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THE TWO RUT DIRT ROAD-Pictured above is Highway 70 back in 1929. The site is Earth, where the downtown section is located today. Only a few families resided here at that time. In the background is the Runyon home.

## NOSIN... WITH POLLY

Three cheers for the early day pioneers everywhere, may they long be remembered. Whether it be for inventing a cotton gin, the telephone, or for leaving their homes to build a new frontier and carve for themselves and future generations, a home from the lonely prairie-lands in West Texas. Their pioneer spirit and determination merit our respect and full appreciation for they stood the test of hardship and paid the price of loneliness and inconvenience to accomplish their goal.

Builders, yes, these were builders, planners and doers. The word "fail" was not in their vocabulary. They came for a purpose and the thought of giving up was not tolerated long by those of real pioneer stock.

Rattlesnakes, coyotes and other equally frightening varmints were frequently within reach. (These were for real, not on television). But these pioneers found a way to thin them out and continue their strides of progress.

Highway 70 was only a two rut trail back in 1924 when occasionally a new family would slowly make their way westward and settle here.

No brick homes with hardwood floors were available to accommodate these tired but proud people. They built lean-tos, dugouts and what have you, to live in. Living high on the hog was unimportant but the true meaning of the word "Home" was never more clearly described within the pages of history or embedded within the hearts of Americans than was shown by these pioneer spirited people.

Whenever a covered wagon, or a Model "T" Ford came joggling along down the lonely prairie trail carrying another family westward, the occupants were taken in and given "that real Southern Hospitality." They were fed, bedded down and invited to remain to help build the town. The word "Home" found its true distinction among the residences of the pioneers. There were few houses back in those days, only homes. (Today, for shame, we find homes have replaced many homes in this land.)

Neighbors were truly neighbors. They shared with each other their meager provisions. They attended church together. One Sunday a preacher of one denomination would bring a message. The following Sunday another minister would preach to the same congregation. This seemed to prove a hunger for God's word, as well as unity and love one for another.

The horizon was uncluttered by tall, big buildings. About the only thing that ever block-

ed the vision of inhabitants in those early days were the surging black dust storms that cut their way across the flat prairie-land to shut out all objects, outside a radius of a few feet. Sometimes within the homes a lamp was needed to provide light even in the daytime. But the shining spirit of the pioneer was undaunted by the ugliness left by the storm. This land was their "Home." They had found a new love and here they would remain.

Many of these early day settlers had left their families behind when they made their way westward to this unsettled land. The loneliness and heartache they suffered was never allowed priority in their lives. They shut out the hurt by keeping their minds and hands busy.

We, today, could profit by the pattern they set before us. They built from a lonely prairie a fertile agricultural area second to none, but they paid the price.

How much will you pay? We gain things in life at the price of labor, effort, drudgery and persistence. We pay for high ideals sometimes in loneliness. We pay for life itself in effort to sustain it. In greater effort to train it into worthy channels, in unremitting effort to keep it there.

What do we most desire? Are we willing to pay the price? If we want to go from here, to keep the area growing, we cannot drift along without effort, trusting to get the reward of labor, and escape making the payments. But whatever coin we give for payment we know at least that nothing may be had for nothing.

The continued growth of this West Texas area is now up to you and me. Will we stand the test, will we put forth the effort, are we willing to pay the price???

## Parsonage Undergoes Facelifting

The parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Earth is being undergoing a facelifting this past week as church members prepare for the arrival of a new pastor.

The redecorating came about under the leadership of the church's building and grounds committee, headed by Jimmy Craft and Pat McCord.

The actual work of painting, shampooing carpets and washing windows began Tuesday,



(Photo-Courtesy of Parade of Progress)

## Hartman To Begin Pastorship August 24

David Hartman, former pastor of the Nevada Baptist Church, Nevada, Texas, has accepted the position of pastor of the First Baptist Church, Earth and will be arriving on the field Wednesday, August 20. He will preach his first sermon as pastor on Sunday, August 24.

Hartman, 32, is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University with a B.S. degree in Religious Education, and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, with a Master of Religious Education degree. He has also attended Wayland Baptist College, Plainview and Texas Tech University.

Prior to serving to Nevada, Hartman has served as pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Levelland; Tye Baptist Church, Tye; and the Sylvester Baptist Church, Sylvester.

Hartman grew up in Lockney. He made a commitment to the Gospel Ministry in September, 1953 and was licensed by the Lone Star Baptist Church, Lockney. He was ordained July 5, 1959.

Hartman served on the staff at



DAVID HARTMAN

Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico during the summers of 1955, 1956, 1958. The summer of 1957 he worked in the bay area of California near San Francisco under the Summer Worker Program of the Home Mission Board.

Hartman and his wife, Frankie Sue, have one son, Andrew (Andy) Kyle, age 7 and one daughter, Erica Denise, 20 months.

## Faith and Unity Equal Earth

In this 45th Anniversary edition, the News-Sun has filled its pages with "the past life." The history of a small, progressive West Texas town—the experiences of pioneers settling the area, of businessmen who supplied the needs of the people and of other giant strides and tiny steps toward progress.

The pioneers had a faith in God and in their fellow man that kept them going. A faith that made them pack all their worldly possessions and come to a desolate area far from home, family, friends and security. But as their faith in God was strong, so was their belief in the future of this land. As they looked into the horizon, they must have seen a land filled with promise, a fertile land made to produce. In their dreams, they doubtless envisioned the beauty, of land under cultivation. And when they awoke from that dream, the pioneers turned toward that desolation with a determination that made Earth the world's richest irrigation district.

The theme of this edition is progress. We do not look back with a longing to return to the past, rather, we turn back the pages of time in an effort to show the progressiveness of a small West Texas town. We have charted the growth of the town through its churches, its school, civic organizations, religious organizations and city government.

The times of which we've spoken can return to us only in our memories. Few would want to relive the past, for the future seems to hold much more promise. But we search, the past, hoping to find this something that kept these people intact, and kept them here. That something that gave them the courage to rise each morning and face another day of hardship while, at the same time filling their hearts with hope for the "morrow."

They learned of unity—the art of pulling together when times are bad and of laughing together when times are good.

Some say our town has stopped growing, or it's standing still. Nothing is ever at a stand-still it either progresses or degrades.

The opportunity for growth and development has not moved elsewhere, it is still here. The future of Earth depends on whether or we find "that something called faith and unity" and put it to work for us as did the pioneers of 40 years ago.

## Temporary News-Sun Staffers Return To Normal Life

With the printing of the 45th anniversary edition of the Earth News-Sun four tired and sleepy temporary staffers have returned to a somewhat normal life. I say "somewhat" because once a person has experienced the "workings of the press" his life is void of complete normality.

Miss Judy Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perkins, first came to work at the News-Sun office as news writer, June 1. Through the summer she experienced the joys and anxieties of producing a weekly newspaper.

Judy P., as she was known around the office, possessed a dry wit that made her the shining light on a dark night. When the crew began dragging their heels, Judy P. was there to make them kick again. Miss Perkins returned to Crystal City, August 8, where she is employed as an English and history teacher in the Crystal City School.

July 29, Miss Judy Gover, was employed by the News-Sun to record the stories of area pioneers. Miss Gover was to devote her time for the next three weeks to interviewing pioneers of the area and writing their histories. In accomplishing her task, Judy managed to create a little history of her own. She, for example, was the only one of the crew who came to work each day and night looking bright and unaffected by the long hours. Miss Gover will return to Wayland Baptist College this fall, where she will enroll as a junior and continue her duties as trainer of the Hutchinson Flying Queens.

With only a phone call, Mrs. Patti Parker returned once again to the News-Sun staff. Truly a life-saver, Patti is always willing to devote her all in whatever capacity she is assigned, whether it be ad salesman, typist, or advertising composition. Patti will return to her home and family in Hereford, until she is called upon once more to serve in her old capacity as "life-saver."

Mrs. Beverly Starke returned to the staff August 4, in her old capacity as current news writer by day, and history news writer by night. Since I, Beverly, am writing this article I refuse to elaborate on any contributions I may or may not have made to this edition. I say only, it has been long hours, filled with work, but has been worth every minute of it, for through the News-Sun office I found the warmth and friendship that is Earth.

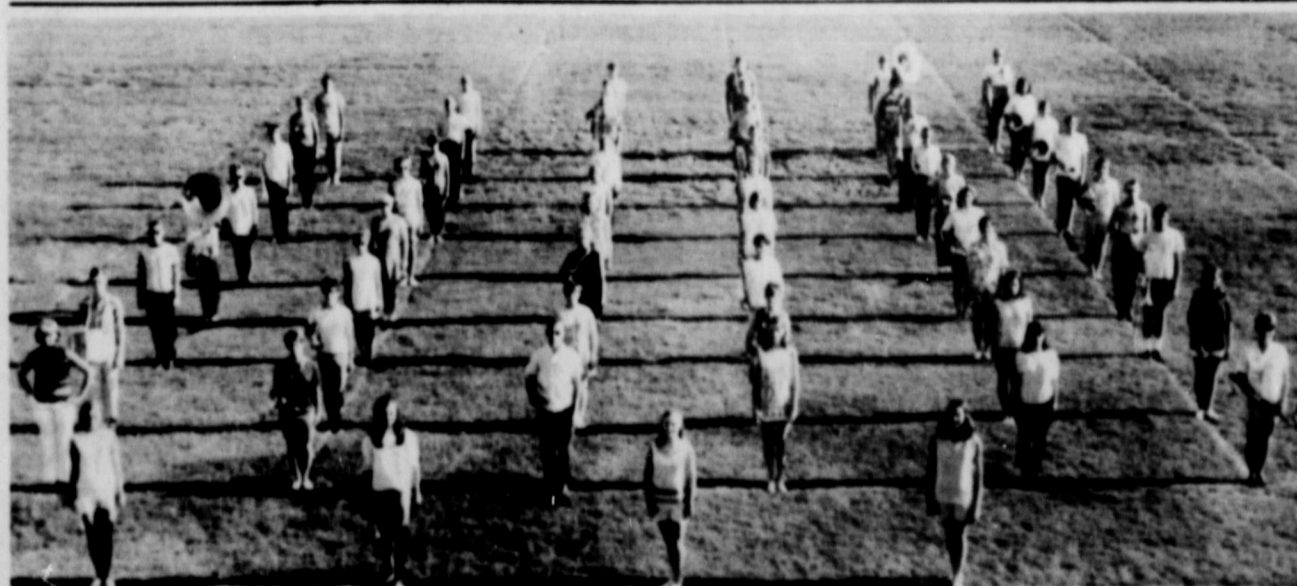
## We Hope You Like It...

The progress edition is out. It left in its wake an exhausted staff, too tired to spend many more hours without sleep. The last three weeks have been a nightmare, as daylight working hours meant nothing. In order to garner additional information about these local pioneers, the staff spent long hours interviewing, writing and putting together the incidents and conditions related by those who settled this area.

It is our belief that the history of this area should be printed and kept on file so that future generations may understand more about the calibre of people who inhabited and built this area. In order to do the job well the staff lived with deadlines continuing nightly until several pages were ready for press so that a section could be printed every few days. Living with deadlines constantly isn't easy but the light

hearted crew, Frances Davis, Carolyn Kelley, Janis Chaney, and the two Middletons, aided by additional temporary staffers, Judy Perkins, Judy Gover, Patti Parker and Beverly Starke, continued on until at last the finished product, a 76 page edition was completed. This is the largest ever produced in Earth. Five years ago the staff put out a 68 page edition. These two issues are by far the largest ever produced locally.

It is with great pleasure that we present to you this 76 page edition of the News-Sun whose stories will reflect the character of the people who came, saw, and conquered, to turn the prairie into a fertile land to provide a place for you and me.



WOLVERINE BAND, 1969 EDITION: Members of the Wolverine Marching Band began preparation for the 1969-70 football season last week.

# Wolverine Band Preparing For 1969-70 School Year

The Wolverine High School Band began their preparation for the 1969-70 school year last week with two 9 hour rehearsals. The two day long sessions took the form of full band marching and playing rehearsals as well as separate section rehearsals.

Monday and Friday approximately 65 bandmen were present for each day's practice session. Pre-school rehearsals for bandmen will continue Monday and Tuesday, August 25 and 26. The band will begin marching at 9 a. m. and will go inside for a playing rehearsal at 10 a. m. At 11 a. m. Monday the stage band is scheduled to rehearse and at the same time Tuesday a swing combo will be formed.

The combo, a new addition to the band program this year, is, in reality, a small "stage band". It is composed of approximately six players on trumpet, saxophone, trombone, and rhythm instruments, drum, base and piano.

During the Monday and Tuesday rehearsals lists will be is-

sued. Seniors are scheduled to receive their shakos Monday, juniors and sophomores, on Tuesday. The rehearsals will also serve as the final opportunity for students to check out their uniforms.

Band director Jerry Starks commented that the 2 days of nine hour rehearsals had proved very successful. "The band is a lot further along now, than at this same time last year when we had two weeks of rehearsals," Starks said.

He contributed much of this improvement to the fact that the Junior High Band had marched some last year and already knew the fundamentals of marching technique. This advancement in marching has allowed the band to spend more time in playing rehearsals.

According to Starks, contest judges view a marching band as "a playing contest on wheels". This attitude calls for as much emphasis on playing as marching he explained.

The 1969 Wolverine Band will be led on the field by Drum Major Debbie Martin, daughter

## 1969-70 Band Calendars Arrive

Mrs. Jack Angeley, chairman of the band calendar committee, has announced that the 1969-70 calendars have arrived.

The calendars feature a picture of the Wolverine Band as well as birthdates and anniversaries of those participating. The calendars also show the 1969 football schedule and other important dates pertaining to school activities.

The sale of calendars has been a long standing project of the Band Boosters Club, an organization dedicated to the improvement of the Springlake-Earth Band program.

Other projects of the Boosters include the maintenance of a concession stand at each of the Wolverine home games. Members of the Booster Club have been supervising the issuance of uniforms during the rehearsals of last week, as they continue to give of their time in full support of the Wolverine Band.

Band Booster Club officers for 1969-70 include: Mrs. V. J. Sigman, president; Mrs. Ronald Cleavinger, vice president; Mrs. C. C. Goodwin, secretary; and Robert O'Hair, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lemmons of Clarendon visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gover, Friday, August 15.

About 90% of U. S. cotton is mechanically harvested.

### PARTY LINE

## Harber Named To Board Of Hart Bank

Bob Harber was elected to the board of directors of Farmers State Bank, Hart, during a called meeting of the bank's stockholders Wednesday, August 13. Harber is currently serving as executive vice-president of Citizens State Bank, Earth.

Harber had been vice-president of the local bank since mid-August, 1967. Prior to accepting the position with the Earth bank he served as manager of Production Credit Association Office in Olton.

Born in Crosby and Floyd Counties, he graduated from Floydada High School and attended Texas Tech before entering the Navy for four years.

Upon returning from the service, he was employed as assistant performance supervisor of the Floyd County ASC Office. He was employed as as-

sistant manager of the Floydada office of Production Credit Association in April, 1959. He then moved to the Silvertown PCA Office, where he served three years before moving to Olton to manage the new office for the company there. He served five years as manager of the Olton office.



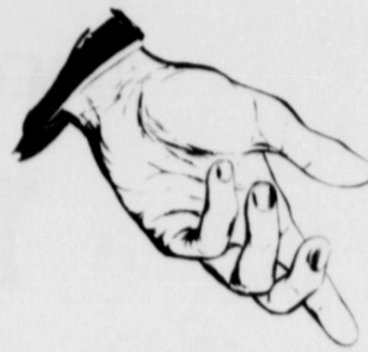
We have the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16).

of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Martin. Twirlers for this year's band include: Glorita Stephens, head twirler; La Donna Sigman; Marion Dawson and Susie Temple. Both the twirlers and drum major have attended band camps this summer learning to command their skills.

Kirby Kelley will serve as president of the band this year. Other officers are to be selected after school officially opens.

Life may seem complex and difficult, but the Christ Mind in us knows the way; the Christ Mind is able to penetrate all darkness and clarify all confusion in our thinking. The Christ Mind knows our needs, our longings, our desires and even when we do not seem to know what it is we are seeking. Just remember, the Christ Mind directs us.

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# Do You Help Others?

"These glasses were my grammy's, maybe someone else's grammy can use them."

The note was written in a childish hand, wrapped around a pair of eyeglasses and mailed to "New Eyes For The Needy," a Short Hills, N. J. volunteer organization staffed mostly by housewives.

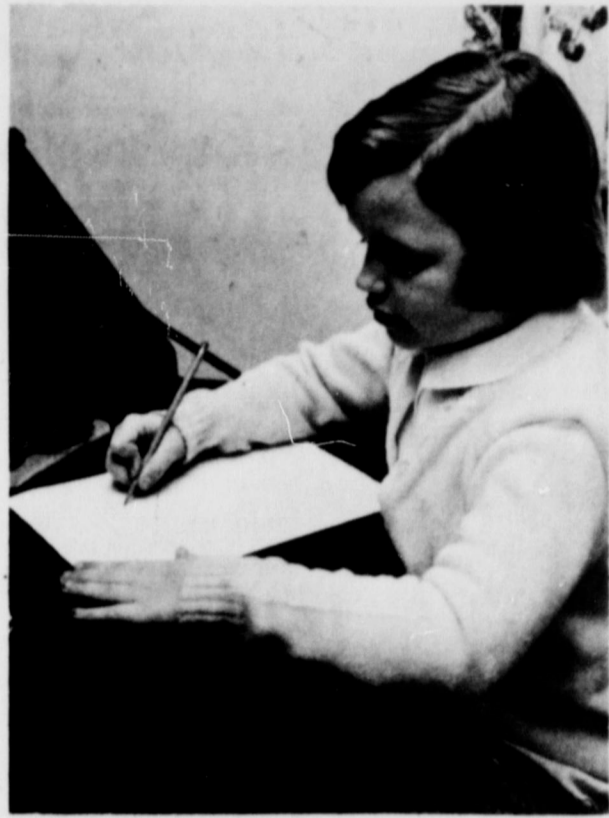
Some 883,835 pairs of glasses were sent to "New Eyes" last year. They didn't all come with touching noses, but they came from every state and from people of all ages. And they came for the same reason—a desire on the part of the sender to assist "New Eyes" in bringing the gift of better sight to people who have no one else to help them.

The "New Eyes" volunteers have been on the job for 36 years, and donated reusable glasses have always been the mainstay of the operation. When the organization was incorporated in 1947, the treasury con-

sisted of 47 cents. Despite this, "New Eyes" has never solicited money. Besides glasses, virtually the only other assistance the 300 volunteers who make up the organization accept is precious metal scrap, silverware, antique and costume jewelry. These are melted down and the money from the reclamation, and from the sale of usable jewelry and silverware donors sometimes ends, is used to supply funds established in 106 hospitals all over the country, Canada and Puerto Rico. They pay for new prescription glasses, or if needed, artificial eyes.

While the emphasis is on helping as many people as possible as quickly as possible, "New Eyes" volunteers don't close their eyes to individual requests for aid.

In 1968 for instance, "New Eyes" answered the request of a Peace Corp volunteer and sent



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Vietnam--Staff Sergeant Milton J. Patterson, son of Mrs. F. Vassier of Hereford, is a member of a unit that has earned the U. S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the third consecutive year.

Sergeant Patterson, an automotive repairman in the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing at Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam, will wear the distinctive ribbon to mark his affiliation with the unit.

The 12th, the first F-4 Phantom wing to operate in Vietnam, was cited for flying 23,000 combat sorties with skill and professionalism during the period from June 7, 1967 to May 31, 1968.

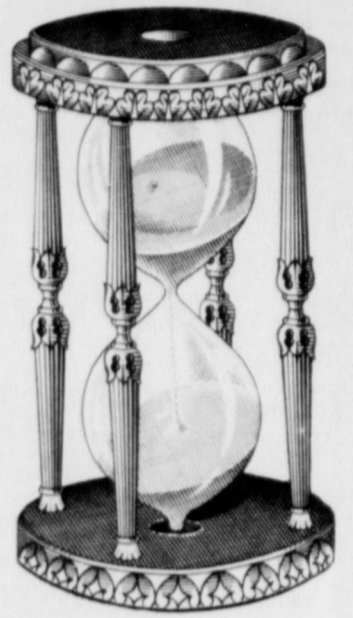
The sergeant attended Dimmitt High School.

His wife, Kayla, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wilson of Cactus, Texas.

Sergeant Patterson's father, C. M. Patterson, resides in Dimmitt.

Cotton corduroy now comes in ribless versions. The cotton gin was invented in 1793. Modern cotton looms are more than two yards long.

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glasses to the natives of a tiny Pacific island.

• Provided glasses for a Viet Nam civilian whose poor sight was the subject of a letter from that country written by a U. S. Army private.

• Started a fund to aid a mid-western clinic created by medical students and their instructors to assist poor people not eligible for public assistance because of the limited period of their residence.

One of the happiest aspects of providing assistance is the thank you letters which come in from grateful recipients.

Wrote one ten-year-old Missouri girl, "I thank you for making it possible for me to get these glasses. I will thank Jesus tonight for having such nice people like you."

The "New Eyes" people invite individuals and organizations to help them continue the job of bringing better sight to those who need it most.

Discarded glasses, broken jewelry, and precious metal scrap are needed. Address them to New Eyes For The Needy, Short Hills, N. J. 07078

August 24, 1903—Lou Dillon was the first horse to trot a mile in less than two minutes. She was driven by Millard F. Sanders at Readville, Mass., establishing a record of 1:58 1/2.

The Tarboro Southerner in 1875 paid for stories as follows: 20 cents for a murder account; 15 cents for assault with a razor; 20 cents for a fatal accident report; 10 cents if no one was killed; 32 cents for a snake story; 32 cents for a rat story, and 10 cents for all other marvels—Jack E. Hester, The Charlestown (Ind.) Courier.

Cotton will not cling.

San Antonio--Airman Roger D. Cleaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odel Cleaver, Route 2, Hart, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

He has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for training in the administrative field. Airman Cleaver is a graduate of Hart High School.

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ANNIE LEE (RUNYON) MIRANDA of Little Rock, Ark. and Delbert Runyon of Edward, Illinois are standing near their home in Earth in 1926. The little white house in the background is Earth first church house. All denominations met there.



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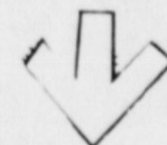
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# Kelley-Doggett Exchange Vows

In an impressive ceremony read by candlelight, at 7:30 p. m. Friday, August 15, in the First Baptist Church of Springlake, Miss Billie Kaye Kelley became the bride of Allen J. Doggett.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Leta Kelley and the late Lester Kelley of Earth and Mrs. Temmie Doggett of Lubbock and George Doggett of Fort Worth.

Rev. M. B. Baldwin, pastor of the Shady Grove Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, read the double ring vows as the couple stood before a lovely spiraling candelabra holding 30 long white tapers, and flanked by matching candelabras holding seven long candles. Two baskets of blue and white carnations and stock completed the altar decorations.

Traditional wedding music was furnished by pianist Steve Sanderson who also accompanied soloist Jane Branscum as she sang "Oh Promise Me" and Kathy Clayton as she sang "Twelfth of Never."

Given in marriage by her mother and escorted by Delvin

Walden, brother-in-law of the bride, the bride wore a formal gown of white satin. The bodice of lace over satin had a scalloped neckline enhanced with seed pearls. The long fitted sleeves of lace tapered to a point at the wrist. The gown fashioned with a straight skirt, was trimmed with lace appliques re-embroidered with seed pearls. The flowing train attached at the waist, was pleated from a U-yoke in back. Her veil of illusion fell from a white bow entwined with roses and lily-of-the-valley. The bridal bouquet was a beautiful cascade of carnations centered with a cymbidium orchid.

For something old, the bride carried a white, linen and lace handkerchief, belonging to her great grandmother, something new was a pair of pearl earrings from her mother, something borrowed was the bridal gown. Helen Owens, cousin of the bride, gave her the blue garter for something blue and she wore a penny in her shoe bearing the year of her birth, 1949, for good luck.



MRS. ALLEN J. DOGGETT (nee Billie Kay Kelley)

Beverly Walden, sister of the bride was matron of honor. Charlotte Sawyer of Amarillo and Carla Herring of Lubbock were brides maids.

The attendants were attired in identical street length dresses of blue chantilly lace over taffeta, accented with white bows. Each wore a blue shoulder length veil attached to a large blue bow, and blue lace gloves. They carried a white long stemmed carnation tipped in blue

and tied with blue streamers. Bennie Doggett of Olton, brother of the groom served as best man. Gayle Rose of Lubbock and Leo Highman of Amarillo were groomsmen. Donald Huff, of Muleshoe served as usher.

Serving as candlelighters were Jacky Kemp of Olton and Kent Parish.

Kelley Walden, niece of the bride, served as flower girl and Clifford James as ring bearer.

The bride's mother was attired in a three-piece blue knit suit with white accessories and a

# Karen Kemper Honored By Rainbow Assembly

Karen Kemper was honoree at a going-away party hosted by the Earth Rainbow Assembly, from 4:30 to 6 p. m. Thursday in the home of Mother Advisor, Mrs. James A. Littleton, Jr.

Karen and her family will be moving to Jal, New Mexico in the near future. She was presented a card and Rainbow Charm from the Assembly.

The girls enjoyed Cokes and other treats as they played yard games.

Those attending were: Susie Adrian, Worthy Advisor; Kathleen Anderson, Camille Haberger, Mary Ann Messer, Darlene

Sulser, Vicki Wisian, Becky Littleton, Annita, Donita, and Connie Kelley, Karen Hinchliffe, Mrs. Forrest Simmons, Mrs. Donald Kelley, Mrs. Melvin Bock and Mrs. Freddy Kemper and Carol Jean.

## Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Gover and children left Monday the 18th for Temple. While there Mike will receive his regular medical check up and the family will then be vacationing for a few days.

## Notice

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace O. Jones request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Karen, to Harry West, Jr. at 8:00 p. m. Friday, August 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Earth.

A come-and-go bridal shower honoring Mrs. Bobby Lemons, nee Joan Gover, will be held in Clarendon, Saturday, August 23, between 9:00 and 11:00 a. m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Bobbi Jolene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker of Hereford spent the past week with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robbins of Portales, New Mexico.

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## Ott-Gooch Exchange Wedding Vows

A background of white gladiola and pompon mums flanked by two spiral candelabra set the scene for the single ring ceremony of Miss Peggy Carroll Ott and Steven Edward Gooch at 8:00 p. m., Saturday, August 16, in the First Baptist Church, Dimmitt.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ott, Springlake and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gooch, Dallas.

Raymond M. Perkins, Jr., pastor read the vows.

Traditional wedding music was provided by Janice Mooney, organist. Soloist Mrs. Jess Willard sang "Whither Thou Goest" and the "Wedding Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a lovely formal gown of Brussels lace over silk taffeta. The mini-bodice featured Bishop sleeves and a ruffled neckline and jabot. The scalloped demi-bell skirt formed a sweeping chapel train. Her butterfly veil of English silk illusion fell from a bandeau of pearl-trimmed organza petals. The bride carried a small nosegay of white pompon mums and stephanotis.

Mrs. Norman K. Presley, Jr., Washington, D.C., served as Matron of Honor. Miss Pamela Warton, Odessa; Miss Ann Mc-

Burney, Temple; Miss Carol Adams, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Miss Judy Parker, Corsicanad. Each wore a formal length gown in different pastel shades featuring Bishop sleeves, and Peter Pan collar. Headpieces were garlands of multi-colored pompon mums. The attendants carried small nosegays of multi-colored pompon mums.

Richard W. Gooch, Dallas brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsman and ushers were Steve Calvert and Danny Hyde, Dallas; Tom McBride, Burlington; and Dan Ott, Dallas, brother of the bride.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table was centered with a silver candelabra surrounded by bridesmaids' bouquets. Assisting with the hospitalities were Mrs. Richard Connell and Mrs. Jim Ratcliff, both of Dimmitt. Miss Melody Ott of Hereford registered guests.

For travel, the bride chose a chocolate brown crochet-knit dress with matching brown and white accessories. She wore a white orchid corsage.

Following their wedding trip the couple will be at home in Marfreesboro, Tennessee. Mrs. Gooch is a 1966 graduate of



MRS. STEPHEN EDWARD GOOCH (nee Peggy Carroll Ott)

## Robbins Celebrates 7th Birthday

Jimmy Don Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robbins, celebrated his seventh birthday recently with a party in their home.

His banana birthday cake with banana icing was trimmed in yellow and green. After Jimmy Don opened his gifts refreshments of cake and punch were served. A surprise gift of a watch was presented to him by his parents. The children then played various games.

Those attending were: Rhonda and Ricky Weaver, Sherri Ellis, Mike, Carmon, and Junior Wimberly, Jim and Devin Hearn, Johnnie Robbins, Vicky Freeman, Alan Moore, Loren Taylor and Dale Cooper of Priona.

## Among Those Who Are Ill

Joseph Wimberly, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wimberly, was dismissed from West Plains Hospital in Muleshoe, Friday, after being admitted Wednesday night. He was believed to be suffering from a serious stomach infection and is reported to be in satisfactory condition.

## TCPS Have Big Dress Parade

Fashion was the theme of the Thursday evening meeting of the TCPS Happy Losers as members met for a big dress parade.

Members having lost 20 pounds or more modeled dresses they wore at the time they joined the club.

Fifteen members weighed in and a loss of 20 1/2 pounds was recorded. Sandy Daniel was crowned Queen of the Week. Alma Ott was recognized for having reached her goal, losing 51 pounds.

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Dimmitt High School and received her BA degree from Baylor University in 1969. She will teach elementary school this fall in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Gooch, a 1964 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, Dallas, received his BA degree from Baylor in 1968 and in 1969, his MA degree. He is presently instructor of history at Middle Tennessee State University, Marfreesboro, Tennessee.

The Donald Kelleys are vacationing in Belle Vista, Arkansas.

The Norman Hochliffe family is vacationing in Ruidoso, New Mexico where he is attending a convention.

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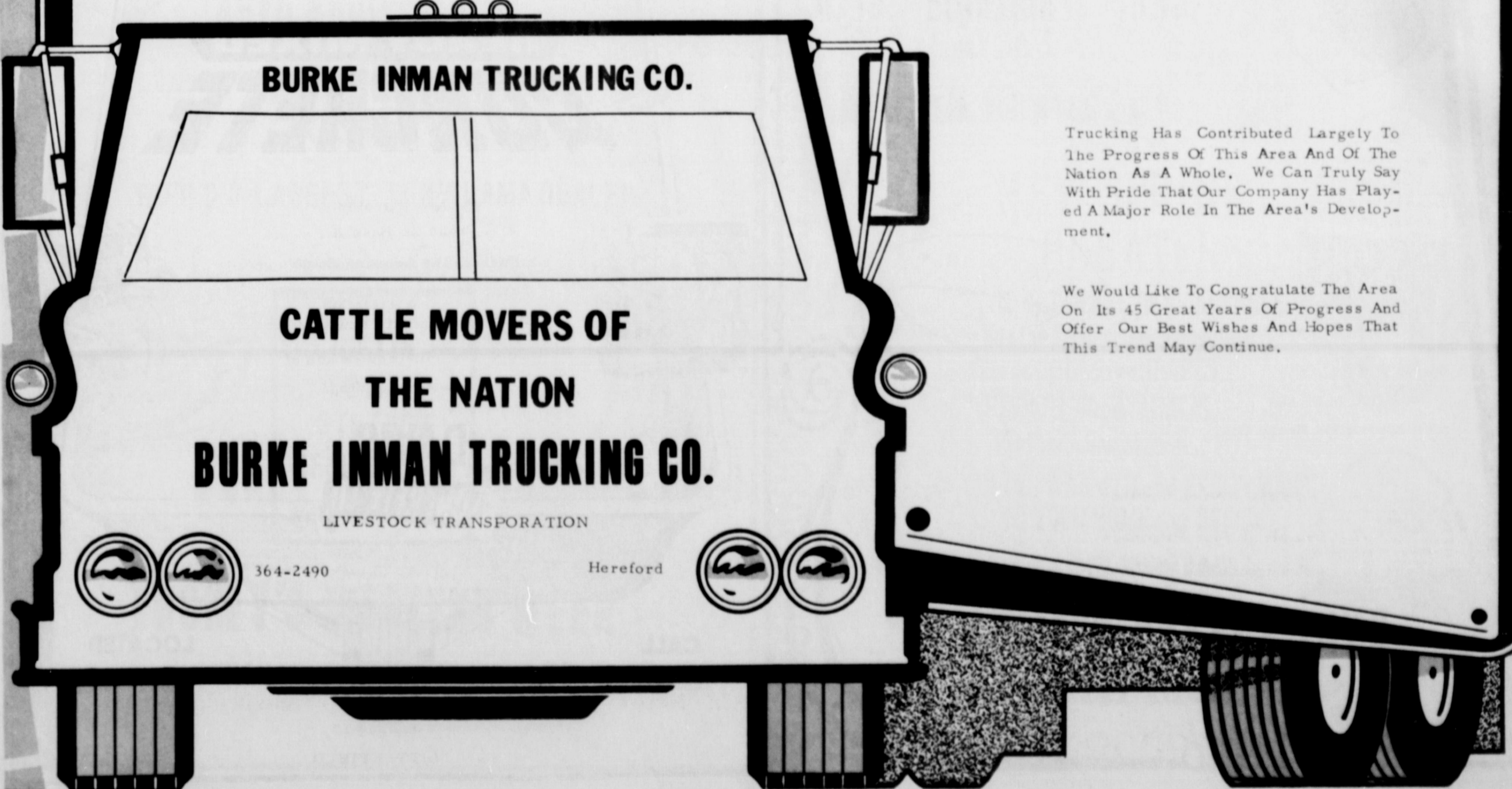
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# Armstrongs Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Armstrong were honored on their 60th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, August 9 with a reception at the Earth Community Building. Approximately 80 guests were registered by granddaughters Pat Cleavinger, Springlake and Bobby Kirby, Dimmitt. The registry table was beautifully decorated with a miniature white lighted church nestled in white ruffled tulle. The landscape included miniature rose bushes in shades of pink. The table was draped in a white linen cloth.

The serving table was laid with a white embroidered organdy cloth. The couples marriage license served as the focal point of the centerpiece. Using the "Diamond Anniversary" as the theme, the license was mounted in a frame of silver glittered

hearts and nestled in a cloud of angel hair and tulle. On either side of the marriage license was a large heart bearing the inscription "Sadie and Gentry" and "60". Pink felt roses were scattered in the foreground as were four hearts bearing the name of the Armstrong's children, Noble, Orbie, Billie and Rowena. The arrangement was flanked by three white tapers of graduating heights set in bows of white satin and accented with smaller pink bows.

Refreshments of punch and assorted cookies were served by granddaughter Keri Kirby, Dimmitt and great granddaughter Tana, Baker, Lubbock.

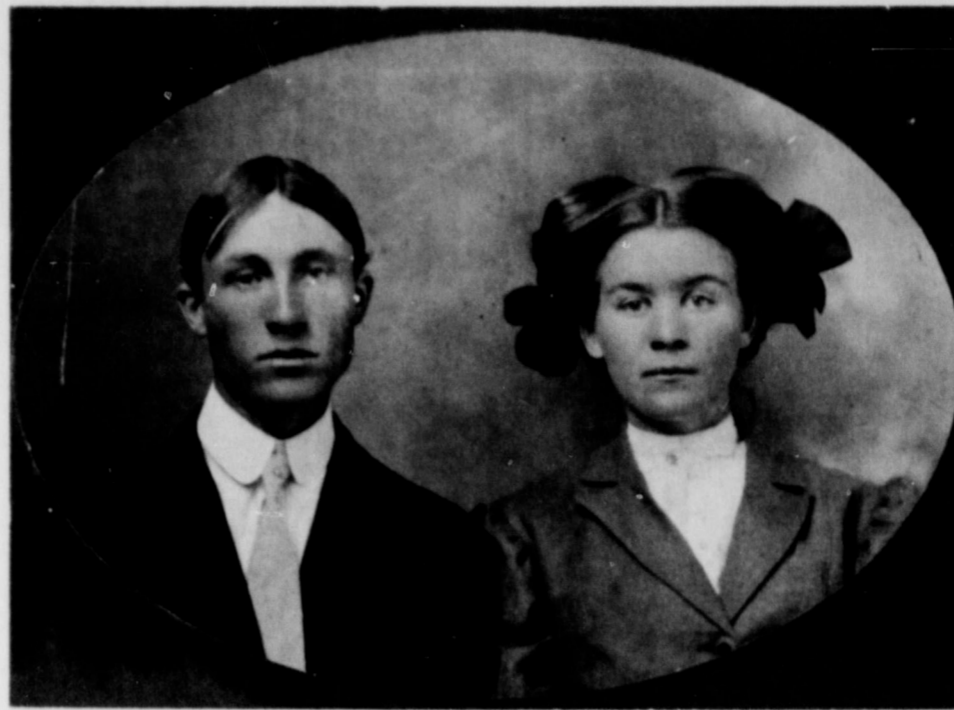
The piano was decorated with rhinestones and flanked on either side by a bride and groom nestled in ruffled tulle.

Mrs. Armstrong was presented a lovely corsage of pink sweet-heart roses and Mr. Armstrong received a white carnation boutonniere centered with a sweet-heart rose.

Special guest was Mrs. Roberta Crow of Abernathy who served as maid of honor at the Armstrong's wedding.

Friends and relatives from all over the area were present to honor the couple. Towns represented included: Amarillo, Bovina, Lazbuddie, Muleshoe, Lubbock, Cotton Center, Abernathy, Dimmitt, Sunnyside, Springlake, Earth and Clovis, New Mexico.

In addition to the many guests numerous congratulatory letters, telegrams, cards and telephone calls were received by the couple.



MR. AND MRS. G. S. ARMSTRONG-Are pictured shortly following their wedding day in August, 1909.

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Hostesses Terry Smith, Ruth Street and Quency Lewis, presented the honoree with a swim suit cover-up which was signed by all present.

Sandwiches, cookies, Cokes and ice cream were served.

Guests present were: Lisa Clayton, Jennifer Templeton, Cindy McAlpine, Margaret Street, Gena Wislan, Fonda Goodwin, Carol Kemper, Karen Hulcy, Nisha Lewis, Donna and Debra Daniels, Kathleen Anderson, Camille Hinchliffe, Bonita Fields, Dawn Barden and La Anna Sulser.

L. Z. Anglin is spending the summer in Ruidosa, New Mexico

The Gerald Inglis family returned Friday, August 15, from a weeks vacation in Marshall, Texas where they were visiting relatives.



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE., Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Armstrong were honored with a reception on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, August 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Upchurch, Rocky and Roby of Petersburg spent the week visiting in the J. Allen Gover home.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hammons of Denver City, Texas, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Alma Stockstill.

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# Halsells Responsible For The Settlement Of Earth Miss Canter Vying For Festival Queen

Colonel W. E. Halsell and his son, Ewing Halsell, were largely responsible for the settlement of Earth. They were among the nation's best known ranchers and the last of the early day cattlemen, having great land holdings in Texas and Oklahoma.

Col. Halsell was a pioneer Texas cattle raiser, operating large herds in Texas and Oklahoma in the latter part of the nineteenth century. In the

1880's, he leased grazing rights in the Cherokee Indian Nation, near the present site of Tulsa. Col. Halsell bought the "Mashed O" Ranch, which then included the Springlake headquarters and the Sod House pasture, together about 200,000 acres, from the Capital Lands Syndicate in 1901.

Halsell's biggest land sale was made in 1912, when he sold 100,000 acres of the Springlake Pasture, as it was then called.

Ewing Halsell directed land sales for his father, and started building the town of Amberst on August 1, 1923, with the help of a few friends. A year later Earth was begun.

Halsell drove cattle on the great Sod House pasture, a little tract of a mere 70,000 acres. He watched the rapid settlement of men and women coming to this area in covered wagons and living in tents and half dugouts. It was the Hal-

sells who caused people to come here and say that this land was a land of opportunity.

Halsell's ambition was to have the wealth to help farm families who never dreamed of owning their own land, and finding a place to live and work. This is just what they did.

After the death of Col. W. E. Halsell, Ewing Halsell continued managing the ranch up until his own death in December, 1965, though he had been residing in San Antonio since 1940. Present manager of the Halsell Cattle Company is Bill McCluskey, with the ranch land in this area consisting of approximately 76,000 acres.

Halsell was honorary vice president of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, a member of the Blue Stem Cattlemen's Association, and a member of the Will Rogers Memorial Commission at Claremore. Will Rogers was a good friend of Mr. Halsell's and often visited him here on the ranch.

Mr. Halsell is remembered as the "Father of Earth and Amberst" by the old timers in Earth who were responsible for settling the land. The last forty-five years in Earth are evidences of the fairness and generosity of two of Texas' truly BIG MEN.

Miss Norma Cantu, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yobel Gaura, is in competition for 1969 Festival Queen as res-

Norma, a sophomore at Springlake-Earth High School, is being sponsored by St. Mary's




idents prepare to celebrate Mexican Independence Day, September 16.

Magdalena Church, Earth. She is competing against Miss Jenieva Garza, daughter of Mr.

Earth residents will celebrate the day in connection with Muleshoe, but will select their own queen.

and Mrs. Helario Garza. Miss Garza is in the eighth grade at Springlake-Earth.



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COL. W. E. HALSELL, seen relaxing in front of the ranch house in about 1927. Mr. Halsell is largely responsible for the settlement of Earth, and is remembered by many as the "Father of Earth."

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Kelley spent last week in Oklahoma City, they are expected to return home shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Sigman, La Donna and Becky Clayton (of Dalhart) are vacationing at Red River.

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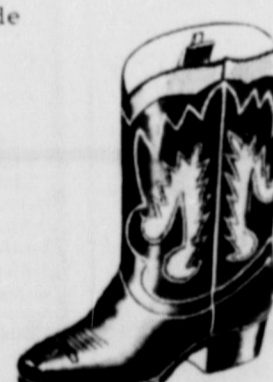
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# Armstrongs

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py. Making a living wasn't easy. A fellow really had to work to accomplish anything. Armstrong made his way in world farming. \$100-\$300 a year doesn't sound like much now but in the 1920's it was a good sum. It took one whole day to pull a single bale of cotton and the entire night to process it. Armstrong did not have the convenient machinery of today, instead, he used a one-row lister plow drawn by horses. The cultivation of the half-section was accomplished with a horse drawn cultivator which took two horses per cultivator. Armstrong recalls walking over broken sod as he used a walking plow. The day long process of harvesting one bale of cotton is explained by the process. Armstrong used a cotton slide, which was a forerunner to the present stripper. This, itself, was home made by using a hand saw. The grain was also hand gathered. He tried to save time by bundling as he harvested the crop. Life was good but at times it had a cruel side. Working and improving land took a lot of time

and effort and at times pioneer farmers wondered what would become of them when they began to lose out because of difficult financial situations. Armstrong lost his land upon occasion but always managed to pick himself up and push forward. Armstrong purchased land from C. T. Herring who sold for \$30 an acre on 30 years time. Since times were hard and the land had to be improved, before profit could be made farmers such as Armstrong who purchased land from Herring were unable to make land payments. Those who purchased from Herring either paid or moved off his land. Haisell was different. Those who purchased land from him knew that he would carry their papers over during hard times. Haisell even tried to help those who had purchased land in other places. When farmers began losing land, Armstrong was offered \$50 cash for his land he so, sold out and rented land for a couple of years. After his finances improved, he once again purchased land. He made the mistake of purchasing from Herring. Things had looked better than ever before but then disaster befell the Armstrongs. The crops were hailed out that year and to add

to the tragedy, the home was destroyed by fire. Having a small amount of money saved, Armstrong was confronted with a difficult decision. He could rebuild a home for his family or use his savings to make a land payment. Herring came to Armstrong with sympathetic understanding and told him not to worry about the land payment. Armstrong finished the new home for \$1300 only to hear from Herring, "Pay all or get off the land." Armstrong had to leave the improved land and begin his life over. Beginning over was not as hard as Armstrong dreamed it would be. George Abbott, who owned land in the area, rented land to farmers. Armstrong rented a half-section near Hart and made an exceptionally good crop for Abbott that year which put him back on his feet again. Later, Armstrong worked and produced his own farm just south of the Running Water Draw. The draw was a mile across because of rainfall. Armstrong said, "The fences were popping and going with the water. There was much talk of damming it but this never became a reality. Armstrong still wishes that a dam could be built to provide ample water for a reserve and park where people could go to enjoy the country.

The Armstrongs remember a hotel, filling station and store owned by J. W. Kelley in 1924. "There wasn't much in Earth but good folks and opportunity." 1926 was the boom year for Earth. The Armstrongs have suffered hardships such as those mentioned and the bad winter of 1933-34 when corn sold for \$3.00 a ton and coal for \$9.00 a ton. They burned corn for heat instead of coal in order to save money. Although recollections of hard times are present in their minds, the Armstrongs have fonder memories of social gatherings, congregational church gatherings at Sunnyside and long time friends such as L. D. Winders, Ed Drake, Monro Gilmer, George Redwine, Dwight and O. C. Axtell, Arthur Bales, Clyde English and others who are now deceased. "Sometimes we never knew where the next meal would come from." "Life is a give and take proposition." Mrs. Armstrong says. She further adds, "have faith in human nature, faith will see you through." Mr. Armstrong says, "My advice is don't be afraid of work. Be honest, and then when you get in a tight someone will see you through." Armstrong states that the young generation probably wouldn't survive. If that had to start like

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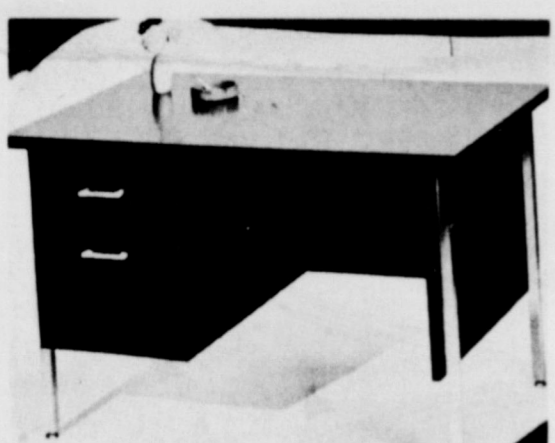


## Financial Facts

By Nolan Dudley

Commemoratives in the form of magnificent coins highlight many milestones in American history. Here are a few of the 20th Century memorials. The McKinley Memorial gold dollar coin was authorized in February, 1961. The obverse showed McKinley's profile, facing left. The reverse showed the memorial Building. This was the coin that commemorated the centenary of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant; a silver half dollar authorized in February, 1922. It depicted a bust of the 18th President of the United States. The reverse showed the log cabin where he was born. In commemoration of the State of California's admission into the Union, a silver half dollar was authorized in February, 1925. A gold-panning prospect and a walking grizzly bear

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# Childhood Memories Revealed By The Tommy Alairs

Tom Alair was born in this area in 1926. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Alair had come to Old Springlake from Walters, Oklahoma, in 1924.

Their home was located "one mile from everything" laughed Tom. "We were one mile north of the school, one mile from the Springlake Congregational Church and one mile from the cemetery."

"We used to cut across the pasture to Earth," he continued, "It was open grazing land back then."

Mr. Alair recalls riding the old school bus home from school one snowy day when the bus got stuck by the Hinsons' place.



TOM ALAIR stands on the running board of the family's 1929 Model A truck. It was this truck that took the family to Plainview each year to see Santa Claus. The picture was made in 1930.

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"We just all crawled out and got in his barn to keep warm," he continued. "We just stayed there until they got the bus free."

Mr. Alair also remembered a storm, when he was a youngster. "The sand blew three days and nights. When it finally stopped we'd pile up all the sand in the living room floor and play with our trucks. Then we'd get a shovel and pail and have to carry all the dirt back outside."

The family earned some of their grocery money by shipping cream to Trinidad, Colorado. The cows were milked and the cream skimmed off and put in 8 gallon cans for our mailman. He took the cream to Hereford, and from there it was shipped to Trinidad, Colorado. A while later the family would get a check in the mail from the sale of the cream.

"We also raised chickens," continued Tom, "and we'd take the eggs to town and exchange them for groceries. What the eggs didn't buy, the cream money did. We'd even have a little left over sometimes."

The sale of the family's pigs brought money for clothes and other necessities.

"We farmed with horses until I was about grown. When we didn't have feed for them, we'd turn them out to graze. A while later we'd hitch them up again and go back to the field."

Mr. Alair started to Springlake school in a two-room school house that was built for the first grade. The old junior high building housed the remaining grades. The little two room school house was the first improvement ever made at the Springlake school. It now serves as the Scout hut.

Remembering the holiday seasons, Mr. Alair recalls that once a year just before Christmas, the family would go to Plainview to see Santa Claus. "We made the trip in an old 1929 Model A Ford truck," laughed Tom.

"Our area was pretty thickly populated for the times," said Tom. "We had neighbors across the road, less than a quarter mile in one direction and a little less than a half mile in another direction."

Tom married the former Louise Elsea, June 1, 1947. They lived in Priona for one year and near Sunnyside for two years.

Mr. Alair came to Springlake with her mother, Mrs. Rachel Elsea, in 1931. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cox lived with them on their farm five miles north of Springlake.

# Crank-Type Phones Fade Out Of Existence

Remember the old crank magneto type phone? Our telephone system has really advanced since those days.

L. Z. Anglin purchased the telephone system in Earth, in the summer of 1932, from Mr. (?) Taylor, the original owner, who had operated the system for approximately one year. Mr. Anglin served as lineman throughout his ownership. The system consisted of thirteen area phones, ten in Earth and three in Springlake when Mr. Anglin purchased it. Mrs. Vivian Parish was among the many operators employed during that time.

The Earth Telephone System, as it was known then, was purchased by General Telephone Company of the Southwest in 1941. At that time, there were 43 telephones in Earth.

The switchboard in Earth was run by Mrs. M. M. Morris during its last eight years of existence.

Mr. Morris had owned and managed a number of telephone exchanges in West Texas, and he gave the first telephone exchange service to residents of Idalou, and also owned the Happy exchange. Mr. Morris was employed by the Ford Motor Company in Earth, which his son-in-law, E. C. Hudson had owned and managed.

The final switch was pulled in March, 1948, by Mrs. Morris affectionately known as Mother Morris by many. After that

time dial operation went into effect.

By 1950, the Earth telephone system had grown to 146 stations. Since that time the Springlake exchange has become an individual exchange, with extended area service between the two communities.

A new \$80,000 office was placed in operation October 1968. With twice the capacity of the old office, the new building will accommodate the Direct Distance Dialing equipment to be added in 1971. Today there are 623 stations in Earth and 199 in Springlake. This growth and advancement in the telephone system here is definitely a reflection in the growth of our community.

Sisters of Mrs. J. B. Thomas spent last week visiting in the Thomas home. They are Mrs. A. U. Hicks from Durant, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Dorothy Tete-mont of Marietta, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Alair noted that she really wasn't much of a farm girl, and spent most of her time in the house.

Her grandmother taught her to sew and cook. She recalls that she learned to sew at the age of four.

"I used to stand on a chair and cook," remembers Mrs. Alair. The Alairs have four children, Nancy, 21, who is married and living in Dallas; Jim, 18; John, 17; and Eddie, 15. Mrs. Alair attended Springlake-Earth School for 11 years, and each of their children have received all their elementary and secondary education there, also.

Mrs. Alair returned to school recently attending two summer semesters at West Texas State University with her daughter, Nancy. She will receive her BS degree in education in May, 1970, with an all-level art certificate and certification in English.

The Alairs purchased their present home in 1950, and live on their farm five miles north of Springlake.

Judy and Helen Gover left Monday August 18th for Corpus Christi, where they will be vacationing on the beach at Padre Island.

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## County Oil and Gas Wells Produced \$2.2 Million in '68

Lamb County oil and gas wells pumped some \$2.2 million into the county's economy last year, according to a study just released by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

Value of production from oil wells was \$2.1 million and from natural-gas wells \$77,000, based on the most recent U. S. Bureau of Mines figures compiled by the Association. The county ranked 147th in the state in value of production.

Output from Lamb County is part of this country's domestic oil supply which is endangered by some of the proposals now before Congress," commented Corbin J. Robertson, Association president. "Attempts to destroy percentage depletion provisions of our income tax laws and to nullify present controls over imported oil could discourage further development

of Texas Oil resources. Eventually oil markets now shared by the county would be given over to foreign producers."

Last year, the county produced 714,000 barrels of crude oil and 596 million cubic feet of natural gas.

Of this total, county landowners and others with mineral interests received royalty payments of \$271,000.

The state received \$101,000 in production taxes with crude oil accounting for \$96,999 and natural gas \$5,000.

Drilling expenditures were an estimated \$815,000. 3 gas wells were completed in the county, according to Ira Rinehart's Yearbook. All were wildcats.

The Texas Employment Commission lists 14 workers on oil and gas payrolls, which totaled \$65,000.

## July Is Month For Bad Accidents In Lamb County

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated ten accidents on rural highways in Lamb County during the month of July, according to Sergeant Thurman Kelfer, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in two persons killed, three persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$6,230.00.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first seven months of 1969 shows a total of 65 accidents resulting in two persons killed, 20 persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$40,145.00.

The 1969 Texas Legislature has provided for a year-round Motor Vehicle Inspection program. Beginning September 1, 1969, the present 1969 inspection stickers will have a numeral insert corresponding to the month of issuance that will be

inserted on the face of the sticker corresponding to the month of issuance. The sticker will be placed in the lower left-hand corner of the windshield.

All 1969 stickers bearing a numeral insert will expire at the end of the month a year from now, 1970. All 1969 stickers bearing no numeral insert will expire on April 15, 1970.

Beginning January 1, 1970, the inspection stickers issued will have an orange background and bear an insert numeral corresponding with the 1970 month of issuance and will expire at the end of the month one year from the month of issuance in 1971. The inspection sticker design will change in January of every year to a new base design.

The Legislature added two items to be inspected—the exhaust system and the exhaust emission system. The new inspection fee will be \$2.00.

## Services Held For Relative Of Resident

Funeral services for Mrs. Roy Marshall were held recently in the Wesley United Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas, with Rev. Darrell E. Hecht, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Marshall died while a patient at a Wichita hospital. She had been suffering from a lengthy illness.

She was buried in the Old Mission Cemetery, Wichita, under the direction of Quiring Funeral Home.

Mrs. Marshall is survived by her husband, Roy; two sons, Lynnwood, Alaska, and Warren, Wisconsin; two daughters, Mrs. B. C. Hines, Jr., Clinton, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Bob Coulson, Wichita, Kansas; three sisters, Mrs. H. C. Miller of Littlefield, Mrs. J. R. Kuykendall, Morton, and Mrs. Grace Hoolley of Earth.

### Machine Safety Show

A new safety slide show discusses machines as if they were wild animals, and tells what precautions should be taken and why.

This 30-slide set, "How to Tame a Machine," produced by the National Safety Council



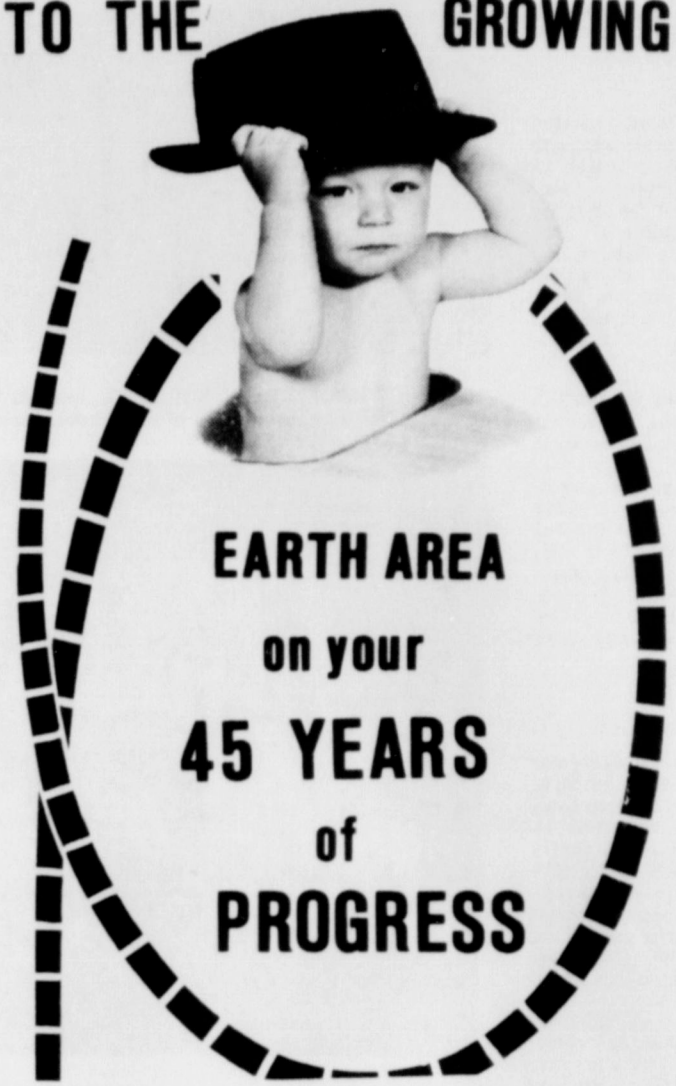
Invention of the row-crop tractor in 1925 opened the way to new efficiency in cotton production.

Early cotton growers threw the valuable cottonseed away after the cotton was ginned.

Cotton poplin is from the French "papelina," because it was first made in a papai city.

All of us have had the experience of feeling tired and listless until something happened to awaken our interest and enthusiasm. Where minutes before we felt drained of energy, now we become alive, vital and awake. The source of our energy is God, the power within us. We are continually renewed, refreshed, and restored by His life. Let us give thanks for this.

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UNSUCCESSFUL petroleum drilling projects cost more than \$830 million a year. According to the publication Oil Facts, dry hole costs totaled an estimated \$6.5 billion in eight years.



BY MARY LEE

Now that top New York designers have shown their spring and summer collections to buyers and the press, it seems safe to say that there are no radical changes in store. The young hipsters will continue to wear mini-skirts, and the dignified, mature woman (that's anyone past 30) will choose the length of skirt most becoming to her.

Prettiness is still at a premium in fashion. The awkward look still takes precedence over the graceful, and pants are still the rage. But there are hopeful signs pointing to a return of femininity.

Shirt dresses are back. In soft fabrics and pastels, they're designed with slim or full skirts, with or without belts. But belts seem to be back to normal in a big way, except where they are worn higher than the waistline to balance very short skirts.

Jumpers are another classic to show up smartly, and sometimes as a sleeveless coat or jacket topping pants. The blouson dress is also a bright star. But colors are not extraordinary—black, brown, navy, white—and the usual red-white-blue spring trio are most often seen.

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# From Several Small Country Schools To One

Before the Springlake Schools became an independent district in 1923, the country side was dotted with several small schools. Those small one-room schools no longer exist but the memory of them lingers in the minds of those who built, taught and attended the little country schools. It is hard to pin definite dates on the schools, however, the approximate dates can be derived from the settlement of various communities in the area.

## ROUSH SCHOOL

The Roush School, located southeast of Sunnyside was built in the early 1900's. A definite date was unobtainable, but probably was built in 1904 or 1905. The one room building was located where Eddie Haydon now lives. The Roush school was later combined with the Axtell School and moved to Sunnyside.

## AXTELL SCHOOL

The Axtell School was built in approximately 1910 one-half from the present Ray Axtell place. The first teachers who taught classes in the Axtell School were from Kansas. Miss Laura Judd was the first teacher. She was later joined by a second teacher, Miss Ethel Stuck. The Roush and Axtell Schools, being located close together were later combined and moved to Sunnyside.

## BIG SQUARE SCHOOL

The Big Square community was settled in 1907-1908 by M. L. Stiles who had come from Iowa. Mr. Stiles was interested in building a thriving community that would be able to serve settlers who moved into the area. In so doing, he secured postal rights, with the first post office being built in 1909. Tom Tate, now of Dimmitt, carried mail by mule.

Stiles' interest was further shown in 1910 when he contributed materials for the first frame school building. He paid the salary and expenses for the first teacher, Olive Dureen, in an effort to create a school district.

In establishing a name for the community, Stiles sent several names to the state for approval. Among names sent were Stiles and Big Square. Since a Stiles, Texas was in existence, Big Square was returned as the name of the community. Cowboys in the area attached Big Square to the community because of the large square lots. Each lot displayed big, two-story, square houses which were characteristic of Northern architecture. Most who settled in Big Square were from the northern part of the United States.

## Y-L SCHOOL

Little is known of the Y-L School, however we do know that the school was located near Muleshoe in what is still known as the Y-L community. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hinson of Springlake taught in the Y-L school in the 1919-1920 school year.

## OLD SPRINGLAKE

The school located at Old Springlake was built in 1918 by the George Wright Land Company. The section of land on which the townsite of Old Springlake stood was at one time a part of the XIT Ranch. W. E. Halsell purchased the Springlake division of that ranch and began selling the land in 1901. The Land Company built the school, post office and store as a foundation for the town. The school, a one-room, frame building, first served seventy students taught by one teacher, Miss Corryl. The third year, 1912, an additional room was built and two teachers were employed. The two teachers in 1912 were Margaret Thompson and Margaret Shellabarger Axtell (now of Phoenix, Arizona). In 1922 additional classes were held in the old church, and new teachers were Eugene Cleavinger and William Street.

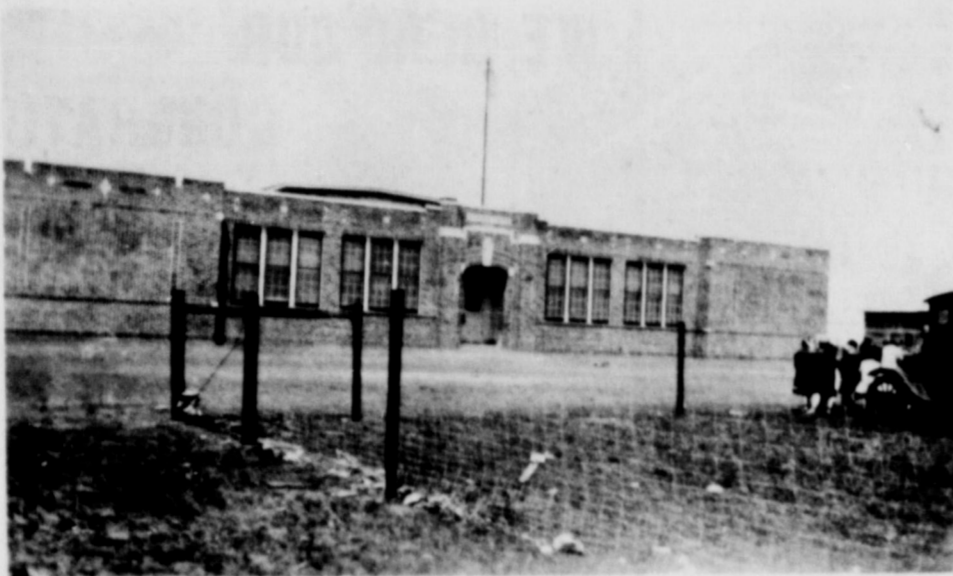
The Common School District was under the supervision of a Board of Trustees made up of M. C. Cleavinger, George Linville and J. L. Hinson.

In 1924 application was made for Springlake to become an Independent District, shortly thereafter this was arranged. Also a \$30,000 bond was voted for a new school building to be built at the present site (now serving as junior high school). School opened in the new building in September 1925, with E. C. Martin as Superintendent.

The Board of Trustees at that time consisted of seven members, those being W. C. White, Geo. Linville, Earl Hewitt, Oris Brown, Arthur Edwards, H. M. Packard and M. E. Cleavinger.

The faculty in 1925 included five teachers, they were Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mrs. McClanahan, Mr. Sherman, and Mrs. Gladys Franklin.

The Wolverine football team was organized in 1928 with only 12 members on the squad; that year they won three games, tied one, and lost five. The band was also organized in that year, and the first school paper known



THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, built in 1925, was the first permanent building erected on the present site of the school. Note the desolation of the campus.



THE ENTIRE 1924 STUDENT BODY OF THE SPRINGLAKE SCHOOL is shown by the building which was once located at Old Springlake. Classes began meeting in the new brick building in 1925.

as the "Siren" was printed with David Leflar as editor.

The Parent Teachers Association was organized in 1930, and held its first meeting on September 4, with 36 charter members present, with Mrs. M. T. Howard elected president of the organization, Mrs. Ray Kelley vice president and Mrs. J. L. Hinson, program chairman. Today there are approximately 150 members and the present officers are, Mrs. Jo Eddie Riley, president, Mr. Mann, vice-president; Mrs. Jo Houchin secretary; Mrs. Dorris Dudley, treasurer, and Mrs. Monarael Cummings program chairman. The first school annual was printed in 1931.

The first Equalization Board was established in 1934 with members being J. F. Kelley, J. O. Dent and C. B. Jack Angeley, Kenneth Hinson, Fred Welch, and alternate Donnie Clayton.

A gym was built in 1939 along with the present high school building which was dedicated September 1, 1939. The school cafeteria was built in 1945-46. Several new buildings were added to the campus in 1953 including the elementary building, the present high school gym, the auditorium and band hall. Also in that same year four classrooms were added to the north end of the high school building.

The parking lot in front of the school was paved in 1958.

More additions were made to the school in 1963 those being the new field house, football stadium and track, and in 1964, a new press box was added to the stadium. Fourteen rooms were added to the elementary building in 1963, and a year later the new cafeteria, which serves about 800 people daily, was built, with total cost of these two additions being approximately \$200,000. The new agriculture and shop complex built shortly thereafter was financed at about \$50,000.

In 1966 the Earth Chamber of Commerce offered to buy a lighted sign to be placed on highway 75 indicating the location of the school if the name of the school were changed to include Earth. The board of trustees agreed and in that same year the name Springlake-Earth was adopted.

The most recent addition to the school is the beautiful new home economics cottage completed in 1967. The five room cottage is complete with a central heating system, refrigerated air-conditioning and is partially carpeted. It consists of a sewing lab with ten sewing machines, the kitchen which is divided into four separate cooking compartments plus a demonstration area, a living room-dining room combination, one bath room and an office. The FHA girls completely furnished the living room-dining room area through their various money making projects. A mirror was donated by the Town and Country Study Club, and a picture was presented by Beta Sigma Phi. Silverware, glassware and

dishes were purchased with stamps contributed by persons of the community at a shower hosted by the Young Homemakers. In the spring of 1968 a tornado damaged the junior high gym and the following summer it was repaired and remodeled with the addition of new dressing rooms, showers, bleachers, a complete new floor and ceiling.

Present officers and members of the Springlake-Earth Board of Trustees are Norman Hinchliffe, president; Jerry Kelley, vice-president; Weldon Barton, secretary; Gene Templeton, P. A. Washington, K. B. Parish and John Bridges.

The Springlake-Earth Faculty has grown from one teacher in 1908 to 48 teachers and 25 auxiliary workers at the present. Administrative staff includes Bill Mann, superintendent; J. W. Sotlis, high school principal;



THE FIRST SPRINGLAKE SCHOOL TEACHERS to teach in the new building in 1925 are pictured beside the building. Standing left to right are: Mr. Martin, Mrs. McClanahan, Mr. Sherman. Seated are Mrs. Martin (left) and Mrs. Gladys Franklin (right).



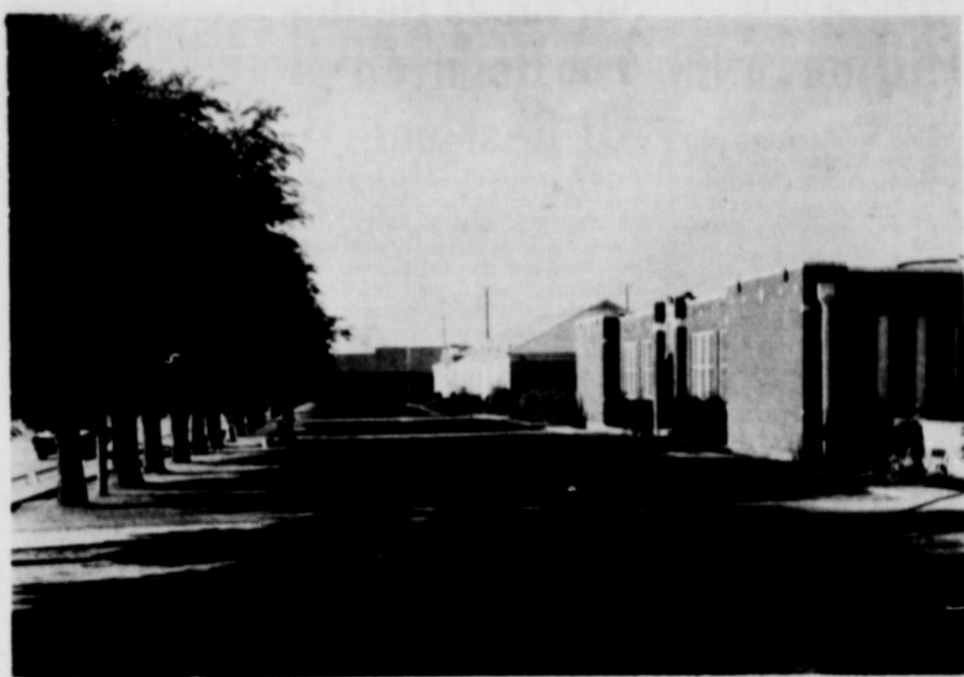
JEWELL LAFFERTY and MARY BELL KING posed for the camera while on the Springlake School campus. The 1928 picture shows the desolation of a now thriving school.

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PROGRESS IS EVIDENT. The lovely green campus of the Springlake-Earth Schools shows quite an improvement over the desolate campus of a few years ago.



OLD NO. 5, driven by Almon Whitford, transported many Springlake children to and from school. Florene (Whitford) Struve is shown peering out the window behind the driver. The picture was taken on the old Pap Parish place, north of Springlake, in 1928.

## Mrs. Hawkins Loves Pioneering

Mrs. E. R. Hawkins and her two girls, Mrs. Juanita (Hawkins) Pierce and Mrs. Loveta (Hawkins) Thompson, came to Earth in the early summer of 1929 to join her husband who had brought their possessions here in January of that same year and built a half dugout four miles west of Earth.

Mrs. Hawkins recalled that the only homes between theirs and the few businesses in Earth were the old McNeil home and the Jack Hadaway place. There were also only two irrigation wells right around Earth in 1929. They were located on the north end of the town and a half mile west of Earth, and on the Jerry Kelley place.

Their daughters went to school at Springlake, but after one year their oldest daughter, Mrs. Juanita Pierce, returned to their home in Frederick and finished high school there. She now holds both her bachelor of science and her masters from West Texas State University.

It rained quite a lot that first year here, and Mrs. Hawkins recalled that they had a real good crop but the freeze came early and ruined most of their cotton. What they gathered at first was good, but the price dropped so low that they could hardly afford to gather it.

There was very little land broken out then; it was just about all grassland with the exception of a few farms including one north of Halsell's Ranch, and there were very few trees, re-

called Mrs. Hawkins, "the only native trees I know of are the ones along between Springlake and Littlefield."

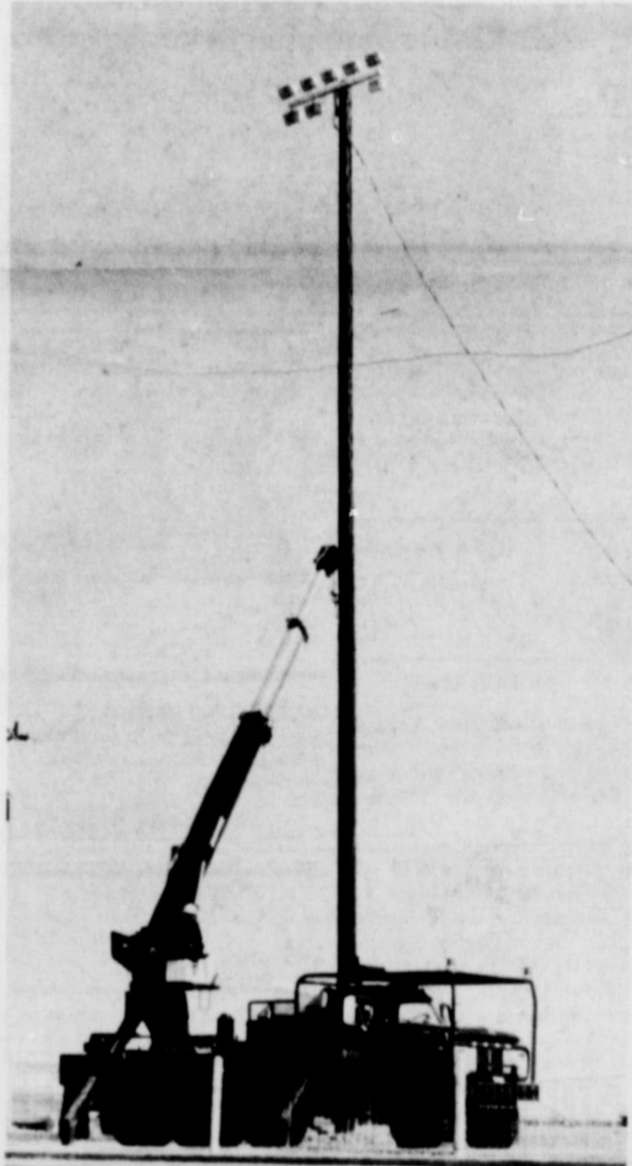
In January 1935 the Hawkins family moved north of their first settlement one mile on the Low Place. There was an old ranch line house there with supplies and a well where people stopped when they were traveling. The Hawkins rented the place from Halsell at first and farmed; they later bought the place and in 1941 added to the house and moved it closer to the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins moved into Earth in 1949 and lived with her mother for awhile then in 1952 they built a house east of town. When Mr. Hawkins passed away Mrs. Hawkins sold their land and house to Charles Parish in 1962 and rented a house on the cemetery road until 1965 when she bought her present home in the north part of town.

In talking about the pioneer days and comparing them to the present Mrs. Hawkins said,

"It seems like we enjoyed life more then, before we had the distraction of television or something-I don't really know what it is but it seems like people just don't really enjoy visiting their neighbors like they used to." She added, "I just don't have time, but I don't know why; I did everything the hard way then and had more time than I do now."

Her comment on pioneering to this country was, "I really liked it out here."



THE SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE crew is shown putting in new light for the Wolverine Stadium.



GLEN STILES, MR. BURTON and ALFRED SCOTT, all settlers in the Big Square Community are shown standing by a 1908 Model T Ford. The Big Square home in the background was characteristic of homes built in the area. The community name, Big Square, comes from the old northern style homes.

## Industry Solves Curator's Needs

Industry has solved one of the problems facing curators of the zoos—how to take the temperature of a savage beast. Now through the use of infrared thermometry, this can be done without physical contact, to about the same accuracy as that of a conventional thermometer.

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## Earth Lions Club 22 Years Old

The Earth Lions Club was organized Monday, June 2, 1947 at 7:30 in the Star Cafe, under the direction of second vice president, Lion Eugene S. Briggs, office of Lions International.

The new civic organization was begun with much enthusiasm with 34 members present for the meeting. The first officers were: President, E. T. Borum; First Vice President and Treasurer, M. E. Kelley; Tail Twister, Herb Wendborn; Lion Tamer, Sam Cearley; Third Vice President,

Guy Kelley; One year directors, E. L. M Her, and John Laing; Two year directors, H. L. Patterson and Cleve Hudson.

The following Tuesday night the first official meeting was held, with the Amherst Lions meeting with them and provid-

Woods, the school nurse, finds in need of them. The project is a flexible one depending greatly on Mrs. Woods.

Annually the Lions sponsor a scrap iron drive, with proceeds going to a general fund.

Also the club serves free barbecue at the opening night of the annual rodeo performances.

Another of the Earth Lions main activities is supporting the local boy scouts.

Present membership in the club is 32 with officers being: President, Dutch Been, First Vice President, Norman Sulser, Second Vice President, Phillip Haber; Third Vice President, Neil Pounds; Secretary, Roger Haber; Treasurer, Dale Riggs; Tail Twister, Fete O'Hair; Lion Tamer, W. T. Barton; Two year directors, Jr. Littleton and Harold Miller; One year directors, Norman Hinchliffe and Wendell Clayton. The club's charter member is M. E. Kelley.

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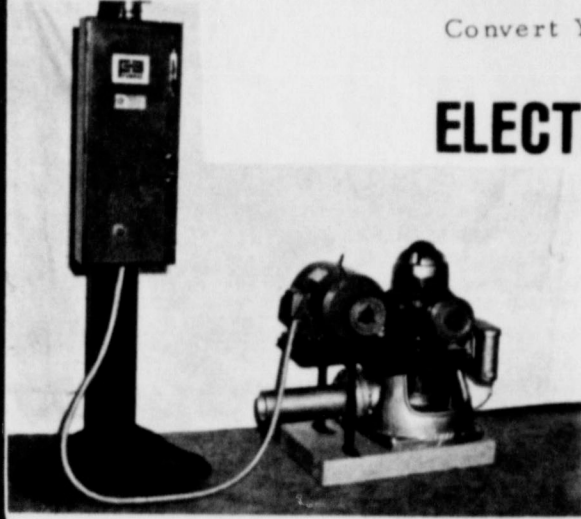
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MARIE (McCLURE) BIBBY and ELIZABETH (McCLURE) PACKARD are shown holding dolls they received for Christmas 1928. The dolls cost 25¢ each. The McClure boys received whistles that year.

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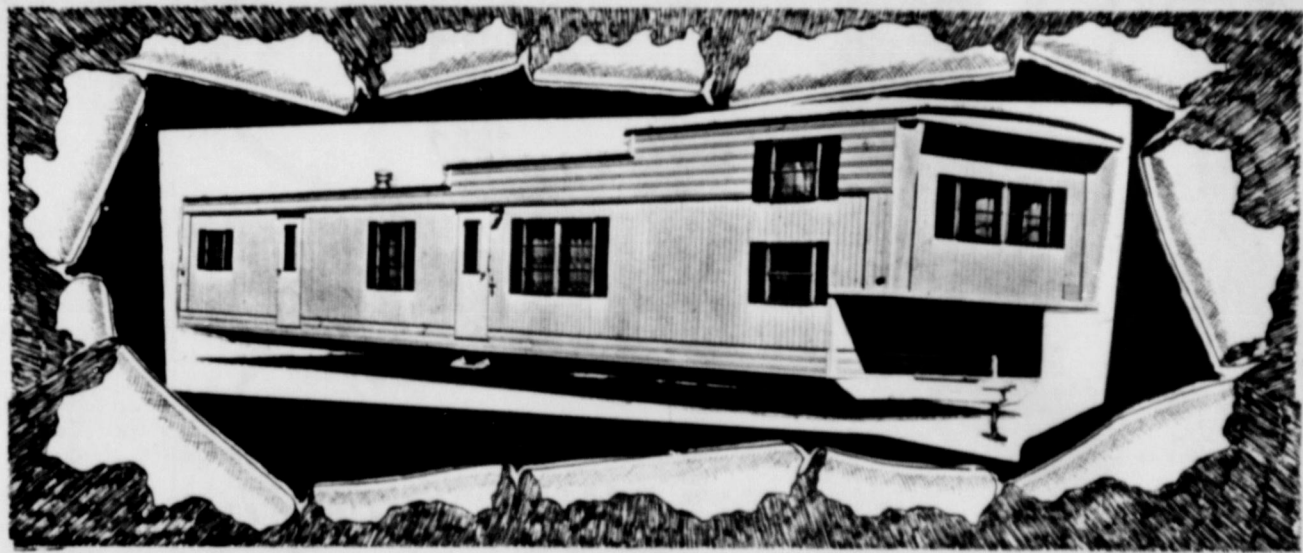


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# The Rudds-One of the Oldest Families

The J. V. Rudds made their way to the Springlake-Earth Area in 1906 from Livingston, Missouri. After arriving in Friona on the immigrant train, they made their way to the area and settled four miles north and two and one-half east of the present town of Springlake.

Ralph Rudd, their son, was born four years later, in 1910. At that time the Old Springlake and Olton were the only towns in this part of Lamb County. The site that became known as Punkin Center was barren, unbroken farm and ranch land.

1918 was a disastrous year for people in the Springlake and surrounding area. A three or four day blowing snow storm swept across the land leaving thousands of plains cattle frozen. Drifts completely covered fence posts.

1926 again brought suffering to many pioneers in the area. An uncontrollable grass fire started southwest of Earth and developed into one of the worst fires ever to be witnessed. Before the fire burned itself out, it had destroyed grazing land to Hart.

Rudd recalls a family incident in which he and his mother narrowly escaped serious injury. The older Rudd children attended the Roush School, then located southeast of the Sunnyside community. As most schools at that time, the Roush school was the scene of many community socials. On a day in 1914, about 4:00 p. m., the Rudd family loaded in the wagon in preparation for a trip to the Roush School for an ice cream supper. Even before cars were prominent accidents happened. When the team of horses ran wild, Mrs. J. V. Rudd and son, Ralph were thrown from the wagon. "No one was injured, just scared."

The Milton Otts, Willis Whites, George Abotts, Mose Cleavingers, O. C. Axtells and H. M. Packards were some of the most familiar, early families who settled in and around Punkin Center in the early 1900's. Along with the Rudds, they could be called the "founding fathers."

Rudd stated that Earth served the area as the main shopping center for a number of years. The hotel, store and hardware center were all built about the same time which gave an advantage over other locations.

Other than the Roush School, all of the Rudd children attended Springlake School at one time.

Ralph married Lois Neeley in



THE J. V. RUDD FAMILY: Standing-Mrs. R. D. Thomason, Mrs. L. L. Sherbet, Mrs. G. B. Corley, Mrs. Floyd Culp, Mrs. J. V. Rudd (mother). Seated-Robert, Raymond, Ralph, Paul and Bill.



THE ABOVE PICTURE IS RALPH RUDD was taken in Hereford in 1927. He had attended an old settlers' reunion.



RALPH RUDD farmed what is now the Percy Harlan place in 1929. He is shown here dressed to go over to his parents.

## Anyone For A Leg Of Soybeans?

Food technologists recently introduced the ersatz ham a long with chicken and corn beef made of protein derived primarily from soybeans. Pork and bacon substitutes are now made of soybeans and lamb is being developed.

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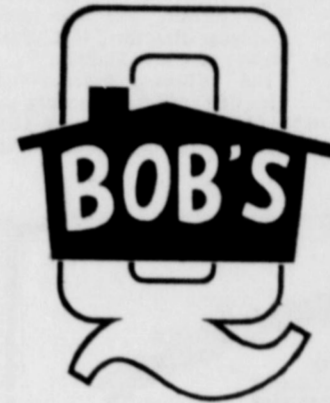
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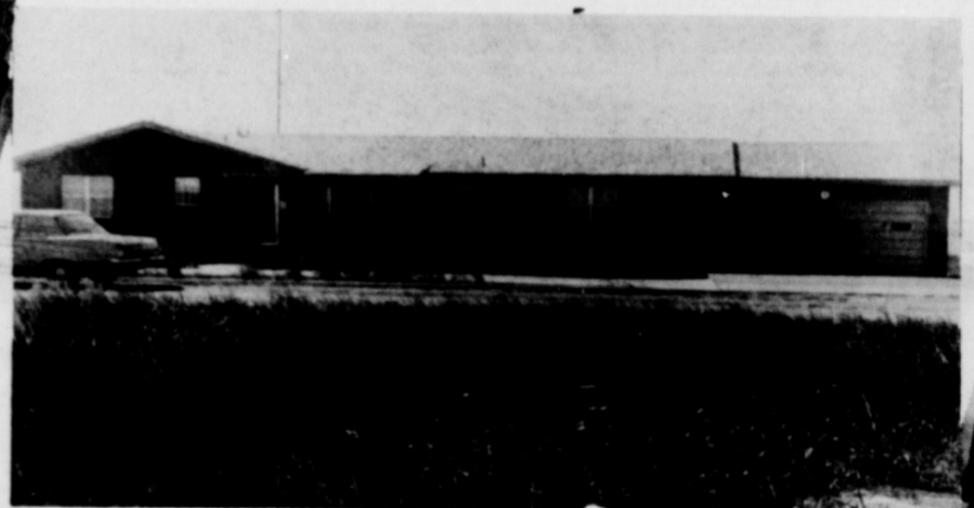
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MR. AND MRS. MARVIN McCLURE are shown on their old farm south of Springlake (across from what is now the Pickrell place) in 1938.

## It Has Been Wonderful

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McClure left New Ark, Arkansas in November of 1927 and gradually made their way to the Springlake area.

Mrs. McClure states that they came into Springlake and stopped at the only site to be found which was a small store owned and operated by Mr. John Baker. He also had a service station where he pumped gas by hand for customers.

The McClures asked for directions to the Luther McClure place upon arriving (Luther, a relative had come to Texas earlier. The directions were given thus, "go so many sections north and back east so many sections." Not knowing the full definition of a section and being embarrassed to ask, the McClures struck out on their own to find the long lost relative, stopping to ask directions on the way.

By using such tracking method, Mr. and Mrs. McClure met many wonderful area residents who included the Bolingers, Mc Clanahans, and others. Luther was finally found on what is now the Lowell Watson place.

Mrs. McClure was tired and disgusted as she gazed on the Pun-

kin Center site. "It was too barren, only grass, cattle and no people."

"We asked about a bank and were told that we would have to go to Kress. The trip to Kress added to the disgust because there was nothing there. Mr. McClure promised to take her to Earth the next day. Her mind's eye envisioned Earth as a "thriving Metropolis."

The trip to Earth found Halsell Cattle and grass land covering most of what is now the city of Earth. The J. W. Kelleys had a Grocery and Dry Goods store and of course the old white hotel was standing near the present caution light.

Pop Parish moved to Earth so the McClure family took up residence in the home located on the old Parish place north of Springlake. Marvin farmed for Norman Cleavinger during the first year, and began farming for himself a year later.

In 1932 Mr. and Mrs. McClure moved to the Sibling farm located where the T. B. Dyers live today. Mrs. McClure states, "We had a chance to buy land that sells for \$500 an acre today, but I wouldn't let Marvin

part with our savings." Perhaps this was because she saw little future for this area at that time. The Christmas of 1928 was a memorable occasion because the family loaded in their Model T and traveled to Plainview as they reached the east side of Olton, the button curtains blew off and Mrs. McClure had to hold them down until they reached their destination. In 1929, a car with glass windows was purchased. "We really were proud of it."

During Mr. McClure's lifetime,

he drove a bus for both the Springlake and Olton schools. During the 30's he served as the mail carrier between Springlake and Hart.

Mrs. McClure says, "People were more friendly and enjoyed fellowships more. The Springlake community built a box-strip church where everyone worshipped. Saturdays and Sundays were usually spent at the Union Church (It was located near where the Ernest Gofforth home is presently located).

Since, then the community has separated into different groups. Although she found a desolate place, which she thought at that time would not be profitable, Mrs. McClure has no regrets for

remaining in the area. "The people are good friendly people." She has lived the past 42 years in the Springlake area and states, "I have watched the area grow and progress from Plainview to Muleshoe and it is still growing."

"I'm really proud to be where anything you put in the ground grows. I wouldn't go back to Arkansas at all." One reason she wouldn't leave is because her children are also fine citizens of the Springlake-Earth Area. They are Howard, Marie Bibby, Elizabeth Packard, Buck, Lorene Perkins, Lee (B. O.), Juanita White, Bobby of San Jose, California and Betty Cowell of Carlton.



MEMBERS OF THE McCLURE FAMILY are shown at a Sandhill outing in 1932.



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C. T. McLaughlin of Snyder has been named to energy resources committee of Interstate Oil Compact Commission by Governor Smith.

Cancer often is spoken of as a "silent disease" because of the way it develops in many cases without producing any noticeable symptoms. And this silence can be deadly.

Pain, which is most often thought of as accompanying diseases, generally isn't present with cancer until it is far advanced and has passed the "silent" state, reports the Texas State Department of Health. Usually cancer can be treated satisfactorily if detected in the early stages. The difficulty in cancer control lies in early detection of the disease. This is the reason regular-at least yearly-physical examinations are so important.

Only a physician can tell if cancer is present. Any suspicious symptoms should be examined by the family physician. But often, by the time symptoms of cancer show up, it is too late for cure. Treatment of advanced cancer is difficult.

All physician's offices should be cancer detection centers. And for a physical checkup, whether cancer is suspected or not, the personal physician is the logical person to see. If cancer is suspected, the family doctor may refer his patient to a specialist, if necessary.

Cancer of the uterus, or womb, is the third most deadly form of cancer in women. Yet, it can be detected in the very early stages by a simple test-the Pap smear-which can be done painlessly and quickly in a doctor's office. Early detection can lead to a 100 per cent cure. Last year at Dallas and San Antonio cervical cancer detection projects, supported by the State Health Department, 13,914 tests from around the

state were screened, with 38 reported as positive.

The thorough physical examination should include inspection of the skin surface followed by examination of various organs such as the heart, lungs, stomach, intestines, rectum, reproductive organs and breasts.

X-rays of the chest and other parts of the body if indicated and a proctoscopic examination (visual inspection of the lining of the rectum and lower bowel with a lighted tube) should also be performed.

A proctoscopic examination is important since cancer of the colon and rectum can be discovered in this way.

If a physician suspects cancer, a biopsy may be performed and a sample of the suspect tissue sent for microscopic examination by a pathologist. This type of examination is the only way to differentiate the presence of a cancer of a benign tumor.

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## St. Clair's of Muleshoe



# Bartons First With Cotton

Moving to this area in 1917 R. E. Barton (deceased) had no thought of being a cotton farmer. Mr. Barton and his wife came to Earth with the intention of being ranchers. They had 300 head of white face cattle which they put on a section of land 10 miles north of Earth and began their ranching.

The Bartons made the trip from Haskell in a Model T. Ford. They had the cattle shipped by rail to Muleshoe, then drove them the rest of the way to their land. Most of the country was open range with the exception of an occasional wire fence.

Barton said that many times he and Halsell branded together and Halsell's cattle roamed the Plains.

Mrs. Barton had packed her dishes and other breakable articles in cotton seed to prevent breakage in travelling. She sold eggs to the old Springlake store which was run by Norman Cleavinger's father and one day he noticed that she had her eggs packed in something that he didn't know what was. He had never seen cotton seed before. When she told him what they were, he took a handful of them and planted a few. The plants did so well that the Bartons decided to plant cotton. In 1920 they planted their first field of cotton. Then a gin was built in 1924 by Mr. Halsell.

The two Barton children drove a little buggy to the two room school building about a mile north of the school's present location. Many times it was extremely cold and the Bartons would wrap bricks that had been heated for the children to put their feet on attempting to keep warm. When the snow was awfully bad the Bartons would go to school after their children.

The school had two teachers and 17 pupils in 1917. The two teachers were Mrs. Jack Hinson and Norman Cleavinger.

The house owned by the Bartons then was a two bedroom house which they heated with cow chips as was the common practice of that time. Their only light came from their gasoline lamp.

The Bartons attended the Congregational Church at Old Springlake along with the Orts, Whites, Ruppel, and Tinville's. Because everyone had farm chores to attend to such as feeding their cattle, Sunday School and Church were held in the afternoons.

Most of the shopping was done in Muleshoe and some in Plainview, although both were small towns. The Barton family moved into a two-story house loc-



HOME SWEET HOME. The first house in Earth was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley shortly after Mr. Cupp built the home. The new home consisted of one large room, without ceilings and inside walls finished. The pioneer family were so proud of their new resident.

ated on Bud Jones' farm, but it burned in 1926 after which the Bartons moved into Earth. They bought the Hotel from J. W. Kefley and later put in the first Chevrolet agency in Earth. In answer to the question of whether or not she would like to be a pioneer again Mrs. Barton said that she definitely would. She said that she enjoyed it and the children had the best time. The pioneering spirit of Earth residents is once again shown in Mrs. Barton's enthusiastic reply.

## Weed And Grass Control With Chemicals

College Station, --Proper timing of postemergence herbicides will keep cotton free of weeds, but producers should not wait too long to begin post emergence applications even if pre-emergence chemicals have been used, says Fred C. Elliott, Extension cotton specialist at Texas A&M University.

Herbicides are designed to help keep a weed or grass problem from developing. Things to consider are size of the cotton, weed or grass that is to be controlled and also the temperature. Texas cotton producers have available to them more post emergence herbicides than ever before.



MRS. ILO SANDERS, a close friend of the McClures is shown holding Buck McClure. Her son Shot is standing beside her. (taken in 1934)

Herbicide oil or naphtha is still one of the most effective materials that can be applied, said Elliott. It may not be quite as effective, he noted, in the control of teasweed or cocklebur as DSMA or MSMA combined with Cotoran or Herban.

Cotoran plus DSMA or MSMA plus a surfactant, may be used on cotton that is three inches or more in height. Mixtures are usually effective on weeds that are less than two inches in height. The combination is generally more effective than Cotoran alone, especially on cocklebur, Johnsongrass, and tifevines.

Herban plus DSMA or MSMA plus a surfactant is also recommended. This is another mixture that is generally effective on most weeds in the seedling stage.

After cotton is six inches or more in height, the list of herbicides increases. Cotoran, Cotoran DSMA or MSMA, Caparol, Caparol plus DSMA or MSMA, Karmex, Karmex plus DSMA or MSMA, Lorox and Lorox plus DSMA or MSMA, should all be applied with a surfactant and as a directed spray.

Materials containing the arsenicals of DSMA or MSMA are more effective than individual herbicides, but are limited to two applications and should not be applied after first bloom. It is not recommended that any postemergence herbicide be applied over the top of cotton, noted Elliott, as it could result in reduced yields and delayed maturity.

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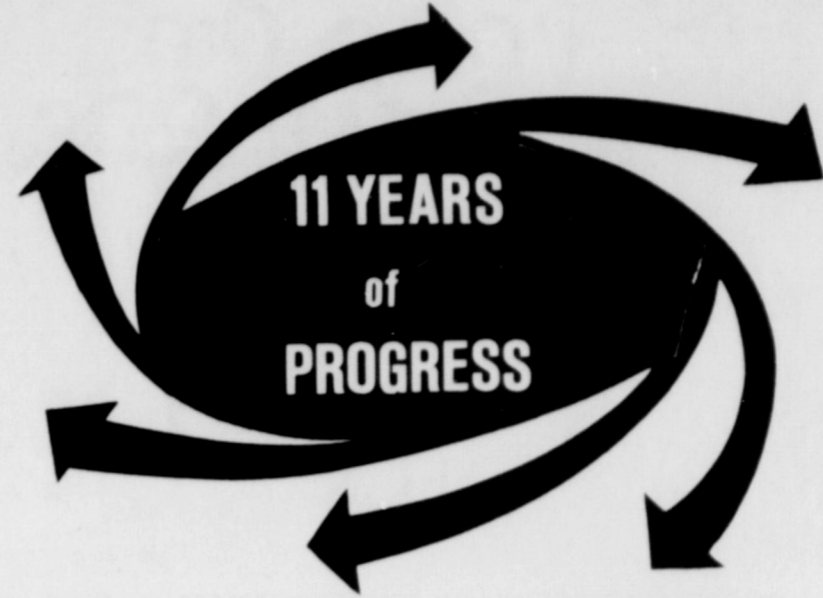
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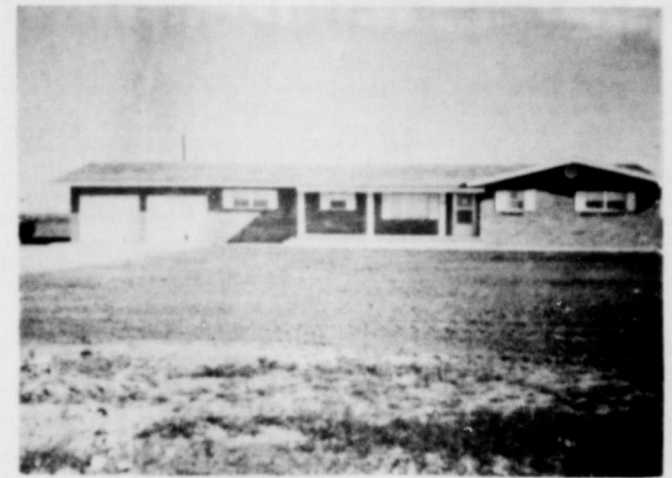
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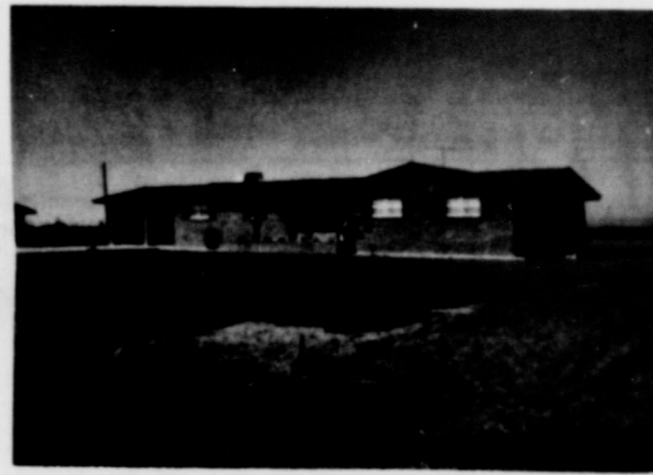


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## 1946 Was Rainbow Girls Year

The Earth Assembly of Order of the Rainbow Girls is dated 1946, however many community girls enjoyed the Rainbow activities before that time.

As early as 1942, mothers from the area were driving their daughters to Olton in an effort to help Olton organize an Order. Neither Olton nor Earth had the required number of girls, 18, to constitute the Rainbow Order.

After the Olton order was finally established, members came to Earth to help promote and establish the Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls in the community.

In 1946, Mrs. Myrtle Clayton, served as Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Earth. She, chose as her project, to see that the Order did become a reality for Earth.

The Earth Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls was constituted on March 14, 1946, after having enjoyed a year of constructive work.

On March 28, 1946 the assembly sponsored by the Earth Order of the Eastern Star was in-

stituted with Mrs. Myrtle Clayton, Worthy Matron, installed as Mother Advisor.

Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Deputy of the Order of the Rainbow presented the charter to the assembly. Mrs. Whitfield thanked the girls for the lovely St. Patrick's tea held in her honor, also complimented the girls for their splendid work.

The girls attended the Grand Assembly in June 1945 at which time Lajuana Jo (Kelley) O'Hair was installed as a Grand Representative. In the ceremony of installation, Mrs. Lena Hite was installed as the Mother Advisor.

The following poem "The Flight of Rainbow Time" was dedicated to the Earth Assembly by the past mother advisor, Mrs. Myrtle Clayton.

"It is such a little distance, in this flight of Rainbow years,  
Twixt the path that leads to laughter, and the road that leads to tears,  
'Tis the shortest, sweetest pathway, through this flight of Rainbow time  
It is but a tear and a laugh-

away filled with music and with rhyme.

There's a feast of joy tomorrow, perhaps there's disappointment today,  
Sometimes sombre robes of sorrow, cast their shadows where you play,  
So in spite of pain or sorrow, smile through your bitter tears  
For life is not promised for tomorrow, even in the flight of Rainbow years.  
But whether in tears or laughter, or carrying a heavy load,  
Live and build the best you can.  
Let Rainbow represent  
"The House by the side of the Road," as the friend of man,

Past Mother Advisors of the Earth Rainbow Girls in order are: Mrs. Myrtle Clayton, Mrs. Lena Hite, Mrs. Gladys Laing, Mrs. Emma Miller, Mrs. Zou Wilson, Mrs. Eula Kelley, Mrs. Bessie Cearley, Mrs. Elsie Hawkins, Mrs. Nina Messer, Mrs. Dorthaphine Brownd, Mrs. Lucille Campbell, Mrs. Jewel Neal, Mrs. Lovelle Morris, Miss Linda Etheridge, Mrs. Elaine Davis,

Mrs. Elaine Been, Mrs. Wilma Taylor, Mrs. Oletha Sanders, Mrs. Eula Kelley, Mrs. Beth Kelley, Mrs. Dorthaphine Brownd, Mrs. Ann Kelley and the present Mother Advisor, Mrs. Gayle Littleton. The present Worthy Advisors for the girls are Sharla Haberer and Susie Ad-

## Veterans Advised to Convert

Jack Coker, Manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Waco, said today that more than half of the 233,000 Texas veterans who hold \$1,877,153,000 worth of government life insurance have not yet converted these policies from term to a permanent plan.

In 1968, he pointed out, Texas veterans paid \$29,963,000 in premiums to keep both term and permanent government policies in force.

World War II and Korean Conflict veterans hold most of the term policies, Coker said. Now at an average age of 49.7 years, World War II veterans in Texas who have not converted their insurance will soon find their National Service Life Insurance

premiums going up as a result of advancing age.

Permanent insurance costs more to begin with, but the premium rates for permanent insurance never go up. Permanent policies also have loan, cash-surrender, paid-up and extended insurance values, whereas term policies do not.

Veterans can obtain detailed information about the various government life insurance permanent plans from their nearest VA office, Coker said.

A certain man in our town says he's trying to invest some money in taxes. He heard they are going up.

## Georgia Stock, Hog Killing-the Goodins

Mrs. O. B. Whitford remembers a severe snow storm that hit the area in March 1926. "That's the way we were initiated to the plans." The John Goodin family had arrived in the Earth area only a month before, coming from Roaring Springs.

That blowing blizzard left the Goodin children stranded at the Springlake School. The Jr. High building was new and was well equipped for heating, however the coal bin was empty.

Principal and Mrs. Chando Martin were officials at that time, and provided an oil cook stove from their home to keep the children warm. Although school buses were in use that year, the snow drifts were so bad that the buses could not make the afternoon run, Mr. and Mrs.

Goodin who had settled north of Earth (near the present Stout place) and other parents, fought the snow and returned the children home by way of team and wagon. Although Mrs. Whitford was only 10 years old at that time, she remembers the incident vividly along with other eventful times.

After such an experience, the Goodin family members stated, "we thought we were in the wrong place." The blizzard didn't last long and as it ended the Goodin family was still here.

to farm the land (on the Stout place) broke the land out using a Georgia Stock walking plow. Mrs. Bills recalls following the plow and walking in the cool hours. Other than farming, he raised cows, chickens and a large garden to provide for his large family. They canned and preserved as much as they could.

Mrs. Whitford remembers help-

ing her mother can pinto beans and white beans many times. She further stated that the beans grown now are better varieties than those grown earlier.

When "hog killing" time came, in the winter, men would get together and attack the task together, each bringing animals to the slaughter. The pork was salt cured-out and placed in the smoke house for use in future time.

Mrs. Whitford has other brother and sisters who are C. P. (Pete) Goodin, Alma Goodin, J. C. Goodin and O. J. Goodin, all of Tuscon, Arizona. Others are George of New Castle, Delaware, Donnie Lamberon of Bonham and Alton of Claude. Her mother, Mrs. Pearl Goodin is a resident of Amherst.

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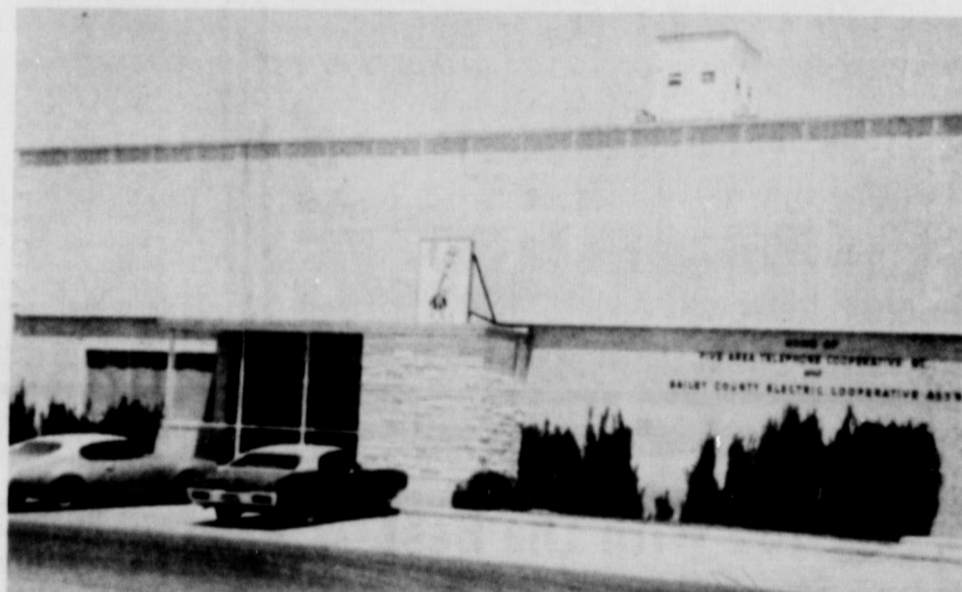
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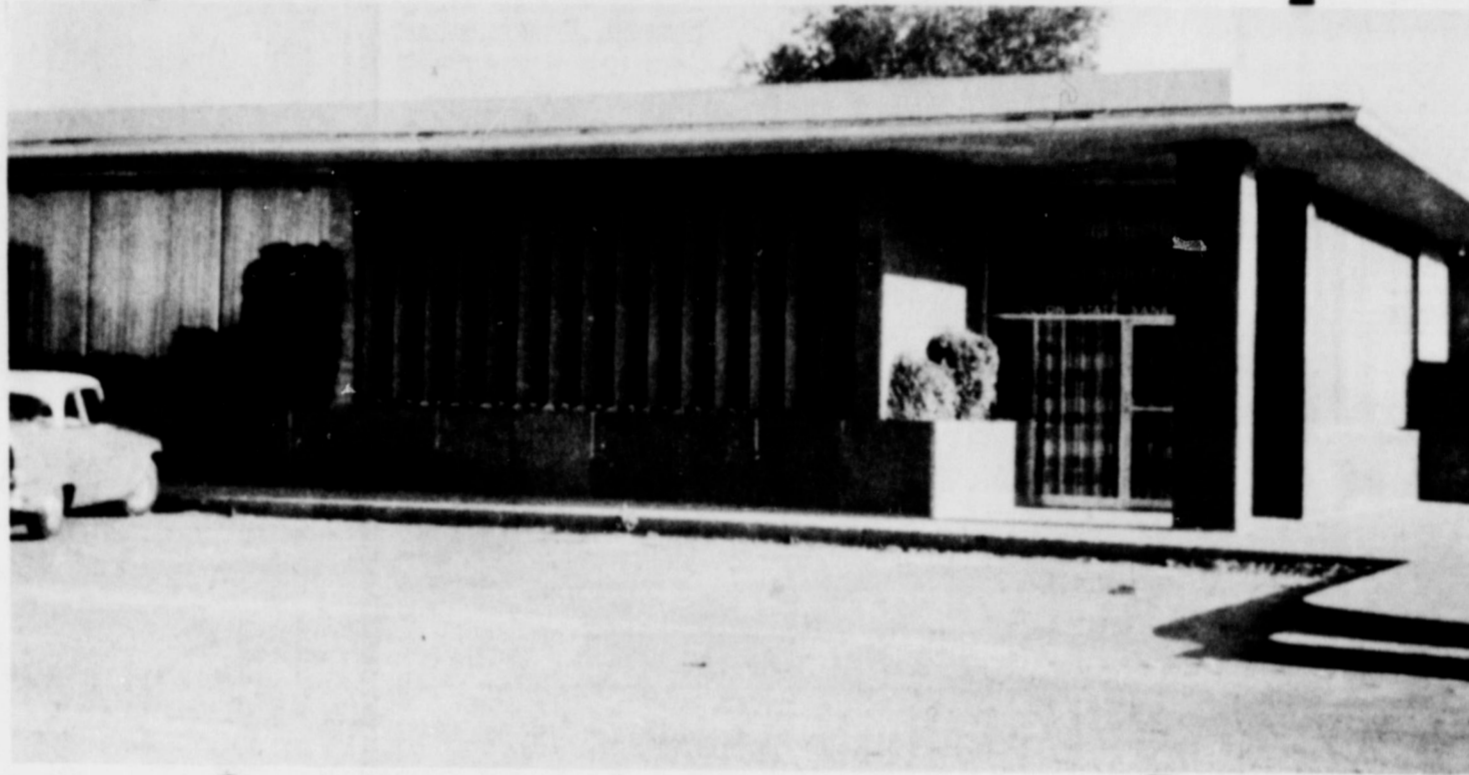
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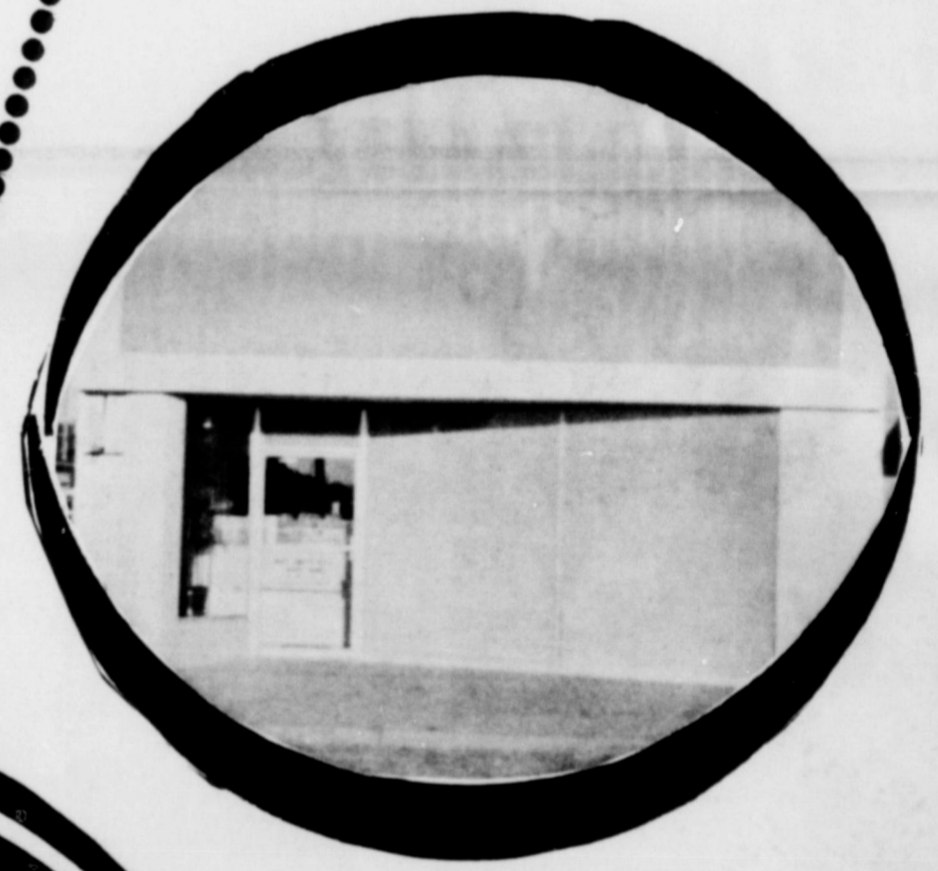
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# Natural Gas Comes to Earth in 1949

In February of 1949 construction was completed on the gas Pioneer Natural Gas Company and its predecessor West Texas Gas Company. This demand for natural gas services being met was another indication of a growing city. Only nine months after its origin with 36 customers: 21 domestic, 14 commercial and 1 public the company had extended its services to 125 customers.

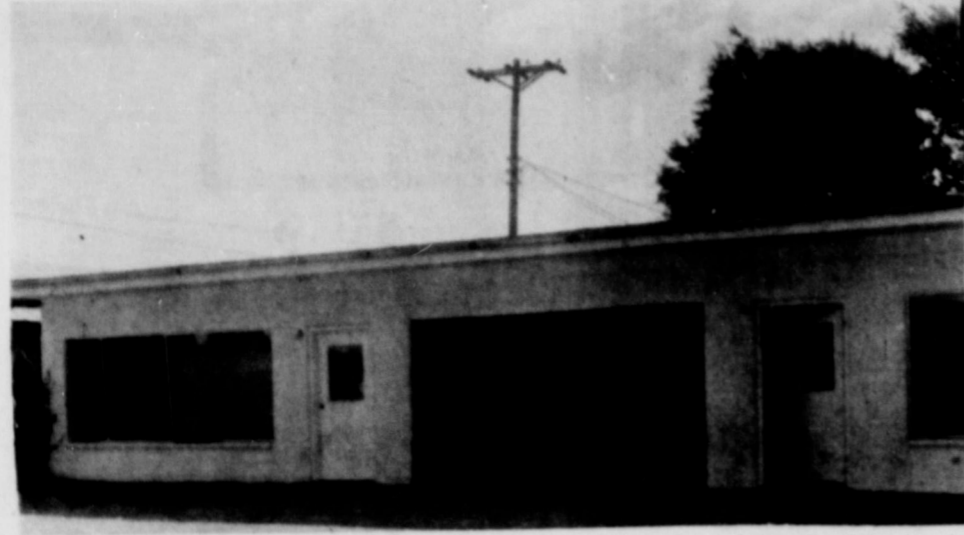
There was a net increase of 165 percent, 333 customers, by the end of the year 1955.

Since then 2,690 feet of gas feeder mains, designed to meet the demands of growing business and new homes, was constructed by Pioneer Natural Gas Company.

The West Texas Gas Co. first turned natural gas into Earth on February 21, 1949. Today the Pioneer Natural Gas Co. serves approximately 430 customers. Natural gas lines have since extended throughout West Texas.

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THE FIRST PIONEER NATURAL GAS CO. in Earth was located in the left portion of this building constructed in 1949. The Rainbow Beauty Saloon occupied the right section. This building is presently the White's Auto Repair Shop.

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## GI Bill To Pay For Veterans Schooling

High school dropouts who enter the service may return to get their diploma under the GI Bill according to Jack Coker, Manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Waco. The VA will pay veterans up to \$130 a month (if single and they are full-time students, more if they have dependents). Those attending adult evening school will be enrolled at half-time rate.

These payments will not reduce their college or on-the-job training benefits, Coker said.

A number of colleges and universities have embarked on new programs for returning veterans who do not possess a diploma but do desire a higher education. However, such veterans must meet certain qualifications established by the institutions and the VA.

Upon discharge, veterans should file at the nearest VA office for certificates of eligibility.

Even though they may not use them immediately, this will save time when they later apply for schooling or on-the-job training.

The VA Manager also reminded veterans who wish to become policemen or firemen that there are benefits under the GI Bill for these approved courses.

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## Birth Certificate Rush Expected

When the month of August rolls around, thousands of Texas mothers suddenly realize that only a few more weeks remain until school begins.

Parents with youngsters beginning school for the first time this September look forward to school with a little more excitement, and many mothers whose first-born are going off to school may be a bit bewildered by it all.

In addition to the million-and-one chores that must be performed in getting the young-

ster ready for school--new shoes, clothes, health examination--most school districts require proof of age for beginning students. A certified copy of a birth certificate is usually requested, reports the Texas State Department of Health.

This fall there will be 256,000 new first graders in the schools throughout Texas, with the total public school enrollment expected to reach 2,703,000.

Continued growth of the school population is expected for the next to three years, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Anticipating the rush of birth certificate requests, the Records and Statistics Section of the Texas State Department of Health has been prepared for it.

Requests already are pouring in. It takes a sizable staff just to open the thousands of letters received daily, let alone search out a requested certificate, remove it from the thick volume, make a certified copy, mail it out and then return the original certificate to its proper place.

Years of experience have eliminated nearly every bottleneck. The operation is smooth and fast. Usually the copy is mailed within a day or two after the request is received.

One bottleneck still remaining, however, is the individual who makes the last-minute request. Parents are requested to stop now and write for a certified copy of the birth certificate, or contact either the city registrar where the child was born or the county clerk in the county of birth.

If you write the Texas State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 410 East Fifth St., Austin, Texas, be sure to include the child's name, place of birth, date of birth, and the parents' name (including the mother's maiden name.) The State Health Department fee for a certified copy of the birth certificate is \$1.50.

## Metal Look To Wood Furniture

College Station,--Wood furniture will resemble metal in modern home scenes. A finishing technique using silver nitrate gives wood the appearance of silver, copper, brass, gold or chrome, explains Bonny Lay, Extension housing and home furnishings specialist.

This finish now found on upholstered furniture has been used for many years on picture and mirror frames.

It can be used on pieces with elaborate detailing such as Spanish and Mediterranean styles where it would be impossible to shape some metals into some of the intricate designs. Advantages are that the finish can be applied to almost any surface or material and is economical.

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# Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Smith, True Pioneers, Tell Their Story

L. T. Smith borrowed his Dad's old topless Model T, Ford, packed up and moved from Estalline to this area with his wife on May 25, 1925. They lived in a two room barn in Circle while his father was building his house there. When the house was completed Mr. and Mrs. Smith moved into it and stayed there a short time before settling on the acre of ground where their present home is located.

Mr. Smith hitched up a team of mules and rode from his Dad's place in Circle to his new home site where he camped and dug a well. The Smiths built their first house there and moved into it on September 1, 1925. It was a little 12' x 24' two room shack with no screens. Mr. Smith said that they had two cane bottom chairs, a bed, a four burner coal oil stove, which was their only source of heat in the winter time, and a barn.

Right after they moved there they dug a little cellar out in front of the house. Everyone laughed at that, but in August of 1927 a little cyclone formed near Earth and moved out across their place. It and the hail tore up their buildings and killed their chickens. This same little shack was home to the Smiths for the next five years. When the sand storms came the little unprotected shack was filled with sand. "We would get up and have to clean a half a tub of dirt out of that shack after a sand storm," said Mr. Smith.

In 1930 the Smiths had a five room house built on that same place at a cost of \$1070, carpenter work included. It was in this house that their two children, Billye Gwynn and Roney, were born. Mr. Smith recalled that when Billye Gwynn was born he asked the doctor what he owned him, and the doctor replied,

"forty dollars, if you ever get it."

The first two years they were here, the Smiths pumped an old hand pump to get their water, then they built a windmill.

There was only one tractor in this entire area then. It was owned by J. F. Kelley and Jack Sudberry who worked the section of land where the school is now.

The school was in Old Springlake then, which was located half a mile north of the Springlake Cemetery. Besides the school, there was one store, a church building and a post office. The school was moved from Old Springlake to its present location in 1925. There was a little white building there, and a new brick building was built a short time after the move was made.

The post office in Old Springlake was moved to where the town of Springlake is today.



MRS. L. T. SMITH is relaxing in front of a little store in Estelline, Texas. This picture was taken a short time before she moved to Earth with her husband in 1925.



ISN'T HE CUTE? All dolled out in his little lace dress is L. T. Smith, who posed for the camera with two of his sisters in 1903. Mrs. Effie Veach (left), now a resident in the Amherst Manor Rest Home, and Mrs. Ruth Sumner (right) of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Punkin Center was its name then and it consisted of one store

and a tabernacle where singings were held on Sunday nights. With the coming of the new post office, the name of the town was changed to Springlake.

"Earth, when it was started, had one gin and the old hotel," said Mrs. Smith. She recalled that when the first post office was built, Dad Reeves sent the name Tulsa in, only to have it rejected because there was already a Tulsa, Texas. Disgusted he stomped his foot and said, "What on earth are we going to call it." "That's it! We'll call it Earth, because God, first made earth, then made heaven and this is the next thing to heaven." "And that," said Mrs. Smith, "is how Earth got its name."

As an early farmer Mr. Smith planted cotton, maize and wheat. He remembers harvesting his first cotton crop in 1925. "I had seventy acres of cotton, picked seven bales and sold it for seven cents a pound," said Mr. Smith. He hauled it to Earth in his Dad's Model T Truck, and it was ginned there. In 1926 there was a crop failure and again in 1927 nothing was made, but good crops were harvested in 1928 and '29.

"On Saturdays," said Mr. Smith, "I'd hitch up the wagon and mules and go to Earth a later groceries." "And I'd stay home and iron," said Mrs. Smith. "We ate a lot of black eyed peas, corn bread, milk and but-

ter," she said. Most everyone had his own milk cow then, and many people would take a gallon of cream into town and sell it for thirty or forty cents.

Mrs. Smith recalled having one old hen that she set over and over the first year they lived here. "I set that poor hen about seven times and got almost 100 chickens from her that year," said Mrs. Smith.

When it was wet and he didn't have to work in the field, Mr. Smith worked in the drug store and in the Homer Mize cream station and gas station. Another thing he did in his spare time was drag highway 70 when it was a dirt road.

Tent shows used to come through Earth, and everyone that had a car or wagon, would come to see the show. Mr. Mud-



OLD JOHN was the name of the mule that came to Earth with the L. T. Smiths in 1925. It seems that he was quite a pet. "He ate biscuits just like a human," said Mr. Smith. Mules, now almost extinct, were very important in the settling of the plains.

who lived two miles south of Earth, got up the morning after one of these tent shows had been in Earth and was quite shocked to see an elephant standing out

in the middle of his field. The pioneer days were exciting times, and fun times as well difficult times.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith a-

## Dirty Filters Hinders Air Conditioner

College Station, -Dirty filters hinder performance of air conditioners. Most new air conditioners have permanent filters which don't need to be replaced, but do need to be kept clean.

Mrs. Jane Berry, Extension housing and home furnishings specialist, tells how to keep a unit at top-performance. Lift the filter out, shake off loose dust, then dip it up and down in hot sudsy water. The bath loosens and removes the greasy soot which the filter has captured.

Rinse, dry and apply a coat of special filter oil to help "trap" and hold additional soil, lint and air-borne grime.

Disposable filters should be cleaned in the same manner, but since they will take only a couple of cleanings a season, it is necessary to replace them occasionally.

greed that pioneering was fun. "I enjoyed it," said Mrs. Smith, "and I'd do it all over, but I don't know why." "I liked it better than I do now," said Mr. Smith.

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# Mrs. Goodwin, 41 Year Resident of Earth

Mrs. Glayds Goodwin settled in Earth east of the Old Dodd Gin with her husband, Clyde Goodwin (deceased) and their first son, C.C. Goodwin, on April 17, 1928. They came here in their car from Sweetwater, Oklahoma.

Mr. Goodwin worked for Frank Ebeling at the Texaco Station which was located about where the Earth Locker is now.

Their house was a small two room house that they built themselves. Mrs. Goodwin said she remembered carrying water from the Runyons across the street, until they had their first pump put in. They later had a windmill installed which was in use until the first city water system was developed. Mrs. Goodwin has seen quite a change in the water system in Earth.

Lloyd Ray, Mrs. Goodwin's second son was born here in Earth in their little house. He is now employed with the Bell Helicopter Plant in Fort Worth, C. C. was four years old when he came here with his parents in 1928. He lives west of town and farms.

The Runyons had their own garden, milk cows, and chickens. There was a lot of work to be done in those days and little time for entertainment. Mrs. Runyon, met with the Working Hands Club and quilted quilts, this was her entertainment. She said that getting together to work on the quilts was lots of fun.

The two things that stood out in Mrs. Goodwin's mind about this area, in the years following her settlement here, were the many windmills that were scattered everywhere over this area, and the terrible dark sand storms.

Mrs. Goodwin said that she enjoyed pioneering in Earth and wouldn't mind doing it again. She said that it wasn't bad, "everyone else was in the same boat."



THIS TOURIST COURT, located approximately where the Southwestern Public Service building is now, was built in 1929 by J. L. Walker, (deceased) who owned and operated it for about eight years. Mr. Walker, a former Justice of the Peace in Earth, came to this community in 1925 and farmed four years prior to building the tourist court.



J. V. RUDD stands in front of his new Model T Ford Truck. The picture was taken on his farm in 1922.

## Drownings Up In Texas

Austin.-Summer is the time of the year when many Texans take to the water. And unfortunately, it's also the time of the year when the water takes many Texans.

The Texas Safety Association reports that 426 persons drowned last year in Texas, most of them from accidents in summer watersports. That was fifty more

than in 1967. Preliminary reports indicate that there have already been more than 370 drownings this year--with more than half the summer yet to go.

This sharp increase in drownings can be stopped if the following safety rules are observed:

- Stay in shallow water unless you can swim, tread water and float.
- Don't panic. The fear of real or imagined danger is a leading cause of drowning.
- Never swim alone.
- Don't swim if you are chilled, overheated, overtired or in a storm. Cold or tired muscles cramp more easily.
- Wait a couple of hours after a heavy meal before swimming. Don't try to show off.
- Don't swim too far--your stamina may not be what it once was, and unused muscles cramp more easily.
- Never dive, swim or wade into strange waters. The water may be more shallow or deeper than you think.
- Learn the depth, tides and currents where you swim.
- Closely supervise children playing in the water. Be sure

the bottom has a gradual, even slope. Empty portable pools at night.

Build a fence with a gate that can be locked around your home pool or any farm pond used for swimming. Mark any unsafe places in the pond, and clean rubbish from the bottom.

If you get tangled in water weeds, don't thrash about. Move gently, shaking your arms and legs clear of the weeds.

If you cannot buck a current, swim diagonally across it, moving with the flow.

If you fall while water skiing, recover the skis. They will help keep you afloat. Also, if your boat capsizes, hang on to it if you can't right it. The swim to shore is usually longer than it seems. Besides, the boat is easier to spot than a lone swimmer.

If you have cramps, don't panic. Keep calm. Fear most often causes cramps to be fatal. If you're in deep water, take a deep breath, assume a face-down position, seize the cramped muscle with thumbs and fingers of both hands, and squeeze with all your might--then stretch the muscle for relief. As quickly as possible, go ashore and massage it.

Remember, if cramps cannot be broken, you can swim in a cramped position if you do not get excited.

If you follow these simple water safety rules, you can be assured that all your summer water fun will be accident-free.

## Range Fires Now Real Hazard

College Station.-The greatest hazard to rangeland during the hot and dry summer months and into the fall and winter is fire.

Everyone, explains B. J. Ragsdale, Extension range specialist at Texas A&M University, has a stake in preventing range fires. The rancher depends upon range vegetation to produce livestock which ends up as steaks, lamb chops and other meat products and which are enjoyed by Texans.

And, adds Ragsdale, fishermen and water enthusiasts want clear rivers and lakes for fishing and water sports. Fire denuded rangelands are conducive to soil erosion when the rains come, resulting in silt laden rivers and silt-filled muddy lakes.

The forage produced on rangeland also provides cover and food for wildlife. Wildfires, points out the specialist, can very materially reduce the hunter's opportunity for a successful hunting season.

Good moisture last spring resulted in much vegetative growth but a hot and dry summer has combined for optimum fire conditions, say Ragsdale. He has the following suggestions for preventing range fires. Motorists should snuff out cigars and cigarettes and place them in the car's ash tray instead of throwing them out the car window. Recreationists should be very careful with camp fires. Fires should not be left unattended.

Landowners can protect their ranges by building fire guards. Sprayers and other fire fighting equipment should be kept in good repair and readily available for any emergency. Communities and counties should have up-to-date workable plans for fighting fires, emphasizes the specialist.

Because everyone has a part in preventing range fires and much to lose in case of fire, Ragsdale urges full compliance with all safety measures and immediate reporting of any fire which might be noted.

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# R. C. Hydes Moved to This Community in 1928

Forty-one years have passed since the R. C. Hydes first came to this area on April 9, 1928, from Baylor County. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde made the trip with their children Bernice and R. C. in their Old Model T Ford. They had to stop and spend the night in a blacksmith shop near Floydada when a heavy sand storm swept the area. Mrs. Hyde recalled that it was a terribly black sand storm, and it was very cold that night.

Mr. Hyde had purchased 160 acres of land at \$34 an acre, 2 miles east and half a mile south of Earth, where they settled and are presently living. The two room house which they built and lived in for eight years was replaced in 1936 by their present house which was one of the first new houses built in this area.

The Hydes had to carry water from their neighbors, who lived a fourth mile away, until they built their windmill. That may not sound far, but it's a long way to go for a drink of water! Their windmill was completed in 1928 and it served them well until the new irrigation wells were dug near there. The irrigation wells drew the water from the windmill causing it to run dry. They were forced to dig a deeper well and install a new windmill. Mr. Hyde recalled, that while digging the well, it caved in and they had to start over, but in spite of these difficulties the new windmill was completed, and still supplies the Hydes with all their water, today. "It sure brings out good old water," said Mrs. Hyde.

Mr. Hyde worked about 200

acres of land when he first came here, his own 160 acres plus the land that he rented from Mr. M. T. Howard. His first 100 acre wheat crop, which was a very good one, was harvested in 1928.

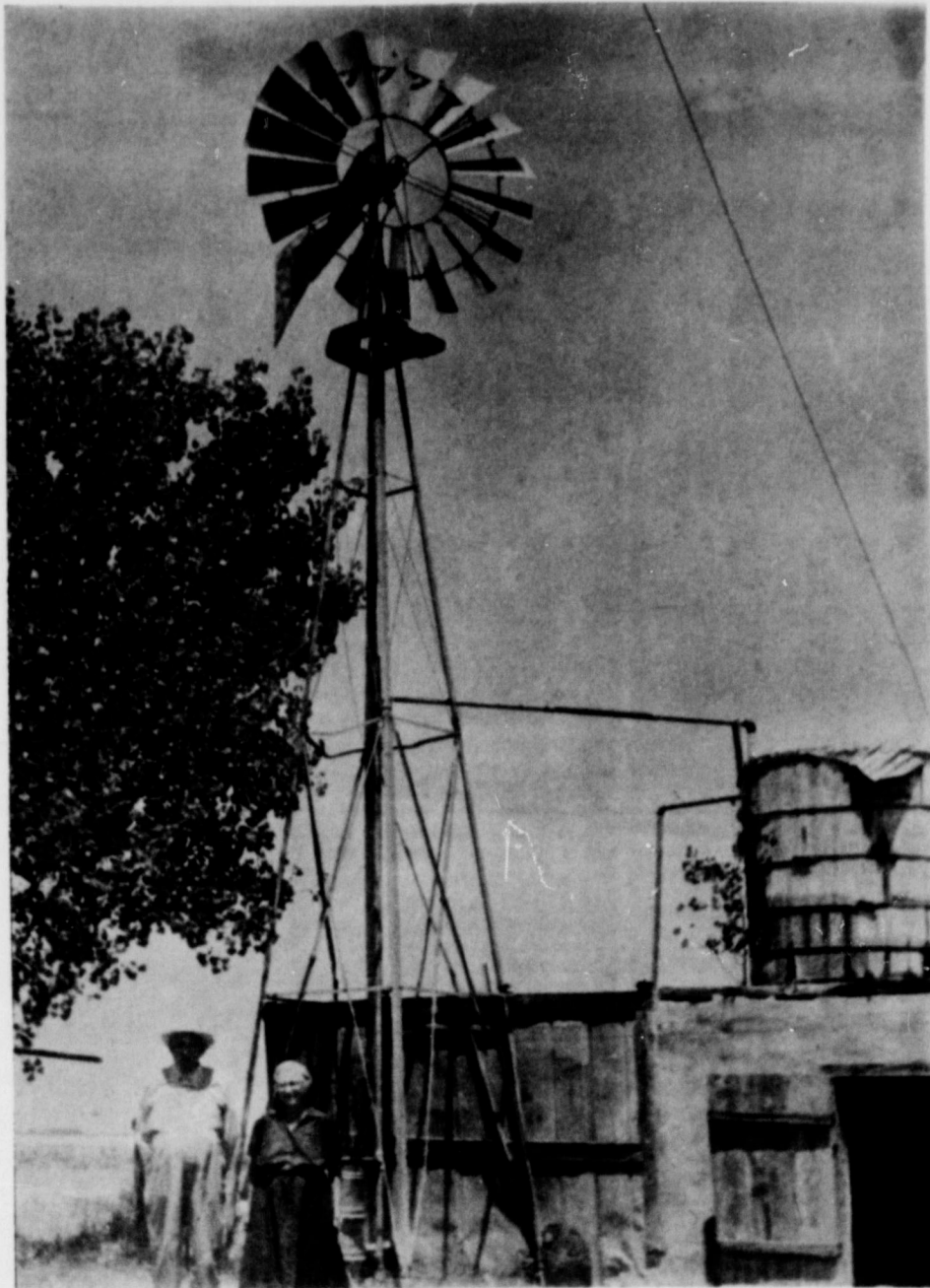
However, in 1932 there was a big crop failure here and Mr. Hyde only harvested one small wagon load of grain. Another year there was a huge fire which almost destroyed their crops, but the rain came at just the right time and the crops were saved. Mr. Hyde recalled having sold his wheat for twenty-six cents a bushel in the years around 1934.

Mrs. Hyde remembered setting her eggs for ten cents a dozen then, and said that you could buy a "big sack of groceries" for a dollar.

The old school bus ran across the field to the old school house and often bogged down in the mud.

An old iron wheeled wagon pulled by a team of mules was the Hydes transportation to and from church most of the time, but sometimes they rode on the tractor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyde admitted that they were a little discouraged when they first came out here, but they stayed. When asked if they would like to be pioneers again, Mr. and Mrs. Hyde agreed, that the pioneering was well worth being able to have their own home and farm, and having the opportunity to watch this country grow into what it is today. Mrs. Hyde added, "We don't regret having moved out here one bit!"



OIL FAITHFUL would be an appropriate name for this Windmill. It is located on the R. C. Hyde place and still furnishes them with all their water. Pictured standing in front of their windmill are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hyde.

## Cost High For Sound Of Music

Dallas, -If you have a stereo tape recorder and a stack of tapes in your car and don't take some basic theft precautions there's a good chance they won't be there in the morning.

And unless you take the time to mark your equipment and record the serial numbers the chances of ever recovering the stolen goods are practically nil.

The stealing of stereo tape recorders and tapes from automobiles is becoming a major headache to law enforcement officials in the Southwest, as well as insurance companies.

Because of the failure of car owners to protect their tape decks from theft, they are easy prey for the professional car thief and are being stolen at a fantastic pace.

For instance, in Austin, Texas, in 1965 there were approximately 20 stereo players and 200 tapes stolen from automobiles, according to that city's police department. Thefts skyrocketed to around 900 players and almost 6,000 tapes in 1968.

This same rate of increase applies to practically every major city in the Southwest, or the whole nation for that matter.

C. C. Benson, manager of the southwestern division of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, says that the key to preventing the theft of tape players is for car owners to always lock their cars when leaving them unattended and mark their stereo equipment.

"Leaving cars unattended on dark, residential streets or a parking lot should be avoided as much as possible," said the NATB official.

"Also, don't advertise the fact that you have a stereo player in your car by leaving tapes in plain sight in the seats or in a box in the middle of the floor. These are things the thief first looks for."

The recovery rate of stolen players and tapes is only 10 to 20 per cent, says Mr. Benson.

"Auto stereo player owners must mark both their players and tapes permanently and record these serial numbers and markings in order to have any real chance of recovery. Permanent, but inconspicuous markings greatly aid law enforcement officials in their recovery efforts."

Mr. Benson also pointed out that many car owners fail to take the trouble to protect their players and tapes properly because they aren't really worried about having them stolen. They expect their insurance company

will pay for the loss.

"However," he said, "these people forget that the cost of insurance varies in proportion to the amount paid out in claims. This can ultimately only lead to the owner losing out. Also, there is always the possibility that if insurance companies continue to suffer huge losses due to these thefts that they will limit insurance coverage for stereo players and tapes."

These 900 stereo players and 6,000 tapes stolen in Austin in 1968 were valued at about \$50,000 or more in replacement value, according to Mr. Benson. He added that there may have been more stolen that were not reported to police.

"Anyway you consider it, it's a lot of money to pay for music, especially music to entertain a thief," Mr. Benson concluded.

Attract listless summer appet-

ites with fruit in family meal, suggests Extension consumer marketing specialist Gwendolynne Clyatt. Fresh pineapple is sure to make a hit, and is available in local market at moderate prices. One cup of fresh pineapple furnishes almost half of the daily requirement of vitamin C. A two-pound pineapple will yield about six servings.

Spark the flavor of outdoor grilled hamburgers and franks with fruit kabobs. Thread fresh fruit chunks with canned pineapple chunks on skewers. Brush with kabob sauce and grill over hot coals 7-10 minutes, turning frequently. Continue to brush fruit with sauce during grilling. To make sauce combine 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, 1/4 cup pineapple juice, 3 tablespoons honey, 6 crushed fresh mint leaves and 1

teaspoon cinnamon. Heat until mixture is slightly thickened. Mrs. Gwendolynne Clyatt, Extension consumer marketing specialist, completes.

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## Forrest Simmons, Early Settlers

Mrs. Forrest Simmons came to Earth from Frederick, Okla. with her mother and younger brothers and sister in their brand new 1925 Model T Ford. They joined her father and two older brothers, who had preceded them in a covered wagon with their household goods and had built a half dugout two miles north and three miles west of Earth. Her father sold land for Halsell and influenced a lot of people to come out here from Frederick.

Mr. Simmons moved to this area with his family in 1924. It took them three days to drive from McKinney in their old Touring Dodge. They built a half dugout two miles north and two west of Earth. He lived there with his parents until he and Mrs. Simmons were married in 1928.

The first year he was here Mr. Simmons and his brother Paul worked on a ranch, but in 1926 he started farming with his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons were married in 1928 and built a little two room house in Earth where they lived for three or four years before moving to Dallas. They returned to Earth on January 1, 1953 and moved into their present home.

The Simmons said that when they first moved to Earth there was nothing here but wide open spaces, grass and cat claws. There were only three or four houses here then, but there were several half dugouts. Roads of any kind were few and far between.

Mrs. Simmons recalled having ridden the old Model T School buses to the red brick school building which was located where it is now. The buses drove out across the country to the school.

"People didn't go much then, just to church and sometimes to ballgames, but one thing we did then that people don't do anymore is visit among our neighbors and friends," said Mrs. Simmons.

**TEXAS CALF CROP UP**--The 1969 Texas calf crop is expected to total 15,184,000. According to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, this compares with 4,948,000 for last year and is the highest since estimates began in 1924. The nation's calf crop is estimated at 44,473,000 head, one percent above last year.



FORREST SIMMONS is pictured here with his 1924 Model T Touring Dodge.



THIS PICTURE OF MRS. MARY DELL (WALKER) SIMMONS was taken near Earth in 1926.

## Milk To Become Obsolete?

More than 93 per cent of bottles and cans in highway litter are alcoholic drinks containers, according to Texas Alcohol Narcotics Education (TANE). A sampling of litter in different parts of Texas showed that 93.05 per cent of the drink con-

tainers were beer cans, beer bottles, and whiskey bottles.

The containers were picked up on sections of highway in West Texas near Midland, East Texas near Tyler, Central Texas near San Antonio, and South Texas near Harlingen. Numbers of containers picked up were beer, 1,780; whiskey, 48; wine, 1; soft drinks, 124; fruit juice, 2; and milk, 1.

Albert F. Tucker, TANE Executive Director, said his organization became interested in learning what percentage of litter was alcoholic beverage containers after hearing of a bill introduced by Rep. John Hannah of Lufkin, that would put a one-cent tax on all dis-

posable beverage containers. We asked several officials, but none could give us a figure. Others had become interested after hearing of Rep. Hannah's bill, and asked us for the figure. One of TANE's functions is to furnish statistical information regarding alcohol, so we made the study," Tucker said.

Rep. Hannah was on hand at TANE's Dallas office to check results of the litter pickup. He said he would resubmit his bill in the Special Session of the Legislature.

TANE is a non-profit, education organization, active since 1935. Its purpose is to prevent problems that arise from the use of alcohol, narcotics, and other dangerous drugs. The organization is supported financially by Texas churches and individual contributions. Programs include publishing books for student and teachers, production of audio visual aids, a 100-man speakers bureau, legislative information service, public school programs, and research.

According to the Texas Highway Department, approximately \$1,845,000 was spent during the last fiscal year for litter pickup, not including litter

pickup by cities. According to an article in the "American Brewer," the state of New York pays 30 cents to pickup one bottle, seven times the cost of producing it.

## Signs Of The Times

Almost since the days of the first automobile, road signs have left something to be desired. For years there were no markers at road intersections in many states, and highway

systems often went unnumbered. Even now, we still have those cryptic "Food-Fuel-Lodging" near exits on modern superhighways. But the magazine Petroleum Today says these not very informative signs may be on the way out. New federal regulations give the states the authority to put up different signs telling specifically what kinds of "Food-Fuel-Lodging" are coming up at the next exit.

## Little Black Box Keeps Cars Under Surveillance

New York--Guess who's been keeping hundreds of cars in this country under strict surveillance with a mysterious little black box. No, it's not the CIA, the FBI, nor Russia's MVD. It's the SDC.

SDC stands for System Development Corporation, a California

research firm which has installed little black boxes in some 1200 cars in six urban centers.

According to the magazine Petroleum Today, it is all part of a three-year, \$12 million pollution research program supported by the American Petroleum Institute, the Automobile

Manufacturers Association, and the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. (HEW is participating on a project-by-project basis).

The little black box actually is a device called a tachograph. It's the heart of a system that measures a car's movements, its speed, trip frequency, distance traveled, and number and duration of stops. The purpose is to give SDC researchers a better understanding of typical driving patterns which will aid in seeking ways to control air pollution.

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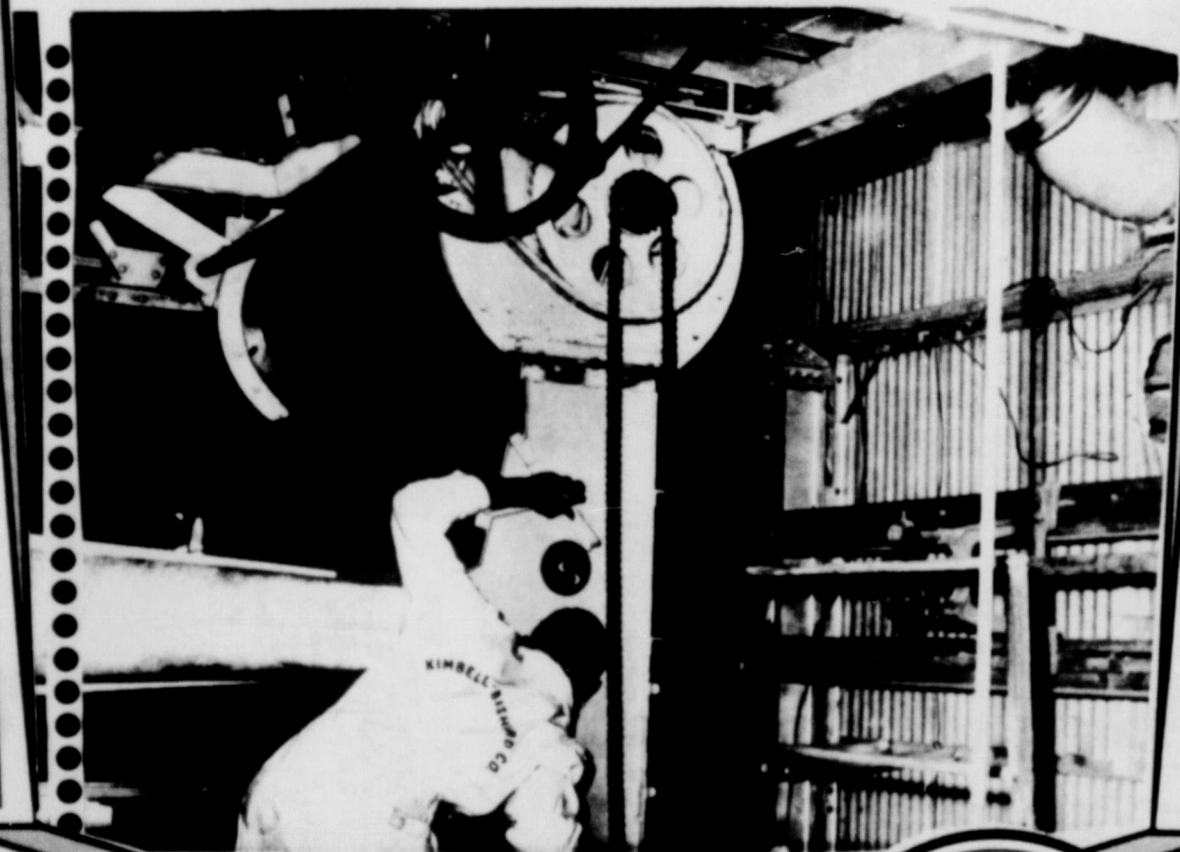
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# Haberers Settle in Big Square Community

Early settlers in the Big Square Area were Mr. and Mrs. John Haberer and family who came from Nebraska in 1910. Herman Haberer, a son, established himself as farmer and rancher in the community which had been established in 1907-1908 by M. L. Stiles. Herman married Miss Bonnie Angeley in 1920. Mrs. Bonnie (Angeley) Haberer relates the following story.



THE FIRST CLOSED CAR in the area was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Haberer in 1922.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Angeley made their entry to the plains area in 1917 from Olney, Texas to Hereford. After the area was settled and began to fill, the Angeley family relocated in the Big Square community near Earth in 1924.

Miss Bonnie Angeley, a 1916 graduate of Olney High School, had stayed behind to teach in her old Alma Mater. She related that becoming a teacher at that time did not take the preparation that is needed for certification today.

The two main colleges in Texas at the time were West Texas State Teacher's College (now University) in Canyon and the College of Industrial Arts (Texas Women's University) located at Denton. Most high school graduates could not afford formal education of a higher level, however teacher training was provided for many through Normal Schools.

Miss Angeley, like many others, attended the Normal School in Olney which was instructed by the outstanding teachers in the county. After the summer course of study was completed, students became eligible to take the state examination for teacher certification.

Miss Angeley taught her first year in Olney and then moved to the Plains area in 1918. She recalls getting off the train in Amarillo at Christmas time, 1918. The trainman who carried her bags walked across the yard in fourteen inches of snow. That winter, the first snows came in November and were never completely off the ground until March.

Bonnie established herself in the Hereford area with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Angeley and taught in the Hereford vicinity until she met and married Herman Haberer in 1920. Bonnie first met Herman July 4, 1918 in Hereford, at a dance honoring the Angeley girls. Bonnie states, "the big red-headed, six foot man was there and that's where it started." They were married January 29, 1920 at her old family home in Olney, Texas.



MRS. BONNIE (ANGELEY) HABERER sent the above picture to her husband, Herman, just before they married in 1920. The "tangled" hairstyle with "bat ears" was very stylish at the time.

er resided on a sheep ranch in the Big Square Community for the first five years of their marriage. Bonnie helped him care for 4500 head of sheep and sev-

eral hundred head of cattle. Bonnie recalls traveling with the sheep shearing crew in 1923. Herman traveled from Big Square through Castro County

up to Deaf Smith County shearing sheep for the ranchers. Ham Lambert traveled with Herman and the Mexican shearers as a tool dresser, (sharpening). During the two week shearing trip, Bonnie cooked for the entire crew in a tent which served as

Bonnie spent much of her time helping Herman. However she managed to find time for teaching. She taught the first seven grades in the one room plank school building in Big Square. The seventeen pupils who attended the school walked, rode horses or came by buggy. After the first seven grades were completed students went to other places and boarded if higher education was desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Haberer attended Church services at the Big Square School house, with other area residents. The Union Sunday School met every Sunday. A Methodist preacher from Dimmitt came once a month and helped in preaching services. "Preaching Sunday" was social as well as spiritual. People came from miles around and enjoyed the fellowship. The afternoon involved a "dinner on the grounds or a trip to someone's home for Sunday dinner."

Other social life included "play parties." The "play parties" involved music provided by a fiddler and a group of young people singing and chanting songs instead of a caller. Bonnie quoted one of her favorite chants as follows:

"I'm Captain Jinks of the horse marines,  
I feed my horse on corn and beans  
Now swing that lady if you

# Rise In Personal Tax Index Reflects Rise In Income

Rise in personal tax index in first quarter 1969 to 258.1% of 1957-59 average from 242.1 in fourth quarter 1968 reflects some rise in income but mainly the large final settlements made to compensate for under withholding of taxes after surtax was passed in June last year.

Disposable personal income index rose only 1.9 points from 187.4 in fourth quarter 1968 to 189.3 in first quarter 1969.

Large gains occurred in all three major types of consumer expenditures. Durable goods index rose 4.4 points to 212.0 in first quarter as gains in furniture and appliances partly offset a decline in new car sales. Nondurable goods index rose 3.8 points and stood at 169.8 while services index continued steady climb to 206.8.

Personal saving index dropped from 197.6 in fourth quarter to not green.

For that's the style of the Army. The Epworth League, a forerunner of the M. Y. F., held quarterly programs on Sunday evenings. This provided occasional Sunday night activity for young people.

Bonnie stated, when I think of Earth in the early days, I think of the old hotel. "She first passed through Earth in the summer of 1920. At that time the whole country was pasture, Earth actually began growing in 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. Haberer moved closer to Earth in 1924. He built a home 20 miles north and later moved their possessions. Later he sold out and moved to the present location. It was in 1924 that he planted his first cotton.

Bonnie takes great pride in a small herd of registered Aberdeen Angus cattle as a hobby. Her hobby room displays the many ribbons and pictures of winning stock, along with displays of pictures and souvenirs of her European travels.

She spends much of her time helping with community and county projects as well as helping with the local school whenever she can. Although she has never been employed as a full time teacher, she proudly exclaims, "I've taught every grade in the Springlake School, even in the Agricultural Department.

She has two sons, Russell of Plainview and Ted of Earth who also share her enthusiasm for life and the betterment of the community.

170.5 (lowest since fourth quarter 1966), while gap between credit extended index (232.0) and the credit repaid index (225.7) narrowed to 6.3 points from 10.8 in fourth quarter. This suggests that consumers shifted in part from debt financing in fourth quarter to use of savings in first quarter 1969.

When a giraffe eats his food it goes a long, long way.

RANGE FIRES A REAL THREAT - Good moisture last spring resulted in much vegetative growth on most Texas rangelands but a hot and dry summer have combined for optimum fire conditions. Bobby J. Ragsdale, Extension range specialist, urges everyone to do their part in preventing fires until conditions improve. Motorist and re-

creationists are urged to be doubly cautious while traveling through or camping in the drier areas of the state.

A NEW VARIETY of blueberries may soon be in the market place. Called "Lateblue," the new berry extends the blueberry fruit season by 10 days and it should be well suited to mechanical harvesting because it ripens simultaneously, say Extension foods specialists.

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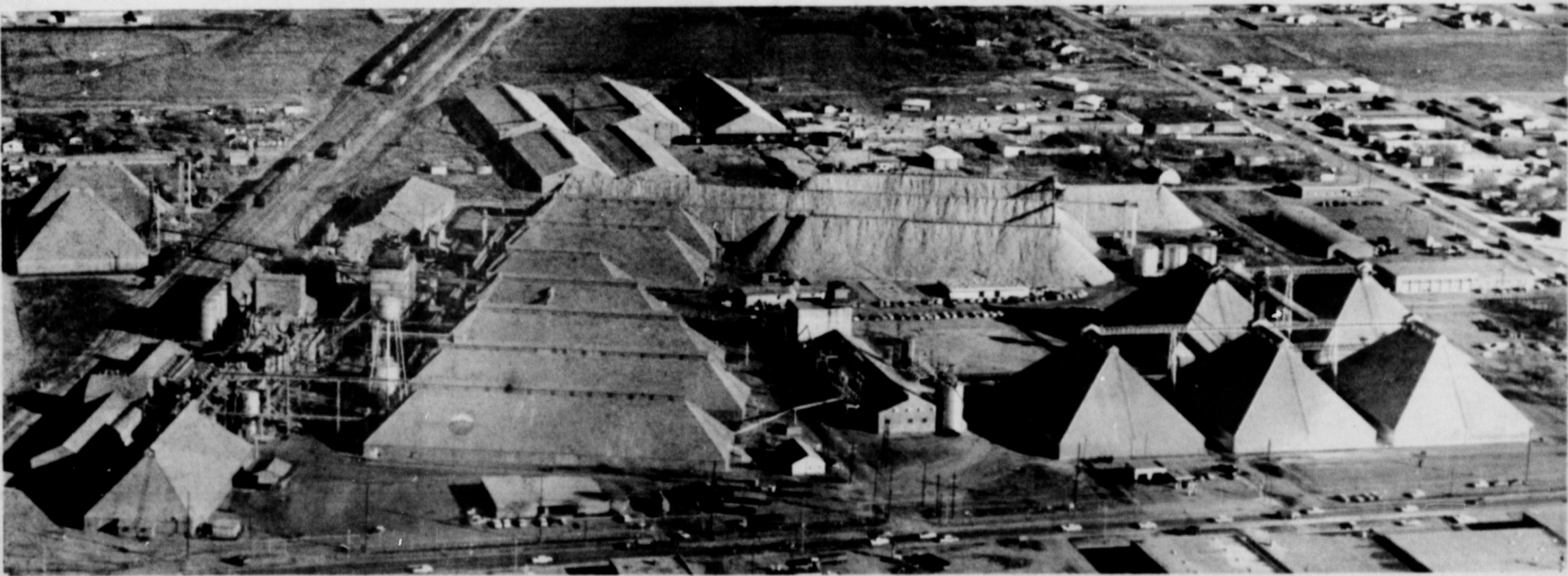
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FOOTBALL LETTER MEN FOR 1929-30 were back row, left to right; Elbert Angeley, Clark Churchwell, Coach C. A. Wilkins; Middle row, left to right; Aulcie Kunkel, Pody Welch, Elmer King, Aaron Craig, Wallace (Abe) Martin; Bottom row, left to right; Bill Churchwell, Ollis Simmons, Buster Nelson, Carlton McKinney, Almon Whitford.

## 1930-The Year That Was!

Did you know that the students who attended Springlake High School over thirty years ago printed a school newspaper known as the "Siren"?

First of all, let me tell you that the newspaper would never have been printed had it not been for local merchants who were willing to support the school and students. Much is owed to firms such as J. W. Kelley and Sons, Parish Hardware, C. E. Moss Insurance Agency, Kelley and Hodges Real Estate, Dr. J. D. Graham, Mack's Produce and Market, Earth Hotel, Jeffries Mercantile Company, Center Grocery (J. N. Baker, proprietor), Farmer's Produce and Chow Service Station (R. L. Roach), Runyon's Black Smith Shop, and Willis C. White Grocery (in Old Spring Lake).

Because of the civic minded businessmen mentioned above, the school paper, the Spring Lake Siren, May, 1930 edition was published.

The Siren dedication of 1930 reads as follows: "We, the Student Body and Faculty of 1929-30, Most respectfully dedicate

this issue 'The Spring Lake Siren' to Carl G. Cliff, Superintendent, for the past two years, in recognition of and appreciation for the worthy service he has rendered the school and community."

According to the 1930 Siren, faculty members were Pearl Dobbs, Irene Whatley, Clifford Shaffer, Neva Erb, Audrey Bradford, Mrs. Elmer Devenport, Mrs. H. A. McClanahan, Martha Tannery, Mrs. Carl G. Cliff, Carl G. Cliff, C. A. Wilkins, and Mrs. C. A. Wilkins.

"We are proud of our Senior Class this year. Although there are only five to graduate they have made a class that has taken its part of school's responsibility and been active in all the school's activities. We wish for these seniors a place of importance out in life and hope they never lose the spirit they have shown as students of Spring Lake High School. . . . Members of the 1930 graduating class were Maye Bell, Wallace Martin, Almon Whitford, Aulcie Kunkel, and Sena Winningham. Another article appearing in

the 1930 Siren was as follows: "Captain Pody Welch will have some good material to begin his season in September. He will have nine lettermen. "Buster" Nelson at center is well named. "Pewee" (Elbert) Angeley at left guard with one hundred ninety pounds is well able to stop up a hole. "Blonde" (Aaron) Craig in back field is a very good track man. "Smiley" (Elmer) King at right guard is just slightly less heavy than "Pewee". "Sheik" Simmons can play football for the ladies. "Joke" McKinney can be honor student and play backfield. "Slim" and "Shorty" Churchwell are brothers to be dreaded if passes are needed. Captain "Red" Welch and Coach "Red" Mobley with their lettermen should be able to use the material and build a cotton sack full of 'five spots'."

The 1930 edition of the Siren pictures Almon Whitford as most popular boy and Ruth Howard as most popular girl. "Cyclone Salley" was presented by the Junior class and proceeds were more than the amount ever to

team. Coached by C. A. Wilkins defeated Sudan 21-0. Springlake met their Waterloo when Olton won 33-0. The Friona suffered defeat when the Wolverine finished 26-0. Members of the varsity team were Elbert Angeley, Clark Churchwell, Aulcie Kunkel, Pody Welch, Elmer King, Aaron Craig, Wallace Martin, (Captain), Bill Churchwell, Ollis Simmons, Buster Nelson, Carlton McKinney and Almon Whitford.

Some of you will remember the "What If," column that appeared in the "Siren" at the end of the year. "What if Elmer were a queen instead of a king? What if Zaylla were a spider instead of a roach? What if Foy were a waiter instead of a cook?" . . . . .

Remember the change that was planned for the 1930-31 school year? C. A. Wilkins, superintendent elect, and the School Board were looking forward to these accomplishments:

"No more Model T's, a local telephone system and telephone in the school building, a fixing in the minds of the student body, their mascot, the "Wolverine," a gym and community house in one center and others.

The 1929-30 school budget signed by secretary of the board, J. L. Hinson came to a total of \$41,209.12. The budget allowed \$354,81 for coal, \$9,804.50 for teachers' salaries, and \$21.50 for Blacksmith services.

Willis C. White served the School Board as president while J. L. Hinson filled the secretarial position. Other members during the '29-30' school year were T. S. Alair, T. B. Lafferty, C. B. Landers, A. B. King, and A. C. Barton.

Honors and awards were given to the highest ranking pupil in each grade. Receiving for first grade work was Weldon Barton; second grade, Mary Nell Hyatt; third grade, Ila Lewis, fourth grade, Gladys Goodwin; fifth grade, Wilma McMillin; sixth grade, Bettie Simmons; seventh grade, Winnie Alice Wilkins; eighth grade, Beedie Simmons; ninth grade, Mary Bell King; tenth grade, Carlton McKinney; and eleventh grade, Sena Winningham.

Yes, 1930 was a "Year That Was." Although small at the time, it made history and helped pave the way for a very modern, updated school. Each graduating class adds another chapter to the school history. Since 1930, thirty-nine other classes have received diplomas from Spring Lake High School. Each class has taken something far more valuable than "book learning" from the school. I stand, counted with many others when I say, "I find great pride and satisfaction in the fact that I am a graduate of Spring Lake High School."

## Bakers First in Punkin Center

The first store in Punkin Center (now Springlake) was owned and operated by the John Bakers who settled the section of land located across from the Springlake Elevator in 1920. The store and filling station was built in 1922 on the south west corner of the section. (B. L. Skinner location).

John Baker's son, Ernest who is presently a farmer and active member of the Springlake Community recalls the Boones, Packards, Yoders and Reeves as the earliest settlers in the area. The Yoders, located where Lewis Syles now farms, was the closest neighbors.

Ernest broke his arm once and remembered his trip to the doctor, which was quite unpleasant. The roads were wagon trails beaten across the pastures and the nearest doctor was miles away, in this case, Plainview. Ernest remembers the pain he suffered on the bumpy road to Plainview.

Punkin Center increased in size when L. H. (Chubby) and Otha

(Spike) Dent built a garage there in 1928. Parishes, although located one mile north, added to business in the area when they built a garage where K. B. Parish's home is now located.

Ernest Baker along with others such as Ralph Rudd watched the community grow into what it is today. Although Ernest was a

way at school or teaching in other locations, he never lost contact with his home.

Baker attended Springlake School for 3 of his high school years. He stayed with his brother in Claude and finished. From 1930-1934, Baker attended West Texas Teacher's College (University) in Canyon

where he studied Vocational Education. The school had an enrollment of 2500 students at the time. Upon receiving his area which at one time was grassland that there was little hope for.

Ernest began teaching Commercial courses in Childress County. Later he moved back to the community that his father started and commuted the 1942 school year to Plainview where he taught.

Since his retirement as a teacher, he has farmed in this rich

## Older Drivers Have Less Accidents

College Station. - The current reputation of the older driver is a myth. A national study shows that the older driver has less than his proportionate share of "all accidents", "fatal accidents" and "injury accidents."

Even in highly populated areas, the older driver has low accident involvement.

Minnie Bell, Extension specialist for aging, reports these findings from a recent national study of Judge Sherman G. Fine-silver, University of Denver College of Law, Judge Fine-silver is an authority on safety and the older driver.

The older driver refers to those persons 65 years and older, Miss Bell explains. The study is significant in regard to insurance licensing and general acceptance as competent drivers.

Fatal accidents are a real problem of the elderly. Judge Fine-silver believes this is due to the inability to withstand injury. The older driver is more likely to have a fatal accident than any driver from ages 35 to 64.

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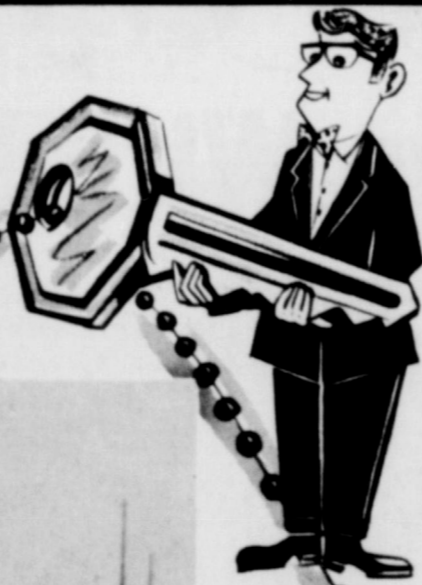
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# Oma and Bruce Higgins, Early Settlers in Earth

Oma (Parish) Higgins came to Earth in October, 1924, with her parents and three brothers. Her father W. H. Parish settled his family on the Old Dad Reeves place which was located about 4 1/2 miles east of Earth. They made the 7 day trip from Vernon in a Model T Truck. Bruce Higgins came to Earth in January 1926, to play baseball with the boys he had played with back in Oklahoma. Many of them had moved out here ahead of him and they told him that they would find him a

job if he would come play with them, so he came. Mr. Higgins came from Sweetwater, Oklahoma with Homer Hodge in an old truck, to look at the area, then returned to Sweetwater. He made his second trip to Earth in a 1926 model Ford, and has lived here since that time. He moved into the old hotel where he remained for one year, while he broke land and farmed. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins were married in 1927, and moved into a one room shack that was situated where the Earth Laundry



THE OLD BRUCE HIGGINS HOME which was considered a country home in 1929 still stands where it was built. The town has encompassed the home since that time. It is located behind Patterson's Pay & Save. Shown are Mrs. Higgins and son Eugene.



THIS 1929 MODEL A FORD belonged to the Bruce Higgins family. Pictured with the car from left to right are Mrs. Oma Higgins holding her daughter, Juanice (Higgins) Glasscock, standing on the running board are Eugene Higgins and Billye Gwynn (Smith) Davis, and Mrs. L. T. Smith holding her son Roney. This picture was taken in front of the old L. T. Smith home in 1934.

is presently located. They resided there for only a few months, then moved into the hotel until they built their house in 1929.

Mr. Higgins began working for the E. R. Hart Lumber and Hardware Co. in 1928 and remained in their employment for 14 years. He purchased his land in 1935 and began farming it in 1942, planting cotton and wheat. All the land around here was baren grassland, and all the early farmers worked hard busting sod, preparing this rich earth for their first fruitful production. Mr. Higgins said that at night one could see three or four dim lights here and there in the distance where farmers were working late in their fields. These lights started going out at about nine o'clock, and it was pitch dark unless the moon was shining because there was not one light anywhere. "You couldn't even see the towns," added Mr. Higgins.

All three of the Higgins' children were born in the house that they built, which now stand behind Patterson's Grocery Store.

"It looked like it was a long way from town then, out in the prairie," said Mr. Higgins.

They moved to their farm south east of Earth in 1935, lived there for only a few months, then moved into Earth where they remained for about seven years before returning to the farm. In 1959 Mr. and Mrs. Higgins moved into their present house, located just east of Earth on highway 70.

Shortly after they built their first house (in 1929), Mr. Higgins purchased twelve Chinese elm trees for \$1.50 apiece. He said that they were highly recommended as shade trees then.

Mrs. Higgins said that in the early thirties they had sand storms, no rain and almost starved to death. Mr. Higgins described the sand storms as being so dark and heavy that you had to light up a lantern in the daytime to see. "The sand blew so much and old thistles caught on the fences and gathered sand until the fences were almost covered up," added Mr. Higgins.

Whenever it rained the base-

ball team would get together and play one of the teams from neighboring communities such as Muleshoe or Olton. This is what Mr. Higgins did in his spare time, which is something that there was very little of then. There was a lot of work to be done, and unless it was wet the men were usually out working in their fields. On Sunday afternoons, however, there was almost always a baseball game being played, and as it was the major source of entertainment, people came from all around to watch the Earth baseball team play. Cars were lined up side by side all the way around the baseball diamond to enjoy the Sunday afternoon together.

There were only two roads of any type in the entire area when the Higgins first lived here. One of them is now highway 70 and the other one ran north and south in front of Old Springlake. "When you went any place, you just set out across the country following some old cow trail," said Mrs. Higgins.


There weren't many houses at

## President Fill'er Up, Please, Sir


Like many a young man, the President of the United States once had a job pumping gasoline. Petroleum Today says that back in the 1920's Mr. Nixon

worked as an attendant in his family's service station in Whittier, California. The only thing that hasn't changed much since then is the price of gasoline, the magazine reports. Today it is only about three cents a gallon more (not counting taxes) than it was in 1926.

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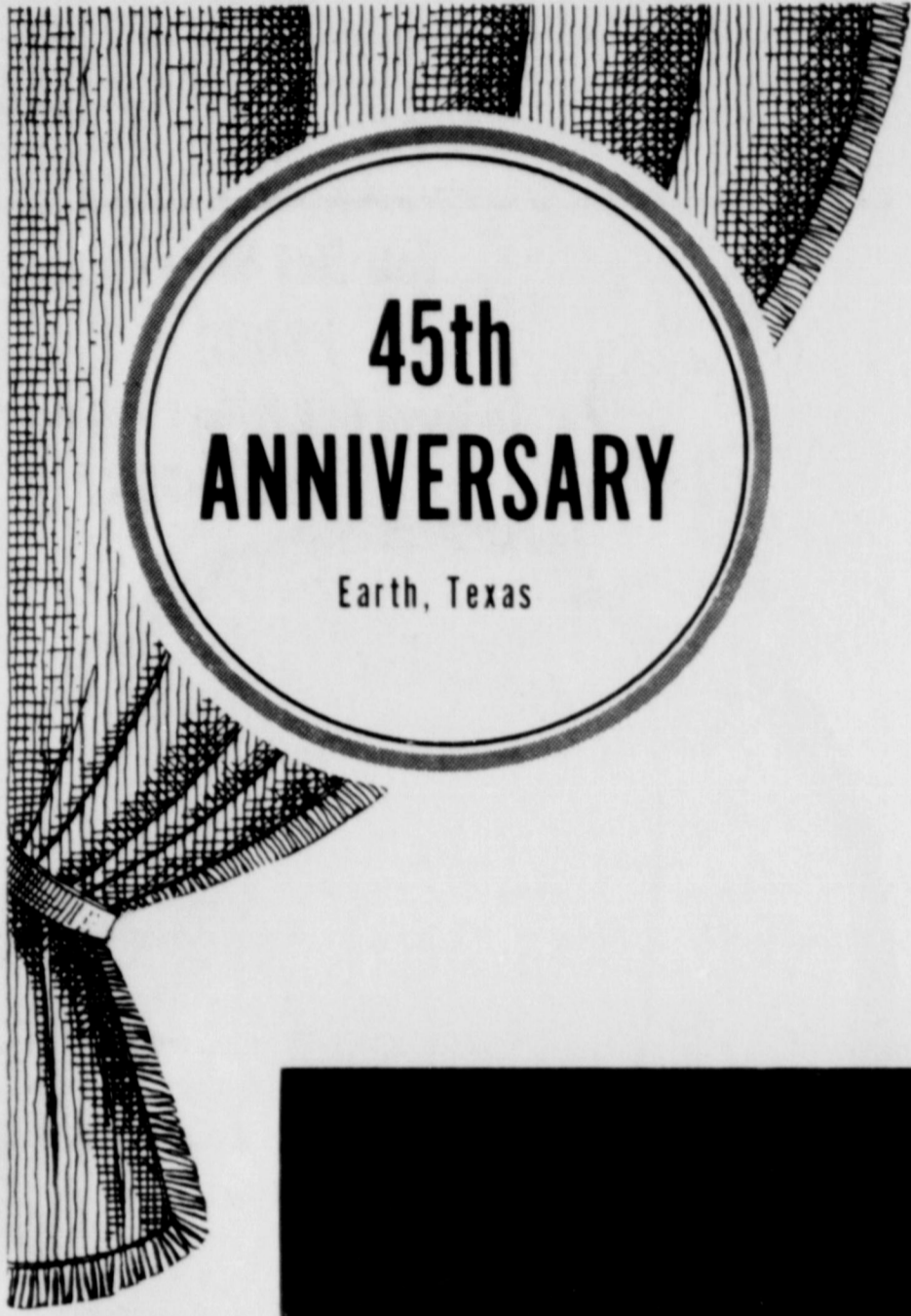
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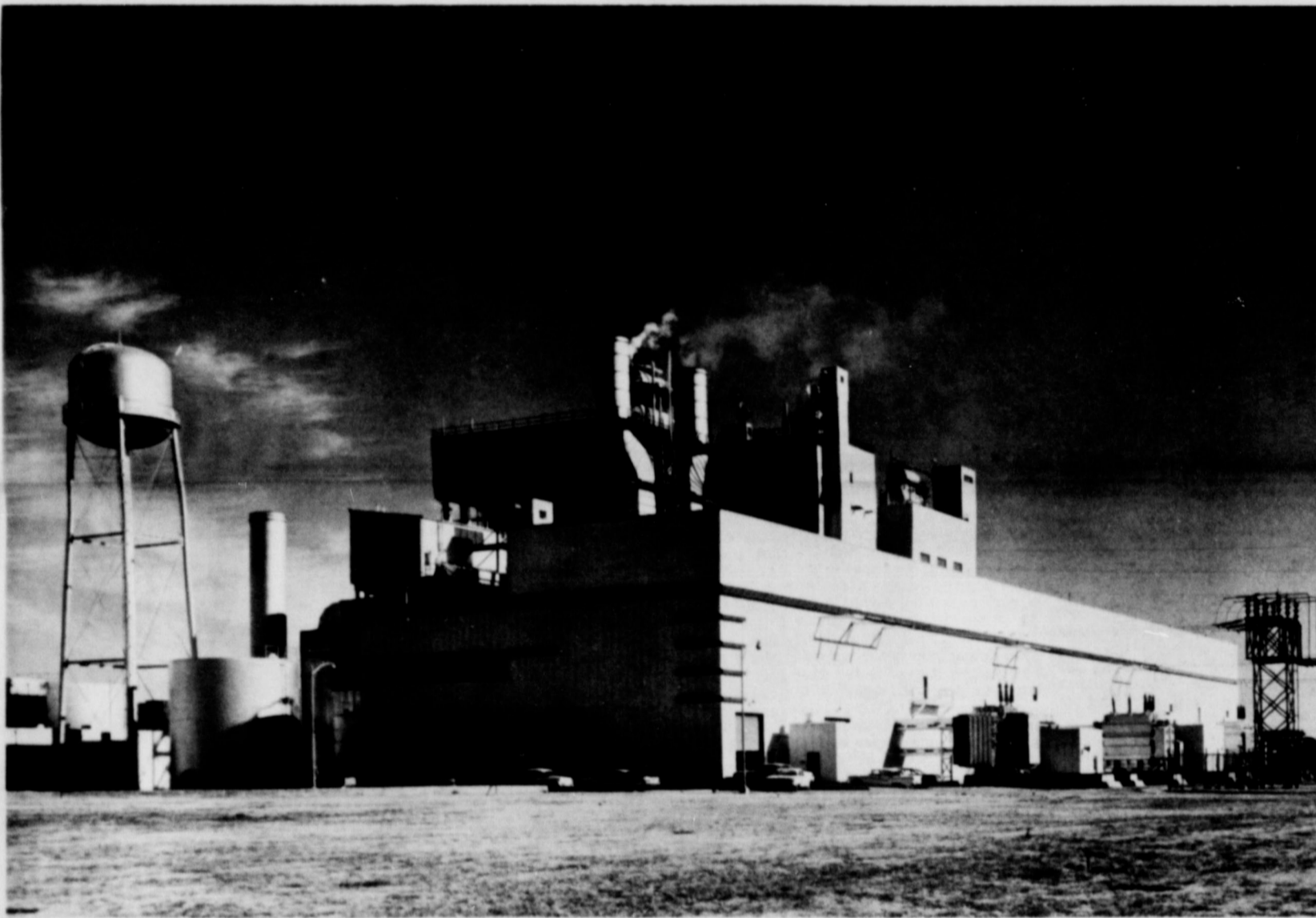
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## The Bomars Settle Northwest of Earth

Seven miles northwest of Earth was the first location of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. (Esther) Bomar after coming from Sweetwater, Oklahoma in 1928. During the three year farming venture, their only daughter, Uldene was born December 22, 1930 on the farm. The Bomars bought the Kelley Dry Good and Grocery Store in 1932. After purchasing the business, which was once located in the building which now houses Taylor Market Basket, they moved into the small town of Earth where they stayed in business for three years. In 1936 the desire to move on,

led the Bomars to pull up stakes in Earth and move to Maple in south Bailey County where they again established themselves in the Grocery business. Although the new business in Maple was successful, it didn't satisfy the Bomars. The 1944 move found them closer to the Earth-Springlake area. They relocated in Lubbock at that time. Two years later the move back to the area took place. Bomar Dry Goods and Grocery has been in the Springlake community since 1946. Mrs. Esther Bomar remembers the Stock Market crash of 1929

and the depression as one of the most memorable events of her life on the plains. When the prices fell in the 1930's the WPA was created by Federal Government in an effort to create job opportunity for citizens who were thrown out of work. During the depression years, Mrs. Bomar recalls selling a 50 pound sack of flour for 59¢. Many people couldn't afford it at that price. The Red Cross functioned as a welfare agency, supplying food for many people. Low prices such as 25¢ a hundred for pulling cotton caused many hardships.



ESTHER and J.H. BOMAR bought the Kelley Brothers Grocery and Dry Good store in 1932. He is holding Uldene as they stand in front of the house that was purchased in the deal. The Ray Kelleys once occupied the home.

Although the area suffered hardships, Springlake and Earth have grown into one of the world's most productive areas. This is due to the strong will and determination of dedicated people.

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# Willis White Recalls the Past

Settling the Plains was not the easiest task undertaken by pioneering people. The process of settling the plains took back breaking toil and insurmountable grief and suffering. The "pilgrims of the plains" were led by strong will and determination. Mr. and Mrs. Willis C. White of Spring Lake have thus related a most interesting part of their early days on the Plains.

Willis White was born in 1890. He moved to the Plains area with his family in February of 1908. They traveled from Kansas to Friona, Texas by means of rail. After reaching Friona, they then traveled to the Running Water Draw in a wagon and sully.

The Fred Ott family (the late Mrs. White's family) made their entry to the Plains in 1901. The family built a two room house and dug a cellar near the home site. A very bad disaster struck the Ott family soon after their arrival. May 8, 1910 a prairie fire swept in from the Flag pasture and spread northward for 25 miles. The fire was successful in destroying their newly built home and all their possessions except those which were stored in the cellar. Among the articles saved was a priceless treasure of the family—a little brown crock jar.

After the fire was extinguished by welcome rain, and the family was settled, Mrs. Ott composed this poem entitled "The Little Brown Jar".

There's a little story I will tell  
About this little brown jar I love so well.  
When my dear mother was young and gay  
She used this jar most every day.  
Antique? Eighty years or more,  
Since my mother brought it home from the store.  
She had five girls—each wanted  
So she gave them to us as own

our ages run.

And when wedding bells rang for me  
She said, "Dorothy this one is for thee."  
I cherished it with all my heart  
And never, never wanted to part.  
With this little brown jar we brought from home  
When to the Plains we decided to roam.  
When a fire struck us hard and fast  
We poured on water, but it didn't last.  
Our good neighbors came with brooms and shout  
And they couldn't put the fire out.  
This little brown jar, the only thing we did save  
We found secure down in the cave.

Mr. White has this little brown crock jar on display in his home in Spring Lake. It is enclosed in a shadow box over the fireplace mantle in his den.

White recalls finding only a few inhabitants on this "lonely wind-swept prairie which was void for everything except prairie grassland swaying in the breeze and an occasional coyote." The prairie lands, before they were sold, were part of the Spring Lake division of the XII Ranch. W. E. Halsell bought this division and began selling parts of the surrounding land in 1907. Mr. White states that he bought his land for \$15 per acre. Maize was the first crop but later wheat and cotton were introduced to the farmers of this area. Mr. Halsell, however, saw an enterprise in cattle and did not sell all of his newly purchased land. The ranch was at one time known as the "Mashed O' Ranch." It is now known as the Halsell Land and Cattle Company with its headquarters being located 10 miles west of



MR. AND MRS. WILLIS WHITE and SONS ED and LEO in 1914 when they lived in the Big Square Community.

the townsite of Spring Lake,

Texas. (A historical landmark marks the sight of the only live spring that is still active. Soda Spring, a little farther west has long since dried up.)

Mr. White could very well be classed as an authority on the postal system that developed in and around the Spring Lake area. He, himself, served as Postmaster in Spring Lake from 1927-1959. He remembers the first mail delivery being on the Fourth of July in the year 1908. The mail was delivered to Spring Lake on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday by Arthur Edwards. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, he carried the mail to Hart. These deliveries were made from Dimmitt by horse and buggy. Mr. White remembers Mr. Devening as the first Postmaster at Spring Lake.

It seems that the townsite of Spring Lake was always located where the Post Office was. The first Post Office was located at Old Spring Lake, which was located on section 43 in Lamb County, three miles south of the Ott place. In 1932, the small site of "Punkin' Center" seemed to be the center of activity for this particular area so plans were begun to move the Post Office to this location. The Post Office at this time, was located on the White farm. White received permission to move the Post Office from the farm if the name Punkin' Center be changed to Spring Lake. This was done of course and the present community of Spring Lake came into existence and is here to stay (unless the Post Office decides to move again!)

The first church services were held in the Old Spring Lake Hotel which was built by the George Wright Corporation. After Billy Head bought the hotel, it became the regular meeting place for the church-going people. The Wright Corporation built a frame for a church building but never finished it. The Congregationalists took it over and finished the building. The group met in a Union and were non-denominational. They called themselves Friends, a sect of the Quakers. The first preacher who held services at Old Spring Lake was the Reverend Buck who is supposed to have worked for the Wright Corporation at one time.

The Church services were always held in the evenings because chores such as milking and feeding had to be done in the mornings. The people traveled to church on horse back or in buggies. Nearly all social activity was centered around the Church. Such events as Sunday "dinner on the ground," singings, and young people's meetings were quite common to the Plains people.

Old Spring Lake is well remembered for its frequent Saturday evening base ball games. The men seemed to keep this recreation going while the women were busy organizing the Ladies Aid Society and the Red Cross. These organizations appeared on the scene in 1911 and met on the Fredrick place which was owned by the Whites at the time. Incidentally, the year 1911 must have been a very good year. It was during the year

that Willis married Etta Ott. The George Wright Corporation was responsible for building the first school at Old Spring Lake in 1906 or 1907. The school existed there for some time and then was moved to Sunnyside. At one time a school was located on the Axtell farm. (The Axtells came to the Plains about the same time that the

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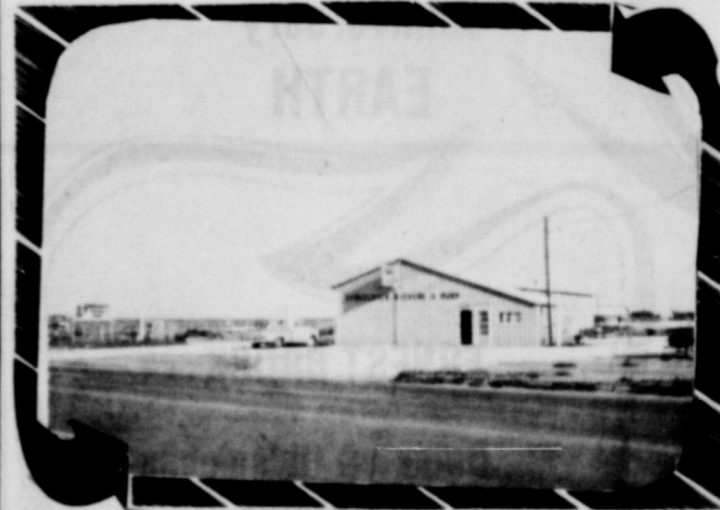
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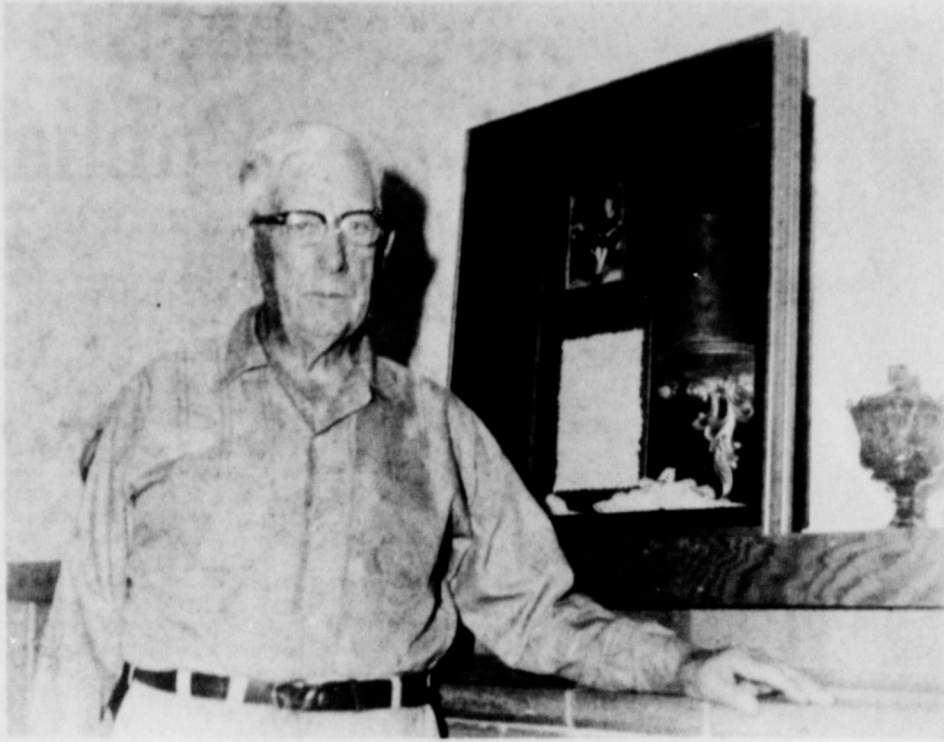
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Ott family came). This was a one room school building and was commonly known as the "Axtell" school. It was constructed in 1909. Another school, the "Roush" school (oldest school in the area), was moved to the northwest quarter of section 19 on land donated by Sherman Roush. The community of Spring Lake held a bond election in 1923 or 1924 to build the present school which is located between Spring Lake and Earth.

The weather of the plains was a great blessing to the Plains people many, many times. The west Texas thunder storms and showers saved the crops from the scorching sun and they also were responsible for saving many acres of grassland that would have otherwise burned in the prairie fire of 1910. Other times the weather would be extremely cruel. Rain was good for the crops, but not when they were "gully washers". Hard rains would wash the roads out and even wash away the crops. The Plains have been witness to many blizzards, the worst being

in 1912. That year three hard blizzards hit this area, leaving a path of destruction. Hail, hot, dry winds and occasional tornadoes do considerable damage. The story of the Plains weather would not be complete if the West Texas "sand storm" was not mentioned. Sometimes the sand would be so black that one could not see. Many old timers recall instances when they were lost in the blinding sand storms. Stories have been told of cattle that were able to escape the fenced pastures by walking over the fences. They were able to do this because "tumble weeds" would get caught in the fences and then the fierce sand would blow and pile up against the weeds thus making it possible for the cattle to escape. Another weather phenomenon that has not been mentioned is the "norther". This front of cold air would sweep across the country and leave a trail of dead livestock, especially the small and young.

The Plains story is one of interest and intrigue. It is the story of ambitious people who sacrificed and shared with neighborly love so that everyone might have existence. The success of the pioneers may be summed up in one word--UNITY. The unity of the people



MR. WILLIS WHITE OF SPRINGLAKE is shown standing by a shadow box which contains the little brown jug that was the only remaining article after the Prairie fire of 1910 destroyed the dug-out. (It was an heirloom of the late Mrs. White.)

who settled in the Spring Lake area have helped to develop it into one of the richest farming areas in the Lone Star State. We, the people of the state of Texas owe a great debt to our

founding fathers. We can only begin to repay this debt by working in the same unity known to them, striving to maintain peace for all, and keeping Progress as OUR goal.

## Tips Given On Applying Herbicides

Herbicides can be useful tools for controlling weeds when properly applied. But Lamb County Agent Buddy Logsdon cautions that improper application can cause problems particularly on susceptible crops. To get satisfactory results from herbicides, Logsdon says to follow the directions on the label as approved by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. "These directions should be followed exactly," he said. Of the hormone-type herbicides, the salt or low volatile ester formulations are safest, Logsdon said. They are less likely to vaporize than the high-volatile ester formulations.

The county agent gave these five rules for applying herbicides:

1. Use chemicals only on crops for which they are recommended.
2. Use only the quantity and only at the time recommended on the label.
3. Calibrate equipment properly and regularly.
4. Avoid application when conditions are likely to cause drift to susceptible crops.
5. Observe all label restrictions and special cautions.

In Lamb County, farmers must obtain an application permit from the field representative of the Texas Department of Agriculture, Fred Roy, for applying hormone-type herbicides on plots of 10 acres or more. On smaller plots, the operator must notify the same office of his intent to spray before making application.

Texas A&M University specialists report that the greatest problems with herbicides are

## "Gaslight" Plots Described

London, Eng.-The Gaslight Treatment really exists.

Two British doctors, writing in the medical publication "Lancet", have described two al-

most-successful plots to get rid of unwanted husbands by confining them to mental hospitals. In one case, a wife's attempt to convince doctors that her husband was irrationally violent

was foiled when her lover was overheard describing their plot in a local bar.

In the other case, the wife in-

sisted that her husband, a pub-keeper, was a dangerous alcoholic and succeeded in having him confined to the alcoholic unit of a psychiatric hospital. Again, a lucky coincidence brought to the doctor's attention the wife's boast--to a relative--that she had fooled the doctors, got rid of her husband and planned to take over his tenancy of the pub.

The moral of these cases, commented the physicians, is that doctors should beware of accepting a relative's unsubstantiated accusations.

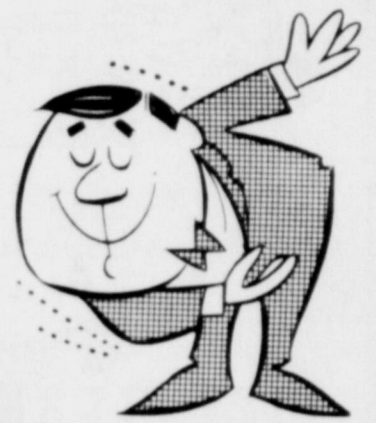


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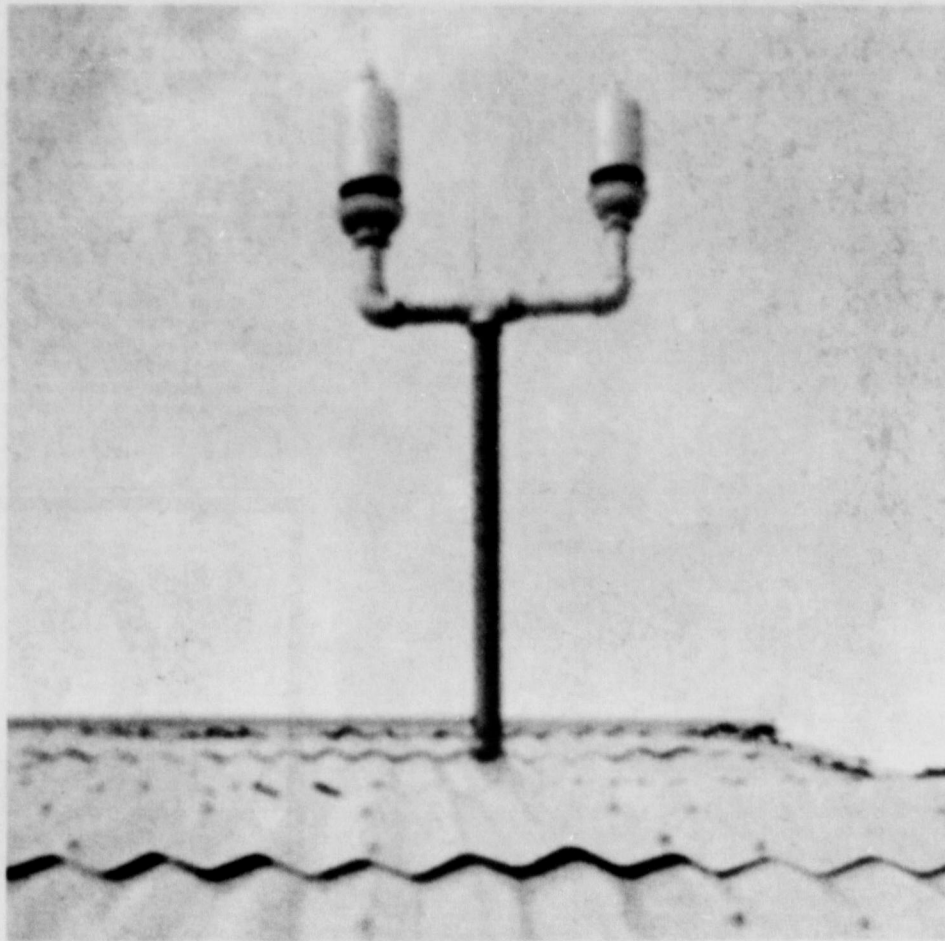
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# Whistles, Gins and Friends

Steam whistles may be a thing of the past but not in our neighborhood.

The Campbell Gin Company located in the Dodd Community proudly displays and uses an old steam gin whistle which once served an eight or nine mile radius as a time keeper. The original location was atop the Choctaw Gin Company in Bennington, Oklahoma.

Ralph Denham, head ginner for the Campbell Gin Co., first remembers the whistle's location on the Choctaw Gin in 1915. At that time cotton was processed with the use of steam which was produced by large boilers located within the plant, thus steam was also used to give the one minute blasts of the whistle during ginning season. It was blown at each shift change, 7:00 a. m., 12:00 p. m. and 1:00 p. m. It also sounded a final blow at 6:00 p. m. in the evening. The last breath of steam sounded the whistle in 1938. It was after that date that com-



GIN WHISTLE ATOP THE CAMPBELL GIN

pressed air came into wider use. The old Oklahoma gin, under the management of Denham, was beginning to lose out as threats of war lingered. Denham left in the early 40's to serve his country during World War II at that time men were scarce, money was hard to come by and many businesses failed to survive. The Choctaw Gin Company was one of those. Denham returned in 1945 and found the old gin in ruin.

After the demolition of the gin, the steam whistle found a new perch atop the Bennington water tower. Operated by compressed air, the whistle continued to serve as a warning for fire, signal for closing down wa-

terworks for repair, and noon signal for the citizens of Bennington.

Lon Rhodes, water superintendent of Bennington, knowing that the whistle did not rightfully belong to the citizens of the town, took it from the water tower and sent it to his long-time friend, Denham.

Denham then installed the heli-loom atop the Campbell Gin. Although not as long winded as before, the whistle is blown during ginning season for 15 seconds at different intervals.

B. Campbell, owner of the gin, built his first gin, which was the first electric gin, in 1919 across from the Choctaw Gin where the whistle was located. The whist-

le served all and not just the one gin, Denham says. "Campbell is the man who put me out of business in Bennington." Although he makes the statement, he holds no grudges. The men have been friends for years.

Campbell stated that his first gin plant was installed at a cost of \$10,000. This installation included the plant, scales and cotton houses. Today the Campbell gin company has machinery valued as high as \$25,000 for each unit.

Campbell ginned in Oklahoma and south Texas before settling in this area in 1940. Denham, coming from Oklahoma, joined his friend, Campbell, as head ginner for the Dodd gin in 1959.

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# Earth's First Newspaper Published in 1933

The first newspaper published in Earth was originated by Mr. J. M. Forbes, a retired publisher now living in Muleshoe.

The Earth News, which it was then called, was printed by the Thatcher Printing Company in Plainview which is now the Eaton Stationary Company.

Prior to moving to Earth Mr. Forbes had leased the Orton paper. He felt that Earth, being the growing little city that it was, should have its own newspaper. In 1933 he moved to Earth and on February 16 of that same year the residents of Earth read the first Earth newspaper.

Mr. Forbes said that since there weren't many businesses in Earth at that time all he had to do was to gather a little news and sell a few ads. His most difficult task was hitching a ride to Plainview to have the paper printed and then returning to Earth to deliver it.

There certainly wasn't much money made with his newspaper, Mr. Forbes said, but the C of C gave him support, and a lot of people helped him run of the paper, which was located in the City Drug. Mr. Forbes said that he made many life long friends at his job.

After a few months Forbes was forced to give up the newspaper because of financial difficulties and move to a more profitable position.

The newspaper didn't appear in Earth again until March 2, 1939, when Aubrey Dobbs set up shop. He only remained for a few months, however, and once again the services of a local newspaper were gone from the City of Earth.

Forest Weimholt took over the paper in 1941, but found no more success in the publishing business here than did his predecessors. He too gave up printing a paper in Earth.

Once again Mr. Forbes returned to his friends and began publishing the paper in 1946 with the help of Ben Oglesby and Alma Stockstill. Forbes then owned the Muleshoe paper until 1954. Roy Neal purchased the paper from Forbes in 1947, and in January, 1954, sold his rights to Leonard Stephens.

The Earth paper became known as the Earth News-Sun in 1956 when the Middletons after moving here in 1954 combined the Earth News with the Sun which they purchased from Stephens. This is the fifteenth year of continuous ownership for the Earth newspaper which is quite a record.

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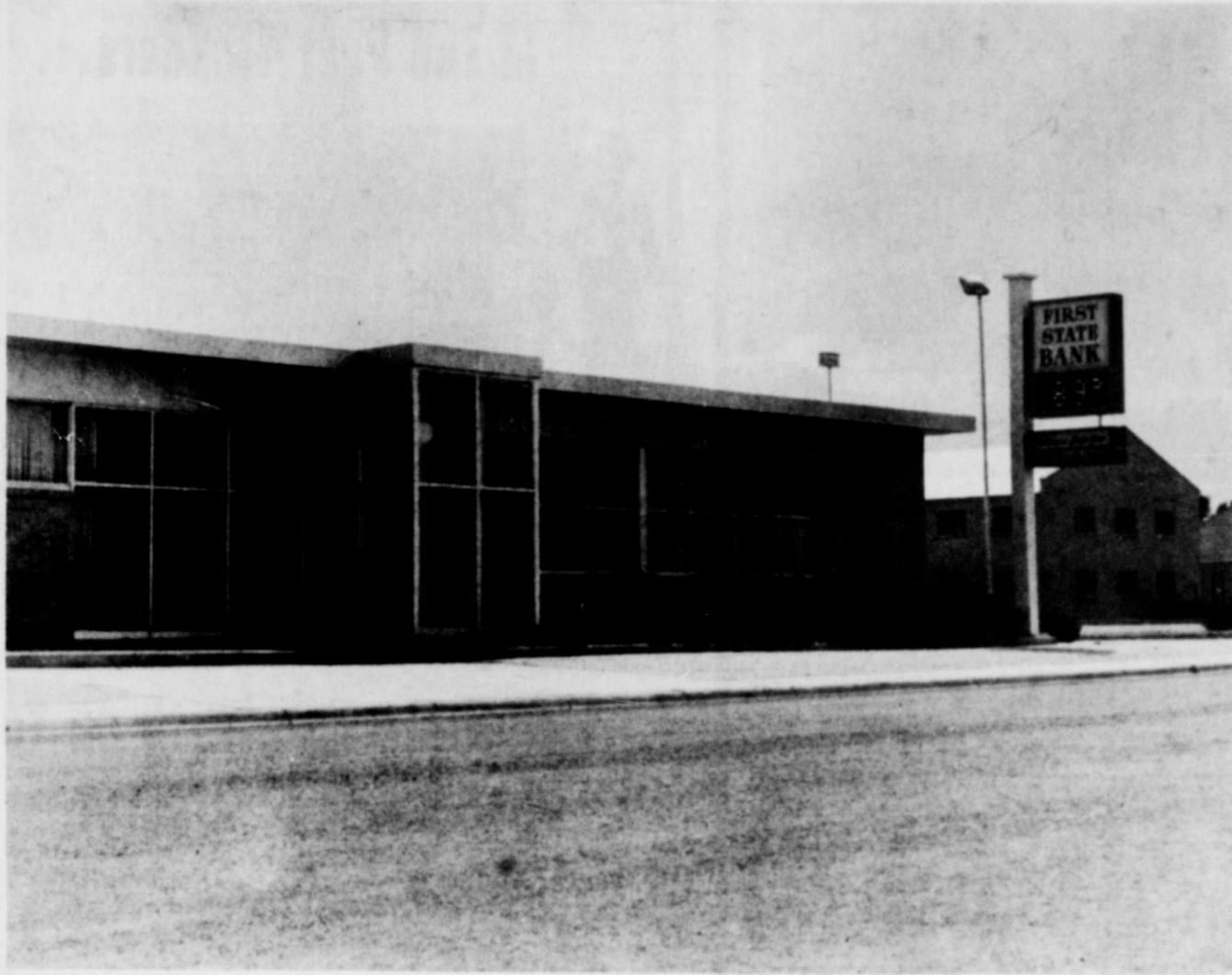
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# Gibsons Settle in Sunset Valley

One of the oldest settlements in Lamb County was known as Sunset Valley, located directly south of the Springlake-Earth Schools at the foot of the sandhills. J. Thurston Gibson who came to the area on November 11, 1924 from Guthrie, Texas says that the settlement possibly dates back to 1902. Gibson settled about five miles from Sunset Valley after a five day covered wagon trip from his birth place in King County, Texas. Gibson remembered stopping



MR. and MRS. J. THURSTON GIBSON have done much to restore the splendor of an old West Texas home. The old Lubbock home was moved to the Gibson farm in 1963. Hector, the family pet is pictured with them.

in Paducah and Matorador on his trip to the Springlake-Earth area. The last camp before reaching the destination was on an old school yard south of Hale Center. There he found sheds for the children's ponies and his team. The following day which was November 11, 1925, Gibson established himself in the Sunset Valley Area. The soil and prairie land was ideal for the farming and ranching that he had in mind. Thus Sunset Valley became his home. Thanksgiving Day 1926 is a most memorable day to J. T. That was the day the worst wind and sand storm, hit the area as he recalls. Cotton Crops, in the process of being harvested, were wiped out clean. There

weren't enough farm hands to gather fast enough to save much of the cotton. A cotton sled drawn by horses, a forerunner to the cotton stripper, was used for the harvest so the harvest was a long, slow process. Gibson was taking a wagon load of cotton to the gin located five miles west of Olton when the storm hit. Finally arriving at the gin, he found it crowded and also found that he had an empty wagon. The wind had blown the cotton from the wagon during the journey to the gin. Gibson remembers the first cotton in the area being planted by Judge E. N. Burrus of Olton. Burrus traveled as far as Matorador to have his first cotton ginned. Later gins became very prominent over a vast area.

The history of America is found throughout the household items which are displayed. Such items as a table scarf stitched in drawn Hardanger (embroidered lace) or a Vaseline ware (cut glass not out dated) bowl which adorns the antique dining table tell stories of the past. Vases and pitchers from different states add to the American history that the house relates.

The beauty of the past is out-of-doors as well as inside the home. The original house built on the land, still stands although it doesn't look exactly as it did. Additions and remodeling have changed it. The old panel wagon, once used for hauling bundles and cotton now stands on its original wooden spoke wheels behind the old house.

"America, America my home sweet home" should be the theme for each individual Amer-

ican. The "sweet home" whether it be the entire U. S. A., the State of Texas or Community should be preserved in such a manner that all posterity can see from whence they came. Perhaps if we view our past, we can decide where to go in the future.

The Gibsons have a past full of beautiful memories, many of which are living memories because they took the time and made the effort to preserve much of their past. Gibson states "I've worked hard, paid my debts, and tried

to treat people right. A man has got to be honest."

"Those who wonder aimlessly, such as hippies, are missing the best part of life. My only advice to young people is to go to school and get an education."

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M. H. "Dutch" Beu, present the station since 1956 when he purchased it from Beasley and Wood.

# T. F. Koonce Oldest Store Manager in Earth

Mr. T. F. Koonce, one of Earth's first businessmen, says that he has seen innumerable changes in this city since he first came here in 1934, as manager of the Higginbotham-Barlett Company from Bedloe, Texas.

Mr. Koonce recalls that when he first moved to Earth there was no paving, no water system, and not much electricity.

Mr. Koonce has seen his company's facilities grow from a 20x80 foot shed, where the office now is, and a 24x24 foot office building to the company which now owns the entire block where the lumber yard is located.

This change started in 1937 with the building of a 100 foot lumber shed which now occupies the western two-thirds of the present shed. Then in 1942,



Nothing worthwhile can ever come to the man who sits and dreams. Anything a man really wants will come to him if he plans for it and works for it.—Max Good, Webster County (Mo.) Citizen.

Efforts to endow individuals with dignity through the passage of laws are a waste of time.—Joseph M. Shaw, Jr., Cherokee County (Ala.) Herald.



T. F. KOONCE

the present office building was constructed and the lots adjacent to the yard on the left were purchased giving the company ownership of the entire block. In 1952, a 50 foot shed was added to house a greater lumber supply.

Higginbotham-Barlett owned some 48 stores across the state

## Factors Favorable For Wool —Mohair Price Improvement

College Station, --Declining numbers of sheep and goats in Texas and a corresponding decrease in wool and mohair production should have a favorable influence on wool and mohair prices, reports John G. McHaney, Extension economist at Texas A&M University.

Shorn wool production in 1968 was six percent less than in 1967, continuing an 8-year rapid decline. With the U.S. sheep inventory on Jan. 1 down five percent, wool production this year will continue to decline, McHaney says.

Goat numbers in Texas fell 18 percent during the past year to 2.9 million head on Jan. 1. Goats shorn in the seven main states during 1968 totaled 4.0 million, four percent less than in 1967.

Thus, mohair production will likely total sharply under the 26 million pounds, grease basis, produced in 1968, noted McHaney. Texas produced 96 percent of U.S. mohair last year, he said.

Wool imports are expected to expand in coming months with declining U.S. wool production and prospects of larger mill use. Imports of new apparel wool may go above the 1968 figure, which was 19 percent higher than in 1967.

Imports of apparel wool textile products during 1968, totaled 137 million pounds, 20 percent more than the previous year. These imports in 1969 probably will continue relatively large, McHaney said.

Mill use of raw apparel wool, mostly stable through 1968, should also be higher in 1969, he noted. Per capita domestic use of apparel wool rose nine percent last year despite higher prices for wool textile products.

## Cub Scouts Organized In 1956

The Cub Scouting program in Earth was begun in 1956 with a meeting of the Lubbock Cub Master, Bud Irvin, Assistant Cub Master, Ross Middleton, and the parents of several area boys.

Sponsored by the Earth Lion's Club three dens were formed and den mothers were elected. They were, Mrs. Bud Irvin, Mrs. Vivian Parish, and Mrs. W. R. Bartlett. Assisting the den mothers were Mrs. David Johnson, and Bill Bryant, Den Dad; Mrs. Keith Chastee, and Den Dad, Eldon Parish; Mrs. Ted Borum

and the late C. P. Parish, Den Dad. Under the leadership of Dr. W. D. Holt these first Cub Scouts became Explorer Scouts. Since its beginning in 1956 the Earth Cub Scouts have helped many area boys to manhood through the various skills acquired in scouting. Summertime is fun time in and around the water.

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# A. L. Haberer First Mayor of Earth

It was way back in the year 1924 when "Dad" Reeves, the father of Earth, made the remark, "This is the good Earth," the history of the City of Earth began. As a result of this remark, Earth received its name. Since then the City has grown to approximately 1500 residents. The first City Commissioners were Herb Windborn and Cleve Hudson, who were two of the firsts in Earth. The County Wide News was the official newspaper until 1933. The City was incorporated August 26, 1946, with C. E. Sanders serving as City Secretary and Tax Collector.

Earth's first mayor, elected in 1946 was A. L. Haberer. It was under his leadership that the first water works system bond was passed. The bond election for the construction of a water works system for the City of Earth was held July 8, 1947. Seventy-one votes were cast with only two opposing votes counted. E. T. Borum replaced Haberer

as mayor in 1948, and in that same year dial telephone service was approved and installed.

The original City Hall was built in 1951 during the term of A. D. Taylor at the contract price of \$4,347.85. The present city jail was constructed in 1952.

Pat McCord, elected as mayor in 1953, saw the naming of the Taylor and Burkett Additions which were plotted into residential lots. In August, 1954, a bond election for the issuance of bonds for a sewer system and also for extension to the water works system was held with 77 of the 83 votes cast being for the bond and 6 against it.

H. L. Patterson occupied the mayor's chair following the 1955 election and during his brief administration, the first licensed water superintendent, W. F. Williamson was employed by the city and the first city-owned vehicle was obtained. Patterson resigned in August due to business obligations.



THE LONG MIRROR of an old drug store or bar and the antique table centered with the vase-line ware bowl, such as the ones found in the J. T. Gibson home would add grace and poise to any home.

Bill Pope succeeded Patterson as mayor and it was during his administration that the highway was widened and the median were accomplished at an estimated cost of \$54,000. Earth switched from a two-commissioner form of government to an Aldermanic form in 1956.

In April, 1956, Roy Neal became the new mayor of Earth. The watertower was repainted and in 1957, Earth purchased a city maintainer, and the city workshop and fireman's recreation room were built. Also during Neal's administration new street signs were installed.

Marcus Messer assumed mayor's duties in 1958 and the first paving project in the residential area was completed in September of that year. The swimming pool, which has been among the city's greatest recreational interests, became a reality in 1956. In 1960, the city limits were extended one mile east and one mile north of the caution light.

More water and sewer extensions were made. The Burkett Addition paving project was completed in 1960. The new Earth fire truck was purchased in 1962. The lovely Hite-Park Addition was accepted to the city limits in January, 1962. In June of that same year paving in that addition was completed.

The beautiful new City Hall was ready for occupancy on August 1, 1963. With its entertainment area included, it was an outstanding addition to the community.

Marshal Kelley became mayor in 1964 and served in that position until 1966 when he was succeeded by E. C. Kelley our present mayor.

In July of 1966 the A. A. and Belle Parish Additions were added to Earth followed by the Block Three J. A. Parish South Side Addition in October, 1967.

It was also in 1967 that installation was begun on the water system in the Hite Park Addition. This system included a 1000 capacity water tower and a 50,000 ground storage tank. Construction was completed and the system was accepted by the city in March, 1968.

The water towers in Earth were painted green and gold in 1968 as a tribute to our outstanding Springlake-Earth School.

We are indeed very proud of our city government officials and the history of their accomplishments. Present officials are: Mayor E. C. Kelley; City Marshal, Alvin Pittman; City Attorney, Andy Stroebel; Water Superintendent, Johnny Enloe; City Secretary and Judge, Betty McAlpine; Aldermen, Eldon Parish, H. S. Hickman, W. G. Bryant, Doug Parish, and Bob Belew.

leen, Texas. "Aside from contributions to control of smut, research on

this pathogen can lend much to the nature of plant resistance to disease, which is fundamentally unknown," Frederiksen said. Sorghum head smut has affected 20 to 30 percent of the plants

in some fields, and in one case 50 percent, Frederiksen reported. Diseased plants have black masses of spores instead of grain in the head. Described as a quasisystemic pathogen, the

head smut organism follows the growth point of the plant. Its spores do not need a host to survive; they can lay dormant in the soil.



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## New Race Of Sorghum Head Smut

College Station.--Grain sorghum varieties, previously resistant to head smut, are now susceptible to a new smut race, according to Dr. R. A. Frederiksen, Texas A&M plant pathologist.

First discovered by A&M researchers about a year ago, the new race of *Sphaerotheca reiliana*, causative organism of head smut, has been identified in six Upper Coast and Coastal Bend counties of Texas where grain sorghum is a \$15-million industry.

More important is the fact that head smut occurs in all parts of Texas, which realizes more than a \$300-million annual income from the crop, Frederiksen said. Though it would seem to be a gloomy story, the brighter side lies in the fact that Texas A&M has already developed a new resistant variety experimentally. Darrell T. Rosenow, grain sorghum researcher for Texas A&M at Lubbock, used a smut resistant female plant to come up with a hybrid very similar genetically to previous resistant strains.

Tests conducted in a uniform head smut nursery at Beeville indicate there may be several good sources of resistance to the new threat, Frederiksen said. Reactions to the new smut race were determined this year on all commercially available lines and a majority of open-pollinated lines used for breeding. Certain sudan, begari, broomcorn and feterita lines have shown much promise for incorporating new smut resistance, he added.

The head smut nursery actually verified discovery of the new race when known resistant lines became smutty, Frederiksen noted. A uniform nursery will be continued to monitor genotypes of the new pathogen and to maintain a check for possible new races.

Tissue and genetic studies on the smut organism by A&M graduate research assistants have helped speed up new resistance development, Frederiksen said. Bio-chemical and physiological aspects are now being examined by Archie Martin, graduate student from Kil-

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# Earth Order Of Eastern Star Instituted In 1943

On November 6, 1943 installation of the Earth Chapter of the Eastern Star No. 870 took place along with the election of its first officers. They were: Worthy Matron--Eula Kelley; Worthy Patron--M.E. Kelley; Associate Matron--Glady's Kelley; Associate Patron--John Laing; Secretary--Minnie Vaughn; Treasurer--W. T. Clayton; Conductress--Myrtle Clayton; Associate Conductress--Zada Anglin; Chaplain--Helen Kelley; Marshal--Lorene Littleton; Organist--Glady's Parish.

The past matrons and patrons included: Eula and Marshall Kelley, 1943-44; Glady's Laing, M.E. Kelley, 1944-45; Myrtle Clayton, W. T. Clayton, 1945-46; Zada Anglin; W. T. Clayton, 1946-47; Helen Kelley, 1947-48; Lorene Littleton, J. A. Littleton, 1948-49; Elsie Hawkins, E. R. Hawkins, 1949-50; Bessie Cearley, Sam Cearley, 1950-51; Loraine Alonzo, H. F. Hodge, 1951-52; Virginia Whitford, O. B. Whitford, 1952-53; Zou Wilson, R. G. Wilson, 1953-54; Opal Davis, M.E. Kelley, 1954-55; Jewel Neal, H. F. Hodge, 1955-56; Ann Hodge, H. F. Hodge, 1956-57; Glady's Parish, C. D. Parish, 1957-58; Dorthaphine Brown, J. A. Littleton, 1958-59; Gayle Littleton, J. A. Littleton, Jr., 1959-60; La Juana O'Hair, A. E. O'Hair, 1960-61; Beth Kelley, Jerry Kelley, 1961-62; Millie Armstrong, Bob Armstrong, 1962-63; Dorthy Parish, K. B. Parish, 1963-64; Joe Runyon, Donald Runyon, 1964-65; Ann Kelley, Donald Kelley, 1965-66; Eva Hopping, Chfford Hopping, 1966-67; Elisabeth Laing, George Laing, 1967-68; Fern Bock, Melvin Bock, 1968-69. The present matron and patron are Oletta Sanders and Bob Armstrong.

The General Grand Order was established in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1876. Master Builder of the Order of Eastern Star is Dr. Rob Morris. Since its early beginning the Order of Eastern Star has grown into a most active organization, and its chapters now encircle the earth.

Earth's own chapter was proud to move into its new hall in 1962, and it now has a membership of 116. The present charter members are: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Anglin, Mrs. James Alvis, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clayton, Mrs. Sam Cearley, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hawkins, Mrs. Emma Jaquess, Mrs. Haz-



A PARTY IN THE SAM CEARLEY HOME in February 1948 honoring the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Earth O. E. S. Standing--L-R: C. P. Parish, J. J. Coker, Delbert Barlow, L. Z. Anglin, Marshal Kelley, Carolyn Coker, Beulah Newton, Victoria Powell, Venoy Sanders, O. B. Whitford, Virginia Whitford, Lorain Alonzo, Helen Kelley, Ray Kelley, Lorene Littleton, J. A. Littleton, Zada Anglin, Zou Wilson, Jewel Neal, Lora Belle Hickman, Glady's Parish, Ina Merle Barlow, Seated: Sam Cearley, Bessie Cearley, Charlie Sanders, Eula Kelley, Mrs. Hugh Blaylock, Emma Jaquess, Homer Hodge, Emma Miller, Anne Hodge, Nannie Ginn.

el Jaquess, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. N. Ray Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. John Laing, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Littleton, Mrs. Barry Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nix, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whitford, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Vaughn.



THE FIRST MEETING OF EASTERN STAR in the new Lodge Hall, October, 1962. L-R-Front Row, Dorthy Parish, Eva Hopping, Helen Kelley, Beth Kelley, Maydell Simmons, Lena Hite, Second Row: Jean Byers, Jessie Sanders, Gayle Littleton, LaJuana O'Hair, Elsie Hawkins, Lora Belle Hickman, Annie Hodge, Bertha Jones, Virginia Whitford. Back Row: Fern Bock, Melvin Bock, Bob Armstrong, Eula Kelley, Millie Armstrong, Joy Runyon, Casey Jones, Homer Hodge. Not shown: Anne Kelley.



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1/4 cup water  
1/2 cup light corn syrup  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
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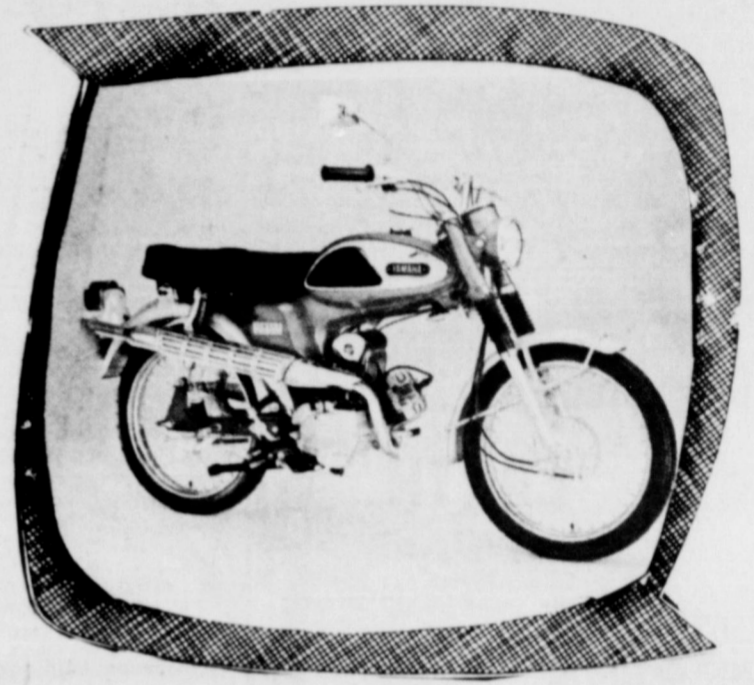
The 13th Annual High Plains Research Foundation's Field Day has been scheduled September 11. Dr. Tom Longnecker, Foundation director, announced today.

An annual observance featuring the research projects at the farm at Halfway will be conducted from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. with tours of research plots and office and shop fac-

ilities scheduled. Of special interest for High Plains farmers attending the event will be new studies in minimum tillage seedbed preparation for cotton and grain sorghum, swine production studies and feeding trials in portable pens with slatted floors, various applications of herbicides and fertilizers, as well as the con-

tinuing studies on soybeans, sunflowers, castors and corn. Representative Bob Price, Pampa, will be guest speaker for the evening program. Other displays at Field Day will be Farm Equipment Showing and various exhibits by Foundation Commodity Committees and several agriculture agencies.

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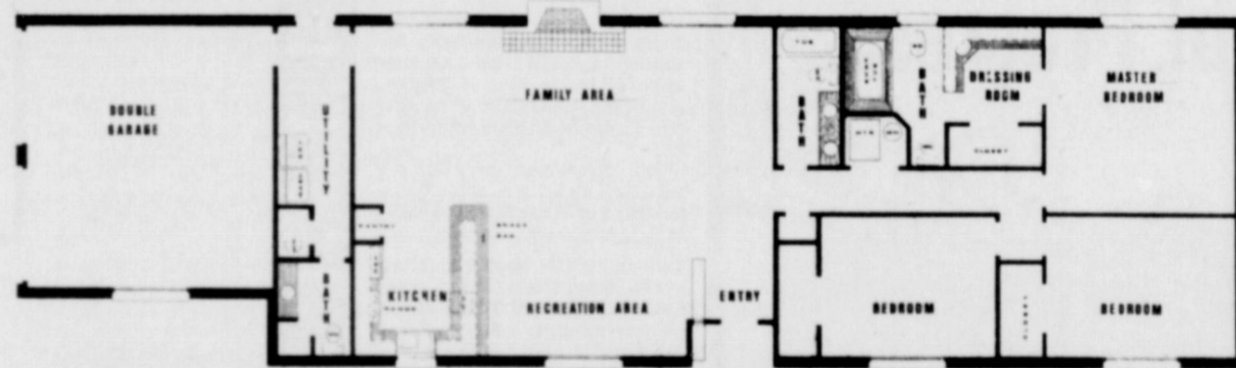
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# It's Wonderful

Mrs. Bessie Cearley moved to the Earth area in January of 1925 with her husband Sam whom she had met and married four years earlier.

Bessie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Doughty of Martha, Oklahoma, met the Haskell farmboy when he came to visit an uncle in Oklahoma. That uncle just happened to be a neighbor of the Doughty family. They were married October 2, 1921 in the home of her parents.

In 1925 Sam and his bride arrived in Earth, having sent their household furnishings, stock and implements to Plainview by rail. The Cearleys left Haskell at 3:00 a. m. and made it to Floydada by 10:00 p. m. in a low speed Model T truck. The remaining 150 miles were completed the following day.

The previous year Mr. Cearley and his father-in-law, R. I. Doughty had come to Earth to see what the area was like. The two men purchased a quarter of a section of land that had a good grain crop on it at that time.

When the Cearleys arrived they purchased land northeast of Earth. They lived in the first resident home in Earth which they purchased from Loyd Cupp. The unpainted house was only partially partitioned and the ceilings and walls were not sealed. Mrs. Cearley states, "As I looked at the frost on the open plain from the house and thought this was the most desolate place I had ever seen."

Mr. Cearley had heard, as most, that cotton would not grow in this county, but the true

pioneer spirit led him to plant 50 acres of cotton in 1925. That first cotton harvested had to be taken to Plainview for ginning. \$7 was lost on that first bale of cotton which was no laughing to a young farmer trying to make a new start.

The stork made his first appearance in Earth on June 18, 1926. Mervyn Cearley was the first child born in Earth. Of course the Cearleys were overjoyed with their son, but doubly so because he was a "first in Earth."

The first crop was planted, cultivated and harvested with the use of horses and mules. By the second year, Cearley was able to purchase a Fordson Tractor and immediately began breaking sod for another crop.

Mrs. Cearley remembers walking a mile or two to the field to take Sam his lunch. Farming was so demanding that he wouldn't stop and waste time by going home for his meal. Most men did their farming by themselves. Hired help was scarce in this thinly populated area. Sam would go to sleep on the tractor when he was working both night and day because of lack of help. He would sleep from one turn to the next which would be one mile and would be awakened when he hit his gas barrels at the end of the rows.

In 1927, their crops were completely hauled out so Mr. Cearley boarded teachers. After working on the buses and caring for the buildings for two years, he returned to farming.

About the only cooling device at that time was the water that

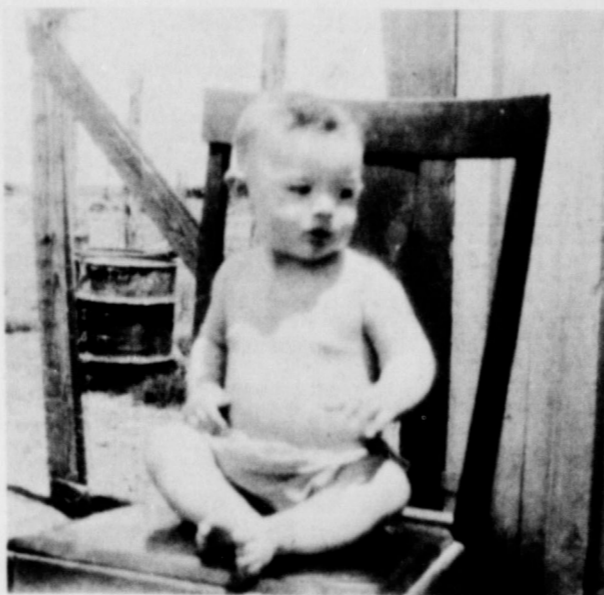


YARD SCENE OF A PIONEER HOME. Instead of pretty lawns Pioneer families were busy raising turkeys and chickens that roamed at random around the premises. Raising turkeys was the duty of housewives to purchase new clothing, curtains are household necessities. Mrs. Sam Cearley is pictured in front of her pretty garden watching her turkeys eat. The photo was taken in 1925 in their home in Earth.

ran through troughs in small buildings adjacent to the windmills. Milk and other perishables were kept in such places. Groceries were bought at Dad Reeves Grocery store which was located in the Hotel building. For a year after they arrived, the Cearleys traveled to Old Springlake for mail and church services.

The Cearleys milked several cows and furnished milk for many families in the community for 10¢ a quart, along with eggs for 10¢ and 15¢ a dozen.

About the only social life was the Helping Hand Club which kept both wives and husbands busy. It was this active little group that made efforts to have a church building and several "community projects" to improve life in Earth. The church was the center of most social activity of the day.



FIRST LITTLE PIONEER. Mervyn Cearley was the first child born in Earth. He arrived on June 18, 1926. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley.

Mrs. Cearley remembered that the Dry Goods store handled very little in the way of dresses and other things that made life more pleasant for plain women. She ordered most of her things from Montgomery Ward. One year

she recalls raising turkeys and selling them so that she could purchase a new winter coat.

The seasons were quite different than they are today. There are few blowing blizzards that blow for two and three days that were so common in earlier days. People had to stick together in order to survive. Seventeen

people once spent the night with the Cearleys in their two room house. Pallets were everywhere, even under the table. More than one time, families have come to their door after bedtime and have asked to be put up for the night while they were traveling to see this new country. They never knew whether to expect two or ten people for a meal.

Mrs. Cearley said at one time she told her husband, "when this country is settled, let's go to a new country." And this was the feeling of many pioneer people. Opportunity not security was the keynote when Earth first began to grow and the country changed so quickly. "I wouldn't trade places, it has been wonderful."

## Specialist Tells How To Remove Mildew

College Station, --If you find mildew spots on your clothing, remove them by these suggestions from Mrs. Hazel Roberts, Extension clothing specialist.

If clothes are dry, brush off surface growth of mildew. If stain remains, washable clothes should be laundered at once with soap and water. Rinse well, Mrs. Roberts says, and dry in sun.

If stains remain after washing, dip white cotton, rayon or linen in a dilute solution of chlorine bleach. Rise thoroughly and dry in sun.

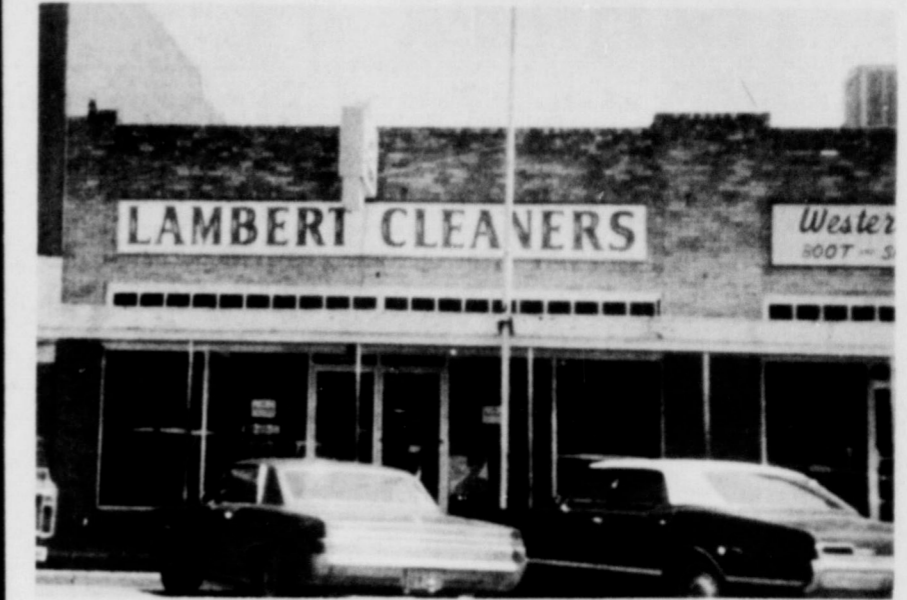
For colored fabric, the specialist suggests you first test the bleach on a sample of the cloth to be sure it will not change the color.

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# Local Church Of Christ Held First Services In 1950

The people of the Earth Church of Christ worshiped in Springlake with the congregation there until 1950 when the new Church of Christ building was constructed. Their first meeting was held on Sunday, March 15 of that year. The little congregation that met that day consisted of less than seventy-five members.

Perry Matrin, Emos Harper, and Elvis Clayton were selected as elders to oversee the work of this local congregation.

The first full time minister of the Earth Church of Christ was Mr. George Stanley De Voll, who was succeeded by Mr. E. M. Borden Jr. Then Mr. Kelley Newman of Plainview filled the position until the services of the next proper minister Mr. W. E. Irvine were secured.

From January 1960 through April 1960, Brother Lloyd Ash preached in the Earth Church of Christ, while attending Abilene Christian College. He was followed by Brother Kelley Newman, who once again filled the pulpit, until August 29, 1960. It was in that year that Brother M. R. Phillips came to Earth to work with and guide the Church of Christ here.

Because of the growth in the congregation, construction on a new building was begun in 1962 and the old building was remodeled into a study and 15 classrooms. The new building consists of an auditorium with a seating capacity of 405, and seven classrooms.

In 1964, the living room and kitchen in the Church of Christ parsonage were enlarged, and general remodeling was done on the house.

Earth's Church of Christ Spanish congregation began meeting as a separate congregation in 1965 when a building was purchased for this purpose. A home was also purchased for the preacher of that church. Membership in the Spanish Church of Christ is approximately 15 with an average attendance of 30. The Earth Church of Christ is very proud of the work that is being done here.

M. R. Phillips and family moved away in April, 1966 to continue their work in another area. He was replaced in his position by Mr. Wilburn Dennis who came to Earth with his wife in May of 1966.

Brother Dennis moved from Earth in May of this year. His position is being filled with visiting ministers while the church is looking for a replacement.

The present membership of the Church of Christ is 133, with L. K. (Chubby) Dent, Truman Stine, and Perry Martin serving as elders in the congregation.

The Earth Church of Christ is currently helping to support several children's homes in various locations. Those homes are: Tipton Children's Home,

Lubbock Children's Home, Portales Children's Home in N. Mex., Turley Children's Home in Hollis, Okla., and

Manuelito Navaio Children's Home in Gallup, N. Mex.

## Earth Had Tourists

Although Janie Way of Springlake did not immediately settle in the Earth area, she recalls passing through Earth in 1923 as she was traveling to Portales, New Mexico.

At that time Earth had only the old hotel, a store and service station. The rest of Earth, in 1923, was grassland belonging to the Hafsell Cattle Company.

Janie moved to the Springlake area in 1931 after being located in the Cotton Center area. In 1918 she settled in the Norflett School District west of Cotton Center. Mrs. Olive Bartlett, her mother, was post mistress of the Barton Site Post Office during their stay in that area.

In 1931 the move to Springlake was made. She located on a farm two and one-half miles west and two south of the town. Ernest and Bonnie Green, Truett Collier and Mr. Wilbanks were among the neighbors she met.

Janie did her own farming for four or five years with a wooden plow and team.

Janie and her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Gofforth now reside in Springlake.

Dividing a home pool by depth lines can be a life saver. Swimmers who go in over their heads may find themselves in more than just deep water. Panic and tragedy may ensue.



SINCE THE CHURCH OF CHRIST was first organized in 1950 many improvements have been made. The structure now has a seating capacity of 405 in the new auditorium which was added in 1962.

## Economist Sees Inflation As Greatest Enemy Of Agriculture

College Station, -Farmers and ranchers, perhaps more so than any other group of Texans, have a strong stake in seeing inflation curbed, believes W.E. Black, Extension economist in

much to gain from national policies that control inflation, he adds. Inflation hits farmers and marketing, Texas A&M University. Texas agriculture has

ranchers going and coming. It increases the cost of the things used to produce, and cheapens the dollars they have left, explains Black. The inflated dollar does not go as far in buying the things he needs for his family to live. In the meantime, farmer prices and farmer incomes are held down by heavy production.

In short, the agricultural producer is caught in a squeeze between the prices paid and the prices received.

Prices of production goods farmers use seldom decline. For example, prices of farm machinery have risen every year since 1955. Prices of motor vehicles also rose except for a slight dip in 1960 and 1961.

points out the economist. Farm production costs have increased steadily since 1953. It appears that nearly all of the expected increase of \$2 billion in farm production expenses this year will be the result of higher prices rather than the result of

greater quantities of input items purchased, notes Black.

Therefore, Black sees inflation as one of the greatest enemies of Texas farmers and ranchers, both as a hindrance to U. S. farm exports and as a tightener of the cost-price squeeze.



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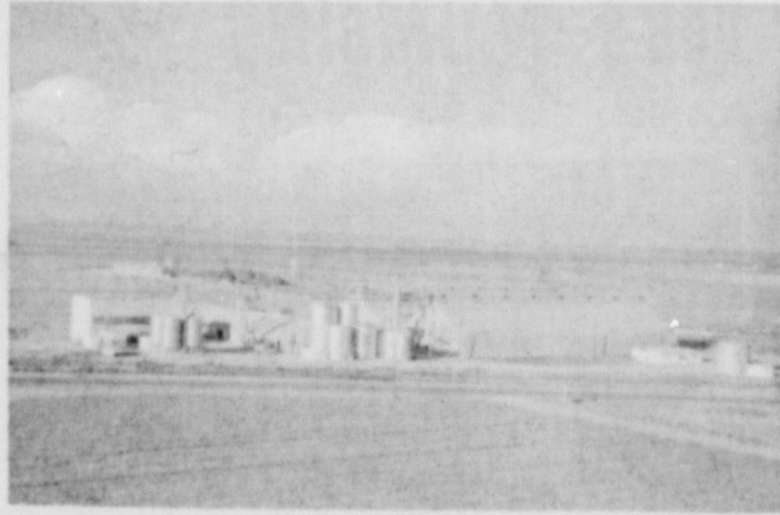
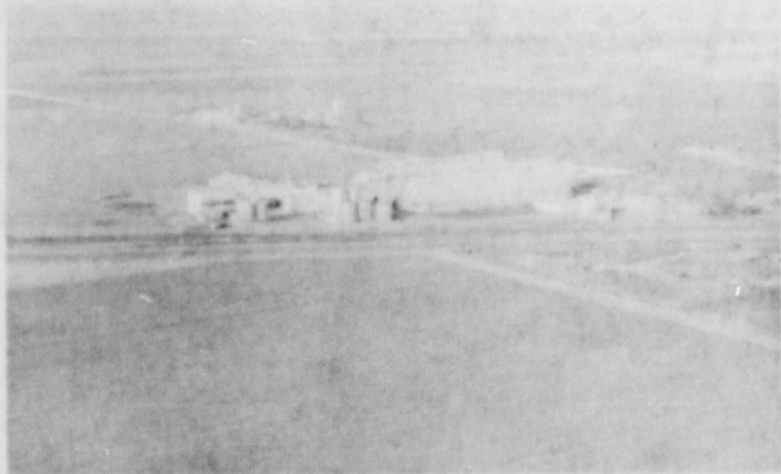
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# From Model T Fords to Cadillacs

Floyd Bills came to Earth from Pecanap, Texas, on December 31, 1927 with his family in their 1925 model Chevrolet truck which was loaded with everything they owned, including a coop of chickens and a dog. He said that the first thing he did when he drove into Earth was stop in front of the store, went in and bought a broom. He then moved into a half dug-out which had previously been occupied by chickens. Mr. Bills said that in the evenings they had to close the door to keep the chickens from coming in. "This country was very bear back then," Mr. Bills said. The town of Earth, as he remembered it, consisted of a hotel, the blacksmith's shop, a grocery store, and one church building. After a few months, the Bills moved from their dugout, located 2 miles north and 2 and a half miles west of Earth, into a 14' x 16' room house with an 8' x 16' lean-to. This little house was located where the Jarvis Angeley's home place is now

located. They later established their residence 4 miles north and 5 miles west of Earth, and then moved 6 miles west of Earth where they remained for one year. They moved into their present home in 1947. Old Model T school buses, that carried about 15 children, were the transportation to and from school when Mr. Bills first came here. All six of his children began their education in the Springlake Schools under Mrs. Cara Morgan, and all six of them graduated from Springlake High School. Mr. Bills attended the little church in Earth and said he saw many people baptised in a small lake just west of Springlake. Sunday afternoon baseball games were enjoyed by most everyone, as well as picnics and get-togethers. "The men threw horseshoes and the women visited," said Mr. Bills, "and on Sunday nights you could hear some good singing up in Big Square." Mr. Bills said he remembered the first hair cut he received in

Earth was given to him by Hollis Whitford. He sat on an orange crate and it cost him twenty-five cents to have it cut. The price of unbroken land ran from \$17.50 to about \$25 an acre for the better land. Corn and sudan grass were Mr. Bills' main money crops when he started farming here. He hauled his corn in a wagon from Earth to the feed lot in Dimmitt and sold it for a dollar a bushel. There weren't any graded roads so he just drove out across the country straight to Dimmitt. Mr. Bills watched Halseil and his men brand cattle where the Burkett Brand is now, using as many as 150 saddle horses to brand. In 1931 Mr. Bills sold wheat for two bits a bushel, maize for three dollars a ton, cotton for four cents a pound, cotton seed for five and six dollars a ton, and a 200 pound top hog for five dollars. "I wouldn't mind living some of those times again," said Mr. Bills, but I don't want any more years like the early thirties." Mr. Bills added, "I've seen this country come from half dug-outs to 50 to 75 thousand dollar homes and from Model T Fords to Cadillacs."

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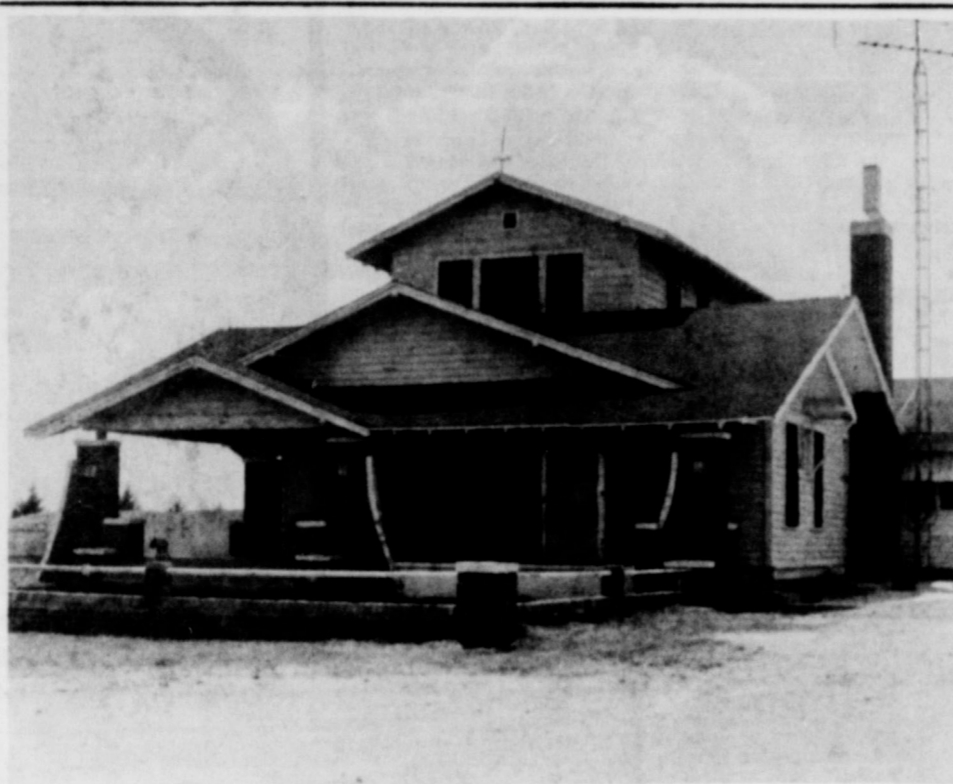
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## Yarborough Speaker For WTSU Commencement

Canyon, Tex. -- U. S. Senator Ralph W. Yarborough of Texas will be the commencement speaker at the West Texas State University summer convocation Aug. 21, President James P. Cornette said Saturday.

The convocation will be in Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum and will start at 8 p. m. Rehearsal will be a 3 p. m. the same day, he said.

The invocation and benediction will be delivered by Mr. W. Dwayne Dennis, minister of the Church of Christ in Canyon.

Dr. Walter H. Juniper, academic vice president, said 391 students are candidates for bachelor or master degrees. The degree candidates include 24 bachelor or arts, 177 bachelors of science, 54 bachelors of business administration, 3 bachelors of music education, 41 masters of arts, 8 masters of science, 16 masters of business administration and 68 masters of education. The degrees will be conferred by the president.

In addition, eight members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (Army ROTC) will receive their commissions as second lieutenants from Lt. Col. Billy R. Smith, professor of military science at West Texas State.

Yarborough, 66, senior senator from Texas, has long been interested in education. He has either sponsored or co-sponsored nearly every major piece of education legislation passed by the Congress during the past decade. He has two educational bills pending in the 91st Congress.

A former school teacher in Henderson County before obtaining a law degree at the University of Texas, Yarborough was elected to the Senate in a special election in 1957. In 1958 and 1964 he was returned to the Senate.

The Democratic senator is chairman of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee and is a member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Appropriations Committee, Special Committee of the Aging and the Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs.

Texas Aeronautics Commission granted a permit to Amistad Airlines to operate between Del Rio and San Antonio.

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# Earth Methodist Organized In 1927

Rev. S. C. Robinett along with ten charter members held the first assembly in the Methodist Church of Earth, in June, 1927. Those first members were: Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Moore, Edgar Moore, Earl Moore, Lucille Moore, Mrs. Clyde Parish, Mrs. S. C. Robinett, and Mrs. Sam Cearley.

Members worshiped each Sunday in the Baptist Church with the Baptist congregation because they had no church building. Every second Sunday the Methodist preacher spoke to the congregation.

Rev. L. F. Tannery came to Earth in November, 1927, and served as pastor of the Methodist Church here for one year. Membership grew to 18 during that year and Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Jones came and served two years. In that time the church grew to a half-time church

with a membership of 70. The first Methodist Church building was completed March 11, 1933 and dedication services were held by Bishop Hiram A. Boaz. The fund making this possible was begun by O. B. Ginn in the fall of 1932. He was backed by Rev. H. H. Allen and many members.

Membership grew to 119 shortly thereafter and within a year work was begun on a basement addition. The little congregation continued to grow. Membership reached 131 by the end of Rev. Allen's three year term.

A Woman's Missionary Society was organized that next year under the guidance of Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Hill, who also remained with the church for three years. The first president of the society was Mrs. Griffith.

The church became a full-time church in 1938 when Rev.



THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH building in Earth was built in March, 1933.

and Mrs. C. A. Holcomb came to Earth. Membership rose to 161 during Rev. Holcomb's pastorate, and the first Methodist parsonage was built and furnished.

The Women's Society of Christian Service, a bible study group and service organization, was organized in 1940.

During the next three years Rev. H. W. Barnett served as pastor, and was replaced in 1944 by Rev. T. M. McBrayer. With the disbanding of the Congregational Church of Old Springlake, a number of the members from that church joined the Methodist Church in Earth. Plans were started to build a new and larger sanctuary in 1946 with the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh F. Blaylock to our community. By 1948 these plans had been carried out and in September of that same year the first services were held in the new building.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl McMasters came to lead the Methodist Church in 1949, and it was during his pastorate that the Springlake Congregational Church presented an organ to the church. The new sanctuary was also dedicated at that time.

In 1951, Rev. J. R. Wood and his family moved to this community, in May, and served three years.

The Circuit Rider, the first church paper was published soon after the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Matthews in May, 1954.

Also in that year, the present parsonage was built at a cost of \$18,000.

Norman Sulser became the first

president of the Methodist Men's Organization begun in 1955.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held in the latter part of June, 1956 for the Educational Building.

In July of that same year the Betty Campbell Circle was organized. Fifty women and two circles, the Edna Doughty and Betty Campbell Circles made up the Women's Society of Christian Service.

The Church School program was improved under the new methods of teaching during the time that Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Secord served with the church from 1958 until 1961.

Rev. and Mrs. Homer Salley came here in 1961 and remained with the church until 1963. The Mortgage Burning Ceremony was held February 13, 1963, with Rev. Gene Matthews as guest speaker. Also during Rev. Salley's stay with the church the debt on the Educational Building was retired.

Moving to Earth from the Overton Methodist Church in Lubbock in 1963, the Rev. and Mrs. Albert F. Findley worked with the church here until June, 1968.

It was in January of 1965 that the plans and dreams of a new Methodist Church building became a reality. Work was begun on the building on May 11, 1964 and was completed Saturday, January 16, 1965. Erected in addition to the present education building were 6 classrooms, a 24'x17' fellowship hall with a seating capacity of 48 people, a kitchen, a parlor, a chapel 24'x17' which seats 48 people, a pastor's study the Sanctuary which seats 385 with

additional choir seating of 36. This entire new addition along with the educational building and 11 class rooms gives the church a total area of 15,779 sq. ft. The total cost of construction came to \$153,000.

Sunday, January 24, 1965 was a proud day in Earth for many people who had planned and worked so hard for the new church building. It was on this day that the dedication service was held by the pastor Albert F. Findley, who was assisted in the Service of Consecration by Dr. J. E. Shewbert, Plainview District Superintendent. Membership at that time was 285.

The old Sanctuary was torn down and new parking areas were added to accommodate the rapidly growing congregation.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams became the new pastor in June, 1969 and is still with the church today. Membership has continued to climb, with the present membership being 312, and under the leadership of Rev. Williams is expected to continue its growth.

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## Housing Tips for Mobile Families Given

College Station, --Finding a suitable place to live perplexes the moving family.

Would-be home buyers may be wise to rent, Mrs. Jane Berry, Extension housing and home furnishings specialist, suggests, until they learn about cost, value and features of housing in various areas.

Housing affects job satisfaction, good family relationships and tolerance of family members' points out the specialist.

Where supply of available housing is low, the prospective homeowner should not feel compelled to buy "anything that's available" just to have a roof over his head.

Renting and the inconvenience of another move could well be worthwhile if it means getting the right house in the right location at the right price, Mrs. Berry stresses.

Prospective home buyers need to concentrate on getting good value, even if it means purchasing slightly more than they need or can afford. A banker, lending institution or private appraiser can provide information on the value of the property. The selling price should be closely in line with the appraisal.

Congenial neighbors, attractive houses and yard and good schools are qualities most families look for in a place to live. When a job or circumstances demand frequent moves, the Texas A&M specialist suggests buyers invest in a house with at least three bedrooms to insure quick resale. Look for good construction and adequate plumbing and electrical capacity. Check also on the annual cost of heating and cooling the house, cost of taxes, water and electricity, she adds.

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Your request for any information I might give you recalled to my mind a lot of things I had practically forgotten.

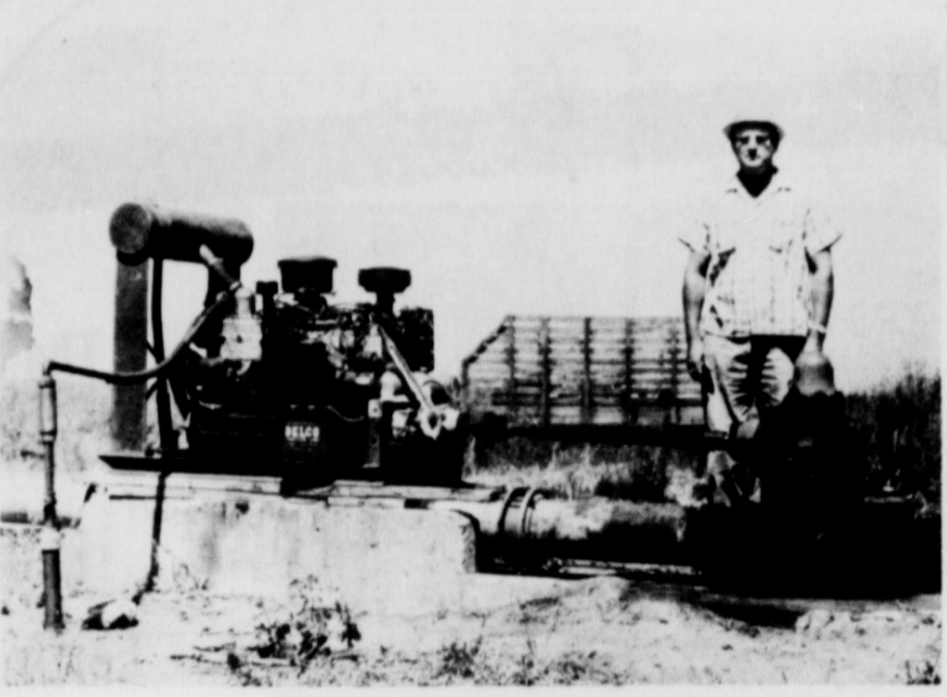
Regarding the irrigation well, the Dempster Mill and Manufacturing Co., installed the well in the Spring of 1914 at a cost of \$3,600.00—a lot of money for those days. It was 63 feet to water. They set the pump at 100 feet with a 20 foot suction pipe. Total depth of the well was 190 feet. This well is on the Jerry Kelley farm and is still in operation. It is now low 3 feet to water and the pump is set at 130 feet.

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I established my home one mile north of what is now the thriving town of Earth in December 1910. In August 1913, I was an eye witness when the Santa Fe laid the track into Muleshoe and on December 13, I hauled the first wagon load that consisted of cotton ginned at the first gin in Muleshoe.

When Dad Reeves opened up the first store in Earth, I bought the first article he sold. Looks like a lot of "Firsts" but it just happened that way without me asking for it.

I enjoyed living there and spent many, many, happy days there. I have a fond remembrance of the many fine friends and neighbors we had and I wish to extend my love to all the old timers in that area.




JERRY KELLEY is shown standing by the first irrigation well installed on the Kelley farm in the spring of 1914, by the Dempster Mill and Manufacturing Co. The well is still in operation today.

**INFLATION HARD ON AGRICULTURE**—Farmers and ranchers, perhaps more so than any other group of Texans, have a strong stake in seeing inflation curbed, believes W. E. Black, Extension economist in marketing. They get hit coming and going, he said, paying more for production items and having fewer and cheaper dollars left. Black sees inflation as one of the greatest enemies of the state's agricultural producers, both as a hindrance of U. S. farm exports and as a tightener of the cost-price squeeze.

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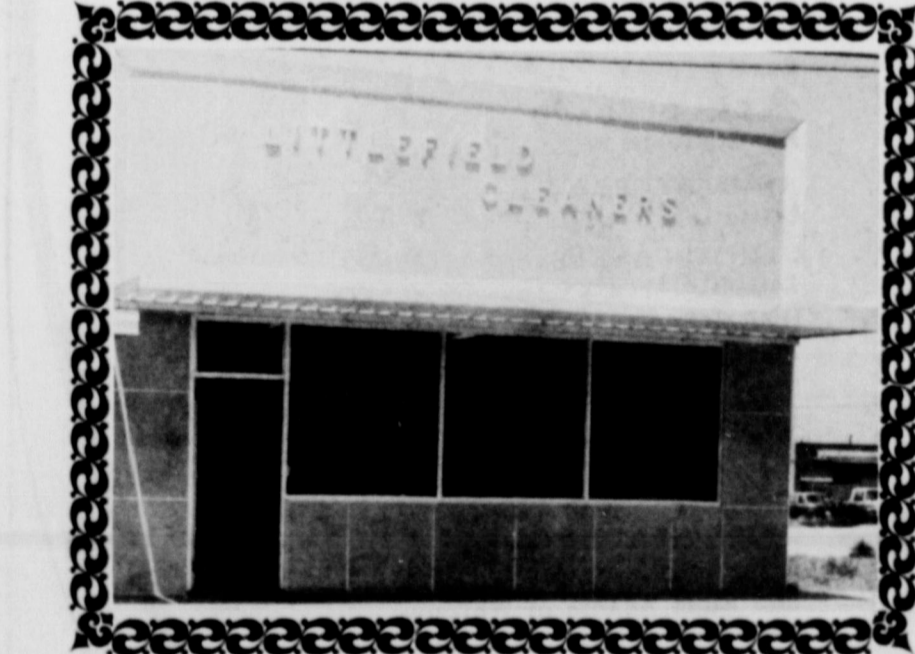
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Even under ideal storage conditions most fresh fruits and vegetables retain top quality only for a few days. Always sort vegetables before storing. Discard or use at once any bruised or soft ones; do not store them with the sound, firm ones.

Low prices on fresh fruits and vegetables does not necessarily mean a bargain, the specialist advises. Unless the price is low because of over-abundance, the so-called bargain may be undesirable. Frequently poor quality items can be bought at a reduced price, but be sure the waste in preparation doesn't offset price reduction.

Size, too, is not a reliable guide in selection. Large-sized fruits aren't always best or most economical. Buy the size suited for your purpose. Learn to distinguish between defects that affect appearance and those that affect edible quality. Some items may have attractive appearance may have relatively poor eating quality because of the variety or because it is overmature. On the other hand, adds Mrs. Clyatt, poor appearance may be due only to color or superficial blemishes which don't affect eating quality.

Buy fruits and vegetables in season. Quality is usually higher and prices more reasonable than for out-of-season items. Rough handling in the process of selection causes spoilage and waste for which consumers as a group must pay.

Years ago the only frozen food served was homemade ice cream and income taxes were paid only by the wealthy.

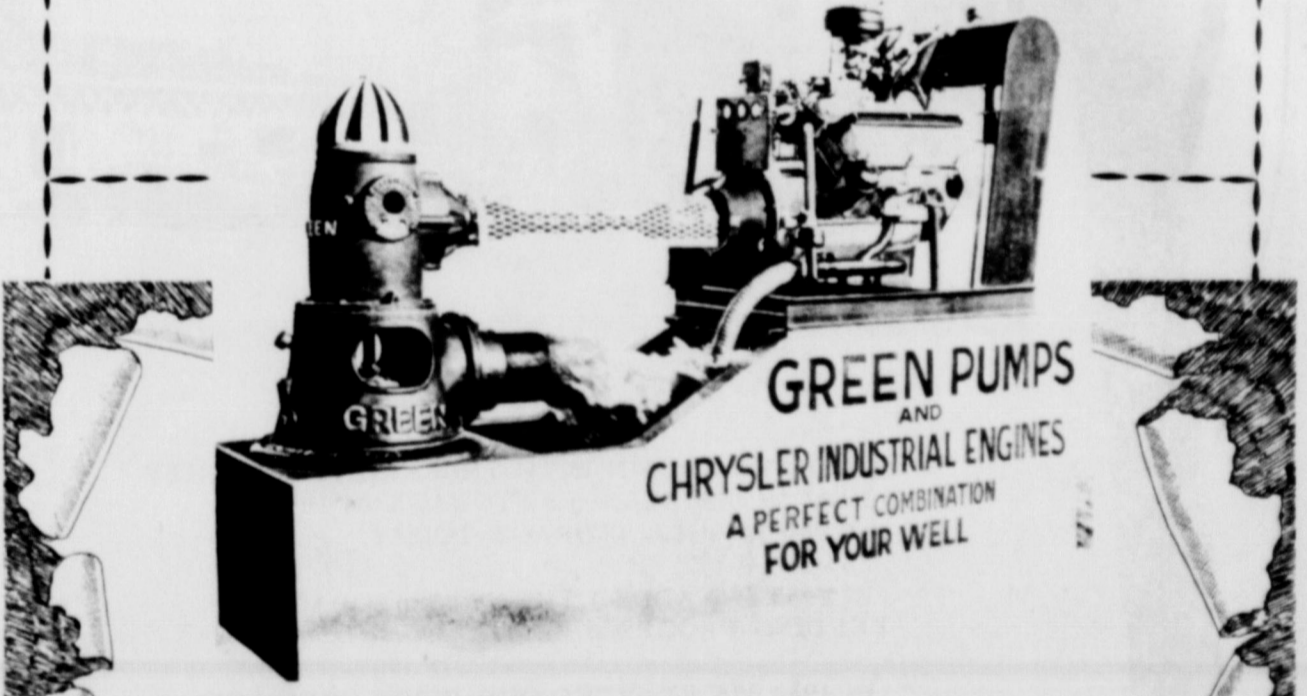
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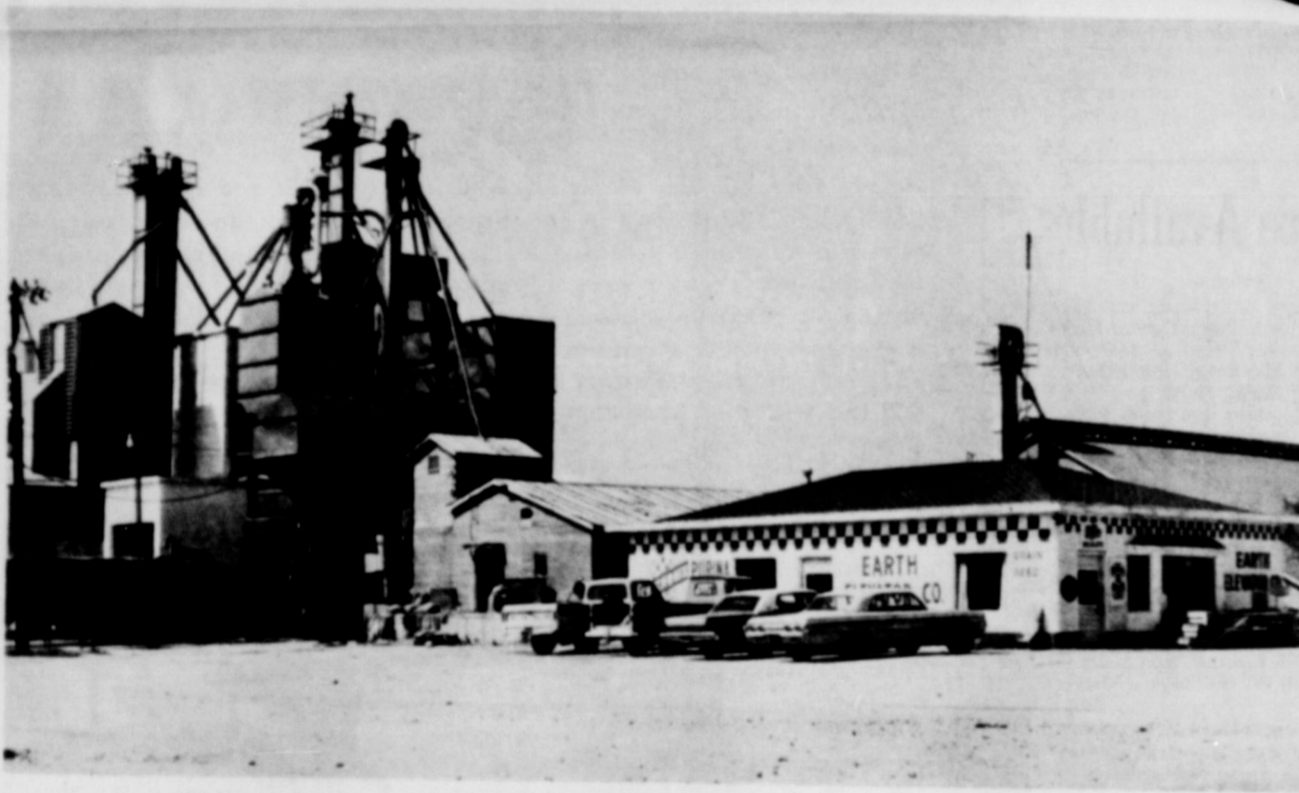


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## Memories Of Fred Clayton

Fred Clayton lived in Wichita County, Texas, on the Red River prior to moving to this community in 1925. The Clayton family chartered an emigrant car to transport their cattle and household goods in and drove here themselves in their Model T Ford. They built their house on the farm four miles north and one mile west of Earth.

In 1928, the Claytons built a little two room house behind their own house for their hands to live in, and that same year Mrs. Emily (Hawkins) Clayton came with her family from Holdenville, Oklahoma, to pull cotton and moved into that little house.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clayton were married in January, 1929, and lived in one of the rooms in the Clayton home until her family moved from the little house; they then moved into it and lived there until 1956 when they moved to their present home east of Earth on highway 70. During that 27 year period the Claytons added on to their little two room home three different times.

Fred Clayton went to school and drove one of Springlake's first school buses to the old red brick building which was the only building there.

A mile and a half east and a mile and a half north of the school, out in the middle of the section, stood a lonely store, post office and church building known as Old Springlake. The post office was moved to the little town of Center, referred to by many as Punkin' Center, and the name was changed to Springlake.

Mr. Clayton recalled that the post office in Earth has changed

locations five times since its establishment here. When Mr. Clayton first came to Earth the post office, grocery store and filling station, and the hotel were all one building. On the corner beside the present location of the Earth Locker stood a huge sign board on which these words could be read: 60,000 ACRES NOW FOR SALE - HALSELL CATTLE CO.

Two of Halsell's cowboys made their camp on the Clayton place and slept in an over jet wagon bed. Fred Clayton would go up and eat breakfast with them quite often. "They made good sour dough biscuits," he said. Every night

one of the cowboys slept half a mile north of Earth out on the ground with his bedroll to watch the cattle and keep them from coming south to town. The next morning he would get up early and go back to the farm where he cooked breakfast and ate.

There weren't any graded roads north of the highway, so everyone just made their way across the country picking the shortest route they could find to their destination. Mrs. Clayton recalled that their trips to town from the farm were made by angling out across the country. To get to Dimmitt they had to ford the draw because



FRED and EMILY CLAYTON and their daughter, Wanda, are pictured in the lovely flower garden on the Clayton place in 1931.

## Texas Water Plan Will Receive Continued Efforts

Officials of Water, Inc. have pledged a continuing of efforts aimed at bringing the Texas Water Plan from the drawing board to reality. The plan, the basis for Constitutional Amendment No. 2, was defeated by a narrow margin August 5.

K. B. "Tex" Watson, Amarillo, Water, Inc. President, said the regional organization would redouble its efforts toward ultimate adoption of the plan. "West Texas must have supplemental water if we are to grow and prosper," Watson said.

Bill Clayton, Executive Director of Water, Inc., emphasized that "West Texans, particularly, should not take a defeatist attitude. We know the job can be done and we are dedicated to doing it," he said.

Water, Inc., one of the major organizations dedicated to seeking and finding a solution to the long range water problems of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, was in the forefront of the campaign for passage of Constitutional Amendment No. 2. In the areas served by Water, Inc., voters gave the Texas Water Plan overwhelming support. The amendment was defeated in Houston where a plurality of more than 50,000 votes was recorded opposing it.

Clayton said that in spite of the defeat, much progress had been made in Texas in a shorter period of time than in most states. He cited the California water plan which required six years from inception to approval by the California legislature, then five more years for public approval. Clayton said that in Texas, another proposed constitutional amendment could be submitted to the voters in November, 1971, and predicted

there was not any crossing over it.

Mr. Clayton helped break out A. M. Borer's quarter of land besides working the land on his father's farm R.C. Hyde owns that quarter now. Mr. Clayton uses horses and a 10-20 international tractor to do his plowing in '27.

"I was real homesick for Oklahoma the first few weeks I was out here, but I'm real glad I came to this country," said Mrs. Clayton. Mr. Clayton added, "This ole country has made a lot changes in the last 41 years."

that it will be accepted, even in areas such as Harris County where opposition was the heaviest.

Clayton said he felt the water plan would be passed by voters in 1971 for several reasons. He said that by mid-1971, studies now underway to determine the extent of surplus water in the Mississippi River would be far enough along to indicate determination of availability. Also he said, the Louisiana and Mississippi Delta study would have progressed to the point that "we can go to the people in that area and sell them on this idea."

Both Clayton and Watson expressed their appreciation to those who worked in promoting the Texas Water Plan, and they called on all who helped, financially and otherwise, to continue in the "uphill battle for water."

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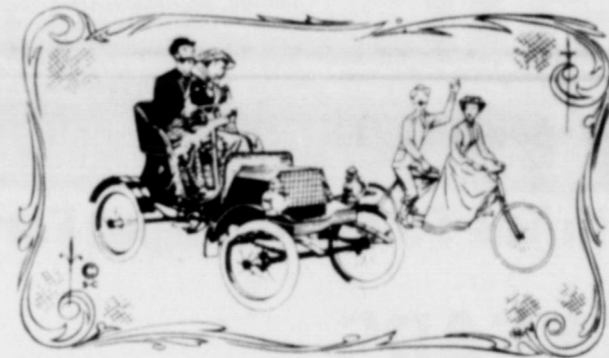
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## Plant X Largest Base-Load Electric Generating Stations

Southwestern Public Service Company's Plant X, located in Lamb County near Earth, Texas is the largest of the base-load electric generating stations with which the electric company provides service for 220,000 customers in its, 45,000 square mile service area.

Plant X attracted nation-wide attention before the first shovel-ful of dirt was turned to begin its construction.

"X" was originally meant to serve only as a planning designation while the new facility was on the drawing boards of Southwestern's engineering department and during its construction. It was planned to give the plant another name when it actually went into service.

However, the combination of Plant X, and the location near Earth, had too much attraction, and whenever Public Service Company people traveled in the United States, as soon as their identity was known, they were asked "What are you doing at Plant X, near Earth, these days?"

So, the name was never changed.

While the multi-million dollar plant goes well beyond the stages of something that you might put together with a do-it-yourself kit, it is true to say that Plant X is a "home-made" generation station, in that all of the engineering and design work was done by Southwestern Public Service Company's system engineering department.

This fact, incidentally, was the first of a long list of "firsts" that are now credited to the huge generation station.

Prior to the building of Plant X, some plant additions had been designed and engineered by the company's own engineering department, but the first all-new generating facility to be designed and engineered at home, so to speak, was Plant X.

Since that time all of the company's new generating stations, and additions, have borne the home-made label. This results in additional economies

through standardization of many design and engineering features, and is one of the reasons that electric rates have remained low, despite the many increases in the costs of production.

Three times, the honor of housing what was then the largest single generating unit on Southwestern's system has fallen to Plant X.

The original unit, installed in 1952, was the first 50,000 kilowatt generator to go into service on the electric company's system. Just one year later, the first 100,000 kilowatt generator went into service. As a matter of fact, construction on it was underway before the 50,000 kilowatt machine was "on the line." Still another 100,000 kilowatt unit went into service in 1955, but the so-called "temporary wall" was kept on the east side of the plant, because with the continued growth of the area, the continued expansion of Plant X was inevitable.

1964 saw the first 210,000 kilowatt generator go into service

### MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Stanley F. Yolles, M.D.

#### READERS WRITE ABOUT STIGMA AND MENTAL ILLNESS

Are we still casting stigma upon those who have or have had a mental illness?

Readers' letters and comments are most helpful in preparation of these articles for Mental Health Matters because they forcefully call to attention specific human problems which may too often be overlooked. One of these is the matter of attaching stigma and shame to a past or present victim of mental disorders.

A reader writes of difficulties a member of the family suffered. As a consequence of having been stricken with mental illness while in high school, he was looked down on and jobs were denied him. He finally moved to another town, where he obtained and successfully held down a good job.

Expressing the heartfelt wish that the stigma of mental illness could be done away with and that "everyone would accept it as any other disease," our reader correctly says that most of the mentally ill get well or can be greatly helped.

"If society doesn't treat them right and let them work as other individuals who have been sick and got well, we will always be in the dark ages," the reader adds.

Writing of the interest in these articles, another reader tells of the history of mental illness in a family and some of the many problems that beset them.

While pointing out the difficulties in finding solutions to individual cases, such as getting job rehabilitation services, the writer was emphatic in the viewpoint that we are not going backward, but forward.

"Thank God for the progress made in helping the mentally ill," the writer said.

Although there is, unfortunately, still some stigmatizing associated with mental illness, progress is also being made against it, and attitudes and opinions are changing for the better.

Each of us can play a part in advancing this progress by learning facts and replacing the superstitions, fancies, and fables about mental illness with true information based on today's knowledge.

There is a very real challenge to and opportunity for all of us in pitting knowledge and understanding of mental illness against neglect and ignorance.

on the Southwestern system, and it is at Plant X, and is known to the crew as "X-4".

Three major considerations played a role in the location of Plant X.

The plant site is adjacent to a natural gas pipeline, and, thus, the fuel supply was readily available. It is in the very heart of the electric load center of Southwestern's service area, which makes possible the transmission of the power to its point of ultimate consumption at the lowest possible cost—a factor in keeping rates low. Finally, it was located in the sand hills area because this land did not lend itself to agriculture, and the water that was used at the plant would not impede the progress of irrigation in the area of tillable land.

Southwestern Public Service Company, incidentally, has embarked on a number of programs designed to conserve the water resources of their service area. At the Nichols Station, near Amarillo, cooling water is provided by treated sewage effluent, which is purchased from the City of Amarillo.

Fresh water is used to make steam for the boilers in the company's generating stations, but this water is used and re-used constantly. Between 99 1/2% and 99 3/4% of the steam that goes through the boiler on each cycle is recaptured. In other words, only about 20 gallons of water a minute is used in this process, and it takes more than that to keep a lawn green.

Insofar as the cooling water is concerned, in the more modern generating units, steam is "bled off" during the generating process, and used to heat water which is on its way to become steam in the boiler. As a result, the steam that is "bled off" is not condensed through the use of cooling water, and the proportionate amount of cooling water is saved. Inasmuch as it takes a pound of water to condense a pound of steam, it can be seen that the conservation factor here is a major consideration.

Mathematically speaking, "X" may be the symbol for the unknown, but, in Lamb County, near Earth, it's the name of the largest of the base-load electric generating stations by means of which Southwestern Public Service Company meets the constantly growing electrical requirements of a region known as "America's Most Promising 45,000 Square Miles".

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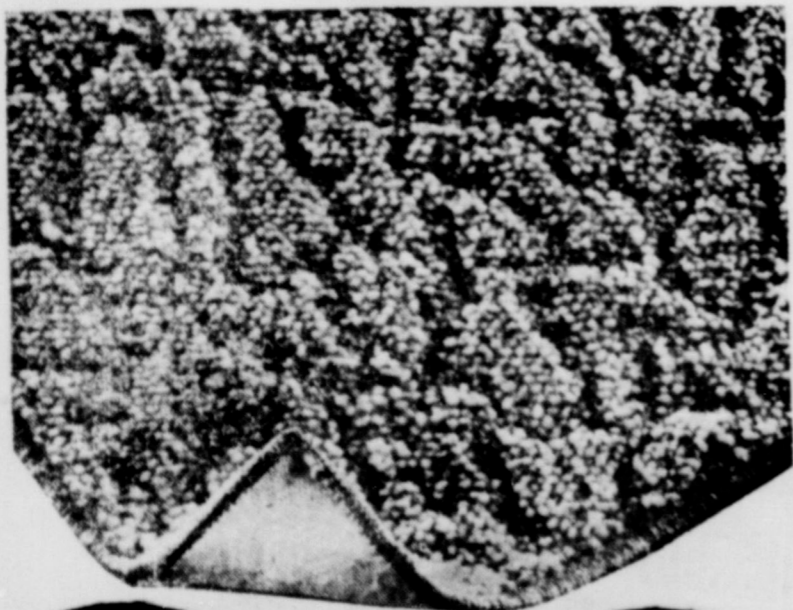
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# "We Were Just As Happy" Says Pody Welch

In telling of his childhood and early married life, Melton, (Pody) Welch stated, "Those were good times. We were just as happy as if we'd been rich." Pody moved to the Big Square Community from Lorenzo in 1924. Welch was 14 years old at the time. The family moved in a Model T pickup, stopping at the Amherst Lumber Company on the way, and purchasing enough materials to build a two-room shack. With their future home in the back of the truck the family drove to two miles north-east of Earth and cut across the country. They slept under a windmill for approximately a week until their new home was completed. At that time recalls Pody, Earth consisted of a hotel, dry good store, post office, and station all together, a hardware store across the street and a gin. He remembers when he and his brothers, John, Lewis, Claude, Ernest and Ira would run and try to catch Jackrabbits to see how fat they were. "We let the skinny ones go" he said. "That's how hard times were." "On Sunday we and the Barrett kids would get a wagon and pick up cow chips for fuel, all day." West Texas is known for its sand storms, many of them causing extensive damage. Pody tells of a storm on Thanksgiving Day, 1927 when 150 head of



THE OLD HOMEPLACE... Bennie Sue (Welch) Free stands on the porch of her parents one-room house. The house is now the living room of the Parsons-Ellis-Singleton Funeral Home.

sheep were lost. The storm was severe, dust so thick, that they just drifted away and we never found them." Pody attended the Big Square school for a while. At that time there were only two teachers. "We all got so mean though," he said laughingly, "they closed it down. So we went to the

Springlake School." It was while he was at Springlake School that he met his future wife Miss Beedie Simmons. Beedie lived on a farm with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie Simmons and brothers and sisters; Williams, Roy, G. W., Edna, and the late Virgil, Thurman and Susie. Their farm was located three miles east of Springlake. Her family moved to the farm from Kerens in October, 1928. Beedie recalls with a smile her trips to school on the old bus. The only glass on the bus was the windshield. The remainder of the windows were covered with canvas curtains. During the winter, she said, "We'd build a fire in the floor of the bus to keep warm. The fire was built inside a spare tire."



READY FOR PLAY... Bennie Sue (Welch) Free is pictured as she prepares to play at her favorite spot, the steps of the first Methodist Church building.

"We purchased four lots for \$25 each. Pody did janitor work at the Methodist Church for water, and Beedie raised a garden using the church's water. It was pumped by a windmill, across the road through a tiny pipe. "We finally got a windmill of our own in 1939," Beedie remarked. While telling their story, the Welch's made it clear that times were hard, but not necessarily bad, and that hard times don't necessarily call for unhappy times. Pody and Beedie no longer live in their little two-room house out in a pasture. Much has changed in their lives between then and now. In fact only Pody and Beedie are the same.

## WTSU To Begin August 25, 1970

Canyon. -- West Texas State University joins a growing academic trend toward completion of the fall semester of school before the Christmas holiday period next year. Dr. Walter H. Juniper, academic vice president, said the fall semester in 1970 will begin Aug. 25 three weeks earlier than this year. "The basic purpose is for uniformity of calendars among all state-supported schools," he said. "Not all schools will make the change immediately," he added. Under the new calendar the fall semester will end Dec. 17,

# Treasury Asks For U.S. Savings Bond Rate Increase

Washington-The National Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division of the Department of the Treasury, Elmer L. Rustad, commented on today's move by the Department requesting the Congress to remove the interest rate ceiling on Savings Bonds and other government securities. "This is good news for the millions of Payroll Savers and other Savings Bonds owners throughout the nation. When passed into law by the Congress, this legislative request by the Secretary of the Treasury would give an extra incentive to those who now own Bonds to hold on to them. To those who have not yet purchased Savings Bonds it would provide a better personal investment for their own futures and for the security of their families. "While redemptions have exceeded sales for some several months, sales have nonetheless shown sizable increases for each succeeding month. The incompatibility of Savings Bonds rates with other forms of savings has been the detriment to Bond holdings. Thus, this request for enabling action by the Congress would put the interest rate for Savings Bonds on a more competitive plane. If the legislative request is approved, the interest rate on Series E and H Savings Bonds would be raised from the current 4.25 per cent to 5 per cent, if held to maturity--5 years and 10 months for E Bonds; 10 years

for H Bonds. The increase would be retroactive to June 1, 1969. All outstanding E and H Bonds would enjoy the same benefit from the new rate, beginning with the first semiannual interest period which starts on or after June 1. Both E and H Bonds would enjoy an automatic ex-

tenion period. The present 5 per cent rate on Freedom Shares would continue unchanged until they are removed from sale six months after the proposed legislation becomes law. Authority to extend Freedom Shares at maturity is included in the Treasury proposal. Mr. Rustad indicated that enactment of the proposed legislation should give new and far-reaching impetus to the Savings Bonds Program. "The public has always considered Savings Bonds a good buy, evidenced by montly-by-month increases in sales, in the face of recent widespread redemptions, and the still convincing figure of \$52 billion outstanding. The rate increase would be most beneficial to the millions of Payroll Savers throughout industry who are putting aside their dollars regularly--saving for new homes, automobiles, college for the youngsters, retirement, second honeymoons or dream vacations. Mr. Rustad concluded that the new watchword for U. S. Savings Bonds is "hold onto your holdings."

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# Mrs. Ida Allen, Early Early Earth Resident First Garage In The Community Ran By Gus Parish

Mrs. Ida Allen and her three children rode from Venson, in Harman County, Oklahoma to Floydada, Texas with Mr. and Mrs. Crill Bulls in December, 1928. Her husband drove their truck loaded with their possessions to Floydada that same day, then they joined him and drove to Earth the next morning. The rest of their belongings were brought out here a little later in a covered wagon, along with their teams and plow tools.

She and her family lived with her brother, Tom Jones, in his home for about two weeks while their house was being completed. It was a little two room house south of the school building where Joel Jones lives now. The next year they built another little house in Earth south of the post office. The Allens moved from the farm to town and then to different farms in the area where Mr. Allen rented land and farmed. Mrs. Ida Allen has lived in her present house since 1956.

Mrs. Allen recalled that when they went to visit her brother Tom Jones, they would drive up the road a little way and then turn and cut across the pas-



THE W. O. JONES FAMILY pictured on their father's farm near Vinson, Oklahoma during a Christmas reunion in 1929. Standing left to right they are; Buzzy Jones, Mrs. Alma Moore, Mrs. Minnie Bulls, Mrs. Ida Allen, Mrs. Naomi Burgess, Mrs. Elva Ellis, Mrs. Lessie Massamore, Ruby Jones, Bud Jones, Tom Jones, Joel Jones and their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Jones (deceased).

home she pieced quilts, washed, ironed and sewed. "I didn't have a spare minute," she said, but "I never regretted that we moved out here."

## Annual Boys Ranch Rodeo Slated On Labor Day

The biggest Labor Day event of the Texas Panhandle is expected to attract a record crowd when the nearly 350 boys of Cal Parley's Boys Ranch celebrate the silver anniversary of the annual Boys Ranch Rodeo.

More than 100 of the boys will compete under R.C.A. rules in the riding contests that will be held on August 31 and September 1 at 2:30 p.m. each day. Considered the only one of its kind in the nation, the rodeo was witnessed by approximately 10,000 people in 1968. Among those attending this year will be many of the Ranch's former boys and their families who will have a reserved section in the rodeo arena.

Other rodeo highlights will be the presentation of trophies to the Senior and Junior All-Around Cowboys, the crowning of a

queen, and the appearance of the Boys Ranch Marching Band. Each of the Ranch's boys will have some part in the rodeo. Those not appearing as contestants will be in specialty acts, park cars, sell soft drinks and popcorn, or help with the numerous jobs connected with the rodeo production. Giant-size barbeque beef sandwiches will be sold to visitors who arrive early.

Tickets for the two rodeo performances may be obtained in advance at the Boys Ranch Office, PO Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas, or by calling 372-2341. Reserved box seats are \$2.50, and general admission is \$1.50. Children and servicemen in uniform will be admitted for 75¢.

Appearances are deceiving—A nickel looks just like it did when it bought a cup of coffee.

ber yard. "G. and Bill Keller rode broncs for ten cents a head," said Mr. Parish. Boxing matches were another big attraction on Saturday. "People didn't do much, though, you had to work so hard to make a living," said Mr. Parish. "Seventy-five cents to a dollar a day was a big price for work then," he added.

Mr. Parish recalled that when his brothers, Cecil and Edwin, went to school, they rode their horses to the old school building in Old Springlake, and were paid their mileage for coming

to school. "In 1932 I saw the first car radio I had ever seen," said Mr. Parish. He had one brought out here and put it in his LaSalle. When asked if they would like to be pioneers again, Mr. Parish answered, "Sure I would!" "We were real happy; I guess those were about our happiest days," said Mrs. Parish. "I wouldn't take for my life out here," added Mr. Parish. It was this type of enthusiasm that brought the settlers to this area and helped make Earth the lovely community it is today.

Everyone would gather around and make a big circle on the lot where Mr. Koonce has his lum-

It was in 1924 when the Gus Parishes first made their arrival to the wide open spaces in the Springlake and Earth Community. "There was nothing in Springlake but Baker's Grocery Store and they called it Puntkin Center," said Mrs. Parish.

The Parishes drove from Lakeview in Cook County Texas to their farm north of Springlake and made their first settlement there. They built a shack about a mile and a half north of Springlake and started a garage there. From 1924 until 1927 it was the only garage in the entire area and it served the whole territory from Big Square, to Olton, to Muleshoe. Mr. Parish serviced the first school buses, which were Model T buses.


All the farming was done with horses and mules at first. Mr. Parish bought the first modern or present designed International tractor that was in the area. It was about a 1924 model tractor. The Bartons bought one next, then the Hinsons bought one, then the Cleavingers soon purchased their first modern type tractor. Gus Parish ran the garage while Cecil, Clyde and Pete Parish did the farming.

In 1928 the Gus Parishes moved to Earth and built a house across the street from the Baptist Church. "There wasn't much of anything here. The hotel, post office and grocery store were just about the only businesses in Earth at that time and I put in a garage on the corner where the locker is now," added Mr. Parish. They sold that house and garage to Frank Eblin in 1929 and built the hardware store with the John Deer Agency, which he ran for the next fifteen years.

Then in 1944 Mr. and Mrs. Parish returned to Springlake and lived west of the Baptist Church there, until 1960 when they moved into their present home. Mr. Parish started the KMP Lake Pump Manufacturing Co. in Earth in 1961.

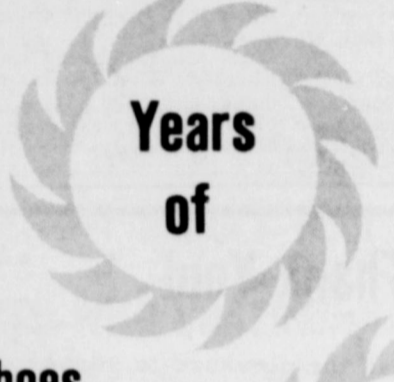
Mr. Parish said he could remember going to town on Saturday to watch the bronc riding.

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# L. H. Dents Observed Changes In Earth

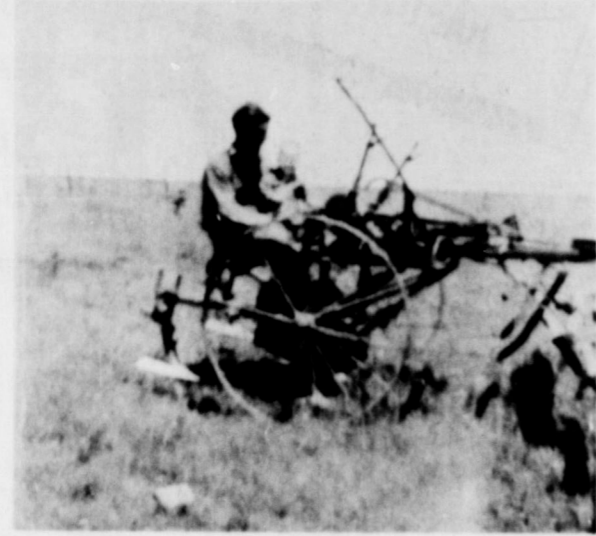
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. "Chubby" Dent made the two day trip from Okfuskee, Oklahoma to this area in a Dodge car that he had made into a pickup. They drove to Lockney and spent the night with some friends and driving the rest of the way to Punkin Center (now Springlake) on January 25, 1925.

Mrs. and Mrs. Vandern who had preceded the Dents in coming to this area, came here in a covered wagon and built a little two room house about a mile south of Springlake. Having come out on the prairie without any place to stay Mr. and Mrs. Dent put Vandern's wagon bed on the ground and moved into it until they built their first house. "It was snowin' and a blowin' and the only thing that kept us warm was the three gray hounds that slept in there with us and lay across our feet," said Mr. Dent.



L.H. "CHUBBY" DENT is shown here on his first tractor breaking new land. This picture was taken on his farm 1 mile south and 1 mile east of Springlake in 1925.

The Dents built their first house 1 mile south and 1 mile east of Springlake in February, 1925. Mr. Dent farmed the first three years they lived here. His first year here he planted cotton and made enough to live on that year. "I didn't have any sudan planted that year, but it made real good so the next year I planted sudan and it only sold for three cents," said Mr. Dent. That first year Mr. Dent broke out about 3000 acres of land. He worked all day and part of the night on his old Robnett tractor turning the soil. At night when the moon was shining, he placed pipes in the furrows on each side of the tractor to use as guide lines, then sat on the front of the tractor and watched them.



SEATED ON HIS OLD WIGGIE-TAIL CULTIVATOR IS L.H. DENT and his son Mike. This new 1926 Model cultivator is powered by a team of mules.

Mr. Dent recalled that it didn't rain in 1926 until June and since all the farming here was dry land farming people were just about ready to give up and go back home. He said that he had put off planting until June then was going to wait a few days before leaving.

"It rained on June 7th," said Mr. Dent, "and if it had waited ten more days I would have been gone and probably never would have come back."

Some of the land sold for \$17.50 an acre in 1926, but most right around here sold for \$25 an acre. You could buy a quarter section of land for \$800 down.

Mrs. Dent said that she raised chickens and they had frivers anytime they wanted them. They also had a good garden.

Of course there wasn't any water pressure, gas or electricity then and no way to keep things cold. Mrs. Dent got her first refrigerator in 1939. "When ever anyone killed a beef they hung the quarter on the windmill, that was the only cool place they had," said Mr. Dent. In the winter they went out and picked up cow chips to burn for fuel. Later when maza was cheap it was headed and used

for fuel. Coal could be bought in Springlake, but the old road was so rough and bumpy and the coal cost so much that very few people used it.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent recalled a hail storm that came when they were living in their first house, south east of Springlake. "I was so scared that I crawled under the table," said Mrs. Dent. Mr. Dent agreed that it was rather scary in that little old

box house. The storm beat holes in the top of his dad's old Chevrolet along with other cloth top cars.

The Dents recalled that when they first came to Earth there were only three lights to be seen anywhere at night. They were Mr. Boone's, Tom Jackson's and J.N. Baker's. It was very hard to tell anything about this country after dark and very easy to get lost.

In 1927 Mr. Dent worked for Gus Parish in his garage near Springlake, and in 1928 he opened a garage and machine shop in Springlake. They were residents of Springlake until 1950, when Glenn McCleskey purchased the shop.

With his family, Dent moved to Earth and purchased the Miller and Kelley business, known now as Dent Farm Supply.

In 1952 they built their present house and in 1954 construction began on Dent Farm Supply.

"We didn't have any spare time then" said Mrs. Dent, "we worked day and night." Mr. Dent said that he worked on cars in his spare time to make money to buy groceries. When their oldest boys played football, Mr. Dent said that he didn't get to see but one game. "I just couldn't take out the time then." They did play croquet sometimes out in the backyard said Mrs. Dent, and the men pitched horseshoes for entertainment.

# Veterans Must Return Attendance Certificate To Receive GI Educational Check

The Veterans Administration is as anxious as the veteran to have GI education checks arrive on time this fall. Jack Coker, Manager of the VA Regional Office in Waco said,

Judging from experience going back a quarter of a century through three GI Bills, the VA Manager said the number of delays would be reduced drastically if veterans and schools did their part of the required paperwork--and did it on time.

If the veteran who was in college last semester followed instructions and returned his Certification of Attendance at the end of the last term, he has nothing more to do before his checks start arriving this fall, assuming the college registrar follows through and promptly returns the completed enrollment certifications to the VA office that issued it to him.

Veterans enrolling for the first time--or who have changed college or program--must be certain:

1. They have obtained a proper Certificate of Eligibility from the Veterans Administration.
2. They have submitted this

Whenever anyone got sick, people would take their wash boards and tubs over to their house and do their wash," said Mrs. Dent. "I wonder how many of us would do that for a neighbor today? It seems as if people may have done a little more for each other then than they do now. "We just don't have time!" is the popular cry today.

Dent stated when he first came to Earth he said he was only going to stay here for one year and then they would move elsewhere. "But I've been here ever since. I didn't ever think that this was a place I was going to stay," he added. He and Mrs. Dent agreed that they were happy that they had come to the Earth Community and made it their home.

In summing up the changes he has seen take place, Mr. Dent made these comments: "I have seen more in this generation than any other generation could possibly see. I've seen when all you could do is climb a mountain, and now they can walk on the moon."

Certificate to the college registrar.

3. The college registrar returned the completed certificate to the VA.

Normally, payment for September and October is combined in the first check mailed to veterans in November.

TEFLON COOKWARE should be reconditioned after a sudsy scrubbing with stiff sponge or plastic scrubber, or after washing in dishwasher, advises Extension Home Management Specialist Doris Myers. Recondition by rubbing coated pan with cooking oil or unsalted fat.

CONSUMERS CAN EXPECT to see more disguised plastics in furniture, says Jane Berry, Extension home furnishings specialist. The increasing scarcity of furniture woods is prompting the use of plastics for shelves, drawers, decorative details and pieces molded entirely of plastic. And many of them look like wood so read labels and ask questions to determine construction materials when buying furniture, she says.

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# Floyd Crawfords, Early Settlers In Punkin 'Center

Mrs. Edith (Barrett) Crawford moved to Springlake with her mother and daddy and her sister on June 7, 1925. She and her sister rode on top of an Old Model T truck all the way from Fisher County, Texas. The truck was loaded with all their belongings and had an old sheet over them that they rode on top of. "When we got up here where the wind blows so, we were hanging on to that sheet and squalling and hollering at daddy all the way," said Mrs. Crawford. Her father built a four room house a mile south of Springlake where the C. O. Bibby place is, and the N. G. Barrett family settled in a new community. "We walked to Punkin' Center almost everyday," recalled Mrs. Crawford. "Old Dad Baker's store with one gasoline pump is all that was there then."

## A.J. Davis Tells His Story

Floyd Crawford came from Okla-stee, in Jackson County, Oklahoma in December of 1929. He had purchased 80 acres of land south east of Springlake and came here to farm it. Mr. Crawford moved in with his sister and brother-in-law who lived in a two room house one and a half miles south of Springlake. "I drove a 1928 Chevrolet coupe, and all I brought with me was my suitcase," said Mr. Crawford. "I had some things sent ahead and brought some later."

After their marriage on December 23, 1930, Mr. Crawford's sister and her family had moved into town so Mr. and Mrs. Crawford lived in their old house for one year, then moved to her father's farm. In December, 1934 they bought a four room house and moved it out on his 80 acres a mile south, and a half a mile east of Springlake.

"We used a windmill for years and carried water," said Mrs. Crawford. "It wasn't until 1929 that we put in an overhead storage tank and I got my first kitchen sink."

Sudan was the main crop back then because there was no irrigation and it was a pretty good dry land crop. Mr. Crawford planted sudan, cotton, and a little maize the first year he farmed in this area. He recalled that the maize had to be hauled to Plainview so he would either have it trucked or sell it to someone and they would haul it.

"I went to a lot of box suppers and a lot of singings on Sunday night," said Mrs. Crawford. The singings were held in the community building that was built in Springlake in 1929.

Mrs. Crawford went to school at Springlake and was in the

first graduating class in Springlake High School. There were only two people in the 1927 graduating class. Mrs. Ruby Kelley (deceased) was the other member of that class. The Crawfords have lived within three miles of Springlake since their arrival to this area in 1925 and 1929.

In November, 1927, A. J. Davis traveled with his wife and three sons from Spalding, Oklahoma, to Springlake, Texas. Davis had purchased a farm earlier from J. V. Padon for \$45 an acre. "Most of the land around here was selling for \$25 an acre," explained Mr. Davis, "but Mr. Padon had built a house on the land in 1925. Actually we were paying for a 4 room house, complete with well, tank and windmill."

Mr. Davis remembers only one small store and a community building making up what is now Springlake.

Only one year after moving here, Mr. Davis recalls how a sand storm worked FOR him.

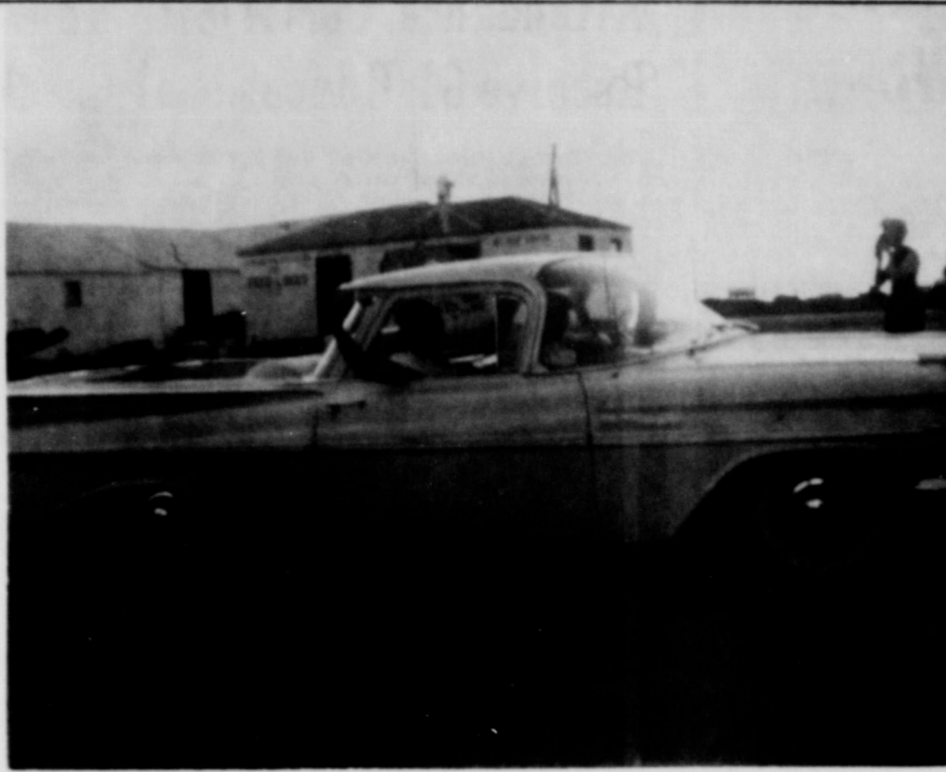
"I had 130 acres under cultivation at the time," he said, "and 26 acres of pasture that was solid with cat claws. I was trying to cut clear the land with a hoe when a sand storm arose. The dust blew so hard that it tore up the cat claws, blew them through a fence, tearing it down. That was the worst sand storm I've ever seen, but it sure saved me a lot of work."

When asked why he moved his family here, Mr. Davis replied that he had investigated reports concerning the land and found that "if people are going to farm, this is the ideal place."

"Still," he continued, "some folks said we'd starve to death."

Mr. Davis was told by some that this land wouldn't grow cotton.

"Well," he said, "in 1928, my first year here, I planted 70 acres of cotton and got hauled out. After re-planting in June, I still got better than 38 bales. The next year I planted 100 acres in cotton and yielded 95-600 pound bales."



THE SPRINGLAKE ELEVATOR, as it looked in the 50's is shown in the background. A new modern building which houses the elevator office and hardware store now stands in its place.

## Desk Gives Purpose To A Room

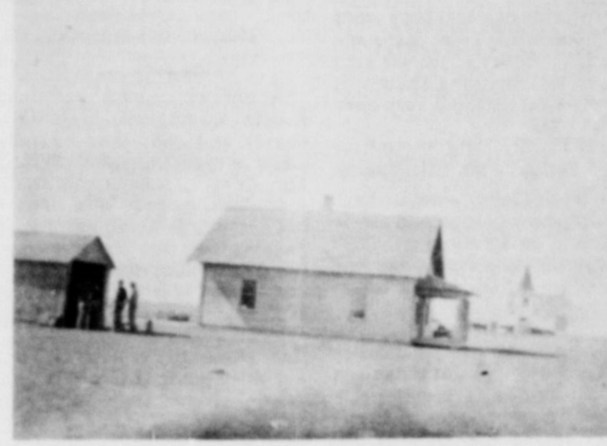
When shopping for a desk, look for one that will be a good mixer with other furnishings in living room, bedroom or study-wherever it will be used.

And keep a weather-eye out for practical features as well as good looks, reminds Bonny Lay, Extension housing and home furnishings specialist.

She says the National Association of Furniture Manufacturers reports it is a vintage year for interesting, practical desk designs.

From the swiftest modern in wood and metal, trestle styles, pedestals, kneeholes, drop fronts, to table desks--authentic reproductions of Early American and traditional from Queen Anne, Louis XV to Georgian--they give purpose to a setting.

Even remembering all his hardships, Mr. Davis says with enthusiasm that he'd do it again.



THE CHURCH AT OLD SPRINGLAKE, shown in the background, was begun by the Wright Land Company but was never finished. Later the congregationalist finished the building. It was used until 1945.

Table desks possess most of the necessary attributes without looking businesslike. Some give the campaign look, some are highly practical with vinyl tops flumed with wood, some have drawers brightly lined in red velvet, and some have writing surfaces.

Other choices available, says the Texas A&M University specialist, are drop front styles, ones with small drawers and compartments in the desk section and storage drawers in

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# The First Baptist Church 1926 to 1969

Rev. David Hartman, former pastor of the Nevada Baptist Church, Nevada, Texas will soon be the twelfth pastor called by the First Baptist Church, Earth. In its 43 year history the church has grown from 17 members to a membership of 544.

When Earth was established as a town by W. E. Halsell, a building was furnished to be used as a school and community meeting place. It was here the citizens of Earth held church services.

The Methodists, Church of Christ and Baptist were the three main denominations represented. They all met together for a Union Sunday School and each church having one Sunday a month for their own preaching services. The services were usually led by laymen, though occasionally a Missionary would conduct services. Worship services consisted mainly of scripture readings, prayer



WHEN W. E. HALSELL established the town of Earth he furnished a small house to be used for school and community gatherings. It became the first church. The old building is still standing at its original site southeast of the post office.

ch and pastors.

The Baptist and Methodist shared many things together such as communion service and Brush Arbor. They canted for Orphans Home, made Quilts for the needy, bought a piano and many other things.

The charter members of the First Baptist Church were: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bell, Mr. R. E. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Herrell, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley, Mrs. J. W. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mize, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Saylor, Pauline Saylor, Mrs. R. M. Staroes, Gill Stam, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilkinson.

Of the seventeen Charter members three are still active members.

The women of the community organized "The Helping Hand Club," assisting in many ways with the furnishing of the church, and the purchasing of a piano (see "Work, Devotion, Reward" in "WMS History" for more complete information on The Helping Hand Club.)

Bro. Bailey served for almost two years. Then in 1928, Bro. E. G. Pennington came April 27, 1930.

June 15, 1930, Bro. Earl Landtroop was called and served one year. September 7, 1930, two more deacons were elected, Ray Kelley and Leonard Roberts.

Bro. Vernie Pipes was called as pastor on June, 1931.

During the winter of 1932 evening services were discontinued due to a lack of funds.

The budget for the entire year of 1932 taken from a church letter seen in "WMS History" for more complete information on The Helping Hand Club, is as follows: Pastor's Salary, \$425.58; Incidentals, \$74.00; Visiting Ministers, \$79.01; Sunday School expenses, \$88.92. Total \$667.51.

1932 also showed an increase in membership of 62. There were 24 by experience and Baptism and 32 by letter. There was a decrease of 11 by letter. Bro. E. S. Carpenter was called as pastor May 12, 1933 and served only a few months. Bro. Pipes returned.

The first budget adopted by the church was on May 6, 1934, with the following acting as a budget committee: Guy Kelley, T. F. Koonce, Mrs. C. W. Terry, Mrs. M. E. Kelley, Mr. Homer Hodge, and Mrs. Labert Mize. Also this year the church voted to build a new building with the following appointed as Finance Committee: A. M. Sanders, D. L. Allen, Ray Kelley, Obie Wilbanks, A. S. Mize, J. W. Kelley, R. E. Barton, T. W. Cook. The building committee was J. B. Fare, Homer Hodge, Marshal Kelley, Ray

Ivey, and Bob Kelley.

The first church parsonage was bought at Plainview and moved on lots joining the church. Bro. Pipes resigned December 8, 1935, and Bro. Landtroop returned for two years.

The young people organized the first BYJU in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Kelley.

Bro. C. T. Jordan began his work on May 2, 1937, and in September of that year, building was started on a new church which is now at the west end of the present building. Services were held in the school gym while the building was being constructed. The "Laying of the Cornerstone" was held December 8, 1937, with Bro. A. A. Brain preaching the sermon. They were able to have services in the basement of the new building on December 19, 1937, and

continued work on the building. On Sunday, March 20, 1938, the first service was held in the new auditorium. There was a record attendance of 247 in Sunday School.

The new church structure was dedicated Sunday, May 19, 1940 and the notes were burned.

Bro. Harold Russ was called as pastor March, 1941. He was followed as pastor by Bro. W. E. McGrave who was called in September, 1942. Bro. McGraw served as pastor 3 years when he was called into the Armed Services. During his pastorate, a building fund was started and a baptistry committee was appointed to secure plans and build a baptistry.

Bro. C. T. Jordan returned as pastor in February, 1946 serving 2 years. In 1948 Bro. Bruce

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and singing. The citizens discussed the organization of a Community Church but most felt the need for individual services.

The Baptist congregation began meeting and discussing the matter with Bro. G. I. Britten, the Baptist missionary from Plainview. Enthusiasm spread and finally August 10, 1926 the Baptist congregation met at the W. M. Saylor's home, (known now as the Skeeter Brock place.) They voted to organize a Church asking Bro. G. I. Britton to assist. Bro. Britton came, August 30, 1926 as moderator, assisted by Bro. R. C. Malone.

Bro. Thurman Bailey was called as Pastor, October 24, 1926. He was a teacher at Wayland College and doing work toward his degrees, and preached the fourth Sunday each month.

On Nov. 28th, 1926 after a message by Bro. Bailey, the Church went into conference. The first item of business was construction of a church building.

The Methodist congregation offered to help in the building with the understanding that the Baptist could return the help when they were ready to build. As the Baptist could not support a full-time pastor, the plan worked beautifully; and the two congregations shared both church

NOVEMBER 28, 1926 THE BAPTIST CONGREGATION met in conference and voted to erect a church building. With the help of the Methodist congregation the first Baptist Church was built in Earth.

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## First Baptist Church, Earth

(Continued From Page 7) Giles returned to serve five years.

During his pastorate, the present building was erected, and held its formal opening and homecoming June 10, 1951. It was a brick-veneered frame structure, joining the old church building. The new auditorium was furnished with oak pews and had a seating capacity of 620, including seats for 120 persons in the balcony.

In 1953, the M. T. Howard property was purchased on the northwest corner of the block and the three bedroom brick home for the pastor was built.

Bro. Cecil Meadows was the first to occupy the new parsonage. He served as pastor until October, 1962.

During these years, property was purchased and buildings built and furnished for both colored people and Spanish in the south part of town.

In November, 1962, M. B.

Baldwin was called as pastor of the church.

During his Earth Pastorate there were been 137 additions to the church by baptism and 208 additions to the church by letter or statement.

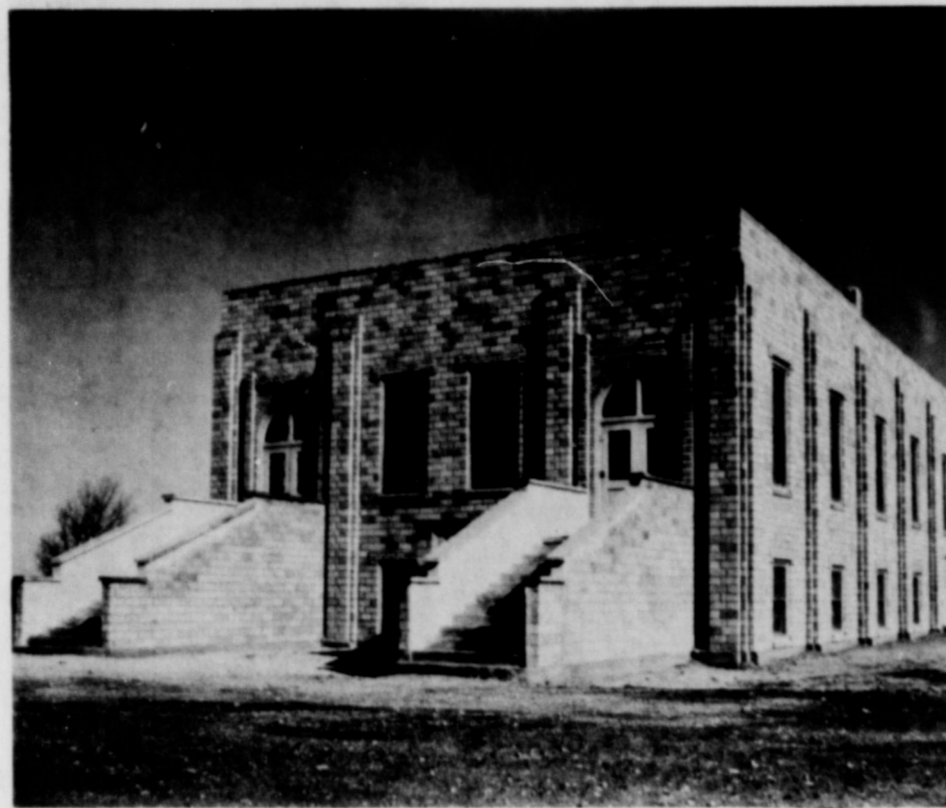
The local church has been active in Llanos Altos Baptist Association, especially in the area of Vacation Bible School promotion and leadership training.

The Earth church has purchased and paid for the Mexican Mission parsonage and has purchased additional city lots so that the church now owns an entire city block.

A \$125,000 building program for the First Baptist Church was completed only last year.

The new structure houses 21 individual class rooms, 8 department assembly rooms, four rest rooms, and a long hallway running the entire length of the new building.

The building features central air conditioning and heating,



SEPTEMBER, 1937, construction was begun on a new church, now at the west end of the present building. On Sunday, May 19, 1940 the new building was dedicated.

with refrigerated air and gas circulating heat. Seven new mechanical units have been installed to take care of localized heating and cooling. There is a total of 46 tons of air conditioning in the church.

Remodeling of the old building consisted of 9 individual class rooms and 2 department assembly rooms and includes a pastor's study.

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A communication system was installed to enable departments to report to each other.

The church has a lighted spire extending 20 feet above the roof of the church. This is wired with a time clock, and lights up daily as the sun goes down.

The paved parking area in the rear of the parsonage is available for recreational purposes.

Bro. M. B. Baldwin resigned as pastor in May, 1969 and Dr. Fred Howard, professor and chairman of Bible at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, served as interim pastor until Bro. David Hartman was called.

The church is looking forward to many more years of progress under the leadership of Bro. Hartman.

## Extension Service Announces Nematode Detection Lab

COLLEGE STATION--Nematodes, small hair-like roundworms which live in soil, will soon be getting a lot of special attention.

Because of the increasing importance of plant parasitic nematodes control, and the need for agricultural producers and homeowners to have information needed for control, a detection laboratory has been established at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Wendell Horne, plant pathologist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said the lab would operate on much the same basis as the soil testing lab, also an Extension Service operated facility. A fee of \$2.00 per sample will be charged for the detection service which will include the identification of nematodes present, infestation level, whether or not chemical or cultural control methods are justified and a listing of resistant varieties of plants.

Horne will be in charge of the laboratory. Treatment or control recommendations will be made either by Horne or another Extension plant pathologist. Recommendations, Horne said, will be based on facts other than nematode counts, including consideration for the crop to be grown, cultural practices available, variety differences, soil type and other factors. Test results should be back to the sample sender within 10 days from the receipt of the sample in the lab, Horne said.

The plant pathologist noted that nematodes are found in every section of Texas. All, however, he noted, are not destructive to plant life. The major Texas commercial crops affected by the parasitic pests are cotton, peanuts, vegetables and ornamentals.

Horne advised farmers and homeowners to keep in touch with the local county agricultural agent for information on the official opening of the lab and especially on how to take the needed soil samples. Special plastic lined containers

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Through the years members of the Women's Missionary Society have seen many changes in their program. Their prayer dedication and concern for others, has made the WMS remain, in the minds and hearts of all in the community, a beacon "To God to Love and Loyalty."

The first missionary society in Earth included members of both the Baptist and Methodist Churches. The ladies met for the first time on April 6, 1927 and organized the "Helping Hand Club." That first meeting was held in the home of Mrs. D. B. Griffiths.

Though the church had organized in August 1926 and had voted in November to erect a building, construction had not begun by April. The first concern of the club, then, was to build an arbor to house the services. The members had located some wire and posts and were about to get their construction underway, when the man of the church decided to begin work on a church building.

The building took form rapidly and was ready for occupancy by June. A Sunday School was organized and the church was off to a good start.

The absence of a piano in the church was a great concern to the membership, so through money was scarce, the club bought a \$400 Kohler-Campbell piano from E. B. Black in Hereford. They were obligated to pay \$5 weekly on the balance.

In order to make payments on the piano the clubs sold hamburgers, pies and homemade ice cream each Saturday during the summer. During the winter months they pieced and quilted quilts. At Christmas, there were bazaars. Club dues were 10¢ per month, but this brought in very little cash.

Happiness, then, was a farm sale, where the ladies served lunch, earning from fifteen to twenty dollars for their piano fund. Money was also raised via "hen drives" and plays. In less than two years the piano was paid in full.

The club's work was not over, however, as they worked diligently helping pay light bills, purchasing song books, and giving to missions. Both the Methodist and Baptist Orphan homes received contributions from the club. Occasionally the club paid from three to five dollars on the pastor's salary. Records show that a committee was appointed in 1931 to buy both the Baptist and Methodist pastors a

gift. A shirt costing \$1.50 was given to each of them. Old minutes show that some type of work was done almost every meeting. Weekly devotionals were led by the members and once a month the club met for Bible study.

In 1933 the Methodist built a new church and the club purchased a piano for them.

It was at this time that each church felt it better to organize their own missionary societies. On July 6, 1963 the ladies of the First Baptist Church, Earth met to organize a WMS.

Mrs. R. F. Ivey of Plainview acted as organizer, with Mrs. J. Marry Malone of Plainview as secretary. Officers for the first year were: Mrs. J. B. Fate, president; Mrs. N. Ray Kelley, vice-president; Mrs. Richard Johns, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Mrs. J. F. Kelley, recording secretary; and Mrs. Marshall Kelley, Young Peoples leader.

Following the election of officers, the constitution, as outlined in "Things we Should Know" was adopted.

The ladies voted to meet at the church each first and third Monday of the month.

WMS members on the book in 1933 were: Mrs. Ray Kelley, Mrs. V. S. Pipes, Mrs. E. R. Hawkins, Mrs. M. E. Kelley, Mrs. G. E. Moss, Mrs. Gus Parish, Mrs. C. C. Chenuault, Mrs. Guy Kelley, Mrs. J. W. Kelley, Mrs. L. C. Haliburton, Mrs. O. B. Griffiths, Mrs. H. F. Hodge, Mrs. Gladys Kelley, Mrs. A. S. Mize, Mrs. A. B. Higgins, Mrs. A. E. Bartlett, Mrs. R. G. Wilson, Mrs. C. W. Terry, Mrs. L. T. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Pace, Mrs. R. E. Barton, Mrs. Bill Lee, Mrs. C. G. Gurley, Mrs. R. G. Johns, Mrs. J. E. White, Mrs. O. I. Anderson, Mrs. R. M. Starnes, and Mrs. J. F. Kelley.

In 1934 fifteen members were added to the books. They were: Mrs. Alma Chatman, Mrs. Vernon Glass, Mrs. Will Russell, Mrs. Beulah Danforth, Mrs. W. L. Cantrell, Mrs. F. L. Cates, Mrs. Roy Ivey, Mrs. W. A. Randle, Mrs. T. E. Devenport, Mrs. L. H. Cupp, Mrs. J. A. Littleton, Mrs. A. M. Sanders, Mrs. John Laing.

April 12, 1945 Mrs. Earl Miller became president of the organization. In that year WMS projects included sending canned food and eggs, and clothing were sent to Buckner's Orphan Home and the Mexican Orphanage in San Antonio.



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By 1948 three girls Faye Cupp, Alice White and Margaret Parish, had been recognized as Queens. An impressive coronation service was held in February, with a combination of G.A.'s, RA's and Sunbeams. Mrs. Gus Parish was president at this time and Mrs. Claude Cupp was young peoples director. Miss Marijo Barton acted

as officiator for the ceremony. Miss Marie Howell was pianist. Candlelighters were Charlene Parish and Don Clayton. During the course of the coronation five Royal Ambassadors gave their requirements to become a page. They were Stanley Robnett, Earl Lightfoot, David Oden, G. R. Howell and A. L. Cody.

The maidens were Juanita Barlow, Charlene Hamilton, Joyce Robnett, Robert Parish, and Lorraine Cody. Ladies in waiting were Roxie Jean Rutherford and Lucille Altonzo. Princesses were Billie Ann Nix, Lucille Joans, Janabeth Laing, Gwendolyn Price, and Glenna Fern Rutherford.

Patty Miller received her crown as Queen. Kenny Hamilton was crown bearer and Norma Lynn Hamilton was flower bearer.

Ann Clayton received her cape which signifies Queen Regent which is the last and highest step to be acquired. Gwendolyn Robnett was flower bearer, John Anderson was cape bearer.

Mrs. Bonnie Green accepted the office of president in 1949.

A change was made in the GA program in 1951. The magazine "World Comrade" was changed to "Tell." Mrs. Lillie Wuerflein was WMS president at that time.

Mrs. Travis Jaquess headed the WMS as president in 1952-53, followed by Mrs. R. S. Cole and Mrs. Lillie Wuerflein in 1953-54. During this time hymn books, offering plates and projector were purchased.

In 1954 the WMU became very concerned about the Spanish people of the community. Rev. Smith, Spanish missionary from the Baptist mission of Littlefield spoke about the need of a mission in Earth.

The brotherhood took over sponsorship of the RA's and Travis Jaquess became their director.

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# WMU History

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Two days of hard labor were spent in painting, papering and cleaning the new parsonage for the new pastor, Rev. Cecil Meadows.

In 1955, the 75th WMU Anniversary of Texas was celebrated with cake and special programs throughout the year.

Mrs. Travis Scott was president.

Three new circles were organized. The city circle was led by Mrs. Leon Foster, the west circle by Mrs. Lillie Wuerflein and the east circle by Mrs. Elton Schaefer.

During three years the WMU were still concerned and praying for the Spanish people. Each member bought a New Testament for those Spanish members not having one.

The plan of work for WMU was changed from the Standard of Excellence to Aims of Advancement.

After four years of prayer and concern in 1957-58 with president Lillie Wuerflein presiding a resolution was adopted concerning a Spanish Mission Program to be presented to the church for approval. The church approved the resolution and in a few weeks, the church joined the WMU in holding services for the Spanish people in a downtown building. By 1959 a building was erected for Spanish worship services.

In 1959 Mrs. R. S. Cole was elected president of the WMU. The organization's membership in 1958 was 47 persons, 1959 closed with a membership of 77.

A Business Women's circle was organized in 1959 as a young women's circle. Mrs. Travis Jaquess was chairman of the business women and Mrs. Jerry Davenport, the young women.

Mrs. Floy Foster began the year 1959-60 as president. Mrs. R. S. Cole, vice-president, completed the year after Mrs. Foster moved.

Mrs. Price Hamilton served as president 1960-63.

A coronation service "The World in Our Hearts" was presented in February of 1961 with one Queen Joan Sanderson receiving her crown.

The Sunbeams celebrated their 75th Anniversary with a Rally at the First Baptist Church, Lubbock. Leaders of the Sunbeams were: Mrs. Elton Schaefer, Mrs. Donald Kelley, and Mrs. R. S. Cole. They had special programs and treats in connection with WMS for the children of the mission.

The organization later bought sheets for the WMU Building at the Floydada Camp.

The WMS also had a part in financing the WMU Building at



MRS. BONNIE HABERER taught in the Wyche School located near Hereford in 1918.

the Floydada Camp and the Home Life Building at Wayland.

A kitchen shower was given to the new Sunnyside Church after it had been destroyed by a tornado.

The WMU celebrated their 75th Anniversary of the Southern Baptist convention. The GA's celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 1963.

Mrs. Leonard Lane served a few months as president and vice president. Mrs. Guy F. Kelley served the remaining part of the year of 1964.

The attendance was increased in the year of 1965 with missionary programs being presented in homes.

An Intercessory Prayer League was also organized at this time.

Mrs. Price Hamilton served as president in 1965-66. The 1966-67 year was led by Mrs. Pete O'Hair.

Mrs. Troy Blackburn was elected president for 1968, a year of a new plan of work for WMU. Plans were made to involve more people in Mission work by the use of "Mission Action Groups."

Mrs. Lillie Wuerflein is present WMS Director and Mrs. Pete O'Hair is serving as president.

During the 42-year history of the WMS, its members have shown Love and Dedication, not only toward the members of their church and their membership but toward all peoples in the community.

served the church from 1929 until 1935. At that time Elder J. D. Denton became the new pastor and served for one year. Elder J. D. Venable filled this position in 1937 and remained with the church for two years. The first pastor to preach in the church after it was moved to Springlake was Elder L. A. Denton who began his pastoral duties in 1939 and continued them here until 1943.

In 1960 remodeling was done on the church building with the addition of a fellowship hall and kitchen, and rest rooms.

Members from the Springlake Church lettered out and constituted a church in Muleshoe, Clovis and Amarillo. The church in Springlake is in the South Plains Association along with the churches in Amarillo, Hale County, Lubbock and Brownfield. Association time starts the Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August. The church in Lubbock will entertain the association this year. The church in Springlake meets the first and third Sunday of every month. Their present pastor is Elder E. L. Edwards of Plainview.

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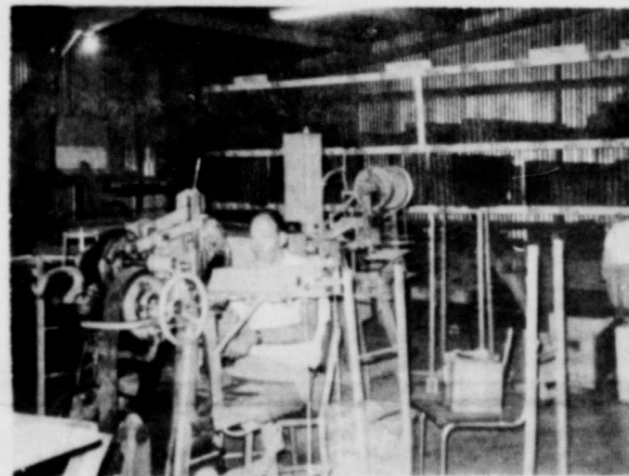
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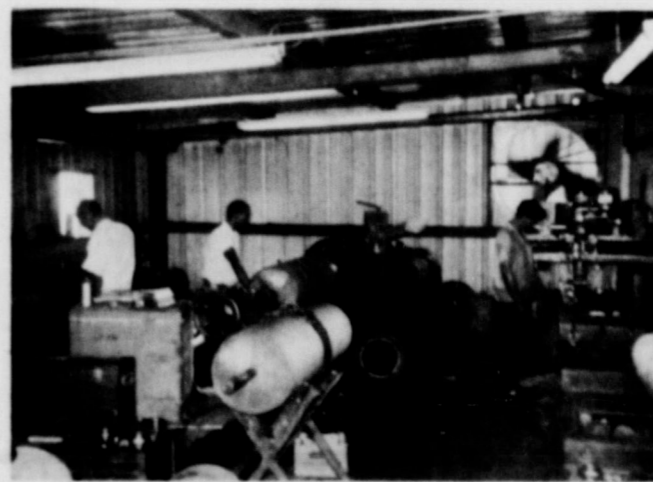


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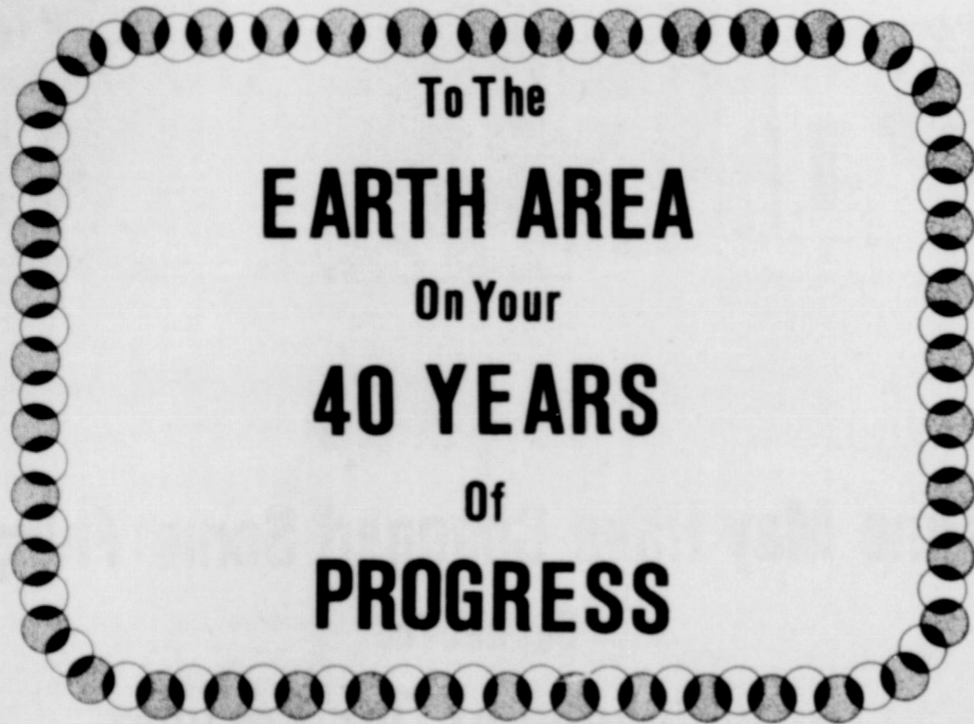
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# Whitford Family Settled In 1924

The Whitford settlement in the Earth-Springleake Community began in 1923 when T. D. Whitford (deceased) came here from Wilbarger County, Texas near Vernon, and bought land west of Punkin' Center. He then returned to Vernon for his equipment, cattle, and horses which he brought to Muleshoe by box car, then put the wagons together, hitched up the team and drove the cattle back to his farm here. His sons, Forrest (deceased), Oral (deceased), and O. B., came in their Model T Ford in July, 1924, and together with their father they built a little two room house on their place, dug a well, and started breaking out this grass land.



PICTURED ABOVE ON THE WHITFORD PLACE, in 1929 from left to right are; Mrs. O. B. Whitford, O. B. Whitford their daughter, Delora Jean (now Mrs. Jerry Devenport), Mrs. Eula Whitford, and Almon Whitford.

T. D. Whitford and the older two boys went back to Vernon to harvest the crop there, leaving O. B., who was thirteen years old, to watch the place and feed the stock. O. B. said that he batched and ate watermelons for the next three weeks. Forrest and Oral Whitford came back out here and farmed this place while their father finished harvesting the crop in Vernon. Their mother and the other

three children, Almon Whitford, May (Whitford) Boone, and Florene (Whitford) Struve, moved out here in the fall of 1924 so Almon and O. B. could start to school here that year. They drove to the little three room school house at Old Springlake in their Model T Ford

hoopie until it quit running, then they rode with Burt and Ruth Howard or the Cavettes and walked many times. O. B. Whitford recalled the names of the three school teachers including his own teacher, O'Ressa Hembery. The other two were Mr. and Mrs. Chandase Martin

In 1925 the school was moved to its present location and the red brick school building was built. O. B. Whitford worked on and helped build that building. Bud Cooper turned one of the old Model T Buses over and the top had to be taken off of it. Almon Whitford drove that old topless school bus the last three weeks of school.

O. B. Whitford recalled that after Earth had started to grow there was a little school house built in Earth across the street from Bud Koonce, however school was never held there. It was used for church and community activities. That old building is still standing in that same location.

O. B. Whitford said that when he first came to Earth with his father the only things here were an old windmill and a big sign advertising this land for \$25 an acre and 40 years to pay. The only thing between the Whitford place and Punkin' Center was Dad Reeves' home. "There were only three houses and one dugout between the hotel in Earth and Baker's Store in Punkin' Center," added Almon Whitford.

"The old hotel in Earth was called the Fairlawn Hotel when it was built," said Almon Whitford. "I plowed many a night with that old tractor or with a lantern hung out on front so I could see the furrows," said O. B. Whitford. "We made good dry land crops here then," said Almon Whitford.

O. B. Whitford recalled going out to hoe not long after they had been here. "I hadn't hoed fifty yards until I hit an old thistle that had a big rattlesnake in it," he said.

ford, "and that's what the town was called; a little later it was called Tulsa, and several different names were sent in before Dad Reeves finally named it Earth." The old hotel and the gin, built in 1924, were the first businesses built in Earth.

O. B. Whitford recalled going to the picnic and celebration of Amherst's first anniversary in August of that year. "It was quite a chore getting across the sand hills then. You had to do some pushing as you went along those trails and sandy roads."

There was one old windmill about half way between Earth and Muleshoe, and everybody that went down that road would stop at the windmill to get a drink or to get water for their car or truck. "You couldn't make it to Muleshoe in fifteen minutes like you can now," O. B. Whitford said.

The Whitford's first tractor was an old Moline tractor that pulled with its front wheels. "I plowed many a night with that old tractor or with a lantern hung out on front so I could see the furrows," said O. B. Whitford. "We made good dry land crops here then," said Almon Whitford.

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In August, 1927, a tornado came and blew their barn away scattering everything over thirty acres of corn. "We didn't know what it was then," said O. B.

There weren't any fences or roads and the cattle roamed the plains. The Whitfords built a fence around their farm to keep the cattle off their crops.

"You didn't wait until you came to a road," said O. B., "you just went." He said that in the fall of 1929, he worked many a day with four mules and a Fresno to build up roads. "A man and his four mules got four dollars a day," he added.

Almon Whitford recalled that on Thanksgiving Day in 1926 a terrible sand storm hit this area and just covered up the crops. In the spring enough sand was blown out of the cotton that they went ahead and picked it, but it took 5000 pounds of cotton to make a bale.

In the fall of 1929 O. B. Whitford operated a cafe in Earth, located about where the Unique Fashions Shop is. It was the only cafe in town then. He sold out to Roy Direccion in that same year.

In 1934 O. B. Whitford married Virginia Goodin and built a little 12 by 18 foot house out on his Dad's place. In 1938

# John Welchs, Early Settlers

Mr. and Mrs. John Welch came from Slaton in a truck to Big Square in the fall of 1925. They remember Earth in 1925 as having the old hotel and post office, George Runyon's blacksmith shop, a gin, and Dad Reeves' grocery store.

Mr. Welch farmed with his Dad that year, then moved to Sudan in 1926. They returned to Earth in 1935 and moved into a little house south of the Campbell and Dodd Gin (now Earth Gin). Like most of all the early settlers the Welches water system consisted of one old windmill until the city water system was installed, and a Kerosene lamp furnished their light. Mrs. Welch recalled having done her ironing with a gasoline iron.

In March of 1938 the Welches moved their two room house from its location south of the gin to the block they now live on, and built on to the house. Then in June 1963, they moved into the house west of where Lucille's Beauty Shop is now located, and have lived there since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch recalled that before the Church of Christ built their church building in Earth, they held a meeting in a tent like building near their house. They ran a wire from the Welches' house to the tent for their lights.

On Saturday nights everyone went to town and sat and visited with their neighbors. "That was just about all we had to do back then," said Mr. and Mrs. Welch.

All three of their children he moved the house by himself to Earth, west of where the Methodist Church was then located. He then dug a well there by hand and built a windmill tower to put on it. They had a vinegar barrel that the windmill ran water into and filled.

In 1953 the O. B. Whitfords started building the motel where they are now living. They own and manage the La Casa Motel and Mr. Whitford still farms the old Whitford place.

Almon Whitford lived on the old farm place until 1954 when he married the former Mrs. Alpha Dee Brock and moved into their home a mile and a half east of Springlake where they living at the present time.

The Whitford family, having been among the first to settle in this area, can truly be classed as a pioneer family that has made many contributions to the growth of our community.

graduated from Springlake High School. Their two sons were born in this area and their daughter was born in Lorenzo. Mr. Welch had been in the trucking

## WORTH TALKING ABOUT

Where did the benefits of economic growth go? They did not go into corporate profits which edged up only from about \$45 billion in 1965 to less than \$48 billion last year, or about 5 percent. But total government spending—federal, state and local—increased 35 percent, from a rate of \$182 billion in mid-1965 to \$246 billion at the end of 1967. Government's share in the gross national product is up from 27 per cent to 30 1/2 per cent. In other words, most of the nation's economic growth in the

business up until 1962 when he retired. "It seems like you saw each other more then than you do now," said Mrs. Welch, and everyone was happier."

past 2 1/2 years has been preempted by government through higher taxes. Meanwhile, management's efforts to hold down costs have collided head-on with labor union practices. Take the case of housing. It is impossible to provide the amount required without relying heavily on prefabricated construction items. Whenever this possibility is mentioned, most unions turn a deaf ear.

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# Wolverines Defeat Mules 12 to 6

The two following articles appeared in the October 5, 1928 edition of the Spring Lake Siren (school paper). The first football team was organized during that school year and the following articles relate the events of the organization and the first game.

**SPRING LAKE FOOTBALL TEAM**

The football team is coming along fine. The first week was spent getting in physical condition. The second week was spent learning signals and scrimmages. David Teflar was chosen captain of the nineteen hundred twenty-eight team.

The line-up is as follows:  
 Reginald Quinn-Center  
 Clinton Busby-Right Guard  
 Robert Huckabee-Left Guard  
 Eric Brock-Right Tackle

Leslie Hobgood-Left Tackle  
 Aaron Craig-Right End  
 Clark Churchwell-Left End

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**FOOTBALL GAME**

Spring Lake walked away with their first football game with Muleshoe to the tune of 12 to 6 in Spring Lake's favor. The boys put fight in the game from the jump go, but the hardest effort was put forth in the third and fourth quarters. The first quarter was in Muleshoe's favor



THE 1928 LETTERMEN OF THE SPRING LAKE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM are pictured with the school superintendent, Carl G. Clift and their coach, Mr. Pool. Back row left to right are Carl G. Clift (Supt.), Almon Whitford, Clark Churchwell, and Coach Pool; second row: David Leflar, Aaron Craig and Wallace (Abe) Martin; front row: Ollis Simmons and Eric Brock.

with no scores on either side. The second quarter was marked with a touchdown made by Muleshoe on an end run. They failed to make the free kick, however. The half closed with Spring Lake in possession of the ball near the twenty yard line. By this time the boys had worked up their metal until they were holding the line evenly for

downs and the back field men were using some good judgment in carrying the ball. During the third quarter Wallace Martin carried the ball through a line plunge for the first touchdown for Spring Lake. This gave the boys some renewed energy and the game was in their favor from then on. One of the best plays made during the game was

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College Station, - To save on

made when John Daniel picked up a fumble and dashed about twenty-five yards across the field for Spring Lake's second touchdown. With only about three minutes of the game left the visiting team was unable to come back for a tie. The game closed with Spring Lake in possession of the ball near their goal.

Wallace Martin did some good interference running and hit the line hard. Almon Whitford did some good field running and made several gains. David Leflar carried the ball through the line for downs a number of times. John Daniel distinguished himself by his spectacular run for a touchdown. Eric Brock was able to down the man with the ball behind the line time after time for a loss. The line men, Aaron Craig, Eric Brock, Robert Huckabee, Reginald Quinn, Clark Churchwell, Clinton Busby and Leslie Hobgood did splendid work in holding the opposing team for downs. For the first game all these boys did exceptionally well and we are looking forward to win more victories before the season closes. We want everyone to stand by the team and help them take the scalps of a few more squads. The girls' pep squad was there and helped to do their share in winning the game by yelling for the boys. We do not have any definite schedule but we hope we have more out to root for us the next game we have at home.

the weekly food bill, make a shopping list, plan meals and buy food "specials." Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, Extension consumer marketing specialist, has this advice on what to expect in food stores.

Expect a few changes in meat prices appearing in the form of specials. These features include chuck pot roast, arm, English and chuck, round and sirloin steaks. Ham is a favorite too, and you have the choice of whole ham, butt or shank portion. Lamb shoulder-roasts and chops also will be featured. Frying chickens are lower in price this week and cut-up pieces usually a good value.

Turkeys and turkey parts continue reasonable in price. Eggs are an excellent protein choice. Salads should become increasingly popular. Mrs. Clyatt suggests a hearty salad as the main course with julienne strips of chicken, ham, cold cuts or cheese. Some of the best produce selections available are head lettuce, tomatoes, green cabbage, corn, potatoes, celery, squash, okra and cooking greens.

Prices vary on cucumbers and bell peppers. Melons highlight most fruit counters with cantaloupe, watermelon and honeydews in most plentiful supply.

Peaches, bananas, seedless white grapes, nectarines, orange, plums, limes and pineapples are also good choices.

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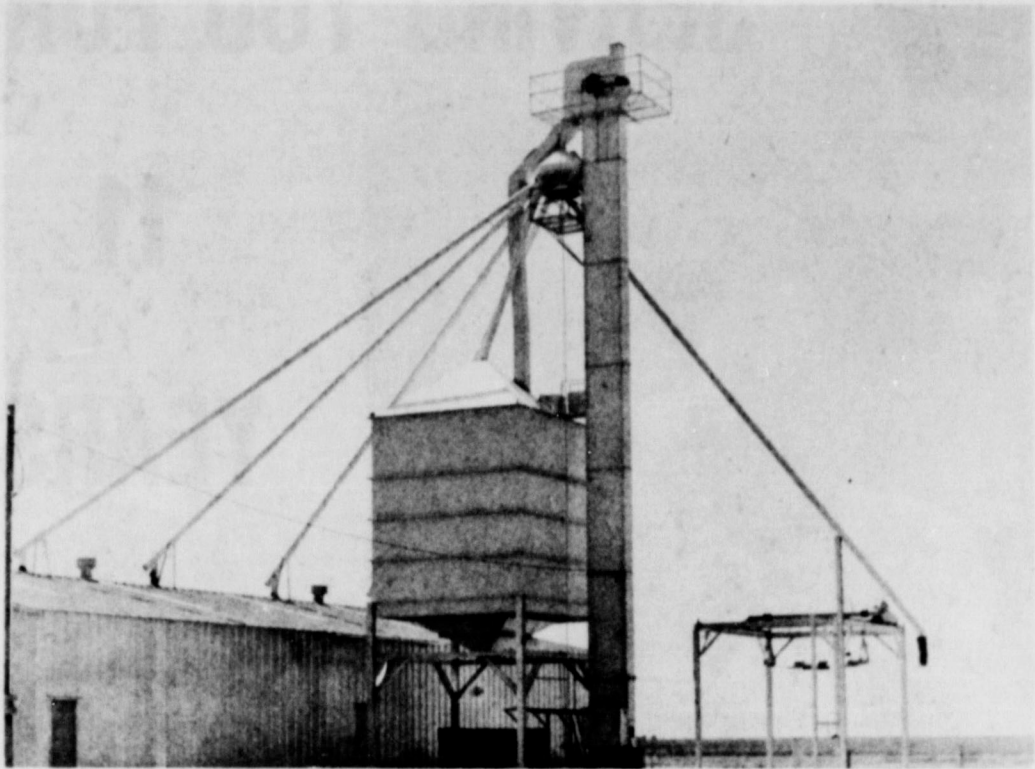
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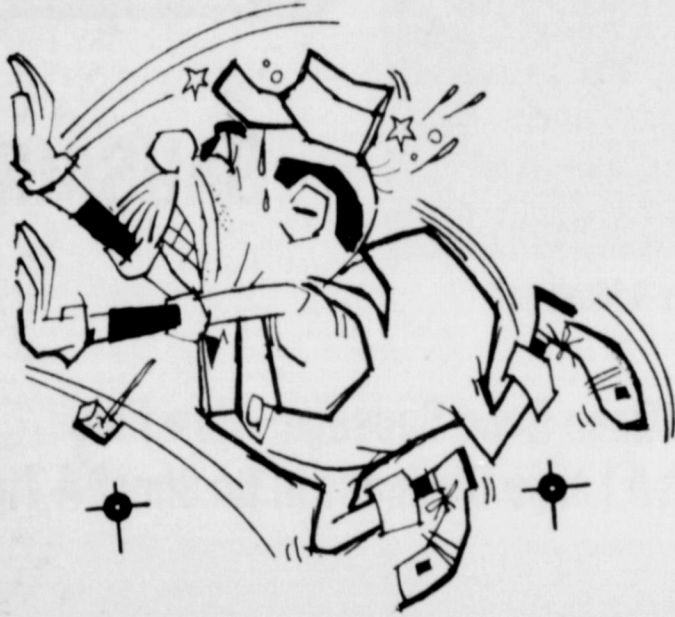
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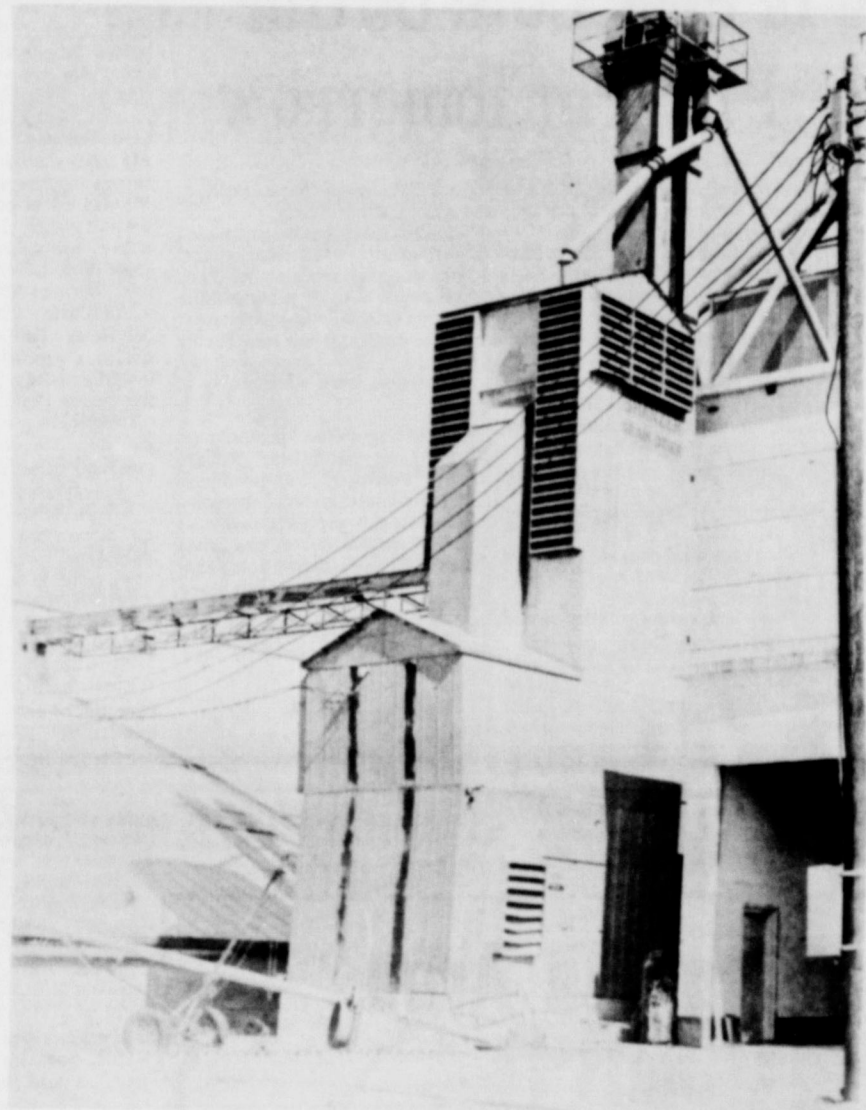


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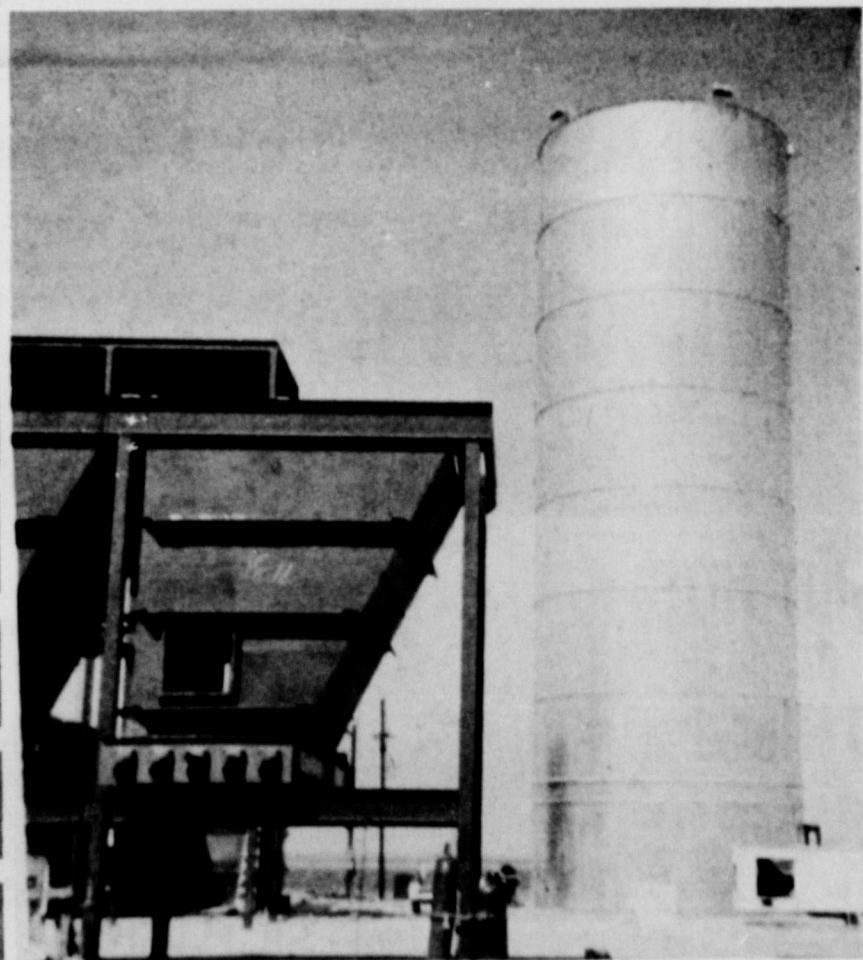
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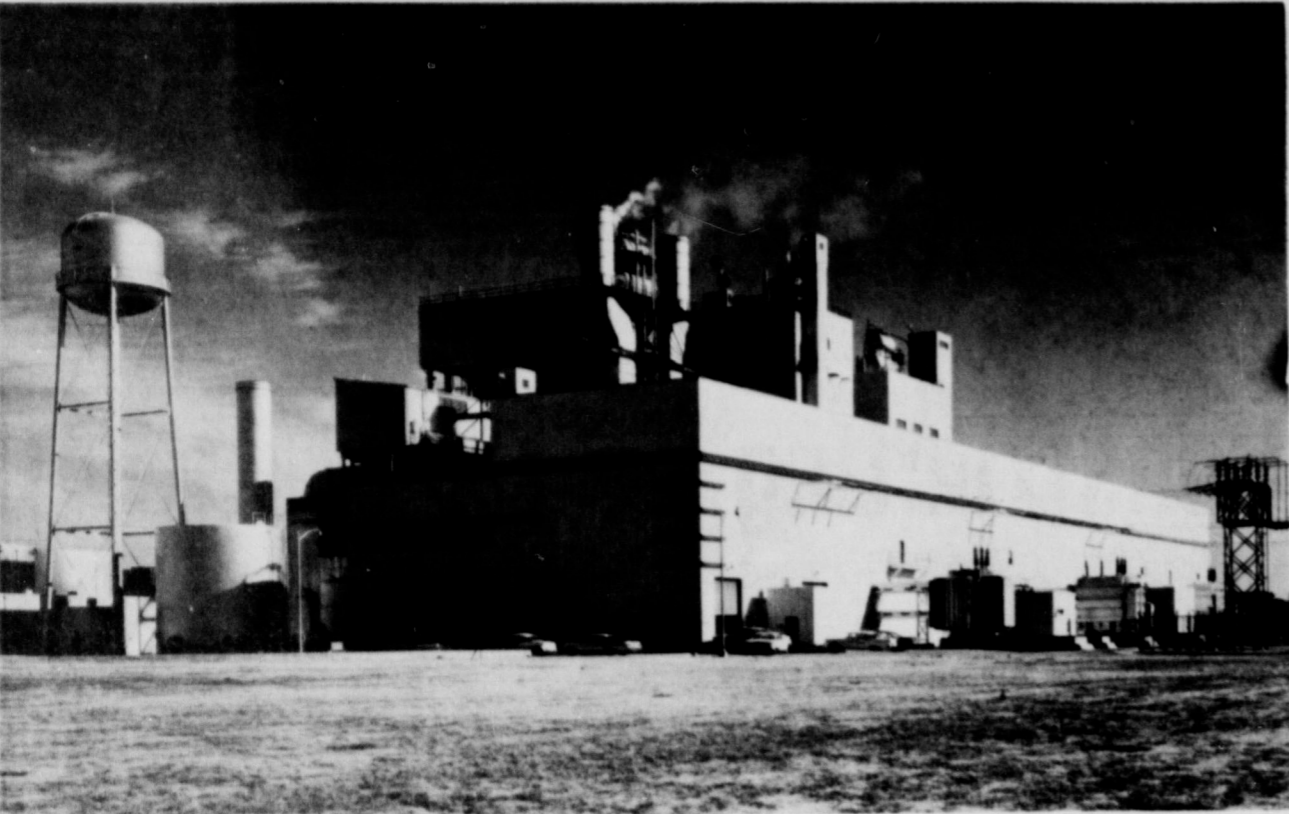
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## Yesterday Is Past, Lets Do Our Best Today, Plan For Tomorrow

Along with all the other Earth citizens, Dave Cavitt, the Southwestern Public Service Company manager, is enjoying the community's 45th birthday. But Dave isn't much for looking back when it comes to electric service.

His philosophy, and it is shared by Mrs. Beryl T. (Lillian) Hamilton, the Reddy Kilowatt cashier-bookkeeper in Earth, is that they did the best they could yesterday, are doing the same today-and now they want to look forward to the tomorrows.

The nature of their business does this to them, because they deal in the world's most perishable product.

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and farms, because its time and labor saving benefits are obvious.

In an area of 45,000 square miles that starts at Elkhart, Kansas, swings down across the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles, on to the South Plains of the Lone Star State, and then westward to the Clovis-Portales and Pecos Valley regions of New Mexico, it is the responsibility of Southwestern Public Service Company, and its 1800 employees, to produce and distribute electricity-that most perishable of products.

There's a dual character to the responsibility of an electric light and power company.

The first responsibility is related to today-the present. This obligation calls for the providing of the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. But, at the very same time that this responsibility is being discharged, it is necessary that the electric servant for the area be planning to meet the needs of this region for electric ser-

vice, 5, 10 even 20 years from now.

This challenge takes on added significance when you recall that we are dealing with the most perishable of products-the one that is used the instant that it is created-and you can't store a batch any place and say, "We'll use this electricity in 1980."

There's another problem in looking to the future. An electric company has no direct control over its growth. It grows as the area it serves grows.

Other business, on the other hand, have almost complete control over the expansion of their business. They can choose their clientele, too, and seek out the people with whom they want to do business. The electric company has a public utility responsibility to serve every person in the area, efficiently, courteously, economically.

There is one other major difference between most businesses

and a public utility. If a retail store is not doing so well in one town, and thinks it could do better in another, there is nothing to keep it from moving its stock into a new location in another community, and going into business. Not so with an electric utility, however. If things aren't going well, it can't pick up its poles, transformers and generating stations, and move some place where the grass looks like it might be greener. The electric company has a franchise, which gives it the privilege of doing business, and outlines the terms under which it will conduct its business. At the same time, it imposes the responsibility to serve the area for the life of that franchise, good times or bad.

Incidentally, when speaking of a franchise, it is important to remember that it grants a privilege, not a right, and doesn't grant a monopoly without control. Usually there is only one electric utility for the sound economic reason that regulation, which avoids duplication, is much better for the customer in terms of cost of service, and effectively takes the place of the competition that is found in most other businesses.

In addition to good service for today and adequate planning for tomorrow, there is the question of research for the future-the atomic future.

Southwestern Public Service Company, and 9 other investor-owned electric utilities in the Lone Star State, are now carrying out fusion research in the field of atomic power. Should this research be successful, sea water, containing heavy hydrogen, would be the fuel source for power generation, and sea water is a commodity we'll have for a long time.

This is a long-range research, made possible by the fact that the present day fuel source for Southwestern's plants, natural gas, is in good supply, and will be for a long, long time.

It is probable that the man who will operate the first fusion atomic power plant has not yet been born. But, it is equally reassuring that our costs of generating electricity in this area with natural gas are much lower than the atomic methods being used in other areas, and that our electric company can participate in long-range research which holds out the prospect of real economy and limitless fuel supply.

It fits into the "Yesterday is behind us-Let's do our best today-Plan for Tomorrow" philosophy.

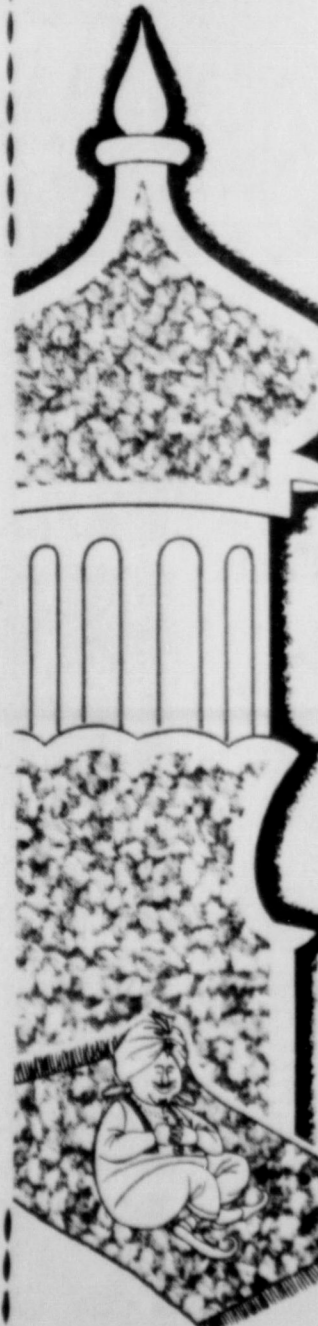
### Industry Helps Raise Funds for 4-H Projects

American business and industry has created the National 4-H Club Foundation Advisory Council to assist the man on the farm. Formed a year ago by 110 corporate executives and having completed its organization period, its first task will be helping 4-H raise funds for the expansion of a national center in suburban Washington, D. C.

Among the industry advisors is Arthur E. Larkin, president of General Foods Corporation. After completing a successful 4-H fund drive in the food industry last year he has been named to the Advisory Council and will head the Gold Clover campaign for contributions from individuals and companies to support the foundation.

General Foods also sponsors a Food-Nutrition Awards program and the company is now underwriting the costs of the preparation by the U. S. Department of Agriculture of five manuals on food and nutrition.

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# First Blacksmith Shop Owned By Runyon

Mr. and Mrs. George Runyon settled in Earth on March 18, 1925 with their daughter Annie Lee and their baby boy Delbert. Prior to this, in August of 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Runyon came to Earth and lived for two months helping her uncle, Pap Parish, on his farm. They then returned to their home in Big Square where their first son was born. George Runyon came back to Earth shortly thereafter and purchased their place and a little one room house which he moved from Springlake to his lot in Earth where Donald Runyon now lives. Then he and Clyde Parish went to Big Springs after his family in a Model A Ford truck and returned to Earth with them, all their household good, farming tools and one cow.

George Runyon had the first blacksmith shop in Earth which he built on the lot where the bank is presently located. With just that one lot Mr. Runyon didn't have enough room for parking space so he moved his shop to the west side of that same block situated where Gerald's Barber Shop is. The only other businesses in Earth at that time were Dad Reeve's hotel and store, located where Blairs store is, and John Devenport's garage across the road. In 1930 Mr. Devenport sold out to Watts who tore down the garage and made his residence there.

There were only two other homes in Earth when the Runyons moved here. Those were the Frank Hite home and Devenport's home. It was wide open country here and none of it had been broken out with the exception of one little farm about a mile south of Earth. "There was no Amberst road then," said Mrs. Runyon, "and if you went to Amberst you had to go to Springlake and go through the sand hills that way."

Halsell's cattle roamed the town then and Mrs. Runyon recalled that they would rub against the houses and wake them up at night. "George would get up and chase them down over the hill," she said. He even tried shooting them with a shotgun loaded with okra seed but it didn't scare them.

Mr. and Mrs. Runyon got their water across the road from the Devenport's windmill for about a year before they had their well dug and put a hand pump in. "I was so proud when we got our first pump," said Mrs. Runyon, "it was better than car-

rying it." Mr. and Mrs. Devenport had the second windmill built in Earth which is still standing behind the old Ford Company building. The first windmill was down by Dad Reeve's hotel. It was another year, which seemed like ten years to Mrs. Runyon, before the Runyons replaced their hand pump with a windmill, and it wasn't until 1932 that their first overhead tank was installed.

It wasn't until 1927 that the people in Earth could get fresh vegetables here. The grocery store only kept staple goods the first two years the Runyons lived here, so they did without, along with the other early settlers.

The Runyons lived in one room until the fall of 1927, when they built a kitchen on to their house. These two rooms were their home until 1932 when they built a new home in the same location. Mr. Runyon sold the blacksmith shop in 1949 and began farming once more. Mr. and Mrs. Runyon kept their home in town, but moved some hatching equipment to a little house on the farm, and stayed there during the week working on the farm. They came back into town on weekends.

Mr. Runyon went rabbit hunting on Sunday evenings with a bow and arrow. He had a shotgun but no ammunition so a bow and arrow were all he had to hunt with. Mr. Runyon made the bow himself out of an old buggy tire, and was quite accurate with it. This was one of the chief things that he had to do for entertainment. Another of the main attractions in those days was going to the ranch to watch Halsell's men brand. Mrs. Runyon recalled too, that her husband put a croquet court in Earth just east of their house, and, as it was a favorite form of amusement at that time, families from all over town came and played at night by car lights. Later a court was put in on the lot where White's Auto Store is now located. There was also a baseball diamond near the site of the present Wayne Rutherford Station.

When the Runyons first came to Earth there was no post office here. Their mail came to Springlake and whoever happened to be going there would pick up all the mail for the Earth residents and bring it back with them. Earth got its first post office in December, 1926. Mrs. Runyon recalled that they had a Model A car



MRS. GEORGE RUNYON is out in the backyard of their home in 1926 getting water the hard way. This is the Runyon's first well and hand pump. In the background to the far left is the old hotel, and on the right is John Devenport's Garage, between the two is George Runyon's blacksmith shop.



HARVEY ELSTON and GEORGE RUNYON with their kill in front of the Runyon's first home in Earth (located where the Donald Runyon home is now). Behind them is Mr. Runyon's old Ford car that had been stripped down for rabbit hunting. This picture was taken in 1932.

with a bed on it, and it was used to bring the post office from Mileshee. The new post office was put in the hotel and Frank Hite became Earth's first postmaster. Elmer Devenport brought the mail to the Earth post office from Mileshee.

The Runyons have seen Earth celebrate many anniversaries, including its first. Mrs. Run-

yon's father and George Runyon fixed the beef for the barbecue celebrating the first anniversary of Earth. Mr. and Mrs. Runyon, having been in Earth since 1925, have watched Earth grow and prosper from its one of two businesses to the thriving little city of today.

"We have had a lot of happy years here," said Mrs. Runyon, "even if we did have hardships,

# New Talk Explains Drunk Driver Law

Austin, -A free illustrated talk explaining the new Texas Law which makes chemical breath tests mandatory for drunk driving suspects is now available from the Texas Safety Association.

Entitled "So, What Do We Do Now?", the talk points out that for the past ten years, 68 percent of persons killed in one-car accidents were drunk when they died, as were 43 percent of those killed in two-car accidents. It goes on to estimate that enforcement of the new law can lower those percentages considerably, saving as many as 500 lives a year.

Starting September 1, Texas drivers suspected of driving while intoxicated must take a test to determine the alcohol content

of their blood. If they refuse the test, they can lose their driver's license.

"So, What Do We Do Now?" describes each step in the administering of the test to a suspect. The talk is designed to give Texans a better understanding of the "breath test" law and the procedures which will be followed in enforcing it.

Illustrated with 33 color slides, the talk is available at no charge to adult groups throughout the state. Civic and service organizations wishing to see the presentation are urged to contact the Texas Safety Association, 1623 South Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78704. Telephone Area Code 512, 444-6551.

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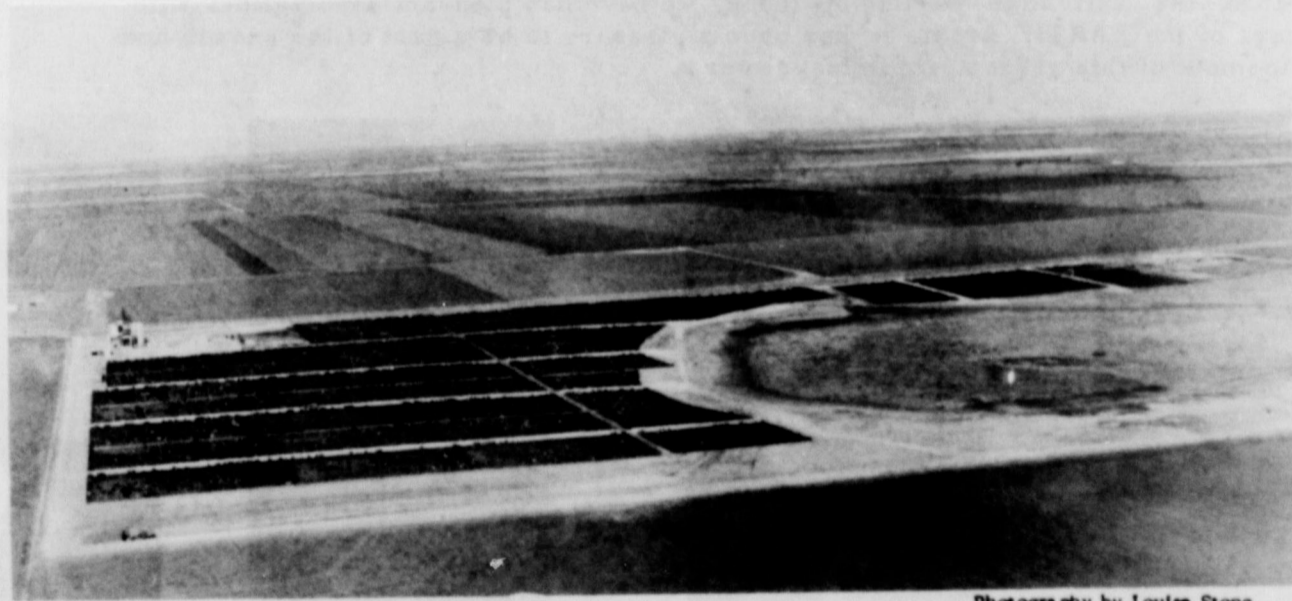
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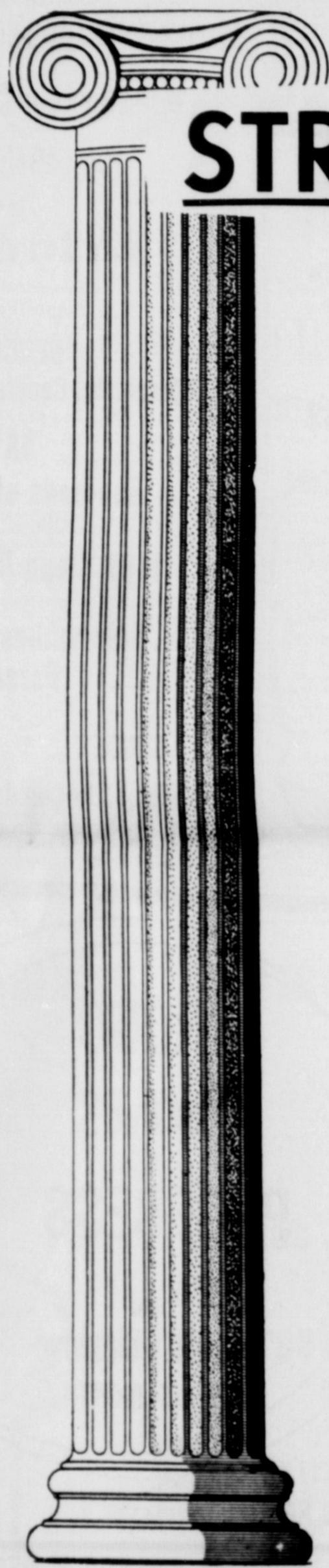
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## Old Springlake, Punkin' Center?

I know some of the earliest residents know about old Springlake but there are many younger ones who do not know the history of the town.

Springlake has not always been located where it is today, as a matter of fact there are actually three Springlakes.

The name is derived from a division of the XII ranch. The Springlake division, located west of Earth, which was once part of the larger ranch purchased by W. E. Halsell. Mr. Halsell saw the need of the small farmers who were trying to settle the area and gave a helping hand to those who desired help by seeing them through hard times.

In the early 1900's, Halsell opened much of his land to farmers. The George Wright Land Company handled the Halsell land deals for a 50-50 split. Halsell, although his interest was in the cattle industry, sold land in 1907 for \$15.00 an acre to farmers. The Wright land company realized \$8.00 while Halsell received \$7.00 of the \$15.00. Later, some of the land was sold at \$10.00 an acre.

Most of the land sold was over toward the present school site. The George Wright Land Company built a town or what was considered the beginning of a town on the northwest quarter of section 436 north of the present Springlake Cemetery. Old Springlake at first consisted of a church, school, store and post office. The Church wasn't completed until much later because the Land Company moved on and left it unfinished. It was later finished by the congregationalist.

The first mail delivery came on July 4, 1908. The mail was delivered from Dimmitt three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The remaining three days saw deliveries in Hart. Tom Devening was the first Post Master in Old



MIKE AND TUFFY DENT are shown standing in front of their Dad's (L. H. Dent) garage and station in Springlake, then known as Punkin' Center. The name change occurred in 1932 when the post office was moved from Old Springlake to Center.

Springlake. M. E. Cleavinger followed and then Willis White who purchased the store and post office in 1927.

The first frame school building was finished in 1909. Seventy students first attended the small school which was conducted by only one teacher. An addition to the building and two teachers came in 1912.

Old Springlake, from its early beginning in 1907 and on through the late twenties, grew and served many pioneer families. Along with Olton, old Springlake was one of the only towns in this part of Lamb County.

Other communities began as time passed and the area filled. One community, Center, needs to be mentioned to keep the history of Springlake complete.

Center actually began in 1920 with the coming of the J. N. Baker family. J. N. Baker, a farmer, preacher and merchant settled the section of land which is located across from the present Springlake Elevator. Baker opened a store and filling station on the corner of his section (where B. C. Skinner now resides) to supplement his farming income.

Baker's business was in a favorable location because many settlers could get supplies closer to their homes from the little country store. As people began to arrive in the area, a new community was created. Mr. Baker always spoke of his store as Center, however the community became known as Punkin' Center.

Different interpretations have been given for the adjective

'Punkin'. One legend states that most area farmers planted pumpkins, especially Mr. Baker. The location became famous for the fabulous pumpkins. Others say that "Punkin'" was attached to Mr. Baker's Center as a jest of his Punkin' (pumpkin) Center.

Still another states that Punkin' Center came into existence one night when several older boys had a "punkin' bust" with the main target being Baker's store. (Don't worry, I won't list the names that were mentioned).

Punkin' Center grew to include a repair garage which was owned and operated by L. H. (Chubby) and O. L. (Spike) Dent. H. M. Packard operated an elevator at one time, where the present elevator stands. Mr. Baker later donated land for the Paymaster Gin.

Punkin' Center overlapped the Old Springlake trade territory which hampered business. The school was relocated in 1923, leaving Old Springlake with another vacancy. In 1932, Mr. and Mrs. Willis White received permission to move the post office to Punkin' Center if it could be known as Springlake rather than going through difficult postal channels to change the name of the post office.

Punkin' Center was changed to Springlake in 1932 and is here to stay, unless the post office decides to move again. After the change the town began to grow into what it is today.

Other businesses were built, settlers built homesites closer to town and interest in an organized town grew.

The Church of Christ building, added to the community in 1934 was a blessing to the town. The dirt-floor community building served all churches up to this time. As each congregation expanded, churches were built. The Primitive Baptist Church was built in 1939.

The First Baptist Church of Springlake was built in 1948. The community incorporated as a town in 1953. V. T. Tan-



THE FIRST GROCERY STORE at Old Springlake also served as the community Post Office. Tom Devening served as the first post master. Deliveries were made on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from Dimmitt. M. E. Cleavinger was post master when the picture was taken.

ner served as the first mayor with a council made up of Roy Byers, Jr., James Busby, Jesse G. Watson, Herschel Sanders and Grant Lott. A. A. Parish worked as secretary to the council while Earl Watson served as city marshal.

During the above administration, the water system was introduced. Also in 1955, Southwestern Public Service and Pioneer Natural Gas companies were granted sales permits. No longer did the great number of butane tanks exist within the city limits.

Upon the resignations of Tanner and Parish, Herschel Sanders was sworn in as Mayor September 3, 1954. Ashley Da-

vis filled the secretarial post. In 1957, the Fire Association was organized. The first volunteer department included 1000 feet of hose and a trailer.

In 1959, Springlake purchased a fire truck and an extra 600 feet of hose. Jesse Watson served as the first fire chief until 1958. Ralph Rudd held the post until 1964. Ernest Goforth was elected fire chief in 1964 and served until April 1968. Walter Ernest holds the office at present.

Ralph Rudd was elected mayor in April, 1958. Larrille Brown served as city secretary at the time. This administration secured street lights for the betterment of Springlake.

May 3, 1960, Floyd Crawford was sworn in as mayor. Faye Washington worked as secretary for Springlake until 1962. Mrs. Marvel Carruthers then continued her work.

In 1967, the sewer system was installed after many long controversial discussions.

Jim Stephens was elected mayor in 1968, and served until his resignation March 26, 1969. Wayne Davis was appointed to serve out the remainder of the term.

Serving the town of Springlake with Davis are aldermen, C. C. Hoppling, G. H. Miller, Phil Niensat, W. B. Hucks and N. O. Drake. Although Springlake has a

## New Laws Affect Slow Vehicles

Austin--Slow-moving drivers who drive on the inside lanes of divided highways may find themselves in trouble after September 1. On that date, Department of Public Safety patrolman will begin enforcement of a new state law which requires that vehicles traveling at less than the normal speed of traffic be driven in the right-hand lane, or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when passing.

Another section of the law requires moving traffic to stay to the right of the center line on roadways having four or more lanes of traffic, except when authorized to go to the left of such center line by traffic control devices or when making left turns into or from alleys, private roads or driveways, regardless of whether there is a double yellow stripe or not.

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said still another new law provides for the adoption of a "slow-moving vehicle emblem" for display on certain types of vehicles.

Speir said the measure requires that all machinery, tractors, or other vehicles which operate at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour or less must display a triangular emblem approved by the DPS on the rear of the vehicle.

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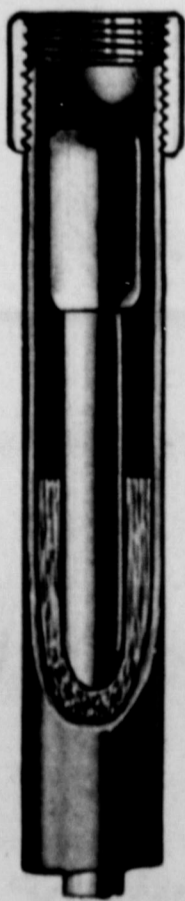
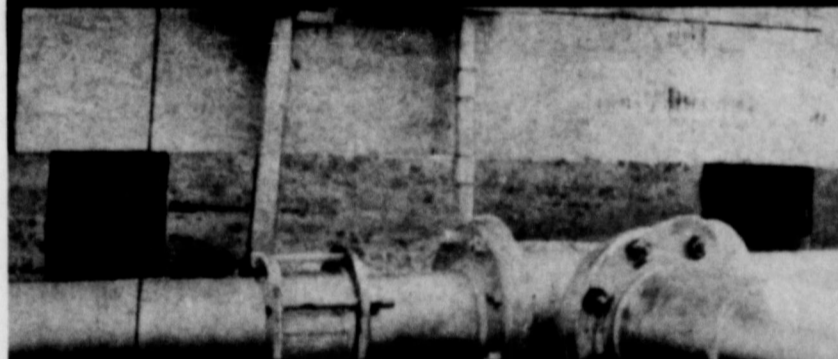
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The Boones moved into a dug-out where they lived their first three years here. The dugout had a ceiling and was floored, and "it was warm down there," said Mrs. Boone. Mr. Boone had built a grainery which he fixed into a two-room house that the Boones lived in until 1930, when they built their present home.

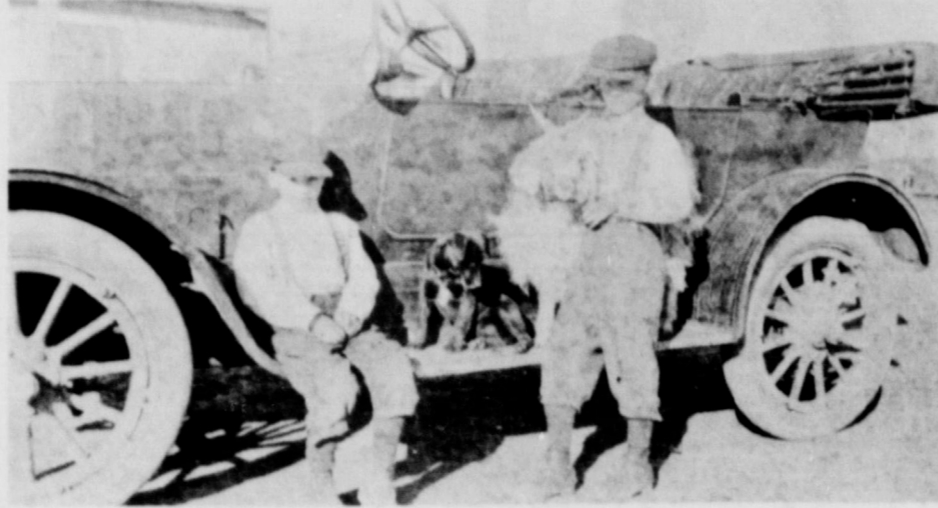
Mrs. Boone is truly one of the first to settle here, even long before there was a town called Earth or Punkin' Center (now Springlake). There was only one house between the Boones home and the ranch, and one between them and Olton. "When we first came here," said Mrs. Boone, with a laugh, there wasn't anything here but cowboys, coyotes and rattle snakes.

"It just nearly broke my heart when I drove up and saw this,"

she said. Mrs. Boone had neighbors and a nice house in Floydada, and after moving out here in the middle of nowhere, with Mr. Boone hauling grain and the boys in school, her only companion during the day was her dog. "I wasn't satisfied for four or five years," Mrs. Boone said. "I felt all the time I was just visiting." But she added, that she wouldn't live in any other place now. "I'm a Westerner!" said Mrs. Boone, her voice ringing with pride.

Both of the Boone boys went to school at old Springlake until they reached the ninth grade when they transferred to the Olton High School. They rode horseback to old Springlake at first, until their daddy got them a little two-wheel buggy that they hitched to their horse. After they started going to school in Olton, they drove the car for a while and then rode the bus.

Big snow storms weren't uncommon here in the twenties. Mrs. Boone recalled a blinding snow storm that occurred after Bob had gone to school. The boys rode across the open prairie to school; there were no fields



ROY BOONE and HIS OLDER BROTHER BOB BOONE with their old car in about 1916. This was in Floyd County just before the Boones moved to the Springlake and Earth area.

The B. V. Padon family built their home half a mile south of Springlake in August 1925 and moved into it in December of that same year. Draw, in Lynn County, Texas had been their home prior to coming to Springlake.

B. V. Padon and Raymond (sons of B. V. Padon deceased) drove four head of horses and brought the farm equipment through, while their sister Mrs. Alpha Dee (Padon) Whitford (formerly Mrs. Alpha Dee Brock), and their brother Emmitt Padon, rode in the Model T truck with their mother and father.

B. V. Padon recalled that their four room house, half a mile south of Springlake made the fourth one between Springlake and the sand hills. The Whitfords, L. T. Smith's, and Dad Reeves' homes and one half dug-out were all that stood between Earth and Springlake. Springlake consisted of Baker's Store and Gus Parish's garage and shop which was two miles north of Springlake.

"We were awful proud of our place," said Mr. Padon. He recalled that his father put in a 12 foot well with a three inch pump, and he planted a garden. "We weren't used to a garden back home," he said, "and Daddy planted the biggest garden I had ever seen." He admitted that they did get homesick thinking about the kids they grew up with, but they were pleased with their move. "We were tickled to death!"

In 1927 the Padons sold their place and bought a farm a mile south of Springlake. They rebuilt a house that had been there and it was their home until 1943.

Mrs. Velma (Ray) Padon came to Springlake in August, 1923, from Tom Green County with her mother and father, Her brother, Elmer Ray rode in the rail car with their horses and equipment to Hale Center. The Rays, like most all of the early settlers, ventured to this area to purchase new land and begin farming. They made their first home one mile north and two and a half miles east of Springlake. Mrs. Padon rode from there to the old school house on horseback that first year. She played basketball at Springlake High School, when the school colors of green and gold were chosen.

Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Padon were married in 1929 and moved into a 12x24 two room house on her father's farm, the Jim Ray place. The next year they moved two miles south

and three-fourths of a mile west of Springlake where they rented land and farmed for three years. The Padons made one more move, to a farm four miles north of Springlake, before settling in their present location four years later. In 1938 they built the home they are now living in.

When asked if she enjoyed pioneering to this country, Mrs. Alpha Dee (Padon) Whitford answered with a laugh, "We cried all the way across the sandhills, if you call that enjoying it. You couldn't see a house anywhere! And hadn't seen one for miles and miles and miles-- Oh, that was horrible! We didn't want to come anyway." She then added that it was an advantage to her parents.

Mrs. Whitford recalled riding the "good ole Model T school buses" to school. One day they all got so cold that they stopped and built a fire with tumble weeds to warm themselves, then mounted the old bus again and drove on to school. The door was almost always left open for one or two children to sit in and often one of them rode on the hood.

B. V. Padon's reaction to this bare country was quite different from that of his sister's. "This was the prettiest country you ever saw then, with all the grass," "I enjoyed the old days myself," said Mr. Padon.

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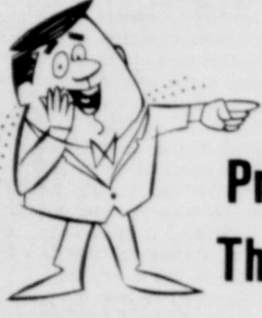


MRS. MATTIE BOONE, reading over her red cross material, at Old Springlake in 1918. Mrs. Boone was in the surgical department of the red cross during WWI.

and no fences with the exception of one barbed wire fence running east and west, that they called the "line tree." Bob was on his pony at school when the storm began raging, and he started home. He couldn't see a thing and had no idea where he was, so he turned the pony loose and it took him on home, when he reached the fence. Bob knew where he was and followed it the rest of the way.

Mrs. Boone recalled that their mail was received at old Springlake after coming from Dimmitt. While waiting for the mail to come from Dimmitt Bob Boone witnessed a killing in old Springlake. It seems as if the two men involved had fought sometime back and had had little use for one another since. When one man saw the other come into town he simply shot him. There were many, many hardships and difficulties in the days of the early pioneers.


As one of the earliest pioneers to this area, Mrs. Boone has lived through trials and hardships faced by all the early settlers. However, she is satisfied with her early life here. Mrs. Boone leaned back and, a most serene look could be seen in her face as she said, "you know, we used to have good times. We were far apart but we would all gather at the school and play croquet and volleyball, then have supper, and we enjoyed it! People don't enjoy life like we did then--it's different."



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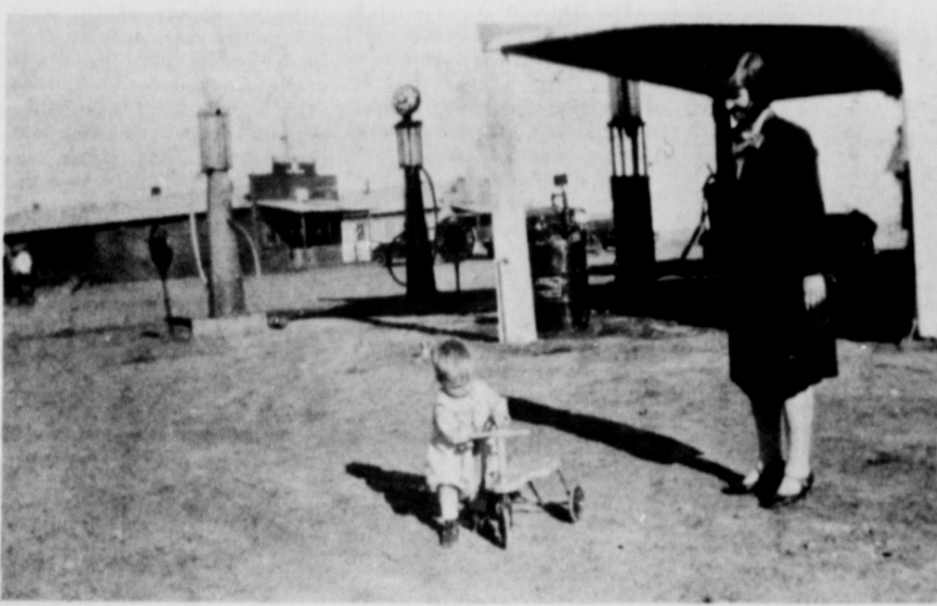
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# Highlights From Past To The Present

Mrs. A. C. Barton and her two small daughters, Gladys, age 3 and Mildred, almost 2 (now Mrs. Pat McCord and Mrs. Ed Haley) arrived in Muleshoe by train en route to this part of Texas on a cold December Sunday in 1920.



MRS. A. C. BARTON and ARDIS 1929. A glimpse of main street from the front of the first station in Earth. The station was where Adrian's Store is presently located on the south side of main street.

Wise County Texas, timbered country, was Mrs. Barton's home prior to moving to this area. Stepping from the train, she of course saw no trees, and her first impression was, "This must be the jumping off place."

The cry "Go West young man, Go West" was taken to heart by many and became quite an experience by the Bartons who had left home, parents, and friends for a life in a new world.

There could be no turning back, since Mrs. Barton (now deceased) had arrived a few days earlier in an immigrant car containing all their earthly possessions, which included 4 mares, 3 mules, 1 milk cow, one brood sow, 133 leghorn hens, a wagon and a buggy (their only means of travel), some farm equipment, household goods and a huge amount of home-canned fruit.

The family first settled on the E. C. Bell place, north of Earth in Castro County. They lived there in a two room house for one year before moving to the Frenzel place, which is two miles north of where Mrs. A. C. Barton now resides.

Kerosene lamps furnished their light and coal for the winter was hauled from Muleshoe in a wagon to provide fuel for heating and cooking, but when the coal ran a little low a few cow chips were added to stretch the supply of coal over the winter.

The Bartons suffered many hardships those first few years, some that will never be forgotten, such as those blue northerners that seemed to come from nowhere, freezing new born calves, pigs and chickens. Often they were brought inside the house to be thawed by the heat from the cookstove in order to save them.

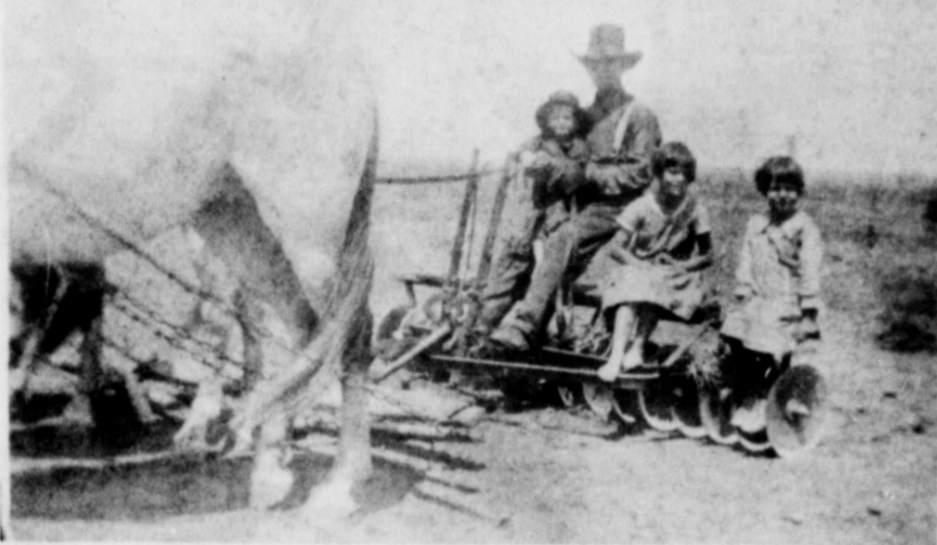
Raging snow storms were very common then, Mrs. Barton recalled one in particular that came during the last days of November 1923. Snow from that storm remained on the ground until the following March. During the month of December, mail was only received at the old Springlake Post Office three times.

Wheat was the main crop here in those days, and had to be hauled to Muleshoe and Hereford on two day trips by wagon. Enough groceries and supplies for at least the next month were purchased and brought home on the return trips.

Hail often destroyed the wheat crops. The Bartons had several losses over a period of years. The first one, Mrs. Barton recalled, occurred early in June of 1920, lasting only 7 minutes and causing a total loss of 12,000 bushels.

Then came the depression, when wheat sold in 1931 for as low as 18 cents per bushel, and maize at 17 cents per cut.

Another disaster to the wheat was the sandstorms of 1936, which were regular "old days" that blew for days and days.



SEATED ON HIS DISC HARROW drawn by a team of mules is Mr. D. J. Barton, (deceased) and his three grandchildren (from left to right) Weldon, Gladys (Barton) McCord, and Mildred (Barton) Haley. This picture was taken in the spring of 1925 on the Dean place (now the Elton Shaffer farm)

The Barton's 900 acres were a complete loss that year; they never even cranked the combine.

Mr. Barton bought his first land at \$16.00 an acre in 1930, built a barn and dug a well while living on their rented land. When the barn was completed they moved into it and lived there for a couple of months while the garage was being built. The family then moved into the garage where they remained for three years before building their house in 1933. Mrs. A. C. Barton is presently residing in that home.

The Barton's put in their first irrigation well in 1947 at a cost of \$5,600; the motor, a Minneapolis Moline is still in use.

Mrs. Barton has witnessed many changes since 1920, from cattle trails, dugouts, and one church to the present servicable highways, beautiful brick homes, and several lovely churches. She has also watched our school grow from the little white school house to the beautiful buildings and campus of today.

Mrs. Barton has five children, the two girls already mentioned, and three boys, Weldon, Ardis, and Melvin, all graduates of Springlake High School and holders of college degrees. It was no easy task putting five children through school, but Mrs. Barton feels that she has been

well rewarded and is proud to be a part of Earth's 45th Anniversary.

Mrs. Barton has never regretted their move. "If at first it seemed to be a jumping off place," she said, "it has proven to be a happy landing."

## Law Aids Consent Implied Enforcement Officials

Austin—Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said today that the State's new implied consent law which becomes effective September 1, 1969, gives law enforcement a much needed weapon to combat drunk drivers.

When you consider that traffic mishaps claimed 3,481 lives in the state last year.

Under terms of this law, a motorist is "deemed to have given consent" to a breath test if arrested for any alleged offense arising out of his actual operation or physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. If the suspect refuses the breath test, the officer certifies this fact in an affidavit, together with his probable cause for stopping the person, to the Department of Public Safety. This affidavit, when it reaches the DPS, forms the basis for a petition filed by the Department in the corporation of justice court of the county of residence of the person refusing the test to determine if the officer had probable cause for thinking the person was driving while intoxicated.

Should the judge find the officer had probable cause to arrest the person for driving while intoxicated, the Department of Public Safety, acting on the court's finding and the officer's sworn statement that the subject refused the test, suspends the subject's driver license for the period set by the judge. The suspension, which may run for as much as one year, is subject to appeal to a higher court.

The implied consent law allows the person detained the right to have a test of his blood alcohol taken by his own physician, qualified technician, chemist or registered professional nurse, if taken within two hours after his arrest.

The law also places the responsibility with the Texas Department of Public Safety to certify breath testing equipment and persons authorized to administer breath tests.

Consistent with its policy of assisting local authorities whenever possible, the DPS will offer at least three schools to train city and county officers in operation of the Breathalyzer. These schools, which will be conducted at the Law Enforcement Academy in Austin, will be limited in enrollment to key personnel from localities which now possess, or plan to obtain, breath testing instruments.

Currently, the DPS is utilizing breath testing equipment in a voluntary program. The Breathalyzer instruments are located at central points in some 90 counties, and are operated by DPS officers who have completed an intensive training course. The instruments are checked and serviced weekly by qualified DPS chemists.

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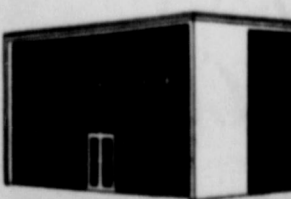


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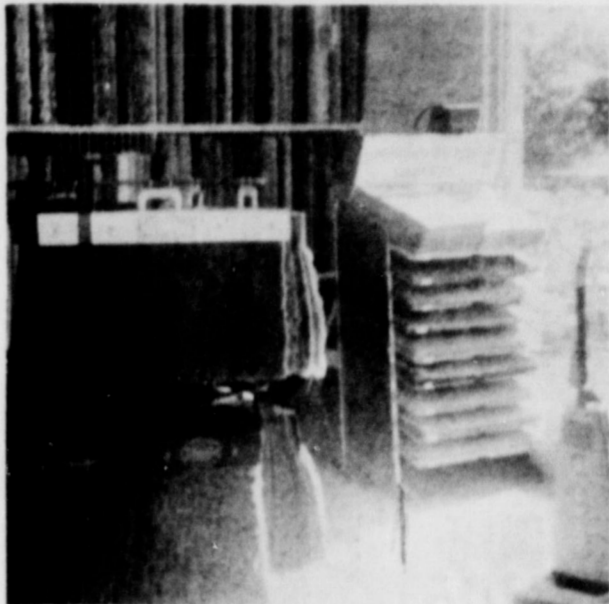


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## Earth Masonic Lodge Organized In 1940

The Earth Masonic Lodge came into existence in February, 1940 when Connie D. Gryson, District Deputy, set the lodge to work under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Texas. The lodge received its charter December 5, 1940 with M.E. Kelley serving as Worshipful Master.

Most of the members had been members at Olton prior to the organization of the Earth lodge. The local masons now boast a membership of 105.

The lodge first met on the second floor of Bob McCaskill's building.

The present lodge hall is located just south of the post office.

New carpet was laid in the hall in June of this year.

The local lodge joins with all Masons of Texas in supporting the Masonic programs being held in Ft. Worth and the home-

for aged masons, their wives and widows, also located in Ft. Worth.

In addition to M.E. Kelley, the following men have served as Worshipful Master: J. D. Newton, 1941; R. G. Johns, 1942; J. W. McNamara, 1943; L. Z. Anglin, 1944; O. B. Whitford, 1945; N. Ray Kelley, 1946; John Laing, 1947; James A. Littleton, Jr., 1948; J. J. Coker, 1949; H. C. Martin, 1950; R. W. McCaskill, 1951; Travis Scott, 1952; W. R. Boone, 1953; R. W. Fanning, 1954; Bob Boone, 1955; Ralph Huff, 1956; J. J. Coker, 1957; Jerry Kelley, 1958; Pete O'Hair, 1959; Billy Homer Hodge, 1960; Donald Runyon, 1961; Harold Miller, 1962; Melvin Bock, 1963; George Laing, 1964; Donald Kelley, 1965; Roney Smith, 1966; James Winder, 1967; Clifford Hopping, 1968; and Donald Clayton, present master.



CLASS OF 1922 at SPRINGLAKE SCHOOL when it was located close to the old Springlake cemetery. Do you recognize any area residents?



SHIRLEY (CLAYTON) SIGMAN and her cousin Wanda (Clayton) Lowery are enjoying the summer sun of 1931 in their grandparent's yard.

## Rebekah Lodge Constituted In 1951

The Maheshoe Rebekah Lodge organized and instituted the Earth Rebekah Lodge No. 139, in April, 1951.

The twenty-five charter members of the lodge were: Orbis Armstrong, Virginia Kelley, C. L. Gilmore, E. L. Barton, Inez Barton, Adria Welch, Alma Stockstill, J. E. Mitchell, Ceta Mitchell, R. W. McCaskill, Gladys McCaskill, Mary Gilmore, Lora Bell Hickman, Gwen Talbot, Helen Barton, Troy Kirby, Billie Lois Kirby, H. W. Kendrick, Mildred Kendrick, Faye Adrian, Minnie Parish, Joe Lee Truelock, Grace Anderson, and C. E. Sanders.

The present lodge hall was built in 1954 and is owned by The Rebekahs and Oddfellows Lodges of Texas have established and maintained a home for aged Oddfellows and the wives and widows of Oddfellows in Ennis, Texas.

The Corsicana Home for child-

ren is also supported by the lodges and provides for the care, education and support of children of deceased Oddfellows and Rebekah's.

Past Noble Grands were: Heber Hulcy, 1956; Mary Parish, 1957; Minnie Parish, 1958; Inez Barton, 1959; Clydell Simmons, 1960; Henrietta Armstrong, 1961; Louise Galloway, 1962; Bobette Marshall, 1963; Minnie Pate, 1964; Madelle Simmons, 1965; Evelyn Thomas, 1966; Era Walker, 1967; Lucille Henderson, 1968; Brenda Lackey, 1969.



## Vehicle Inspection Revised

Austin--The most sweeping changes ever to be made in the State's Motor Vehicle Inspection Act will become effective September 1, according to Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Speir said the amended act, recently adopted by the Texas

Legislature, will place Texas on a 12 month inspection period. The measure increases the inspection fee from \$1.75 to \$2.00, and moved the location of the inspection sticker from the right of the windshield to the left. It also adds exhaust emission systems on 1968 or later vehicles, and exhaust systems on all vehicles, to the list of items to be inspected.

Speir said that all vehicles subject to the inspection must be taken to an approved motor vehicle inspection station between September 1, 1969, and April 15, 1970. Upon satisfactory completion of the inspection procedure, the mechanic-inspector will remove the old sticker and affix the new one.

The new stickers will expire 12 months from the date of in-

spection, and will contain a large number tab showing the month of expiration," Speir noted. "For example, a sticker issued in September will contain a number nine, and will expire on the last day of September, 1970. A sticker issued in January will contain the number one and will expire at the end of January, 1971," he added.

The DPS director urged all motorists to have their cars inspected early to get ready for fall and winter driving, and to avoid long lines which may develop in April as the deadline near.

In addition to the new items to be inspected, inspection stations will check brakes, lighting equipment, horns and warning devices, mirrors, windshield wipers, and front seat belts in vehicles where seat belt anchorages were part of the manufacturer's original equipment on the vehicle. The inspection also includes steering and wheels and rims.

An expert is a man who is paid whether his advice turns out good or bad.—Bill Trimble, The Ellicottville (New York) Post.



## Spending Slash Urged as Tax Extension Offset

The National Association of Manufacturers recently told Congress it favors extension of the income tax surcharge, if it is accompanied by a maximum effort at government economy and not coupled with repeal of the seven per cent investment credit.

W. P. Gullander, NAM president, testifying before the Senate Finance Committee, said that linking the surcharge to investment credit repeal is "inappropriate, inequitable, and economically unsound." He urged the Committee to con-

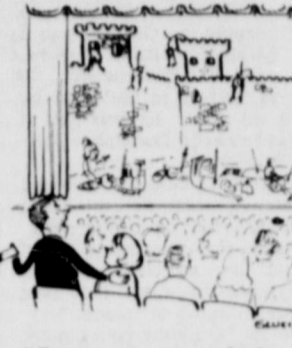
sider the surcharge extension on its own merits in a separate bill.

Reminding the Committee that the NAM was the first business organization to testify in support of the surcharge two years ago, Mr. Gullander said that the NAM cannot now endorse a bill which "ties a short-term fiscal policy measure to a permanent and unjustifiable additional tax burden on the business community."

In support of the investment credit, he made the point that, "The ultimate anti-inflationary weapon of the U. S. economy is its productivity, which the investment credit is designed to further. Strictly from the point of view of con-

trolling inflation, repeal of the credit would be self-defeating," he declared.

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# Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Stout, Long Time Residents Spray Formulations

It was a cold snowy night December 8, 1930, when Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Stout drove from Lockney, Texas to their new home north west of Earth. They had lived in Quanah in Hardman County, Texas prior to moving to Lockney in 1928. Mr. Stout traded his land and home in Lockney for his home and 640 acres here, 400 acres in cultivation and the rest in pasture. Mr. Stout farmed with a team of mules harvesting cotton, feed and wheat. The cotton was pulled by hand and sometimes picked by hand. Mr. Stout recalled that one year when he had a good stand of wheat that had just come up a sand storm came and "blew it plum out." It blew up early one morning and blew all day and all that night blowing fences down, catching tumble weeds, and gathering sand up to the heads on the maize. "But that didn't bother us," added Mr. Stout, "cause we headed it by hand, and we just didn't have to reach up to head it." Mr. Stout bought his first tractor in 1936. The Stouts had twelve milk



PICKING COTTON by hand is now a thing of the past, but Mr. W.C. Stout (2nd from the left), along with other early area farmers, has picked many a bale that way. Helping to weigh the cotton on the Stout farm northwest of Earth, is his daughter, Mrs. Viola (Stout) Hattaway.

## Recommended To Aid Cotton

This year's cotton crop defoliant and desiccant recommendations are in terms of spray formulations. Dusts have been discontinued. Fred C. Elliott, cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says dusts have fallen into disfavor because of drift problems. Dew on cotton leaves also is necessary for a dust to be activated, he added. "Our lights here were thirty-eight dollars last month," added Mr. Stout. Mrs. Stout recalled having gone to church in the little one room church house in Earth where all denominations met. Shortly after moving into their home here Mr. and Mrs. Stout built a picket fence around it and set out their first five trees, then in 1933 they planted about 80 more. "We were busy all the time," said Mrs. Stout, "but we enjoyed it."

They harvested 75 per cent of the crop. Desiccants prepare cotton for machine stripping. Of these, arsenic acid and Paraquat are the most common kinds. During the 1968 cotton season, 39,028 strippers in 165 counties stripped 75 percent of the Texas crop. "When cotton is harvested by strippers before frost, use of a desiccant is a must," Elliott pointed out. "Desiccation may be applied for as little as \$1 per acre, depending on crop conditions and material used." The specialist emphasized that sprayers be carefully calibrated to avoid mis-application. "Ground sprayers should be checked to see that a uniform amount is being applied to each row, that nozzles and screens are not stopped up, and that calibration is not off due to excessive wear of the spray nozzles," he said. Elliott added that county agricultural agents can supply information on a simple method for checking sprayer calibration.



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MR. and MRS. W.C. STOUT moved into this house in 1930 and built the picket fence around it. They have since added the house and are presently living in that same location. Sitting in the drive from left to right are their daughters Florence (Mrs. Fred Welch) and Sibyle (Mrs. L. J. Welch.)

cows that they milked twice a day every day and separated the cream with an old De Val Cream separator, a hand crank separator. They would get up before daylight, about 4:30, and milk the cows, work in the cows again and separate the cream. They also tried to raise about three or four hundred chickens each year. About once a week they took their cream and eggs to town and traded them for groceries. That was about the only time they ever went into town.

Their four burner oil cook-stove and one oil heater that burned coal oil helped keep the Stouts warm during the long cold winters of the '30's. Carbide lights provided a soft white light for their home at a cost of about six dollars for twelve months.

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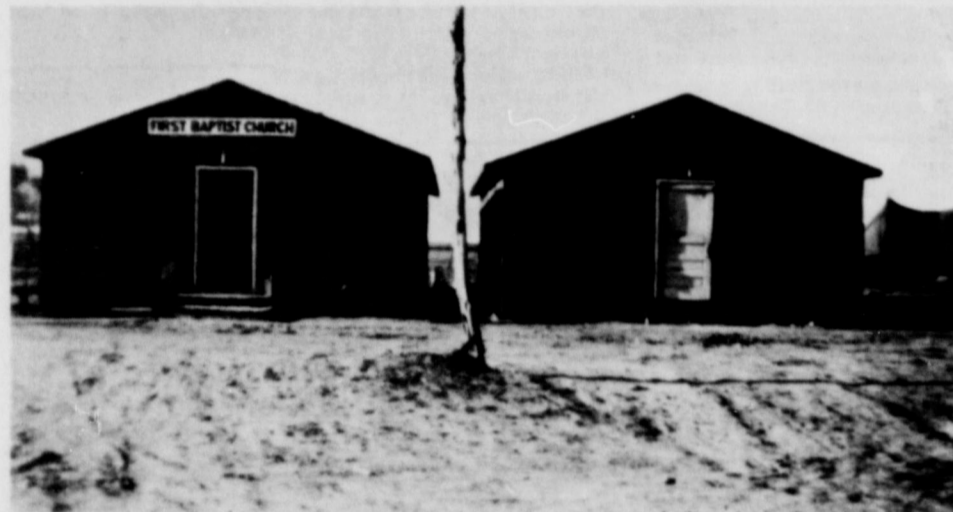
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BARRACKS WERE USED for Baptist Church services in Springlake during the fall and winter of '48-'49.

## The Springlake Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Springlake, Texas was formally and officially organized on Tuesday night, July 27, 1948 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clayton as representative of the several churches of the West Plains Association at an Advisory Council. Rev. John Cory, Amherst, who was Associational Moderator, was elected chairman.

An earlier organizational meeting was held Friday, July 23 in the Gus Parish home. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Parish donated land for the church. This initial meeting was under the leadership of Rev. Franklin E. Swanner, Dis-

trict Missionary of District 9, assisted by Rev. Lee Hemphill, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Levelland, and other pastors. A study was made by the visiting pastors of the West Plains Baptist Association of the need of such church in Springlake, and the procedures of organization were explained by Rev. Swanner. A resolution of organization was drawn up and adopted.

At the Tuesday night meeting in the Clayton home, hymns were led by J. J. Davis, Marie Howe II accompanying at the piano; scripture was read by Rev. B. Henderson, pastor of the

Rocky Ford Baptist Church; prayer was led by Rev. J. E. Moore, pastor of the Longview Baptist Church. Rev. John Cory, pastor at Amherst and moderator of the West Plains Association, was elected to serve as moderator. Mrs. Kenneth B. Parish was elected as acting clerk.

By motion all members of the West Plains Association and visitors of like faith were declared the "Organizing Council". For the benefit of those visiting, reasons for the organization were given. The local members of the community expressed their feeling of a need of such church. Rev. A. W. Blaine,

Pastor of the First Baptist Church at Muleshoe, explained that the Board Members of the Association, including the pastors, had often discussed this need in Associational meetings. The members with church letters in hand, by motion adopted the resolution of organization, which included a pledge to cooperate with the Southern Baptist General Convention and the Baptist Convention of Texas, a pledge to accept Baptist articles of Faith and the Church Covenant, which was read by Rev. Cory. By common consent the name was adopted: "First Baptist Church" of Springlake, Texas. By motion of body, W. T. Clayton and G. F. Howell were recognized as official deacons. Mrs. J. T. Gibson was el-

ected church clerk, and W. T. Clayton was made treasurer. The church was then declared by council as officially organized.

The newly organized church by motion, elected Rev. Cory as acting moderator while further business was acted upon. A motion to go into the calling of a pastor carried. Rev. C. T. Jordan extended a unanimous call and on his acceptance of the call, turned the chairmanship back to Rev. Cory for tending further business. By motion Mr. Jack Howell was elected Sunday School Superintendent. Rev. A. W. Blaine brought a scriptural message on the church, and at the close of the message, an invitation hymn was

led by Mr. Davis and four presented themselves for membership. Then the "Right Hand of Fellowship" was extended to the membership of the new church by the council and visitors. The privilege of Charter membership was left open for anyone desiring to join.

There were 79 persons registered as present in the meeting and several persons were present and failed to register.

Before Gus Parish donated land in the Parish addition, members met in the Primitive Baptist Church for sometime. After land was secured, a large tent was secured and the first revival with Rev. E. F. Cole, evangelist of Ft. Worth, and Olen S. Miles of Austin as song dir-

ector was held September 3 through 12, 1948. Since there was no baptistry, baptisms were in Mr. Roach's stock tank. Precinct Commissioner No. 1, George Brown, levelled the ground for the church and parsonage and opened the street by the church.

Two barracks were secured and moved to the grounds in October 1948. These were used until the new building was built. The church accepted the bid by Mr. Mize of Floydada, to construct the new building. A gift of \$1000 was received from state headquarters.

On September 21, 1948 the ladies met and organized the W. M. U. Mrs. Gus Parish was elected president for the year

of 1948-49. Mrs. W. T. Clayton was elected young people's director for '48-'49. Training Union was organized September 13, 1948 with A. H. Jones director. Brotherhood was organized March 15, 1949. The first Vacation Bible School was held June 1949, Shelby Collier, director of the International Choir of Wayland Baptist College, conducted the school.

September 25, 1949, Leslie Watson, Ernest Baker, and Troy Blackburn were recognized and ordained as deacons.

When cold weather arrived, baptismal candidates were taken to Olton Baptist Church for baptism. On March 12, 1950

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# Springlake Baptist Church

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the first baptism took place in the newly completed building. The Baptistry scene was painted by Mark Tong a Chinese student and artist of Wayland College. Rev. C. T. Jordan resigned on June 24, 1951. Rev. Joe Kayser, the music director of the church at this time, was called as assistant pastor. In September, 1951, Rev. John T. Williams, pastor of Southside Baptist Church of Olney, was called as pastor of Springlake. He accepted and moved to Springlake. Later the church put Wayland College in their budget, also voted to send all birthday offerings to the New South Texas Children's Home at Beeville, Texas.

One member of the church carries a \$10,000 endowment for Wayland College. There are special gifts that go to Wayland. In the fall of 1953, \$1000 from the church treasury was given Wayland to help pay teachers' salaries.

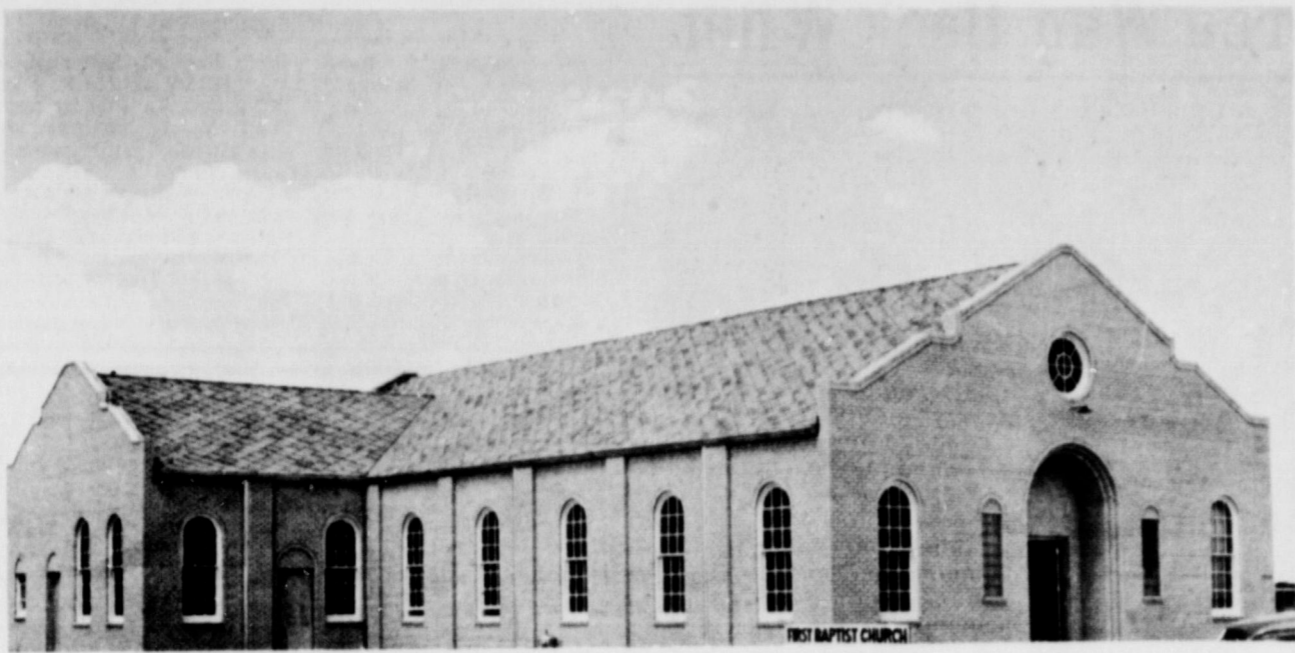
A camp cottage was built at the Baptist Encampment near Floydada, in 1954. This is a large two room block structure, 28 x 36 ft. Each room has a shower and rest room. A screened in porch extends along the entire front of the building.

A Mexican Mission was completed in Springlake, across the street from Springlake Baptist Church in September of 1954. The 26 x 38 ft. concrete block construction was dedicated in July, 1956.

At the Workers Conference at Lums Chapel October 29, 1954, the Springlake Baptist Church was presented a "certificate of recognition" as giving a \$1,000 or more per member to Wayland College.

The church property up to this time was valued at \$75,000. In March 1957 the church voted to build a much needed Educational Building. Work on the expansion was begun in the spring.

In August 1957 the Educational Building was completed and ready for use. The wing included a new office for general secretarial work, large entrance hall equipped with water fountains, a Beginner Department, Junior Department of four rooms, Young Adult Department with



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPRINGLAKE was officially organized in the W. T. Clayton home July 27, 1948 when twenty-five persons met for an organizational meeting.

five rooms which is also the dining room when the accordion doors are opened. A modern kitchen is housed on the north side.

In May of 1957 the church ordained Billy Wayne Clayton, Ernest Green and F. W. Bearden as deacons and in the fall Earl Parish was recognized by the church as a deacon as he had joined the church by letter in September.

Rev. Clifford Jester was called to pastor and assumed the pastorate of the church in October 1957. Rev. Jester graduated from Lakeview High School. Both he and his wife attended Wayland Baptist College in Plainview. He was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lelia Lake. Rev. and Mrs. Jester and daughters, Donna and Debbie moved into the parsonage at Springlake October 7, 1957. Jester made a great number of additions to the church while associated with the Springlake Brethren.

Under the leadership of Rev. Jester, the church entered the Achievement Plan Program for 1957-58. The members of the church labored together to improve and better both church and community.

Outstanding improvements in the church are the church library and recreation play ground for the children. Also scrap books have been made so that each member can know the history of the church.



MEMBERS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Springlake moved into the new building in April 1949. Since that time a new Educational wing has been added on the west.

The tenth anniversary and homecoming was held July 27, 1958. Last year, July 27, under leadership of Rev. Don Holmes, the church gathered for a 20th Anniversary.

More recent ministers of the church include M. B. Baldwin, A. R. Stewart who was the first to occupy the new modern parsonage which was completed in 1963, and Don Larkin.

Rev. Don Holmes is presently working with the First Baptist Church of Plainview.

Mrs. Ernest Baker works with the teachers as Sunday School superintendent.

### Astronauts Test New Space Foods

The Apollo 11 astronauts, Neil A. Armstrong, Edwin E. Aldrin and Michael Collins, ate foods that in many ways are new to space travel.

Aeronautics and Space Administration, recent space-food innovations include Caramel and jellied fruit flavored candy bars, dried peaches, pears and apricots; and two new sandwich spreads—ham salad and cheddar cheese.

The spoon-bowl meals which permitted the astronauts to eat substantial, bite-sized entrees from bowl-like, zippered-topped plastic bags with spoons instead of having to sip

the food through a straw included sausage patties for breakfast. It joined chicken with rice, spaghetti with meat sauce, pork and scalloped potatoes, chicken stew and beef stew which were first eaten on Apollo 10.

The wet-pack food, first used on Apollo 8 last December, type, home-style cooking. A wet-pack item, unlike a freeze-dried spoon-bowl meal, is reg-

gave the astronauts earth-regular, undehydrated food wrapped in aluminum foil. Wet-pack entrees on Apollo 11 were frankfurters, new on a space flight, and beef and potatoes, ham and potatoes, turkey and gravy.

Orange-flavored Tang was augmented by four new flavors—grapefruit, orange-grapefruit, pineapple-grapefruit and grape. The spoon-bowl meals rep-

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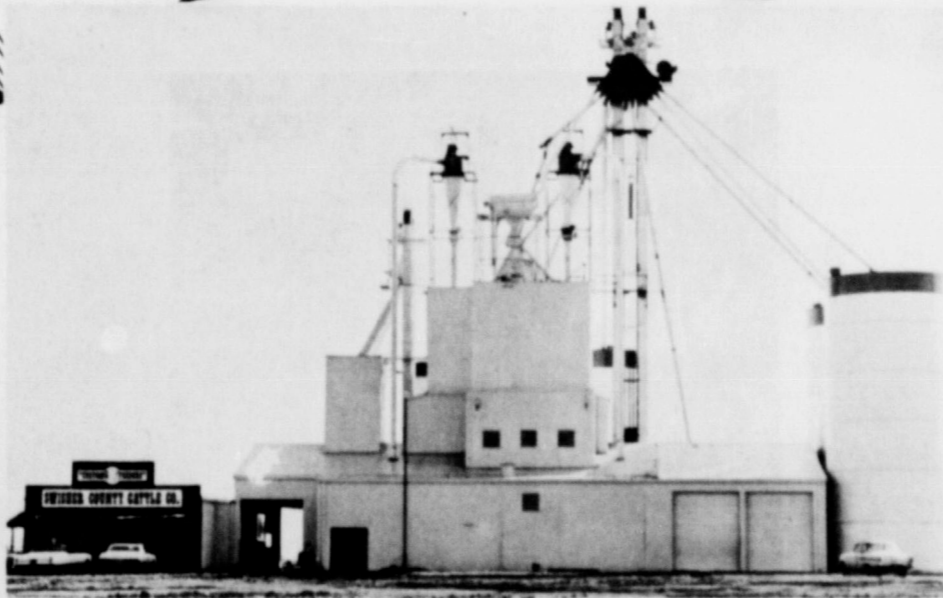
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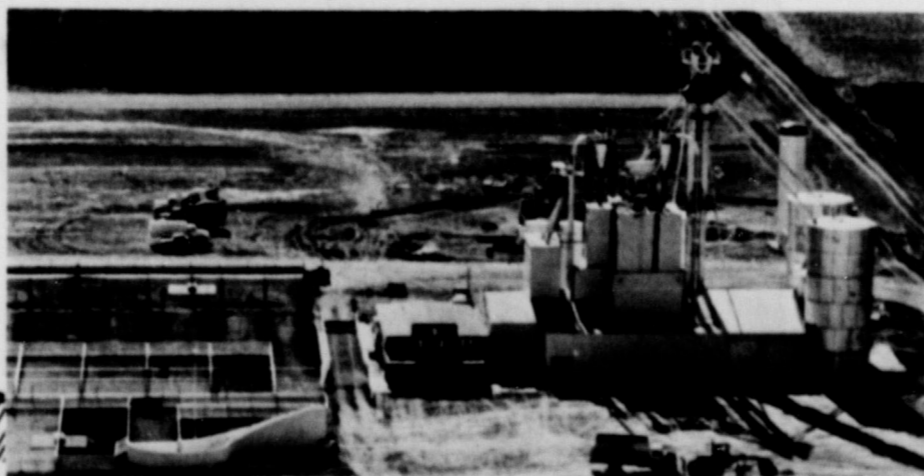
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# The Earth Chamber Of Commerce Way Back When

Ever wonder about the function of a Chamber of Commerce way back when bids for industry were not so important and tourists were almost non-existent?

True to the form of West Texas the first C of C members concerned themselves with the old past time of helping people in need, thereby aiding the growth of this Tiny West Texas town. With the aid of an old record book, provided by Mrs. Marie Ross, we can re-live those days. In brief, the pages of this book show us how attempts were made to bring the railroad to Earth, but were told by authorities "the railroad would never reach as far west as Earth."

On January 17, 1933 the C of C voted to establish a Red Cross Chapter and five members were appointed to a committee for that purpose. November 19, 1934 the citizens of Earth and the Earth Community met to form an organization to further the interests of the community. The organization formed that night went under the name "The Community Council."

It was this council which, working as a unit, brought about the establishment of a better Earth. Reprinted here are entries from the old Chamber's record book dating from October 9, 1930 to March 5, 1935.

(Editors Note: Entries for the C of C book is typed in its original form)

October 9, 1930

The Earth Chamber of Commerce met in regular session at the Earth Hotel. With J. L. Walker presiding and C. T. Bradford acting secretary.

The resignation of R. G. Sudberry as chairman was accepted.

J. W. Kelly, J. L. Walker, and J. M. Barlow were nominated for chairman. J. M. Barlow was elected.

Motion made and carried, to elect as assistant secretary C. T. Bradford was elected.

The following were appointed as a railroad committee: J. W. Kelly, J. A. Parish, J. L. Walker, T. L. Means, Sam Cearly, J. M. Barlow and C. T. Bradford.

McCool, Roach, and Ebeling were appointed to see about helping Mr. Laing with his crop. After a brief social meeting the club adjourned, to meet two weeks hence, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barlow.

C. T. Bradford, Secretary

P. S. Omitted: A bill for \$3.83 for a record book allowed and treasurer ordered to pay same. C. T. B. O. M. Barlow

October 23, 1930

Earth C. C. met in regular session at the home of J. M. Barlow, twelve members being present. Committee appointed to assist J. S. Laing in gathering his crop reported that they had unanimous cooperation but weather had prevented any operations.

Rail-road committee reported that they had met with M. L. Ford (Chief Engineer) at Lubbock who said that it would be almost impossible to get the road as far west as Earth.

Reports of above committees received and committees retained.

Trades day discussed and unanimously continued. Meeting recessed while the members were treated to a most agreeable refreshment served by Mrs. Barlow and daughter.

Meeting adjourned to meet November 13 at the home of Mr. Roach, after first voting the unanimous to the local football team.

C. T. Bradford, assist. Sec. Ok. J. M. B.

October 30, 1930

The Chamber of Commerce met in called session for the purpose of discussing the proposed railroad and asert training the number of members who would go to Amarillo on Oct. 31, to attend a special railroad meeting.

Nine members reported ans expecting to attend. C. T. Bradford, Asst. Sec. O. K. J. M. B.

November 13, 1930

The Earth Chamber of Commerce met in regular session in connection with the joint Railway representatives in the dining hall of the Earth Hotel at 7:30 p. m. Nov. 13, 1930.

The minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The application of D. L. Free read and after the favorable report of membership committee he was elected to membership. Mr. Barlow reported the collection of dues from members to the amount of \$21.00. J. M. Barlow, chairman, authorized the secretary to pay \$9.50 to Earth Hotel for banquet given Nov. 6, 1930.

Secretary ordered to pay Earth's prorats into the treasury of railroad committee the amount being \$11.77. The meeting adjourned to meet at the home of R. L. Roach on Nov. 27, 1930. C. T. Bradford, Asst. Secv. J. M. Barlow Chm.

February 26, 1931

The Earth Chamber of Commerce met in regular meeting at the Earth Drug Store at 10 p. m. with nine members present, as follows: J. M. Barlow, J. F. Simmons, W. M. Carter, G. E. Moss, Ray Kelley, J. A. Parish, Jack Sudberry, J. L. Walker, C. T. Bradford.

Report in full of the railroad committee accepted. J. L. Walker reported that he had taken the Welch child to the Plainview Sanitarium and had had to guarantee the bill. A committee of J. M. Barlow, R. G. Sudberry, J. A. Parish and C. T. Bradford was appointed to see about getting funds to care for the expenses of the Welch child. Meeting adjourned to meet March 12 at the home of R. G.

Sudberry at 8 p. m. C. T. Bradford

May 4, 1931

The Chamber of Commerce met in joint called session with the business men of Earth at the drug store. The question of whether or not the Saturday programs should be kept going was discussed. A motion was made to continue the programs. Motion unanimously carried. Motion carried to appoint a program committee for May 9. Committee appointed as follows: J. L. Walker, J. A. Parish and Ray Kelley. Motion carried to retain above committee during May. Motion carried to thank Mrs. Bradford for the interest she has taken in the weekly write ups. Motion carried to appoint a membership and fund committee. F. A. Ebeling, Sam Cearly and E. R. McCool were appointed. There being no further business the meeting adjourned. J. L. Walker, Chmn. C. T. Bradford, Secy.

June 3, 1931

The Chamber of Commerce and Business men met in joint session at the Cozy Cafe. Motion carried to dismiss the May program committee. F. A. Ebeling reported that the C. C. finance committee have made no progress. Program committee for June appointed as follows: L. B. Seaton, R. G. Johns, Geo. Keller, J. L. Walker. Motion carried to elect a Secretary-treasurer for the Business men's Association. L. B. Seaton was elected Secretary treasurer. No further business the meeting adjourned to meet at Ebeling's garage Tuesday night June 9th. J. L. Walker Chmn. C. T. Bradford Secy. L. B. Seaton Secy.

Earth, Texas

Jan. 14, 1933

The Chamber of Commerce met in called session at the office of Dr. Bradford, J. M. Barlow presiding. Meeting was called for the purpose of transacting any business that might come before it. J. M. Barlow offered his resignation as chairman. Mr. Daniel has some Red Cross supplies for us. J. A. Parish, G. E. Moss and C. T. Bradford were appointed as a relief committee to secure and distribute any funds that are available. The chairman also is an assistant on this committee. A vote of thanks was unanimous to J. M. Barlow for his work as chairman. Motion carried to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7:30. Meeting adjourned to meet at Earth Hotel Tuesday, Jan. 17.

C. T. Bradford, Secy. M. E. Kelley, Chmn. Earth, Texas Jan. 17-33

Meeting called to order by chairman at Earth Hotel. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. G. E. Moss reported that the relief committee had secured the fund of \$250 and eight (cont. on page 9)



BASEBALL CAME TO EARTH early and is a sport that was enjoyed by almost everyone on Sunday afternoons. Shown posing for the camera on main street in Earth are three of Earth's outstanding baseball players in 1927. Standing from left to right they are: Bruce Higgins, the team's short stop, Orvil Drake, second baseman, and Lefty Hollingsworth, who pitched for the team. Other members of Earth's first baseball team are: Brice Wilkenson (catcher), Jack Moss (third baseman), Jack Sudberry (first baseman and pitcher), Marshal Kelley (center fielder), Gill Starnes (field), John Wilkenson (field), Orland Hollingsworth (field) and Theron Davenport (pitcher and fielder).

Motion carried to accept his resignation. Nomination of officers was declared in order, and the following nominated: For chairman, J. A. Parish and M. E. Kelley, M. E. Kelley being elected. For Secretary C. T. Bradford and G. E. Moss. C. T. Bradford being elected secretary and G. E. Moss Assistant Secy. J. A. Parish reported a fund of \$250.00 awaited us at Littlefield as our share of the county's relief money and also that

Mr. Daniel has some Red Cross supplies for us. J. A. Parish, G. E. Moss and C. T. Bradford were appointed as a relief committee to secure and distribute any funds that are available. The chairman also is an assistant on this committee. A vote of thanks was unanimous to J. M. Barlow for his work as chairman. Motion carried to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7:30. Meeting adjourned to meet at

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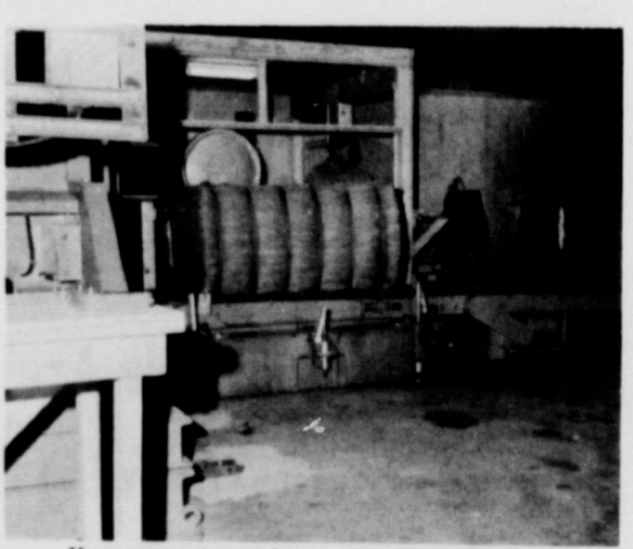
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# Earth C of C

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sacks of flour.  
Motion carried that we make an effort to get a Red Cross Chapter organized.

Motion carried that chairman appoint a committee of five as Red Cross committee. The following were appointed: W. M. Carter, Estelle Blevins, G. E. Moss, J. A. Parrish and Jim Bowman.

Motion carried that dues be made 50 cents a quarter year. Meeting adjourned to meet at Earth Hotel 1st Tuesday in Feb.

C. T. Bradford Secy.  
M. E. Kelley, Chmn.

Earth, Texas  
Jan. 25, 1933

Earth Chamber of Commerce met in called session at the Earth Hotel, M. E. Kelley presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.  
Report of R. F. C. committee read and approved.  
C. T. Bradford offered his resignation as committeeman.

Motion made to accept Dr. Bradford's resignation. Motion carried.

Nominations for committee-men as follows: J. L. Walker, D. L. Free, Ballot tied.

Motion made that both J. L. Walker, and D. L. Free serve on committee. Motion carried. Motion carried that M. E. Kelley be an active member of the Relief committee.

Meeting adjourned to meet at Earth Hotel at next regular meeting time.

C. T. Bradford Secy.  
M. E. Kelley, Chmn.

Earth, Tex.  
Feb. 16, 1933

Earth Chamber of Commerce met in called session at Earth Hotel.

Mr. J. L. Parrish introduced the subject of telephone fees suggesting that \$3.00 per month is too high.

Mr. L. Z. Anglin, proprietor of the Earth telephone exchange was invited, and came to the meeting. The suggestion that \$1.50 and \$2.00 is as much as the business men feels justified in paying, was made.

Mr. Anglin said that he doesn't think he can reduce his rates and continue business. Motion to adjourn carried.

C. T. Bradford, Secy.

M. E. Kelley, Chmn.

Earth, Texas  
Mar. 8, 1933

The Earth Chamber of Commerce met in regular session. Complete report from R. F. C. committee (M. E. Kelley, Sec.) on all moneys spent.

Motion by J. L. Walker that report stand approved as read. Sec. D. L. Free. Motion carried.

The following committee appointed to go to Littlefield in behalf of the red cross, D. L. Free, E. Blevins, Jack Moss. Meeting adjourned.

G. E. Moss, Asst. Sec.  
M. E. Kelley, Pres.

Earth, Texas  
Nov. 19, 1934

On Nov. 19, 1934 a group of the citizens of Earth and Earth community met in the Parrish building for the purpose of organizing into a body to further the interest of our community.

Motion made by Dr. Bradford that Rev. Vernie Pipes act as chairman protem. Motion second and carried. The chairman protem then called to order and stated the purpose of the meeting.

A motion was made and second that we go into the organization of such meeting-carried.

A motion made and second that the organization be known as "The Community Council." The Rev. Vernie Pipes was elected secretary and treasurer of the Community Council.

The Rev. H. H. Allen was elected as president. Sam Cearley vice president, E. Blevins assistant Sec. and treasurer.

A motion made and second that the meeting date for the Community Council be on the first and third Tuesday nights of each month at 7:00 p. m. from Nov. 1, 1934 to March 1st, 1935 and at 8:00 the rest of the year.

A motion made that we meet at the churches if meeting at the church was agreeable with the churches. The next meeting be at the Baptist Church-carried.

A motion made that the chair appoint a committee to select a plot of ground suitable for a jail. This plot of ground be deeded to the county-committee, J. W. Kelley, H. F. Hodges, J. A. Parrish.

A motion made and second that on each third Tuesday night we have dinner carried. This dinner to be served by the ladies of the M. E. Church and the Baptist Church alternating if they so desired to serve the meal.

A motion made and second that



OPENING DAY IN THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST BUILDING in Earth was held on March 19, 1930. The Church of Christ people in Earth worshiped with the Springlake congregation prior to the construction of this church building.

a membership fee be charged of fifty cents, 50 a month this to include the dinner.

Motion failed to carry. A motion made that a fee of .25¢ be charged each member and that he pay for his own dinner and his guest. Carried.

A motion made that the chair appoint a committee to draft the by laws for the community council. This committee, O. B. Guffins, Edgar Dill, M. E. Kelley.

There were thirty two men present for the meeting. Motion made to adjourn. 24 joining the council.

Sam Cearley acting vice pres.  
Vernie Pipes, Secretary

The Community Council met in regular session Dec. 4, 1934. Meeting called to order by Pres. H. H. Allen. Minutes read and approved. Constitution read by Edgar Dill.

A motion made by Sam Cearley that we accept the constitution second by Ray Kelley-carried. Chairman of the jail committee reported lot purchased-money collected and paid out \$35.00. Lot 12 X 12. Motion made to accept report of committee. Carried.

Pres. reported about road work. Just now unable to get any men on road-hope to soon. Discussion about price of regular dinner-price 35¢ unless authorized by council of ladies of church.

Motion made each member be placed upon his own honor to attend fellowship nights other-



THE OLD RAY KELLEY HOME, built in 1928 still stands west of the Methodist Church and next door, east of the Rutherford home. The lumber bill for the frame house was \$480.00 and was contracted for building to J. E. Davenport for \$200.00. Jerry Kelley is shown with his grandfather, W. D. Nichols.

wise notify sec.

Motion made chair appoint a program committee-M. E. Kelley, Vernie Pipes, E. Blevins. Motion to adjourn.

H. H. Allen Pres.  
Vernie Pipes Sec.

On Dec. 18 the council met in basement of M. E. Church for fellowship night and a dinner. A splendid meal was served by the ladies of the M. E. Church. Pres. Allen spoke upon subject "Why a Community Council." Several members spoke upon community affairs.

A motion made and second that the council express our hearty cooperations to school

band in regards to new auditorium. A vote of thanks to ladies for evening meal. Adjourn.

H. H. Allen, Pres.  
Vernie Pipes, Sec.

The Community Council met in regular session on Jan. 1, 1935 in basement of M. E. church.

Minutes read and approved of two previous meetings. Discussions about what should be done about a justice of peace and constable. Motion made by J. A. Parrish second by D. P. Free that a petition be circulated

asking that P. R. Churchwell for Justice of Peace-Fern Farley for Constable-Carries. Petitions was drawn up and all present signed.

Motion made by Bob McCaskill that chair appoint a committee to see about a deputy sheriff-second by M. E. Kelley-carries.

A motion that the 3.00 left from the lot fund be placed in the treasury-second-carried. A report was given about the plans for a new auditorium by Supt. Terry.

Committee for investigations about deputy sheriff-M. E. Kelley, L. Z. Anglin, Sam Cearley.

Motion & second to adjourn.  
H. H. Allen Pres.  
Vernie Pipes Sec.

The Community Council met Jan. 15, 1935 at Baptist Church in a fellowship and food hour. A report was made from the committee about the justice of peace and constable. Mr. Bed., Mr. Guthrie, J. D. Newton,

Coach Willbanks, Edd Danforth were recognized. A motion made and second that we sponsor a radio program over radio station at Lubbock-Carried.

Mr. Weaver, Mr. McCool nominated for chairmans. Mr. Weaver elected-Others to be selected by Mr. Weaver and Pres.

Radio program Committee, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Bradford, Mr. McCool, M. E. Kelley, J. D. Newton (Publicity Committee)

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H. H. Allen, Pres.  
Vernie Pipes, Sec.

The Community Council met in regular session Feb. 5, 1935 at Baptist Church. Minutes read and approved. Committee reported on investigation about deputy sheriff. Nothing definite to report yet. A motion made by Geo. Terry that we petition Sheriff Irvin to deputize Alvin Kelly for deputy sheriff second Carried.

A petition was written out and signed by 14 men present at council meeting.  
Chairman of publicity committee reported that a program was to be sponsored Thurs night at 7:45 Lubbock. Program to be sponsored by business men of Earth.

A motion made and second that the council provide gas and oil for ones on program to Lubbock second. Carried.

A discussion about a trades day in Earth. A motion that chair appoint a committee to see business men and see if a tradesday can be arranged for Mr. Hyatt, Mr. Free and Mr. Blevins.  
Motion to adjourn--

H. H. Allen Pres.  
Vernie Pipes,

A call meeting of Community Council Feb. 23, 1935 at Baptist Church 8:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by H. H. Allen. The report of a committee in regards to the highway 28, Sam Coarley reporting that a trip had been made to Sertan and Plainview contacting members of the Chamber of Commerce there. Aschal Bech reported that a petition had been signed in regards to the highway remained where now is. Paul Lewis stated that a committee from this county had gone to Austin to see further about the road.

A motion that a corresponding sec. be elected and that Mr. Geo Terry be elected as secretary second-Carried.

A motion made & second to instruct sec to write letters to judge Eryly & the Senator and representative of this district-Carried.

A report from Mr. Free about the jail stating that Mr. Walker was disqualified to work on project through county funds and in order to get work started he suggested Mr. Walker act as foreman and pay him extra. A motion (by Mr. Terry) that a committee see about paying Mr. Walker, second-Carried.  
A motion that we buy 25 song books second-Carried. Mr. Geo

Terry elected song leader--  
Motion to adjourn.

H. H. Allen Pres.  
Vernie Pipes Sec.

The Community Council met in regular session March 5, 1935. With Mr. Geo Terry leading in number of songs from the new song books. Prayer by H. H. Allen. Minutes were read and approved-reports from committees-Mr. Hyatt stating that most of business were wanting to sponsor a trades day program.  
A committee appointed to see about paying Mr. Walker-Mr. Free-M. E. Kelley, Mr. E. R. McCool.

Discussion about trades day--  
A motion made that we have a trades day program-M. E. Kelley second carried.

A motion made by M. E. Kelley that we retain the committee on trades day and that they sell each merchant tickets (having tickets printed), second-carried.

Letters were read by Mr. Terry from Senator Duggan and Rep. Tarwater assuring that their personal interest was in highway No. 28. Mr. Terry stating that he would write highway commissions board finding out when they meet and other information regarding highway 28. Discussions about the lovig cupp for the school.

A motions by M. E. Kelley that we buy the cupp, second-carried.

A motions that the trades day committee see how much tickets will cost-see each merchant how much that he will give on a tradesday program, second-carried.

Mr. Weaver reported about the radio program-asking how much longer we continue to put on a program.

A motion that we discontinue our programs over radio at Lubbock-second-carried.

Mr. Terry lead a few songs.  
Motion to adjourn.

## Home Improvements And Remodeling Of Homes Continues

College Station.--Since the cost of new housing has increased nearly 20 percent in the past year, value-conscious homeowners remodel to improve their surroundings.

Expenditures for home repair and modernization are at record highs, reports Extension housing specialist Jane Berry. Tight money has little effect on remodeling decisions since home improvement loans generally are available at banks, or charge accounts may be used for materials, she adds.  
Some families are becoming



MR. and MRS. HERMAN HABERER took their 1920 wedding trip in the Model T pictured here. Bonnie stopped in all the excitement for a picture.



DATES ON HORSEBACK-wasn't usual in the earlier 1900's. This picture taken in 1910 shows young people from the Big Square Community mounted up for an evening ride.

"do-it-yourselfers" while others are turning to cheap, unlicensed "handyman" operations in an attempt to cut costs.  
The VA usually can reply promptly if a veteran includes his "C" of file number when he writes.

DRILLING OFFSHORE for petroleum costs almost seven times more than on land, according to OILFacts. The average well costs more than \$68,000 to drill, but the price tag for offshore drilling averages some \$471,000.

## Waste Becomes Building Material In New Process

Industry is making strides toward a breakthrough in solid waste disposal and metal melting systems. One example was cited in a recent meeting of the New York Society of Security Analysts by The Carborundum Company, Niagara Falls, New York.  
Paul W. Joy, Vice President

of the company's Research and Development Division described a joint venture between his company and A. E. Anderson Construction Company of Buffalo, New York. He said they will develop, design, engineer, fabricate, erect and test turnkey installations for solid waste disposal as well as scrap metal melting and other high temperature equipment systems.  
The solid waste disposal system is a process which operates at about 3000°F. Consequently,

it is capable of handling all types of refuse, burning the combustibles and melting the non-combustibles, leaving a quenched to a sterile aggregate and used for construction processes—all without environmental contamination.  
A similar but larger system is also being marketed to melt and feed scrap to the steel industry's basic oxygen furnaces.  
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# New Traffic Safety Rules Effective September 1

Austin--Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said today that effective September 1, laws passed by the Texas Legislature will establish new rules of right-of-way and new rules for following too closely.

The right-of-way law sets out four rules governing the right-of-way at intersections. Speir urged all drivers to review the rules closely, and note the instances in which they must stop yield and grant the right-of-way.

Drivers at intersections controlled by stop, yield or traffic control devices must obey the signs.

Drivers of vehicles on a single land street or roadway consisting of two traffic lanes, upon approaching an intersection not controlled by signs of a divided street or a street or roadway divided into three or more marked lanes, must stop, yield and grant the privilege of right-of-way to vehicles on the larger street.

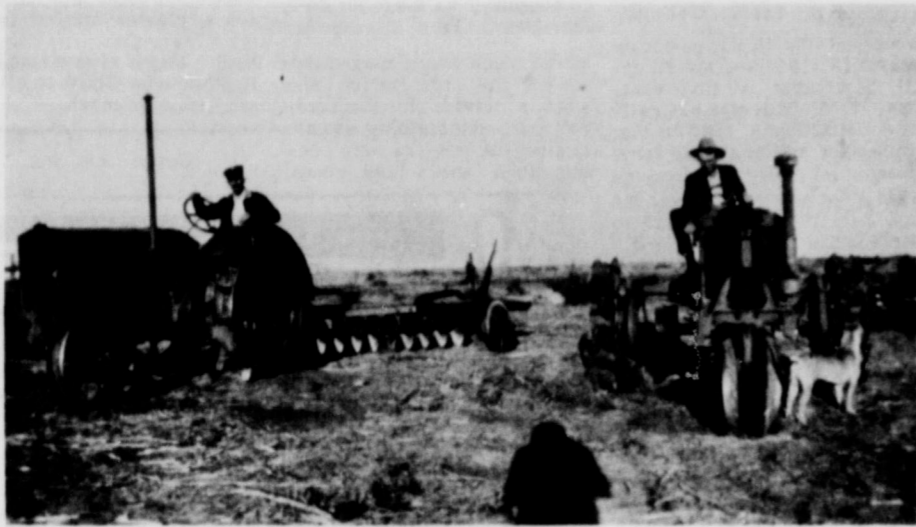
Drivers of vehicles on unpaved streets intersecting a roadway that is paved must stop, yield and grant the right-of-way to vehicles on the paved street.

Drivers of vehicles on streets of equal size and paving must stop, yield and grant the privilege of immediate use of such intersection to any other vehicle which has entered the intersection from such driver's right, or is approaching such intersection from the driver's right in such proximity as to constitute a hazard.

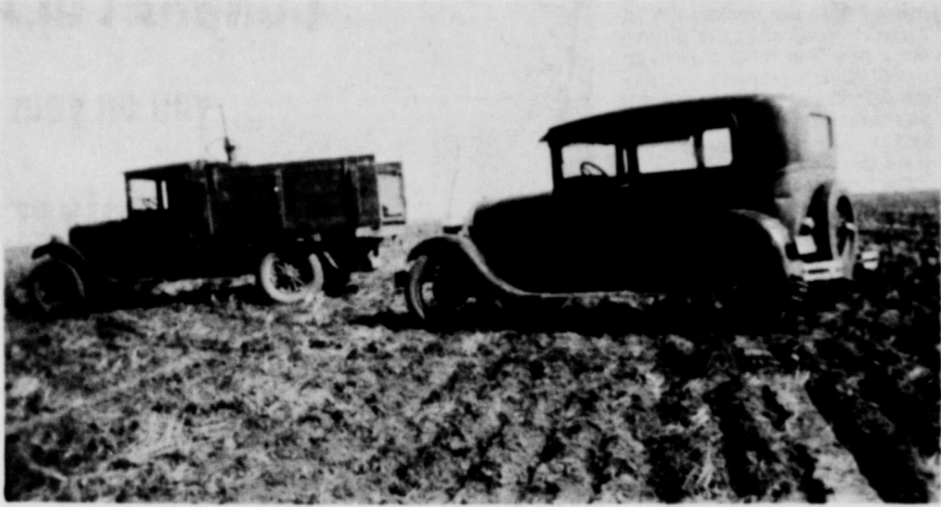
Speir said the act further provides a rule of evidence that in cases of collision, the person shall have been presumed not have yielded the right-of-way if the four conditions have not been satisfied.

The following too closely law, as amended, will require drivers to maintain an assured clear distance between the vehicle ahead, exercising due regard for the speed of the vehicles and traffic upon and conditions of the street or highway. Drivers must be able to bring their vehicle to a stop, using these guidelines, without colliding with the preceding vehicle, or veering into other vehicles, objects or persons on or near the street or highway.

Pique, a textured cotton, is derived from the French "pique"—"to prick."



W. H. STAFFORD and J. H. BOMAR pause for a picture during a busy day's work on the farm north west of Earth. Esther Stafford Bomar took the picture in the early 30's.



FORDS and CHEVROLETS have made progress since this picture was taken. The 1928 Chevrolet truck was very vital to the J. H. Bomar farm. The family enjoyed more comfortable rides in the Model A Ford.

## MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Stanley F. Yolles, M.D.

### POKER CHIP BECOMES SYMBOL TO AID MENTAL HEALTH

An ordinary poker chip has become a symbol of improving

mental health at a large State mental hospital.

The story is one that shows how much a planned, effective treatment program can accomplish for formerly "hopeless" patients.

Rogers Hall, the maximum security building at Arkansas State Hospital, houses mentally disturbed criminals. Once it

was viewed entirely as a closely guarded dumping ground for the "criminally insane."

Then the hospital, with the aid of a hospital improvement grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, added new staff members and began a series of meetings with prosecuting attorneys, police, judges, deputies, and others involved in committing to the hospital persons charged with crimes. Next

they began a three-phased program.

The poker chip is the hallmark of the first phase.

Patients earn these tokens by some specific, positive behavior. They receive them for such things as making their beds, maintaining proper hygiene, attending classes, doing assigned housekeeping duties, and taking part in physical education activities.

They must spend their chips in order to get meals, tobacco, other "treats," and freedom of the hospital grounds.

Drugs and other therapy are included in the first phase treatment. In the second phase, the patients receive intensive group

psychotherapy. Also, they start work therapy with increasing but supervised freedom on the extensive hospital grounds.

No longer needed since patients have now become active participants in the program, the poker chip tokens are dropped. As a patient continues to demonstrate acceptable behavior, the hospital recommends to the court that criminal charges be cleared so that final disposition of each patient's case can be made.

Thus begins the program's third phase. Patients who are cleared of charges and free of psychosis then transfer to the "exit group," where they live on an open ward. They have full-time work assignments on the grounds. They greatly increase

their contacts with the community through shopping trips and going to movies or other public entertainment.

When this phase ends, patients are referred to the State Vocational Rehabilitation Service for job training and placement. Or they may go back to their homes, or to a nursing home if their physical condition requires it.

Results of the program that begins with a poker chip and may end outside the mental hospital are very encouraging.

There were 75 releases from the maximum security service in a year, with only 6 of those patients returning after nearly a year—a much lower return rate

than that found in other parts of the hospital.

This promising program illustrates the new trend in progressive mental hospitals. Hospital improvement grants are helping scores of these hospitals around the country to develop new services and programs so that they need not be merely dumping grounds but real hospitals to treat and rehabilitate the mentally ill.

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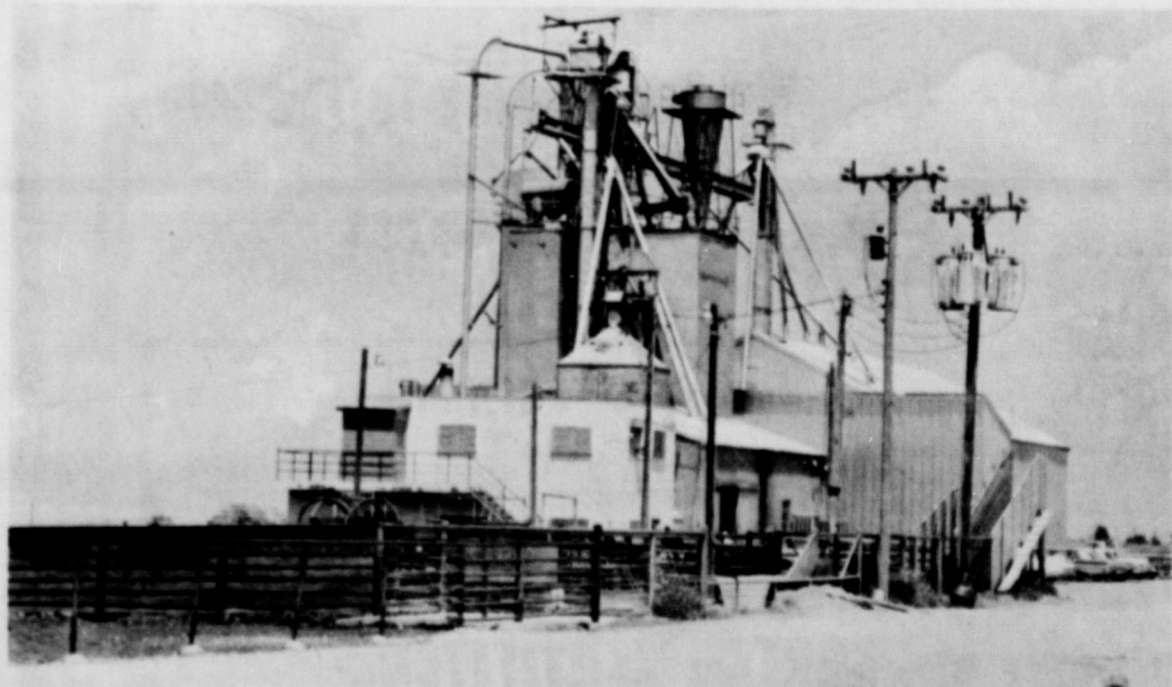
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# History of the Sunnyside Baptist Church

On August 10, 1921, a band of members of different Baptist Churches came together for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church in the Sunnyside Community that would continue to meet in the school house until a church building could be provided. The steps for organizing began after the close of a revival, which was conducted by Rev. V. F. Lemons who was a young ministerial student at Wayland College at the time. Charter members were R. M. Ferguson of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turner, Germany Ferguson, W. S. Hall of Ennis, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wimberly of Dimmitt and Mrs. Asa Wil-son of Plainview.

On August 12, 1921, Rev. Lemons called the Church into conference to elect the church officers. Germany Ferguson was elected clerk and treasurer, and Rev. Lemons was unanimously called as pastor for one-fourth time work. The Church was named Sunnyside Missionary Baptist Church and was to meet every first Saturday night and Sunday.

On August 14, 1921, the Sunday School was organized and the following officers were elected: Supt., W. W. Wimberly; Asst. Supt., J. W. Turner; Secretary and treasurer, Miss Ola Kimbell; Adult teacher, R. M. Ferguson; Young People teacher, Mrs. L. E. Tucker; Junior teacher, Mrs. J. W. Turner; and Card Class teacher, Mrs. W. S. Hall. In September of 1921, the church joined the Staked Plains Association and sent the following messengers to Kress Baptist Church: W. W. Wimberly, W. S. Hall, and R. M. Ferguson. Mr. Hall was also elected Board Member to represent the Church at this meeting. The pastor's salary was set at \$200 per year by the church and they asked the State Board to help pay it until the Church was able to take care of its finances. As Mr. Wimberly was a deacon in the Dimmitt Church he was unanimously elected a deacon for the Church.

On December 18, 1921, W. S. Hall and J. W. Turner were elected and ordained by the council consisting of the Association Missionary, Rev. L. W. Williamson, the pastor, Rev. Lemons, and visiting deacon, J. E. Turner and R. C. Shuford of the Dimmitt Church, W. S. Dixon of

Hereford and M. Dotson of Olin. At the Association in 1921, twenty-four members were reported.

In February of 1922, the B. Y. P. U. was organized. It was made up of one Senior Union with Germany Ferguson as President, Miss Katie Lou Bridges as Secretary and Miss Naomi Phipps and Howard Bridges as group captains.

At the close of the 1922 Association year the membership of the church had grown to thirty-five.

In October of 1923, which was the close of the Association year, Rev. Lemons resigned as pastor. In November of that year Rev. G. I. Britain was unanimously called as pastor for one-fourth time work.

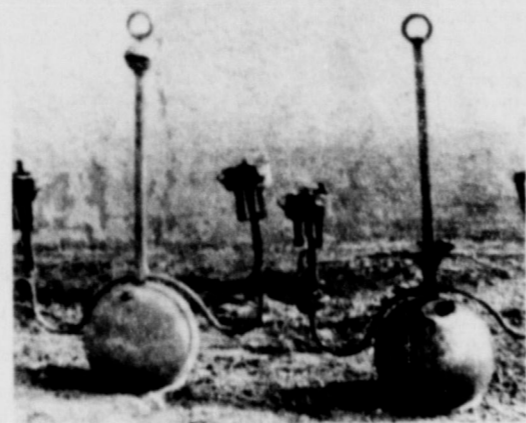
During the year of 1924, a W. M. S. was organized but discontinued later. In September that year the following were baptized in a lake on the Phipps place: Rev. Britain baptized Mrs. John Turner, Ruby Bridges, Alvin Brown, Otis Brown, Herman Gilbert, Odie Baker, Carl Baker and George Abbott.

In October of 1924 a building committee was appointed for planning and financing the building of a church. The committee was composed of Henry Cavett, G. T. Abbott, Otis Brown, D. W. Gilbert and J. W. Turner.

On March 22, 1925, Germany Ferguson and Albert Mize were elected to serve as deacons. They were ordained by a council March 29, 1925. During the summer of 1925, services were conducted in homes over the community because the school building was torn down to erect a new one. In July of 1925, the erection of a \$2,500 church building was started on two acres of land donated by Mr. J. T. Gilbreath, Sr. The building was completed and the first service held in it on September 6, 1925. It was debt free for the first service, and was dedicated to the Lord for his service that day. This building was the first Baptist Church building in Castro County. At the close of the Association year, the church reported a membership of 75.

During the year 1926, the church received twenty-two members by letter and twenty by baptism. Total membership at the end of the year was one hundred thirteen.

In the last days of March 1930,



GASOLINE LAMPS in June of 1930, Mr. J. S. Smith, G. S. Armstrong, P. B. Marlar and R. E. Cade were ordained as deacons.



NEW CHURCH BUILDING

a light plant was installed. E. F. Sadler, G. T. Abbott and R. E. Cade was the committee that bought the plant, to do away with the former lighting system of gasoline lamps. The church voted to go from one-fourth to one-half time work, but before it went into effect Rev. Britain was elected as the Staked Plains Association Missionary. He resigned as pastor to take effect as soon as another pastor could be secured. He had faithfully served as pastor for almost seven years. In June of 1930, J. S. Smith, G. S. Armstrong, P. B. Marlar and R. E. Cade were ordained as deacons.

On June 15, 1930, Rev. C. C. Keeney was called as pastor and served as half-time pastor until the end of the associational year. Rev. Clarence Howell followed Rev. Britain as pastor, assuming his duties on July 28, 1935. While he was pastor, a W. M. S. was started once more, but again was discontinued. Rev. Howell resigned in September of 1937 to enter the seminary in Ft. Worth. The following years saw several pastors in the church. It remained pastorless until February 6, 1938. Rev. Marcus Rexrode was called. He served until September 1939, when he

signed to enter Baylor University. Rev. Hubert Foust was called by the church October 1, 1939 to a full-time pastorate, he resigned.

Dr. John Cobb, Bible teacher at Wayland Baptist College, accepted the call as pastor on March 10, 1940 and served until September of that year. Rev. W. M. Peticolas was called on December 8, 1940 for the remainder of the associational year, which ended September 10, 1941. In June of that year the R. E. A. line was installed to replace the Delco light plant.

In July of 1944, the Church was able to put in new pews and pulpit furniture. A fund for an annex building was also begun by the church, purchasing a bond from the treasury. Another fund was begun for a butane plant for the church. In October of 1944 a W. M. S. was reorganized with Mrs. Raymond Lilley as president. It has grown through the years into W. M. U. and is still functioning.

In June 1946 the Church had its first Vacation Bible School with two State workers helping conduct it.

Rev. Thomas and his family moved into the community in August of 1947 when the Church put a new four room parsonage on the church property. A water well was dug and a windmill was erected. The Church has had a full time pastor on the field since that time.

The first wedding in the church united Miss Beatrice Ferguson and Willard McCloy in marriage. A reception followed in the new parsonage.

With new visions seen for the future growth, plans were begun to obtain a building fund for an annex to the Church in order to provide needed Sunday School rooms. In July a sufficient fund had mounted and a fifty by twenty foot building was obtained from the Hereford Prisoner of War Camp. It was connected to the east side of the church. The church had its first home coming in August of 1947. The Church also voted in 1947 to have monthly conferences on Wednesday nights instead of Sunday mornings. The Wednesday before the first Sunday was the date set. Within two years the Church had grown to such an extent that more space was needed. Plans were made and a building fund started to erect a new auditorium.

So goes the history of the Sunnyside Baptist Church which was started because of an unsaved man's desire for a Sunday School

and Church for his children and community. In his conversation, while visiting a neighbor

This building was later used to build a teacherage.

With the prayers of members and friends, the Sunnyside Baptist Church looks into the future for a greater service for the Lord. May it always stand as a lighthouse for Christ to all who are within its reach.

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# Mrs. Mc Namara, Early Springlake Resident

Mrs. John McNamara has been a resident of Springlake for the past 41 years, having moved here with her husband and family in 1928. Prior to moving here the couple lived first at Ogden, Arkansas, for two years after their marriage there, June 29, 1913. They later moved to the Springlake area.

She recalls when they first moved to the area there were only eight houses around the Chitwood Community and only a few dirt roads. "We used to cut across the pastures through the corn fields to Earth," said Mrs. McNamara.

Mrs. McNamara, formerly Myrtle Capps, was born February 16, 1887 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. She lived there until she was two years old when the family moved to Ashdown, Arkansas, Dewitt, and later Ogden, Arkansas.

The McNamaras settled on the Chitwood place in 1928 where they lived for 3 years. The family of nine lived in a two-room house. After one year they added another two rooms to their house. "We thought we had a mansion," laughed Mrs. McNamara.

She remembers their first winter in the area as being a rough one.

"A heavy snow had us penned in our little house for three weeks," she recalled. "Even the windmill froze."

"Oh, we were pretty crowded," she went on, "but we had lots of fun while we washed and ironed and did other little chores. There were games of dominoes going almost all the time."

In 1931 the family moved to the Busby place where they lived seven years.

Following the death of her husband in 1941, Mrs. McNamara was left with five children to care for. She has worked in the school lunchroom, various cafes and has ironed for the public.

A member of the Baptist Church at Springlake, she at one time taught a Juniors Sunday School Class. She enjoys piecing and quilting quilts.

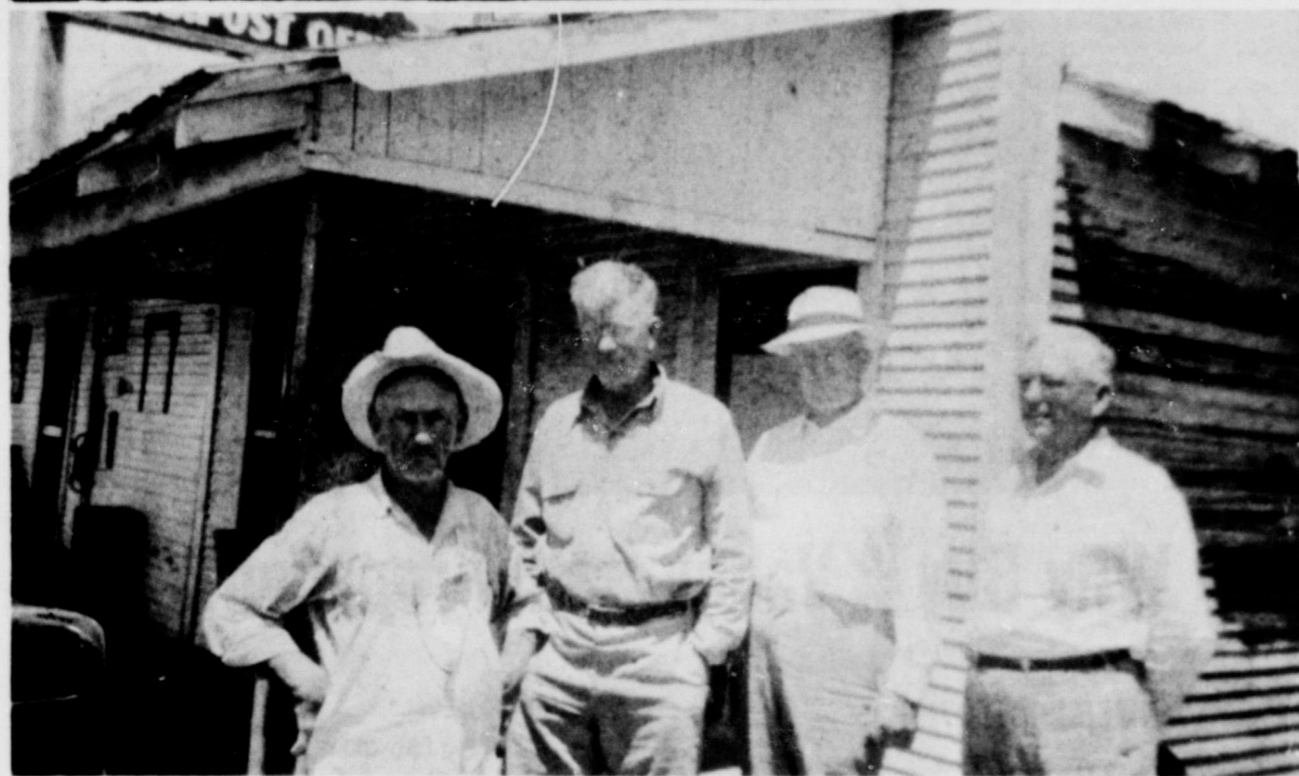
Mrs. McNamara has six daughters and two sons. They are Mrs. Ashley (Tena) Davis of Muleshoe; Mrs. Ralph (Mildred) Bowen of Ceres, California; Mrs. Ralph (Mary) Starnes of Sunnyvale, California; Mrs. Caso



JOHN McNAMARA... plows the field with an old iron wheeled tractor. This picture was made in 1931.

Mrs. McNamara likes this part of Texas so well she says she'd never move back to Arkansas.

(Mabel) Kirpatrick of Olton, Mrs. Hershel (Dimple) Sanders of Springlake; Mrs. Glenn (Johnnie) Patterson of Santa Maria, California; Frank McNamara, Springlake and Melton (Bud) McNamara of Red Wood City, California.



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# Springlake Church of Christ Has Early Beginning

As far back as 1924 and possibly earlier, the Church of Christ has been meeting in the Springlake Community.

The present Springlake was known as Punkin' Center as early as 1922. The population consisted of the J. N. Baker family, Mr. Baker a primitive Baptist preacher, farmer and merchant operated the general store.

Members of the Crawford and Cooper families continue to worship with the congregation. They along with the Roach and Starkey families were among the first to worship with the Center Church.

Other families who were members of the Church of Christ located near Punkin Center when land was cheap and improvements could be made with little expense. Land could be purchased for \$25 an acre or less. Simple two room homes provided shelter for incoming pioneers. A feedlot and small shed could be constructed at a nominal cost.

Among early Christian pioneers coming from New Mexico, Oklahoma and other parts of Texas were the Claytons, Bohner, I. H. (Chubby) Dent, O. J. (Spike) Dent, J. T. Dent, Andy Starkey, J. T. Mooty, Van Doran, Tittle, Lamson and Black.

As the area filled with members of the Church of Christ, the need for an established Church, according to the New Testament pattern, was prevalent. The first assembly was in the Van Doran home. The practice of meeting in various homes was continued and as a result of the faithful worship, the Church of Christ became firmly established in the Center Community.

House-to-house meetings were continued until 1926. A Community Building with a seating capacity of 100 was constructed one block south of the present location, on U. S. highway 385. All churches in the community including Baptist, Methodist and Nazarene as well as the Church of Christ enjoyed the use of the dirt floor building for a year. The use of the building was governed by a group of trustees made up of

Sam Johnson, J. N. Baker and J. W. King.

The Church of Christ conducted worship services on the first Sunday morning of each month and at 3:00 p. m. on other Sundays of the month. Many old country singings were held in the building also.

As the surrounding area filled-up with new arrivals, the membership grew. New members included the Bates, Loftis, Elvis and Fred Clayton, T. F. Hair, R. V. Roach, Ruckers, Smileys, Coopers, Crawfords, and Chitwoods.

E. B. (Ell) Clayton sacrificed greatly as he made a 22 mile trip in a Model T to preach for the small congregation who paid him by freewill offerings.

In 1927, Brother Mike Young held the first gospel meeting. Other protracted meetings were held by Alva Johnson, Bro. Palmer and Bro. Kimmel. Such meetings were held in the open air or in tents.

E. H. Garner served as minister on the first Sunday meetings. He farmed and worked as a car-

IN 1924 MR. and MRS. HERMAN HABERER brought baby son, Russell home in the open car which was a forerunner to the present station wagon curtains could be lowered to keep dust out.

center to support his family. While Garner worked with the members, the Church made remarkable progress. The growth of the membership demanded more and more adequate building.

By 1932 the town had improved. The Dent Garage was a thriving business and added considerably to the trade of Punkin' Center. Mrs. Willis White, then post mistress of the Old Springlake Post Office, North of the present Springlake Cemetery, received permission to move the Post Office from that location to Punkin' Center if the name be changed to Springlake. The change was made and the present Springlake com-

munity came into existence. 1934 saw the completion of a frame building, 40 feet by 60 feet, with a 200 seating capacity. The building was built by donations of both money and labor of the membership. Leon Britt of Amherst helped support the building of the Church in Springlake. Lumber was hauled from Amherst in a four wheel trailer pulled by a Model A Ford over single ruts through the sandhills.

A. M. Lemons conducted the dedication service of the new building. Bro. E. H. Garner remained as the preacher for the congregation. Elvis Clayton

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UNCLE JOE and JOHN ALEXANDER and ESTHER BOMAR shown hand pulling cotton on the Bomar place seven miles north west of Earth. In 1929 cotton was harvested either by hand or cotton sleds.

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## Springlake Church of Christ

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and O.F. Dent were the first Elders. With active work and leadership, the church was able to build a parsonage in 1937.

Emphasis was placed on teaching and training for action, the aim-to have two special gospel meetings a year, singing schools as often as needed, vast expansion and continuation of supporting orphanages, special mission work at home and abroad, and to maintain a full time preacher. Among gospel preachers who have aided the church at Springlake in special meetings have been Ruel Lemmons, Whitaker, Dennis, Wallace, Jones, Tidwell, Kinney, Murrey, Marshall, Rice, Steve Eckstein, and Mont Whitson.

Several young men who grew up in the Springlake Church of Christ have become ministers of the gospel of Christ: Arnold and Joe Banks, Arnold Hardin and Leonard Tittle.

With 1944 an extension program was begun designed to better the existing personal teaching and training. A baptistry was added to the building. Before the baptistry was added baptisms took place in a tank behind the building or in local lakes, one west of Springlake, the other one and a half miles east of the town site.

Five new classrooms were also added in 1944. The extra space was acquired when the church bought part of an old school from the Olton school district. This completed an adequate building for the work and worship of the Springlake congregation.

New members came to the area and greatly increased the membership. Other members included the Banks, Hestands, Pices, Bardens, Jones, Walter Claytons, Mildred Free, Rileys, Mc Clures, Hardins, Riches, Sharpes and Hawkins. Since a great portion of the membership came from Earth, the congregation divided rather than build a larger building in Springlake.

In 1950 the division seemed advisable. A brick structure with an auditorium large enough to seat 300 was completed on March 15, 1950 in Earth, Texas, and the Church of Christ came into being in the community.

After the Earth Church was begun, C.C. Barden, E.F. Bozenan, and Floyd Crawford served the Springlake Church as elders. Deacons were Herman Cooper, Alton Hollingsworth, Grant Lott and George Winkley. As officers moved away, new deacons were appointed. Carl Perkins, J.W. Dear, Eldon Hestand, and Alton Hollingsworth served as deacons in the late 50's.

The Church building and property have undergone considerable improvement in recent



STANDING IN FRONT OF THEIR 1929 FORD and THEIR FIRST HOME are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clayton and their daughter's Wanda (Clayton) Lowery (left and Bonnie (Clayton) Henderson (right); and E.L. Hawkins, Mrs. Claytons brother. This picture was taken in about 1936.



KEROSENE WAS USED BY THE EARLY SETTLERS in their lamps and their cookstoves, and provided their warmth during the cold winters. It was brought to Earth from Muleshoe in barrels like the one pictured. This is the Runyons 1st barrel of kerosene with a pump on it, pictured in their yard.

The front of the build- place the old wooden benches Ing has been remodeled as well that were built with the build- as the inside. A new pulpit ing in 1934, and pews were purchased to re- A new modern home was built

## Traffic Law Revisions Summarized

Austin--A number of changes in the State's traffic laws, some of which are highly significant to Texas motorists, were made by the Texas Legislature during its 61st regular session.

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, noted that the new laws will all be in effect by September 1, and pointed out that Department of Public Safety patrolmen will begin enforcement on that date.

While the measures range from one establishing new motor vehicle inspection procedures to allowing the owner of a parking lot to remove cars parked on the lot without his consent, one of the most important is the new "implied consent" law covering breath testing of drivers.

Under the terms of this law, a motorist is "deemed to have given consent" to a breath test if arrested for any alleged offense arising out of his actual operation or physical control of

in 1960 to house the preachers and families who came to work with the congregation. Ministers who have worked with the Springlake Church include Morgan Sturgess, Grady Pricer, Way-

ne Keys, Keith Marshall, Harry Graham, Joe Spanaugal, Jack Gaw, Preston Parham, Dale Pittman, Bill Phillips, Ed Orr, Odell Henderson and Abe Martin.

Although the church does not have a regular minister today, members continue to work and labor for the Lord under the leadership of Elders C.C. Barden, Floyd Crawford, Carl Perkins, and J.W. Dear.

The church is very active in the care of orphans. Members send a regular contribution to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales as well as sponsoring Debbie Curtis, a resident of the home. Other children have been supported in the past.

Trucks from Tipton Children's Home, Portales and Gunter Home for the aged stop at regular intervals to pick up grocery items which have been placed in the pantry by members and young people's classes who wish to contribute.

The Springlake Church of Christ was named as a beneficiary of an insurance policy held by Bro. T. M. Moore, a faithful member who was killed in an automobile accident August 1967. The full sum was given to the Sunset School of preaching in Lubbock. Students from the school have aided the Church from time to time by preaching on various occasions. The church continues to offer support as finances permit.

For the present day story, the Springlake Church of Christ extends a welcome to all to attend Bible study and worship and continues to thank God for every blessing.

a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Refusal to take the breath test may lead to suspension of the suspect's driver license for up to one year.

Another measure which directly involves drivers is one which requires that slow-moving vehicles, that is, vehicles traveling at less than the normal speed of traffic, be driven in the right-hand lane or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except when passing.

Also effective on September 1 is an act which establishes a new intersection right-of-way law for the State of Texas. Under this, there are four rules governing the right-of-way at intersections. In cases of collision, it will be presumed that the driver did not yield the right-of-way if the four conditions have not been satisfied.

The Legislature also made

changes in the "following too closely" law. Drivers, after the effective date, must give due regard to the speed of the vehicles, traffic upon and condition of the street or highway, to insure that their motor vehicle can be safely brought to a stop without colliding with the preceding vehicle or bearing into other vehicles, objects or persons.

A change in the Motor Vehicle Inspection Act places Texas on a 12 month inspection period, raises the inspection fee to \$2, and moves the location of the inspection sticker from the right of the windshield to the left. It also adds exhaust emission systems on 1968 or later vehicles, and exhaust systems on all vehicles, to the list of items to be inspected.

Still other new laws remove the restriction on protruberances, such as studs on tires, which do not injure the roadway; adopt a slow-moving vehicle emblem; prevent racing, horn blowing; contests for speed, etc., in privately owned parking areas; and make it illegal to modify any passenger vehicle so that the lower most portion of the vehicle has less clearance than the lower most portion of any rim

## Secretary Stans Reports Rise in Foreign Trade

Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans said that Department of Commerce trade and experts foresee a substantial rise in U. S. foreign trade in the second half of 1969.

He said the survey shows that strong industrial activity in the European Economic Community and other key

A recent survey of the trade potential for the year as a whole indicates that exports are expected to rise about 10 percent while the import growth rate declines sharply from 1968 levels, the Secretary said.

of any wheel in contact with the roadway. Another measure, which does not become effective until January 1, 1970, makes an officer's accident report available to the public upon the payment of a \$2 fee.

markets, primarily in developed countries, along with the second of the five Kennedy Round tariff cuts, are improving U. S. export prospects for the coming months.

The decline in the rate of growth of imports is anticipated as a result of a slow-down in the U. S. economy and an absence of last year's hedge buying against strikes in the metals industries and on the waterfront. Imports may also be moderated by reduced export availabilities in major supplying countries.

U. S. exports in 1968 totaled \$34.1 billion. Imports were \$33.3 billion.

### The Old Timer

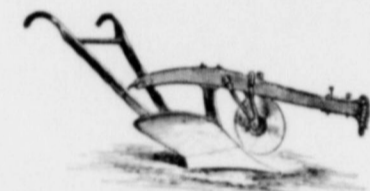


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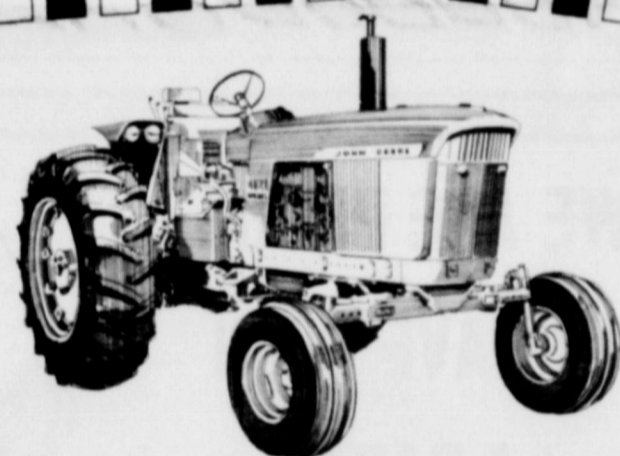
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## Mrs. Beatrice Hinson Reminisces

Mrs. Beatrice Hinson recalled that in March, 1910 her mother braided four little heads of hair before putting her daughters to bed in their home in Nevada, Missouri for the last time. It was at 3 a. m. the next morning that they boarded the train to head for their new home in Texas, and join their father who had gone ahead of them in an emigrant car a day or two before with the household goods, the horses, cows, farming equipment and the family dog, in fact all their worldly goods.

"One of the strangest sights to us upon awakening in Texas," said Mrs. Hinson, "was the little town of Happy and all her windmills. We had never seen one before." A few days after their arrival in Plainview the Vore family loaded their belongings in the wagons, hitched up the horses and headed west for Springlake. "There were no paved roads or even graded roads in those days, only wagon and cow trails," said Mrs. Hinson.

The Vore family moved in with the H. M. Packard's (grandparents of James Packard), their neighbors, and lived there until their little three room shack was built and their well was dug. It was located where Mrs. Myrtle McNarmara now lives in Springlake.

Arriving in March the children were too late to go to school that session, but, said Mrs. Hinson, "I can't recall that we felt too badly about it." The little one room school house in old Springlake was five miles from their home. Mrs. Hinson recalled riding to school in a buggy hitched to a little mule, "and we seldom missed a day," she added. Hot bricks were used in the winter to keep their feet warm and there was a barn at school where the children put their animals during the day.

When the George Wright Land Co. began to bring buyers ("we called them suckers then," said Mrs. Hinson) into this area, they came by train to Friona and were brought over by car from there. Soon they built a small store, a one room school house and a good sized hotel on the old Springlake town site just north of the Springlake cemetery. People came from many states but especially Kansas, Iowa and Missouri.

After the school and the community had begun to grow with the influx of many people from Okla. and Central Texas the building program of the area has been a continuous one.

Fifty-nine years ago this was new country, virgin soil with only ranch, windmills, and a few small houses miles apart to

break the monotony of the landscape. Those pioneer men and women were rugged individualists who waited for no one to help solve their problems but with determination, sweat, privation and tears began the carving out of what now could well be called the garden spot of the west.

### Controls For Cotton Insects Studied

College Station, -- Texas A&M University has received a \$40,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to study biological control of cotton insect pests.

Biological control is usually defined as the introduction or encouragement of natural parasites and predators as a way of keeping crop-damaging insects in check.

The object is to reduce the need for chemical insecticides which can be dangerous to handle and may cause pollution problems. Some insect pests are also developing genetic resistance to even the most potent insecticides.

Texas A&M is providing \$28,000 in addition to the USDA grant.

Dr. P. L. Adkisson and Dr. Winfield Sterling of the A&M Entomology Department will direct the study. The USDA will be represented by Dr. Erma Vanderzant and Dr. R. L.



PICTURED STANDING BY THE ANGELEYS 1918 CHEVROLET is Mrs. Bonnie (Angeley) Habeter. She was teaching in Olney when the picture was taken.

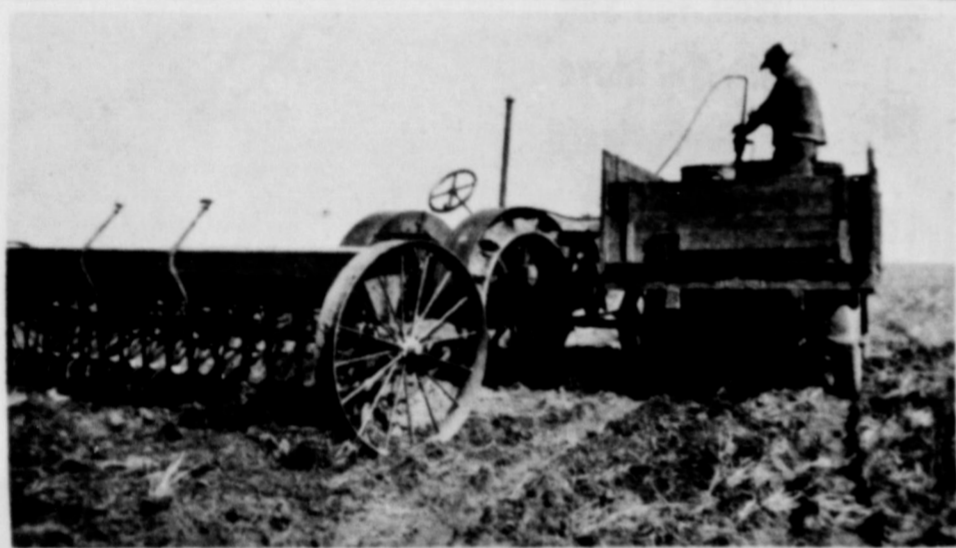
Ridgway of the Agriculture Research Service Entomology Laboratory at College Station.

Adkisson said the research will center on the nutritional requirements, mating and egg laying habits of parasites of the bollworm and tobacco budworm, which are major insect enemies of cotton.

After this information is gathered, the researchers will attempt to develop methods of mass-rearing the parasites for release in the field.

Texas A&M is one of three state universities that have received USDA grants for biological control work. The others are the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Arkansas.

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