue (borrowed from Mrs. J. D. Boone of Camp Springs), we quote the following editorial: "There is now being agitated in the county the question of the erection of a courthouse, to cost somewhere between 40 and 50 thousand dollars.

### "Light" Is Booster.

"The Light believes that no other one thing would assist more in forcing a railroad to come to Snyder, should it come through this section of the country, than the erection of a 40 or 50 thousand dollar courthouse. Public buildings are what

impress strangers with the fact that citizens are there to make (the city) their home."

In 1907 the R. S. & P. Railroad built from Roscoe through Snyder, bringing about a media of transportation with new thoughts of empire building. The railroad right-of-way was cut through buffalo wallows that only 35 years before had echoed with the ring of countless bison marching on.

In a county used to the four-up teams of stage lines, the coming of a railroad cast the rays of a new era across the county. Henceforth it became a great shipping area, whence came livestock, cotton and poultry for expanding markets.

By 1908 the nucleus of plans for a new shrine of justice gained momentum, gathering people in its path as ocean tides gather the currents of inland rivers.

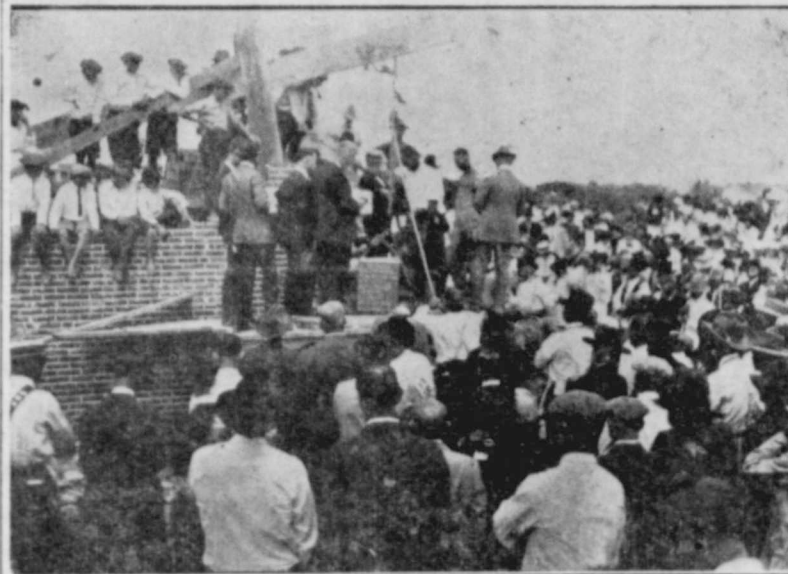
### Site Selected in 1909.

May 1, 1909, the center of courthouse square was selected as a suitable site for the new courthouse. When shovels began to dig into the earth for basement quarters, the skeletal remains of a Texas Ranger and his two nephews, who had been killed in an Indian fight over 100 years before, were uncovered. Billy Sharp, then only 15 years old, was one of the boys killed in the Indian battle.

The Texas Rangers and a group of 75 Comanches engaged in a bitter fight on the banks of Deep Creek, after the Rangers had followed the Indians from Lamar County. The Ranger and his two nephews, after their cap and ball pistols and saddle bags had been removed, were reinterred in Snyder cemetery.

Here the sleeping troopers could whisper across the twilight realms of rest to their loved ones. Yet of late years the graves have been hard to keep up with, but early day Ranger records give these troopers cred-

## CORNERSTONE CEREMONY



Records in the courthouse indicate that the cornerstone for the attractive building was laid on July 3, 1909. This picture shows the ceremony at the dedication—a ceremony at which the

late C. R. Buchanan, then county judge, and several prominent visitors, officiated. Snyder Lodge No. 485, I. O. O. F., was in charge. The courthouse was officially opened November 5, 1911.

it of having "fought a good fight."

July 3, 1909, cornerstone was laid for the new courthouse. Snyder Lodge No. 485, I. O. O. F., was in charge of cornerstone laying. Thereafter, our new \$75,000 courthouse began to take shape rapidly. M. S. Hasie Construction Company was given the building contract, with T. W. Marlow as building supervisor.

The courthouse was completed November 5, 1911. C. R. Buchanan was county judge. The commissioners were: A. S. Lowe, Precinct 1; A.

W. Roberts, Precinct 2; J. C. Stinson, Precinct 3; and J. R. Coker, Precinct 4.

A little known fact today is that the four courthouse doors (north, south, east and west) formed radii points for the four principal county lanes. This dovetailed with the Commissioners Court action of 1894 designating four principal county lanes.

Scurry County now had a railroad to complement the magnificent new courthouse, and could face the future unafraid. Here in the same

## Quarter Century Of Sears Service

J. H. Sears & Company, located in the middle of the west side of the square, was established over a quarter of a century ago—27 years to be exact. J. H. Sears and F. G. Sears are owners of the firm, founded in October, 1910.

J. H. Sears started in the dry goods business in 1887, at Corsicana. This was 50 years ago, the same year the first Scurry County newspaper was established.

J. H. Sears & Company has had some other locations, but has been at its present location for a number of years. It is an independently owned firm.

J. H. Sears looks back over 50 years of dry goods selling and merchandising, and is this year celebrating his fiftieth anniversary as a merchandiser.

J. H. Sears & Company employees are: Woodie Hairston, Mrs. Ollie Stinson and Mrs. Madge Sims. F. G. Sears is manager of the firm, but Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sears are still actively associated with the store.

Punch: An American farmer is hastening the growth of his crops by using artificial lighting at night in the fields. All scarecrows, we understand, have to appear in dinner jackets.

courthouse we have today, in the center of "Courthouse Square," liberty might sit enshrined in her regal robes. And hold to her heart the story of sweat and sacrifice that today is still making Scurry a great county in which to live.

# COLORADO RECORD

VOLUME 33

COLORADO, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 1937

NUMBER 14

As our masthead shows, we have several years to go to match the record of Scurry County's newspaper. But we want to take this opportunity, in a paid advertisement, to extend hearty congratulations to

## THE SCURRY COUNTY TIMES

as it looks back upon half a century of newspapering in this great West Texas of ours. We recognize in The Times one of the area's finest weekly newspapers, and bespeak for the paper and its publishers, Jones and Smyth, many more years of growth long after this

## YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Best Wishes, Willard and Jake, for the Future of The Scurry County Times  
—From the Whipkeys and Our Force!



### Newspaper Story By Jimmie Smith

My Dear Jake and Willard, the Office Force and the Satisfied Readers of the Best Weekly Newspaper in All West Texas:

Greetings to each and every one of you on the illustrious occasion of having reached the Golden Anniversary stage of your upward and onward career, and responding to your kind invitation to say a word, it gives Mrs. Smith and me a real pleasure, to hope that The Scurry County Times will forever and forever keep its head in the sun of all worth-while activity.

#### Landed Here in 1927.

It has been more than 10 years that our little family arrived in Snyder. First, this writer landed there early in March, 1927, taking over a half interest in the paper from J. L. Martin, who had already made his newspaper mark in Texas newspaper history. Our next and most enjoyable contact was with a gentleman, now passed on, who to our mind was one of the finest gentlemen that God ever created, the late Bob Curnutte. His friendly and altogether wholesome suggestions paved many of our first steps. Then in due course came friendly Andy Anderson, the late T. L. Lollar and George Northcutt (a flower to their true memory), and a host of others whom we would like to name, but which time does not permit.

Then on one of the finest sand-storm days that this person ever witnessed (and Mother's Day too), Mrs. Smith landed with Janet, Bill and little Jane Ann. It was while enjoying the greatest living spot on Earth out there, that our Wesley Wade was born, and today that young gentleman truly breathes the wholesome nature of a native-born West Texan, who no matter what confronts him, usually gets the job done.

#### Enjoyable Years.

The years that we were associated at Snyder and Scurry County were enjoyable, the good friends that were made and the personal joy of producing a newspaper there will always remain as bright, happy milestones in our lives. Along with that,

After our partnership terminated with J. L. Martin and his mighty fine family, along came a Missourian, "Chubby" Ritzenthaler, one of the finest gentlemen that ever trod this mundane sphere. "Chubby" likewise became a part and parcel of West Texas when he married one of Snyder's finest young ladies. That partnership was one of the finest we ever enjoyed, when with it, we became closely attached and enjoyed the friendly association of Chubby's father and mother. True, our three partnerships in Snyder were not all "skittles" and "suds" (some battles did occur), but through it all I do not believe any of the little battles that came up ever amounted to much.

#### And Times Moves On.

Constant reference to the pages of The Times have brought many items, some that elicited joy, some that brought real sorrow . . . still life moves on . . . and in the 10 years that we have lived in Texas . . . not a day goes by that we do not recall incidents that happened in our pleasant Snyder existence. To The Times and its staff, and all of its readers, to the Snyder merchants and those of the county who have kept pace with progress, sincerest and best wishes to each and every one; may good old Scurry County ever be in the forefront of every activity that redounds to the good of its business, its agricultural set-up and its residents and boosters.

All that this person or the members of his family, have in any primary way contributed to the tiniest bit of helping this zone of living out, it was with a heart and mind that for only the right, and for the best of the majority. If we ever erred (and we know that we did), it was rather not of the mind, but the heart in doing it.

Again, with the best of wishes for always and ever, we are,  
Sincerely, fraternally yours,  
Mr. and Mrs. George (Jimmie) Smith and Children.

## THE MAN ON THE HORSE



Unless you were in Scurry County more than 35 years ago, you will have a difficult time deciding the identity of this be-whiskered horseman. You are looking east, with the south side of the square on the right.

"Wellborn & Son, Harness & Saddlery" is in the two-story building to the left, now The Tavern. Oh yes, the horseman! It's Dr. A. C. Leslie, veteran physician, and the snapshot was taken July 10, 1901.

#### New Motor Car Seen Here.

From "The Snyder Daily Signal," May 30, 1911: A motorette, the small (touring) car of the automobile family came into town today, and attracted much attention. The motorette is a three wheel auto, having a single wheel in the rear. This ma-

chine is light running, simple in construction and carries two people. Its makers claim that it will use but little, if any more, oil and gasoline and a motorcycle. The parties in this car are en route from Hartford, Connecticut, to San Francisco, California.

## Old Paper Tells of Ginning First Bales

From "The Coming West," September 6, 1900: Last Tuesday morning at 7:00 o'clock the whistle of Strayhorn gin blew, announcing that the first bale of cotton for this season had arrived and that they were ready to gin it. J. L. Gray of the Browning community had arrived the previous evening bringing the 1595 pounds of seed cotton. The gin was started and the machinery worked perfectly. The bale was ginned in less than 30 minutes and was brought onto the square where it was sold to S. R. Fickas at \$8.35 per 100 pounds, bringing \$43. A premium of \$17.75 was given by a number of our enterprising citizens and business men.

H. B. Cross of the same community was a close second to Mr. Gray, arriving here early Tuesday morning. His bale was also ginned and sold to Nelson & Nation at \$8.35.

Out of the Bag: They're seeking a patent for a phonograph record of chocolate that can be eaten when the tune becomes tiresome.

Judge: It used to be the old doctor's little black bag that was full of mysterious remedies, and now it's the radio.

London Opinion: A strike that many people would heartily welcome would be a sit-down strike of after-dinner speakers.

## Winston-Clements Is First Feed Store

Winston & Clements, 2312 Avenue S, is known throughout this trade territory as the oldest feed store in Snyder in point of continuous operation—under the same management. Clyde Boren is manager.

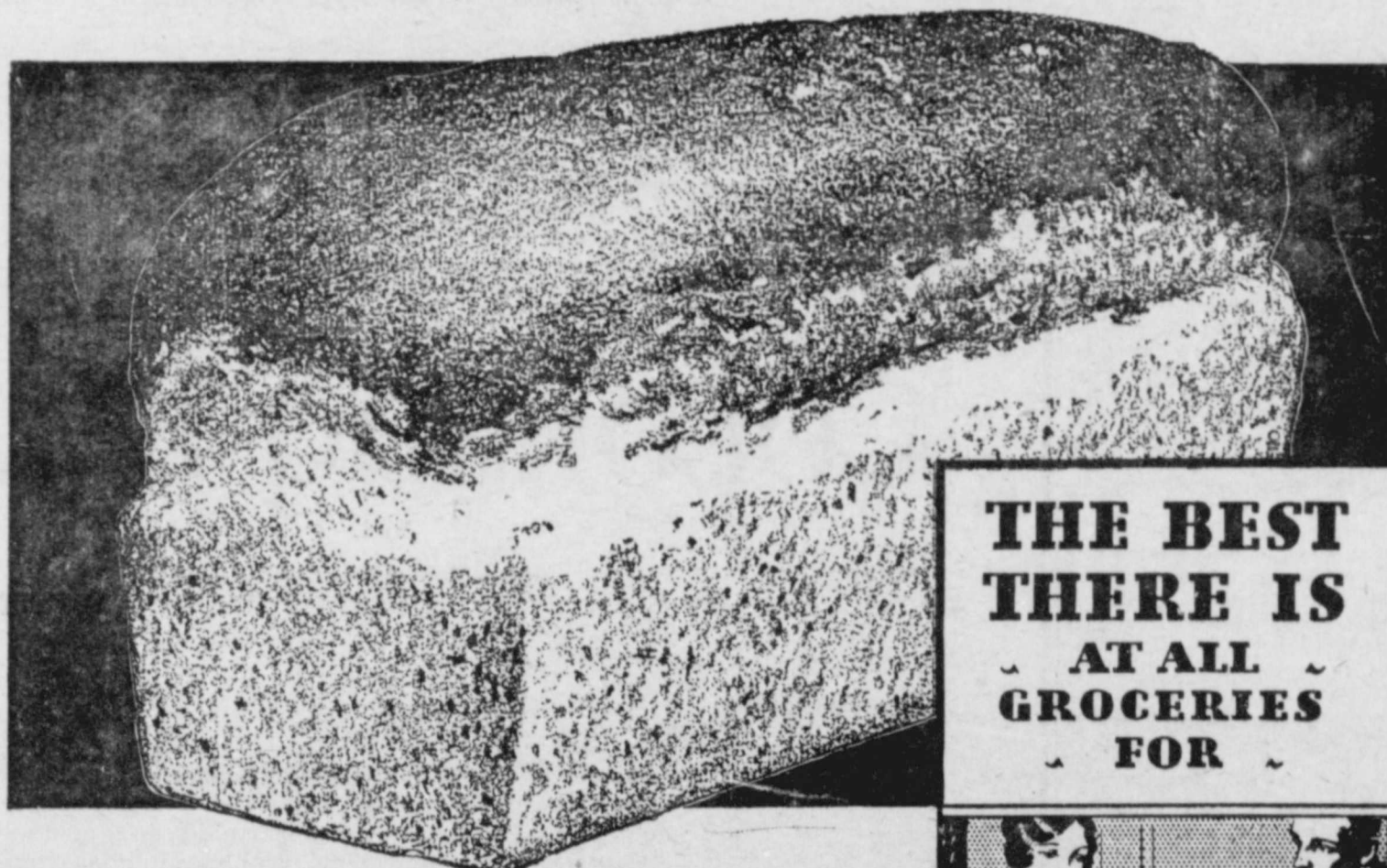
Winston & Clements was established in 1915 by H. B. Winston and W. H. Clements, in the location where Highway Garage and Scurry County Motor Company now are. This site also formed the location for Snyder's old opera house.

Winston & Clements moved to where Duff's Furniture Store is in 1918, and moved below the fire station in 1921. The feed store was moved to its present location in 1923, when Winston & Clements bought out W. B. Dane.

Clyde Boren came to Scurry County from Ellis County as a baby in 1897. He delivered papers on a saddle horse in 1915 for J. C. Hardy, publisher of "The Snyder Daily Signal." "The Signal" was located on the east side of the square.

The feed store began to handle the Purina line of mash and feeds in 1923, Amayllis flour in 1926, and Chandler coal in 1927. Winston & Clements also handle stock salt, meal and cake, and chicken feeds. Employees are Jesse and N. R. Clements.

"The eye can see only what it has the power of seeing." Goethe.



**THE BEST THERE IS AT ALL GROCERIES FOR**

# Ware's Bread--

**Hearty Felicitations, Times—**

for having reached your half century mark of newspapering in Scurry County.

Our hearty wish is that The Times shall achieve even new records long after you shall have observed—

**Your Fiftieth Birthday**

starts the day off right with toast or served plain for hundreds of Scurry County homes. Because of its consistent high quality, day in and day out, it is this section's most popular loaf. White, Whole Wheat and Rye.

### SINCE 1924 WARE'S BAKERY HAS SERVED THIS AREA

with a complete bakery service that has been given a liberal patronage throughout the years. We would be ungrateful if we failed to express our sincere appreciation for the loyalty of our patrons.

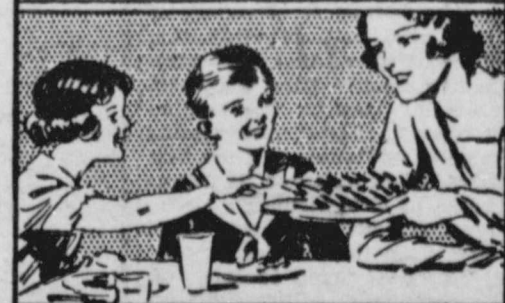
We shall strive to continually improve our service in the future.

# WARE'S BAKERY

South Side of Square



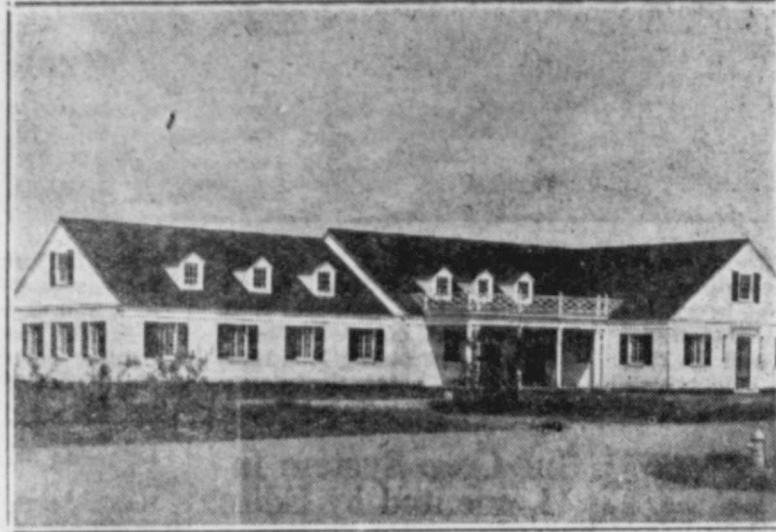
**PERFECT TOAST**



**STANDARD FOR EVERY MEAL**



# Over Two Years Of Phenomenal Growth



Picture of Snyder General Hospital, taken several months ago, before the 16-bed south wing was added.

That Snyder General Hospital was the answer to a very definite need for adequate and competent hospitalization in this area is borne out in the fact it has operated at almost capacity since its doors were opened in September, 1935. Even with recent additions, its capacity has been taxed several times.

Operated as a community enterprise by and for Scurry County people, all the community is proud of its fine record of service to humanity thus far. With every effort dedicated to greater service for those in need of its facilities, the future looks bright for the hospital.

## A SCURRY COUNTY INSTITUTION FOR WEST TEXAS PEOPLE

### FELICITATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER—

as you retrace your records of newspapering over a half century of eventful Scurry County history.

May we extend sincere best wishes for the future progress of The Times as you observe—

### THIS YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

### Snyder General Hospital Offers Full X-Ray and Radium and Complete Clinical Laboratory

#### THE STAFF

Dr. Grady Shytles, Chief Surgeon and Consultation

Dr. H. E. Rosser

Dr. A. C. Leslie

Dr. W. R. Johnson

Dr. A. O. Scarborough

Dr. R. L. Howell

Dr. J. G. Hicks, D. D. S.

Dr. H. P. Redwine

# SNYDER GENERAL HOSPITAL

JOE CATON, Business Manager



# Fire Department Keeps Step With Times

## Bucket Fighters Until April, 1911

The story of Snyder volunteer fire department is the story of an organization that has progressed with the times in fire fighting methods. Chief N. W. Autry and the fire boys can boast of a fire department that has seen a quarter century of service. Autry has been chief for 11 years.

Up until the fire department was organized on April 15, 1911, the department was composed of a bucket brigade—by whoever got the buckets first. Water was supplied by a windmill located where the courthouse now stands.

When Snyder volunteer fire department was organized in 1911—making 26 years of service to date—some members were: E. J. Anderson, W. B. Lee, A. B. Alexander and H. G. Towle. Anderson, Lee and Alexander composed the committee to draft the constitution and by-laws for the organization.

### Buy First Equipment.

Fire fighting equipment in 1911 consisted of a hose cart pulled by men, or a horse. The water system was installed in 1911. \$44,000 in bonds having been voted in 1910.

First motorized fire equipment was obtained in 1916, when a Maxwell hose truck was bought. In 1922 an International truck was purchased, and in 1924 the department purchased a Ford truck, letting out the Maxwell truck.

The Southern truck with Waushaw engine, which is in use now, was bought in 1927. Equipped with a 500-gallon pump, hose body, 80-gallon booster tank, ladders and extinguishers, it is referred to as the "big truck."

The small truck is the International bought in 1922, equipped with 40-gallon chemical tank, ladder and hose body. Present fire fighting equipment consists of the Southern pumper truck, ax, crow bar, two pike poles, two three-gallon foamite extinguishers, hydrant wrenches;

### Full Fire Equipment.

Twelve spanners, three gas masks, two extension ladders, two lanterns, 80-gallon booster and 300 feet of booster hose and nozzles. Included also are two two and one-half inch nozzles with one inch tip, one mystery nozzle—latest type—and 1200 feet of two and one-half inch fire hose for the Southern truck.

## FIRST FIRE TRUCK USED IN SNYDER



This is the first fire truck used by the Snyder volunteer fire department. It was in use before the small International truck was purchased in 1922. The bed was built onto a solid-

fire Maxwell truck by the late W. T. and J. I. Baze. In the picture, left to right, are: J. D. McClanahan, deceased; Charlie Ellis, now of Dallas; J. I. Baze, still of Snyder; Joe Taylor, now

west of Lubbock; Dr. H. G. Towle, now mayor of Snyder; Bill Jenkins, still of Snyder; and A. C. Wilmeth, deceased. This fire fighting equipment succeeded a "bucket brigade."

The International truck carries a 40-gallon chemical tank, 1,000 feet of two and a half inch hose, and 200 feet of hose ladders.

The present key insurance rate is 32 cents on the \$100, with a 10 per cent good fire record—which is only five per cent below the maximum credit rating obtainable.

Present membership of the fire department totals 22, with 13 regular members, eight reserves, and one paid fireman.

### Department Officers.

Present officers and members of the fire department, as of the November 12 election are: B. G. Johnson, president; N. W. Autry, chief; M. M. Gideon, assistant chief; E. R. Butts, secretary-treasurer; C. M. Boren police No. 1; A. P. Biggs, police No. 2; and Rev. James E. Spivey, chaplain. Regular members are: W. W. Smith, Melvin Newton, Buddy Martin, Fred Jones, Marcel Josephson, Joe Brown and Lovell Baze.

Reserves are: Howell McClinton, Jack Martin, N. R. Clements, Hilton Lambert, Edd Griffith, Earl Strawn, George Hendryx and Willard Lewis.

## One-Crop System Is Lamented by Editor

From "The Coming West," December 20, 1900: The man who sows some wheat and oats, plants some corn, grows some sorghum and millet and has hogs, horses, cows and sheep on his farm as well as cotton, is the man that will succeed every year, and he is the one too that will prove a benefactor to the county by holding up its reputation for sustaining the farmer.

The foolish man who plants cotton and expects to buy everything with cotton will bring himself to ruin and his county into disrepute.—Western News.

Send this edition to a friend.

Carl Keller is the paid truck driver.

Regular meetings are held each second and fourth Thursday night of each month. Annual election of officers is held the second Friday night in November.

Lady—"Is it difficult to write well?"

Budding author—"Not at all, but it is difficult to make people realize that one does."

Send this edition to a friend.

## No Circulars for Great Merchant

From "The Coming West," December 13, 1900.

John Wanamaker, the great Philadelphia merchant, and considered great authority on such a great success as an advertiser, is quoted as saying:

"I never in my life used such a thing as a poster, or a dodger, or a handbill. My plan for 15 years has been to buy so much space in a newspaper and fill it with what I wanted. I would not give an advertisement in a newspaper of 400 circulation for 5,000 dodgers or posters. If I wanted to sell cheap jewelry or run a lottery scheme I might use posters, but I would not insult a decent, reading public with handbills.

"The class of people who read such things are poor material to look to for support in mercantile affairs. I deal directly with the publisher. I say to him: 'How long will you let me run a column of matter through your paper for \$100 or \$500', as the case may be. I let him do the figuring, and if I think he is not trying to take more than his share I give him the copy.

"I lay aside the profits on a particular line of goods for advertising purposes. The first year I laid aside and spent \$40,000. I have done better this year, and shall increase the sum as profits warrant it. I owe my success to the newspapers, and to them I shall freely give a certain profit of my yearly business."—Ex-

VOLUME XXXIII  
NUMBER 4

## DAWSON COUNTY'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER

The figures in the upper left-hand corner of this ad reveal only 33 years for The Reporter in Lamesa. So when we place those beside The Times masthead which carries Volume L we are happy to—

## EXTEND GREETINGS TO THE TIMES—

We recognize in The Times one of West Texas' finest weekly newspapers. And bespeak for its publishers, Willard Jones and Jake Smyth, even greater strides with The Times in the years that lie out ahead.

Best Wishes, fellows, from—

## Lamesa Reporter

W. CONNALLY BALDWIN,  
Publisher.

## TIMES, OLD FELLOW

Because you have come through many a year of hardship and struggle in the early days, and stayed on the job with a good newspaper for the area all the time, we deem it only fitting that we extend our congratulations on

## YOUR FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

As our masthead, showing Volume VII, Number 32, this week reveals, our paper is one of the younger papers of this section. However, we play as definite part in the affairs of Loraine as does The Times in Snyder.

Here are best wishes for the continued growth and maintained prestige of The Times during the coming year, Willard and Jake!

## Mitchell County Times

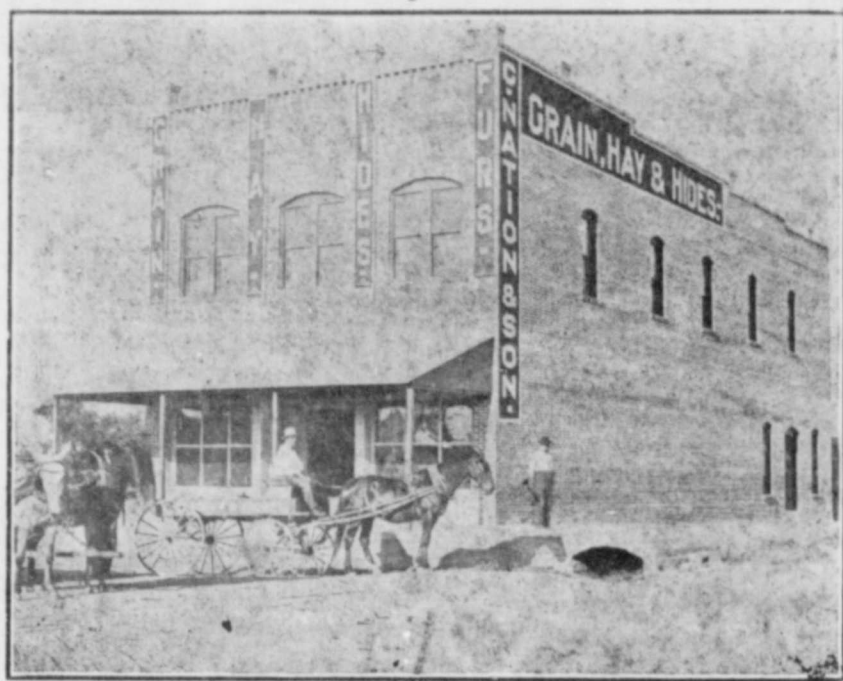
LORAINÉ,  
TEXAS

A. Callahan and J. W. King,  
Publishers.



# Nearly A Quarter Century

*Winston & Clements Has Served  
This Area with a Good Feed Store*



Picture of Our Present Stand Taken in the Horse and Wagon Days of Scurry County

As we approach our first quarter century milestone we look back over the years and try to count the happy relations we have enjoyed at the hands of hundreds of patrons. Friends, after all, are life's richest blessing.

So we here want to express, in some measure, our sincere gratitude for the nice business our customers have given us through the score and two years we have tried to deal squarely with them.

## WE CONGRATULATE YOU—

Home County Paper, for having endured the hardships of Half a Century of newspapering in Scurry County. May you find continued growth and influence for years after you shall have observed—

## YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

# Winston & Clements

TELEPHONE 408



## First Edition of News "Salutes"

From "Scurry County News," February 23, 1895.

Fellow citizens of Scurry County and surrounding country, we desire to present the most humble and modern face we can in this our first issue. We do not know much and this you will soon find out, as we shall not keep it any secret, desiring, as we do improve in knowledge. We ask all whom it may concern to extend their sympathy, counsel, and financial support—money. But the greatest of these is... The news will teach you to love yourself, your neighbors and even your enemies better. If it is our duty to give you a good paper, it will be your pleasure to support.

We shall expect to get, from time to time, short extracts from sermons preached by our own ministers—those residing in our midst, of every faith or order barring only such matters as may be construed to be what is commonly called doctrinal, and only of sectarian value. Our preacher brethren will please favor us with a statement of their appointments, as that we may carry them in the paper.

We propose also giving one column to educational interests, and ask the teachers to assist us in making it profitable to all.

The News will never descend so low as to give what influence it may acquire to any single business or party. It is not a political paper, we would have you to know this, and remember it. We have not erected this organ for the purpose of teaching our government officials their duties. Nor shall we even interfere with the private rights of others. As individuals we shall continue, as ever we have, to choose our friends and associates in society; but the paper is a public servant, and we cannot use it to vent our personal feel-

## Congratulations Rushed by Collie

From Austin a few days ago State Senator Wilbourne B. Collie rushed a word of congratulations to The Times on its contemplated Golden Anniversary Edition.

"I am anxious to join with thousands of others in expressing congratulations upon your great undertaking and enterprise," said the senator. "I am sure the composition of a newspaper depicting the events of a half century gone by means untold research and hard work; but it is an effort worthy of the best journalists and editors, coupled with the hearty cooperation of a large office and shop personnel. Then, too, it requires the equipment of the very best in newspaper plants to do the job.

"You have one of the best newspapers in Texas, and indeed deserved the recognition that has come at the hands of your contemporaries in recent years.

"Every citizen of West Texas is interested in those institutions whose scope of operation is essential to the welfare of the people. An exceedingly fine newspaper, such as you publish, it seems to me, is a leader in the field of necessary institutions most beneficial to all the people and should receive at their hands wholehearted support."

ings, however much we may want to say some ugly thing of our neighbor. If our brethren of the press should attempt to teach us anything we mean to be docile and thankful, whether it comes in the shape of ridicule, abuse, or sympathy. In conclusion, we ask your careful and prayerful cooperation. Thanking you now, for your attention; just take a paper, leave \$1. that it may continue to visit your home, and that we may get a little more material for our work and give an improved sheet.—McNeil & Dodson.

### The Daily Signal!

From The Snyder Signal, April 7, 1911: The Signal will begin the publication of a daily paper, with Associated Press news dispatches, on or about April 17. We expect to give all the local daily news besides the state and general news, by wire. Hand in your name as a subscriber

Tramp—"Can I cut your grass for my dinner, ma'am?"  
Lady—"Certainly, and I hope you enjoy eating it."

prior to the above date and become a reader of the Daily Signal with the first issue.

A census taker, on asking a woman how old she was, received the following answer:

"Do you know how old the Hill girls are next door?"  
"Sure," he replied.  
"Well, I'm as old as they are."  
The census taker wrote down, "As old as the hills."

# 10 Years in Business in Snyder

The past decade, since we first entered the garage business in Snyder, at the Motor Service Station in 1927, has been good to us—we have enjoyed serving hundreds of people.

Now, as we pause and reflect, our spirits are heightened with a determination to serve our friends even better in the years to come with better service and courtesy.

## LET ME DO YOUR TRUCKING—

Safe, bonded trucks that will handle your local or long-distance hauling at reasonable rates. Special handling given livestock. Let me figure with you on any job.

### Greetings, Times—

on your having gone through a half century of service in Scurry County. We believe in the principles practiced by our Home County Paper in giving to this section—

### 50 Years of Service

### We Are Thankful—

to numerous friends of the area who have made business relations pleasant and, to a degree, profitable. Thanks, friends, for your 10 years of loyalty.

## Ralph Ross

Block North of Bank—Snyder



Visitors are Always Welcome at Our Dairy Plant . . .

### CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER . . .

for having the tenacity to carry your fine publication through half a century. We wish you

MANY MORE YEARS TO GO

# Scurry County's Only Grade A Milk



It is with great pride that we announce to our friends that our dairy has been given Grade "A" rating.

This rating means that when you buy Robinson's milk or cream you are buying the utmost in purity, in health.

Grade "A" milk, plus richness and prompt, efficient delivery service, assure you of everything you desire in Dairy Products.

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# Robinson's Sanitary Dairy



# FROM SNYDER'S FIRST DRUG STORE.....

## To The Present Stinson No. 2

We can trace back our present store to Snyder's first drug store, when it stood on the south side of the square nearly fifty years ago. F. J. Grayum was the town's first druggist. A glowing history surrounds that first drug store and its early days.

And we are also as vitally interested in the history which our present concern is making for the generous trade that has been ours, and for the generous trade that has been our, and pledge continued endeavors to make every transaction satisfactory.

A Complete



Drug Service

*A Full Line of Nyal and Rexall Remedies and Sundries, and These Other Standard Brands Make Business Good at Stinson No. 2—*

- PANGBURN'S CANDIES AND ICE CREAM
- LENTHERIC TOILETRIES
- YARDLEY'S TOILET GOODS
- AIRMAID HOSE
- AIRMATE SOX AND TIES

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

when the town was still in its swaddling clothes, a newspaper began operation in Snyder. Because of its fine record of achievements, we want to extend congratulations to Our Home County Paper.

Our hope is that The Times shall live to grow and prosper for—

### MANY MORE YEARS

# STINSON DRUG COMPANY

J. D. SCOTT, **No. 2** Manager



# Times Publishers to West Texas in 1929

## Paper Staff Has Wide Experience

The Times publishers, Willard Jones and J. C. Smyth, came to Snyder in May, 1929, as publishers of The Snyder News.

Through a period of almost nine years, including drouth, depression and several changes in the Scurry County publishing and printing field, they have built a plant that has few equals in cities of less than 4,000 population.

What is more important, they have gathered about them a staff that combines the outlook and the energy of youth with the solidity and the precision that only experience can give.

Jones and Smyth purchased The Snyder News, which had been established in the fall of 1927, from Alton Autry. The Scurry County Times at that time was published by George P. (Jimmie) Smith and W. H. (Chubby) Ritzenthaler. Within a few months, J. W. Roberts took over the Ritzenthaler interest on a "swap" deal with the O'Donnell Index.

The Hermleigh Herald was published by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Norman.

Before fall of 1929, The Snyder News was moved from almost a block north of the square, on the highway, to the center of the east side. Shortly after this move, The Hermleigh Herald was purchased, and that publication was printed in Snyder until it was discontinued a few months later.

The year 1930, bowed down by depression and short Scurry County crops in 1929, saw both newspapers struggling to make ends meet, and in late December a consolidation deal was completed, effective January 1, 1931.

After the consolidation, The Snyder News was dropped, the subscription lists combined, and The Scurry County Times was published a half block west of the square on 25th Street by a newly incorporated concern known as the Times Publishing Company, Inc. The paper name and the firm name continue the same. Roberts, Jones and Smyth were the publishers, Smith retaining stock in the new firm.

The three publishers remained at the helm until the fall of 1934, when Roberts moved to Lubbock. He later moved to Hollis, Oklahoma, where he is publisher of the Post-Herald.

In July, 1936, the entire publishing and printing plant was moved to the former First State Bank & Trust Company site, northwest corner of the square, where an office supply stock valued at more than \$500 has been added.

This Times Publishing Company plant enters 1937 with a full shop of modern equipment, including: Huber two-cylinder newspaper press with attached folder; Babcock Optimus cylinder press; three platen job presses; two Model 14 Linotypes; power cutter; two staplers; stereotype; perforator.

The second Linotype was added when The Snyder News and The Times were consolidated. The Babcock Optimus was traded three years ago for an old platen press and some type. One job press, stereotype machine and perforator have been added within the past two years.

Honors accorded The Times under the present management include: First, third and second, respectively, in Best Weekly Newspaper contest, West Texas Press Association, 1935, 1936 and 1937; first place, Best Set Ad contest, one of three state divisions, Texas Press Association, 1937; nation-wide recognition in weekly newspaper circles for "The Toddling Times," house organ.

Jones came to Snyder from Lufkin, where he had been associated with the Lufkin Daily News. Previously he had been employed by the Redlands Herald, Nacogdoches, and The Dallas News. He was co-publisher-owner of the Wise County Messenger, Decatur, on which he began work early in his teens, prior to going to Dallas. He is a graduate of Decatur Baptist College.

Smyth, also, did his first newspaper work, aside from delivering

## THESE EIGHT TIMES FOLKS RESPONSIBLE FOR EDITION



In these eight poses you are face to face with the eight folks whose labors have been primarily responsible for this Golden

Anniversary Edition of The Times. Top row, left to right, they are: Willard Jones and J. C. Smyth, publishers; Carl Eng-

land, shop foreman; Fred Jones, Linotype operator; Leon Guinn, staff writer; David C. Fawcett, pressman; Jay Rogers, utility

man; Allene Curry, society editor. This group has a composite of about 100 years in the newspaper "game."

## Bell Among Early Local Publishers

W. R. Bell, who had been in the newspaper business 17 years when he quit in 1923, relates several items of his newspaper history. He is now in the meat market business here.

Bell began working in 1906 for The Hamlin Herald, when it was owned by Powers & Pierce. H. C. Shelton, now editor of The Rotan Advance, was also connected at that time with The Herald.

From The Herald, Bell worked at Haskell and Munday, coming to Snyder in 1910 with "The Western Light." J. S. Hardy, O. F. Hardy and W. R. Bell became "Western Light" owners.

In 1910, "The Western Light" was located in a tin building about where Bryant-Link Company is now located. In the summer of the same year "The Light" was moved to the Wilmeth Building where City Meat Market is located now.

In 1912, "The Western Light" was combined with "The Snyder Signal"—"The Signal" having bought "The Coming West." This consolidation placed the newspaper office about where Hande-Dande is now located. E. B. Barnes, J. S. Hardy and R. S. Jackson became owners.

The next change placed Hardy & Jackson as publishers, Hardy & Pickle soon taking "The Signal" over. In 1914 the paper was moved to the building where King & Brown is now located. About 1916 Hardy & Chambless became owners.

"The Snyder Signal" was moved to the south side of the square, where

the Wichita Daily Times, at Decatur. He graduated from Decatur Baptist College, and later from Baylor University, Waco, where he was employed by the Baylor Press. After graduation, he was employed by the Lufkin Daily News, and, before coming to Snyder, he was editor-manager of the Hico News-Review.

Snyder Insurance Agency is now located. Then, Bell was out of the game for a part of 1919-20, getting back in when Curry & Bell bought "The Signal" in 1921.

"The Snyder Signal" ceased publication December 1, 1923, when "The Scurry County Times" came into being. W. R. Bell quit the newspaper

business on December 1 of 1923, having been a newspaperman 17 years—with the exception of the short period in 1919-20.

Gentleman—"Are you very poor?" Tramp—"Sir, if steamboats were five cents, I couldn't buy the echo of the whistle."

**Sorghum and Steers.**  
From The Scurry County News, March 21, 1895: H. L. Ware planted 10 acres in sorghum; yielded 3 tons per acre which he fed to beef steers, realizing about \$10 per ton. Mr. W. sold 12 steers that weighed altogether 16,410 pounds. The heaviest weighed 1,792, selling weights.



## ARE YOU PROTECTED?

**Sickness or Accident May Call You Any Day!**

Of course, none of us likes to talk of the day when we shall be called from our loved ones—but it is the welfare of those left behind in such an emergency that we are interested in just now.

A good Life Insurance Policy, carried with the Colorado Mutual, has been a source of material assistance and comfort to many a family in the years past. Cost of such assurance is small.

**Congratulations, Times—**

for having reached your Half Century mark of service in the newspaper field in this our own great West Texas.

Our hope is that your usefulness and growth shall not end with your

**First Fifty Years!**

Join the Hundreds of Other Scurry County People Who Look to Our Company for Protection. Your Neighbor Is Protected!

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# COLORADO

## Mutual Aid Association

Office in Towle Building

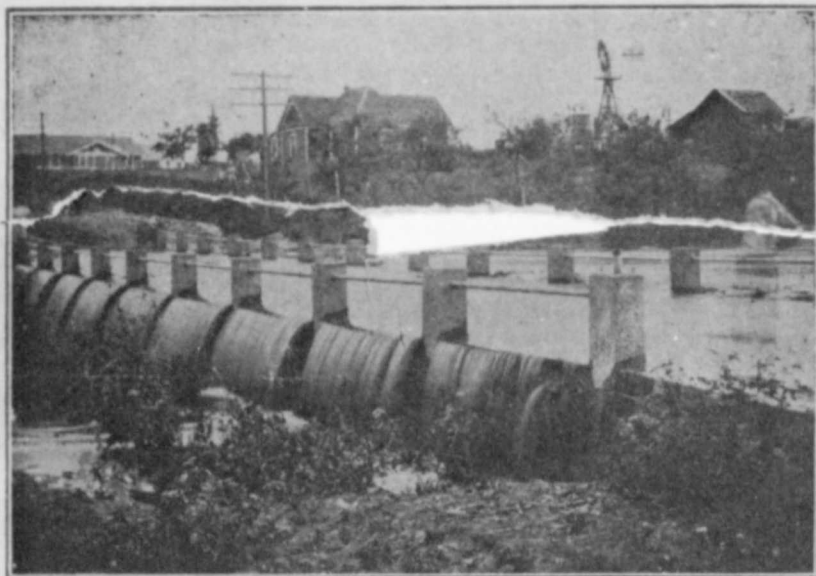


**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 30, 1937

**The Scurry County Times**

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

**GOOD WATER**

—Scurry County, during its history, has received about the average rainfall for West Texas Counties. Since government records have been maintained, beginning in 1917, the yearly average has been exactly 20 inches. With the coming of terracing and contouring of her farm lands, the agricultural sections are showing increased production on a minimum of rainfall.

—Snyder, with an abundant underground supply of good water, has not been faced with water shortages or tainted supplies as have many West Texas cities. Moreover, pumps that supply the needs of a growing city also furnish the Santa Fe Railway with millions of gallons of water annually—at rates cheaper than the railroad could maintain with its own pumping facilities.

**SNYDER HAS ONE OF CHEAPEST WATER RATES IN THE STATE FOR CITIES OF ITS SIZE — PURITY IS VERY HIGH**



# City Has Unique Money-Making System

## Waterworks Nets Profit To Snyder

Snyder makes money on her water. Strictly speaking, the city really does not make the money, for profits go right back into payment of water and sewer bonds, and for other city expenses, making it possible to keep taxes down just that much.

But the city-owned water works, first established in 1910, and improved from year to year, operates well above actual expenses, and has done so for several years.

Three unique features make the Snyder water and sewer system outstanding.

In the first place, rates are among the lowest in Texas, as explained in full in another article.

Second, the bulk of the water is pumped from the ground within a stone's throw of the heart of the business section, just southwest of the square.

In the third place, the disposal plant is unique in that it sits atop a hill two miles southeast of town, rather than in a low spot, like most disposal plants.

### Wells Near Square.

The first city well was dug at the present pump room, exactly a half block west of the corner of the square. When the second well was dug in 1927 and the third in 1928, several hundred feet to the southwest, the first well was soon abandoned. From time to time, new equipment has been added, with a modern water system in operation practically all the time.

The second and third wells are capable of yielding a total of 1,200 gallons of water per minute, as proven by actual tests. But they supply the city's demand for more than 500 gallons per minute.

The fourth well, in North Snyder, was put on the pump after several tests in various parts of town failed to find water in quantity anywhere near as great as the second and third wells. This fourth well is capable of providing 130 gallons per minute.

### Pure Snyder Water.

Although slightly harder than average water, the Snyder water is remarkably pure, and receives high tests when specimens are sent regularly to the State Department of Health. The water flows from a depth of 140 feet, although the holes were blasted at least 180 feet into the earth's surface. The underground fountains flow off the Plains, according to some water authorities.

The two principal wells have shown no signs of any dangerous weakening, but the well in North Snyder was put down in 1930 to care for any emergencies.

Year in and year out, the average consumption of water averages about 10,000,000 gallons monthly. Largest user is the Santa Fe Railway, which averages about a half million gallons per month. Peak month for Santa Fe consumption was in August of this year, when the big engines drank several times the monthly average.

The city also furnishes water for the R. S. & P. Railway when the supply in Deep Creek, more than a mile below town, prevents the short railroad from pumping therefrom.

### 650 Water Connections.

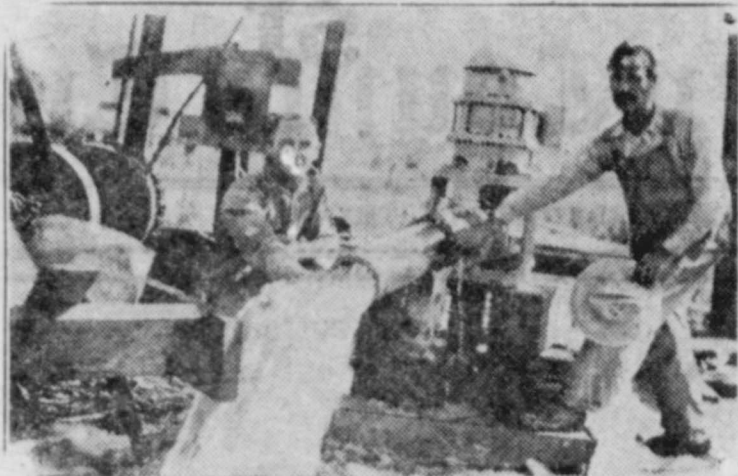
Approximately 650 water connections are maintained. Of this number, about 60 per cent have city sewer connections, and a number of others have pit toilets that are being purchased from the city on a monthly payment plan.

Plenty of water is kept in reserve for these 650 customers. The concrete tank in the ground behind the pumping station holds a maximum of 150,000 gallons, and the big standpipe in Southwest Snyder has a capacity of 100,000 gallons.

J. P. Strayhorn is the water superintendent, and G. M. Browning, who has worked for the city a number of years, is his assistant. In charge of water collections is Mrs. J. P. Morgan.

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

## CITY OF BOUNTIFUL WATER



Snyder is literally a land flowing with water, as this picture typifies. This picture was made when one of the city's two big wells was brought in just southwest of the square. The

wells are now under cover. On the left is Burn Baze, then water superintendent; on the right, G. M. Browning, who is the city's oldest employee in point of service.

## U. S. D. A. Story In Printed Form

The most vital agricultural force in the nation—the United States Department of Agriculture—is celebrating its 75th anniversary during the same year that The Times celebrates its 50th anniversary.

To bring the story of the rise and development of the department direct to the citizenship, that story is now available in printed form. Copies of the new publication may be obtained free by farm and ranch families who write to the office of information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and ask for "The Response of Government to Agriculture."

Turning back to the time when the acts that created the department were signed, the author, Arthur P. Crew, says: "Agriculture was at a crisis then, a crisis in which the principal need was more production. It is at a crisis now, though of a different kind. The modern difficulty, which still includes the need to increase the productivity of the farms, embraces also the job of finding a satisfactory market for increasing productivity."

## Question of Water Rights Is Explained

The question of water rights has been a matter of deep concern in practically every pioneer country. While not of particular local concern just now, the following explanation of water rights, taken from Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Encyclopedia, should prove interesting: "In its original sense, the use of water of non-navigable streams, lakes, springs, irrigation canals, and in certain instances of the sea. In the United States the water of flowing streams is not deemed capable of private ownership. Every landowner has a natural right to the use and enjoyment of a watercourse which flows through his land. An owner must not interfere with the rights of other owners in any way, by diverting, fouling, damming, or by lessening the steady flow.

"The pollution of a flowing stream, as, e. g., by the unreasonable discharge of sewage, is actionable, and in some states subject to criminal prosecution."

### Jail Bonds Voted.

From The Snyder Signal, April 14, 1911: Scurry County voted the jail bond issue by a majority of more than two to one. The vote was light throughout the county. Total vote: For, 544; against, 244.

Visitor (in editorial rooms)—"What do you use that blue pencil for?"

Editor—"Well, to make a long story short, it's to—er—make a long story short."

## Old-Time Ginner In Own Business

A man who spent more than a quarter century in the gin business left his first love in September, 1935, to begin a hardware store of his own on the north side of the square.

That man is H. L. Wren, who handles just about everything you would expect to find in a modern hardware store. Associated with him is Jack Epman, also a former ginner.

Wren, active in church and civic work, came to Scurry County from Lampasas in 1903, worked with the old Farmers Union gin for three years, then farmed until 1910. In that year he went to work for the Fuller gin interests, for whom he worked a quarter century, lacking only a few days . . . in every capacity from roustabout to gin manager and gin erector.

### All Lighted Up.

A very shocking place is Texas, considering the amount of electric power harnessed and functioning today. With about 250 electrical generating stations operated by around 15 major companies and 50 or 60 local companies, the total investment is more than \$300,000,000. Contribution of 1936 is the development of rural electrification, which is spreading through all parts of the state.

## He Was Blacksmith In Railroading Era

A. L. Poteet can't remember quite as far back as Longfellow's "Under the spreading chestnut tree the village smithy stands." But he can tell you a heap about his early blacksmithing experiences on the Texas & Pacific Railway, when that road was being built 30 years ago.

In 1922 the veteran blacksmith came from Somerville to do blacksmithing and other mechanical work for Fuller gin. It was in August, 1924, that he went into business for himself, purchasing the Brown blacksmith shop, then located across the street from his present location, a half block north of the square on Avenue R. Poteet purchased the Tom W. Baze power outfit in 1927, and in 1933 he moved to his present site.

Cecil James and Bob Alsop are Poteet's employees.

## Praying for Rain in 1911 Was Profitable

From The Snyder Signal, July 14, 1911:

According to previous agreement and pursuant to the call of County Judge Smith, the people of Snyder assembled this morning at the tabernacle to pray for rain. The service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Hunt, and the people seemed deeply in earnest. We realize that we have gone the limit of our strength and resources and must depend upon God to give us a harvest.

From The Snyder Signal, July 21, 1911: Not since Scurry County came under sovereignty of the man with the hoe have the prospects been brighter for a bumper crop of both small grain and cotton.

The teacher asked a small pupil to repeat the alphabet.

He began splendidly, but toward the end he seemed to need a little help and encouragement.

"Well, now, Tommy, you know what comes after M?" said the teacher.

"Yes; N."

"That's correct. Now what is after N?"

"I know; O."

"That's right. Now after O comes—"

The little fellow brightened up and replied, "Yeah."

Author—"Have any recognitions of the publication of my work arrived?"

Publisher—"Yes, a man of the same name as yours has asked us to insert a notice that he is not the author."

## Joe and Jack at Old Tailor Shop

Joe Graham and Jack Martin are doing business at an old tailor shop stand, but the service and equipment they offer are entirely up-to-date. They have one of the best equipped shops in a small West Texas city.

George Borgeman first opened a tailor shop just north of the bank in 1919, and a similar establishment has been in the present building or an adjoining building ever since.

Graham, the senior partner, was reared in Snyder, moved to Ranger in 1917, and back to Snyder in 1924, where he became associated with Fish & Bantau. In 1926 he and Earl Fish became partners in Snyder Tailoring Company. Graham and Abe Rogers became partners in 1932.

Martin, graduate of Snyder High School, became one of the town's youngest business men when he entered partnership with Graham in March, 1935. This partnership continues . . . and the plant continues to grow in just about the same location in which George Borgeman established that plant in 1919.

Claude Moore and Morris Collier are regular Graham & Martin employees.

### "Everyone Rejoices."

From The Snyder Signal, March 10, 1911: The Santa Fe railroad will soon be operating trains into Snyder, giving us two railroads with all the advantages accruing therefrom. Work will soon begin on the waterworks system, and a new modern church, costing in the neighborhood of \$30,000, erected by the Methodists, and all this preceded by a good rain is sufficient to cause everyone to rejoice.

"Oh, what a funny looking cow!" said the fair young visitor from the city. "Why hasn't it any horns?"

"There are many reasons," answered the farmer, "why a cow does not have horns. Some are born without horns, and do not have any until the late years of their lives. Others are dehorned. While still other breeds are not supposed to have horns at all. So you see there are many reasons why a cow sometimes does not have horns. But the chief reason that this critter does not have any horns is that it isn't a cow at all. It's a horse."

"Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army."—E. Everett.

# IN THE SPRING OF 1920

Yes, it's been seventeen years and more since we dropped anchor in Snyder, and established a Furniture Store at our present location. We have tried to make our store an integral part of our community, serving the people with Good Furniture at reasonable prices.

## Our Friends Have Been Mighty Good To Us . . .

throughout these years, and we also want to here express again our appreciation for a liberal patronage during nearly two decades.

"WE TRADE"

# A. E. DUFF

FURNITURE

North of Bank : Snyder, Texas

## Congratulations, Times—

We believe you have performed a necessary mission to our community and West Texas. May we extend our congratulations because you are

## Fifty Years Old

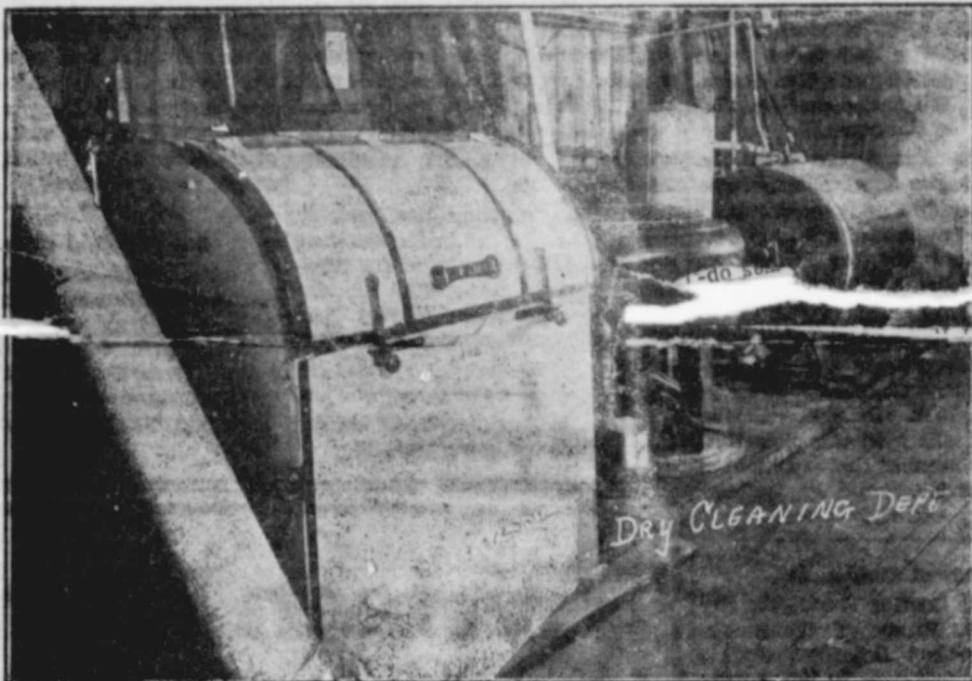


# “As Fine Work As I Can Get Anywhere In West Texas”

... are the words used by a customer when telling us the other day about some cleaning and pressing we had done for her. We know of no better advertisement we could write to tell others of our service that is second to none in this area.

## MODERN PLANT EQUIPMENT

MAKES GOOD WORK  
POSSIBLE



The above picture, taken before much new equipment was added, shows a portion of our plant that permits us to render such unmatched service. Our installing of the latest equipment from year to year assures our patrons the finest workmanship in—

- Dri-Sheen Dry Cleaning
- Hat Cleaning and Reblocking
- Knit Suit and Leather Jacket Work
- Altering, Repairing and Rebuilding
- Tailor Made Clothes

### MAIL ORDERS GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION

We pride ourselves on having a regular group of out-of-town customers who take advantage of our prepaid charges on all mail orders.

## For Years We Have Advertised In The Times—

Because we believed in it and the results it has brought to our establishment.

\* \* \*

## And Now, We Want to Write an Advertisement to Our Home County Paper—

and tell the Times force in this corner of our page that we are proud of the fine record it can look back on at its

## HALF CENTURY MARK

Our sincere hope is that it shall continue to maintain its leadership in the weekly newspaper field of Texas long after it has published this

## ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

JOE

JACK

# Graham & Martin

Master Cleaners and Tailors



## Growth of J. C. Penney Company Has Been One of the Story-Book Nature

The commendable success of The Times in Snyder is strikingly exemplified in the progressive development of the nationwide chain of J. C. Penney Company department stores, one of which has been in operation on the north side of the square since April, 1929.

The local Penney store is numbered among the well established institutions of Snyder. It has enjoyed continuous success since its opening. Penney's prides itself in the large following of friends it has gained among shoppers of Snyder and trade territory and on the hearty acceptance by Texans in many other parts of the state. At Wichita Falls, over 20 years ago, the J. C. Penney company was first introduced to Texas. There are now 109 stores established throughout the state.

### Vann Comes in 1932.

At the local Penney store's helm when it opened in 1929 was H. H. Thomas. From Cisco in 1932 came H. L. Vann, who has been associated with the Penney concern almost 20 years. He started his work with Penney at Miami, Arizona, and was, prior to coming to Snyder, manager one year at Cisco, one year at Eastland and three years at Decatur, Alabama.

Horace Mullins, assistant manager, is a Scurry County product, having been associated with the store since 1931. Miss Vesta Green is the oldest local employee in point of service, having become cashier of the store six months after its opening. Mrs. Margie McClinton has been with the store since 1930. Other regular employees are Miss Laura Banks and Sam Jones.

### Romance in Business.

Expansion of the Penney Company from one small store in the tiny mining community of Kemmerer, Wyoming, into this successful coast-to-coast organization of more than 1,500 stores, located in every state of the Union, is regarded among many as one of the outstanding romances of American business.

Thirty-five years ago, James C. Penney, a young salesman in a dry goods store in Hamilton, Missouri, was ordered west by his doctor. Penney settled in Denver, where he worked for T. M. Callahan in a local dry goods store. It was here that the idea of building a system of stores first was born! Callahan and his partner, Mr. Johnson, were at that time engaged in creating the first partnership system—a novel idea at the time, permitting managers to share substantially in the profits of the business. Young Penney had the vision to see the unlimited possibilities of this partnership plan and determined to develop it in a larger way.

Before long, with \$500, which he had borrowed, Penney acquired a one-third interest in a store which he opened in Kemmerer, Wyoming, together with Callahan and Johnson. Shortly afterwards, the latter two decided to separate, and Penney arranged to buy full interest in the Kemmerer store, and also in stores at Rock Springs and Cumberland, Wyoming. These three stores were the nucleus of the present nationwide organization.

### Local Needs Served.

At the outset, Penney placed full merchandising control of each store with the local manager. He knew that each manager would know the wants and needs of the people of his own community. Penney further realized that business done on a friend-to-friend basis would make for the utmost in customer satisfaction. Thus, from the very beginning, this vital asset has been an important factor in the company's progressive trend.

The further development of the partnership system was largely responsible for the growth of the Penney Company. Large scale buying through one central buying office became possible. This, in turn, made for greater savings which Penney customers ultimately share.

Every Penney store is an integral part of the community in which it is located. Penney store managers

take an active part in local business, civic and religious affairs, and many of them hold offices in one or more of these community organizations. A large percentage of Penney managers own their homes and are so deeply rooted in their communities that their stores are very often known by their own names as well as by the name "Penney's."

### Headquarters in N. Y. C.

The headquarters of the Penney Company are in New York City, where a large staff of buyers, each one an expert in his particular line of merchandise, handle the requirements for all Penney stores throughout the country. Thus Penney customers derive benefits from capable, timely buying in large quantities. The savings obtained are passed along to Penney customers in the form of low prices.

That Penney's keeps abreast of modern merchandising technique is evidenced in its testing laboratories. Every conceivable test is made for wearing ability, warmth, color fastness, shrinkage, texture, construction and other factors that make for assured customer satisfaction. Clothing, shoes, hosiery, gloves, work clothes, piece goods, and so on, up and down the line, all must resist the rigid laboratory tests or be rejected.

It is a far cry from the little store in Kemmerer, Wyoming, with its red woolen socks hanging from rings, its suspenders, bandanas and overalls stacked in piles and draped on walls, to the vast organization that constitutes the J. C. Penney Company of today. But the same sound principles of merchandising laid down by Penney in the Kemmerer store have always been considered a most vital factor in the success of the 1,518 stores which, at present, constitute the J. C. Penney Company.

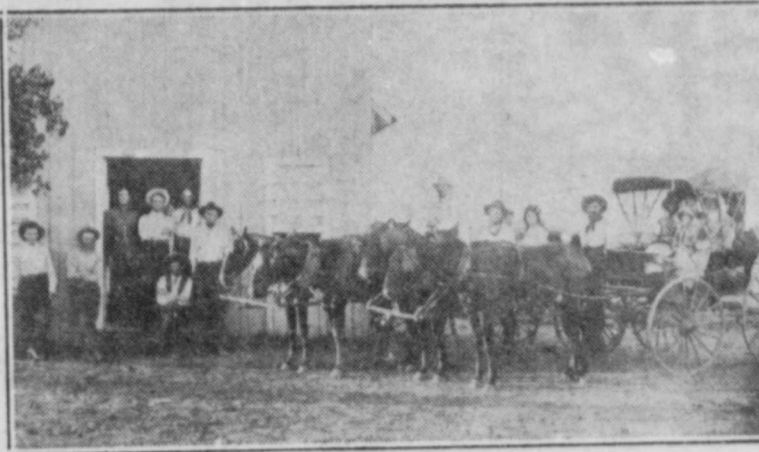
### Quannah Parker's Death.

The Snyder Signal of March 3, 1911, carried an account of the death of Quannah Parker, Indian chief, who was an enemy and later a friend of J. Wright Moorar, first white settler in Scurry County.

### Ira Bank Dissolves.

Notice of dissolution of the First State Bank, Ira, is carried in The Snyder Signal for March 10, 1911. T. C. Stinson, president, signed the dissolution notice.

## BORDEN COUNTY LANDMARK



This is a Borden County landmark that will be remembered by most old-timers. It is really more proper to say this WAS a Borden County landmark, for the Durham post office and store, which once stood between Knapp and Gail, now on the Alex Murphy place, disappeared with the old townsite. Mrs. J. L. Weathers of Borden County, who furnished The Times this picture, points out a few of the

folks: H. L. Pierce, second man from left in doorway, owner of store; Olan Keen, now of Gail, sitting in doorway; Pat Warren, Mrs. Weathers' brother, in buggy, wearing striped bandana; Bob Caraway, last man on right, wearing black bandana, then boss of Nine-R Ranch; Mrs. Bob Caraway, in buggy, last woman to right; Mrs. Bob Caraway (formerly Katie Wills), in open buggy; Sim Yeargan, horseback.

## Wilsford Tea Room Open 10 Years Ago

Wilsford's Coffee Shop, operated here by Mrs. J. C. Wilsford in the basement of The Fair Store, is an outgrowth of Wilsford's Tea Room, which Mrs. Wilsford opened in 1927 just south of the square.

Wilsford's Tea Room was the mecca of many local citizens who enjoy "old-fashioned home cooking." The tea room was discontinued when Mrs. Wilsford and her family left Snyder five years ago.

It was replaced again as Wilsford's Coffee

Mrs. Wilsford came with her parents to Scurry County from Delta County in 1901. In 1908, as Miss Lois Gross, she held the plow that broke the ground that symbolized entrance of the Santa Fe Railway into Scurry County.

### Brady of Clairemont.

From The Coming West, February 7, 1901: P. Brady of Clairemont came down last Saturday, and is spending a few days in our peaceful little city. He is here on business, we presume, as he seems to be enjoying the best of health.

## Bynum Has Charge Of Produce House

Dock Bynum has been in the produce business here since 1930. He purchased the local Swift agency in February, 1933, an agency now known as Dock Bynum Produce.

Dock was born in Scurry County, and resided in Bethel community most of his life.

Swift & Company has been in the produce business in Snyder since 1925, and has been one of the companies largely responsible for developing a profitable market here for cream, poultry, eggs and other produce.

"Public instruction should be the first object of government."

## Towle's Jewelry Started in 1904

One of the oldest continuous business establishments in Snyder is H. G. Towle's Jewelry Company, now located on the northwest corner of the square. The present mayor of Snyder came to Snyder in 1904 from Colorado, where he had worked with Majors there for two years after finishing school in Illinois. That two years in Colorado was long enough for beginning of a romance that blossomed into a marriage.

One of Dr. Towle's earliest experiences after he opened for business in a former livery stable, site of the present Times building, was a robbery that netted the invaders about \$500 in merchandise. After three months on the corner, he moved to the present J. H. Sears & Company site for a year; to the present Manhattan Hotel building for about two years. In 1907 he built the structure now occupied by Ben Franklin Store, moving from there to his present site in 1928.

At one time, while in the Ben Franklin location, Towle Jewelry Company had the largest stock between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Associated with Dr. Towle are Mrs. Towle, C. T. Burnett, Mrs. Velma Bruton and Miss Irene Spears.

### What a Legislature!

In a letter from F. I. Townsend, Farmers' Union representative at Austin, in The Snyder Signal for March 3, 1911, it is stated: "There has perhaps never been a Legislature in Texas like the present one. No man can forecast with any degree of certainty what it will do with reference to adjournment."

### Hamlin's Water Supply.

A recent issue of the Hamlin Herald was considerably wrought up because the city's water

about to go blooey. Editor, Bowen Pope, solved the problem at the bottom of page one by announcing: "Look for Water on Page Two."

## Ten Years of Cooking . . .

Yes, ten years ago the Wilsford Tea Room was established south of the square. Its reputation for serving for foods spread rapidly, and in 1933 we moved to our present location, where a growing number of patrons come for meals.

We are thankful for the patronage of our friends during the past decade.

## GREETINGS, TIMES—

upon your having reached your Fiftieth Birthday. That you shall continue to grow in service and influence is the sincere wish of Wilsford Coffee Shop.

## Wilsford Coffee Shop

Basement of The Fair Store

## Thirteen Years Ago . . .

we entered the blacksmith trade in Snyder, and then made it our aim to please our patrons. We feel we have carried that aim through the years. We are grateful for a patronage of hundreds of friends.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO—

Our Home County Paper set up for business under the name of The Western Light. We are proud of the record of good newspapering it has made.

Congratulations, Times, for Having Served Your County for Fifty Years!

## A. L. POTEET Blacksmith Shop

North of Square on Avenue R



# 33 Years In Snyder---



—Of course, the picture shown here does not go back quite that far—but this business can count back the years spent in Snyder for over three decades. Good years, some not so good . . . still they all have shown us that we have filled to some degree the needs of a host of people.

—As a matter of fact, the picture was made in 1908, when the firm was located in the building occupied by the Ben Franklin Store. Now in convenient quarters on northwest corner of the square, we offer superb service in Jewelry, Chinaware, Silverware, Glassware and Leather Goods.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE FRIENDSHIP OF HUNDREDS OF PATRONS WHO HAVE MADE THIS RECORD POSSIBLE!

### CONGRATULATIONS TIMES

for having endured the trials and tribulations of early day and modern newspapering that has brought you safely through Half a Century of existence.

We want to be among those who shall offer you best wishes on this—

### YOUR FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

# H. G. Towle Jewelry Co.

Northwest Corner of Square—Snyder



# From ONE SMALL STORE IN 1902 To More Than 1500 Stores Today....

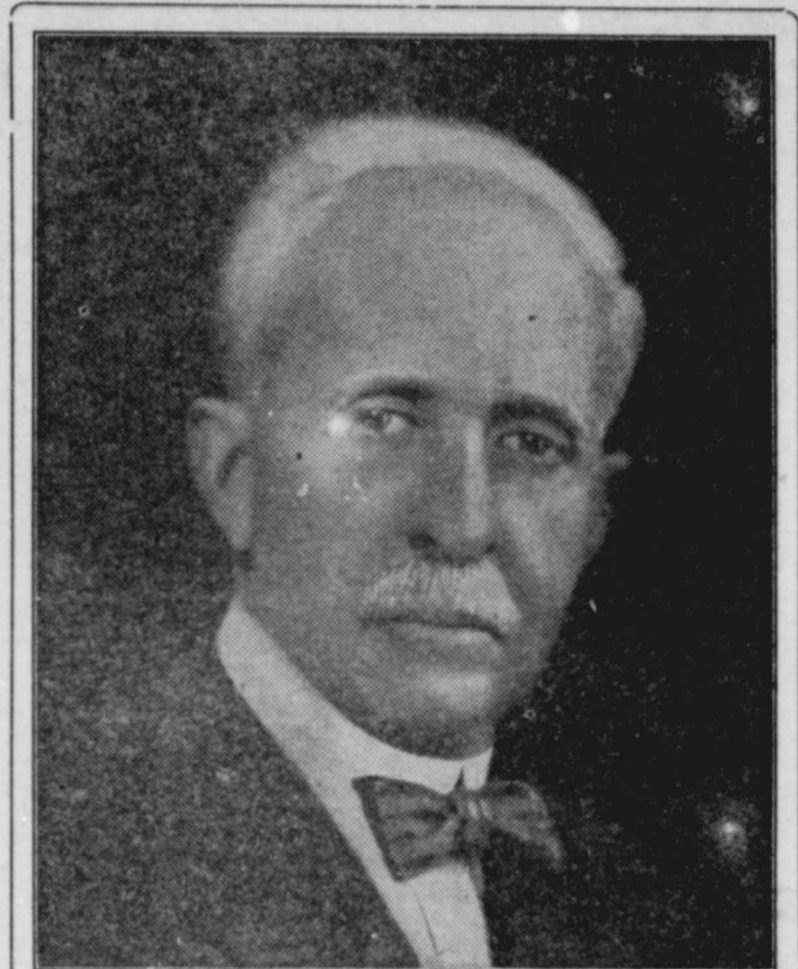


Kemmerer, Wyoming, in 1902

Expansion of the J. C. Penney Company from one small store in the tiny mining community of Kemmerer, Wyoming, twenty-five years ago, into a successful coast-to-coast organization of more than 1500 stores, located in every state of the union, is regarded among many as one of the outstanding American business.

is shown the original store in Kemmerer, which was called the Golden Rule Store.

### Partnership Plan and Sound Merchandising Principles are Basis of Progressive Development of One of the Nation's Leading Business Concerns.



J. C. Penney, Founder and Chairman of Board, Penney Stores

## FOR MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS

### CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER . . .

for the determination of purpose and the fortitude to weather the trials and vicissitudes of a pioneering community that have safely brought you down to this year—

### FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

We, for one organization, believe in Our Home County Paper. We believe it has a definite place in the progress of any community, and our firm conviction is that The Times has faithfully served Scurry County and Texas with a newspaper worthy of the support of everyone in the area.

Our sincere desire for The Times, as it pauses to observe its Half-Century Milestone, is that it shall see

### MANY MORE BIRTHDAYS!

... the J. C. Penney has served the people of this area with a shopping service unexcelled in this community—with merchandise of quality for every member of the family. The growth of the local store has been accredited to its having served people faithfully with the merchandise they wanted, and at the prices they wanted to pay.

Since the establishment of the Penney store on the north side of the square in Snyder, we consider that our friends have increased with each year since April, 1929. That we shall continue to fill a niche in the scheme of things for this area shall be our constant aim. We have no fear that our friends will desert us as long as we serve them as we have in the past.

### ECONOMY—

—has long been a watchword of the Penney organization. However, in giving our patrons the most for their money, we have not lost sight of another thing that determines giving a person who buys merchandise his money's worth, and that thing is—

### GOOD QUALITY—

—which after all, causes a firm to hold its trade once it has been built up. We believe we have faithfully adhered to the principle of Good Quality, commensurate with the price paid, in every transaction we have made since we came to Snyder. And, another thing—

### PROMPT SERVICE—

—is the joy and pride of our organization. By giving our employees the advantages of years of experience in dealing with the buying public, we have striven to make our Service as prompt, courteous and satisfactory as we can. Incidentally, discourtesies reported are appreciated.

THE GOLDEN RULE OF THE FIRST STORE GUIDES THE OPERATION OF THE STORE IN SNYDER!

North Side of the Square, Snyder

# PENNEY'S

J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, Incorporated

H. L. Vann, Local Manager



### Snyder Board of Trade Is Formed

From "The Coming West," April 23, 1903.

Snyder's business men fully realize the many undeveloped resources that our city and county have to offer to the home seeker, business men and capital seeking a landed investment. They are also like the typical western business man, liberal in their views upon all subjects and are willing and anxious for others to come and participate in developing these many resources.

With this object in view, on last March they met and formed an organization which is known as the Snyder Board of Trade.

The organization was perfected by electing our enterprising citizen, Mr. F. J. Grayum, banker and druggist, as president; Mr. D. Nation, president of the Snyder Mercantile Company, as first vice president; Mr. S. R. Pickas, merchant, second vice president; Dr. A. O. Scarborough, physician, third vice president; Mr. I. H. Nelson, postmaster, fourth vice president; Mr. B. F. Smith, editor and publisher of the Western Light, secretary; Mr. E. B. Barnes, one of the editors and publishers of the Coming West, treasurer.

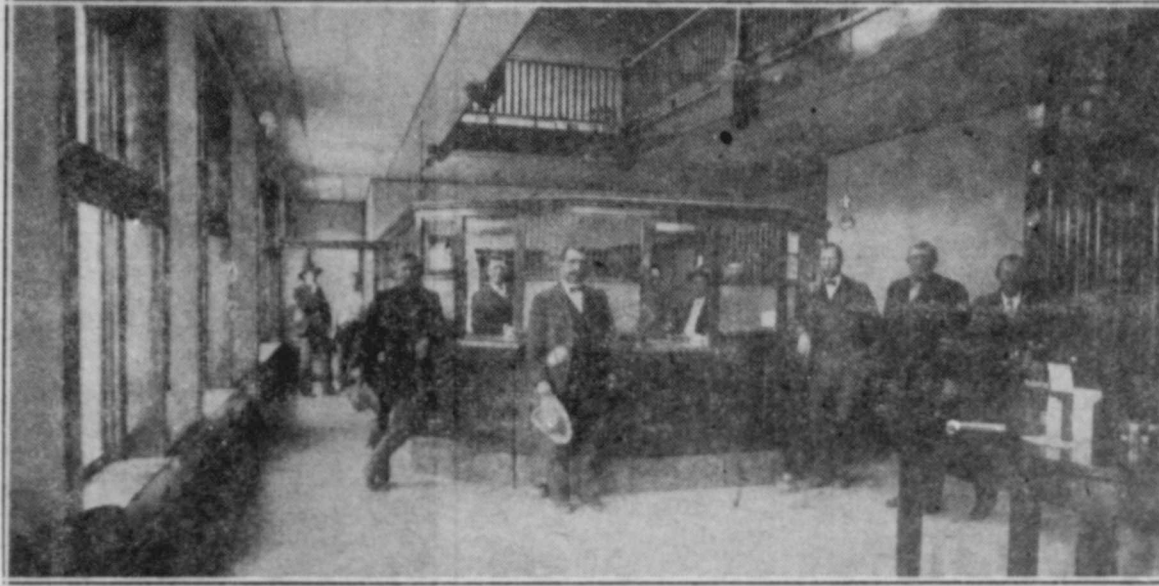
This organization has an executive committee composed of the following named business men, who are acting jointly with the above named officers whose duty is to devise means of advertising our city and county, and taking action on any matter of public interest that may come before the board.

These gentlemen are C. T. Girard, manager of the Snyder Mercantile Company, A. C. Wilmeth, attorney, C. L. Jones, attorney, W. L. Gross, real estate broker, J. W. Haley, merchant, Dr. A. C. Leslie and Leroy Johnson.

The membership of this Snyder enterprising organization consists of 30 of Snyder's business men.

It is evident that the commercial success of Snyder

### MEET SOME OLD-TIME BANKERS



This picture of the old First National Bank, taken in 1916, reveals several of Snyder's old-timers. The institution stood on the northwest corner of the square, now the H. G. Towle Jewelry Company site. The first two men on the left are un-

known. The late "Uncle Billy" Sims is shown wearing cowboy boots; first man inside the window, Jesse Thompson; Billy Johnson, president, in front; the late R. H. Curnutte, cashier, just inside right window; Miss Ethel Wasson (now Mrs. Pete Benbe-

nek), in right window; man on far right inside cage is unknown; just under the light, N. M. Harpole, wearing "handle-bar" moustache; on far right the late T. J. Faught, and Jack Smith. Sims, Johnson, Harpole, Faught and Smith were directors.

### Gem Theatre Is Local Newcomer

One of Snyder's newest places of business—and amusement—is the Gem Theatre, whose brilliant neon lights beckon the public nightly to the east side of the square.

Manager of the Gem is A. M. Morgan, who installed the show-house in May of this year. At the time he and Mrs. Morgan resided in Colorado, but when they sold the Gem Theatre there they moved to Snyder to make their home.

Mrs. Morgan is the show's cashier. M. Z. Barrow is the chief operator and Mrs. Barrow is assistant cashier.

Morgan is a West Texan, having been in the show business for 20 years, including theatres at Rule, Brady and Colorado.

### D. H. Goodnough in Pioneer Shoe Shop

The shoe shop that has been operated here since April, 1937, by D. H. Goodnough, was established in Snyder in 1909 by E. F. Walker, father of Dr. C. E. Walker. Of course the shop has been improved from time to time, but the present owner's shop is an outgrowth of that shop almost 30 years ago.

When established the shop was conducted in connection with the Strayhorn Brothers saddle and harness shop, located in about the Stinson No. 1 site on the north side of the square. In 1912 it was moved to the present Palace Theatre location, then in 1920 to its present space under the rear of the Times Building.

W. T. Baze purchased the shop in 1926, after the death of E. F. Walker. W. W. Almsworth leased it in 1930, after the death of W. T. Baze. Guy Peterson was in charge from 1934 until 1936.

The present owner, with years of experience, Snyder from Sweetwater.

Little boy—"Phew! It's awful hot for spring."

Little girl—"You ought to be thankful it's no worse. Spose we lived in Arkansas. Wouldn't that be awful?"

Little boy—"Arkansas? Why?"

Little girl—"You'd better study your geography lesson. The geography says Arkansas is famous for its hot springs."

as being the greatest commercial port in West Texas is assured. We have the foundation upon which to build and we have the class of men who do not know the true meaning of failure.

### Water Discussed in 1928 Lions Meeting

From "The Scurry County Times," April 5, 1928.

The weekly luncheon of the Lions Club was especially pleasing with the presence of Mr. Dennis Doty, head of the Well Worth Drilling Company, whose concern was responsible for the remarkable water wells they have brought in for Snyder. Mr. Doty was happy to state publicly that "Snyder has two of the finest and best water wells in West Texas, and if the last well were located in Sweetwater, I could get a million dollars for it."

Judge C. F. Sentell was invited by

President Wedgeworth to tell a little of the history of the Snyder water wells, and he opened by paying a compliment to A. J. and H. G. Towle for being among the first to drill wells in this section that made it possible to know the structure of the land and that today has been of significant use in getting Snyder's water wells at the proper points.

Member O. P. Thrane asked the chair for the privilege of a word, and told of the splendid and noteworthy service that has been tendered the city of Snyder by Mayor H. G. Towle, and a rising vote of appreciation was given His Honor, which he brushingly accepted.

Send this edition to a friend.

# We're Not the Kind To Brag

But We Believe That We Have Made Life Easier For More Women in the Snyder Area Than Any Other Institution Here!



Pride in a work accomplished is an inspiration to anyone. When we look back over the many years of service we feel we have alleviated the hardships and drudgery of housewives of the Snyder community.

We are grateful for a generous patronage of hundreds of good friends all through the years. Our belief is that this appreciation can best be shown by a pledge to give even better service in the future than we have in the past.

## HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS, HOME COUNTY PAPER—

for the perseverance and hard work that have carried you through half a century of service to Scurry County and West Texas. That The Times shall continue to grow in years and service is the hearty good wish of those connected with the Snyder Steam Laundry.

# SNYDER STEAM LAUNDRY

For Wash-Day Relief—Telephone 211



# A Good Hardware Store In A Good Community ...

The constant aim of the H. L. Wren Hardware is to make it just what its hundreds of friends want it to be. Aside from our efforts to stock the kind of supplies our patrons want, we try to put the added touch of Personal Service and Accommodations that go to making business relations pleasant and satisfactory.



## We're Not Pioneers in the Hardware Business, But ...

—We have been identified with the business life of Scurry County for 29 years. These years have brought to us numerous friendships, which, after all, are life's greatest asset. Without friends, this world would be dreary.

—We are thankful for the loyal group of customers who have made our store grow from the very first day we opened our doors in the Fall of 1935. Business has been good from day to day.

We Are Proud of

### OUR HOME COUNTY PAPER

and the fine record it has made in the newspaper field in Scurry County and Texas. We believe in its ability to fill a very definite part in the progress of the community.

We want to be among those friends of The Times who will extend congratulations to the newspaper as you, Times force, observe—

**YOUR FIFTIETH  
ANNIVERSARY**

*Such Standard Brands as These Have Made  
Business Good at Our Store—*

- Challenge Long-Life Windmills
- Remington Arms and Ammunition
- Baltic Cream Separators
- Bird Brand Rugs
- Lawson Gas Heaters
- General Electric Radios
- New Patterns in Dishes

# H. L. WREN

HARDWARE



# Grasses Help Control Erosion By Water

## Vegetation Now Treated as Ally of Farmer in Battle to Retain Topsoil

By L. G. BLACK,  
Soil Conservation Service.

After years spent in trying to eradicate grass on farmlands, the farmer has come to the realization that it is one of the best allies he has in the never-ending fight against erosion. He knows that grass, like shrubs, vines, trees, roots, ground litter or leaves and stems, crop residues and organic matter accumulated within the body of the soil, is one of nature's own guardians of the land.

Vegetation is an economical and effective weapon of land defense at the service of every farmer. If he is to stop erosion damage, he must cloak his fields, or portions of them, with vegetation and work into the soil spongy, absorptive, vegetable matter to bind the soil and to hold needed water.

### Projects Visited.

Hundreds of farmers who have visited soil conservation service projects and camps in Texas during the past year have seen at first hand the simple, practical measures which are being used on the farms of land-owners and operators who are cooperating with the service to keep soil and water on the land.

The first visit to a soil conservation service project or camp area is a real revelation to most farmers. The practical, common sense methods of erosion control being applied to the farms in project and camp areas make many farmers wonder why they have not availed themselves of the materials at hand in the fight against erosion.

But, back to vegetative means of erosion control. Officials of the soil conservation service early learned, from experimental results and observations, that land covered by a good vegetative growth suffers practically no erosion damage. In those sections of Texas where soils and climatic and rainfall conditions are conducive to abundant grass and other vegetative growth, the soil conservation service program has been teamed up with nature in such a way that natural vegetation is being used in many ways to combat erosion.

### Grass Species in Use.

Bermuda grass and buffalo grass, for instance, are used in establishing meadow outlet strips and sodded outlet channels to care for excess terrace water in pasture areas, and for individual terrace outlets. Kudzu is used to stabilize gully banks and other steep slopes. Eroded land or land that is too steep for safe cultivation is returned to pastures or woodlands where grass, trees, and other vegetative cover can protect such areas from the damage of rushing rain waters. Vegetation is used for filter strips above diversion chan-

## City of Rotan Gets Water From Scurry

From "The Scurry County Times,"  
January 12, 1928.

The city of Rotan in Fisher County is going to get its water supply from Scurry, in the Camp Springs neighborhood, according to the Rotan Advance, which said last week: "When we enlarge our water system to pipe in Camp Springs water, Rotan will have the best water in the state that goes through a city water system. And we are going to get the Camp Springs water."

"The chemical analysis shows the Camp Springs water to contain less of minerals found in all water; but more important, or rather more understandable to the average person is the finding that the total hardness of the Camp Springs is 250 per million as compared to 395 per million in the Lubbock water, which is among the purest and best in the state."

nels; for the recovering of denuded lands, for the protection of highway ditches and back slopes, and for many other purposes in the complete farm program.

This use of vegetation in the soil conservation service work in Texas not only simplifies the program, but does away with expensive engineering devices and puts a complete plan of erosion control within the reach of the individual farmer.

### Projects in State

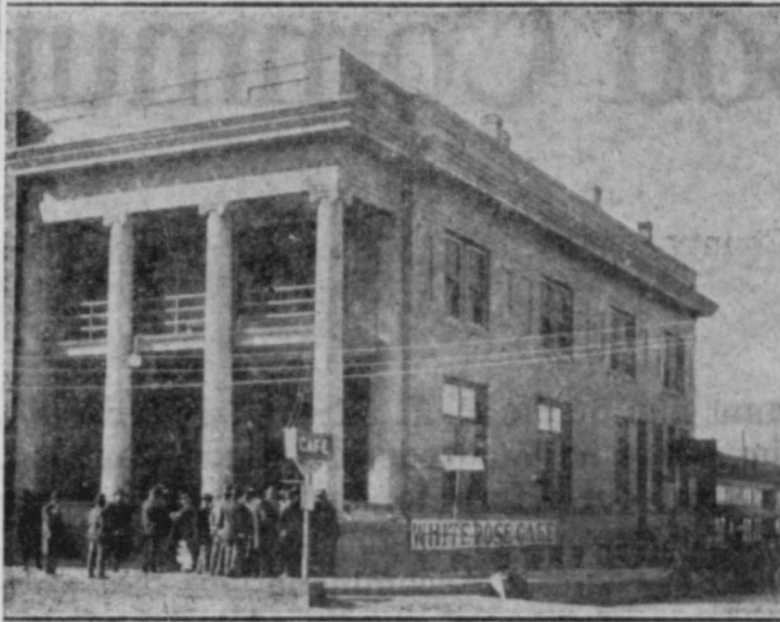
If you have not yet visited one of the soil conservation service projects located at Lindale, Nacogdoches, Mount Pleasant, Garland, Lockhart, Temple, Dublin and San Angelo, or one of the 24 soil conservation service camp areas in the state, let me suggest that you do so at your very earliest convenience. It will be a revelation to you to see how many Texas farmers are using Bermuda and other grasses as important allies in the fight against erosion.

If you have been doing your level best to rid your farm of grass over a long period of years, I think you will find it both interesting and enlightening to see the many ways in which cooperators with the soil conservation service are using this so-called "pest" to great advantage on their farms. Talk with the cooperators yourself. Let them tell you how and why they have become converts to the use of vegetation in the control of erosion.

"Bessie and I can hardly understand each other when we talk over the telephone."

"Did you every try talking one at a time?"

## OLD FIRST STATE SITE



This, one of Snyder's most impressive buildings, was for a number of years the home of the First State Bank & Trust Company, which bowed in 1931 to the depression. In July, 1936, the Times Publishing Company moved into the building, and continues to hold forth here. Its three floors are well occupied.

In the basement is Boren & Grayum Insurance Agency, Snyder Abstract and Title Company, city secretary's office, D. H. Goodnough shoe shop; on the ground floor, rear, Clark & Early Cafe; upstairs, John E. Sentell's law office, Lee Cotton Company, and Taylor & Thorpe, cotton buyers.

## New Water Well Is Contracted in 1929

From "The Scurry County Times," 1929.

The City Council closed a contract yesterday with the Well Works Company of Garden City, Kansas, for another water well that will be drilled on the city auditorium lot. Work is to be started at once and on the same basis as the water well that was completed the past year.

Snyder's council is stepping right ahead with a progressive program that will more than insure a never-failing source of this important commodity. They are to be commended on their activity, for Snyder is more than blessed with an unlimited supply of good, fresh water—something that Abilene or Sweetwater would give anything in this world to get.

## New Standpipe Put Up in January, '29

From "The Scurry County Times," 1929.

The new water storage tank with the completion this week of the standpipe in the western end of town.

Mayor H. G. Towle and the City Council are responsible for this move which gives the city a practically new water supply tank at a total cost of \$930. Snyder citizens do not realize that for the past 13 years no water has been in the standpipe. In case of a disastrous fire the modern equipment that has been installed by Mayor Towle and his council would have been adequate.

The improvement also includes a 300 watt electric lamp on top, and the word "Snyder" in 12 foot letters on each side.

## Scurry County's Fine Back in '95

From "Scurry County News,"  
May 7, 1895.

So many questions are asked of so many different persons here, by those residing in other parts that we have thought it would be a great saving of time and labor to those not accustomed to writing, if we would publish in our columns a fair and correct statement of facts regarding our county, its soil, climate, grasses, timber, water and its lands; by what tenure holden and how obtained.

Scurry County was organized in July of 1884. Its latitude is about 32 degrees north, and its nearest point to the Texas & Pacific Railroad is about 10 miles north from that road. Colorado, a beautiful little city on said railroad, is situated about 25 miles south of Snyder, our county seat. There are various soils, mostly of a loamy appearance and usually plow well; so that a correct topography of the county would represent it easily tillable and productive everywhere all things being equal.

Our water is good with sufficient amount on the surface in some parts of the county, and easily gotten, by artificial means most anywhere. We have enough timber for ordinary purposes; there being little or no coal used and most fencing posts are made from timber found on the land fenced. The grasses are meagre and buffalo or gamma, but chiefly the former which is considered by judges as the very best of the wild varieties.

The lands are alternate sections of school and railroad, either of which may be bought at low price on long term. School land at from \$2 to \$3 per acre on forty years. The railroad is about the same price we suppose on ten years. But there is a feature about the ownership of our lands that enhances their value above that of other counties near us. Those who possess these lands are settlers on them.

There are few if any, great capitalists or syndicates, interested in any neighboring county. We have good school and church facilities. The schools in Snyder are under the supervision of an able educator, assisted by two excellent teachers, which schools altogether enrolled this year about 150 pupils.

## A New-Timer Salutes an Old-Timer . . .

Although we have been in Snyder only 7 months, we know a good newspaper when we see one—and it's our pleasure to congratulate a good one when we extend best wishes to The Times on its Fiftieth Birthday.

## But We're Really An Old-Timer—

To the leather business, having spent 17 years plying the trade in West Texas. You're playing safe when you entrust your shoe, boot and harness work to us.

## Goodnough Shoe Shop

Basement Times Building

# OLDEST IN CAFE Service In Snyder . . .

For seventeen years Mrs. Vick Montgomery has served food over the counter and table to thousands of folks who wanted good eats served right.

Located on the present location of the Snyder Transfer, the old Blue Front Cafe opened its doors in the spring of 1920 under the Montgomeries.

## YOUR PATRONAGE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!

### CONGRATULATIONS, TIMES—

Yes, Snyder's oldest continuous cafe service wants to be among those who extend felicitations and best wishes as Our Home County Paper observes its Fiftieth Anniversary.

# BON TON CAFE

North of the Bank—Snyder



# PROGRESS . . . .

has been blazed by The Scurry County Times in its steady march of service in Snyder and Scurry County for the past half century.



To Our Home County Paper on the completion of such achievement we offer our sincere congratulations as it pauses now to observe its—

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

### From A Meager Beginning in 1915 To 68 Stores Today

—September 15, 1915, saw the opening of the first Perry Brothers Store at Center, in extreme East Texas. That the growth of the organization has been phenomenal is proven by the fact that there are now 68 stores in a chain of Quality Variety Stores.

—Snyder Store, No. 63 in the group, was established more than three years ago, because we felt we could become a definite part of our community and at the same time offer a service that would be appreciated by a value-knowing public.

With thankfulness in our hearts for a liberal patronage during our more than three years in Snyder—we look to the future with a determination to serve even better our hundreds of friends in this area.

# PERRY BROTHERS

5c, 10c AND 25c STORE

Jesse Elliott, Local Manager

North Side Square—Snyder



# Flood Control May Be Salvation of Area

## Retaining of All Rainfall Is Sought

By BEN F. SMITH.

Much has been written and many projects promoted the past few years looking to flood water conservation, which has a two-fold advantage, namely: Storage of water for irrigation; and to increase our natural rainfall. The government is spending millions on projects of this nature, storing the water that annually goes to waste. Dams and reservoirs in all parts of the country and especially in many sections of the Southwest are being built and many thousands of acres of semi-arid lands are being reclaimed and put into a high state of production.

Other features to be pointed to is the natural increased rainfall that would ensue as result of flood conservation. The best of authorities claim that many sections of the Southwest would increase their precipitation if and by the impounding of our flood waters, which naturally would cause a change in our atmospheric situation.

### Flood Water Storage.

Several months ago a member of the national agriculture department, writing from Washington, advocated the storage of our flood waters in order to increase rainfall and prevent soil erosion. Soil erosion and water impounding are closely linked together and in fact are almost inseparable. The writer above mentioned states that we will never overcome blowing and washing of our soil until proper and extensive methods are adopted, looking to a national system of flood water control.

When Snyder was located, the location of Texas was decided by J. J. Anderson, in which our natural rainfall sheds were enumerated. We quote from Mr. Anderson:

"The annual rainfall at Snyder and in Scurry County is 23.83 inches. The general average rainfall in Texas is 28 inches. The lowest is at El Paso, eight inches, and the highest at points in East Texas, 48 inches. By these averages it will be seen that the rainfall in Scurry County is nearly at the point of general averages between the western and eastern rainfalls. In other words, the mean average rainfall of this county is at a central indication between the minimum western and the maximum eastern extreme precipitation."

### Many Advantages.

It will be seen that our natural rainfall in Scurry County would and does furnish abundant flood waters, and if impounded could be turned to many advantages. Our water sheds by reason of the broken and rolling surface of our lands would create a rapid accumulation of flood waters.

Again we quote from Mr. Anderson: "Due to the caprock to the north, which forms and terminates as a 200 foot bluff (or more at the edge of the South Plains) on which Snyder and Scurry County is located, the climatic changes coming from the north are moderated on account of the sheltered position of our county." The impounding of waters in lakes and reservoirs would greatly lessen our hot summers and do away to a large extent with hot winds that are so injurious to growing crops.

### Not a New Subject.

The question of flood water conservation is not a new subject to Scurry County people. Some preliminary work has been done in way of engineering estimates. A few years ago the Duval Engineering Company made up estimates of the Moor irrigation project on Deep Creek, situated some eight miles from Snyder. In pointing out Snyder's advantages to the locating committee of Texas Tech, the prospectus issued at that time has this to say of the Moor irrigation project:

"Snyder is located eight miles southeast of the Moor irrigation

## SNYDER'S ONLY BANKING HOUSE



This substantial banking house on the northwest corner of the public square is the home of Snyder's and Scurry County's only

bank, Snyder National Bank. It was erected in 1916. This picture, looking north on what is now Avenue S, reveals practically

the same buildings that are now on the block, but several changes in the business that occupy them.

## Pill Rolling Career For Irwin Since '15

John Irwin, owner of Irwin's Drug Store, has been in the "pill-rolling" business since 1915, when he became a registered pharmacist. His first experience was at Panhandle.

On June 5, 1926, he came from Midland to become associated with Stinson No. 1 here, and he was later at Stinson No. 2 until 1935. He opened his own drug business in that year on the southwest corner of the square, where he is still located.

Elmo Crowder is assistant pharmacist, and other regular employees are Jack Wright and Wolsey Barrett.

project. We inspected the dam and reservoir site and found it ideal. The reservoir is to be obtained by an earth dam 60 feet high between two mountains across Deep Creek, and a natural spillway is secured by utilizing the saddle between two adjacent mountains. From the plans and reports from the Duval Engineering Company we gather the information that the project would cost approximately \$200,000; the reservoir would hold 22,000 acre feet; the drainage 150 to 200 square miles, and 9,000 acres would be irrigated."

### Dam Never Built.

For some reason this dam was never built, but if it had been built after this survey was made some 12 or 15 years ago, it would have paid the initial cost many times over. Not only is the Moor irrigation project feasible, but there are many other desirable sites in Scurry County where dams and reservoirs could be built and irrigation taken advantage of. Deep Creek itself furnishes many possibilities in way of flood water conservation.

It has been suggested that a system of low dams could be built from the head to the source of Deep Creek, some four or five miles apart, and by so doing a large volume of water could be impounded for irrigation purposes.

The government during its last session of Congress made available \$10,000,000 for flood water conservation in the Southwest, naming in the bill Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Scurry County can get some of this money if her people will get busy through the Commissioners Court, and then make application for some of these funds. It would be the biggest thing by far that could come to Scurry County people.

### Change This Section?

If we ever change this section of the Southwest from a semi-arid section to one of abundant moisture it must come through flood water conservation. And these things must come by and through our own initiative. There are other streams in Scurry County besides Deep Creek that need their flood waters con-

### Grass and Finance.

"Stay off the grass" would be a hard rule for Texans to follow consistently, since the state is literally over-run with it. Half as many species are to be found here as can be discovered all over the United States. Thirteen of the 14 great American grass tribes have representatives on Texas land.

served—Little and Big Sulphur, Ennis Creek, Bull Creek, Lone Wolf and Cottonwood Creeks. And, in addition, the people themselves should be encouraged to build tanks and reservoirs on their lands wherever a site is available. Not only should Scurry County turn to flood water conservation, but every county in West Texas should adopt a similar program. West Texas Chamber of Commerce should wholeheartedly adopt the program, and set as its goal the storage of flood waters that go to waste each year in West Texas. All other time and money expended in the past in this county in highways and other project fade when we look deep into the possibilities of changing our future productive advantages in flood water conservation.

## More Than Million In Groceries Sold

More than a million dollars worth of groceries! N. M. Harpole has passed the million mark in grocery sales during almost 30 years in Snyder. And before he came to the West, he sold about the same amount during 20 years in the grocery business at Mineola.

As The Times celebrates its golden anniversary, the veteran groceryman is celebrating his fiftieth year in that business. He came to Snyder in January, 1908, setting up for business in the present King & Brown location. He

present site, a block square on 25th Street, remodeled in 1933. Mr. Harpole rode the mail cart from Colorado to Snyder in 1908, and his family, coming later, rode on the newly built R. S. & P. to Hermleigh and on to Snyder by hack.

The groceryman also owns other local property, and has been active in civic and church affairs.

Send this anniversary edition to a friend—mailed for 15 cents.

## 68 Perry Brothers Stores in State

Perry Brothers, Texas chain of five-ten-twenty-five-cent stores, recently established its sixty-eighth store in the state, at Huntsville. The Snyder store, established three years ago, was No. 63 in the state-wide group.

The local store, of which Jesse Elliott is manager, recently moved two doors eastward on the north side of the square, opening in one of the most modern variety stores in West Texas.

Basing their business on "Quality and Economy," the Perry Brothers No. 1 store was established September 15, 1915, at Center, by A. F. Perry, now president of the concern. Headquarters were later placed in Lufkin.

V. R. Rucker, Stamford, is district manager of the local store, while Roy Spears, Lufkin, is general supervisor of the chain, and visits here frequently. R. L. Perry is chairman of the Perry Brothers board; H. W. Perry, vice president; E. B. Mott, vice president; J. B. Perry, secretary; J. M. Warren, assistant secretary, and C. W. Perry, member of directorate.

A miserly man was approached by a friend who tried to persuade him to dress more in accordance with his station in life.

"I'm surprised," said the friend, "that you should allow yourself to become shabby."

"But I'm not shabby," said the miser.

"Oh, but you are. Remember your father. He was well-dressed. His clothes were tailored."

"Why

of hard send his One after the shop.

"Father," he five shillings to "What!" cried realize that I've three pairs of shillings?"

"All right, father, wait."

# Home-Owned Produce House For Home People . . .

A native of Scurry County, I feel as a real old-timer among the people of the area, and I know I can count as my friends hundreds of citizens of the community. We have striven for seven years to serve the people connected with the produce industry in a satisfactory way with a Home-Owned Produce House.

**Congratulations, Home County Paper—**

upon your having attained your Fiftieth Birthday. We hope you shall live and grow and serve your County and Texas for many more

**Happy Birthdays**

**WE ARE THANKFUL . . .**

for the measure of success which has crowned our efforts during these seven years. Our friends' support has made this possible.

**DOCK BYNUM**

Block North of The Fair Store



# City Water-Sewer System Cost \$150,000

## First Well Drilled By Snyder In 1910

Through the courtesy of J. S. Bradbury, The Times is presenting figures to show that the total cost of Snyder's present water and sewer system is upwards of \$150,000.

The actual figures gathered by the city secretary show a total cost of \$142,957.75. These figures would be increased several thousand dollars by addition of small items over a period of years.

The first water and sewer system was installed in 1910, when bonds were voted for \$44,400. The first water well went down the same year, included in the cost of the bond issue.

### System Is Extended.

In 1924 the water and sewer system was extended by a warrant issue to the tune of an additional \$45,000. In 1927 the second well was put down at a cost of \$3,551.50. The following year a third well was drilled at approximately \$3,500.

The year 1929 witnessed a number of improvements. The sewer system was improved at a total warrant issue cost of \$24,000. Later in the year the sewer system was further improved and extended, the city farm was purchased and a disposal plant was installed thereon. Bonds for the latter improvements were voted to a total amount of \$9,562.50.

### Fourth Well Drilled.

A fourth well went down in 1930 at a total cost of \$5,328.75. Costs on this well, as well as earlier wells, included costs of various tests before the best flowing localities were found.

Miscellaneous extensions of water and sewer systems from time to time totaled about \$2,615. Pumping equipment, not included in other items in the summary, have been added to a total value of approximately \$5,000.

## New Pyron Gets Booming Sendoff

From "The Snyder Signal," May 19, 1911.

The formal opening and town lot sale at the new town of Pyron came off on Wednesday and Thursday, May 10 and 11, and it was a great event. The first day was given over to the south country people, a special train was run up there from Sweetwater and lots of people from that town seized the opportunity to buy property in Scurry County. There was a barbecue and a big crowd. Thursday was Snyder day and the Santa Fe ran a train of four coaches carrying down about 200 people.

Pyron is twenty miles southeast of Snyder in one of the prettiest and richest portions of Scurry County. It is an old settlement. The new town is about three miles from the old town of Pyron and of course the stores of the old town have been moved to the railroad. The Santa Fe people have a fine well of water there and have erected a large stand pipe and will soon build a depot and be ready for business. The town-site is laid out on the gentle slope of one of the prettiest prairie landscapes to be seen anywhere, and already there is a general merchandise store there kept by the Adams brothers.

Another large building is soon to be occupied as a general store and another house is waiting for a stock of drugs. The Pyron Hotel, kept by W. E. Warren, is a substantial house and they set a good table there. A long stretch of concrete walk on either side of Main Street gives the place a look of progressiveness. Arrangements have been made for the erection of a banking house between the post office and the hotel and taking a general survey of the situation a sprightly town will be there within a few months.

## SNYDER'S OFFICIAL RAINFALL RECORD SINCE 1917

Month—	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	Mo. Avg.	
January	.00	.64	1.00	.44	.00	.40	.00	1.40	3.27	1.25	.40	.80	1.50	1.40	1.78	.20	.35	.05	.45	.17		.77	
February	.57	.21	.25	.95	.06	1.85	.50	.00	.00	1.20	.80	.00	.00	1.15	3.01	1.06	.22	1.03	.12	.25		.66	
March	.00	.21	3.43	.00	1.05	1.20	2.05	.90	.00	1.98	.90	.40	1.89	.80	.57	.55	.70	2.70	1.61	.44	1.36		1.11
April	.88	.45	3.45	.00	.30	8.42	3.90	4.34	2.75	1.92	1.03	.27	1.05	4.05	1.63	1.25	.10	.56	.42	1.03	.06		1.85
May	.99	1.46	2.19	4.66	.87	5.09	.75	4.27	4.26	3.10	.70	4.40	4.07	3.76	1.35	3.47	1.59	.65	4.07	2.40	4.25		2.79
June	.83	1.14	4.55	4.01	7.05	4.48	2.20	.00	.25	1.47	3.05	1.17	.50	2.55	1.10	3.12	.02	.40	4.10	.33	1.55		2.09
July	1.04	.00	.85	.50	.70	.00	.93	.57	1.13	1.03	6.35	1.67	2.76	.10	.94	1.12	3.20	.21	4.58	.92	1.45		1.43
August	2.18	.44	2.23	10.14	.40	1.75	2.10	1.55	2.47	4.35	3.85	2.82	.61	1.27	.18	5.79	1.90	1.25	.21	.00	2.38		2.28
September	1.53	1.20	3.20	1.43	4.15	.00	2.00	1.40	5.00	2.17	5.20	.73	2.51	.25	13	10.60	.00	1.58	2.54	8.87	1.76		2.68
October	.00	3.73	5.78	1.55	.70	.93	6.38	2.00	3.55	3.60	.65	.35	1.61	5.04	5.35	.30	2.68	.24	1.75	1.79	.44		2.35
November	.12	.62	1.13	.22	.00	1.65	3.15	.00	.00	1.10	.00	1.52	.33	1.85	1.80	.00	1.20	2.60	2.11	.83			1.01
December	.00	1.28	.00	.00	.00	.00	1.39	.00	.00	3.30	.02	.28	1.00	2.00	2.74	4.32	1.43	.03	.67	.61			.95
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>11.10</b>	<b>27.66</b>	<b>23.76</b>	<b>16.61</b>	<b>23.58</b>	<b>27.10</b>	<b>15.53</b>	<b>20.81</b>	<b>27.29</b>	<b>24.20</b>	<b>14.81</b>	<b>16.93</b>	<b>23.17</b>	<b>18.34</b>	<b>35.31</b>	<b>14.08</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>23.14</b>	<b>17.79</b>	<b>13.67</b>		<b>20.00</b>

### Noble & McClinton Among Top Traders

Among the county's top buyers and sellers of feed, livestock and other farm and ranch products are Charles Noble and Howell McClinton. They specialize in K-B feeds.

Noble left the tailoring business and McClinton the grocery business in January, 1935, to enter "horse trading." Noble came to Scurry County in 1909 from Hill County. He was associated with dry goods stores here for several years.

### Hurrah for Kent County!

From The Coming West, December 23, 1897: Uncle Kin Elkins, Kent County's tax assessor, was in the office warming Tuesday morning and a friend reached over and picked up a long blonde hair from his collar. When asked for an explanation Uncle Kin said he was at an entertainment Monday night. Hurrah for Kent!

### Plenty of Drinking.

From The Scurry County News, June 6, 1895: Thanks to Bro. Sharp for bucket of nice fresh sweet milk.

### Come Again, Girls!

From The Scurry County News, April 4, 1895: Just as the hands of our timepiece reached the point of the disc marked twelve on last Thursday night, we were agreeably awakened by as sweet music as the voice can make. A number of young ladies—about six—had stepped into the front yard and gently aroused us with the guitar. Come again, girls.

"Better build school rooms for 'the boy', than cells and gibbets for 'the man'."—Eliza Cook.

### Bill Jones and His Hack Traveled Fast

From "The Coming West, January 3, 1901: Bill Jones' hack seems to be doing a good business between here and Colorado and we have heard several remark that there was some consolation in at last being able to make the trip in less than six or seven hours, the hack making it in about four hours.

Send extra copies of this Anniversary Edition to your friends.

# Entertainment . . . .

has varied considerably during the past Half Century . . . just as other things have gone through changes.

Only in the larger towns did the people of fifty years ago have the then "tops" in entertainment of the Opera House. The budding city of Snyder did not get her Opera House until the turn of the present century. The modern show house offers the best entertainment—within reach of everyone's purse.

## SINCE COMING TO SNYDER SEVERAL MONTHS AGO—

our Theatre has been accorded a liberal patronage by the people of the Snyder area. We are grateful for an ever-increasing trade, and we pledge our continued efforts to give our patrons their money's worth in high class pictures, produced at their best.

The Gem Theatre Brought Low Admission Prices to Snyder. Patronize the Gem and Keep Them Down!



### Congratulations, Times—

for the fine record you have made for yourself and your community while newspapering for the past—

## HALF CENTURY

As one of the newer business concerns of Snyder we want to express our appreciation for one of this area's finest weekly newspapers, and bespeak for you, Jones and Smyth—

### Many More Birthdays

# The Gem Theatre

East Side Square



# Snyder Has One of Cheapest Water Rates

## Comparison With Other Cities Made

If you have really complained seriously about Snyder's water rate, you should be faced with the cryptic statement: "Why don't you move somewhere else?"

For a check-up of water rates in Texas cities, prepared by Chester Cohen, engineer with the state department of health, reveals that Snyder has the cheapest range of rates, with two possible exceptions, of any of the 33 Texas towns having populations from 3,000 to 4,000.

All in all, Snyder's rate is lower than any town or city of any size in this part of the state. Only five cities and towns in Texas have lower rates, both minimum and maximum, quantity considered.

### How Rates Compare.

Snyder's minimum monthly charge of \$1 is as cheap as any in its population range. Few towns of any size in the state have a lower rate than \$1, and most of them range from \$1.50 to \$2. Only six towns out of the 33 in Snyder's population range have minimum rates as low as \$1, and only one of these, Alamo Heights, receives as much as 3,000 gallons, the Snyder minimum.

The two towns whose range of rates is slightly lower than Snyder's have higher minimum rates. Pelly, with a population of 3,452, has a minimum rate of \$1.20, but customers may use up to 20,000 monthly for the same flat rate. Cotulla, population 3,175, has a minimum rate of \$1.50, which applies to any quantity up to 15,000 gallons. The Cotulla rate is \$2 for 15,000, \$2.50 for 20,000.

## WHAT IS WATER, ANYWAY?

We speak of water as we speak of air, of earth, of the stars, of life. But what is water, anyway?

Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Encyclopedia has the following enlightening discussion of "Water, a clear transparent liquid, neutral in its reaction, and devoid of taste or smell."

"By a process of distillation and condensation it is possible to obtain a fairly pure water. . . . In the liquid state it is colorless in small quantities, blue-green in large masses, and blue in still larger masses. . . . Absolutely pure water is not to be found in nature. Rain-water contains not only atmospheric air, but also some ammonia and carbonic acid and traces of nitrates, together with salts derived from dust."

"Of the total surface of the earth about 145,000,000 square miles may be taken as covered by water, and 55,000,000 square miles by land."

3,000 gallons. That town's rate is \$1.40, Alamo Heights' rate climbs to \$2.40 per 10,000, as compared with Snyder's \$2 rate; to \$3.40 for 15,000, as compared with Snyder's \$2.50 rate; and to \$4.40 for 20,000, as compared with Snyder's \$3 rate.

Wink has the highest over-all rate in Snyder's class, \$3 up to 3,000 gallons, and a rate ranging up to \$12.25 for 25,000 gallons. With the exception of Pelly and Cotulla, as noted, Snyder has the cheapest rate for higher quantities of water. Brady is just lower, with \$3.30 for 20,000 gallons, but Brady's basic rate of \$1 is for only 1,000 gallons.

Georgetown has a \$3.55 rate for 30,000 gallons. Its basic rate is \$1.25 for 3,000 gallons.

### Larger City Rates.

Most of the larger cities of Texas have a low minimum rate, but practically all of them climb higher than Snyder's for 5,000 gallons and more. Of the 113 cities with more than 4,000 population, only these five have lower minimum rates than Snyder's: Mainview, New Braunfels.

Of the 616 towns smaller than Snyder, only these six have lower

rates, in minimum quantities, than Snyder: Jefferson, 50 cent minimum, 500 gallons; Plano, 75 cent minimum, 1,000 gallons; Whitesboro, 90 cent minimum, 1,300 gallons; Sugar Land, 60 cent minimum, 3,000 gallons; Van Alstyne, 75 cent minimum, 1,000 gallons; Holland, 37 cent minimum, 2,500 gallons.

### Higher Average Rates.

All of these six towns have a higher average rate and a higher 20,000 gallon rate than Snyder.

Of the 782 cities and towns listed in Texas, ranging from Houston down to Austwell, with population of 23, only 52 have lower quantity rates than Snyder, and practically all of these are towns in extremely wet sections of the state, where water can be provided at a very low expense.

Snyder's rates in comparison with nearby towns are as follows: Snyder, \$1 minimum for 3,000 gallons, \$3 for 20,000 gallons; Colorado, \$2 minimum for 4,000 gallons, \$6 for 20,000 gallons; Big Spring, \$1.50 minimum for 2,000 gallons, \$8.70 for 20,000 gallons; Roby, \$1.50 minimum for 3,000 gal-

## Hot Times When School Land Sold

From The Snyder Signal, June 23, 1911: The Commissioners Court made a land deal Wednesday for Scurry County in which they sold to local people of Snyder all of that body of Scurry County school land lying in Hockley and Cochran Counties. Our progressive commissioners have sold the land for \$3.77 per acre (17,112 acres) on 40 years time at five per cent interest.

From The Snyder Signal, June 30, 1911: In view of the fact that it has come to our knowledge that the county commissioners and county judge of this county have entered into a contract of sale, disposing of the school land belonging to the children of the county at a fraction of its value. . . . Therefore we ask that a mass meeting be held and we hereby call same to consist of all who are interested in the future well being of our children. (Signed by about 50 Scurry County citizens.)

(A lengthy answer to those who protested the school land sale was carried in the next issue of The Signal.) Said the Signal editor: "The mass meeting here today was about the most interesting gathering that we have had in Scurry County for a long time."

### C. R. Buchanan Leads.

The top vote in the first primary election of July, 1902, was polled for the late C. R. Buchanan, county and district clerk. He received 328 ballots.

## Deep Creek Flows, But Not Every Day!

The picture on the front of this anniversary edition represents, to some extent, the water that flows through Scurry County—sometimes.

In the early days, Deep Creek flowed practically all the time. Now, with more cultivated land and less runoff water in the country, scenes like the one on the front page are rare, for the historic creek runs only after heavy rains.

This picture was made at the Avenue S crossing, just south of the square, when a bridge, instead of the present dip, spanned the creek.

### Ralph Hicks, Polar.

From The Snyder Signal, March 17, 1911: Ralph Hicks of Polar was tossing the ball with the Snyder boys Tuesday and Wednesday, Ralph says that he expects to tap some home runs this season.

A little boy who is a member of a large family, was describing to an elderly friend the "wonderful time" he was going to have on Christmas.

" . . . and we're going to have turkey and pumpkin pie; and my cousins are going to visit me, too."

"How nice!" said the man. "But I have no one to eat dinner with me. I'll have to eat mine all alone."

For a moment the little chap was silent. "Well," he said, brightening up with a smile, "at least you'll have enough to go around."

A storekeeper had for some time displayed in his window a card inscribed, "Fishing Tackle."

A customer drew the proprietor's attention to the spelling.

"Hansel, spelled."

"Hundreds," replied the dealer; "but whenever they drop in to see me they always buy something."

# More Than A Quarter Century of

# COMPLETE BANKING SERVICE

For thirty-two years, to be exact, Snyder National Bank has served the people of the Snyder area with a Banking Service that has met their every need for facilities of good banking. Through good years and bad years, we have tried to make our institution one of stable business principles and practices.

That we have to some degree filled a definite place in the scheme of sound business is attested by the fact that we number our friends by the thousands—from all walks of life. Our continued efforts shall be to afford ample service to those with whom we may carry on business.

## WE CONGRATULATE OUR HOME COUNTY PAPER—

for having weathered the storm of fifty years' existence in this our own great West Texas. We want to be among those friends of The Times who pause at its—

## HALF CENTURY MILEPOST

and extend hearty good wishes for the newspaper and its force. That our local paper may continue to grow in years and in prestige is our hope; and we bespeak for it—

## MANY MORE YEARS OF SERVICE

<b>OFFICERS</b>	
M. A. Fuller	President
A. C. Alexander	Vice President
A. J. Cody	Cashier
Wayne Williams	Asst. Cashier
<b>DIRECTORS</b>	
M. A. Fuller	Harrie Winston
J. J. Koonsman	A. D. Erwin
A. C. Alexander	

# FROM ONE PIONEER OF THE COUNTY TO ANOTHER . . . .

Yes, we are old-timers, too. Let us look back to 1908, when we came to Snyder and entered the grocery business where the firm of King & Brown now does business. In 1909 we built on the site which we now occupy.

We would be ungrateful if we failed to here thank the thousands of friends we have served with over \$1,000,000 worth of groceries in the 30 years of dealings. We shall continue to try to observe the Golden Rule.

We Are Thankful to a Fine People Who Have Made Our Thirty Years in Snyder Possible!



# N. M. HARPOLE

Just West of the Times Building

## Congratulations to The Scurry County Times—

We want to add our word of congratulation to Our Home County Paper for having carried on for half a century.

Our sincere hope is that the paper shall continue to exert an uplifting influence on its community long after it shall have observed its

**FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY**

Capital Stock - - - \$50,000



Surplus and Undiv. Profits \$90,000

# Snyder National Bank

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION



## Under Half a Century Duff Stopped In Snyder in 1920

### Comparison With Other Cities

Bank, now the in Scurry County in 1905. It was an of The Snyder Bank, the in the county, founded as a private institution in 1890 by P. J. Grayum and associates.

Purchasers of the private bank and nationalizers of the present bank in 1905 were W. A. Fuller and associates. W. A. Fuller was the first president, succeeded later by his son, Marshall A. Fuller, who continues to head the bank. F. J. Grayum was cashier, O. P. Thrane was assistant cashier. In the same year the bank was moved from the present Snyder Insurance Agency site, south side of the square, to the present Texas Electric Service Company location, west side.

In 1916 the building now used by the banking house, northwest corner of the square, was erected and put into use. A. C. Alexander, present cashier, became associated with the concern in 1919, when he came from Rhome.

Assets of the bank, officers and directors may be found in the bank advertisement in this section.

Second bank in the county was the private Dodson Bank, founded by Dr. J. E. Dodson in 1893, with his brother, A. D. Dodson, as one of the directors. In 1900 the First National Bank grew out of this private bank, with H. B. Patterson and Dr. Dodson as organizers. The First National functioned here until 1929, when it was absorbed by the First State Bank & Trust Company. The old Dodson Bank was located on the south side of the square, and had a drug store in connection.

The First State Bank & Trust Company opened in 1907. H. B. Patterson was president, and stockholders included T. F. Baker, J. A. Lee, W. B. Eddleman, Dr. A. G. Person,

"Get off the train at Snyder." So read the telegram that A. E. Duff sent to his family at Plainview in 1920, shortly after he had sold out his furniture business in that Plains city and started southward.

The newcomer started his local furniture business in a hurry, and has operated it continuously since that time. The store is located several doors north of the square on the highway. Associated with him is his son, Eunice.

T. H. Duff, eldest son, and Arthur Duff, second son, are now in the furniture business in Plainview, having "graduated" several years ago from their father's store here.

After an hour and a half of preaching, a clergyman who was given to both long-windedness and fanciful flights of oratory, was just getting warmed up to his sermon on immortality.

"I looked up to the mountains," he shouted, "and it said, 'Mighty as you are, you will be destroyed; but my soul will not.' I gazed at the ocean and cried, 'Vast as you are, you will eventually dry up, but not I.'"

And then he wandered why his hearers smiled.

Another thing a mere man can't understand: Why the world isn't knee-deep in handkerchiefs that women lose.

## Snyder Laundry Here for Years

Snyder Steam Laundry has seen several managements and several locations, but in name it is among Snyder's oldest business establishments that are intact today.

History of the institution is not entirely certain. But it seems that Harrell Brothers established the laundry in 1909, just north of the present site of the Fuller gin. It was moved to the Towle Building, a block west of the square on 25th Street, in 1924.

S. A. LaRue, now of Austin, took over the business about 1918 and operated it until it was purchased in 1934 by H. G. Towle and A. C. Preull, present owners. Hal A. Lattimore is the manager.

The size of the business may be gleaned from the fact that it is the largest user of water, the year round, of any local business concern. It is considered one of the most modern laundries in Central West Texas.

"What can you do as fullback?" the captain of a football team asked a new member of the club.

"Oh, passable," was the modest reply.

"Well, you won't do. We already have a fullback who's passable. What we are looking for is one who is not."

## NEARLY 3 YEARS AGO

We established our little business a block north of the square, and we are proud to say that the trade of the firm has grown remarkably. Maybe it's because we've been selling mighty good feed to some mighty good folks. And let us say thanks now, patrons!

## FIFTY YEARS

is a long time for a newspaper or any other business to keep going through good years and bad. Therefore, we are glad to say here and now—

*Congratulations, Times!*

See Us If You Have Livestock to Sell  
CHARLEY HOWELL

## NOBLE & McCLINTON

Block North of The Fair Store

# THEY NEEDED PILLS

## IN THOSE DAYS . . .

Of course, we haven't been here so terribly long (not fifty years we are positive), but we know that the Drug Store played a very important part in the early days, providing medicines curative and preventative.



## AND THEY STILL NEED PILLS NOWADAYS—

None the less important is the role of the modern Drug Store to the welfare of humankind. In fact, advances in medicine and science make the Druggist and Pharmacist even more needed now than then.

Irwin's Drug Store, with ample facilities and competent dispensers and pharmacists, offers you—

*Everything You Would Expect to Find In a First Class Drug Store*

## HOME COUNTY PAPER—

We seek a part in extending to The Times and its force our heartiest

## Congratulations

as you come to the close of Half a Century of newspapering, and observe your—

## Fiftieth Anniversary

# IRWIN'S DRUG STORE

Southwest Corner of Square

## Bon Ton Cafe Said To Be Oldest Here

The Bon Ton Cafe, owned and operated by Mrs. Vick Montgomery, is the oldest eating place in operation in Snyder. The late Vick Montgomery and his wife founded it in 1920 as the Blue Front Cafe, located in the present Snyder Transfer Company building. They resided in Fisher County three months, after they left Arkansas, before coming to Snyder.

The cafe was moved to the north side of the square in 1926, where it was known as Montgomery Cafe. Later, the Montgomerys operated a cafe on the south side of the street, west of the square; then to the present Williams feed store site, a half block north of the square. Now it is located a block north of the square on the highway.

L. P. Moore is chief cook; Myrtle Bryant, waitress.

### Opera House Is Crowded.

From "The Snyder Signal," May 19, 1911: A pleasant evening occurred on Wednesday evening at the opera house when Mrs. Hutcheson's class in expression played before one of the most cultured and critical audiences ever assembled in our little city. The house was full to its capacity. It was worth the price alone to note the interest of both patrons and friends of these young folks.

A lion met a tiger  
As he drank beside a pool,  
Said the tiger, "Tell me why you're  
Always roaring like a fool."  
Said the lion, "That's not foolish,  
With a twinkle in his eyes—  
"They call me king of all the beasts—  
It pays to advertise."  
A rabbit heard them talking,  
And he ran home like a streak,  
And though he'd try the lion's plan  
His roar was but a squeak.  
A fox came to investigate,  
Had dinner in the woods.  
Moral: Never advertise  
Unless you've got the goods.

"Well, dad, I just ran up to say hello."

"Too late, son. Your mother ran up to say good-by and got all the change."