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PROGRAM IS COMPLETED FOR 5TH HALL COUNTY OLD SETTLERS REUNION

Democrat Election Party To Be Held Saturday Night

Bulletin Board and Loud Speaker Will Be Used To Keep Visitors Informed

In keeping with an election year custom, The Democrat will erect a bulletin board in front of its office on West Main street Saturday night and the latest election returns from the district, county, and precincts will be posted from time to time during the evening. The facilities of a public address system will also be used at the election party, and spot news and late developments will be broadcast to the crowds that are expected to assemble before the bulletin board.

For the convenience of those attending The Democrat's election party Saturday night, Main street, between 6th and 7th streets, will be roped off and no traffic will pass through that block while the party is in progress.

An invitation is extended the public to come to The Democrat office Saturday night and keep posted on the results of the first Democratic primary. Memphis of The Democrat office force will be on duty during most of the night keeping the returns of the election up to the minute.

County Court Held Monday Morning; Docket Is Small

Three New Criminal Cases And Two Civil Cases Make Up Work for Monday's Court

The Hall County Court convened Monday morning with Judge M. O. Goodpasture presiding, with one of the shortest dockets in recent months. According to Judge Goodpasture only three new criminal cases were on the docket and one of these had been dismissed by the request of the complainant. The civil docket consisted of two new cases.

Floyd Springer, county clerk, was excused from duty in the court by Judge Goodpasture, in view of the fact that the assistant county clerk was on vacation and Mr. Springer could not leave his office.

Carl Periman, county prosecutor, was present in the courtroom to represent the state in criminal cases.

As was the custom of the court, the session was opened with a prayer led by the Rev. Joe Findley, minister of the First Christian Church of Memphis.

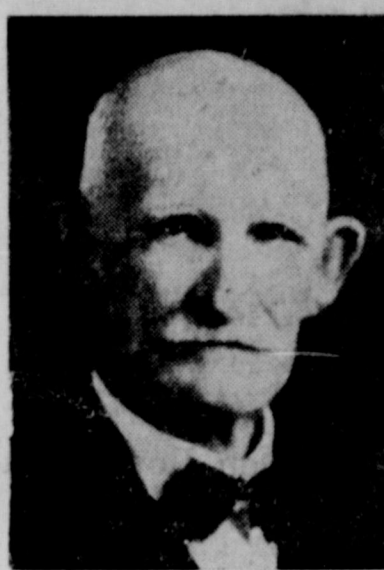
Memphis Streets, Stores Decorated

The work of decorating Memphis' streets and stores for the Old Settlers' Reunion next Wednesday is going forward rapidly this week, according to James Haynie, of Cisco, representative of the Oil-Belt Flag and Decorating Company, who is in charge of the decorating.

According to Mr. Haynie, banners bearing the legend "Welcome" will be suspended across Noel street, three to the block, for the seven blocks between 4th street and 10th street, and the Hall County court house and the city hall building will be decorated with flags and bunting. The work of hanging these decorations was begun Tuesday night, and according to Mr. Haynie, he and his crew of two workmen expect to finish by Friday night, so the town will be decorated for the election as well as for the celebration here next week.

Mr. Haynie is also soliciting the merchants of Memphis to decorate their store fronts in honor of the occasion. The decoration will stay in place for one week, being taken down next Friday.

Mr. Haynie is experienced in this type of work, having been in charge of the decorations at the Childress Golden Jubilee Celebration this week, and having a contract to decorate the city of Amarillo for the Will Rogers celebration in August. Mr. Haynie built the largest float in the world for the Mother-In-Law Day celebration at Amarillo this year, the float being 142 feet long and carried 666 passengers.



REUNION SPEAKERS—Congressman Marvin Jones, Senator Tom Connally, and Col. R. P. Smyth of Plainview will be the headliners on the Old Settlers Reunion program in Memphis, Wednesday, July 27. Col. Smyth will speak at the morning session and Congressman Marvin Jones and Senator Connally will speak at the afternoon session. All three of these men are outstanding public men and orators of the first water.

VOTERS TO CAST BALLOTS FOR CANDIDATES HERE ON SATURDAY

Over Hundred Places To Be Filled In District, State and County Offices In Democratic Primaries

In Saturday's Democratic primary election the voters of Hall County will have 103 names to choose from in filling 35 offices in state, district, county and precinct nominations.

Fifty-two candidates are for state offices including 12 candidates for governor, 6 for lieutenant governor, 3 for comptroller of public accounts, 3 for state treasurer, 4 for land commissioner, 5 for attorney general, 3 for superintendent of public instruction, 3 for commissioner of agriculture, 6 for railroad commissioner, 3 for associate justice of the supreme court, one for judge of the court of criminal appeals and 3 for judge of court of criminal appeals, unexpired term.

Eleven contenders for public office are found in the district with two candidates for congress, 2 for justice of the court of criminal appeals, 7th district; one for justice of court of criminal appeals, 7th district, unexpired term; 3 for representative of the 121st representatives' district, and two for district attorney of the 100th judicial district.

In the county offices 16 contenders are seeking the nine offices including two for county attorney, four for county clerk and for county superintendent of public instruction. Judge Goodpasture for county judge, Mrs. Isabell Cypert, for Clerk of the district court; L. E. Hill for sheriff, J. M. Ferrell for assessor and collector of taxes and Chas. Drake for county treasurer have no opponents in the primary election.

In the precinct races 24 candidates are seeking 8 offices including eight contenders for commissioner, precinct 2; two for commissioner, precinct 3; two for commissioner, precinct 4; four

for justice of the peace, precinct 1, three for justice of the peace, precinct 4; two for constable of precinct 4. W. B. Morrison, commissioner of precinct 1, is unopposed.

James E. King is candidate for county chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee and has no opponent.

Hall County voters will cast their ballots for these 103 candidates in sixteen boxes over the county including two boxes in Memphis and boxes at Newlin, Ellis, Lesley, Estelline, Baylor, Parnell, Turkey, Lakeview, Brice, Lodge, Hulver, Oxbow, Deep Lake and Bridle Bit.

Check On Cotton Be Finished Soon

Checking of Hall County cotton fields for compliance with the 1938 government agriculture program is expected to be finished this week or the forepart of next, according to R. E. L. Pattillo, county agent. As soon as the field reports are made to Mr. Pattillo's office they are checked against the records kept in the office and transferred to a map of Hall County farming sections, after which notices are sent to farmers showing the acreage planted and the allowable on both cotton and feed and the number of acres turned to conservation.

Mr. Pattillo states that if the acreage planted exceeds the allowable on the land in either cotton or feed, the farmer will be notified and given a red card indicating that he must post a cash

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Nationally Prominent Orators To Be Speakers On Reunion Day Program

Thousands Expected To Throng City For Gala Celebration Of The Forty-eighth Anniversary of Founding of Hall County

Memphis is making plans this week to entertain the thousands of pioneers and visitors who will throng the city next Wednesday for the Fifth Annual Old Settlers Reunion held in commemoration of the 48th anniversary of the founding of Hall County.

An elaborate program, including prominent men in both state and national affairs to speak during the celebration, has been prepared.

Bands from nearby cities, including Amarillo, Shamrock, Clarendon, Childress, and Wellington, are expected to be present to participate in the day's festivities. A band concert will be the opening event on the program which will begin at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. At 10:30, John Deaver, prominent Hall County attorney, will deliver the welcome address to the pioneers and visitors assembled under the tabernacle on the east side of the Memphis square. E. H. Watt of Giles, a pioneer of the Panhandle area, will respond to the welcome.

At 11 o'clock, Col. R. P. Smyth of Plainview, long-time resident of the West, will deliver an address on pioneer days. At 12:30 o'clock a barbecue will be served at Library Park to all the pioneers who have been registered by the Old Settlers' Reunion committee. Admission to the barbecue will be by ticket only, these tickets being issued to the pioneers eligible. According to the rules of the Old Settlers' Association, a pioneer is defined as a resident of Hall County or the Panhandle not later than 1911.

At 1:30 a band concert will be given, featuring one of the visiting bands. At 1:45 o'clock Hon. Marvin Jones of Amarillo, congressman from the 18th Congressional District of Texas, will speak. At 2:30 Hon. Tom Connally, United States Senator from Texas, will deliver an address. At 3:30 plans have been announced for a business session of the Old Settlers' Reunion Association. E. M. Ewen, president of the association, will preside at this meeting and such business that the association must transact will be presented before the meeting. At this time awards of prizes will be made in the various competitions that have been arranged for the occasion, recognition will be made of those who

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Fire Works Display Planned For Old Settlers Reunion

Fire Works Will Be Shot At Ball Park In Northwest Memphis at Reunion Close

A display of fireworks has been announced as the finale of the Old Settlers' Reunion to be held here next Wednesday, and will be held at the baseball park just south of the new Memphis football stadium at 10:30 o'clock in the evening. Spectators will go from the square to the park to witness this beautiful spectacle.

The display, which was ordered the forepart of this week, consists of nineteen aerial pieces and six set ground pieces with an elaborate fifty-shot cannonade finale. The fireworks program will make up a half-hour performance, and will be fired by J. E. Harper, local fireman, under the direction of Carroll Smyers.

The display will be presented at the close of the Old Settlers' Reunion program held on the Memphis square. The park in which the fireworks will be set off will be carefully policed and roped off to afford safety to the spectators.

Upper Red River Control Work Topic Discussed Before Rotary Club Tuesday

The tax that West Texans pay for the lack of water is estimated at forty per cent of the crops planted, according to Dr. Roy E. Barr of Childress, who spoke at the Memphis Rotary Club luncheon held Tuesday at noon at the First Christian Church. Dr. Barr spoke on the progress that has been made in securing a dam by the Upper Red River Flood Control and Irrigation Authority Board of which Dr. Barr is chairman.

In his speech Dr. Barr pointed out that two out of every five crops planted in this portion of Texas failed due to the lack of moisture, and stated that this fact alone was sufficient to justify the proposed irrigation project of a cap rock reservoir. In reviewing the work that has already been done on the project, Dr. Barr stated that the project was first suggested in 1922, but on investigation it was found that interest in such a proposal was lacking and that it was set aside until recent years when the idea of conserving the tremendous amount of water that comes across Briscoe, Hall, and Childress counties off the 1,000 foot rise of the Cap Rock was again reopened.

Dr. Barr pointed out that the board appointed by Governor Allred to function in connection with the Upper Red River Valley Flood Control Project had spent \$1,200 on the project thus far, without calling for assistance from the people of this area, and as a result of their activities, the position in the government's plan-

ning board activities. The proposed dam and the resulting reservoir will cost between four and five million dollars, according to Dr. Barr.

The Rotary meeting was presided over by Carl Periman, president, and the speaker was introduced by Dr. J. A. Odom. Among the guests at the Rotary were the members of the Hall County Commissioner's Court, including Judge M. O. Goodpasture and Commissioners W. B. Morrison, A. R. McMaster, Burd Bell and Roy Russell.

No Arrests Are Made Here Over Week End

No arrests were made in Hall County over the week-end according to Sheriff Lindsey Hill Monday morning, who stated that the condition was unusual. The Hall County jail was empty as the result of the quiet week-end and, according to Mr. Hill, this is the first time in a number of months that no arrests have been made over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Hill states that he is making preparations to care for the usual disorder that accompanies elections this week-end.

Oil Mill Office Is Being Built Here

Work of constructing a new office building at the Memphis Cotton Oil Company's mill here is progressing rapidly this week, according to Frank Foxhall, new manager of the mill. The new building, which will replace one torn down recently, will be 20 by 35 feet and the brick-veneer structure will contain four offices and a lobby. The building will be completed about September 1, according to Mr. Foxhall.

Mr. Foxhall was made manager of the cotton oil company at a meeting of the board of directors of the company held here May 28. He succeeds his father, F. N. Foxhall who has been manager of the company for the past twenty years and who will continue as active president and general manager. He was manager of a cotton oil mill at Jacksboro for 16 years before coming to Memphis. Frank Foxhall has been associated with the Foxhall Cotton Company here for a number of years and will take active charge of the oil mill interests September 1.

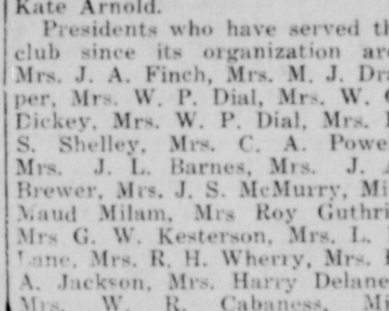
According to Mr. Foxhall the mill's regular summer run will start possibly within two weeks and will run for two or three weeks, extracting oil from some of the seed that is on hand in the company's warehouse. During this summer run only one eight-hour shift will be used a day, and approximately 25 men will be employed for the two or three week's work.

The mill will employ during the fall 75 to 85 men daily, working in three eight hour shifts when the peak of their season is reached about October 15.

The Memphis Cotton Oil Co. is controlled by stockholders, numbering nine. The mill was built in Memphis in 1907.

Women's Clubs Have Gone Forward in Progressive Way

JEWELRY and NOVELTY STORE
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Mrs. Mary Owens returned Sunday from a two-week vacation spent at Points in California. She visited with her daughters, Hazel Owens and Mildred Gibson, in Los Angeles.

(Political Advertisement)

This space is paid for by Hall County friends in appreciation of the splendid work Bob Alexander has done for Hall County.

\$1,342,092.00 in farm mortgages have been refinanced in Hall County.

This space in appreciation of Marvin Jones is paid for by neighbors and friends in Hall County.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Baldwin returned Monday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baldwin in Lamesa.

Miss Hortense Eddins visited in Childress Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harper of Childress visited here Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mayfield. Their nephew Sidney Mayfield accompanied them home for a visit and to attend the Golden Jubilee.

Mrs. J. L. Marcum, Mrs. Lura Marcum and Miss Mozell Billingsley of Estelline were Memphis visitors Saturday.

Gershon Marcus went to Borger Sunday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Winnie Pierce left Sunday for her home in Houston after a visit of several weeks here with

her sister, Mrs. Landrum Stanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Hankins and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fields went to Corpus Christi Sunday and spent until Thursday visiting with relatives and friends.

Joe C. Webster and Conly Ward spent Friday and Saturday in Fort Worth, Dallas and Sherman, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lipscomb of Amarillo spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. John Lofland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Morrison visited their daughter, Mrs. John Chapman in Fort Worth last week. Mrs. Chapman and daughter Joyce accompanied them home for a visit.

A. R. Evans of Gray County, former resident of Hall County, was here last week visiting with friends.

Mrs. Ben Jackson of Estelline was a Memphis visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Printess Bellenger of Altus spent Sunday here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Newman. Mrs. Bellenger is a sister of Mr. Newman.

Mrs. T. T. Harrison has gone to Lone Oak for an extended visit with her parents.

Miss Ida Mae Long left Saturday for Corpus Christi where she will spend a two-week vacation

visiting with her sister Mrs. Leck Moreman and her brother Hubert Long.

D. C. Demson of Estelline was a business visitor in Memphis Monday.

Byron Baldwin went to Lubbock Monday to take his son Jack Baldwin who had spent since Friday here visiting with home folk. He is a student at the Texas Technological College.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Allie Malloy of Fort Worth visited here Saturday with Mr. Montgomery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Montgomery. They were en route to Colorado on a vacation trip.

Mrs. M. J. Draper and daughter Jeanne left Monday for a two-week visit with Mrs. Draper's sisters near San Angelo. They will be joined there by Martha Draper, student at Texas University at Austin, for the visit.

Bobby Jones, who was a guest of Dwight Lewis Kinard here last week, returned to Childress Sunday where he is spending the summer with Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Whaley and daughter Mary Frances, Miss Ruth Whaley, P. F. Craver Jr., Joe William Whaley of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Anthony and daughter Barbara and Mrs. George Egbert of Altus, left Memphis Monday for a trip to Carlsbad Cavern. They plan to spend this week there.

Mrs. G. G. Perkins returned Sunday from a visit with her daughter-in-law Mrs. Grace Perkins in Sayre, Okla.

Mrs. E. N. Hudgins went to Amarillo Monday for a few days visit with Mrs. Barbara Tyler.

O. V. Alexander of this city and his brother R. S. Alexander of Dallas spent Sunday in Friona and Clovis, N. M.

Louise Russell of Clarendon came Sunday and spent a few days as the house guest of Betty Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dotson of McLean spent Saturday in Memphis. They were guests of Hollis Boren during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beeson of Wichita Falls spent Sunday here visiting with their son J. B. Beeson and wife.

E. R. Adams of McLean spent Monday in Memphis on business. Mr. Adams lived in Memphis several years before moving to McLean. He owns and operates the McLean picture show.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Boren and son Bill Joe returned Saturday from a visit with her father, Rev. M. C. Golden, and other relatives in Ballinger and with their daughter, Mrs. Billy Morrow.

Mrs. J. W. McCulloch Jr. went to Estelline Monday to spend this week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Doss returned to their home in Lipan Sunday after a two-week visit here with their son L. L. Doss and family. Mr. and Mrs. Doss and Jerry took them as far as Wichita Falls.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alan Brown and son Roy Alan of Dumas visited in Memphis Monday en route to Dallas on a business trip.

Mrs. Henry Eldridge and daughter Winnie Maude left Tuesday for their home in Shreveport after a visit here with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. C. E. Anthony, and other relatives.

Mrs. M. M. Alexander and son Miles went to Dalhart last week to visit with relatives. Mr. Alexander joined them there Tuesday and will spend this week.

Mrs. S. H. Guinn of Guymon, Okla., arrived in Memphis Friday of last week for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Bennett.

Mrs. J. M. Murphy and children Louise and Norman returned to their home in La Junta, Colo., after a week's visit here with their sister and aunt, Mrs. Dot Webster.

T. M. Potts and Roy Fultz made a business trip to Shamrock Saturday.

Mrs. T. L. Lewis of Childress was a visitor in Memphis Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reheis and daughter Maurine are visiting relatives in Wichita, Kan.

George Bishop of Borger was a visitor in Memphis Sunday.

H. B. Estes went to Paris Friday of last week to take Mrs. Thomas Justiss, who was taken ill Thursday at Camp Alhambra. She and Mr. Justiss were en route to Colorado on a vacation trip. Mr. Justiss is principal of the Paris high school.

Mrs. Etta Roberts arrived from Austin Sunday for a visit with his son W. E. Williams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Foster of Hollis spent Sunday here visiting with their daughter, Mrs. L. O. Dennis. Mr. and Mrs. O. Q. Holley and family of Wellington also visited in the Dennis home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Offield went to Sulphur, Okla., Sunday on a two-week vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Burleson spent Sunday in Childress as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Shirley.

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By MRS. J. T. NELSON

Mrs. M. L. Smith and daughters, Joe Mac and Emily, went to Childress Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Price and family visited his aunt, Mrs. J. T. Nelson, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. G. E. Nelson and daughter, Mrs. B. B. Hoover, and Mrs. J. R. Nelson of Newlin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nelson.

Mother Boles and her two grandsons, Donald Ray and Junior, spent the night with Mrs. W. D. Smith Sunday.

Mrs. Y. Z. Smith is reported to be improving and is able to be up again.

Mrs. J. T. Nelson and daughter, Marie, Mrs. W. B. Stargel and granddaughter Nedra Stargel visited Mrs. Y. Z. Smith Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Sargent from Plaska filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning and Rev. Marvin Vallance of Plaska preached Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith went to Amarillo last Friday and spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Wansley.

Mrs. C. E. Wicker's daughters, Josephine and Edna, visited her from Friday until Sunday.

Check on Cotton—

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bond for taxes on the excess of his crop. In the case of the acreage planted being the same as the allowable or less, he will be given a white card indicating that he will be permitted to harvest and market his crop tax free.

According to Mr. Pattillo, his office has no authority to make suggestions as to what the farmer might do in regard to the surplus acreage over the allowable in cotton and feed the farmer disposes of this surplus, he is requested to notify the county agent and a check will be made of his land in reference to the compliance with the 1938 program.

A night crew was placed on duty in Mr. Pattillo's office Wednesday night to speed the checking of the compliance reports, and the result of the check will be mailed to the farmer the same day that they are computed. Mr. Pattillo states that farmers calling at his office will not receive information any sooner, since it is necessary that all the reports go through the same routine.

WEEK SPECIALS
END
FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

COFFEE, Folger's, 1-pound	28c	2 pounds	55c
SUGAR, pure cane, 10 pounds	57c	25 pounds	\$1.41
SOAP, Lux or Lifebuoy, 3 bars	19c		
LUX FLAKES, small package, 9c		large package	23c
OLD DUTCH CLEANSER, 2 cans for	15c		
SANIFLUSH, large can	20c		
SPRY, 3-pound can	53c	6-pound can	\$1.06
POWDERED or BROWN SUGAR, 2 packages	15c		
CAKE FLOUR, Pillsbury's, package	25c		
MILK, Pet or Carnation, 6 cans	22c		
RICE, White House, 2-pound package	16c		
VINEGAR, pure apple, quart flask	14c		
JELL-O, all flavors, genuine, 2 packages	11c		
2 POST TOASTIES and 1 Grape Nuts Flakes, all for	20c		
POTATO CHIPS, 2 giant packages	15c		
MIRACLE WHIP, pints	22c	quarts	36c
TEA, Maxwell House, 1/4-lb.	22c	1/2-lb.	41c
CORNED BEEF, 12-oz. can	18c		
PINEAPPLE or APRICOT JUICE, 3 cans	25c		
PEACHES, large cans, Gingham Girl	15c		
CHERRIES, Red Pitted, No. 2 cans, 2 for	27c		
PINEAPPLE, sliced or crushed, 3 cans	25c		
SALMON, best pink, 2 cans	25c		
TOMATOES, No. 1 cans 5c		No. 2 cans, 3 for	20c
CORN, No. 2 cans, White Swan or Primrose	12c		
PEAS, Mission, No. 2 can, 2 for	25c		
OKRA, fancy green pod, pound	10c		
SQUASH, white or yellow, pound	4c		
POTATOES, good grade, 8 pounds	18c		
ORANGES, nice size, dozen	15c		
LEMONS, large Sunkist, dozen	24c		
LIMES, for iced tea, dozen	10c		
LETTUCE, firm heads	5c		
BRING US YOUR SOAP COUPONS. WE WILL GLADLY REDEEM THEM.			

HAPPY REUNION PIONEERS!

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Reunion Program -

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attended the reunion in wagons, buggies and on horse-back, and recognition will be made of the oldest pioneer present at the reunion.

An introduction will be made of the pioneers and visitors and first-hand stories will be told by the old-timers. An old-time singing, a hog-calling contest, and an old-time fiddling contest have been planned for this portion of the day's activities.

At 4 o'clock announcement has been made of a baseball game between the All-Star teams of the county, according to C. E. Bentley, who is arranging for this event. The players for these two teams will be picked from the teams playing in the Hall County Baseball League and will be designated as the Norths and Souths. A 10 cent admission charge will be made.

At 7:30 a band concert and a floor show will be staged under the tabernacle.

The Flying Dutchman Circus of Amarillo, featuring a variety of acts, will present a specialty program and performance for the entertainment of Reunion crowds.

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Cabbage, 10 pounds for.....

Spuds, 15-pound peck.....

FRESH TOMATOES Basket

Meal, 20 pounds.....

Lard, 8-pound carton.....

Dobry's Best 48 Pounds

FLOUR

Milk, 7 small cans for.....

Vinegar, per gallon.....

Crackers, 2-pound box for.....

Lipton's 1/4-pound, 1 glass for

TEA 1/2-pound, 2 glasses

1-pound, 4 glasses

Corn, No. 2 can, 2 for.....

Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 2 for.....

Salad Dressing or Spread, 1/2-gal. can

Potato Chips, large pkg., 2 for.....

Peas, No. 2 can, each.....

MARKET SPECIALS

Assorted Lunch Meats, pound

Barbecue, per pound

Sausage, per pound

Steak, per pound

Country Butter, per pound

Nucoa, per pound

Oleo, per pound

Bologna, per pound

Cream Cheese, per pound

Sliced Bacon, per pound

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Grapes, White Malaga, pound...20c

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COFFEE 1 pound.....28c

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Tomatoes, per pound.....?

Okra, per pound.....10c

Fresh Limes, per dozen.....14c

Squash, per pound.....4c

Cantaloupes, large, each.....5c

Lettuce, per head.....5c

Lemons, per dozen.....24c

Cherries, fancy, per pound.....20c

Amaryllis 12 pounds.....50c

FLOUR 24 pounds.....85c

Pears, No. 1 can, 2 for.....25c

Pears, No. 2 1/2 can, per can.....21c

Corn, W. S. or Primrose, No. 2...12c

Salad Dressing, White Swan, pt..19c

Milk,

HALL COUNTY LEAGUE BASEBALL

At a meeting of the managers of the teams playing in the Hall County Baseball League held in Memphis Saturday night, the game played between Hedley and Childress because of Hedley playing three men who were not eligible under the rules of the league, according to Jack Boone of Memphis.

In the rating of the teams in the league this will reduce Hedley's standing in the percentage column by one game and accordingly will give Childress an increase of one game.

According to the league schedule, next Sunday, July 24, the league will play in the following order: Salisbury at Hedley, Childress at Memphis, and Cross Roads at Parnell.

In last Sunday's games Hedley was victor over the Parnell aggregation by a score of 21-18 and Memphis' team walked away with the Salisbury nine at Salisbury by a score of 11-0.

The game scheduled between Childress and Cross Roads for last Sunday was not played due to the death of a Childress player.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Memphis	10	3	.767
Parnell	8	5	.615
Childress	7	6	.538
Hedley	6	6	.500
Cross Roads	4	8	.333
Salisbury	4	9	.307

WILL RETURN SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Marion McNeely and daughter Nell will return Saturday from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma City. While there Mrs. McNeely took a special course in music at the Oklahoma City University.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Moore spent Friday in Pampa and Borger on business.

Completes Cotton Classing Course

Horace Duvall, manager of the Memphis Co-operative Society gin, returned Sunday from A. & M. College where he attended the summer session of the cotton classing school and received a certificate of graduation.

This course usually takes two terms to complete, but Duvall stood the examination at the end of the first course and made a grade of 100 per cent.

Mrs. Duvall and children, Lola Joe and Horace, and Horace's mother Mrs. J. P. Duvall visited in Pecan Gap and other places while he was in school. They returned home with him.

Pioneer Shoe Shop Is Oldest In City; Was Established in 1905

Thirty-three years ago the Pioneer Shoe Shop had its beginning in Memphis. It is the oldest establishment of its kind here but has existed under several names.

E. Christensen started the shoe and boot shop in 1905 and at the present time it is owned by Mrs. E. Christensen. Griff Christensen was manager of the shop for fifteen years prior to January 20 of this year when W. E. McQueen took charge. Mr. McQueen has worked in the local shop for 12 years.

A complete shop in every respect is maintained by the Pioneer Shoe Shop on West Noel street. New and modern Landis equipment has been recently installed and boots made-to-measure are a feature.

J. R. Jones is shoe repair man and C. H. Calloway is bootmaker for the Pioneer Shoe Shop.

Townsend Plan Will Be Discussed Sunday

Dr. Carl E. Lunn of Harlingen will speak here Sunday afternoon at the City Hall in regard to the Townsend Old Age Assistance Plan, at which time he will outline the need and the workings of Dr. Townsend's proposal.

Dr. Lunn spoke on the county court house lawn here Wednesday, and Thursday night at Newlin. He is to speak at Hedley Friday night, and Saturday afternoon he will speak at Turkey. Monday afternoon, Dr. Lunn will deliver a similar address at Estelline.

Dr. Lunn is the National Representative of the plan and his territory includes the entire state of Texas.

Scotty's Cafe Gives Short Order Service

Scotty's Cafe, located on West Noel street, offers a complete short order service besides lunches and dinners to Memphis patrons.

Owned by Jack Youree and Howard West, the cafe is managed by Mr. West. It was purchased February 6, 1938, from Lee A. Muse who established the business in October, 1937.

Charlie Pullen is day chef and Mr. West has charge of the kitchen at night. Lorena Scott is day waitress and Hortense Lawrence is waitress during the night.

Coney islands, pig sandwiches, steaks, and other "quick" items are featured by Scotty's Cafe.

Department Store Is Receiving Repairs

The Rosenwasser Department Store on the south side of the Memphis square last week installed a new floor in their men's department. The flooring is made of two-inch oak strips, which will later be oiled, and were laid over the old pine floor. Other minor repairs will be made on the building in the near future, it was announced.

Jess Rosenwasser of this firm left Tuesday night for New York where he will attend showings of merchandise there with the expectation of making purchases for the local store. Mr. Rosenwasser will be in New York two weeks while attending market. He will also attend market at St. Louis and Baltimore.

The merchandise Mr. Rosenwasser will purchase while in New York will be used to replenish their stock following their Election Clearance sale now in progress.

Candidates Will Have Rally Friday

The candidates for office in Hall County and this district, subject to next Saturday's Democratic Primary, will make their final appeal to the voters here Friday night, speaking on the Hall County court house lawn. J. O. Fitzjarrald, Memphis attorney, will be master of ceremonies and introduce the speakers.

This rally will end a series of similar events that have been held over Hall County for the past few months, in which the candidates for office have presented their pleas to the voters.

Revival At Giles To Start Next Sunday

Rev. W. L. McLin, pastor of the Baptist Church at Ashtola, begins a series of revival meetings at the Giles Baptist Church on Sunday, July 24, the revival to continue for several days.

The Rev. Mr. McLin will be assisted in the services by Leroy Robertson and Cordell Bales, who visited in the Giles community Wednesday afternoon and took a religious census of the residents, before beginning their meeting next Sunday.

Service Barber Shop Opened in '23; Leon Randolph Manager

The Service Barber Shop on the east side of the Memphis square was started in 1923. Leon Randolph, present proprietor, has been manager of the shop since 1929.

A complete barber service featuring haircuts, shaves and other work is maintained. It is the only shop in town giving the X-ray-vac treatment for the scalp. "Service" is the motto for the shop according to the management.

Charles Davenport and Wayne McMurphy are barbers with Mr. Randolph.

Political Announcements

The Memphis Democrat is authorized to announce the following as candidates for public office, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

For Representative, 121st Dist.: R. A. (Allen) HARP of Motley County

BOB ALEXANDER of Childress County

For District Attorney: C. C. BROUGHTON, Childress

JOHN DEEVER, Memphis

For District Clerk: MRS. ISABELL CYPERT

For County Judge: M. O. GOODPASTURE

For County Superintendent: VERA TOPS GILREATH

BYRON F. TODD

OLSON SWEAT

H. L. GIPSON

For Sheriff: LINDSEY E. HILL

For County Clerk: JACK BOONE

MURRAY DIAL

BAILEY GILMORE

R. L. MADDEN

For Tax Assessor-Collector: J. M. FERREL

For County Treasurer: CHAS. DRAKE

For County Attorney: CARL PERIMAN

WM. J. BRAGG

For Justice of Peace, Precinct 1: L. G. PERKINS

JOE A. MERRICK

W. L. WHEAT

For Commissioner, Precinct 1: W. B. (Butler) MORRISON

For Commissioner, Precinct 2: H. C. (Clyde) FOWLER

PAUL McCANNE

TRACY L. DAVIS

A. R. McMASTER

GEORGE HANCOCK

J. T. NELSON

T. W. LUTTRELL

MARVIN L. ALEXANDER

For Commissioner, Precinct 3: BURL BELL

R. A. EDDLEMAN

PERSONALS

Thomas Kunkler left Tuesday for Denver where he will take a course at a Denver school of pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Massey and children Margaret Ann and Roy Alvin are on a vacation trip this week to be spent at Raton, N. M., and El Paso.

Miss Bertha Eddleman of Estelline was a visitor in Memphis Tuesday. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Eddleman, are moving this week from Estelline to Turkey. They have lived in Estelline for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Florence Cullin of Denton came Sunday for an extended visit here with her son George Cullin and family.

Mrs. Ross Holliday of Hedley and Mrs. R. C. Vinson of this city spent Saturday in Childress on business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morris and daughter Cassandra are in Corpus Christi spending their vacation.

Mrs. O. L. Jamison and daughter Yvonne of Knox City visited their sister and aunt Elizabeth Bryant here last week-end. They were en route home from a visit with Mrs. Byron Gist in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ramsey of Rotan and their granddaughter Dorrett Dorn of Childress spent Tuesday in Memphis visiting with friends. They were guests in the home of Mrs. S. W. Black during their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King of Yuma, Ariz., visited here Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Johnson. They were en route to Ozona to visit with relatives, and

Mrs. Johnson accompanied them from here to visit her father, J. A. Brashear.

Mrs. Walter Whaley of Estelline was a visitor in Memphis Tuesday. She left Wednesday on a business trip to El Paso.

Mrs. C. D. Denny was a visitor in Amarillo Sunday. She met Mr. Denny there and they returned home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lamb and daughter Brownie Nan of Wellington and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Duncan of Clarendon visited relatives in Memphis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Vallance are in Sulphur, Okla., spending their vacation.

Una Loard and H. C. Loard returned Wednesday from a visit with their sister, Mrs. E. H. Hamilton, in Dallas.

Dorothy Bragg returned Thursday of last week from an extended visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Ola Best, in Fort Worth. She also visited relatives in Bridgeport and went on a sight-seeing trip to Louisiana.

Mrs. W. C. Chapman and son Cullen returned Tuesday from a few days' visit with relatives in Post and Spur and with friends in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Archer of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Padgett of Memphis were guests in the C. L. Padgett home in the Friendship community Saturday.

Mrs. S. T. Harrison and daughter, Mrs. Candice Hawkins and son Morton, spent Wednesday in Hollis as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Flake Keys, parents of the famous quadruplets.

Mrs. J. B. Duren of Lakeview and Mrs. J. C. Godfrey of this city left Tuesday on a two-week vacation trip to be spent at points in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reheis and

daughter Maurine returned Tuesday from a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Reheis, in Wichita, Kan. They also visited his brothers H. F. Reheis in Derby, Kan., and W. M. Reheis in Douglas, Kan.

R. E. Martin Jr. returned from Lubbock Saturday and will be here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin, until the beginning of the fall term at Texas Tech.

Louie Malone of Wichita Falls, salesman for the Vernon Meat Co., was here Wednesday making arrangements to move his family to Memphis to make their home.

E. V. Halbert of Foard City and Dale Jones of Crowell were visitors in Memphis Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hickey of Plaska spent Sunday in Memphis as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monzingo.

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Grapes, per basket	29c
Lemons, large Sunkist, dozen	24c
Oranges, large size Sunkist, dozen	24c

Pork-Beans

Lard, 8-pound carton	85c
Post Toasties, 2 for	20c
(1 BOX GRAPE NUTS FLAKES FREE)	
Camel, Lucky Strike, Chesterfield	
Cigarettes, per carton	\$1.48
Candy, stick, 1-lb. pkgs., 2 for	25c
Coffee, 3 pounds, White Swan	79c

Roast, good, per pound	15c
Bacon, smoked, per pound	25c

STEAK

Good, Tender Pound	18c
Cheese, Longhorn, per pound	19c
Butter, country, per pound	35c

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dozen	12c
r dozen	25c
ies, No. 2 can	10c
No. 2 can, 2 for	27c
No. 2 can, 2 for	15c
or or dill	14c
ES, bowl free with 2 packages for	20c
beans, per can	5c
PEAS, fresh, per pound	4c
per pound	10c
ATINE, any flavor, 2 packages	11c
White Swan, No. 2 1/2 size can	18c
SSING, per quart	25c
at Vanilla	
llows, 1-pound pkgs., 2 for	25c
per pound	15c
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1-pound bag	57c
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Successful Revival At Local Church Is Closed Sunday

Plans Being Formulated For Annual Conference At Local Church Next Fall.

The revival meeting that closed at the Methodist Church Sunday night was declared to be a real success by the pastor, Rev. O. W. Carter. Some sixty people responded to the different propositions of the pastor during the two-week revival and thirty-one gave their names for church membership.

The young people's and children's work was led by Rev. Kermit Hollingsworth of Dallas, who also was in charge of the music.

The vacation Bible school that was conducted in connection with the meeting had an enrollment of 151 and good interest was shown, according to the Rev. Mr. Carter.

The Rev. Mr. Carter stated that the next major interest in the local Methodist Church will be the session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference which will convene in Memphis on November 16. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt will preside at the sessions of this conference in which 425 delegates and preachers will be in attendance, beside the numerous visitors who participate in such occasions. He said every effort is being made to bring the most attractive speakers and singers possible to this meeting.

Pounds Cafe Has Only "Iced Air" Cooling in City

Pound's Cafe, one of Memphis' most modern, was opened July 10, 1937, by Miss Lena McLearn, owner and manager.

Refrigerated air-conditioning, the only system of that kind in the city, is part of the completely new equipment. Booths have been added for the comfort and convenience of patrons. Ed Frederick and Frigidair equipment is used in the modern kitchen.

Dinners, lunches, breakfasts and other orders are featured. Alsenia Hoover, Jewel Gilreath and Pearl Brown are waitresses. Derrell Compton is chef and W. H. Hodges is assistant chef.

FRIENDSHIP

By MRS. C. L. PADGETT

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Burnett of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Burnett and family of Lakeview, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burnett, Barney and Clara Burnett were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bluford Burnett Sunday.

Miss Adelle Harrell has gone to Denton to attend the summer session of school there.

Mrs. Sam Bruce and daughter, Alma, visited in the Rainey home Sunday afternoon.

Billy Stewart is ill this week. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Archer of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Padgett of Memphis were guests in the Padgett home Saturday.

Russell Harrell has gone to Amarillo where he has been employed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tyler attended church at Plaska Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Simmons visited Mr. and Mrs. Tamar West Sunday afternoon.

Alvis Melton of Amarillo visited relatives and friends here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Padgett and family visited his sister, Mrs. Harvey Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Edwards of Plaska Sunday. Dude Spueill is visiting his brother R. B. Spueill and wife near Plaska this week.

The young people met Sunday

Hall County Farmers Get 1937 Soil Money

According to reports from the office of R. E. L. Pattillo, county agent, 2,040 conservation checks for Hall County farmers have been received and distributed. These checks amount to \$383,499.44. Only a few more checks, 25 or 30, are expected to be received here. These checks are benefit payments on the 1937 conservation program.

Band Plays Concert At Golden Jubilee

Thirty members of the Memphis High School Band participated in the Golden Jubilee Celebration in Childress Monday and Tuesday of this week, appearing in the opening parade, and playing at the concert at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the centrally located sound stage in the Childress business district. The band was under the direction of Floyd Springer in the absence of the regular band director, Milton Pullis.

The musical organization made the trip to Childress in one of the Memphis school buses, accompanied by H. J. Gore, principal of the high school.

During their over-night visit in Childress, the band members were guests of the Childress Chamber of Commerce and Golden Jubilee committee. They were given rooms in the homes of Childress people and their meals were furnished by the Golden Jubilee committee.

WEBSTER

By MISS NELL COCHRANE

The quarterly conference will meet at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. Lunch will be served at noon and a singing will be held in the afternoon.

There were several visitors here Sunday for Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Henry and children Fayrene Martin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Henry of Lakeview Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wallace and children and F. T. Wallace spent last week-end visiting at Dalhart.

An all day quilting was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Ella Robertson Thursday of last week. Mrs. Adams planned the quilting but was called away because of the illness of a granddaughter. Lunch was served at the noon hour and refreshments of cake and ice cream were served in the afternoon.

Mrs. L. J. Robertson and sons, Connie Ray and DeWitt and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Robertson visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Robertson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Henry entertained in their home with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore and daughters attended the birthday dinner at the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. Strygley Sunday.

Miss Mozelle Gowdy was a Sunday guest of Miss Bonnie Jean Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Estes and children and Felton McGuire of Winfield, Ala., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robertson here Saturday night.

Mrs. J. R. McNatt and Mrs. Sanford Lamb of Cleburne are here visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. C. A. Orrell.

Mrs. C. B. Robertson was a Memphis visitor Sunday.

Miss Thelma Jenkins, director of the program. Those on the program were Boyce Bruce, Don Tyler, Dorothy Scott, Eldon and Mary Helen Padgett and Mrs. Guy W. Smith. Harry Tyler was elected president to fill the vacancy of Russell Harrell.

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Boosters Make Two Trips Over Area

The booster trip planned by the committee in charge of arrangements to advertise the Old Settlers Reunion and Celebration here Wednesday, July 27, started from the City Hall at 9:30 Thursday morning, the first day's itinerary included stops at Newlin, Estelline, Parnell, Turkey, Quitaque, Silverton, Brice and Lakeview, according to Carroll Smyers, secretary of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce.

The Friday trip will also start at 9:30 in the morning from the City Hall and will include stops at Clarendon, Lelia Lake, Hedley, Giles, Quail, Wellington, Dodson and Childress, according to Mr. Smyers. The cavalcade, which is expected to be made up of fifty cars of Memphis people, will be accompanied by the Memphis High School band, and several novelty numbers for entertainment will be presented at

SALISBURY

By MRS. H. L. SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Britt of Hollywood, Calif., visited his sister, Mrs. V. L. Yarborough Thursday of last week.

Miss Claudia White of Memphis spent Saturday night with Miss Norene Mixon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Hawkins and children, Kenneth and Mary Wanda, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hawkins of Memphis and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hawkins were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Trowler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adcock and children of Childress and Mrs. J. A. Adcock went to Amarillo to see Mr. Adcock who has been up there a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Dickson went to Oklahoma the forepart of this week to take their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Upshaw and daughter, where they will meet Mr. Upshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Yarborough and children Coy and Odena visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Moore Sunday.

Word has been received here of the marriage of Miss Velma LaFon to Roy Britt Jr., of Lelia Lake. Roy Jr. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Britt and lived in this community several years before moving to Lelia Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Ellerd of Fairview, Miss Janie Adcock and Alvin Yarborough spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hawkins who have been living with Mr. and Mrs. Oran Adcock have moved to Memphis.

Miss Annie Mitchell spent Saturday with Miss Cressie Davis.

PLASKA

By MRS. WILMA DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hall visited relatives near Wellington over the week-end.

Mrs. George Tacquard and children, Violeta Fay, Andene and George Jr. of Alvin, are here for a visit with Bud Clark and daughter, Audina.

Miss Nina Province, who underwent an appendicitis operation last week in an Amarillo hospital is reported to be improving but is not able to be moved home yet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis and son, Jackie, and Mrs. Floyd Davis and children, Tommy, Joanna and Jenny Joe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monzingo and children, Gale and Carol Ann, of Memphis were visitors in this community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Malloy of the Pleasant Valley community spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Nabers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sullivan and children, Nelda June and Mickey Don of Borger are visiting Mrs. Sullivan's father, Bud Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hickey and children of Pampa are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hickey.

John Lamb of Memphis spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parnell and children of Paducah were visitors in this community Sunday.

Miss Agnes Oliver of Electra visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Oliver over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie White and children, Jewel, Oneita, and Freeman returned home last week from the Madenia Valley where they visited and transacted business for ten days.

Doyle House and Mrs. Edith Dunn made a trip to Fort Worth Saturday night to get Troy Dunn and Perry Owens who were in a truck collision near that city recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gardenhire, Mrs. John Smith and the Junior Quartette went to the singing held in Childress Sunday.

Mrs. S. B. Smith and daughter Jimmy Jean of Lakeview visited Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Foster spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Foster.

Henry Foster made a trip to Burkburnett Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Spueill and children and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Rhea and son were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rhea Sunday.

SCHOOLS OPEN FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Over 3,000 Students Eligible to Enroll in Hall County Schools

Memphis Public Schools will begin enrollment September 5, according to Harry Delaney, secretary of the Memphis school board. A meeting of the faculty will be held on Saturday, September 3, to discuss and organize the work for the coming year, and the school will officially open the following Monday. The faculty this year will consist of 34 teachers and the Memphis Independent School district has 1,110 scholars eligible for enrollment at the next session.

The rural schools of Hall County may open earlier this year, according to Miss Inez Mason, assistant County Superintendent of Public Instruction. Last year the Weatherly and Parnell schools opened the first of August and turned out later in the year for the cotton harvest, resuming class work after the cotton had been gathered.

The rural schools of the county, according to Miss Mason, have 1,274 scholars eligible for enrollment at the beginning of the coming term. This group of Hall County schools include Eli with 3 teachers; Deep Lake with 3 teachers; Webster, 1 teacher; Newlin, 3 teachers; Parnell, 4 teachers; Brice, 3 teachers; Pleasant Valley, 3 teachers; Salisbury, 2 teachers; Weatherly, 3 teachers; Buffalo Flat, 2 teachers; Bridle Bit, 2 teachers; Plaska, 4 teachers; and Friendship, 3 teachers. According to Miss Mason the number of scholars in Hall County rural schools have decreased during the past four years.

Independent school districts in Hall County, those having more than 150 scholars, have a total enrollment of 2,183 students. These districts include Memphis with 1,110, Estelline with 358, Turkey, with 374; Lesley, with 153, and Lakeview with 188.

NEWLIN

By MRS. FRED HEMPHILL

Announcement was received this week by Mr. and Mrs. John Rowell from Mr. and Mrs. Ad Wasson of the birth of a son in a Lubbock hospital on July 14. The little boy has been named James Add.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Helm are the proud parents of a nine pound baby girl born July 19.

Mrs. Bob Whittington and daughters, Marsetta and Anna Mae, and Mrs. Amanda Whittington and son, Jess, all of El Paso, came for a week's visit with Mrs. Whittington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shelton. Mrs. Amanda Whittington has been there visiting for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Glover and Lacy Crabtree went to Spade Sunday on business, returning to Newlin Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hill and children of Lefors spent Sunday with Mrs. Hill's sister, Mrs. Van Crow. Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Crow returned to their home here after spending six weeks in Lubbock where Mrs. Crow attended school.

Rev. Robert Knight preached at the Methodist Church Sunday in the absence of the pastor who has been holding a revival meeting at Truscott. The Methodist revival will begin here Sunday with the Rev. Mr. Smith of Quanah in charge of the services.

LAKEVIEW

By MISS CAROLYN BRISTER

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brister and two sons are spending their vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Brister.

Ruth Canady is improving at this writing.

Bobby Doyce Boren and Mrs. R. C. Ellis are on the sick list this week.

Billy Don Bowermon and Alta Jean Crowder spent Sunday afternoon with Carolyn Brister.

A revival is in progress at the local Methodist Church with Rev. Watkins of McLean conducting the services.

Bob Canon is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Speare have returned home from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. George Lony of Brownfield.

Neil Smith of Pampa is home for a two week's vacation.

Mrs. Ruby Lee Avery who has been working in Pampa is home for a few days' vacation.

Jack Davis who has been away working is home for a short visit.

Berta Faye Todd whose birthday was Friday was honored with a party for a small group of her friends.

Billy Don Bowermon spent Sunday night with Franky Marion Favors.

(Editor's Note: Miss Carolyn Brister is taking Mrs. J. H. Boren's place as correspondent for The Democrat at Lakeview. Although we regret losing Mrs. Boren as a correspondent and appreciate her fine services, we are happy to welcome Miss Brister to The Democrat's correspondent family.)

Former Memphian Is Buried Here

Henry Johnson, 78, a former resident of Memphis, died in the Worley Hospital in Pampa Thursday morning, July 14, at 1 o'clock following an illness of two years' duration.

Funeral services were conducted in Pampa Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist Church at 3 o'clock. The body was brought to Memphis for burial in Fairview Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by three sons, A. Johnson of Pampa, Chas. Johnson of Abilene, and Ed Johnson of Commerce. All were present for the funeral services.

While Mr. Johnson lived in Memphis he made his home with his son A. Johnson and moved with him to Pampa. They left here about ten years ago.

Wherry Is Jeweler Here For 29 Years

R. H. Wherry, jeweler, has been serving Memphis and the Hall County territory for almost 29 years.

In 1910 Mr. Wherry came to Memphis and established the jewelry firm of Wherry and Leutwyler, which in about two years became the sole-owned firm of R. H. Wherry and was operated in one location for nearly 28 years. In 1936 a variety store was added to the business, which was moved to the present location in the Forgy building on the east side of the square in September of last year.

Elgin and Hamilton watches, Rogers, Community and Sterling silver, diamonds, glasses, novelties, gifts, and a complete line of variety goods are offered by the R. H. Wherry jewelry and variety store. Mr. Wherry, who has had over 35 years experience in the jewelry business, maintains a complete repair department for watches, clocks and jewelry.

Dairymen To Meet To Discuss Show

Invitations are being sent to all Hall County dairymen this week by County Agent R. E. L. Pattillo, inviting them to meet in his office Friday, July 29, to discuss plans for a dairy show to be held in Hall County in September.

At a similar meeting held last April a plan to hold such a show was suggested, and Mr. Pattillo asks that all dairymen in Hall County be present at this meeting to formulate plans for a show of this type.

OUR CHEF AWAITS

Your Order!

Good wholesome food plus clever chefs equals a delicious meal for the whole family at Pound's. You'll find our service unexcelled and yet you pay nothing extra for "extras" to be enjoyed.

Eat with us election day... Pioneer Day... any Sunday and every day. See for yourself that there is a difference!

Welcome to Pound's Cafe

POUND'S

Lena McLearn

To the Voters My Home County



Anything in service that I may ever be able to render, I would be glad to do for the citizenship of Hall County where I was born and have spent most of my life.

You have stood by me at all times. You have done more for me than I can ever repay.

If the work I have done has been satisfactory your vote on July 23rd will be greatly appreciated and if elected I will show my appreciation by the service I render you in office.

John Deaver

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Special Train Run to Giles for Picnic and Celebration

W. D. Orr Is The Panhandle's Oldest Photographer In Years of Service; In Business Here Since September, 1906

Mr. Orr Served His Apprenticeship Under Homer Mulkey, Now of Clarendon; Recalls Early Experiences Of Taking and Developing Pictures for Neighborhood



W. D. ORR

The Panhandle's oldest photographer in service years and a pioneer in Memphis business, W. D. Orr has been here since September 6, 1906.

Orr's Studio and Annex Drug has been operating continuously since that time in the same location; a record among Memphis business firms. In 1918 a gift shop was added and after enlargement several times the drug addition was made in 1926. The studio is the oldest in a large area in this section.

Mr. Orr recalls the beginning of his career when a boy only 12 or 13 years old. He had a small 4 by 5 camera and did amateur work for neighbors for miles around. His apprenticeship was served with Homer Mulkey of Clarendon.

When Mr. Orr started his photograph practice in Memphis water for developing was drawn from a cistern. Lamps were used in the dark rooms and all developing and settings were made from sun light. In the early day the exposure time was so long that a head rest was made to hold the subject still.

In the early day of Mr. Orr's experience kodak developing was done only one or two times a week and it took two weeks to a month for the delivery of portraits. He estimates that he has sold more than \$500,000 worth of pictures during his 32 years here.

State honors have been conferred on Mr. Orr several times. He has held many state offices and won first place in the state in towns of this size a few years ago. He was one of five Texas men in Who's Who in Photography a few years back and one of 140 men in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Orr served as Texas representative to the national association at one time. He holds an honorary life membership in the Southwestern Professional Photographers Association, a four state organization, an honor which only four or five men have ever received.

Hazel Jones is clerk at the Orr Studio and Gift Shop.

First Cotton Grown Here Was Accident

The first cotton raised in Hall County was grown by J. C. Mont gomery, called the "Daddy of Memphis"—and it was by accident.

Mr. Montgomery had been feeding his cattle and noticed that cotton came up from the seed that had fallen onto the ground. He turned the cattle out of the lot to see if the cotton would mature and so grew the first of Hall County's famous cotton.

HOW MEMPHIS WAS NAMED

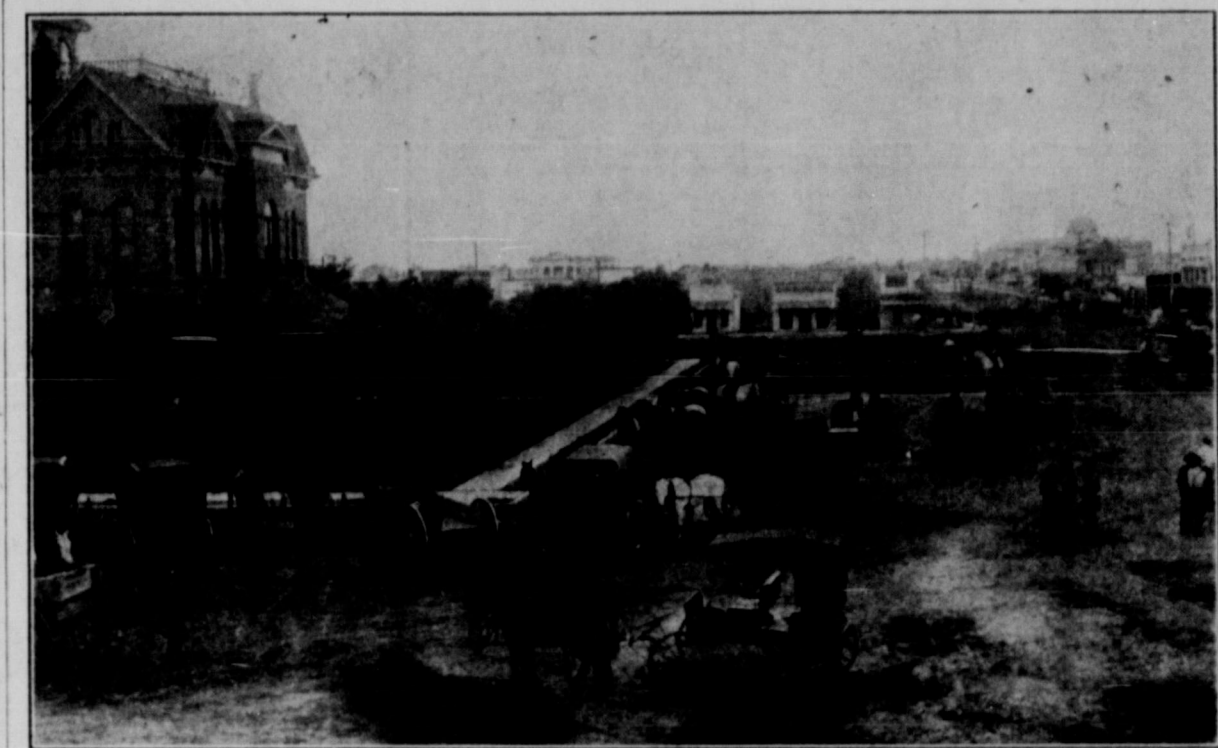
Rev. J. W. Brice was in the office of the General Land Commissioner on business for this townsite when a letter arrived addressed to Memphis, Texas. The letter was immediately stamped "no such town in state." Since this condition had been so difficult in selecting a name for the new community he remarked, "That's just what we want; we'll call our town Memphis." So today our city bears the name Memphis.

Newlin Woman One of County's First Journalists; Worked on Baptist Herald

By MRS. FRED HEMPHILL

Democrat Correspondent

Another chapter in the history of the Fourth Estate in Hall County was written by Mrs. Van Crow of Newlin, who was the first woman in that community who had a newspaper "career." As a girl Mrs. Crow worked in a small print shop which was housed in a half dugout where the Morrison home now stands. She hand-composed the type once each two weeks to publish the Panhandle Baptist Herald, as assistant to the Rev. J. L. Pyle, who was editor. Mrs. Crow assisted in the publishing of the Herald until her marriage. This happy event was the end of the Herald, since the Rev. Mr. Pyle could get no one else to set the type. Mrs. Crow states that the Newlin Times was published prior to her coming here



HALL COUNTY COURT HOUSE, 'way back in the days before the automobile when the countryside came to Memphis in wagons, buggies and the ever-popular and handsome surrey, like the one in the foreground. The old courthouse was torn down and in 1923 was replaced by the beautiful Hall County courthouse now gracing the center of Memphis' plaza.

PRESENT GENERATION HAS LOST THE ART OF SINGING BELIEVES NEWLIN CHOIR DIRECTOR

Early Newlin Choir Boasted Many Real Singers in Old Days

By MRS. FRED HEMPHILL

Democrat Correspondent

The present generation has lost the art of singing believes J. O. Hemphill who for more than 15 years directed the Newlin choir.

The choir boasted eight or ten singers who were real "sight" singers in the old days, says Mr. Hemphill, who thinks there are no new books containing songs too hard for them.

One of the best singing groups in this part of the country according to reports, the choir sang for Sunday school, church, meetings and all occasions. Mr. Hemphill likes to tell of embarrassing young men back in the early days by getting the girls to come to the choir and leave their "beaus."

Some of the people who have been in the Hemphill choir are: Rev. P. L. Pyle, Fannie Roberts, Winnie Finch, Lula Pyle, Bill Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ewen, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Garrett, Lon Ballard, Steve Shaw, Charlie Blair and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, Dan Laymon, Charlie Thornton, Arlie Barnett, Eva Powell, Cora Curd and Bill Crow.

Van Crow, Clara Horn, L. M. Pyle, Della Offield, T. E. Bryant, Gib and Sim McDougal, O. K. Price, Will Quigley, Millie Ewen, Cline Quigley, Everett Ewen and wife, Vera Dial, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grady, Pet Kerr, Lillie Rushing, May and Woodson Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dunn, Fred and Frank Finch, Ora May, Mr. and Mrs. Dodson, Sallie and Lula Morrison, May Ballard, Merle, Dovey, and Bertha Hemphill, Bessie Ewen, Cleo Grundy, Audrey Jarrell, Fannie Offield, Addis and Ora Long and numerous others.

NEWS ALWAYS IMPORTANT

The Democrat traces its history back more than 48 years, to impress the importance of newspapers in pioneering this country.

Cattle Driven Long Distance to Water In Early Hall Days

Drinking Water Brought From Deep Lake Until Spring Rains Fell

By MRS. WILMA DAVIS, Pliska

Democrat Correspondent

Just five days before Christmas, Dec. 20, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis left their home near Paris, Lamar County, Texas, and came to Hall County bringing with them their three children.

They settled in the then barren section which is now known as Crawley station. It was neither cultivated nor improved. Until wells were dug in this vicinity, it was necessary to drive the stock two and a half miles to water and drinking water for the few families living here had to be brought by wagon from Deep Lake. In April, following Mr. and Mrs. Dennis' arrival, the rains supplied sufficient drinking water.

Cultivation of the land began in early spring and a fine crop was gathered in the fall. The watermelon crop was exceptional that year. Cotton was hauled either to Eli or to Memphis until 1908 when the first gin was built at Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis well remember the hailstorm of June 6, 1908, that caused the loss of their crop and 150 of their chickens were beaten to death by the stones.

After living on this farm for 5 years, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis moved across the road on a farm that they had bought and improved after coming to this county. Here they made their home for five more years when they sold the farm and bought property to help improve the little town of Lodge, which was beginning to grow.

At this time Mr. Dennis was serving as road commissioner of precinct No. 2. He helped finance and build the Church of Christ in 1916 which now stands at Pliska. He took stock and helped to build the first gin in Lodge in 1908.

Mr. Dennis served 20 years on the school board and helped to build three modern school buildings. He was an active member of the Odd Fellow Lodge as long as regular meetings were held here. He has been a member of the Woodmen of the World Lodge since 1894 and now serves as clerk of this camp. He has served as deputy sheriff of this community for 10 years and has been a willing and useful citizen in its behalf.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis are the parents of 6 children, 3 being born and reared in Hall County.

OLD WEBSTER POSTOFFICE

Another of the early Hall County post offices was the one established in a half dugout on the banks of John Mann Creek in the early eighties. This office, at Webster, was operated by Judge Lafferty.

RAILWAYS WERE FORERUNNERS IN THE PANHANDLE

Fine Communication and Transportation Now Available Here

Fifty-two years ago the steel rails heralding the advent of the "Iron Horse" were bringing to Hall County its first real transportation—a country now boasting modern communication facilities of railroad, highway, and telephone and telegraph.

In '86 and '87 the Fort Worth and Denver City railroad helped pioneer this section as the first railway in the Panhandle. The railroad has continued to play an important part in the modern life of this community, giving adequate facilities for produce and livestock transportation. It also helps in social development with taxes, employment, and improvements.

In Hall County one road runs through Memphis giving connection between Amarillo and Wichita Falls, while another branch crosses the southern part of the county through Estelline and Turkey giving connection to Lubbock. J. J. McKinnin is local agent for the Denver.

Bowen Motor Coaches, a Texas institution, gives Memphis and Hall County fast and direct service between Wichita Falls and Amarillo with five coaches daily in each direction.

Martha Thompson is local agent for the bus line with offices in the Memphis hotel lobby. The Bowen organization serves more than 200 Texas towns and cities and gives connection with the rest of the state.

Motor trucks have added a great deal to the transportation facilities of this area in the last few years. Miller and Miller Motor Freight Lines give daily service between Wichita Falls and Amarillo and connections to other points. Jack Boone is local office manager for the line.

Andis Brothers, a Clarendon organization, gives daily truck service between Memphis and Amarillo. A local office is maintained here for collection and delivery of freight.

Memphis is given instant connection with the rest of the nation by the wires of the Western Union Company. The telegraph office is maintained in the Memphis Hotel building under the management of Nell Ferguson who has been here since August 4, 1936.

The services of the Southwestern Associated Telephone Company add to the communications of Memphis and Hall County.

All forms of transportation and communication are available at the present time to Memphis and Hall County, giving a complete, modern system.

"Courtin'" With 40 Letters . . . One Day

Forty letters at one time from one man is some "courtin'," especially in the "good old days" when news didn't travel so fast.

Yet Mrs. S. S. Montgomery makes claim to having received just that many when S. S. Montgomery was writing a letter each day to the "love of his life." Mrs. Montgomery was living at Vernon where her father was district judge and he was living in Memphis. During the courtship the bridge was washed out by the spring rains and the mail didn't go through for forty days so that Mrs. Montgomery received 40 letters at one time.

That takes the cake even from the modern romancers who take pride in doing things in a big way.

Cotton Was Unknown Here in Early Days

From 1891 to 1896 my only crops were feeds and wheat, says W. E. Davis who lives about four miles northwest of Brice just over the line in Donley County. Cotton was unheard of as a crop in this country then.

Coming to this area in 1891, Mr. Davis now owns about 1,300 acres of land at the corner of three counties, Hall, Donley and Briscoe.

J. R. NELSON, WITH SPARKLING IRISH WIT, RECALLS EVENTFUL LIFE AS PIONEER HERE IN 1890

By MRS. FRED HEMPHILL

Democrat Correspondent

J. R. Nelson, affectionately known as Uncle Bob, recalls, with sparkling Irish wit and humor that belies his 84 years, a colorful and eventful life as a pioneer in this section since 1890.

With his family he came to Newlin in April of '90. He had a carload of cattle, a carload of feedstuffs and with his household goods he furnished a two room house near Jonah Creek, formerly occupied by Rev. and Mrs. S. Harrell.

When Nelson came to Newlin there was one general merchandise store operated by Billy Meador in the only building. Bob Dunn operated the post office in connection, the first cancellation date being March 4, 1888.

Recalling hardships of those days 48 years ago, Mr. Nelson remembers cold blizzards in winter when snow would be two and three feet on the level and much deeper in drifts for weeks at a time. Cattle often froze to death. The summers were hot and drouthy.

His full "two piece" suit was a subject of great merriment to Mr. Nelson. During his boyhood his attire was a soap and a shirt, the long affair striking him below the knees. He wore this type garment until about nine years old and his first pair of pants was made of

cloth woven, spun and sewed by hand by his mother. The first time he wore them he spent the night with a friend and next morning he went home without his pants—because he forgot he was wearing trousers.

An Indian scare occurred near his Parker county home when he was quite small. Two small girls were stolen. One was ill and the Indians separated the two children and the sick child was left behind with two Indians which later joined the group without her. The other girl was later released through efforts of the government.

With a twinkle in his eye George Nelson, brother to Uncle Bob, related an experience of his. J. R.'s father called Uncle Bob one night to come help cover up some cotton when a heavy rain started. Uncle Bob hurriedly waked up his brothers and told them to aid him and in the confusion went back to bed while the rest of the boys did the work.

J. R. Nelson has been a successful stockman and farmer in this section for many years. He has been instrumental in the development of Newlin in all of its enterprises, serving on the school board for 12 years. He has helped in the finances of both churches and always aided development of any kind in this area.

NATURAL GAS

MATCHLESS SERVANT
of the MODERN SOUTH

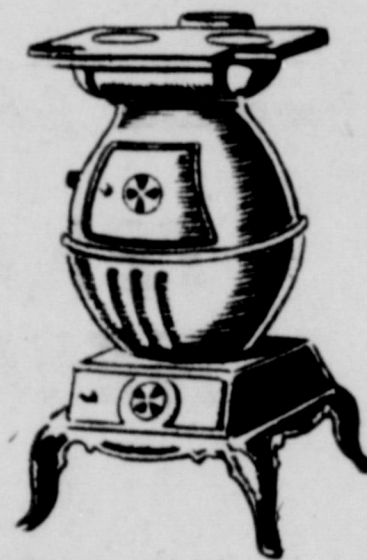
CHEAPEST!
FASTEST!
MODERN
FUEL!

*a far step from Methods Used
in PIONEER DAYS*



Civilization has come a long way since the Pioneers settled and drew plans for the development of Memphis and Hall County, and re-unions, more than anything else, serve to remind us that today's conveniences are a far step from the methods employed in Pioneer Days.

Let no one tell you that woman was made for household drudgery! Your grandmother, and other Pioneer women struggled under the burden of that idea and some of them died under it. But you have a Great Servant that they couldn't have—Natural Gas, the most modern, fastest, cheapest of ALL Modern fuels!



Need you throw away left-over foods, or suffer over a hot stove in summer? Not with Modern Gas Refrigeration and Modern Gas Cooking. Need you dread winter's ills because of the heating in your home? Not with Automatic Gas Heat as near as the nearest telephone! Need you carry water and fuel up back-breaking stairs? No. You can have Automatic Gas Water Heating almost for pin-money!

Use Every Matchless Convenience Natural Gas Affords



Cooking Water Heating Heating Refrigeration

UNITED GAS
CORPORATION

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Dickson Family Came Here in 1890; Bought Land for \$1,000 Per SOIL CO

LOCAL TELEPHONE OFFICE HAS INCREASE IN NUMBER OF USERS

Memphis Office Serves 17 Counties In Southwestern Associated Chain; Nine Employed by Local Exchange

"For the first time in 18 years, Memphis has shown an increase in the number of stations since January 1," says R. L. Brewer, Southwestern Associated Telephone Company manager.

This situation is unusual for a cotton section and is encouraging. Mr. Brewer added, in speaking of the progress made in this area which is served by the local exchange, one of 112 in the Southwestern Associated chain.

Seven Seventeen Counties—Seventeen counties are served from the Memphis office: Bogalusa, Mills County in Oklahoma and in Texas besides Hall, Hempstead, Grap, Carmon, Armstrong, Jewell, Callingsworth, Fowler, Brown, Childress, Cottle, Motley and Floyd counties.

The present company has been serving Memphis since 1927 when a local independent contract was purchased. The new company constructed a modern, enlarged building in 1928, at a cost of \$100,000, which serves as the present home of Southwestern Associated at the corner of Eighth and Noel streets.

Large Valuation—All toll lines in Hall County are owned by this firm which has been improving and adding new equipment from time to time to keep this area in step with progress. Assessed valuation in Hall County state is over \$40,000. The Southwestern Associated Telephone Company serves Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas from its general offices in Lubbock.

R. L. Brewer, manager, took charge of the Memphis Exchange June 23, 1934, and has served in that capacity since that time. He has been connected with the telephone business since 1923 and his district originating in Memphis serves well over 3,000 subscribers.

New Local Employees—Nine persons are employed locally by the telephone organization. Besides the manager they are: Mary Beckum, chief operator; Maxine Scott, night operator;



ROY L. BREWER

Beauty Shop Owned By Mrs. Whitley Is Memphis' Newest

Mrs. Prichard Whitley's Beauty Shop, owned and operated by Mrs. Whitley, was established on the west side of the square in September of last year.

New equipment throughout was installed and the shop is air conditioned. Colorized, Eugene, and New Ray Machine permanent waves are given and Contour cosmetics are featured.

Mrs. Whitley, who has had 11 years experience in beauty shop work, and Margaret McElroy are operators.

Miss Mae Long and Estelle Stone, operators; Anita Martindale and Marie Prather, styled operators; Sylvia Wynn, cosmetic-dressmaker; and V. E. Reynolds, plant manager. All employees are given two weeks' paid vacation each year after a year's service with the company.

Lee Bennett Came To Hall County in 1904 Seeking Home

Native of Kentucky Came To This Country From South Carolina For Home

By MRS. FRED HENPHILL, Democrat Correspondent

Lee Bennett inquired when I came to the Bennett door with pencil and paper in hand. However, when I told him that I wanted to know about his early history, he smiled and seemed quite pleased that anyone would want to know about them.

They were both reared in Kentucky, and came here in 1904 from South Carolina in that state for no other reason than that they wanted to find a new home in Texas. Their Kentucky home seemed like a veritable paradise, for it was possible to grow anything there, and making a living was not such a task. But the desire for adventure won them seeking a home in a new land.

Kentucky is a timbered country, and farms consist of about 30 acres in size. Five in tobacco, and several acres in orchards and gardens. Wheat was cut and bundled, they tell, by hand, and meadow hay was cradled by hand. Wheat was ground by an old burr mill powered by water. Farming was done by one-horse turning-plows. Each farmer raised his own sheep, hogs, cows, and horses, and also his own fruit, which was canned or dried. People would "hill-up" their sweet and Irish potatoes and cabbage for the winter, and really lived at home without much need for anything bought at the store.

Their mothers took the wool from the sheep and had it carded on a carding machine, and from this made their clothes. Mr. Bennett declared that they made their own hats for summer from straw. The only cotton they had seen when they came to Texas was a few stalks grown in a garden for novelty.

Their schools were similar to other old-time schools with one teacher for all grades. Logs were used for seats, and all the pupils read and studied aloud. When one was well advanced in his studies, he was "ready for the dictionary." McGuffey's reader and the old blue-back speller were their first books.

LAND RUSH OF '95 RECALLED; SOLD BY ACRE

George R. Dickson Recalls Much Early Day County History

By JACK SUTTON

Staff Member of Amarillo News—Among those who have watched the progress of Hall County from its organization in 1908 when thousands of head of cattle dotted the sprawling ranches to the present day of diversified farming is George R. Dickson of the Brix community.

Mr. Dickson, moved to Hall County with his parents on Dec. 8, 1890. He was just a boy then, but in a few years he was purchasing cattle on the Shaw Bar Ranch, and helping to drive a trail herd into Montana.

Mr. Dickson, son of James M. Dickson, was born in Giles County, Tenn., July 18, 1879. James Dickson moved his family to Hall County in 1890, and they settled in what is now the Deep Lake community. He bought a section of land from a Mr. Taylor and paid \$1,000 for the section. This land is now owned by C. A. Powell, and the James which Mr. Dickson built for his family is said to be perhaps the first two-story house ever built in the county. It consisted of a half-duplex on basement, and a frame first and second story.

James Dickson served as the local postmaster for Way, a post office on his land one mile north of Deep Lake. He held this postmastership until 1902, when he moved to the Brix community. He bought a section of land at Brix from W. D. Hudgins of Fort Worth, and his son, George, bought a half-section and filed on a half section at Brix. This was about the year 1906.

Mrs. James Dickson died in 1909, and she was the second person to be buried in Union Hill Cemetery at Lakeview. James Dickson re-married in 1903, to Mrs. W. Orr of Plaquemine, mother of W. D. Orr of Memphis. Mrs. Arthur Golden and W. S. Orr of Plaquemine, Dr. Reed Orr of Wellington and Porter Orr of near Rock Springs, Calif., and Ethel Orr of Happy. The second Mrs. Dickson died in 1909, and Mr. Dickson died in Cherokee in 1921.

Lucille Dickson, now Mrs. A. E. Benson of Clarendon, daughter of James Dickson and sister of George R. Dickson, was the first school teacher at Deep Lake.

Hall County experienced a land rush about the year 1895, as George Dickson recalls. It was about that time that he bought his land at Brix. Land 12 and 13 that time, had been selling for \$2 an acre; but now the State of Texas cut the price on the government land to \$1 an acre, and dozens of settlers moved in.

It was in 1895 that Mr. George R. Dickson started work for the Shaw Bar, which was owned by T. S. Bugbee and J. W. Coleman, both of whom then lived in Kansas City. The ranch was managed by J. B. Pope. Mr. Dickson was only a youth then. He worked a year for the Shaw Bar and helped drive a cattle herd into Montana. He stayed in Montana two years, purchasing cattle.

"Everybody in this whole country then had shishonees strapped around their waists," Mr. Dickson recalls.

Next season of his cowboy days was New Mexico. There he worked for the D-E Ranch two years, driving cattle to Amarillo for shipping.

"There was only one street, you might say, in Amarillo in those days—Pork street," he says, "and almost every second business house was a saloon."

Mr. Dickson married Miss Justina Hudgins near Fort Worth in 1904, and they resided on their stock farm at Brix for the next seven years, when they moved to Memphis and began breaking up their land to plant to cotton. Mr. Dickson served as a deputy sheriff for four years, under Lon Burton and Jim King, and while living in Memphis he was in one of the first great mills in the city's history. The mill, which ground over meat and all kinds of food, was located a block north of the present J. C. Woolbridge Lumber Co. site.

The Dickson family spent one year in Clarendon and 11 in southern California before returning to Hall County in 1921.

Principal ranches in the immediate Hall County section where Mr. Dickson came to the Panhandle were the Shaw Bar, the J.A. the Mill Run, the O.G.F., and the Diamond Tail. Among the cowboys with whom Mr. Dickson worked were Joe Merrick, Joe Case, Jack Owens, Jack Wood, Bob Crabb, Wiley and Price Combs, brothers of Tom Combs of Purnell.

"In those days a man was a disreputable citizen if he saw a single male and didn't stop to kill it," the pioneer settler recalls.

Mr. Dickson began raising cotton between 1904 and 1907, and since that time he has sold cotton for as high as 2.7 cents a pound and for as little as 2.7 cents a pound. He donated the land at Brix for the first gin that was

built there. The community has had four gins in the past but does not have any now.

In the early days of cotton production here, the farmers of the Brix section had to take two days to take their cotton to gin in Memphis, hauling it the 25 miles by wagon. There was no bridge across Indian Creek then, and the farmers and ranchers had to haul wagon-loads of rock to put in the bed of the stream so that their teams and wagons could get across.

Mr. Dickson had not been in the county long when the famous Indian scare took place in 1890. Cowboys slaughtering a beef were mistaken for Indians on the war-path, and the settlers all across the Plains and into New Mexico became alarmed.

Sallisburg was "the town" when the Dicksons first came to Hall County, but it was not long until Memphis was designated the county seat. A few years later Memphis and Lakeview had quite a contest over the county seat, so citizens in the western part of the county wanted the county moved into the center of the county. Mr. Dickson aided in the fight to remove the county seat, but their contest came to naught.

The old settler also recollects the widely-publicized sawing of the Fort Worth and Denver Railway tracks to serve the trains to stop in Memphis. A woman made a wash-pot full of soap for the sawing. She never knew the names of the persons for whom she made the soap, so someone took the soap during the night and left her five dollars. Mr. Dickson remembers that the tracks were sawed for about three days, and one day five freight trains were stalled at one time.

One of the changes in conditions which Mr. Dickson recalls is the start of land purchase by the acre. Shortly after the turn of the century the ranches, usually the 16, began selling land.

and settlers bought the land by the acre. Prior to this land had sold by the sections and half-sections.

It was this influx of settlers—with the ranch and going like the Padlocks at nine dollars an acre—which gave Brix its first school house. School for two years, in 1905-06, had been taught by Henry Youngblood in his home. The first school house was built in 1907, and Mr. Dickson donated the land on which it was built.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickson have seven children: four sons and three daughters. The sons are: Hal, Dickson, and Santa. The daughters are: Agnes, Anna, and Mary. Mr. Dickson, aged 7, is a member of the Brix community.

MINERALS FOR ALL LIFE A NECESSITY

—Four Tests made by J. M. Jones of cultural Experimental Station show an increase in the Feeding of Balanced Minerals a 90-day test feeding 250 lambs in Texas

1—Lot 11% Extra Gain by Feeding
2—Lot 59% Extra Gain by Feeding
3—Lot 26% Extra Gain by Feeding
4—Lot 6% Extra Gain by Feeding

Said J. M. Jones in summarizing the Texas tests thus far conducted, the BALANCED MINERAL Supplement roughage ration have in every instance gains that lambs receiving a similar ration supplement.

HOARDS DAIRYMAN AND CATTLEMAN—Contrary, perhaps to popular opinion, to feed mineral supplements in dry pasture season. THIS DOES NOT MEAN ERALS SHOULD BE NEGLECTED AT OF THE YEAR.

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Local Dealer—RILEY W. CARLTON
Memphis, Texas

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the TELEPHONE

.... a Luxury in Pioneer Days, but

TODAY'S MOST MODERN NEED

Costs So Little to Enjoy!

From the time of the invention of the telephone in 1876 through the pioneering period in this area the telephone was a "Luxury" convenience but today the world could not survive without the services of telephone.

In the pioneer days the telephone was still in its experimental stage while today there is no excuse for a family to live in a home without phone! Perfection has been reached to the extent that friends, relatives, business associates can be contacted, across town or across the Nation out delay!

Stop "pioneering" under the belief that a telephone is a "luxury" and install one today! Today's Most Modern Need Costs So Little

Southwestern Associated Telephone Company

Telephone Building, 7th and Noel Streets

Speaking of the Governor's Job....



TEXAS NEEDS A LEADER

ERNEST THOMPSON

Trained...Talented...Tested

Qualified for the Governor's Job by a Sound Record of Public Service

WHAT HE HAS DONE!

As Mayor of Amarillo, he saved citizens nearly a million dollars a year by cutting every utility rate in the city and lowering the tax levy.

As Texas Railroad Commissioner, he slashed the farmer through lower freight rates and the livestock industry with emergency drought rates; brought many millions of dollars to the school fund by sensible supervision of the Texas oil industry; helped lower the gas rates in scores of Texas towns.

As a man, while he has spent at hard work, he has achieved a brilliant record of private and public service, fought for his country with high honors during the World War, is chairman of the Oil Seates Compact Commission, has earned the respect and admiration of straight-thinking people all over the nation.

WHAT HE WILL DO!

Tackle the farm problem with both hands and help the farmer and rancher work out a solution that will take the penalty off owning or working a farm or ranch—his belief being that the farmer is entitled to a fair profit, the same as any other man.

Urges the legislature to change the old age assistance law so that no needy old person will be denied a pension simply because a son or daughter happens to have a job.

Actively encourage industrial expansion to relieve unemployment; wage war on governmental waste and fight new taxes; and advocate state control and regulation of all utilities.

ERNEST THOMPSON

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GREENE DRY GOODS COMPANY IS OLDEST DEPARTMENT STORE; WAS ESTABLISHED ON MARCH 13, 1909

Greene Dry Goods Company, the oldest dry goods and department store in Memphis, was established Saturday, March 13, 1909, by R. S. Greene, owner. At that time the store was situated on the south side of the square.

Moving to its present location in 1914, "The Big Daylight Store" continued operations and was enlarged to its present size in 1928. Mr. Greene, though comparatively young, thus lays claim as a pioneer in Memphis business from the point of years, now 29.

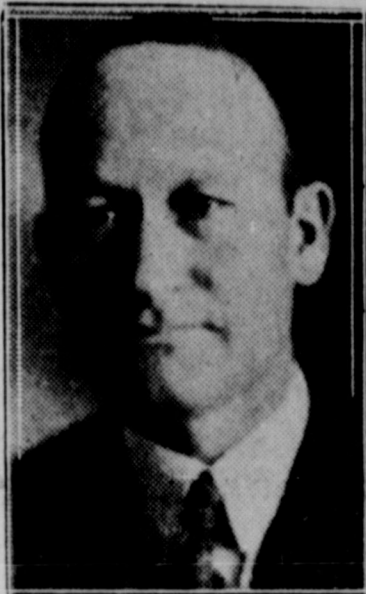
The Memphis store has sold more than three million dollars worth of merchandise during its 29 years of existence, estimates Mr. Greene, and with the associated store in Clarendon and others that were established at one time over Hall County and the surrounding territory distributed well over six million dollars worth of goods.

Buying more than 85 per cent of his merchandise direct from the manufacturer, Mr. Greene feels he has been able to pass considerable saving to the public. It has always been the policy of Greene Dry Goods Company to handle medium and better grades of high quality, standard brands, Mr. Greene says, and to insure satisfaction and service with such brands as Florsheim shoes, Stetson hats, Hart Schaffner and Marx clothes, ABC fabrics, and Van Heusen shirts.

Gayle Greene is now associated with his father in the Memphis store, beginning in September of last year, and the staff of clerks includes: Mrs. H. B. Bennett, Altha Tom Bridge, Hortense Ed- dings, and S. E. Mayfield.

Runaway Team in '96 Caused Furore Here

In the Hall County Leader, issue of August 1, 1896, appears a graphic description of the runaway of a team belonging to Frank Spencer. The team became frightened and when the runaway started several ladies and children in the wagon jumped to safety. After running about two hundred yards, the team broke away from the wagon tongue, and the tongue stuck in the ground. The Leader assured its readers that no serious damage was done.



R. S. GREENE

Old Papers Tell Of HAS 1838 DEED

Early Arkansas Days

Mrs. R. E. Martin of Memphis has in her possession four documents, handed down from her grandfather and father to her mother to her, over one hundred years old. The documents are signed by the secretary of President Martin van Buren, and are deeds to land in Chicot County, Arkansas, granted to her grandfather, John Smith, and to a cousin, James Gorrell, in the early days of that state.

The oldest document is a deed for 80 acres of land to Gorrell, and bears the date April 10, 1837.

The other three deeds are to Mrs. Martin's grandfather, and were signed July 28, 1838—lacking one day being exactly one hundred years before the present Old Settlers' Reunion. The other document is dated August 2, 1838.

Among the old papers belonging to Mrs. Martin there are also two more deeds, signed by the secretary of President James

Buchanan. Both are dated June 1, 1859, and are for grants of land in Drew County, Arkansas, to her mother's oldest brother, Alfred Smith, and to Isaiah Holcomb, a neighboring landholder. All the land granted in these deeds was later purchased by Mrs. Martin's father, W. W. Simmons, which explains how the documents came into her possession.

In her collection Mrs. Martin also has a number of old bills and receipts which belonged to her uncle Alfred Smith.

A receipt for four bales of cotton sold in New Orleans August 21, 1856, shows that the four

bales, totaling 1,506 pounds, grossed \$145.83, selling at 9 3/4c per pound. In August of last year, 81 years later, top grade cotton brought approximately the same price. Expenses of shipping and selling the cotton brought the net proceeds down to \$134.30 for the four bales. These expenses amounted to \$12.53, and included freight, drayage, storage, weighing, river and fire insurance, and a commission to the agent selling the cotton.

Excluding the cost of gathering the cotton, his average profit on a bale of cotton in that day was around \$30, somewhat higher

than was paid in this county last year.

Statements to Alfred Smith from O'Neill and Belding in Gaines' Landing, Arkansas, for general merchandise, were sent out yearly. On one of them can be found such items as: 43 yards Linsey, \$17.20; horse, one night, 50c; one pound pepper, 25c; one pound spice, 25c; one tin bucket, 75c; one Spanish saddle, \$9.50; 5 sacks salt, \$10; one pair lace boots, \$4; 21 gallons molasses, \$7.35; 89 pounds bacon, \$8.90; 109 pounds sugar, \$7.63; and 156 pounds coffee, \$21.06.

Ticket Hard to Fill In Early Hall Election

The Hall County Herald of August 1, 1896, in discussing election news in the county, told its readers that all the positions on the ticket, with an exception of three, would be filled without a race. In commenting on the ticket the Herald stated, "In fact there bids fair to be several positions for which they will have to catch and hog-tie some fellow to have. It seems that these positions are not being chased after very hard."

A PIONEER

This firm has been doing business in your midst for more than 29 years under the same ownership and management. While we are proud of the fact that we are an old firm and that you have seen fit to give us enough patronage that we might continue, we have always been mindful of the fact that we must be wide awake and alert if we are to continue to enjoy your patronage.

The only thing that is permanent in our line of business is "change" and we must keep ourselves open to new ideas if we are to furnish you with the very latest style merchandise. In order to do this during the past few years our method of buying has had to be changed. Instead of buying six months ahead as we did when we began this business, we must now buy from week to week, and keep new goods coming in almost daily as new styles develop. In order to do this, we are now buying almost exclusively from manufacturers and importers direct. We get quick action that way and show you the new things while they are new.

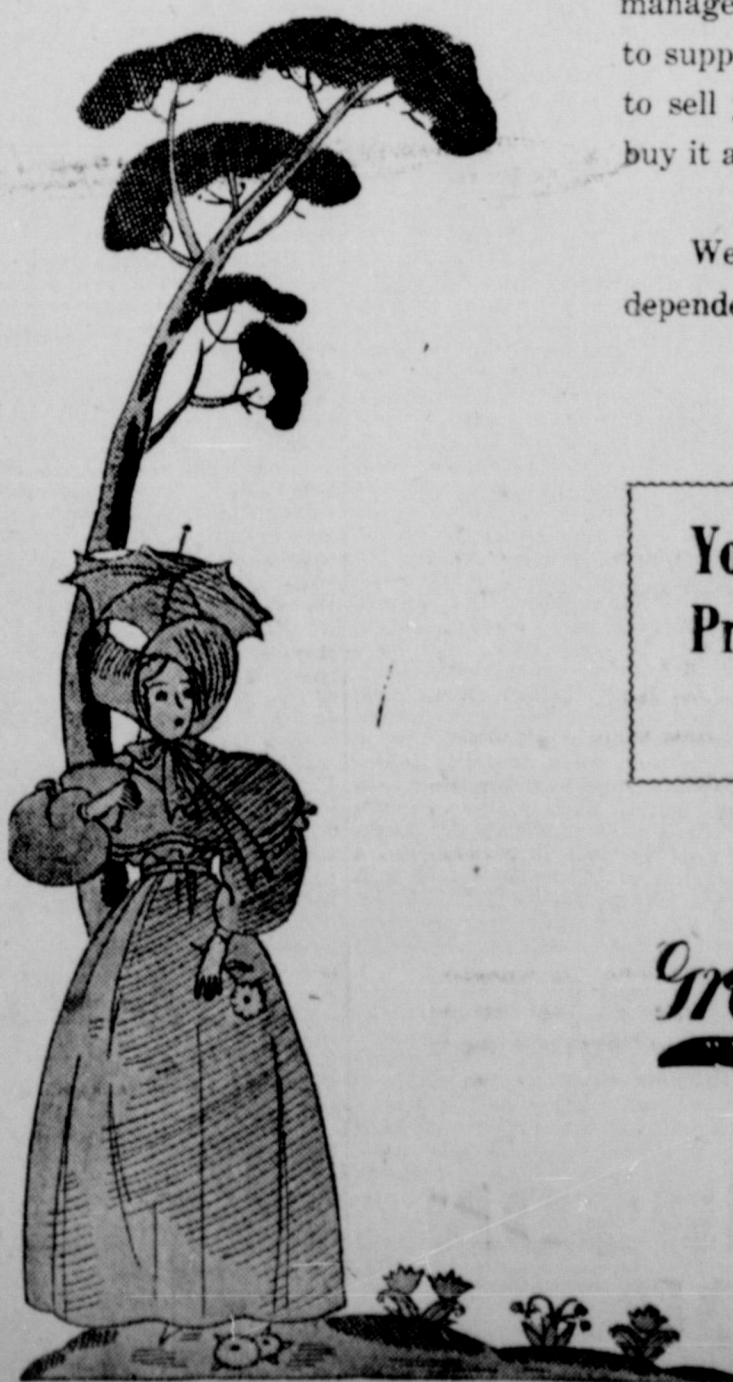
With the savings which we are able to effect by owning our own building, having the buying and management in the hands of one man, and not having to support any nationwide organization, we are able to sell you merchandise just as cheaply as you can buy it anywhere, quality considered.

We are able to serve you as only home owned independent stores can serve you.

**You Will Find Greatly Reduced
Prices Now on All Spring and
Summer Goods!**

Greene Dry Goods Co
"THE BIG DAYLIGHT STORE"

Memphis, Texas



TON has GREATER COUNTY

Bus you further the cause when
cotton, cottonseed products!



The pioneering of this country was a great task for those who "blazed trail." The building of this splendid sector called for loyalty and united effort... just as the future of the country depends on 100 per cent cooperation in the use of the area's greatest crop, cotton, and its by-products.

Cotton has built a greater Hall County... and with extended usage will further greatness to this area. All of us benefit from cotton and its products.

Your Cotton Oil Mill is more than a home industry... it is headquarters for greater community service which provides markets, employment and products that are essential to the Health, Happiness and Prosperity of everyone who lives in this community!


Welcome Pioneers of Hall County!

**Memphis
Cotton Oil Co.**

Good! How Time Swings Out!

—AND DON'T WANT THE GOOD THINGS
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COME ON, GIBBY, LET'S GO!

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L. L. DOSS

L. L. Doss in Dry Cleaning Business Here Since 1925

L. L. Doss, operating Doss Dry
Cleaners in Memphis for nearly
11 years, has adopted for his con-
cern the slogan "we dye to live—
others live to die."

In September 1927 Mr. Doss
established the present dry clean-
ing and tailoring plant, having
come to Memphis in 1925 with
the Horton-Alexander Dry Goods
cleaners and later having a part-
nership in the Horton Dry Clean-
ers.

Doss Dry Cleaners has the large-
est washer and dryer in the city
with a capacity of 25 suits. The
establishment specializes in clean-
ing ladies silks and dresses and
suede and leather jackets and in
dyeing. A one day service is
maintained. The firm represents
M. Born and J. L. Taylor for
made-to-measure clothes, the Born
company, established in 1876, be-
ing the oldest tailoring concern
in the country.

Mr. Doss is in charge of the
alteration department and Mr.
Doss has charge of the cleaning,
pressing, and dyeing department.

Charm Salon Offers Latest Beauty Aids

A trebled business since its
opening in June, 1937, is the rec-
ord established by the Charm
Beauty Salon, owned and man-
aged by Mary Jane Thompson.

Located at 619 Main street, the
beauty shop has all new equip-
ment of the latest type and fea-
tures Bree cosmetics, Revlon nail
polish and Gabrielle's permanents.
Three licensed operators, Mrs.
Thompson, Nell Reed, and Mable
Boswell offer adequate service to
Memphis patrons.

Advertise in The Democrat.

WEST TEXAS SERVED AREA FOR 11 YEARS

Wilson Is Manager Of Utilities' Plant And Property Here

West Texas Utilities Company,
which helped modernize and de-
velop this area of the state, is
rightly owned seventy-five per
cent by West Texans.

It is really a home institution
since separation from the holding
company two years ago and with
three-fourths of the stock owned
by West Texas people, says lo-
cal manager M. E. (Mac) Wilson.

It is now an independent organ-
ization with 165 modern plants in
50 counties in this area of Texas.

Mr. Wilson is a comparatively
newcomer to Memphis, moving
here as manager of the local plant
August 1, 1937. He has had 16
years service with the organiza-
tion, dating back to the old Amer-
ican Public Service Company.

The first utility organization
was the Texas Gas and Electric
which we ntinto receivership in a
short time. An Indian by the
name of Miller owned the Mem-
phis plant then and it was only
a few years until the City of
Memphis took over the plant. Mor-



E. M. (Mac) WILSON

rison and McCall bought the plant
from the city and sold to the Cen-
tral Power and Light Company
of San Antonio. West Texas Util-
ities acquired the Memphis plant
October 25, 1927.

Three major power plants and
many dependable local generating
plants comprise the West Texas
Utilities system, which is con-
nected by a system of 2,600 miles
of power transmission lines.

In addition to the electrical
service the local West Texas Util-
ities plant serves Hall County and
the surrounding territory with
ice, having a 42 ton daily capac-

Chas. Oren, Jeweler Is Oldest In Area

Chas. Oren, jeweler and optom-
etrist, began Memphis' oldest
jewelry business April 1, 1909,
now operated at 619 Main street.

The present store location has
been used for 12 years, the first
store being opened on Main street
between Fourth and Fifth streets,
and later being moved to the north
side of the square.

Mr. Oren, a licensed optician,
has complete equipment for glass
fittings and an adequate stock of
lens. Elgin and Hamilton watches,
Rogers, Holmes and Edwards and
International silverware, Seth
Thomas clocks, diamonds, and a
complete repair service for jew-
elry and watches are offered by
the firm.

Besides the local retail busi-
ness the company serves Eli,
Lakeview, Lesley, Plaska, Newlin,
Estelline, Purnell, Weatherly,
Giles, and Hedley with ice. Ice
is sold at retail to customers on
seven rural routes out of Mem-
phis.

A complete repair department
for electrical appliances, a light
engineering department and a
sales office for Frigidaire, West-
inghouse, Hot Point, IES, Bendix
and other electrical products are
maintained at the local plant.

Eight people are employed on
the daily average by the West
Texas Utilities Company in Mem-
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Waples-Platter Co., Wholesale Grocery, Is Pioneer in Hall County Territory

First Roads

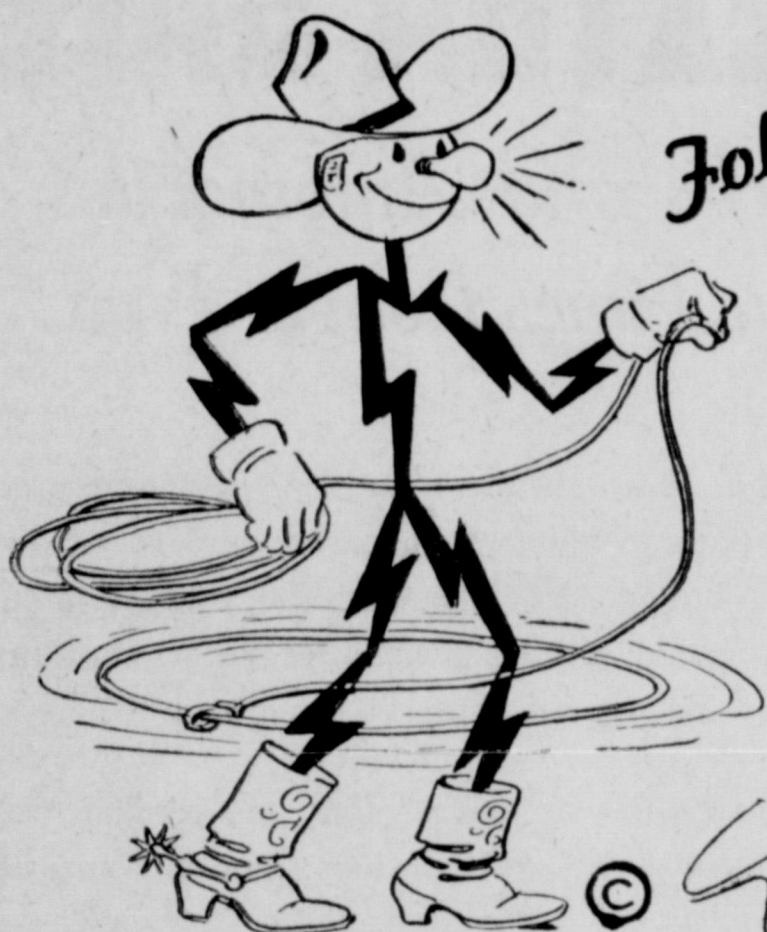
First Hall County roads were
designated and started in 1890
by the Commissioners Court at its
June 24th meeting. Pat Wolforth,
J. B. Pope, R. M. Harrison and J.
H. Dowry were commissioners. J.
A. Lafferty was county judge, S.
A. Simpson was county clerk and
C. A. Embree was sheriff at the
time.

for WOMEN only

CARDUI is a special medi-
cine for the relief of some of
the suffering which results from
a woman's weakened condition.
It has been found to make
monthly periods less disagree-
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been kept up awhile, has help-
ed many poorly nourished
women to get more strength
from their food. This medicine
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years. Find out whether it will
help you by giving it a fair
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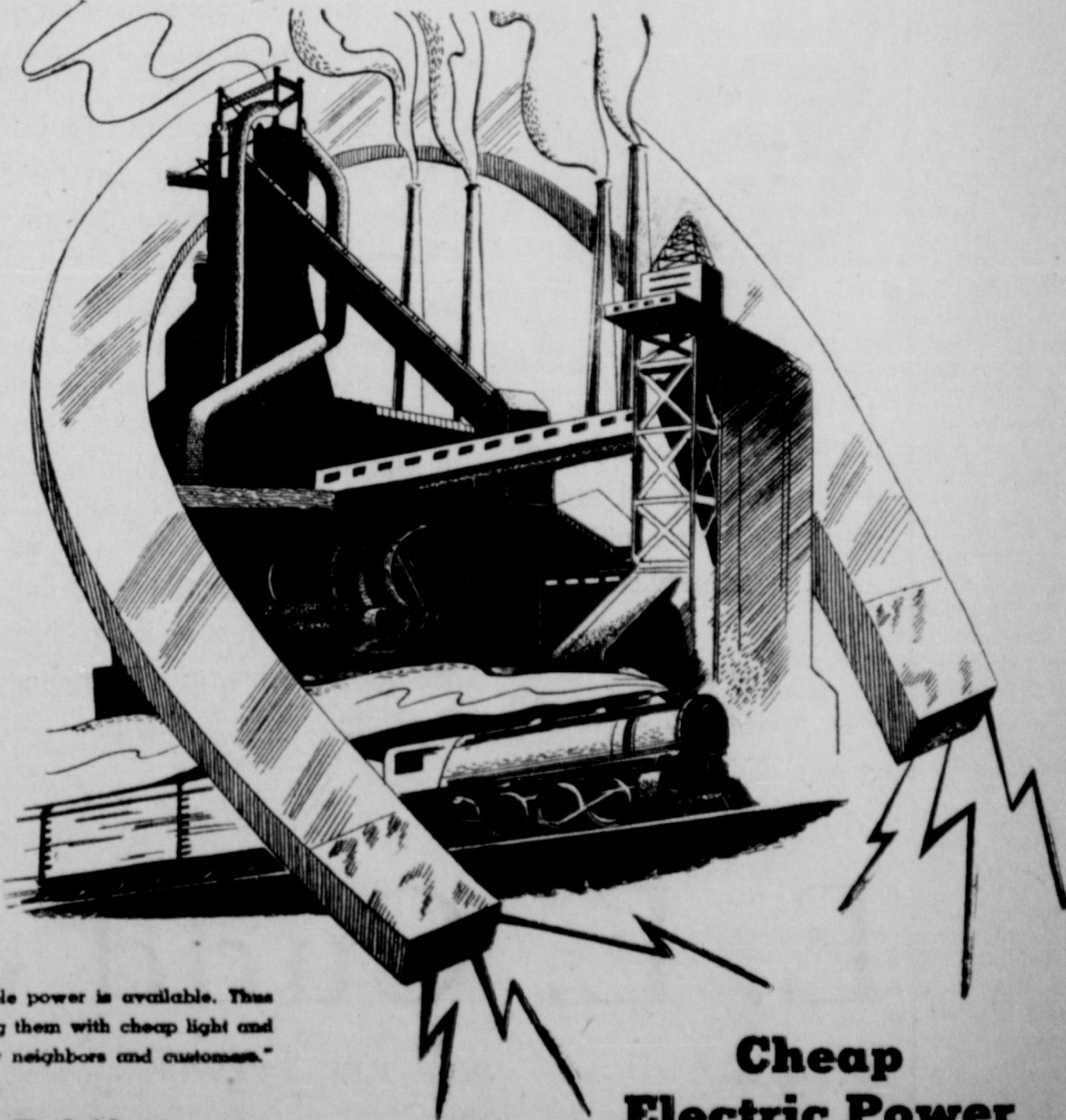
Don't Miss It!
OLD SETTLERS REUNION
JULY 27, 1938



REDDY KILOWATT Your Electric Servant

"YES, SIR. I honestly believe we'd be
better off with more industries.
Whenever the old-timers get together I
hear 'em talkin' about the progress us
youngsters have made. And their talk
hinges around the fact we've developed a
lot of cities and towns where people live
harmoniously and with ease and comfort
such as couldn't be bought at any price
when they were kids. They look kind of
goggle-eyed at all the business we do, at
all the Electric Servants in homes and
around shops and factories, and they're
amazed at the leisure time we have for
entertainment and relaxation.

"And something else, folks. I honestly
believe it's the low cost of Electric Service
and Power that makes possible this pros-
perity in so many West Texas communi-
ties. A study of U. S. population statistics
shows that this is the fastest growing sec-
tion in the country. A study of the nation's
industrial map shows that business is best
and population increases fastest where ample power is available. Thus
we serve West Texans not only by supplying them with cheap light and
power for homes and factories but with new neighbors and customers."



**Cheap
Electric Power
Draws New Industries
Like a Powerful Magnet**

**West Texas Utilities
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**DOSS
Dry Cleaners**

"We Dye to Live—Others Live to Die"



30 Years Ago
Good Tires DID Cost a Lot
Money, but Today **Firestone**
Gives Better Values and More

Firestone TIRES are EXTRA SAFE

and Economical for Trucks and Automobiles
Because they Wear Many Times Longer Now



A tire that sold for \$27.50
in 1922 and was good for
5,000 miles now sells for
\$6.00 and is good for six
times as many miles of
road service.

Thirty years ago, when automobiles were still in the experimental stages, good tires were considered about the greatest expense of owning and operating the "gasoline buggy." Not only were they expensive but the miles of service were very limited. Even a few years ago tires that gave as much as 5,000 miles of service were considered far above the average.

Today it is nothing to find a Firestone Tire that has been in use for 30,000 or 40,000 miles and yet showing little wear and depreciation.

It is easy to explain why this long wear and service is possible for Firestone Tires. The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company is the true pioneer of tire manufacturing. Throughout the years a skilled staff of Firestone engineers has led the field in scientific developments of workmanship and treads until today Firestone tires have reached the peak of perfection for modern day requirements.

Firestone rubber plantations in Liberia supply the highest grade raw materials possible to obtain, and the patented process of Gum-Dipping results in the extra blow-out protection that only Firestone can offer.

The history-making and money-saving tire on the market today is FIRESTONE just as it was in the pioneering stages of tire-making. You are not experimenting or pioneering when you buy tested and proven Firestones.

E. E. Cudd Service Station

OPEN ALL NIGHT — WRECKER SERVICE — N. D. PENDENT GAS AND OILS

"Your Firestone Dealer"
Phone 157—Memphis



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While you are here from the Pioneer Reunion and Celebration of the County to get a r... We invite you to get a r... We carry a big stock of motor oils and gasoline.

We Have Been Well Known Dealer for Gasoline in Memphis Since

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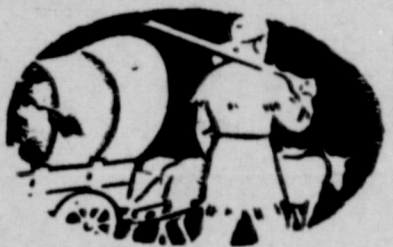
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Hall County was then unorg-
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or local government of its own
and very little law of any kind.
We built our little four-room box
house on Section 54, Block 18, six
miles southwest of Memphis, or
rather where Memphis was later
located, on Indian Creek, and the
rest of the family came on about
the first of April. There were
probably less than a dozen bona
fide settlers in the county at that
time, and our neighbors were few
and far between. Speaking of
settlers, I do not include the no-
madic cowboys or the two or
three dozen inhabitants of the lit-
tle village of Salisbury, which was
just getting a toe-hold over on
the railroad.

Perhaps I should mention just
here that the first actual settler
in Hall County was Uncle Jake
Fields, who came into the county
long before Hall County was sur-
veyed or named. He was a buf-
falo hunter and for many years
he kept a stage camp at what was
known as Fields Crossing on Red
River, on the stage line running
from Fort Griffin via Teepee City
and Mobetie to Fort Dodge, Kan-
sas. He was the step-father of
Hall County's oldest citizen at the
present time, my good old cow-
boy friend, B. C. (Bob) Crabb.

During the year 1889 new set-
tlers began to come in rapidly and
the choicer sections of land were
being taken fast. Some one took
up a section about ten miles from
Uncle Jake's place on the south
side of Red River and built a dug-
out on it. The old man began to
get restless and said the country
was getting to d-n-ed crowded to
suit him, and it was only a year



or two until Uncle Jake pulled
stakes and went to Lincoln Coun-
ty, New Mexico.
Two other men, who after-
ward played a prominent part in
the early history of the county,
came with my father and located
land at the same time he did.
These were W. R. Hill and J. F.
McLarty and they were our neigh-
bors for many years.

By the summer of 1889 so many
new people were coming in that
talk began to go around about
organizing the county for politi-
cal purposes and the subject soon
was a live topic. Hall County
was then attached to Donley County
and until Donley County was
organized in 1884, it had been at-
tached to Wheeler County. The
law required that there must be
150 legal voters in an unorganized
county before they could petition
for organization.

There was no town in the en-
tire county worthy of the name.
The Shoe Bar Ranch headquarters
on Oaks Creek was the great
meeting place and social center.
The historic old headquarters was
located about two miles north of
the present town of Lakeview in
a beautiful cottonwood and china-
berry grove. I suppose there must
have been seventy-five or a hun-
dred acres of it and the wild plums
were everywhere. Now I do not

expect there is a tree in miles of
the place. One who saw the coun-
ty as it was then only can realize
the great changes that have taken
place in fifty years.

The little town of Salisbury,
which was originally a railroad
construction camp, cherished am-
bitions and her founders knew
that in the near future the coun-
ty would be organized and a coun-
ty seat designated by the voters,
so they began to dream dreams
and saw wood.

The promoters of the town of
Salisbury were Messrs. A. Sime
and N. C. Blanchard, both hailing
from the state of Iowa. General
G. M. Dodge, general superintend-
ent of the Fort Worth and Den-
ver railroad, himself an Iowan,
along with other railroad officials,
had acquired most of the land
near the town and had imported
Sime and Blanchard to boost
Salisbury and sell their land at
a huge profit. The fact that
these men were Northerners will
serve to explain much of the bit-
terness engendered in the subse-
quent organization and county
seat fight. The Civil War had
been over only 24 years, and a
large portion of the new settlers
were ex-Confederate soldiers who
resented the idea of a "bunch of
blue-bellied Yankees coming down
here and trying to run things."

In June, 1889, J. C. Montgom-
ery arrived at Salisbury on a Gray-
son County, Texas. Mr. Montgom-
ery probably had no idea of
starting a new town in the Pan-
handle when he left home, but it is
pretty certain the idea occurred
to him soon after his arrival at
Salisbury, as he entered into nego-
tiations with Blanchard and Sime
to buy an interest in their town-
site. However, they failed to
agree on the terms and the trade
fell through, which proved to be
a costly mistake for the Salisbury
men. After looking over the coun-
try for a few days, Mr. Montgom-
ery returned to his home in Gray-
son County.

At this point it is necessary to
go back to March, 1889, in order
to explain some subsequent events.
When my father arrived at Salis-
bury in company with W. R. Hill
and J. F. McLarty, the three hired
a buckboard and started out to
"view the landscape over." They
had not proceeded far, however,
until they got off the dim chuck-
wagon trail in the Parker Creek
canyons. While wandering about
trying to find a way through to
the beautiful level country west
of Indian Creek, they ran across
a dugout built in the steep bank
of a canyon. It proved to be the
domicile of one Bill Robertson and
his family, consisting of his wife
and several children.

Robertson, afterward general-
ly known as "Col. Bill," and with
his wife became two of the chief
actors in the drama upon which the
curtain was just rising. After
giving them directions, Col. Bill
told my father as they were pre-
paring to leave that if he liked
Section No. 10 upon which he had
built his dugout he, Robertson,
would sell him his claim on the
land for \$75 cash and would throw
in an old wagon and a pair of
broom-tailed ponies besides. My
father told Robertson if he found
nothing that suited him better he

might come back and give him a
trade. But father found a sec-
tion which suited him much better
and never came back. The most
of Section 10 was a beautiful
level flat, but the railroad ran
through the middle of it and my
father considered that a bad
thing, as the trains would always
be running over his stock. Nei-
ther he nor Robertson dreamed at
that time that there would be a
hustling town on that flat in a
few months.

J. C. Montgomery (Uncle
Clowney, as he was affectionately
called by his friends) returned to
Hall County in the fall of 1889,
but he did not tarry long at Salis-
bury, though the promoters tried
to get him interested in the town,
but started out at once to have
another look-see at the country.
He went north up the railroad in
order to get around some of the
deeper canyons in the breaks of



Parker Creek, and it seemed to be
fate that caused him to run across
Col. Bill Robertson, who was still
waiting for some one to come
along and pay him a bonus, and
he at once struck Mr. Montgom-
ery for a trade. After looking
over the land, Mr. Montgomery
finally made a deal with Robert-
son, by the terms of which he ac-
quired the right to file on 360
acres, or half of Section 10, for
a consideration of about \$300 cash,
and the promise of a considerable
number of lots in the new town he
intended to lay out on the land.
Robertson had heard down at
Salisbury that a "tall red-whis-
kered man" had tried to buy an
interest in the Salisbury townsite,
and spotting Mr. Montgomery at
once and seeing the way the wind
was blowing, he had raised his
bonus demand considerably since
he tried to sell to my father.

Being now a capitalist, Col. Bill
went down to Salisbury a few
days after making the deal with
Mr. Montgomery to celebrate with
a several days' spree and while in
his cups, although enjoined to
secrecy about the trade, he gave
away far more of Mr. Montgom-
ery's plans than that gentleman
wished to be divulged until his
plans were more mature. It was
currently reported that Uncle
Clowney gave Bill a genteel good
tongue lashing at the first op-
portunity, but the Col. took it
city builder and on the road to
affluence. But the cat was out
of the wallet and business be-
gan to pick up.

As soon as the Salisbury pro-
moters were convinced that they
were to have a rival town just a
few miles away, they began to
fird their loins for the fray.

When Mr. Montgomery returned
to Grayson County in the sum-
mer, he had interested a number
of his neighbors and friends in the

new land of opportunity out in
the Panhandle. Among these
were J. A. Bradford, J. G. Noel,
and D. P. Webster. Mr. Webster
was the father of the Webster
boys, Jim, Roy, Joe, Charles, Bee,
Erice, Ray, Dot, and he certainly
did his part in boosting the popu-
lation of the county when he
moved up a few months later.
Noel and Bradford came about the
same time.

Col. Bill Robertson, in consid-
eration of the fact that he was
now a moneyed man and part own-
er of the new town that was yet to
be, decided to move up town out
of the canyons and built a small
box house on what is now Noel
street almost on the present site
of the Cicero Smith lumber yard.

When the townsite was sur-
veyed and platted in March, 1890,
it was found that Col. Bill had
built his town house right in the
middle of the street. Some diffi-
culty was encountered in get-
ting him to consent to move, but
the matter was finally adjudi-
cated by giving him lots else-
where and moving the house
gratis. While the new town was
being laid out, I saddled my old
cowpony, Melchizedec, and loped
over from our place to see the
operation which was being per-
formed with a span of big mules
and a sod plow.

By June 1, 1889, there were
many new settlers in the county,
and everyone was talking about
how soon the county could be
organized and where the county
seat would be located. It was a
live topic because everybody
knew that these things would
have to be done soon and there
would be a sharp contest.

The town of Salisbury, that is,
the promoters, were particularly
anxious to have the county organ-
ized as soon as possible so as to
cinch the county seat before the
"upstart of a nameless new town
up the road a few miles" gained
too much prestige. Mr. Montgom-
ery went quietly ahead with his
plans and by fall there were
five or six hundred people in the
county, counting families, and a
mass meeting was held at the
Shoe Bar headquarters in Novem-
ber to consider the question of
organization and it was unani-
mously agreed by those present
to proceed with the organization
the next spring. This action was
taken by a large number of rep-
resentative citizens from all over
the county.

In the meantime several new
towns had sprung up and it was
anticipated that all of them would
be candidates for the county site,
either active or receptive. New-
lin was born and christened in the
fall of 1889. The railroad com-
pany had a sandpit on Red River
and were trying to sink a deep
well there and had put in a
switch for their own accommoda-
tion. A. M. Embury bought a sec-
tion of land there and platted a
town, naming it for one of the
railroad officials, probably to
curry favor. Lakeview came into
existence about the same time, be-
ing promoted by J. C. Downing,
C. C. Cecil and J. W. Whatley.
Esteline was not born until
sometime in 1890.

By the spring of 1890 the popu-
lation was considerably augment-
ed and on April 5, a huge mass
meeting was held at the Shoe Bar
Ranch, Salisbury, Memphis, and
Lakeview were all represented by
their most prominent citizens. I
do not mention names because it
takes too much space. At this
meeting S. A. Simpson, a young
druggist from Kentucky who had
recently opened a drug store at
Salisbury, was elected secretary,
and it was voted unanimously to
proceed with the plans for organ-
ization. A petition was drawn up
and signed by all those present
who would be entitled to vote.

As soon as this all-important
matter was settled, Memphis be-
gan to bend every effort to se-
cure a post office and railroad ac-
commodations, as the promoters
of Salisbury had already begun to
make capital of the fact that "the
nameless town on Section 10 had
no switch, depot, or even a post
office, and never would have,"

and therefore the idea of locating
the county seat there was pre-
posterous. The petition for organ-
ization was turned over to Mr.
Simpson, who kept it in his store
at Salisbury for signatures.

Soon after the petition for or-
ganization had been launched,
Salisbury employed J. C. Sherwin,
a lawyer, as legal adviser for the
town. Ben H. Kelly, a young at-
torney from Vernon, who had just
been admitted to the bar, was
employed as counsel and publicity
man for Memphis. Mr. Kelly and
his brother P. M. Kelly had joint-
ly taken up a section of land west
of Indian Creek, which cornered
with my father's place. One of
Mr. Kelly's first duties was to
help dig a well on the Memphis
townsite, as there must be a water
supply. He became one of the
most prominent lawyers in Texas.
Incidentally, he erected the first
business house in Memphis, which



was the little wooden house which
stood on the southwest corner of
the square for so many years.

Not to be outdone, C. C. (Char-
lie) Cecil imported his brother
Jim Cecil from Virginia to act as
legal adviser for Lakeview. He
was a young lawyer just starting
out. So the stage was set for a
battle to the finish for the county
seat.

Not much trouble had been an-
ticipated by Memphis in getting a
post office, as that was Uncle
Sam's affair, and he would not be
interested in local squabbles, but
the question of securing a depot
and a switch was something else
again, as that would have to
come from a private corporation
with a grudge.

Mr. Kelly mounted a mule fur-
nished by J. A. Bradford and
started out with a petition for a
post office and soon had 80 sig-
natures on it. Then it was for-
warded to the Postmaster General,
asking for a post office to be called
"Bradford." To the surprise
of the petitioners the reply came
back that there was nothing stir-
ring and that another name would
have to be sent in, as the name of
Bradford was entirely unaccept-
able. Then the name of "Pope"
was forwarded and Mr. Kelly, who
had charge of the matter, was
certainly informed that we were still
out of luck, as Mr. John B. Pope
had sent a telegram protesting
against the use of his name. This
was a poser. Again Mr. Kelly
straddled the faithful and reliable
descendant of Halaam's Ass and
went to see Mr. Pope, who was
then at his ranch in Armstrong
County. Mr. Pope vehemently de-
clared that he had made no pro-
test and that whoever said he had
was a liar, even if it was the
Postmaster General himself.

A number of other names were
sent in with practically the same
result, and finally the name of
Memphis was suggested by some
student of history and sent it.
All this time, Memphis was name-
less and could not get one, but it
was now pretty certain to those
interested that there was some-
thing very putrid in Denmark.
But by this time, the fight over
the proposed plans for organiza-
tion became so hot and complica-
ated, it was decided to let the
post office matter drop for the
present.

In a very short time the peti-
tion to organize had 187 names
on it and was to be presented to
the Commissioners Court of Don-
ley County at its regular session
on May 3, 1890. Two newspapers
were launched in the spring of
1890, one at Salisbury and one at
Memphis. The Hall County Rec-
ord made its bow at Salisbury in
March. It was edited by J. C.
Holmes, a vitriolic writer and a

UNIQUE HISTORY OF HALL COUNTY PIONEER DAYS

This Country Was
Once Thought a
Liability to State

very versatile man, who called
himself a "reformed" Methodist
preacher. The first issue of the
Hall County Herald appeared at
Memphis May 3, 1890, and was
edited by Eugene de Baurenfeld,
a talented young journalist from
Missouri.

With the appearance of these
papers there followed a campaign
of abuse and slander which beg-
gars description. The libel laws
were totally ignored and charges
were hurled at various citizens
charging them with every known
crime from perjury to grand
larceny. Murder was not in-
cluded, for as yet none had been
committed, though bloodshed was
narrowly averted on a number of
occasions.

A part of the strategy used by
Memphis was to give two town
lots to all newcomers who would
accept them. This proved an ex-
cellent advertising scheme and
gained many new citizens for the
town. It was perfectly legiti-
mate but it galled Salisbury to
the quick. The Hall County Rec-
ord accused Memphis of trying
to buy the election for county
seat if and when it was ever held.

For this and other reasons the
promoters of Salisbury became
violently opposed to organizing
the county at that time, although
they had been the chief propo-
nents of the move and had agreed
to it. It was soon learned up at
Memphis that the Salisbury men
were inducing their adherents to
erase their names from the peti-
tion so that it would not have
the required number of signatures
when presented to the court, and
thus delay the proposition until
things looked more propitious for
Salisbury.

Of course the Memphis people
were very indignant at this pro-
cedure and a large delegation of
the leading men went down to
Salisbury to enter a protest and
do something about it. When the
people at Salisbury saw this de-
termined bunch of men entering
the town from toward Memphis,
some of them pretended to be
very much alarmed. The chief
publicity man for Salisbury, who
knew he was very unpopular at
Memphis, left town on foot with-
out a carpet bag and counted
cross-ties in a hurry in the gen-
eral direction of Fort Worth.

A freight train picked the pub-
licity man up near Newlin and
carried him to Quanah, where he
reported to Capt. Bill McDonald,
who was stationed there with his
Ranger force, that the entire male
population of Memphis had come
down to Salisbury armed to the
teeth and crazy drunk, and were
murdering the people without re-
gard to age or sex, and he him-
self had barely escaped with his
life. A box car was hastily cou-
pled to a locomotive, the Rangers
piled in, and a record run was
made to Salisbury over a clear
track. Arriving there the Rangers
found the town as quiet as a Pur-
itan village on Sunday morning,
and not a single casualty. Capt.
McDonald told of the harrowing
tale told by the publicity man, as
it was too good to keep, saying
that if his men should get hold
of said publicity man he might
be handled a little rough. But
that worry never came back.

The Memphis men had gone to
see Mr. Simpson, who readily sur-
rendered the petition and said he
was glad to get rid of it, and it
was carried back to Memphis,
where it was safely locked up to
insure that no more names were
taken off.

When the petition to organize
was presented to the court at
Clarendon on the 3rd of May,
1890, a large delegation went up
from Memphis and also from
Lakeview, as everyone was ex-
pecting a contest. Salisbury had
her representative there, all
cocked and primed for a finished
fight. Col. John B. Pope was the
representative of Hall County as
a whole. The contest raged for
three days, the Salisbury men do-
ing all in their power to disqual-
ify a large number of Memphis
signers of the petition. The con-
test was finally decided by the
court in favor of the petitioners
and the date of the election set for
June 17, 1890, just a few weeks
off.

Up to this time the Lakeview
men had stood with Memphis, but

THEN ::: Memphis Won the Fight for the County Seat and Court House in 1890 ::: NOW



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DISTRICT MANAGER of the United Gas Corporation, G. L. Taylor has been associated with the gas distribution in Hall, Collingsworth, and Childress counties since the first pipeline was laid from Shamrock to Wichita Falls in 1926. He is located in the district office at Childress.

Shamrock Gas Field Brought Natural Gas to City in 1926

Mineral Wells Men Were First Owners of Company Later Sold and Divided

General agitation for pipelines to bring natural gas to domestic and commercial consumers in Memphis began shortly after the World War, but it was not until 1924 and 1925 that specific attempts were actually made to persuade capital to take up the risk. What finally assured the building of a pipeline through Memphis, according to G. L. Taylor, manager of the district office of the United Gas Corporation at Childress, was the discovery of the Shamrock gas field.

D. A. Upham and his son, C. R. Upham, of Mineral Wells became interested in building a pipeline to Wichita Falls after the Shamrock field was brought in. Franchises were secured in all the towns that would be served by the line and construction began

early in 1926. The Northern Texas Utilities Co., organized by the Uphams, was ready to supply Memphis and other towns along its pipeline the next year.

In 1930 the Uphams sold their interest in the Northern Texas Utilities Co. and the name was changed to the United Gas System. Then in August of last year, in accordance with the Wheeler-Rayburn Public Utility Act, the distribution properties were separated from the pipeline properties and two firms were set up, the United Gas Corporation and the United Gas Pipeline Company.

The district office, which is located at Childress, serves the counties of Hall, Collingsworth and Childress and the five cities of Memphis, Wellington, Childress, Kirkland and Dodson. The United Gas Corporation operated 22 district offices in three states, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Mr. Taylor, the district manager, began as an employee of the company during the time it was a property of the Uphams and has been located in Childress since the construction of the pipeline began. He was made district manager when the district office was established at Childress in 1932.

The employees of the Memphis office of the United Gas Corporation include: Robert Breedlove, service manager; M. C. Hall, assistant service manager, and Miss Lula Travis, secretary and book-keeper.

Bits of History Taken from Herald

Hall County Herald, May 23, 1896

T. M. Pyle has been down the road on business this week.

News was received here yesterday of the burning down of the fine house and stables of the Rocking Chair ranch on Wednesday night. The house and stables were located at different places and there had been no fire at either one for some time, so it seems beyond doubt to have been of incendiary origin. It is thought by many, that some parties living in that section objected to the ranch being sold or occupied and concluded to burn down the buildings.

The following constitutes the Democratic executive committee of Hall County, as appointed by the chairman:

J. W. Brice, Memphis; W. R. Hill, Twin Buttes; J. C. Finger, Deep Lake; J. P. Drake, Newlin; D. H. Arnold, Estelline; T. P. Richardson, Crump; James Rothwell, Ricks; R. A. Grundy, Oxford; J. C. Thomas, Cooper.

POTTS MOTOR IS AGENT FOR 2 FINE AUTOS

T. M. Potts Owner Of Oldsmobile and Chevrolet Agencies

Potts Chevrolet Company, one of the best ranking Chevrolet and Oldsmobile agencies in the Panhandle, was established in March, 1932, by T. M. Potts, owner and manager.

Prior to that time B. E. Davenport and Mr. Potts had operated the D & P Chevrolet Company, having taken over the D & M Chevrolet Company in 1928. In 1926 the Memphis Chevrolet Company was formed by Mr. Davenport and C. C. Meacham with the purchase of the Lon Montgomery agency, and was later changed to D & M Chevrolet Company. The Montgomery motor company was the first agency for service and cars.

Operating since 1934 in the present Main and Seventh streets location, the Potts Chevrolet Company offers complete body shop, service and parts facilities. OK Used Cars are featured by the local agency, also.

Members of the staff besides Mr. Potts are: Hugh Crawford and



T. M. POTTS

Don Wright, salesman; W. C. Chapman, salesman and parts manager; Mrs. W. C. Chapman, accountant; Dick Spoon, service manager; J. R. Hindman, Fred Spencer, and Chester Wattenbarger, mechanics; and Bill Veal, bodyman.

The service department has been continually renewed and body shop equipment is new throughout. Servicemen are schooled in modern methods through constant training—giving a complete, modern service at the Potts Chevrolet Company.

CICERO-SMITH STARTED HERE IN FALL OF 1904

Yard Started In '99 By Browder; Brown Manager 32 Years

Cicero-Smith Lumber Company opened its yard in Memphis during the fall of 1904, an outgrowth of the lumber yard started in 1889 by John Browder and later sold to C. S. Boykin.

The chain of yards, now numbering 36, was started at the same time; the Memphis yard being number four. Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico are now served by Cicero-Smith yards.

J. G. Brown, present manager, came to Memphis in September, 1906, and has been manager of the local yard since that time. Mr. Brown is the oldest employee of the company, having served with Cicero-Smith since the beginning 30 years ago.

At the time Mr. Brown came to Memphis there were only four or five brick buildings in the city. He has been out of the local yard only once on vacation and that was for about 20 days some eight years ago.

A stock of about 200,000 feet of lumber is carried regularly by

Bits of History Taken from Herald

Hall County Herald, May 30, 1896

N. W. Andis killed a beef Wednesday and has been retailing it out.

Master Jot Montgomery gave his little friends a party at the family home Wednesday night. A goodly number were present and they had a merry time.

The old Mill Irons headquarters were burned last Saturday night.

They were located in the southern central part of Hall County and have been there several years.

We failed to learn the origin of the fire. The house and nearly all furniture was a total loss.

The good ladies of the Baptist church gave a very enjoyable supper at the iron store building Tuesday night. Ice cream and cake were served as well as a general supper and was heartily enjoyed by the large number present. The receipts of the affair were about \$30, which will be a good addition to their treasury.

the yard which covers most of a block on Noel street. BPS paints, coal, lumber and builder's supplies of all kinds are offered by the yard.

Bill D. Hart is bookkeeper for the Memphis yard.

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Thames: Thames Valley (U.K.) had completed more than 50 years of record; it ranks as one of the oldest among the manufacturing centers of this city. It was established February 11, 1949.

Harmon-Electric Harprow Co. was the first one named with N. W. Harprow and M. W. Harprow, owners. In the next place was W. W. Clower, though he had only a small interest. In 1921, however, Mr. Clower and Mr. Harprow bought out the one-third Harprow partnership, forming Harprow-Clower Harprow Co.

Shortly afterwards, W. M. Harrison became interested in the firm, which became Harrison Harrison Co. in 1926 with the purchase of Mrs. W. M. Harrison's interest in the store. Chat Harrison took an active interest with the firm, putting the staff under the strictest control in 1932.

Historic Shawnee has been at its present location since 1924, when the school moved to the old "new" building, where the Shawnee people have since been meeting. Two years west of the present building, Mr. J. H. Shawnee purchased the complete 40 acres in the Shawnee reserve, setting it apart as a national dance center, coming to fruition.

In the 12 years over 25,000,000 worth of goods has been distributed by the Thomson Storehouse Co.

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Hitch-Hiking Is Not New in County

When you drive down the highway and see the old-fashioned, dirt road through the product of a machine. Forty-six years ago F. H. Conant, pioneer rail County resident, then drove through the country looking for work. He Conant, rather than he sometimes didn't have the money to ride the stage and that sometimes the stage did not run so accommodating him, so he hitchhiked through the Peninsula, hopping rides with strangers.

The Geyers only of the mountain range in the new camp and the north mountains here in the early days. They however was a welcome change in the landscape. He states that the rocks and mountains were composed of the same "black sand" and in every way he stopped at during the tour of the Peninsula. It was proved with questions about

Mr. Brown is a native of Kentucky, having been born in that state May 11, 1865. He came to Hall county first in 1885, on the then existing city and went located in Rutherford County where he made his home for a year and returned to Hall County and has been a resident of the Prichard community since.

The city of Tinney was first called Tinney Town from the stage-bags which stood in the large square country. The shortened name became common later on.

MEMPHIS ONLY TOWN IN PANHANDLE WITH TWO
HARDWARE STORES MORE THAN 25 YEARS OLD



W. H. MARTINSON, associate in the Portland Hatware Co. for over 25 years, has served as president of both the Portland and Texas hatware associations. He was the sixth president of the Texas Association and presided over the annual convention of the Portland Association in 1961.

New Church Services Heed in Early Times in ERI Community

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Mr. J. H. Baker came to the EE community in March of 1976 when the crew was made up of a surface air vessel and operated by J. H. Sheppard. A general maintenance crew was by Mr. EE. A two-crewer vessel taught in Baker later and the sister, Mrs. Elna Baker, and a thousand owner and operated by Elna King. Mr. King still operates the place of business on EE.

Church services were held one month with Sunday school as presiding at a little church on Hill Street out of C. E. The Rev. Mr. H. H. McArthur ministered the church service, singing to 25 from Nevada to all in attendance.

Where Mrs. Williams came to C. E. Mother's Club has been organized for several years with 15 or so members, including a list of church members. It is late Alexander, now of Virginia Falls, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. A. G. Thompson and Mrs. M. H. Jones of Memphis. To day Mrs. Mother's Club has 22 members.

• New PTA organization to be created, a great fitness center, school to be taught and the old school to be a modern Financier. There shall be a modern gym, a new mail service and a new school every building will be a new service. There shall be a new school every building will be a new service. There shall be a new school every building will be a new service.

During the summer of 1966 some 45 men met at the Shih Hu Shih headquarters about 12 miles west of Memphis and organized the county, sending a petition to the court in November.

In 1919-20, Walter ordered 25,000 shade trees for planting. In East County and gave half a dozen to each school child in the county. Many of the present trees in the park are believed to have come from this shipment.



His father, George Thompson, present manager of the Thompson Bros. Hardware Co., was secretary of the Portland Hardware Association from 1907 until 1921, and in 1922 served as president. His father, George Thompson, was president of the Association in 1901.

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Dr. H. H. Kinnel is one of the "oldsmen" in Memphis insurance circles in the First National Bldg. for 24 years. In 1917 the Kinnel Co. Foreign Insurance Agency was started with him as January 1, 1921 became the Dr. H. H. Kinnel Insurance Agency.



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home for the bank was constructed in 1919. It is located at Sixth and Main streets, is 25 by 140 feet and is a two story building with offices in the upper floor.

The Hall County National Bank was established in 1905 by J. P. and Charles Drake, and it was merged with the First National Bank in 1933. At that time the First National Bank purchased the Farmers State Bank, Newlin, and the Estelle State Bank. Thus the present bank is a combination of several of Hall County's banking institutions.

Present officers are: S. S. Montgomery, president; W. C. Dickey, vice president; Thos. E. Noel, vice president; T. H. Deaver, vice president and cashier; and O. L. Helm, assistant cashier.

Directors for the First National Bank are F. N. Foxhall, S. T. Harrison, D. L. C. Kinard, H. W. Stringer, J. E. King, John M. Deaver, O. V. Alexander, and the bank officers.

First State Bank
In 1933 the First State Bank was organized, taking the place of the Citizens State Bank, which had been chartered in 1907. J. A. Bradford was first president and W. B. Quigley first cashier of the old Citizens State Bank.

In 1909 the present building occupied by the First State Bank was erected. The bank located at the corner of Sixth and Noel streets is 50 by 140 feet, with private office space in the rear.

F. E. Leary was made president of the First State Bank after re-organization and still serves in that capacity. H. W. Stringer, vice president; J. Henderson Smith, vice president and J. M. Duren, cashier, complete the officers of the bank. Directors are F. E. Leary, H. W. Stringer, T. J. Dunbar, F. A. Finch and Sam Hamilton.

Hall County Once Covered with Grass

By MRS. C. T. PADGETT
Democrat Correspondent

Mrs. H. W. Shefer moved to Hall County in 1910 on the farm, with her sister, "Aunt Tex" Wilson, southwest of Memphis on Indian Creek.

Mrs. Shefer states that she has seen Hall County land covered with prairie dog towns, mesquite bushes and native grass that was saddle high on horses, and that during her residence in the county this has been converted into prosperous fields of grain and cotton.

Mrs. Shefer reared her large family in this once new land and they are all living near her, with the exception of two, and are farming the land that was owned by Uncle Bud and Aunt Tex Wilson, pioneers of 48 years residence.

The first post office in Hall County was established at Newlin in 1888. March 4 of that year was the earliest postmarked date.

UNIQUE HISTORY OF HALL COUNTY PIONEER DAYS

This County Was Once Thought a Liability to State

(Continued from page 1)

as soon as the contest was decided and the election ordered, they joined forces with Salisbury. The Salisbury paper became their organ also. The short campaign, which followed was one of the most hectic and spectacular ever waged in Texas, except the one which preceded the election for November of that year.

Soon after the election was ordered Salisbury induced the railroad to locate a large number of laborers there and they were housed in a long string of boarding cars. A large quantity of cross-ties and lumber was also unloaded there as if some considerable improvements were to be made. There were about 160 of the men and The Hall County Record announced that they would be located at Salisbury indefinitely.

In fact, they did inaugurate a considerable building program. Among other things, a good sized two-story hotel of stucco in Spanish design was started, but, alas! never finished.

It soon leaked out up at Memphis that the Salisbury promoters intended to vote these laborers in the election and the Memphis people were, of course, very indignant at such tactics. Several determined men went down to Salisbury and had a little talk with the boss of the railroad gang and warned them not to attempt to vote, as it would be illegal and besides a little unhealthy, as a company of Rangers would be there on the job to see that they didn't. The warning had the desired effect.

Now all Salisbury could hope for was a tie vote or an excuse to contest the election. Lakeview claimed that she would only have to muster one third of the total vote to be declared the county seat, as the town was within about five miles of the center of the county. It should be explained that the Lakeview of 1890 was about four miles southeast of the present town of the same name and the center of the county was at Goat Island near the Fields crossing on Red River.

Election day rolled around at last and the fight lasted until the polls closed. Each town had several men at the various polling places to look after their interests. It was rumored that several men who had taken up sections of land near Lakeview and abandoned them to settle in Floyd and

Briscoe counties would be on hand to vote for Lakeview. This looked a little bad for Memphis, as the judge of the election at Lakeview was a staunch supporter of that town and no doubt the men would be allowed to vote, and everyone knew the election would be close.

However, the election judge decided to run for commissioner and, therefore, was disqualified. This state of affairs made it necessary for the first voters who arrived at the voting place to select a judge. A judge was selected who was not a staunch Lakeview supporter.

When the returns were canvassed at Clarendon, it was found that Memphis had received 84 votes, Salisbury 19, and Lakeview 43, making a total of 146 votes. Memphis was declared the victor, as Lakeview lacked five and two-thirds votes of receiving one-third of the total number.

It was hoped by many that now the county seat question was settled and Memphis had elected almost her entire ticket, there would

be peace, but Lakeview joined hands again with Salisbury to elect a full set of county officers at the November election who would block the building of a court house at Memphis until another election could be held for the county seat.

However, the writer cannot go into that second fierce contest, as this article is already far too lengthy. The fight to get a post office was resumed by Memphis immediately after the June election. A large mass meeting was held at which strong resolutions were adopted and the proceedings, together with the facts in the case, were published in the daily papers of the state. A set was also forwarded to Washington and the officials there must have experienced a sudden change of heart, for the petition was granted immediately for a post office to be called "Memphis."

Anent the securing of the post office, it was learned sometime later that the townspeople of the railroad had managed to get

the ear of a petty official in the Post Office Department at Washington and had used this man in the interest of Salisbury. Hence, all the trouble about getting the post office. Col. Bill Robertson, posing as a loyal Republican, was appointed the first postmaster by President Harrison.

I will close this article by giving the names of the first set of county officers elected in Hall County:

J. A. Lafferty, county judge; C. R. Price, county attorney; S. A. Simpson, county and district clerk; C. A. (Timberleg) Erbree, sheriff and tax collector; A. C. Willborn, treasurer; E. R. Clark, surveyor; W. M. Ball, commissioner Precinct No. 1; J. F. Webster, Precinct No. 2; J. C. Finger, Precinct No. 3; J. H. Drury, Precinct No. 4.

The Woman's Culture Club in Memphis was organized in 1898 on May 16, and became federated in 1900. Mrs. E. L. Houghton, deceased, was founder of the club.

O. B. Burnett was once known as the "Cotton King of the Panhandle." He helped develop cotton growing in this entire area.

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To each of our friends we owe thanks for the way in which they have made it possible for us to grow in spite of adverse conditions of recent years. Our statement of condition, announced last week, is proof enough that this institution is a sound banking firm . . . but we cannot lose sight of the fact that a host of loyal and faithful friends have made it possible for us to maintain a high deposit rating . . . TO THESE DEPOSITORS MUST GO MUCH OF THE CREDIT and TO THEM WE EXTEND THIS INVITATION.

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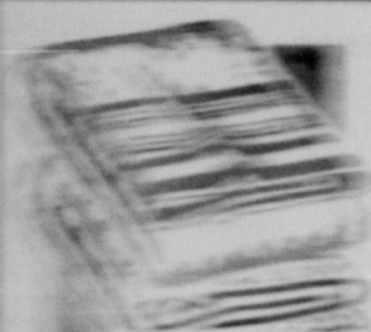
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Rhinoceros Once Roamed Panhandle

CANYON, July 20.—A skull of the large hornless rhinoceros which lived three million years ago on these plains, as complete and undistorted as any ever unearthed in the Panhandle, was found recently in Lipscomb County.

The find was made by a WPA scientific party directed by Mrs. C. Stuart Johnston of Canyon. The trip of exploration was made as one of the field journeys sponsored by West Texas State College. Nearby were found limb bones and other remains of the ancient bear dog, a gigantic animal unearthed also in other fossil beds of this area.

The rhinoceros skull, found in an old river bed deposit of a Canadian river tributary, will be placed on exhibit at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society museum here within a few weeks.

\$100, all the money in the treasury, for the two-month term which he held. He still has the old bell used in the first school. He also taught singing school all over this area: Memphis, Quanah, Childress, Matador and Floydada and surrounding communities.

"Gid" Crews and his brother Joe W. married in a double ceremony, and curiously enough they married sisters, Asenath and Laura Chapman. Joe W. Crews the oldest of the boys married the youngest of the girls, Laura, and claims that since he was the oldest he had his choice before "Gid" got there.



B. E. DAVENPORT

Farm Machinery Is Sold by Davenport

B. E. Davenport, tractor and implement dealer, opened his establishment at the corner of Robertson and Seventh streets, January 13, 1934.

The Davenport agency features J. I. Case implements and tractors, Goodyear tractor tires, and Monitor Windmills. A complete parts department for tractors and farm machinery is maintained with a shelf and heavy hardware department as well.

A service department for tractors and all types of farm machinery is maintained in the rear of the showroom building. J. T. Stone, mechanic, is in charge.

First Land Deal in Hall County Was Big

The first land transaction in Hall County was a big one, according to records found in the office of Floyd Springer, Hall County Clerk, involving 34,070 acres south of the Prairie Dog Fork of Red River. The land was placed in trust to G. P. Meade by W. T. Harness and others for the consideration of one dollar. The tract in question consisted of 53 sections of land and 150 acres of another section.

The record was a part of the transcription of the Donley County records made by county clerk S. H. Simpson, and was dated in 1883.

Mevis Store Was An Early Meeting Place For Hall Cowboys

By MRS. J. A. LEMMON
Democrat Correspondent

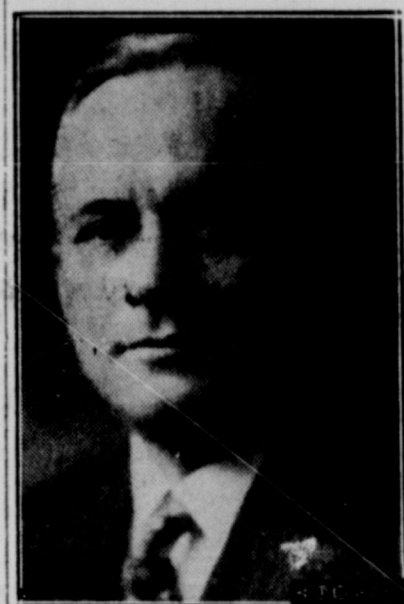
The Mevis Store in Giles was an early day meeting place for both young and old. It was especially a favorite with the cowboys during the shipping season. Mrs. E. L. Mevis, affectionately known as Mother Mevis, was the owner and operator.

The old store was destroyed by fire August 29, 1930, and the only remaining landmarks of the '90's are the Fort Worth and Denver depot and pumphouse and the former residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Willingham, now owned by Jesse Boone.

Mr. Willingham was agent and operator for the Fort Worth and Denver City railroad for a number of years at Giles. He left the community 32 years ago to make his home in Fort Worth.

RETURNS AFTER VISIT

John Bownds of the Lesley community was in Memphis Saturday, after having returned to his home Thursday following a three-month visit with his daughter, Mrs. E. T. Hale, at Dalhart. On his way home, Mr. Bownds stopped in Clarendon for a visit with his son, Joe Bownds.



L. A. WOODS

L. A. Woods, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. L. A. Woods has been a great factor to all of the schools in Hall County. He has visited in Hall County several times and knows many of you personally. He has favored Hall County in every way possible giving us many considerations that we would not have received had it not been for him, thus enabling us to get through depression period in good shape. He knows our particular problems. He is interested in our children. He is making it possible for them to get an education.

The office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction is a most important public trust. The Superintendent is vitally concerned with the educational interests of many adults and more than one and one-half million children. Democracy is being challenged, and the type of education provided will large determine the stability of our free government.

The demand for life-long education, which is becoming more and more a responsibility of the public schools, places added responsibility on the office. All this demands a State Superintendent of sterling qualities and outstanding professional ability. Mr. Woods believes that the public free school system belongs to the people who support it, that it draws its support from the people, and that it is for all the people; therefore, He Favors the Election of the State Superintendent by Direct Vote of the People.

L. A. Woods, the Man
As a rural school teacher, high school principal, superintendent of schools, county school superintendent, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Woods has served with credit and distinction. He holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Doctor of Laws from Baylor University. Dr. Woods is an untiring worker. He has given untiringly of his time for the social, religious, and educational betterment of the state of Texas.

L. A. Woods: State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
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2. Equalizing education opportunities.
3. Closing gap between urban and rural schools.
4. Improving vocational training.
5. Providing more supervision and less inspection.
6. Administering schools more economically and efficiently.
7. Enriching and improving curriculum by adding music, elementary science, and physical and health education.
8. Securing more school for the money spent.

(Political advertisement paid for by friends of L. A. Woods)

Foxhall Motor Co. Started In 1925; Has Ford Agency

Agency Established in 1912; Service Department Rates in High Brackets by Inspector

Foxhall Motor Company, one of the outstanding Panhandle agencies for Ford and Lincoln Zephyr automobiles, was formed in 1932 in the present Noel street location.

The history of the Ford agency in Memphis dates back to 1912 when Charles Drake and Major McCanne began the first business. Following in rapid succession were such men as John Gambill, Charlie Craig, W. M. Fore, C. A. Powell, W. O. Powell, H. W. Stringer and Hollis Boren. The Parker Motor Company was started in 1925 by F. N. Foxhall which was changed to the Foxhall Motor Company in 1932 under the management of Ed Foxhall.

Rated "A" with the Ford Motor Company inspection service, the local dealer is equipped to give complete repair service with the latest equipment. A re-modernized parts department carries ample stock for Fords and Lincoln Zephyr cars.

R&G used cars and "Square Deal" used cars are offered by the Foxhall Motor Company with a guarantee as to service and performance. Firestone tires, and oils and greases are available to customers.

Besides the manager the staff of the Foxhall Motor Company includes: G. L. Watson, assistant manager and sales manager; A. J. Joyce, accountant and parts manager; W. B. Hamilton, J. F. Brown and Clyde Lawson, mechanics; R. C. Householder, salesman; and P. L. Dishman, Hedley sales representative; and Porter Harris, washboy.

Perkins Sells Both New, Used Furniture

G. G. Perkins and Son, furniture store, was opened in Memphis November 1, 1936. The store is now located at 607 Main street. Owned and managed by G. G. and O. M. Perkins, the store was moved here from Childress where it had formerly been located for four years.

New and used furniture are sold and a repair department for furniture and upholstery is maintained. Quick-Meal stoves, Gold Seal rugs, and Wilkins luggage are offered by the store.

Bear Dog Lived Here A Million Years Ago

The "bear dog," an animal as large as the Alaskan brown bear, inhabited the Texas Panhandle more than a million years ago. It was one of the most ferocious of the carnivorous beasts on this continent.

One of the finest specimens of these animals, Amphicyon Gidleyi or bear dog, was recently found by a WPA party in Donley County several miles across the border from Hall County.

The find consists of a complete skull with the lower jaw and all the teeth in place excepting a few incisors. It is said the Great Dane and St. Bernard dogs would be puny creatures compared with this animal.

Norman's Auto Shop Carries Many Lines

Norman's, the auto and harness shop, was the outgrowth in 1923 of Nunn's harness shop, an establishment that dates far back in Memphis history.

James Norman and Mrs. J. H. Norman own the store which has been expanded to carry such lines as Crosley Shelvador refrigerators, Crosley radios, seeds, fishing tackle and other sporting equipment and complete harness and supplies. The firm is equipped to do complete automobile body work, painting and radio repair and service work. It has been operated in the present east side location since 1928.

James Norman is manager and Jack Norman is a member of the staff. James Tanner is body man for the automobile department.

Bits of History Taken from Herald

Hall County Herald, July 18, 1896
F. J. Goffinett's crop of wheat was threshed this week. It was a very fine sample and yielded over twenty bushels to the acre.

S. S. Montgomery and family are visiting friends in San Saba this week. They also took in the sheriff's convention at San Antonio.

The rain was so hard on Thursday that the mill tank near town was filled and began running over. The dam being very weak was soon carried away. This tank will now soon dry up and leave the town with but little stock water.

D. A. Grundy and wife, A. H.

Willborn and wife and Capt. Wright and family went out to Deep Lake Tuesday and returned Wednesday evening. They spent one night camping out and trying to catch fish.

We consider it unnecessary to even intimate to the people of Hall County that it has rained this week. The farmer who has the cotton and corn wears a grin that looks as though it might have been made with a scythe blade, while on the other hand the man whose wheat has not been threshed as yet wears a countenance that plainly says "to be continued in our next."

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—for—

Seeds, Farm Needs, Auto Body Work, Sports Equipment and Awnings . . .



These awnings, for home or business, are the very thing for fooling the sun! Every one is tailored to fit, give us your order!

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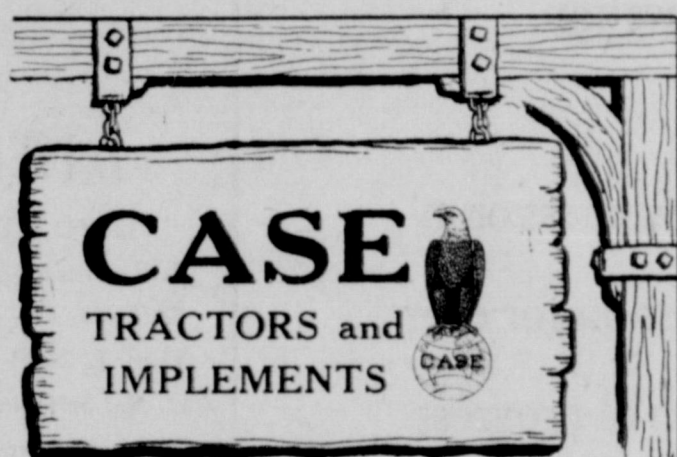
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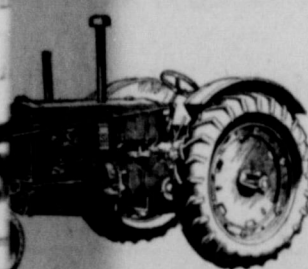
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Since the day of the walking-plow, Case implements have been important factors in agricultural developments in Hall County. Each year Case tractors and implements become more widely used and more significance is added to this "sign of quality" . . . because farmers of today, like those of Pioneer Days, find Case farming equipment to be the finest on the market.

During the years we have been in business we have received the support and patronage of a most loyal public . . . no institution could ask for more. We are deeply grateful!

Besides a complete stock of farming machinery, many small shelf implements for the farm, we are dealers for Monitor Self-Oiling Windmills, a true pioneer of the plains of Texas. See us for your farming needs.

IN HALL COUNTY and IN BUSINESS SINCE 1896

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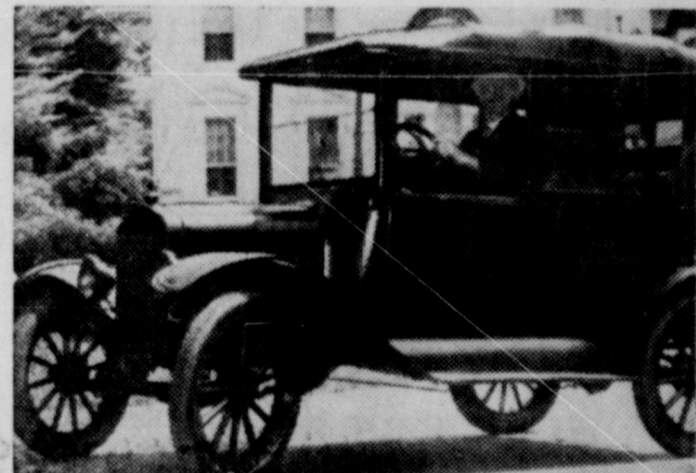
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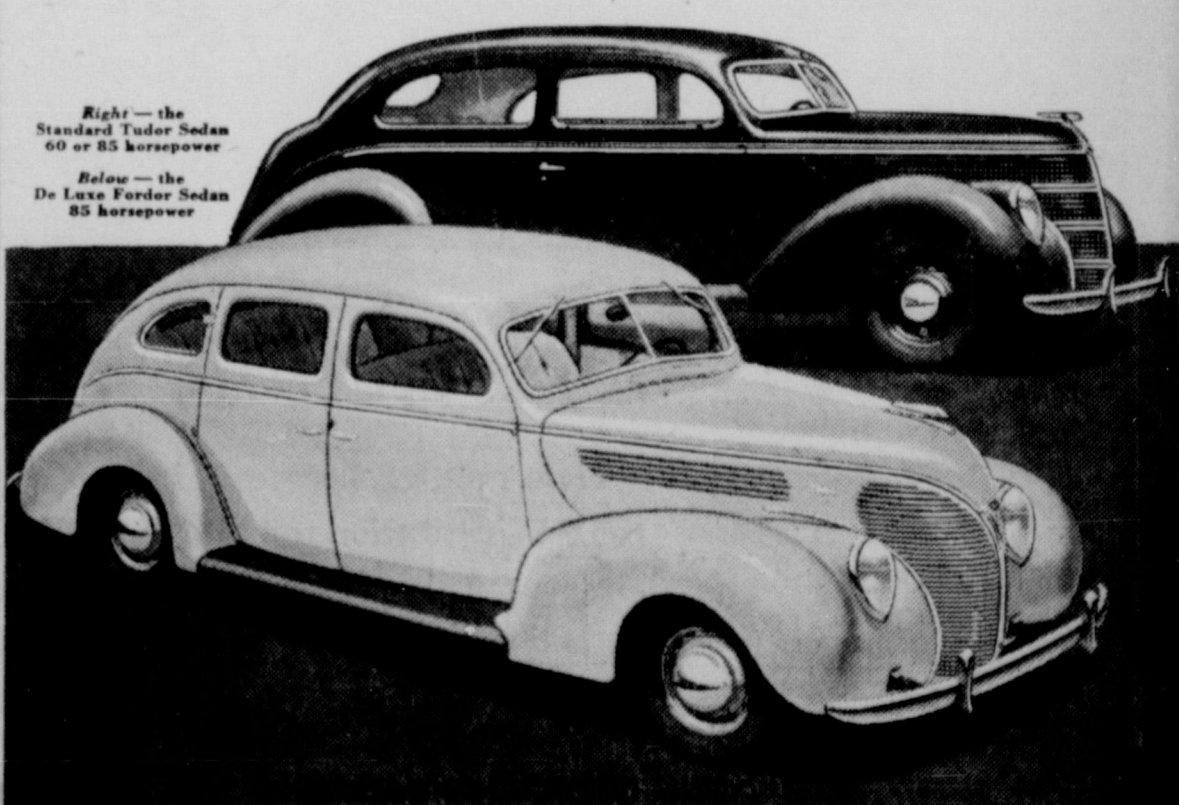
FORD makes history

History-making in Hall County has been greatly influenced by the Ford. The almost ancient, and surely historical, Model-T was a true pioneer of today's modern modes of travel. The Ford has always been the most economical and dependable automobile on the market . . . for every class and owner. It has been the leader in sales since the Ford agency was established in Memphis in 1912 . . . because Ford has always, as is the case today, given owners . . .



A Lot of Car for a VERY LOW PRICE!

Right — the Standard Tudor Sedan 60 or 85 horsepower
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Foxhall Motor Co.

Memphis

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LIFE GOES BY IN *Minutes* Progress Goes On Forever

Progress has always been the aim of this institution ... progress in both its undertakings and those of the community ... since it was established more than 40 years ago.

When S.S. Montgomery, who is known as "the father of banking" in Memphis, established the Exchange Bank, from which the present institution is an outgrowth, he did so with the desire to assist with progress of the area. When the old Exchange Bank was nationalized to become The First National in 1901 that same desire was instilled into the new organization.

We recognize the fact that life goes by in minutes ... that the personnel of any business organization changes with the years ... but we adhere to the idea that progress goes on forever and that it is this institution's duty to the area it serves to always support the faith of progress.

We recognize the pioneers as the founders of this country but we also invest our faith in the future of progress, perhaps greater than any this generation has dreamed of.

Welcome Pioneers of Hall County!

We join the other civic minded business firms of Memphis in extending a welcome and greetings to those sturdy pioneers who made it possible for this institution to build the solid foundation on which it now stands! A page is too small of advertising space in which to offer such greetings, but this entire Pioneer Edition would be inadequate for expressing our appreciation of you. Happy Anniversary!

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Salisbury Only Railroad Stop In Hall County

Memphis Was Not Settled
When Mrs. Gidden Came
To County 45 Years Ago

By MRS. WILMA DAVIS
Democrat Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. A. Gidden, some
of the early settlers in the Plasko
Community, take their place
among the pioneers of Hall
County.
Mrs. Gidden, nee Elsie Orr,
came to this country with her
parents over 45 years ago. Hall
County at that time was a wide
open land without fences. Trains
only stopped at Salisbury; Mem-
phis was not settled then. The
Ors came across the plains and
valleys in covered wagons and lo-
cated the ranch where the home
is now located.

Little farming was done in Hall
County in the early days. Mrs.
Gidden recalls a few corn patches
widely scattered, and remembers
well the antelopes that roamed
the range. She says that it was
no trouble for anyone to shoot
them for they were so plentiful.
Her father, injured during the
Civil war, died in 1899, just seven
years after settling in Hall Coun-
ty. He contracted double pneu-
monia and died three days later
since there were no telephones and
few doctors.

"The Old Turkey Woman" was
the title given to her mother,
known far and wide for the 1,500
turkeys she raised each year. She
established the first Lodge post



PIONEERS WHO HAD PART in developing the spiritual, moral and social life of Memphis and community. Left to right, top row: Mrs. W. M. Milam, Mrs. W. B. Scott, Mrs. B. C. Crabb, Mrs. D. H. Arnold, Mrs. R. D. Land, Mrs. J. F. Bradley, Mrs. S. S. Montgomery; bottom row: Mrs. A. G. Powell, Mrs. C. F. Scott, Mrs. F. A. Spencer, Mrs. B. F. King, Mrs. E. G. Wands, Mrs. W. S. Montgomery; in front, Rev. R. B. Morgan. Five of the above are yet alive: Mrs. E. G. Wands, Mrs. W. S. Montgomery, Mrs. D. H. Arnold, Mrs. J. F. Bradley and Mrs. S. S. Montgomery.

Neighbors Were Few and Transportation Difficult

office in her home and was
among the first in Hall County to
have a telephone in her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gidden met in
1906 when he came to Mrs. Orr's
post office for mail. They were
married in 1910. He became
bookkeeper for the Gerlach Gin in
1918 and in 1921 was elected man-
ager of the Lodge Gin operated
by the Memphis Cotton Oil Com-
pany. He has been school trustee
for 14 years and both he and Mrs.
Gidden are active citizens in their
community.

By MRS. FRED HEMPHILL
Democrat Correspondent

Reminiscing about her early
days when neighbors were 15
miles apart and wagons were the
only means of conveyance since
a buggy was a luxury, Mrs.
George Helm recounts many in-
teresting experiences back in '96.
Rattlesnakes gave more trouble
than anything else, in the vicin-
ity around Jonah Creek, recalls
Mrs. Helm, and everyone was
afraid to venture out at night for
fear of being bitten. Nelse, a son,
was bitten by a "rattler" and had
to be carried 15 miles by wagon
to Memphis to a doctor. His life
was saved by home remedies until
they reached the doctor, she said.
"We thought nothing of getting
the children ready early Sunday
morning and driving 16 to 18
miles to spend the day with a
'neighbor,'" says Mrs. Helm. The
women prepared the dinner on
small wood stoves which heated
the whole house intensely, but the
visit was always enjoyable and
often they spent the night.

Grasshoppers in the early days
were never as bad as they have
been for the past two years. Last
year grasshoppers ate the leaves
off the orchard trees and this year
ate some dining room curtains
made out of green material.
Mrs. Helm says that the recent
depression was nothing compared
with the "hard times" everyone
knew in the nineties. Long hard
winters, hot dry summers and
short crops were usual, and the
pioneer thought nothing of being
without luxuries which are now
considered necessities.

Mrs. Helm still lives on the
same seven section farm settled
in '96, though the present house
wasn't built until ten years later.
Nelse Helm lives in the house
built when Mr. and Mrs. Helm
stocked the ranch with cattle in
the early days.

Voted Bonds for Red River Bridge

W. S. Gooch has a card that was
printed back in the days when a
proposed bond issue was up for
the purpose of raising \$30,000 to
build the first bridge across Red
River north of Estelline.

On one side of the card was
printed: "Talk for the bridge;
work for the bridge; vote for the
bridge."

On the reverse side: "Facts—
\$30,000 cash spent in Hall County
this summer; will employ 100
teams 65 days; 50 men 100 days;
invite the prospector; increase the
population; make your land worth
more; stimulate good roads; pro-
tect your teams crossing the
river; enable you to haul twice as
much; benefit everybody; stimu-
late and boom Hall County; only
cost 75 cents on every \$1,000 val-
uation; cost a man with 160 acres
of land valued at \$2,000 only
\$1.50 a year. Will you vote for
the Bridge Bonds? If not, why
not?"

Soil-erosion work has been car-
ried on in Hall County by the
Citizens Conservation Corps. A
new blend of small grain is being
experimented with by Hall Coun-
ty farmers.

Snakes, Water Were Problems In Early Days

Plasko Veterinarian Has
Been Resident of Hall
County for 32 Years

By MRS. WILMA DAVIS
Democrat Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. John Province
with their three children came to
Hall County, January 7, 1906,
settling on the H. S. Boon farm
near Red River.

Rattlesnakes were plentiful in
that section during the early day
and caused uneasiness a great
deal of the time. Mrs. Province
recalls an exciting experience
when she found a huge rattlesnake
within 6 feet of her small daugh-
ter. The "rattler" was sounding
his danger signal loudly and Mrs.
Province says she nearly tore the
clothes from the child in trying
to get her to safety.

Water was one of the problems
of the early settlers, according to
Mr. Province, who recalls an
amusing incident in 1908. He
was loaded with a tank of water
for the cistern and started home
from Deep Lake. A heavy rain
overtook him and his mules were
tired so he poured out the load
of water thinking the cistern
would catch plenty from the rain.
When he reached home he found
that it had not even sprinkled
there and so they were still with-
out water despite his trip.

In 1912 they moved to the
Plasko community and in 1919
their bumper crop, which Mrs.
Province figured would buy their
first automobile, was hailed out
on August 21. Only 2 bales were
gathered from the crop and they
sold for only \$10 each. Thirteen
years to the day from the time
they came to Plasko they moved
to the Eli community but only
stayed one year. They returned
to the Plasko section and have
remained there since.

Mr. Province began his career
as veterinarian 12 years ago and has
since served Hall County.

Bits of History Taken from Herald

Hall County Herald, Aug. 22, 1896
W. L. Wheat and Mont Noel
left Monday for Jack County
where they go after a bunch of
mules for J. G. Noel.

Quite a number went up to
Giles Thursday to the picnic. They
all report a pleasant time. The
rain on Wednesday and the
cloudy weather Thursday made
the ground a little damp, but it
also cooled off the atmosphere to
make it pleasant.

One of our political exchanges
says that the man who wants a
paper without much politics in it
for the next few months can
take his choice between sand pa-
per, wall paper and fly paper. A
newspaper that will have no po-
litics in it until after the election
would not amount to much in the
eyes of the people generally.

Indian Scare Made Newlin Residents Leave Their Homes

Van Crow Built Many Of
The Early Homes During
Hall County Pioneer Days

By MRS. FRED HEMPHILL
Democrat Correspondent

Van Crow, resident of the New-
lin Community since 1890, tells
about an Indian "scare" that ter-
rified the citizens of Newlin and
caused them to take flight to
Salisbury and safety, shortly after
he came to Hall County. There
were five or six families living
in the Newlin vicinity at the time
and a group of cowboys were
branding cattle not far away. The
noise made by the camp and the
procedure of branding, caused
some wonderment on the part of
the Newlin citizenry. Some
prankster told the people that In-
dians were raiding and for them
to flee to safety. Mr. Crow tells
of this flight from Newlin with
much hilarity along with other
amusing incidents of the time.

When Mr. Crow first moved to
Newlin he had to occupy a real-
estate office until he could se-
cure a house. He later built a
home, now occupied by Mr. and
Mrs. Guy Murphy. Mr. Crow has
followed the carpenter's trade
for the greater part of his life
and has built and helped build
many homes in and around New-
lin and Salisbury. His father
"Uncle Henry" Crow was also a
carpenter and was a resident of
the Newlin community.

He helped with the building of
many homes in the Estelline vic-
inity and worked for the late
Jackson Collier in the building of
a number of houses on his ranch.
Mr. Crow was too busy to an-
swer questions of his past, trying
to get his "two-acre" patch plant-
ed in cotton. Heretofore he has
raised feed and bundles for his
cow but decided to be a cotton
farmer and borrowed another gar-
den plow and with one planting
and another covering he planted
his "crop" within a day's time.
He says he doesn't think the gov-
ernment program will affect his
crop.

Cowboys Used to Ride into Saloon At Childress

J. W. Messer Recalls
An Early Visit To The
Panhandle Territory

Childress, the gate city to the
Panhandle, was at one time the
last out-post of the east. Beyond
Childress lay nothing but un-
fenced cattle land populated only
by a few daring families scat-
tered throughout the Panhandle
who were hardy enough to with-
stand the privations of pioneer
life. J. W. Messer, who came to
Memphis in 1915, recalls his
first visit to the West, after hav-
ing come to Texas from his na-
tive Alabama and settled in Mon-
tague County. Forty-eight years
ago Mr. Messer and a companion
arrived in Childress when the
only hotel the city had was the
Union-Pacific Hotel, and the sa-
loons in that city had dirt floors.
Mr. Messer recalls seeing cow-
boys ride their horses right into
the saloon.

Mr. Messer states that after
leaving Wichita Falls on the
FW&DC Railway only five pas-
sengers were left aboard. He and
his friend left the train at Chil-
dress, leaving only three passen-
gers to proceed through the cat-
tle country.

After resting in Childress for
several days Mr. Messer and his
companion set out for a ranch
located near the Cottonwood
School House west of Childress.
They did not know the way so they
stopped at houses and asked for
directions. The county had no
roads and the two young men
from "back east" who were look-
ing for cowboy jobs, knocked at
the first house they came to and
got directions. That was the last
overground house they saw until
they reached Cottonwood. The
rest were half-dugouts and it was
necessary for them to kick on the
door to arouse the occupants,
rather than knock on the door
with their hands as was the cus-
tomary manner.

The annual rainfall of Hall
County is 22.51 inches. The soils
vary from black sandy to red
sandy loam. Sand, gravel and
brick clay are found in the
county.

STATIONS WERE FIRST REGULAR BUILDINGS HERE

Hall County Record
Was First Paper In
Hall County

Editor's Note—J. C. Holmes
a former editor of the Hall
County Record, wrote an article
concerning the development of
Hall County which was pub-
lished by Editor W. A. Johnson
in the special edition of the
Herald in 1899 on the occasion
of the tenth anniversary of the
founding of Memphis. The ar-
ticle is being reprinted because
of many historical facts it
brings out.

Hall County owes her develop-
ment entirely to the Fort Worth
& Denver Railway. On the com-
pletion of this road attention was
called to the great Panhandle
country, and this county received
its share of the immigration that
followed. In 1889 the first per-
manent settlements were made in
the places designated by the rail-
road company as stations along its
line of road.

At this time the county was at-
tached to Donley County for ju-
dicial purposes. Salisbury soon
became the most conspicuous
point and was especially favored
by the railroad company. At this
place R. E. Montgomery was sup-
posed to control four sections of
land, but Messrs. Ballow and
Sime, after some litigation, were
awarded the school sections. This
was the first black eye the town
received, as Mr. Montgomery, who
really represented the railroad's
interests, did not use very great
efforts towards enhancing the
value of land he felt he had been
beaten out of. But the town con-
tinued to grow and in a short time
boasted several business houses.
W. P. Jones was the pioneer gro-
cer, soon followed by that shrewd
business man, the late W. L. R.
Dickson, who placed Mr. Thos.
Jickox in charge. Blanchard &
Sime represented the real estate
business; Mayfield's lumber yard,
J. Lappelman, Mgr.; E. M. Has-
tings and O. A. Anderson opened
hotels; Spencer & Craig, livery
stable; Elliott & Simpson, drugs;
H. M. Ballow, tin shop; Heath &
Wilkerson, saloon; John Brewer,
meat market; A. L. Thrasher,
blacksmith.

The first newspaper was the
Hall County Record, started by
N. C. Blanchard, but soon suc-
ceeded by J. C. Holmes. A build-
ing was erected for educational
and religious purposes. Mr. Mat-
lock was the first postmaster, but
soon gave way to Price Harris, who
also held the position of station
agent; the latter office, however,
soon after fell to W. H. Hender-
son. The cattle interests were
represented by Pat Wolfarth
(Diamond Tail) and J. B. Pope
(Shoe Bar).

The most prominent of the pio-
neer farmers who assisted so ably
in bringing the county to the front
may be named in the following
list: W. C. Alexander, J. F. Brad-
ley, Robt. Crabb, T. Corbin, J. G.
Dodson, E. Ewing, S. Frizzell, J.
Field, Wm. Ford, F. Gammage, E.
P. Harper, M. T. Hutcherson, W.
M. Holmes, W. R. Hill, N. L.
Harkness, R. L. Jones, M. B. King,
J. A. Kirtpatrick, P. M. and B. H.
Kelly, G. C. Mayes, Doc McCure,
P. H. Martin, C. Rudolph, Wm.
Robertson, Jeff Roberts, F. Shaw,
W. K. Snow, C. E. Tilton, D. S.
Troy, B. F. Thompson, R. W. Wil-
liams, A. C. Willborn, W. M. Ball,
D. H. Arnold, W. X. Hazzard.

The pioneers have scattered
somewhat, although a few of the
band may yet be found around the
old stamping ground. Those
who have passed away never to
return are Wm. Copeland, Mrs.
E. Ewing, V. H. Henderson, Mrs.
E. M. Hastings, Owen Elliot, G.
C. Mayes, Mrs. M. T. Hutcherson,
C. E. Tilton and Chas. Wilkerson.

While Salisbury was steadily
growing and adding to her popu-
lation, Newlin was making some
pretensions through the efforts of
A. M. Embry, and a town site was
started, but there was never any
real boom. The same may also
be said of Lakeview, situated near
the center of the county.

In October, 1890, Messrs. J. C.
Montgomery and J. G. Noel visited
the county with a view of perma-
nently locating. They found the
people of Salisbury discontented
and discouraged. The selfish po-
lity of the owners of the town site,
together with the almost entire
disregard of business promises,

See STATIONS WERE
(Page 8, This Section)



TEXAS PIONEER

By I. G. THOMAS

Member CCC Camp, Memphis, Texas

He can tell you of those days of long ago.
Of the times of open range and buffalo.
When the cowboy rode the trail
In the wind, the rain and hail.
When 'twas death if one should fail,
To draw too slow.

He can make you hear the noise of wagon train
As it crawls through sand and mud and heavy rain;
And those voices every night
Round the camp fire's heat and light,
Mounted guards prepared to fight
New homes to gain.

He can make you feel the shaking of the earth
As stampeding cattle drown out sound of mirth,
Sense the fear of Indian raid,
Of a rushing stream to wade,
Or the ghost from graves just made;
Or loosened girth.

He can make you see the bandit with his gun
And the sheriff after rustlers on the run;
And the bad man, with his gang,
Who is caught and whom they hang,
Then the posse as it sang
Returning home.

He can make you smell the flesh 'neath branding iron.
The chuck wagon, boiling coffee and food fryin'.
And the cattle breath and sweat,
Of the roped steer, panting, wet,
Bleeding buffalo, running, yet,
Slowly dyin'.

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Dedicated to my friend Travis Lee of Gilmer, Texas.

Rubens' Are Oldest In Business Here

The Rubens' family business, which has been operating in the city since 1890, is one of the oldest in the state. The family has been in the business for over 100 years, and the business has been passed down from father to son. The business is now owned by the Rubens' family, and they are proud to continue the tradition of their ancestors.



Isador Martin

Memphis Streets Named After Many Early Day People

President of the City of Memphis, A. H. Rouse, has announced that the city will name its streets after many of the early day people who have lived in the city.



A. H. Rouse

Battery Company Established in 1946

The Battery Company, which was established in 1946, is one of the newest companies in the city. The company has been successful in its business, and it is expected to continue to grow in the future.

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WOODDREDGE'S OLDEST LUMBER COMPANY HERE

Wooddredge's Lumber Company, which was established in 1890, is one of the oldest lumber companies in the city. The company has been successful in its business, and it is expected to continue to grow in the future.

COUDOPEE'S OLD AGENCY

Coudopee's Old Agency, which was established in 1890, is one of the oldest agencies in the city. The agency has been successful in its business, and it is expected to continue to grow in the future.

Black Station New Office Bldg. Ready

The new office building for the Black Station, which was completed recently, is one of the newest buildings in the city. The building is modern and well-equipped, and it is expected to continue to grow in the future.

RUBEN'S COFFEE SHOP

Where Everything Is

We are proud to serve you the best coffee in the city.

Call us today for a free estimate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben

PROCKERS IN THE AREA

We're As Old As Hill County... 18 Years!

In 1890

WE WERE SELLING LUMBER FOR CORRAL FENCES as well as HOMES

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Office Advertising Brought Pioneer Family to Newlin's "Promised Land"

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XANDER J. C. ROSS
Store" Phone 235M

Newlin was burning (which they later learned was the Dunn and Meador store and the gun shots were cartridges exploding in the fire). Their first thought was that their doorstep visitor was an Indian who had set the fire and was waiting to kill them. Panic stricken, they woke up Mr. Shaw. He assembled his gun and Aunt Jennie got herself a long bladed knife used for cutting corn, but by the time they had their weapons together, the intruder had departed.

She tells of Uncle Pete's buying a cow which was very wild from Joe Estes. The cow was so wild that it became necessary to tie her up to keep her from going back to the range. But their lot was enclosed by wire fencing, and wouldn't hold any cow very securely.

This cow kept getting out and going to a wheat patch nearby owned by Uncle Bob Nelson, until after repeated visits he caught the cow and tied her up securely in his own lot.

Aunt Jennie had been to spend that day with Aunt Nancy Rowell, who owned a sewing machine, and had sewed all day long. Returning home, she saw her cow in the Nelson lot (where R. O. Nelson now lives) and knew if she missed milking her they would miss a meal. So she went by and proceeded to untie her cow, with Uncle Bob looking on during the whole procedure. Because she was a woman he dared not say anything, but told her later that he did wish she had been Uncle Pete so he could have whipped him.

Another time, she told, they were only milking one cow, and needed another. They decided to bring a cow in off the range, one that Uncle Pete had tried several times unsuccessfully to catch. Aunt Jennie decided to bring in the cow herself, mounted a small white pony that had been trained for the work, and riding sideways in a man's saddle, went after the cow. She declared that she doesn't know how she did it, but she managed to stay on the saddle and bring the cow in, though she credits that part of it more to the pony than to herself.

Aunt Jennie said she knew the agony a mother suffers from having a child lost. When Mrs. Dewey Arnold was teaching school here, she was practicing for some sort of program. The two Ballard boys Lonnie and Ollie, with another small boy, John Robinson, would walk into town at night to practice. They had gone one night and failed to return at the usual hour. She called to Uncle Pete to see about the children, but he said they would be home soon and went back to sleep. She kept watching for them, and still they did not come. She again woke up Mr. Ballard and told him he must go find the children or he would.

He walked to town and found no trace of them, and thinking he had missed them (as there were no fences then to follow), he walked back home and found they had still not returned. It was midnight by then, and they were both very much alarmed. He walked back to town and awakened everyone, and soon all of Newlin was out searching for the three missing boys. The boys were not found until daylight in the lumber yard, where they had gone after being frightened by a cat or small animal on the road and had fallen to sleep.

Aunt Jennie related all these incidents while Uncle Pete listened and nodded his approval occasionally and laughed with us at the amusing things of which she told. They were among the few families to organize the first Sunday School and church, and have been instrumental in development of school and all other major enterprises of the community. They have lived here for 47 years, all of them, with the exception of the first year, spent on their farm two miles east of Newlin.



O. V. ALEXANDER

Alexander-Ross Is Only Exclusive Men's Store Here

Offers Curlee, Nunn-Bush
Dobbs, Other Best Brands;
Also Has Tailoring Agency

Alexander-Ross, the only exclusive men's furnishings and clothing store in Memphis and Hall County, was established October 1, 1935.

O. V. Alexander and J. C. Ross, owners and managers, offer to the men of the Memphis trade territory a quality store featuring such items as Curlee Clothes, Dobbs hats, Nunn-Bush shoes, Wilson Bros. furnishings and Shirts-craft shirts. Nationally known made-to-measure clothes with a guaranteed fit are also available. Neither Mr. Ross nor Mr. Alexander are pioneers but both have been connected with the clothing business here for a number of years. Mr. Ross has been associated with dry goods and clothing in Memphis and Hall County for more than 25 years; Mr. Alexander has been connected with the clothing trade for more than 17 years.

Alexander-Ross is located on the north side of the Memphis square.

Memphis Laundry Is An Old Business Firm

The Memphis Steam Laundry, of which H. W. Stringer is manager, is one of the most complete laundry systems to be found in this portion of the state. Eleven employees are used to operate the five washers, 2 tumblers, six presses and the flat-work ironer, and to sort and mark the laundry. The laundry is 28 years old and in addition to their laundry business a cleaning and pressing department is operated.

Bits of History Taken from Herald

Hall County Herald, Sept. 12, 1896
Sheriff Montgomery returned home Thursday night from Swisher County where he had been with an attached witness.

H. G. Stephens has rented the Pickwick hotel for a term of months and is taking charge of it today. Mrs. Badgett will leave for Dallas Monday, where she has accepted a position in a large millinery establishment.

The cotton market here has been good this week. Montgomery & Bradford have decided to buy cotton this season and will pay in cash every cent the market will stand. Those who have cotton to sell should consult them.

W. L. Wheat and J. M. Noel came in Monday night from Jack County with a bunch of mules for J. G. Noel. They report desperately hard times down there and lots of people leaving for other places. Scarcely a bushel of anything has been raised and there is neither grass nor feed for the stock.

Of course people coming to church wouldn't bring a sack of cats with them, but some way the cats will congregate in the church neighborhood whenever a big meeting is held, no doubt attracted by the music. A deluge of cats has just been disposed of at a discount from the Herald par

MEMPHIS ONCE BOOM TOWN DUE TO RANCH SALE

Lumber Yards Could
Not Keep Building
Material on Hand

Memphis was at one time a boom town, according to D. S. (Sid) Baker, who came to this city and to Hall County in 1906 to work in the Woodbridge Lumber Company's yard. Mr. Baker came to Hall County from Honey Grove in Fannin County when he was just a boy, because of the opportunities this portion of the state afforded.

Mr. Baker states that the lands of the Shoo-Bar Ranch were being sold out for farming purposes and thousands of people from Texas and the nearby states were flocking to this locality to purchase the fertile fields that were made available by the sale of this ranch, at one time one of the largest in the West.

Mr. Baker recalls that in the early days when he first came to Memphis, he has seen as many as ten cars of lumber on the FW&D siding here waiting to be unloaded. Thousands of feet of lumber were shipped here to build homes and business houses for the fast growing population. It was often the case, stated Mr. Baker, when labor was scarce, that the cars of lumber would go for days without being unloaded due to the fact that it was difficult to get hands to carry on the work.

Mr. Baker can recall when hundreds of farm homes were under construction in Hall County and farmers, eager to establish themselves in their new locations, were clamoring for laborers, carpenters, and hired help to assist them get started in their new ventures. Mr. Baker also recalls some years during the boom days of Memphis when 25 or 30 residences within the incorporated limits were under construction at all times. It was difficult to keep any kind of stock at all at the Memphis lumber yards in those days, observes Mr. Baker, and that shipments of lumber, lime, cement, and other building materials would be sold out hardly before they were unloaded and placed in the yard.

When Mr. Baker came to Memphis, the manager of the Woodbridge Company was George N. Seruggs, who now resides at Wellington, one of the pioneer residents of Hall County. Mr. and Mrs. Seruggs will come to Memphis July 27 for the Old Settlers Reunion, and have made it a custom to attend these gatherings since their beginning.

Selby Shoe Service Has New Machinery

The Selby Shoe Service, one of the best equipped shoe repair shops in the Panhandle, is operated by H. L. Selby who opened his business here in February of 1937. Mr. Selby came to Memphis from San Angelo. On April 15 of this year Mr. Selby installed all new equipment of the latest type.

This new machinery, which is capable of making any type of shoe repair, is operated on noiseless ball-bearings and has a new type dust collector, keeping his place of business free from leather dusts and odors.

sonage. There being no hot tamale factory here and no Chinese laundry makes them slow go.

James D. Vardy and Miss Jennie Green were married at the home of the bride's brother, R. D. Green, in Estelline, last Sunday night. Rev. J. L. Pyle, of Newlin, performed the ceremony.

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History Paragraphs From Webster

By NELL COCHRANE
Webster Community
Democrat Correspondent

First Post Office

In the latter part of the eighties the first post office in this section of the county, and among the first in the county, was in a dug-out on the banks of John Mann Creek, about one mile west of the present J. R. McMurtry farm. It was operated by Judge Lafferty, who was also the first Judge of Hall County.

First Sunday School

The first Sunday School and church was organized and held in the same dugout, as the post office. It later moved to Webster Chapel and when the school was established it was moved again, to Union Hill.

Pope Ranch in 1890

Long about the latter part of the nineties J. B. Pope purchased seventeen and a half sections of land and established a ranch. He built the house in 1890 which is now the home of Mrs. John Robertson. Mr. Pope's brand was Y-Cross. On a gate near the present residence of M. L. Alexander there was a sign "Y-Cross Posted." Someone got a batch of paint and made it read "Y-Cross Roasted Coffee at W. M. Fore's." The corral was located near the house on the upper 160 acres of the F. T. Wallace farm.

Union Hill Church

When the Union Hill Church was established Mr. Pope donated one hundred dollars. He asked the owner of the Shoo-Bar Ranch, J. K. Zimmerman for a donation but he refused. Later he came to Mr. Pope and said, "Pope, I've decided to give two hundred and fifty dollars for I believe we need a church and a preacher to preach to the nesters, so maybe they won't be stealing my cattle."

Land Farmed in 1906

The first land sold off the ranch was farmed in 1906. The last land was sold in the winter of 1907-08. The last round-up was held in the fall of 1906, in the south-east corner of the D. L. C. Kinard farm now occupied by C. A. Orrell. It had been raining for some time before and the land was so badly packed by the cattle that it made a poor crop the next year.

Church

The present Methodist Church building was started in December of 1916 on land donated by Rev. Enoch Eiland and finished in 1917. J. A. Laney was pastor at the time of its construction. The pastors of this church have been: Rev. J. A. Laney, L. B. Smallwood, P. E. Yarborough, A. O. Hood, M. E. Hawkins, H. B. Standly, J. I. Kelly, J. R. Williamson, Ollie Apple, L. H. Jones, G. H. Gattis, and C. W. Sargent, the present pastor. The Rev. Mr. Hawkins died before the conference year had expired.

School

Webster school got its name from a man by that name who owned the section when the school was built. The last school term taught in the school building, located near the residence of W. H. Watson, was in 1906-07. The following year the house on new location was used and has been used since. An addition was built to the original building in 1913 and the present building was erected in the summer of 1927. The teacherage was built in the fall of 1934. This school is the sixth oldest in the county.

Land Divided

Some of the land in the Webster school district was given to the Lakeview district by the action of a majority of the Webster taxpayers just before the opening of the 1907-08 school year. Another part was given the John Mann District just before the opening of the following term. The John Mann district has since been consolidated with the Lesley school. Webster's present school district includes some of the ranch land of the Thos. S. Bugbee estate now leased by W. J. Lewis, part of the Sexauer land, which was settled by the late W. C. Hightower and some of the land run by Mrs. C. O. Davenport. When T. E. Bugbee, son of Thomas Bugbee, died in the spring of 1917, the Bugbees quit running cattle. Their brand was a connected T5. The land has been since leased by Henry Franks, Bob Muir, Ren Evans and Park Chamberlain. The ranch headquarters are located in the Windy Valley (Donley County) school district. A small part of the Webster district is in Donley County.

Early Settlers

Some of the early settlers of the Webster Community include: W. L. Durham, W. H. Durham, J. R. McMurtry, S. L. Byars, J. N. Byars, John Robertson, L. P. Alexander, F. T. Wallace, T. A. Scroggins, A. E. Capps, R. A.

ARCHIVES OF COUNTY

Behind Doors of Steel

ARE SAFELY LOCKED UP

When Hall County's assessor and collector of taxes "closes up shop" it's like closing up a bank vault. The door of his office, is just an ordinary door, but behind it stands another door with a combination that is made of hard steel and looks like the door of a bank vault. Heavy steel shutters come down over the windows in the office and when the whole is shut up for the night it is absolutely fire proof and would cause the bravest and hardest of burglars to ponder a moment before tackling its steeled surfaces.

The county tax records and other papers and valuables of Hall County are safe behind these heavy doors and shutters. No one has yet entered the offices of the assessor-collector since the building has been built and no fires have licked their damaging flames at the archives of Hall County, but in event that either should try to break through to these records, far-sighted Hall Countians have provided that bit of extra insurance to stand guard and protect, in forms of steel and stone.

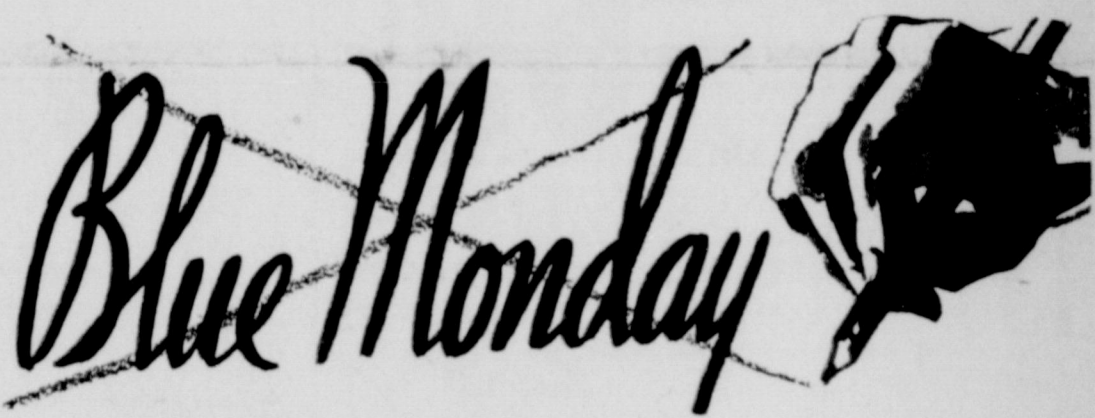
The assessed value of Hall County property (in 1935) is \$7,985,148. Crop land harvested (1935) totaled 142,393 acres, and the total tilled and raw land available for crops totaled 231,318 acres.

Bownds, Newt Butler, Tom Martin, and Oscar Steenson.

Uncle Bill Durham settled in this community in the fall of 1889 and in 1890 he broke out forty acres of land and killed seventy-two rattlesnakes. He lived in a dugout during his early days as a resident of Hall County. To assist in making a living he would drive to the Cap Rock and cut cedar posts and sell them to the ranches.

Post Office Established

There was a post office established in 1909 named Pope Ranch after Mr. J. B. Pope. The office was located at the residence of G. W. Smith, now the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Martin. The postmaster was G. W. Smith and the mail came three times a week. Jimmy Lee McMurry was the first mail carrier and he went the rounds of his route on horse-back.



FOR 28 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN SCRATCHING "WASH DAY" FROM THE CALENDAR AT HUNDREDS OF MEMPHIS HOMES — THIS HAS GAINED FOR US THE TITLE OF

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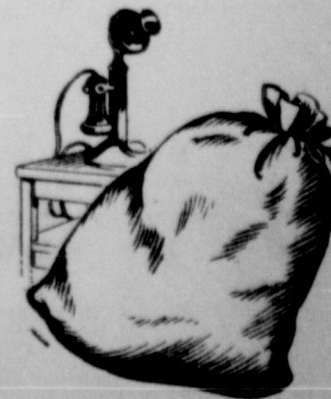
We earn the "Pioneer" part of the title by virtue of the fact that this was one of the first steam laundries located in this section of the Panhandle, having been operated since 1910. We earn the "Wife-Savers" part of the title because we have made it easier on hundreds of wives who would otherwise be slaving over tubs and rub-boards if it weren't for us.

We are proud to have been a part of Memphis and Hall County all these many years . . . and we have tried to prove it by offering prompt, efficient and economical service at all times. We invite your continued liberal patronage.

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Wash Frocks
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These outstanding styles in the regular \$1.00 values will "steal" your vote at this price.

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GOOD GRADE OF BLEACHED
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\$1.25 per yard. A good grade bleached sheet, in this large size only.

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Vote as many times as you like.

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Your choice of our entire stock of better wash dresses, in all sizes. Regular \$1.50 values at—

\$1.39



A QUALITY LINE!
"Katie Greenway"
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You mothers know this excellent quality line of merchandise. A vote for these is a vote for real savings.

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BUY AS MANY OF THESE FINE TOWELS AS YOU WANT
.... EVERY ONE IS A ROSENWASSER'S BARGAIN!

TOWELS
LARGE 44x22
Extra heavy double thread percale towels. Unusually big and heavy. A bargain at

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AN OUTSTANDING LL DRUID DOMESTIC
An outstanding quality at an outstanding low price of only, per yard—

6c

TURKISH TOWELS
42x22 INCHES
Double thread, heavy, soft and big. This will take your vote in the primary. Each

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OUR PLATFORM—For thirteen years it has been time you have re-elected us has given us a new design your support in 1925—QUALITY merchandise, FR cutting your expenses and saving you money. We patronage throughout the years to come. Vote the fers you this plan

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One group of silk dresses in the newest styles and materials. All sizes and a top-quality candidate if there ever was one. Per vote—

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LADIES' \$5.00
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CRETONNE
Rosenwasser's Special, per yard.

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READ OUR PLATFORM


OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF
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Whites, British Tans, Blues and others. Regular \$6.50 values, only—

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Our entire stock of Men's Summer Shoes, including our J. J. Friend, all sizes in Whites, Tan, Grey, Combination and others. If you will be less.

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ROSENWASSER'S Election Clearance

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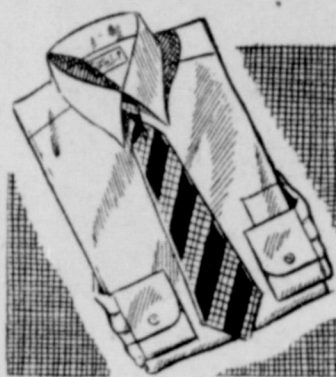
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Men's and Boys' Sport Shirts

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Summer sheer pajamas to sleep cool in. On sale at

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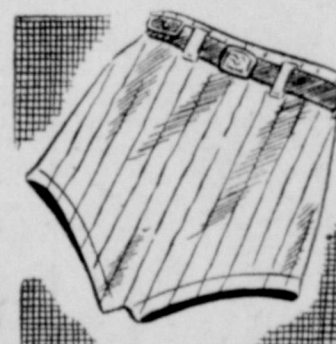
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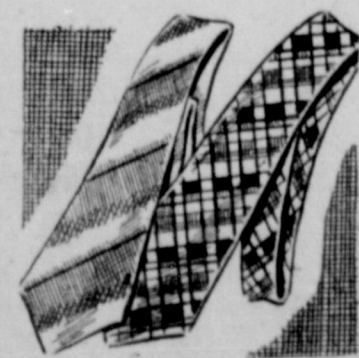
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MEN'S SMART, NEW Summer Ties

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CROSS FAMILY CAME TO THIS COUNTRY IN EARLY TIMES

Worked on JA Ranch for Number Of Years and Later Purchased His Own Ranch in Hall County; Died in 1924

By MRS. JAMES SMITH

In 1892 Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cross left Palo Pinto County and arrived in Briscoe County in 1893, and found antelope and other wild game plentiful in this portion of Texas. As they came over the Cap Rock they met up with two newly married couples in a covered wagon drawn by oxen. One of these couples now live in Hall County.

Upon their arrival in Briscoe County, Mr. Cross secured work on the JA Ranch where they lived for 17 years. Mrs. Cross, in recounting the instances of her early life on the plains country, recalled an Englishman who lived on the JA who said that saddle horns were only a nuisance, because if you ever got in front of one you could never get back.

After leaving the JA Ranch Mr. and Mrs. Cross moved to the head of Bitter Creek and lived 10 years and later removed to West Bitter Creek where they lived for 5 years. During their first residence on Bitter Creek they made their home in a log house.

In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Cross came to Hall County and purchased a ranch two miles north of Lesley, known now as the Cross Ranch. At that time there were no fences in this country, the range being entirely free, and their cattle and horses roamed the range at will. Mrs. Cross recalls that in early days they could buy yearlings and keep them until they were three years old and sell them for \$30, and realize more profit on such a transaction than can now be made from calves

sold at \$30 each. In early days, according to Mrs. Cross, the grass was always green since droughts were unheard of in those days. Mrs. Cross observes that it was easier for a young couple to get a start in those days than it is now.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross' determination was not to raise cotton when they first came to Hall County, however, their neighbors' fields of cotton were pretty and white and Mr. Cross changed his mind and decided to raise cotton and feed the seed to the cattle.

Many Hall County people will remember that Mr. Cross was very fond of fine horses, states Mrs. Cross, and can recall the time he entered his favorite horse in a pacing contest and won the first prize which was a bridle.

In 1924 Mr. Cross died, and Marion, their youngest son, lives with his mother and looks after the home place. Two other sons, Cecil and Gordie, also live on the place and another son, John, makes his home in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Cross was born June 29, 1868. In 1922 she rode a steer and states today that at 70 she feels spry enough to ride another one. Mrs. Cross states that she is planning a family reunion August 6 and expects all of her family to be present on the occasion.

The cotton crop for Hall County ranges from 20,000 to 60,000 bales annually. Large quantities of livestock feeds and some sweet and Irish potatoes and other truck crops are grown in the county.



THEY'RE MATURED CITIZENS NOW.—The above Memphis school picture was made back in the 90's, and the list of those in the group reveals names of people who are now way past the school age. Four were not identified. From left to right, those in the picture are: Bottom row—Tom Roberts, Charlie Webster, Jim Montgomery, Ennis Jones, Thatcher Lovejoy, Farris Murray, Will Montgomery, Harry Alexander, Lester Fore, Ben McElreath.

Middle row—Gordon Alexander, Dora Roberts, not identified, Lena Fore, Vette Jones, Maude Milam, May Brice, Emma White, Pearl Roberts, Porter Breeding, Leila Copeland, not identified, Pearl Jones, Lillie Copeland, Ida Spencer, Effie Breeding.

Back row—First not identified, Bob Jones, Wayne Hedgecock, —Bail, Minnie Jernigan, Frances Roberts, Oscar White, Claude Badgett, Emma Alexander, Bob Taylor, Miss Maggie Bryoles (teacher), Lillie Morris, Roy Webster, Irene McCarver, Cicero Milam, Ora Webster, Joe Montgomery, and Maude Stokes.



H. D. DELANEY

Delaney Agency Has Complete Service In Insurance and Loans

Delaney Agency, owned by T. C. and H. D. Delaney and located in the Whaley building on the east side of the square, was started in September 1914.

H. D. Delaney is manager of the Memphis office. A branch office is maintained in Lubbock under the management of T. C. Delaney. It was opened several years ago.

A complete service is offered by the agency featuring insurance, loans, real estate, rentals and bonds. Mr. Delaney is contract management broker for the Home Owners Loan properties in Hall County and was recently elected regional vice president from this district at the State Fire Insurance Association meeting.

The population of Hall County is 16,968 with a population of 18.8 persons to the square mile.

Newlin Women Knew and Feared Sam Bass, Desperado, In His Boyhood Days

By MRS. FRED HEMPHILL

Democrat Correspondent

When I walked into the quiet little home of Mrs. W. A. Morrison and saw her sitting in her rocking chair, smiling at me, I was reminded of the song about the "Little Old Lady."

In her quiet, unpretentious way, she talked of other days with me, and after she had finished, said in an astonished voice, "Are you going to print what I've been saying? Why, they'll think I am an old greenhorn." I reminded her that her history was not unlike many others and was interesting to the present-day generation.

Mrs. Morrison was born in Florida near Saint Anna's Bay, and with her parents came to Denton County and settled near Aubrey, where she met and married Mr. Morrison. They lived there until 1901, when they moved with their three children to Newlin, settling on their farm west of town. They later rented out their farm, bought the place now occupied by Huebels, and lived there for a number of years before moving to the present home.

Mr. Morrison, who passed away last year, was the only child of his parents. His father was killed in the Civil War in the Battle of Chancellorsville.

Schools in those days, Mrs. Morrison said, were "subscription" schools and only lasted through the summer months. But what a privilege they considered it to be able to go to school! They sat on "split" logs with no backs and held their books and read aloud. Each few minutes the children would walk to the front of the room (the small log schoolhouse had only one room) to ask the teacher's word. Friday afternoon spelling matches were looked forward to with eagerness.

Her father had to haul his cotton 40 miles to a gin and market, and he bought his winter's supplies at one time, average cost being from \$150 to \$200 a winter.

"Those were such good old days," Mrs. Morrison reminisced. Children did not want to be on the "go" all the time, and enjoyed life so much more than they do now.

When they had preaching, word would be passed from house to house, and they would all go on certain days. Once she accompanied her mother to church when a number of cowboys with boots and spurs attended. They had not been accustomed to such sights, and were a little bit frightened, she remembers. She told of having known Sam Bass as a boy and how they feared him. Upon being asked who he was, she said she thought most everybody had heard of his being a bad desperado.

Her early days here were not too long ago, but she says she has never known why folks wanted to live here, where and blow so much and you could scarcely grow anything to eat; in her former home they grew practically everything known in the fruit and vegetable line.

"But, then," she added, "there is just something about the place, and the people that makes even a small town like Newlin very dear."

LIVE STOCK IMPORTANT

The livestock industry is still important to Hall County though much of the land has been turned to cotton farming. Hogs, sheep, horses, mules and poultry are also raised in commercial quantities and dairying has made fair progress in the county. The approximate value of the livestock in Hall County is \$1,525,948.

"Leto's" for the Gums

Do your gums itch, burn and cause you discomfort, druggists will return your money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.

TARVER'S PHARMACY

Texas Service Station One of Prettiest Here

The Texaco Service Station, located on 10th street at Main, and one of the most attractive filling stations in Memphis, is operated by E. E. Rice.

Mr. Rice has been operator of the station since February 26. He is efficient and courteous in the discharge of his duties as are his two assistants, Jess Melton and Doc Burroughs.

Mr. Rice has been a resident of Memphis since 1925 and was formerly associated with the Hoggland Mercantile Company of this city.

Lamb Has Been in Business 20 Years

Josh Lamb, who operates Josh's Last Stand cafe on the east side of the Memphis square, started in business here in 1918, having come to Hall County in 1908 from Hopkins County.

Short orders and regular meals are served at his cafe and he is assisted in its operation by Misses Agnes Hayes and Imogene Lamb. Mr. Lamb recalls that he landed here with \$14 in his pocket and after operating in business for 20 years his net loss has been \$14.

Hall County was named for Warren D. C. Hall, and has an area of 291 square miles within its borders.

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BOB AYERS, Local Agent

Hall County Bar Was Organized in Memphis in 1915

Twelve Lawyers Made Up Charter Membership of First Organization Here

The Hall County Bar Association was formed in Memphis in 1914, according to Judge A. S. Moss, district judge of the 10th Judicial District of Texas, who came to Hall County in December of 1911. Listed on the rolls of the association may be found many names who have won honor throughout the Panhandle area for distinguished service before the bar.

In listing over those charter members of the association who have died, Judge Moss named Hugh Spencer, H. E. Deaver, Judge J. K. Duke, Stovall Johnson, J. M. Pressley, who served on the Court of Civil Appeals at Amarillo, S. A. Bryant and David Fitzgerald. Charter members who are living, some of whom are still engaged in legal practice in Hall County include Judge A. S. Moss, present district judge; J. M. Elmore, Sam J. Hamilton and C. W. Land.

Younger members of this association who have added their names to its roll since its organization include John Deaver, Carl Periman, J. O. Fitzjarrald, and Allen Grundy. Members of the association who have moved away from Hall County include Judge W. A. McIntosh, former county judge of Hall County, and Robert Grundy.

Cullin Started, 1930

George E. Cullin, a prominent Memphis lawyer, has been a wholehearted supporter of the Cullin association since its inception. He is also a member of the association and takes an active part in its life. The association is a non-profit organization and its purpose is to promote the interests of the legal profession in Hall County. The association has a long history and has been successful in many of its endeavors. It has a large membership and is a very active organization. It has a strong financial base and is able to carry out its programs effectively. It has a high reputation in the legal community and is a very respected organization. It has a long and successful history and is a very important organization in Hall County.

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The Andis Motor Freight Line is the first of its kind in Hall County. It is a very modern and efficient line and is able to provide fast and reliable service to its customers. It has a large fleet of trucks and is able to handle a wide variety of freight. It has a strong financial base and is able to carry out its programs effectively. It has a high reputation in the legal community and is a very respected organization. It has a long and successful history and is a very important organization in Hall County.

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George C. Cullin, who has been a prominent figure in the life of the Memphis community since his arrival in 1908, is the first of the new line of teachers to be assigned to the schools. He is a native of the state and has been a member of the Memphis Teachers' Association since 1910. He is now teaching at the Newlin school. The new line of teachers is being assigned to the schools as a result of the recent election of the new board of trustees. The new board has decided to assign the new line of teachers to the schools as a result of the recent election of the new board of trustees. The new board has decided to assign the new line of teachers to the schools as a result of the recent election of the new board of trustees.



NEWLIN SCHOOL, 1911—From left to right, top row: Aultman Sims, Edna Thacker, Dovie Hemphill (deceased), Dick Crow, Murphy Moore, Tommie Picture, Robert Downing, Dorsey Shankle, George Watson, Jim Downing, Mack Sims, Buford Phillips, George Hemphill, Wendell Eddins, Tad Nelson, Charlie Whitacre, Everett Shankle, Jimmie Isom, Dewey Tucker; second row: Mary Swift, Cleo Bennett, Allie Gresham, Lula Morrison, Jim Crow, Ola Moore, Hassie Phillips, Eugene Meek, Howard Picture, Tom Tucker, Henry Johnson, Claude Pyle, Grover Swift, Roy Ewen, Doc Murphy, Hugh Gresham (deceased), Matt Ward, Professor Wall; third row: Miss Lillian Howell (teacher), Ethel Lecompte, Maggie Lowe, Thelma Hodge, Bertha Hemphill, Georgia King, Nana Johnson, Lora Odom, Myrtle Nelson, Mazine Grady, Noble Bryant, Thomas Hodge, Bernie Isom, Walter Lecompte, Charlie Price, Joe Hemphill, Curt King, Rex Gresham, Shake Davis; fourth row: Miss Della Offield (teacher), Jessie Gregory, Violet Hemphill, Jewel Whitacre, Beulah Perry, Lorine McPherson, Jewel Duckett, Fannie Hodge, Lou Taylor, Minnie Johnson, Ruby Duckett, Crystal Duckett, Georgia Phillips, Clarice Shankle, Fred Hemphill, Merle Dearing, Dorsey Chism, Lawrence Ward, Edward Ewen, Loyd Crow, Rolla Moore, Ronie Murphy, ley Hodge, Jasper Isom; fifth row: Josie Bennett, Merle Jarrell, Jack Phillips, Alma Mann, Floy Thacker, Audrey Jarrell, Zelma Mann, Opal Pyle, Elsie Tucker, Marie Moore; Bottom row, (seated and standing): Beatrice Jarrell, Verna Kellison, Flora Ewen, Blanche Mann, ee Johnson, Maudie Tucker, Lazetta Ward, Hortense Eddins, Bill Eddins, Walter Picture, Tracy Lecompte, Robert Perry, Guy Gregory, Cleo Isom, Bum McPherson, Jack Taylor, Schuyler Ballard, Theodore Hemphill, Bartow Ward, Dee Gregory, Joe Allen Ballard, Joe Davis. The married names of all the girls could not be secured, so family names were used.

King Furniture Co. In Same Location For Eighteen Years

Complete Undertaking Parlor
Operated in Connection; Jim
and D. Max King own Firm

Established September 1, 1920, King Furniture and Undertaking Company, owned by D. Max and James E. King, has been operated in the present location since that date.

From time to time the store has been enlarged to give the present 75 foot front on Main street with a 50 foot fronting on Seventh street. With three licensed embalmers the King Furniture and Undertaking Company maintains one of the most complete undertaking establishments in this section of the state.

Featuring high grade furniture, Westinghouse products, Magic Chef stoves and ranges and other high quality products, King Furniture has recently added a second hand furniture department to afford better service to its patrons.

To keep abreast of fashion trends in furniture and get the best of products the local store sends a representative to the Chicago Furniture Mart each year, according to Max King, where the best Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan furniture is obtained.

Max King is a native of Hall County for about 45 years while Jim moved with the family to this section only a short time before; both are active in the store management. Others on the staff include: Herbert Estes, head undertaker; Carl Wolf, salesman and assistant undertaker; Imogene King, cashier and bookkeeper, and Joe Reheis, shipping clerk.

Turkey, population 975, is a market and shipping point in the southwest portion of Hall County. Hall County was subdivided from Bexar County during the administration of Governor Ezekiel B. Turner and was organized into a county under the administration of Governor James S. Hogg.

Dunbar-Dunbar Firm Outgrowth of Pardue Agency Started in '98

Dunbar and Dunbar, located in the First State Bank building on South Sixth street, was formed October 1, 1937, an outgrowth of the firm of Dunbar and Watson.

The original insurance and abstract business was started in 1898 by Judge W. M. Pardue. In the fall of 1904 the business was purchased by T. J. and C. F. Dunbar and became Dunbar Bros. October 1, 1917, the interest of C. F. Dunbar was purchased by J. P. Watson and the agency became Dunbar and Watson. Exactly 20 years later Allen Dunbar purchased the Watson share and the firm of Dunbar and Dunbar was formed.

Insurance of all kinds in the general field is offered by the firm. The Panhandle Abstract Company operated in connection is a feature of the business.

Bits of History Taken from Herald

Hall County Herald, Sept. 5, 1896
The cotton gin began work Tuesday. The first two bales for R. L. Curd.

Mrs. A. L. Thrasher and children arrived home Wednesday night from Paris where they have been spending the summer.

Miss Maggie Broyles began her school Monday morning. She has about two dozen pupils with others expected to enter soon.

Mrs. H. M. Mayfield arrived home Wednesday night from Abilene where she had been for several weeks.

Masonic Lodge Is Organized in 1892

The large Masonic organization which Memphis now boasts and its beginning with the chartering of Memphis Lodge No. 729 A. F. & A. M. over 46 years ago.

The Blue Lodge was set to work on February 22, 1892, by John W. Watson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, who at the same time taught a Masonic school of instruction.

Charter members were: J. W. Brice, A. C. Willborn, J. H. Drury, W. R. Hill, R. W. Williams, B. F. Stokes, J. F. McClarity, J. F. Webster, J. H. Lafferty, and A. G. Powell. The last named is the only charter member still living. He still resides in Memphis and has served the lodge as secretary for many years.

The first officers of the lodge were: J. H. Drury, worshipful master; A. C. Willborn, senior warden; A. G. Powell, junior warden; B. F. Stokes, treasurer; J. W. Brice, secretary; J. F. McClarity, tiler; W. R. Hill, senior deacon; and R. W. Williams, junior deacon.

R. E. Brice was the first member to take the degrees in Masonry in the local lodge, being the first one to come in after it had been chartered and instituted.

From its organization in a shack with ten charter members, the lodge has grown into a body of 149 members, housed in a beautiful new three-story Masonic Temple, which is one of the most notable buildings in Memphis. Mr. Powell, who is small in stature, tells that he could stand in the original lodge quarters and touch the ceiling with the palm of his hand.

Three other Masonic lodges, in addition to the Blue Lodge, have since been chartered here: The Chapter December 6, 1899, the Council December 3, 1907, and the Knights Templar Commandery April 24, 1908. The Eastern Star, women's auxiliary of the Masonic order, also has a large chapter here.

Taylor Appliance Is New Business Here

Taylor Appliance Store, Memphis newest store in the home appliance line, was established in its north side of the square location in November, 1937.

L. V. Childress, manager of the local store, has been associated with this type of business for five years. Another store is located at Clarendon.

Featured services include Zenith radios and windchargers, Motorola car radios, Maytag washers, Electrolux washers, and radio and electric repair service. The store has been constantly enlarged during its eight months existence.

V. L. Taylor and family moved to Memphis last week from Clarendon. The store in the Donley County city will be disposed of and the stock of the Memphis store enlarged, the owner has announced.

S. S. Montgomery is Memphis' father of banking, opening a private bank in 1898 with a capital stock of only \$8,000. The bank finally became the First National Bank of which Mr. Montgomery is now president.

ROSENWASSER'S IS 2ND OLDEST DRY GOODS FIRM

In Memphis for 13
Years; Store Was
Established in 1925

Thirteen years in Memphis almost completed gives to Rosenwasser's distinction as the second oldest dry goods firm in the city.

Rosenwasser & Joseph, the original firm, opened in Memphis during August 1925, and in 1927 the firm was changed to Rosenwasser's. Jess and Marcus Rosenwasser, present owners and co-managers, came to Memphis in 1925 and 1930, respectively.

"We are proud of the fact that every year we have shown an increase in sales regardless of the time," Marcus Rosenwasser said. The local store was doubled to its present fifty-foot front size in 1929, expanding business making enlargement necessary.

A branch store is now operated in Clarendon, opening there in September 1936 as Mellinger & Rosenwasser.

Rosenwasser's is a complete department store offering such well known products as Arrow and Manhattan shirts, ties, underwear, and pajamas; Rollins Hosiery; Jarman, Red Cross, Peters and Paramount shoes; Dickey work clothes; Lorraine underwear for women; ABC materials; Stetson hats; and Palm Beach suits.

McClendon's Paint Business Is New

The McClendon Paint and Paper Company was opened March 28, 1938, at its present location, 109 North Fifth street.

R. D. (Jack) McClendon owns and manages the store which carries a complete stock of paints and wall papers and other supplies. Sherwin-Williams, paints, Mayflower papers and Devco's and Georgia art supplies are offered.

Mr. McClendon does painting and papering work, having contracting experience for about 20 years.

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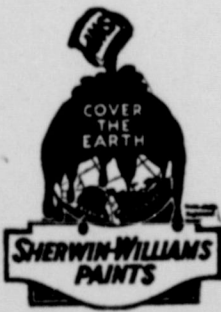
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TARVER'S 12 YEARS UNDER SAME OWNERS

Drug Service Given In Newly Painted Air-Conditioned Building

Tarver's Drug Store, one of the oldest and best known in the city, has been under the same ownership for twelve years. The store, located at the corner of Main and Second streets, has been owned by the Tarver family since its inception. The building has been recently painted and air-conditioned, providing a more comfortable environment for customers. The store offers a wide variety of drugs and medical supplies, and is staffed by experienced pharmacists. The Tarver family is proud to have maintained the store's reputation for quality and service over the years.

BASCOM GILES

Commissioner General Land Office



Bascom Giles, Commissioner General Land Office, is a prominent figure in the state's land management. He has served in this capacity for several years, overseeing the state's land resources. Giles is known for his dedication and expertise in land management. He has been instrumental in various land conservation and development projects. His work has been highly regarded by the public and the state's land management community.

STATIONS WERE FIRST REGULAR BUILDINGS HERE

Hill County Recent Was First Paper In Hill County

The first regular buildings in Hill County were the stations. The first paper in Hill County was the Hill County News. The station was built in 1880 and was the first of its kind in the county. The Hill County News was founded in 1885 and was the first newspaper in the county. The station and the newspaper were both important landmarks in the county's history. They represented the first steps in the development of the county's infrastructure and media.

Bite of History

Taken from History

The bite of history is a powerful force. It shapes the way we think and act. It is a reminder of the past and a guide for the future. History is not just a collection of facts and dates. It is a story that we all share. It is a story that teaches us about ourselves and the world we live in. The bite of history is a gift. It is a gift that we should all cherish. It is a gift that helps us to understand the world and ourselves better. It is a gift that gives us a sense of purpose and direction. The bite of history is a force that we cannot ignore. It is a force that we must all learn to live with. It is a force that we must all learn to embrace. The bite of history is a force that we must all learn to live with. It is a force that we must all learn to embrace. The bite of history is a force that we must all learn to live with. It is a force that we must all learn to embrace.

COMPRESS HAS WAREHOUSE PRESS SERVICE

M.C. Allen Local Manager, Compress Erected Here 1922

The Compress has a warehouse press service. M.C. Allen is the local manager. The Compress was erected here in 1922. The warehouse press service is a new addition to the Compress's offerings. It allows customers to have their cotton pressed and stored in a secure warehouse. This service is highly valued by customers who need to store their cotton for a long period of time. M.C. Allen is a experienced manager who has been with the Compress for many years. He is dedicated to providing the best service possible to his customers. The Compress is a well-known and respected business in the area. It has a long history of providing quality service to its customers. The new warehouse press service is a testament to the Compress's commitment to its customers.

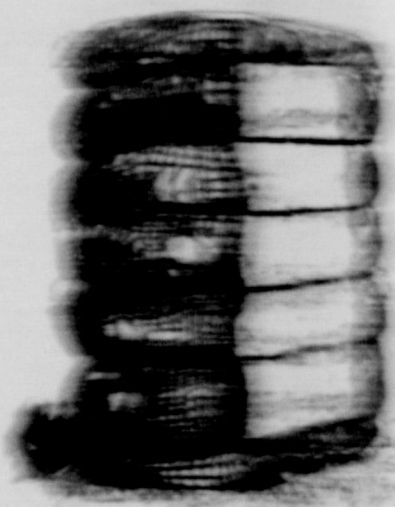
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...and then the Pioneers Planted COTTON

...with this Crop came growth and progress to establish this area as an Independent and Wealthy District.



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Plaska Named After Tennessee Town by Pioneer

GRAVE DUG IN COUNTY BY EARLY CITIZEN

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sell readily at three times the value
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nor produce one-half the value
placed on it.



GROUP OF PIONEERS—Reading from left to right—Bottom row—A. Roberts, R. D. Land, A. G. Powell, Lena Memphis Powell Martin (first child born in Memphis) C. R. Webster, J. C. and S. S. Montgomery; Middle row—H. G. Stephens, J. M. Willborn, W. B. Scott, B. C. Crabb, W. X. Hazzard, J. M. Lane, C. F. Scott, D. H. Arnold, B. F. Cope; Top row—J. G. Noel, G. E. Forgy, D. A. Grundy, D. H. Roberts, W. H. Durham, W. H. Bowerman, W. E. Dickey, J. E. King. This picture was taken in 1920. Since that time several of the group have passed away.

Fences Unknown in This Country in Pioneer Times

Masquerade Given To Raise Church And School Funds

Man Dresses As Woman and
Is Belle of the Ball at Gala
Party Held at Giles in '94

By MRS. J. A. LEMMON
Democrat Correspondent
Giles' early history was re-
vealed in interesting sidelights by
a conversation of Frank White,
Fort Worth and Denver City rail-
road claim agent now residing at
Clarendon.

In the early '90's Mr. White
came to this country and resided
with his parents on their stock
farm some five miles north of
Giles which was their post office.
A country very thinly settled at
that time, the people were noted
for their friendliness and kind-
ness, according to Mr. White, who
says that they would ride miles
on horseback to care for a sick
neighbor and stay as long as
needed.

Funds were raised for churches
or schools by social functions such
as box suppers and pie suppers
in those early days. Everyone
from miles around attended these
affairs.

A masquerade in 1894 in the
one room wooden school building
was a subject for conversation
for years afterwards. Mr. White
collected his costume many days
in advance and practiced dance
steps in a half dugout near his
home in advance for the affair.

When the night of the party ar-
rived he declined to go saying that
he didn't have a costume, but
finally consented to go. At the
party he said he would just watch
away from the festivities.
Carrying his costume to the
home of Mrs. G. G. Willingham
he got her to assist him with the
finishing touches and returned to
the dance. He was property
masked, stylishly attired, shyly
veiled, and coquetted.

The new miss was the belle of
the ball. All the young men
courted her fancy and attention
and despite the fact that dances
were ten cents she never lacked
for suitors. She was plentifully
supplied with refreshments. Till
Potts and Joe Williams, cowboys
from a nearby ranch, were espe-
cially zealous and had quite a
fud in following the young lady.
She was quite a good dancer and
"cuddled up close," pleasing all
the cowhands.

A look of chagrin spread over
the faces of all the cowboys, espe-
cially Till Potts and Joe Williams,
when the unmasking revealed that
Frank White was the ravishing
young lady. Realizing the money
they had spent on him only fur-
ther increased their embarrass-
ment.

Among those Mr. White remem-
bered to be present at this gath-
ering were; Lee Henderson, Annie
Copeland, Pearl Shaw, Julia and
Dee Coleman, Florence Tucker,
Will Tucker, Till Potts, Joe Wil-
liams, Maggie and Annie Muir,
Theo Crabtree, Emma Crain, Mrs.
G. G. Willingham, and Mrs. E.
L. Mevis.

Pioneers Danced All Night With Only 4 Partners

By MRS. WILMA DAVIS, Plaska
Democrat Correspondent
"Granny Owens," as she is
known throughout this commu-
nity, is Mrs. G. P. Owens and has
made her home in the Panhandle
for 52 years and can be truly
classified as a pioneer of Hall
County. She was married to
George Paris Owens on April 15,
1886, in St. Jo, Montague County,
and came to Gray County in May
of the same year, settling on their
ranch in a half dug-out.

The Panhandle then was an open
range country and the entire por-
tion of Texas was populated with
nothing but cowboys and two or
three daring families who braved
the privations of the area and
times to establish homes in this
vicinity.

Fences were unknown in this
portion of the state when Mrs.
Owens first settled here. The
nearest one was near Red River
and another one was located up
in Kansas.

During the spring round up of
the cattle, Mrs. Owens states that
she has mounted her horse and
helped in the round-ups many
times, eating at the chuck wagon
with the cowhands. After her
first child was born she carried
him with her on her horse.

The only amusements of those
times were dances, and usually
there were never enough women
to have a dance. These festive oc-
casions were usually withheld un-
til someone in the community had
a lady visitor from "back east"
and then the folk for miles
around would come to a dance
and usually dance all night. Mrs.
Owens says that she has danced
many nights all night long when
there were only four women part-
ners.

In these days, of which Mrs.
Owens relates, the Indians were
held in a fort at Mobeetie and in
1887 they broke out and started
to the Goodnight ranch to get
buffalo. They passed right by
her home on their trek toward the
Goodnight property. Fortunately
the soldiers at the fort overtook
them before they raided. How-
ever, they took the Indians on to
the ranch where they gave them
buffalo to eat.

Mrs. Owens states, "No one but
the pioneer of those days know
and half realize the hardships we
went through."

After making their home in
Gray County for 22 years they
came to Hall County and settled
on the Jack Owens farm. This
country was beginning to be more
thickly populated and the condi-
tions were better. In 1922 Mr.
Owens fell heir to the farm where
Mrs. Owens makes her home now.
Mrs. Owens died in August of the
same year leaving Mrs. Owens with
six children to make a living for.
Mr. and Mrs. Owens have 12 chil-
dren, eleven of whom are still
living.

Gonzales County was named for
a governor of Texas and Con-
huila.

Cattle Grazed on Memphis Town Site

The old Hall County jail, lo-
cated below the present site of the
Memphis square, with cows graz-
ing on the vacant space now oc-
cupied by Memphis' business dis-
trict, was R. T. McElreath's first
impression of this city when he
arrived here in 1891. Mr. McEl-
reath recalls early times in Hall
County as being difficult, with
many hardships imposed on those
who came here to establish new
homes, but he states that everyone
had plenty to suffice for their
needs.

Mr. McElreath came to Hall
County from Grayson County,
near the place his brother-in-law,
J. C. Montgomery, Memphis'
founder, formerly lived. Mr.
Montgomery had come to Hall
County, and settled a portion of
this locality and established the
town of Memphis. So his brother-
in-law and family came here
shortly thereafter and established
a home.

Mr. McElreath took up three-
quarters of a section of land four
miles west of Memphis and has
made his home there since, ad-
ding other properties to the origi-
nal land he purchased. Mr. Mc-
Elreath is one of the few pioneers
of Hall County who still retains
the land that he purchased when
he came here in the '90's. He
recalls that the land was rough
and he deemed most of it unfit
for farming and devoted the
larger part of his property to pas-
ture and grazing land.

Today he has 1,700 acres of
land in the county, 1,300 acres of
which is devoted to grazing and
pasture and on which he has a
herd of 60 cattle.

Bleak Open Prairie Greeted Pioneers

By MRS. FRED HEMPHILL
Democrat Correspondent

Coming to this county as a
worker in constructing the Fort
Worth and Denver City railway
before settlers ventured into this
area, George B. Mullins takes his
place as a pioneer.

He was a lad of 20 years of age
working out of Vernon with the
railroad crew 52 years ago. He
says that there was only one fence
between Vernon and Childress and
Memphis and Childress were then
only bleak open prairie.

The grading of the roadbed was
done by teams and fresnoes and
old time "scrapers" with lots of
man power, according to Mr. Mul-
lins. The crew was camped in the
Fall of '86 and Spring of '87 at
the present site of Carey, and there
was not a mesquite shrub or tree
to be seen from the camp site. It
was the belief then that the In-
dians burned the grass for the
purpose of killing the buffalo and
other wild game, then abundant.
Also the first cattlemen in this
section burned the grass each
spring to get the early grass and

Farm Lands in Hall Are Still Fertile States Parnell Man

Broke Out First Land in
This County When He Was
Only Eleven Years Old

The farm lands of Hall County
are still as fertile as they ever
were, according to Tom Cope of
the Parnell community, who came
to his locality in 1891 with his
parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Cope,
from Denton County. Mr. Cope
notes that some of the Hall Coun-
ty land isn't fit for farming and
never was, but plenty of land in
this county is still good for farm-
ing.

In recalling early days of his
community, Mr. Cope remembers
that he broke out land on his
father's first Hall County place
when he was 11 years old. The
posts to fence the land were cut
and brought down from little Red
River and the lumber which went
into their first home was bought
in Salisbury and hauled to Deep
Lake. His father settled on the
G. A. Bugbee place when the land
in that locality was a part of the
Shoe Bar and Mill Iron ranges.

When the Swift interests bought
the Shoe Bar Ranch from J. K.
Zimmerman and began subdivid-
ing it into farms, the land was
priced at \$20 an acre and the best
land on the ranch sold at that
price. However, after the best
land was sold, Grundy Bros., in
Memphis who had charge of the
sales, set a price scale of \$8 to
\$12 an acre for the land, accord-
ing to its fertility and the remain-
der and it was sold out at these
prices.

Mr. Cope remembers in 1892,
'93 and '94 the venture in wheat
and oats that Hall County farm-
ers made and the near disastrous
results of the successive crop
failures they met with in attempt-
ing to make this a grain country.

He points out the drastic change
in the school system in 1908, fol-
lowing a severe drought. In 1907
the Parnell school had 150 scho-
lastics and the following year no
school was taught since there was
not a scholastic in the district.
The families of the school chil-
dren had all left the community
due to repeated crop failures.
However, according to Mr. Cope,
the school built back up again,
and good schools were enjoyed un-
til consolidation of districts re-
duced it in recent years.

Mr. Cope, in recalling the life
of his father, an early preacher in
Hall County, stated that the first
wedding that the Rev. Mr. Cope
performed in this country was
that of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Daven-
port, pioneer settlers of the Lake-
view community, in 1891. He re-
membered that his father at one
time sold all his farming tools and
teams for \$2,200 and went west
to the plains country and traded
a mare for a section of land—and
got \$50 to boot in the trade.

Mrs. Cope, came to Hall County
in 1894 from her native Knoxville,
Knox County, Tennessee, with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Tar-
water, another pioneer family of
the county. They settled west of
Lakeview and there she made her
home until her marriage. She
and Mr. Cope have been living on
their farm in the Parnell commu-
nity since 1908.

FIRST PHONE IN HALL BUILT FOR 14 PATRONS

Raised Big Herd
Of Turkeys First
Year in County

By MRS. WILMA DAVIS, Plaska
Democrat Correspondent

The name of Plaska, which is
proudly borne by a thriving Hall
County community, was given to
this community by M. N. Orr who
named the post office after his
native Pulaski post office, Giles
County, Tenn. Mr. Orr came to
Hall County in 1891 from Ten-
nessee with his parents, five
brothers and a sister settling on
the ranch where Mr. Orr's home
is now located. In 1905 Mr. Orr
circulated a petition for a post
office and it was established in
his mother's home and named
Lodge post office. The patrons
carried the mail about six months
before a regular rural carrier was
hired. In 1910 the post office
was discontinued and a rural
route was established but did not
prove to be satisfactory. In 1920
Mrs. Elihue Vallance circulated a
petition for another post office,
and since there were names re-
sembling Lodge already on the
postal guide in Texas, it was
necessary that another name be
selected. Mr. Orr submitted the
name of Pulaski, after his native
Pulaski in Tennessee and it was
accepted by the postal authori-
ties, except they inadvertently
left out the "u," making it Plaska.

When Mr. Orr settled in Hall
County the entire county was open
range and Mr. Orr hunted and
trapped in the early days. He as-
sisted in raising and herding 1,500
turkeys in one year. His father
died in 1899 and being one of the
older boys in the family he knew
many of the hardships of pioneer
life in West Texas.

In 1905 Mr. Orr solicited for
money to construct the first coun-
try telephone line. There were
14 subscribers to this line which
ran from Plaska to Memphis. The
first in Plaska was built and op-
erated by a man by the name of
Phillips.

Mr. Orr was a stockholder in
the first gin built in Plaska in
1908. He served as secretary of
the school board for 15 years.

The first school at Plaska was
built in 1902 and in 1922 a six-
room brick school building was
built, from which five of Mr. Orr's
children have graduated, includ-
ing: D. Wm. N. Orr, Littlefield;
A. H. Orr, Memphis; Mrs. R. T.
Tiner and W. Leo Orr, Plaska;
and J. M. Orr, a student in the
Texas Dental College at Houston.

In 1917 the first church was
built at Plaska with Rev. J. A.
Laney as pastor. Mr. Orr was a
trustee and member of the board
of stewards for several years.

Mr. Orr was married on April
1, 1906, to Miss Nannie Vallance
and to this union 7 children were
born, all of whom have been
reared in Hall County.

Bits of History Taken from Herald

Hall County Herald, Oct. 3, 1896
Jimmie Willborn had the mis-
fortune to be thrown from a horse
ten days ago and got his wrist
thrown out of place or broken.
He has been going about since
with it in a sling.

We reserve our opinion of the
man who explained the 16 to 1
business to a young lady as mean-
ing that she should kiss him six-
teen times in one minute, until
we can see the girl.

We have seen several persons
taking cotton to gin whom we
have credited for the Herald for
one to three or four years. Now
we would like to have them come
up and pay us a little for a sur-
prise.

Dave Grundy roped a young
wild cat out on Indian Creek
Thursday. The old cat and two
young ones were run onto and
the horse was run over them sev-
eral times. They made a fight
but the old cat and one little one
got away. The one roped was
about half grown.

A number of young people
spent the evening Friday at the
residence of W. M. Fore. Some
nice music was furnished by the
young gentlemen.

County Clerk D. A. Grundy an-
nounces in this week's Herald as
a candidate for re-election.

Prof. J. F. Bradley will teach
school at Bissell, Armstrong coun-
ty, this winter. He will leave for
that place with his family this
Saturday.

Isador Martin returned Sat. 1

Lakeview Is Town Swift Water Built

Seventeen Profitable Crops in Forty Days

Lakeview, Tex., July 15.—(AP)—The town of Lakeview, located on the shore of Lakeview Reservoir, has been built in a very short time. The town is now a thriving community with a population of about 100 people. The town is located on the shore of Lakeview Reservoir, which is a large body of water. The town is now a thriving community with a population of about 100 people. The town is located on the shore of Lakeview Reservoir, which is a large body of water. The town is now a thriving community with a population of about 100 people.



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TOWN HAS HAD THREE SERIOUS FLOODS SINCE 1907

Damage to the town of Lakeview has been considerable. The town is now a thriving community with a population of about 100 people. The town is located on the shore of Lakeview Reservoir, which is a large body of water. The town is now a thriving community with a population of about 100 people.



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Meacham's Pharmacy Is Complete Modern

Meacham's Pharmacy, located in the town of Lakeview, has been completely modernized. The pharmacy is now a thriving business with a population of about 100 people. The pharmacy is located on the shore of Lakeview Reservoir, which is a large body of water. The pharmacy is now a thriving business with a population of about 100 people.



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The town of Lakeview has a long history. It was founded in 1907 and has since become a thriving community. The town is located on the shore of Lakeview Reservoir, which is a large body of water. The town is now a thriving community with a population of about 100 people. The town is located on the shore of Lakeview Reservoir, which is a large body of water. The town is now a thriving community with a population of about 100 people.

Hughland Is West Country Business Established in 1910

Hughland, Tex., July 15.—(AP)—The town of Hughland, located in the West Country, has been established since 1910. The town is now a thriving business with a population of about 100 people. The town is located in the West Country, which is a large area of land. The town is now a thriving business with a population of about 100 people.

Raymond Ballou Business Since 1910

Raymond Ballou, located in the town of Lakeview, has been in business since 1910. The business is now a thriving enterprise with a population of about 100 people. The business is located on the shore of Lakeview Reservoir, which is a large body of water. The business is now a thriving enterprise with a population of about 100 people.

Mary Joe's Shop Established Later Clothing in Memphis

Mary Joe's Shop, located in the town of Lakeview, has been established later. The shop is now a thriving business with a population of about 100 people. The shop is located in the town of Lakeview, which is a large area of land. The shop is now a thriving business with a population of about 100 people.

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Memphis, Tenn.

Greetings to you, Pioneer

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PERK'S CAFE

DE SQUARE MEMPHIS, TEXAS

How would you like to eat din-
ner with all the voters in Hall
County? In present day times
it would be a near impossibility,
but W. B. Scott, pioneer resident
of Memphis and Hall County re-
calls a day in 1890 when all the
legal voters of this county assem-
bled at the Shoe Bar Ranch head-
quarters to discuss plans for or-
ganizing Hall County. All but one
voter, a man named Lewis, was
present at the meeting and the
cow-boys at the Shoe Bar pre-
pared a big meal for their vis-
itors. Although Mr. Scott had
not been a resident of the county
long enough to vote, he was pre-
sent at the meeting. It was at this
gathering that Hall County citi-
zens decided to break away from
the judicial attachment to Donley
County and set up a county of
their own. When Hall County set
up its own county government
only 47 voters could be found
within its confines, according to
Mr. Scott.

Mr. Scott first came to the Pan-
handle County in the Spring of
1887 when he helped a man by the
name of Henry Stevens of Fan-
nin County drive a herd of 150 cat-
tle to the West Texas grazing
lands. This trip required 12 days.
After the cattle had been brought
West, Mr. Scott returned to his
home and in the fall of the same
year he came to Harold in Wil-
barger County, where he lived un-
til 1890 and came to Hall County
and Memphis. He recalls getting
off the train at Salisbury and
coming on up to Memphis on
March 28, 1890. A friend, A. G.
Powell, another Hall County pio-
neer, came with him, and togeth-
er they followed the carpenter's
trade in this community.

Mr. Scott built several of the
buildings in Memphis, including
the old Masonic Hall and one of
Memphis' first bank buildings.
During his first two years here
Mr. Scott and his brother, Char-
lie Scott, engaged in farming near
Memphis, raising feed crops prin-
cipally. A few years later he
bought some cattle. Mr. Scott
states that since that time he has
been connected with real estate in
Memphis and Hall County con-

Pioneer Auto Store Owned by "Pioneer"

Pioneer Auto Store, contradic-
ting its name, is a relatively new
firm in Memphis, having been
opened January 1, 1934.

Joe C. Webster, manager and
owner, has been in Memphis and
territory for 48 years and started
in the automobile business in 1934
as a partner in Webster Bros.

The present parts store, serving
a radius of 25 miles from Mem-
phis, offers Monark batteries,
Hood tires, oils and greases, and
a complete stock of parts and au-
tomobile accessories.

Alton Carter is salesman for
the local store.

**Bits of History
Taken from Herald**

Hall County Herald, June 20, 1896
Several of the young men
around town have fitted them-
selves out in ice cream paints and
blue serge coats for summer
wear.

A complimentary party was
given by Miss Mattie Fore to
Miss Emma Montgomery on Wed-
nesday night. A number of young
people were out and report a nice
time.

A half a dozen young bloods
from Graham, Texas, passed
through here this week on their
way to Cripple Creek, Colorado.
They were rigged out in good
clothes, six shooters, winchesters
and starting forth in great feath-
er to seek their fortunes. Alas!
How many a young man has
been lured away by the same wild
but glittering void. A few months
will serve to bring back the same
crowd with more experience and
some good sound sense if not so
much money and prospects.

On account of default having
been made in the payment of an-
nual interest on the Hall County
school lands, sold some four years
there will not be as much school
money in Hall County this year
as usual by about \$1200 and the
school term will be cut short in
this district about three months
from present prospects.

GREETINGS
OLD-TIMERS
from an
Old-Timer



Happy Reunion, Pioneers of Hall County! We invite
you to spend at least a part of your time with us, while
here. We will enjoy a talk of old-times with you.

During the twelve years this business has been in op-
eration in Memphis we have enjoyed a splendid patron-
age from both the old timers and the new-comers. We
strive at all times to give you quality at a reasonable
price, and we want you to know we do appreciate your
business.

PIONEER AUTO SUPPLY CO.

In Memphis 48 Years

In Business 16 Years



MEMPHIS MOON EYES—An early day baseball team in
Memphis, with Max King captain. Left to right, bottom
row: Max King, Alman Kinard, Wilma Jackson, Earl John-
son; top row: Tom Moreman, Craver Browder, Willie Par-
due, Howard Pardue, Courtney Denny.

Famous Court Case Is Won by Landowners

Brand on Wood Block Mute Testimony

After Long-Drawn-Out and Stiff Legal Fight

By BILL ANTHONY

A famous case back in the early
years of the century was that of
Thomas B. Richardson versus Ed-
ward F. Swift et al, to try title on
land, which those connected with
it declared to be one of the most
notorious schemes ever concocted
in Hall County.

For over four years Richard-
son, termed by his opponents in
the suit a "squatter" and "land
jumper," tried unsuccessfully to
dispossess a number of owners and
tenants settled on 1,600 acres of
the best farming land in Hall
County, and to buy it from the
state for himself. The land was
a strip seven miles long and 550
yards wide, extending east from
the old Shoe Bar Ranch head-
quarters, about two miles north
of Pliska.

It was owned by the following
men named in the suit: Edward
F. Swift, of the famous Chicago
meat-packing family, Eli Dixon,
Lycurgus Worden, W. T. Brown-
lee, B. D. Brown, M. N. Orr, M.
N. Orr, M. S. Smith, R. W. Craw-
ford, J. W. Gillev, J. W. Green-
wood, J. A. Montgomery, W. J.
Owens, F. A. Finch, O. B. Bur-
nett, J. L. Crosby, G. J. Adkis-
son, Jesse L. Hodges, M. H. Mil-
ler, J. W. Morrison, R. D. Glasco,
Joe Montgomery, W. W. Burnett,
and H. H. Burnett.

Backed by his father-in-law,
Geo. R. Chipman, childhood coun-
try surveyor, Richardson hoped to
prove the owners' title to the land
void by creating a vacancy of 550
varas between two adjoining sec-
tions. He based his claim on an
alleged mislocation by an old-
time surveyor.

In preparation for trial of the
case, D. A. Grundy, who was agent
for the Swift lands in Hall Coun-
ty, together with W. A. Thomp-
son, surveyor, J. M. Elliott, at-
torney, and helpers, went out on
evidence to combat Richardson's
claim. Thompson and Elliott have
furnished all the information for
this account of the case.

In following the line laid out
by the original locator, they came
to a point four miles east of the
corner of the strip, described as
"a chinaberry tree so many de-
grees and varas from the corner."
They located the corner of the
section, according to their survey,
and had Mr. Thompson turn his
compass on the chinaberry tree
in approximately the right direc-
tion from the corner.

They went to that tree, began
looking for marks, and found a
scar grown over, often called a
"cat face." Judge Elliott sug-
gested that if they chopped into

the tree they might find some-
thing that could be used as evi-
dence. Mr. Grundy accepted the
proposition, went to neighboring
house to borrow an axe, and
chopped above and below the scar.

When the block chipped out, it
showed a large cross, imprinted
on the inside of the tree by the
surveyor's mark, which was called
for in the original field notes.
That block was preserved and
used as conclusive evidence of
the accuracy of the original sur-
vey in four successive trials which
followed in as many years.

Richardson filed the case first
in Federal Court in Amarillo on
December 19, 1908. There the
trial lasted for four days before
being dismissed by Judge E. R.
Meek for lack of evidence on the
part of the plaintiff.

He then appeared before the
Attorney General in Austin, who
heard his case, and awarded him
the lands, but sent him back home
to fight it out in district court.
In the December, 1912, term
of court here, the case came up
for hearing, and was tried before
a jury for a week. When the
block above referred to and the
evidence of its location was pre-
sented, it won the case for the
defendants.

A motion for a new trial en-
tered by Richardson was over-
ruled whereupon he appealed the
case to the Court of Civil Appeals
in Amarillo for its fourth and
last hearing, which likewise met
with failure.

The block is and was complete
evidence that the defendants had
retraced the footsteps of the or-
iginal surveyor, James A. Parks, and
proved Richardson's claim thor-
oughly false.

This piece of evidence was
kept by D. A. Grundy during his

The Democrat's Query As to Who Soaped

'Memphis Is the Town That Soap Built'

Track Brings Response From Old-Timer

In the June 10 issue of The
Memphis Democrat a reward was
offered for the names of the per-
son or persons who soaped the
track and forced the train to stop
in Memphis for the first time in
October, 1890.

J. M. Willborn of Amarillo,
formerly of Memphis, immedi-
ately wrote to The Democrat, reveal-
ing the name of a woman. He
said, "As far as I know there are
only two persons now living in
Memphis who know the facts in
the matter," and gave the names
of those two.

Willborn wrote "The soaping
or greasing of the track was an
actual fact and far from being
the myth it seems to be to most
of the people now living in Mem-
phis and Hall County. The iden-
tity of the person who greased
the track was well known to quite
a number of old-timers, but as
the episode occurred at a very
critical time in the history of
Memphis it was thought best to
never divulge the secret, so when
the railroad people started an in-
vestigation no one knew any-
thing about the identity of the
"miscreant."

"Now, after a lapse of nearly
fifty years, and the fact that
nearly all of those in the know, or
directly concerned in the affair,
have passed from the scene of
earthly action, I do not think it
could harm anyone to call names.

J. C. Montgomery was in a
conference with the railroad of-
ficials, and an agreement was
reached by which Memphis was
to have a depot and switch at
once. Then as the papers were

just ready to sign came the news
of the greasing of the track . . .
The party who did the greasing
admitted it to some Memphis peo-
ple and was proud of the job . . .
It was thought best to keep the
person's part in the affair in the
dark as that person would have
been subject to prosecution."

Since receiving Willborn's re-
velation the publishers of The
Democrat have decided it best
not to divulge the name of the
person who was responsible for
Memphis getting the slogan, "The
city that soap built," because those
in the know were so loyal for 48
years that they would not divulge
the name of the "soaper."

Regarding the soaping incident
the Hall County Herald in June
1899 had the following to say:
"The engine was puffing, the
wheels slipping, the fireman and
engineer were cursing. They had
been several hours trying to pass
or cross Memphis. The track had
been greased for about 100 feet,
and the freight engine had to
back to Newlin twice for sand ere
it could get across. Of course,
Memphis felt terribly outraged to
think that such a thing occurred
there. Some thought it would
make it harder to reconcile the
railroad people. But that could
not be helped after it was done.
Many of us only regretted it
from the teeth out. From that
day to this it has never been
known who greased the track, al-
though a woman claimed, and has
been generally accorded the honor
of so doing."

Victoria County was named for
the first president of Mexico.

DeWitt County was named for
Green DeWitt, the empresario.

Leon County was named for
Martin de Leon.

Jasper County was named for
a hero of the American Revolu-
tion.

Coleman County was named for
Robert N. Coleman.

Capable Deserving
VOTE FOR
JACK BOONE
Candidate For
COUNTY CLERK
HALL COUNTY
"Give a Young Man a Chance"
YOUR VOTE WILL BE APPRECIATED
(Political Advertisement)

C. C. Broughton

Will Appreciate Your Vote for

District Attorney

100th Judicial District



I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the citizens of Hall Coun-
ty for the many courtesies shown me during my campaign for the office of District
Attorney. I have certainly enjoyed meeting and associating with you.

As I do not want to assume the position of bragging upon myself, may I refer
you to the Judges and Lawyers over the District as to my qualifications as a lawyer,
and to the pastors of my home county, and my neighbors, as to my moral character.

I am conducting a clean campaign, based strictly upon my own merits, and if
elected will exert every effort to make you a District Attorney you will be glad to
have supported.

(Political Advertisement)

Texas Theatre Was Started in 1933 By R. E. Martin, Owner

The Texas Theatre was opened in Memphis September 15, 1933, by R. E. Martin, present owner and manager, who has been a resident of this city since 1916.

The show was first built in 1925 and operated as the Gem Theatre by C. C. Lindsey and H. C. Houghton. Under that name it was operated by various parties until July 1933. In September of that year the present management reopened the show as the Texas Theatre, refurnished and with new RCA equipment.

Monogram, Republic, Grand National and Gaumont-British pictures are shown with a variety of short subjects. Dan Clinton is operator.

Bits of History Taken from Herald

One of the coldest northers we have ever noticed for this season of the year swooped down on the country last Saturday and made those who were abroad think of the last winter's overcoat, and those who were indoors think of approaching coal bills.

J. L. Casper, F. J. Goffinett and Dr. G. R. Henry left Thursday for Crosby County where they go on a hunting and business trip combined. They will be away about a week.

WELCOME PIONEERS!

Spend the heat of the day with us... in air-cooled comfort!

Palace

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
Robert Louis Stevenson's

"Kidnaped"

with Warner Baxter and Freddie Bartholomew

SAT. NIGHT PREVUE,
SUNDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY
The Great American Motion Picture

"In Old Chicago"

with Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche

WEDNESDAY ONLY
A full length feature picture. Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in

"Swiss Miss"

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PREVUE and THURSDAY
The star of "Stella Dallas" at her greatest. Barbara Stanwyck in

"Always Goodbye"

with Herbert Marshall and Ina Hunter.

Ritz

FRIDAY ONLY
EVERYBODY 10c
Dick Powell and Beverly Roberts in

"Daredevil Drivers"

SATURDAY
"Hawaiian Buckaroo"

with Smith Ballew and Evalyn Knapp.

SAT. NIGHT PREVUE,
SUNDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY
The year's funniest musical

"This Way, Please"

with Buddy Rogers, Betty Grable, Rufe Davis and Ned Sparks.

WEDNESDAY ONLY
Zane Grey's

"Sundown Trail"

Don't miss this rip-roaring western with a surprise cast!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PREVUE and THURSDAY
Smashing the "Taxi Gal" racket!

"Paid to Dance"

with Don Terry, Jacqueline Wells. Also Secret of Treasure Island.



HOLLIS BOREN

Boren Operator of Palace and Ritz in Memphis Since '34

Both Theatres Boast Modern Equipment; Palace Rebuilt Following Fire in January

Palace and Ritz theatres have been owned and operated under the same management since 1934 when H. L. Boren acquired the Ritz, having previously owned the Palace.

The Palace was first built in 1929 with sound equipment. In 1936 a new theatre was built on the north side of the square which burned January, 1938. This theatre was rebuilt this spring with the latest RCA sound equipment, United cooling system and International seats.

The Ritz has been remodeled from time to time and has an air-conditioning system and RCA sound equipment.

Seven leading film companies are featured by the theatres: Paramount, Columbia, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Fox, Warner, First National, United Artists, and RKO pictures. Short subjects and features are included in the showings.

J. B. Beeson is house manager for both Palace and Ritz. Kenneth Oren is chief operator at the Palace and Lois McCulloch is cashier. At the Ritz Dow Johnson is chief operator, Doc Estee is houseman, and Mrs. J. B. Beeson is cashier.

Bits of History Taken from Herald

Hall County Herald, Sept. 26, 1896

W. L. Wheat and J. A. Barnett, of Newlin, have formed a partnership for carrying on the coal and market business at this point. They have bought the coal business of Montgomery & Bradford and A. H. Willborn and will run it in connection with the meat and fur business heretofore run by W. L. Wheat.

Joe A. Grundy will teach the Gammage school east of town this winter. The school will begin the first week in October and run five months.

F. J. Goffinett received a fine new jump seat buggy Monday for his family. He is one of the county's most prosperous farmers and we are glad to note his success.

A. H. Willborn sold out his grocery business here last Saturday to John W. and R. F. Wright. The new firm will be Wright & Bro. They will continue the business at the old stand and keep a nice stock of groceries at all times.

F. A. Hudgins, who has been a candidate for assessor, Thursday announced that he was no longer in the race. For reasons best known to himself he has withdrawn and desires us to extend his cordial thanks to all who have given him their support.

TEXAS THEATRE MEMPHIS

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
The Three Mesquiteers in

"RIDERS OF THE BLACK HILLS"

Also "The Lone Ranger" and "Oh What a Knight."
Admission 10c and 15c

WED. and THURS.
Gene Autry in

"GOLD MINE IN THE SKY"

with Smiley Burnette, Carol Hughes and The Western Cowboys. Also "He Done His Duty."
Admission 10c and 15c

Early Day Churches Drew Large Crowds At Every Service

Early Preachers Were Fed Fried Chicken As They Are Now by Mrs. Stout of Parnell

Circuit rider preachers brought out large crowds at the early churches in Hall County, according to Mrs. L. D. Stout of the Parnell Community, who recalls that there was only one church in the community when she and her husband came to this county in 1905. Mrs. Stout states that in the early days she had the preachers home for Sunday dinner and fed them fried chicken. "And I still do," adds Mrs. Stout whose 78 years rests lightly on her shoulders. Mrs. Stout recalls that in the early days when she and her family first moved to Hall County, the only church in the Parnell community was used by both Methodist and Baptist.

She states that larger crowds attended the church services in those days when the country was sparsely settled and the only means of transportation was horse-drawn vehicles and mounted, than do now with a larger population and modern transportation facilities. Mrs. Stout observes that people were possibly more religious in the early days.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout came to Texas from Tennessee in 1890 and first settled in Tarrant County and later moved to Wise County to make their home. When they decided to move to Hall County, Mr. Stout purchased the farm on which they now live, and they have made their home there continuously since. He and this brother purchased a section of land, part of which was already improved. Mr. Stout's brother took the unimproved land while the remainder went into the Stout farm, part of which had to be broken out from the virgin soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout are possibly the longest-married couple in Hall County, having been wed for 58 years. They were married at Mrs. Stout's old home in Oxford, Henderson County, Tennessee. Mr. Stout, who is 77, is a native of Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Stout are the parents of seven children, and have reared an adopted child. Four of their children are still living.

Mr. Stout recalls that his first cotton crop in Hall County brought about 7c a pound when it was ginned at Hulver and marketed at Estelline. He stated that in those days they did not receive a parity check in the spring as cotton farmers do now, but that on some occasions they shipped their cotton to Houston for marketing and it was often spring before the check returned.

Mr. Stout recalls that he was told in early days that Hall County land was not suitable for corn, but he has raised many crops of corn, rickling it in the fall and in the spring shipping it out to the eastern markets. Mr. Stout states that the corn kept perfectly during the dry winter months, and if shipped in the early spring before the rains and heat set in, it would give him a source of employment and income in an otherwise dead season of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout both remember in early days the herds of cattle being driven to Estelline for shipping. These herds were from the Shoe Bar, Milliron and Matador ranches lying west of Estelline and Memphis, and when driven by the Stout farm the cattle would break through the fences and damage gardens and crops. Mr. Stout states that the ranchers, who were greatly in the



N. W. DURHAM

First Meeting of Court Is on Hall County Records

Court Instructed Officers To Get Records From The Archives of Donley County

A record of the first meeting of the Hall County Commissioners Court can be found in the office of Floyd Springer, Hall County clerk, disclosing that the meeting was held July 24, 1890, in the temporary court house in Memphis located on the east side of the square. It was a called meeting and Judge J. A. Lafferty, the first county judge, presided, with the following commissioners sitting with the court: Pat Woolforth, precinct 1; J. B. Pope, precinct 2; R. M. Harrison, precinct 3 and J. H. Drury, precinct 4.

The court ordered S. H. Shippson, county clerk to make a transcript of all Hall County records from the records of Donley County, to which Hall County had been attached for judicial purposes. E. R. Clark, county surveyor, was instructed by the court to secure from Donley County all the records concerning Hall County lands and to place them on record in Memphis.

A. C. Willborn, county treasurer, was authorized by the court to confer with the Donley County treasurer and secure what funds were on hand in the Donley County treasury that properly belonged to Hall County and to make such deposits of them as was necessary. He was instructed to enter into contracts with various firms to purchase record books for Hall County and to purchase a safe in which the valuables of the newly organized county were to be kept.

The Sheriff, C. A. Embrey, was also instructed by the court to secure such records from Donley County that came under his jurisdiction. The court convened and met again the following day and on subsequent days to undertake the tremendous task of bringing into being a new judicial unit.

majority when he came to Hall County, resented the invasion of the farmer, the cultivated fields, and the breaking out of grazing land. Mrs. Stout, in commenting on Mr. Stout's statement, said that she thought that some of the land turned to farming should never have been broken out and that it should now be turned back to ranches, since much of it was too dry and unproductive to be used successfully in farming.

DURHAM-JONES LAYS CLAIM AS PIONEER DRUG

Original Firm Was Moved Here from Ft. Worth in 1916

Durham-Jones Pharmacy Inc. lays claim as one of the oldest Memphis drug store, though the present organization has existed only since 1934.

Originally the store was operated by R. E. Martin who moved it from Fort Worth in January, 1916. The Martin drug store was purchased in 1925 by O. F. Jones, O. B. Jones, G. S. Sigler, and F. V. Clark and became the Clark Drug Company. Durham-Jones Pharmacy took over the Clark Drug in December, 1934, six months after moving to its present location.

O. F. Jones is president of the organization. O. B. Jones is vice president, and N. W. Durham is secretary-treasurer; these three having purchased the Clark and other interests. The corporation is less than four years old but its owners have a total of 116 years in Memphis' development.

O. B. Jones and N. W. Durham are actively engaged in the store, and are both registered pharmacists. Employees of the store include John Gilreath, Russell McClure and J. P. Drake.

Enlarging last summer to one of the most modern and complete stores in this section, Durham-Jones now has the very latest type of open display equipment for the convenience of the public, a large open-front prescription department with one of the largest stocks of prescription drugs in this part of the country, a large stock of biologicals all electrically refrigerated at proper temperatures, a truss fitting department with adequate stock, a large 60 gallon ice cream container capable of keeping all ice cream flavors, private booths and tables for 40 persons, and the very latest type of air-conditioning.

Durham-Jones Pharmacy features the McKesson line, Lenthier perfumes, Boyer and Max Factor cosmetics and only nationally advertised brands in its drugs and sundries. Leading all other stores in the Dallas territory, Durham-Jones won the last McKesson sales award.



OREN JONES



OTTIE JONES

Bits of History Taken from Herald

Hall County Herald, Aug. 15, 1896

Gradually old landmarks are disappearing. This week the old wagon yard opposite the Herald office, which has long been an eyesore, was torn away.

Miss Maude Barnett has been selected to teach the primary grades of the public school. Prof. Gee will teach the advanced grades and Miss Maggie Broyles the intermediate. On account of the scarcity of school money this year there will not be to exceed a five months' term. This being the case the trustees have decided not to open school until the first

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