

Earth's 50th Anniversary Celebration Drawing Near



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

The city of Earth has been in the process of planning many activities for its 50th Anniversary which is to be held Saturday, August 24th, 1974. Old timers, youngsters, and those in-between are all invited to help us celebrate the founding of our little city, which took place on Saturday the 24th, 50 years ago. Events are scheduled all day long to make this celebration a memorable one.

On Saturday morning to start things off with, there will be an Old Timers' Registration at

9:00 a.m. along with an Art Show from 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., both located in the Community Building. This Art Show is open to anyone that has any kind of art or craft to display. If you would like to enter something, bring it by the Community Building any time from 4:00-6:00 on Friday. All artists are welcome to participate, and those who've been around a little longer than the rest of us should be there to put their names down on the Old Timers' List. Others should also come to get a view of the Art Show, because it's

sure to be an eye-catcher.

Everyone is allowed plenty of time to mingle at the Community Building and eat lunch somewhere; then at 1:00 pm, we're off to the rodeo grounds for fun, fun, and more fun! This is going to be a "short playday," sponsored by the Earth Roping Club. Skill testing events and nerve-wracking contests are scheduled at this time. Those wanting to participate are surely welcome (all age groups), and those just wanting to watch are invited also. This "playday"

ends at 4:00 pm, so everyone should get their laughs in while they can!

Next on the list is the Grand Parade of Antique Cars at 4:30 pm. We think our modern cars are impressive, but just wait till those polished-up antiques come rolling downtown. That'll be something really special to see! To set the atmosphere for the appearance of these vehicles, a calliope will be played during the Parade, and will be provided by Sudan. For those of you who haven't any idea what kind of contraption a calliope is, just

show up at the Parade, and you'll find out.

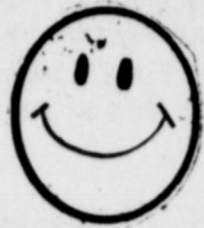
The great Springlake-Earth High School band is scheduled to play at 5:00 p.m. The band, directed by Bill Surface, might play a little earlier, so stick around, and everyone will have a chance to stop, relax, and listen to the music.

The next big event of the day will take place at 6:00. It's a Free Fish Fry. With all the strong appetites sure to have developed throughout the day, fish will satisfy men, women, and children of all ages.

To conclude this day of festivities, the "Olton Squares" will present a square dance exhibition at 7:30 pm to be held on the bank parking lot. Since square dancing isn't performed for the public very often, Saturday evening will offer everyone a chance to see what this type of dancing looks like.

Saturday the 24th will be a day to remember for years to come. Not only will it mark Earth's 50th year of being settled, but will also enable friends and neighbors of long ago until today to reminisce.

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NOSIN... With Polly

Plans for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Earth, Texas have been finalized and everything is moving along. We hope to see many of the old timers out to enjoy the events and to relish stories from the long ago.

We have felt a degree of sadness as we worked to produce this issue, for we missed from our fold, many beloved pioneers that it had been our privilege to know and love, who have departed this world, since we came here 20 years ago to start the News-Sun.

Those builders of this community are in our estimation, irreplaceable in that their love for the community was more deep-rooted. It had been their home since they plowed up the swaying fresh grassland on the Plains and started clearing, plowing, planting, and harvesting their crops from early dawn until darkness. Their lives were not those of luxury, nor were they hampered with boredom, for there was always something to be done.

Religion was a major part of their lives, as they relied on God to help them through the cold of winter and the heat of summer. (Without air conditioning in summer and with only cow chips for heat of winter.)

Some of our early pioneers lived in dug-outs, but that failed to dampen their spirits, for they

looked to a brighter day with faith and courage, building a better tomorrow.

To these early day pioneers, we say "Thank You" for we know it took blood, sweat and tears to carve a new world from a barren prairie.

We, off-springs of people who were "The Salt of the Earth" can indeed be proud of our great heritage. Their monuments were honesty, hard work, and a helping hand to all who were in need. Their motto was "Do Unto Others As You Would Have Others Do Unto You." Their word was their bond, and there was no need for contracts.

As we make ready to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this little West Texas town, let's do it with pride, for we celebrate in a great extent a place built by the calloused hands of others.

NOSIN

The Gaston girls, Shelley and Roberta, have gathered history of the area for this issue while Paige Gaston was busy typing.

This week we will be losing the threesome to return to college. This will leave two vacancies on our staff, as we will not be needing so many on the staff after the history paper is put to bed. We will miss three smiling faces of the lovely Gaston girls and their most pleasant dispositions.

Mrs. Ilo Sanders Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Ilo Sanders, 76, died at 12:15 pm Wednesday, August 21 in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She had been a patient there since 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral arrangements were pending at press time, but tentative arrangements are that Funeral Services would be Friday afternoon in the First Baptist Church at Springlake.

Mrs. Sanders became ill Tuesday as she was getting ready to go to her doctor in Dimmitt for a check up. She was feeling fine, and had spent the last six weeks in Colorado visiting two of her children.

After suddenly becoming ill, Mrs. Sanders was examined in Dimmitt and rushed by ambulance to the Methodist Hospital. Cause of her death was unknown. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, parents

of 9 children, moved to Springlake in 1932 from New Mexico. Mr. Sanders preceded her in death in 1962. Also two of their sons preceded her in death.

Mrs. Sanders has been a member of the Baptist Church since early childhood. She has been a member of the Springlake First Baptist Church since '32.

Survivors include three sons, Tom of Springlake, Leon of Dimmitt, and Kenneth of Whiteface; four daughters, Mrs. Joe (Leota) Harrell, Littlefield; Mrs. Dean (Wanda) Barden, Greely, Colo.; Mrs. Jack (Jessie) Ebeling, Dimmitt; and Mrs. Rita Foster, Colo. Springs, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral Arrangements will be under the direction of Lemmons Funeral Home of Dimmitt. Burial will be in the Springlake Cemetery.

S-E Faculty Attends 3rd Annual Plainview Workshop

The Springlake-Earth School faculty attended the Third Annual High Plains In-Service Workshop Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in preparation for the 1974-75 school term. The workshop was sponsored by Wayland Baptist College.

The schedule for the workshop was similar for both Tuesday and Wednesday. At 9:00 am Tuesday and Wednesday, everyone met for a general assembly. Administrators, elementary teachers, secondary teachers, band teachers, special ed. teachers, and school nurses were divided into sections at 10:30 on Tuesday in order to participate in meetings concerning their part in the school program.

Administrators met at 10:30 am both days for discussion groups. Leaders were Charles Holleyman and Dr. Reynell Parkins. These groups broke up at noon and met again from 1:30-3:30 on Tuesday and 1:30-4:30 on Wednesday. Leaders for these afternoon sessions were Mr. Paul Lyle, and Mrs. Montoya.

Band teachers, special education teachers, and school nurses also attended all sectional meetings both days. Mr. Raymond Luske from Lockney headed the band director's group. Mrs. Carolyn Spearman from Denver, Colorado, was the leader for the special ed. teachers, and Mrs. Evelyn Ulmer from Lockney lead the school nurses.

For the elementary teachers, meetings were held from 10:30-3:30 on Tuesday and from 10:30-3:30 on Wednesday. Programs such as "Helping Plan 'A' Students in the Classroom," "Trying on a Learning Disability," and "Minority and Cultural Understanding" were presented the 1st day. Wednesday's topics included some such as "Help Through Guidance," "Recognizing and Helping Students with Eye-Hand Coordination Difficulties."

Secondary education meetings took place also from 10:30-3:30 both days. "Making Use of Maps and Globes--Grades

Seven and Eight, "Personality Poetry," and "Making Use of Media," were a few programs offered to secondary teachers.

Those other school districts attending this 2 day High Plains Workshop were: Cotton Center, I. S. D.; Floydada, I. S. D.; Hale Center, I. S. D.; Kress, I. S. D.; Lockney I. S. D.; and Petersburg, I. S. D.

Tickets To Go On Sale For Football Season

Football season will soon be starting, and season tickets will go on sale right away. They may be purchased at any of the local businesses and at the superintendent's office.

The price of the tickets for 5 home games is \$7.50.

As in the past, tickets reserving seats in the bleachers will not be sold, although reserved press and box seats will.

Next 4 H Meeting September 16

The 4-H Club is scheduled to resume its meetings on Monday Sept. 16th at 7:30 (3rd Monday of the month). The meeting will be held in the showbarn, out west of town.



LUPE GARCIA

S-E School Faculty and Personnel Complete

The Springlake-Earth School Personnel and Faculty for the 1974-75 academic year have been completed.

The school personnel includes: William L. Mann, Superintendent, Oletha Sanders, Secretary to Superintendent, Guy F. Kelley, Business Manager, Pauline Hucks, Tax Assessor Collector, Bob Conkin, Counselor, Dorothy Wood, School Nurse, and Mary Gaudlen, Librarian.

The elementary faculty for grades one-five includes: Kindergarten-Elizabeth Cain and Ladena Jones; 1st Grade-Mary Alice Gaston and Judy Keeling; 2nd Grade-Evanel Winders and Pat Surface; 3rd Grade-Mildred Haley and Maizie McDonald; 4th Grade-Gladys McCord and Faye Smith; 5th Grade-Neleen Dent and Robbie Parish; Library Clerk-Louise Galloway; and Principal-Bill Verden.

Those teachers and other faculty members for the secondary levels of Jr. High and High School are: Nancy Baucum, Bertha Howell, Evelyn Verden, Linda Givens, Bill West, Tom Phelps, Art Karger, Earl Ramsey, Dewane Fryar, Smythie Lawrence, Marie Slover, Sue Haberer, Bill Anderson, Gary Hamilton, Jacque James, Jessie Green, Melvin Chisum, Bill Surface, Jerry Hoover, Monarae Cummings, Jerry Beard, and Library Clerk-Edna Robnett; Study Hall Clerk-Pat Eagle; Principal for High School-Bob May; and Principal for Jr. High-Cecil Slover.

Other teachers and aides for the school are: Special Education-Betty Anderson, Kay Phelps, and Billy Jean Fields; Title I Reading-Georgia Bahlman and Janice Hawkins; Title I Migrant-Nancy Hoover, Mary Ann Green, and Carolyn Cunningham; and Teacher Aides-Inez Inglis, Bourdation, Pady Mann, Spec. Ed., Jeanette O'Hair, Migrant, Fern Pittman, Migrant, Arlette Schonenberger, Migrant, Lupe Garcia, Migrant, and Irene Haberer, Migrant.

New teachers and aides recently hired at the Springlake-Earth Schools for the '74-'75 school year are also listed above. These new faculty members



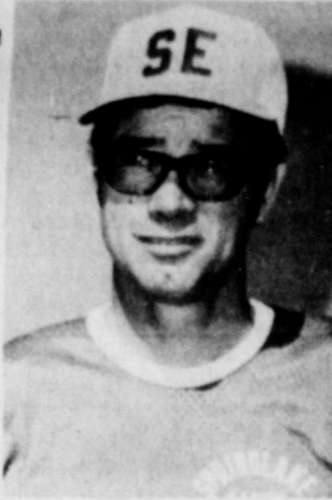
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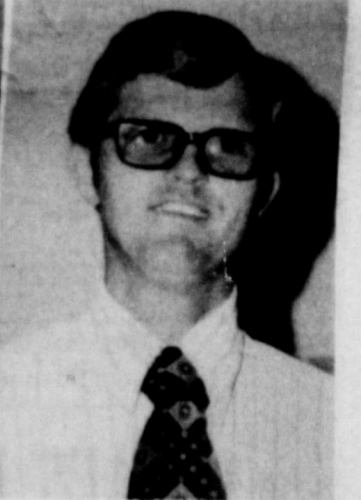
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include Miss Ladena Jones who will be teaching kindergarten. Miss Jones received her B.S. degree from Carlton State University.

Miss Beth Cain will also be teaching kindergarten. She attended Paris Jr. College and received her B.S. degree in Elementary Education from East

Texas State University. Her home is in Calico, Texas. Mrs. Bill Surface will teach second grade. She attended Bnhandle State College for her degree, and was teaching 2nd grade at Stratford before she, her husband, and 2 children moved out here.

Bill Surface is the new Jr. High

and High School Band Director. He received his degree at S.W. S.C., and also served at Stratford as band director before coming here. Mrs. Faye Smith will be one of the 4th grade teachers. Her husband is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Springlake. She

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CAROLYN CUNNINGHAM



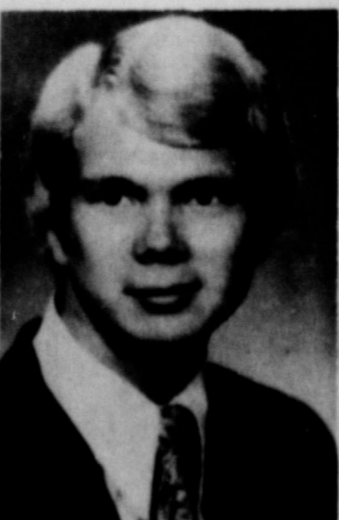
LADENA JONES



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BETH CAIN



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FIFTY YEARS



BY DAVID HARTMAN

Saturday Earth has its 50th birthday. Fifty years is a long time. A lot happens in that length of time. A lot of changes take place. Many of the people who helped charter the City of Earth are gone. Where we are now is a result of their vision or lack of vision.

What about fifty years from now? I cannot envision what life in Earth will be like from

now. However, people of the present generation need to give thought and planning to the years ahead. If we don't we'll just let life happen to us in the future rather than shaping it ourselves. Live is not static. It moves on. We move with it or we are left behind. I don't want our town left behind. Do you? However, our town will only move forward as we its citizens work optimistically toward the future.

S-E School Faculty

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attended Wayland Baptist College and received her B. A. degree there. She has also attended North Texas State University and California Baptist University. Mrs. Smith has taught previously at Plano and Dimmitt. The library clerk for elementary will be Louise Galloway, and Pat Eagle will be the study hall clerk for High School. Bill West will help coach the Wolverine football and basket-

ball teams. He and his wife have 4 little girls. Mr. West received his B. S. and Masters degrees from Texas A&M. Mrs. Donny Haberer will be one of the Home-economics teachers. Mrs. Haberer has taught Home-Ed. at Springlake-Earth before. She received her B.S. degree from Texas Tech University. Gary Hamilton, the new Spanish and English teacher for High School, received his B.S. de-

gree from Texas A&I College in Kingsville.

Jerry Hoover will be the Chorale Music teacher. He and his wife, Nancy, have 2 children. They moved here from Muleshoe. Hoover attended Texas Tech for his B. M. E. degree and obtained his Masters from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth.

Nancy Hoover will be working under the Title I Migrant Program in Jr. High.

Mary Anne Green will also be working under the Title I Migrant Program in elementary. Receiving her degree from Texas Tech University, she has also been employed in the San Antonio Schools and Somerset L. S. D.

Miss Carolyn Cunningham will also be teaching in the Title I Migrant Program. She received her B. S. degree from West Texas Mrs. David Hawkins will be the Title I Reading teacher in elementary. She graduated from Texas Tech after receiving her B. S. degree.

Irene Haberer will be a teacher's aide for the Migrant Program. Mrs. Haberer has served as an aide in the school before.

The new High School principal is Bob May. He is married and he and his wife have two children. Mr. May received his B. S. and Masters degrees from West Texas State University.

Robert Conkin will serve as the school counselor.

per cent less than last year. And, placements of cattle into feedlots during the April-June period were down about 29 per cent from levels a year ago.

Secondly, a changed attitude toward refilling the lots is necessary before any price strength can develop in the feeder market, notes Uvacek. "This might develop fairly soon if feeders see some profit opportunities, if government guaranteed loans can be made effectively rapidly, and if marketing of feeders is not bunched because of drought conditions."

went outside and removed the wallet from his pocket and left the pants on the front porch. Approximately \$200 was taken and a small pocket-size calculator.

One of the Coke machines located near the entrance to the Pay & Save Store was broken in to Monday night around 12:00. An undetermined amount of changes was taken.

As Summer Ends School Begins

It's that time of the year again when summer draws to a close and the fall school term begins. Students and teachers of all grades returned to school this morning to begin classes at 8:30. The lunchroom ladies and others also had to start back again to prepare for the coming

year. Many were probably reluctant to say good-bye to the warm lazy days of summer, and some may have been looking forward to starting again. No matter what the case, school has started and everyone should get some pleasure from the 1974-75 school year.



It was once believed that seeds from trees fell into small crevices on an alligator's scales, and took root so that he resembles a small island!

Free Lunch Policy Provided Again

As stated in last week's paper, the Earth Ind. School will provide a free lunch policy again this year for those families unable to pay the price for meals served at school.

Parents meeting hardships or difficult circumstances should apply for the free lunch policy for their children. Information concerning this policy can be found in last week's paper.

Two Burglaries in Earth This Week

The J.M. Parker home, 2nd Park Street, Northeast, was broken into sometime early Sunday morning while the Parkers were asleep. The burglars took Mr. Parker's pants from his bedside,

Cattle Feeding Still "Depressed"

The cattle feeding industry is still in a depressed economic condition, says a livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Feedlot losses have continued since last August but daylight is now on the horizon," says Dr. Ed Uvacek. "Some feedlots may already be in the break-even zone. Unfortunately, much official that feedgrains would be merical feeders has been used, so financing is still a real problem."

As a result, the loss situation of feedlots is now being felt by cow-calf producers in the form of reduced prices for replacement calves. Demand for lightweight calves is extremely low. Feedlots can buy the weight cheaper than they can put it on; consequently they are buying more larger type replacement animals, points out Uvacek.

Two things seem certain, according to the Texas A&M University System specialist. First, cattle numbers on feed as of July 1 will not provide a very large marketing level for the fourth calendar quarter of this year. Uvacek estimates marketing level for the fourth calendar quarter of this year. Uvacek estimates marketings at about 5.5 million head, or 15

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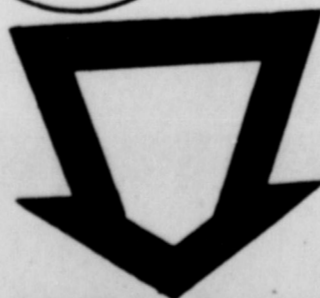
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Charles and Frances Hunter to be in Hereford

Charles and Frances Hunter, dedicated evangelists, who have previously spoken at the Earth United Methodist Church, will be holding services in Hereford, Texas on August 29-30, at 7:30 pm in the Hereford Bull Barn.

Topics included in the Hunters' service come from the books they have written: "Hot Line to Heaven," "Hang Loose with Jesus," "Since Jesus Passed By,"

"Knowing God's Secret," "P. T. L. A.," "God is Fabulous," "Two Sides of a Coin," "Go, Man, Go," "My Love Affair," and "How to Make your Marriage Exciting." Everyone from all around is invited to attend!

A luncheon is to be held at noon on Friday. For more information on tickets, which are \$3.50 each, call Fred Whipple at 806-364-5879 or 364-5556.

Revival Services Scheduled at Sunnyside

Have you worked for things only to find no pleasure in them, when they are obtained? Then maybe you need to set your sight on the unseen; THE ETERNAL!

The Sunnyside Baptist Church invites you to attend their revival services on August 25 - September 1.

Morning Services begin at 10:00. Evening Services include: the Prayer Service at 7:30 pm, and the Worship Ser-

vice at 8:00 pm. Rev. M. E. McGlamery, evangelist missionary from the Lake Mead Baptist Association of Las Vegas, Nevada, will lead the services. Leading the singing will be music director, Dan Schaeffer. He is a student at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas.

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the

things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18.
The regular church schedule will be followed on Sunday.

Feedgrains to Be Down

When the latest crop report was issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the word became official that feedgrains would be short this year. Yet, despite drought conditions throughout much of the Midwest, the estimates for feedgrain crops were surprisingly low, contends a grain marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The short crop conditions will put the pressure on prices through much of 1975," points out Roland Smith. "Feedgrain prices have moved up some in recent weeks in anticipation of the short crop outlook, so I don't expect a drastic jump in prices unless the demand picture changes. Total usage of feedgrains should be off sharply from last year due to the drop in cattle feeding from poor economic conditions and a better feedgrain balance abroad that may reduce our exports."

The national corn crop is expected to be less than five billion bushels, down more than 25 per cent from March estimates. This would make the 1974 crop less than two previous crops and also less than last year's total corn usage figure, points out Smith. In contrast the Texas corn crop should be up almost nine million bushels.

As far as sorghum is concerned, national production is expected to be only about two-thirds of last year's crop, down some 318 million bushels. That same outlook echoes the Texas sorghum picture, where production is expected to reach only 295 million bushels, just over 70 per cent of last year's crop.

The nation's wheat crop is estimated as 129 million bushels short of last year's production, with the Texas crop almost 47 million bushels short of the 1973 crop, or down 47 per cent, points out Smith.

The U. S. Soybean crop is also estimated as some 252 million bushels short of last year's production. "The USDA estimates appeared to be below those expected by a majority of the grain trade despite the fact that much of the country's midsection has been hard hit by drought," notes Smith. "Recent rains in some parts should help late crops, but for the most part the moisture came too late."

According to the Texas A&M University System specialist, the short-run price situation for feedgrains is weather-oriented, while the late-season price picture depends on the ultimate demand.

ABC's of a Child's Mental Health

Before a child ever goes to school, he or she is already well on the way to learning an important lesson, the ABC's of mental health, one family life education specialist pointed out. "Affection, balance, communication, development and expressiveness are reflected throughout a person's life, but they begin with a good parent-child relationship," Dr. Jennie Kitching, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, said this week.

AFFECTION is an integral part of good mental health. Children who are comfortable with adults and children and enjoy their company, who are generally at ease with people, are showing this trait.

There's something about the child that makes it important to get close to people because that's the way he or she can receive and give affection, Dr. Kitching noted.

A child soon begins learning to BALANCE his own wishes against the needs of other members of his family. Sometimes other children take advantage and the child has to protect himself.

Learning balance in relations and needs is part of growing interdependence.

"All children COMMUNICATE. A child has her own interests to talk about and says spontaneously what is on her mind. At times a child may be stubborn or irritable as well as pleasant. But he usually is aware of what other people are saying," Dr. Kitching said.

He can communicate in several ways, he talks, listens, observes and feels. The ability to communicate in multiple ways indicates natural sensitivity to other people and to oneself, another attribute of good mental health.

"DEVELOPMENT of independence, then gradually interdependence, is essential for a child's good mental health. Children rapidly learn to care for their own needs," she said.

An indicator of the growing need for independence is the

child's phrase, "I can do it myself."

As young people develop qualities of independence, they gradually recognize the place of interdependence in everyday living. Interdependence is a balance between dependence and independence.

A mentally healthy person is neither totally independent nor dependent. In some respects she is dependent, in other ways she is independent. Accepting the reality of interdependence is another positive mental health trait, Dr. Kitching explained.

EXPRESSIVENESS is a trait that comes close to describing a child's good mental health. For example, there is harmony between what he thinks, feels and

visiting in the home of Mrs. Minnie Parish are her daughter, Mrs. Harry James of San Diego, Calif., her granddaughter, Mrs. Vicki Rye of Tustin, Calif., 3 great-grandchildren, Tristane and Derek Adair and Parish Rye. They have enjoyed fishing and camping at Red River, New Mexico. Accompanying them was Mrs. Adria Welch.

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Dear-Slover Exchange Vows

The First United Methodist Church of Earth was the scene for the wedding of Miss Darla Dear and Mr. Greg Slover which took place at 7:30 pm Friday August 17, 1974.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dear of Springlake, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Slover of Earth are parents of the groom.

Candlelighters were Connie Dear, sister of the bride and Alayne Slover, sister of the groom,

Larry Dear, brother of the bride, Rea Stevenson, cousin of the groom, and Larry Thomas ushered guests into the beautifully decorated sanctuary.

A gold candle tree, hanging with blue ribbons and greenery and holding blue candles stood in the center at the front of the sanctuary. Two beautiful baskets of blue flowers rested on white stands. The centerpiece held 3 blue candles in a setting of flowers. Each window con-

tained 1 blue candle with greenery and flowers lying about them. Rev. Johnny Williams, of Crosbyton, officiated the double-ring ceremony. The organist was Mrs. Larry Tunnel and accompanying her was Becky Littleton as she sang "The Twelfth of Never," "Hawaiian Wedding Song," and "The Wedding Prayer."

Mrs. Ralford Daniel III of Leve-



MRS. GREG SLOVER
(nee Darla Dear)

land, sister of the bride served as Matron of Honor, and Myrna Dear of Irving, also sister of the bride, and Rene Jones of Sunny-side, served as bridesmaids. They were attired in blue, floor-length dresses with empire waists which tied in the back, and were

finished with lace wound around the neck and sleeves. They all carried bouquets of blue and white. Attendants for the groom were Ralford Daniel III, Best Man, and Chris Brock and Mike Cleavinger as groomsmen.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She made her gown which was a formal length gown of white slipper satin with a lace covered bodice and full sleeves of white sheer dacron layered with short Bishop sleeves. Her veil was train length, and had a boarder of roses made from lace applique. For something old, the bride carried two wedding bands, one from her grandmother and the other from his grandmother in her bouquet. Something new was the wedding gown. Her veil, which she borrowed from her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lonnie Dear, and a white Bible, borrowed from her sister, Mrs. Ralford Daniels III, served as something borrowed. Her blue garter was the traditional something blue.

At the reception following the ceremony, Linda Davis and Karen Green, cousins of the groom, served the three-tiered wedding cake with sherbert punch from the bride's table. The table was covered with a blue tablecloth trimmed in lace. A brass bowl with crystal teardrops hanging

from the sides and filled with blue and white flowers served as the centerpiece. The groom's table was covered with a beige crushed velvet table cloth and the centerpiece was green grapes hanging from a scale of justice.

A double ring chocolate cake was served from this table along with coffee from a stainless steel coffee service. Serving at the groom's table was Camille Haberer and Mrs. Tisa Whitfill.

For travelling, the bride selected a pink double-knit pant suit trimmed in pink and blue polyester plaid.

The couple are both graduates of Springlake-Earth High School. She graduated in 1973 and attended South Plains College for 1 year. He graduated in 1972 and attended South Plains for 2 years. After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will live at 1814 S. Austin in Amarillo. Mrs. Slover will be employed as a teacher's aid in the Amarillo Public Schools, and he will attend West Texas to study for a coaching job.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Johnson of Springlake had their son, Willie Ray, and their grandchildren from Hereford visiting them last week. Mrs. Johnson's sister, Beulah Lewis, was also down from Crosbyton visiting with them.

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Layette Shower Held For Mrs. Jill Hamilton Rainbows Have Busy Week

A Layette shower for Mrs. Jill Hamilton was held Monday evening in the Marvin Sander's home.

A nice crowd of about 35 attended. The table on which cake and punch were served was covered with a white cutwork tablecloth. The centerpiece, in the shape of a bassinet was trimmed in yellow roses.

Hostesses for the shower were: Mrs. Pady Mann, Mrs. Jeanette O'Hair, Mrs. Gladys Parish,

Mrs. Robbie Parish, Mrs. Irene Haberer, Mrs. Mary Gaston, Mrs. Inez Inglis, Mrs. Dorothy Wood, Mrs. Evanel Winders, Mrs. Marie Slover, Mrs. Joan Singleton, Mrs. Connie Sanders,

Party Line

Marvel Caruthers of Springlake was released from the Littlefield Hospital Friday, August 16. Mr. Caruthers is feeling a lot better.

Mrs. Jane Kelley, Mrs. Neleen Dent, Mrs. Betty Anderson, Mrs. Vela Mae Rutherford, Mrs. Lajuana O'Hair, and Mrs. Pauline Hucks.

Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Bearden were in Littlefield Sunday, Aug. 11th helping with the celebration of her parents' 66th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Latimer.

Thursday, August 15th, Mrs. Bearden visited her daughter, Mrs. Bill Kemp, in Lubbock.

A group of Rainbow girls and their sponsors ate pizza at Plainview last Wednesday, then attended the regular meeting of the Plainview Assembly in Plainview. Girls present at the meeting were: Gena Wisian, Donice Taylor, Kelly Wheatley, Rosie Lewis, Elaine Bills, and Fonda Goodwin. Sponsors included Mrs. C.C. Goodwin, and Mrs. Donald Kelley.

Fonda Goodwin, Jr. Member of the Grand Finance Committee of the Grand Assembly of the Order of Rainbow for Girls was recognized and presented in the East. Fonda will be making other visits throughout the area during this term as Grand Officer.

KIDNAP BREAKFAST

A Kidnap Breakfast was held Wed. morning at 8:00 in the home of the Mother Advisor, Mrs. Donald Kelley. Twenty four were treated to a breakfast of hot rolls, doughnuts, cereals, orange juice, chocolate milk, and coffee. The individual tables were covered in green with centerpieces on each consisting of crystal flower containers decorated with colorful construction paper. Favors given were small notebooks and napkins used were those with "back to school" designs on them.

Miss Camille Haberer, past Worthy Advisor of the Assembly, gave a short devotional, and Miss Becky Littleton, also a past Worthy Advisor of the Assembly, led the girls in several games. Another past Worthy Advisor, Barbara Lewis, who is also a member of the Advisor Board, closed the breakfast with "Thoughts on Friendship".

Those girls attending were: Brene Belew, Donna Green, Karen Hulcy, Fonda Goodwin, Rosie Lewis, Elaine Bills, Laurinda Bulls, Lisa Pittman, Christi Barlow, Gena Wisian, Jaton Scheller, Renee Winder, Tammy Davis, Donice Taylor, Vicki Wisian, Becky Littleton, Camille Haberer, Pam Eagle,

Karen, Howell, and DeAnne Clayton as a guest.

Adults present were: Lucille Scheller, Barbara Lewis, Ann Clayton, and Cecelia Goodwin.

Notice

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Miss Isabel McFarland, bride-elect of Jerry Lynn Barden, Saturday, September 21, for September 31, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the Church of Christ fellowship hall. Selections have been made at "The Daisy" in the Bee Hive Mall and at 215 Floral. If you care to be a hostess, please call either Vera Martin at 257-3353, Mrs. Art Karger at 257-2060, both in Earth, or Mrs. R.A. Cleavinger at 988-2084 in Springlake.

Wedding vows will be exchanged by Miss Vicki Wisian and Marty Crossland at 2 o'clock Saturday, August 24 in the First United Methodist Church in Earth. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Elmore, Deffie, Donna and Monty, assisted by Mrs. Erma Goodin, will honor Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sloan with an open house, coffee in their home from 3 to 5 pm, Saturday, August 31, in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary. Friends are invited. 3 miles north and 1/2 mile west of Kress, Texas.

A meeting is being held Monday afternoon, Aug. 26, at 2:00 in the Therman Lewis home to plan a wedding shower for Mrs.

Warren G. Givins, formerly Effner Myers.

Bro. Johnny Williams and Juana visited in the home of the W.O. Woods Saturday evening after he officiated the wedding of Darla Dear and Greg Slover.

Bro. Johnny, previous pastor of the Earth United Methodist Church, and Juana now live in Crosbyton.

Visiting in the home of the Furche Rileys this past week their children and some of their grandchildren: Marylon and Doug Higgins and their children from Hart, Eleanor and Ronnie Haberer from Lazbuddie, and Elaine and Jimmy Herring from Denver.



Mr. and Mrs. James Hartline of Earth are the proud parents of a little girl born Tuesday, August 13th in the Muleshoe Hospital, Shawna Denise, their first baby, weighed 6 lbs, 14 ozs, at birth.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lowery of Earth, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hartline of Muleshoe.

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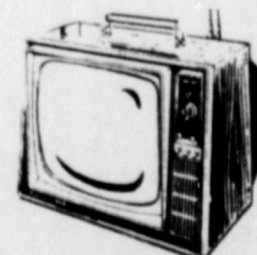
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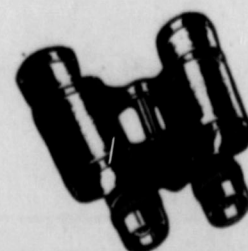
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Rainbow Members Attend Meeting In Canyon

This past Saturday several Rainbow members from Earth attended the joint meeting held in Canyon. Mrs. C. C. Goodwin, Mrs. Donald Kelley, and Fonda Goodwin were those present from here.

Members of Rainbow came from Plainview, Tulla, Happy, Bovina, and the 3 Amarillo Assemblies to make a total of 85 in attendance.

Eight Grand Officers including the Grand Worthy Advisor of the Assembly of the Rainbow Order for girls, Debbie Oxford, and

our own Grand Officer, Fonda Goodwin, were presented in the East for recognition.

Monday evening (August 19th), a Rainbow meeting was held in Earth at 8:00. Debbie Jordan, Worthy Advisor for Olton and Anne Kelley, Mother Advisor for the Rainbows in Earth, both attended. A petition was read for the degrees of the Order and reports were given on various visits including the "Kidnap Breakfast." The meeting was then adjourned with the usual procedure.

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Crawford Attend Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crawford of Springlake attended a Crawford Family Reunion held Monday, August 12 - Wednesday, August 14.

The reunion, held at Childress, had an attendance of 75 people. The youngest family member was 7 weeks old, while the oldest one was 79 years old.

The eight Crawford sisters and

brothers who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crawford of California; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Croy Plunk, Ola Eastham, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kerbo, all of Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Otheo Dent of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Crawford of Olton; and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crawford of Springlake.

Annual McCarty Reunion Held in Littlefield

The Annual McCarty Reunion was held in Littlefield, August 16th, 17th, and 18th, at the Community Center.

Those attending from our community were the Macky McCartys of Earth and the Leslie Watsons from Springlake. Other

relatives traveled from California, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Illinois to attend the reunion. Approximately 175 were there. Everyone had a good time seeing and visiting with each other.

U.M.Y.F. Meeting Held

The UMYF met Sunday evening with its two adult sponsors, Pansy and Ricky Byers, to discuss ideas concerning an increase in attendance. The meeting started at 3:30 and lasted until

5:00 when refreshments were served. The youth attending were: Melissa Bean, Fonda Goodwin, Teen White and Dee White, White and Dee White.

TOPS Met Thursday

The TOPS Club met Thursday, August 16th at 5:30 in the Springlake City Hall.

Opening the meeting was Oma Pearl Murrell, reading the TOPS pledge. Roll was then called and 5 members were present.

The Queen for the week was Oma Pearl Murrell, who also won the grab bag.

The ladies then visited and the meeting was closed with the TOPS Prayer.

Those members present were: Emily Clayton, Paulene Hucks, Elizabeth Packard, Oma Pearl Murrell, and Louise Robinson.

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WEDNESDAY-28
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THURSDAY-29
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Milk
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FRIDAY-30
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Relish-onions
Buns

Potato Chips
Mustard
Orange Juice
Milk
Apricot Cobbler

Mrs. Hucks Honored at Party

Mrs. Pauline Hucks was honored August 20th at a birthday party given for her by her daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chaney of Olton. Those attending the party held in the Chaney home were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hucks and Ronnie of Springlake, and Mr. and

Mrs. Don Curtis, Cynthia, and Kristi of Earth. A delicious meal of charcoal-broiled steaks, baked potatoes,

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The First Baptist Church 1926 - 1974

Rev. David Hartman is the twelfth pastor called by the First Baptist Church, Earth. In its 50th year history the church has grown from 17 members to a membership of 544.

When Earth was established as a town by W. E. Halsell, a building was furnished to be used as a school and community meeting place. It was here the citizens of Earth held church services.

The Methodists, Church of Christ and Baptist were the three

main denominations represented. They all met together for a Union Sunday School and each church having one Sunday a month for their own preaching services. The services were usually led by laymen, though occasionally a Missionary would conduct services. Worship services consisted mainly of scripture readings, prayer and singing.

The citizens discussed the organization of a Community Church but most felt the need for individual services.



TAKING A SHORT REST, J. A. Parish sits on one of his farm machines back in 1924.

The Baptist congregation began meeting and discussing the matter with Bro. G. I. Britton, the Baptist missionary from Plainview, Enthusiasm spread and finally August 10, 1926 the Baptist congregation met at the W. M. Saylor's home, (known now as the Skeeter Brock place.) They voted to organize a Church asking Bro. G. I. Britton to assist. Bro. Britton came, August 30, 1926 as moderator, assisted by Bro. R. C. Malone, Bro. Thurman Bailey was called as Pastor, October 24, 1926. He was a teacher at Wayland College and doing work toward his degrees, and preached the fourth Sunday each month.

On Nov. 28th, 1926 after a message by Bro. Bailey, the Church went into conference. The first item of business was construction of a church building.

The Methodist congregation offered to help in the building with the understanding that the Baptist could return the help when they were ready to build.

As the Baptist could not support a full-time pastor, the plan worked beautifully, and the two congregations shared both church and pastors.

The Baptist and Methodist shared many things together such as communion service and Brush Arbor. They canned for Orphans Home, made Quilts for the needy, bought a piano and many, other things.

The charter members of the First Baptist Church were: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bell, Mr. R. E. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Herrell, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley, Mrs. J. W. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mize, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Saylor, Pauline Saylor, Mrs. R. M. Starnes, Gill Stam, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilkinson.

Of the seventeen Charter members three are still active members.

The women of the community organized "The Helping Hand Club," assisting in many ways with the furnishing of the church, and the purchasing of a piano (see "Work, Devotion, Reward" seen in WMS History" for more complete information on The Helping Hand Club.)

Bro. Bailey served for almost two years. Then in 1928, Bro. E. G. Pennington came April 27, 1930.

June 15, 1930, Bro. Earl Land-

troop was called and served one year. September 7, 1930, two more deacons were elected, Ray Kelley and Leonard Roberts.

Bro. Vernie Pipes was called as pastor on June, 1931.

During the winter of 1932 evening services were discontinued due to a lack of funds.

The budget for the entire year of 1932 taken from a church letter gave a breakdown in the figures as follows: Pastor's Salary, \$425.58; Incidentals, \$74.00. Visiting Ministers, \$79.01; Sunday School expenses, \$88.92. Total \$667.51.

1932 also showed an increase in membership of 62. There were 24 by experience and Baptism and 38 by letter. There was a decrease of 11 by letter.

Bro. E. S. Carpenter was called as pastor May 12, 1933 and served only a few months. Bro. Pipes returned.

The first budget adopted by the church was on May 6, 1934, with the following acting as a budget committee: Guy Kelley, T. F. Koonce, Mrs. C. W. Terry, Mrs. M. E. Kelley, Mr. Homer Hodge, and Mrs. Labert Mize. Also this year the church voted to build a new building with the following appointed as Finance Committee: A. M. Sanders, D. L. Allen, Ray Kelley, Obie Wilbanks, A. S. Mize, J. W. Kelley, R. E. Barton, T. W. Cook. The building committee was J. B. Pare, Homer Hodge, Marshal Kelley, Ray Ivey, and Bob Kelley.

The first church parsonage was bought at Plainview and moved on lots joining the church. Bro. Pipes resigned December 8, 1935, and Bro. Landtroop returned for two years.

The young people organized the first BYPTU in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Kelley. Bro. C. T. Jordan began his work on May 2, 1937, and in

September of that year, building was started on a new church which is now at the west end of the present building. Services were held in the school gym while the building was being constructed. The "laying of the Cornerstone" was held December 8, 1937, with Bro. A. A. Brain preaching the sermon. They were able to have services in the basement of the new building on December 19, 1937, and continued work on the building. On Sunday, March 20, 1938, the first service was held in the new auditorium. There was a record attendance of 247 in Sunday School.

The new church structure was dedicated Sunday, May 19, 1940 and the notes were burned. Bro. Harold Russ was called as pastor March, 1941. He was followed as pastor by Bro. W. E. McGrave who was called in September, 1942. Bro. McGraw served as pastor 3 years when he was called into the Armed Services. During his pastorate, a building fund was started and a baptistry committee was appointed to secure plans and build a baptistry.

Bro. C. T. Jordan returned as pastor in February, 1946 serving 2 years. In 1948 Bro. Bruce Giles returned to serve five years.

During his pastorate, the present building was erected, and held its formal opening and homecoming June 10, 1951. It was a bricked-veneered frame structure, joining the old church building. The new auditorium was furnished with oak pews and had a seating capacity of 620, including seats for 120 persons in the balcony.

In 1953, the M. T. Howard property was purchased on the northwest corner of the block and the three bedroom brick home for the pastor was built. Bro. Cecil Meadows was the first to occupy the new parsonage. He served as pastor until October, 1962.

During these years, property was purchased and buildings built and furnished for both colored people and Spanish in the south part of town.

In November, 1962, M. B. Baldwin was called as pastor of the church.

During his Earth Pastorate there were been 137 additions to the church by baptism and 208 additions to the church by letter or statement.

The local church has been active in Llanos Altos Baptist Association, especially in the area of Vacation Bible School promotion and leadership training. The Earth church has purchased and paid for the Mexican Mission parsonage and has purchased additional city lots so that the church now owns an entire city block.

A \$125,000 building program for the First Baptist Church was completed only last year. The new structure houses 21

individual class rooms, 8 department assembly rooms, four rest rooms, and a long hallway running the entire length of the new building.

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Immunization and Birth Certificates Required for 1st Graders

The month of August means the beginning of school, thousands of Texas mothers suddenly realize that school time is here.

News of that impending event may surprise most of us, who wonder where the summer has gone; it will delight mothers who will welcome the chance to get the kids out from underfoot; and it will mean the end of summer freedom for thousands of Texas youngsters.

Nowadays going back to school is a major enterprise for those families with school age children. It usually means new shoes and school clothes, the acquisition of pencils and notebooks, or simply getting back into the old routine and habits.

There are certain other requirements that parents need to think about, and they need to think about them early enough to avoid the delays of last-minute requests. Children entering the first grade must be able to show proof of age. That usually means a certified copy of the child's birth certificate must be obtained from the city registrar, county clerk, or the Texas Health Department in Austin.

As usual, many Texas families will wait until the last moment to think about securing a certified copy of their first-grader's birth certificate. That means a heavy last-minute demand on officials who keep those records, and a probable delay in receiving the document from registration officials.

Across the state of Texas some two and a half million children will be heading to the public schools this fall. Nearly a quarter million will be first graders, and their birth certificates will have to be searched out of the files of the Texas Health Department's Bureau of Vital Statistics or other agencies at the city or county level which may have copies on hand.

Anticipating the rush of birth certificate requests, health officials have put into effect a fast and efficient service operation at the Texas Health Department in Austin. Requests

already are pouring in.

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

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

One bottleneck still remaining, however, is the individual who makes the last-minute requests. Parents are urged by state health officials to take time out and write for a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, or contact either the city registrar where the child

was born, or the county clerk in the county of birth.

If you prefer to write to health officials in Austin, address the request to the Texas State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 410 East Fifth Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Be sure to include the child's name, place of birth, date of birth, and the parents' name (including the mother's maiden name). The fee is \$2.00.

And don't forget about getting your child ready for the beginning of school, a new state law requires compulsory immunization for all school children. The immunization program must be begun before the end of this year, so it's a good idea to see your physician or visit a public health clinic early to begin your child's immunization program.

First Baptist Church, Earth

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assembly rooms and includes a pastor's study.

There is a unique fire alarm system which localizes any portion of the church should a fire break out in the church.

A communication system was installed to enable departments to report to each other.

The church has a lighted spire extending 20 feet above the roof of the church. This is wired with a time clock, and lights up daily as the sun goes down. The paved parking area in the rear of the parsonage is available for recreational purposes.

New Oil Discovery



Gulf Oil Company-U.S. announced that a significant oil discovery has been made by this Mariner II semisubmersible rig in the Gulf of Mexico, 110 miles southeast of New Orleans. The discovery well is the first wildcat to be drilled on acreage leased by the Federal Government in December, 1973. Gulf (50%) and its partners-Texaco and Tenneco (25%)-paid \$61 million for the lease on the 5,544-acre tract. The company said multiple oil bearing sands were logged and cored to a depth of 8,391 feet on the well which has been projected for 10,000 feet. Although development drilling on the tract will continue into 1975, Gulf said oil from the new discovery probably will not begin flowing to U.S. consumers before 1976, due to the long lead times necessary to build and install production facilities. The Mariner II rig is owned and operated by Sante Fe Drilling Company.

THES Announces Release of Greenbug Resistant Hybrids

Dr. George McBee, resident director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station today announced that a grain sorghum hybrid with a fairly high level of resistance to the greenbug is expected to be available to producers in 1976.

The announcement was made during a bimonthly meeting of the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board, which has partially funded greenbug studies. The seed of the pollinator is expected to be available to commercial seed companies next year and the varieties should be available to the farmer in 1976.

The greenbug infestation this summer virtually destroyed sorghum crops in some areas of the High Plains after most registered chemicals failed to stop the epidemic.

Researchers at the TAES began intensive efforts toward developing a greenbug resistant hybrid during an infestation of

greenbugs in 1968. The result of their research efforts is a yellow endosperm pollinator which is fairly resistant, while maintaining a greenbug population.


"The reason for developing a resistant hybrid, rather than an immune hybrid is two-fold," Dr. McBee explained.

"First, if we develop a hybrid on which a greenbug cannot live, then a bio-type may result which can live on the plant. Then we would have to develop another hybrid which is resistant to the bio-type."

"Secondly," he continued, "we need greenbugs to remain on the plants as a source of food for beneficial-parasitoids and predators."

Dr. McBee added that more information on the exact nature of the hybrid will be released following additional testing during the harvest period.

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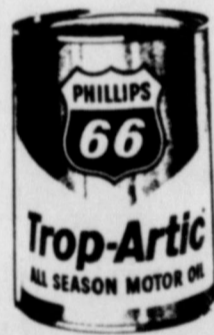
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Lamb Ranks in Top 10 Cotton Producing Counties

AUSTIN--Lamb County ranked in the top ten upland cotton producing counties last year according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. Cotton farmers produced a total of 153,200 bales and averaged 444 pounds per harvested acre.

Total cotton acreage for Lamb County was 165,700 harvested acres.

Texas led the nation in production of upland cotton with a yield of 4,673,000 bales. Dawson County ranked first in Texas upland cotton production

with 315,300 bales.

The High and Low Plains are the largest cotton producing areas in Texas, and last year's combined production was over 2.7 million bales.

"Ideal growing and harvesting conditions produced one of the best quality crops last year on the Texas Plains," White said. Complete production figures for cotton are in the "1973 Texas Cotton Statistics." For copies of the book, write Texas Department of Agriculture, John C. White, Commissioner, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Johnny Kelly Receives Scholarship

John Stanley Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Francis Kelley of Route 2, Earth, is the recipient of a \$900 scholarship at Texas Tech University.

The Nassou K. and Florrie S. Dupre Scholarship is based on scholarship, leadership and moral character. Kelley is a junior agricultural engineering major with a grade average of 3.95 on a 4 point scale.

The Agricultural Engineering Department is in the College of Agricultural Sciences, one of six colleges and two schools at Texas Tech University.

Lie Detector Tests Being Used to Screen Employees

Plagued with an estimated \$6 billion annual loss caused by employee theft, American businesses are turning in droves to lie detector testing as the cheapest method of screening out undesirables. A growing cadre of polygraphers (more than 3000 at last count) are cashing in on the new market, which dwarfs their traditional role in police work.

Should the lie detector be trusted with deciding who shall be hired and fired? A bill in Congress sponsored by Senator Sam Ervin would prohibit such use by all employers engaged in interstate commerce. And twelve states now have laws banning

the electronic tests in most employment situations.

In Minnesota, the last state to pass such a law, psychologist David Lykken presented the scientific case against the use of the lie detector by industry in testimony before the state legislature.

The University of Minnesota professor argues in the October, 1974 *American Psychologist* that the use of lie detectors by employers is fundamentally different than its use by the police.

"Although one cannot send a man to prison for flunking a lie detector test, there are no constitutional guarantees which prevent him from being deprived of a job for the same reason."

The state-of-the-art lie detector machine, contends Lykken, is so crude a measure that statistically, in a mass screening, "the majority of those who fail the test are going to be innocent."

"It is most unlikely that we shall ever have an objective lie detector procedure that can routinely claim as high as 90 percent validity," Lykken adds. Some individuals' nervous sys-

tems simply react more strongly than others, he explains. The machines merely detect gross changes in emotional arousal, as reflected in electrical properties of the skin, heart rate, and breathing--or, in the newest devices, subtle signs of stress in the voice. There is no specific "lie response;" most polygraphers make a "global evaluation" based only in part on the machine data.

A truthful, innocent person who happens to be emotionally volatile can show a stronger response on the machine than a guilty psychopath who is emotionally dull and doesn't care whether he fails the test or not.

"Adequate criteria against which to measure lie test validity are next to impossible to obtain in the field," concludes Lykken. Lykken's article, "Psychology and the Lie Detector Industry" appears in the October, 1974 issue of the *American Psychologist*, published by the American Psychological Association. For more information contact: Jules Ahser, Department of Public Information

USDA Funds Survey of Nutrition Education

What's happening in nutrition education in the nation's school systems? To help find out, the Education Commission of the States has been awarded a \$48,594 contract by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

In providing leadership for child nutrition programs, FNS would like to develop a constructive role of supporting state and local school officials in telling students about good nutrition and improving their eating habits. A necessary step is to find out what's going on in nutrition education federally, on the state level, and in local school districts.

During the next year, the Commission will gather data from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's Office of Education, the education agencies of every state and the District of Columbia, and a representative sample of local

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Lyndon Lenton and his 2 boys from Ada were on their way home from Arizona and stopped by their old home place (now owned by R. W. Fanning), and also came by and visited with Mrs. R. C. Hyde.

Visiting in the home of the T. B. Dyers this past week-end were their two grandchildren from Hereford. Tammy and Kylene Behrends came for the week-end and returned Monday to start school on Tuesday.

The Commission will present its findings next July.

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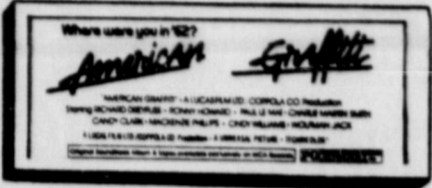
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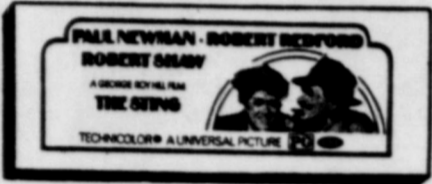
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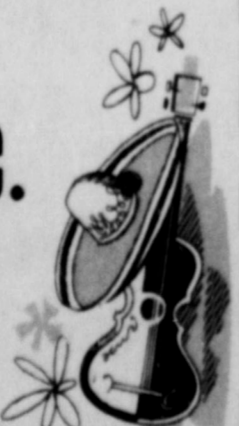


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ing. Every second Sunday the Methodist preacher spoke to the congregation.

Rev. L. F. Tannery came to Earth in November, 1927, and served as pastor of the Methodist Church here for one year. Membership grew to 18 during that year and Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Jones came and served two years. In that time the church grew to a half-time church with a membership of 70.

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

Membership grew to 119 shortly thereafter and within a year work was begun on a basement addition. The little congregation continued to grow. Membership reached 131 by the end of Rev. Allen's three year term. A Woman's Missionary Society was organized that next year under the guidance of Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Hill, who also remained with the church for three years. The first president of the society was Mrs. Griffith.

The church became a full-time church in 1938 when Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Holcomb came to Earth. Membership rose to 161 during Rev. Holcomb's pastorate, and the first Methodist parsonage was built and furnished.

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

During the next three years Rev. H. W. Barnett served as pastor, and was replaced in 1944 by Rev. T. M. McBrayer. With the disbanding of the congregational Church of Old Springlake, a number of the members from that church joined the Methodist Church in Earth.

Plans were started to build a new and larger sanctuary in 1946 with the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh F. Blaylock to our community. By 1948 these

plans had been carried out and in September of that same year the first services were held in the new building.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl McMasters came to lead the Methodist Church in 1949, and it was during his pastorate that the Springlake Congregational Church presented an organ to the church. The new sanctuary was also dedicated at that time.

In 1951, Rev. J. R. Wood and his family moved to this community, in May, and served three years.

The Circuit Rider, the first church paper was published soon after the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Matthews in May, 1954.

Also in that year, the present parsonage was built at a cost of \$18,000.

Norman Sulser became the first president of the Methodist Men's Organization begun in 1955.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held in the latter part of June, 1956 for the Educational Building.

In July of that same year the Betty Campbell Circle was organized. Fifty women and two circles, the Edna Doughty and Betty Campbell Circles made up the Women's Society of Christian Service.

The Church School program was improved under the new methods of teaching during the time that Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Second served with the church from 1958 until 1961.

Rev. and Mrs. Homer Salley came here in 1961 and remained with the church until 1963.

The Mortgage Burning Ceremony was held February 13, 1963, with Rev. Gene Mathews as guest speaker. Also during Rev. Salley's stay with the church the debt on the Educational Building was retired.

Moving to Earth from the Overton Methodist Church in Lubbock in 1963, the Rev. and Mrs. Albert F. Findley worked with the church here until June, 1968.

It was in January of 1965 that the plans and dreams of a new Methodist Church building be-

came a reality. Work was begun on the building on May 11, 1964 and was completed Saturday, January 16, 1965. Erected in addition to the present education building were 6 classrooms, a 24'x17' fellowship hall with a seating capacity of 48 people, a kitchen, a parlor, a chapel 24'x17' which seats 48 people, a pastor's study the Sanctuary which seats 385 with additional choir seating of 36. This entire new addition along with the educational building and 11 class rooms gives the church a total area of 15,779 sq. ft. The total cost of construction came to \$153,000.

Sunday, January 24, 1965 was a proud day in Earth for many people who had planned and worked so hard for the new church building. It was on this day that the dedication service was held by the pastor Albert F. Findley, who was assisted in the Service of Consecration by Dr. J. E. Shewbert, Plainview District Superintendent. Membership

at that time was 285. The old Sanctuary was torn down and new parking areas were added to accommodate the rapidly growing congregation. Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams became the new pastor in June, 1969 and is still with the church today. Membership has continued to climb, with the present membership being 312, and under the leadership of Rev. Williams is expected to continue its growth.

Johnny and Juana Williams left the Earth Methodist Church in 1971 to serve in Hamlin as the Methodist pastor there. The Williams are now in Crosbyton.

During the summer of 1971, Bro. Charles Dunnam, Betty, and their children moved into the Methodist parsonage from Argyle, Texas. Bro. Dunnam served for 2 years and then he and his family moved to Lubbock where they are now at the Agape Church.

The present pastor of the Methodist Church is Bro. Walter White and his family, Mrs. White, Teena, and Dee. The Whites moved here from Munday, Tex. where he was pastor of the Methodist Church there. Shortly after their arrival here, a dedication ceremony was held on July 14th, in the church during a

Sunday morning service. The church edifice was dedicated to the glory of God and the ministry of man.

The Earth United Methodist Church has been blessed through the years by the service by many dedicated ministers and their families. From its organization in 1927 up until the present date of 1974, the congregation has grown in membership and spirit.

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Mrs. Myrtle Clayton was taken to the Littlefield Hospital Monday, August 19th.

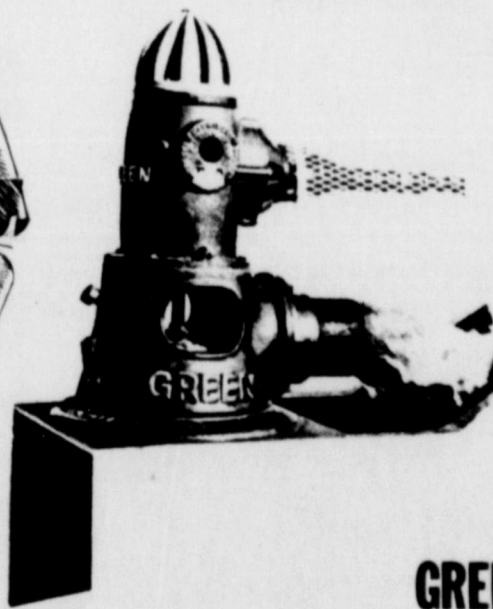
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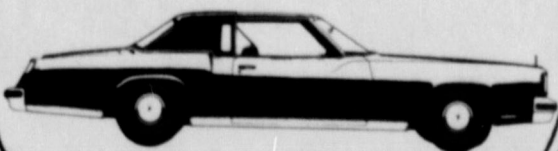
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In the Castro County Art Show Friday and Saturday six Sunnyside artists entered 18 paintings in the nine divisions and won

eleven places. Mrs. J. E. Shirey won 1st place in Landscape, 2nd in Structural, and in 3rd in Outdoor Western. Mrs. R. V. Bills won 1st in Western and 3rd in Flowers. Mrs. Alton Loudder won 1st in Flowers and 2nd in Western. Mrs. Cliff Brown won

2nd in Landscape. Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler won 2nd in Flowers and 3rd in Landscape. Mrs. Roy Phelan won third in Structural. Most of these are members of Mrs. Loudder's Art Class.

Thomas Parson and Lee Bradley took nine boys to R. A. Camp at Plains Baptist Assembly Monday through Thursday. The boys attending were: Greg George, Kent and Kelby Bradley, Brandon Cox, Ray Lynn Owens, Terry Curry, Duke Henry Hampton, James Fitzgerald and Ervin Parson of Muleshoe. Thomas Parson won a 2nd place ribbon in archery. Lee Bradley won 2nd in riflery and 3rd place in archery.

Tammy Ross had the pins removed from her shoulder Monday and was back in Sunday School Sunday. She will be able to start school on schedule.

Mrs. Jimmy Waggoner has been seriously ill in Central Plains General Hospital in Plainview this week, but as of Sunday, she was a little improved.

Thomas Parson was admitted to Deaf Smith County Hospital in Hereford Saturday morning where he will undergo tests Monday to determine the nature of his illness.

Deanna and Donna Starnes and Kent Bradley received small cross pins in the Sunday morning services in the summer reading program. Kelby and Kyle Bradley received an arch book.

Several of the Sunnyside Lions helped with the barbeque supper in Dimmitt Saturday night as a part of the Round-Up Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan returned home Wednesday night from their vacation in Oklahoma with relatives, Steve didn't go to Oklahoma as previously reported.

for the north part of the community Thursday night. Only a trace was received officially.

Ensilage harvest got under way this week in the community, but not fully as yet.

Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler and Mrs. L. B. Bowden attended the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary meetings in Dimmitt Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blundell of Willsboro, Texas visited Monday, Monday night, and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Bills. He is a cousin of Mrs. Bills. Her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dalton of Hart also visited with them Monday and had supper with them Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bradley and boys and Mrs. Jess Matlock of Springlake attended the Gospel Singing at the civic center in Amarillo Thursday night. Mrs. Matlock spent Thursday through Friday night with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Henshel Wilson and Daneen attended a Lay Witness mission in Ozona over the

week-end. Mr. Wilson led the singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morris of Tulla spent Thursday and Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan.

Mrs. Thomas Parson returned home Saturday night from a visit with her parents in Azel.

Rev. and Mrs. Mack Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan and Gale Sadler attended the ordination services in Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt Sunday afternoon where Rev. Bobby Gordon was ordained to the gospel ministry. They went to Hereford after the service to visit with Thomas Parson in Deaf Smith County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Gamblin, Karla and some friends of Sunray, had breakfast last Saturday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Kim Williamson. Mrs. Williamson is their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Williamson attended the wedding of a friend in Hereford last Saturday night. His brother, Joel Wil-

liamson and a friend of Hereford visited last Sunday with them and they all attended another wedding in Hereford Sunday afternoon. The William-

sons moved to the community from Hereford instead of Sunray

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Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbreath, Coby, Matt, and Hal returned home Wednesday night from a one week vacation in the north-eastern states. John attended the U. S. Feed Grain Council in Stratton, Vermont last Wednesday through Friday. The families of the members of the Grain Sorghum Producers Board were invited to attend the Council meetings. They went also to Hartford, Connecticut where they spent half a day and one night, on to Boston, Massachusetts for part of a day and night then to New York City where they spent three days sight-seeing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Montiel

and family spent a weeks vacation in Del Rio recently with relatives.

The Sunnyside Lion's 29 Model A Ford Truck took first place in the parade Saturday in its division. Weldon Bradley drove in with Mrs. Bradley and their grandchildren riding with him.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sadler and girls of Lubbock visited in the community this week with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sadler and girls. Mrs. James Powell and girls of Dimmitt also visited with them several times. Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler returned home from Breckenridge Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bob Swinney of Lubbock visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brown, Lee and Lynn.

Mrs. Howard Cummings, Mrs. Don Howell, and Mrs. David Keeling had their in-service training last week at Springlake-Earth in preparation for the school term. Mrs. Mack Turner and Mrs. Robert Duke had their in-service training at Dimmitt this week.

Mrs. Gale Sadler and girls took Gregory and Amy Sadler to their home in Lubbock Monday after their visit here.

Mrs. Mack Turner had charge of Current Missions and Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler had charge of Mission Action in Baptist Women Wednesday night. A special emphasis on "Reach Out" was given in the prayer service Wednesday night.

nesday night.

Mrs. Eules Waggoner displayed three of her paintings in the art display at Hart on Hart Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rogers of Gustine, Texas spent the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbreath and boys.

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participated in the 4-H Horse Club practice Monday night at Earth.

Revival services will begin at Sunnyside Baptist Church Sunday. Rev. M. E. McGlamery, missionary for the Lake Mead Association in Nevada will be the evangelist. Dan Schaeffer, a Wayland student, will be the music director. They will both be present for the Sunday morning services. There will be a dinner on the ground at the church on Sunday for everyone.

The services will be held on week days at 7:30 for prayer services and choir practice and 8:00 for the evening services. The Sunday services will be 10:00 and 7:00. Everyone is urged to attend all the services if possible. Rev. McGlamery will show slides of our work in the west sometime during the week. All meals will be served at the church with various Sunday School classes having charge.

Past experience should be a guidepost, not a latching post.

PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stovall and their two children, Stacy and Billy, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Stovall. Mr. Bill Stovall is the son of Mr. Garland Stovall. They live in Mexico and plan to stay two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brewer visited recently in the home of the Earl Walkers. They picked up their daughter, Sherri, and left their other two children, David and Nancy, with the Walkers for a week. Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas helped take care of the kids.

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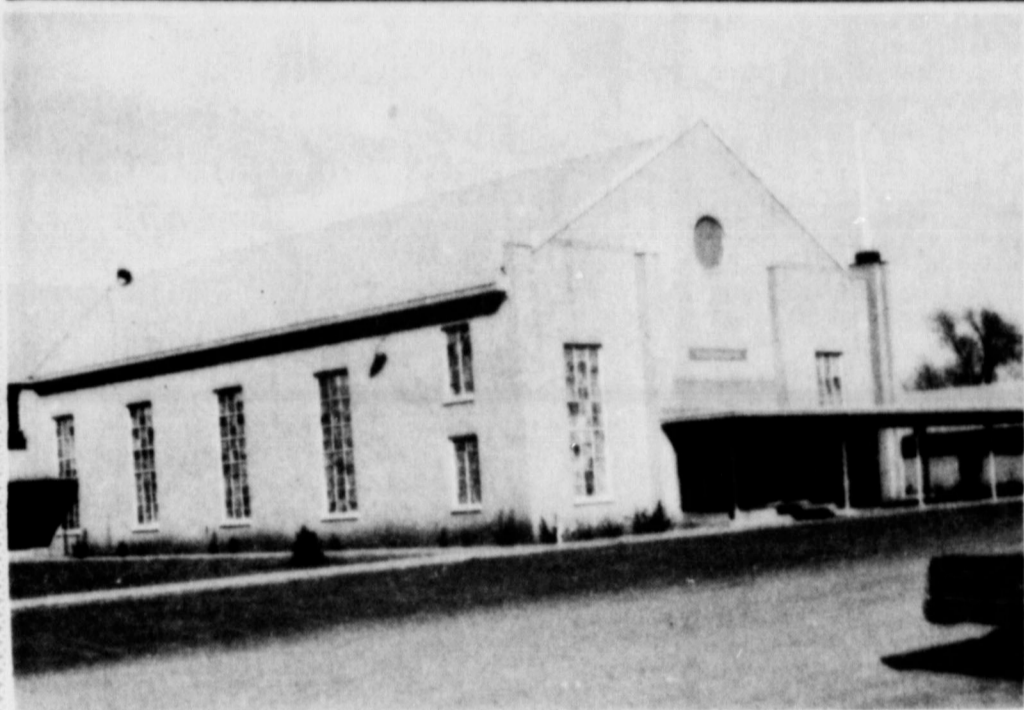
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THE SIDE VIEW of the Baptist Church is shown here. This picture was taken in 1968.

Mrs. Eugene Wood, Wife of Pioneer Nazarene Preacher of Springlake

away. In the latter part of 1928, the Hyde's windmill was completed. It served them well until the new irrigation wells were brought in. These irrigation wells drew the water from the windmill and caused it to run dry. The Hydys then built a deeper well and installed a new windmill. This windmill supplied them with their water for quite a while. It was finally torn down not too long ago.

In 1932, Mr. Hyde had a big crop failure. Then, later on a huge fire came and nearly destroyed their crops, but the rains came and prevented it.

Mrs. Hyde used to sell eggs for 10¢ a dozen. She could also buy a sack of groceries for a dollar.

Mrs. Hyde remembers the

old school bus driven by May Bell. This old bus had no windows, but it had curtains. Often, Mrs. Hyde would look out the window and see the old school bus stuck in the mud.

In 1928, they joined the church. It was a Methodist-Baptist Church. Later on the Baptist got a full time preacher. The Methodist then built a church as the country grew, though, they needed a place for the children to go to Sunday School. Mr. Hyde and M. Duke brought their teams of horses, and with old time scraps built a basement onto the church. This enabled the kids to have a place for Sunday School. Mrs. Hyde ended by saying that everyone was real neighborly, and everyone was always trying to help each other.

Mrs. Bessie Wood and her husband, Mr. Eugene Wood (deceased), were married in 1920 and came to Earth, Texas in the spring of 1928 from Washington State. Sometime later the Woods moved to Childress, Texas. After residing in Childress for about 8 months, Mr. and Mrs. Wood returned to the Springlake-Earth community in the fall of 1929.

Living about a half mile west of Springlake, the Woods shared a house with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jouson (the house belonged to the Johnsons). Eugene Wood was the Nazarene

pastor for the community. The Nazarenes along with the Baptists and Church of Christ would rotate services in the little tabernacle in Springlake. One of the church groups would be found holding services a different Sunday of the month in this small sloped-roof building. At many of these meetings the whole community of Springlake gathered to worship (numbering from 40 or more).

Mr. Wood also preached in the small communities of Bethel, Flag, Bulah, Littlefield, and Childress. The towns of Wellington, Floydada, and Higgins

are some at which he pastored other than Earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wood had 2 girls and 1 boy, Faith, Zoe, and Merle. Faith and Merle attended elementary school at Springlake. (Zoe was too young).

In 1944, the Wood family moved from this community to Santa Maria, California. Mr. Wood died in 1962, and Mrs. Wood has continued to live in California since. Bakers Field is now her home (where her 3 children and their families also reside).

Mrs. Hyde Feels She is an Old Timer

Mrs. R.C. Hyde was quoted as saying, "I am one of the old timers." Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Hyde moved to Earth from Bay-Lot County on April 9th, 1928. They Hydys moved out with their two children, Bernice aged 9, and R.C. aged 3. The trip was made in an old Model T Ford. On the way, they ran into a heavy sandstorm that forced them to spend the night at a blacksmith shop in Floydada.

Mr. Hyde (deceased) bought 160 acres of land at \$34 an acre. It was and is located 2 miles east and a half a mile south of Earth. Mrs. Hyde recalled that all the land referred to as Duffy land was in pasture. Part of their land was broken out already. Besides working his 160 acres of land, he also worked 40 more acres of land that he rented from Mr. M. T. Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde soon built a two room house. They lived in it for 8 years, then built the house that Mrs. Hyde has been living in since 1936. The first crop of wheat that



On April 7th, 1968, this picture was taken during the dedication service for the First Baptist Church. Pictured here are former pastors. From left to right are Earl Lantrop, Truman Jordan, Bruce Giles, and M.B. Baldwin.

Mr. Hyde had sold at 26¢ a bushel. This was necessary to pay for the land and the house. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde first carried water from their neighbor's place. It was located a fourth of a mile

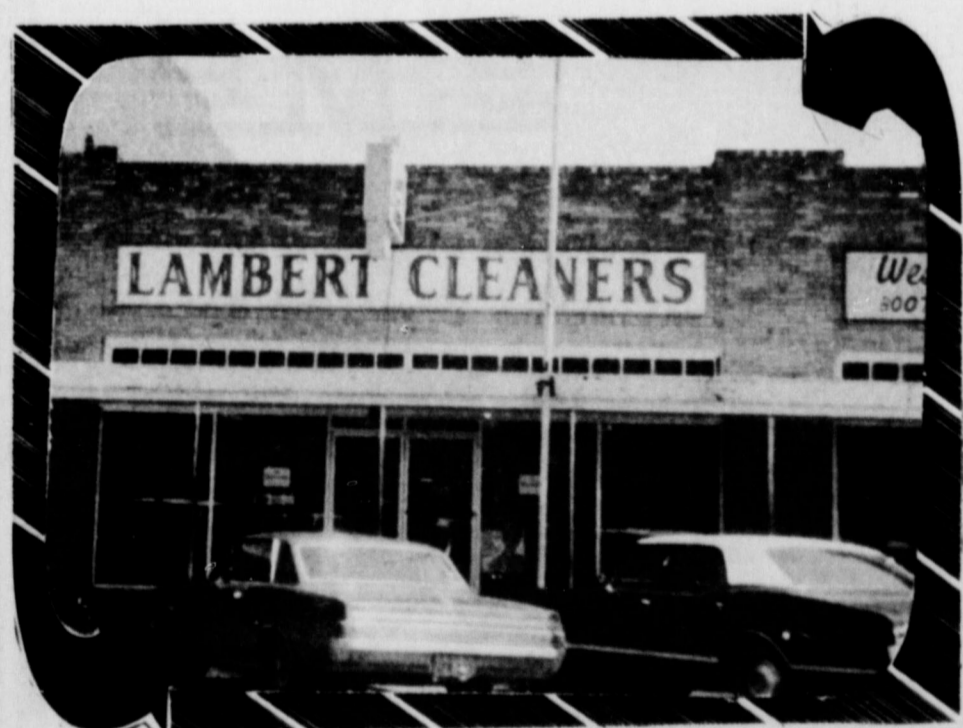
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In August of 1924, R. I. Doughty from Martha, Oklahoma and his son-in-law, Sam Cearley, (deceased), from Haskell, came to what is now known as Earth, Texas. Upon arriving the two men bought the Northeast corner of the transite from L. H. Cupp. Mr. Cupp had planted a crop on the land and then moved back to Oklahoma.

On January 1st of 1925, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley shipped stock and household goods by railroad to Plainview. They started out for their new home in the West in a slow speed truck at 3 am that morning. After some layovers, they arrived at Earth on January the 3rd. They moved into a house which was to be their home for twenty-two years. The first thing done to their house was to complete the partition and seal the two-room house with sheetrock which was hauled from Malleshoe. As finances would permit, they would add to and remodel the house. It eventually turned into a five-room house with a bath.

The first year Earth had no post office, so the Cearleys got their mail from the Springlake Post Office which was about seven or eight miles northeast of Earth at that time.

The first crop planted on their land was cultivated and harvested by the use of horses. They raised turkeys, chickens, and milk cows. They sold milk and eggs to make their living expenses. They also planted vegetable gardens and canned the vegetables for the winter months.

On June 18 of 1926 their first child, Mervyn, was born. He was the first child born in Earth, and a doctor had to be brought out from Dimmitt.

Sam Cearley eventually got a tractor and broke out lots of



STANDING BESIDE the Sam Cearley's first home is his sister, Grace Cearley. In the background is seen stalks of corn. Garden vegetables were plentiful in those days as they are today. This picture was taken in 1924.

land for new farmers moving into the area. Mrs. Cearley would walk over a mile on some days to carry his lunch to him.

In August of 1927, their crop was completely hailed out, so they moved to school where Sam became caretaker for the building and the buses. They boarded teachers and lived there for 2 years. Then they returned to the farm.

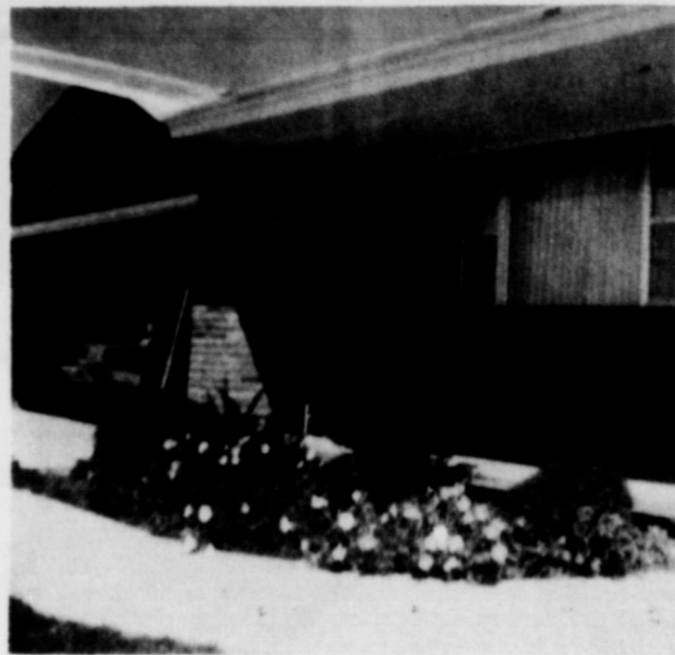
At this time they began to milk cows and deliver milk to

part of the population of Earth at 10¢ per quart. The only cooling device they had their first few years was troughs. These troughs were in a small building close to a windmill that the water ran through and then out to a surface tank. The gardens were watered from this also.

For the 1st year, the Cearleys attended the church in Springlake. The Baptist Church was built in 1926. A little later on



THE 1947 HOME of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley is pictured here. This home was located out east of Earth and was the second one they built. The Cearleys lived in an attractive and fairly modern home for the time.



THE PRESENT HOME built by the Sam Cearleys is seen in this photo. Built in 1964, this house offers quite a contrast compared to the Cearley's pioneer home of 1923.

the ladies organized a "Helping Hand Club." They all worked in other money-making projects. Social life back then

What it Costs to Keep Cool in Summer

If you're shopping for an air conditioner, the Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) on the label will indicate which model will cool most efficiently, one expert said.

She's Lynn Bourland, home management specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"The higher the EER number, the better the air conditioner will cool your area. The unit with a higher EER may cost more but will operate for less.

"You can work out the comparison yourself using figures from the utility company and from the air conditioner label," she said.

Ask the local utility company for the cost of electricity per kilowatt hour in your community and the annual hours of air conditioning required for your climate.

The third figure, kilowatts per hour required by each air conditioner, is on the air conditioner label, or the salesperson will tell you.

To figure the cost of keeping cool: Multiply the cost of electricity times the hours of cooling needed, times the watts required by the air conditioner. Divide the answer by 1,000 and the final figure will be the cost in dollars.

For example: model A (EER 8.9) uses 1,000 kw and costs \$40 more than model B (EER 5.9), using 1,500 kw. You need 600 hours of cooling and the utility rate is four cents per kilowatt hour.

For model A, multiply all

was centered around the church. Mrs. Cearley said "It has been a wonderful 50 years. I have never wanted to live anywhere else. I treasure the many friends that I have here and am happy to have had the opportunity to have been a pioneer of Earth, Texas."

three figures, \$.04 x 600 x 1,000 = 24,000 or \$24 average for the year.


For model B, multiply all three figures, \$.04 x 600 x 1,500 = 36,000 or \$36 average for the year.

So model A is cheaper, as the difference of \$40 initial cost

will be made up in about three years.

"This formula gives you an estimate of what it will cost to keep cool. Your home's insulation, layout, and tightness of doors and windows will affect the operating costs," the specialist said.

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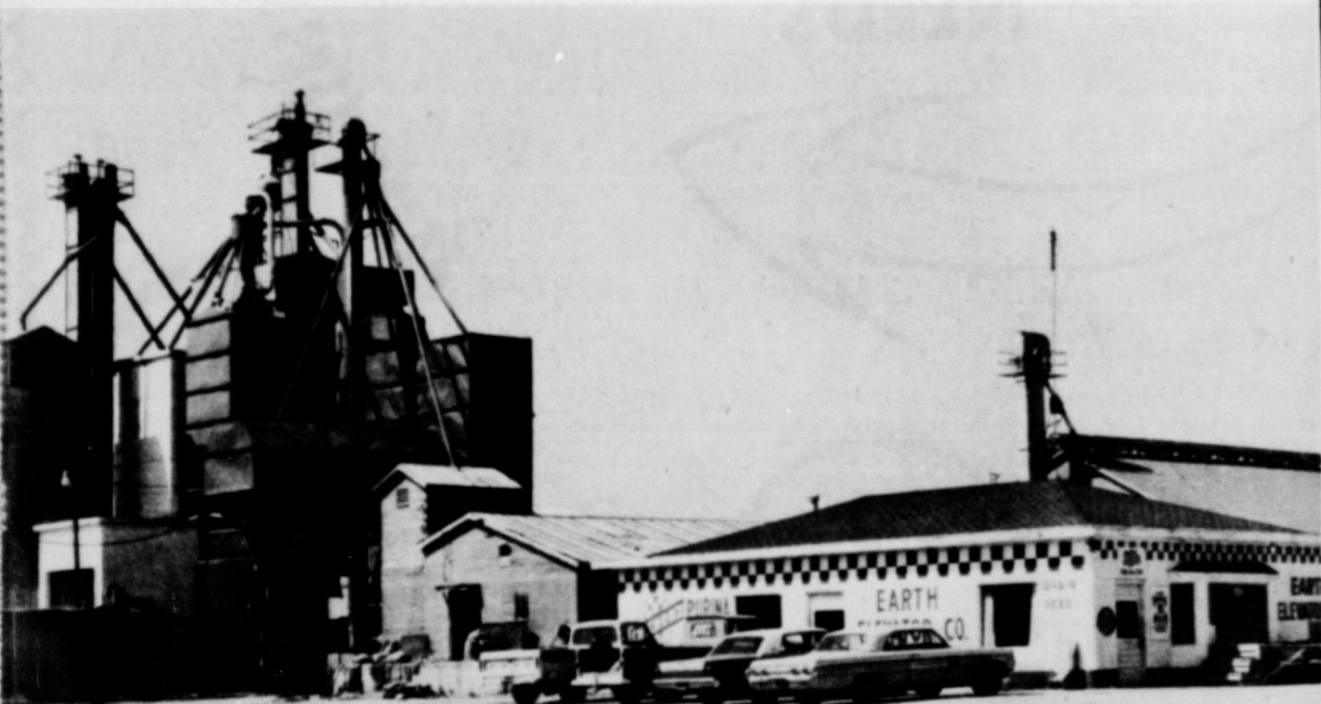
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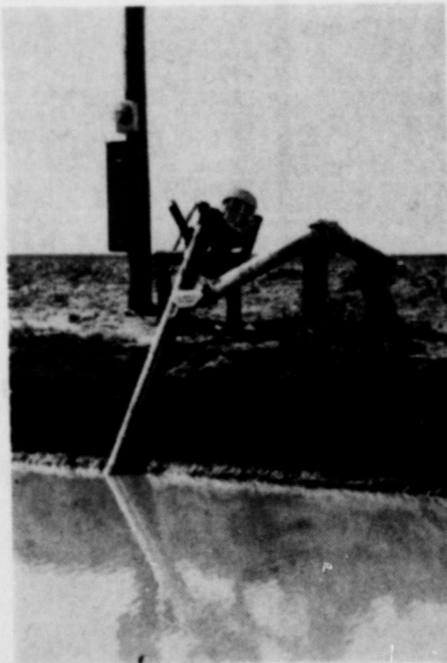


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Settling Days Brought Rewarding Life Despite Hard Work to Mrs. H.H. Hamilton

H.H. Hamilton (deceased) and his wife, Mae, bought land from Mr. Cleve Hamilton out near the tiny community of what is now Earth, Texas in 1922. When they came out to get a closer look at their land, all

that came into view was a wire fence which was covered with sand. Hoping to turn this dry, wind-blown section 8 miles north of Earth into productive farmland, they settled here permanently in 1948.

Mr. Hamilton, formerly a railroad blacksmith and welder, retired as a foreman of the railroad before moving.

On the trip out, Mrs. Hamilton remembers having to stop on the road because of a bad sand storm. A trailer which carried all their possessions, and their car made up all their belongings. The items, packed in the trailer had been transported from a 7 room house. Whatever else they might need or want had to be left behind. Despite these few obstacles, they did reach their destination, and started farming.

Building fences and a barn, driving the tractor, and gathering and storing hay included a few of the many tasks Mrs. Hamilton was responsible for. Some of the daily chores handed to her were taking care of the chickens, gathering eggs and corn, and chasing cows. She recalls the incident of going out to gather eggs one evening. It was becoming dark outside and she went out to the barn to get some. She reached down to get some and she nearly grabbed hold of a snake. Harmless though it probably was, she said she screamed as loud as she could.

At one time Mr. Hamilton decided to raise quail and pheasant. They were worth more trouble than profit so he let them go. Trying to raise money by any small means was worth the risk because farming was pretty bad. With no irrigation and abundant dryness, a farmer couldn't always depend on his crop to pull through.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton moved out here, they had with them 3 sons, Beryl and Clarence, both who helped their father farm. Beryl remained a farmer while Clarence went into a different field.

Mrs. Hamilton believes they had a "wonderful life." Without some elements considered essential today, lights or telephones, life held a joy back then because people had to work hard in order to live. Since they had to work harder for themselves, they wanted to work also to help each other.



MR. AND MRS. H.H. HAMILTON had this house built 23 years ago.



THIS 1920 BUICK was the second automobile owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hamilton.

that the bacilli enter through scratches or small skin abrasions, or through the mucous membranes of the nose or mouth," Dr. Sears explained. Proper diagnosis and treatment make the outlook for recovery good, she concluded.

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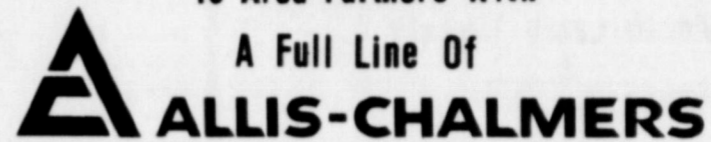


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Leprosy Is Still Present in Texas

Leprosy, or Hansen's disease is still present in Texas, according to one health education specialist.

"State Department of Health figures depict the incidence of leprosy in Texas for 1969 through 1973 was 29,4 new cases," Dr. Barbara Sears, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, said this week. "In the preceding four-year period, 36,4 new cases were reported.

Reasons for the drop in new

cases of leprosy are "increased professional awareness, improved public education and examination of close contacts of all cases of leprosy," Dr. Sears said.

She described leprosy, of which there are two main forms--lepromatous and tuberculoid--as a chronic, mildly communicable disease characterized by lesions of the skin.

"Doctors do not know exactly how the bacteria pass from the diseased person to the non-diseased person. They assume

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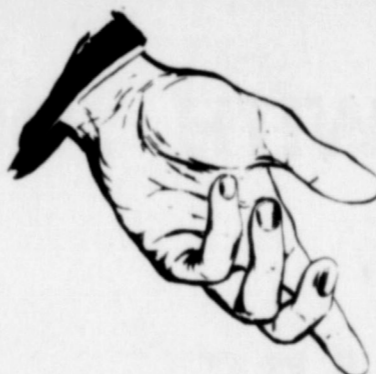
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THIS WINDMILL SUPPLIED water to the teacherage of the Springlake school house in 1928. Mervin Cearley, 2 years old, (here) can't seem to stay out of pictures.

The G.T. Runyons Settle in Earth in 1925

Mr. and Mrs. George Runyon first came to Earth to visit in the summer of 1923. They stayed for three weeks and looked over the land while they were here. The Runyons did like the land, but had to return to their house in Gainesville, Texas (where they were married in 1921).

Remaining only a short time in Gainesville, Mr. and Mrs. Runyon moved to Big Springs and then in 1924 journeyed back to Earth to select a lot in which to build a home and to work. Mrs. Runyon began keeping house and cooking for Mrs. Parish's farm. The Runyons lived at Earth for about a month and then moved back to Big Springs. After the arrival of a baby in February of '25, Mr. and Mrs. George Runyon returned to Earth on March 18, 1925 to build a house and live permanently.

Mr. Runyon soon opened a blacksmith shop (the first business building in Earth). He welded some and worked as a blacksmith in general. Mr. Runyon was also employed at the Mashed O (Halsell) Ranch, because as a blacksmith he didn't have enough work to keep him busy. When fall arrived, gun work provided Mr. Runyon with extra money to support his family with. Mrs. Runyon, having had 2

children was forced to stay home and raise them, along with caring for the house, and fixing the meals. When their boys grew older, Mrs. Runyon opened the first dry goods store in Earth. Later in 1930, the store closed down and was turned into a ready-bought store owned by the Kelleys.

Other buildings found in Earth at the time were the hotel and store owned by Dan Reeves, and a filling station run by Mr. Davenport. A bunkhouse was also located near the hotel, to accommodate the Mashed O cowboys.

Up until about 1927, an old store located a few miles north of the Springlake cemetery, served as the post office. It was run by Mr. Cleavinger and one person would collect the mail for three or four families.

In either 1926 or 1927, the first authentic post office arrived in Earth. Frank Hite served as first postmaster. Mrs. Runyon recalls she and her neighbor were outside talking when the new post office was delivered. She thought it was an old crate.

When the Runyons had their third child, they were living in a 2 room house with no electricity. Coal was burned for cooking purposes and water was obtained by pumping it from the well by hand. The Runyons owned a car, one milk cow,

and a calf, which they let graze anywhere. They also had built a small pen for the cow and calf.

Mrs. Runyon thought this part of the country was beautiful when she and her husband saw the land. Mr. Runyon was provided with several jobs to make money for raising a family. They also had good neighbors. Living amid conditions such as these, the Runyons knew what pleasure life can bring.

Southern Peas for Dry High Plains Farms

Prospects of a cotton crop have faded into a mistyless sky in parts of the Texas South Plains. Farmers now are looking for something to plant in mid-July to salvage some return from their land this year.

A possible answer to their needs is southern peas, says a Lubbock agricultural economist. "Historically, southern peas have been used as a catch crop

on dryland High Plains farms," says Marvin Sartin, area economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "They are quick maturing and adapt fairly well to dryland conditions. Plantings can be made into late July with reasonable expectations of a harvestable crop."

Sartin says the yields from late-planted peas depend some on the planting date and a lot on the availability of moisture.

"Drought conditions that prevented farmers from planting cotton cast a specter over any anticipation of high yields of peas," he adds. "However, a good rain to plant on and a couple of timely showers could easily result in peas yielding between 500 to 1,000 pounds per acre. These yields and the current anticipated price would result in a profitable catch crop."

Estimates of the costs of producing a crop of southern peas are included in Table 1. Sartin says these estimates are based on the assumption that some land preparation was completed in anticipation of planting cotton and they do not include the cost of these operations.

Total variable costs, including out-of-pocket expenses, amount to \$30.15 per acre, he figures.

"In this short-run situation, if the land is owned, only variable costs are pertinent in the decision to plant southern peas. A yield of 700 pounds per acre would result in variable costs of production of \$.043 per pound delivered to a local shipping point."

The economist also figures that farmers operating rented land must also consider the return to the landlord. A 1/3 share rent with a 700-pound yield and \$.15 per pound price would net the landowner about \$30.40 per acre. The production costs in this situation are \$.087 per pound. The fixed costs of depreciation and interest on machinery total about \$3.30 per acre and increase the total cost of production to \$.091 per pound.

"The assumptions of 700-pound yield and \$.15 per pound show peas to be a profitable enterprise," he says. "However, yields vary above and below this level, and prices fluctuate so an individual's planning must take into consideration the pos-

sibility of both yield and price deviation from the estimate."

Table 2 is included to illustrate both the variable and total costs of production at various per-acre yields. According to the farm management specialist, yields of only 300 pounds per acre show a variable cost of \$.099 per pound and total costs of \$.145 per pound. However, as the almost constant per-acre costs are spread over additional units, the cost per pound decreases substantially.

"Your analysis of your particular situation is necessary to estimate your reasonable yield potentials," Sartin explains. "Investigation into local markets for the product will likely provide insight into the price level that may be expected at harvest. Armed with estimates of costs of production, your conclusion of price expectations makes the final decision on the potential profitability of southern peas an easy one."

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Mrs. Zou Wilson Believes Pioneers Worked Together to Develop Earth

Mr. Golden Wilson (deceased), his wife, Zou, and their daughter, Jean, first came to Earth to visit in 1928, but didn't stay. In 1930, (44 years ago) they came here to live. Moving from Burk Burnett, Texas M. Wilson had been the production manager for the American Oil Company.

Mr. Wilson began farming on pasture land. All the land around was in pasture and Sam Jones was the owner. Roads weren't graded, irrigation wasn't in existence, and land was becoming dryer. Farming was pretty unstable. One type of farm machinery found on farms was the wheat tractor. Mr. Wilson planted his crops in circles instead of rows. Horses and mules also served as machines in planting crops, because machines were just coming into use.

The Wilsons built a 2 room box house and later added on another room. Being one of the first women of the community to have water pumped into her house, Mrs. Wilson found it a great deal easier to prepare meals and wash clothes. Although hot water couldn't be supplied, the fact that water was being pumped into a house was valued as something special.

The majority of the houses in or near Earth at that time were box houses. These resembled shacks. Some people living in the country preferred dug-outs. Large houses were scarce although Earth did possess one or two. In these, special events such as bridal and baby showers were held.

Many of the women had large gardens. The Home Demonstration Club provided information on canning and cooking procedures to these homemakers just about every woman took an interest in this type of activity.

Mrs. and Mr. Wilson, along with the other families would journey over to Herford to ground their flour and mill. Ready-made bread was once brought to Springlake once a week with the mail. A few of the other chores they attended to were: milking cows, feeding

chickens, and selling eggs. She remembers that cotton sold for 3¢ to 4¢ per pound and wheat for 17¢ a bushel.

Mrs. Wilson taught piano lessons out at school with about 50 pupils under her. Mr. Wilson was superintendent. The school building consisted of a small red building with no gym. A teacherage was found out back of the school house which housed the janitor and his family. A few members of the schoolboard were Mr. Author Barton, Mr. White, Mr. Jack Hinson, Mr. Alair, and Mr. Cleavinger.

The first P. T. A. was organized and the members bought a second hand piano for the school. Popcorn was soon to be a convenience at ball games after one machine was purchased by P. T. A. members. These people all worked together. When money was needed, a few would supply the amount in assurance of being paid back.

Social events such as church meetings, gatherings at the Bartons, P. T. A. meetings took place quite often.

Church meetings were held about 2 times a month. One preacher would come from some other town and preach to the entire community. This was called "community preaching". Nearly every summer a revival would be held at the Baptist Church. Everyone would meet together at the church, for the preaching and visiting.

A gathering at the Author Barton's house meant an abundance of fried chicken cooked in large tubs of lard, accompanied by an assortment of salads. People never seemed to get enough visiting done at one place.

The P. T. A. members worked hard for the school. The school meant a lot to the people who built it. Mrs. Wilson thinks a group of ladies from the P. T. A. planted the elm trees out in front of the school.

Mr. Wilson remembers that everyone worked together for what needed to be done. The times were hard and people worked hard, but they had a good time.

New reports that a 3,200-pound-per-acre yield increase was accredited to a water application at flowering at the North Plains Research Field at Etter in 1970.

Grain sorghum water requirements drop off during the grain filling stage, he says. Plants have normally reached mature size by the early dough growth stage, so water is used primarily to produce grain. Water requirements for the crop will normally decline to about two inches every 10 days during early grain filling and continue to decrease as the crop matures. An irrigation at the milk to soft dough stage of grain filling normally boosts yield 700 to 1,000 pounds per acre.

The specialist relates that an irrigation as late as grain maturity or the hard dough stage provides only limited, if any, yield increase. The only benefit from late irrigations may be to prevent charcoal stalk rot and minimize lodging, which could make an extra application profitable.

"Most area soils usually store enough moisture to supply remaining requirements for grain production from an application at the soft dough stage," he adds. "An additional application prior to the hard dough stage is more likely to be profitable on sandy soils where less water can be stored."

The time required to water the crop is especially important in minimizing moisture stress. One way to cover acreage faster is to water alternate rows, the engineer suggests. But if Pullman and similar tight soils crack, it is difficult to push water through. More success has been achieved with alternate furrow irrigation on lighter loam soils and on Pullman soils with furrows spaced 30 inches apart. An additional irrigation may be needed to keep soil moisture levels up. When water is applied in alternate furrows, the acreage can be watered quicker.

New figures that more than three to four hours of tailwater run off time may also tie up water that can be more productive on drier soil. With additional tailwater runoff time, the average yield increase is relatively small.

Another irrigation management tool is the well water delivery rate, he says. With this information water application rates can be easily determined.

Grain Sorghum Irrigation is Key to Success This Year

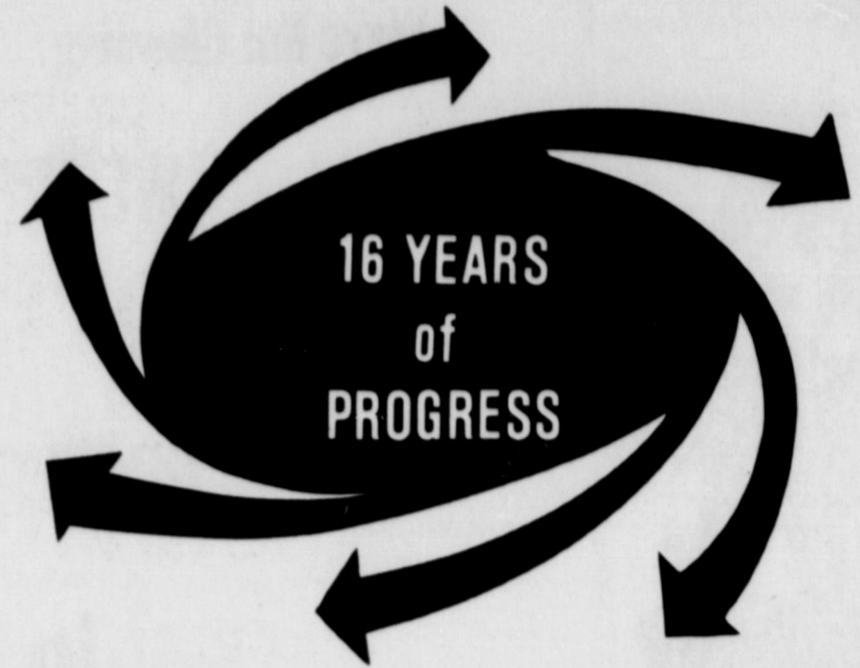
Summer heat and peak demands of grain sorghum for irrigation water are putting the pressure on farmers who must stretch their irrigation water over more acres of crops this year, says an irrigation engineer.

Adequate soil moisture is critically important to grain sorghum in the booting, heading and flowering stages of growth, says Leon New, area irrigation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. New adds that sorghum will wait for water, but moisture stress slows plant growth and can cut into yields if it occurs during critical plant growth stages.

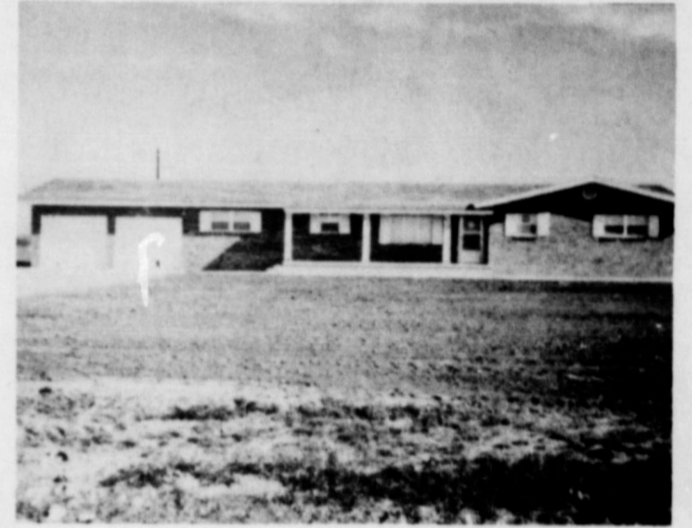
Grain sorghum water use is highest just prior to and during the booting stage, New explains. He says that response to irriga-

tion at booting generally costs 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of grain per acre. Even short periods of stress can cut into yields at this time. Plants are likely to require three to four inches of water every 10 days during this period.

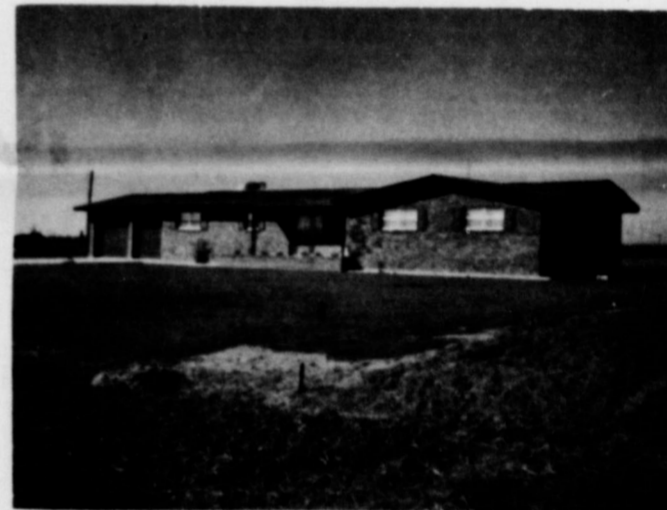
Good soil moisture levels must also be maintained during heading and flowering in order to keep yields up, he adds. Although water use may have declined slightly following rapid vegetative growth, 10-day requirements are likely to be 2 to 2½ inches. Irrigation during the heading and flowering stages usually yields a 1,200- to 1,500-pound-per-acre increase. With little rainfall in recent months over much of the South Plains, the contribution may be even more this year.



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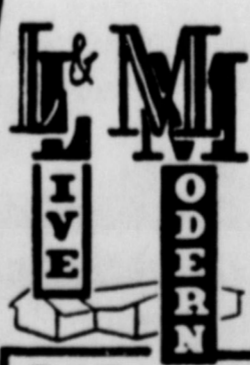
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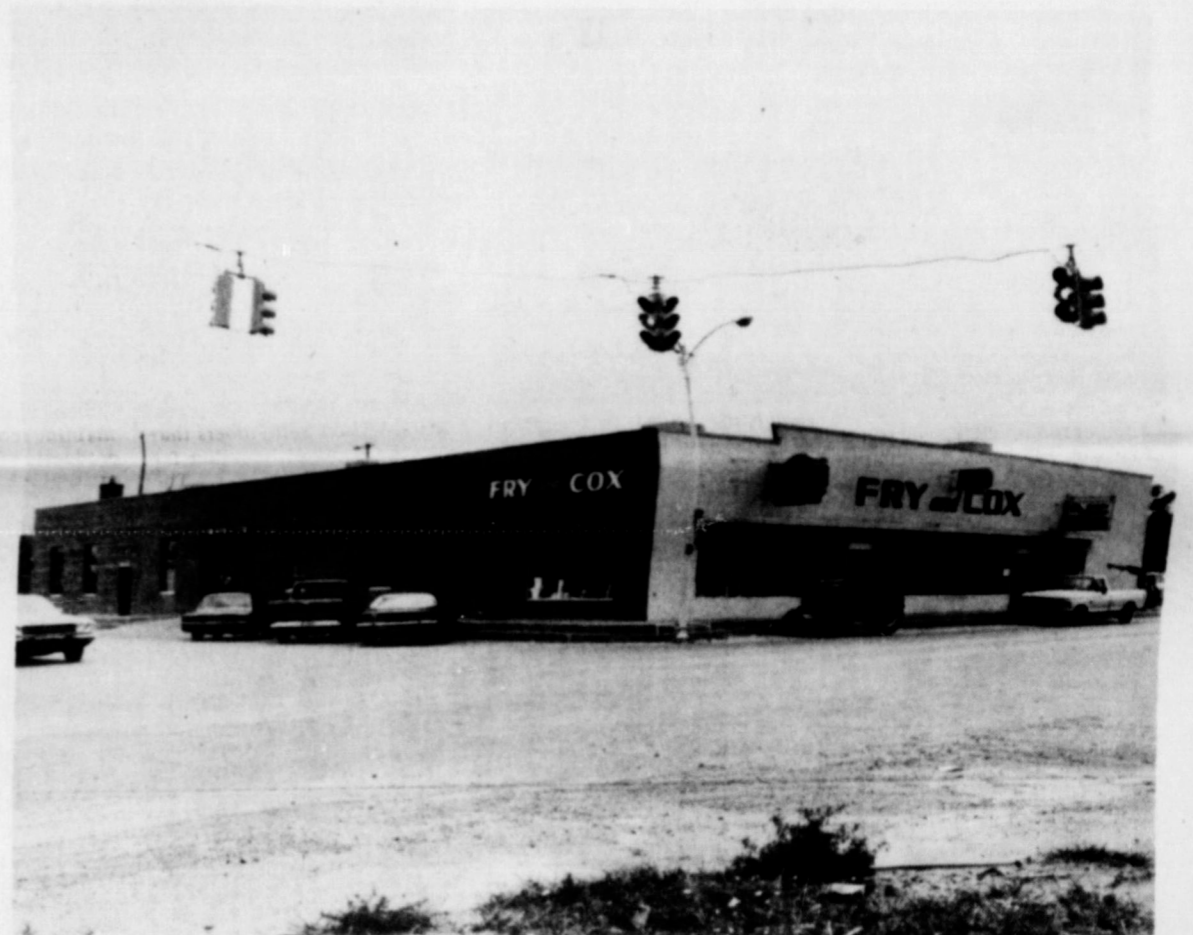
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The Jack Hinsons, Pioneer Teachers at Springlake School

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hinson have both resided in this community since 1910; making them some of the earliest pioneers of Earth. They were married in 1919 in their parent's home. The preacher had to travel from Friona, 40 miles away, to perform the ceremony. Their children include Dr. Mary Holden, deceased in 1972, Mrs. Betty Parish of Dimmitt, and Mr. Kenneth Hinson of Springlake. Mrs. Hinson started teaching school in February of 1918 at Y-L. He then took up a position at Sunnyside and from there went on to teach at Springlake. Mrs. Hinson taught at Springlake during the time her husband was the teacher. She was responsible for the 4th grade and under while he took the 5th grade on up. Between the two, they had approximately 25-30 pupils. Mr. Hinson also held a position on the school board for a number of years.

The first school building was located a few miles north of the Springlake cemetery. During the winter months, this 2 room building became quite cold, being without any type of heating device. Horse and buggy was the only means of transportation to get to school by. One winter evening the storm grew so bad that the students were forced to remain at the Hinson's home. Mrs. Hinson said she didn't imagine the parents were too worried about their children. They couldn't go out looking for them, so they trusted their youngsters to find a place of shelter.

1923 brought about the construction of the elementary school building. Students no longer had to share 2 small rooms all day long.

The Hinsons began worshipping at the Congregational Church in Springlake. When this small community church disbanded in 1945 they started supporting the Earth Methodist Church. The 1st Methodist Church building became old, and Mrs. Hinson remembers that the money made from the selling of it went as payment for the organ found in the Methodist Church today. Leader of the church choir, organ and piano player, and Sunday school teacher in-



THIS STORE, shown in 1928, was owned by J. W. Kelley and Sons. As seen on the sign the store provided Earth citizens with dry goods and groceries.

clude the positions filled by Mrs. Hinson during their membership in the Methodist Church. Mr. Hinson became a Sunday school teacher and remained one for 40 years.

The Hinsons would plant a large garden every summer which produced an assortment of vegetables. Fruit trees supplied them with preserved and fresh fruit. Working for the growth of the community the Home Demonstration Club would teach the women methods of canning food. The Hinsons canned their beef and ate it all year round. One summer they hatched and raised over 1,000 chickens. Meat was plentiful to those who worked to provide for it.

Freezing was not used because no type of electrical equipment had been produced yet. Water troughs kept vegetables and meats cool. Water from the windmill would be pumped into these troughs in which food had been placed. Eggs, cream, butter, and milk were cooled also in the troughs.

Washing was done by hand in tubs until the kerosene washing machines were invented. Mrs. Hinson became the second lady of Earth to own one; Mrs. Barton was the first.

Roads were graded in 1923. Travelling became much more



STANDING IN FRONT of their honeymoon car is Bonnie Haberer. She and her husband took this Model T Ford on their wedding trip in 1920.

pleasant because until this, people had to make their own trails to wherever they needed to go.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinson have been married 56 years, having celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1968. Mrs. Hinson has been involved with the P. T. A., working as a charter member

and serving as president. She also belonged to the band parents' club.

The Hinsons have been able to view the growth of the community of Earth from the earliest settlement days. Once a small unpopulated town, Earth has turned into a richer expanding community.

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On February 26th, 1924, the Ray Kelleys arrived here on the plains. Mr. J. W. Kelley, Ray's father, bought a section of land known as the Hewitt place. The east half was in farmland and the west half was in pasture.

The Kelleys had their houses, cows, plow tools, and some household goods shipped by freight. Mr. J. W. Kelley came with the freight train. Ray Kelley (deceased) drove an old Ford truck loaded with things that they would need before the shipment got there. Mrs. J. W. Kelley, Ruby, Beulah, and Helen Kelley came in a touring car with side curtains.

They were two days making the trip, spending the first night in Amarillo. They had never heard of the road through Dimmitt so they went through Plainview.

They also had two white half-grown bulldogs traveling with them. While the girls were in the cafe, the dogs completely demolished Ruby's hat. The crown of the hat was covered with pasted down feathers. After seeing the dogs' faces with feathers all over them, they could tell who had eaten the hat.

The Kelleys had come from a place where there were trees, creeks, and a road at every section line. Here they saw flat, bare country. They were no fences and there were white faced cows roaming everywhere. Their nearest neighbor was the J. L. Lanville family who lived where Mrs. J. W. Kelley now lives. There was an angling road up to the Lanville's house



THIS 1929 PICTURE shows 4 generations of Kelleys. Pictured from left to right are J. W. Kelley, Jerry Kelley, N. Ray Kelley, and J. M. Kelley.

and also a road across the prairie to Springlake where the mail was gotten.

Their first baby was expected in June of 1924, and there was much concern about how to get a doctor out there. They were happy to learn that there was a telephone at the Boon home about 5 miles southeast of them.

They had a garden that year and had planted hot buds. On March 27th and 28th they had a sandstorm that swept the soil off the hard ground. After about 36 hours of blowing sand, they discovered that the hot buds were 3 ft. under the sand.

Marshal Kelley had stayed in Erick, Oklahoma to finish high school. In May he came out to put up a crop. It was fine until it started raining in September and October and then the worms ate it. They raised



RAY KELLEY stands with Richard Johns in one of the wheat fields grown 1/2 mile south of Earth in 1937.

broomstick corn that year and had to get workers from Oklahoma to come and work it.

In December, the family moved back to Oklahoma. Pretty soon, though, they heard how the country was setting up and because they couldn't get this nice climate out of their blood, they moved back.

Marshal and J. W. Kelley had already moved back and had bought the grocery store from Dad Reeves. Ray and Helen had a farm sale and loaded up the Model A Ford with canned fruit and clothes. On October 18th, 1926, they landed in the

little town of Earth.

The hotel and gin had already been built when they left in 1924, but there had been several new buildings added.

On August, a Baptist Church had been organized, but there was still no place to meet. The Kelleys helped with the building of the church and the organization of a Sunday school.

Ray and Marshal Kelley established the "J. W. Kelley and Sons" Mercantiles Co. They sold groceries, dry goods, gas, and oil.

There was a telephone in the store, and a telephone line from

here to Olton. They Kelleys had to deliver many messages over a large area.

After 17 years the Ray Kelleys were able to buy back part of the land they lived on in 1924. Mrs. Kelley closed by saying, "Here we now live and have never had a desire to leave Earth again. We are thankful for everyone of the 50 years we have spent here."

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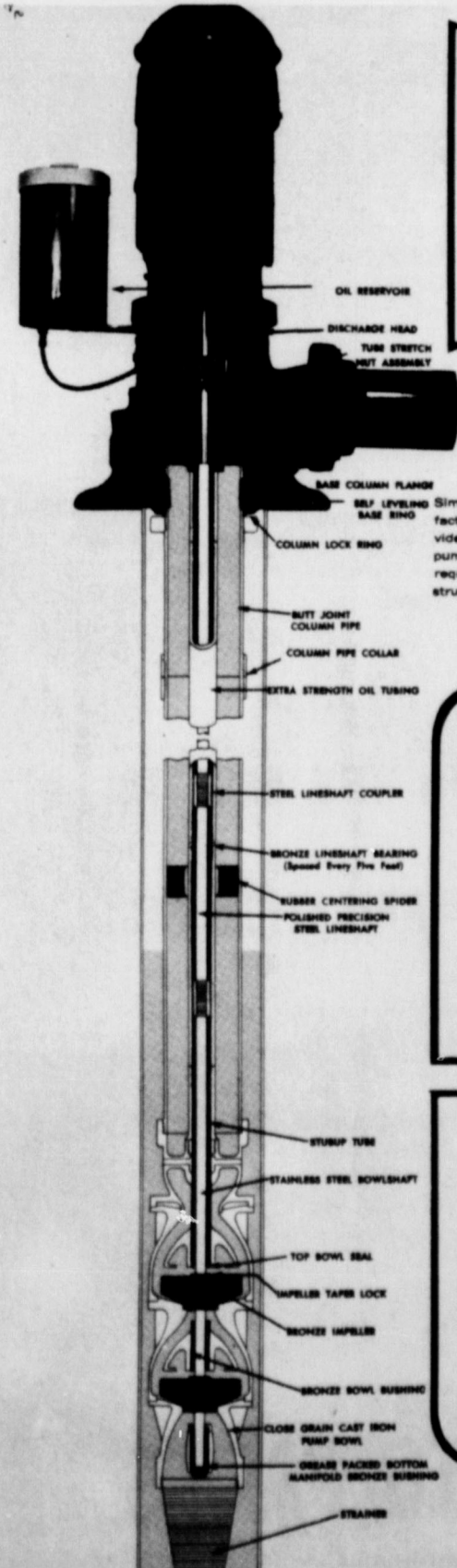
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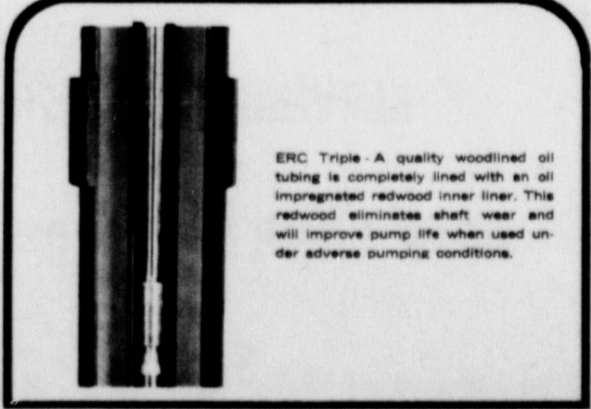
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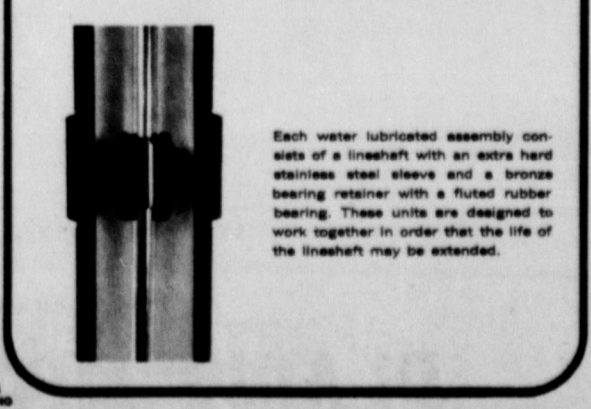


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In January of 1930, Mr. Floyd Burgess (deceased) and his wife, Naomi, came to Earth to live. Previously residing in Vinson, Oklahoma, Mr. Burgess had been employed by the Prairie Pipe Line Company, and later as a filling station attendant. Mrs. Burgess held the position of a school teacher. Travelling from Oklahoma, the Burgess' arrived at their new

homestead located about 7 miles north of Earth with her folks and 2 small children, Wayne and Billie June. Later on, they had 3 other children, Ken, Jim, and Mike. Mrs. Burgess always raised a garden during the summer months. To water the vegetables, they would syphon water out of the tank and run it through ditches into the garden. The corn which

came from the garden would be shucked and shelled by hand, then taken to the mill to be ground into cornmeal. To her, the shelling was worse than the shucking. They also raised cabbage. Mrs. Burgess recalls bugs would get in the head and have to be picked off. For meat, the Burgess' raised their own cattle and butchered them during the winter. After

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burgess and their children. Neighbors were scarce in number and lived a good distance away. Mrs. Burgess said, "Everyone was living life, working, and enjoying it."

The Old Timer



"The only time a fisherman tells the truth is when he calls another fisherman a liar."

Clothing can be used as a clue to personality, one clothing specialist said. "People with certain personality characteristics tend to choose the same kinds of clothing and the same colors," explained Margret Ann Vanderpoorten, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "People who are interested in clothes and have lots of them are often more sociable than those who have few clothes and little interest in them," she pointed out.

Warm colors such as red and yellow are often chosen by those who like entertaining and outdoor activities.

The blues and greens are preferred by people who like indoor activities more and enjoy being alone.

"Generally, people who like strong, clear colors also like other people around them and are outgoing, while those who favor pale or subdued colors often prefer quiet activities and are more independent," the specialist said.

"However, many other things besides personality affect clothing choices," she reminded.



THE WEST SIDE of the old hotel which once stood in Earth is shown here. The little girl on the tricycle is Wanda Marie Kelley. This picture was taken in 1927.


a calf had been killed, the beef would be hung up outside to prevent it from spoiling. Canning in glass jars came next, so that the beef was ready for any more. Cream, eggs, and butter were cooled in water troughs. Water would be run through a trough (made out of pipe) in order to prevent dairy products such as these from souring. The term, dry land farming, was applied to growing crops in those days. Some years the crops would make and sometimes they wouldn't. Land was dry and hard to manage. For 2 years after the Burgess' arrived, circumstances prevented them from journeying into town often. After they bought some type of transportation and

their children became older, they started attending church. The Methodists were still meeting with the Baptists in the old Baptist Church. A little while later the Methodist Church was built in which they became members. When the Burgess' arrived in Earth with her parents they built 2 houses. The larger one belonged to her folks and the smaller one, out back, housed

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THE ORTEG HOME was starting to be built in 1938. It was not finished until 1939. The first winter, a wagon sheet was put across the front end of the house to keep the cold out.

Mrs. Orteg Recalls Pioneer Days in Earth

In April of 1924, Ben Orteg (deceased) and Lloyd Cupp worked together to put up the first house in Earth. The house belonged to Mr. Cupp who also once owned the land that the city of Earth stands on today. Mr. Orteg and his wife, Lottie, were Okla. residents at the time.

In naming Earth, Mrs. Orteg also remembers that several names were sent in to Washington, D.C.

Fairlawn was decided upon, but Mr. Halsell's estate in Kansas City was already named this so it was refused. O.H. Reeves sent in the name, "Good Earth". The "Good" was dropped and "Earth" was accepted.

On March 23, 1924, Mr. Orteg travelled down from Oklahoma along with Bob Allison, his son, and Barney Kelley to contract for a section of land. A clear title couldn't be granted or made, so the contract was returned. A short time later, Mr. Orteg bought and received a piece of land 3 miles north and 1 mile west of what is today Earth. Cleve Hamilton was serving as land agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Orteg moved out to Earth in January of 1925. A truck driven by Mr. McCarty carried the household goods. Mr. Orteg travelling by covered wagon brought the plows and tools. For 5 days they travelled to reach their new home. Upon arrival they witnessed the mud-

up of some stray cows by Mashed O (Halsell) cowboys.

Frank Hite held the office of the 1st post master and Mr. Halsell had put up a hotel.

During 1 of the first bad winters, 2 stray cows wandered into the Orteg's corral. They were so weak they could hardly walk. Mr. Orteg, have enough stored hay decided to let them stay. When late spring arrived and the cows began shedding their coats, the Mashed O brand was clearly visible. They belonged to the Halsell Ranch.

Travelling was bad during spring or winter. The highway from Olton to Muleshoe was marked by a turning plow. One

furrow on either side marked the road. If a person wanted to go to Muleshoe or Plainview from Earth, he just had to take off across the country.

Market Tinkering, Blamed for Crisis

"Relatively few Americans are aware of it, but it was tinkering with the free marketplace, not the Arab oil embargo, that led directly to last winter's energy crisis. The embargo merely highlighted a situation that has been worsening for many years."

This is the opinion of Frank N. Ikard, president, American Petroleum Institute. He said the problem really began in 1954 when the Supreme Court decided that the Federal Power Commission must begin fixing

the price of natural gas which moved across state lines.

"As is so often the case with price regulation, prices were set at unrealistically low levels. The low prices stimulated unusually high demand, with homeowners and industries switching from coal to natural gas. And then, because the prices were unrealistically low, producers had no incentive to prospect for new gas supplies. As gas became scarcer, users began turning to oil."

"Thus, the shortage of last winter was simply the final domino to fall in a series that began with price regulation of natural gas."

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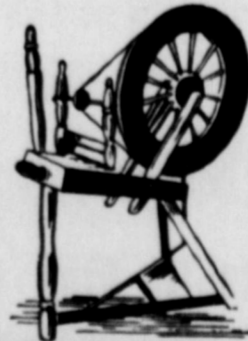
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To The Fannings, Good Neighbors Made Difficult Farming Days Easier

Mr. and Mrs. Fanning married in 1919, moved to Earth in 1935. Mr. Fanning's parents moved to Earth 5 years earlier, in 1930. At the time the Fannings came

to Earth (1935) the Baptist Church was the only one which had been built. This building stood between the present Baptist Church and the next corner.

The Church of Christ, Baptists, and the Methodists worshipped together under the Baptist roof. Denomination served as no barrier to worshipping with one another. An arbor was located on the east side of the church which served as a building for community get-togethers. Just about the total population of Earth could be counted at a church gathering or community meeting.

On week-end nights a person couldn't walk the streets because of the community visiting being done. Streets were full of cars and their owners, sharing news with one another.

Farming was hard. The average farm was between one quarter to a half section. Dust storms, the limited farm equipment, and the absence of irrigation were the main reasons of crop failures. Mr. Fanning along with his 2 brothers shared 6 head of horses and 1 tractor.

Recalling the Dust Bowl days, Mr. Fanning remembers putting his children to bed and tying sheets over them to prevent the dust from choking them. He would also spray around the house



THESE 4 COLLEGE GIRLS surely were keeping up with the times as they're pictured with their hats when wearing them was a must. They were Kodacking on the Tech campus (1941). Pictured from left to right: Mary Lou Hinson (deceased), Jean Hultman, Carol Clevenger, and Wanda Marie Kelley.



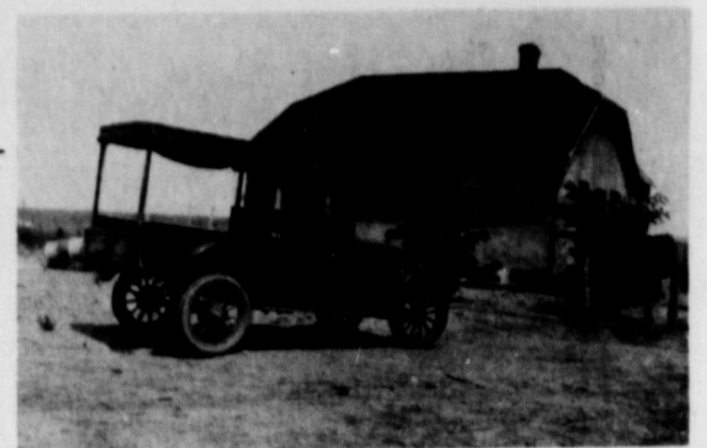
THIS SANDSTORM OF 1941 roared in about 4 pm one Sunday afternoon in April. The sky became almost as dark as night.

stacies they faced because people were willing to help each other without being paid back. No one worried about doing too much for others.

My Neighbors



"Alex, you rascal, you didn't tell me you had a date!"



MR. AND MRS. HERMAN HABERER had this picture made about 1924. That is what their home looked like then. The car is a forerunner of the pick-ups of today. That back part of the car was used to pick-up injured sheep in and transport them.

A tiring fact: There are more than 3,500 types and sizes of tires according to Goodyear. The Gazette-Times of Heppner, Ore. tells of a bumper sticker reading: "Eat a beaver, save a tree."

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L.T. Smith: Pioneer Since 1925

In August of 1925, Mr. L. T. Smith and his wife, Bama, (deceased) moved from Jester, Okla. to his home now, which is 2 1/2 miles west of Springlake, (then called Pumpkin Center). When they arrived, their neighbors, the Whitfords, helped them build a little 2 room shack.

Right off they started farming 160 acres of land, which was a solid pasture of grassland. From sun up till sun down Mr. Smith would spend his days plowing up the ground and planting crops of wheat, maize, cotton, and corn. Their only farm equipment consisted of a walking plow and team of mules. Some of the Smiths' daily farm chores were milking cows, feeding hogs, cattle, and mules.

Life back then was hard for the Smiths because of many reasons, one of them being lack of money. They pumped their water by hand until two years later when they were able to afford a windmill to do it for them, Mr. Smith said, "If you could get a dollar a day for work from sunrise to sunset, you were lucky, but no one had a dollar to offer." One way Mr. Smith earned a small amount was by pasturing Mr. Rutherford's animals on his land. Mr. Smith and his wife were charged \$40 by the doctor to deliver both of their babies. Mrs. Smith had both her children on the farm. For an air conditioner, the Smiths would hang wet clothes over a window.

Another hardship the Smiths faced was bad weather. Mr. Smith recalls one August that was terribly dry. Pretty soon it started raining and continued the rest of the year (coming 2 to 3 times a week.) They went to the cellar for bad weather and when it was cold, they sat in the house around the stove. Burning corn cobs, maize and cotton seed helped to keep them warm.

Even though no one had any money back then, prices were certainly low. The grocery bill for a week ran \$2.50. Coffee sold at 19¢ a pound, eggs for 7¢ a dozen, and gasoline went for 3¢ a gallon. Many had to sell their cars because they had no money to buy fuel for them. At Muleshoe the tax on gasoline was knocked off so a few bought there. The highest anyone received for a bale of cotton in 1931 was



FEBRUARY OF 1956 gives evidence of the hard winters which occurred on the South Plains during earlier days. Here, the Sam Cearley's home is seen in the distance. Snow has been pushed back from the road in heaps.



SITTING ON A WINDOW LEDGE of the J. High building is Mervin Cearley. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley, his parents, are shown standing by their son in this photo taken sometime in 1927.

Farm Equipment Sales Leveling Off

Farm equipment sales have generally leveled off due to a shortage of available equipment, says Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. After two years of continued growth, unity tractor sales in the first quarter of 1974 fell slightly under the first quarter 1973 rate, with more significant declines recorded for some lines of farm machinery.

"Large increases in crop acreage and record high levels of farm income over the last two years accounted for the upsurge in farm equipment sales. Unit sales of farm tractors increased 19 per cent in 1972 and 26 per cent in 1973 after five straight years of decline," notes Hayenga.

The figures are even more impressive when put in terms of capacity: measured PHS horsepower increased 21 per cent in 1972 and 38 per cent in 1973. Machinery size has increased proportionally.

"Demand for new equipment has been strong in 1974," continues Hayenga, "since estimated planted acreage is up 7 per cent, about 15 per cent larger

6¢ a bale. Wheat was selling at 20¢ a bushel and maize at 18¢ a bushel.

Even though times were hard, the Smiths always had plenty to eat. The men would shoot rabbits by the hundreds. They killed their own cattle for beef and hung it up on the windmill in winter to keep it cold. Pork was kept in a box in the house. Milk and butter were always plentiful, and corn bread was kept on hand for meals.

The pioneers of Earth weren't faced with the worries of it's citizen today. Problems came once in a while, and when they did, these settlers helped each other work them out. No one had any money, but that fact didn't cause too much worry. People visited with each other and enjoyed themselves.

than the previous 10-year average."

The lead time for delivery of tractors is currently eight or ten months and this lag should continue through the remainder of 1974.

"Last year, demand spilled over into the used farm equipment market. Reports of three-year-old tractors selling

for more than their original price were not uncommon," says the Texas A&M University System economist.

"Projections suggest that net income in 1974 will total \$22 billion, 15 per cent below the 1973 record, but still the second highest level ever achieved. Accelerated depreciation schedules and the investment tax

credit available on the purchase of farm equipment will likely be used to reduce income tax payment," points out Hayenga.

Although financing costs remain high, it is unlikely farmers will deter equipment demands in 1974. Short- and intermediate-term farm loan volume has stayed strong thus far in 1974.

"Although many farm equipment manufacturers are expanding production capacities, there will only be minimal in-

creases in 1974 output as raw materials remain in short supply. While U.S. production of tractors will increase some, most 1974 sales will have to come from current inventories to achieve projected sales of 90 per cent of the 1973 level," believes the economist.

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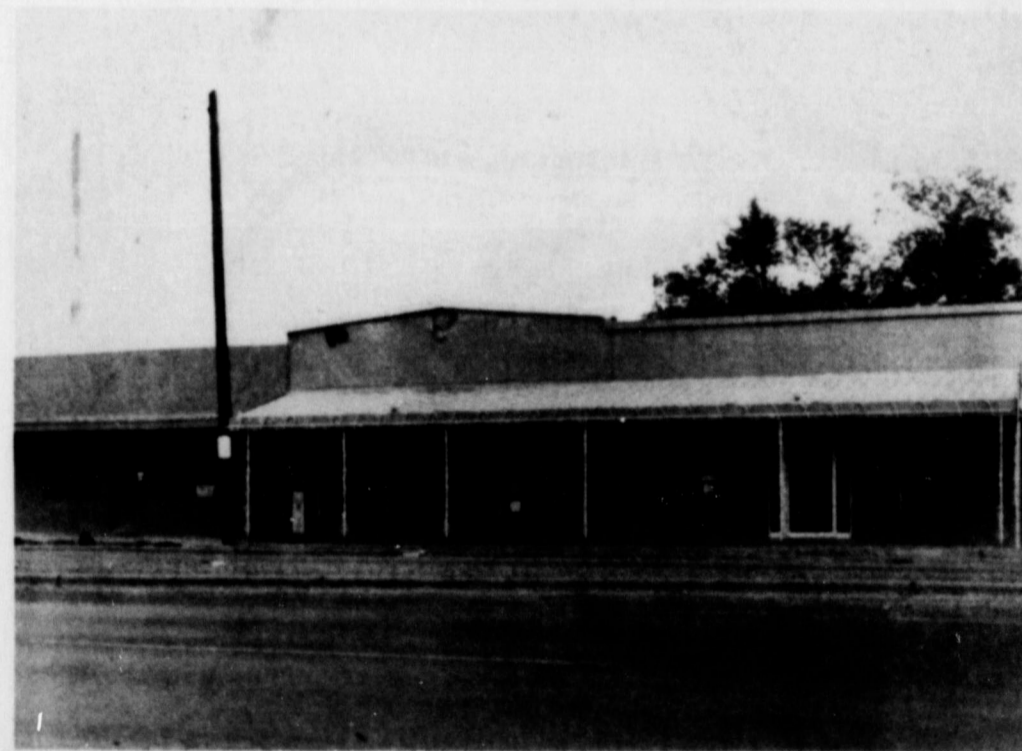
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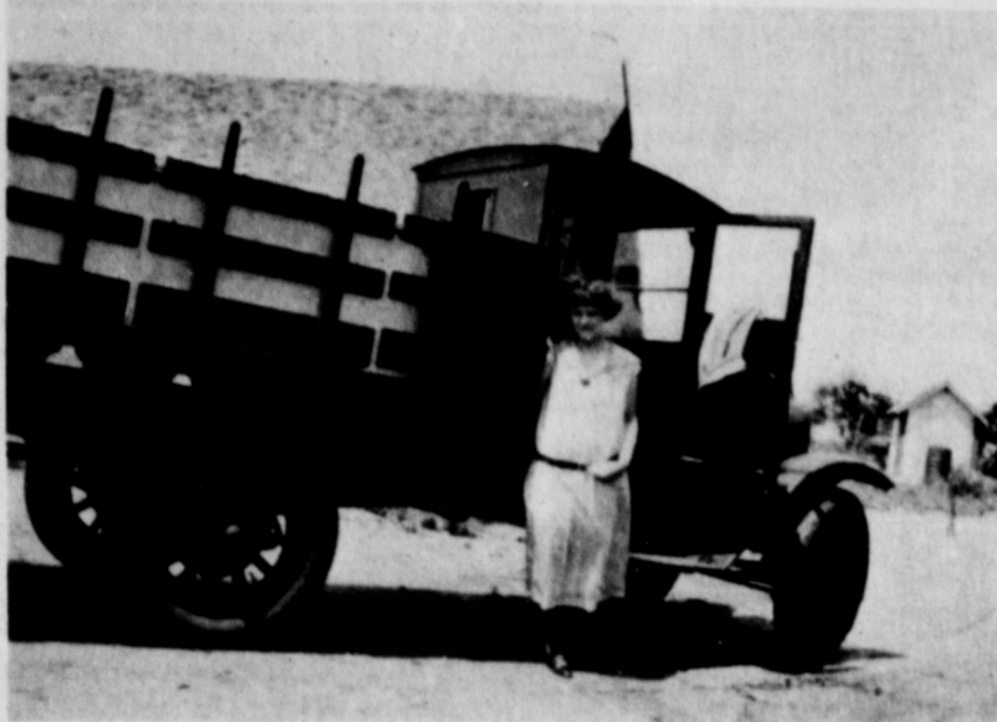
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Ray Axtells Thought it a Hard Life but Worthwhile

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Axtell were both brought up in this area. Mr. Axtell's father came out from Kansas and started farming, in 1908 while her parents had been settled at Tulia since 1901. Mr. Axtell was raised on land which belonged to the Mashed O (Halsell) Ranch. In 1921, he attended Kansas State University at Manhattan and upon finishing returned to Earth to farm.

The Axtells were married in 1939, and made their home out west of Earth at Sunnyside. They had Ichild, Charles. Mr. Axtell was a dryland farmer as were the other farmers of the time. He depended largely on rain to bring his crop through. Maize and wheat served as his chief crops, and he also planted a small amount of bundle feed. He grew corn to feed the cows. They were about all that kept them from going bankrupt at times. Mr. Axtell used horses and cows as did other farmers



THIS OLD INTERNATIONAL TRUCK was driven to Colorado by the Ray Axtells in the early 1920's. Standing beside it is Esther Rice, a friend of the Axtells.



THIS HOME WAS BUILT in 1910 by Ray Axtell's father. It was located 2 miles west of Sunnyside. The Ray Axtells moved into it in the fall of 1939. It was torn down in 1947.



RAY AXTELL is standing by one of the first cars that he and his family drove. This model is an overland car of about 1922.

The Ray Axtells became residents of Earth in 1970, yet Mr. Axtell has lived in this part of the country since 1908, and Mrs. Axtell has since 1901. In 1939, they became members of this community and have helped support its growth ever since.

Retired from their farm now he has turned the land over to his son and his wife to run. To the Axtells life was good to them on their farm, and it's wonderful to have a son to take over for them.

Sterilizing Baby's Formula

Sterilize baby's formula to kill any harmful bacteria present in milk, one authority cautions.

"Either of two sterilization methods is acceptable," Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Texas A&M University System, said.

The specialist explained that germinal sterilization involves pouring formula into bottles and sterilizing them together.

"Most authorities consider this

"The antiseptic method, on the easiest and safest method. Formula and bottles separately - then combines them carefully.

"The method a mother chooses depends on equipment available, recommendations of the baby's doctor, and what is most convenient.

"After sterilization, cool formula and refrigerate until use," Miss Reasonover added.

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to plant crops with until tractors came out.

Mrs. Axtell always started a large vegetable garden when summer arrived. She would pick and fix vegetables for meals, and can them for later use. The Axtells also raised chickens and hogs. Eggs gathered from the hens and cream made from cow's milk would be traded for groceries at the local store. Money wasn't used to buy food back then.

The Axtells attended the community Congregational Church. Here people would come to worship and visit. Friday night get-togethers held at neighbors' homes also provided these early settlers with enjoyment. Neighboring families usually lived about 3/4 of a mile from each other, so when an opportunity to visit came up everyone showed up.

Mr. Axtell remembers that the owners of the Mashed O Ranch were selling out to many of the settlers from Kansas. The ranch was mostly covered with grass. The Earth area of the Mashed O land wasn't sold until 1925.

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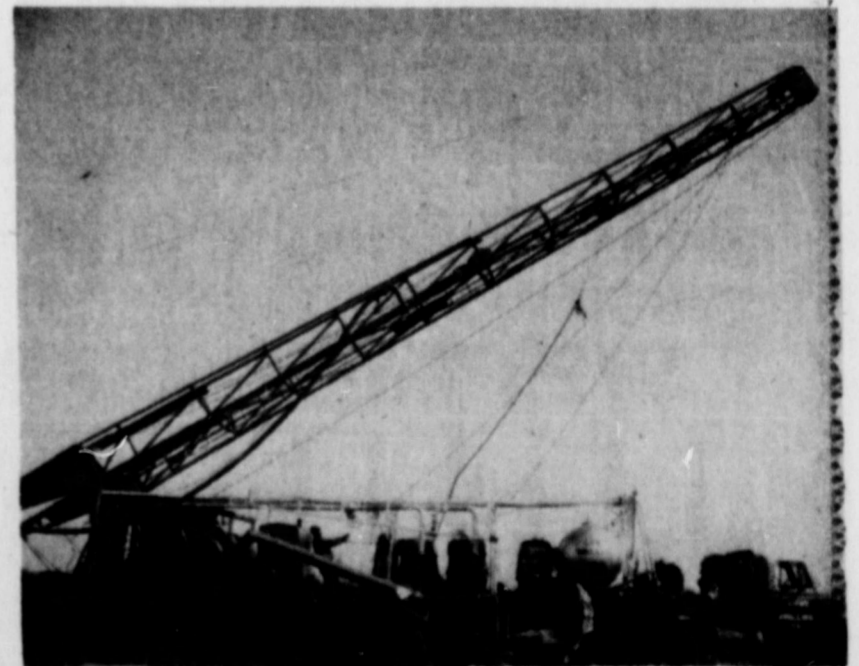
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Mrs. Hite has Never Been Sorry That They Moved Here

Mr. Robert Hite (deceased) and his wife, Lena, moved to Earth, Texas on Feb. 13, 1934. They had previously lived at Vernon, Texas. The day they moved, Mrs. Hite remembers it as being a cold, blizzard-like day. Mr. and Mrs. Hite decided to leave Vernon because Mr. Hite's parents lived in Earth. His parents had told him that it

was a prosperous, growing country. Mr. and Mrs. Hite, along with their three children, Loyle, Hazel, and Kenny, packed and moved out in a Dodge. Hooked behind the Old Dodge was a flat trailer crammed with canned goods and household goods such as furniture. Mrs. Hite said there wasn't much in the way

of household goods, though. Mr. Hite had bought 160 acres of land from W. E. Halsell at \$25.00 per acre. This land was purchased in 1925 though they didn't move to Earth until 1934. The first house the Hites lived in was a small shack built by Robert Hite and his Dad, S. E. Hite. They built it before the



IN 1919, MR. AND MRS. ROBERT HITE were married. This picture was taken before that. Pictured here are Lena (right), Robert (middle), and Lena's sister (left).

family came out. One afternoon in 1934, a terrific sandstorm hit the town. It was referred to as a "Blue Norther." Mrs. Hite recalled that the whole country was scared. She said many people thought the world was coming to an end.

In 1936, they built their second house. It was built in front of the first house where Mrs. Hite's present home is built. During this time, the Dust Bowl Days struck. According to Mrs. Hite, it was just like they didn't have windows. She spent much of her time sweeping and trying to keep the sand out. Many times, Mrs. Hite said they would have to light a lamp during the day to see because it was so dark outside.

On the 160 acre farm, the Hites grew different things. Once or twice they planted wheat. They did plant some feed, too. Most of the time, however, they planted corn, Mr. and Mrs. Hite would go to Wichita Falls to get hired help to work on the farm.

Mrs. Lena Hite belonged to the Baptist Church, and Mrs. Hite was a member of the Methodist Church.

The Hites were always busy working. Mrs. Hite spent her time making a home for her three children and her husband. Her husband was busy most of the time farming.

Their three children all attended the Springlake-Earth Schools

and graduated from them. Mrs. Hite said, "We have never been sorry that we moved here." She didn't like leaving her friends at Vernon, but she did find new friends here.

Summer Care for Roses

With proper care, prize roses can be produced all season long, even when temperatures soar to 90 degrees, says a landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension

Service.

"Roses need fertilizing each month," points out Everett Janne. "Iron deficiency will show up as yellowing leaves with green markings along the ribs and veins. Applying iron chelate or iron sulfate, available either as a foliar spray or dry material to add directly to the soil, will correct the problem."

"Proper watering, of course is fundamental. However, avoid wetting plant foliage and soil spattering when watering as this leads to fungus diseases," cautions the Texas A&M University System specialist.

Janne suggests a regular spray program using Maneb, folpet or Benlate to protect roses against blackspot and mildew.

Insect pests such as aphids and spider mites are common on roses during the summer. An insecticide such as malathion or diazinon provides effective control.

All spraying should be done in early morning or late afternoon when the wind is calm. Janne recommends covering both sides of leaves with spray until a light drop develops.

"Continued blooms and plant growth depend on pruning techniques," notes the horticulturist. "Young, undeveloped plants can develop size by cutting stems short. Even on established plants, cut stems only as long as needed."

Janne suggests the following pruning method. "Cut above the topmost five-leaflet leaf on weak stems and above a



MRS. LENA HITE is standing with her three children in this picture. Loyle, Hazel, and Kenny. These youngsters and their mother had not yet moved to Earth. The kids look like they might have been a handful at that time.

three-leaflet leaf on strong stems. Regularly remove faded, shedding roses from plants."

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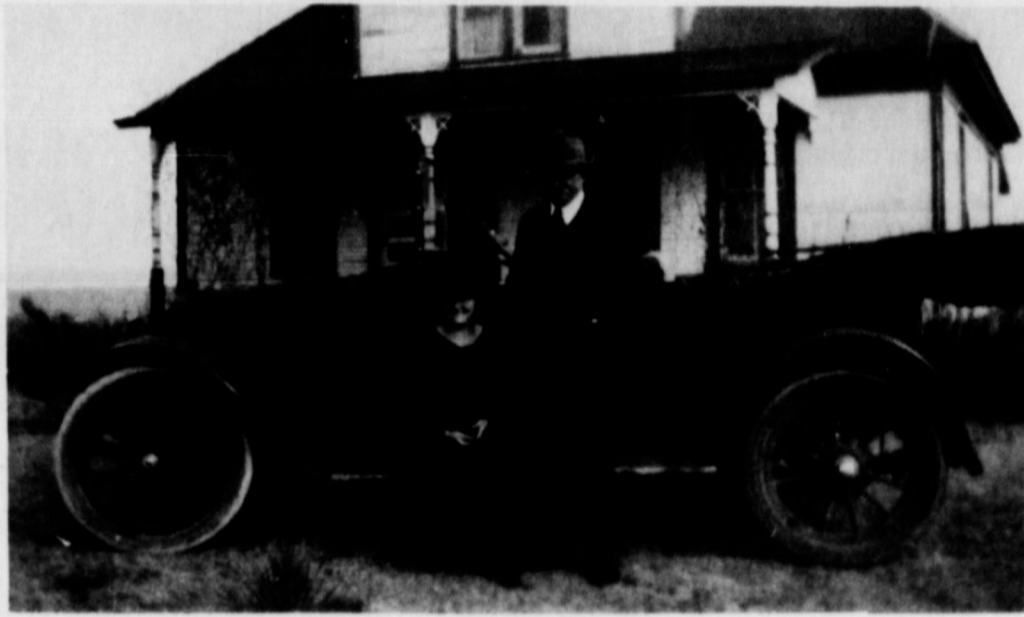
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Springlake Early Remembrances Described as Poke and Plum

"It was just a poke and plum town. You poke your head out the window, and you're plum out of town," Mrs. W. T. Clayton was quoted as saying in 1949. This was referring to Springlake, Texas but it seems to fit Earth, too.



MR. AND MRS. JACK HINSON are posed by their 1919 Ford. This picture was made while they were teaching school at Sunnyside in the 1920-1921 school term. They lived in this house which stood on the top of Sunnyside Hill and belonged to Jeff Gilbreath.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clayton married on Sept. 6, 1924. In that same year Bill Clayton (deceased), came to the Springlake Earth area and bought 160 acres of land a mile east of Springlake. Mr. Clayton was in the oil business at that time. One of the oil wells he worked produced an abundance of oil, and the money he made from the well was used to buy the land in this area. He went over to Amherst, in their Model T Ford, to the Halsell headquarters and purchased this new land. They moved out in "Ole Henry" Mr. Clayton had taken the carriage part out and made a trailer to carry all these things in. So, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, and Billy Wayne, then 5 years old, moved to this area to stay in 1930. That summer they lived in a tent while their home was being built. The lumber was hauled from Dimmitt. Mrs. Clayton remembers that sometimes Bill would get in late, and she and Billy Wayne could hear the coyotes very clearly. It was rather spooky. When the house was finished it was a five room house with a bath. Mr. Clayton had bought oil pipes with them because they were cheap. With these oil pipes, he built a fence around the yard. These pipes were hooked to the windmill, and

up on Old Sun Horse, beaming with pride. Old Sun Horse would really put a scare into their chickens and other animals.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton only built one home. Their original home has just been added on to until it's the beautiful home you see today. It's located one mile east of Springlake.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton also had a cellar. Mrs. Clayton remembers having to use that cellar one afternoon at 3:00. The Clayton had visitors that afternoon, and a big black sand storm hit. She said it really got dark, and they went to the cellar.

Mrs. Clayton recalls, too, getting their first wind charger from Gus Parish. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton were expecting company and wanted to have the place ready. Bill Clayton went and got the wind charger and installed it. The guests arrived, but they had no electricity, it needed wind. But that day the wind just wouldn't blow.

The Clayton's second child, Anne, was born in Olney. Donnie, the third child, was born in Lubbock. The three kids all went to school here and graduated from here.

One social event that Mrs. Clayton enjoyed was the Home Demonstration Club. She remembers the county agent coming over, and all the wives would get together and swap recipes. She said she learned to can from them. She had been raised in the city and didn't know a lot about such things when they came out here. She said another social event

everyone attended in 1936 was to go see, "Gone with the Wind." Everyone just had to drive somewhere and go and see it. For months it was the topic of discussion.

She remembers going over to

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Oton, Sudan, or Amherst for a fun gathering. She said the streets would be roped off, and there would be boxing matches. From there everyone would go to the sand hills. The men would play baseball while the kids played in the sand. The women would fix the food and talk.

Some families she remembers doing things with were the Schaefer's, Jones, and the Wallace's. These families would get together and play horseshoes, croquet, and basketball.

The Claytons attended the Baptist Church in Earth when they first came out here. At one time, there was a visiting evan-

gelist, Bro. E. F. Cole, of Ft. Worth. He was staying with the Claytons. One Sunday morning, Bro. Cole and the Clayton family got ready for church. Mrs. Clayton got the Sunday dinner prepared, and the kids dressed. After arriving at church, she realized that she hadn't had enough time to get herself dressed. She looked down and saw that she was sitting in church with her house shoes on. She was slightly embarrassed.

Mrs. Clayton came to West Texas with the spirit of Napoleon. "I came, I saw, I conquered." Later, she decided the only way to buck West Texas was to take a year-old philoso-



MR. AND MRS. IRVING OTT pose after they've just been married at his grandparents' home in Plainview in their younger days.

phy. That philosophy goes something like this: "If you can't push it--pull it, bang it, clang it, bounce it, wriggle it, jiggle it, shake it, break it, twist it, turn it, undoe it, or chew it. By that time you are beginning to work up a certain amount of patience for West Texas and its quirks. Then you can conquer it."

OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Ft. Hood, Tex. Aug. ---Sergeant Calvin L. Wright, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wright, of Littlefield, reenlisted for four years in the regular army while serving with the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Tex. He is a section leader in Combat Supporting Company, 2nd Battalion of the Division's 50th Infantry.

His wife, Lisa, lives in Killean, Texas.

Ft. Polk, La. Aug. -- Private Robert L. Huey, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie P. Huey, of Littlefield, completed eight weeks of basic training at the

U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry, Ft. Polk, La.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Pvt. Huey's father, Zeb H. Huey, also lives in Littlefield.

Ft. Bragg, N.C. Aug. - The United States Atlantic Command conducted combined Armed Forces training along the North Carolina Coast. Army Specialist Four Juan M. Pesina-Avila took part in Solid Shield 74.

The exercise was designed to improve the Command's joint operations, its ability to react in an emergency and its command and control over joint military units.

Spec. Pesina-Avila, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrosio Pesina, of Muleshoe, is a scout driver with headquarters company, 1st Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division's 504th Infantry at Ft. Bragg.

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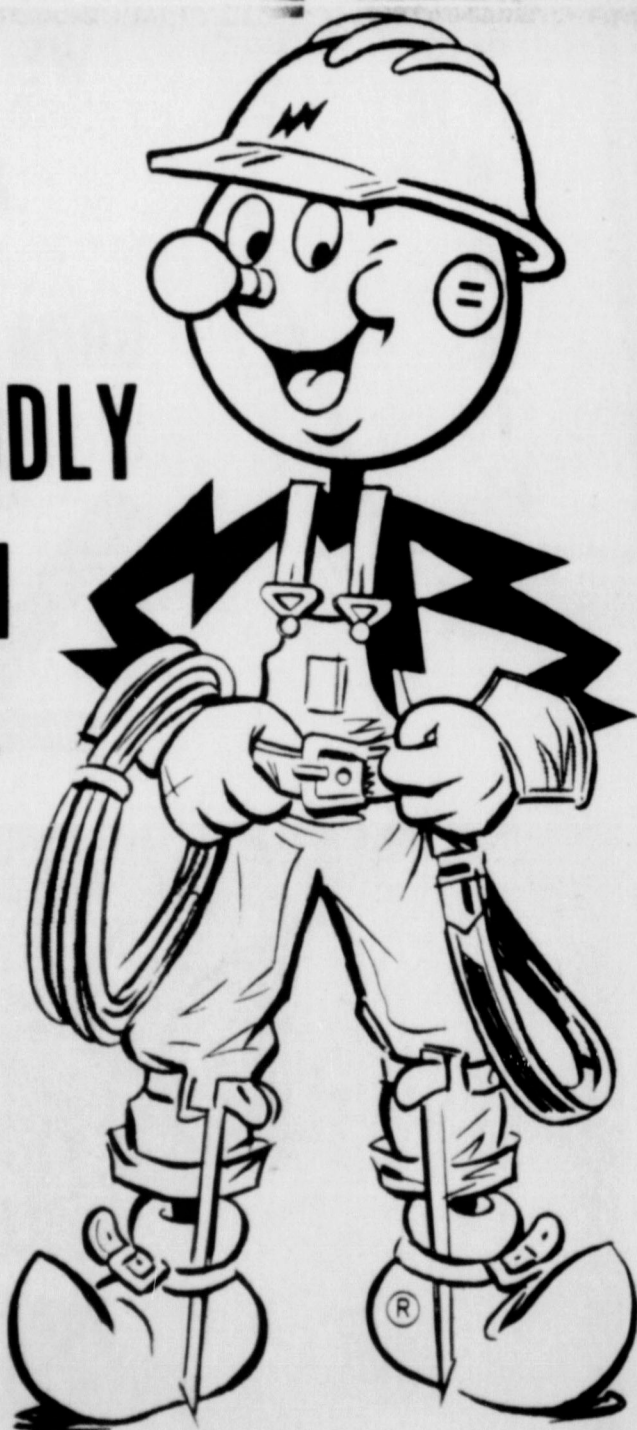
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"WESTWARD HO!" AND THE NEW PIONEERS

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the Kansas City Star on March 15, 1925. Written by Curtis P. Cauthorn, the rapid changes taking place on the High Plains are enumerated from the purchase of the land by Cal W. E. Haisell to the founding of Earth and Amherst, with a great farming future seen for the area. One must remember that this was written only about a year following the first settlers arrival in Earth.

THE STORY IS AS FOLLOWS

As this is written the highways and byways of Texas represent a procession that may be compared to the days of the "Covered Wagon" and the Santa Fe Trail "Westward Ho!" is the slogan of the farmers of East Texas, Oklahoma, and other sections, more thickly populated, where lands have been selling at high prices. The tourists' camps in ever small town and city in the western part of Texas are crowded at night, and when the weather permitted and the roads were better land hungry men slept on the sidewalks of the newborn towns on the Texas south plains.

With this movement westward, an important change in American history is being written, because the advent of every land buyer means the elimination of just so many head of cattle from the grazing lands in the West Texas area. These lands have become too valuable to be used for grazing, and ranch after ranch is giving way to the onward march of progress and civilization. Never before in the history of this country has a land been changed so strikingly and so rapidly as have the great stretches of Lamb, Hockley, Lubbock, Hale and Castro counties, and a forerunner of all these great land sales, and, in my opinion, the most successful of all, was made by a Kansas Citian, Col. W. E. Haisell, a widely known cattleman, and one of the remarkable living pictures of the old West. "Colonel Bill," they call him down in Texas, where he and a few of his kind made that country under the sun.

The Haisell holdings in Lamb County, Texas, were large; the



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

Haisell cattle that grazed on these board acres were noted for their quality and size over the entire West and throughout the corn belt, where western cattle are fed. Colonel Haisell threw his great Mashed O Ranch open for settlement one year ago last August, and on August 1, 1924, practically all of this 200,000-acre ranch had been

sold to settlers. The grazing land had been turned into a community of happy homes. No high pressure land selling tactics were employed in the sale, either. Ewing Haisell, Colonel Haisell's son, and brother-in-law, Jay V. Holmes, also a Kansas Citian, directed the sales and built the town of Amherst, now the metropolis of

Lamb County.

Men who know America from one corner to the other say that these West Texas ranch lands are the last of fairly good, cheap lands, available. A final chapter in the great romance "America" is being written. The story that thrills every American through and through is being re-enacted on the famous staked plains of West Texas. Home lovers, home builders, pioneers with the same spirit that conquered all the United States, are moving into what they picture as a "new land of opportunity."

Like millions of Americans of my generation, I had, as a boy, sat at my father's knee and listened spellbound to the stories of the coming to our own Missouri of those pioneers who had blazed the trails from Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. He told me how, in '49, the "Bill Haisells" of that era had moved on to California and how, at the close of the war between the states, my father himself, his brothers and their neighbors had moved on to Oregon and the Pacific Coast.

It was no wonder that when "The Covered Wagon" was shown on the screen I stood in line the first night that I might see the picturization of what was to me the most wonderful adventure in all the world. Looking backward, I know not why I ran away from home in my teens to see the West, and how disappointed I was, no matter how far from the "beaten path" I stayed for, in my opinion, I had been born too late to see and be of the great American adventure. I followed my father's trail as nearly as possible, and I looked into the far places that he had described to me, night after night, before the days of our modern "Bed-time stories."

Finally, in West Texas, I found that some kind of adventure, the same type of pioneer and the same romance, there for all to see. True, the rough edges of the 50's had been worn away, the terrible disasters of the "Covered Wagon" period were unknown, yet here were the same people, the

same home loving, country loving, country building, God fearing folk of the other era, building anew. After all, it isn't the time nor the place, but it is the people that count, and in West Texas anyone may find the same type of Americans that are responsible for the Kansas City we know at present.

When I first arrived at Amherst and helped Ewing Haisell drive cattle from the great Sod House pasture, a little tract of a mere seventy thousand acres--and saw men and women moving onto lands almost at our heels, throwing up tents, building dugouts, or living in a covered wagon--I felt for the first time in my life the great thrill that I thought I would never know, and the most of us believe passed with the yesterdays.

West Texas is a big country. West Texans are big people. They are cow folk and adventurers, unafraid and honest people, that have seen the romance of yesterday. They have seen great bodies of land fenced by men like Colonel Haisell. They have fought cow thieves and the wild element that follows in the wake of every new country. They thought they had harnessed the great plains of Texas when a body of land like the Sod House pasture was put under one fence. They talked of the long ago and of the spirit that won for the "Bill Haisells" of the last half century. Yet today they are seeing written another perhaps as great a story, that takes the same brave spirit and unconquerable determination to win. The great pastures have been changed, over night, as it were, into farms, with good men and good women staking everything on their new homes.

Ewing Haisell, Jay Holmes, and I saw men coming onto the plains in covered wagons, with their every possession in that one load. Determined and confident, they were going into a land of opportunity.

Sometimes there would be a half-dozen children and sometimes more, a plow, perhaps, hanging on the back end of the wagon; a cow or two driven along by the oldest boy--a chap 9 or 10 years old. The life savings of these families were going into their first payment on a Haisell labor (a labor is 177 1/2 acres of land). They intended to live in that wagon in many instances, until a crop could be made, and their highest hopes were to be able to build a 10-room shack or a dug-out for the next year.

When I saw this I knew that my father and my father's father

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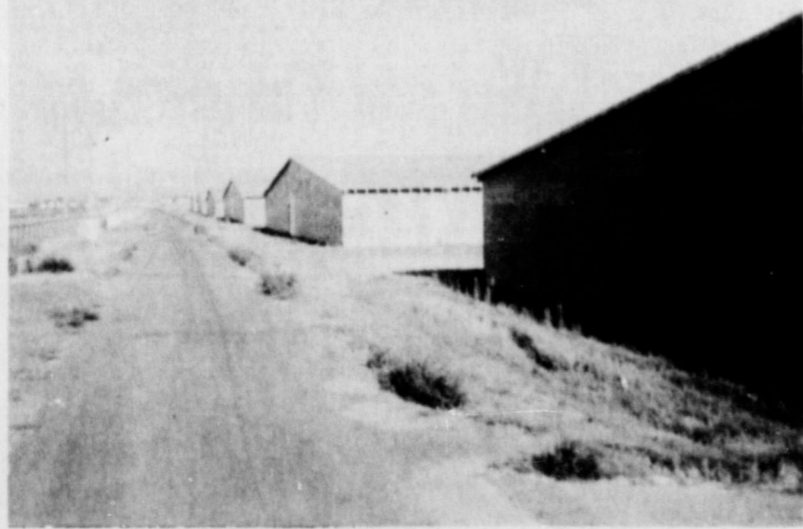
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her had not seen all the pioneering--I knew that "Bill Haisell and his neighbors land owners, who had fenced those immense tracts in the early days, when it took a month to get cattle to market, and two days to get to the doctor, had not endured all the hardships of the plains. Here were good men and women leading the old settled, improved communities of East Texas, Oklahoma and other sections of the South, to build for themselves new homes out on the broad prairie; and this all happening within twenty-four hours ride of Kansas City, Dallas, Ft. Worth and Denver, in a jazz-mad age.

Not all of these men who are over night turning the grandest cow country a row ever flew over into cotton farms come in covered wagons. Dusty "flivver" has, of course, replaced the awkward wagon in most instances. Sometimes old cars that have been sent to the scrap heap have been brought into the New West. Now and then a high priced car drives up with prosperous looking people, who often buy one or more sections of land and who build modern homes and farms on a big scale.

These settlers have tired of trying on \$300-an-acre land, just as the western rancher has tired of raising 5-cent cattle on these rapidly increasing land values of West Texas. They have sold their high priced land and are flocking to the Texas plains. So where only a few months ago, Ewing Haisell directed his cow hands to gather in the calves, cotton bloomed in the summer of 1924 and every crop grown in that part of the country was being produced in the most bountiful fashions.

The settlement of these lands and the promptness with which the new owners go to work is amazing. There is no question but that this has been the fastest transformation of a wild, uninhabited country into a thickly settled agricultural community that the world ever has known. The settlers who bought farms prior to the springtime of 1924, and went to work, harvested greater crops than they dreamed possible when they bought. Colonel Haisell believed in these lands, as did many of his neighbors, but even they did not dream that their cow pastures would produce a bale of cotton to the acre, forty bushels of corn and good maize, lettuce, and kafir. This, how-

ever, is just what happened in the unusually good crop year last year. Not all the land, even in rainy 1924, produced a bale of cotton or forty bushels of corn to the acre, but such crops were made, and I believe I am safe in saying that the Sod House pasture's first cotton crop averaged a half bale to the acre. The land cost \$20 an acre. The cotton sold around 22 cents a pound and there are five hundred pounds in a bale. Figure it out for yourself--won't the buyers who worked and made the best of their opportunities pay for their land in a short time?

Colonel Haisell bought the Mashed O Ranch, which includes the Spring Lake headquarters and the Sod House pasture, a body of about two thousand acres, from the Capital Lands Syndicate in 1922 for \$2 an acre. The Capital Lands Syndicate had been deeded 3 million acres by the state of Texas for building the new capital at Austin. Its officers thought they had made a good sale when Colonel Haisell, far from the rich man he is today, said to them, "I guess I'll just take two hundred thousand acres right here." That was a big deal then. The ranch headquarters were fifty miles from Hereford and Plainview, the nearest railroad towns, and fifty miles on horseback or in a wagon a quarter of a century ago was a good deal further than it is today.

Colonel Haisell had the pick of all the vast Capital land holdings, and that is the reason the farmers who have settled on the Haisell tracts are raising the best crops ever seen in that section. Colonel Haisell told the representative of the land company when he bought the ground that he expected some day to see every acre tilled.

"You're crazy," said the agent, and this is about what everyone else told the new buyer when he talked of the possibilities of his Lamb County land. "I predicted then," said Colonel Haisell to the writer recently, "as we drove over the new roads by the cotton fields," that in twenty-five years I would see this land producing cotton, wheat, corn, maize, and every crop that grows under the sun. Then I had not heard of alfalfa, but I just want to show you something."

Then he drove me by an 80-acre alfalfa field that he had been experimenting with,

and it was a most abundant crop of the precious feed. One big well irrigates this field and I believe that in time the entire country will be under irrigation, for it is only about fifty feet to water on the ranch.

Continuing his first thoughts of the possibilities of West Texas Colonel Haisell said: "My one ambition was to live long enough and to accumulate enough wealth that I might finance poor farmers from our crowded sections of the country, men who had grown in debt trying to farm high priced land and renters who never dreamed they would own their own farms. If I could do this I knew that I would have accomplished some good in this world, and now it makes me mighty happy to see my dream come true."

Like Abraham Lincoln, Colonel Haisell believed in "the greatest good for the greatest number." He sold his land at \$25 an acre when neighbors were selling at \$35, and he gave the buyers a long time, with easy terms, in which to pay for it. "Go to work, boys," he told them, "I want to see every one of you make good. I want to see you own these farms clear. If some bad years come I am going to carry you over. I don't want this land back. I want to see you all happy, home owning people, and to know that my old ranch that I loved so well is inhabited with good citizens."

The success that has attended the buyers of the Haisell land attracted the attention of the entire southland and other large ranches were opened for settlement. Today there are practically 1 million acres in this West Texas on the market. Colonel W. E. Elwood has placed his 400,000-acre Spade pasture on the market, the great tract that joins the Haisell land on the east, while on the south the large holdings of the Littlefield virtually are sold out. These lands, however, are selling at higher prices than were received by Colonel Haisell.

While the county was being settled so rapidly where were the newcomers trading? Where did they get their lumber, and the thousands of fence posts it took to inclose their farms, the windmills to draw their water and the multitude of other things that must be bought in a fast building community? At the beginning of the sale, Ewing Haisell who was to have the entire charge of selling the land, drove to within a mile of the Sante Fe railroad, and pulling up at the old Whitney windmill there that his horse might drink, looked about over the backs of the Hereford cattle, gathered there for water, and thought: "What a site for a good town." Then and there Amherst was born. August 1, 1924, the town celebrated its first anniversary.

It is a town with rest icted districts, brick buildings, and pavements, a modern hotel, school-houses, churches, cotton gins,

feed mills, a national bank and three large lumber yards, where only a year before I had seen thousands of Mashed O Cattle. Yesterday Amherst was not--today it is! On that gala anniversary six thousand persons drove in from their new homes on the staked plains of Texas to celebrate the first birthday of one of the towns their coming had built.

Twenty-five prime Hereford steers were barbecued and all the trimmings of a big, free celebration were on hand. Prominent speakers from all over Texas came to congratulate the new home builders. Businessmen arrived from afar to look over the possibilities of Amherst. The result was that the day saw the sale of more than two hundred business and residential lots.

The land has been sold on easy terms to workers who believe in it and in themselves. They are going to work it right and they will, in my judgement, succeed. Of course, with immigration headed in this direction many tracts have been opened that are not as good as the land I am describing. Some buyers are going fifty miles from a railroad to locate, where it is a long way to water and where the soil is either all sand or so tight I cannot see much future in it. But the land has been sold by the big ranchers in the five counties I have mentioned above is good land and the rainfall is usually ample to assure good crops.

There is a great sadness for the old ranch and range days in me as I drive from Lubbock to Plainview and see the cattle being crowded out. Only the true romance that one pictures in the adventure of the new home builders can offset what otherwise would be a tragedy. However the change is all for the best, for where one family has been reaping the harvest hundreds of families now are earning their living.

Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Dent left last Monday to attend a Banks family reunion in Colorado. They arrived back home the first part of this week.

The Leslie G. Watsons of Springlake had visiting in their home, herson, Ron McDaniel of Longview and his boys, Ricky, Randy, Marty, and Marty. They arrived on Thursday, Aug. 15, and left Sunday following the McCarty Family Reunion they attended in Littlefield.

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Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Barden had visiting in their home last Thursday, Aug. 15, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and

Mrs. Alton Hollingsworth from Hereford, Jessica, the Barden's great granddaughter was also visiting.

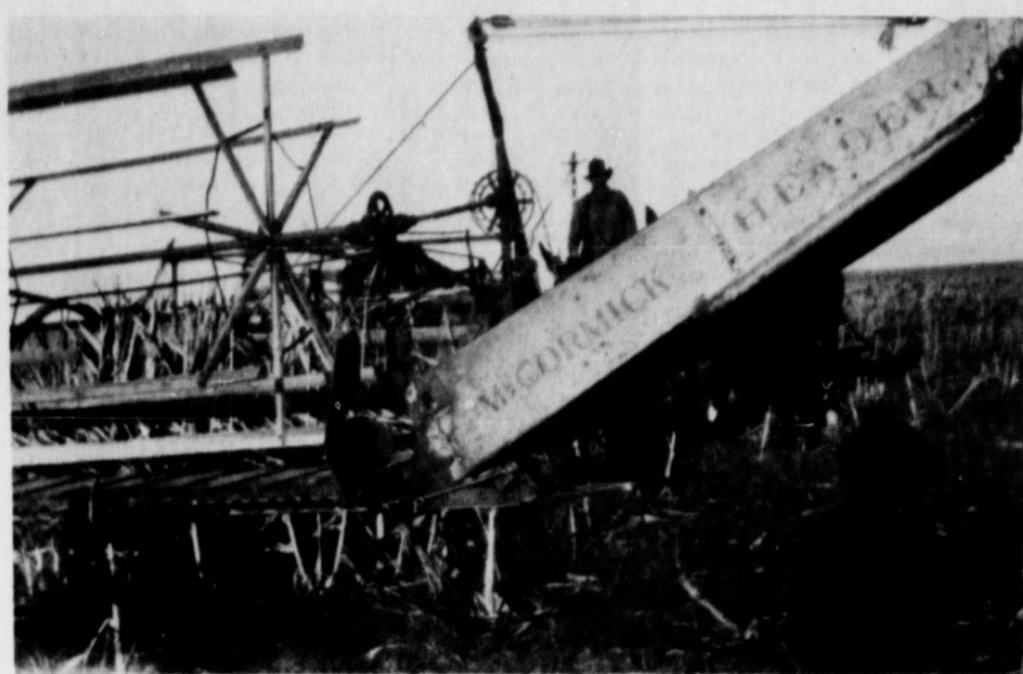
First Blacksmith Shop Owned By Runyon

Mr. and Mrs. George Runyon settled in Earth on March 18, 1925 with their daughter Annie Lee and their baby boy Delbert. Prior to this, in August of 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Runyon came to Earth and lived for two months helping her uncle, Pap Parish, on his farm. They, then returned to their home in Big Square where their first son was born. George Runyon came back to Earth shortly thereafter and purchased their place and a little one room house which he moved from Springlake to his lot in Earth where Donald Runyon now lives. Then he and Clyde Parish went to Big Springs after his family in a Model A Ford truck and returned to Earth with them, all their household good, farming tools and one cow.

George Runyon had the first blacksmith shop in Earth which he built on the lot where the bank is presently located. With just that one lot Mr. Runyon didn't have enough room for parking space so he moved his shop to the west side of that same block situated where Gerald's Barber Shop is. The only other businesses in Earth at that time were Dad Reeve's hotel and store, located where Blairs store is, and John Devenport's garage across the road. In 1930 Mr. Devenport sold out to Watts who tore down the garage and made his residence there.

There were only two other homes in Earth when the Runyons moved here. Those were the Frank Hite home and Devenport's home. It was wide open country here and none of it had been broken out with the exception of one little farm about a mile south of Earth. "There was no Amherst road then," said Mrs. Runyon, "and if you went to Amherst you had to go to Springlake and go through the sand hills that way."

Halseil's cattle roamed the town then and Mrs. Runyon recalled that they would rub against the houses and wake them up at night. "George would get up and chase them down over the hill," she said. He even tried shooting them with a shot-



AS THE DAY WORN ON this farmer, J.A. Parish, harvested a little bit more of this crop. This machine is a McCormick reaper used by pioneers farming the land during the middle 1920's.

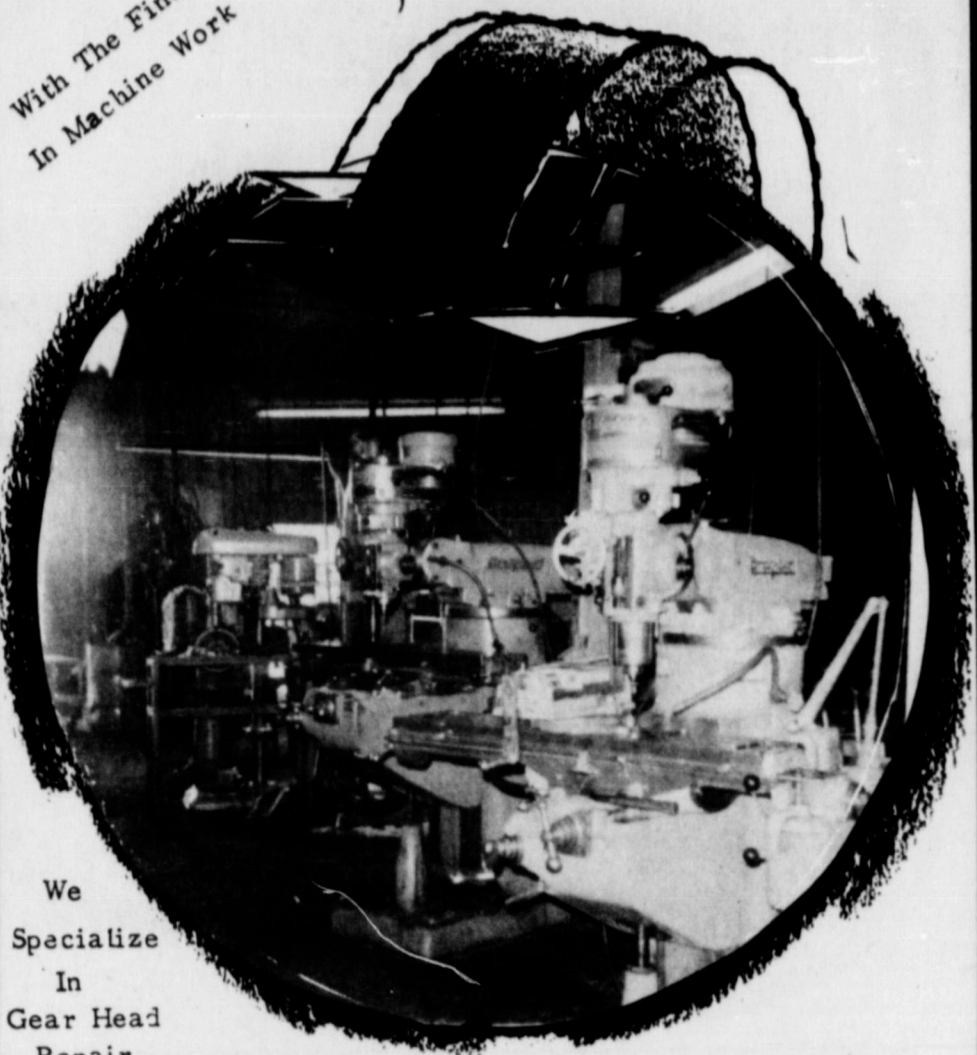
gun loaded with okra seed but it didn't scare them. Mr. and Mrs. Runyon got their water across the road from the Devenport's windmill for about a year before they had their well dug and put a hand pump in. "I was so proud when we got our first pump," said Mrs. Runyon, "it was better than carrying it." Mr. and Mrs. Devenport had the second windmill built in Earth which is still standing behind the old Ford Company building. The first windmill was down by Dad Reeve's hotel. It was another year, which seemed like ten years to Mrs. Runyon, before the Runyon's replaced their hand pump with a windmill, and it wasn't until 1932 that their first overhead tank was installed.

It wasn't until 1927 that the people in Earth could get fresh vegetables here. The grocery store only kept staple goods the first two years the Runyons lived here, so they did without, along with the other early settlers. The Runyons lived in one room until the fall of 1927, when they built a kitchen on to their house. These two rooms were their home until 1932 when they built a new home in the same location. Mr. Runyon sold the blacksmith shop in 1949 and began farming once more. Mr. and Mrs. Runyon kept their home in town, but moved some hatching equipment to a little house on the farm, and stayed there during the week working on the farm. They came back into town on weekends.

Mr. Runyon went rabbit hunting on Sunday evenings with a bow and arrow. He had a shotgun but no ammunition so a

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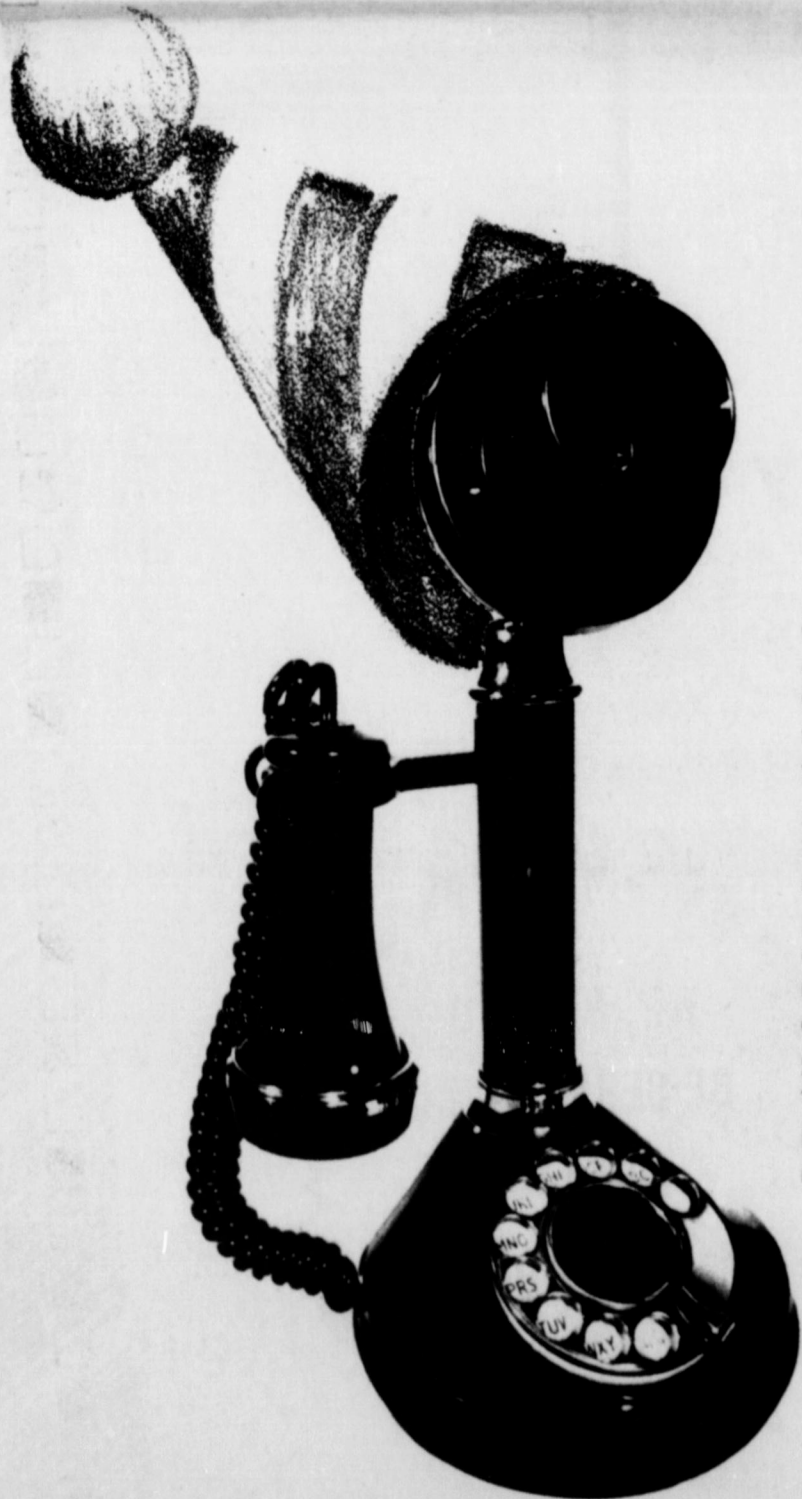


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West Texas is Home to Irving Ott

Irving Ott was born in 1914 and was raised just outside of this community in Castro County. His father, a farmer, and mother came from Kansas to settle here in 1909.

Mrs. Ott's folks left Oklahoma to make a home in this part of the country in 1929. They lived at John Haberer's place. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ott were married in 1936 at Plainview, in his grandparents' home. Settling at Flagg, after they were married, the Ott's built a little 2-room house. Being scarce a few items of furniture, they purchased some at Gus Parish's Hardware Store, and started farming.

The Ott's bought and farmed on 60 acres of prairie land the first year they were married. Planting crops such as cotton, maize, and wheat, he started farming 320 acres of land the second year. Back then farmers cut maize with their pocket knives. After piling it up, the maize would be gathered and be taken off in a wagon pulled by a team to be sold.

Mr. Ott bought a tractor in 1936 and didn't use horses or mules for planting again. A little later he traded his old tractor in and purchased a new one from Gus Parish. Mr. Ott doesn't believe he made too much off his crops in those days except when it rained.

One year (1941), it started raining and rained all year round. His crops turned out better than they had since he started farming in 1936.

Mr. Ott recalls that Mr. Hering owned most of the land around Flagg. His headquarters were known as the "Flagg Ranch." During land sales, the land

would go at about \$35 an acre, and a man could buy just about as much as he wanted. When the "Dust Bowl Days" arrived, many families moved away. Land sold for about the same price after the sand blew in, having gone down some.

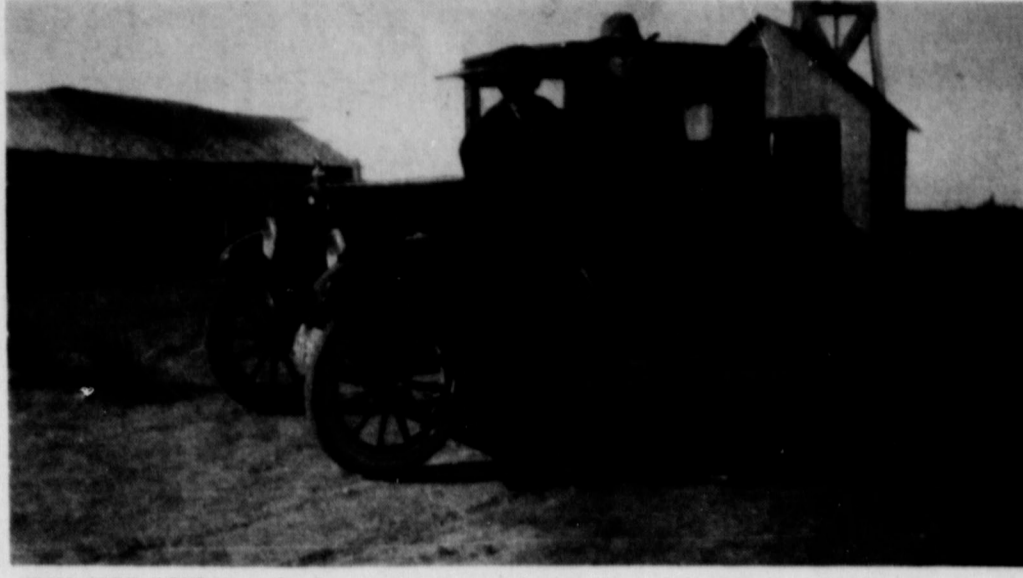
Remembering the "Dust Bowl Days," the Ott's recall having to use a scoop to rid the house of dirt after a sandstorm had struck. Tubs full of sand had to be removed from their house.

At times these dust storms would blacken the sky so that they would light their kerosene lamps in order to see by. Mr. Ott and his cousin, Price Hamilton, were on their way to Springlake once when one of the black clouds struck. They were forced to stop off the road until it eased up. By the time they reached Springlake everyone was crowded into cellars trying to find shelter from the storm.

The Ott's owned a car at the time they were married. The first one he bought was in 1929. Mr. John Harris sold his old Model-T for \$50 to him. When the tank would run empty, Mr. Ott would put 3 gallons in it and drive until the gas went low again.

One other frightening experience the Ott's and other pioneer families witnessed, was the appearance of the Northern Lights. Unlike the continuing occurrence of the dust storms, these lights only appeared once. It was in the early 50's when one Sunday night the sky turned red. The heavens lit up like a ball of fire. No one knew what was happening until they later found out that the Northern Lights had come out. Mrs. Ott

said she hasn't seen it since. The Ott's attended church at Flagg. Brother Lemons was the pastor for their church which was also shared by the Baptists and Nazarenes. Later on Brother Landley became their pastor. Revivals were held from time to time, and many from the Flagg community attended. The Nazarenes had two preachers, Bro. Felix Graham, and his wife, Mrs. Graham preached most of the time.



THIS FORD COUPE was the first closed car in this area. It was purchased in 1922 by Herman and Bonnie Haberer.

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"One problem caused by demineralization is a condition known as osteoporosis. This clinical disorder is characterized by a decrease in the total bone mass without any known change in the chemical composition," she explained. The disease is widespread, particularly during middle and old age, in both men and women. Causes of osteoporosis are complex, but the lack of calcium in the diet and the length of lack of calcium in the body play vital roles in determining the onset of the disease, she said. "The best source of calcium is milk and milk products. They provide three-fourths of the calcium present in foods."

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plain. Two cups of milk a day will fulfill an adult's daily requirement of the mineral, the specialist said. Taking mineral calcium supplements is the only other way to meet the recommended amount of calcium needed," she concluded.

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BEFORE TRACTORS came out in the pioneer days of this country, farmers depended on horses and mules to plant and harvest their crops with. This 7 mule team probably covered a large amount of ground during the years they were worked. Cecil Parish is riding the plow behind them in this picture. Also pictured are (from left to right): the mules, Old Joe, Zuma, John Tims, Kate, Summer Set, Hi Jump, Little Foot, and Zula.

Mrs. Marie Ross: Memories of That Little Dryland Community Will Never be Altered

Mrs. Marie Ross came to Earth in 1936. The houses were very small (2 room box houses) and were scattered all around the countryside. As compared to today's homes those in the 30's and 40's would have been a lot easier to clean.

The lay-out of Earth today has also been transformed from the 1936 model of town. A filling station, owned by Frank Eblin, stood in what is now a vacant lot along main street. J.D. McNeill also ran a filling station.

Lights for the town were supplied by a light plant, which stood where the old meat locker once did. At 11:00 am the lights would be turned on every morning for the women to do their ironing. They would go off in the afternoon sometime. Tom Farley owned and operated the light plant.

A telephone office was owned by L. T. Anglin. Mrs. Hudson's mother and Vivian Parish were employees.

Earth also provided its citizens with a choice of 3 three grocery

stores, 1 produce house, and a meat market. Pete Parish, Ray Kelley, and Mr. Davenport each owned a grocery store. Which of the 3 stores received the better business is not known. The produce house, run by Mr. McCool kept customers supplied with fresh cream, eggs, and chickens. Mr. D. L. Free was responsible for the local meat market.

A small drugstore was owned by Marshall Kelley, and located in back of this was the post office. What small amount of medicine was sold was probably prescribed by Dr. Bradford. Dr. Bradford was the first doctor of Earth and Dr. Patterson arrived later.

George Runyon operated a

blacksmith shop, which stood where Citizen's State Bank does now. One of his many tasks was welding. Many of the farmers and cowboys would bring their horses in to be shod. Earth also possessed a barn in which horses and cattle were kept.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacquess, Travis' parents, opened a laundry which enabled the women to come and wash their materials all day long. Supplied with 1 or 2 machines and 2 tubs, the laundry was a pretty popular place back then because of the high price of home equipment.

Gladys Kelley opened a beauty shop, designed to help women improve their appearance. What modern techniques of the time were used is still a mystery.

For the men and women of the community, entertainment was presented in the way of a domino hall. The hall belonged to Mr. Mitchell, Pete Mitchell's father.

Accommodation for weary travellers was provided for in the old hotel. This 2 story building was built by Mr. Halsell of the Halsell Ranch, (then the Mashed O Ranch). One or two customers would become tired of travelling and stop here every once in a while.

Situated right next to the hotel was the "Greasy Spoon Cafe." Ray Kelley's food store stood on the other side of the old hotel. One afternoon the hotel caught fire. Ray Kelley's store soon started burning and people were afraid that the "Greasy Spoon" would catch fire too. If that happened, the whole town of Earth might go. Everyone worked together by fastening cables around the cafe. A tractor was used to pull the little eating place out of danger, and Earth was saved! The pioneers of Earth had their own type of excitement back then.

In 1936 when Mrs. Ross moved to Earth, the Methodist Church had just been built. The Baptists were the first to build a church and the Methodist would meet with them, whenever church was held. Holding services together was enjoyable, yet the Methodists were pretty happy about having a church to call their own. The first sermon preached in the Methodist Church was given by Brother Robnett. From then on sermons were given about every 2 Sundays.

Church, Sunday school, and the Missionary Society all helped to draw the community closer together. The Missionary Society was a worthwhile project which required a large amount of time and money.

The location of the post office was once the spot for the windmill of Earth. The Johnny Davenport, building a house nearby, soon dug a well to pump water from. This well was shared with the Runyons when

they became neighbors to the Davenport. Later the Runyons had their own well dug.

Because the people of Earth realized that an education was important, the schoolhouse was one of the 1st buildings constructed in Earth. Mr. Halsell of the Halsell Ranch was responsible for having this small significant building put together. The decision was made to place the school in the middle of the district.

When Earth was first settled, the first baby born was Mervyn Kelley in 1926. Clyde Parish and Mary Robnett were the first couple to be married in Earth. Population around this time was between 500-600 and kept growing.

A social gathering at the school took place about once a month where everyone would get together and play dominos (84). Earth must have had a lot of domino experts.

Earlier in 1934, the rodeo had been established. Willis Branscum was the organizer of this activity. Twelve charter members helped support the idea. The rodeo turned out to be a popular type of entertainment.

After witnessing the growth of Earth, for 7 years, Mrs. Ross moved away to California in 1943. She returned again in 1962 to a vastly changed town. Earth had changed in ways and grown in size. People no longer came to town on Saturday night just to visit. Many of the old stores and buildings were gone, to have been replaced by newer ones. The population had grown immensely.

Earth has undergone quite a few changes since the 1930's, but to the early day settlers, memories of that little, dry land community will never be altered.

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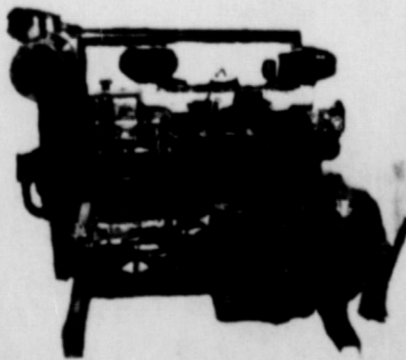
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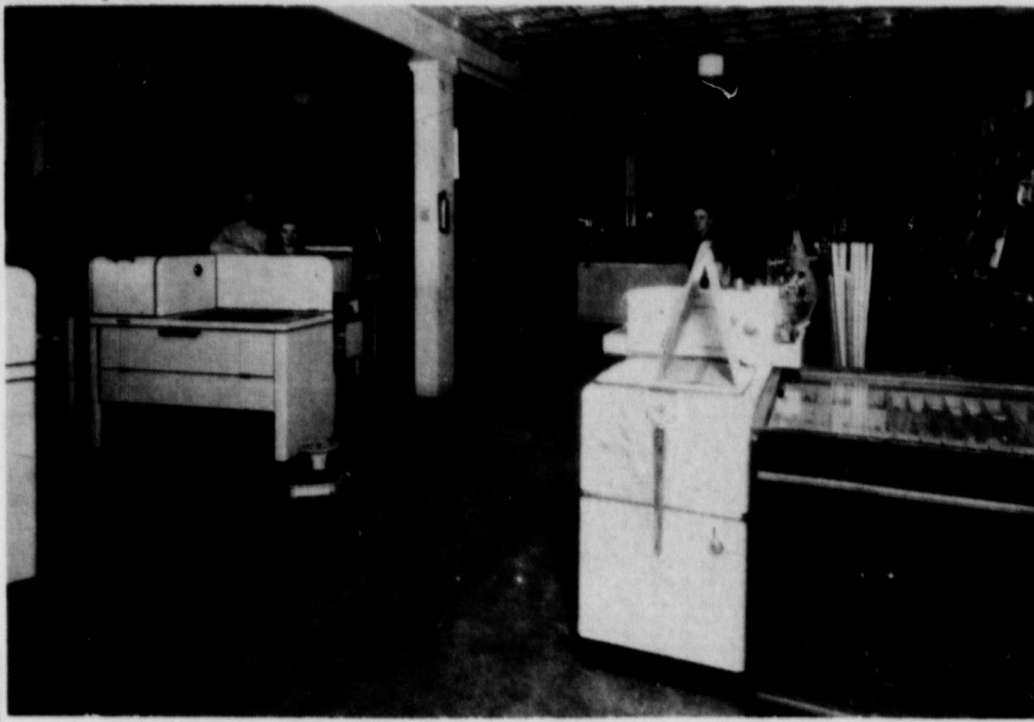
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Parishes Witnessed Growth of Earth

Mr. Gus Parish and his wife, Emma Belle settled near the present town of Springlake in 1923. The Gus Parish' shared a house with his father, A. Parish, 3 brothers, and 1 sister. Their three-room house with a cellar was located 1 1/2 miles north of Springlake. The Parish family bought 320 acres of land and also rented some acreage from the Packards. Gus' father and brothers farmed the

land, and Gus opened a workshop. As the mechanic of the shop, Gus repaired automobiles. A few of his best customers were the Charlie Jones family, the Willis Whites, the Jack Hinsons, the Axtells, the George Abbots, the Packards and later on the Branscums. Nearly every family in the community owned a car and supplied Mr. Parish with good business. This workshop



THIS EARLY DAY HARDWARE SHOP happens to be the first of its kind built in Earth. The J. A. Parish family built this shop and Gus Parish, the man standing behind the stove, ran the store. Even though these appliances weren't as smart looking as our modern ones, they sure served their purpose.

tion. They also purchased a Rumbly engine operated by Chubby Dent, and a case separator, run by Clyde Parish, one of Gus' brothers. This was one of the modern ways of thrashing for that day. The Gus Parish' liked this part of the country, although it was rough-going at first. He never thought about leaving.

PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Whitford of Springlake, had in their home last week their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, Mike, Gale, Sharon, and Karen, of Jal, N.M. They arrived on Tues., Aug. 13 and left on Fri., Aug. 16. During their visit they canned vegetables and got a lot of good visiting in.

Highway Patrol Report Two Accidents for County in July

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated two accidents on rural highways in Lamb County during the month of July, 1974, according to Sergeant Thurman Keffer, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in no persons killed and no persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first seven months of 1974 shows a total of 58 accidents resulting in two persons killed and 39 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties for the Lubbock Department of Public

Safety Region for July, 1974, shows a total of 485 accidents resulting in 18 persons killed and 280 persons injured as compared to June, 1973, with 658 accidents resulting in 21 persons killed and 366 persons injured. This was 173 less accidents, three less killed, and 86 less injured in 1974 at the same period of time.

The 18 traffic deaths for the month of July, 1974, occurred in the following counties; four in Deaf Smith; two each in Garza and Haskell; and one each in Oldham, Wilbarger, King, Palo Pinto, Dallam, Montague, Parker, Terry, Wise and Roberts.

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money kept the farm out of debt.

Although cars were plentiful, no one owned a tractor. The Parish' broke their land by horses and mules. The horses would be provided by people such as the Hinsons and the Abbots to be broken. Mr. J. A. Parish and his sons hired young men of the community to break their mules and horses. They paid approximately \$30 and board for this rough work.

Some of the principle crops harvested by the Parish' were maize, wheat, and corn. The maize was harvested by hand using knives. A small amount of cotton was also grown on the Parish land.

Around the time Mr. and Mrs. Gus Parish moved to Springlake, (fall of 1924), a gin was put in at Earth. Earth also had a filling station, hotel, and school building. Mr. Halsell, a land buyer from Kansas, built the hotel, school building, and gin. This was the first school building in Earth.

The land owned around Earth was mostly prairie land, and Mr. Halsell owned most of it. He put this land up for sale, and it was sold to farmers.

Also at the time of the Gus Parish' arrival in Springlake the cotton grown around the area was hauled by horse and wagon

to Plainview to be ginned.

During the time Earth was beginning to be settled, the post office was located at Springlake and run by Mr. Cleavinger, the Postmaster. Later on Willis White served as Postmaster at this post office.

About 1924 the location of the schoolhouse was voted on to be moved to the center of the district. Since the majority of the people lived in the old Springlake vicinity, the vote went to its present location.

The pupils who attended the Springlake School at this time were paid by the school district on mileage. When the new school was built, Model-T Ford trucks were purchased for transportation. That ended the pay for individual mileage. As Gus Parish remembers, classes would start about 9:00 in the morning and end about 4:00 in the afternoon, and it was usually held despite bad weather.

In 1927 the Parish' (Gus, his wife, father, brothers, and sisters), moved to Earth. They bought a quarter of land in the northwest corner of Earth and built a filling station on it that was sold that same year. Their house in Earth was put up across the street from the present church. By this time Earth also had a grocery and drug store owned by the Kelleys. The Baptist Church went up later. To Mr. Parish it seems that before the construction of the Baptist Church, the people worshipped in the old school house.

Dr. Bradford resided in Earth as one of the first doctors. He was well-liked and knew a lot about medicine.

Earth's principle water system was a windmill. Mr. Parish believes that Earth had about as many windmills as any town of its size.

As time passed, a pressure water system was put in at Earth which provided water for the drugstore, grocery, and other buildings located on the same side of the street.

When the filling station was sold in 1927, the Parish' built the "Parish Hardware." John Deer implements were sold here. Emmitt Barton and Jack Hinson soon put in a store comparable to the Parish', "Alice Chalmers Agency."

A few roads had been made by 1928. The present Highway 70 was improved, though it still was not paved. The road to Am'erst and the north and south roads had been travelled over, but no section of the country had farm-market roads.

Also about this time, George Runyon had built and started operating a blacksmith shop. The Parish' were some of the first to own a tractor. A 1924 model, it was one of the 1st late model tractors. The Packards also had an old model Interna-

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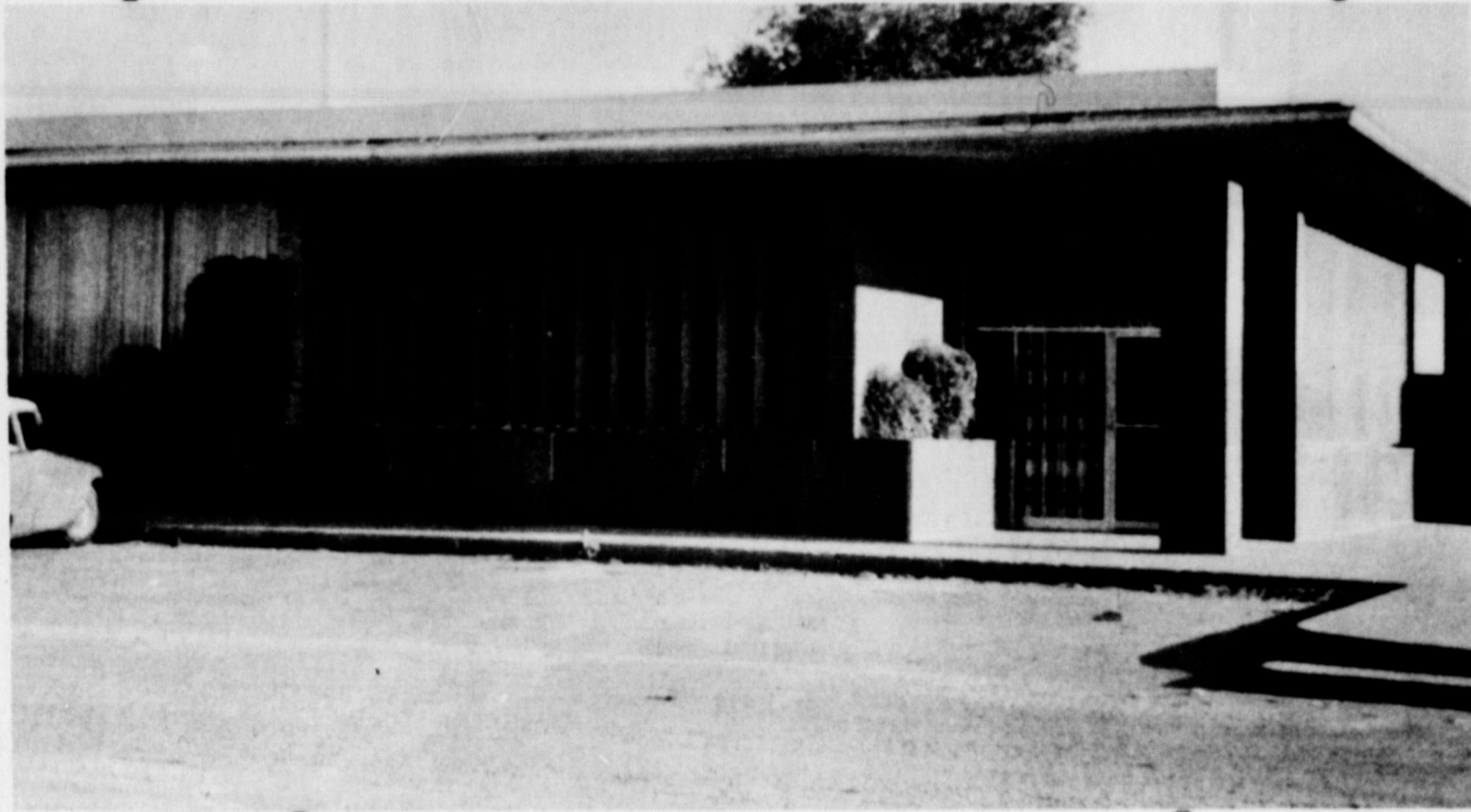
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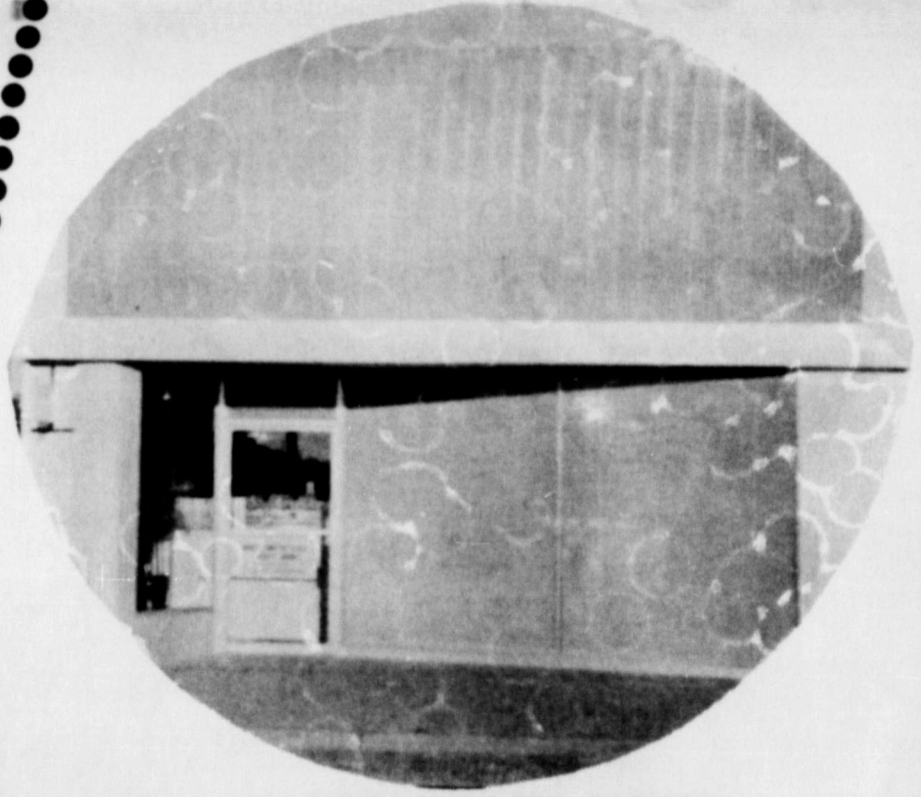
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Past Mayors of Earth Accomplished Plenty

A. L. Haberer was elected first mayor of Earth in 1946. On July 8, 1947, a bond election was held for the construction of a water works system for this small city. It was passed under the leadership of Mayor Haberer with only 2 of 71 votes against it.

In 1948 Mr. Haberer was replaced as mayor by Ted Borum. During that same year the approval and installation of the dial telephone service became a realization.

A. D. Taylor, Earth's next

mayor, saw the building of the original City Hall at the contract price of \$4,347.85 in 1951. The next year in 1952, the city jail was constructed.

The residential lots of the Taylor and Burkett additions were plotted in 1953 when Pat McGord became mayor.

A bond election was held the next year, 1954, involving the issuance of bonds for a sewer system and for an extension to the water works system. Eighty-three votes were cast with seventy-seven favoring the bond and six votes against it.

The 1955 election turned out with H. L. Patterson holding the mayor's office. During his administration, the first licensed water superintendent was hired by the city of Earth, and the first city-owned vehicle was purchased. In August Patterson resigned as mayor due to business responsibilities.

During the term of Bill Pope who succeeded Patterson as mayor, the highway was widened and medians were installed at an approximate cost of \$54,000. Earth also changed to an aldermanic form of government in 1956, from a two-commissioner form.

After the 1956 election of Roy Neal as mayor of Earth, new street signs were installed, the city workshop and fireman's recreational room were built, and a city maintainer was purchased. The water tower was also repainted in 1957.

Marcus Messer was the next person to become mayor in 1958. In September of 1958, the first paved section was laid in the residential area. The swimming pool, one of Earth's most popular recreational facilities, was installed in 1959. In 1960, the city limits were extended to include the area one mile east and one mile north of the caution light.

Later that year more water and sewer lines were extended. The paving of the Burkett addition was also finished in 1960. The year of 1962 brought about the acquisition of a new city fire truck. Later on in 1962, the pretty Hite Park addition

was included as part of the city limits when they were extended again. The paving project in this area was completed soon afterwards.

The new City Hall was put up and ready for meetings on August 1, 1963. This building was a great asset to our community.

In 1964 Marshal Kelley was elected mayor and served until 1966. He was followed by E. C. Kelley.

July of 1966 brought about the A. A. and Belle Parish additions in Earth. The next addition to our city was the Block Three J. A. Parish South Side Addition in October in 1967.

Also in 1967 a project was started on the installation of a water system in the Hite Park Addition. A 1000 capacity water tower and a 50,000 ground storage tank were included. After the construction was finished the system was accepted by the city in March of 1968.

Green and gold, the colors of our outstanding school, Springlake, Earth, were those used to paint the water tower. This was done in 1968.

E. C. Kelley was re-elected in 1968 as mayor and served until April of 1972. During 1968 a new tractor was advertised to be used in weed control and other city maintenance work. Also in December of 1968, the one cent sales tax was voted on and approved by the citizens of Earth (in order to raise enough revenue to benefit a progressive city).

Larry Tunnell filled the position of mayor with his election in 1972. A new city automobile was purchased under his administration during this year. Ordinance No. 75 was passed later in 1972 which stated that places where stagnant water may accumulate would be drained and lots in the city would be kept free from junked

motor vehicles. This ordinance was passed for sanitation purposes.

Larry Tunnell served Earth as mayor through 1973 and was re-elected in 1974.

We are extremely appreciative of our city officials and their past accomplishments.

Tips on Travel Wardrobe

On your vacation, concentrate on fun, people and places instead of dressing, changing, packing and unpacking, one clothing specialist advised.

"Plan the clothes you will need by following these basic rules," Mrs. Vivian Simmons, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, said.

- Select lightweight, easy-care clothes.
- Build your wardrobe around one or two color themes.
- Select a multicolored weekend outfit, then add solid-colored pants and shorts to extend the variety.
- Coordinate shoes and purse with wardrobes for each occasion.
- Don't wear new shoes on a trip when you will be sightseeing.
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Mr. and Mrs. Thurlio Branscum have lived near Earth since 1932. They were married on March 31st, 1932 and moved out here shortly afterwards. Their Z-brand ranch-style home is located about 11 miles northwest of Earth.

Mrs. Branscum was born at Big Square in Castro County. Her grandfather founded the Big

Square community, and it was so named this because of its settlers. They were from Iowa and had built 2-story square houses to live in as they farmed the land in Castro.

Mr. Branscum was born in the state of Missouri in 1905. Travelling by covered wagon, his family moved from Missouri to Oklahoma and then to Texas.

He and his family settled permanently near this community in 1924. The house they first lived in once belonged to Rev. G. R. Fort, (deceased) a Methodist circuit preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurlio Branscum first lived in a 2-room hut not far from their present home. This tiny house was built by Mr. Branscum who paid eight



YES, WE'VE HAD SNOWSTORMS here. This bank of snow is the result of a 1956 snowstorm.

Neighbors were very friendly and kind to each other. One week, one family would go into town to get the mail and groceries for the others and the next week another family would volunteer. Even though neighbors didn't live close together, this routine made it easy for everyone.

Grocery items could be sold and traded. Eggs were sold for 7 cents a dozen and butter fat (cream) for 10 cents a pound. Dress material cost about 10 cents per yard, and a nice ready-made one cost about a dollar.

These "Dust Bowl Days" the Branscums lived through were also complicated by the Depression. Mr. Branscum commented that a dollar bill was as big as a saddle blanket. Conditions forced everyone to be thrifty with the small amount they made.

"The people who stayed with the country were treated good and received many blessings from it," Mr. Branscum finished with.

Fantastic Gains Claimed to Come From Gap Closing

Donald A. Gaudion, chairman, National Association of Manufacturers and chairman, Sybron Corp., Rochester, N.Y., told North Texas State University students recently that the nation's system generates change and "as one part of our culture gets out of adjustment with another and a 'gap' appears, a corrective catch-up process then begins to close the gap."

Mr. Gaudion said "it might be nice if we had a utopia where the whole society was in balance and there were no

gaps, but in the meantime the process of closing these gaps has brought about the most fantastic material progress in the history of mankind. There is now evidence that we are recognizing and closing the gap between this material progress and our non-material social maladjustments. We are reappraising our values. We are learning more about 'the quality of life.'"

The NAM chairman discussed four problem areas: the population explosion, urban glut, domestic racial strife, and ecological problems.

He said there are no "easy answers" to these matters. "There is much pessimism around and I don't think we are going to ease the problems by either crawling into a hole and ignoring them or trying to stamp them out with repressive or frenzied tactics," Mr. Gaudion said.

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dollars for the building materials. Later on they moved into their 2nd home located not far from Castro County.

The Branscums settled here during the Dust Bowl Days. Sandstorms hardly let up. Mr. Branscum remembers that one day the sandstorm grew so thick that the chickens would roost at 4:00 in the afternoon. He said it got so dark it was just like a twilight outside.

Gusty winds, which caused these sandstorms, were also responsible for grass fires. Prairie settlers would be on the alert for any sign of smoke, because once a fire started, it would feed on the grass all the way across the land, taking houses with it.

Farming on a few hundred acres of dry prairie land, the seeds they planted yielded crops such as maize and cotton. These crops were hauled to Muleshoe after they had been harvested, to be shipped away by rail. At times these trips by wagon would take all day. After a crop was sold, any farmer would be glad to have \$10 in his pocket from the sale.

Most farmers didn't hire hands. Those who did only had 1 or 2. The children as well as the parents would work together to harvest the crops. To Mr. Branscum, this type of work was what kept the country going.

Crops provided the Branscums and many other families with money; cattle supplied them with meat. During the warmer months, fresh beef could be purchased from a neighboring family about once a month. Because hot weather would spoil it, and flies could get to it, the beef couldn't be stored.

Through the winter months, beef would be hung in quarter sections on the windmill to dry. The cold air prevented the meat from spoiling.

Rabbit hunting provided these pioneer families with a different type of meat, and also with a form of entertainment. The men would get together with their guns, load up in trucks, and head out to hunt rabbits. Some days they would kill hundreds.

One jack rabbit hunt that was scheduled for fun, turned out

quite funny indeed. It was planned so that farmers would come from all around to drive the hundreds of rabbits that roamed the plains to the Castro County Court House and pen them up. A large barbeque had been planned to feed these hungry, hard-working, rabbit hunters. Since the P.A.T.H.E. News Station was to be present to film this event, farmers showed up at Mr. Branscum's place (about 1/2 mile from Castro County) coming from all around. With clubs in their hands, they set out to round up as many rabbits as possible. They didn't get very far, though, due to two reasons: rabbits only travel for about 3 miles and then head back to where they came from, and a bad sandstorm had blown up. These men were gathered up in trucks at Dimmitt and taken back home.

Other forms of entertainment included going from place to place to sing, and getting together to play ball and ride mules. Families would gather together to sing and visit, and the young people would meet somewhere to go mule-riding or play ball.

Attending church meant worshipping as well as socializing. Neighbors and friends would meet together under one roof to worship and visit a great deal after the service. Some Sundays one family would invite their neighbors over for a Sunday meal. The food was good but to keep the flies away, one person would have to stand over the table waving a peach branch.

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Mrs. McNamara Recalls Pioneers Worked and Played Together

On January 4, 1928, Mr. and Mrs. John McNamara traveled down from Tipton, Oklahoma to settle in Springlake, Texas. Mrs. McNamara married her husband, John McNamara (deceased) in 1913. They also lived in the state of Arkansas before coming to this community. Mr. and Mrs. McNamara made their 1st home here in Grand-

paw Chitwood's place which is located 2 miles south of Springlake. They moved to the Face Place later on. In 1942 Mrs. McNamara bought the house she's living in now after her husband died in 1941. The McNamaras had 10 children. One boy was killed in a car accident. Mr. and Mrs. McNamara moved

out to Springlake in a truck. They were pretty lucky because trucks were hard to come by in those days. Mules and horses supplied them with something to plant and harvest their crops by. Either Mr. McNamara or one of his children would walk up and down the rows all day long planting seeds of cotton, sudan, and cap-



SOME OF THE NEW COMERS here maybe can't visualize the lakes around Earth in the earlier days. A few were filled to the point of running over the hill. This lake (in 1942), didn't run over a hill but certainly covered a lot of land. Half was on C. W. Terry's farm, and half of it was on Ray Kelley's farm. Jerry Kelley is sitting here with his dog, Wiggles. Most every Sunday afternoon a group of boys went swimming in this lake. Some of them were: Kenneth Bain Parish, Billy Wayne Claton, Norman Danforth, Eugene Higgins, Wayman Lewis, and Jim Sanders.

ricorn. The McNamaras planted more sudan than anything else. In 1938, Mr. McNamara was able to buy a tractor. This made planting a great deal easier. Not only was the planting time cut considerably, but the effort was also decreased. When a farmer didn't own a piece of machinery he needed, he would just borrow it from another farmer. Had it not been for the generosity of neighbors, many farmers couldn't have made a living.

Another factor that aided in farming expenses was a large family. Having a family of 12, the McNamaras had no reason to hire paid workers. They not only did all their own farming, but had a big garden every summer from which they gathered many vegetables. Never did they go hungry, but always had

house and get in the food. One dust storm was so terrifying that the people thought the end of the world was upon them. They spent the days crying and praying. Mrs. McNamara, who at first didn't like West Texas when she first moved out here, is one lady who wouldn't leave it now. Back then, everyone worked hard together, but also had fun together.

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Orders Must be in Soon for Tree Windbreaks

The Lamb County Soil and Water District Board of Supervisors are urging anyone interested in trees for farmstead windbreaks to get their order in soon. Order blanks can be picked up at the Soil Conservation Service office in the basement of the Court-

house in Littlefield. The trees that are available this year are: Arizona Cypress, Austrian Pine, Black Walnut, Chinese Elm, Green Ash, Honey Locust, Mulberry, Oriental Arborvitae, Osage Orange (Bois-d'Arc), Ponderosa Pine, and Red Cedar. Orders must be for 100 trees and in multiples of fifty (50) for any one species. Orders must be received before February 11, 1975 and accompanied by full payment. Information on how to plant and care for the trees can be obtained from any of the personnel at the SCS office.

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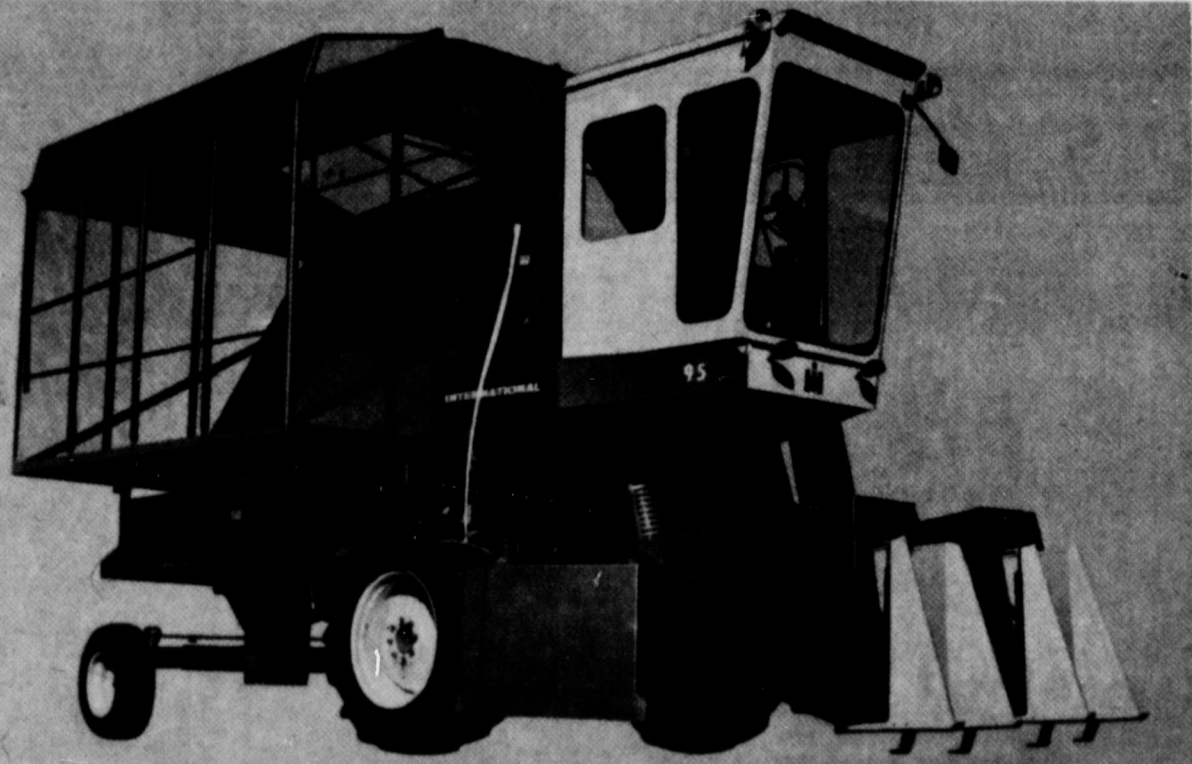
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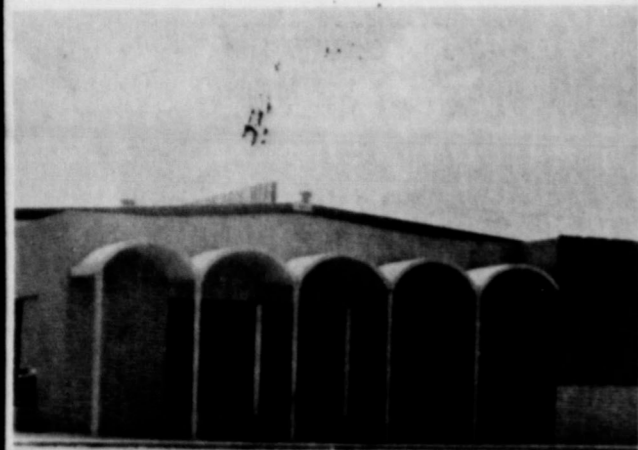
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They both returned to the place they loved and raised their family, Earth, Texas.

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PAGE 14 - SECTION C - THE EARTH NEWS-SUN, current worth of any Series E Bond ever sold. This publication is revised and brought up to date every six months. Also available by mail from the same source is "Legal Aspects" of Savings Bonds, at 25¢ per copy.

The Savings Bonds Division maintains a film library, from which movies about Savings Bonds may be borrowed free for showings to schools, churches, clubs, etc. The films may be obtained on loan from state offices of the Division. The only cost involved is that of postage in returning the film.

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Latest additions are "An American Partnership" produced by Warner Brothers, and "Here's Lucy", produced by Universal Studios, running 13 and 12 minutes, respectively; both in color.

Most of the library films are cleared for television; some require special permission. The biggest names in show business are featured. Speakers for Savings Bonds are always on call through the related state office. There is no charge for such appearances, since the Bond Program is conducted largely by volunteers, including key lead-

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Earth Lions Club 27 Years Old

The Earth Lions Club was organized Monday, June 2, 1947 at 7:30 in the Star Cafe, under the direction of second vice president, Lion Eugene S. Briggs, office of Lions International. The new civic organization was begun with much enthusiasm with 34 members present for the meeting.

The first officers were: President, E. T. Borum; First Vice President and Treasurer, M. E. Kelley; Tail Twister, Herb Wendborn; Lion Tamer, Sam Cearley; Third Vice President, Guy Kelley; One year directors, E. L. Miller, and John Laing; Two year directors, H. L. Patterson and Cleve Hudson.



MRS. CEARLEY IS STANDING with some of her friends in front of the school house teacherage back in the 1920's. Sam Cearley, her husband, was a janitor and the Cearleys lived in one of the rooms of the teacherage.

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

This club, since its enthusiastic organization, has done much for the improvement of the city. The past years have seen the group become one of the most service minded clubs in the city. The Lions Club has undertaken many projects such as the annual reception held each September to welcome new teachers at Springlake-Earth Schools and also alternately each year the Lions present scholarships to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

At Christmas, a Lion's Santa Claus makes his visit to Earth and the Lion's present buckets of food to needy families. The Lions also help support and finance a cripple children's Hos-

pital at Kerrville, Texas. The Earth Lions along with Springlake Lions buy glasses for school children whom Dorothy Woods, the school nurse, finds in need of them. The project is a flexible one depending greatly on Mrs. Woods. Annually the Lions sponsor a scrap iron drive, with proceeds going to a general fund. Also the club serves free barbeque at the opening night of the annual rodeo performances. Another of the Earth Lions main activities is supporting the local boy scouts. Doug Parish was installed as President of the Earth Lions Club Friday night at 8 p.m. in the Earth Community Center. Other officers installed were:

1st Vice-President, Larry Hausmann; 2nd Vice-President, B. T. Hamilton; 3rd Vice-President, Gary Bulls; Treasurer, Wilton McDonald; Secretary, Ross Middleton; Lion Tamer, Kem Bock; Tail Twister, Bryan Hamilton; and Assistant Tail Twister Lynn Glasscock. The 2 year Directors are Jerry Been and Larry Tunnell. The one year Directors are Donald Street and Perry Martin.

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It's not too early to begin looking over the candidates to decide how you will vote in November. Your vote is important. Two years ago, for example, Democrat Joseph Biden, Jr. of Delaware became the youngest member of the U.S. Senate by defeating two-term incumbent Republican Senator J. Caleb Boggs. Senator Biden received 50.7 per cent of the votes, winning 116,006 to 112,844.

Inflation Challenges Family Management Skills

Planning now for living costs in future years is the key to maintaining a family's desired life style, one authority noted. She's Lynn Bourland, home management specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "When setting their goals, families can keep ahead of future living costs by planning ahead for the expense of inflation, additional family members, emergencies and college educations," she said. Another long-range plan in-

volves goal setting of parents who no longer have the financial responsibility for their children. She suggested developing an income maintenance plan to support them during periods of reduced earnings. "Families who cannot build a cost-of-living factor into their retirement income plan could avoid forced drastic reduction in their style of living in later years by reducing their present spending level to one they can reasonably maintain as prices rise," The specialist pointed out that

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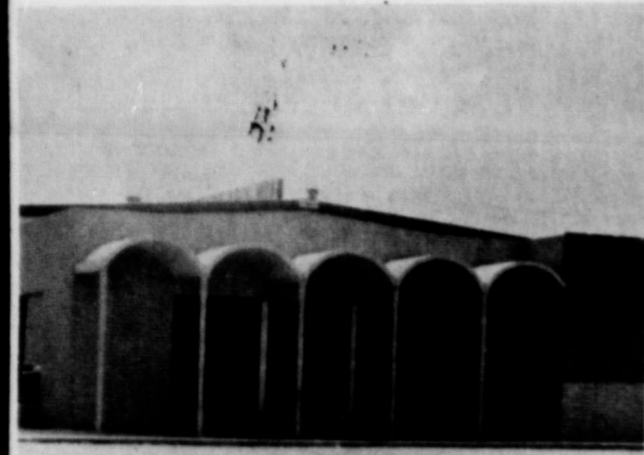
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Upon Mr. Walker's retirement at 72 years of age, he and Mrs. Walker moved to Amarillo in 1928 to live with Angie Nell until their demise, he in 1965 and she in 1967. They are buried in the Earth Memorial Cemetery.

They both returned to the place they loved and raised their family, Earth, Texas.

Savings Bonds Mean Service

The Department of the Treasury maintains complete registry on microfilm of all owners of Savings Bonds. It enables quick replacement of any Bond lost, stolen or destroyed, and the service is performed at no cost to the Bond-owner.

The Treasury Savings Bonds Division maintains a complete stock of pamphlets and brochures which explain various phases of the Bond Program; how it leads the way to individual security, while contributing to judicious management of the national debt structure.

Typical material, designed for general consumption, shows how Savings Bonds can be used to build educational funds or retirement programs; details the difference between Series E and Series H Bonds, the two series offered currently.

These publications may be obtained -- free -- through any state office of the Savings Bonds Division, normally located in the largest city.

Additionally, the Superintendent of Documents of the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, has available, at small cost (2 years for \$2.20; per copy), "Tables of Redemption Values", showing

PAGE 14 - SECTION C - THE EARTH NEWS-SUN, current worth of any Series E Bond ever sold. This publication is revised and brought up to date every six months. Also available by mail from the same source is "Legal Aspects" of Savings Bonds, at 25¢ per copy.

The Savings Bonds Division maintains a film library, from which movies about Savings Bonds may be borrowed free for showings to schools, churches, clubs, etc. The films may be obtained on loan from state offices of the Division. The only cost involved is that of postage in returning the film.

The films range from 4-1/2 to 30 minutes in length, are 16mm, both black-and-white and color, all with sound. Latest additions are "An American Partnership" produced by Warner Brothers, and "Here's Lucy", produced by Universal Studios, running 13 and 12 minutes, respectively; both in color.

Most of the library films are cleared for television; some require special permission. The biggest names in show business are featured. Speakers for Savings Bonds are always on call through the related state office. There is no charge for such appearances, since the Bond Program is conducted largely by volunteers, including key lead-

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hardest hit country. Others worse off than the U.S. are Spain, Ireland, Japan, Sweden, United Kingdom, Israel, Netherlands, France, Belgium, Italy, and Australia.

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Earth Lions Club 27 Years Old

The Earth Lions Club was organized Monday, June 2, 1947 at 7:30 in the Star Cafe, under the direction of second vice president, Lion Eugene S. Briggs, office of Lions International. The new civic organization was begun with much enthusiasm with 34 members present for the meeting.

The first officers were: President, E. T. Borum; First Vice President and Treasurer, M. E. Kelley; Tail Twister, Herb Wendborn; Lion Tamer, Sam Cearley; Third Vice President, Guy Kelley; One year director, E. L. Miller, and John Laing; Two year directors, H. L. Patterson and Cleve Hudson.



MRS. CEARLEY IS STANDING with some of her friends in front of the school house teacherage back in the 1920's. Sam Cearley, her husband, was a janitor and the Cearleys lived in one of the rooms of the teacherage.

The following Tuesday night the first official meeting was held, with the Amherst Lions meeting with them and providing. This club, since its enthusiastic organization, has done much for the improvement of the city. The past years have seen the group become one of the most service minded clubs in the city. The Lions Club has undertaken many projects such as the annual reception held each September to welcome new teachers at Springlake-Earth Schools and also alternately each year the Lions present scholarships to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian. At Christmas, a Lion's Santa Claus makes his visit to Earth and the Lion's present buckets of food to needy families. The Lions also help support and finance a cripple children's Hos-

pital at Kerrville, Texas. The Earth Lions along with Springlake Lions buy glasses for school children whom Dorothy Woods, the school nurse, finds in need of them. The project is a flexible one depending greatly on Mrs. Woods. Annually the Lions sponsor a scrap iron drive, with proceeds going to a general fund. Also the club serves free barbeque at the opening night of the annual rodeo performances. Another of the Earth Lions main activities is supporting the local boy scouts. Doug Parish was installed as President of the Earth Lions Club Friday night at 8 p.m. in the Earth Community Center. Other officers installed were:

1st Vice-President, Larry Hausmann; 2nd Vice-President, B. T. Hamilton; 3rd Vice-President, Gary Bulls; Treasurer, Wilton McDonald; Secretary, Ross Middleton; Lion Tamer, Kem Bock; Tail Twister, Bryan Hamilton; and Assistant Tail Twister Lynn Glasscock. The 2 year Directors are Jerry Been and Larry Tunnell. The one year Directors are Donald Street and Perry Martin.

Inflation Challenges Family Management Skills

Planning now for living costs in future years is the key to maintaining a family's desired life style, one authority noted. She's Lynn Bourland, home management specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "When setting their goals, families can keep ahead of future living costs by planning ahead for the expense of inflation, additional family members, emergencies and college educations," she said. Another long-range plan in-

volves goal setting of parents who no longer have the financial responsibility for their children. She suggested developing an income maintenance plan to support them during periods of reduced earnings. "Families who cannot build a cost-of-living factor into their retirement income plan could avoid forced drastic reduction in their style of living in later years by reducing their present spending level to one they can reasonably maintain as prices rise." The specialist pointed out that

in spite of inflation, most families have experienced disguised improvements in their scale of living in the form of additional built-in services, safer products and technological improvements in consumer commodities. ACCORDING TO A NEW food and Drug Administration regulation, effective March 18, 1974, food products must give "common or unusual name" of any chemical additive used in the product, along with a separate description of its function. Examples of descriptions include: "to retard spoilage," to help protect flavor, "a mold inhibitor" and "to aid in color retention," says Mrs. Gwendolyn Clayatt, consumer marketing information specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Participate in America



It's not too early to begin looking over the candidates to decide how you will vote in November. Your vote is important. Two years ago, for example, Democrat Joseph Biden, Jr. of Delaware became the youngest member of the U.S. Senate by defeating two-term incumbent Republican Senator J. Caleb Boggs. Senator Biden received 50.7 per cent of the votes, winning 116,006 to 112,844.

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Mrs. Coker Feels Pioneer Life Was Hard but Good

In Feb. of 1932, Mr. Victor Coker, (deceased) and his wife, Beulah, and their 4 small children moved to Earth from Wellington. They began farming on a place which had been sold to them 2 years earlier. Living in a 4 room shack, Mr. and Mrs. Coker started out with 257 acres of land. A few horses, some farm equipment, a truck, and a cow, enabled them to get along until their crops could make. However, with no irrigation, crops turned out badly until wells were dug. Irrigation started about 2 years later.

Most of the people lived on farms instead of in town because farming was a more widely spread occupation than others. Farmers got along well with each other and other men of the community, which made the people of Earth a very close-knit group.

The Methodists and Baptists all worshipped in the old Baptist Church. Sunday school hadn't been established yet.

The first preacher also served the Y-L community.

People came into Earth on Saturday nights to visit. The grown-ups talked about happenings and their problems and the children played together.

Although Mrs. Coker felt she didn't care for this part of the country at first, she soon grew used to the land and weather. Now she can look back and say that she lived a good life.

PARTY LINE

The C.C. Bardens of Springlake had visiting in their home last week-end, their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Harrington and Kathy. They arrived on Thursday, Aug. 1 and left on Monday, Aug. 5.

Also on Sunday, Aug. 4, the Bardens had other relatives visiting. They were: another daughter and her family, the Alton Hollingsworths from Hereford, and Jerry Barden and his son-in-law, Gary Rea.



THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY for the new Baptist Church in Earth was held Feb. 20, 1967. From left to right: Pastor M.B. Baldwin, Mrs. R.E. Barton, Mrs. J.W. Kelley, A.M. Sanders, Mrs. Marshal Kelley, Ray Kelley, and Mrs. Ray Kelley.

High School Seniors May Enroll for College Courses

High school seniors may now enroll in freshman college courses while still attending high school under a new program of early admission offered by Wayland Baptist College.

The faculty at Wayland recognize the outstanding academic work being done in area secondary schools. As a result of such work superior high school students are now capable of doing college work while still in high school.

The Early Admission Program is designed to permit such students to complete many of their freshman college requirements while still attending high school.

Full college credit will be granted under certain conditions which were established in part to protect the student's opportunity to participate in contests sponsored by the University Interscholastic League (UIL).

The student who applies must be classified by his high school as a senior, be recommended for the program by his high school counselor or principal, and must have at least a 2.5 grade point average overall, with a 3.0 average in high school in the subject area taken in college.

The student who applies for early admission must submit an official copy of his high school transcript, a record of standardized test scores from the ACT, a \$15 check or money order payable to Wayland, and an application for admission to the college. The ACT should be taken during the junior year to clear credit-by-examination possibilities since a student may receive up to 12 college hours based on his ACT test scores.

The student may enroll in any term following completion of enough high school credit to classify him as a senior. He may enroll in summer terms at Wayland following completion of his junior year and prior to beginning his senior.

When the student does not have a full complement of studies during his senior year, he may, when recommended by his counselor or principal, enroll in courses at his high school and at Wayland simultaneously.

The student may enroll in special courses offered to students enrolled in this program or in

regular college classes. College credit will be given only upon enrollment at Wayland after graduation from high school. This procedure protects the eligibility of the student to participate in activities sponsored by the UIL. All credit hours and grades earned will be recorded for each student during his participation in the Early Admission Program. These credits and grades will be awarded and transferred to a permanent record for the student

when he enrolls as a freshman at Wayland. Credits earned in the Program will satisfy requirements toward graduation from Wayland if applicable to the chosen degree. Credit in these courses will not apply to satisfaction of requirements for high school graduation. Students interested in the Early Admission Program should contact Mrs. Audrey Boles, Registrar, Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex. 79072, or phone 806-296-5521, Ext. 23.

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