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REUNION—Meeting for the first time in nearly 40 years, two sisters held a reunion recently when Mrs. Lela Hamm, right, came here from San Francisco to visit her sister, Mrs. Mary A. Johnson, left, of 1401 Avenue J, Abernathy. The sisters were last together in November of 1919, when Mrs. Hamm visited the Johnson family in Childress County, Texas. Mrs.

Hamm was living in Sidney, Ark., at that time.

Mrs. Johnson and her late husband, George E. Johnson, and their family moved here from Childress County, March 4, 1920. They farmed six and one-half miles west of Abernathy. Mr. Johnson died Dec. 26, 1921. The Johnsons resided in Arkansas before moving to Childress County.

LIONS CLUB NEWS



At the regular noon luncheon of the Abernathy Lions Club, Tuesday, June 30, Joe Thompson, Lion Boss of the local club for the past year, presided over the last meeting of his 1958-59 term as president. As of July 1st, Dr. John Hale took over as the new head of the local Lions.

Program

After the luncheon, Phil Sterrett read a weather report for the month of June and a forecast for the month of July. In the report, it was stated that during June this year the temperature in the Panhandle and surrounding counties was slightly above normal.

In the forecast for July, everyone was more concerned about the weather around July 10, 11 and 12. According to the report, the forecast for July 11 is fair and hot.

Matthews Speaks

Guest speaker at the luncheon was Tommy Matthews, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Matthews, Abernathy. Tommy represented the Abernathy area at Boy's State at Austin during the week of June 6-12.

Tommy, who will be a senior student in Abernathy High School the fall related to the Lions details of his trip to Boy's State and the activities there.

He was one of the 572 Texas boys who attended the week-long "session". The boys were divided into nine groups, with each group making up a "city" (the cities being named after men who work at Boy's State). Tommy was in Scott City, and he recalled that this city had fewer "citizens" than any of the other eight.

These cities competed against one another in many types of athletics — football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, etc., with Scott City losing out in all these events except football. However, Tommy said they were defeated in football on the last day of competition.

Other than participating in athletics, they also had sessions or classes where they listened to some outstanding speakers — one being the Secretary of State, and others being college professors.

One day there, the boys "took over" the State Capitol, and "sat in" for some of the state officials. While sitting in for the state representatives, the boys had within five minutes passed a bill that the state officials had been kicking around for three months. It was the bill pertaining to the taxation of certain radio and television parts.

One evening was set aside to attend the Governor's Ball, which proved to be a pleasant occasion for the boys since the 800 girls attending Girl's State had also been invited.

Tommy extended his thanks to the Lions and the people of Abernathy for the opportunity to attend Boy's State this year.

Gift Presented

Daphne Matejowsky was presented a gift as a token of appreciation as being the Lions Sweetheart for the past two years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Matejowsky.

Joe Thompson made the presentation in behalf of the Lion members.

Lubbock Boy Wins Soap Box Derby

The 12th annual South Plains Soap Box Derby was staged in Lubbock last Monday night before an estimated crowd of 10,000 persons. This year's races were entered by 146 contestants, 33 of them being from Abernathy.

The winner of the race Monday night was Mike Malick, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland C. Malick, of Lubbock. He raced down the straight-of-way seven



TOMMY MATTHEWS
... Lions Club Speaker

Aino Struve of Abernathy was named to a 64-man advisory committee in Lubbock County by the commissioners court. The men will work with the commissioners in planning highway improvements in Lubbock County.

ON TV JULY 9

Ted Watts, chairman of the parade committee for Abernathy's Golden Anniversary Celebration, July 10, 11 and 12, has made arrangements to have the Celebration publicized on television.

Watts and four other local people are scheduled to appear on "Names in the News" program on KDBU-TV Channel 13, Lubbock, from 4:30 until 4:55 p. m. Thursday, July 9. They will discuss plans for Abernathy's Celebration on that program.

Watts also made arrangements with KDBU-TV to have a film made of Abernathy's parade. The parade film is to be shown at a time to be announced.

Rudolph Struve and C. L. Adams, depot agent, were visitors in Rochester Sunday, June 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Maserang of Page, Arizona, visited here last week with his parents, M. and Mrs. W. S. Maserang, and Henry and Dwayne's sister, Mrs. Gene Harbin, and family. The Arizona visitors left last Wednesday to visit relatives and friends in Merkel and Abilene.

times to win the championship. He also will receive an award for running the fastest heat—37.3 seconds on his first trip down the track.

Mike Miller, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Miller, was the only Abernathy boy to reach the quarter-finals of the big race. This was Mike's third year to compete in the Soap Box Derby at Lubbock, having been among the top eight racers last year. He was sponsored by Plains Gas Company of Abernathy.

Malick nosed out a Wilson High School classmate, Kinney Keenam, in the final race of the night in a time of 38.6 seconds. Third place honors in the contest went to Richard Lynn Palmer, also of Lubbock, who nosed out Gary De-Busk of Route 1, Idalou.

As the champion from among the 146 South Plains area youngsters competing in the annual derby, young Malick will represent the region at the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, August 16.

Opened With Parade

A parade opened the night's festivities, with Reese Air Force Base and Marines leading the way, joined by Shriners on motorcycles and followed by every boy competing in the derby.

Notice To All Business Firms In And Near The City Of Abernathy

In Order to permit all clerks and employees to take part in the City of Abernathy's Golden Jubilee Celebration, it is urgently requested that all business firms close its doors not later than 12:00 o'clock noon July 11.

Cafes may need to stay open until 2:00 p. m., but try to close by that time if at all possible.

After all, the clerks and employees are a vital part in the growth and progress of any city.

City of Abernathy
L. J. Carter
City Secretary

Schedule of Events For Abernathy's Golden Anniversary Celebration, July 10, 11, and 12

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 1:00 P. M. — QUARTER HORSE SHOW. (Cunningham Gin Lots)
 - 2:00 P. M. — REGISTRATION OF ALL EX-STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FORMER TEACHERS. (School Auditorium)
 - 3:00 P. M. — PIONEER ROUND UP. (City Hall Club Room)
 - 4:00 P. M. — EX-STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FORMER TEACHERS. (School Auditorium)
 - 7:30 P. M. — STYLE SHOW, BEARD CONTEST, AND CROWNING OF JUBILEE QUEEN. (School Auditorium)
 - 9:00 P. M. — EX-STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FORMER TEACHERS. (School Cafeteria)
- ### SATURDAY, JULY 11
- A. M. — VISITATION.
 - A. M. — MUSIC BY LOCAL TALENT.
 - 2:00 P. M. — PARADE. (To form on Cunningham Gin lots at 1:00 p. m.)
 - 4:00 P. M. — FREE BARBECUE SUPPER. (Old Football Field)
 - 8:00 P. M. — JUBILEE PAGEANT. (Football Stadium)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

SPECIAL SERVICES IN ABERNATHY CHURCHES.

Ag Center Bond Election For \$700,000 Is Planned By Hale County Promoters

(From Plainview Herald)

The Hale County Fair Association and the Civic Development Chamber of Commerce of Plainview have launched a series of informational meetings and are enthusiastically laying the foundation for a campaign to build an agricultural center for Hale County.

Thursday night, June 25, S. M. True, fair association president, and J. C. Oakley, chairman of the civic development committee, aided by the C of C manager, Charles Young, showed fifteen citizens the architect's preliminary drawings of the plant, and explained its functions.

A coliseum, seating 4,000 people and with a commodious arena is detached from the rest of the plant. "It can be used for large public gatherings, and for any type show," True said.

There is a livestock facility, separate, which has an arena seating 750 persons, which compares with 350 to 400 at the present dairy show plant, which the fair is using.

Proper facilities are included for all women's activities. The big plant which is proposed would provide space for exhibits and for all functional gatherings of agricultural folk and organizations, which would be available also for public use.

It would be under control and management of the commissioners court. True stressed the idea of central location, convenient to the whole county, south or southwest of Plainview on at least 40 acres of land.

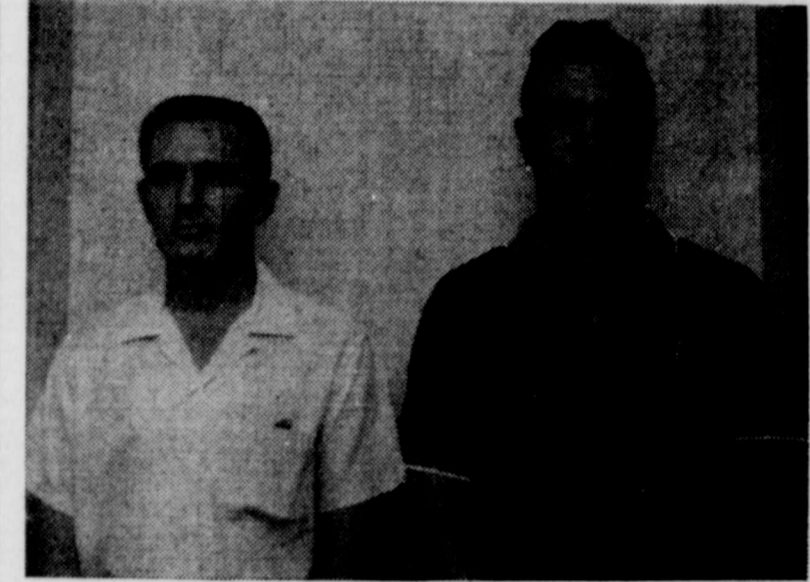
Emphasizing need for such a plant it was stated that 159 agricultural meetings were held in the county in the past 12 months attended by 12,752 persons. There were 372 major meetings attended by 125,542 persons.

Olan Alexander, manager of the Plainview Production Credit Association, said 1,500 persons could be attracted to their meetings, if "we had a place to hold them."

Charles Young said that many meetings would be available here (in Plainview) for which we do not have room. True said that on basis of 1958 county valuations of \$37,185,000 the tax for building the plant would run \$14.25 cents per \$1,000 valuation, and on that basis would cost \$5.44 per year on the average quarter section of land and \$4.32 would be added to the average home owner's tax.

Young reported that this year's budget is in preparation and that the project would not be budgeted, even if bonds were authorized, until the 1960-61 budget is prepared.

"Every public facility that I am using as a farmer was put here by my forefathers," said S. M. True. "So far as I am concerned I am willing to accept my part of the responsibility and provide something adequate for our day and time and the importance of agriculture in this area."



GRID COACHES—Pictured here are the AHS Antelope football coaches, both new in Abernathy for the 1959 grid season. They are Curtis W. Davenport, left, head coach, and Wadelle Hill, assistant coach.

Davenport, who is 28 years of age, is married and has three children. Mrs. Davenport is the former Miss Sue Hembree. She was graduated from Ballinger High school, and has a bachelor degree from Baylor University. The Davenports' children are David, 4; Susan 1; and Kenneth, 3

months old. They reside at 1201 Avenue G in Abernathy, moving here from Brownwood.

Curtis Wayne Davenport was graduated from Ballinger High School, where he lettered in football, basketball, track and played baseball. He was a passing star on the BHS Bearcat grid team. Davenport has bachelor and master degrees from Howard Payne College, Brownwood. He played football four years and basketball two years at Howard Payne College. He was an outstanding quarterback on the grid team there.

Following graduation from Howard Payne College in 1952, Davenport was junior high coach at Monahans for two years before moving to Kermit, where he coached in the Kermit High school for four years. At first he coached B team football, basketball and baseball. Later he was varsity football and track coach. For the past two years, Davenport has been assistant football coach at Howard Payne College.

Coach Davenport holds a Master's Degree in education, with majors in math and history, as well as physical education. In addition to his coaching work, he will teach math and social studies in Abernathy High School.

Hills To Move Here
The assistant football coach and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Wadelle Hill and their two children, Layton Scott, 5, and Kandi Lou, 2, are to move here early in July, from Munday, Texas. Hill was head football coach at Munday High School during the 1958-1959 school term, and prior to that was assistant football coach at Childress High school for two years. Mrs. Hill is the former Mrs. Juanita Lawson. She was graduated from Harlingen High school, and has a bachelor degree from Howard Payne College.

Coach Hill, who is 24 years of age, was graduated from Morton High school where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He has bachelor and master degrees from Howard Payne College. He played three years of football and one year of basketball at Howard Payne. In addition to assisting with varsity football, Hill will direct junior high athletics, and will teach in Abernathy Junior High school.

Amarillo Man Buys Cunningham Cotton Gin Here
M. and Mrs. W. V. Cunningham and son, Don, have announced the sale of their cotton gin in Abernathy to Henry Hortenstine of Amarillo. The business will operate under the name of Cunningham Gin for one more season, according to terms of the deal.

Hortenstine plans to employ a manager for the gin later.

The Cunninghams, who have farming interests here and near Dimmitt, plan to continue living in Abernathy. They have a new home on North Drive.

The Cunninghams operated the gin for 10 years.

Ralph Matthews has moved to the Billy Dye residence on 12th Street, and it is reported that he has bought this place.

County Line Landmark To Be Razed
One of the oldest landmarks in County Line is soon to be torn down and is to be replaced by a modern block structure. This is the old General Merchandise Store that has been here at County Line longer than any other place of business in the County Line community. It is now owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Terrell (better known as Sam and Sue) and their two sons, James and Bobby.

James, the older Terrell boy, is a student at Texas Tech, and Bobby finished Abernathy High School this year.

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is now occupying was originally on the west side of Highway 401, opposite to where it is now. It stood about where the Farmers County Line Gin office now stands. From information gathered here and there from old timers around County Line (Tom Lesley, Ed Nelson), it seems that the old store was moved in here by Mr. J. L. Dice around the year of 1924 and 1925. He operated the store as a general store, selling a little bit of everything needed by the farmers in those days, from a horse collar to a sack of spuds.

Mr. Dice sold his store out to two brothers by the name of Jason and Wheeler Turner. In the meantime, there was another store put in on the east side of the road and it was run by some men named Turner also. It was suggested by some of the people around here that maybe the community should be called Turner-ville. The two families were not related in any way.

The east side store was run by Mr. J. C. Turner Sr., and his boys. It stood just north of the County Line Store here now. It was also a building that had been moved in here from somewhere else. The Mr. Wheeler and Jason Turner later put in a cafe for County Line. After the Turner brothers went into the cafe business, they sold the grocery store, which was bought and moved across the street, to where it now stands, by a Mr. W. A. Sullivan.

Sullivan ran it for a while before selling it to Mr. Baldy Pelton along about 1930 or 1931.

While this store was operating, so was the store north, which was being operated by the J. C. Turners, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Terrell moved out here in 1925 from Meina, Arkansas, and bought the J. C. Turner store. They had three sons, Lacy, Sam, and Guy Lacy Terrell, being talented in machine shop work, put in a shop close to the grocery store and did welding and machine shop work. He and his wife, Susie, built them a home east of the shop, and they are still residing in the same place in County Line. Mrs. Lacy Terrell is employed at Texas Tech, and she drives back and forth each day.

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News About The Men In Service

LANDSTUHL, GERMANY (AHTN)—Kenneth N. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baker, Route 1, Shallowater, Texas, recently was promoted to specialist four in Germany, where he is a member of the 8th Evacuation Hospital.

Baker, a clerk-typist in the hospital in Landstuhl, entered the Army in February 1958, completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colo., and arrived in Europe last August.

The 21-year-old soldier is a 1955 graduate of Shallowater High School and attended North Texas State College in Denton. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Before entering the Army, he was employed by Central Air Lines in Fort Worth. His wife, Elaine, is with him in Germany.

TWO ARE KILLED IN HAILE DURING MAY

The rural traffic accident summary for Hale County for the month of May, 1959, was released today by Sergeant D. S. Lawson, Highway Patrol Service, Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Highway Patrol investigated a total of 8 accidents of which 5 were property damage, 2 personal injury, and 1 fatal accident. These accidents caused a total property damage of \$9,920.00 with 2 persons killed and 9 injured.

Mrs. Fritz Struve and daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Dean, have moved into the new Struve home just recently completed, replacing the house that had been home to the Fritz Struves for years.

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The old distinctions between farm and city are rapidly disappearing, says Reagan Brown, extension rural sociologist. Rural nonfarm people new outnumber farm people by a ratio of 5 to 3 and it appears certain that more nonfarm folks will live in the rural areas in the future.

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Murray Family History

By FINIS ROBERTSON

Around the turn of the 20th century, Mr. James Murray moved to the County Line community, which is about 10 miles west of Abernathy. This Mr. Murray was the father of W. G. Murray who was widely known as a rancher in this part of the state.

The original Murray Estate was located around the County Line store and public school building. Also, the Murrays gave, or donated five acres of land for cemetery and community purposes.

James Murray and wife are buried at Plainview cemetery, but they lived long and active lives in the County Line vicinity.

Will G. Murray and his wife, Gertrude, came to the County Line community in 1903. People generally regarded them as among the most substantial families around these parts. The Murray ranch-home was located six miles west of the Southwest corner of the town of Abernathy.

At the time wife and I moved to the Murray ranch some 40 and more years ago, where I was hired help, there were 12 sections in the place and about 4 - 8 sections round about which was under lease. Along about that time the family moved to Lubbock. There were four of the children. They are still living, the three girls live in Lubbock, while the son, Billie, lives at Hale Center.

In their order, according to age, there were: Almeda, Virginia, Billie and Ethel, who went by the name of "Muffie."

After the family moved to Lubbock for school reasons, they would come back to the ranch for the summer. This procedure lasted for several years. Each child had their own saddle and horse, but while a little girl, Muffie had to settle for a burro—which she rode.

Will Murray shipped great numbers of livestock, mostly to Kansas City. One year he shipped 97 car loads of livestock, which was both cattle and sheep. During the summer months, the children helped to drive the livestock to the stock pens. There was once a little boy by the name of Charles Galbraith, who spent the summer with Billie. They were about the same age. The two of them made quite a team, they were the finest pair I ever knew.

The young life is the real life, and there is something about the young child that is in a beautiful class all alone.

I have seen the Wyoming cowboy shoot the mother coyote and fondle the young. The gay rosette is more lovely than the full-blown rose.

There were many saddle horses and work mules on the place. Some years we broke-out six head of wild mules.

There were two main barns, and numerous corrals, many crowding pens, with ample branding chutes. There was a well-made building for storing threshed grain. There were a series of portable sheep pens and a dipping vat, which was equipped with an upright, coal-burning boiler to heat the dip. There was the main ranch-house which is still standing like an ancient abandoned marker. Also a smaller residence and, too, close by was an orchard of 15 or 20 acres. Blue quails inhabited the orchard.

The lower pasture comprised 5,760 acres, it contained three corrals, with three sheds which were 40 by 70 feet. There were many windmills to maintain. Among the saddle horses, I recall: "Flax, Mack, Midnight, Nigger, Pinto, (Almeda's horse), Dummy, (Virginia's horse) The Roan, Pat, Billy, San-S-o-Moon, Nubbin, Brownie, and Snip (Billie's horse)

I was never rated high as a horseman, yet there were times when I went high and came down on the hard prairie to my utter embarrassment.

Billie Murray was fast becoming a horseman at the age of five years, when he drove milk cows

from the Powell ranch every evening.

One of the saddest incidents or accidents, that ever occurred to the family was when Billie Murray was so near fatally burned. This fire which burned 80 percent of the skin off his body happened in 1930. Will Murray had moved his ranching interests to the Yellow House Canyon Ranch, where the fire destroyed the two-story house and almost killed the boy.

Billie was in a Lubbock hospital for four and one-half months where he received treatment and final grafting, then remained at the Lubbock Murray home for another four and one-half months. Billie who appears to be a well-to-do farmer of Hale Center, reminds me so much of his illustrious father, which is indeed an honor.

Will Murray departed this life in December of 1941. His old neighbors and friends were the Bartons, Norfleets, Hudgens, Harals, Matejowskys, Pettits, Press Hill, but his friends could not be enumerated here.

Mrs. Murray passed away of more recent years. In tribute to those departed and those living of the family, I quote from Bryant:

"He, who from zone to zone, Guides through the boundless sky, try certain flight, In the long way that I must tread alone, Will lead my steps aright."

PART OF THE HISTORY
of W. G. Murray, as writer by Mr. Murray shortly before his death.

W. G. Murray was born in Dallas, Texas, January, 18, 1880, and was one of a set of twins, my brother being named James F. Murray. In the spring of 1885, my parents and I moved to Coleman County. We came by train to Baird and on across from there by Hack to Coleman, there being no train into Coleman at that time. Father went into the ranching business with my uncle, W. F. Murray.

At seven years of age, I started to private school for two months under Miss Kate Price. At that time I started in a large rock school of eight rooms and got all the schooling I ever received.

After helping the janitor there one year, the job was turned over to me the last two and one-half years I was there. During this time I received \$1.00 per day. In the summer months I worked for Father in his sheep and cattle business.

After finishing high school, I was out with him when he needed any help. The first job I ever had was fence building with Claude Morris.

After coming to the Plains from Coleman in Coleman County, August 11, 1900, I began work for W. Y. Price at \$20.00 per month. During the twelve months I was there, I only drew \$1.00 from my wages.

I then decided to work and trade for myself, and my first trade was to buy one-half section of land three miles north of the Price place, from a man named Knight, for \$2.00 per acre. This was school land and I paid Knight \$120.00 cash and two \$100 notes without interest due in one and two years. I went back home to Coleman and told my father that he could buy the Plains land for \$1.00 per acre bonus on school land.

In the spring of 1902, I went back and helped him move to the Plains. At this time there was very little of the town of Lubbock and the ranches were far apart.

The Christmas of 1902, I made another trip on horseback to see Gertrude in Coleman. I decided then that I would come back in June, 1903, and get her. I had to borrow money to go after her from Henry Slaton and L. A.

Knight, bankers at Plainview. When I began doing a little business with this bank in 1902 its capital stock was \$10,000, and it was in a wooden building. It was the only bank south of Canyon City.

Gertrude and I were married June 30, 1903, and we left there the next day in a wagon for the Plains. It was a very hot trip and a very humiliating trip for Gertrude because she was not used to such a way of travel.

In the fall, I bought enough lumber from a Plainview lumber yard to build a two room house, and hauled the lumber from Canyon City. I bought the lumber with the understanding I was to freight it out at some future time at \$25 per hundred pounds to Plainview yards.

Father and I built the house ourselves and we were very pleased when we were able to move in. It was built on my two sections of land. I bought my first mules (four brones) from a man named M. J. Evalt. We made our first crop, selling our share for what the four brones cost in the fall, and then bought more young mules. We kept this up until I had several head of mules.

During the next five or six years Gertrude would go and spend the falls with her parents at Big Spring while I was out trading in cattle with W. Y. Price part of the time, and part of the time on my own.

We went either horseback or in a buggy the 25 miles to Hale Center, our nearest post office. These few years were pretty hard sledding at all times. By about the year 1908, I had gotten a fair credit rating with the Plainview Bank and bought and sold quite a few cattle that year.

I gave the plot of land that was known as Murray School to be used as church and school—the name has since been changed to County Line.

MURRAY FAMILY HISTORY

The Murray home was used as the headquarters for many church, school and community socials.

The sheep-shearings and round-ups attracted large gatherings of people from this entire section of the county, and many of them participated in the work and activities.

The Powell, Hudgens and Murray partnership dipping vat was cleaned out once a year by the cowboys. One year the cowboys found around 75 gold rings in it. The rings each cowboy found he claimed. Some he kept and some they sent home as gifts. The source of the rings have always remained a mystery.

Our married names are:

Almeda—Mrs. John Ranne.
Virginia—Mrs. Robert Howard.
Muffie—Mrs. E. S. Davidson.

Tax-Man Sam Sez

It's no news to most of us that this piece of sod in our particular part of Texas is just about the finest place there is. Few Texans, even those living in Alaska, will deny that we have many advantages not enjoyed by the rest of the world. Most of us know that Texas is a community property state and that this means Pa owns half and Ma owns half. However, a lot of us forget the community property laws when we file our income tax return, get divorced, inherit property, give property away or retire. The community law has a big effect on the income taxes you will owe in all these cases. It usually helps, but it can also cost you money. Check on the differences in income taxes you owe under Community property law. It can save money and trouble.

CHEMICALS PROVE THEIR WORTH IN CONTROLLING COTTON INSECTS

College Station — U. S. cotton growers would pay an annual toll to cotton insects amounting to almost 1 pound of seed-cotton for every 3 pounds they produce without modern insecticides to combat them, the U. S. Department of Agriculture says.

More than 20 years of research by entomologists of U.S.D.A.'s Agricultural Research Service, in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, show that although the percentage of production increase varies somewhat with the use of insecticides, more cotton has always been produced on treated plots.

Field trials at the ARS Cotton Insects Research Laboratory, Waco, Texas, show an average annual seed-cotton yield of 1,049 pounds per acre from treated plots. This is 309 pounds, or 42 percent, more cotton than the average annual total produced on untreated plots.

The experiments show that, since the advent of modern organic insecticides to control cotton pests, yield gains have averaged 53 percent. Before 1945, when growers depended upon inorganic insecticides such as arsenicals and sulphur, yield increases amounted to about 34 percent annually.

Highest production on treated plots and the greatest increase over untreated plots occurred in 1955 when treated plots produced 1,461 pounds of seed-cotton per acre as compared with only 778 pounds on untreated plots.

Since 1930, when the Cotton Insects Laboratory was established at Waco, tests have been conducted to compare production on plots treated with insecticides, with standard insecticides, and plots receiving no pest control treatment.

Only a few irrigated plots were involved in the study and those were analyzed during the last three years.



WEDDING PICTURE of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Robertson, made when they were married Dec. 25, 1916, at Comanche, Texas. Mr. Robertson came to Abernathy in 1916, returning later that year to Comanche to be married. He and Mrs. Robertson came to Abernathy early in 1917 to make their home. Mr. Robertson was employed at Comanche for a number of years before he retired Jan. 1, 1958. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Dwight, is employed by Artcraft Engraving Co. in Lubbock. A daughter of the Robertsons, Geraldine, died in 1940.



Frank Winfree

The Frank & Winfree Co., Denison, Texas, was the general contractor in construction of the building for A-1 Lanes in Abernathy. Frank Winfree, above, a partner in the firm, has been in charge of the job here. The Frank & Winfree Company did the engineering, and architectural work and construction contracting.

A-1 Lanes building is the second big job for the firm in Abernathy. Frank & Winfree Company designed and constructed the new building for Abernathy First State Bank, which was completed in June of 1958. Designing and constructing bank buildings is the firm's speciality, with such jobs now under way in several states. Partners in A-1 Lanes sought the services of Frank & Winfree Company, based on the wonderful job the firm did on Abernathy First State Bank building.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cox and Mrs. Joy Church and her children of Springfield, Mo., visited here last week. They are former Abernathy residents.

Mail News to The Review

Henry C. von Struve

(By O. F. REA)

Henry C. von Struve came to Plainview December, 1906, from Gonzales, Texas, and was employed in the bank located in the Ware Hotel Building. A Mr. Knight was employed there also and later left the bank and started the Third National Bank in 1907 or 1908.

Henry von Struve Jr. started his schooling in Plainview. He is the only Struve of his or the next previous generation not born in Texas. He was born in Herman, Missouri, where his father was teaching school at that time. Henry's grandfather was born in Germany and emigrated first to Russia, then to America, landing at Galveston in 1844 with many other German people seeking freedom. He freighted with oxen from Galveston to Williamson County for a time before finally settling in Burnet County.

The von Struves were living just south of Plainview when the railroad started on south to Lubbock and went near their home.

Henry C. von Struve Sr. entered the diplomatic service while living at Plainview, and for the next several years was away from home on appointments to various parts of the world. His first appointment was to Curacao, West Indies, where he was U. S. Consul. He held posts in several countries in South America, Central America, and Mexico before World War I. At the time of the war he was in Germany, and he came out with all the other diplomatic corps workers.

He served in the State Department during the war. After the war, he was appointed U. S. Consul to Maracaibo, Venezuela, and later held posts in other South American countries, Canada and Mexico. He also served in Sweden and Norway in Europe. He would serve three years in each appointment.

Henry went to Curacao, Venezuela, in 1914, and came back to Austin, graduating from school there in June, 1917.

Henry came to Abernathy in 1919 and farmed the farm his father had bought from Ben Struve, and which he now owns, for three years. He then rented the farm out for three years.

During this time, he was employed as general foreman on a 10,000-acre cotton farm in Lower California, Mexico. This was a desert country and was irrigated from the Colorado River by can-

als. The project was American owned, but the labor was Mexican. There were sixteen camps on the farm with a foreman over each camp. Sixteen Americans were foremen of these camps and all but Henry carried a gun all the time. Henry carried no gun and had no trouble, which was better than the others did. This was a commercial operation. A. M. Shenk leasing the outfit from the Harry Chandler Interests.

In February or March of 1924, Henry came back to Plainview and worked for his uncle, George Struve, who was farming west of Hale Center. On December 28, 1924, he married Frances Cunningham. They lived on the Struve farm east of town in 1925 and moved to the present farm in January of 1926, before moving to Abernathy in 1930, to the home he now occupies.

The Henry C. von Struve Jr. has one son, Henry Clay von Struve. He is a graduate of Texas Tech, with a B. A. Degree in engineering. He is employed by Chance Vaught Aircraft Company in the engineering department, where he has been since 1953. He lives in near by Arlington. Henry now has his M. A. Degree, which he acquired by taking night courses at SMU.

Henry, as were most other boys his age, then was in the army in 1918, stationed at Austin. The captain called him in one day and asked if he knew a certain girl. Henry did, as he was graduated from high school with her in Austin.

Passes were a little hard to obtain, so the captain asked if he would deliver a 5-pound box of candy to the lady if he would issue the necessary pass. Of course, this was a deal at once. The candy was delivered as per the agreement and, of course, Henry made a very pleasant visit out of it, helping the girl eat some of the candy.

As agreed, Henry reported back to the captain and was asked what he did while visiting. Henry very frankly told him that he helped eat the candy. The captain proceeded to give him a bawling out, but a major who happened to be present said, "Hold it, Captain, that boy is smart. You are the one that made a mistake."

Henry moved to this country as a boy, as related above, but his wife, Frances, is a Plains product, having been born on the Plains. She has lived most of her life on the Plains.

Because of the expected continuation of the heavy supplies of broilers, prices for the remainder of 1959 will probably remain below those for the same months of last year, says Marshall Miller, associate extension poultry marketing specialist.

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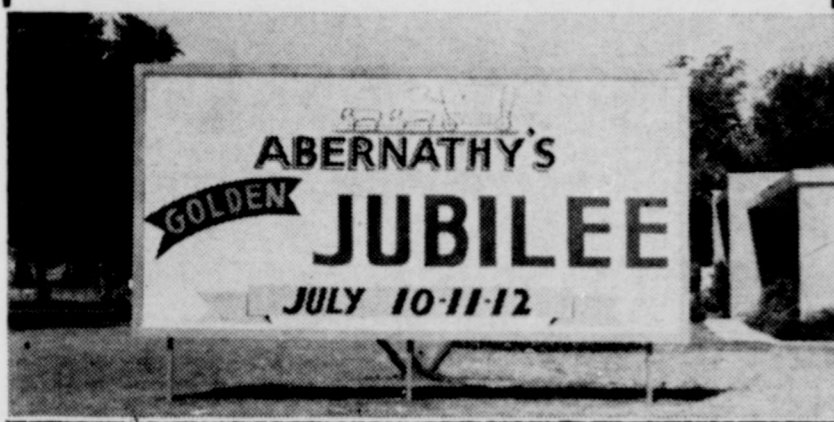
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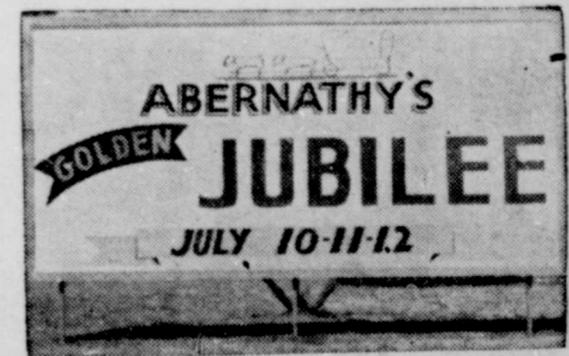
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PLAYING an important role in the pioneer days of this area were the numerous one-room school houses dotted over the 189 sections now embraced by the Abernathy Consolidated County Line Independent School District. This photo shows the old McWhorter school house, which stood approximately six miles north of the current site of Abernathy.

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Time Deposits Interest Rate Increased Here

Abernathy First State Bank, on April 1, 1959, increased its rate of interest on time deposits to 3 percent. Time deposit accounts on the books as of April 1, 1959, automatically began drawing the higher rate of interest. Time deposit accounts opened on, and after, April 1, 1959, also will draw the higher rate of interest.

JAYCEE MEETING TONIGHT AT GRAHAM'S

The Abernathy Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday, 8:00 o'clock at Graham's Restaurant. All members and any other persons who are interested in Junior Chamber of Commerce work are urged to be present.

MERCHANTS FREE SHOW AT NU-VUE THEATRE Saturday 1:30 p. m.

Abernathy business places sponsoring and paying for the free shows are:
Price's Texaco Station, Elmo Matejowski's Fina Service Station, Scotty's Repair Shop, Jack Saari, Gifford-Hill-Western, Newton Radde & TV Repair Shop, Henson's Abernathy Oil Co., Cosden Station, Garvin Bridges' Magnolia Service Station.

E. M. Jones' Three-J Meat Co., Pittman Gulf Station, Abernathy Consumers' Fuel & Electric Co., The Dairy Mart, Brown Supply Co.

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Young Men May Register Here At Post Office

Young men of South Hale County may register for Selective Service at Abernathy post office, it was announced by Herbert T. Hardin, acting postmaster. Heretofore, they were required to go to the Selective Service office in Plainview to register.

NOTICE

POLIO FOUNDATION URGING SERIES OF POLIO SHOTS
Dr. Kenneth Gregory, City Health Officer, received notice this week from the Texas State Department of Health in Austin, that there had been a marked increase in paralytic polio in Texas this year. To date, there has been a 50 percent increase in polio cases as compared to last year. This is a 300 percent increase in the over-all average number of cases reported in the last five years.
The Polio Foundation, therefore, is urging everyone to have their series of 3 polio shots and are recommending that the 4th booster shot be given.
Dr. Gregory recommends that you consult your family physician for these shots.

Tornado Warning System

In a joint announcement, Edwin Crow, chief of Abernathy Volunteer Fire Department, and Mayor Edgar Graham identified the various fire siren alarms.
The officials said one long blast of the fire siren on the second and fourth Tuesday nights will be to call firemen to practice sessions.
When there is a fire, the siren will sound a series of long blasts.
When the fire siren is used to sound warning that a tornado is approaching Abernathy there will be two six-second blasts, followed by a 12-second blast. This series of two short blasts followed by a long blast will continue until ample warning is sounded by the siren.
Night warning on tornadoes approaching will be handled by the telephone operator and volunteer firemen. When the night telephone operator is advised of a tornado approaching, she will call a member of the fire department nearest the fire station and he will start the series of siren blasts.
Officials asked that local residents not call the telephone office to find the location of a fire after the siren sounds for that purpose. A policy of the company forbids the operators giving this information to anyone except members of the volunteer fire department.

FERTILIZER USAGE CONTINUES TO INCREASE

College Station—The total tonnage of fertilizer sold during the first half of 1958 in Texas was 4.2 percent over the same period in 1957, but 20 percent above the tonnage sold during the same period of 1953. State chemist J. F. Fudge also revealed in his bi-annual report on distribution of sales of fertilizer that the trend toward the use of higher analysis fertilizers continued at a rapid pace.

The average composition of mixed goods was higher than ever before with the average for the state near the 9-18-9 level. The average nitrogen in materials was significantly higher—over three times above the 1953 average. On the other hand, Fudge pointed out that the percentage of available phosphoric acid continued to decrease. Sales of 10-20-10 were 30 percent higher than in 1957 and accounted for 71 percent of the total for 1-2-1 ratio and 55 percent of all mixed fertilizers sold.

Sales of materials were up 3.6 percent from a year ago due almost entirely to the great increase in anhydrous ammonia, especially in West Texas, said Fudge. Tonnage of this material used was seven times for 1959 than for the same period in 1953, and accounted for a third of all materials sold during the past fall season.

Sales in East Texas accounted for 48 percent of all the total tonnage of mixed goods and 56 percent of the goods with a 1-2-1 ratio. West Texas bought about 10 percent of the anhydrous ammonia, 74 percent of the nitrogen solutions and 32 percent of the ammonium sulfate. The Gulf Coast area used 40 percent of the ammonium sulfate and 30 percent of the 16-20-0. Large differences in the fertilizer use pattern in the various regions of the state are apparent, said Fudge.

To further emphasize the influence of anhydrous ammonium, Fudge pointed out that nitrogen in materials averaged 38.1 percent last fall compared with 19.39 percent in 1953. Total nutrients in all fertilizers increased from 28.69 percent to 43.38 percent during the same period.

GOOD FARM RECORDS CAN SAVE INCOME TAX DOLLARS

College Station—Farmers may save several dollars on income tax by keeping good records, reminds C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.

Small leaks are the ones that sometimes prove costliest, Bates points out. An oversight of only \$25 in expense items may cost an additional \$5 tax. So, records should include all items of expense and income that will help determine net profits or loss from his business.

To simplify filling out the tax forms, Bates recommends classifying various items in categories corresponding to the various headings used in tax forms. For recording sales, the following groups are recommended: (1) sale of livestock raised, (2) sale of produce raised, (3) other income, (4) sale of items purchased for resale and (5) sale of assets that may receive capital asset treatment.

A depreciation schedule should be kept on farm buildings (except dwelling), fences, machinery, equipment and purchased livestock used for dairy, breeding or draft purposes. These items depreciate each year and this loss is deductible for income tax purposes at the end of the year in which it occurs.

Bates advises consulting your local county agricultural agent about your tax problems. The county agent also can provide a copy of the 1959 Farmer's Tax Guide which should be helpful in your tax management this year.

EXTENSION BULLETIN AIDS WOMEN IN SELECTING ACCESSORIES

College Station—Accessories have a great deal of effect on a woman's appearance. Selecting a costume comes natural to some but many others have to devote much time and study to it. Extension Service clothing specialists have come to the aid of



Pictured above is an Abernathy baseball team of 1916. Top row, left to right: Edwin Hardesty, "Doc" Crow, Arlin Crow, Jack Parish and Arthur Landers. Second row: George Fitzgerald, M. Hood, Tom Fletcher and Bruce Hanna. Bottom row: Aubrey Hardesty, Sam Wright, and Jim Brown. These boys and men played baseball for the fun of playing, as they had to furnish their own uniforms and equipment and sometimes the balls also. They played where they could find a team to play and played on Saturdays and



THE TEACHERS at the County Line School are shown above in the year 1928. They are, first row, left to right, Mrs. John Lewis Herral, Miss Johnnie Murrell, Miss Annie Ruth Quinn; second row, left to right, Mr. Franklin, Miss Irl Noble, and the school superintendent, Mr. Pierce.

holidays but not on Sunday. If there was a picnic or gathering of any kind during the week a game would be arranged. They played at Petersburg, Lubbock, Slaton, Hale Center, Antone and several other towns not too far from Abernathy. They furnished their own transportation, most of the time pooling rides, usually in two cars. The picture above was taken at Slaton where they had played ball that day and as Ed Hardesty remembers, they were beaten by Slaton. Ed says Mr. Hood in the picture carried them to Slaton that day. He was sort of manager of the team at that time. George Fitzgerald, who pitched at times, is dead, a victim of world war one. Bruce Hanna, who played first base at times, is with the Humble Oil and Refining Co., at Houston. He is a son of the Dr. Hanna who was here for a short time. Aubrey Hardesty, who played center field and also caught, lives in Tyler, Texas. Jack Parish, catcher, lives at Rails. Jim Brown was pitcher and short stop. His address is unknown. Ed Hardesty lives here as is well known, and is the only one of this bunch of men who is still here. Ed pitched, played short stop and second base, as other positions and now lives in Muleshoe. "Doc" Crow is in Slaton. The address of Mr. Hood is unknown. He is no relation to the Hoods either here or at New Deal a far as is known. Tom Fletcher is in Amarillo. Fletcher ran a drug store here at the time of this picture. The address of Sam Wright is also unknown. Most of these boys farmed or worked on farms, the exception being Ed Hardesty, Tom Fletcher, Mr. Hood and possibly Bruce Hanna.



CLYDE E. RHODES, SR.

"Mister Music"

Clyde E. Rhodes, Sr., Abernathy farmer and member of a pioneer family of this community, will be one of the musicians performing in the Palm of the Plains Pageant to be staged on Antelope Field the night of Saturday, July 11. The pageant will be a highlight of Abernathy's Golden Anniversary Celebration, July 10, 11, and 12. This photo of Mr. Rhodes was made a good many years ago, while he was serving as a band director in Hamlin. The Clyde Rhodes family came here in 1926, from Hamlin. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes and their talented children presented musical programs in many South Plains communities for a number of years. He has earned the title of "Mister Music."

those who need help and advice by publishing a bulletin entitled "Accessories Around the Clock." The specialists say that accessories complete a costume and express the personality and taste of the wearer. They include hats, shoes, gloves, handbags, scarves, jewelry, belts, handkerchiefs, flowers, perfume and collar and cuff sets. Accessories should be chosen for the individual and occasion for which they are to be used. They should emphasize good features or minimize poor ones. Some

knowledge of the basic art principles—harmony, proportions, balance, rhythm and emphasis—and how they apply to wardrobe planning makes the job easier. The publication is designed to help individuals select good designs that will be stylish and attractive. It tells "what to wear and when to wear it." Illustrations are included. This 17-page bulletin is available free of charge from local county agents or the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas. Ask for E-911.



THIS PICTURE, taken about 1940 on the Doyle Gawa farm six miles north of Abernathy, shows a group of boys from a Sunday School class just prior to an Easter egg hunt, with their teachers and Rev. J. E. Mize, former Abernathy pastor. Some of the boys in the picture are Elbert Harp, Truman Richerson, Robert Davis, Jerry Duty, Danny Ward, Jack Harral, and Willie Edward Hughes. The Sunday School teacher at right is Miss Nell Rayburn. This picture is from a collection of Mrs. John Lewis Harral.

The pastor of the Spanish Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. Santos DeLeon, here in Abernathy is in need of a small bus or 9 passenger station wagon for transportation of children from New Deal and surrounding area to Sunday School. There are many children in this area that need Christian religious training. If there is someone in the area that has one and would like to donate it to the church or if there is someone who would like to donate money toward the purchase of one, your gift will be greatly appreciated. The church is located at Ave. A and 5th Street in Abernathy. You may call the pastor, phone 279-J.

City's Telephone History

(By C. F. Rea)

The exact year the telephone service started in Abernathy is so known for sure.

The first history we have starts in 1911 when Howard Pearson owned all of the town service. The switchboard was located in the back room of the Pearson Pharmacy, which was located on the site of the Delmar Hotel.

Pearson and his wife, Annie, lived across the street in what was always known as "The Old Yellow Hotel." It had just been moved in from Bartonsite.

Grace Evans, now Mrs. Guy Rosson of Leakey, Texas, was the first telephone operator to be hired as such. She went to work for the Pearsons in 1912. She does not remember how many telephones there were in town, but there were two rural lines.

These lines were owned by the people who were on them and Pearson was paid fifty cents per month for each telephone for switchboard connections. The long

distance lines came through from Plainview and Lubbock and were owned by the Bell Telephone System. Pearson was paid a percentage of each long distance toll charge.

In 1914, the telephone office was moved to the Kimbro building, a new and then modern building on the highway that housed the Pearson Pharmacy and the telephone office in one part and a grocery store in the other. It was really two buildings built right together at the same time and facing south on the corner where the bank now stands.

"Miss Grace" was still the operator but had also to help take care of the new soda fountain which was installed. All of the water for the store used had to be carried from the city well which was located about 50 feet south of the present south door of the City Hall.

In about 1916, Pearson built a new telephone office at the corner of what is now 10th Street and the highway at Avenue D. This is the same building which was occupied by the present telephone company until they moved into the new building provided by Hugh Vaughn on the back of the lot to the rear of Dr. Gregory's present residence.

The old telephone building has since been torn down and the lot is vacant at this time. About that same year Pearson sold his drug store to Mr. and Mrs. John Jones.

In November, 1918, Pearson sold the telephone business to T. E. Arnold who never did actively operate the business; but sold it in a month or so to his brother-in-law, W. H. Crow, who operated it from 1918 to 1926, when he sold it to the States Telephone Company.

This company was an organization formed to buy up as many of the little independent telephone services as possible and integrate them into one unified telephone system. It has grown into the present General Telephone Company of the Southwest system.

The rural telephone lines running west of town were owned by the Spade Ranch, Fitz Hudgins, Leonard Harral, A. O. Vaughn, Will Murray, J. W. Murray, and others. The lines running east were owned by the Lutricks, Jones Fitzgeralds, Wimberleys, Landers, Rossers, Morelands, Overtons, and others and reached out into the Strip Community.

As was the custom then these lines, being independent and privately owned, were maintained in a manner by the various owners. Each man would maintain the part of the line that traversed his property. This did not provide the ultimate in service, and frequently there would be interruptions of varying lengths of time. Most of the telephone poles were 2 x 4s nailed to a cedar fence post. A single wire was strung on these poles by means of a small porcelain insulator, or spool as they were called, which was nailed on with one nail near the top of the pole.

This arrangement was a little fragile when a large tumble weed hung on the line during a sandstorm. The cattle also caused numerous interruptions as they thought these square cornered poles made the best rubbing post they had seen.

A pasture full of cattle could cause nearly all of the poles to be pushed over for the full length of the pasture. Another good place to look for a break was where the line went under a cattle guard.

There were times when some of the lakes were full of water and it was difficult for the "repair man" to get to the break. In this case he would cut the top wire of the fence and tie the telephone wire to the part leading across the lake then go around the lake and repeat the procedure thus splicing the line across the lake, and it worked with some degree of success.

Between loose connections and fence line splices it was necessary for everyone on the line to "repeat" a message to the operator. This meant that everyone would listen to the conversation of the one nearest to the originator of the message and repeat it to the next on the line leading toward the operator and finally the operator would get the message and put through the call or have someone deliver the message in person. It was practically impossible to have a private conversation so everybody was "in" on everybody's business or gossip.

There were 28 telephones in the city and two rural lines when W. H. Crow bought the business in 1918. When he sold it in 1926 there were 90 lines with about 250 telephones.

During the early years of this time Miss Grace and Mrs. Crow, as well as all other operators, were the private secretary of nearly every business man in town, as well as some of the farmers and ranchers in the country.

If a business man was going to be out of his place of business even for a few minutes he would call the operator and tell her where he was going and when he would be back, and frequently ask her to take any message coming in and call him when he returned.

There was very little about the public or private life of the community that the operator did not know all about. Children would try to call their parents and if they could not reach them at once, would tell the operator to tell them they were going to spend the night with a certain friend.

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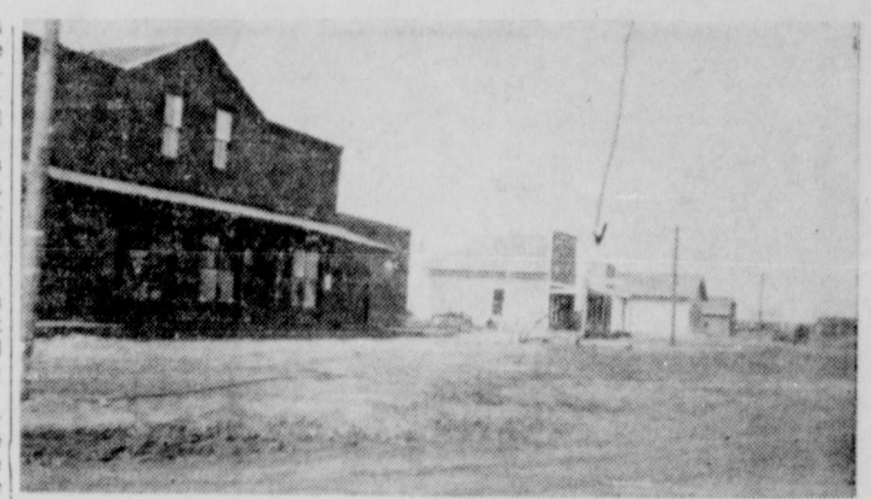
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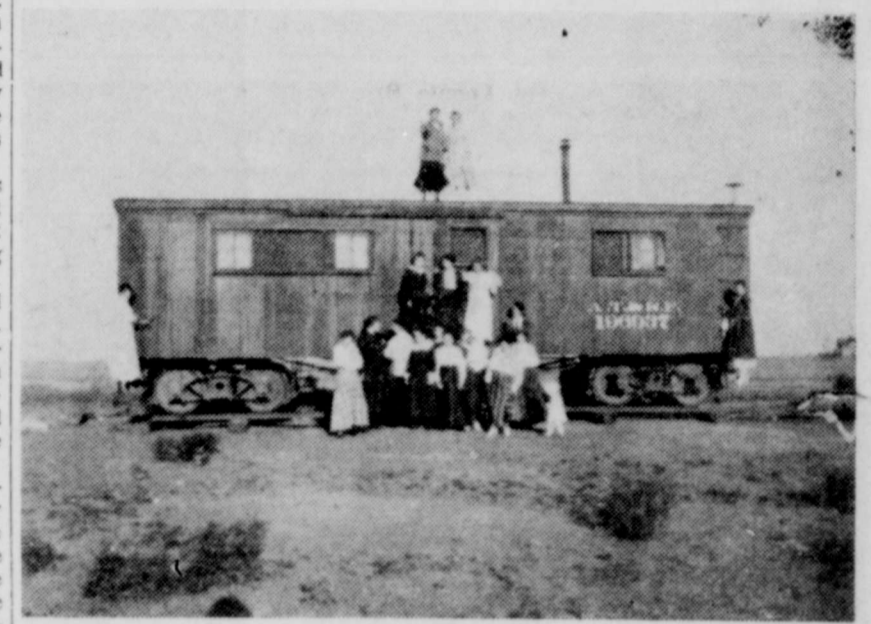
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Thanks, this is real to me this very moment.
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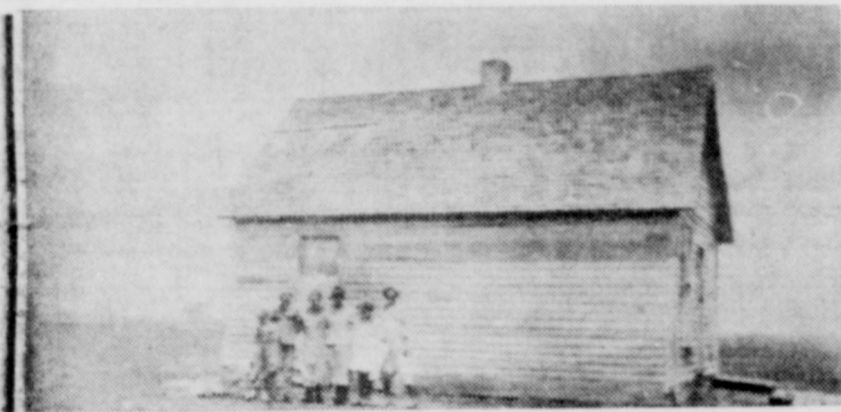
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Time Deposits Interest Rate Increased Here
Abernathy First State Bank, on April 1, 1959, increased its rate of interest on time deposits to 3 percent. Time deposit accounts on the books as of April 1, 1959, automatically began drawing the higher rate of interest. Time deposit accounts opened on, and after, April 1, 1959, also will draw the higher rate of interest.

JAYCEE MEETING TONIGHT AT GRAHAM'S
The Abernathy Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday, 8:00 o'clock at Graham's Restaurant. All members and any other persons who are interested in Junior Chamber of Commerce work are urged to be present.
The Jaycees meet at 8:00 p. m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

MERCHANTS FREE SHOW AT NU-VUE THEATRE Saturday 1:30 p. m.

Abernathy business places sponsoring and paying for the free shows are:
Price's Texaco Station, Elmo Matejowsky's Fina Service Station, Scotty's Repair Shop, Jack Saari, Gifford-Hill-Western, Newton Radio & TV Repair Shop, Henson's Abernathy Oil Co., Cosden Station, Garvin Bridges' Magnolia Service Station.

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Young Men May Register Here At Post Office
Young men of South Hale County may register for Selective Service at Abernathy post office, it was announced by Herbert T. Hardin, acting postmaster. Heretofore, they were required to go to the Selective Service office in Plainview to register.
The young men are required to register for Selective Service upon reaching their 18th birthday.

NOTICE
POLIO FOUNDATION URGING SERIES OF POLIO SHOTS
Dr. Kenneth Gregory, City Health Officer, received notice this week from the Texas State Department of Health in Austin, that there had been a marked increase in paralytic polio in Texas this year. To date, there has been a 50 percent increase in polio cases as compared to last year. This is a 300 percent increase in the over-all average number of cases reported in the last five years.
The Polio Foundation, therefore, is urging everyone to have their series of 3 polio shots and are recommending that the 4th booster shot be given.
Dr. Gregory recommends that you consult your family physician for these shots.

Tornado Warning System

In a joint announcement, Edwin Crow, chief of Abernathy Volunteer Fire Department, and Mayor Edgar Graham identified the various fire siren alarms.
The officials said one long blast of the fire siren on the second and fourth Tuesday nights will be to call firemen to practice sessions.
When there is a fire, the siren will sound a series of long blasts.
When the fire siren is used to sound warning that a tornado is approaching Abernathy there will be two six-second blasts, followed by a 12-second blast. This series of two short blasts followed by a long blast will continue until ample warning is sounded by the siren.
Night warning on tornadoes approaching will be handled by the telephone operator and volunteer firemen. When the night telephone operator is advised of a tornado approaching, she will call a member of the fire department nearest the fire station and he will start the series of siren blasts.
Officials asked that local residents not call the telephone office to find the location of a fire after the siren sounds for that purpose. A policy of the company forbids the operators giving this information to anyone except members of the volunteer fire department.

FERTILIZER USAGE CONTINUES TO INCREASE
College Station—The total tonnage of fertilizer sold during the last half of 1958 in Texas was 4.2 percent over the same period in 1957, but 20 percent above the tonnage sold during the same period of 1953, State chemist J. F. Fudge also revealed in his bi-annual report on distribution of sales of fertilizer that the trend toward the use of higher analysis fertilizers continued at a rapid pace.
The average composition of mixed goods was higher than ever before with the average for the state near the 9-18-9 level. The average nitrogen in materials was significantly higher—over three times above the 1953 average. On the other hand, Fudge pointed out that the percentage of available phosphoric acid continued to decrease. Sales of 10-20-10 were 30 percent higher than in 1957 and accounted for 71 percent of the total for 1-2-1 ratio and 55 percent of all mixed fertilizers sold.
Sales of materials were up 3.6 percent from a year ago due almost entirely to the great increase in anhydrous ammonia, especially in West Texas, said Fudge. Tonnage of this material used was seven times for 1959 than for the same period in 1953, and accounted for a third of all materials sold during the past fall season.
Sales in East Texas accounted for 48 percent of all the total tonnage of mixed goods and 56 percent of the goods with a 1-2-1 ratio. West Texas bought about 91 percent of the anhydrous ammonia, 74 percent of the nitrogen solutions and 32 percent of the ammonium sulfate. The Gulf Coast area used 40 percent of the ammonium sulfate and 30 percent of the 16-20-0. Large differences in the fertilizer use pattern in the various regions of the state are apparent, said Fudge.
To further emphasize the influence of anhydrous ammonium, Fudge pointed out that nitrogen in materials averaged 38.1 percent last fall compared with 19.39 percent in 1953. Total nutrients in all fertilizers increased from 28.69 percent to 43.38 percent during the same period.

GOOD FARM RECORDS CAN SAVE INCOME TAX DOLLARS

College Station—Farmers may save several dollars on income tax by keeping good records, reminds C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.
Small leaks are the ones that sometimes prove costliest, Bates points out. An oversight of only \$25 in expense items may cost an additional \$5 tax. So, records should include all items of expense and income that will help determine net profits or loss from his business.
To simplify filling out the tax forms, Bates recommends classifying various items in categories corresponding to the various headings used in tax forms. For recording sales, the following groups are recommended: (1) sale of live stock raised, (2) sale of produce raised, (3) other income, (4) sale of items purchased for resale and (5) sale of assets that may receive capital asset treatment.
A depreciation schedule should be kept on farm buildings (except dwelling), fences, machinery, equipment and purchased livestock used for dairy, breeding or draft purposes. These items depreciate each year and this loss is deductible for income tax purposes at the end of the year in which it occurs.
Bates advises consulting your local county agricultural agent about your tax problems. The county agent also can provide a copy of the 1959 Farmer's Tax Guide which should be helpful in your tax management this year.

EXTENSION BULLETIN AIDS WOMEN IN SELECTING ACCESSORIES

College Station, — accessories have a great deal of effect on a woman's appearance. Selecting a costume comes natural to some but many others have to devote much time and study to it.
Extension Service clothing specialists have come to the aid of



Pictured above is an Abernathy baseball team of 1916. Top row, left to right: Edwin Hardesty, "Doc" Crow, Arthur Crow, Jack Parish and Arthur Langner. Second row: George Fitzgerald, M. Hood, Tom Fletcher and Dean Hanna. Bottom row: Aubrey Lind, esly, Sam Wright, and Jim Brown. These boys and men played baseball for the fun of playing, as they had to furnish their own uniforms and equipment and sometimes the balls also. They played where they could find a team to play and played on Saturdays and



THE TEACHERS at the County Line School are shown above in the year 1928. They are, first row, left to right, Mrs. John Lewis Harral, Miss Johnnie Murrell, Miss Annie Ruth Quinn; second row, left to right, Mr. Franklin Pierce, Miss Irl Noble, and the school superintendent, Mr. Pierce.



THIS IS how young girls dressed in 1910, when this picture was made of the four sisters of Mrs. Arno Struve of Abernathy. Their names now are, back row, left to right, Mrs. Erskin King, Hale Center; Miss Mona Horton, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Cecil Whitacre, Plainview; and Mrs. James Ross, front, Roswell, N. M.

those who need help and advice by publishing a bulletin entitled "Accessories Around the Clock." The specialists say that accessories complete a costume and express the personality and taste of the wearer. They include hats, shoes, gloves, handbags, scarves, jewelry, belts, handkerchiefs, flowers, perfume and collar and cuff sets.
Accessories should be chosen for the individual and occasion for which they are to be used. They should emphasize good features or minimize poor ones. Some knowledge of the basic art principles—harmony, proportions, balance, rhythm and emphasis—and how they apply to wardrobe planning makes the job easier.
The publication is designed to help individuals select good designs that will be stylish and attractive. It tells "what to wear and when to wear it." Illustrations are included.
This 17-page bulletin is available free of charge from local county agents or the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas. Ask for B-911.



CLYDE E. RHODES, SR.
... "Mister Music"
Clyde E. Rhodes, Sr., Abernathy farmer and member of a pioneer family of this community, will be one of the musicians performing in the Palm of the Plains Pageant to be staged on Antelope Field the night of Saturday, July 11. The pageant will be a highlight of Abernathy's Golden Anniversary Celebration, July 10, 11, and 12.
This photo of Mr. Rhodes was made a good many years ago, while he was serving as a band director in Hamlin. The Clyde Rhodes family came here in 1926, from Hamlin. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes and their talented children presented musical programs in many South Plains communities for a number of years. He has earned the title of "Mister Music."



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The pastor of the Spanish Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. Santos DeLeon, here in Abernathy is in need of a small bus or 9 passenger station wagon for transportation of children from New Deal and surrounding area to Sunday School. There are many children in this area that need Christian religious training. If...

City's Telephone History

(By C. F. Rea)

The exact year the telephone service started in Abernathy is not known for sure.

The first history we have starts in 1911 when Howard Pearson owned all of the town service. The switchboard was located in the back room of the Pearson Pharmacy, which was located on the site of the Delmar Hotel. Pearson and his wife, Annie, lived across the street in what was always known as "The Old Yel-

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Grace Evans, now Mrs. Guy Rossion of Leakey, Texas, was the first telephone operator to be hired as such. She went to work for the Pearsons in 1912. She does not remember how many telephones there were in town, but there were two rural lines.

These lines were owned by the people who were on them and Pearson was paid fifty cents per month for each telephone for switchboard connections. The long

distance lines came through from Plainview and Lubbock and were owned by the Bell Telephone System. Pearson was paid a percentage of each long distance toll charge.

In 1914, the telephone office was moved to the Kimbro building, a new and then modern building on the highway that housed the Pearson Pharmacy and the telephone office in one part and a grocery store in the other. It was really Vaughn on the back of the building south on the corner where the bank now stands.

"Miss Grace" was still the operator but had also to help take care of the new soda fountain which was installed. All of the water for the store used had to be carried from the city well which was located about 50 feet south of the present south door of the City Hall.

In about 1916, Pearson built a new telephone office at the corner of what is now 10th Street and the highway, or Avenue D. This is the same building which was occupied by the present telephone company until they moved into the new building provided by Hugh Vaughn on the back of the lot to the rear of Dr. Gregory's present residence.

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This company was an organization formed to buy up as many of the little independent telephone services as possible and integrate them into one unified telephone system. It has grown into the present General Telephone Company of the Southwest system.

The rural telephone lines running west of town were owned by the Spade Ranch, Fitz Hudgins, Leonard Harral, A. O. Vaughn, Will Murray, J. W. Murray, and others. The lines running east were owned by the Luttricks, Jones Fitzgeralds, Wimberleys, Landers, Rossers, Morelands, Overtons, and others and reached out into the Strip Community.

As was the custom then these lines, being independent and privately owned, were maintained in a manner by the various owners. Each man would maintain the part of the line that traversed his property. This did not provide the ultimate in service, and frequently there would be interruptions of varying lengths of time. Most of the telephone poles were 2 x 4s nailed to a cedar fence post. A single wire was strung on these poles by means of a small porcelain insulator, or spool as they were called, which was nailed on with one nail near the top of the pole.

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A pasture full of cattle could cause nearly all of the poles to be pushed over for the full length of the pasture. Another good place to look for a break was where the line went under a cattle guard.

There were times when some of the lakes were full of water and it was difficult for the "repair man" to get to the break. In this case he would cut the top wire of the fence and tie the telephone wire to the part leading across the lake then go around the lake and repeat the procedure thus splicing the line across the lake, and it worked with some degree of success.

Between loose connections and fence line splices it was necessary for everyone on the line to "repeat" a message to the operator. This meant that everyone would listen to the conversation of the one nearest to the originator of the message and repeat it to the next on the line leading toward the operator and finally the operator would get the message and put through the call or have someone deliver the message in person. It was practically impossible to have a private conversation so everybody was "in" on everybody's business or gossip.

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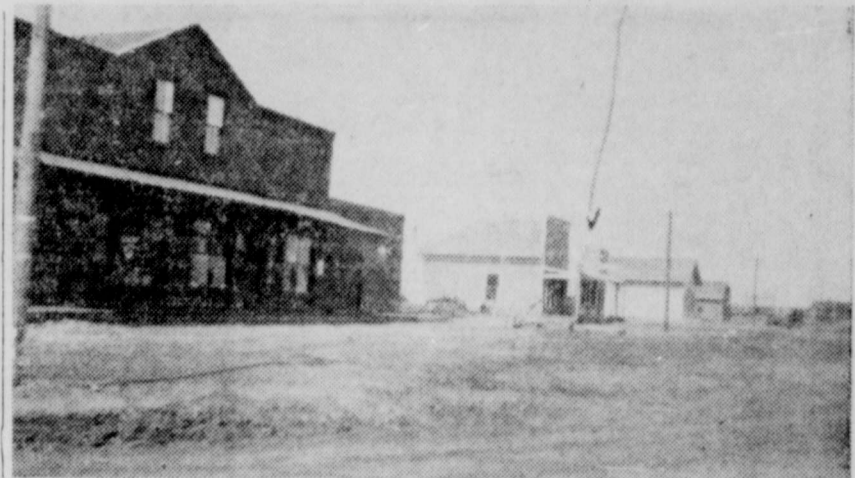
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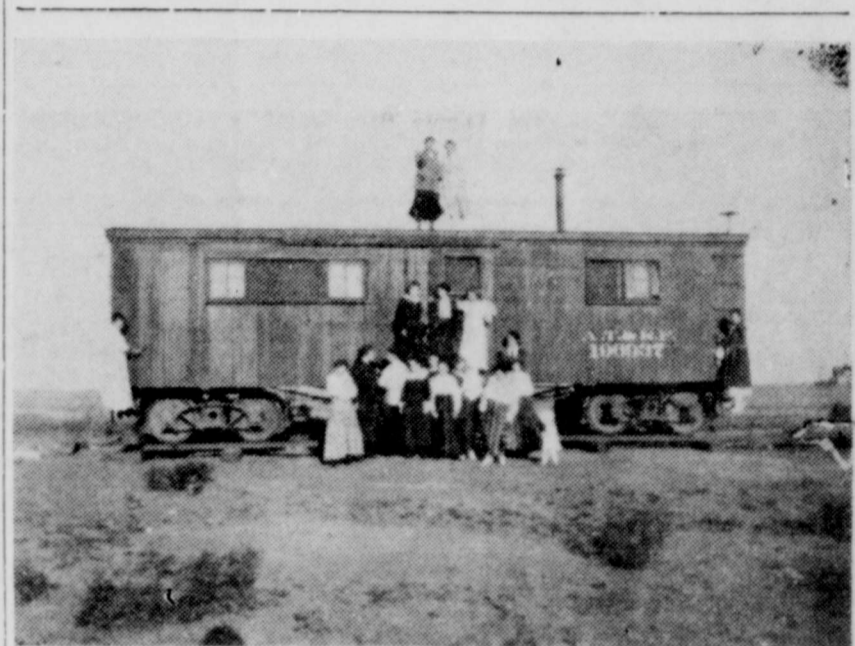
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Another comparison reflecting growth and increased activity in progressive Abernathy, Jenkins stated, is in the average number of calls handled daily. In 1954, Abernathy averaged 1,749 local calls daily and 140 long distance calls. Today, locals average over 3,000 daily, and long distance calls average over 200 daily.

In 1947, Abernathy was converted from magneto type service to common battery.
Now, to keep pace with growing Abernathy, and in keeping with General's policy to furnish the best possible service, construction has been completed on a new telephone building at the west end of 10th Street, which will house the equipment necessary to provide Abernathy with modern dial service.

Abernathy is one of 265 exchanges served by General of the Southwest, which operates over 280,000 telephones in the five state area of Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

Thank God, I know beyond a doubt that the spirit of Christ is dwelling in my spirit and is controlling all my thoughts and actions. I feel His presence every moment of the time that I am conscious.

My Bible says that if my trust is in the Lord, the storms of life cannot come near me. Since God and Christ Jesus came into my being and life, I have not experienced a moment of fear.

Trust and desire Jesus Christ, the Solid Rock. It is for us all today, if we trust and truly pray. Solomon says in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." I praise God for the faith in His word that enabled me to set my vision.

Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man bringeth a snare, but who soever putteth his trust in the Lord, shall be safe."

To be completely safe and sure all the time, I must let Jesus Christ have full control of all my thoughts and actions. Praise God with me all ye people that believe Gods. Lets all work together to win this town of Abernathy for Jesus Christ, who has so wonderfully blessed us as people.

If we love God, we will quit opposing all things that are right in our town. There is no one in Abernathy that God really needs, but He will accept the help of all that let Him come into their hearts.

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Cheese Factory Was Vital to Area's Economy

By O. F. REA

Fritz Struve grew up on a farm and, although he was a business man here for 46 years and very successful, he never lost the farmer's view point in most matters, especially the economic matters relative to the farmer. Fritz Struve came to the Plains to farm and never gave it up. He bought a farm a few miles north-east of Plainview and that farm is still in the Struve family.

Shortly after Abernathy was established, he came here and entered business against the advice of bankers and others who predicted he would soon play out. They did not know Fritz Struve. His business prospered and now, over 46 years later, although Fritz Struve has passed on, his business

remains an admirable monument to his sound thinking.

Always interested primarily in farming and farm problems, he was ever alert to economic problems of the farmer, knowing that any improvement in the economic position of the farmer would also be an improvement in the general community of which he was a part.

Sometime along in 1929 the possibility of making cheese in this community began to be investigated. The southern part of Hale County was producing the greatest amount of milk and, although a cheese factory was established at Plainview, it still looked like the proximity of Abernathy to the actual production of milk made it a logical place for a cheese factory. Consequently, in the spring of 1929

construction was started on a cheese factory in Abernathy. Construction of the building and installation of machinery proceeded through the spring and summer.

Garland Nystel and Arno Struve had called on every home in the vicinity of Abernathy and listed every milk cow and, this showed that there was sufficient milk being produced to justify the erection of a cheese factory.

Upon completion of construction, operations were started with a man from Wisconsin, who had experience in operating a cheese plant, in charge. The farmer brought in his own milk daily.

Cheese making started and so did the difficulties. Mr. Bill Malleg, the Wisconsin cheese maker, found conditions for making cheese here different from those in Wisconsin. He was unable to produce a satisfactory cheese, although doing every operation exactly as he did in Wisconsin.

Perhaps the difference in climatic conditions was the trouble. But whatever it was, he was unable to overcome it and finally gave it up and quit.

However, the buying of milk was continued partly by separating the cream and selling it.

Whether to close down or stay open was a problem for some time and other operations were engaged in, namely buying, dressing, and selling turkeys and rabbits. This called for another building for turkey dressing and the cold storage facilities of the cheese factory were used to cool the dressed turkeys and rabbits. R. Schroeter was made manager and business proceeded.

Rabbit ears were shipped to Louisiana to what turned out to be non-existent concerns, and no returns received. The final and fatal blow to this phase of the business came when a car load of dressed turkeys was shipped on consignment to a Philadelphia concern, which went bankrupt before the shipment reached them.

Being consigned, it became legally a part of the assets of the bankrupt concern and resulted in a complete loss to the shipper. This part of the business was discontinued immediately.

The effort to make satisfactory cheese continued and one day a U. S. Department of Agriculture agent came by and offered to straighten out the difficulties. The management was not interested, and Tom Struve, seeing the opportunity for continued operations slipping away, asked the agent to go over to the store and talk to

Fritz and Ben Struve. This they did, and the agent remained a few days and this marked the beginning of successful making of cheese in Abernathy. The quality improved to the extent that no trouble was encountered in selling the cheese to the trade.

With the improvement in the quality of cheese and the new knowledge of cheese making thus gained, a larger market was desirable and this soon came with a change in management and a contract with Swift and Company, who would take the output of the factory. Delivery would be made by truck, and this fact made the continued operation of the plant a certainty where prior to this time operation had been very uncertain and not at all continuous.

R. Schroeter had been manager from 1929 to Oct. 1932 when he replaced Rudolph Struve. The contract with Swift was made as soon as Rudolph became manager and continued in force some fourteen years. Rudolph served as manager from February, 1932 to October, 1935, when he was replaced by Arno Struve, who served in the capacity until the closing of the factory and the discontinuance of buying milk.

With the contract with Swift in force, the business prospered and operation was continuous and where the farmer had been bringing in his own milk himself, routes were established beginning with some of the boys picking up milk on the way in with their own milk and expanding until there were a number of routes by men on a strictly commercial basis.

Beginning with one vat in 1929 and installing the second in 1932 or 1933 the business continued to grow and a third vat was installed in 1934. Now 30,000 pounds of milk could be handled daily but this was not reached on a steady schedule, the third vat being only partly filled most of the time it was used. In slack seasons it would not be used at all.

The largest volume of milk and the most profitable year of the whole era was 1933. The total amount of cheese produced during the years of operation was in the neighborhood of 6,500 tons, or 13,000,000 pounds. The total amount of milk bought during this time would be roughly ten times this figure, or 130,000,000 pounds. Now reduced to gallons this is still a large figure, 15,234,117 gallons.

Where the farmer delivered his own milk to begin with the routes finally took over almost 100 percent and ranged in length from about 25 miles to over 70 miles. At one time a truck would go out to some point on the pavement near the end of some of the routes and pick up the load at that point and come back on the pavement and the regular route man would pick up the balance of his load on his way in when the roads were muddy. In some cases this would be done when the route was exceptionally long and the load heavy.

A number of the route men also worked at making cheese when they had made their regular route each day. The years 1941 and 1942 were a night mare for route men as they were unable to pick a trailer much of the time and were compelled to make as many as three trips to cover their routes. In one case this meant 210 miles per day due to the fact that a number of lakes were over the roads and thus a large amount of detouring was necessary.

Finally, the same thing happened to the cheese factory that had happened to the flour mill, the changing of farming practices and general improvement of economy on the Plains especially, caused an end, at least temporarily, to the milking of cows and feeding of hogs. There are still dairies and hog feeders but not on the scale that had been common for so many years.

With the coming of irrigation into general use and the move to a more profitable crop, with less work the cheese factory was doomed. The contract with Swift was terminated in 1945 and cheese sold to Pur stores and others for a while.

The continued drop in the milk production led to the discontinuance of cheese production here and the milk was sent to Tulsa for a short time and cheese delivered from there but for long. In 1951, the cheese factory was closed down completely. It had served its day admirably.

Where once had been cows, hogs, chickens and sheep all raised on wheat, now we have practically no cows, only a few chickens except in the cage laying houses, and only a comparatively few hogs, a few sheep and only small acreage of wheat. Instead, we have cotton and grain sorghum on most farms and very little else.

The average farmer now lives almost exactly as the city dweller, out of the grocery stores and meat markets. Where he once had a small frame or box house and sold milk, or cream, eggs and chickens, hogs and sheep, for money to run on between crops he now has a large ranch style brick house, drives a fine car, works his farm in a pickup, goes on vacation trips through out the land, sends his children away to college, hires all his work done and makes more money. This sounds easy now but all those years he milked cows and fed hogs and sheep helped put him where he is now.



The R. Neis Family

(By O. F. Rea)

Mr. and Mrs. R. Neis came to Abernathy December 10, 1912, from Hope, Kansas, by train. Mr. Neis had bought a piece of land east of town but there was no house on it so they stopped at the DeWald Hotel until they could rent one. The family at that time consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Neis and Bill, Darlene, Harlow, Harold and Ernest. Arrangements with Carl Goodman for a house had been made prior to arriving. Mr. W. A. McKenzie moved in before the Neis family arrived. Goodman moved the McKenzies to the old Struve house now being replaced with a new one, and the Neis' moved to the house originally rented. This house stood where the Texaco station now is and at one time belonged to Mrs. Hudgens.

They lived in this house until June 14, 1915. It had been moved from Bartonville. At this time they moved to their farm as the house had been completed. The Neis' were Lutheran and there being no church house here to meet in they met in the individual homes for some time eventually building a small church building just across the street south of the present Texaco Station. There was no regular minister here and the church was saved out of Plainview and Lubbock at different times. Finally, the building here was sold as the church members here were going to Lubbock. It being more convenient to worship there than to hire a preacher for so small a congregation.

About this time Struve's store was a sheet iron building moved here from Bartonville. The barn where the Ford agency now is. Stambaugh had a store where Miller now is. Some time later there was a drug store where the theater now is. Hardesty had a general store where Ellison now is. Dr. Legg was the town and community doctor until his death

and was followed by Dr. Price who built the house now occupied by Dr. Gregory. Dr. McBride came here about 1916 or 1917.

The Neis house was built by a Mr. Stelber who said this was the first real house he had built. All those preceding had been just shacks in comparison. The Neis' bought mules and broke out the land on their half section with a walking turning plow. They planted corn, kaffir, maize, and by the advice of Mr. W. A. McKenzie, black eyed peas. They ate peas until the world looked level with nothing on it but peas.

The Reiken house just south of town was built by a Mr. Copp, as was also the Sam Merrill house east of town. Mrs. Copp died about 1914 or 1915 and Mrs. Neis and Mrs. W. A. McKenzie made a black dress for her to be buried in. She had been a church member, attending church regularly, and was a good church worker. Her death was rather sudden. At the funeral, or rather burial (there was no funeral), Mr. Copp turned to the kids and said, "Well kids, this is the last of your mother," and she was covered up.

Along with farming the land they raised cattle, hogs and chickens, and also sold eggs and cream. A freight line ran from Petersburg to Abernathy and came by the Neis place and would pick up their cream and eggs and bring them to the buyers here. Mrs. Dan Brandt would walk from the Brandt place some miles to the northeast to the Neis' and carry her bucket of cream twice a week or delivery to the buying station here.

The old silo which stood so long on the Neis place was built in 1913 by Homer Rantz. When siloing time came around, all the farmers near by would come and help fill it. W. A. Harra! also had a silo and these two silos were the only ones of this type for several miles. There were two over

THIS Photo was made in June, 1913, soon after this new home was built for the Richard Neis family, two miles east of Abernathy. Mr. Neis built a tall silo at that place in 1915.

The Neis family had relatives visiting them from Kansas when the photo was taken.

In the picture, left to right, Mrs. Sam Eisenhower, Ramona, Kans., Darlene Neis, Mrs. Fred Stralow and son, Archie, of Hope, Kans., Harold Neis, Ernest Neis, Richard Neis, Bill Neis, and Harlow Neis, standing in front of a team of mules.

Mrs. Sam Eisenhower is a sister of Mrs. Richard Neis, who now resides in Abernathy, at 511 Fifteenth Street. Sam Eisenhower is a cousin of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

on the Spade ranch, some ten or fifteen miles west. The Harra!'s silo blew up one day for some reason, according to Mr. Neis, and was not rebuilt.

Mrs. Neis was active in the Mothers Club of that time. This club later became the P-T-A. The following is a list of the club members during 1916 and 1917: Mmes. John Jones, J. C. Arnett, Ola Legg, W. G. Murray, R. M. Hardesty, Fritz Struve, R. M. Hester, Miss Mary Evans, Mrs. DeWald, Jimmie Harra!, Mrs. Atwood, Mrs. St. Clair, Mrs. Stanford, Mrs. Henry Darden Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Bucks, Mrs. W. E. Matzjowsky, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Ed Jones and Mrs. K. C. Sterrett.

All the Neis children went to school at Abernathy. Mrs. Neis remained on the farm until the death of Mr. Neis in 1950, when she moved to her present home at 311 15th Street.

The Neis children, of whom there were nine are now located as follows: Bill, Darlene and Frances live at Junction City, Kansas; Harlow, Ernest, Loren and Renata, (Mrs. Alvin Drusedow), live at or near Abernathy; and Bernice, (Mrs. Luther Ward), lives at Anton.



MRS. KIT C. STERRETT is shown here in a photograph made in 1914, with two of her children. Standing is Mary Ella, and son, Philip, is on his mother's lap.

Mrs. Sterrett came to Abernathy in 1911, and resided here until 1941. Since that year, she has lived

in New Mexico, Dallas, and her current home at Rantoul, Ill. Mrs. Sterrett arrived here May 16, from Rantoul, to spend the summer with her son, Philip, and family, and to attend Abernathy's Golden Anniversary Celebration, July 10, 11, and 12.



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(SEE PHOTO ON PAGE 7)

Extension Animal Husbandman T. D. Tanksley in a new publication, Selecting Meatier Hogs, has outlined suggestions which should help Texas swine producers with many of their present day problems. B-922 is available from your local county agent's office or the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.

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Among the children present in this Abernathy Community church picture are: Neis, Stuart, Stambaugh, Hardesty, Pipkin, W. A. Harra!, Evans, J. C. Arnett, Harra! daughter, Shelton, McKenzie, DeWald and Reba Merrill.

(Building in this picture is the old Baptist Church in Abernathy. It was located on the corner of Ave. E and 7th Street, on the east side of Ave. E and on the north side of 7th St.)

DRIVE SAFELY — Respect and obey all traffic signs.

The long-time outlook for eggs, believe John G. McHaney, extension economist, will most likely be influenced by the steady growth and widespread use of risk sharing plans by poultry producers. The degree to which these vertical integrated practices spread—and they are spreading, says McHaney, will influence what happens in the next few years to the production and marketing practices presently used by the egg industry.



WHEAT HARVEST, 1913 Style— This photo was made during wheat harvest activities on the Lutrick farm northeast of Abernathy, in 1913. The pusher type header barge cut the wheat and delivered the heads into a wagon driven alongside the machine, as indicated in the picture. The men are, left to right, John Adams Lutrick, T. E. Lutrick, Robert Lutrick, and Arthur Reed.

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WHEAT HARVEST during the early years in Abernathy. These wagons, loaded with wheat and pulled by the big tractor, were being weighed on public scales. The public weighing place at that time was located on the east side of the current city square.

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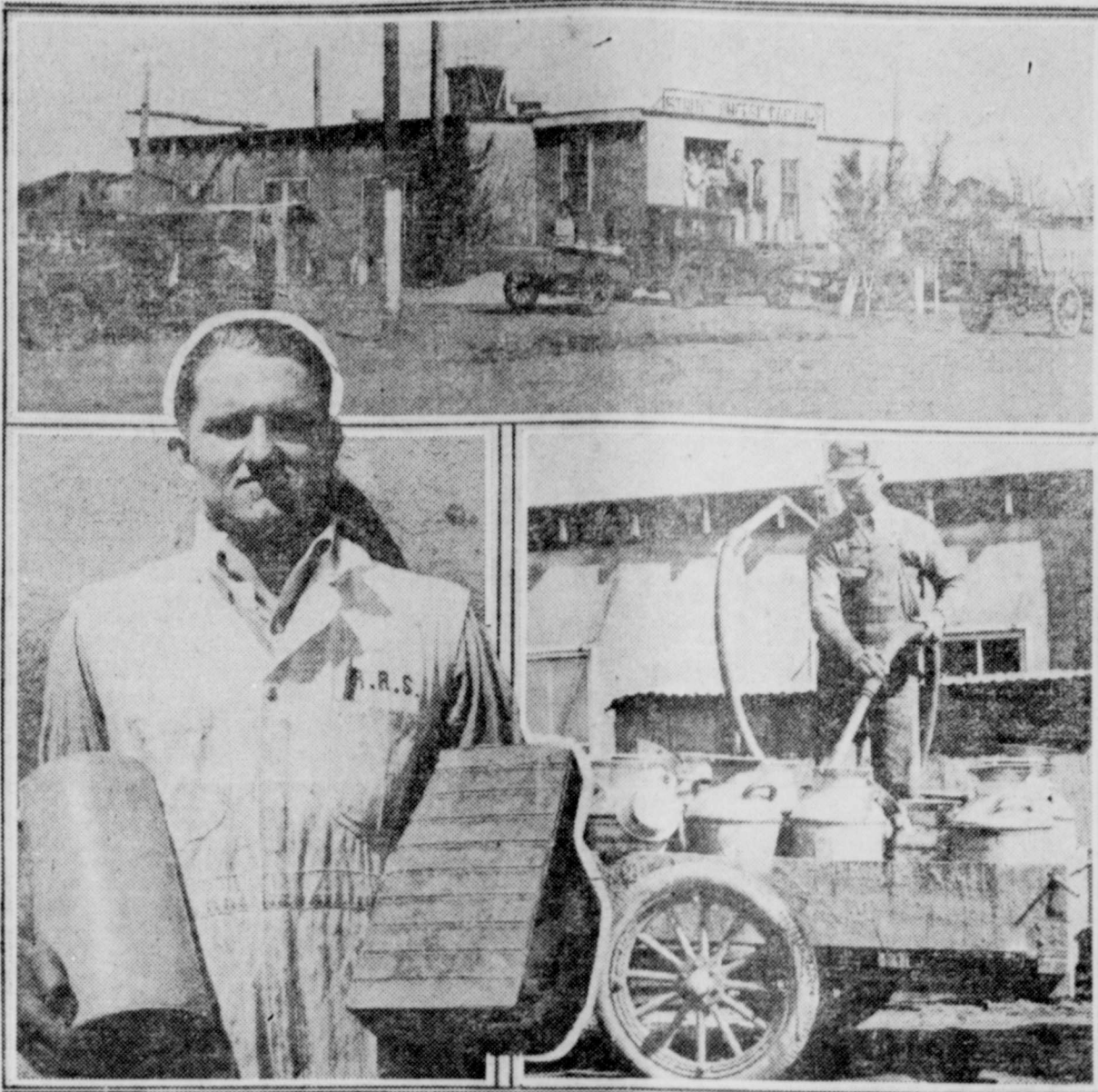
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TOP panel shows the original building of Struve Cheese factory before additions were constructed. The men are standing on the dock where milk cans were unloaded from farmers' trailers and picked up trucks. Bottom panel, left, is Rudolph Struve, who was one of the managers of Struve cheese factory. He is holding the finished product of the plant. Bottom panel, right, shows a farmer filling milk cans with whey, a by-product of the plant. After delivering milk to the plant, farmers would fill the cans with whey and haul it home to feed to their hogs.

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Tax Man Sam Sez:

Each year thousands of people end up owing Uncle Sam money after April 15, on their income taxes for the year before. Some of these simply forget to send in their check for the taxes. Others misfigure the tax. Still others take the option of having the government figure their tax and send them a bill.

If you owe Uncle Sam money you will do yourself a favor by promptly sending a check when you receive your bill. The provisions of the law are very strict and the Revenue Officers must, by law, take prompt and orderly steps to collect taxes due. It's

a lot easier to go and borrow the money or make some other arrangement than to try to delay collection by the government. Unfortunately, quite a few taxpayers have their salary levied on or their property seized and sold when they try to delay paying. Internal Revenue makes a reasonable effort to collect before seizure and sale but it is up to you to make more than a reasonable effort. It can save you a lot of trouble and embarrassment.

District Director Ellis Campbell, Jr., recently gave a well deserved pat on the head to several hundred voluntary public servants. These were the newspaper editors and the radio and TV managers. According to Campbell's co-

mendment, the news editors and others have saved millions for our Texas taxpayers by emphasizing the benefits due the taxpayer. Taxpayers who read their tax instructions (as advised by your paper) prepare a correct tax return paying the tax they owe as well as taking all their deductions. Taxes are necessary but its awfully important that we each only pay our fair share.

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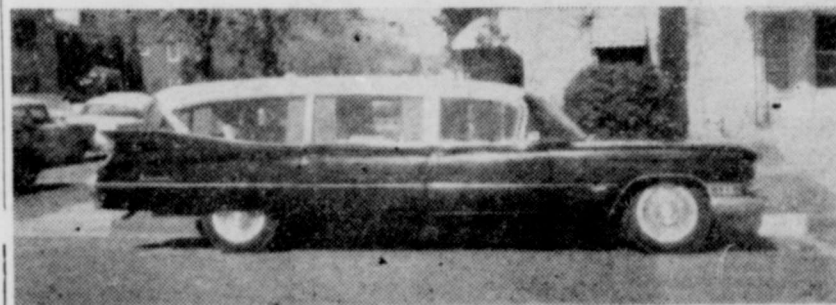
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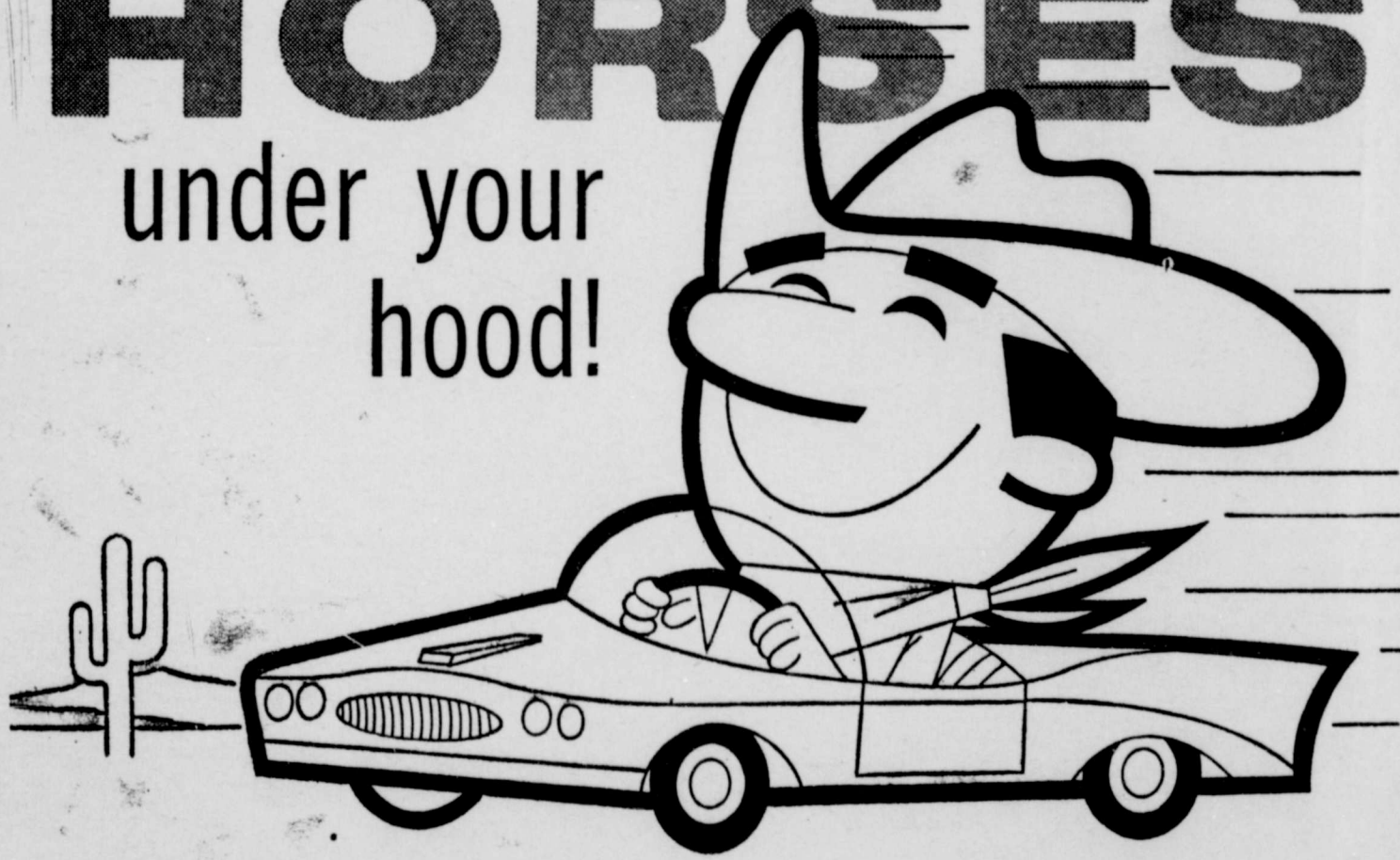
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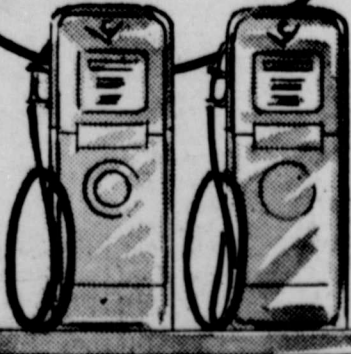
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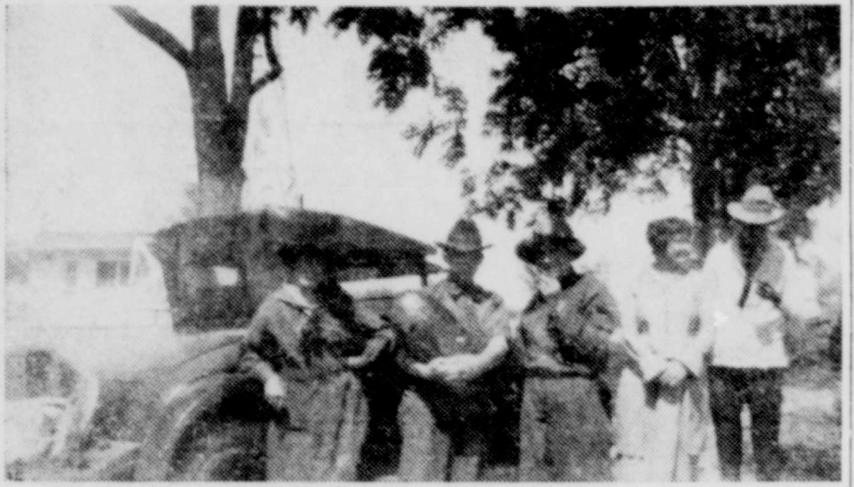
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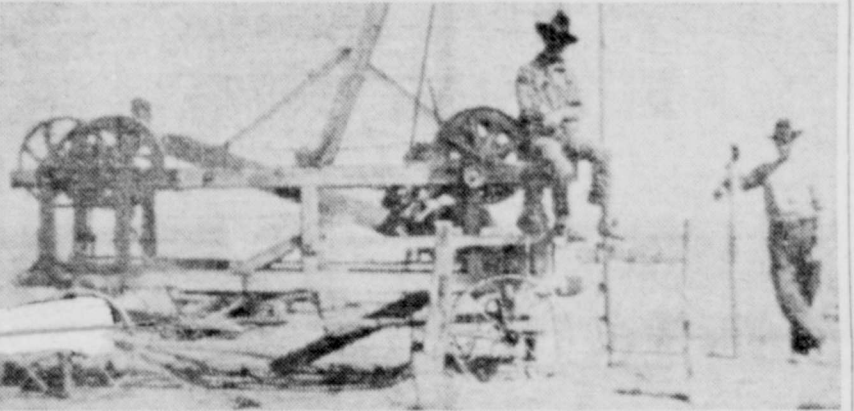
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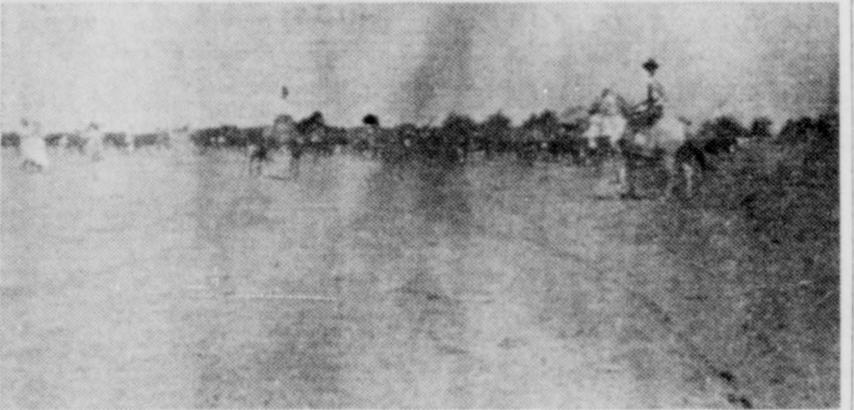
THE FIRST GRADE students at the County Line School, prior to its consolidation with the Abernathy schools, are shown above in the year 1928. Their teacher shown above is Mrs. John Lewis



DATE this picture was made is not available, but the old car and styles indicate an early year. People in the photo are, left to right, Mrs. Hunt, Rev. Mr. Hunt, Baptist pastor (holding melon), Bettye Jane Harp, Mrs. Ola Legg, and Ray Pinson.



PICTURED above is the well drilling rig used to drill the first well in Abernathy. Shown seated on the rig, owned by Earl Maupin, are Welcome and Walter Ragland.



THIS PICTURE, taken about 1910 on the ranch of the late W. H. Rogard, features, left to right, Betty and Susie, Hugh Welcome, and the late W. H. Rogard, with a portion of their prime cattle.

WEED CONTROL

Field Bindweed is a menace to the nation's agricultural economy. Since Hale County depends primarily upon agriculture for its livelihood these noxious weeds are detrimental to the county as well as farm land.

Field bindweed is identified most easily by its arrowhead shaped leaves and white to purplish trumpet shaped flowers. It gives support bindweed, sometimes referred to as "Possession Vines," will climb and without support the vines will run along the ground smothering most other plant life.

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We must remember that one year's seeding of bindweed may easily result in up to forty years hard labor and constant vigilance in destroying the results of that seeding. The bindweeds are not only a menace because they are difficult to control but on city property are unsightly and a harboring place for such insects as mosquitos. Plow them, hoe them, or poison them, but whatever the method, prevent bindweeds from seeding and spreading.

The use of plastic as a substitute for glass in greenhouse construction has reduced the cost of such structures to the point that backyard operations may be

THESE MEN, shown in front of the Felmet Gin in Abernathy in the year 1922, are, from left to right, C. J. Felmet, Benton Felmet, Abe Martin, Daloo Neal, Slim Prather, Mr. Chatman, and T. O. Brown. This picture is from a collection of Mrs. T. O. Brown



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Mayo Loper, sec. -treas. of Abernathy Cemetery Association, announces opening of the annual drive for funds to finance main-

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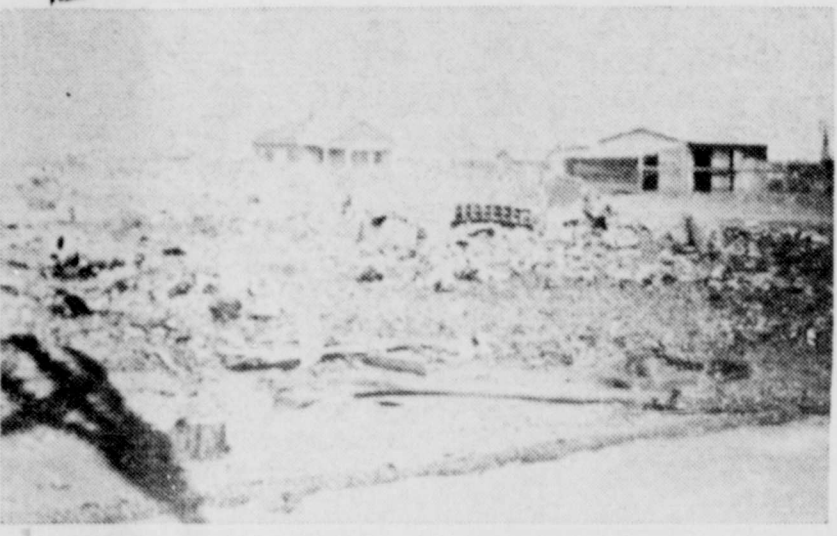
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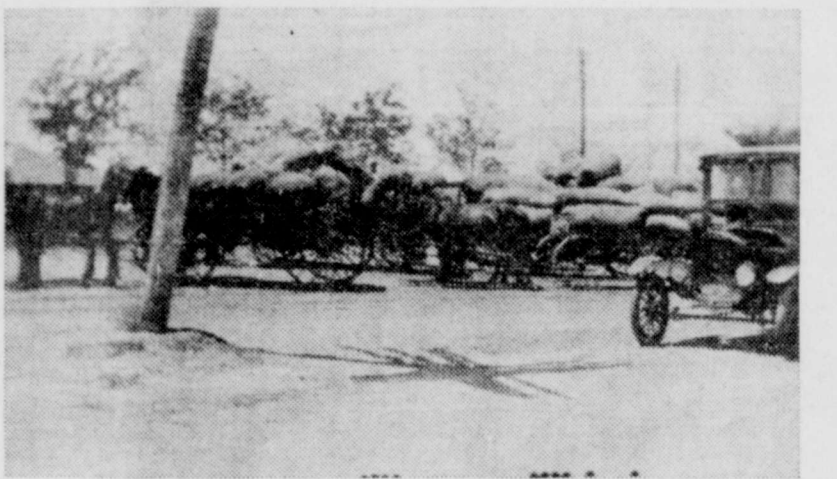
Do we really know the true God and His son Jesus Christ? If we believe His word, He can come to Abernathy today and feed 5,000 of us, if someone of us has a small lunch of five pieces of bread and two little fishes, and we can gather up 12 baskets for supper. Praise God, I have found His savior and He dwells in my home and is directing every step I take today. I may stumble over some of the gravel on the streets and I did step on several last week and they hurt my feet a little) but He always whispers, "Steady, I am waiting. There is nothing to fear. I love you."

Do you believe this story to be true? If not, please drop me just a simple post card and I will know I had better help you, and then you will believe in me for God says so.

Wake up, people; let us get ready to live right and die right, then help some of our friends to this happy life. Pray for me because I need the prayers of the ones I love. I am just another sinner, just like everybody else. The difference is that I have turned from the devil's way and God's Holy Spirit is directing my actions and old Satan is still after me and you, so pray and God will help me keep out of his traps. L. M. HALL (Paid Adv.)



THIS IS the ruins of a store and the Abernathy post office, which burned in about 1926. J. C. Arnet was postmaster at that time, and the post office was in Gus Pipkin's store. It was located on the west side of what is now Avenue D, somewhere between the bank and Richter Insurance office. House in the background is the one now occupied by Dennis-Chambers Funeral Home on Ave. E at 10th Street.



SHEEP, along with the "Cow, Sow, and Hens," once played a major role in the economy of the Abernathy area. This photo was made on a wool-shipping day in Abernathy, back in the Model T Ford days. Wagons loaded with wool are parked around the city square.

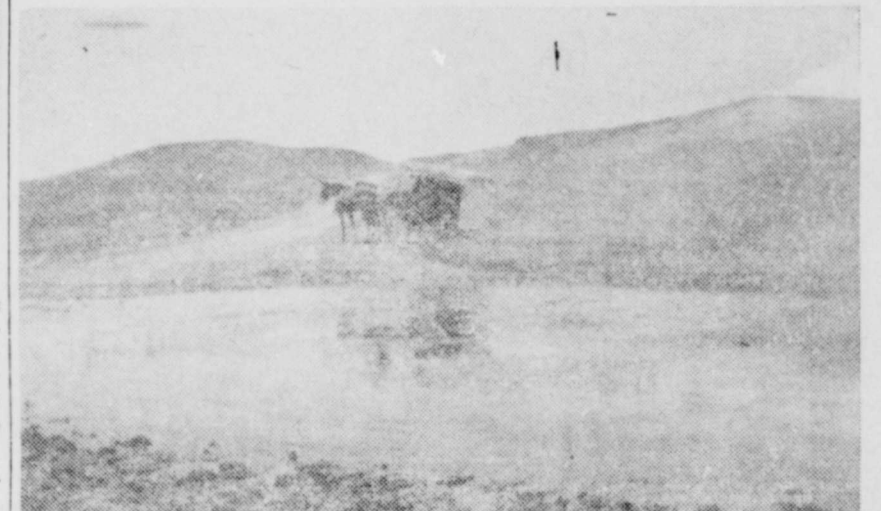


"CHRISTMAS DINNER, 1912, and the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Grandpa and Grandma Hudgins," says the information given us with this picture, provided by publication by Frank Tannehill. Reports said the picture was made by the Fritz G. Hudgins ranch home west of Abernathy, on the place now owned by G. G. Gilliland. Many of the pioneer settlers of the Abernathy area are in this picture. They include: Howard Pierson, Leonard A. Harral, Ernest Jones, Mrs. Lola Tannehill, Bill Kozl, Mrs. Leonard Harral, Murray Payne, Mrs. R. M. Hardesty, Mr. Heflin, Char-

lie Benson, Mrs. Muggleton, Mrs. Pearson, Walter Dilbeck, George W. Tannehill, Elvora Tannehill, Ann Mae Hardesty, Mr. Muggleton, Edwin and Marion Hardesty, Algiers Tannehill, R. M. Hardesty, Rev. and Mrs. Winn, Bonnie Hudgins, Mrs. Cliff Payne, Mr. Cliff Payne, Mrs. Will Murray, Mr. Will Murray and children, Pete Norfleet, Mrs. Norfleet, Mrs. Fritz G. Hudgins, Mr. Fritz G. Hudgins, Mrs. Ed Hudgins (holding baby), Mrs. Gladys Hudgins, Grandma Hudgins, Grandpa Hudgins, Bill Benson.

Recent rains have improved agricultural prospects and will also cause a step-up in the tempo of farm and ranch activities. "Haste can make waste," reminds the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, and suggest that all possible care be exercised so that human and other assets don't become waste due to an accident.

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ABERNATHIANS have been shown how they went to Lubbock making the trail hot to Lubbock in the early days. The picture ever since the horse and buggy was made in Yellowhouse draw, days. This photo from the color canyon, north of Lubbock.



Standing by their transportation Mrs. Stout, Mrs. M. Z. Holland, to Lubbock in this picture were and M. Holland.



THE TWO young ladies in this picture are not identified. Do you know who they are? The picture is being run to show Abernathy's "skyline" as it appeared a good many years ago.



RANCH SCENE on the Saigling Ranch located a few miles north of Tuco. This picture, owned by Mrs. W. A. (Jewel) Richter, was made in the early 1900's before the town of Abernathy was started. In 1909, Mrs. Richter's family, the C. E. Donnell, resided on the ranch at that time. In the horse-drawn vehicle pictured here are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Donnell, Jewel and Alvah Donnell and Mrs. C. C. Donnell. This picture was made approximately where the Ralph Davis farm is today, northeast of town.

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Official Memorandum
BY
PRICE DANIEL
Governor of Texas
AUSTIN, TEXAS

GREETINGS:
Abernathy has been a major farm market on the High Plains of Northwest Texas since the Santa Fe Railroad was built from Plainview to Lubbock 50 years ago.
Named for M. G. Abernathy, the townsite was plotted by Dr. M. C. Overton July 8, 1909, on the Hale-Lubbock County line. Residents of nearby Bartonite moved their homes and business houses to Abernathy when the railroad bypassed their community and a post office was established on January 13, 1910.
Abernathy is a thriving city of more than 2,400 persons today, and its citizens have played a vital role in the development of one of the State's most intensively cultivated and productive areas.
The people of Abernathy are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the City's establishment July 10-12, 1959.

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas do hereby designate July 10-12, 1959, as
ABERNATHY GOLDEN JUBILEE DAYS
in Texas
In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 4th day of June, 1959.
Price Daniel
Governor of Texas
(State of Texas Seal)