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## REVESTING OF COUNTY'S GRAIN CROP GETS UNDERWAY THIS WEEK

### ALLOTMENTS DETERMINED FOR FARMERS OF COUNTY

Affect Acreage Allotments in Future Years Under AAA Program

Cotton allotments for Haskell county farms have been determined. The allotments were made last Friday by the State AAA office and on Monday 2,500 individual allotment notices were mailed to Haskell farmers. As determined by the State AAA Office, the allotment factor for this county is 41.79. This factor gives each farm a certain allotment that had been determined by the State AAA Office. The cotton acreage in the county is 114,338 acres, of which 47,573 acres, which is the factor for the county.

### WY CUTS ATTENDANCE AT LIONS MEETING

Officials Are Guests At Luncheon Tuesday

Summer temperatures kept attendance at the regular meeting of the Haskell Lions Club Tuesday in the Coffee Shop. Ten members and two guests were present.

Abraham, area supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, R. E. Skipworth, district supervisor for Haskell and adjoining counties, were also present during the meeting.

### Over Baptists Use East Ward as Meeting Place

At the meeting place for the Baptist Church, announced by the pastor, Rev. Osborn, the meeting was held in the East Ward school building.

Members and visitors were given a cordial welcome at the meeting place for the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Henry Wilson of Haskell is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robertson, at Amarillo, Texas.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUMMER MEETING BEGINS SUNDAY EVE

President Manhattan Bible College Will Conduct Services

Annual summer meeting of the First Christian Church will begin Sunday evening June 5th, to continue for a period of at least two weeks longer. President T. H. Johnson of the Manhattan Bible College at Manhattan, Kans., will preach during the meeting. He will be assisted in the services by a local minister, W. Russell Coatsworth.

The church has had a very good attendance during the last six months, the average attendance being considerably better than for the similar period last year. In addition there have been a number of additions to the local congregation by baptism and statement. Church leaders believe the time is right for a spiritual strengthening and ingathering of souls, and are hopeful that a successful meeting can be held at this time.

### Three Players Are Added To Braves Lineup

The Braves are due to place a rejuvenated team on the field at Fair Park Sunday afternoon when they play the Hamlin Independents, according to Manager Tommy Hall. Several stiff work-outs this week have helped to whip the players into shape, and the addition of three players, Couch, Keeler, and Rayburn, has strengthened the team.

### Daughter of Early Day Rancher Here Is Visitor Tuesday

Visiting her old homeplace for the first time since childhood and reminiscing with pioneers of this section was a pleasant experience Tuesday for Mrs. Eugene Harris of Houston, Mrs. Harris is the former Mabel Smith, daughter of Major Smith, pioneer sheepman in the early days of this section and founder of the Rose Ranch east of Haskell, now owned by the Reynolds Land & Cattle Company.

### Mrs. Pauline Kieke New Office Deputy In Sheriff's Dept.

Effective June 1st, Mrs. Pauline Kieke of Rule will succeed Mrs. Hettie Williams as office deputy in the sheriff's department. Mrs. Williams resigning the post she has held for the past four years in order to devote her full time to the interests of her candidacy for the office of District Clerk.

### PICNIC SUPPER FOR EMPLOYEES OF CHEESE PLANT

Business Men Sponsor Affair Held at Rice Springs Park Wednesday

Haskell business men were sponsors for a picnic supper and meeting for employees and directors of the Brazos Valley Cooperative Cheese Plant Wednesday evening. Thirty-one guests were present for the affair, held in Rice Springs municipal park.

V. L. Alford, superintendent of the plant, presided during the meeting. In a brief talk he gave an outline of the plant activities, production and other phases of the cooperative venture.

Dr. T. W. Williams, president of the Haskell chamber of commerce stressed the value of cooperation between employees, directors, and patrons of the plant in a short talk. He complimented the organization for the splendid progress made since the plant was opened.

### FINAL RITES FOR FORMER RESIDENT HELD ON THURSDAY

Mrs. Martha L. Owens Died Early Wednesday In Fort Worth

Final rites for Mrs. Martha Lucinda Owens, widow of the late Tom Owens early-day Haskell resident, were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in the funeral home of Jones, Cox & Company. The Rev. R. M. Huckabee, minister of the First Methodist Church officiated for the service. A quartet composed of Messrs. Manly Branch, Pete Frierson, Hayden McDonald and Joe Maples rendered three favorite songs of the deceased: "Rock of Ages", "The Old Rugged Cross", and "Haven of Rest".

Interment was in Willow Cemetery, with arrangements in charge of Jones, Cox & Company. Mrs. Owens, 71, ill for two months, died at the home of a son, Will H. Owens in Fort Worth, early Wednesday morning, June 1.

### Rockdale Will Be Scene of Singers Meeting June 5th

Regular meeting of the East Side Singing Convention will be held next Sunday, June 5th, at Rockdale for an all-day program of singing. Several singers from out of the county, and many from surrounding communities will be present and have a part on the program being arranged, chairman, T. C. Cobb, announced.

### Honor Students in HHS Class of '38



Honor students of Haskell High School in the class of '38 were Ruby Sue Persons, valedictorian, left; and Elizabeth Huckabee, salutatorian.



right, Miss Persons is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave H. Persons, and Miss Huckabee the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Huckabee of this city.

### FSA BANQUET WILL MARK COMPLETION OF FARM PURCHASES

Completion of the Farm Security Administration's farm tenancy purchase program in Haskell county will be celebrated with a banquet for farmers, business men and bankers of this section tonight at the First Christian Church. The affair is being sponsored jointly by the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

### BASKET DINNER WILL BE FEATURE OF HOME COMING SERVICE FOR LOCAL CHURCH JUNE 5

An invitation to the public to attend the Homecoming Services at the First Christian Church Sunday, commemorating the 50th anniversary of its founding in Haskell, is extended by church leaders and members.

An old-fashioned basket dinner will be a feature during the noon hour, and everyone is invited to bring a well-filled basket, sufficient for your family and guests, and have a part in this old-time occasion. Plates, silverware and glasses should also be provided by individuals.

### IRBY AND DOUGLAS SCHOOLS TO BALLOT ON CONSOLIDATION

Qualified voters in Irby and Douglas common school districts will ballot Saturday, June 4 on a proposition to consolidate the two subdivisions to form a rural consolidated district. Petitions asking that the election be held were circulated several weeks ago and received favorable consideration of a majority of patrons in both districts.

### Recent Ruling Permits Farmers To Reduce Cotton Allotments For 1938

Any farmer who has received a cotton allotment under the 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program may reduce his allotment, according to a recent ruling received from the State AAA Office by G. R. Schumann, County agent.

### HOPPER INVASION BECOMES SERIOUS OVER THE COUNTY

Farmers Urged To Poison Pests Now As Control Measure

The grasshopper infestation in Haskell County is rapidly becoming very serious, according to G. R. Schumann, county agent. The hoppers are now reaching the stage where they can soon fly and then the insects will spread from many local areas to other parts of the county.

Approximately 150,000 pounds of poison bait (wet basis) have already been used by farmers in this county in fighting grasshoppers. The mixing station at Haskell under the supervision of Hartwell Smith is preparing from 10,000 to 20,000 pounds of bait daily.

The Federal Government has supplied this county with three cars of bran and a supply of sodium arsenite for use in fighting this pest. All farmers are urged to fight the hoppers now because the insects are easy to control at this time.

### LIGHT DISTRICT COURT TERM FOR STONEWALL CO.

Civil and Criminal Cases Docketed During Final Week of Term

Regular May district court term for Stonewall county, convened Monday of last week, has been one of the lightest in several years, according to court officials. E. V. Hardwick, Stamford attorney, is presiding during the illness of District Judge Dennis P. Ratliff of this city.

### Firemen Discuss Plans To Attend State Convention

Members of the Haskell fire department discussed plans for the coming State Convention of Firemen in Amarillo as the principal business topic at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the department Monday night.

### Judge A. H. King Not A Candidate for Representative

Judge A. H. King of Throckmorton, visitor in Haskell Thursday, authorized the Free Press to state that he is not a candidate for State Representative from this district.

### FIRST WHEAT AND OATS SOLD ON LOCAL MARKET

### TWO PRODUCING SANDS INDICATED FOR PARDUE POOL

Live Oil Forced Through Head Valve and Casing From King Sand

Second producing horizon in the Pardue oil pool eight miles south of Haskell was indicated Thursday when accumulated oil and gas broke through between the Bradenhead valve and casing of Forest No. 1 Pardue in sufficient quantity to cover the slush pit several inches with live green oil, and showing considerable gas.

The productive King sand was logged in both wells, between 2000-2100 feet, but potential production of the saturated horizon was not indicated due to the fact rotary was used, mudding out and preventing all except a light show through drilling fluid.

### Youth Seriously Injured Tuesday On 14th Birthday

Enjoyment of their fourteenth birthday anniversary was marred by a serious accident for Carl and Carroll Scott, twin sons of H. G. Scott, farmer living in the Rose community five miles east of Haskell, Tuesday afternoon.

Carl, riding a farm tractor driven by an older brother, was seriously injured when his left foot was caught between the "power lift" and axle of the tractor, being used for plowing on the Scott farm.

### Postal Receipts Maintain Upward Trend For 1938

Postal receipts for this city continued on a substantial upward trend during the first two months of the second quarter. Postmaster J. M. Diggs said Wednesday, adding that receipts at the local office had shown a steady increase each month since the first of the year over the similar period for last year.

During the first quarter of 1938—January, February and March—receipts increased 12 per cent over the same period in 1937, and receipts for April and May indicate that the second quarter's increase will be at least 20 per cent above the figures for last year.

### Yield Is Running Higher Than Average For Last Year

Harvesting of Haskell county's 1938 grain crop from an estimated 50,000 acres planted was started this week in practically all sections of the county. With favorable weather prevailing, harvest will be in full swing as the week ends.

Local buyers handling first grain marketed here report that the yield of both wheat and oats is running considerably higher than has been estimated since the severe freeze early in April. Oats harvested are averaging between 40 and 50 bushels per acre, with some farmers reporting 60-bushel yields per acre, while wheat is making between 20 and 25 bushels per acre.

First load of oats sold on the Haskell market was brought in Monday by H. W. Smith, farmer living west of Weinert. The grain tested 34 pounds per bushel and was bought by the Haskell Elevator Company at 15c per bushel. J. B. Pittman, farmer of the Center Point community, marketed the first wheat of the season Tuesday, combined from a 10-acre patch which is expected to average 25 bushels per acre. The wheat tested 63 pounds per bushel, and was sold for 54 cents.

### BERRY'S PHARMACY INSTALLS MASTER CREAM EQUIPMENT

Berry's Pharmacy in this city have just installed a Mills Master Freezer in their store for the manufacture of super-creamed ice cream and sherbets for their fountain and retail trade. Cliff Berry, proprietor, announced Thursday.

The new equipment, most modern of its kind manufactured, has a freezing capacity of 30 gallons per hour, with a built-in storage cabinet to permit hardening orders of cream and sherbets. For their fountain trade, a variety of flavors of delicious homemade ice cream is frozen almost instantly in the new freezer. The installation was necessary, the proprietor stated, due to the increasing popularity of the wide variety of specialties offered at the fountain, where cream drinks are featured.

Berry's, established two and one-half years ago, pioneered in operating a luncheonette and sandwich service in connection with their fountain, and the establishment has been favored with a growing list of patrons since the store was first opened. Store patrons and the people of this section are being invited to visit the store and inspect the new department this week, and a number of special features are being offered during the next few days at their fountain.

### Miss Louise Warren Returned Wednesday After Visiting Her Brother, Willard in Shreveport, La. and Miss Lena Belle Kemp of Kilgore.

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**Rockdale**

Mr. and Mrs. Vestus Bunkley had as guests Saturday night and Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hawkins and son, Otis of Weimert. Mr. Hawkins and his Boy Scouts camped on the creek.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tabor and children of Winters attended the cemetery working Monday and visited with old friends.

Miss Lucille and Myrtle Newcomb of Abilene spent the weekend with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo McKeever and children visited Thursday afternoon of last week in the home of their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gillespie.

Mrs. T. N. Gillespie and her brother, Mr. Louis Scott and sister Mrs. Bill Mickler both of Ericsdale community went to O'Donnell Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of their

uncle Mr. Will Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Matthews and children of Lubbock, Texas, spent the week-end here visiting Mr. Matthews sister, Mrs. John Ivy and family. Mrs. Ivy returned home with them for a short visit.

Mrs. Tom Elliott and daughter of Stamford and Miss Naomi Reeves of Berryhill spent the day Friday in the Vestus Bunkley home.

A singing was enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tull Newcomb Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Schaffer of Stamford, visited their daughter, Mrs. Bill Linam and family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Ivy had visiting them last week-end Mrs. Ivy's nephew Mr. McCracken and family of Fort Worth.

**Moves To Haskell From Monahans**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morris and children from Monahans, Texas, are listed among Haskell's newest residents this week. They moved Monday into apartments at the Geo. Fields residence in the west part of the city. Mr. Morris recently purchased a 100-acre tract of land adjoining the west city limits and plans to improve the property. He will erect a modern residence on the tract. Mr. Morris was engaged in the grocery business in Monahans, and still retains his interests there.

Ice cream cones originated in 1904.

**Long Fight For Freedom By Two Prison Inmates May Have Successful Ending**

HUNTSVILLE, June 2.—After four years behind the high, gray walls of Huntsville Prison, serving long sentences for a crime which many officials believe they knew nothing about, I. L. Southerland and O. G. Mathis are about to be freed.

Southerland, a 34-year-old printer, and Mathis, 27-year-old son of a Methodist minister, were arrested in 1934 for the \$12,000 daylight robbery of the Atlantic First National Bank. The accused men, both residents of Little Rock, Ark., were "identified" by employees of the bank as the two men who on June 6, 1934, menaced them with drawn guns and rifled the vault of the bank.

The accused provided alibis to the effect that they were seen at the exact time of the robbery, in Shreveport, La. Both the cashier and the bookkeeper, as well as a former-client of the bank, originally declared the gunmen were the notorious Charles Chapman and an accomplice, but later changed their identification to name Southerland and Mathis as the robbers.

According to employees of the bank, one of the gunmen was a well-dressed individual who directed the robbery and stuffed the cash and jewelry into a red briefcase, while his accomplice was dressed as a laborer. Southerland and Mathis, at their trial, presented witnesses to show they were nowhere near the scene of the crime and were enjoying themselves in Shreveport resorts at the time the robbery was perpetrated.

An important witness in their defense was F. M. Sterrett, former G-Man and banker, now engaged in the wholesale candy business. Sterrett stood talking to Paul Dunklin, one of the bank employees, as the robbers entered the bank. Sterrett has consistently declared the innocence of the men accused. Their appearance in no way, he stated, compared with the looks of the robbers.

Both robbers, Sterrett insists were of medium height; whereas Southerland is actually over six feet tall. District Judge R. Hicks Harvey presided at the trial in which Southerland was sentenced to fifty years confinement and Mathis thirty years.

A new trial was denied the accused men and Southerland and Mathis were incarcerated at the Huntsville penal institution. It was while working in the prison's print shop that Southerland came into contact with S. E. Barnett, Superintendent of Printing. Impressed with the prisoner's plea of innocence, Barnett began his own investigation of the case.

The prison official was amazed by the lack of substantial evidence to show guilt of the accused men and started a long series of interviews with persons involved in an effort to help free Southerland and Mathis. In his efforts Barnett was stymied time and again by legal red tape, despite the interest shown by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

To give new hope to the condemned men was the capture of Charles Chapman, but his escape from prison again held up the investigation. Chapman and two other prisoners escaped from Tucker Prison, Ark., and, on August 31, 1935, the notorious gunman and his accomplices made a second attempt to rob the Atlanta bank. This time, however, the robbery was foiled by the expert marksmanship of a group of Atlanta citizens who were waiting for the attempt to rob the bank. From various points along the street where the bank was located, bursts of gunfire greeted the fleeing thugs. Chapman was seriously wounded, and while in a dying condition Chapman called Mr. Richey, president of the Atlanta bank, and confessed that he and an accomplice robbed the bank in June 1934.

In the Spring of 1937, Barnett managed to attract the interest in the case to True Detective Mysteries, a magazine with national circulation and one that has as its purpose the tracking down of criminals as well as the pursuit of justice.

Through correspondence with the editor of the magazine, John Shuttleworth, the prison official pointed out the various discrepancies in the trial evidence and in the unofficial reports of many witnesses. Through this maze of information Barnett and Shuttleworth waded, and before long the editor was firmly convinced of the innocence of Southerland and Mathis.

Several months ago the magazine sent its legal investigator, Frank Lynn, to Texas from New York City to begin a new movement to liberate the prisoners. Court records, affidavits and official records were examined thoroughly and Lynn immediately expressed the belief that both men were entirely innocent.

Lynn interviewed United States Attorney King and was told: "I personally conducted the hearings before the Grand Jury at Beaumont, which resulted in a true bill against Charles Chapman and Luther Bone (an accomplice) for the robbery of the First National Bank of Atlanta on June 6, 1934."

"While I am not privileged to divulge the testimony elicited before the grand jury, yet from the facts and circumstances known to me, an irresistible conclusion abides in my mind that Southerland and Mathis are innocent."

Lynn then went to Judge Bruce Bryant, Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Paroles in Austin. Although Judge Bryant stated he now had 6,000 cases currently being considered, the magazine investigator obtained a promise of consideration by that body.

Since the day he started serving his sentence, Southerland has never lost hope of convincing authorities of his innocence. His wife and family have been on relief in Little Rock for many months. After years of fighting for the release of his son whom GAL TOW—LONG FIGHT

he knew to be innocent, Mathis' father, the aged minister, finally died. Mathis had been confined to the farm division of the prison during most of his incarceration.

The Southerland-Mathis case has created great interest in all parts of the country. True Detective Mysteries magazine has spent considerable time and effort in proving the innocence of the men. Thirty-four thousand words on this amazing case, written by S. E. Barnett, Superintendent of Printing, Texas Prison System, appears in the current issue of this publication.

Frank Lynn, investigator for the magazine, in summing up his findings says: "Although I had studied the legal aspects of thousands of true crime stories for the magazine, never had I come across such a spectacle of tragic human error. No wonder the editor of True Detective had said to me: 'This is another Dreyfus Case.'"

**Shipments of Livestock To Market Down**

Only 8,946 cars of livestock were forwarded from Texas to Fort Worth stockyards and interstate points during April, a decline of 28 per cent from April last year, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Cattle shipments, 6,703 cars, declined 27.7 per cent; calves, 971 cars, increased 15 per cent; hogs, 597 cars, decreased 28.5 per cent; sheep, 855 cars, dropped 46 per cent.

"Shipments of cattle to the Flint Hills of Kansas, for summer pasturage and reshipment in the fall markets or feeding areas, were 45.6 per cent below April last year; but forwardings to the Osage country of Oklahoma, also for pasturage and later reshipment, declined only 6

per cent," the Bureau's report said. "These shipments to the Flint Hills and the Osage country which take place each spring usually reach their maximum in April."

"Receipts of all classes of livestock in the Fort Worth market were substantially below April last year."

**Radio Education Summer Subject at Texas University**

Radio education, a comparatively new educational field, will again be taught during the 1938 summer session at The University of Texas, Austin, it has been announced. Lester W. Parker, director of a research project in school broadcasting at the University of Wisconsin, will have charge of the courses.

Two courses will be taught, one on schools and radio, including such topics as radio as an instrument of social communication, planning and supervising school uses of radio, techniques of teaching with radio, selection and use of broadcasting equipment, broadcasting radio education programs, and radio program appreciation; the other will deal with problems in educational broadcasting, such as a survey of current problems and practices in the United States and foreign countries, contributions of radio to adult education and general culture, and individual investigations of topics of special interest.

Radio education is a new educational development in the United States, it was pointed out by Dr. Fred C. Ayer, professor of educational administration at the University, who said that that institution is taking the lead in introducing this subject in the South and Southwest.

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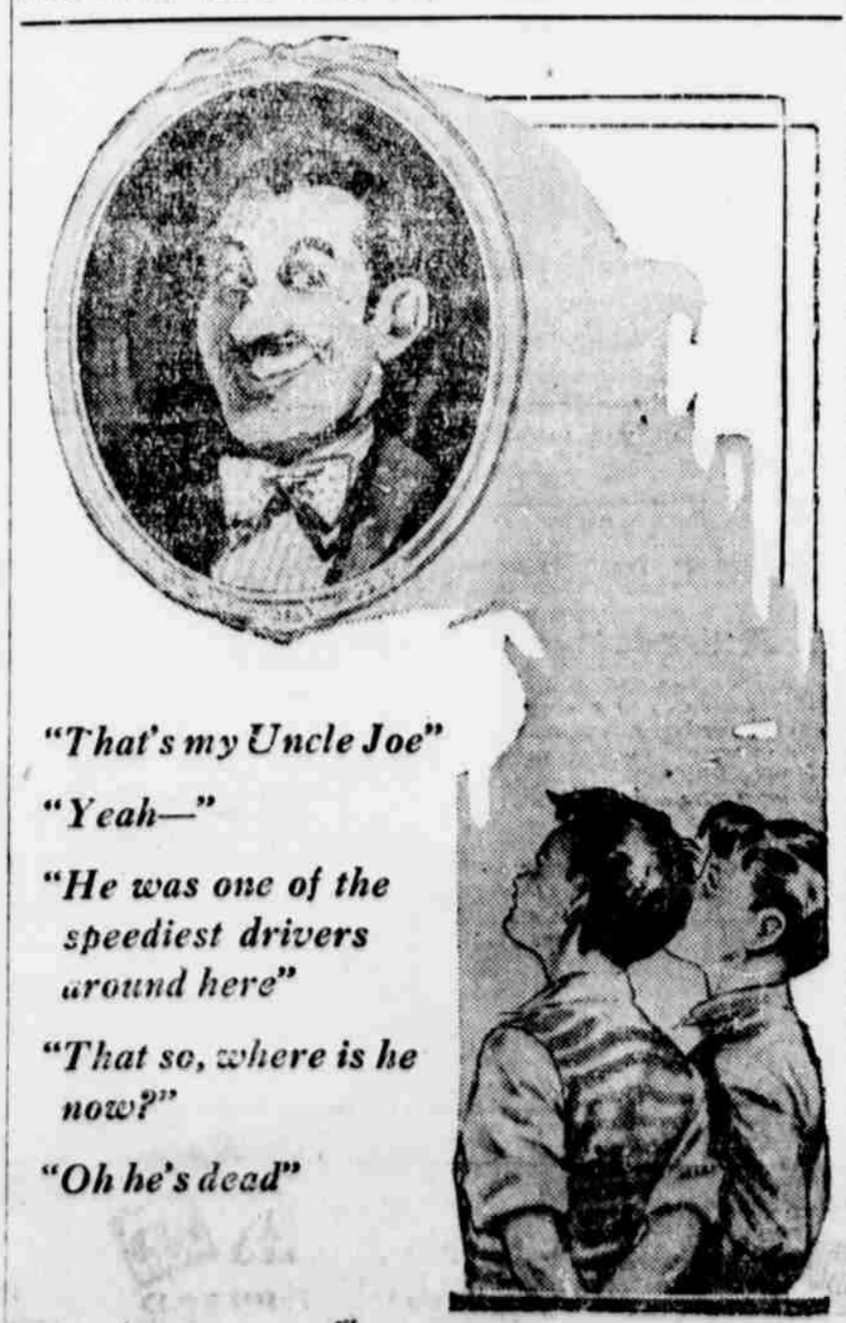
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## Boy's Ambition

A person who is blind is a person whom many men can never completely know. Men who have their sight, but lack imagination, retard him as something entirely different from themselves.

Let such consider Alfred Aldinger of Frankfort, N. Y. Aldinger, blind for the last 20 years, realized his life's ambition the other day. What do you imagine it was he wanted to do? Was it some strange thing you would never have thought of? Think of some of the ambitions you entertained as a boy.

What Aldinger always wanted to do, and what he finally did, was ride a fire truck to a fire, and operate a siren.

That ought to bring the blind a little closer to you now. What seems to set his particular man apart from his fellows is that he did finally ride a truck to a fire.

## Machines Are Tools

Politics is probably being saddled with more of the blame for unemployment these days than improved machinery, but you still find the machine—pictured as the giant snatcher of men's jobs, the monster bread-thief.

A peek at an 11-year survey just completed by the American Iron and Steel Institute is in order.

Technological advances in steel mill equipment have been directly responsible for a jump in employment in that field, the survey reports. The employment increased between 1926 and 1937 for four leading steel companies which adopted continuous rolling mills and other technological innovations was 28 percent, or 5 percent more than that of the steel industry as a whole.

The institute states that what the technological advances did was to make shorter working hours possible, accelerate production, improve the product's quality (and therefore increase the demand), and lower the price. All of which not only shot up employment, according to the survey, but the individual's earning capacity also.

It indicates—again—that a tool is simply an inanimate object which a man uses, and the man, not the tool, is to be held accountable for the ends to which it is used.

## Principals In Practice Make Big News

We would be a pretty fine people if we could live up to our profession principles. We talk very sensibly indeed, but there usually is a pretty big gap between the way we talk and the way we act. For a sample, there is the capital-and-labor business.

We are very fond of saying that there is no real, basic conflict between capital and labor, that their interests are in the long run identical that the sensible thing is to recognize that fact and behave accordingly.

Yet so rarely do representative leaders of capital and labor act on that theory that when they do it becomes front page news.

A good deal of attention has been drawn to the fact that in San Francisco on June 3, leaders of the business community and of the C. I. O. are going to hold a big mass meeting to see if some peaceable and mutually profitable way of getting along together cannot be found.

The background of that meeting is interesting. The last four years of San Francisco's "labor history" have been more than a little stormy; so this spring a group of industrial leaders appointed a committee to study industrial relations and work out a program to restore and preserve peace.

This committee after a good deal of preliminary work, invited the labor leaders to join in creating a "parliament of public opinion" to minimize bitterness and strife. At first the labor people were suspicious; but after a time the suspicion disappeared and now we have the unusual and highly gratifying spectacle of C. I. O. bigwigs sitting down with industrial bigwigs to work out some plan by which capital and labor can get along and prosper together.

What will come of this meeting is, of course, open to speculation. Maybe the whole plan will fall through and San Francisco's valiant effort to obtain a fair peace will come to nothing. But the important thing is that the effort is at least being made.

Yet, it is strange, when you stop to think about it, that the fact that this effort is being made should be news.

These San Franciscans, after all, are doing nothing more than acting on a principle we all give lip-service to—the principle that capital and labor are going in the same direction and can help each other get there.

If that principle is true, as we all say it is, why aren't there more movements like this one on the west coast?

Wouldn't our national future be immeasurably brighter if we could just live up to our principles instead of merely talking about them?

A check-up by Max Factor, Hollywood cosmetician and coiffeur, reveals that redheads are now having their day on the screen. He says that among leading actresses redheads number 44 percent, "brunettes" 39 per cent, blondes 11 per cent, and brunettes 6 per cent.

From all parts of the state a large group of WPA workers assembled at Huntsville, Ala., a few days ago. The object of the gathering, it is said, was to form a labor union.

Lawrence Potoczynski asked for a handout at the back door of a Detroit home. The lady of the house recognized him as her divorced husband who had failed to make alimony payments, and had him arrested.

## Haskell County . . . . . History

As Revealed by the Files of the Free Press 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

**20 Years Ago—June 1, 1918**  
Seventy-four Haskell county boys left Wednesday afternoon for Deming, New Mexico, where they will be inducted into training at Camp Coody.

Postmaster Dean informs us that there has been considerable tampering with the lock boxes in the postoffice and that several letters and packages have been stolen from the boxes recently.

E. H. Kemp, farm demonstration agent for Haskell county has tendered his resignation to the Commissioners Court to take effect July 1st. He will enter some branch of service in the national army.

Haskell county has oversubscribed its Red Cross quota by more than one hundred and fifty per cent. Total amount subscribed in cash and pledges amounted to more

than \$7,500, while the county's official quota was only \$2,500.

Mrs. H. S. Wilson, county chairman of Food Conservation gave a demonstration at the club room in the Library Friday afternoon, using substitutes donated by the local merchants in baking cakes.

Supt. Bert E. McGlamery and his family left for Gorman Tuesday, where he will spend his vacation. He has been re-elected as Haskell school superintendent for another term.

Eugene Tonn and wife of Paris, Texas, spent last week here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tonn.

The public schools of Haskell closed a successful term last Friday night. There were ten graduates, nine girls and one boy; Misses Exa Cahill, Clara Clift,

Hassie Davis, Kathryn Farley, Opal Middleton, Nettie McColium, Fannie Post, Anita Scott, Alberta Smith and Mr. Ed Robertson.

**30 Years Ago—May 30, 1908**  
Misses Annie Lida and Mary Hughes spent several days in the early part of the week with their grandparents, Capt. and Mrs. W. M. Wood near Weirnt.

Mrs. L. C. Eastham of Huntsville attended our district court this week.

The Weaver school will have a big picnic at the mouth of Spring Branch on Mule Creek, about four miles from town, on June 6th.

Mr. T. A. Ferris of Waxahachie was in Haskell this week. He owns some finely improved and extensive farms in the northwest part of the county.

Miss Louise Goodlett left Wednesday for Brenham where she will spend the summer with relatives and then return to Haskell in time for the opening of the fall term of school.

Mr. B. Duff of Madill, Okla., who has been touring Old Mexico for the past year, arrived in Has-

kell Wednesday and is spending a few days with his friends, the family of Mr. John Mauldin.

On Tuesday morning of this week an aged woman who had been making her home with her two sons on a farm several miles east of Haskell, was found dead in a small tank on the farm. Tracks on the edge of the tank indicated that the woman, who was extremely feeble, had slipped and fallen into the water from an inclined bank. Justice Lamkin conducted an inquest and rendered a verdict of death through accidental drowning.

**40 Years Ago—June 4, 1898**

They says that wedding bells will ring in Haskell at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Miss Lillie Rike is on a visit which will include Fort Worth and Galveston.

Mr. Hollis Fields got home yesterday from Waco, where he has been attending Ad Ran College.

Dr. Neathery was out in King county a few days ago and says that everybody was talking of coming to the reunion.

Miss Janey McLeMore came in

Thursday from Dallas to her family and friends.

Mr. Joe Roan is for the eastern part. We understand that he has some stock to place on Haskell county.

Mr. R. G. Bennis was here this week into a contract with local dealers to furnish supply of ice during the performance of the

Mr. G. W. Hazlev and Misses Nellie Dulin Fields went to

Texas yesterday. Miss Ada Fitzgerald yesterday from

Houston Normal Institute.

Elsewhere in this found a call by Co. of Wichita Falls for a cavalry company

led by him. He writes it the star company Texas, and thinks he a few first-class in section.



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services each Sunday first in English and then Spanish, as there were some that did not speak English. They were enjoyed by all of us and other people.

We had three meals and three times on the ship and I gained several pounds in spite of the fact we played games such as ping pong, shuffle board, pitched rubber horse shoes, Sticks and many other games. We had stunts night and a newspaper published about the passengers.

Upon landing in Rio we were met by a group of Missionaries and made to feel welcome to Rio. Letha and I were invited to come home with Mrs. Bratcher and here we will remain all the year unless she gets tired of us. The Bratchers have been in Brazil for eighteen years and we feel very fortunate in being permitted to stay in their home. Mr. Bratcher was in charge of the Home Mission Work here in Brazil.

The city of Rio is very pretty. The most beautiful view is from Sugar Loaf Mt. (We made this trip in the basket run on cables)

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### Some Recollections of Early Days In Haskell County

(Editor's Note: The following interesting article, written by S. W. Scott, well-known attorney of Haskell in the early days of this section's development and who still owns considerable ranching interests in Haskell county, is presented because of its vivid portrayal of early scenes and happenings having an important part in the development of this section.)

About June first, 1884 three young men left Williamson County to go to Haskell County and make their fortunes in the cattle business. They were John D. Hughes, of Georgetown, John H. Farley of Hutto and the writer of this article from near Granger.

We had a little over a thousand cattle in our trail herd and were about forty days making the trip. Dr. C. C. Cody, mathematics teacher in Southwestern University and a brother-in-law of Hughes, joined us at Lampasas and made a full trail hand on the way out.

Just after we passed Brownwood, A. L. Hills, father of W. L. Hills, Mrs. W. B. Anthony and Walter Meadors, went by us and waited for the same destination, he having a smaller herd than we did and moving more rapidly. We bedded our cattle down the first night in Haskell county on July 9th, 1884, about a mile south of the old California Ranch on California creek. Col. Thos. F. Tucker, afterwards the first county judge was living at the ranch at this time. He had living with him the following sons: Alex, afterwards the first sheriff of the county; Mike, who was married and had one son, Tommy, now living in Wichita Falls; Thomas F., Jr.; Joe; I. (Babe) Tucker; and S. ("Bug") Tucker. A widowed daughter, Mrs. J. V. Massey was also living with Col. Tucker at this time. She had five children, Millie, Maggie and Addie, (twins) Virgie and John.

Col. Tucker was a picturesque character. He served with distinction in the war for Texas independence and was in charge of a detachment which escorted Santa Anna back to Mexico when he was released at the conclusion of peace. Santa Anna presented him a beautiful jeweled sword in appreciation, which was highly prized by the Tucker family.

The next day after reaching Haskell county, we moved our herd about six miles North across Paint creek to the Mule creek corrals. We penned our herd here several nights and then turned them loose on the open range to scatter to the four winds. Santa Anna presented him a beautiful jeweled sword in appreciation, which was highly prized by the Tucker family.

I wish I could paint a picture of the appearance of the country at this time. At first it all looked alike to me but it was not long until I could find my way around pretty well. I remember coming several times from "Rice Springs" to our camp some twelve miles south, without road, after dark and guided in my course only by the stars.

There were three old trails across the county. The Mineral Trail, leading from Ft. Griffin by the "Blue Hole" on North Paint, by the "Twin Lakes" now in the Abbott pasture, and on out Buzzard Peak in King county, thence up north Croton creek towards the plains. The Rath Trail was another, running from Camp Cooper at the mouth of Paint creek, by the Red Knobs about five miles south of Haskell and by Bitter Lake, and across the Brazos and up Tonk creek to an intersection with the McKenzie trail near the center of Stonewall

wall county. The third trail was the McKenzie trail. It started at Ft. Griffin, came into southeast part of the county at a gate, the northwest corner of the Monroe Cattle Co. pasture. It ran from here a northwesterly course across Flat Paint, Deep Paint, and by the "Gyp" springs on Willow Paint creek. It crossed Double Mountain Fork of Brazos a short distance north of the north end of Flat Top Mountain, thence through center of Stonewall county, by K U Peak and the Double Mountains on the plains.

It was a beautiful sight in the early summer to see the purple heads of the ripening needle grass waving in the breeze, on level flats covering thousands of acres. All over the county, wherever there was timber, the land was covered by large mesquite trees, bleached white by the elements. Many of these trees were twenty feet or more in height and thirty or forty feet across. They had been killed by prairie fires and with nothing but the heart of the tree left would look like skeletons in the moonlight. These dead mesquites furnished fuel for many years for the early comers before the country was fenced up.

In the early spring we could hear from our camp hundreds of wild turkeys gobbling on their roosts in the elm and hackberry groves along Paint creek. Once in riding across a large white flat on Little Timber branch, just north of Paint creek, I saw fully a hundred antelope in one herd.

A few days after we landed in Haskell county, I went to Rice Springs. The name was subsequently changed to Haskell. There were five houses here at this time. These houses were all in the southeast part of the present town, as follows: That of G. W. Keister, the father of John Keister; that of John Yabriere, a cowman; that of Luke Lynn, a cowman; that of Col. Tucker, who had moved from California ranch; and that of W. R. Standefer, a land surveyor.

Besides these families, John and Lou Casner lived on Greymare creek northeast of Haskell. Wiley Dresser lived on Lake creek in northeast part of county, just above the Red Bluffs. He made his living catching mustangs on the big Knox county prairie. So far as I know these were all the residents of the county with the exception of F. G. Alexander and S. S. Cummings, who reached the county in May, 1884 and had just established the Cartwright ranch on west side of Brazos river, just above the mouth of Tonk creek.

After the town had grown somewhat, the cowboys would gather in from the surrounding cow outfits every Saturday night and have a grand ball in the district court room of the court house. There were few girls and many cowboys in "chaps" and spurs and a grand time would be had by all. Merriday Lackey was generally the fiddler for these hops, and as a second best man, Oscar Martin, the founder of the Free Press could on occasion wield a wicked bow on "The Devil's Dream", "Arkansas Traveler" and other similar tunes.

In the early days, when the seasons were dry, there would be many destructive range fires. When these occurred, every able bodied man would load into wagons filled with barrels of wa-

ter and go out to fight the fires. The method of procedure was to kill the largest bull that could be found, peel off his hide and then two cowboys would tie their lariats to opposite corners of the green hide and strike out in a trot along the line of the fire. Other men of the party would follow up behind with wet blankets to whip out any fire that might spring up behind the men dragging the hide. In this way many miles of fire could be put out in a very short time.

During the following four years I worked with the cow outfits on the open range, covering the territory from the brakes of the Wichita in Ford county to Santa Anna Mountain in Coleman county, and from Routh creek in Scurry county to Round Timbers in Throckmorton county. During this time, I had ten or twelve horses in my "mount" using half of them at a time while the others rested up.

I think I fenced the first whole section that was ever enclosed by an actual resident of the county. This was the Shields Booker section on Paint creek in 1886. This land was granted to the surgeon who dressed Sam Houston's wound at the battle of San Jacinto. (Continued on Page Eight)



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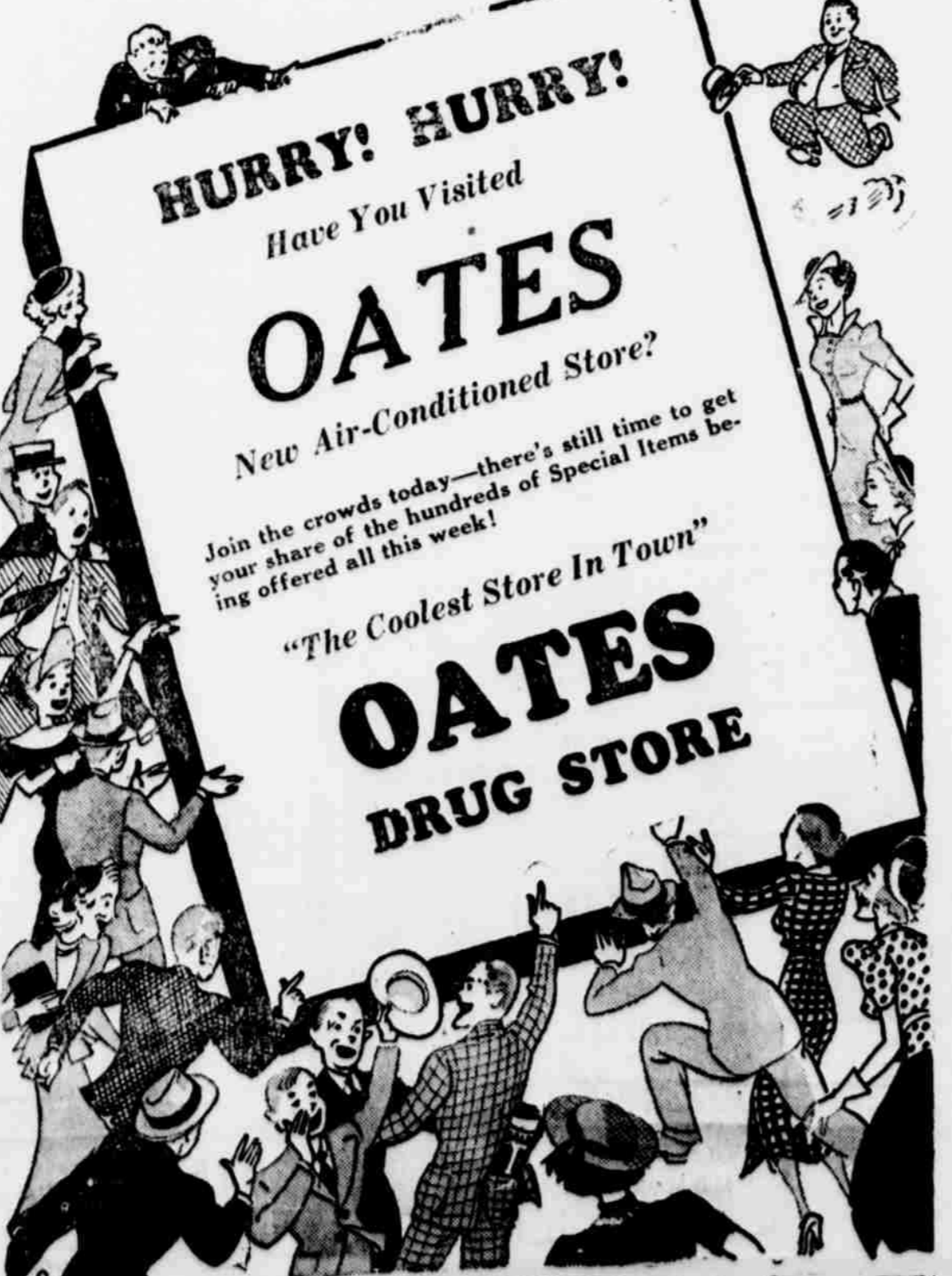
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