Olton's History To Be Unreeled Friday Night

Music, colorful costumes, precision formations and drama will unfold the Olton Heritage On Parade, a historical pageant set Friday at 8 p.m. at the football stadium here.

Most of the students in Olton schools will participate in the giant undertaking with an open house at the schools all day Friday getting activities underway.

Music by the Olton band will start the program, followed by the flag ceremony and the Star Spangled Banner."

Mayor Bill Thomas will give the welcome, after which special guests will be introduced and recognized .

Second part of the program will concern the Spaniards and Indians, directed by Bob Allford and narrated by Mrs. Kathryn Cope, both fifth grade teachers.

The choir will then present a part entitled How the West Was Won. Mrs. Bob Allford is choir director.

Early settlers will be depicted by junior high students with Carl McClure, junior high principal, as narrator.

World War I portion of the program was prepared by Mrs. Ruth Ford and The 'Roaring Twenties' by Miss Judy Ogeltree. The 'Twenties' will be narrated by Harold Dean Carson.

The depression will be next item on the program and is directed by Clifford Curry. Narrators will be Don Sopher and Kenneth Moss.

Bohner School will present World War II with Alvin Ray Cook as narrator.

The atomic and space age, directed by Jack Burkhalter and Lester Ramsey, will be narrated by Don Sopher.

Miss Doris Thurman, Mrs. Austa Fisher and Mrs. Pearl Moore are directors of the coronation, in which each grade will be represented by a prince and princess and Queen Terri Miller will be crowned. Queen's escort is Don Sopher.

Lindy Ray will narrate the coronation.

Choir and band will present the Finales, "From Sea to Shining Sea."

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White Deer Man, 42, New Superintendent



OLTON HIGH'S CHEERLEADERS for 1965-66 have been named, with these lasses winning the honors. Left to right, front row, are Donna Digby, Robbie Langford and Francine Offield. Back row are Judy Miller, head cheerleader, and Gayle Gunter.

Notice To Dog Lovers...

Dog-Shootin' time.....
With a needle, that is.

A veterinarian from Plainview will be in Olton May 8 at 1 p.m. at the fire station to give inoculations to pets of local dog lovers.

A fee of $2.50 will be charged Police Chief Emmett Burrows said Tuesday.

Burrows noted that he has been getting complaints about dogs running loose here and added that he hopes everyone who "cares anything about their pet" will see that it is inoculated.

JH Scholars Are Told

Junior High School graduating honor students, those having a three year average of 90 and above, were announced this week by Carl McClure, principal.

Students, and their averages, are:

Leslie Norfleet, 95.04, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Norfleet; Jeanie Gardner, 94.57, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Gardner; Cheri Dorris, 93.25, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dorris; Letha Estes, 92.92, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Estes; Lucy Gunter, 91.40, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gunter; Jan Carson, 91.24, Mr. and Mrs. Lec Carson.

Jobita Garza, 91.11, Mr. and Mrs. Hilaris Garza; Gary Parkey, 91.04, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Parkey; Lynn Campbell, 91.02, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell; Jimmy Phillips, 90.29, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Phillips; Francine Offield, 90.21, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Offield; Susan Gordon, 90.10, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gordon.



RAY SCHULTZ

Ray Schultz Gets Three-Year Pact

Ray Schultz, now superintendent of schools at White Deer, was named Olton school superintendent at a Wednesday night meeting of the Olton school board.

Schultz, 42, was given a three-year contract at a salary of $11,913 plus travel expenses, house and utilities.

A native of Clarks, Nebr. he was graduated from high school there in 1940. He earned his BBA in 1948 and his M. Ed. in 1950, both at West Texas State University, Canyon.

Schultz' contract here is effective July 1 and it was agreed upon pending the acceptance of his resignation at White Deer today.

The new Olton superintendent, a veteran of 17 years' experience, succeeds Johnny Clark Jr., who has accepted the school superintendency at Hereford, also effective July 1.

Both Clark and Schultz will be working toward a transfer of duties sometime in June.

Schultz was employed in the Canyon public schools four and a half years, from September, 1948, to February, 1953. He was a classroom teacher two of those years and worked as business manager two and a half years.

From Canyon, Schultz went to Dumas, where he worked three and a half years as business manager and four years as assistant superintendent.

He has been superintendent at White Deer the past five years.

Selection of the White Deer man came after the Olton board screened almost 50 applications and interviewed more than a dozen candidates.

Winston Bley, president of the board, pointed out that Schultz was the first choice of every member of the board when trustees took their initial poll following the interviews.

"It was the first time any of us could recall that happening," said Bley.

Schultz and his wife, the former Charlotte Henderson of Canyon, are Methodists. They have three children, Wesley, 19 freshman at West Texas State, Kay, 16, sophomore at White Deer High; and Joe, 14, an eighth grader at White Deer.

The new Olton school administrator served in the Air Force during World War II.

He is a past president of District 9 of the Texas State Teachers Association, and a former secretary-treasurer of the Texas Association of Business Officials.

While at Dumas, Schultz was the first president of the Dumas Area YMCA.

At White Deer, he is the current president of the White Deer Lions Club.

Top-Ranking Students Are Announced By OHS

Janice Lancaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lancaster, is valedictorian and Suzanne Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Martin, is salutatorian of the 1965 graduating class at Olton High School.

Miss Lancaster has a grade point average of 95.9 and Miss Martin has an average of 95.66.

High ranking boy is Leon Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kendall. Kendall has an average of 92.04.

Miss Lancaster, whose father is minister of the Main Street Church of Christ, moved to Olton from Bryan in 1962.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Olton pep squad and was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program.

She has been a member of the Science Club, the FHA and has been presented annual awards in Spanish, mathematics and English. She has represented Olton in interscholastic league events, placing first and second in district number sense.

Miss Lancaster has accepted a full scholarship at Lubbock Christian College, where she will major in math.

Miss Martin was born at Slaton but has attended Olton Public Schools all 12 years. She was valedictorian of her junior high graduating class with a grade point average of 94.28.

In her freshman year, she was class president, a member of the FTA and outstanding freshman girl. As a sophomore, she was reporter for the student council, a member of the office staff and of the science club, outstanding sophomore girl and one of two Olton students chosen to attend the first attorney general's youth conference in Austin.

While she was a junior, she was secretary of the student council, a member of the yearbook staff, editorial writer for the Mustang Tale, reporter for the FTA, sign chairman for the pep squad, vice-president of the science club, a member of the National Honor Society best girl citizen the third six weeks and outstanding junior girl.

This year, she was chosen to represent her school in the good citizen program of the Daughters of American Revolution. She was best girl citizen for one six weeks, was voted senior girl "Most Likely To Succeed" and is now completing her fourth year as a member of the office staff.

Kendall has been active on the football and track teams for three years and on the basketball team two years. This year, he was named to the Class AA football honor roll.

In his freshman year, he was freshman favorite and outstanding freshman and, in his sophomore year, he was sophomore favorite and representative to the student council. Last year, he was vice-president of the student council outstanding junior boy and All-South Plains in football.

This year, Kendall is president of the student council, vice-president of the South Plains student council, Mr. OHS, Personality Pin-Up, annual King, vice-president of the National Honor Society, best citizen for one six weeks and is on the golf team.

He was selected as a candidate for Most Handsom for two years.

High school graduation exercises are set May 21 with baccalaureate May 16.

Other graduating students with 90 and above averages include:

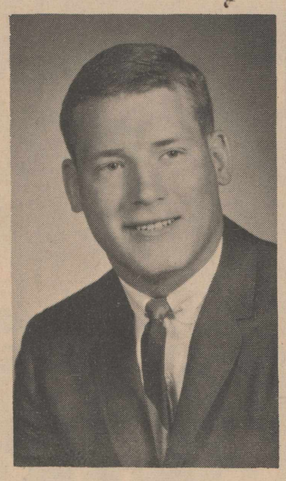
Frankie Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams; Cindy Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Luie Cross; Joyce Curry, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Curry, Tyler; Don Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Curtis; Jan George, Mr. and Mrs. Leon George; Pam Hair, Mr. and Mrs. Lauis Hair; Cherry Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Langford; and Coy McGill, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGill.



JANICE LANCASTER



SUZANNE MARTIN



LEON KENDALL

Lindy Ray, Taz Speer Take Regional Speech Honors

Lindy Ray and Taz Speer once again walked off with both first places in the regional Conference AA persuasive speaking contests last Saturday at Texas Tech.

This was Miss Ray's second year to go to regional and second year to take a first in the girls' division.

Speer has been to regional for the past four years, taking first in his freshman, junior and senior years and second in his sophomore year. In his freshman year, he was second in state and last year, he placed third.

Lindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray and Taz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Speer.



LINDY RAY



TAZ SPEER

DEADLINE SET FOR BASEBALL

Olton Baseball Association officials have announced that May 8 is the deadline for registration for summer ball in Olton. Parents may register boys by contacting Gene Trotter, Velma Kemp or Earl McClain.

Band Students Are Honored

Topper Maxey and Ricky Skelton were named outstanding bandsmen and Don Curtis was presented the Olton Enterprise Arion Award at the band banquet here Monday night.

The Arion Award is presented each year to the outstanding senior musician.

Don Curtis was named Duke and Paula Jones was selected as Duchess.

Awards were presented by Leslie Ross, band director.

Don Curtis, band president, gave the welcome and the introduction of guests. Invocation was by Bob Allford and benediction by Johnny Clark Jr.

Entertainment was furnished by the Dunbar stage band.

Other band officers are Ronnie Rediner, vice-president; Francine Struve, secretary-treasurer; and Jerry Caddel, reporter.

C-CA To Discuss Junior College

Olton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture board of directors will meet Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at Ideal Cafe.

A delegation from Muleshoe will be present to discuss plans for the establishment of a junior college in this area.

Everyone, C-CA directors and the general public is encouraged to attend.

Mile Relay Team Gets State Trip

The qualification of Olton High's mile relay team for the state track and field meet at Austin May 7-8 highlighted the Mustangs' performance in the regional meet at Lubbock Saturday.

Olton wound up fourth at the regional, collecting 32 points, behind Iowa Park's 59, Brady's 58 and Denver City's 35. Stinnett was fifth with 27 points.

The Mustangs were second in the mile relay with a time of 3:28.3, a little off their performance of 3:26.9, fastest time of the preliminaries Friday.

Denver City won the event in 3:27.6.

The Olton ponies will get another crack at top competition Saturday in a state qualifiers' meet. They'll face all classifications in that meet, including some teams which have broken 3:20 this year.

Members of the Mustang mile relay unit are Jimmy Ivins, Ronnie Digby, Dale DeBerry, and Bill Roy Smith. Alternate is Ricky Skelton.

Other point-getters for the Ponies at regional were Joe Priest, sixth in the high hurdles; Richard Hall, third in the low hurdles; Ronnie Digby sixth in the 220-yard dash; and the sprint relay team, fourth.

Members of the sprint relay group are Ivins, DeBerry, Digby and Richard Hall.

WEATHER REPORT

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PREC.
APRIL 22	93	51	O
APRIL 23	97	55	O
APRIL 24	94	57	O
APRIL 25	70	40	O
APRIL 26	67	43	.04
APRIL 27	46	36	.70
APRIL 28	59	39	.01



TOUGH FINISH--Billy Roy Smith, anchorman on the Mustang mile relay team, gives it his all to bring the Mustangs home second and give the team a shot at the state meet May 7-8. Denver City won the regional meet event Saturday at Lubbock, but the Olton unit wasn't quite up to par, having sailed to the best time of the meet, 3:26.9, in the preliminaries. The best the Olton team could do in the finals was 3:28.3. Other members of the Olton team are Jimmy Ivins, Ronnie Digby and Dale DeBerry. (Photo by Bob Hamilton)

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EDITORIAL

Historical Edition

It's done.....

Everyone around the Enterprise office breathed a rather exhausted sigh of relief today as our historical edition went off the mailing table, into the bags and out on the routes.

It's been a long 60-day month for the staff at the Enterprise but we now consider ourselves authorities...or almost, anyway.... on the history of Olton.

We hope you approve of our efforts.

Since this type of work relies almost entirely on remembered events, we know there are bound to be contradictions. We suppose we might have misspelled or left out a name or two and it's just possible, we could have made one mistake.

In the event you find such an error, don't tell us.

For better or worse, here is our version of way back when....

To our diligent staff, Leah Cross, Sue Cannon, Rose Schenck, Maenette Houston, Lana Hair, we say: You're the greatest!

To all of our contributors of pictures and news and advertisers, we say: We could not have done it without you.

And for all the committees we didn't serve on, all the meetings we didn't make, all the telephone calls we forgot to answer, all the words we didn't have time to spell or look up and all the people who came to us when we couldn't get out to them, we say:

Thanks for understanding.

Bill and Amy Turner

DOWN MEMORY LANE

FIVE AND TEN YEARS AGO IN OLTON

TEN YEARS AGO IN OLTON

Yvonne Peterson and Don Macom were crowned Queen and King of the Mardi Gras Saturday night as a climax to the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Five-hit pitching by Guy Granbery and barrage of five home runs sparked Olton's Mustangs to a decisive 13-3 victory over Flydada Whirlwinds in the Mustangs' district basketball opener here Tuesday afternoon.

The 15th edition of the Olton Lions Club black-face "Cotton Pickers' Convention" will be held next week with I. B. (Doc) Holt, postmaster, serving as interlocutor.

Blind Eddie Motter astonished Olton students with his acrobatic abilities Thursday in assembly.

Olton trounces Lazbuddie 24-8 in the Central Plains Baseball Leauge opener Sunday.

Piano students of Harold Dean Carson were presented in Spring recitals this week. 28 of the students won honors and membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians.

Delegates from Olton First Baptist Church that attended the Baptist State Convention at Midland last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cowart, Durwood Price, Helen Hipp and Mrs. Hubert Waldrop.

Drivers license examiner Clarence Stovall of Lubbock, said 32 persons took drivers tests here Monday.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN OLTON

Terry Gail Hooper and Waymon Smith were named King and Queen of the annual Junior-Senior Banquet held Friday night.

Ronald Fancher, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fancher, was chosen drum major of the OHS Mustange marching band.

Betty Jean Moore, Bohner School eighth grade student, placed first in arithmetic at state interscholastic league meet at Prairie View College.

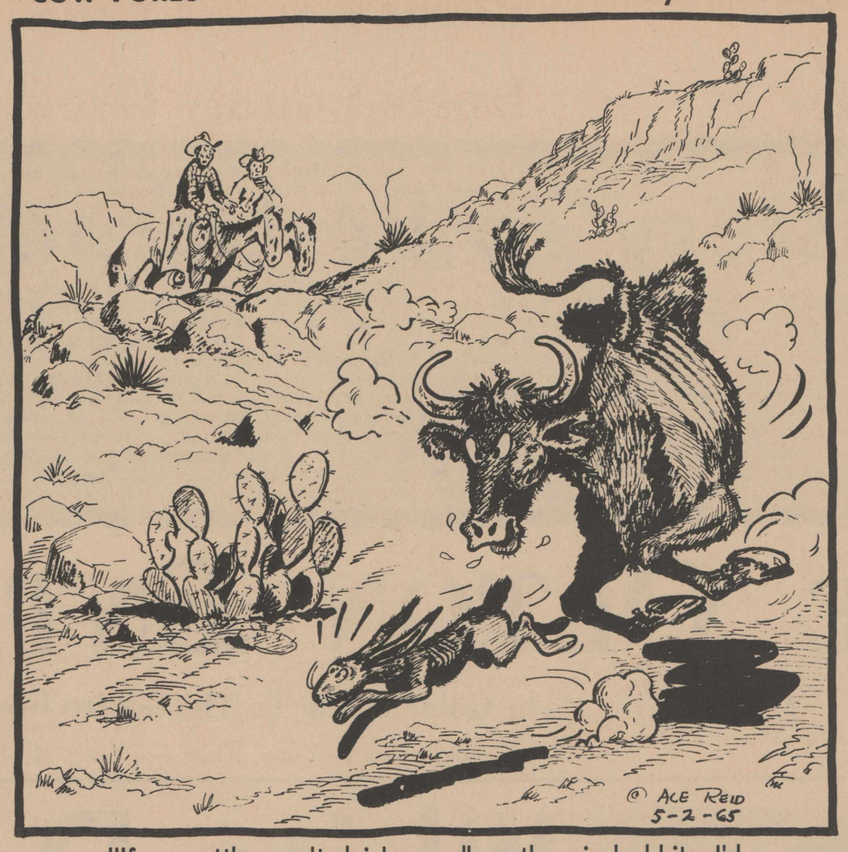
Here in Olton last week observing the operations of General Telephone Company of the Southwest was Ali Bahrainian of Tehran, Iran.

Attending the State meeting of the Future Homemakers of America Chapter in Austin were Hazel Beth Smith, Pat LaFrance, Gayle Machen, Mrs. H. B. Maxey Jr., Tanya Bryant, Billie Beasley, and Mrs. Archie Sorley.

Don Williams, Olton life insurance agent, has been notified that he qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table for the third consecutive time.

Harold Dean Carson presented an all-boy recital Thursday at the First Baptist Church. Those participating were Mike Phillips, Pat Phillips, Jamie Martin, Collin Flatt, Barry Cowart, Scott Jones, Johnny Lewis, Gale McClain, Douglas Armstrong, Mike Hipp, Mike Riley, Barry Prestridge, Steve Spain, Lannie McClain, Larry Lambright, Jim Smith, Dale DeBerry, Roger Ivins, Steve Stroope, Mike Williams, Charles Church, Kerry Don Sanders, Kerwin Oliver and Kenneth Blades.

COW POKES — By Ace Reid



"If my cattle wuzn't doin' so well on them jackrabbits, I'd still be feedin'!"

EDITORIAL

Library Week

Since this is Library Week, we thought it might be a good time to devote some thought to our local library and the tremendous progress that has been made there over the past year.

It might also be a good time for those who haven't visited the Olton library recently to do so.

Starting with only a few books..a very few.. the local library has grown considerably and now offers a reasonably good selection.

Mrs. Fred Thompson, president of the Friends of the Library, tells us that new books are coming in all the time.

Of course, like most things, libraries need money to operate. Funds are taken care of locally by the Friends of the Library and Mrs. Thompson says Lauis Hair, treasuere, is the man to see if you wish to make a contribution.

On of the outstanding services now available to Oltonites is the use of the facilities of the state library.

For example, students or adults needing a book on any subject may order this book from the state library through our local librarian, Miss Mabel Parker.

Talking books for the certified blind person may also be ordered from the state. To qualify for this service, a person has to have certification from a doctor. The state will send that person a record player...for free.. and talking books can then be ordered.

Miss Parker is at the Olton Library from 4 to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturdays.

We understand there are quite a few children's books available here now, also.

So, if you have a few extra minutes, or you don't know what to do with Johnny Saturday morning, try dropping in on the library.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bill,

Congratulations on your being elected president of the Panhandle Press Association. It is easy to see why yours is an award winning paper. Just this week I had occasion to read weekly papers (four) from towns north of us. The Olton Enterprise would be a shining example for them to follow.

The recognition you have received on being elected President of the Press Association is not only an honor to you and Amy and your good work, but to our community as well.

We are fortunate to have an editor of your stature in Olton.

Sincerely,
Winston Bley

Dear Bill:

May I congratulate you on being elected president of the Panhandle Press Association on Saturday, April 24, 1965.

I am of the opinion the Association made a wise decision in electing you as their president and as I have previously stated to you Bill, I sure do enjoy reading the Olton Enterprise.

Best regards to Amy and the children.

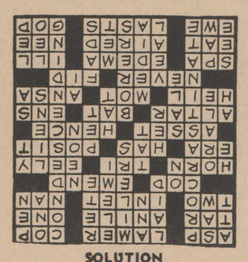
Sincerely,
Charles D. Jones,
County Clerk,

VISITS RELATIVES

Mrs. L. G. Elkins accompanied by her sister, Mrs. M. K. Fisher visited in Tucson, Ariz. with Mrs. Elkins daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Stockham. While there they visited with their sister, Mrs. Lavelle Elkins. On their return trip, they stopped in Albuquerque, N.M. and visited with their brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dyer and family.

ATTENDS ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Elkins attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kennon in Lubbock Sunday.



SOLUTION

Ask Amy



BY AMY ADAMS

Dear Amy:

I'm 22 years old and I work for a very fine company as a professional model. About two months ago I met a young man and since then I have fallen deeply in love with him. He's close to my age, very good looking and dresses very sharp. He drives a new $5000 convertible, and from looking at him, you would think he's "God's gift to women"—with all kinds of money to add to his glory.

I know that he cares about me a great deal but he is too ashamed to tell me his problems. He makes alimony payments to his previous wife. He thinks I don't know about this. He has a good job as a salesman during the day, and at night he sings at different night clubs with a twist band. I want so much to let him know that I know he was married before and his fortune is not as great as he leads me to believe.

If he gives up his job as a singer and just concentrates on his normal job, with the two of us working, we'd do very well. I want to marry him but if I tell him that I've known the truth all along, he might become embarrassed, and I might lose him.

I'm a devoted reader of yours and very much interested in an answer.

Depressed Love

Dear Depressed:

If your fellow loves you, I doubt that your knowledge of his past would alter his feelings. His past and your future should be frankly discussed if you are contemplating marriage. And if you feel the time is ripe for this discussion, don't hesitate to pursue it.

* * *

Dear Amy:

Please tell "Carrie" who bakes the crumbly home made bread to use more shortening in the dough. Perhaps less flour also. Crumbly bread is very annoying to us home bakers.

Edna
(Cape Vincent, N.Y.)

* * *

Dear Amy:

I have a son whom I love very much but at times he provokes me to the point that we have words . . . mainly over money. He owes us more than we can afford or I care to state. For the past six years we have been helping him support a failing business which he refuses to give up. He blames all his "bad luck" on everyone else but never himself—saying no one ever helped him in any way.

Recently we refused him a large sum of money for the first time, and in not getting it, he became very angry and said that he was forgetting all the other debts he owed us.

My question is how do I get through to a 28 year old man? We've had it! I still love my son but I'm tired of buying his love or being used.

Had it

Dear Had It:

Unfortunately your son lacks confidence in himself, is immature and obviously has not learned to stand on his own two feet. The more you indulge him, the worse it will get. Give him advice if he asks for it, but no more money. He must learn to think and act like a man even if it necessitates getting professional help.

* * *

Dear Amy:

I guess my problem is quite common among teenagers, but it has been bothering me quite a bit lately. It is not keeping my mouth shut. For instance, a girl friend of mine told my fiance that I have been telling jokes on the bus. When I told her that he had told me, she said she didn't say it and got mad at him. She likes him and spends quite a bit of time at his house, and I'm afraid she's been saying things that might give his mother the wrong impression of me.

How can I keep her from telling things and how can I learn to keep my mouth shut so I won't get people or myself in trouble?

Frances

Dear Frances:

To keep your girlfriend from talking too much, don't talk to her too much. An impulsive talker must learn to discipline himself and to exercise self-control. Think before you talk, and you won't find yourself in hot water. P.S. If the boy is your fiance, what's SHE doing at his house so often!

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OLTON GRAIN CO-OP

Women's Page



MRS. KENNETH CAMPBELL

Recipe Of The Week

Submitting the recipes for this week is Mrs. Kenneth Campbell.

She and her husband have two sons, Dewayne, 16, and Lynn, 13, and are members of the First Baptist Church.

The Campbells moved to Olton from Enochs in 1951. They farmed for two years. In 1953, they became owner and operator of the Texaco Wholesale House.

Mrs. Campbell, besides working in the office of their business, enjoys painting ceramics and playing golf. She teaches the Rebecca Sunday School Class and has been a member of the Eastern Star for the past six years.

VANILLA WAFER CAKE

2 c. sugar
2 sticks oleo
1/2 c. milk
6 eggs
1 1/2 c. angel flake coconut
1 c. pecans (cut fine)
12 oz. box vanilla wafers(crush)

Cream oleo and sugar, beat in eggs, one at a time. Add all other ingredients and mix well.

Bake at 300 degrees for 50 or 60 minutes or until inserted tooth pick comes out clean.

May be baked in loaf or angel food cake pans.

BANANA BREAD

Mix 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs, add 1/2 cup wesson oil (or 1 stick melted oleo) , 1/4 cup sour cream, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 cups sifted flour, 1/4 cup nuts, 1/2 teaspoon soda. Add 1 cup mashed bananas.

Cook about 1 hour at 350 degrees.

One cup of apples chopped fine can be substituted for the bananas and you have a delicious apple bread.

This makes a very large load or two small loaves of bread.

Lana Hair Is Honored

Miss Lana Ruth Hair, bride-elect of Kenneth Wayne Prestridge, was honored Friday April 23 with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Jess Parker.

The serving table was laid with white lace over taffeta and centered with a floral arrangment of yellow forsythia and tulips.

Corsages of yellow carnations were presented to the mothers of the bridal pair. Mrs. Lauis Hair and Mrs. Barton Prestridge and to the honoreee.

Refreshments were served by Miss Marsha Parker and Mrs. Eddy Carson from milk glass appointments.

Mrs. Paul Ray Montgomery, Levelland, registered the guests.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Gary Smith, Euless; Mrs. Ronald Fancher, Canyon; Mrs. Winfred Hair and daughter, La Donda, Plainview; Mrs. Myra Metcalf, Hart Camp; Mrs. Ray Montgomery, Lubbock; Mrs. Thomas Carrell, Lazbuddie; and Mrs. H. C. Armstrong, and Roxy, Fieldton.

Hostesses presented the honoree with a set of stainless steel flatware, vacuum cleaner, iron, electric skillet, double boiler, small skillett and saucepan.

Hostesses included Mmes. Frank Adams, C. E. Bley, Winston Bley, Merrill Brigance, Elmo Bryant, Leo Ross Bryant, Brent Burrow, R. R. Daniel, Frank Cornelius, Bob Duncan, D. C. Eby, Cloma Fancher, Delmer Givens, Charles Golden, W. T. Hall Jr., Melvin Hines, Owen Jones, Sam Kendall, Cass Kirkpatrick, Drexel Lawson, Clarence Mason, David Maxey, H. B. Maxey Jr., A. D. Melton, J. F. Miller, W. E. Miller, Elmer Moore, Elmer McGill, Garland Nicholson, Owen Norfleet, Jess Parker, Doyle Pinson, John Schenck, Truitt Sides, L. E. Silcott, Lee Simmons, Bill Turner, Dwayne Wilks and Bob Worley.

District HD Meeting Held

Seventeen different counties were represented at the District 2 Home Demonstration Association meeting held in Tahoka Tuesday.

There were approximately 300 persons present with six clubs from Lamb County represented.

Attending from Olton were Mrs. Jerry Simmons, president of the Olton Home Demonstration Club and also delegate from the Lamb County Council, Mrs. Alfred Allen, Mrs. Paul Mc Fadden and Mrs. Tom Smith.

WSCS District Meeting Set

The WSCS will be hostess for the First Methodist Church for the Plainview District Meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday May 6.

Approximately 30 Methodist Churches will be represented.

The election of district officers is on the agenda.

A salad luncheon will be held during the noon hour.

Local Garden Club Hosts County Group

Olton Garden Club was host to the Lamb County Council of Garden Clubs Tuesday April 27 for an all-day meeting.

The meeting was held at the First Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall and a covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

Appearing on the program was Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Anton, and she gave demonstrations of flower arranging,

A business meeting was held and Mrs. George Harmon, Amherst, presided.

It was decided to have a fall flower show Thursday Oct. 14 in Olton.

Installation of officers were held and the new officers are: Mrs. A. D. Melton, president; Mrs. Henry Meyer, Sudan, first vice-president; Mrs. Wiley Roberts, Littlefield, second vice-president; Mrs. Jack Allcorn, third vice-president; Mrs. Pearl Schreier, secretary; Mrs. Joe Dillon, Littlefield, treasurer; Mrs. R. N. Nicholas, Littlefield, reporter; and Mrs. George Harman, Amherst, parliamentarian.

Ladies that attended included Mmes. Melton Welch, A. K, Shelby, Earth; Wiley Roberts, Belle Dow, R.N. Nicholas, Joe Dillon, C. H. Messer, Martin Parmer Jr., Littlefield; Henry Meyer, Arthur Moncrief, Sudan; Elsie Schreier, G. W. Robertson, Plainview; Jack Grace and W. M. Alexander of Anton.

Olton members present were Mmes. Lola Lee Mills, Jack Allcorn, John Lambright, Pearl Schreier, C. W. Phillips, C. N. Owen, Athol Light, A. D. Melton, Preston Sampler, B. C. Cooner, Roy Hooper, H. A. Hysinger, L. E. Silcott and George Bohner.

MRS. BURRUS HOSTS CLUB

Mrs. Paul Burrus was hostess to the Olton Study Club Monday April 26 at the American Legion Building.

The Personality Perk-up for this meeting was "YOU as an American Woman."

"Others are affected by what I am, and say and do. And these others have also these spheres of influence. So that a single act of mine may spread in widening circles through a nation of humanity." Channing.

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. North E. West.

Guests for the meeting were Mmes. Stella Cowart, Pearl Schreier, Frank Struve, A. D. Melton, George E. Brown, L. G. Elkins, D. W. Pinson, Carrol Brown, Earl Robertson, Jim Hyatt, Durwood Price, S. E. Whittington, R. H. Campbell, B. C. Cooner, Lola Lee Mills, E. R. Spain, Fred Gordon, Jack Estes, E. C. Jones, Cecil Hardaway, Harry Ford, W. C. Gunter Jr. and Grady Cope.

Guests from Littlefield were Mrs. Roy McQuertters and Mrs. Keeneth Reast.

The table was laid with a white linen cloth and centered with a floral arrangement of yellow iris' from the garden of Mrs. Roye Aikman.

Refrigerator cake and punch were served.

Members that attended the meeting include Mrs. Burrus, Mmes. Roye Aikman, Brent Burrow, H. B. Carson, Frank Cornelius, J. E. Fuller, Bailey Hair, Carl Hooper, Barton Prestridge, Basil Sherman, Truitt Sides, C. S. Silcott, Marshall Stone, Jim Williams and Bill Yates.

Mrs. Nafzger To Be Honored

Mrs. Don Nafzger will be honored with a pink and blue shower Wednesday May 5 in the home of Mrs. D. Y. Ray.

The come-and-go affair will be from 3 to 5 p.m.

Scotty Coleman Honored With Birthday Party

Scotty Coleman was honored on his 7th birthday Friday April 23, with a party in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Coleman.

Refreshments of punch, chocolate ice cream cones and chocolate cake were served.

Favors of Mexican hats, balloons and buble gum were given to the guests.

Attending the occasion were Matt Howell, Wade Machen, James Matthews, Sammy Coleman and the honoree.

Kimichi Club Meeting Held

The Kimichi Study Club met Thursday April 22 for their regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Oliver Rose.

Miss Judy Ogletree, second grade teacher at H. P. Webb Elementary School, was guest speaker. Her topic was "Preparing Your Child For School."

Mrs. Rose served refreshments of cake, punch, nuts chips and dips,

Members present were Mmes. Elmer Houston, Amos Walden, Houston Hamby, Steve Lee, Gary DeBerry, Jim Moss, T. J. Smith, Randall Roper, Dan Cure, Harlan Carson and Mack McGill.

Next meeting will be Thursday May 13 at the Olton Bowling Center. The club members will bowl.

Golden Age Social Held

Women of the Nazarene Church were host to the Golden Age Social held Thursday April 22 at the American Legion building.

Appearing on the program was the Nazarene Youth Choir, singing the following songs: "Rise and Shine", "Sweet Hour of Prayer", "Jesus Hold My Hand", and "Ant Song."

Billy Gary, accompanied by Mrs. Bill Gary, gave a cornet solo.

Piano solos were by Jackie Harrod and Linda Graham.

A duet was given by Mrs. Ira Limbocker and Mrs. Ester Graham.

The "Happy Birthday" song was sung to Mrs. John Simmons.

Members attending were Mmes. Nellie Turner, Eula Wilks, J. E. Jones, W. K. Britton, J. C. Ogletree, R. A. Lewis, Cathy Copeland, C. M. Owen, Anna Maretns, John Simmons, F. E. Graham, Jodie Morris, Florence Spears, J. M. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheeler and C. T. Mason.

Women representing the Nazarene Church as hostesses were Mrs. Ester Graham, Mrs. Bill Gary, Mrs. Ira Limbocker, Mrs. Z. O. Harrod and Mrs. Weldon Daniels.

Mrs. Joe Chester, regular sponsor, was also present.

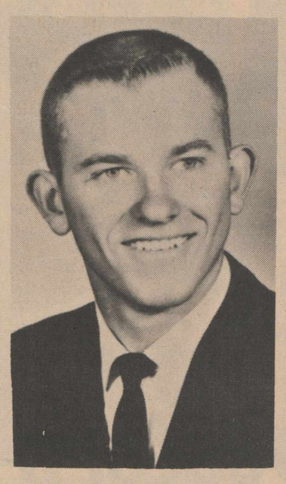
Garden Club Bridge Meet Set May 4

Council of Garden Clubs will have a "42" and bridge party Tuesday May 4 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Admission will be $1 per person.

Proceeds will go to the redecorating of the new women's clubhouse.





BEST CITIZENS--Joyce Curry and Billy Roy Smith have been named Best Citizens for this six weeks at Olton High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Curry of Tyler. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith Jr.

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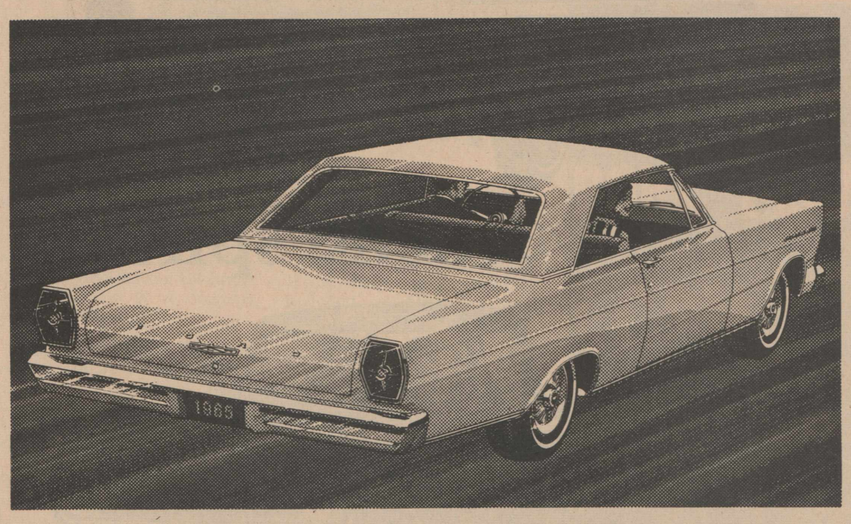

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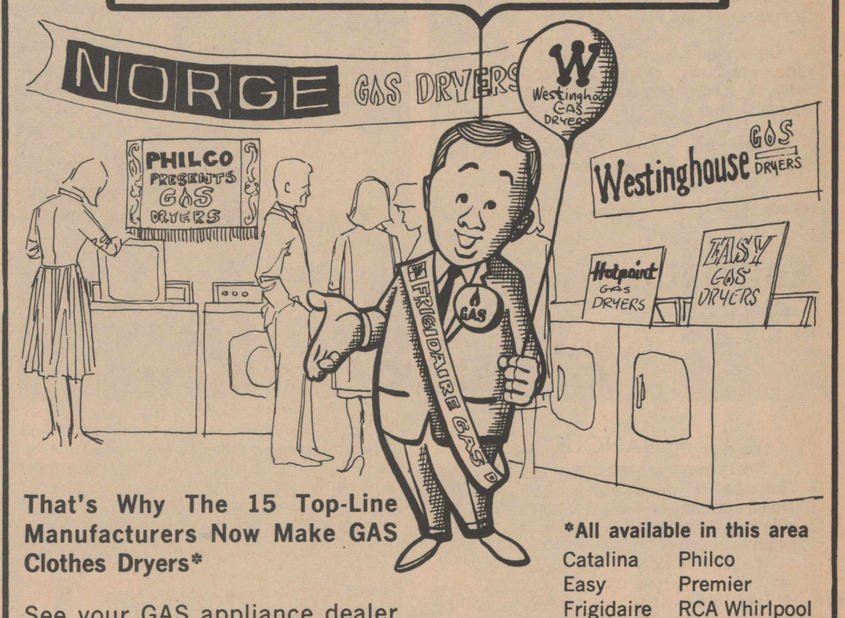

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OUTSTANDING BANDSMEN--Ricky Skelton, left, and Topper Maxey received the coveted "outstanding bandsmen" award at the annual OHS Band Banquet Monday night.

DUKE AND DUCHESS--Don Curtis and Paula Jones were recognized as the Olton Mustang Band's duke and duchess at the annual band banquet Monday night. Curtis also won the Arion Award, sponsored annually by The Olton Enterprise to honor the outstanding senior band student.

CHILDREN VISIT

Mrs. J. E. Closson, Dilliard, Oregon has been visiting her mother, Mrs. John Meyer in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyer. Also visit- the past weekend were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meyer, Lubbock.

ATTENDS FUNERAL

Mrs. H. A. Hysinger attended the funeral of her cousin Mrs. Ernest Munkers of El Paso. She was buried in Las Cruces, N. M. and was the sister of Mrs. Leamon Bryant and Mrs. M. T. Bagley.

RELATIVES VISIT

Visiting in the Lauis Hair home last week were Mrs. Gary Smith and Stephanie of Euless. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fancher of Canyon visited in the Hair home over the weekend.

Notaries Public Appointment Filing Slated

Secretary of State Crawford C. Martin announced that all qualified notaries public desiring re-appointment for the new term ending June 1, 1967 must re-qualify by the payment of the required fee and the filing of a new oath and bond with the county clerk of his residence between May 1, 1965 and M- 15, 1965, inclusive.

Martin emphasized that notaries public should not send request for re-appointment or for commissions directly to the secretary of state. The law specifically requires that the county clerk approve notary bonds.

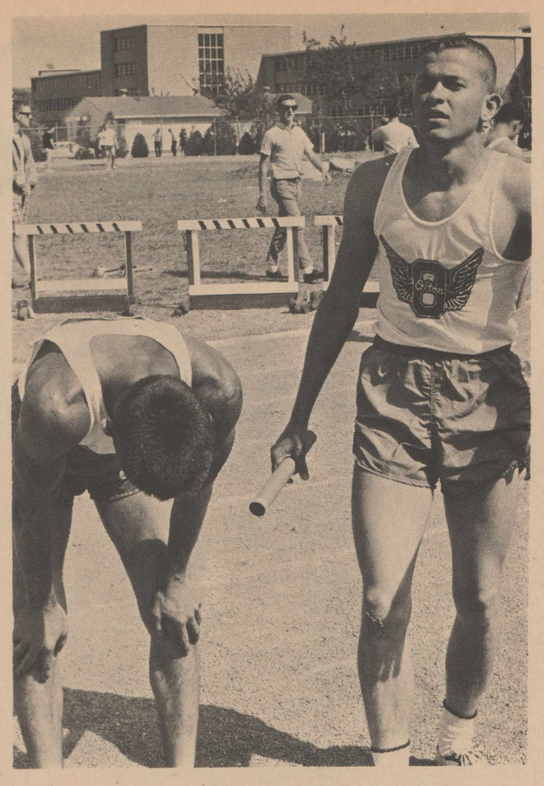
Any person not now a Notary Public who desires appointment should apply to his County Clerk before May 20.

ATTENDS WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rodgers, Sharon, Johnnie and Roydon with Rodger's brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rodgers of Amarillo, attended the wedding of Rodgers' niece, Bertha Sue Davis, to Ronald Riggan at the First Baptist Church, in Aspermont, April 16.



JOE PRIEST sails over a high hurdle in his bid for honors in the regional meet Saturday, but Joe ran into tough competition and finished sixth.



ALL TUCKERED OUT---A pair of Olton Mustang mile relayers suck in some fresh air after their all-out performance at the regional meet Saturday at Lubbock.

(Photos by Bob Hamilton)

Credit Meeting Set May 22-25

The 65th annual Texas Credit Conference will be held in Corpus Christi, May 22-25, and is expected to attract a large number of merchants, credit and collection executives and members of their staffs, Marcelle Loveless, manager Olton Credit Bureau, said today.

The convention is sponsored by the Retail Merchants Association of Texas, Consumer Credit Association of Texas, the Credit Bureau and Collection Service Division of the Associted Credit Bureaus of Texas and the Lone Star Council of Credit Women, each which will hold sessions during the four days of conference.

Focal point of all discussions during the convention, Mrs. Loveless said, will be changes that are taking place in business methods, and of the necessity of the credit industry to adopt new working structures.



DERBY WINNERS--Above are winners in the Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby held here Tuesday night. In front is Carl Bley, first place winner. Left to right are Steve Lewis, second; Jay Daughtrey, third; Allen Allford, most handsome; and Tommy Lewis, hard luck.



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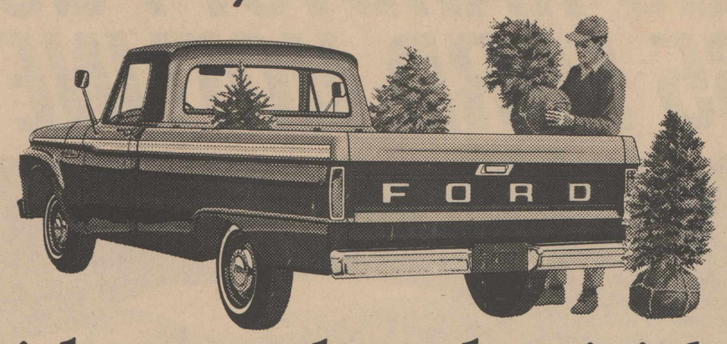

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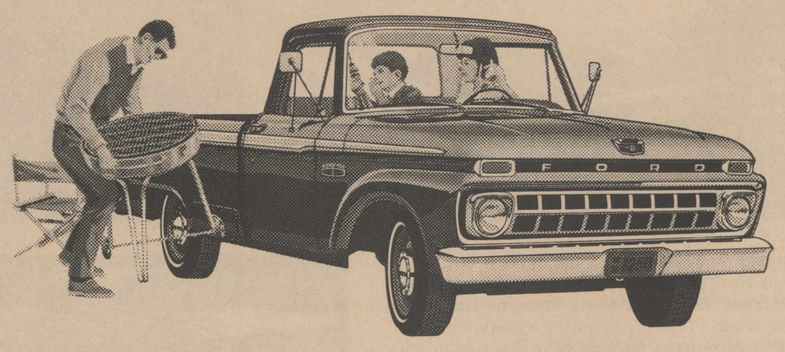

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Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shelley of Plainview, parents of Mrs. Doyn Merriman, and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Shelley of Muleshoe, her aunt and uncle, attended services at the Valley View Church, Sunday morning, April 18. The Rev. Doyn Merriman is pastor of the Valley View Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall returned home Friday from a vacation at Port Isabel. They had planned to go deep sea fishing but stormy weather made it necessary to cancel the fishing trip. On their trip they visited relatives at Abilene.

A general meeting of Royal Service of the three Circles of the WMU of the Halfway Baptist Church met at the Church Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. A short business meeting was conducted by Mrs. J. T. Mallow, WMU president, followed by a "Call to Prayer" by Mrs. Herbert Walker. Mrs. Winford Smith gave the introduction to the program on "Baptist World Alliance." Others on the program were Mmes. Bob Schmeltekopf, Ralph Shannon, J. T. Mallow, and Clyde Harrell. Other members present were Mmes. Noah Tipton, Claude Fargason, and R. A. Burgess.

The Rev. John V. Ferguson, pastor of the Halfway Methodist Church, is preaching in a revival at the Halfway Methodist Church, April 25 through May 2, with singing led by Rev. and Mrs. Rex Maudlin of Hale Center. Services are at 10:45 and 7:45 p.m. daily. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

A birthday dinner was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Alexander Sunday honoring their grandson, Kevin Alexander, on his ninth birthday. Others present were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Alexander Jr. of Earth.

Mrs. Sara Crader of Lubbock was an overnight guest in Mrs. F. L. Bass' home Friday night.

Mrs. Barney Campbell of Kress, daughter of Mrs. F. L. Bass, had spinal surgery at the Plainview Hospital and Clinic Tuesday, April 20.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norfleet accompanied the bowling team of which their daughter, Kathie is a member to Houston last Friday returning home Monday. While they were gone, Norfleet's nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reed, Melinda, and Deanna of Melrose, N. M., came and stayed with David, Cynthia and Nancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norfleet and their son, Pete Norfleet, of Hale Center called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Norfleet and Mrs. LeIla Backeberg Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Herman Bell of Plainview visited her mother, Mrs. Cassie Copeland, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts, Monday.

Mrs. Ben Tye Jr., of Kress was honored with a birthday supper Tuesday night in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. F. L. Bass. Other guests present were Ben Tye Jr., Barney Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Harris and Kaylene of Kress; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bass Jr., and David of Hart; and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Sopher.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Howell flew Dr. Russell Williams of Plainview to Carlsbad, N.M. in Cessna 310 Saturday to join his family for a horse show. They ran into some bad weather while flying out and were held in Carlsbad for a time before they could make the return trip. While waiting, the Howells visited with Thurman Lewis, the Flight Service Station operator there. Lewis is a former resident of Olton.

Fishing at Lake Kickapoo near Wichita Falls over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thomas and Ralph, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thomas of Hale Center.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cox of Hart, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bostick and Carol Ann visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bostick Sunday.

The Lamb County Junior Leadership Club met April 26 in the Legion Hut. Approximately 11 members attended. To begin the session Iva Tanner and Rodney Bowling presented speeches that are to be given at district contest May 8. Rodney's speech was entitled "I Dare You"; Iva's was "The Real Friend." Both will be representing Lamb County in the Senior Division. Following the speeches Iva Tanner presided over the business meeting. For the planned program, Elmer Moore presented a talk on careers. For recreation, Mrs. J. B. Davis of Littlefield led in folk games. The next meeting will be May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roden Jr. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Johnson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest La France and Jerry were in Paris, Texas on business from Thursday through Saturday. They also visited Mrs. LaFrance's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood at Cooper.

Mrs. T. D. Lewis went home with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Epstein, Mike, Ricky, and Ronnie of Denver, Colo., April 11. On their trip to Denver, they went by the Royal Gorge. While in Denver ten days, Mrs. Lewis also visited a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis and Linda, and another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pointer and Kandy.

Russell Tanner entertained Ted and Kerry Don Wheeler, Carl Roberts, and Pat and Mike Phillips with a cook-out and baseball Sunday.

Sherrill Alexander of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Alexander, Saturday night.

Mrs. Benny Dickson drove to Davenport, Iowa Tuesday to be with her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Sinclair when whe underwent surgery. Mrs. Dickson returned home Saturday morning.

Boys will be boys, so proved Jack and John Dickson, two-year-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Dickson. The Dickson family drove to Palo Duro Canyon and on to Amarillo for an outing Sunday. They stopped at a Phillip 66 Station in Amarillo. While there the boys managed to get themselves locked in the men's room with the key inside too. A locksmith was summoned but his efforts to open the door were in vain. After about an hour and half, so say the Dicksons, by the use of a crow bar the boys were released.

Turner Heads Press Group

Bill Turner, publisher of The Olton Enterprise and The Hart Beat, was named president of the Panhandle Press Association at the 57th annual convention last weekend in Amarillo.

Turner served as vice-president of the association during the past year.

He is also a member of the board of directors of the Texas Press Association and serves as scholarship chairman for West Texas Press Association.

FFA Banquet Monday Night

Bruce Maunder, sorghum research director for DeKalb Agricultural Association, will be main speaker at the annual FFA banquet here Monday night at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Included in Maunder's talk will be career opportunities for young people in agriculture along with facts on the world population and food supply.

Maunder holds a BS degree from the University of Nebraska with emphasis in agronomy and biology and MS and PhD from Purdue University with major in genetics and plant breeding.

He started work with DeKalb in 1959 at Lubbock and was appointed sorghum research director in 1961.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

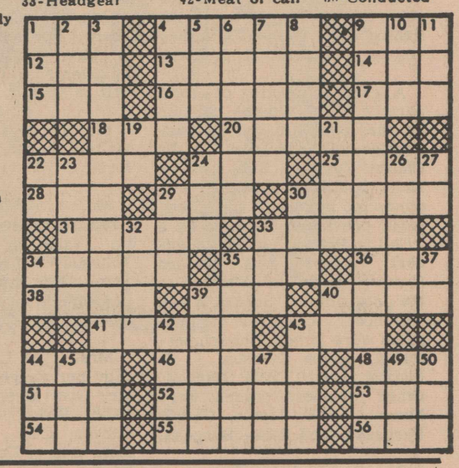
Solution May Be Found Elsewhere In This Issue

ACROSS

1-Snake
4-More crippled
9-Policeman (slang)
12-Sailor (colloq.)
13-Old womanish
14-Number
15-Couple
16-Cove
17-Girl's nickname
18-Kind of fish
20-Correct
22-Trumpet
24-Prefix: three
25-Slippery
28-Period of time
29-Possesses
30-Place in position
31-Item of property
33-Consequently
34-Place for worship
35-Flying mammal
36-Abstract being
38-German greeting
39-Witty remark
40-Handle
41-At no time
43-Wooden pin
44-Resort
46-Dropsy
48-Sick
51-Dine
52-Ventilated
53-Born
54-Female sheep
55-Endures
56-Deity

DOWN

1-Unit of Siamese currency
2-Carpenter's tool
3-Delay
4-Placed
5-Girl's name
6-Distance runners
7-Fragrant oleoresin
8-Nerve network
9-Stooping
10-Tierra del Fuegan Indian
11-Writing implement
19-Preposition
21-Gaseous element
22-Pronoun
23-Pope's veil
24-Make lace
26-Holds on property
27-Symbol for yttrium
29-Pronoun
30-Fondle
32-Transaction
33-Headgear
34-Exclamation
35-Shipworms
37-A continent (abbr.)
39-Means
40-Three-toed sloth
42-Meat of calf
43-Novelties
44-Observe
45-Animal's foot
47-Encountered
49-Sign of zodiac
50-Conducted



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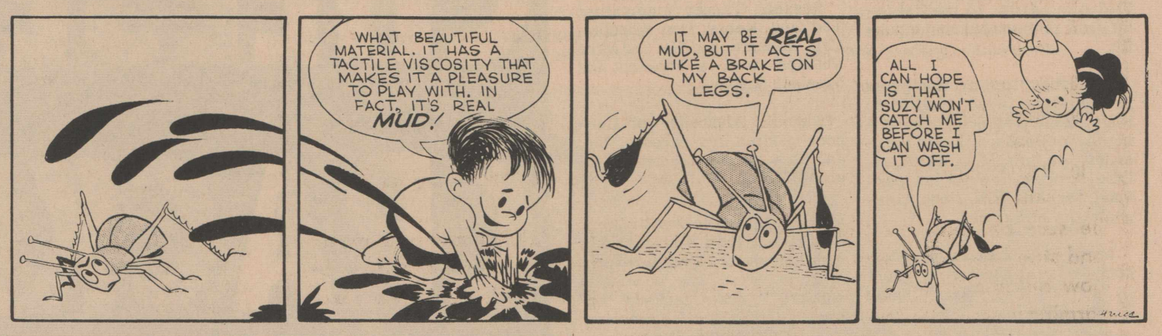

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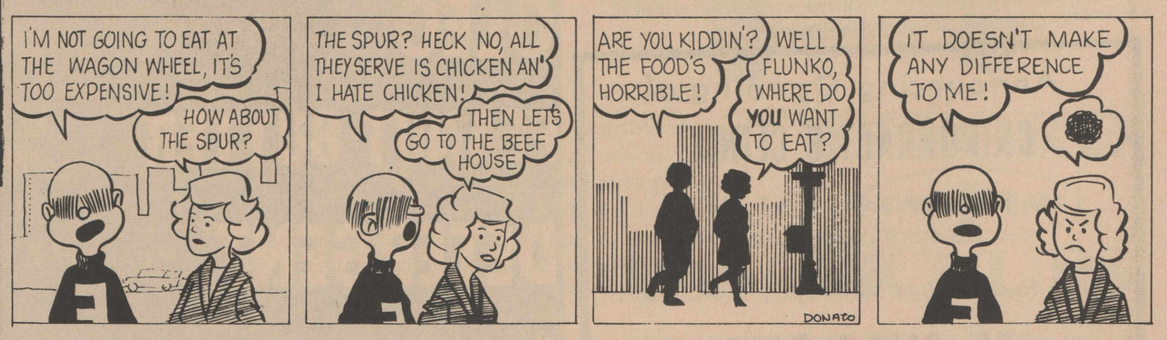

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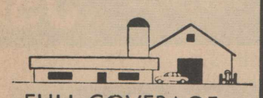
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Ladies attending included Miss Helen Locke, Mmes. W. G. Green, J. W. Rainey, Glen Exter, Bud Huckabee, C. T. Hulsey, Ed Thompson, Lem Roberson and Jack Thomas.

Fannin, Grayson Hunt Reunion Slated Sunday

Fannin, Grayson and Hunt Counties will hold a reunion Sunday May 2 at the MacKenzie Terrace Party House on E. Broadway, first entrance east of Lubbock Fair Grounds drive.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a basket lunch.

Philip Ackers Have Anniversary Event

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Acker of Nazareth, parents of Mrs. James Gallagher of Olton, observed their 50th wedding anniversary April 20. The celebration held Saturday, April 24, began with renewal of marriage vows and Mass, offered by Fr. Wilmer Riechel, pastor of Holy family Church, Nazareth, where they have been members for 50 years.

Philip H. Acker, born Jan. 30, 1885 in Caseyville, Kentucky and Gertrude Behrens, born Nov. 23, 1889 in Lindsay, Neb. were married April 20, 1915 in Lindsay and came immediately to Nazareth, where Acker was engaged in farming.

Hosts for the occasion were the Acker's 10 children and spouses: Miss Clara Acker, Hereford; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Acker and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Acker, Dimmitt; Mr and Mrs. Tony Acker and Mr. and Mrs. David Acker, Nazareth; Mr. and Mrs. Denis Acker, Borger; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuper, Summerfield; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Britten, Groom; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Podzemy, Amarillo; and Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher, Olton, who observed their 18th wedding anniversary April 20.

Fifty of the 51 grandchildren two step-grandchildren, and one great grandchild were present. Also present were Mrs. Acker's bridesmaid, Mrs. Clara Parr of Rock Island, Ill. and Acker's best man, Joe Behrens of Lindsay, Neb.

A dinner for about 300 members of the family, relatives, and friends was held at noon at the Nazareth Community Hall, with open house held from three to five p.m.

Among the out-of-town guests present were: Mrs. Pete Wagner, Mrs. Jim Wagner, Mrs. Marvin Lyons, and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Franks, Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Parr, Rock Island, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Behrens and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Neinaber, Lindsay, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knobe, Weston, Colo.; Mrs. John Acker and Dorothy, Lafayette, Ind.; and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Acker, Canyon; Rev. Norbert Wagner, Amarillo; and Rev. Angelus Delahunt, Hereford, who presented Mr. and Mrs. Acker with a Papal Blessing and a plaque from Pope Paul VI.

ATTENDS MEETING

Attending the District Wesleyan Service Guild meeting at Earth Sunday were Mrs. Roye Aikman, Mrs. Gerald Bizzell, Mrs. Rex Chitwood, Mrs. R. H. Campbell, Mrs. Cecil Hardaway, Mrs. Marshall Stone, Mrs. Glenn Singleterry and Mrs. Gene Trotter.

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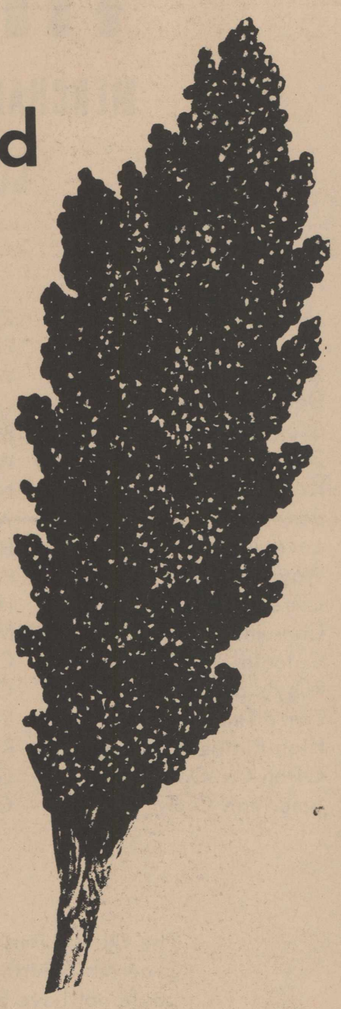

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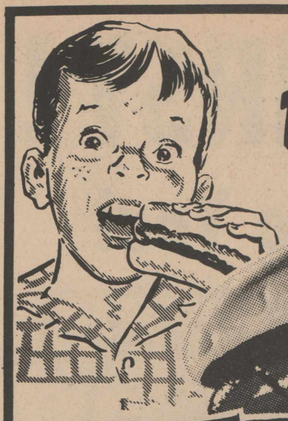

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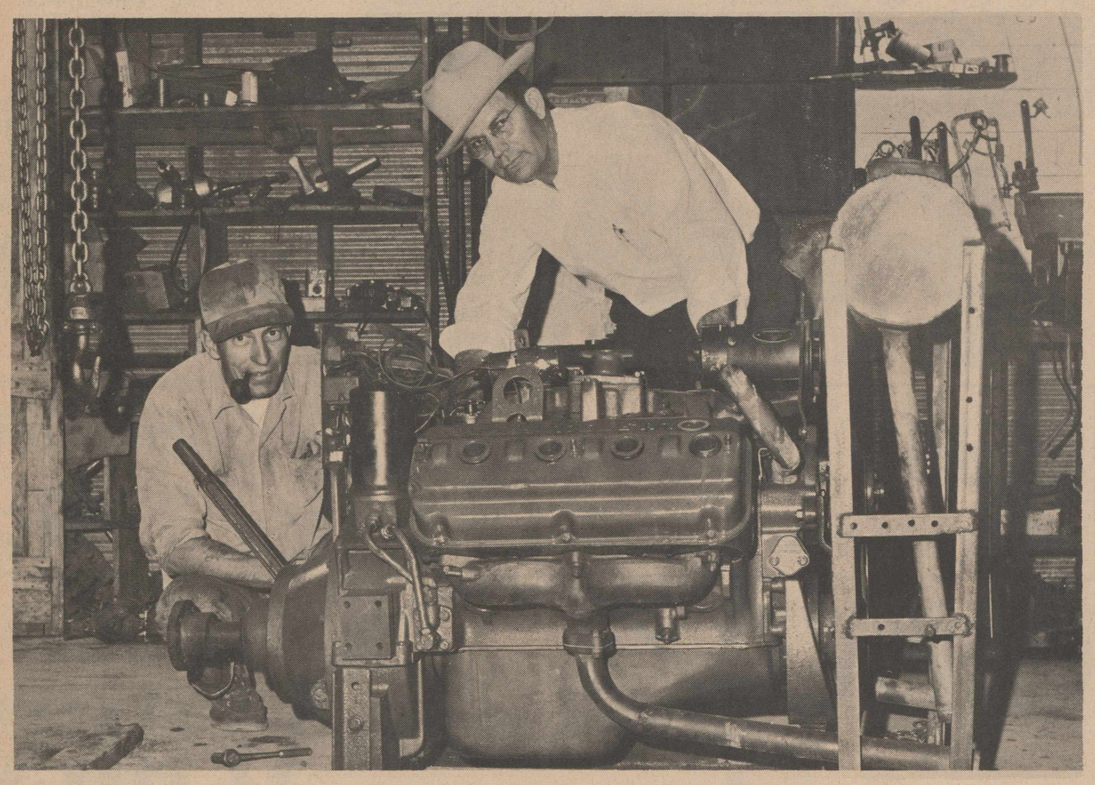

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The objectives of the organization are to encourage excellence in pre-medical scholarship, stimulate an appreciation in the study of medicine and to prmote co-operation between pre-medical students and educators.

Olton School Lunch Menu

MAY 3-7, 1965
(Subject to change)

MONDAY -- Dixie Dog and mustard, hot tamales, brown beans, greens, apple sauce, ice cream bar, corn bread, butter and milk.

TUESDAY -- Sloppy Joe burger, peanut butter and crackers, new potatoes in white sauce, green salad, peach half, cookie and milk.

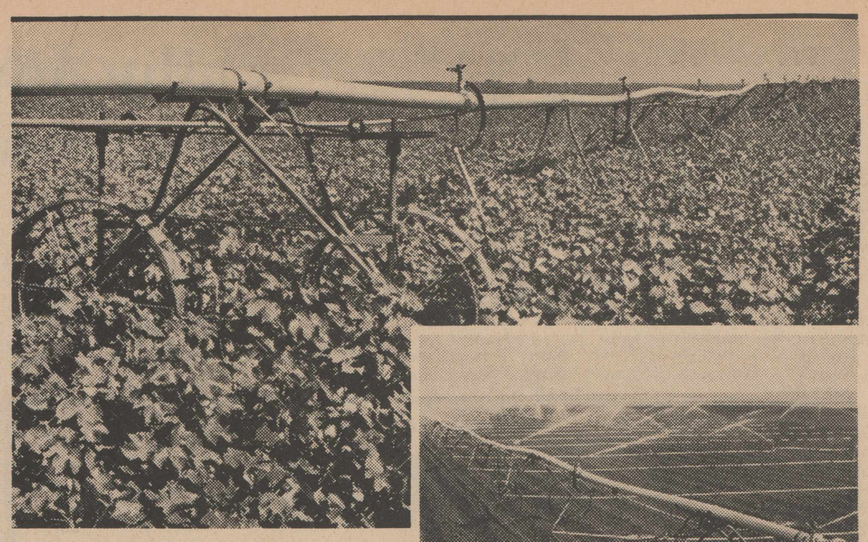
WEDNESDAY -- Fried chicken, gravy, steamed rice, buttered peas, prune plums, gingerbread, rolls, and milk,

THURSDAY -- Barbecued beef chunks, buttered potatoes, 3 bean salad, apple pie, rolls and butter and milk.

FRIDAY -- Tuna Salad, vienna sausage, macaroni and tomatoes, pineapple salad, cinnamon roll, bread and butter sandwich, and milk.

DEANS HONOR ROLL

Barry Prestridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Prestridge, sophomore at Texas Tech, has been named to the dean's honor roll.



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Hart Camp Happenings

BY MRS. EDWIN OLIVER

Thursday night visitors in the Joe Caddell home were his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Caddell and children, Gary Wayne, Jackie Sue and Tracie Lynn of Springfield, Colo.

Gary Parkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Parkey, is one of the top twelve in the 8th grade class of Olton Junior High School.

Steven Matsumoto, whose home is in Kouoi, Hawaii, and Lynn Hughes, who lives in Albuquerque, N. M., accompanied Kerwin Oliver home from Wayland in Plainview Monday night and were supper guests in the Edwin Oliver home.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Foster and children, Pam and Kimmie, spent Easter Sunday near Lamesa in the home of Foster's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Foster.

Mrs. Louis Lopez, Jr. was honored with a bridal shower Thursday afternoon in the annex of the Baptist Church. Twenty five guests were present and 35 gifts were registered. Refreshments of iced punch and cookies were served by the hostesses.

Kay Johnson attended a slumber party last week honoring Lisa Coleman of Olton on her eleventh birthday. The party was in Lisa's home.

Helen Smith and Pam Foster played on the Junior High School volleyball team that won first place in the districts contests recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Oliver, Kerwin and Debbe, returned home from Carlsbad, N.M., Wednesday night. They attended funeral services for Oliver's mother in the Carpenters Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Oliver died at the age of 91. She had 12 living children, all of whom attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caddell and Kathy Jo were supper guests Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Neinast and children, Springlake,

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Wheeler, Mrs. Blanton Martin and the Rev. Bobby Stillwell were in Carlsbad Wednesday to attend funeral services for Mrs. Mary A. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Oliver and Debbe spent Tuesday night with the Rev. C. H. Vanlandingham and children in Carlsbad. The Vanlandinghams are former residents of this community.

Kimmie Foster has been out of school this week with the chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hammons, Odessa, visited Sunday with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Quain.

Mrs. L. W. Sullivan was honored on her birthday Sunday with a birthday dinner in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Johnson Jr. Present were Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Leonard and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Elma and children, Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hukill and chil-

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Wheeler left Friday morning for Center to attend funeral services Saturday for Mrs. Wheeler's aunt Mrs. Lu Monroe. While in Center they visied Mrs. Wheeler's father, S. H. Latham and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hukill and Mrs. LaVon Hukill, all of Clovis, N.M., visited Monday in the Paul Hukill home and with other relatives,

dren, West Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hendrick and children, Charles Allen, Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Lubbock and J. W. Johnson and Kay.

Pam Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Foster, left Friday morning for Houston with a group of Olton girls and parents where the girls bowling team bowled in state competition. The girls got into the finals and lost the championship by six pins. They came out second best. They returned home Monday evening.

Shirley Leonard and David Neinast attended the Olton High School band banquet Monday night in Olton. Helen Smith, who is a member of the Junior High band, helped serve at the banquet.

Visitors in the Joe Caddell home Thursday were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Caddell of Sundown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson Jr. and Kay, O. J. Neeley and Teresa, Bill Gary and Kathy and Don Muller and Donna all attended the father-daughter Girl Scout Banquet Thursday night in Olton. Mrs. Johnson is a scout leader for the junior groups.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Jarrett and children, Kerry and Kim, visited Monday with Jerrett's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Parkey and sons.

Visiting Sunday in the Dewey Parkey home were her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Banks, Amarillo.

Hart Camp Co-OpGin Meet Held

The Hart Camp Cooperative Gin held its annual membership meeting Saturday night at the Olton school lunch room. A barbeque supper was served to the approximately 250 members and guests present.

The auditors report was read by C. L. Boggs of the Edwin E. Merriman Co. Speaker of the evening was Jay Murdock of Lubbock.

Election of three board members was held with the board remaining the same except for the election of Dr. Leonard to replace Paul Teal. For the coming year, O. J. Neeley will serve as president; Don Muller, vice-president; and Blanton Martin, secretary. Other board members are Paul Hukill, J. W. Johnson Jr. Edwin Oliver and D. R. Leonard.

Gin manager and treasurer is Elma Burleson.

Nunn Takes State First

L. D. Nunn, representing Bohner School, took a first place in pole vaulting with 10 feet, 8 inches at the State meet Saturday at Prairie View.

Benny Harris placed second 18 feet, five inches, in broad jump.

Nunn is a senior and Harris is a junior.

In senior spelling for girls, Clara Robinson and Margaret Wilborn, both juniors, took a third place.

VISIT BLEYS

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Trussell of Brownwood visited the C. E. Bleys Saturday. The Trussells are spending this week in Dimmitt, assisting with a revival at First Baptist Church there.

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T. R. Davises Honored On Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Davis were honored for their golden wedding anniversary Sunday April 25 at their home.

The guests were received by Doyle Davis and Bob Davis. Their grandchildren, Phil and Debbie Davis, registered the guests.

There were 230 names registered and 110 gifts and cards presented to the honorees.

The reception table was decorated with white net over a gold satin cloth. Completing the table decor was a three-tiered white cake trimmed in gold and a centerpiece arrangement of white carnations, pom-pom mums and candy tuft.

Serving at the table were Mrs. Gayle Graves, El. Paso; Mrs. Carolyn Coffman, Mrs. Christene Davis, Oklahoma City; and Mrs. June Davis, Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were presented a picture album and colored pictures by their children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Davis was presented with a corsage of white gladiolas trimmed in gold.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Davis, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. L. Williamson, Eastland; and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Tankersley, Snyder.

Hosting the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sweatt, Jal, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. James Clay, Bovina; and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Davis of Hart.

Saturday evening preceding the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Davis served supper at 6 p.m. to the family and visiting relatives. Brunch was served at 10 a.m. Sunday morning.

Following the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Davis, a supper was served for the family and out-of-town guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bennett.

Members of the supper house party were Marlene Bennett, Al Bennett, Bobbie Hill, Margie Ray, Laqueta Hill, Christene Lambert, Evelyn Hill and Sue Dinwiddie.



WHO'S NEW

Lydia Salas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silverio Salas, born April 23 at Community Hospital. Weight, five pounds, 14 ounces.

Leroy Salas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Salas, born April 24 at Community Hospital, weighing six pounds, four ounces.

Rose Mary Diaz Vaquera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Vaquera, born April 26 at Community Hospital, weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces.

A daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Dicky Scruggs of Odessa April 28 at Community Hospital, weighing seven pounds.

BANQUET MAY 3

Majorettes Bowling League will hold their annual award banquet Monday May 3 at Hamill's Dining Room.

BOWL-OFF

The Thursday morning Ladies League will hold a bowl-off tournament beginning at 9 a.m. to finish the season.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and especially the blood donors of the community and Lions Club for Mrs. John Meyer, mother of Herman Meyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meyer and family, Lubbock, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Closson, Dilliard, Oregon.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks for the expressions of sympathy and kindnesses shown us during the loss of our loved one.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fambro and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Musitelli and family

Mr. and Mrs. Hap Miller

SCOUT NEWS

Planning a trip to Camp Rio Blanco, Crosbyton, was the topic for the regular meeting Monday April 26 for Troop 50 of the Girl Scouts.

Miss Sandee Coleman served refreshments.

Scouts attending include Lana Myers, Susan Nicholas, Kathy Peterson, Susan Cannon, Carol Scribner, Royetta Moore, Jo Ellen Spain, Cheryl Gordon, Marsha Parker, Jackye Meinecke, Margaret Gallaway, Francis Torris, D'Lyle Wilks, Beverly Roberts, Rita Graham and Leaders, Mrs. Ann Nicholas and Mrs. Evanglynn Coleman.

The next meeting will be Monday May 3 at the Girl Scout House.

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

ADMISSIONS

April 21--Mrs. W. C. Smith, Olton, surgery

April 24--J. C. Scruggs, Olton Medical

April 26--Mrs. Margaret Munoz, Dimmitt, surgery

Hoyt Paschall, Olton, medical

Mrs. Israel Limon, Hart, surgery

April 27--Elsie D'Ann Deary, Olton, medical

DISMISSALS

April 22-Mrs. C. W. Smith

April 24--Lupe Rodriquez

IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Roy P. Carder is visiting in Chula Vista, Calif. with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Carder.

VACATIONERS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith have returned home after spending Easter holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Johnson of Challis, Idaho. On their return trip, they visited the Arches Monument in Moab, Utah and a relative, Mrs. George Fox, in Durango, Colo.

VISITING IN DALLAS

Mrs. I. D. Grimsley and her daughter, Mrs. Jack Gullett and her two daughers, are visiting in Dallas with Mrs. Grimsley's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Smith.

Eighth Grade To Be Honored

Students of the eighth grade graduating class will be honored with a banquet by the ladies of the First Methodist Church Friday May 7 in the Fellowship Hall.

Theme to be used throughout the program will be "In the Good Old Summer Time."

Bro. Cecil Hardaway will be their guest speaker.

In charge of arrangements will be the Wesleyan Service Guild, invitations and clean-up detail; Louisa Dennis Circle, decorations; and Elsie Reynolds Circle will prepare the meal.

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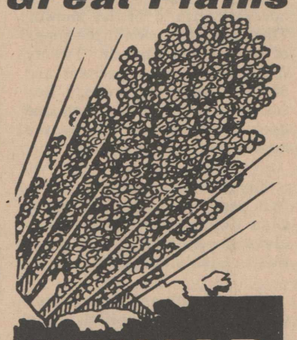

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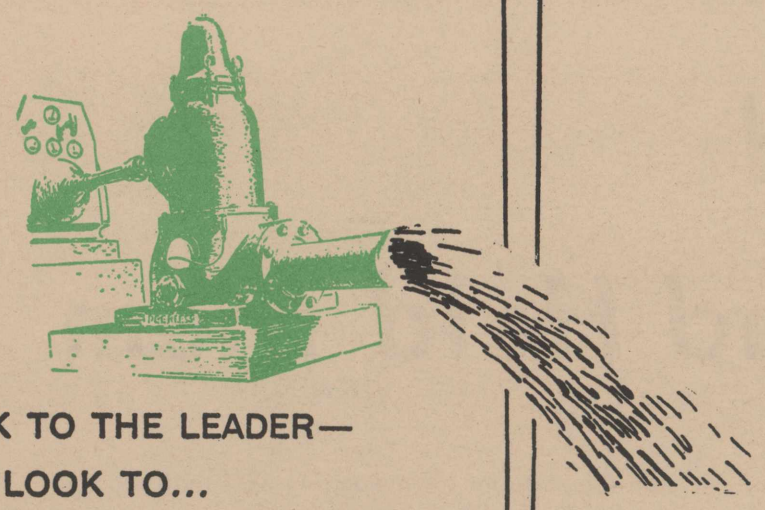

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ROUND UP TIME--Shown above are two scenes from round up at the Mashed O Ranch. Exact date of the pictures is not known. Contributed by Mrs. C. M. Owen

Prairie Fires Panic This Area

(Editor's Note: Information in this article is reprinted by special permission of Tanner Laine from his recently published book, Campfire Stories.")

Prairie fire!

This was a dread cry in the early days of the Olton area when a dull, red line could go racing across the prairies and ranges at the speed of the wind.

Fire guards were plowed as a precautionary measure on all ranches. And often times were plowed as an emergency measure, as well.

One technique was to kill a cow---the first one available. Split it open. One cowboy with his ropes would attach to the carcass at the front legs; another would attach his ropes to the back legs. One would ride on the burned off side of the prairie fire. The other would ride on the unburned side.

This sort of rubbed out the fire line. Men and women on foot followed along to get the "break-outs" using wet gunny sacks, brooms , even saddle blankets and slickers---anything.

When a prairie fire struck, everybody fought it. It was a neighbor proposition, and all hands rode, even for miles, to fight the fire.

What started prairie fires?

Not a carelessly-tossed cigarette. Those early-day cowmen made sure when they gound men made sure when they ground out a hand-rolled Bull Durham smoke, or else they tore it completely apart with shreds of tobacco dust filting away. Maybe the fire end was spit on or else it was ground under a boot.

Lightening was also usually ruled out because, unlike forest fires, prairies fires seldom. if ever, were started by lightning, the oldtimers contend.

Travelers' campfires were a likely cause. Persons unfamiliar with the prairies and camping out as travelers, were apt to leave smoldering "cow chips" or wood, which if fanned by any breeze at all, could blossom and start a prairie fire.

Laine covers several such fires with pioneer's personal stories in his book.

On was on the Yellowhouse Ranch, March 25, 1904 when Phelps White, partner in the ranch, was badly burned.

In the ranch ledger is this account:

"Seeing it (the fire) from a distance, Phelps White hastened toward it in a buckboard pulled by a team of mules. The fighting of prairie fire took priority over all business among ranch outfits. White went to assess what measures could be taken.

"Before he reached the blaze, a sudden shift of wind to a southerly direction, threw a circle of fire around White. Realizing he was trapped, the rancher unhitched the mules, pulled his hat down over his head and threw himself face down on the ground. Fire roared around and over him.

"The mules, badly burned, were seen by YH cowboys, who rode out in a hurry to find Phelps. He was critically burned. A Lubbock doctor... stayed with him....."

The rancher recovered and was taken to New Mexico. He never returned to the ranch here to live, although he continued to operate it by visits.

Another fire in the fall of 1894 started in eastern New Mexico and covered a strip 70 to 100 miles wide across Bailey and Lamb and other West Texas counties. It took the tall grass saved for winter feed on the Springlake and Yellowhouse parts of the XIT Ranch.

Another, on the Spade ranch, was started by cowboys trying to eliminate the pesky prairie dog.

They decided to pour kerosene in the 'dog holes and set off fires to eliminate the pests.

This didn't stop the prairie dogs, who sought other tunnels, but it did fire the tail of a cotton tail rabbit, which bounded out of a hole and into the dry prairie grass, setting fires where and when the bunny hopped.

Before the fire was stopped, it had blackened section after section.

(For more details, see "Campfire Stories." by Tanner Laine.)

County Created In 1876!

Olton Oldest In Lamb

Lamb County was created in 1876 and named after Lt. George A. Lamb, a hero of San Jacinto.

In 1891, there were only seven votes cast in the territory and everything---food, clothing and fuel---was hauled by mule train from Amarillo.

Prominent names in the making and developing of Lamb County around the turn of the century were Charlie Keenan, Doc Powell, C. W. McClung, H. R. Miller, George Galloway, W. D. Wicker, Harry Baughn, Soash, Slaughter, Doughthit, Dickenson, Schreier and Williams.

In the western part of the county was the "Mashed O" or Yellowhouse Ranch, owned by Halsell. The late Will Rogers worked on this ranch and is said to have visited there many times.

In the southern part was the Spade ranch, owned by a Mr. Ellwood and bossed by George Arnett.

In the southwest part was the LFD ranch, owned by White and Littlefield and managed by Phelps White.

At this time, the government allowed a settler to file on two sections and have two sections for grazing. A payment of a dollar per acre was required for 40 years at three percent interest.

Settlers were also required to put some improvements on the land.

Land that could be filed on was on alternating sections with the other sections owned by C. C. Slaughter.

This sometimes proved a difficulty for small settlers in putting up fencing for Slaughter had line camps set up along his ranches during the summer months.

Slaughter owned several ranches in West Texas, but he lived in Dallas and only personally made the rounds of his ranches during the summer months.

He was reported to make the trip in a big, richly adorned carriage drawn by six white horses.

His two sons, Don and Charlie, were active managers of the ranches.

The first house constructed in the county was built here about Jan. 1, 1900 with lumber brought from Estelline by E. N. Burrus.

Mrs. Burrus came from Floydada and drove the wagon carrying food and bedding. The trip from Floydada to Olton took three days.

In the early 1900s, excursions were brought down from the north by train and then out to Olton by carriage as prospectors. The tours were arranged by Slaughter and big tents were set up here for eating and sleeping by the prospectors.

At this time, mail was sent to Hale Center and the pioneers would take turns in picking up the mail for the whole countryside and bringing it back home.

Later, it was brought from Hereford, Dimmitt and from Hart.

Then a petition was signed and each settler had the privilege of sending in a name for a post office.

The A. B. "Doc" Powells sent in the name of their infant son, Olton, and this name was selected.

About 1902 or 1903, the first post office was started in the Powell's home, which was about five miles north of Olton's present Main Street.

It was then moved to the Tom Keenan home and then to the home of T. F. Brown.

Brown also operated a general store in his home and later decided to move the store and the post office to Olton. It took about a month to move the house five miles by steam tractors.

Mail was carried on a horse and buggy or on borseback and brought to Olton Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and to Springlake on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The first school was eight miles north of Olton with Miss Grace Galloway as the first teacher in "Burro College."

The school was named this in honor of a burro that froze to death by the side of the school during a blizzard.

The school was later moved and called Struve School before being moved to its present location.

Lamb County was organized in 1908 with about 21 legal voters in the county. Land speculators from the north and others were willing to sign the petition.

Springlake sought to dispute the making of Olton County seat but Olton had two committeemen and Springlake only one.

The first cotton crop was planted in the county in 1904 by E. N. Burrus, who purchased the seed at Lockney and planted his crop at Olton.

The first Sunday School was held in the homes of the settlers, each taking a turn. Many times, it was held in the afternoon. Later, church was held in the school and the families would take their dinner and spend the day.

The first church was built in the north half of Block 87. It was a community church and each denomination had charge of services in turn.

Circuit preachers came and it was sometimes difficult for them to tell who were members of their congregation and who were not.

The steeple was blown off the church building in a cyclone in 1928. The church was rebuilt and later purchased by the Nazarene Church. The bell in the steeple went to the Methodist Church.

COUNTY OFFICIALS

First county officials were: George Galloway, clerk; Herb Dickson, sheriff; Fred Schreier, treasurer; Luther Williams, tax assessor; and H. R. Miller, judge.

FIRST WEDDING

Elmer Cowart and Lizzie Brown were married in the first wedding performed in Lamb County. The wedding was in the T. F. Brown home Jan. 24, 1909. S. W. (Southwest) Smith, preacher from Plainview, came out to perform the ceremony.

Olton Paint, Body Shop Opened In 1955

Olton Paint and Body Shop, owned by Jimmie Jenkins was established here April 15, 1955.

Located on Highway 70 west, the shop specializes in all kinds of paint, body, frame and glass work.

Working with Jenkins at the business are Hal Nicholson and Doyle Meadows.



YOUNG RESIDENTS--Pictured above are Mrs. Leo Ross Bryant and Roy Lindsay Dennis, son of Lindsay Dennis, on stiles that had to be crossed before going to the court house. Contributed by Mrs. H. L. Dennis

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Community Hospital and Clinic



OLTON'S SECOND BUSINESS BUILDING

SECOND BUSINESS--Shown above is the second business building in Olton in 1922. It was operated by H. L. Dennis and offered a short order cafe on one side and a soda fountain, staple drugs, sundries and etc. on the other.

Contributed by Mrs. H. L. Dennis.

Lesters Opened In 1957

Established here in the spring of 1957, Lester's Drive In Cleaners had grown to the point that in 1959, the business added a cleaning room, storage vault, larger washer, hat blocking equipment and an additional dryer.

Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thompson, the cleaners specializes in cleaning and pressing, hat blocking, ,alterations, reweaving, laundering, leather works and also offers a storage service.

Employees other than the Thompsons, are Helen Webb, Rudy Gloria, Joyce Daugherty, J. F. Vance, Mary Jo Fuentes and Dorothy Offield.

The Thompsons moved to Olton in 1955 from Elk City, Okla. They have two daughters,Dianna Kay, 17 and Cherie, 14.

FIRST ANNUAL

First official school annual was published by the senior class of 1924 and called "The Lone Wolf". In 1924, the annual was changed to "The Mustang."

SUPERINTENDENT

First Olton school superintendent was G. W. McDaniel. H. P. Webb served longer than any other person as superintendent, from 1922 to 1943.

SCHOOL WORK

First departmental work was set up in Olton High School under the direction of Rosalie Bragg and R. R. Tippet in the fields of home economics and agriculture in 1924.

STUDENTS

Ora Dennis was the youngest Olton student ever to graduate under the 11-year system. Karolyn Kay Granbery was the youngest under the 12-year system (1955-56).

Lindsay Dennises Recall Early Happenings Here

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Dennis have lived in Olton since 1922. They built the second store here which carried sundries, drugs, cold drinks and was a meeting place for the children as well as grown-ups.

The first store was a general store and held the post office and was owned and operated by R. P. Hair.

The third store built was a hardware store, owned and operated by the Jim Fullers.

As far as living quarters, they were built to the back of the store.

Mrs. Dennis said the only church here was a community one and everyone attended.

The happy memories of Mrs. Dennis included the family gatherings every night of the week in front of the stores and everyone "just visiting."

"They came from miles around and parked and the folks visited while the children played on the walks," she said.

In talking about bettering the community, she said "We would get together in the basement of the old Methodist Church and have meetings. The centerpieces on the tables were replicas of the project on hand."

The rodeos scheduled for the town always met at their store and Dennis helped with collecting the prize money.

Cowboys from miles around came to the rodeos held here. She said what always surprised her was that they never once misbehaved while in the store. When there were no seats available, they "just sat on the floor." Dennis helped with all the rodeos.

She remembers that the first doctor here was Dr. Holt, father of I. B. Holt. He came from Kilgore and they had a "time convincing him to move here."

Savings, Loan Opened In 1936

Plainview Savings and Loan Association was established in Plainview Jan. 1, 1936.

Lester W. James is president with Bobby James as vice-president.

The business moved into its present location in 1944 and then remodeled in 1959.

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Hyatts Purchase Cleaners In '42

Jim Hyatt, owner of Superior Cleaners, moved to Olton in January of 1937 to manage the business for Roy Granbery. He purchased the business Jan. 1 1942 and since that time, he and his wife, Marguerite, have operated it.

In June of 1947, the business moved from its original location--four doors west--to the present location into a 17 and a half by 40 feet building. In 1953, the building was enlarged to 65 feet in length and new equipment was added.

Men's wear was added in August of 1959.

The business offers cleaning, pressing, alterations, made-to-order suits and men's wear.

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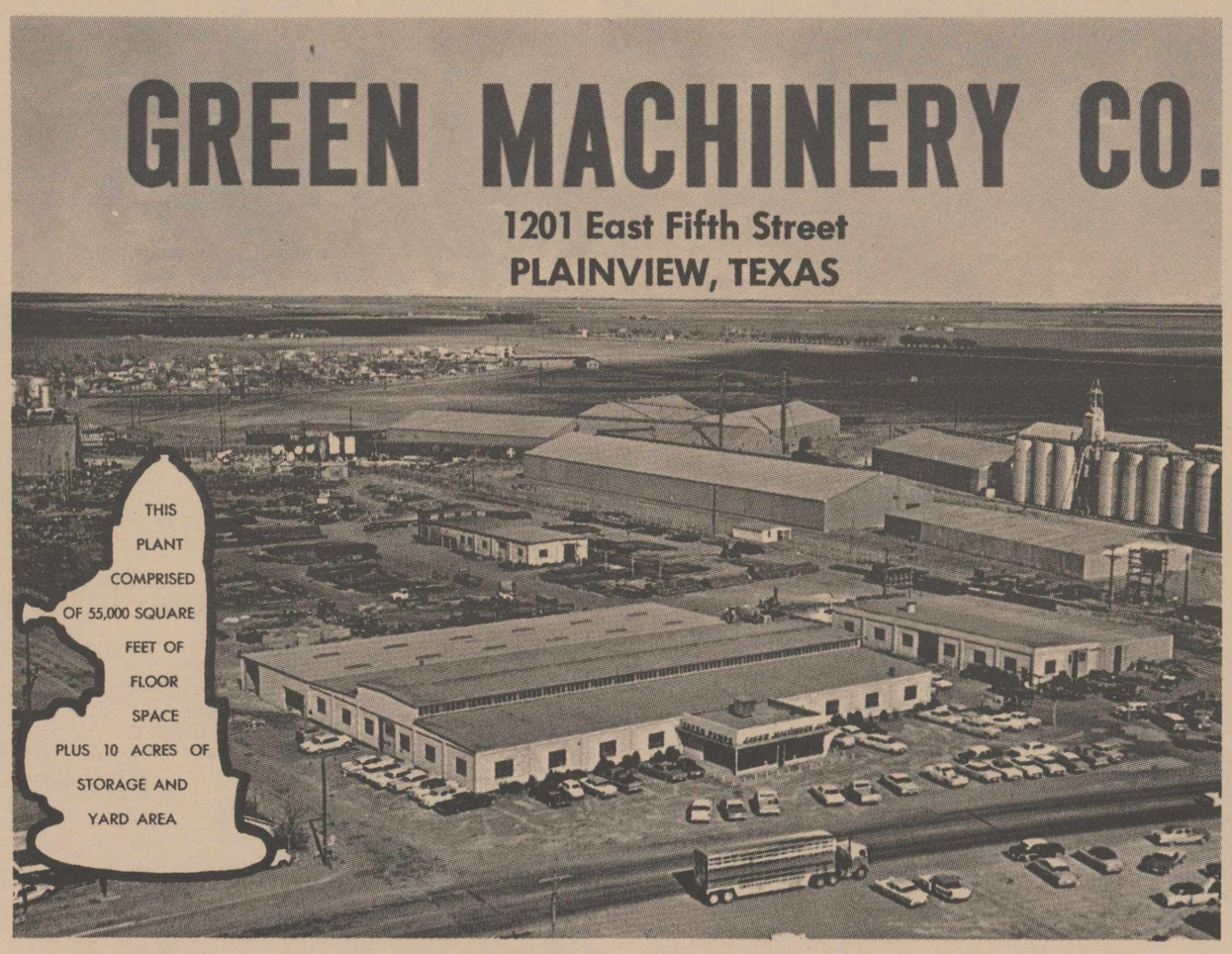

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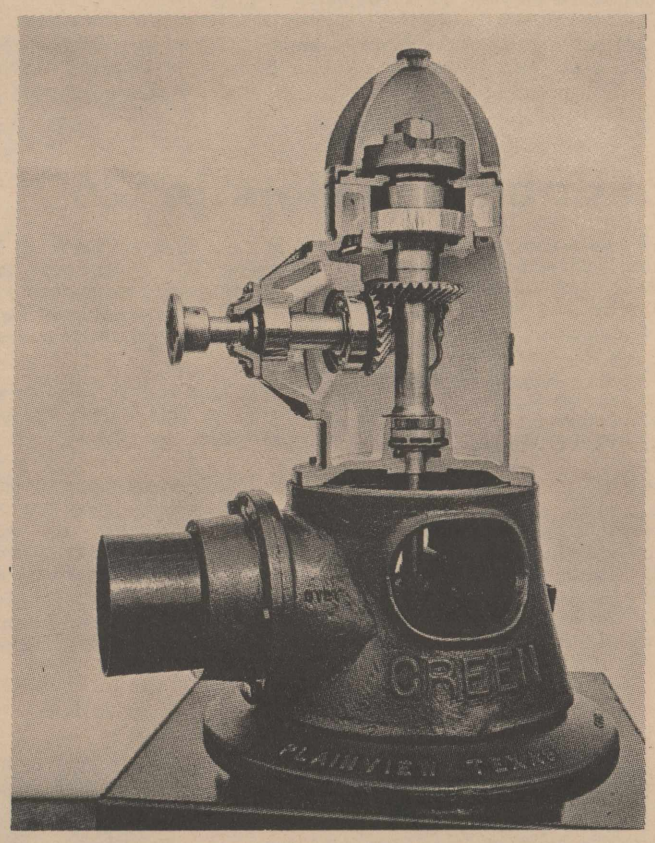

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Excerpts From Early Records

Lamb, one of the baby counties of the Panhandle, was created August 21, 1897, but actually began its official existence in 1908, when the first commissioners' court was organized.

The first grand jury to be convened, Oct. 4, 1909, was in session two days and adjourned without reporting any indictment.

Lamb County had four inhabitants in 1890, 31 in 1900, but really began to grow in 1920, jumping in population during the 10 years up to 1930 from 1,175 to 17,452, a figure revealed by the census.

Excerpts from some of the county records are printed below:

JULY 8, 1908--Be it remembered that on this 8th day of July, 1908, there came on and was holden a session of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Lamb County, Texas at the school house thereof in the town of Olton. Present and presiding: Hon. H. R. Miller, county Judge; J. A. Hooper, commissioner of Precinct No. 1; Claude E. Halsell, commissioner of Precinct No. 2; G. M Arnett, commissioner of Precinct No. 3; Herb Dickerson, sheriff; and J. H. Cowart, clerk, pro-tem. The following business was had.

It is ordered by the Court that the school house in the town of Olton, Lamb County, Texas, be used as the temporary court house until other provisions are made.

AUGUST 25, 1908: On motion made and duly seconded it is ordered by the court that the bank building in the town of Olton in Lamb County, Texas be and the same is hereby designated as the county clerk's office....

AUGUST 11, 1910--The Honorable Commissioners' Court appointed J. A. Hooper as agent for said court to make and enter into contract with some reliable person to plow the courthouse yard at Olton and also to make a contract with some reliable persons to take care of the windmill in said courthouse yard.

AUGUST 12, 1913--On this day the court proceeded to appoint Walter Sullivan commissioner of Precinct No. 4 as agent for this court to purchase chain and posts for a hitchrack in front of the courthouse yard and also as agent for this court to purchase coal for the supply of the courthouse.

SOMETIME, 1914--....it is therefore decreed that Lamb County shall pay a bounty of $25 on grown Lobo wolves and a bounty of $5 on Lobo pups. It is further order that this county shall pay a bounty of $2 on grown coyote wolves and 50 cents on coyote pups. The said bounty will expire June 1, 1914.

Methodists Organized 1904

One man and eight women began Methodist meetings here in the schoolhouse north of the present town site in 1904.

With the help of itinerant preachers, the handful carried on until 1908, when the conference sent the Rev. George Bryant to organize the church. The Rev. Farris and Pilley were two of the early preachers.

Later, two Sundays per month were allowed the Methodists in the Union building. In 1924, the basement on another building was constructed (now the Church of the Nazarene) and 1932 and 33, the auditorium and classrooms were built over the basement to complete the brick edifice.

Pastors have included Reverends Upton, Scoggins, Smallwood, Gilbreath, Carter, Yarbrough, Howell, Dennison, Williams, Stevens, Crabtree, Baker, Davidson, LeMond and White.

The Rev. R. H. Campbell was pastor in 1956, when the Rev. Russell McAnnally was sent to the church. The congregation started a building campaign and on Aug. 11, 1957, ground breaking ceremonies were held at 3rd and Ave. D.

Participating in the ceremonies were L. D. Bartlett, oldest member of the congregation; Mrs. L. S. Kennedy, member since 1917; Wanda Bleeker, granddaughter of the only living charter member, Mrs. H. R. Miller Sr.; Leon Johnson, newest member; Sydney Hair, president of the MYF: Dr. Luther Kirk, district superintendent; and the pastor.

The present building was completed and consecration services were held June 1, 1958. Bishop William C. Martin of the Northwest Texas Conference, delivered the consecration sermon.

In 1959, the Rev. E. L. Stanford was appointed pastor, serving until June of 1960, when he was succeeded by the Rev. W. F. Gaede. The present pastor, the Rev. C.C. Hardaway, was appointed here in June of 1963.

Sixty years after the first Methodist congregation was organized in Olton, the building debt was retired and the present building dedicated. Dedication services were held Aug. 23, 1964. Bishop Paul Martin of the Texas Conference brought the sermon.

Participating in the services were the former pastors: the Rev. Rollo Davidson, 1943-46; The Rev. Claude LeMond, 1946-50; and the Rev. E. L. Stanford, 1959-60. One minister who was licensed from this congregation the Rev. David Binkley, also took part in the services.

First Editorial Reprinted Here

Probably the first editorial ever published in the town of Olton was written by L. L. Kyle in the first issue of the Olton Enterprise, Thursday Feb. 18, 1926.

Kyle was publisher of the four-page tabloid paper.

The article, entitled "Our Bow" , is reprinted below:

As David Copperfield says with reference to his beginning, "The clock began to strike and I began to cry symultaneously."

Thursday evening Feb. 18, 1926, the electricity began to hum, the wheels began to turn, paper began to roll from the press, and eyes began to "bug" to see if it would be a good healthy "borning".

We have been named by the Olton Chamber of Commerce "Olton Enterprise." We are little yet, in swadling clothes, humble in hired quarters, very insignificant, now, but we have lived to see large walnut trees grow from little nuts, and nice little cities from the Plains, why should not we grow?

Here's hoping that our friends who are looking on , will be just as kind, patient, and helpful to us as they see our circumstances demand, remembering at all times, all of us are needed to make up the worlds population and all can fill some useful place. As we strive to do this, let each emulate the other in this noble undertaking. Our policy is to help with every good work and work to build every worthy enterprise.

Many people have their eyes on the plains of West Texas as a good farming--stockraising--healthy place to live.

We have the climate, we have the land, we have water and opportunities, but not enough people. Let each build, improve, and deport himself so that when the "New Commer" comes our way, he will find our open door of welcome, a glad hand of receptionand disposition to stay. We feel that this will build West Texas, Lamb County and Olton We stand for clean, sane, conservative journalishm. Always on the dotted line.

Come to see us, office in the Hammer Hotel. Phone No. 20.



1923-24 OLTON HOME ECONOMIC CLUB

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB, Olton High School, 1923-24 is pictured above. Left to right are Ruth Combest, Buna Sweazea, Ivela Bell, Lois Nix, Rosalie Bragg, Ruth Kennedy, Gladys Sweazea and Margaret Owen.

Contributed by O.H.S.

Newspaper Established Here In '26

A newspaper for Olton must have been pretty big news within itself when the first paper was printed here in February, of 1926 by L. L. Kyle, father of Mrs. Bill (Mary) Smith.

Kyle died in January of 1930 and his wife sold the paper to R. A. Rogers of Plainview.

These were depression days, however, and times were pretty hard, with the result that the paper reverted to Mrs. Kyle.

"My brother (Roy Kyle of Dallas) bought the paper just to take it off mother's hands and leased it to Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Scott," Mrs. Smith remembers.

She also remembers that her brother offered the paper to her when she and Bill Smith were married and she declined.

"My brother asked Bill if he wanted it," Mrs. Smith laughed, "and Bill said 'yes'. I must have looked pretty funny. Bill had never worked for a newspaper a day in his life before that so you can imagine what a time we had."

So, in 1937, the Bill Smiths took over The Olton Enterprise.

During World War II when Smith was away in service, the paper was leased for a time to B. M. Nelson, now publisher of the Dimmitt paper.

In 1952, Royce L. Vernon and F. L. Burrow purchased the paper and that same year, Troy Martin bought out Burrow's interest. Two years later, Martin bought out Vernon's interest.

In June of 1960, the paper was sold to Bill Turner, present owner.

The Enterprise has won numerous awards over the past years, including top state awards for the past two years. Last year, The Enterprise was named best small weekly in the nation at a National Editorial Association meeting in New York City.



COUNTY COURTHOUSE--Above is the county courthouse as it appeared only a short time ago, before it was razed. The square is now being opened for business development.

Contributed by Mrs. H. L. Dennis



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Olton's First Post Office Was In Doc Powell Home

The first post office to serve the people of the Olton community was started in the A. B. "Doc" Powell home, located about five miles north of Olton's Main Street in 1902 or 1903.

Mrs. Powell submitted the name of her baby to the state office as a name for the post office. Several other names were also submitted, but the name "Olton" was selected from the group.

J. Arthur Edwards, one of Olton's first settlers and first mail carrier, told the story of the beginning of Olton's post office to Mrs. Mardema Ogletree in 1956.

According to Edwards, the post office was moved to Tom Keenan's home in 1904, where his wife was post mistress for two years and then late in 1905 moved to the T. F. Brown home about five miles northwest of Olton. Brown decided to move his home--which housed the post office and a general store into Olton when the land company agreed to organize and set up a town if the building were located in the city limits. It took about a month to move the house the five miles to a location south of the present Nazarene Church.

Several men of the area including Ed Burrus, John Cowart George Galloway and G. H. Phillips helped move the house. Phillips related the moving to Mrs. Sue May in 1956.

"We sure had trouble," said Phillips, (referring to the attempt to move the house on several different wagons) "because some of the mules would pull and others wouldn't. Finally we passed a hat and collected money to hire a man with a tractor to pull it. We found a man who had a coal burning tractor who said he'd do it for $50 if the men would furnish the coal."

"This caused us to have to pass the hat again for more money, but we got it..."

Later Brown moved his store to the corner now occupied by House of Flowers where he sold the store to a man named Mila Dodson. For a number of years the person who owned the store automatically became postmaster so the postmastership went ot Dodson, then in 1914 to a man named Ensign. In 1917 a Mr. Harvey bought out Ensign and was postmaster until 1919, when he sold to Jim Fuller. Fuller in turn sold to R. P. Hair in 1920.

In 1927, Olton had its first full-time postmaster, J. F. Wiles was appointed and the office was moved to a building situated where the Smith Barber Shop is now located.

A short time later it was moved to the building which is now owned by the Masonic Lodge.

In 1940, the office moved to the building built by Jim Fuller which adjoined the Olton Drug Store and remained there 24 years--until July of 1964 when a new building was built a block east of the old location.

The postmaster, J. F. Wiles, retired in 1946, and Bailey Hair, son of a former postmaster, was appointed. Hair transferred to the rural route in 1949, a position he is still filling.

The present posmaster, I. B. Holt, was appointed to succeed Hair.

Holt has been postmaster for 16 years and has seen the mail business and revenue increase four times what it was in 1949.

"The fact that Olton was chosen for a new post office, Postmaster Holt said, "reflects credit on our growing contribution to the economy and life of the nation." Olton is not on a railroad and all mail is received from five Star Routes, originating in neighboring cities on railroads delivering mail to Olton.

J. Arthur Edwards, Olton's first mail carrier, carried mail in a horse-drawn buggy and in bad weather on horseback to Olton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and to Springlake on Tuesday and Thursday.

Today --63 years later-- the mail arrives five times daily in streamlined motor vehicles to the convenient paved loading dock protected by the roof from rain and other damaging weather and into the air conditioned brick building.

There it is dispatched to the individual boxes by the postal employees. The Employees include Mrs. Leatrice Langford, D. M. "Bub" Holt, Ollie Smith, and Postmaster I. B. "Doc" Holt.

KU KLUX KLAN

The only Ku Klux funeral ever held in Olton was April 1, 1924, in the Kennedy pasture.

FIRST POSTMASTER

First postmaster of the Olton postoffice was A. B. "Doc" Powell in 1903.



1935 HUNTING TRIP '--Left to right are pictured Clyde Dennis, Roy Lindsay Dennis, Lindsay Dennis and R. E. Dennis after they returned from a hunting trip in Arizona. In back is Dennis Drug Store.
Contributed by Mrs. H. L. Dennis

Life Of Cowboy Often Lonely

What was the cowboy, who played an important role in the early history of this area, really like?

Did he really live the glamorous, exciting life depicted on TV?

Not likely, according to most information available.

Actually, the life of the cowboy was a very lonely one. Ranches were far from towns and a cowboy could go for months without seeing anyone other than a few other cowpokes he worked with.

His horse might frequently be his best friend. Certainly it was vital as this was his only way to get around and a good horse might mean the difference between life and death.

The cowboy lived in a bunkhouse with other ranch hands and his main job was the cattle. He also rode fence, always looking for a place that needed mending.

But the cowboy had other jobs, too. In fact. anything that needed doing--pitching hay, clearing brush---that called for manual labor, he might be told to do.

Many cowboys used only one name and did not seek close friendships.

Some thought them a pretty independent, stubborn lot who seldom stayed in one place very long.

The diet of the "lean" cowboy might not be too tempting today. It consisted primarily of beans, sourdough biscuits, salted pork and bacon and fresh beef.....eaten from a tin plate while sitting on the ground or a rock or standing.

And, of course, coffee...lots of strong , black coffee in a tin can.

The cattle drive and the round-up were big items in his life...the first, exhausting, tiring work, and the second, possibly being turned into a social event.

Contrary to TV, the cowhand's life was often a dreary, boring existance and a visit to town did not mean an automatic battle-it-out in the nearest saloon.

One Olton woman, whose husband operated an early store here, described the cowboys she saw in the store as "polite, quiet and well-mannered. I never even hear one say a curse word."



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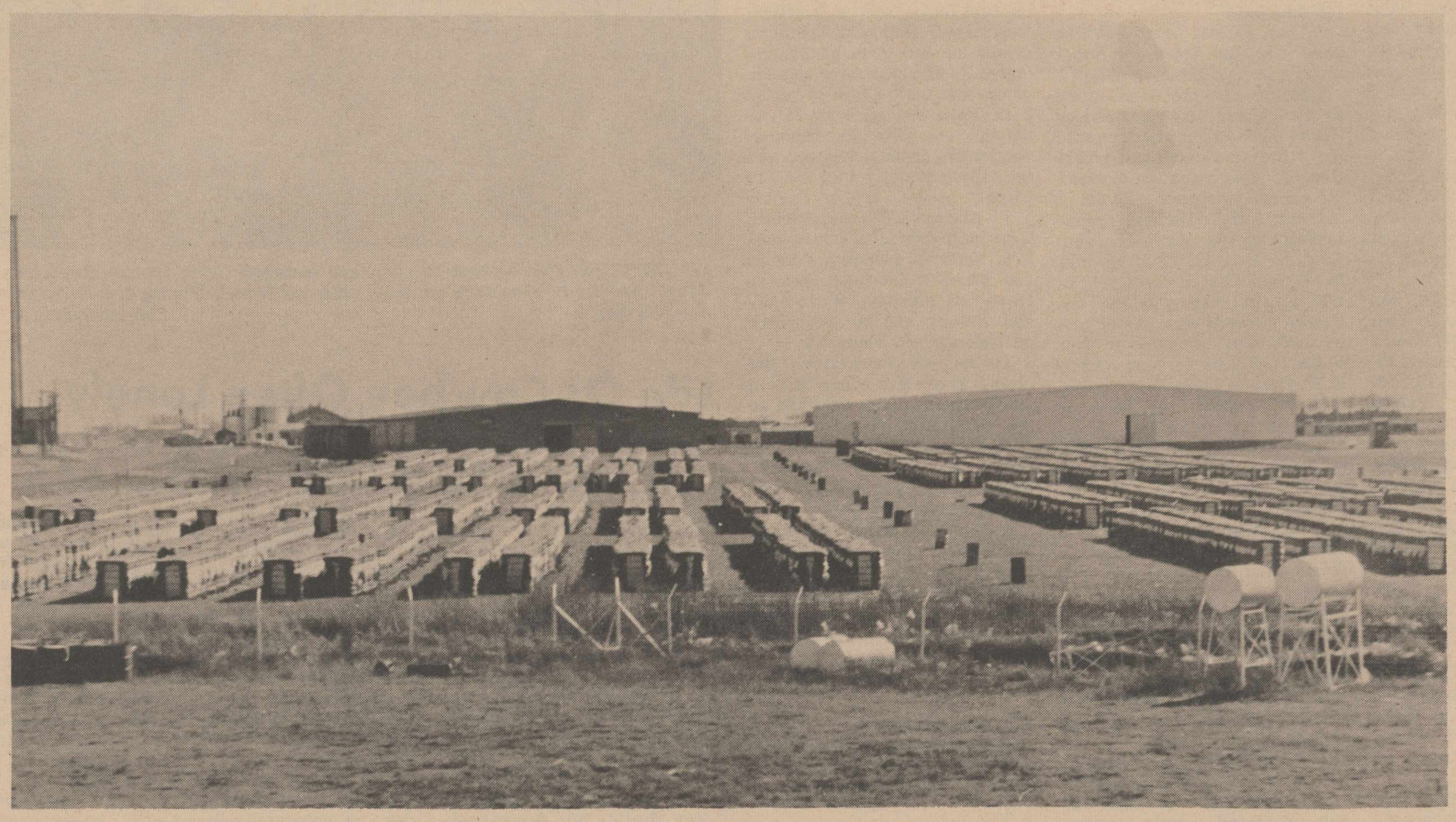

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Mrs. Burrus Recalls Early Life

(Editor's Note: The following article was contributed by Mrs. Paul Burrus. It was written by Pollyanna B. Hughes of Canyon after an interview with Mrs. Edward Neal Burrus last October.)

Mrs. Burrus said she came out to the Olton area in 1900. "On January first, as the sun was going down, we got to out little house out on the prairie," she said. Her husband, her husband's brother (Charley Burrus), and her brother (J. Walling) had worked on the Yellow House Division of the Syndicate, XIT brand, ranch before she came out from Floyd County, where she and Mr. Burrus had been married Dec. 11, 1898.

Asked about soldered tin cans such as those found at the Soda Lake ruin, she said.

"We are living out here in 1900, but I went back to Floyd County to visit and they had their first big peach crop. The trees were just old enough that a year for a really big crop. The early settlers didn't bring many glass cans with them when they came out. People think because people were pioneers they should have a lot of antiques but in a wagon they only brought the things they had to have to live, nothing unnecessary.

"Those crockery jars were used for preserving, but we had nothing to put those peaches in. My mother and sisters would go and gather the fruit about three and a half miles away. I was pregnant, so I stayed at the house--my family lived over my father's store--and I preserved some, but that is too slow when you have that many peaches. There was an old man who lived across the street who was a tinner and he had some rolls of tin such as is used in gutters, and my father had him make some cans to use out of tin--they held about a gallon--and we open-kettled the peaches in big enamel vessels and when we had filled the cans with the hot peaches, the tinner would come over and seal the cans with lids he cut out of tin. The peaches kept just fine and no better fruit ever grew on these plains than those peaches."

Mrs. Burrus' maiden name was Van Doney Walling. She was born in Bosque County at the community of Iredell October 27, 1877. Her father's farm was near the Spring Creek settlement, 12 miles from the county seat, Meridan. (Father's name, Early Monroe Walling. Mother's name, Mary Anis Smith)

"My husband's people and my people came to the plains in 1891. His family came out in May, and mine came later (August 1) that year. Both families were Floyd County pioneers. About a year after my marriage, I came here, and my husband built the first residence on ground in Lamb County. There is a marker on the Spade Ranch marking the first house in Lamb County, but that house was built for a hand, not for a resident family. There was one other house where we settled, but it had been moved in. and I slept there the first night I came out here in the fall of 1899."

Going back to the peach canning, Mrs. Burrus said people put salsilic acid in fruits to make it keep in open crockery jars, but "you could taste it in the fruit, and too much of that stuff is pure poison."

"Most people lived in dugouts but I didn't like underground, and I had lived in Floyd County where dugouts would fill up with water when it rained. You had to live in whatever you could get, of course, but I could tell a lot of stories about people living in dugouts. The postmaster at Floyd County took up a claim and built a dugout and one time my husband was going home and rode right over the house.

"My husband's father, James Riley Burrus, and older brother, Kay Walling, hauled lumber in from Estelline in winter and camped at the house site with snow on the ground at Christmastime to have our little house ready for me. Estelline in Hall County was a train point. On these plains before there was a graded road you could not haul enough groceries for your own family, let alone lumber, and Estelline was in rough country. Roads were better for hauling. They put a little cut on prices on lumber at Estelline. Childress was our train point in the breaks, where we go most of our supplies. You had to go to Childress or Amarillo or Colorado City. Right smart of the stuff used in Lubbock was hauled from Colorado City to the plains.

"I never was out just to go out and prowl around the Soda Lake, but my boys and the young girls often went out there and waded in the water and no doubt at times before the water level lowered there was fresh water in differenct places than what there was later. Any settler has to have water; Indians had to have water where they camped or lived.

"My husband's father used to haul some supplies to ranches west of where he lived in Wichita County. Now people like that would have been an interesting talker, but, like the boys who served in the war, he seldom talked about things. He hauled supplies to ranchers further west, though, and would load back with buffalo hides and take them to Henrietta in Clay County. One day in the fall--I don't remember the exact year --when he had started back with a load of hides he came into a herd of buffalo. The buffalo when migrating is not like a herd of cattle. The buffalo spread over several miles wide and when he drove in they parted and he had his rifle but if he had shot they would have charged, so he just drove along not knowing the extent of the herd and traveled all day with the wagon, the buffalo parting to make way for him, and he was in there all day. That was between Wichita Falls and the plains.

"Buffalo did not stay up on the plains much during the winter, because they had no food and shelter. They drifted into the breaks, but in summertime, the plains were their feeding grounds. Why else would the Comanche Indians have been so determined to keep white people out of the plains? Because this was their hunting grounds, the range of the buffalo.

"When we came to Floyd County the tracks where Mackenzie passed--I've seen those tracks all grassed over. Mackenzie had a lot of stock with him, so this was not a rut. I had two brothers older than myself and they were always picking up buffalo horns when they rode out and they got in the way there got to be so many of them. Mother started burning them around her wash pot."

Mrs. Burrus said the Mackenzie tracks she mentioned were southeast of Floydada, right near the center of the county.

Asked exactly where her husband built her little house to which they came in 1900, Mrs. Burrus said it was "right southwest of the present site of Olton on land we bought from the state."

The State had more land than anything else and they made these grants. When we came to Lamb County in 1899 this county was established but not organized until 1908. It was attached to Castro County for judicial purposes. One settler (George Cullep) was living in the county at that time. The state had made the grant of 3,500,000 acres to build the capitol at Austin. The state reserved 500,000 acres for expenses of survey, etc. Most of Lamb County lay in grants. There had been previous grants, two in the extreme northeast corner and one for building of the railroad in the east and our was state school land. The school land lay alternately with the railroad land. And it was a good thing. The state was more interested in settling and developing the country than in selling land. We obtained this land by purchase directly from the state of Texas for one dollar per acre at 3 percent interest with forty years to pay. We were required to live on it for three years and put in a small amount of improvements. Men had the privilege of being away as much as three months out of the year to work. The railroad land had been sold and patented. Ranchers had bought the railroad land but could not buy the school land. That was for settler. February 23, 1900, the state transferred all the remaining unappropriated land to the state public school fund and there could not be any more donations for homesteads by preemption or from county school lands. The state school lands could be used for any kind of school they wanted to but when it was transferred to the public schools there could be no more donations for homesteads or county schools. The legislature must have later put in a clause that you could take two additional sections as grazing land. Our first purchase was two sections. His brother already had two sections and sent in an application for two more for us so we built on one of his sections.

"People ask me how long Olton had been here when we got here. Olton wasn't even dreamed of then. Hale Center was our postoffice and we opened sixteen wire gates to get there. The way our neighborhood did, the men went in, horse back, but if they were going to bring out supplies, they didn't bring a great deal of supplies for each other, but they would bring the mail for the whole neighborhood. There was one neighbor we thought was so old. She wasn't so old. She was about 65 then Grandma Galloway. She was always anxious to hear from her daughter in Mississippi.

"The railroad had been built from Canyon to Portales in the summer of 1898. I remember, because my oldest brother, K. Walling, helped build that roadbed. He had to take the name of Clarence for his middle name when the government required it during the war. In December, he had gotten as far as Portales, working with scrapers and teams, and he knew he wouldn't get much else done during the bad weather, so he came home just before the big snowstorm December 9, 1898. The late freeze in 1919 got the most cattle, but we had some bad winters.

"There was not church in Floydada, but we had preachers. We came out in the fall of 1899 to look over the country then moved here January 1, 1900. When we came out to Lamb County in 1899, we came looking for a home. We were poor people, young couples and older ones, and in the spring after the others had come we raised an altar to God and organized a little Sunday School to meet in our own homes. They say that where an altar is raised to God, there civilization begins. Well, we raised our altar to God.

"I think the first sermon preached in Lamb County was preached at Cowart's. Brother Winn from Plainview, a Baptist preacher, stayed overnight at Cowart's and the next morning he asked, "How about having a little preaching here?" Cowart said he didn't think they could get enough people together to hear the preacher but Brother Winn said he would tend to it. He went around and got the people and that night they had preaching."

Asked why she and her husband and others came out here in the first place, Mrs. Burrus said repeatedly that "it was for a home." There was still homestead land in some counties, she explained, that could be obtained by preemption, but Mr. Burrus had worked on the ranches out here and knw the country.

"Many of those who bought this school land had worked as cowboys and knew they could use three months to work and make improvements and they didn't have to stay on their land continuously during the three years of proving up. When my husband grew up, Texas was all frontier, you might say. My husband's father, James Riley Burrus, came from Missouri to Gainesville in Cooke County, Texas, in 1874, and that was as far west and just as new as this was when we came here to Lamb County."

Edward Neal Burrus was born in 1871 and his parents, after coming to Gainesville, finally settled near Iowa Park "in the bend of the Wichita River." (Father: James Riley Burrus. Mother: Julia Belle Whitlow)

Mrs. Burrus was one of ten children in her own family. These were: Clarence K. Walling, Thomas Jefferson Rusk

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PLAYMATES--Early day Olton playmates are shown above. At left are Madeline, Bill and Duane Eby. In front is Elsie Smith and at right is Walter Struve. Photo taken in 1915.

Contributed by Mrs. Leah Cross



EBY CHILDREN are shown above as they posed about 1917. They are, left to right, Duane Eby, Bill Eby and Madeline Eby.

Contributed by Mrs. Duane Eby.



Thurman Lewis In New Mexico

Thurman Lewis, an "Olton boy" now of Carlsbad, N.M., moved to Olton at the age of 12 in 1921 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lewis.

His mother still resides here at 700 Sixth Street.

Lewis' first school teacher here was Bessie Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Turner. He finished high school in Olton under H. P. Webb and was valedictorian of his class. He attended Abilene Christian College for two years and Draughon's Business College for one year.

Lewis then joined the army and was sent to Hawaii. He was at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed by the Japanese but excaped with a slight leg wound.

He is now employed at the Municipal Air Port, Clovis, as air craft communicator. He and his wife, Flavil, and son, Mike, attend the sunset Church of Christ there.

According to his family, he still calls Olton "home" and thinks it's a "wonderful place to be."

Among his souvenirs is a copy of the first Olton Enterprise, printed Feb. 18, 1926. A picture of part of this first newspaper appears elsewhere in this issue.

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1923-24 OLTON HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS CLUB

FINE ARTS CLUB, Olton High School, 1923-24, is pictured above. In the top row are Lavada Edwards, Elsie Osbourn and Mrs. Thomas. In the middle row are Wanda Struve, Margaret Burrus, Lola Bell, Ivela Bell, Maurine Irvin, Ola Dennis and Martha Dodson. In front are Docia Hooper, Neva Erb, Eula Lee Gilbreath, Charlie Fay Owen, Helen Patton, Irene Kennan and Katie Lee Carlton. Contributed by O.H.S.



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In the early days of Lamb County, the Rev. J. W. Winn, who was then missionary of the Staked Plains Association, made an announcement for all Baptists who were interested in the organization of a church to meet at the Keenan farm house situated about three miles east of the present townsite of Olton.

This call was made for the third Sunday in April, 1903.

Among those attending were A. B. Powell, J. J. Powell, H. G. Frie, James Kiser, Mrs. J. V. Powell, Ada Powell, Daisy Dickenson and E. E. Waters.

B. G. Richbourg was unanimously elected pastor and the church was named the First Missionary Baptist Church Lamb County.

Other pastors include: H. J. E. Williams, 1906; J. W. Winn, 1907; J. M. McMahan, 1910; C. W. Foley, 1912; G.I. Brittian, 1915; J. W. Saffle, 1918; G. I. Brittain, 1919: Vernon Shaw, 1927; T. J. Gamble, 1930; W. B. Fitzgerald, 1933; W. J. McDaniel, 1935; C. C. Griffiths, 1936; Guy Self, 1946; Chester Watt, 1948; J. Henry Cox, 1951; John Lewis, present pastor, called in 1955.

On Jan. 28, 1923, a contract was let to build a church building for the sum of $750. In December of 1927, another building committee was appointed and another building was completed with the first services held there on April 7, 1929.

In 1939, the church had a budget of $3,000 and in 1941 dedication services were held for a new auditorium.

The Rev. Glen Godsey was called as pastor of the Mexican Mission in 1950. The mission had just been started a short time before.

In 1951, the church voted to construct another auditorium and to add an extension for educational purposes.

Music directors have included David Dodgen, 1952; Marshall Walker, June 1954; Duward Price, Sept. 1954; Harold Dean Carson, 1957.

In 1956, the church built a new home for the pastor.

In 1957, the church voted to erect a new building at Plains Baptist Assembly at an estimated cost of $8,500.

In 1958 and 59, the church sanctuary was air-conditioned with refrigerated air, the church voted to purchase the lots north of the church property, two houses were bought for educational space and the church voted to erect a new building for Trinity Mission.

Santana Leal was called as pastor of Trinity Mission in 1961, Glenn Smith was called in 1962 and Jimmy Sanchez was called in 1964.

Sanctuary of First Baptist Was re-decorated with new carpet and choir chairs in 1962.

Present music-youth director is Bob Allford.

With Mrs. W. E. Andrew as librarian, the church library was re-activated in February of 1962. At that time, the library consisted of 757 books.

Present staff includes Mrs. W. B. Dickenson Jr., Mrs. C. S. Silcott, Mrs. Eddy Carson and Mrs. Andrew. The library now has 130 filmstrips, 1,453 books, two filmstrip projectors and record players and a 16 mm. movie projector.

Approximately 38 percent of all contributions of the church in 1965 will go for the mission expenditures.

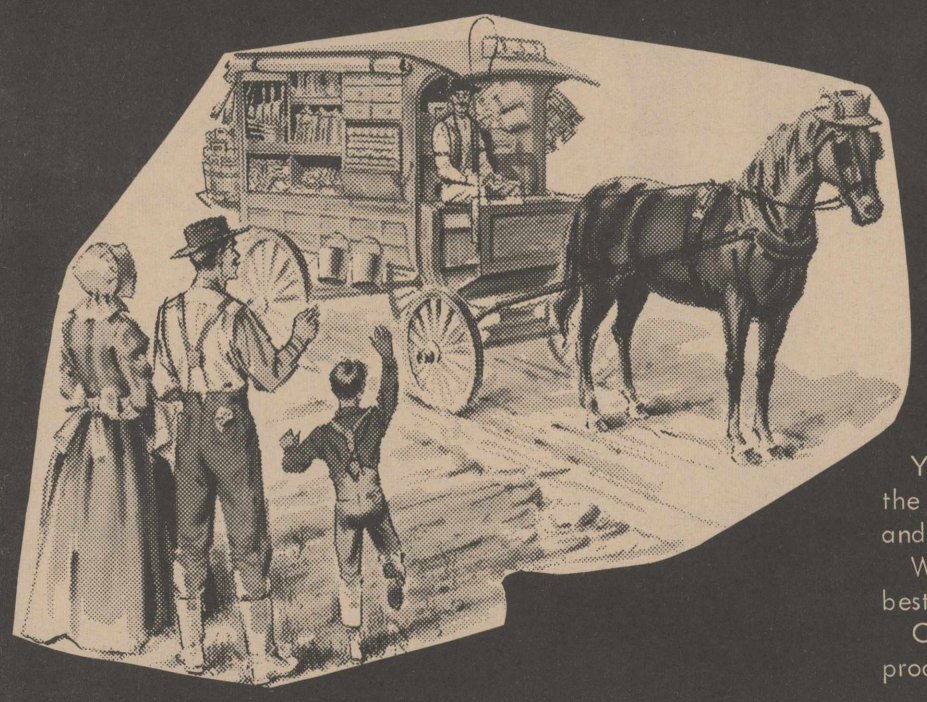
Ed Burrus Grew Cotton About 1902

The late Ed Burrus of Olton probably was the first cotton grower in Lamb County, today one of the leaders in cotton producing counties in Texas.

Burrus, who became Lamb County judge in 1925, moved to the Olton area about 1902, before it was a community and claimed to have been the second man in the county with a family. He hauled in lumber for buildings from Estelene in Hall County, a distance of 125 miles.

In the spring after his arrival, he decided to try a patch of cotton and planted six acres. A hard rain came a few days after planting and he got only a poor stand, but harvested a bale from the field. This was hauled about 100 miles to Matador to be ginned.

Burrus was county treasurer for two terms, several years before being elected judge. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burrus, early settlers of Floyd County.



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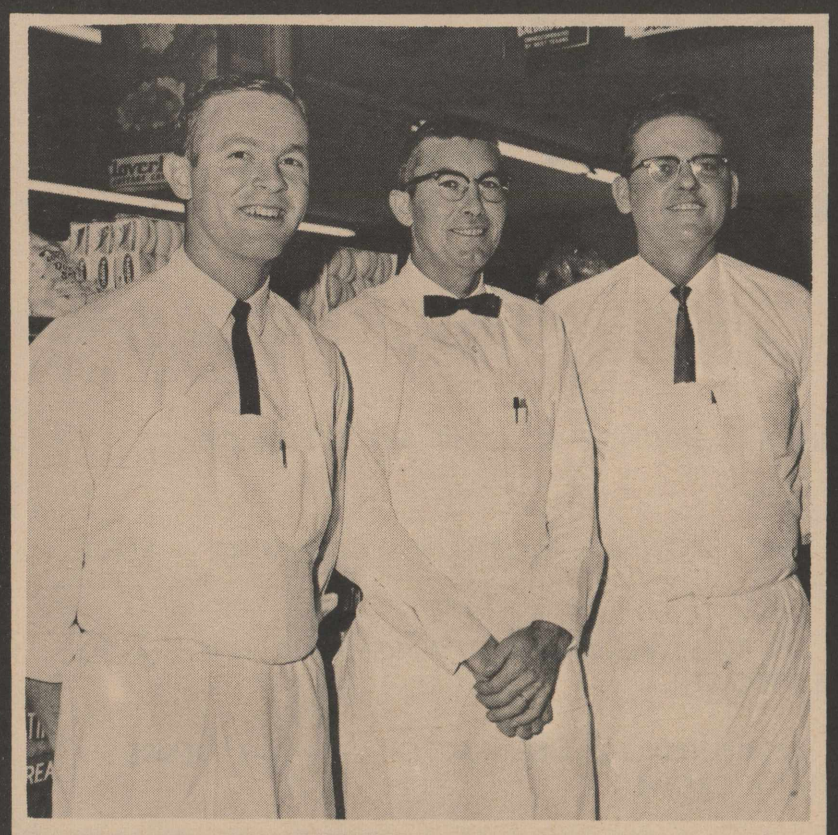



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for several days before someone said it was smallpox. My husband came to get me and Father said, 'You aren't going to take her and that baby out there away from doctors and everything. She is going to stay right here til we know what this is.'

If we had come on then, we wouldn't have had the smallpox Smallpox you don't take from the fever; you take it when that yellow scab turns black and begins to turn in.

"They vaccinated my husband, my youngest sister, and me. Not the baby. The vaccination didn't take on me or my sister, but my husband nearly lost his arm. My sister and I had smallpox and the baby--we counted 75 pox on his face."

The smallpox struck them after they were back at their home in Lamb County.

We had our yellow flag out and if anyone came along they shied around us unless it was a neighbor. They would come up to the gate and ask if we needed anything. If we did, they'd leave it at their gate and my husband would pick it up. Once we were well, we fumigated the house with formaldehyde and sulphur. Daisy helped Ed dig a dugout. She sat on a box and drove the team to pull the scraper to haul the dirt out.

When we got that dugout covered so we could sleep there, we fumigated. It was that soon after we had smallpox and they were working out there and it was winter, too. Sunned and aired and boiled sheets and all the baby's clothes, but I didn't know and nobody told me that fumes would tarnish silver. My brother, Jay, gave us a set of Rogers silver for a wedding present There was our wedding present silver sugar bowl, and a butter knife a friend had given us. Nothing I ever could find would renew the gleam to that silver.

"And speaking of that silver, when we were living down here we didn't lock our doors. If we went away, if anyone came along, they stayed all night or however long they wanted to stay and I never missed a thing. People say, 'But you had rustlers out there!' and I say, 'They weren't rustlin' silver!'"

In 1902, Mrs. Burrus' mother died, so when she had another baby due in the summer of 1902 Mr. Burrus decided to move to some place where she would be closer to a doctor. A neighbor, Mrs. Wicker, was a midwife, but that was the only medical care available. Mr. Burrus traded for a claim three miles due east of Portales, New Mexico.

"We moved, although we still had a section of land here with a house and windmill on it. And cattle. We traveled eighty miles after we left our house before we saw another house. My brother took some horses and my husband some cattle, so I drove the team to the wagon and had my little boy and the house hold goods in the wagon. We were about three nights camping out on the way. It was just a little box house,, of new lumber, that the man had built on his New Mexico claim, with a good shingle roof and a common lumber floor and a dug well shallow enough to draw water with a bucket. Maybe twelve or fifteen acres broke out and fenced in with two wires to a post. We didn't take our stovepipe. We figure Portales was so near, only three miles, that we could go in and get stovepipe there. I was tired and pregnant, so I went into the little house and put down some quilts to rest while they went after the stovepipe. This place, my second son, Charley Paul Burrus was born January 7, 1903."

A daughter Edna Belle, was born in Lockney, August 27, 1909, but she died in the flu epidemic in 1919.



AT WORK ON LAMB COUNTY COURT HOUSE

BUILDING COURTHOUSE--Shown above are Tom Stanton, Ed Hayes, S. H. Fench, Connor Van Hoy, George Haley, and Lindsay Dennis, workers on Olton's new courthouse. Contributed by Mr. H. L. Dennis

Notes added by Mrs. Paul Burrus of Olton:

Moved back to the Lamb county place in April, 1903. Built second house on section one and one half miles northeast of the first house, September, 1903, and lived there until December, 1905. In 1905, Mr. Burrus went to work for father on ranch in Cochran Co. and in 1906 moved to Yoakum county and bought four sections improved. In 1907, they leased Cochran County land to Tom Keenan and moved to Lockney where they lived until 1912.

While in Lockney, where they had moved so that their sons would be near a school, Mr. Burrus helped survey for the railroad from Lockney to Floydada. He and a Mr. Weaver hand-dug an irrigation well near Lockney, one going into the hole and digging and filling the hopper, the other using a horse to pull the dirt out. Mrs. Burrus said she worried a lot for fear of a cave-in while her husband was digging that well. Mr. Burrus also mixed mortar and carried by wheelbarrow the cement to build the brick building that now is the bank. He was paid $1.25 per day wages.

In 1912, Mr. and Mrs. Burrus moved back to Olton where they lived at her brother's place until 1918 when they built their present home one-half mile east of the place they had built first and one-half mile north of the place built in 1912.

FIRST COTTON

First cotton was planted in Lamb County in 1904 by E. N. Burrus on the old Burrus place, The seed was purchased in Lockney and the cotton was hauled to Lockney for ginning They made less than a bale on the entire patch.

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Indians Of The Great Plains Described By OHS Student

BY MARY AIGAKI

In the vicinity of Plainview, Texas, in Hale County, some artifacts have been found which have been shown to be influenced by the Puebloan culture Another county near Lamb is Swisher County. Here two Indian campsites have been located by Robert Reading. He found one of the campsites on the Mackenzie Trail. Going further on north in Randall County the Palo Duro Canyon is located here. For a long time an Indian campsite and stronghold was located in the canyon. It was a strong hold until they were forced out by the army.

The only information about the Indian campsites in Lamb County was that a watering camp near Earth, Texas, called Spring Lake Indian Camp, was located here. There are other evidences that Indians have been around the Olton vicinity, such as the arrowheads which are found, now and then, and pieces of pottery. These Indians may have been the Comanches or Comancheria, the Kiowas, a branch of the Comanche, or the Apache because they have been known to roam around here. The Comancheria, after they acquired the horse, became the most powerful of all Plains Indians. These Indians are known as the "Lord of the Plains."

The horse was the Indian's "pride and joy" and his most valuable possession . Before the horse was brought to America by the Spaniards, the Comanche had been dependent on Nature's storehouse and always followed the buffalo. The only beast of burden they had was dogs. After the horse came, it raised the status of the Comanche from savagery to barbarism. The Comanche was no longer a beggar at Nature's gate, but a despot, a nomadic tyrant and doing what he wished to do, from stealing to killing.

The Comanches were a non-agricultural and nomadic people, always moving from place to place, looking for buffalo holes. These buffalo holes were places where the Indians thought the buffalo were plentiful. The buffalo or the wild cattle were the Indian's source of existence and their main food. Among the other sources of food were venison, mule meat, horse meat, and beef. Fish, fowl, and pork meat were taboo to these Indians, especially turtle, because its shell resembled that of the sacred Sun shield.

The Comanche lived in tents called "tepees." The tepees were round, 12-14 feet high, and made of tanned buffalo hides which were sewn together by sinews and thorns. These hides then were spread over a framework made of poles 16-18 feet long, crossing each other at the top. Near the ground is an opening which served as a door and was usually closed by bearskin.

The clothes of the Plains Indians usually were made from buckskin or well-prepared buffalo hides. A woman's apparel consisted of ankle-length buckskin tunic, sashed at the waist; moccasins; and leggins that stopped below the knee. She wore her hair short or bobbed. On the other hand, the Comanche man wore fancy apparel. His wardrobe consisted of bright shirts of pink, crimson, or purple; fancy breast plates, patterned of long slender beads; decorated jackets or jerkins (sleeveless vests); and long heel tassels of fringed leather or the ermined brush of the skunk. He wore jewelry, heavy silver bracelets. To show his masculinity, a Comanche brave wore his hair in long braids Most of the braid was made out of his wife's hair. which she had cut off herself.

Probably the only way these clothes were cleaned was through the process of dry cleaning, because buckskin would shrink if washed in water. An observer explains the Indian's way of dry cleaning this way: "The women cleaned the buckskin garment which had become dirty by rubbing them with white clay until they were white.

The Indian Woman's Life

An Indian brave may have as many wives as he wished, provided he paid the right price, in ponies, to her father or husband. The Indian practiced polgyny (having two or more wives) , because there was always a shortage of men in the camp and too many women. The shortage of men was due to wars with the whiteman or other Indian tribes and the conditions of the land they had to withstand.

Each wife had her own lodge which she and her children lived in. The husband lived in a central lodge by himself. She was never taken on the warpath and if her husband was killed during action, she was allowed slaves from the capitives as compensation for the loss of her man.

Since the fire was a sacred symbol to these Indians, it was always kept burning in each tepee. The Indian woman was known as "the keeper of the hearth"; for it was her duty to start the fire and keep it burning in her lodge and her husband's lodge all the time. Her other duties were to tan hides and make tents out of them; to make garments out of deerskin for herself, her husband, and her children; and to pile the surplus hides into stacks for beds.

Indians Worshipping and Customs

Many of the Indian's forms of worshipping was to the Sun God. They worshipped the Sun, because the Sun was where they thought the Happy Hunting Ground was to be found. The Comanche believed himself truly the "child of the Sun." They believed there were two gods in this world, the Good God and the Bad God.

The Comanche practiced scalping as a religious rite, instead of a brutal murder. The Indian believed that the crown of the head resembled that of the sacred symbol of the Sun. Thus, he believed the scalp of a person would make him immortal and it was his ticket to the Happy Hunting Ground.

The torturing of people, by the Comanche, was considered to them as a religious ritual or as a punishment for doing a bad deed. One method used by the Indian was to stake a person to a pole and burn him. Though the people think the Comanche was a barbarous tribe, they (Indians) were faithful to their friends and they respected each other.

Burial of a dead Indian was a very important ceremony to the Plains Indian. They buried their dead in a sitting position. He was dressed in his best clothes and his face was made-up in paints. Along with the body, they buried every known necessity needed for the Happy Hunting Ground as food, weapons, and tools, During the funeral, horses were killed to accompany the soul to the other world. The mourning period depended upon if the dead person was young or old. If it was a young person, the mourning period was a long time, but if it was an old person, they mourned just a little, saying you can't live forever. After the funeral and burial, the whole tribe abandons the spot where they were camped, because it was considered under the influence of the Bad God. If a person happened to die along the trail and there was no satisfactory spot to bury him, they wrapped the body in a buffalo robe and stuck it into the trunk of the tree, which had been hollowed. The Indian believed that reincarnation occurred within a hundred years so that the tribal number might remain forever "as many as are the leaves upon the trees."

Smoking Customs Among the Comanche

The Comanche learned the habit of smoking from the Caddo tribes. They smoked "killiknick", a mixture of tobacco and singed sumac, or just sumac when the tobacco ran short. They had different pipes for different occasions, as the following: common pipes for social use; Council Pipes for state occasions; a specially dedicated Peace Pipe; and a most sacred Medicine Pipe for solemn, religious ritual.

The Indian never smoked alone. When he did smoke, he smoked with a group of men and when puffing or blowing the smoke, they would blow toward the seven world divisions in reverential salute to the Sun.

With the coming of the "iron

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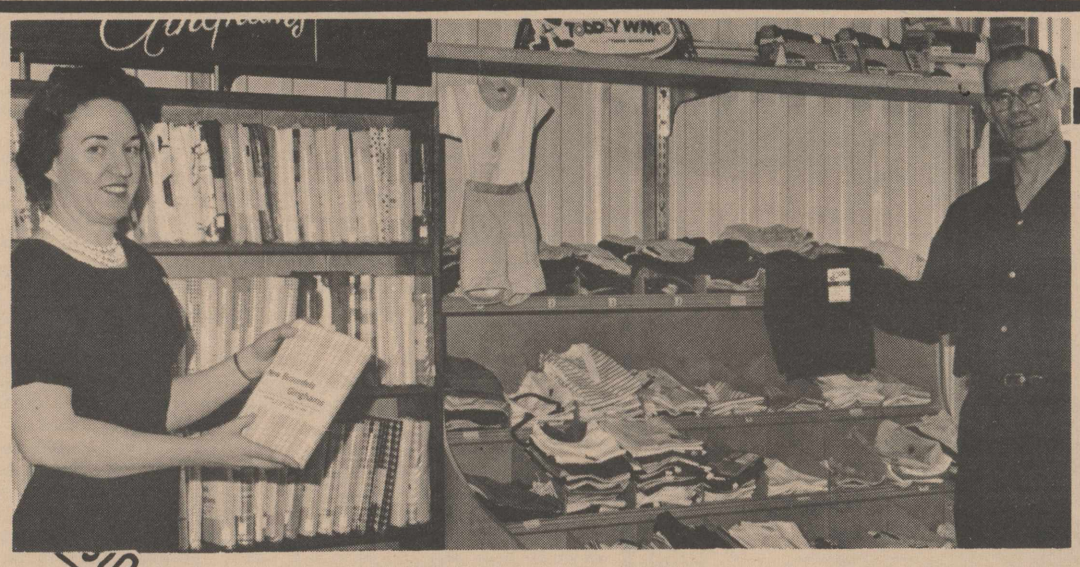
TEACHERS--Pictured at right is Miss Helen Barnett, now Mrs. George Bohner, home economics teacher in 1921-22. Other lady is Miss Mary Bohner, now Mrs. Roy Barnes of San Gabriel, Calif., also a teacher. Young boy is Clayton Graef, now of Flag, Tex. He is a nephew of Bob Daugherty.

Contributed By Mrs. Florence Spears.



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Mrs. Burrus

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Walling, called Jay; Mrs. Burrus (Van Doney Walling); Letha Nancy Walling, (Mrs. James Crawford); Early Monroe Walling, Jr.; Mary Anis (Mrs. Burrus' mother's name) Walling (Mrs. A. Claude Goen of Floydada); Sally Belle Walling (named for Mrs. Burrus' father's two sisters) (Mrs. John W. McDonald, Plainview); Charley Abraham Walling (named for Mrs. Burrus' mother's father); Jeff Asonail Walling (died at 6 years of age in 1907 of diptheria); Floyd T. Walling.

Jeff died of diptheria because, of course, there was no serum.

"We lived four and a half miles southeast of Floydada and the cemetery was about a mile the other side of Floydada--six miles from our house, I suppose. There was no railroad, no lumberyards. There was one old doctor in Floydada and one In Plainview. The neighbors came in as they always do in pioneer country and the men--I don't know, I guess some of them had some new pieces of lumber--they made the little coffin or casket and one of our neighbor friends made the little clothes for him. They lined the little pine box with nice white cambric inside and covered the outside with heavy black woolen cloth. She made nice little clothes for him, little trousers--they wore knee pants--and a blouse out of sheer --not real thin, , but soft--cashmere wool with little ruffles around the sailor collar and she let the lace cascade down the fron and he looked just as pretty as could be. That was the first death in our immediate family. We went, and the neighbors did, in wagons, the family together, and some of our girl friends. Father took an extra wagon and team with wire and posts to fence his grave before we went away from there. It was in a pasture and he knew stock would tromp and paw that fresh dirt that very night and he couldn't stand the thought of that."

"The nearest house to us when we came here in 1900 was three miles west, but an old-timer told me the day after we got there they came in right at our pasture gate going to stay at her sister's till they could get their dugout dug and haul lumber from Hereford to cover it with (that was Mrs. Wicker). That was one and a half miles away. The Galloways lived about a mile east later."

Recalling her wedding shortly before settlement in her little house, Mrs.Burrus said that "from the time we met each other there was an attraction, and someone interviewed my husband in later years and he said he fell in love with me the first time he saw me and there never was anyone else."

Going back to the question of why her husband would come to the new area, Mrs. Burrus said her husband, back in Wichita County, as soon as he was old enough "was put by his father to riding around his own stock and put him to outside work. He knew the Halsells down in The Wichita area. He worked for ranchers then and when he was not riding after his father's own, if he worked out he would turn in what he earned to help the family. Him and his brother walked an ox team and broke out their father's first farm land near Wichita Falls, about three and a half miles southwest of Iowa Park in the bend of the river."

The reason the boys went west?

"They had nothing else to do."

"In 1894 a bunch of Floydada boys needed work and they rigged up a wagon and team and went clear to the Pecos and stayed one summer and went up the trail from below Roswell to Amarillo with a herd. My husband worked at the Yellowhouse Division, too.

"After we settled here in the winter of 1900, in the spring my brother Early brought his saddle and horse and few clothes (cowboys had to furnish their own bedroll and gear) and he came out from Floyd County to our house and we had an old buggy my brother had bought off some people who bought that homestead land in New Mexico--it looked like more came back than went out there -- anyway, we bought this old buggy cheap off some of those people and we took him up to Springlake and stayed all night. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harlin were running the Springlake Division then; they were the ones at the house where we stayed. It was too far to get there and get back home by night. We spent the night in the ranch house that was the headquarters of the Springlake Division of the Syndicate Ranch that branded the XIT. After noon, the boys were to rope out their mounts, because the spring work was starting,and the young woman said, 'Let's go watch them top off their mounts.' We didn't wear blue jeans, shirts, boots, smoke cigarettes, or wear big hats. Men wouldn't have respected us if we had. We weren't cottonfield women. We came where there was lots of good land. My father despised seeing a mother take small children and put them under a wagon while she picked cotton. He said he was coming where there was plenty of land and that wouldn't happen. It turned out to be cotton country after all."

Mrs. Burrus was asked about washing, starching, ironing. She said she ironed with flatirons. She ironed everything, even if it did take a lot of effort.

"You can take flour and put cold water on it and extract the starch. We used starch made with that and boiling water. I didn't have an ironing board until I had had my third baby. Before that I ironed on a table on a folded up quilt." She recalled that she began to buy Faultless starch before her daughter started to school, and figured out that this meant she has been a Faultless starch user for fifty-two years.

When they started out, Mr. Burrus used his savings from $25-a-month cowboy work during the three years the couple was engaged and bought the stoves, sofa, table that could be extended--all the furnishings needed. Then with what their folks gave them in the way of bed clothes and other linens, they were outfitted. There were no bridal showers then, but friends gave wedding presents. One of Mr. Burrus' friends gave them a bronze clock, and another sent a lovely silver sugar bowl with a rose crystal bowl and places on the side for spoons to hang.

Asked if she ever got lonely in those early days in her little house on the prairie, Mrs. Burrus said women were lonely "only if you let yourself be."

Mrs. Burrus got her first Bible in 1904. The Christian Herald, she said, offered a red-letter Bible with a two year subscription and a small payment in addition. "The binding fell apart, and the only family records I kept were in my head, anyway."

The one book Mrs. Burrus had that first year in Lamb County was Charles M. Sheldon's In His Steps.

Her near neighbor, Mrs. Galloway, had relatives who sent her books. One time, Mrs. Galloway mentioned that one of her new books was particularly good, and she offered to pass it on to Mrs. Burrus when she finished with it. When she got the book, Mrs. Burrus was reading alone on a summer afternoon when she decided to go outside, just to get up a bit.

"We had our garden fenced with garden wire to keep the rabbits out and I heard a commotion and ran around to the other side of the house and a big old calf had crawled under that wire and reached in the door where I had a scarf on a center table and he chewed on the scarf and that pulled the scarf off and the lamp and book fell and coal oil ran out and soaked the book."

Mrs. Burrus had to go back to Floydada to have her baby. Her son, Roy Edward Burrus, now of Plainview, was born Nov. 19,1900. She went to Floydada about a month ahead of time, but she developed blood poisoning after the baby's birth and was delayed there until her husband came to take her home after Christmas. There was just one doctor in Floydada "but he came west early and didn't keep up to date. There was a new doctor and he got to be pretty popular so my father arranged for him to take care of me. My father spoke to him and asked him to be with me when the baby was born. He never came to see me until I was in hard labor.

"There are two Floyd County women who had their babies all by themselves. One woman said she hadn't noticed any change in her feelings, and they finished breakfast and her husband took the older boy to ride out with him and left her and the younger children. She suddenly realized that she was having labor pains. She locked the little ones in the other room so they wouldn't stray off or anything and delivered herself of her baby. Both did fine.

"I delivered my youngest brother in Floyd County. the only living soul in the room except my mother.

"They built a little school about a miles from father's own homestead after we had moved there. We were so far from Floydada------four and a half miles. (Mrs. Burrus named the school Lake View. The teacher asked for names for the new school and the name Lake View, entered by Mrs. Burrus, was chosen.) Brother was born April 10. Father was keeping his horse in the corrall. He was expecting Mother to have the baby any day. Long toward afternoon, after she had been sewing all day, she asked him to ride to Floydada. She wanted some thread and the mail. So he rode up, knowing school would be out soon and she wouldn't be alone. Labor came on and by the time the children got home, she called me in. An old woman had promised to come and Mother told me to send some of the children down to the pasture to catch Old Mandy, a big gray mare who was easy to catch and any of the children could ride her, then an older child was to get another horse and ride toward Floydada to see if Pa was on his way home. Mother told me not to leave the room because she was going to have the baby.

"I started crying, but she said not to cry, it wouldn't do any good. She stayed on the bed until the baby was born, and she raised up and showed me how to tie and cut the cord. Mother wouldn't let us tell it in the neighborhood, that I was alone with her. I was fifteen at the time, and she said the older children might tease. I never went back to school a day in my life after that. There was too much work to do."

After Mrs. Burrus had her first baby in Floydada and didn't get back home before her husband came to see what had caused the delay, it turned out that she did not get back home until January because she was exposed to smallpos.

"During that time they put on a new mail carrier for the mail hack from Childress. They hired a new man to drive and he got a room with a young couple who didn't really have much room, but they needed the money and it took him two days to make the run, and about Christmas, well, they got an epidemic of small pox and didn't know what it was to start with, but a few people who had some experience said it was smallpox. For a change, they had taken me out for a few miles to Edd's father's home and Grandmother had given up her bed in the living room where it was warm for me and my baby, and Claude and Jim turned up sick and they were sick

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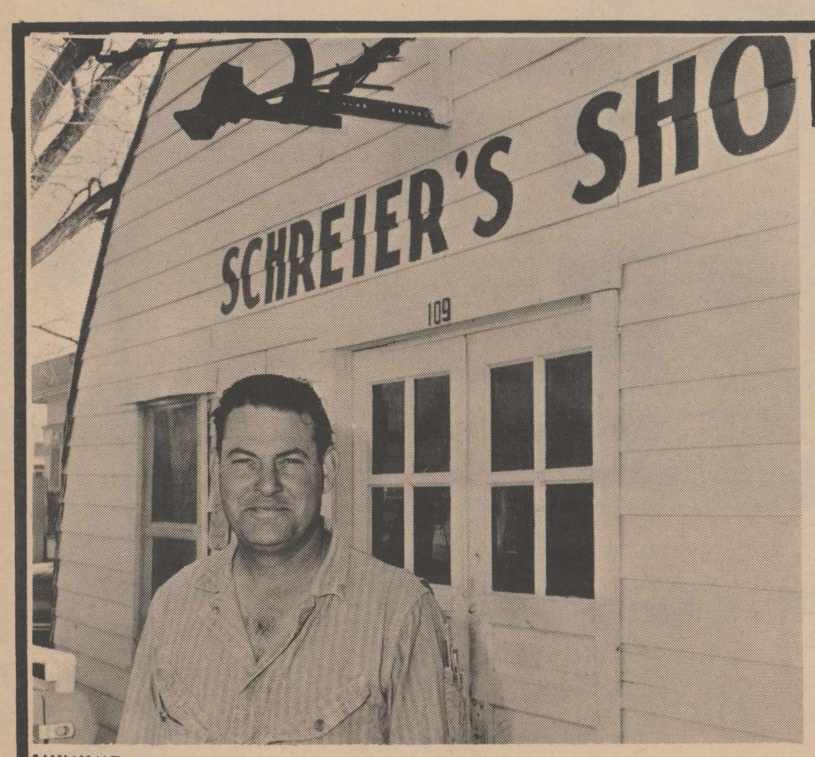
FAVORITE DOLL--Mrs. Joyce Johnson Eby is shown above as she plays with her favorite doll. Mrs. Eby was about eight years old at the time this picture was made.

Contributed by Mrs. Leah Cross.



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1923-24 OLTON GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

BASKETBALL TEAM--Olton's girls basketball team, 1923-24 is pictured above. Left to right, standing, are Ruth Combest, Gladys Sweazea, Laura Kennedy, Margaret Owen and Margaret Nafzger. Sitting are Buna Sweazea, Lavada Edwards and Lillie May Anderson.

Contributed by O.H.S.

First Homesteaders Arrive, Community Progress Starts

For Olton, the oldest town in Lamb County, history is rather short.

The first homesteaders came here about 1900 and found unbroken miles of open prairie, topped with grass and yucca plants with a handful of cowboys who tended widely spread herds.

A bustling new nation was coming of age.

A Princeton professor entered the White House to write a new and different political chapter or book.

The horse was giving away to the automobiles on the roads, such as they were; and soon in the fields, machines, too, were challenging the horse.

The industrial age was beginning.

There was peace. War had touched the United States only lightly in 50 years. The nation breathed a new promise and endless thousands of people from over the world came to share it.

Nowhere was the spirit of the day stronger than on the High Plains of Texas, where millions of raw, rich acres lay in grassland, untouched yet by plow.

Antelope still skittered across the plains and prairie chickens drummed their mating sound.

It was a true American frontier, almost the last. And when it was opened, people came.

It was simpler than a few years before. There were trains and some rudimentary roads over which rudimentary cars rattled their way and wagons and buggies jogged.

The spirit was the same.

There are no guarantees on a frontier. People came to make their own, with work and courage and mood of unflagging optimism.

Merchants hoisted and nailed the boards that were to become their store buildings.

Neighbors, the few that there were, joined hands to build one home, then another, and another. These stood widely separated like buoys in a quiet bay.

It was the period of the land agent. By the load, they brought prospective settlers from the north and east; from nearby Oklahoma and from older Texas sections.

From wherever they came, the settlers sought the same thing....good land at a low price. They found it, on the wide, open South Plains.

By bits the ranches that long had dominated the Plains gave way.

New farmers scratched the richness of their lands and it returned bountifully. Alfalfa, maize, melons, fruit, arbors of grapes, vegetables, wheat and barley. The land was ideally suited for the family farming of the day.

A community began to take shape. A school was formed. A church. It was a true mixture of the old west and the new.

Panhandle Compress Of Hart Was Established In 1951

Panhandle Compress and Warehouse was established in Hart in 1951.

Manager is Roy Porter, who has been with the company for 12 years. Bookkeeper is Marguerite McLain.

Through the years, the company has built an office, four warehouses, its own fire system and fire trucks.

Warehouses are 125 by 394, 160 by 312, 160 by 194 and 160 by 312.

Panhandle Compress and Warehouse has approved government storage for 30,000 bales of cotton.

FIRST BIRTH

First child born in Lamb County after the county was organized was Olton Dickenson, born in September of 1908. First child born in Olton was Ola Brown, born Nov. 29, 1908.

TRACK STAR

Carrol "Pug" Jones brought the first national honors to the school in 1927 in high hurdles and track.



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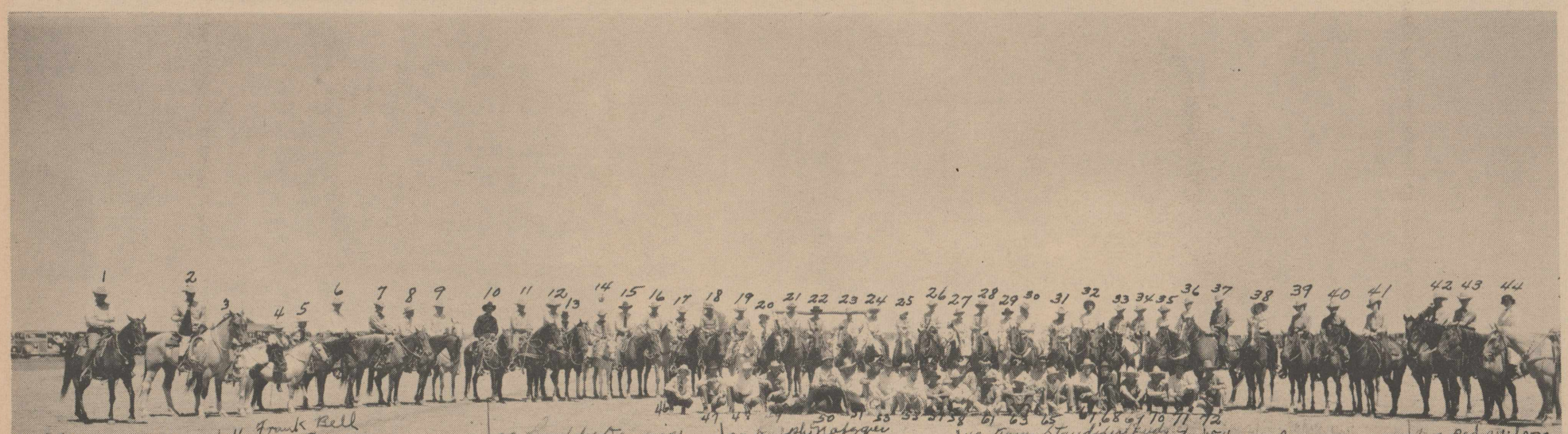
Early Olton Rodeo Roundup Scene



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11 Frank Bell
12 John Curry
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16 Joe Bailey Brimm (Judge)
17 Clarence Brimm
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44 Glenice Dougherty
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Duncan 5-10 Expanded In 1964

Duncan's 5 and 10 Cent Store owned by Bob Duncan, was established here in 1953. Original owners were the late E. H. Boulter and Duncan.

Mrs. Luie Cross is assistant manager.

Last year, Duncan, along with Bill Kelley and M. T. James, formed a corporation to buy property and build on the old courthouse square.

The store moved to its present location May 9, 1964. The new building offers twice the amount of floor space as the business formerly had. The store also now offers a larger variety of goods, has better display of stock and plenty of parking space for customers with angle parking in front of the store.

Duncan's offers a full line of 5 and 10 cents merchandise with complete stocks of toys at chain-store prices along with a wide variety of general variety store merchandise.

HOUSE BUILT

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Sandhill Legend

(Editor's Note: Information for the following article is reprinted by special permission of Tanner Laine, Lubbock, from his recently published book, "Campfire Stories." Copies of the complete book, containing personal stories of many West Texas pioneers, may be obtained at The Olton Enterprise office.)

Everyone around Olton is very familiar with the sand hills and numerous stories connected with them.

But just how these piles of silty sand came to take the place of a once beautiful, flowing river, is not definitely known.

Old maps on file in the capitol at Austin, show a river once ran where these sandhills now lay. (The maps were made by Spaniards.)

It is believed that several hundred years ago, a placid river flowed across a virgin area known only to original tribes and wild beasts of the prairie.

Along the banks of this unnamed stream, there were scrubby trees of oak hackberry and cotton wood.

And nearby, there was an Indian village, occupied by one of the powerful tribes of the day.

According to Tanner Laine, the legend of the sandhills is this:

In this village of Indians, a great commotion was going on.. faces and bodies were painted.. tom-toms were booming.... the dance was at a fast pace... and something was definitely wrong.

The Great Spirit looked down and his red-skinned children grieved him. They must be punished!

For several hours, the Indians have seen the horizon become a murky red. Never before have they seen such a phenomenon.

And then, with a mighty roar, the stinging, biting, suffocating sand storm is upon them.

For a week, the sand kept coming. As far as the eye could see, the riverside paradise had become a desolate waste.

Only the hardiest braves escaped. They did so by covering their heads with blankets and stamping and tramping the dust under their feet as it fell. They tramped it into hills of sand.

As far as their swollen eyes could see---was a vast Sahara void of life and vegetation.

They left.

After many, many moons, the Great Spirit said:

"I will again make this land what it was."

A new race of people began to come with wives, children and cattle and the Great Spirit said: "Dig."

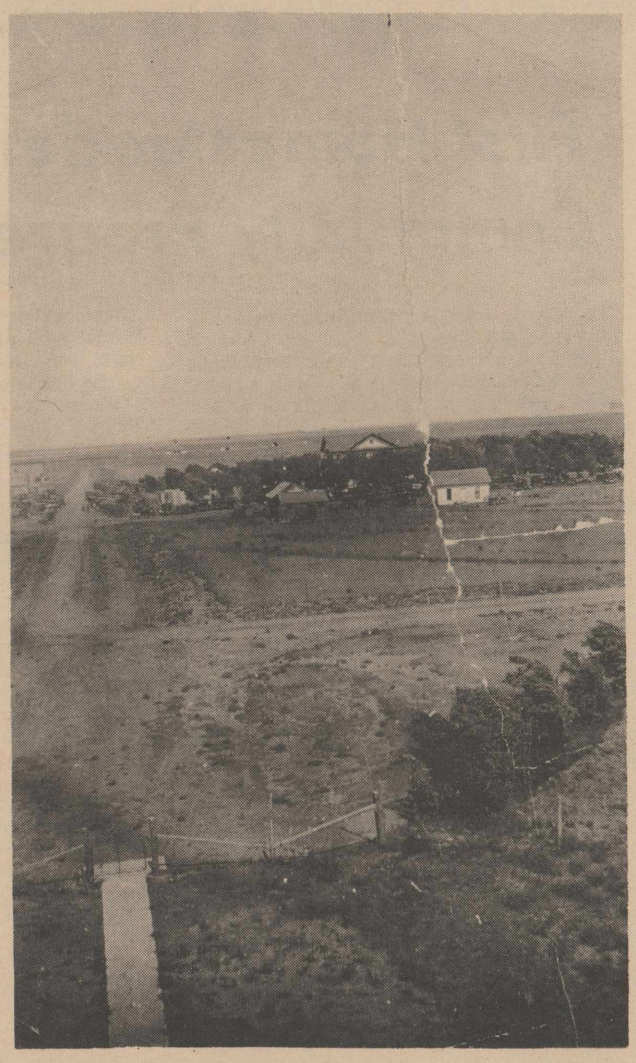
They dug and water met their spades.

A river flows beneath the sandhills today. Its supply has been tapped by numerous drills and great wells--some capable of 1,000 gallons of water a minute.

Prodigious crops give a great wealth to hundreds of happy homes peacefully in the western vale of a modern Garden of Eden.

And even so, in modern villages across the area, water taps of this time, produce a sparkling reservoir of life-giving water to another people in whose hands its future lies.....

(For additional details of the legend and Indians, see article in "Campfire Stories."



VIEW OF OLTON from the old red brick school house, taken July 4, 1920, is shown above.

Contributed by Mrs. H. B. Maxey Sr.

FIRST DEATH

First death in Lamb County, after the county was organized, was that of Charlie Keenan on Jan. 5, 1912. Only a few days prior to his death had the H. R. Miller family marked off a plot of ground on their land and donated it to the town for a cemetery.

TELEPHONE OFFICE

First telephone office was located on Main Street and operated by a Mr. and Mrs. Prenty.

FIRST BUSINESS

First business here was a blacksmith shop operated by C. W. McClung.



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AT THE OLD OWEN HOME

SCHOOL DAYS--Above is a scene at the old Owen home, still standing here on North Main Street. Picture are, left to right, Mrs. Paul Burrus, Mrs. C. S. Silcott, third person unknown and Naomi Holleyfield.

Contributed by Mrs. C. M. Owen.

Indians

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horse" and progress of America moving into Texas, the Comanche and other tribes were driven onto reservations. Furthermore, the buffalo was becoming extinct with the coming of the rifle.

Since it was below the dignity of the warrior to catch his own horse when off the trail, his wife had to go and catch him one. Probably some women became better horse handlers than the men.

When time came for the Indians to move, she was to pack all the movable articles, disassemble the tepee, and load the things on the horses. An Indian woman lived a hard, tough life, but she stood up to it.

FIRST MAYOR

C. E. Bley served as the first mayor of Olton after the town was organized in 1930.

SCHOOL BOARD

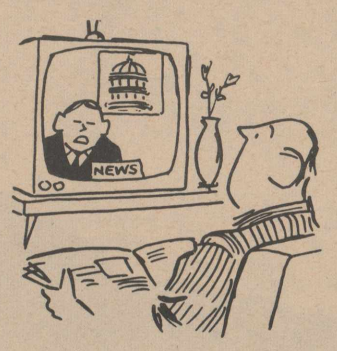
First school board here consisted of Harry Baughn, Ben Dodson and Jim Kiser. H. R. Miller served as the first county superintendent.

TOWNSITE

The townsite of Olton was laid off on April 9, 1908.

FOOTBALL TEAM

Frank "Curly" Daugherty named the Olton football team the "Mustangs" in a school election in 1926.



"Meanwhile, back on the ranch . . ."

Mrs. C. M. Owen Discusses 'I Remember When.....'

BY MRS. C. M. OWEN

I remember when Olton had one narrow dusty street, Main Street, which is still Main Street. This street is in the center of the town section -- 640 acres.

At that time, there were only 10 houses in Olton. If one wanted to go anywhere, they just took off in the direction they wanted to go. The town section was covered with cow trails and a few wagon trails. Cows roamed freely over all the fertile grass land.

I remember when Olton had only one brick school building ---the old red brick building which was torn down to make way for the new primary buildings.

In this old red brick building, some funny things happened. One I remember vividly was the day Olton entertained the other schools of the county--Littlefield, Sudan, Amherst and Springlake--at county meet.

As was the custom, we had prepared dinner for the entire district. They had all the events in one day--literary, track and ball games. We had no gymnasium so everything was played out of doors.

The morning dawned fair and bright but by 10 o'clock, a terrible sandstorm came roaring out of the southwest. It was so bad one could hardly walk or see very far. Our big baskets of food were spread in one of the rooms but the dirt made it almost impossible to eat.

The hours passed, the wind still howled and finally, the men of the town took all the visiting school children to the closest homes near the school, where they were cared for until the next day.

One of our ladies was blown down and her hat went sailing through the air. But she just laughed with the rest of us.

I remember when the old frame courthouse burned to the ground. We had no way of putting it out as there were no fire stations nearer than Plainview. We had to stand and see it burn!

In due season, a new brick building was erected which was used until the county seat was volted to be moved to Littlefield.

This was a blessing in disguise for Olton for the courthouse was soon converted into a hospital, known as Olton Memorial Hospital.

I remember when our good neighbor became "The Good Samaritan" .one cold snowy night in December when he opened his doors to a young wayfaring couple in a Model T Ford. The couple had left their home in New Mexico to go back to their old home farther East. The snow storm struck them as they aproached the outskirts of Olton.

They turned south on Main Street and stoped at Mack Mc Clung's home--our neighbor--who was a widower living alone. The stork had overtaken them.

A doctor was sent for from Plainview. Olton had no doctor. Two neighbor women were called and, just as the sun arose, a baby girl was born. The sun was so bright and the snow so white, they named her "Sunshine" as she is still known. Her name was Sunshine Head.

These kind of things happened in the "good old days".

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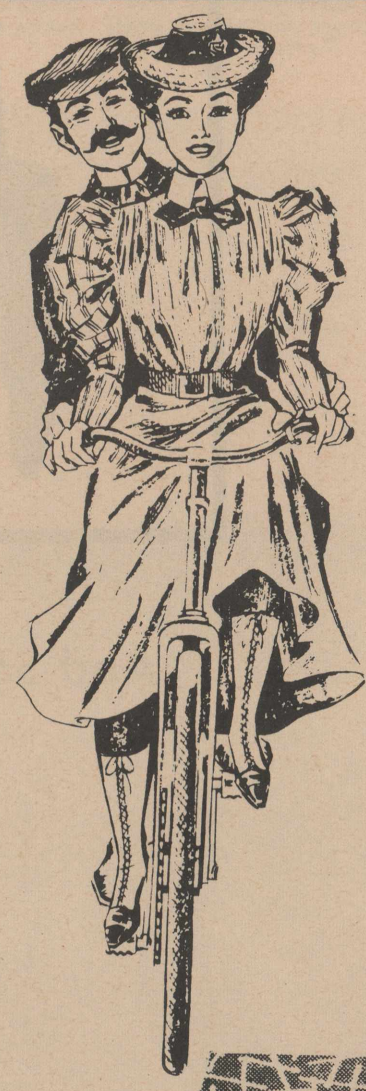

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May we extend our congratulations to the school children, teachers and adults of the community for getting together this historical pageant of the area. We realize the tremendous amount of work that has gone into this and feel it will be a long-remembered occasion in Olton.

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Friday, April 30



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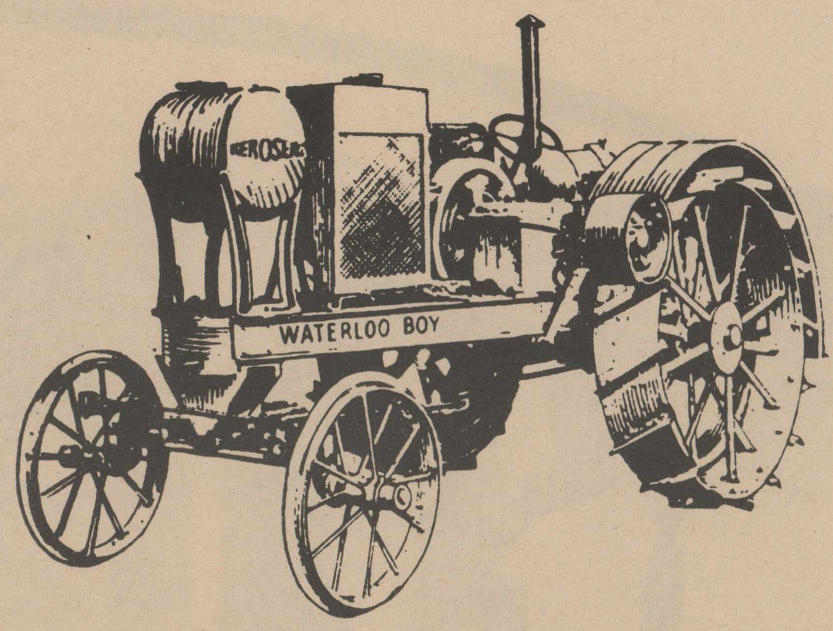

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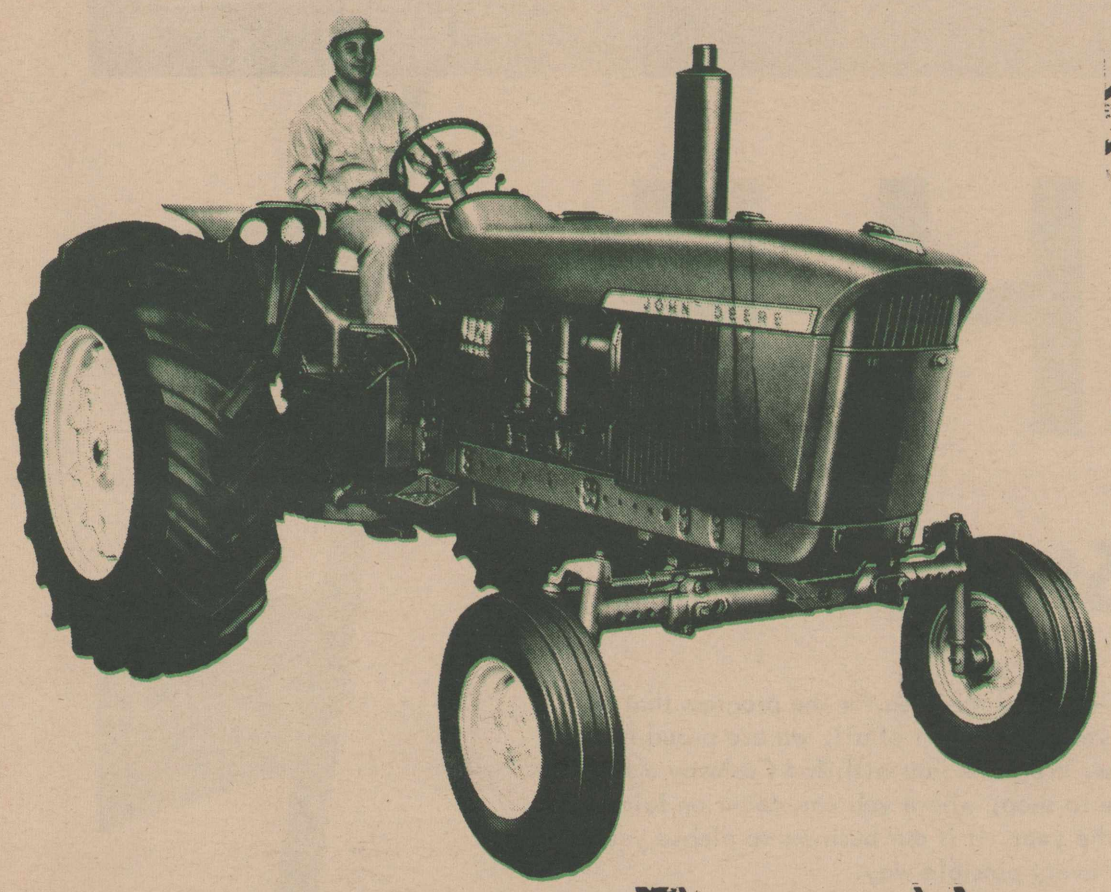

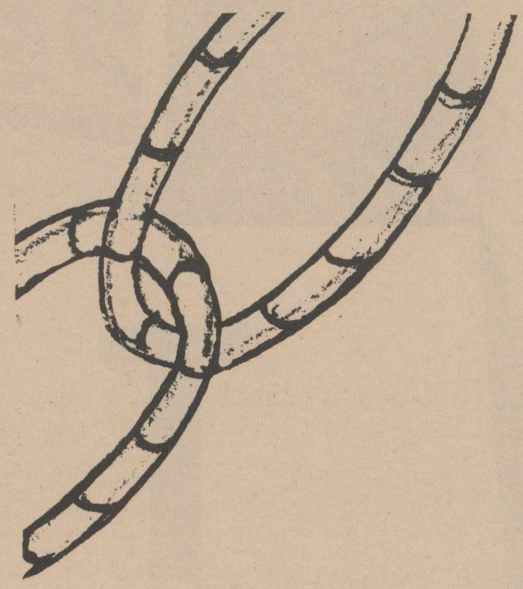

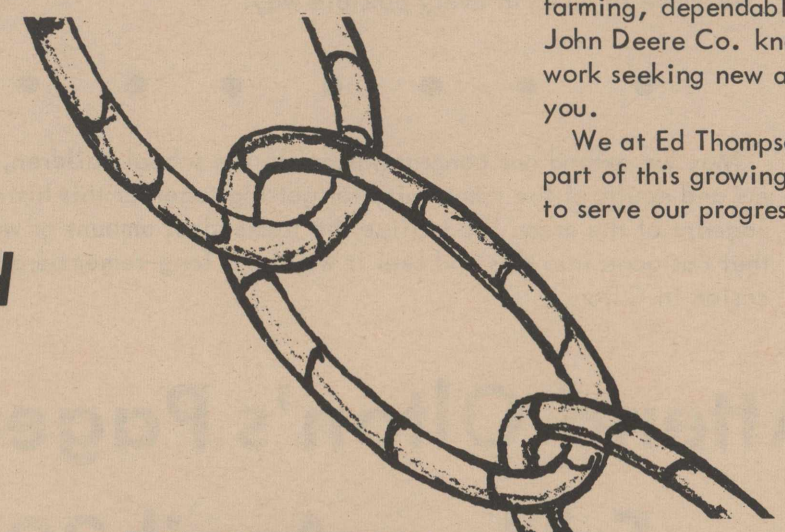

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Basketballers ---1928 Style

Pictured here is one of Olton's early basketball teams. The photo, taken about 1928, was contributed by Jack Silcott. Standing are Willard Thomas, Dub Granbery, Coach Pinkerton, Thurman Lewis and Jerry Dickenson. In front are Tim Daugherty, Clarence Caylor and Lee Kidd.



THE OLTON ENTERPRISE

"The Golden Gate To The Golden Road"

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A New Day Dawns And The 20's Roar In

A new day dawned with the 1920's.

By bits, the ranches were giving way to farms. Starting in 1923, the bits became chunks, big chunks, as the remainder of the big ranches opened for farming.

The land agent found a new mecca. Prospective settlers thronged the loosely-inhabited county and camped out. Land salesmen steered them busily over the county, showing quarter sections and labors of land, jealously guarding their prospects from other agents, with different land offerings.

Crops were good and so were prices. There was prosperity and the interesting trimmings of the Roaring Twenties: the flapper, the sailor straw and sports roadster and bathtub gin, or worse.

The ring of the hammer went on with more homes, more churches, more businesses.

Cotton moved up to take its predominate place in South Plains agriculture.

There were rumblings, and then the storm.

The 1929 crash was a year or more reaching the Olton area. But it came, and farm prices plummeted. Farmers and merchants alike took in their belts. It was tough going.

The New Deal eased the road some in 1933.

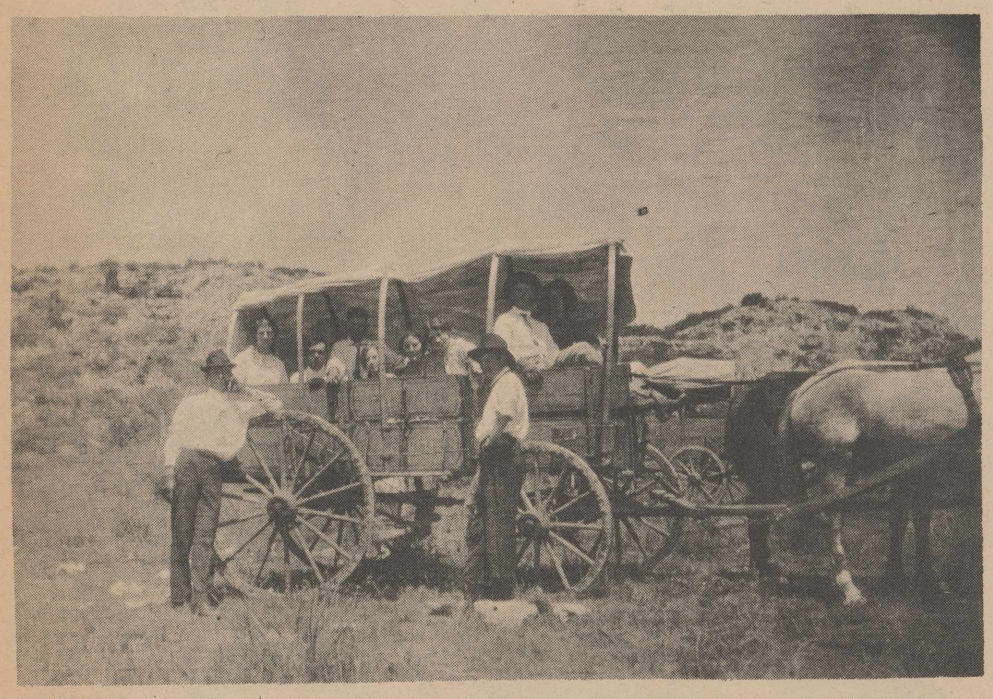
Farmers learned a new system of crop controls and price supports.

Then came the dust bowl.

The High Plains dust belt wrapped around the county and, coupled with low farm prices and high mortgages, it spelled finish for many farmers. There was a period of exodus over the area, a pattern that was nation-wide for troubled people.

The strong young country tightened up but kept moving. New people came in and a spirit of camaraderie developed among those who rode out the economic storm of the 1930's.

Residents Ride Out Economic Storm Of 1930's



COVERED WAGON--The days of the covered wagon are pictured above about 1914. Horace Walker stands by the rear wheel of the wagon. Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson

Chitwood, Sherman Open 1964

Chitwood-Sherman Insurance Agency, owned by Rex Chitwood, and Basil Sherman, was established here in January of 1964.

The business was originally started in 1919 by Guy Willis. Roy Granbery joined Willis in 1929, bought the business in 1946 and operated it until the end of 1963.

The business offers fire, casualty, life and health insurance. They have added a life insurance loan service and real estate.

Joyce Goodman is secretary and bookkeeper.

SPENDING

Government spending rose from $697,000,000 in 1916 to $9,000,000,000 in 1936, an increase of 1,100 percent.

Green Machinery Opens In 1911

First building that Green Machinery Company, Plainview, occupied was located across the street from the present site of the Plainview City Hall in 1911.

The building was moved in 1914 to a place across from the present location of Plainview Wrecking Co. In 1924, Green Machinery moved to the corner of 8th and Ash, where it operated until 1953, when their new modern building was built on 12 acres of land at 1201 East Fifth Street.

This new manufacturing plant is comprised of 55,000 square feet of floor space plus 11 acres of storage and yard area.

The company was founded by the late George E. Green, who died in 1960. Officers are Wendell A. Green, president; Dwight A. Green, vice-president; Ivan Green, vice-president; Emmett Green, treasurer; and Dorothy Green Shipman, secretary.

Bill Bloys is general manager with Bill Cartwright as personnel manager.

Green Machinery Company offers complete turn-key irrigation installation.

The company not only manufactures geared pump heads and pumping units, they also offer a complete turn-key job, from drilling, to installation, to aid in financing.

The name of Green and the growth of irrigation on the high plains has become synonymous.

PROHIBITION

Amendment 18 to the constitution in 1919 prohibited the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor.

LITERATURE

American literature flourished in the 1920's with such names as Carl Sandburg, Ernest Hemingway, Sinclair Lewis, F. Scott Fotzgerald, Willa Cather and William Faulkner.



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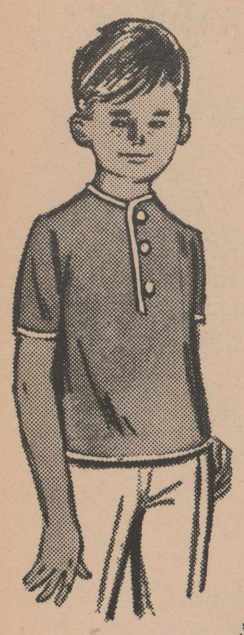
This type of friendship demands more than ordinary loyalty, dependability and responsibility . A friend is one you can count on to do the very best he can to help you. . .and that is what you have found you have received at Ware's since 1929.





Best Wishes, Olton,
As You Observe
A Long & Rich History!

Ware's
OF LITTLEFIELD

Olton School Children Pictured Here In 1922

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Rilcot Seed Serving Area

Rilcot Seed Company, offering cotton planting seed to farmers of this area, was established in March of 1963.

The business is owned by Ray Joe Riley and the Riley Yieldmaster Seed Corporation and managed by Buster Owens.

Owens is general manager over sales, promotion, production and storage.

Riley, a state registered seed breeder, works with production and promotion.

DUST BOWL

Much of the dust bowl was sown in wheat during World War I to meet the great demand for the grain. As it was then grown, the wheat did not adequately protect the ground from winds and the soil began to drift.

IRRIGATION

Lamb County has some 2,000 farms of which some 360,000 acres are irrigated with 6,000 irrigation wells. More than 900 progressive Lamb County farmers have installed approximately 1,200 miles of underground pipe to help conserve their water. 250 more of these progressive farmers have bought and put into use spinkler systems, further increasing their irrigation efficiency.

Plainview Hdw. Opened In 1912

Plainview Hardware Co., owned by E. M. Anderson, was established in 1912.

Location of the store has not been changed since that time but it was remodeled in 1964 with a new front added and additional stock added to increase service to customers.

Bob Anderson is a partner in the business with his father.

Plainview Hardware offers all types of hardware along with a gift selection, including glassware and chinaware.

PLAYA LAKES

There are approximately 800 playa lakes in the county, of which about 200 are equipped with pumps to reclaim the rainfall runoff and irrigation tail water.

CONSERVE WATER

More than 4,000 acres of land had been bench-leveled to conserve all rainfall and irrigation water.

RECHARGE WELLS

There are about 10 recharge wells in the county used to drain water collected in the playa lakes back into the underground water formation.



'Serving Olton Since 1952'

...Just how proud we are to be a part of the Olton Community!

We are sincerely happy to have had a part in the more recent history of Olton and we look forward to the future.

We appreciate the loyalty and continued patronage extended us by our many customers.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS OBSERVANCE OF OLTON'S LONG AND RICH HISTORY

Walter and Mae Struve

WALTER'S DEPT. STORE

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Olton, Texas



GENERAL STORE--Anna Pugh and Maude Dotson are pictured above in 1910 in the doorway of Olton's only general store and post office.
Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson.



AWARD WINNER -- Bill Kemp is pictured above in 1928. The photo appeared on the cover of a magazine and was given an award.
Contributed by Bill Kemp



YOUGER HOUSE--The old front gate at the Younger house in Olton is pictured above about 1909. The picure is taken looking north toward Olton.
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RAILROAD
The Union Pacific became the first railroad to cross the continent in 1869.

SANTA FE ROUTE
The Santa Fe route between Missouri and New Mexico was opened in 1821 by traders.

CAMELS
Camels were brought to Texas in 1856 to help take supplies to army posts in the desert area.

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Ogallala Formation Area Where Water Is Stored

The amount of water that can be stored in rocks depends upon the pore spaces or voids. These voids range in size from very small pores in clay and silt to the large solution channels developed in caliche.

The percentage of the total volume of the rock occupied by the voids determines the porosity of the rock. The size, shape and arrangement of the openings determine the permeability of the rock, which is defined as the capacity of the rock to transmit water under hydraulic head.

Ground water moves slowly through the pore spaces in the rocks under the influence of gravity until it is discharged through wells, or by subsurface movement from the county.

The velocity at which the water moves is dependent in part on the hydraulic gradient or slope of the water table, which in Lamb County, conforms in general to the southeastward-sloping land surface.

Although the slope of the water table varies from place to place owing to the topography and local variations of recharge or discharge, the average slope is about 10 feet to the mile. Taking into consideration both the permeability and the porosity the normal rate of groundwater movement is estimated to be somewhat less than 200 feet a year.

Ground water in Lamb County is obtained from the sand and gravel of the Ogallala formation, the partly cemented basal sand and gravel of the Cretaceous rocks, and the caliche.

The water in the Ogallala formation , which is the principal aquifer in Lamb County, is generally unconfined (under water-table conditions).

However, owing to the lenticular character of the Ogallala, the water locally may be under sufficient hydrostatic pressure to rise in the well a short distance above the top of the water-bearing bed.

Olton Lions Formed 1939

Olton Lions Club was organized Nov. 9, 1939.

First president was W. B. Rose, succeeded by I. B. Holt, O. F. Dent, X. A. Austin and Lauis Hair.

The club was re-organized in October of 1949 with John R. Fulmer as president.

The club first met in the Legion Hut with Mrs. A. D. Melton preparing meals. Later they met in the lunch room in the old red school building with Mrs. Margie Slatten serving. Then to the Methodist basement with Methodist ladies serving and back to the Legion Hut with Mrs. Mary Miller serving.

The club still meets in the Legion Hut each Tuesday at noon with Mrs. Greta Keating serving.

Activities of the first club included sponsoring the Olton Stampede Rodeo under the direction of Curley Daugherty and held on the Daugherty farm, and the Negro Minstrel, under the direction of I. B. "Doc" Holt.

Main project was sight conservation under the leadership of Spec Aikman.

Sight conservation is still a project with the club and in recent years, Olton Lions have purchased glasses for a number of boys and girls that were unable to pay for them. They also provided funds for an eye operation on a young girl to retain her sight.

Other activities have included installing a cyclone fence on the school ground, installing an electric score board in the school gym, heading the drive and sponsoring the building of two concrete tennis courts on the school ground and helping with finances and work in the baseball program of the community.

In 1962, Olton Lions Club was voted the Number 1 club in District 2T2 out of 56 clubs.

WAR OVER

Germany signed the armistice Nov. 11, 1918 and World War I came to a close.



LAMB COUNTY EXHIBIT--This county exhibit was a first place winner. Booth was prepared by an agricultural class with R. R. Tippitt as teacher.

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What It Was Like In The Roaring 20's

What was it like in Olton during the "roaring twenties"?

Well, one subject that was pretty hot, if not roaring, was prohibition, which was getting a lot of radio debate along about 1929.

In Olton itself, the town consisted of exactly three general stores, eight grocery stores, three dry goods stores, three garages, six filling stations, two lumber yards, two implement houses, one telephone exchange, one hardware store, two drug stores, two blacksmith shops, two wholesale oil stations, two barbershops, one light plant, two coal yards, two hotels, three cafes, two cotton gins, one feed mill, one tailor shop, one butcher shop, two brick school buildings, six frame buildings, three doctors and one theatre.

And, no small event, in 1929, Olton State Bank opened its doors for business here and it was no longer necessary to drive 20 miles over poor roads to get a check cashed.

W. E. Kelley Grocery in Olton was advertising Wamba coffee for three pounds for $1.15.

The PTA was advertising a stage play called "44 Flappers."

Included in the cast were James A. Gowdy, Mrs. Eunice Burrus, Mrs. Tillman Carter, Tillman Carter, Pearl Brigance, Pat Brown, Carl Womack, Miss Fay Bartlett, Merrill Brigance, Miss Lois Clark, A. C. Brigance, Pat Campbell, Dovie Wallace, Margaret Burrus, Dana May Silcott, Thava Dellis, Mrs. A. H. McGavock and Miss Brasher.

Willie Simmons was gathering his cotton "old plantation style, employing 60 Negroes."

Elsewhere , martial law had been lifted at the rip snorting boom town of Borger. Borger's crusading District Attorney John Holmes had been murdered earlier and Governor Dan Moody had slapped Borger under martial law.

Moody dispatched famed Lone Wolf Gonzales, a two-gun Texas Ranger to put down the Borger trouble.

Some say Gonzales originated a famous Ranger saying on his trip to Borger when some of the townspeople protested be the governor had sent only one Texas Ranger to put down their "riot".

"There's only one riot, ain't there," Gonzales is said to have quipped.

Windmill Opens Area Progress

Spaniards seeking the city of Cibola, land of gold, were stricken with thirst as they entered the Texas Plains country.

Even the Indains--except the hardy Comanche--shunned the limitless mesa. When Capt. Randolph Marcy led his expeditionary force of Union soldiers into the Plains country, he was appalled at what he found.

In his log of the exploratory mission, Captain Marcy described the country as part of the Great American Desert. It was watered by only a few creeks and springs too far apart to be of value to man or beast.

But Captain Marcy reckoned without the windmill. The windmill needed only wind as to its power, and goodness knows the Plains had plenty to spare of that.

Settler found an abundance of water not far below the earth's surface. Up went towers at every farm and ranch house.

They dotted the prairies and before long herds of rangy cattle could be seen grazing beside them, stopping at intervals to quench their thirst with the cool clear water that was to be the country's wealth.

There were many stories about the windmill. One has been told of a man from the East who had a yen to settle on the Texas Plains.

The first day in this country he saw a man on top of a windmill tower.

"What are you doing up there?" he called.

"'Climbing for water" was the answer.

"Well, I'm going back East then," declared the tenderfoot.

"I'll be danged if I'm going to live in a country where you have to climb for water in the daytime and sleep with rattlesnakes at night."

But even the East took note of the creaking windmill serving up water for thirsty herds and garden plots. In the days before rural electrification it was not unusual to see a windmill-type windcharger grinding power to light farm homes.

Silverton was once known far and wide for its windmills. Skylighted from a distance against the setting sun, it had the appearance of a leafless forest rather than a Plains town.

Then Plains farmers discovered the limitless quantities of water beneath their land. The era of the windmill was past.

Industrial engines began to whirr where the windmill once creaked. Crops undreamed of before now flourish in the "Great American Desert".

But it was the windmill that conquered the waterless country, It will always have place in the annals of the Great Plains.



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OUR BEST WISHES, OLTON

on your

Historical Pageant

April 30!

We hope you have a good old-fashioned celebration!

LAMB COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Jack Wattenbarger
Agency Manager

Littlefield

Luther Cunningham
Special Agent



SPAIN BROTHERS--Pictured above are the young Spain brothers, Alva J. at left and Paul Ray at right. Paul Ray now lives in Plainview. Note tricycle of the period.

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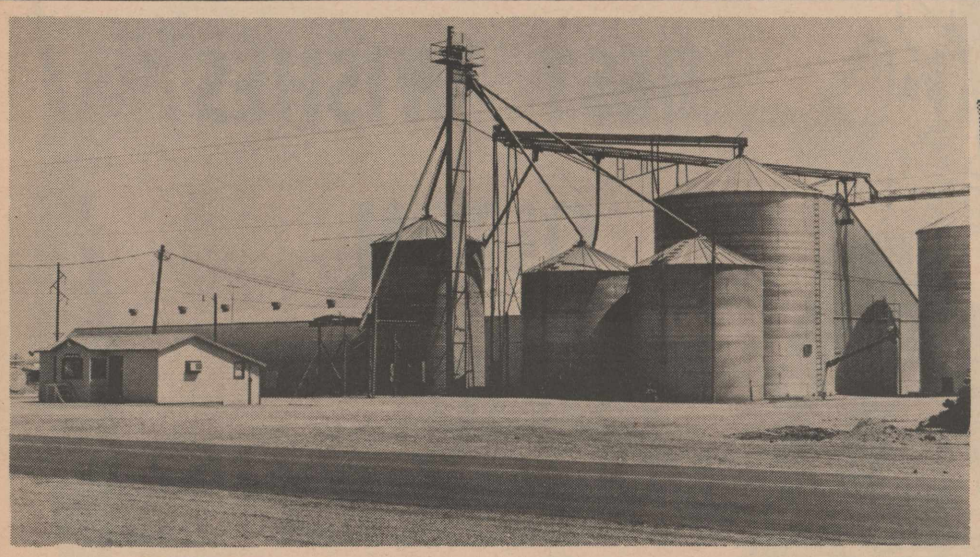
OLTON BEAUTY --- Ruby Lee Holland Sherman is pictured above as she captures hearts in the early 1920's. Note style of chair and shoes worn by the baby.

Contributed by Basil Sherman



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---It's been our privilege to serve the farmers of the Olton area!

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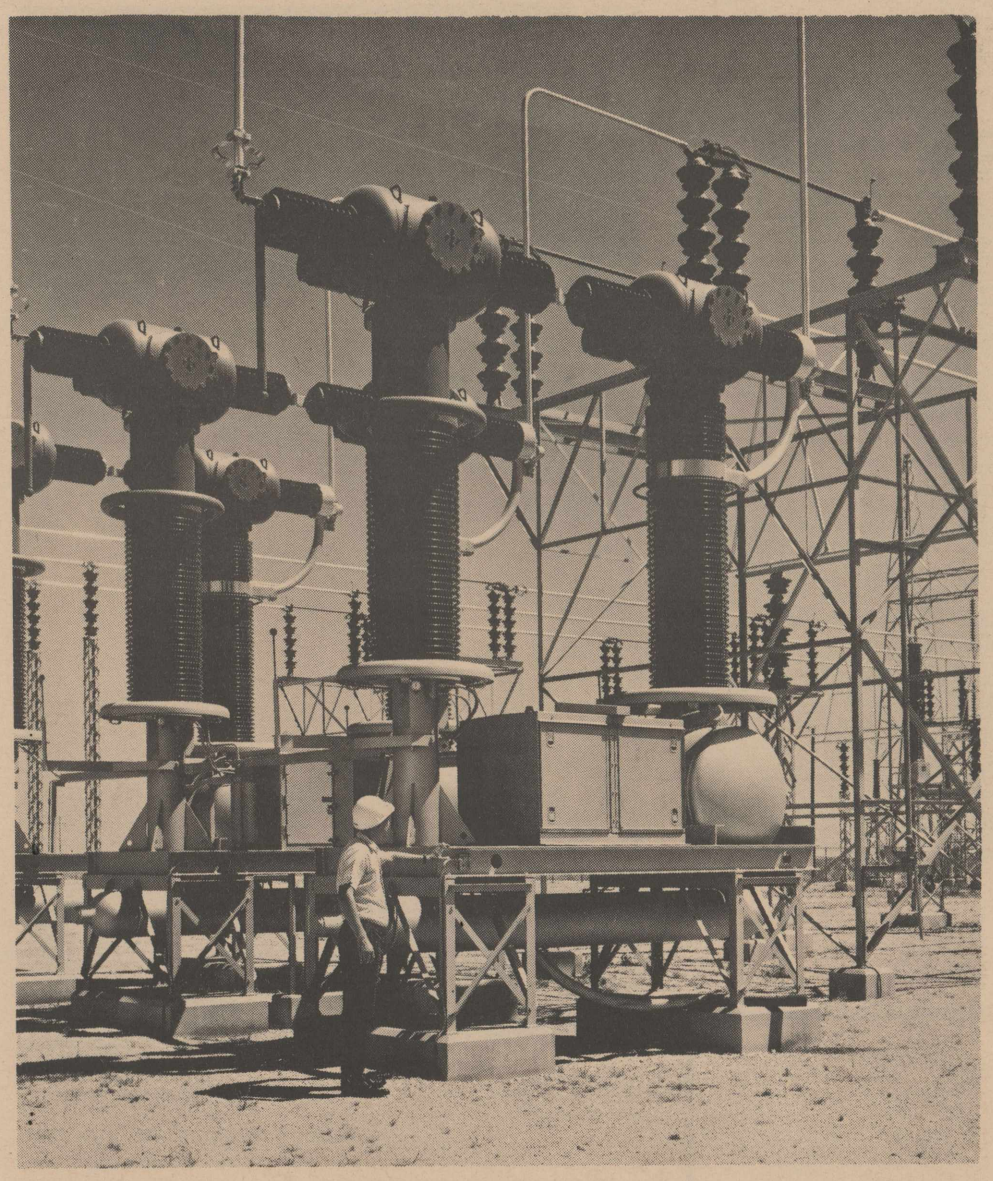
Hubert Harrison--Bob Mills



THESE AIR BLAST circuit breakers in the substation at Southwestern Public Service Company . Plant X protect the plant and the company's transmission system in the event of an equipment fault. The breakers, operated by air under a pressure of more than 500 pounds per square inch are capable of removing a fault current equivalent to 3,250,000 horsepower. This is done by moving two contacts apart a distance of only 1 -1/2 inches, and then using the air to blow out the arc that takes place.

Area Electrical History Given By Southwestern

The Olton area and Lamb County have become the electrical center of the Panhandle-Plains area in a period of time that covers less than 40 years.

Southwestern Public Service Company's largest electric generating station , Plant X, is located in Lamb County, about 20 miles west of Olton. Four generating units have been installed at the plant, which first went into service in 1952, with the installation of the first 50,-000 kilowatt generator on the electric company's system.

Plant X also housed the first 100,000 kilowatt generator installed on the Southwestern system went into service.

There are three primary reasons that the Lamb County site was selected for the location of this major generating facility, which is one of the largest in the state of Texas. It is the electrical center of the 45,000 square mile area served by Southwestern Public Service. Company. The Plant X location is close to a major gas transmission line, which provides the necessary fuel source. Finally, its location in the sandhills area assured the water necessary for the plants' operations, at the same time that it had the minimum effect on other water users in the region.

Olton's electric service history seems a brief one according to the information that is available.

In 1928, a predecessor organization to Southwestern Public Service Company installed a 75 horsepower engine and a belted generator which had been removed from a plant in Levelland. An electric distribution system was built in Olton at the same time.

In 1929, an electric transmission line was constructed from Dimmitt to Olton to provide a new source of electric power.

Olton is presently served by a 69,000 volt transmission line. and the local power supply will be "firmed up" later this year when Southwestern Public Service Company finishes a 115,000 volt line between Plant X and Hereford. This line will provide a back-up service running into Olton from the north and west. Presently, the principal electric feed into Olton is from the east, from the electric company's Hale County Interchange Station.

The three local employees of the Southwestern Public Service Company have a combined service of nearly 45 years.

Ralph Glover, the Olton manager, started in the electric industry in 1945 at Clovis as apprentice. About three and one half years later he was transferred to Floydada as a lineman and stayed there for 18 months, until being named local manager at Silverton. He filled the Silverton post for six years, coming to his present post in Olton in October of 1956.

Ralph has taken advantage of the many training programs of- by his company and has participated in the supervisor's conference, first aid course, customer relations training program and several others.

Johnny Schenck, serviceman here, is a 17-year veteran with Southwestern, and also started in Clovis. Beginning as a ground man, Johnny worked through the apprentice grades to the journey man lineman classification. Except for about eight months in Littlefield in 1954, all of his service has been at Clovis and Olton, and he has been service man here since 1954.

Johnny has also availed himself of the opportunities offered in his company's training program, and has attended customer relations schools and participated in the vocational training program for three years.

Bernice Davis is the cashier at Olton and is in the middle of her seventh year of service, having joined the electric company in November of 1958. Bernice, who is Mrs. Angus Davis, has completed two customer relations courses in the company's training program.

The unseen, but always on the job, employee at the Olton office of the Southwestern Public Service Company is Reddy Kilowatt, the only servant who charges you less per hour the more hours that you work him.

North Side Church Starts Here In 1939

In the summer of 1939, nine members began meeting in the old Tanner Flour Mill (Loveless Garage Location). The first members were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Moses, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moses, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rucker and Mrs. Kemp.

Some months later the group moved to the old Len Irvin building, where the Chamber of Commerce is now located.

The present building at the corner of Second and Avenue G was built in 1941. It was redecorated in 1953 and seats about 96 people.

The group has now grown to approximately 60 member. Services are held twice each Sunday and each Wednesday evening .

First preaching to this congregation was done by L. W. Hayhurst. Teaching is done by the local male members with occasional visiting evangelists and speakers. An average of two revival series per year is held by the North Side Church of Christ.

The trustees are John Moses. W. R. Reid of Hart, Bill Thomas and Dewey Moses. A building fund has been started and a new building is being planned for the near future.



HOME DAMAGED is shown above after the 1929 cyclone. Note iron bedstead at right. Contributed by Mrs. C. M. Owen

CCC

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) employed 3,000-000 men in forestry work, road building and flood control.

NATIONAL DEBT

World War I raised the national debt from a pre-war $1,000,000,000 to more than $26,500,000,000.

100 YEARS

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OGLETREE HOME--Pictured above in front of their home in the early 1920' s are Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ogletree and Cap.

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LITTLE DOLL --Madeline Eby Allcorn is pictured above in her childhood.

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1935 FARMERS--Pictured above at left is John Loyd McNamara, father of Mrs. Mable Kirkpatrick. With him is Ray Capps. The picture was taken about 1935.

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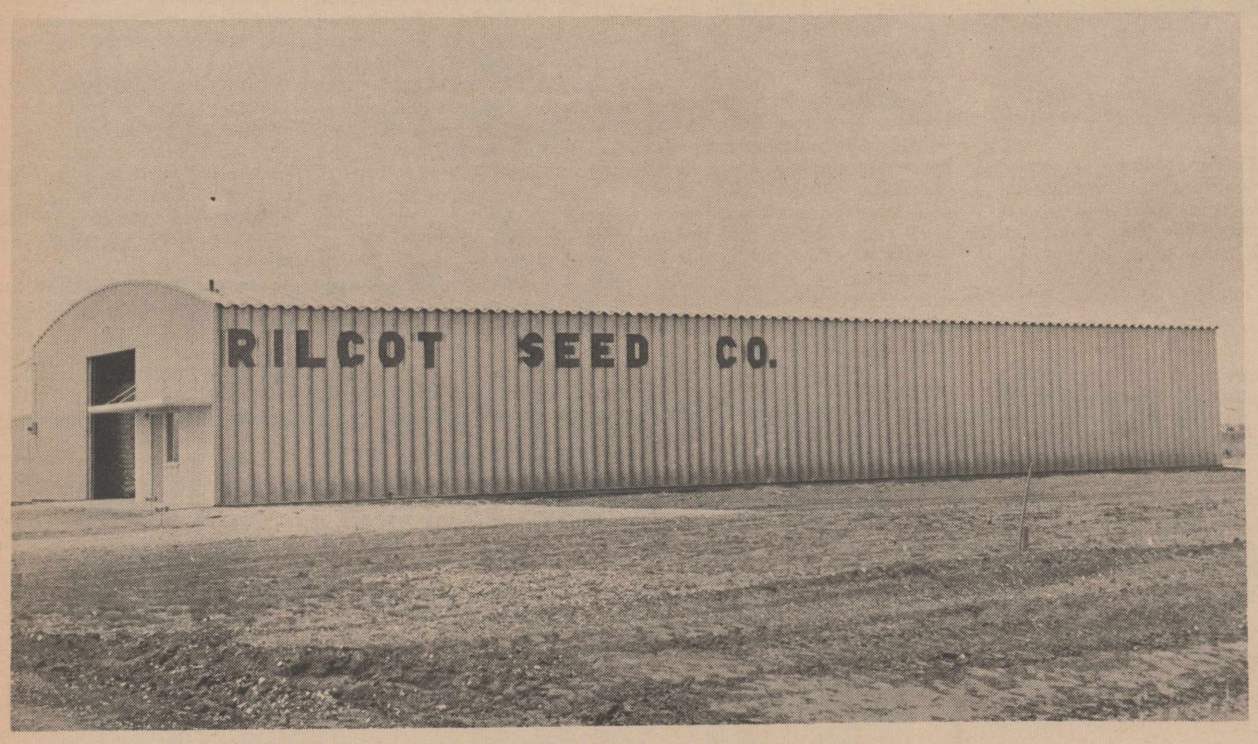
1930 FASHION--Madeline Eby Allcorn poses in 1930 at the Eby home, one of the early homes in Olton. Duane Eby now lives in a home on the original site.



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SCHOOL GROUP--Pictured above is an Olton school group in 1927. Cass Kirkpatrick, who contributed this picture, is in the front row, fourth.

First Well For Irrigation Here In 1913

The first irrigation well of record was drilled in the northwestern part of Lamb County in 1913.

The development of ground water for irrigation was only moderately successful because of high operating cost and low efficiency of the pumps and power plants for the following 25 or 30 years.

In 1937 there were reported to have been only about 75 wells. The development of irrigation increased slowly but steadily until 1947 with a total of 900 wells reported. 1947 through 1952 saw an increase of some 1,050 wells, or a total of some 1,950 wells in the county in 1952.

The next 10-year period showed an increase in irrigation development of some 3,500 wells, making a total of 5,450 wells at the end of 1962.

Records as of Jan. 1, 1965 show a total of some 6,000 wells in use in Lamb County.

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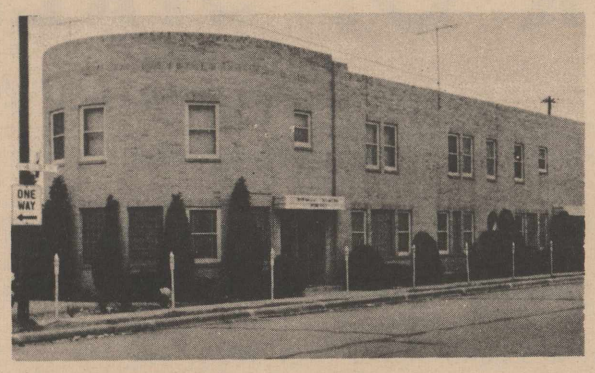

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Bad Water Told Below Ogallala

Sedimentary rocks of Late Triassic age, which assigned to the Dockum group by Cummins (1890, p. 189), are encountered in wells but do not crop out in Lamb County. The Dockum group underlies all of Lamb County and is encountered in wells at depts generally ranging from more than 250 feet in the northern part of the county to about 140 feet in the southern part.

However, in the vicinity of the alkali lakes, where most of the overlying material has been removed by deflation (wind erosion), the Dockum is encountered at depts of less than 50 feet. In fact, logs of seismograph test holes indicate that the Dockum lies about 5 to 10 geet below the surface in Bull Lake.

The surface of the Dockum group has a moderately uniform slope and low relief(pl.3). The thickness of the Dockum, as determined from drillers' logs and electric logs of oil tests using the top of the anhydrite of Permian age as a marker, ranges from about 1,340 feet to 1,660 feet. These thicknesses are somewhat questionable, as the exact stratigraphic position of the anhydrite is uncertain.

The Dockum group characteristically consists of darkre to maroon shale, grayish-green sandy clay, and gray to red micaceous sandstone.

Although the sandstones of the Dockum group have not been completely penetrated by water wells in Lamb County, electric logs of tests for oil and gas indicate the presence of water too highly mineralized for irrigation or public use.

Similar information regarding the quality of water in the Dockum was obtained from several exploratory wells drilled in Floyd, Lubbock, Bailey and Cochran Counties. The chemical analysis of a sample of water from a well drilled into the Dockum group by the City of Lubbock in 1947 showed35,-000 p.p.m. (parts per million) of dissolved solids and 12,000 parts of chloride. The water was obtained from the Santa Rosa sandstone of the Dockum group at a depth of 900-940 feet.

A well testing the sandstone in southwestern Floyd County yielded water than contained 13,700 p.p.m. of dissolved solids and 7,320 parts of chloride. The yield of this well decreased from 250 to 150 gallons a minute after 72 hours of pumping.

An exploratory well testing the Dockum group 1 miles west of Lamb-Bailey County line was reported to have yielded an insufficient supply of water for irrigation after a 10-minute period of pumping. The chemical analysis of a drill-stem sample of water from the Dockum group in Cochran County showed 2,070 p.p.m. of dissolved solids and 590 parts of chloride.

However, in a preliminary pumping test the well yielded only 15 g.p.m. and had a specific capacity of 0.3 g.p.m. per foot of drawdown.

Available data suggest that the water in the Dockum group in Lamb County is too highly mineralized for most purposes, but that the mineralization decreases toward the area of outcrop in New Mexico. The yield of the Triassic sandstones in general, is insufficient for irrigation, municipal or industrial supplies.

Bykota Club Federated Here In 1957

Bykota Study Club was organized in 1956 and federated in 1957.

Bykota means "Be ye kind one to another."

Club motto is "Today is mine, how can I make the best of it?" Club flower is chrysanthemum ---colors bronze and yellow. Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Main project of Bykota is to award a $150 scholarship to a senior high school girl each year. Other projects include contributions to the Olton Teachers Banquet, school milk fund, school library, Christmas seal, gifts for Texas Mental Hospital, Dimes for Liberty, CARE, gifts for a needy family at Christmas and the drive for March of Dimes.

Only fund-raising project is a spring style show.

Programs are given by members with the exception of a few guest speakers. Programs are usually of the lecture type. Present membership is 20.

Presidents include Sue May, 1956; Alene Allcorn, 1957; Jane Brown, 1958; Cathy Stroebel, 1959; Geneva Smith, 1960; Kay Copeland, 1961, Gayle Allcorn, 1962; Gail Thomas, 1963; Helen Quigley, 1964.

Nancy Nafzger will be president for the coming year with Naomi Machen as vice-president. Theme for the present administration is "Freedom, Our Heritage."

OHS 1925 Class Told

Olton High School's senior class in the year 1925 consisted of exactly 12 students.

They were-- complete with nicknames, where available-- Josephine Allen, "Jo" ' Roy Boone; Gladys Sweazea, "Sis", Fred Ogden, "Poker"; Ruby Ruth Jones, "Rube"; Lois Nix, "Hanner"; Lewers Combest, "Brother"; Susie Roady, "Beans"; Olton Dickenson, "Shorty"; Jessie Thomas, "Jess"; Loys Bridges, "Cobb"; and Ruth Combest, "Ruthie".

Officers were Lewers Combest, president; Gladys Sweazea, vice-president; Ruth Combest, secretary-treasurer; Rosalie Bragg, dramatic director; with Odessie Howell as annual supervisor.

Junior class, 10 members strong, included Alice Redinger, "Jack"; Roy Granbery, "Oscar"; Carrol Jones, "Pug" Foy Dodson, "Spec"; Eugenia Dye, "Gene"; Mary Swopes, "Murry"; Joe Hancock, "Jerry"; Lee Dodson, "Colonel"; Carroll Jones, "Jibby""; and Ruth Kennedy, "Rufus".

Officers were Carroll Jones president; Joe Hancock, vice-president; Ruth Kennedy, secretary-treasurer; and Odessie Howell as sponsor.

Sophomore class roll read Hazel Lewis, Alice B. Howell, Velma Phillips. Ola Mae Blanton, Eva Hunt, Willie Schreier, Martin Phillips, Glenn Daugherty, Leonard Jones, Wayne Thrush, Inez Hancock, John Franks, Truman Dill, Neva Erb, Pete Turner, Pauline Roady, Dorothy Ogden, Lillian Bolin, Christiana Struve and Clarence Howell.

Freshmen included Jack Webb, Frank Cornelius, Pauline Schaefer, Tempie Moore, Dellis Granbery, Bennett Ogden, Ivela Bell, Thurman Lewis, Irene Brown, X. A. Austin, James Kennedy, Jessie Nix, Floyd Green, Raymond Hicks, Jim Dickenson, Leonore Hancock, Laura Phillips, R. A. Green, Eula Belle Henderson, Ray Finney, Faye Thomas, and Ila Austin.

Negro School Started In 1938

The Negro School originated here in 1938 in one room of a two-story house on the A. D. Melton farm.

A Mr. English taught the first seven pupils for two years. School was then discontinued until 1947, when it was resumed in the Bohner Church on the George Bohner farm.

The building was moved to a location in the southest part of the town in 1950, but burned the following year. A brick structure was then erected.

Principal of Bohner school is Mr. E. C. Wood, who has served here seven years.

Enrollment at the school is 138 at the present time.

FEDERAL AID

Under the Hoover administration, the Federal government for the first time assumed the responsibility of active intervention in business through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC).

NO WORK

More than 6,000,000 Americans were out of work by the end of 1930. A year later, the number soared to 12,000,000. More than 32,000 businesses went bankrupt and over 5,000 banks failed.

Presbyterian Church Starts Locally In 1926

In July of 1926, Thomas H. Campbell of Santa Ana, Texas, a ministerial student in Bethel College came to Amarillo Presbytery, seeking and contacting Cumberland Presbyterians who had not church affiliation, also visiting congregations which had no pastors.

At Olton, Brother Campbell found a number of Cumberland Presbyterians who were interested in a church at Olton. He decided to hold revival services. Rev. H. R. Allen and Thomas H. Campbell conducted the first services in the school auditorium. On Sept. 4, 1926 a church was organized with 13 members.

Charter members were E. C. Bell, Mrs. Gracie A. Bell, Lola D. Bell, Ivela Bell, Ita Fae Bell, L. S. Kennedy, J. C. George, Mrs. Emma George, Mrs. Alice Brock, Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Mrs. Avis Durham, B. L. Anderson and T. Holcomb.

G. O. Dean was the first pastor, beginning Oct. 1, 1927. On the first Sunday of October, the Olton congregation voted to erect a church building. The building was completed early in 1928 and paid for. Rev. A. A. Collins preached the first sermon in the new church on the fourth Sunday of March, 1928.

In the fall of 1928, the church people decided to build a mance on the lots which they had acquired. Funds were solicited and the committee borrowed $1300 to complete the mance.

Other pastors of the church have included Ernest M. Jennings, 1929; J. Garland Stokes, 1930; O. A Mealer, 1931; C. L. Bolding, 1932; O. N. Baucom, 1933-34; J. R. Jennings, 1935-1938.

The membership at this time had increased to 47 and the young people were active in local as well as Presbyterial meetings.



ONE WALL LEFT after this building was hit here by the 1929 cyclone.

Contributed by Mrs. C. M. Owen.

Rev. A. A. Collins served 1939; L. E. McCoy, 1940; Joe Ingram and E. A. Keasler, 1942; J. R. Jennings, 1943-51; E. M. Jennings, 1952 and 1953; Charles Littleton, 1954-56; Jerry Anderson, 1957-58; Gerald Thomas. 1959-60.

It was at this time that the new church was built and ground breaking service were held June of 1959 with L. S. Kennedy turning the first shovel of dirt.

First service held in the new building was on May 1, 1960. Dedication services were held June 5, 1960 with main address by the Rev. E. M Jennings.

The Rev. John F. Kennedy followed the Rev. Thomas, beginning his pastorate March 20, 1961 and serving to May 25, 1962.

September 2, 1962, the Rev. J. R. Jennings was called indefinitely.

The church is without a pastor at the present time but is enjoying the services of a young preacher who comes from Odessa each Sunday to fill the pulpit. Bro. Bob Weston is a student at Texas Tech.

Last resident charter member, L. S. Kennedy died March 8, 1965.

(This report has been taken from a scrapbook compiled by Mrs. McGraw, who died in March of 1962.)



NEWLY WEDS--Above are H. G. Walker and bride on their honeymoon.

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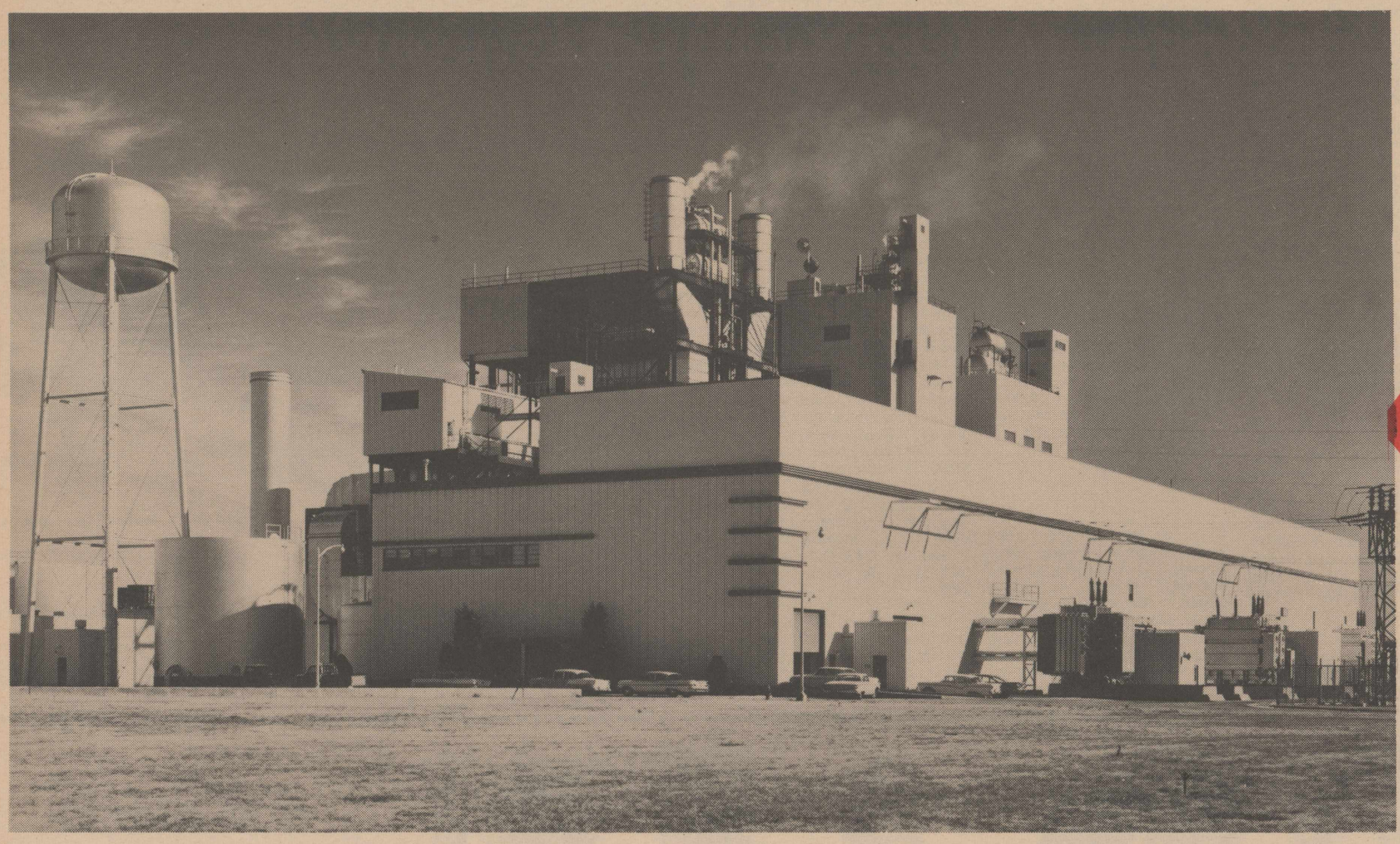

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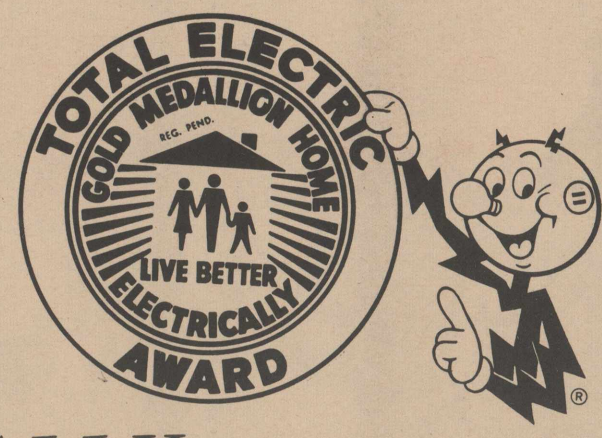

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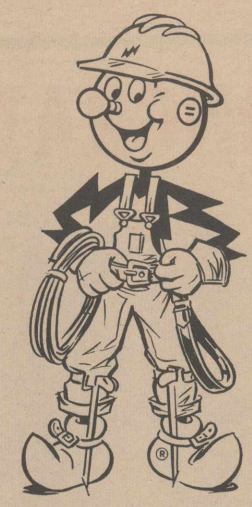

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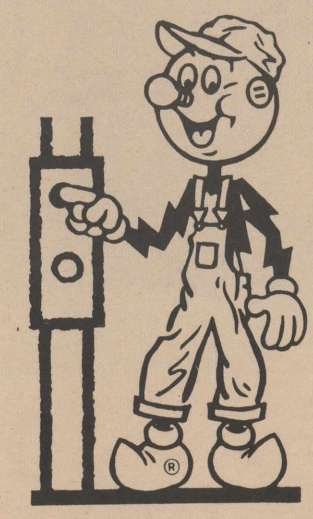

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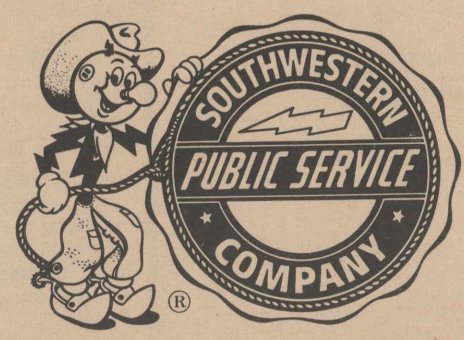

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RABBIT EARS--May Walker Robertson and Mrs. William Hall are shown above with rabbits that Hall and Artie Erb killed one evening after sunset. There was a bounty of 5 cents on rabbit ears at that time. Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson

Garden Club Organized Here In 1933

BY MRS. PEARL SCHREIER

Olton Garden Club was organized in 1933. Charter members include Mrs. C. M. Owen, Mrs. George Bohner, Mrs. A. D. Melton and Mrs. L. E. Silcott.

Mrs. Bohner was the club's first president.

Other presidents of the club have been Mrs. C. S. Silcott, Mrs. Guy Willis, Mrs. C. M. Owen, Mrs. A. D. Melton, Mrs. Charley Reynolds, (deceased), Mrs. Noah Hagler, Mrs. Frank Struve, Mrs. H. G. Walker, Mrs. H. B. Carson, Mrs. Doyle Pinson, Mrs. Jack Allcorn and the current president, Mrs. Walter Schreier.

Object of the club is to help beautify the community and its homes and to assist in civic affairs.

Club motto is "Beauty Seen Is Never Lost."
Is Never Lost." Colors are green and white and the flower is the dahlia.

Officers of the club serve for two years. Meetings are held at 2:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the homes of members. Membership is limited to 35 members. At present, the club has 32 members.

The club also meets three times a year with other garden clubs of the county in the Lamb County Council of Garden Clubs. Special programs or demonstrations are held at these joint meetings. The last such all-day meeting was with the Olton Club on Tuesday April 27 in the Fellowhip Hall of the Methodist Church. A demonstration was given on flower arranging.

The Olton club participates with the other garden clubs in the county in a fall flower show each year also. The show this fall is to be in Olton with the Olton club as hostess. These flower shows are free and are given to stimulate interest of members and general public. The Olton club has also had many flower shows just for this community, over the years.

The homes most frequently visited near Olton have been the I. V. Fent, George Bohner and G. R. Smith homes.

In 1942, during the war, the club disbanded and helped with Red Cross work every Tuesday and Friday in the American Legion hut.

These include work on the Girl Scout building fund, paying for a living memorial tree and marker erected in the Memorial Park at Littlefield in memory of Drummond B. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Thomas, who was killed in World War II, beautification of Olton Memorial Hospital grounds, helped landscape school grounds, putting original foundation plantings at the Baptist Church and at the old Methodist Church building.

On Jan. 16, 1947, the club was re-organized in the home of Mrs. A. D. Melton with the able assistance of W. W. Hall, school agriculture teacher. With Hall as sponsor, the club often met at night in order to encourage the men to particpate in the activities.

The club has always had many and varied projects for raising money and has sponsored and cooperated with others in projects of the community here and other places.

They have also put trees and shrubs at the cemetery and Olton Recreation golf course.

Working with the Highway Department, the club was able to get the roadside park established here east of town. Land was given to the club by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitaker.

In May, 1952, the club voted to have a bulb and plant exchange each year, in memory of Mrs. Charles Reynolds, called the Elsie Reynolds exchange.

The club sent monthly gift boxes to Girlstown USA, Whiteface for a year or more, gave shrubbery to Boys Ranch and sends flower arrangements and Christmas boxes to shut-ins.

The club honored H. P. Webb, former Olton School super--intendent, by planting a pecan tree in front of the H. P. Webb Elementary School building in February of 1960.

They sponsored a litter bug campaign in 1962.

For the past 10 years, the club has been dreaming of the time when they could either build or buy a building for a women's club house here. Looking forward to this, they have sold rummage, bulbs, plants, Watkin's products, bakery goods, books, stationery and candy.

With the purchase of the old Presbyterian Church this month to be used as a club house, past dreams are beginning to come true.

The building was moved recently and is now located on East 8th St. Mrs. Steve Boruk gave on of the lots to the Garden Club and the other was purchased by the club from Roy Granbery.

Other women's clubs of Olton are working with the Garden Club on the furnishings and remodeling of the house and the building will be used by all the clubs participating in the upkeep.

These clubs will include Olton Garden Club, Olton Study Club, New Century Club, Home Demonstration Club, Kimichi Club and the Olton Art Guild.

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1888 Cook Book Recipes Are Printed In Article

Recipes copied from a cook book, published in the year of 1888 are listed below.

SLAW DRESSING

1 cup sweet milk; 3 eggs; a little butter; 1 talbespoon corn starch; 1 tablespoon sugar; 1 leaspoon mustard; salt to taste. Cook until thick like a custard and add 1/2 cup vinegar and 1/2 cup sweet cream.

SALAD DRESSING

3 eggs; 3 tablespoons sugar; 1 tespoon mustard; 1 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon pepper; butter size of an egg and 1/2 glass vinegar. Mix all together and set in ice box.

BUTTERMILK PIE

1 cup sugar; 1 1/2 cups buttermilk; 1 egg; 1 teaspoon butter; 1 tablespoon flour, Mix well together, flavor with a little nutmeg and bake in a pie crust.

RHUBARB PIE

Peel the stalks and cut in small pieces, cover with boiling water and let cool. When cool spread on pie crust and add 1 cup sugar; 1 tablespoon flour and some butter, Half an orange improves the flavor.

QUICK BEEF STROGANOFF

1 pound round steak 1/4 inch thick; 1/4 cup butter; 6 ounce mushroom, about 2 cups sliced. 1/2 cup chopped onions; 1 can beef brother; 1 cup sour cream 2 1/2 tablespoons flour.

Trim fat from meat and cut across grain in strips one half inch wide. Brown quickly in butter and push meat to one side and add mushrooms and onions Cook until tender on low heat, add broth and heat to boiling stage.

Blend sour cream and flour, and stir in to broth. Cook until mixture thickens a little season to taste and serve over hot buttered noodles or rice.

SPANISH RICE

Take 1/2 cup salad oil; 2 cloves garlic crushed; 1/2 cup chopped celery; 1 1/2 cups rice 1 number 2 can tomatoes; 1 small can tomato paste; 2 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 bay leaf; dash cayenne pepper; 2 cups water; 1 pound ground beef; 3/4 cup chopped green pepper; 1 teaspoon chili powder; 1 teaspoon sugar ; 1-10 ounce beef bouillion..

Heat oil in heavy skillet, add garlic and celery and brown. Mix rice, tomatoes, paste, salt and bay leaf , cayenne pepper and hot water and add to skillet, stir well and cover. Bring to a boil and reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Brown beef and green pepper, remove from heat and add chili powder sugar and beef bouillion.

Combine rice and meat mixture in a 3 quart baking dish and bake in a moderate oven, 350 temperature for 35 minutes. Add water or tomato juice if necessary and stir occassionally

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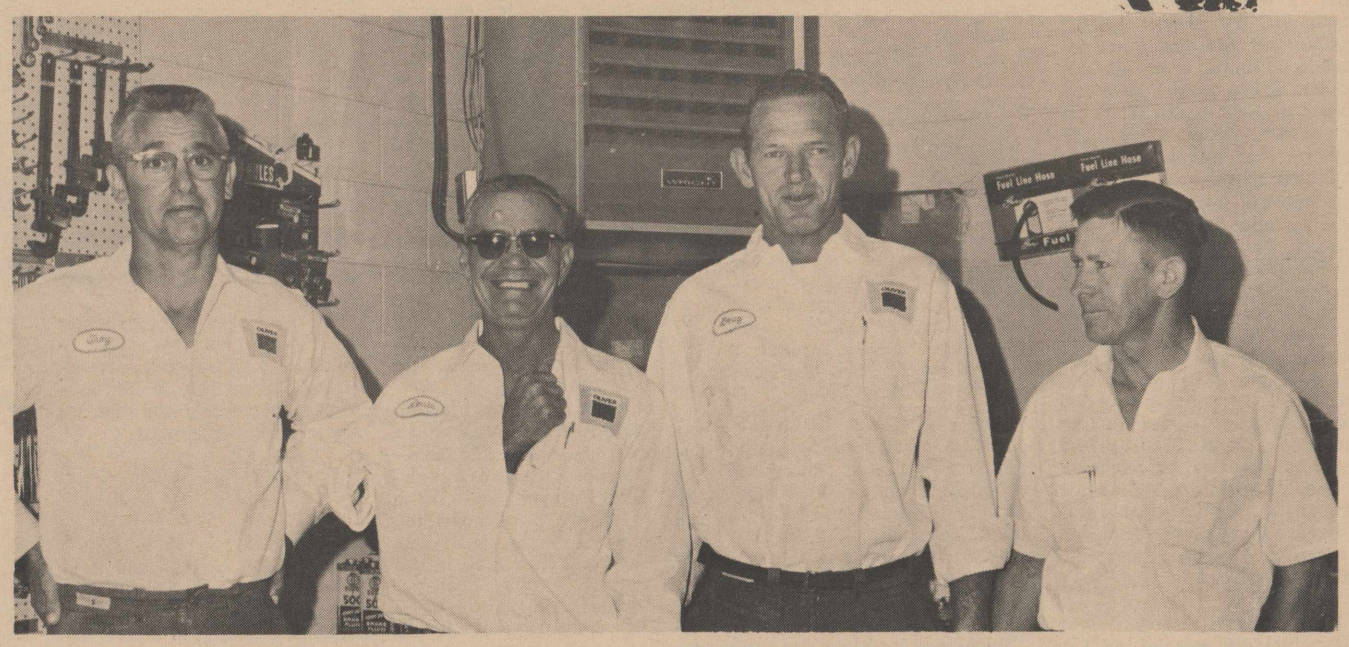

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OES Chapter Is Organized Here In 1937

BY ERA MAYE WALTHALL

On a chilly night in October 1937, a small group of men and women assembled at the first meeting of Olton Chapter No. 847. A tiny flame was lighted and began to burn with increased brightness, fanned by the faith and courage of these our Sisters and Bros., who had as their inspiration the same Star in the East that impells us to noble deeds. We light this candle in their memory, and as a symbol of their faith and our own, a faith which sustained them, and which sustains us, and which will surely sustain the coming generation.

Our first meeting, our hall was not decorated with drapes, carpets and such comforts as we now enjoy, The walls were unpainted, the floors were bare, the windows were naked, but later the windows were painted and floral paper was pasted on the windows in the dining room and kitchen, the second year, a kitchen cabinet was bought and the masons bought a stove and sink and a screen was set up to divide the kitchen and dining room, each member donated a place setting of dishes and silver, later a 9 x 12 linoleum rug was bought for the dining room.

A quorum met for the first meeting and the chapter was started, and was a U. D. Chapter for several meetings which were on the first Tuesday nights of each month. Of course, there was lots of work to be done, chapter furniture to be secured and so many things to do that Littlefield invited them over to use the Cpater Hall for the first initiation. Nettie George who was the founder of our own chapter, who blazed the trail through ice, snow and rain, to secure enough members for a quorum to start our chapter, tells this story in her own clever way:

They loaded into her new Chevrolet and started out for Littlefield the dirt roads were frozen icy and it was cold. They didn't want to ask Littlefield to furnish the refreshments so she was taking them from home. The driving got worse, and finally after quite a struggle she lost control of her car and they took down a barbed wire tence -- one lady's hand went through the chicken salad showering most of those in the car with the contents, spilling the cream they were carrying for the coffee. After a while the car was gotten back onto the road with only a few scratches to the women or car. When they finally did get there Littlefield had prepared refreshments and they had a beautiful initiation.

Each meeting there were new candidates the chapter grew.

Time came for the Worthy matron to go to Grand Chapter, it was necessary for her to go to answer the questions in order for them to get the charter, they worked hard and got enought money for her to have $50.00. So she went to Houston to Grand Chapter and brought back $37.07 of that money and the Charter. Then it was time to get the emblem and they were ordered C. O. D. for $5.00. They secure their signant which was on cloth , was rolled on a stick, and when they used it for initiation, it was hung on the pedistal in the East. Our electric signant was bought in April 1945 at a cost of $134.00. They pooled their coupons and got an electric clock. The first flag was purchased at a cost of $3.45

Of course, they needed a new piano. A committee was appointed to see about renting one but found one they could buy for $65.00. They borrowed the money from the bank, paid it back $5 per month with 10 per cent interest. The piano we have now was purchased in 1954.

There was always a need for ways and means to raise money They served the Lions Club dinner for 50 cents a plate, held bake sales, sale of Christmas cards, even sold vanilla to get our coffee maker,

To begin with we had an initiation fee of five dollars with $2.00 dues, later our dues were raised to $4.00 per year and initiation fee $7.50, Only two years ago our dues were raised to $6.00 per year.

The Chapter has always been about the same as now, as far as Masonic dinners, Christmas parties, Robt. Morris programs and the like. For the first Christmas party, motion was made and seconded the gift for their gift exchange not excede ten cents. Times got better so the next year they voted to pay fifty cents for gifts. There were no year books for several years. A committee was appointed to select the opening and closing ode. Before too many years, they decided on buying cards to be used for notifying members of meetings. By now, they were needing two meetings each month so the By-Laws were changed to two meetings each month, first and third Tuesday. Later it was changed again to each second and fourth Tuesday.

In 1943, we lost several of our members to Earth Chapter, who had just organized. This was a blow to our own chapter, but we never ceased to keep working, Each worthy matron and her core of officers have been the best, much has been accomplished.

I could not dare fail to mention our Rainbow Assembly, we are indeed happy to have the privilege of sponsoring an organization like Rainvow, and being able to have a part in molding the lines of our girls. Our Rainbow was organized in the year of 1944.

In 1940 several changes were made -- we bought blinds for our windows, and added our bath, and painted the walls. As time has gone on, the chapter has grown, we have had three Deputy Grand Matrons, and always contributed to charitable benevelances and welfare programs.

Our Chapter now holds 10 A and 3 B certificates. We have given two life time memberships, one who is still living. We now have a membership of 144. Since our organization, we have lost seven of our members by death.

The years of work are now history and may we strive to continue to go forward remembering "What we do for ourselves ends here, And what we do for others is eternal."



OLD BRICK SCHOOL--Above is the old red brick school building in Olton. This building has been torn down and replaced.

Contributed by Mrs. H. L. Dennis



UNIDENTIFIED HOUSE is shown above after it was damaged by a cyclone here in 1929.

Contributed by Mrs. C. M. Owen.



JOHNNY JONES HOME--Note the windmill after it was hit by the 1929 cyclone.

Contributed by Mrs. C. M. Owen

1929 CRASH

In the fall of 1929, the stock market crashed. On just one day , Oct. 29, speculators sold 16,400,000 shares of stocks. It was estimated when the year was over, that the stock market crash had cost investors $40,000,000,000.

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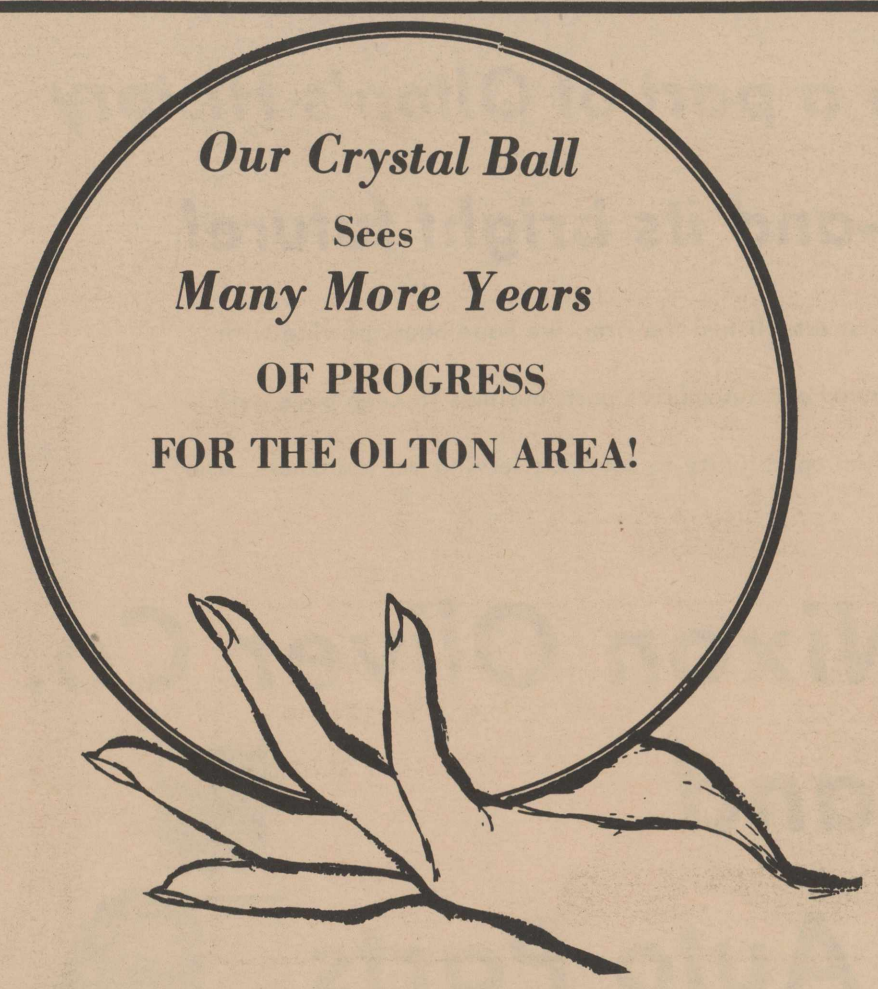

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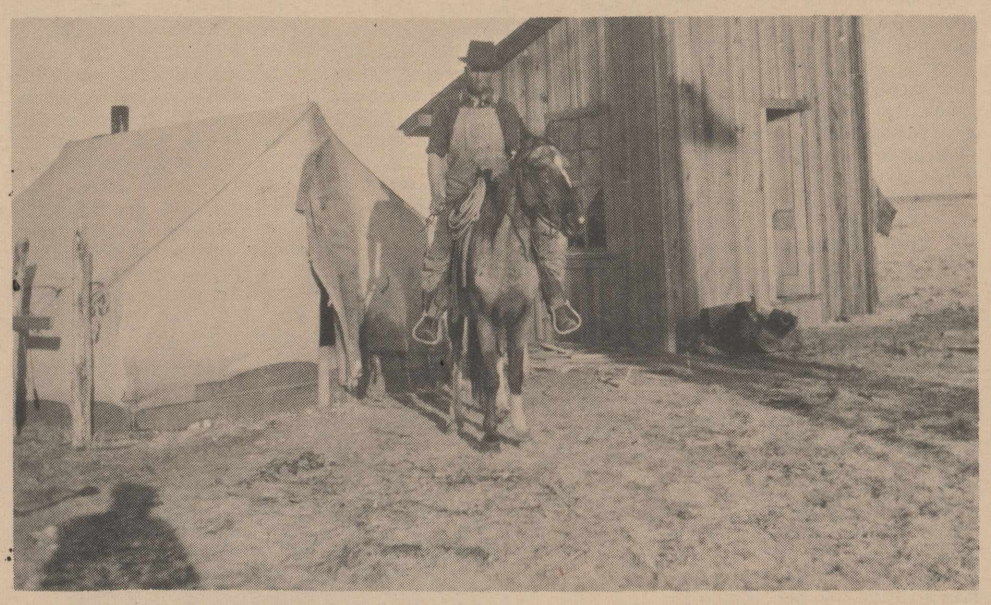
LADY GOVERNOR In 1925, Texas became the second state, after Wyoming, to inaugurate a woman governor, Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, (1925-27 and 1933-35.)



EARLY OLTON--Pictured above is a view of Olton taken in 1920.

Photo contributed by Mrs. Florence Spears.



RANCH HAND--John Walker, above, is pictured in front of a tent and shack where he and other cowboys lived when working for Tom Keenan as ranch hands. This land is now owned by the Hutchinsons of Lubbock. Picture was taken about 1916.

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POLE VAULTING--Ike Walter is shown above pole vaulting. At right are Henry Cowart and Bill Dickenson.

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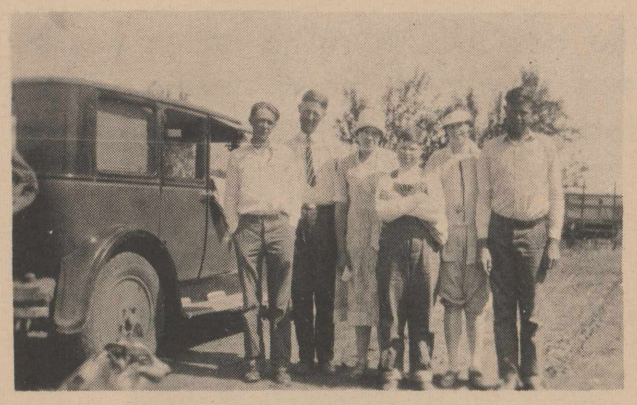

STYLES CHANGE in cars as well as fashion. Above are, left to right, Bill Eby (now of Crowell), the late W. B. Eby, Mrs. W. B. Eby (now of Lubbock), Jesse Eby, (Lubbock), Madeline Eby Allcorn, and Duane Eby.

Contributed by Mrs. Duane Eby

County Volume Water Storage Is Reported

The amount of water stored in the Ogallala formation beneath Lamb County in the early 1930's, prior to large-scale pumping, was on the order of 13,000,000 acre-feet. This amount of water, if evenly distributed, would cover a surface area the size of Lamb County, a little over 27 feet in depth.

Up to 1964, water has been extracted from this underground storage in a quantity of 3,100,000 acre-feet. Lamb County water users have extracted and used about 25 percent of the original water supply.

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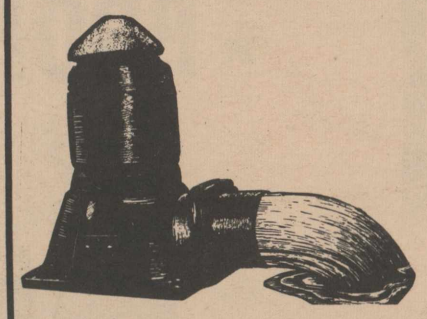

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CYCLONE HITS--Scene after the 1929 cyclone. Note Olton High School at right.
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First Doctor Here In 1923

Would you walk, run, trudge, ride bareback 30 miles to see a doctor?

Well, the early settler of Olton did just that as the closest doctor was in Plainview.

But finally in 1923, Dr. C. I. Holt, Kilgore,father of I. B. Holt, came here and became the first doctor for Olton.

He lived in the house that still stands just north of the stone house on main Street.

He practiced in Olton until the time of his death in 1935.

In the meantime, Dr. R. B. Prestridge, Silvertoncame here in 1938 and practiced until about 1938.

He had his office at his residence and C. M. Owen said "if he wasn't there he could be found at the drug store."

Following him in about 1939 was Dr. F. W. Janes who stayed here till about 1943. His office was in the now Olton Butane Building.

There were many doctors to come and go and some of them were Dr. R. E. Sparks, Dr. I. J. Sparks, (no relation), Dr. John Kirby and Dr. Patterson.

The old Kelly store building was a drug store owned by Jack Straw in 1939 . He built an upstairs in the back of the store and it was used by Dr. I. J. Sparks and Dr. John Kirby. He later sold it to Jim Speer. Sparks and Dr. John Kirby. He later sold it to Jim Speer.

In 1948, the old courthouse was made into a hospital by Dr. Gayle Zeigler, who came from Plainview, and Dr. Jim Fite, who came from Silverton. This hospital also had a pharmacy.

In 1952, Dr. Lynn Fite came here from Fort Worth and became associated with hospital.

In 1953, Dr. Zeigler moved to Plainview.

Dr. Ben Souders came from Lubbock and was associated with the hospital for a short while before opening his clinic in 1956. He operated it as a clinic until the hospital additon was added in 1958.

In 1958, Dr. Basil Johns came to Olton and the hospital section of the clinic was put into use.

In 1959, Dr. Souders moved back to Lubbock and the hospital section was closed until the arrival of Dr. O. Jones, in 1963.

FARM INCOME

Between 1920 and 1932, farm income fell from $15,500,000,000 to $5,500,000,000.

WOMEN VOTING

Women voted on a nation-wide basis for the first time in the Harding-Cox presidential election.

Parent-Teacher Group Organized Here 1925

Forty years ago -- in 1925 -- a few Olton women gather in the Olton school to hear about Parent-Teacher work from an Amarillo woman.

These women were concerned about the condition of the school to which their children were going.

Mrs. George Bohner was elected the first president of the local organization. Official colors were blue and white, the first project was to provide hot lunches for school children and the dedication slogan was "To Our Children."

Today, president is Mrs. Elmer McGill, colors are blue and gold, the current project is a proposed Youth Center, but the dedication slogan is the same, "To Our Children."

In 1925, roads were bad, transportation was difficult and the school's financial situation was poor, creating a need for a method of providing hot lunches for the children. A soup kitchen was started by the P-TA women including Mrs. C. M. Owen and Mrs. Miller. It required donations of cooking utensils, food and labor to organize and keep the project operating.

Money-raising activities for the project included plays, contests, pie suppers, and a minstrel. These contributed to the soup kitchen but it was later turned over the the school administration by the women in order to get state aid.

Today, the women of the community are still concerned with better learning conditions for school children. Over the years, the women have made many material contributions to the school as well as offering an opportunity to improve better parent-teacher relations.

PTA members have furnished the school with movie projectors, money for library books, furniture for the Home Economics Cottage, playground equipment and floor covering for the old gymnasium floor.

Past projects have included School Clean-Up Day, safety campaigns, for school streets, barbeque for Homecoming Day, float for home coming parade, pot luck supper for P-TA Dad's Night and various plays.

Current projects include the ham supper for Homecoming, American Heritage contests sponsored with the school, the annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet and a recent study course for parents. Members of the P-TA are presently conducting a program to start a youth center here.

Since Mrs. Bohner took office in 1925, there have been 28 presidents, some who have served two or more terms. These are Mmes. C. M. Owen, 1927-29; A. C. Brigance, 1929-31; S. D. Hay, 1931-32; Roy Hoback, 1932-33; R. E. Terry, 1933-34; Wiley Scott, 1934-35; I. V. Fent, 1935-37; A. D. Melton, 1937-38; Frank Cummings, 1939-40; C. S. Silcott, 1940-41; Paul Burrus, 1941-43; D. M. Granbery, 1943-45; Tom Sluder, 1945-56; Wilton Bodkin, 1946 47; Walter Malone, 1947-48; Raymon Carson, 1951-53; R. T. Frederikson, 1953-54; W. R. Aldridge, 1954-55; M. P. Brigance, 1955-56, Robert Duncan, 1956-57; Wayne Hair, 1957-58; Melvin Hines, 1958-60; Garland Long, 1960-62; Owen Jones, 1962-63; Ed Thompson, 1963-64; Elmer McGill, 1965-66.

Officers elected to serve during the 1965-66 term are Mmes. Elmer McGill, president; Billy Smith, Jr., first vice-president; R. V. Allcorn, second vice-president; Basil Johns, third vice-president; Rex Chitwood, fourth vice-president; Jerry Dennis, historian; Andy Stroebel, reporter, W. C. Gunter, secretary; Max Malone, treasuere; and Mr. Calvin Horn, parlimentarian.



SNOW SCENE--A. Walker is shown above in the winter of 1918 after moving to Olton. Snow is partially melted.
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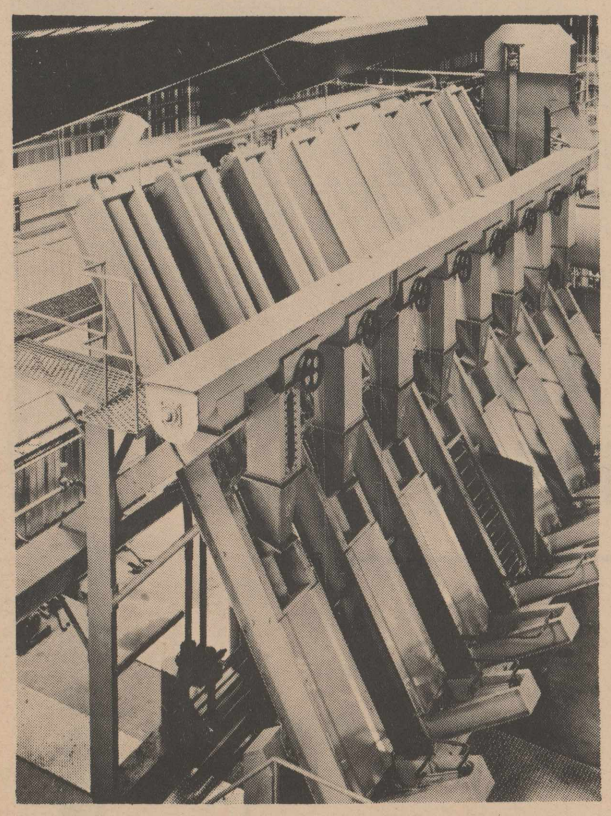

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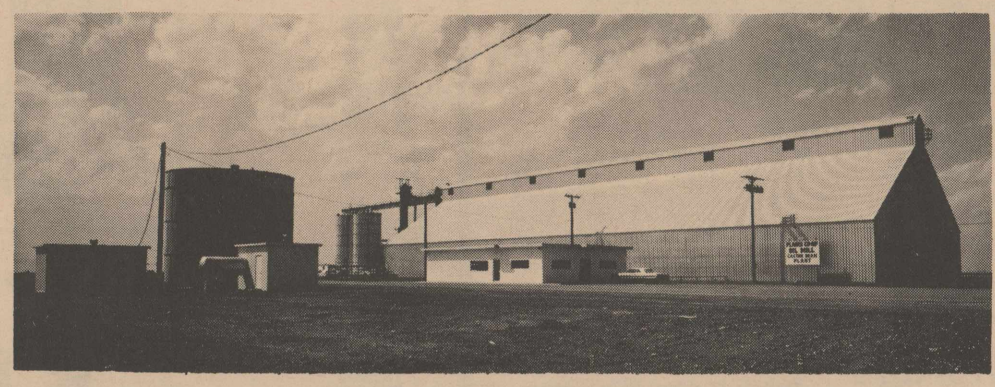

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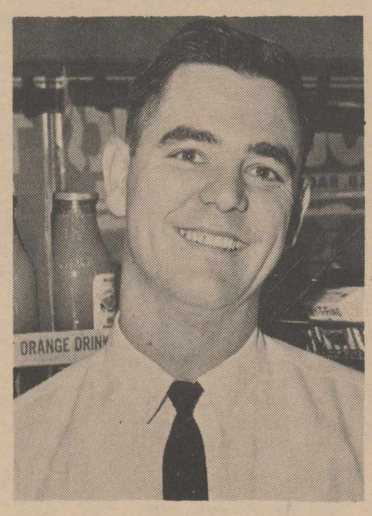

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However, in several localized areas in the southwestern part of the county and south of the sandhills, the water is too highly mineralized for most uses.

The Ogallala formation is composed of fine to coarse sand, gravel, silt, red and yellow clay, and caliche. The sediments in general are unconsolidated and poorly sorted. The coarse sediments are most prominent in the lower part of the formation, whereas the finer grained sediments are most prominent in the upper part.

In the vicinity of Littlefield the sands are cemented and of relatively low permeability and yield insufficient water. In other areas, however, the finer grained sands are loose and subject to caving. The looseness of the fine-grained sands is shown by the radio-activity logs of test wells drilled in the sandhills. Gamma-ray logs, drillers' logs and pumping - test data indicate that the individual beds and lenses of sand, gravel and clay of the Ogallala formation are not continuous over wide areas, but instead generally pinch out or grade laterally and vertically into finer or coarser materials.

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Councilmen



SUNDAY CROWD--The Sunday crowd gathered at the Dotson place in Olton. Picture was taken in 1912.

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Olton State Bank Open Here 1929

Olton State Bank, granted a charter by the State Banking Department, opened for business here Sept. 29, 1929.

Officers were G. T. Abbott, president; L. E. Silcott, vice-president and chashier; and Key Patterson, bookkeeper.

The bank was chartered for $20,000 capital and $5,000 surplus.

First deposit was made by H. P. Webb, former school superintendent.

First directors were G. T. Abbott, L. E. Silcott, A. C. Brigance, C. E. Bley, P. B. Campbell, R. E. Dennis, Guy Willis and G. H. Phillips.

It was originally located in the building now occupied by W. E. Thomas Jr., next door to the Masonic Lodge building. The bank moved in February of 1930 to the building now occupied by Dr. Lynn Fite and in January of 1955, moved to the present location.

Silcott sold his interest to D. M. Granbery on Aug. 1, 1944 and Granbery served as president from 1950 to March 1, 1960 when Granbery sold his interest to W. N. Yates, Owen Norfleet and Frank Cornelius.

Yates served as president until April 15, 1961 and then sold his interest to Norfleet and Cornelius. Norfleet was elected president April 15, 1961.

Present officers are Norfleet, president; Cornelius, inactive vice-president; Lauis Hair, vice-president; Gene Trotter, vice-president and cashier; Clinton Billingsley, assistant cashier.

Directors are Norfleet, Cornelius, Hair, Trotter, G. T. Sides, Jack Straw and Charlie Jones.

Deposits reached a low in September of 1930 with a little over $30,000. A high was set Jan. 8 of this year with deposits at $9,661,760,06.

Capital and surplus on Sept. 29, 1929 was $25,000. Dec. 31 1964, the figure was $608,014.25.

Dream Of 'Hot Lunch' Starts A Lunchroom

BY MARGIE SLATTEN
SCHOOL LUNCHROOM SUPERVISOR

The dream of a "hot lunch" to replace the old "dinner bucket" or "newspaper wrapped" one was first conceived here by H. P. Webb, (deceased), superintendent of schools.

The idea was a real challenge to all the parents of this community and especially concerned were members of the newly formed PTA, which had been organized in 1925.

Mmes. C. M. Owen, George Bohner, C. B. Turner and many others took the lead to organize a hot lunch program with donated stoves, pots, pans etc.

A corner in the old auditorium where the H. P. Webb building now stands was used and an Olton school lunch program was in business! Grace White (deceased) and Lois Turner were the first operators. Mrs. Mattie Moore and Tivoe also worked in this same location.

Later, as needs increased, the lunch program was moved into an unused two-room building south of the old red brick building which was razed in 1957.

Mrs. Charley (Sudie) Brown was supervisor at that time and as the program grew under her supervision, it was later moved into the large basement of the old red brick building. Mrs. Roy (Mary) Barnes also served as supervisor while in these quarters.

In 1937, more desirable quarters were needed and the lunch room was moved upstairs into the auditorium of the old red brick building. The auditorium had formerly been used for school and community activities by night and school study hall during school hours.

By this time, the PTA had sponsored bake sales and had purchased two new Perfection kerosene ranges and the lunchroom was well equiped otherwise. Valerie Hordison was supervisor seven years until September of 1943, when Mrs. Margie Slatten was hired.

The Federal School Lunch Act went into effect in 1949. The PTA had sponsored the program until 1950, when the program experienced growing pains and was now sponsored by Olton Independent School District.

The lunchroom was moved into a permanent home of its own in the H. P. Webb building. That was a proud day for us all!

Then again enrollment and participation grew and, in 1959, the dining hall was enlarged 35 feet to the west and an 85 by 54 feet kitchen was added on the south. There are two serving lines with modern equipment and lots of working space.

All students of Olton Public Schools are served in the spacious, colorful dining hall, which has a seating capacity of 536. The kitchen has facilities for preparing for 1,500. At the present ime, an average of 1,050 students have their noon meal during a one and a half hour period.

The school lunch program has 13 full-time employees, six part-time ones and uses seven students during the lunch hour.

The Olton school lunch program is the "pioneer" of school lunch programs in this area. It is a large operation expending approximately $70,000 per year and supplimented by the Federal Government and Olton Independent School District.

Community Hospital Open Here In October Of 1963

The Olton Memorial Hospital closed down in 1958 but five years later in October of 1963, the Olton Community Clinic became a full-fledged hospital.

Doctors responsible for the hospital and the changeover are Dr. C. B. Johns and Dr. O. H. Jones.

The Community Hospital and Clinic as it is now known is open for treatment of general, medical and major surgical cases.

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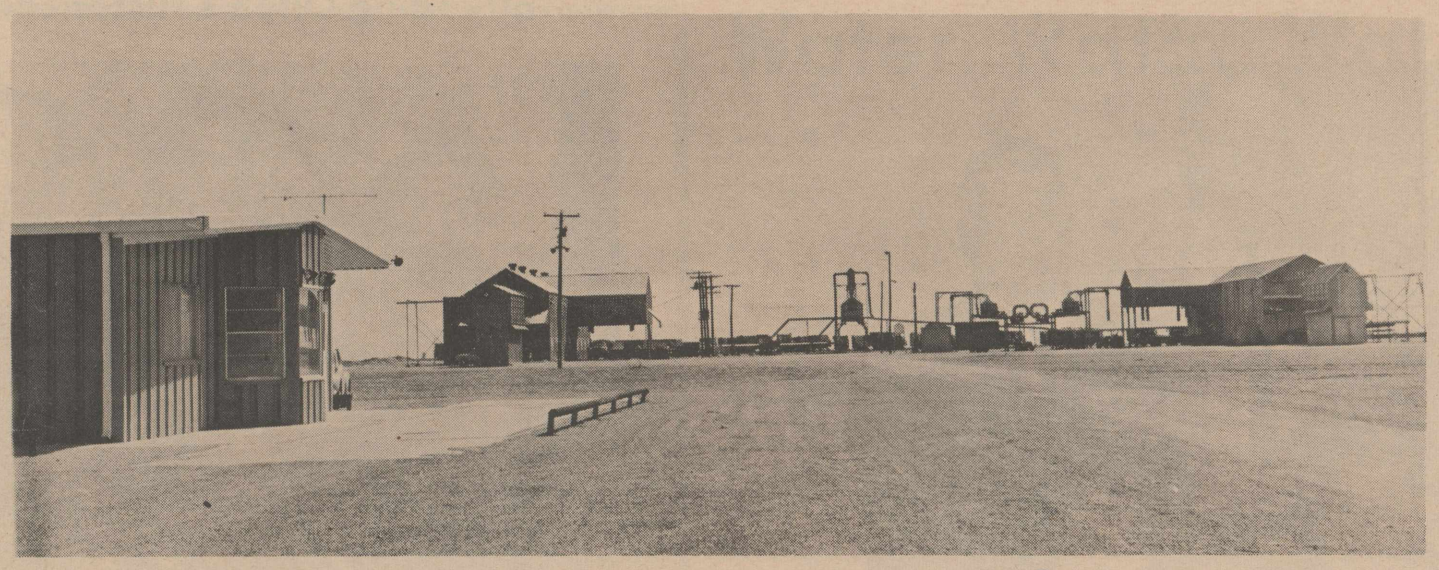
Members of the staff are Dr. C. B. Johns, D.O.; Dr. O. H. Jones, D. O. ; Mrs. Walter Lewis, Dr. Jones' nurse; Mrs. Theo Hackler, Dr. Johns' nurse and lab technician . Other nurses are Mrs. Gerald Davis, Mrs. Parley Myers, Mrs. Raymond Thompson, Mrs. Elmer Gray and Mrs. Eddie Anderson.

Working in the office are Mrs. Glenn Singleterry, business manager, and Mrs. Frank Criswell, insurance clerk.



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Area Enters War... Grim And Busy Years

Grimly, Olton entered World War II.

Young men across the county went away to places that had a strange ring to the South Plains ear. Some did not return.

These years were grim, but busy.

Gone were crop restrictions. The word was to produce more, and more, and more. The South Plains did this, no place more than Olton and Lamb County.

Some farms got even more production with a system of irrigation from vast pools of water that were tapped under the Plains.

It was a forecast of development that was to push the South Plains to a new place in agriculture.

The war's end marked a change of the guard in Olton, not sharp but definite nevertheless. The 1913-25 generation transferred responsibility to the World War II generation. Younger faces cropped up regularly in all functions.

Olton took a deep second breath and was off into the long-striding 1950's.

Cotton acreage grew, and yields zoomed with irrigation and with fertilizer. The new farm generation, some of them college-trained, applied and developed new techniques.

The South Plains took a large, significant place in the national farm economy.

There were many changes. New businesses opened. New homes were built. The era of the two-car and three-car families came in....plus one or more pickups.

The cold war...the atomic age...these became common phrases.

The 1960's seem to present more of the same with more and bigger houses, more businesses, larger schools. The change, of course, is there, but perhaps not so easily seen. The Olton of 1965 is different from that of 1955, or of 1913, for that matter.

It is larger, more prosperous.

But the spirit that built a town on the virgin level lands of the South Plains breathes anew in a people to whom tomorrow is still a frontier.

Frontier Spirit Of Tomorrow Still Growing

Attend Olton's Historical Pageant April 30!



Since 1941.....

We have been growing with Olton!

It was 24 years ago that Consumers Butane first opened for business, and through the years we have expanded our operations many times.

Almost two years ago, we moved into a new, modern building and began offering a full line of housewares, hardwares and gift items, in addition to our long-time butane and oil business.

This area has been good to Consumers and we take this opportunity to say how proud we are to be a part of one of the finest communities in the world.

BARTON & NEVA PRESTRIDGE

SONNY MILLER, ED ANDERSON, BUCK MILLS, EARL ROBERTSON, DEAN WORLEY, AWA ROBERTSON

CONSUMERS



TEAM MATES--Olton girls volleyball team is shown above. In the back row are Velma Phillips, Odessa Howell, Dorothy and Madeline Eby. In front row are Alice Jones, Opal Hair and Della Phillips.

Contributed by Jack Silcott.

Fifties Are Described As Years Of Rapid Progress

Prosperity and progress marked the years 1950 to 1960 in Olton and across the country as a whole with only the shadow of Korea crossing the face of the nation.

The space age was ushered in and one major event toppled over another.

Russia launched Spudnik I in 1957 and science took over with a bang.

Dr. Jonas Salk produced an effective polio-vaccine and local mothers rested a little easier after the first shots were given here in 1955. First Salk inoculation in Lamb County was given to Judy Miller at Springlake.

Television showed its might and everyone flocked to the set to watch Gun Smoke and Edward R. Murrow.

The world of fashion survived "the sack" and art lovers accepted abstract art.

Compact cars were a big item. Margaret Truman got married. The jet airplane was still pretty frightening.

Something new was added to Christmas when Jimmy Boyd sang "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

Queens were crowned in honor of just about anything you can name.

Flying saucers were "seen" everywhere.

Grace Kelly became a princess.

In Olton, things were moving along at a pretty fast clip, too.

Hillcrest housing addition was opened along the middle of this decade, Main Street was curbed, guttered and widened, more paving was done, voters approved a $175,000 city water, sewer and street system improvement bond issue.

Olton State Bank opened their new $100,000 building.

High Plains Research Foundation was established at Halfway in 1956. and a vegetable research program was started in Olton.

Politics were a highlight on both the local and national level, In 1955, G. H. Bley was elected Olton's mayor in a write-in vote, the city government was changed the next year from commission to council type and numerous controversies were not unknown in city government.

In the 1956 national election, Olton set a record by having 97.9 percent of the qualified voters turn up at the polls. It was not a very accurate forecast, however, as Olton voted 573 for Stevenson and 365 for Eisenhower.

The Olton Recreation Center was organized here in 1957 and the Chamber of Commerce was re-organized.

Tornadoes made the news that year with Hart Camp, Spade and Olton hit. Damages were estimated at $6,000,000.

At Hart Camp, a gin was destroyed but a typewriter was left sitting on a desk undamaged. A set of dominoes was left undisturbed on a table inside the demolished gin office.

There were no reported cascasualties from the twin tornadoes that hit the area about 9:30 p.m. on a Sunday night.

Most residents ran for cellars and stayed there until the danger was over.

In 1958, voters approved a school bond issue for more than half million dollars for school construction, Olton got a funeral home and ambulance service and the hospital closed.

In the summer of 1959, Olton harvested a quarter million dollar cucumber crop.

Building boomed during the entire period and at the close of the ten years, the general feeling was one of growth and well-being tempered only slightly by the increased tensions of the "cold war."

Super Save Features Top Quality

Olton Super Save, owned by Joe Finn and Red Simmons and operated by Jesse Stovall, was purchased from Basil Sherman in 1963. Sherman established the store Sept. 1, 1950.

Personnel include Bruce Hackler, assistant manager; Kenneth Buck, market manager; Jimmie Nicholson, checker; Norene Roberson, checker; H. L. May, stocker; Tommy Ray, assistant market manager; Kim Parker, stocker; and Rudy Urrea, stocker.

The self-service super--market offers a complete stock of groceries, top quality meats and fresh vegetables.

Postal Rates Go To 2 Cents, 1925

Postal rates jumped to an all-time high in the spring of 1925 with the new rate going to 2 cents for all postage.

In a letter received by the Post Office Department, 10 new points were explained in respect to the system which was put into effect April 15. The changes included mail from first class to fourth class, in addition to money orders and COD packages.



SUE HAIR

7 Pleasant Years!

Beauty is important to any community and we've been adding this feature to Olton by making women more beautiful.

Since we opened in 1958, more and more women have discovered the skill of our operators and the friendliness of Colonial.

We are privileged to serve this fine community and we sincerely thank the patrons who who have made our business possible.

Colonial Beauty Salon

SUE HAIR, OWNER
BEVERLY NICHOLSON, OPERATOR
Phone 285-2004



EARLY TEAM of Olton High School is pictured above. In the top row are Clarence Howell, Thurman Lewis and Dub Granbery. Next row are Jimmy Dickson, Martin Phillips, X. A. Austin and Principal Scott Anderson. In second row are Paul Nafzger, Lee Kidd, O. L. Beach, Clarence Caler and Ray Finney. In front are Willard Thomas and Tim Daugherty.

Contributed by Jack Silcott.

Rowland-Gordon Opens In 1945

Rowland-Gordon Farm Chemicals, Plainview, was established in 1945 and is managed by Virgil Rowland.

Jason Gordon joined Rowland in 1947.

The firm has been in the present location for 15 years and the Rowland-Gordon fertilizer plant opened in 1947.

Rowland-Gordon has been the first to work with every farm chemical product used or tried in this area.

The firm offers fertilizer, defoliants, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and all other farm chemicals, always stressing improvement and continued expansion through research.

IN UNION

Texas joined the Union in 1845 the only state to do so by a joint resolution of Congress.

BIG STATE

Texas, the second largest state in the Union, measures 801 miles north and south, 773 miles east and west and has 367 miles of coast land.

FIRST HOUSE

First house in Olton was moved in by T. F. Brown from a farm north of town in August of 1908.

AGRICULTURE

Texas ranks fourth in value of agricultural products. Farm income accounts for more than a fifth of the state's income.

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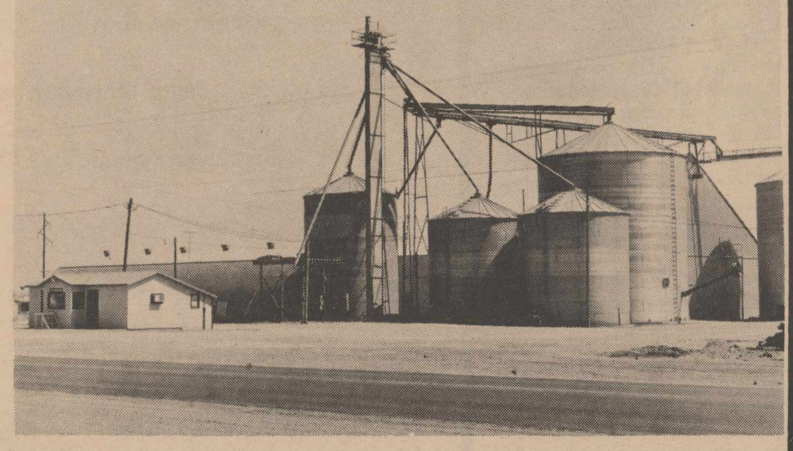
YEARS OF DEPENDABLE SERVICE TO FARMERS IN THE OLTON AREA

We congratulate the Olton community as it observes its long history. We are privileged to have had a part in the development of this great area.



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FARMERS GRAIN CO.

Locations: Hart, Sunnyside, Kress Hiway

Phone 938-3271, Hart DeWayne Brown, Mgr. Phone 846-2242, Sunnyside

County Historical Survey Group Marks Landmarks

Texas State Historical Survey committee was divided into county committees during the Civil War Centennial Years, 1961-65. Graves of civil war veterans were to be located and marked.

The Lamb County Historical Survey committee was appointed by the county judge. Mrs. G. T. Gibson of Springlake was first chairman. Mrs. Marshall Kelly of Earth served a term and present chairman is Mrs. Paul Burrus of Olton.

In 1964, the State Historical Survey committee saw the need of a program of historical recordation, appreciation, marking, preservation and surveys.

RAMPS is a five year program and the county committee set aside $500 for their work of preserving Lamb County History.

To date, one civil war veteran's grave has been located and will be marked with a granite marker. Charles Keenan in the Olton Cemetery is the only Lamb County veteran. Keenan's was the first grave in the Olton Cemetery.

Other historical landmarks marked are:

Old hotel in Sudan and the Spade Ranch headquarters marked with building medallion, roadside marker honoring Maj. Littlefield founding the town of Littlefield and a civil war veteran.

Texas Civil War history appreciation week April 20-26, 1964 was recognized with speeches and newspaper article of "Texas in the Civil War." The county judge proclaimed the week as "Texas Civil War History Appreciation Week."

Landmarks yet to mark include:

Sunnyside school building, first irrigation well at the Mashed O. Headquarters (1904), old church bell at Olton in community church built in 1908, old ruins at Soda Lake, Plant X, Mashed O Ranch (Springlake headquarters of the XIT Ranch), route of Coronado's treak on the Staked Plains, McKenzie's trail through the county, and markers on graves of veterans of all wars.

HD Starts In 1961

The Olton Home Demonstration Club was organized in April of 1961 in the home of Mrs. Tom Smith, with 14 ladies present in addition to Lady Claire Phillips, the HD agent.

Meetings are held in the homes of the members of the first and third Tuesdays of each month with the county agent meeting with the club six times a year.

Primarily an educational club, leaders are appointed to work up programs which include citizenship, family life, health, safety, recreation, 4-H and benevolence.

Each year club members are sent to ditrict and state conventions. Mrs. Paul McFadden and Mrs. Charles Lewis have gone to state meetings. Mrs. Nell Crawford, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Guy Daugherty and Mrs. Jerry Simmons have been representatives at the district meetings.

Mrs. Tom Smith and Mrs. Don Adair have won Texas Home Demonstration award pins.

The club now has 19 members with two charter members active in the organization.



- - A Role In The History And The Future Of An Outstanding Agricultural Area!

Plainview Production Credit, founded in 1933, has grown to the nation's largest organization of its type, lending in excess of $47,000,000 annually.

Dealing only in agricultural credit, our association is proud of its part in the development of one of the country's richest farming and ranching areas.

The Plainview Production Credit Association offers many advantages as the agricultural credit center for its eight-county area of the South Plains, making loans for land purchases, capital improvements, to pay off existing indebtedness and for operating expenses to those who have sound equity in their business.

Since the activation of PCA, we have had pleasant associations with farmers of the Olton area. We look forward to taking part in the development of this great area in the years to come.

Offices In Olton, Dimmitt, Littlefield, Friona, Muleshoe, Tulia, Silverton, Floydada & Plainview

PLAINVIEW PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

Production Credit Association

BOBBY J. HARBER
Olton Representative
Velma Kemp, Secretary



OLTON STATE BANK--The bank building is pictured above in the 30's when it was located in the building now occupied by Dr. Lynn Fite. Note stove at right

Busy Hands Club New To Olton

The Busy Hands Needlework Club is a new club with the first meeting held Jan. 12, 1965.

The club was started by Mrs. Z. D. Miller and Mrs. Bessie Cowart to fill a need for women who enjoy doing needlework to have an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas.

The club meets each second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the homes of the members. Meeting time is 2:30 p.m.

Needle work is done for an hour, then a poem or reading is given, a game played, refreshments are served and more needlework or visiting follows.

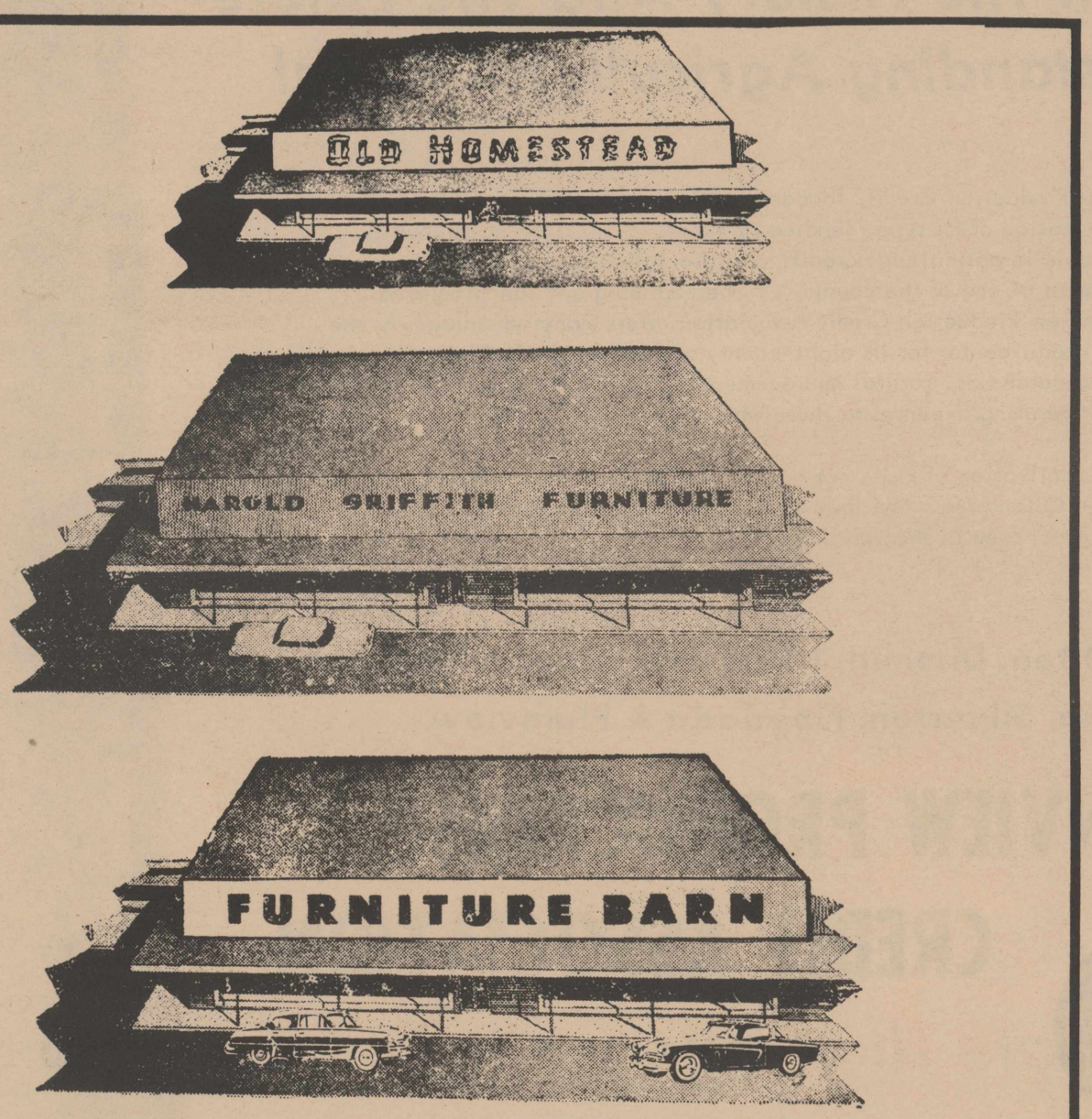
Club motto is "Busy Hands Make Happy Hearts."

Only requirement for membership is a desire to belong and to act as hostess in turn.

Present members are Mmes. Bessie Cowart, G. T. Galloway, Dan Adair, O. T. Crosby, A. S. Nafzger, Clarence Mason, Z. D. Miller, Everett McBroom Winton Hackler, Anna Martens, Anna Gallagher and Miss Ann Warren.

LIBRARIES

Texas has somewhere around 270 public libraries, 90 special libraries and 80 college and university libraries. Largest library in the state is the Mirabeau B. Lamar Library at the University of Texas which has more than 1,200,000 books.



HAROLD GRIFFITH FURNITURE CENTER

CONGRATULATIONS - TO OLTON AND THE TRADE AREA
ON YOUR PHENOMENAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO YOU-ONE AND ALL

Harold Griffith

100 and 200 Blocks North College - Lubbock

Precipitation Is Source Of County Ground Water

The source of the ground water in Lamb County is precipitation within the county and in areas of the High Plains to the northwest. Most of the precipitation is lost through evaporation and transpiration by crops and shrubs, but a small part of that which enters the soil moves downward past the root zone to recharge the underground reservoirs by direct infiltration.

Some of the precipitation runs off into streams and ponds and a part of this also seeps down to the water table eventually.

The rate and amount of recharge are difficult to determine, owing to wide variations in, as well as lack of information on, the permeability and storage capacity of the rocks from place to place, the amount and intensity of rainfall, and the rates of evaporation and transpiration. However, studies on the High Plains (Theis, Burleigh, and Waite, 1935, p. 2; White, Broadhurst, and Lang, 1946) indicate that, of the average annual precipitation of about 18 inches, only a small fraction of an inch recharges the underground reservoir.

The principal areas of infiltration are the sandy soils of the shallow-water area, sand dunes, depression ponds and streams. Although the surficial deposits that mantle the county are sandy, the depth to water is generally fairly great and most of the precipitation that falls as light rains is held by the soil and later evaporated or transpired. Recharge by direct infiltration through the soil zone is limited to periods of exceptionally heavy precipitation.

Such recharge is shown by the large rise of water levels in wells in 1941 and 1942. During that time about 65 inches of precipitation fell in Muleshow causing an average net rise of water level of about eight feet in nine observation wells.

During the same period, however, water levels rose considerably less in the northeastern part of the county, where the soil is tighter and the depth to water greater.

The most favorable area for recharge in Lamb County is in the sandhills extending east-west across the north-central part of the county. Because of the high porosity and permeability of the sand dunes, nearly all the precipitation that falls in the dune area is rapidly absorbed, and consequently little or no surface drainage has been developed.

In places the downward movement of water is probably hindered somewhat by the less permeable caliche layer underlying the sandhills. However, the caliche may contain solution channels that permit the fairly rapid movement of water down to the water table.

B&C Pump Co. In Littlefield Started In 1951

Owners of B. & C. Pump Co., Littlefield, are W. H. Berry and John Clayton, both longtime residents of Littlefield.

Berry moved to Littlefield in 1924 and Clayton in 1930. On Oct. 1, 1951, they became partners in a machine shop. Two years later they purchased the Cox Machine Shop and occupied that building.

In addition to doing all types of machine work, welding and pump repair, the company has the franchise on Western Turbine and Gold Crown Submersible pumps.

Constant growth and expansion has been the story of the company, which is one of the top dealers in Texas.

SATELITE

The United States sent its first satellite, Explorer I, into orbit in January of 1958.

ASSASSINATION

President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Farm Bureau Organized In 1946

The first organized farm bureau in Lamb County was started in 1946. Frank Lehman of Littlefield served two years as the first president with a membership of 14 growing to 26 members the second year.

Many projects in the interest of the younger members were started during 1948 under the drection of Ray Hulse of Littlefield.

The third president served three years with a membership high during 1949-1950 and 1951 of 306. He wrote in insurance until they could establish an office and get a full time general agent. J. H. Angeley of Earth was the man who began the insurance drive.

1952 was another year of progress with Leroy Hackler of Olton holding the reins. A new office was opened in May at Amherst and later moved to Littlefield in September of that year.

In 1953 Prof. Shelby, a man well known in this territory, was elected president. He was widely known as a diversified farmer, and membership soon grew to 437.

An Amherst man Jack Yarbrough became president in 1954 1955, and the largest single increase in membership was accomplished, reaching a new high of 938. It was also during this term of office that Jack Wattenbarger was hired as the insurance agent.

Paul Lewis followed Yarbrough and established the increased sponsorship of youth activities with plaques and trophies for awards for progressive youth.

Under H. H. Newenschwander of Littlfield in 1957 the membership showed an increase over the decrease the year before.



BOWER HOME--Pictured above are a group of Olton residents in 1911 gathered at the Bower home, located south of Olton. Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson

V. M. Peterman of Amherst was president during 1958, and membership continued the upward trend.

1959 and 1960 were active years for the Farm Bureau with the membership going to 900. Under Ted Hutchins of Spade another full time secretary was added to the office to handle the ever increasing business.

In 1961 Herman Newenschwander again served as president. A new office was acquired and membership jumped to 910.

President in 1962 and 1963 was Elmer McGill of Olton. Under McGill, membership shot to 920 families.



BEST WISHES, OLTON!

We Are Pleased To Have A Part in Your History. . .And Future! We Appreciate The Opportunity To Serve You

Two Locations To Serve You!
5 Miles North of Circle ★ 6 Miles East of Olton

M-C GRAIN CO.



1908 HOUSE--Pictured above is Charles W. Reynold's first two-room house, built in March of 1908, and still standing in Olton. Reynolds now lives in Brownwood.
Contributed by Charles W. Reynolds.

First Settler Was Judge Edd Burrus

A speaker at Lions Club here in 1950 was Judge Edd Burrus, (deceased 1958), who was 79 years old at the time.

In his talk, he recalled memories of his life in and near Olton.

Burrus told the club how he sometimes got the vehement label of "Damn Nester" from area ranchers as he broke out the first land in the county and together with relatives, fenced seven sections of state school land on which he had filed title.

Only about 10 square miles of the land, with alternate sections owned by the state and Slaughter ranch, were opened for settlers during the first year for filing in 1899.

It was in this same year that Judge Burrus built his home, and then, at the turn of the century, moved with his wife to the land he purchased from the state.

The price was an exorbitant $1 per acre--$16 down and 40 years to pay. Burrus told how one former Yellowhouse ranch hand took the entire 40 years to retire the debt against his property.

The Olton townsite was bald prairie at this time except for a Slaughter windmill which stood near the site of the present square.

It was in 1903 that Judge Burrus produced the first bale of cotton in Lamb County, only to turn the cows in on the remaining crop after he hauled the bale to Lockney to be ginned.

Burrus was asked how long before he grew his next bale, and he replied:

"About 40 years."

He had sold the cotton, not waiting to have it ginned, for about three cents per pound.

Harvesting in those days was a far cry from the mechanization which has invaded the plains area today. The principal crops of Kafir corn and maize were harvested with a slide with a knife attached.

Burrus once told how the farmer rode on the horse-drawn slide and gathered the stalks in his arms, a method also resorted to by other farmers during the latter years of drowth here when "fodder" was too short ot be gathered with a conventional row binder.

Loco weeds caused a great deal of trouble during the first years Burrus was here.

He related how in 1901 he spent 40 days digging and gathering into bags the loco weeds which grew on his land. The pile he made from them in front of his house took tow days to burn.

The judge lost 10 head of cattle and two horses from the weeds. Other residents sustained similar losses.

Judge Burrus was not here long without neighboring settlers.

He had been at his place, which was about four miles southwest of the present townsite, only about three months when H. R. Miller, the county's first judge, moved here.

Other early county officers included George Galloway, first county Clerk; Luther Williams, first tax assesor; Herbert Dickerson, first sheriff and tax collector.

Besides the office of county judge, Burrus also served as tax assessor for Lamb County at one time.

He is reported to have told a story about an incident during this time when he owned an early model Buick automobile he was just learning to drive. The story was concerned with how he was unable to stop the car when a Slaughter ranch steer ran in front of him.

There is speculation as to whenter the judge added the county's first automobile accident to his long list of other firsts.

However, accidents were probably not uncommon at this time, since settlers were building fences so rapidly that a traveler might find fences across roads that he had traveled just the day before.

Prairie Dog Was Early-Day Pest

Early Olton and Lamb County area settlers discovered official action necessary against a common western rodent, the prairie dog.

Prairie dog holes pocked the new country, especially laid not in cultivation, with resulting heavy damage by their occupants to nearby crops. The Lamb County commissioners court issued an order for control of the rodents by land owners, with the sheriff to enforce control. Absentee land owners had their rodents eradicated and recived a bill from the county.

The small animal, a sporting target for early hunters, has all but disappeared from the South Plains.

A poison advertised for prairie dogs was concocted this way:

"Mix thoroughly one ounce of strychnine (powdered) alkaloid, one ounce of common baking soda. Dissolve one teaspoonful of laundry starch in cold water, add 3/4 pint of boiling water. Boil and stir until a thin clear paste is formed. Slowly sift the mixture of strychnine and soda into starch paste , stirring constantly to form a smooth, creamy mass. Add 1/4 pint of corn syrup and a teaspoon of glycerin and stir. Add 1/10 ounce of saccarin and again stir thoroughly. Pour this mixture over 13 quarts of clear grain and mix until all grain is well coated."

Understandably, this recipe was published by a drug store, which added that the mixture could be formed in a small washtub and "we have in stock all ingredients."



We're Proud
To Serve Olton. . .

It is a privilege for us to be a part of this community and take part in the observance of our history.

We take this means of saying "Thank You" for your patronage.

Roper Oil Co.

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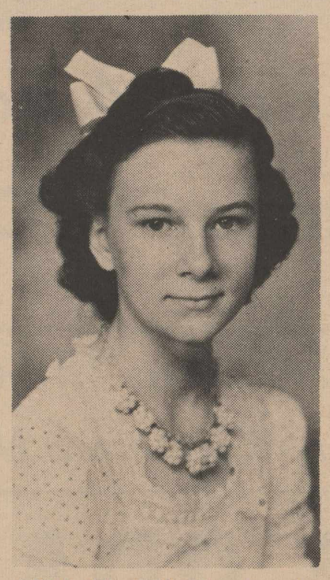
OLTON, TEXAS

SHAMROCK



DORIS THURMAN is shown above in 1947.
Contributed by Mrs. Pearl Schreier



ROSALYN SORLEY or Rosalyn Schreier as she was known when this picture was taken in 1942. Contributed by Mrs. Pearl Schreier.



YOUNG LADY--Pictured above is Ruby Howard, now Mrs. O. T. Crosby. Picture was taken about 1910.
Contributed by Mrs. O. T. Crosby

C. H. Curl 2nd Judge

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Curl moved to Lamb County in 1908. Both were members of the Baptist Church.

Curl was a Mason and Mrs. Curl belonged to the Eastern Star.

Curl was the second county judge and served as such for a number of years. It was during this time, while cars were few in number, that the first road was built across the sandhills.

PARKS

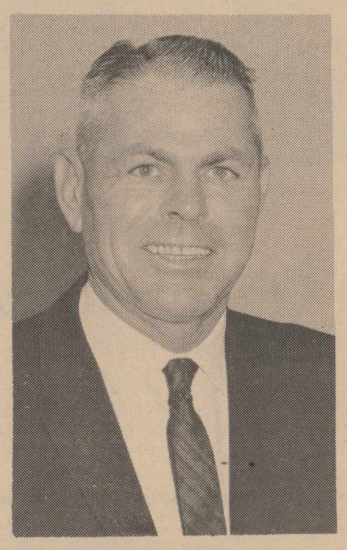
Big Bend National Park is the only national park in Texas. However, there are about 50 state parks.

Congratulations , Olton!

Greetings From Your County Officials

As You Re-Tell The History Of Olton And Lamb County

A lot of water has gone under the bridge since Lamb County was organized 57 years ago . Now is the time to pause and contemplate the accomplishments of those who have gone before . It is time to be proud of those accomplishments . We hope you have a wonderful historical observance , Olton!



J. B. Davis
County Judge



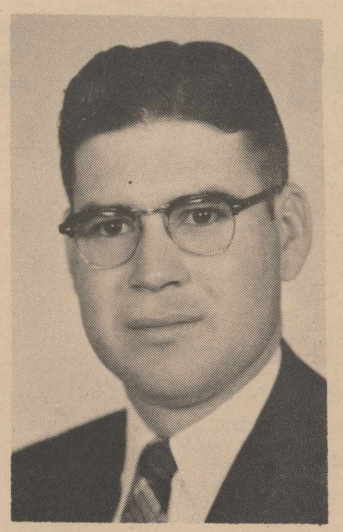
Pat Boone
District Judge



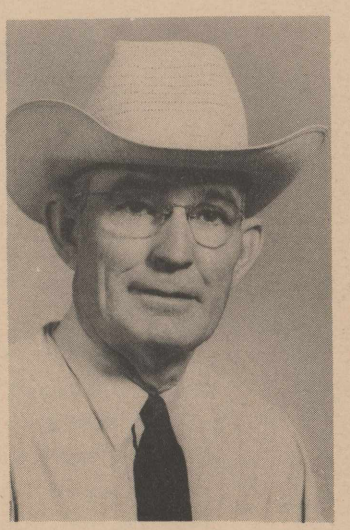
Curtis Wilkinson
County Attorney



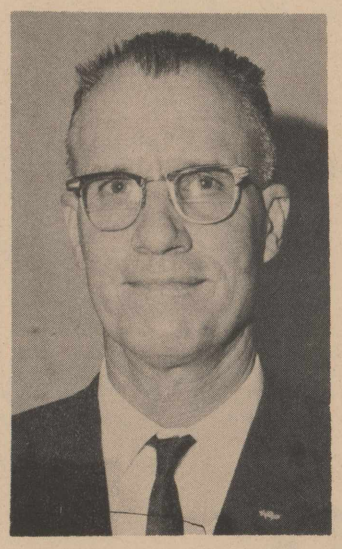
Lucy Moreland
County Treasurer



Charles Jones
County Clerk



Dick Dyer
Sheriff



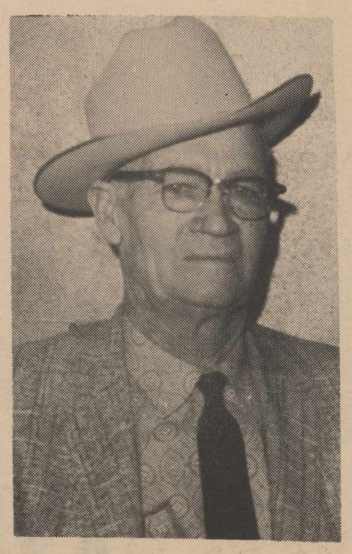
Herbert Dunn
Tax Assessor-Collector



C. Roy Stevens
County School Supt.



A. J. Spain
Commissioner, Pct. 1



Earnest Owens
District Clerk

Church Of Christ Started With 23 Members In 1922

The Church of Christ was established in Olton 1922 with 23 members. The congregation first worshipped in what was known as the Union Church house. Later they bought a building from the Baptist congregation. After outgrowing their first building, in 1949 a $75,000 building was erected on Main Street. Further growth prompted expansion of facilities, and the present auditorium. with addition classrooms, was built in 1956 at a cost of $85,000.

The first preacher serving the church was W. A. Kercheville and succeeding preachers included Harold Collard, Taylor Stanfill, Jim Standridge, Lyle Bonner, M. F. Manchester, John Fulmer, S. A. Freeman, E. R. Higgins, G. B. Stanley and Alfred White.

Elders who have served the church in the past include T. Combest, C. F. Farrar, Orville Dye, G. W. Locke, Lee Poteet, George Brown, W. R. Rose, Doyle Davis, Garrett Bley, Travis Carruth and Ed Hestand.

The Main Street Church has also established churches in the Negro and Spanish sections of Olton. In the 1950's they built facilities for the Negroes and Spanish, including church buildings and preachers homes. They also have supported both works with funds, teachers, preachers and personal workers.

J. D. Lancaster is the present minister of the Main Street Church, having come here from the Central Church of Christ in Bryan, in the fall of 1962. Current officers of the church are Sidney Allen and W. M. (Bill) Smith, elders; D. M. (Bub) Holt, H. R. Keeter, Cecil Keasler, Clovis Poteet, Glen Exter, and Kenneth Moore, deacons. Church membership numbers over 300. There have been 100 responses the past two and a half years with 36 baptisms. Building improvements this past year have been the installation of metal windows in the classrooms, glass front doors, and an aluminum canopy with ornamental iron supports across the front of the building. The church has also made a major library expansion, adding over 100 volumes, and has added several visual aids to the teaching equipment.

Main Street Church projects for the past two years, in addition to the local program of work , include mission work in the form of building assistance, travel funds, and other contributions to Sao Paulo, Brazil; Toronto, Canada; Bismarck, North Dakota; Tanganyika; Israel; East Pakistan; and the Philippine Islands.

Cashway Food Started 1949

Cashway Food Store was started in February, 1949 with T. R. White as owner.

Manager of the store, which was moved into its present building in September, 1954, is Herman Meyer.

The store was re-modeled and a complete self-service meat department installed in March, 1961. The present building is three times as large as the original building.

Personnel include Mrs. L. H. McAdams, checker; Loraine Meyer, checker; Virgil Gray, butcher; Larry Digby, produce; L. H. McAdams, stocker.

The modern, up-to-date store offers a complete line of groceries, fresh meats, fresh produce, frozen meats and products as well as free delivery in the city limits and Gunn Bros. stamps.



MAIN STREET--The main street of Olton is pictured above as it appeared in 1909. This photo was taken from a postcard sent by Elmer McGill Sr. to his future bride.

Contributed by Cloys Fancher.

Roper Oil Changed 1962

Roper Oil Co. building was built here in 1955 and the business was purchased in 1962 by Randall and Ralph Roper.

Original owners were Marshall Campbell and Hobb Thomas.

Manager is C. C. Curry.

The business offers Shamrock gas and oil diesel, wholesale and retail, Goodyear tires, Willard batteries and all brands oil.

We're Growing, Too!

Serving Olton Since 1946

It is a pleasure for us to be a part of one of the world's finest agricultural areas. We have enjoyed a fine relationship over the years with the people we serve ...and we feel a great satisfaction in meeting their fuel needs.

The Olton area has been good to us, and for this, we sincerely thank you.



Congratulations, Olton, on this observance of a long and successful history!

OLTON BUTANE CO.

Main Street Phone 285-2165 Olton, Texas

Floods, Blizzards Are Experienced By Early Settlers Of Lamb County

BY MRS. W. B. SMITH, JR.

H. R. Miller stood near the banks of the raging Red River and pondered his situation. To cross the swollen river was impossible. He calculated it would take four, five days - maybe a week--before he could push on to the Plains.

It was the spring of 1900, and oldtimers recollect it was a "wet one." For the Miller family, and hundreds of others pioneering across the Southwest, the new century opened with a pack of troubles.

With the safely of a wife and four young sons dependent upon his decisions, and with 300 bawling, valuable head of cattle under his charge, Miller had no margin for mistakes.

They would camp here until he was certain passage was safe.

Meanwhile, there weremouths to be fed, chores to be done, and cattle to be kept placidly rounded up in the best grazing spot available.

Four days later Miller made his decision and herded his precious cargo across the receding river. He reached what now is Lamb County on April 3, one month after leaving Memphis. His family, his horses, his cattle--and himself--were exhausted, but they had made it, they were "home."

Back at Memphis, people had started raising cotton, and Miller was a cattleman. He had traded his section of land there for 300 head of cattle and $300.

Here, in this new land, he would file on two sections and concentrate on raising cattle.

The Miller family story, as told by Henry R. Miller Jr. of Olton, includes an incident which occurred that first year spent on the Plains.

Henry Jr. relates, "It was a very wet year, and my father developed pneumonia."

While the elder Miller was incapacitated, one of the season's biggest rains drenched the Plains and the fierceness of the storm drove all the Miller cattle off his range.

Upon the small shoulders of Miller's nine year old son Bob fell the task of bringing the cattle back. And it proved to be a difficult assignment, because the rain-besieged cattle had strayed many miles. After seven rugged days of searching, Bob found the herd in Hale County. But the Millers were blessed with good fortune--not a single animal was missing.

Henry Jr.'s narrative states that in those days their neares that in those days their nearest Post Office was 15 miles distance at the old Running Water Community. Within this distance, the Millers had three neighbors. Other than small 10-acre fenced horse pastures on the property of each family, there was only one fence in this entire area. A drift fence running north and south was located from four miles west of Olton to a point immediately west of the Circle.

Miller fenced the first large pasture in 1909 and it is on this section of land where Olton Cemetery is located. Miller donated four acres for the cemetery. Henry Jr. said Charley Keenan was the first person buried there.

H. R.Miller, who is credited with giving the land for Buckner Orphan Home at Dallas, was one of the organizers of Lamb County in 1908, his son said. He served as first Lamb County judge.

The Millers and five Olton women organized the Methodist Church here in 1907.

S. A. "Happy" Miller was one of the first babies born in Lamb County, Henry stated. He was the Millers' fifth son. Marshall Miller was born in 1913 and Johnny Miller in 1916. The four sons who came with their parents to Lamb County were Robert, James, Henry Jr. and Bill.

Henry recalls that the first school here was "Burro College" named for the animal which most children rode to school. He says Miss Grace Galloway, later Mr. Fred Pilley was the first teacher. Her salary was $25 a month, with parents paying $4 a pupil a month.

Prominent in Henry's memory is the vicious blizzard of 1918. By then his father's herd numbered 600 head. But the same storm that brought danger to the Miller cattle tossed in a generous "peace offereing." About 100 blizzard-badgered antelope suddenly appeared to feed alongside the cattle.

Consequently, the Millers at "high on the antelope" that winter and, Henry Jr. added, there was plenty of antelope stored in the smoke house.

Henry said that his parents, both of whom are deceased, were known to early settlers as "Pa and Ma Miller."

No Santa That Year

Mr. and Mrs. Walter V. Ogden moved to Olton in 1904. He helped to organize the county.

About Dec., 1906, Walter Ogden left for Kansas City, taking his and his father's calves to market. He was accompanied by several of the neighbors with their stock.

They drove them across country to Amarillo, as that was the nearest railroad. They boarded the train in Amarillo, leaving their horses and gear in the wagon yard until they should return.

They planned to be back by Christmas, but a big snow came and they didn't get back until about the first of the year.

Santa didn't make it to Olton that year on time, but children understood Santa couldn't travel in all that snow and didn't fret about it.

When the men returned, there were barrels of syrup, 100-pound sacks of sugar, 50-pound sacks of flour, dried fruit and many things to brighten the long winter days ahead. There was also lumber for the Walter Ogden's new house and barn.

Lamb County Is Named For G. W. Lamb

Lamb County, which was formed in 1903, was named after a young second lieutenant who fell in the first charge at the Battle of San Jacinto.

George A. Lamb was born in 1814 and died in 1836 on the famous Battlefield near San Jacinto. The 22-year-old man never knew his name had been chosen for the name of one of the top cotton producing counties in Texas.

T. F. Browns Have Trouble In Locating

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Brown came to Lamb County in 1903 from Aiken, a little town near Lockney.

They built their home on what he thought was their land.

He found out later he should have built three-fourths of a mile east and one mile north of where they were. So he moved his house to this location. Then after a survey in 1908, he found that his house was still not on his land, but left it here until moving it into Olton in 1908,

Before moving into Olton, the Browns had the post office in their home, in connection with a store about 1905. They continued with these two businesses in their home after coming into town, later building a store and post office. They sold out to Mila Dodson in 1909 and moved to Oregon.

Walter's Store Opened In 1952

C. E. Bley was the original owner of the store known today as Walter's Department Store and now owned by Walter Struve.

In 1952, three partners, E. G. Struve, Tom Smith and Walter Struve started the store known as Smith-Struve.

In 1954, Smith and Walter Struve bought out E. G. Struve's interest and in 1962, Struve purchased Smith's interest in the store. At this time, the name was changed to Walter's Dept. Store.

Personnel includes Lee Neinast, Edna Peterson and Dot Justus.

The store features general dry goods, shoes for the family and piece goods.



IN 1940--Recognize the couple above as they are pictured in 1940. They are Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Miller.
Contributed by Mrs. Mable Kirkpatrick.

Reynolds In Brownwood

Charlie Reynolds came to Olton with the W. P. Soash Land Company in 1908.

Reynolds now lives in Brownwood and contributed several pictures to this edition.



WOOD PILE--Shown above about 1916 are Jake and Bill Yates out at the woodpile.
Contributed by Mrs. Bill Yates

School Pageant Friday, April 30

In Olton Since 1928



We would like to extend our congratulations to everyone, children and adults, who have worked so hard on this pageant and to say that we are very proud to serve an area such as ours. We will always try to give you the kind of friendly, personal service that you like.

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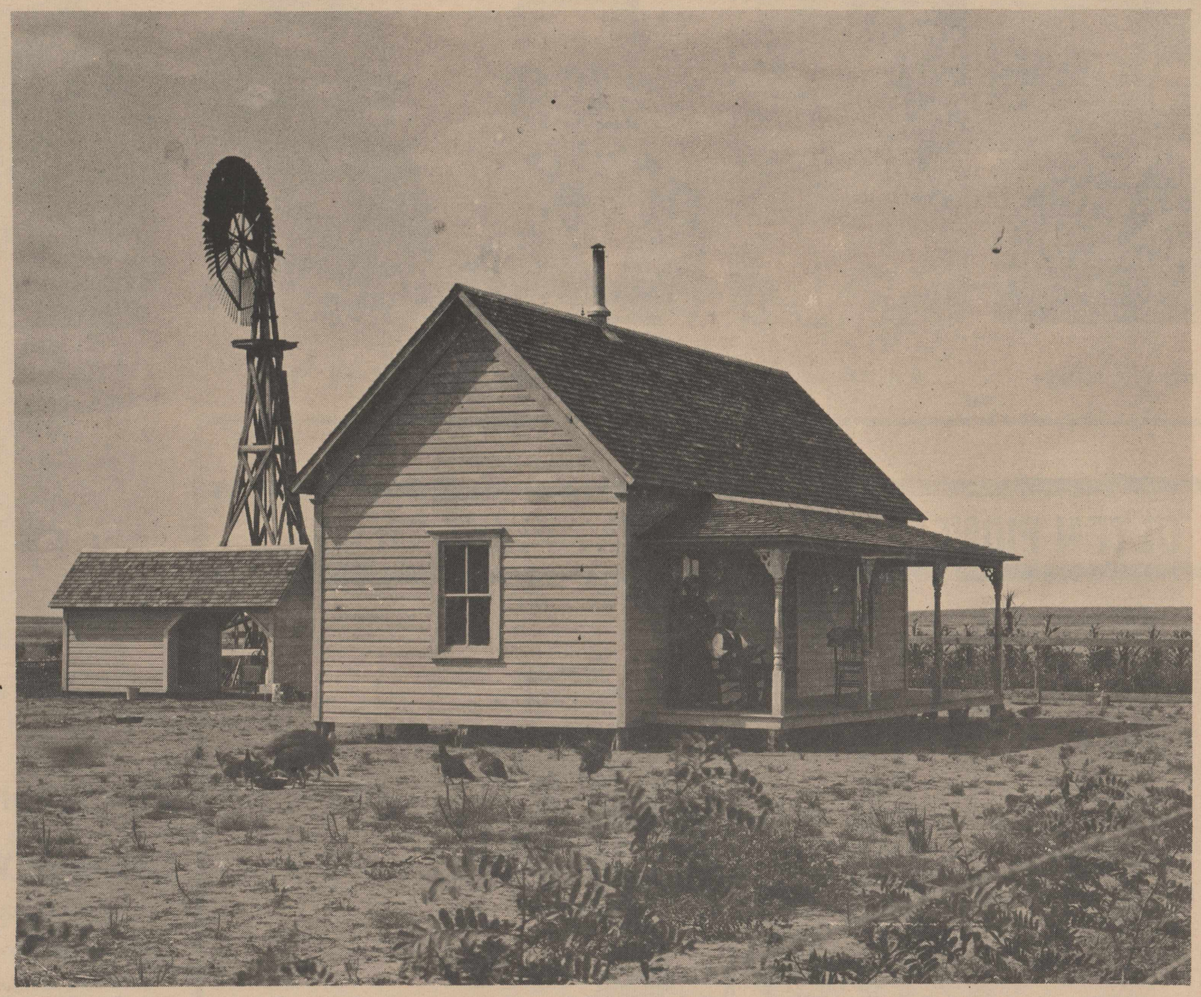

McGILL PLACE--Shown above is a 1906 home consisting of two 14 x 14 feet rooms and an eight foot hall. This was the first building on the McGill place south of town.

Contributed by Mrs. Paul Burrus.

It is a wonderful privilege to be associated with such people and to be an integral part of this growing community.

We're proud to be able to serve this area and its fine people.

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NATURAL GAS HELPED TO MAKE IT EVEN GREATER!

Natural GAS contributes to the good life that residents of Olton and the surrounding area enjoy. GAS is an essential part of everyday living...cooking meals, drying clothes, heating and cooling the home, economically, dependably and cleanly. GAS contributes to prosperous agricultural economy by providing a dependable, economical fuel for irrigation. In this area, as wherever it is used, GAS does the big jobs better...for less!

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CATTLE DIPPING--Jack Silcott and Oakley McGill are shown at a cattle dipping on the Crawford Ranch north of town about 1916 or 1917.

Contributed by Henry Cowart.

Boy Scouts Organized 1932; Eastman Was Scoutmaster

The Boy Scouts of Olton were organized in 1932. The first Scoutmaster was Charley Eastman.

The second Scoutmaster was I. B. (Doc) Holt from 1935 to 1938. Doc Holt was also a member of the first Boy Scout Troop organized in Texas in 1912 at Big Springs. His Scoutmaster was Mr. Holmes.

Scoutmaster I. B. Holt had a Boy Scout Troop with about 30 boys. Some of the members of his troop were Winston Bley and Don Melton who attended the 1936 National Jamboree.

Other members of this troop were Rex Chitwood, who drove 10 miles to town to attend the meetings, George Kysinger, George Huggins, Alton Hill, Tommy Lloyd, George Richards, Virgil Cole, Roy Dobbs Jr., Buck Jones, D. E. Arman, and Curtis Wilkinson, who is now our county attorney.

This troop used to make hikes to the sand hills and camp out overnight. One of the highlights remembered was their trip to the mountains of New Mexico.

The entire financing of any trips was done by the boys hauling trash and doing odd jobs around town.

Today there are three chartered troops.

Troop 220 with 15 boys, Troop 240 with 14 boys and an explorer Troop with nine boys.

Members of these three troops for 1965 are Danny Sides, Scotty Jones, Eddie Hooper, Glenn Loveless, Kim Parker, Dwayne Campbell, Burney Hooper, Robert Williams, Explorer Scouts; and Lynn Campbell Jimmy Schenck, Mark Chitwood, Jimmy Williams, Mac Lancaster, Rex Rudd, David Norfleet, Jerry Loveless, Art Tollett, Jimmy Clark, Terry Horn, Thomas Jenkins Jackie Kemp, Johnny Lewis, Charles A. McClain, Kenneth Teague, David Turner, Gary Carlisle, Barry Thompson, Gary Kelley, Stevie Holt, Danny Howell, Ramzie Zakka, Gary Cooper, Tony Miller, Jimmie Gallaway and Philip Bley, scouts of Troop 220 and 240.

Scoutmasters are Lester Thompson, Bub Holt, Hal Nicholson with Jimmie Jenkins as assistant Scoutmaster.

The board of directors consist of 12 adults and the troops are sponsored by the Lions Club.

Equipment that is now available for the troops are three large tents and a bus and are in the process of building a Scout house.

Jeffrey Lbr. Started 1949

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jeffrey purchased the Olton Feed Mill from Gordon Thomas in October, 1944, and sold feed, seed and coal to farmers and coal to the schools.

The feed mill was sold to R. A. Fanning in 1948. Jeffrey purchased the building again in 1949 and converted it into Jeffrey Lumber Co. yard, office and display room with one 50-feet lumber shed and one 28 x 16 office building.

The feed mill was remodeled and through the years, the company has added two 50-feet lumber sheds, a 30 x 60 warehouse and a new brick and tile 50 x 64 building.

The business offers a complete building supply and hardware service along with Redi Mix concrete. The cement business was started about the same year as the lumber company with a portable mixer.

In 1959, an all-electric automatic cement plant was installed.

Jeffrey Lumber contracts all types of building and offers all types of building materials.

Northside Gift Started 1953

Northside Gift Shop, owned by Mrs. R. H. Thomas, went into business here Nov. 7, 1953.

The business started out in the same location as the present one with a building 15 by 18 feet, selling hand made ceramics. Baby clothes were added shortly and about a year later another 15 by 18 feet was added to the building in 1956, doubling the space available. At this time, a children's line was added.

The store now handles everything from gifts for brides to babies' things.

Curtis Scruggs is sales clerk.



KENNEDY CHILDREN--This picture, made about 1913, shows Joe Kennedy, Jim Kennedy, Inez Kennedy, Laura Kennedy and Ruth Kennedy.

Contributed by Mrs. Bill Yates.



ALL DRESSED UP--Stripes were apparently good for the gentleman in 1908, too, when this picture was made. Recognize Henry Cowart? He was two years old when this photo was made.

Contributed by Henry Cowart.



FIRST CAR--Charles Reynolds was justly proud of this, his first car. Reynolds now resides in Brownwood.

Contributed by Chas. W. Reynolds.

How About These Prices

These were in effect in this area in 1923, when a 48-pound sack of flour was a usualy family purchase.

This was a day when a can of pork and beans was a standard size, and required no definition other than a price. It was not a 2 1/2 can, or a 303, or a family size--just a regular husky can of pork and beans. It cost 11 cents in this ad.

Dairy Lea milk cost a nickel, presumably a quart. Hooker type was a going item and the old Post Toasties, the kind that came in a big yellow box, were just 12 cents.

Fresh produce was an item for summer seasons. It was a simpler menu those days, and a can opener was a most necessary household item.

Tom Keenan Trades Horses With Geronimo

Tom Keenan was born Feb. 3, 1875 in Cook County. As a boy, he worked in the Indian Territory in Oklahoma. At that time, Geronimo was in captivity at Fort Sill.

Keenan liked to tell about trading horses with the "Proud Chief."

In 1891, he worked six months, for the Matadors, then began working for the Yellow House Ranch and "cowboyed" for nine years.

He filed on land in Lamb County in 1898 and traded in cattle until 1901.

In 1903, he married Lou Vena Light. Their home was a stopping place for the cowboys. It was said that it sometimes seemed like they were running a hotel.

One time the Keenans were going someplace in the buggy. They looked down and there was a rattlesnake lying on the floor board. They successfully removed it without any harm, except the fact that Mrs. Keenan was "almost frightened to death."

Keenan was sheriff of Lamb County from 1920 to 1924. Mrs. Keenan died in 1919. He died Nov. 25, 1962 in Albuquerque, N. M., where he is buried.

FAIR DEAL

Harry S. Truman labeled his program of progressive measures "The Fair Deal."

KOREA

The Korean war started June 25, 1950 when North Korean armies invaded South Korea.

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Anytime, anywhere the world over, you see the Texaco sign you know it is a sign of progress. And when you see the Texaco sign in Olton you also know is is your guarantee of the very finest in service as well as the highest quality petroleum products. We are proud to serve Olton and to be a part of its growth and progress.



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Mr. and Mrs. Campbell



Tom's Texaco - - Main Street

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OLTON, TEXAS

Henry Cowart Tells Of Early Days Here

BY LEAH CROSS

The John Cowarts moved to Olton in 1901 from Lockney to farm and ranch here.

Cowart was the first county clerk when Lamb County was organized and he served as clerk for just one day...the first day.

In 1933, the Cowarts quit farming and went into the blacksmith business here.

In a recent interview with Henry Cowart, he said the first prayer meeting to be held in Olton was at the Cowart home and also the first prayer meeting to be held for rain was at the Cowart home. Brother Winn, a home missionary and also the first pastor in Olton, held these meetings.

Cowart noted that in those days, a person didn't know from time to time whether or not he would have anything standing if he left his place for a while.

And he told about one time that he didn't. He left his place and when he came back, most everything was burned to the ground.

Cowart said the fires were sometimes started by people who came from the north. They would throw empty bottles and cans onto the prairie and the sun beaming down would start the fires.

He also said that sometimes the people were careless with their camp fires.

Cowart recalled the time in 1903 when the Slaughters on the Big S turned about 3,000 head of cattle loose in the country trying to run the "nesters" out.

The cattle scattered for several miles, tore down fences and ruined crops but, Cowart said, the nesters stayed anyway.

Cowart also remembered the big blizzard of 1918 when about 500 head of cattle, all found in one big bunch, were frozen to death. John Cowart's face and ears were frozen during this same blizzard when he went out to check on his stock.

Before this storm, Cowart said George Abbott had built a wind break for his cattle but didn't get it finished at the bottom, so that there was about a foot left open at the ground.

His cattle were standing behind this break during the blizzard, but their feet froze where the break was unfinished. Cowart said Abbot had to take his saw and cut off the frozen part of the cattle's legs and "They just walked around on the stubs."

Some of the other items about early history in Olton and Lamb County recalled by Cowart were:

When Lamb County was organized in 1908, there were 11 families living here.

In 1903, John Cowart helped take the school census and there were 14 children between the ages of 7 and 14 in the county and one of them was married.

The first house in Olton was moved here by T. F. Brown, who owned the general store and was postmaster, This house is still standing one block south of the Nazarene Church.

Dr. Smith was actually the first doctor in Olton and owned the first drug store between 1908 and 1912.

Joe Lee Ferguson, brother of our former governor, Jim Ferguson, bought Old Mexico cattle in this part of the country about 1913. Cowart said the cattle ran loose and ate crops. He also said that some of the farmers got together and ran three of the cows into a shoot and shot them. and, he added, after that, Ferguson decided to get rid of the cows.

In 1923, there was a blizzard so bad that all of the children except Pete Keenan had to stay in town. It seems Henry Cowart and Keenan didn't latch the gate after putting their horses in the corral.

In 1901, Judge Miller and his son , Bob, drove 375 head of cattle from Fort Worth to Olton and shortly after, there was a blizzard and the cattle started drifting. They were found around Ralls. Judge Miller took pneumonia and Bob had to drive the cattle back alone. Bob was about 9 years of age at the time.

In 1933, the government killed stock because there was an over supply of meat, no feed and no market. They also paid the farmers to plow up cotton because there was an excess. The government paid about $20 or $25 per acre.

In 1933, when John Cowart had to quit farming, they sold their stock, and a cow and calf only brought about $10 or $12.

Cowart noted that Bob Norfleet has been here for 72 years, moving here at the age of 16. He said he lived in a tent in the sand hills alone and broke horses for the farmers. Cowart said Norfleet often told him: "When I moved here, the moon was only the size of an orange."

Cowart also tells the story of one of the local ranchers who, when he was just a young boy, drove some cattle to Friona to be shipped. When he reached Friona, the rain had washed the railroad tracks out and he had to pasture the cattle until they repaired the tracks. A severe electrical storm came up and the youngster was scared so badly that he would cry awhile and pray awhile. In his prayers, he would say: "Oh Lord, if You will just let the storm lay, I promise I will go home tomorrow."

As the sun came up, it was such a beautiful day and the youth said to himself: "The Lord won't care if I stay longer since it is such a beautiful day." Then when the next storm struck, there was a repetition of the crying and the prayers.

According to Cowart, the late Luther Williams was the first tax assessor of Lamb County, serving from 1908 to 1912.

Herbert Dickenson was the first sheriff of Lamb County from 1908 to 1912.

Horace Walker taught school here in 1917-18 and 1919-20.

In 1918, Mr. Cozier was mail carrier from Olton to Plainview. That year, the Russian thistles drifted so heavy against fences that it just pushed them over. A big snow came and because of the thistles being so high, the snow drifted fence high across the road. Grandpa Dellis had just moved here and he offered to take Mr. Cozier to Plainview in his hack since they hadn't had any mail in over two weeks. The hack broke down and it took several days to repair it. Only then did they start out to finish their trip to Plainview for mail.

It took two weeks to two months to make a trip from Amarillo to Plainview for groceries, lumber etc. It just depended on weather conditions and travelers would have to camp out along the way. Some times they were compelled to have a wagon until they made the return trip. Cowart said no one worried about anything being stolen while they were gone because everyone respected the property of others.

He tells one story about two youths here (names withheld) who, while in high school, decided to climb in the attic of the school for a smoke.

In taking a step up in the attic, they missed a rafter and fell through the ceiling, landing in the middle of the study hall still holding on to their cigarettes, to find themselves looking right into the eyes of their teacher and fellow classmates.



SISTERS--Recognize Mrs. Ineta Dennis, left, and her sister, Mrs. Howard (Nettie) Hall?

Contributed by Mrs. Elmer Houston



PRIZE PHOTO--Tom Sluder Sr. is shown above in 1912. This picture took a first prize in a baby contest. Sluder is now employed at Olton Butane here.

Contributed by Mrs. Tom Sluder



YOUNGSTERS--Above are Ruth Kennedy, Foy Dodson, Roy Dodson, Jim Kennedy, Dee Dodson, Inez Kennedy, Lee Dodson and Laura Kennedy. The baby is Martha Ella Dodson.

Contributed by Mrs. Bill Yates

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H.L. Dennis - 1951 -

It is a pleasure and a privilege for us to be able to call Olton home. We thank each and everyone of our patrons in the past and we hope to serve you in the future.

Dennis Builders Supply

H.L. DENNIS

New Century Re-Organized Here In 1955

A Young Women's Garden Study Club was organized Tuesday March 30, 1948 in the home of Mrs. Lauis Hair.

This club is today known as New Century Study Club, after becoming a federated study club in 1955.

Mrs. George Bohner, then vice-president of the Olton Garden Club, helped to organize the original garden-study club in 1948.

Mrs. Hair served as the first president.

Other presidents were Mrs. Robert Edwards, 1949; Mrs. J. C. Scruggs, 1950; Mrs. Floyd Brewer, 1951 and 1952; Mardema Ogletree, 1953; and Mrs. Don Spain, 1954.

After federation and changing the name to New Century in 1955, Mrs. Wilton Bodkin served as the first president. Her theme was "Our challenge to home, church and school."

Other presidents and their themes have included Mrs. Glen Exter, 1956-47, "The American Family"; Mrs. Merle Snyder, 1957-58, "Women Around The World"; Mrs. J. C. Brown, 1958-59, "Texas"; Mrs. Frank Struve, 1959-60, "Getting the Most out of Life"; Mrs. Ed Thompson, 1961-62, "A Traveling We Will Go"; Mrs. Fred Thompson, 1961-62, "Developing A Greater Understanding Through Knowledge"; Mrs. Fred Thompson, 1962-63, "Give Me Understanding,"; Mrs. Don Spain, 1963-64, "The Search For Truth."

President for this year is Mrs. Archie Sorley whose theme is "Open Doors to Success."

Projects of the club include sponsoring the Cub Scouts, donating books and magazines to Bohner School, entertaining the Golden Agers, sending a gift box to a mental hospital, giving a Thanksgiving basket, and assisting with the local library along with various state and national federation projects.

J.P. Ogden Uses Buggy

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ogden moved to Olton in 1904.

Ogden had a fast-trotting buggy horse, and he often drove it to Plainivew to obtain a doctor for someone, as there were no doctors nearer and no telephones, no cars.

OLTON BAPTISTS Giving---



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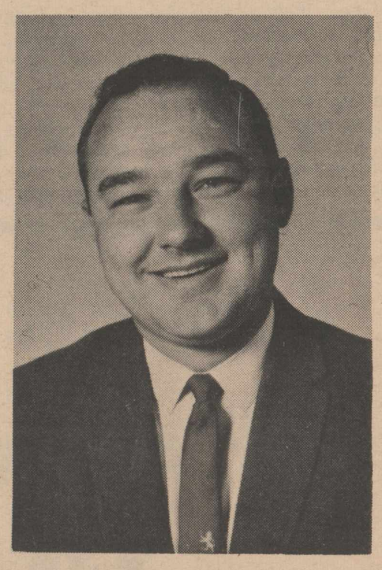
- IN GOD - THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.
- JESUS CHRIST IS SAVIOR & LORD.
- IN THE BIBLE AS THE ONLY RULE IN FAITH & PRACTICE.
- IN A REGENERATED MEMBERSHIP.
- SALVATION IS AVAILABLE TO ALL BY THE GRACE OF GOD, THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.
- IN THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE BELIEVER AND THAT JESUS CHRIST IS OUR HIGH PRIEST.



The Rev. John E. Lewis
PASTOR



Bob Allford
Music Director

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WHERE A MAN MAY LIVE IN DECENCY, COMFORT AND SECURITY,
SUPPORTING AND EDUCATING HIS CHILDREN, A PLACE WHERE
AGE IS REVERENCED, INFANCY RESPECTED, WOMANHOOD HONORED,
AND HUMAN LIFE HELD IN DUE REGARD, AND I WILL SHOW YOU
A PLACE WHERE THE GOSPEL HAS GONE BEFORE AND
LAID THE FOUNDATION."

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

Organized In Olton In 1903

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

OLTON, TEXAS



FAVORITE HORSE --Shown above is Frank Tipplett in 1917. He is now in Amarillo with PGC Grain.

Contributed by Henry Cowart



VIRGIL GRAY CHILDREN pictured above in 1943 are Mrs. T. J. (Joyce) Smith, Mrs. Thomas (Peggy) Lively and Mrs. Johnny (Betty) Durham. All attended Olton schools. Gray has lived in Olton since 1926. Contributed by Virgil Gray.

St. Peters Started 1958

St. Peter's Catholic Church is Olton's first and only Catholic Church. The building, which was formerly the Nazarene Church building, was moved to its present location in the 200 block of 11th Street in September of 1958.

The interior was remodeled and St. Peters was dedicated Nov. 11, 1958 by Bishop John L. Morkovsky, Bishop of Amarillo, as a mission of Sacred Heart Church, Littlefield.

The first pastor was Rev. Norbert Wagner of Littlefield.

St. Peters became a mission of Immaculate Conception Church, Dimmitt, in April of 1961 and is still a mission of this parish. Present pastor is Rev. Raphael Chen of Dimmitt.

About 500 persons are served by the church.

NATO

The United States, Canada, Great Britain, France and eight other countries signed the North Atlantic Pact in the spring of 1949. This stated that an attack on one member would be considered an attack on all.

PEARL HARBOR

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese airplanes bombed U. S. bases at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Congress declared war on Japan the next day, and on Germany and Italy three days later.



MRS. E. L. KIRKPATRICK at the age of 16. She was born July 27, 1875 , mother of Mrs. Edd Truelock, Olton; Cass Kirkpatrick, Olton; Mrs. C. D. Bennett, Lubbock; Mrs. Henry Hathcoat, Electra; Joe Kirkpatrick, Chillicothe; Mrs. H. L. Sampson, Arlington; and Tom Kirkpatrick, Borger.
Contributed by Mrs. Edd Truelock

GOVERNMENT

The Texas legislature has 31 members of the senate and 150 members of the house of representatives.

CONSTITUTION

Texas now uses a constitution adopted in 1876, the sixth constitution of the state.

Forties Generally Called "The Years Of The War"

The years 1940 to 1950 are generally classified in the minds of the people of this area, along with the rest of the nation, as "the years of the war."

The first half of the decade saw the people of this country flung into another World War and during the second half came the inevitable aftermath of war.

There was a war going on in 1940, Hitler was raving loud and clear and with the collapse of Poland, the whole European order seem to fall to bits.

One by one the countries went down--the Poles, the Dutch, the Belgins and then the impossible--France.

And then there was Britain. But although the average person walked lightly and with fear, this was not us. And there was a difference.

Slowly, however, the mood and pulse of the country began to change. The idea of a separate future began to change when the people looked out on the devastation and saw they were, after all, a part of this world being threatened.

With the German attack on Russia, the war became a world affair.

And then on Sunday Dec. 7, 1941:

"Air raid.....Pearl Harbor... this is no drill."

The first reaction after the initial shock was , to most Americans, one of great anger. Americans got mad.

It has been said that the war gave to the American people a unity and a sense of purpose which they had lacked for years.

Suddenly, everyone was pulling for the same purpose. They were willing to sacrifice, work, do without.....all for their country.

Children bought savings stamps, there were bond rallies and rationing...no tires, no gasoline, no sugar and the list increased.

Women went to work doing men's jobs and taking care of the home front.

Foreign names became everyday conversation .... Guam, Wake, Corregidor, Bataan, Midway, Guadalcanal, Casablanca, Algiers, Salerno, Anzio, Normandy and the surrender signed May 7, 1945.

Headlines were filled with Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and finally Hiroshima and Nagasaki .....

And the war was over. But the people everywhere stood in awe of a new age with a mushroom image ushered in on a white, hot cloud.

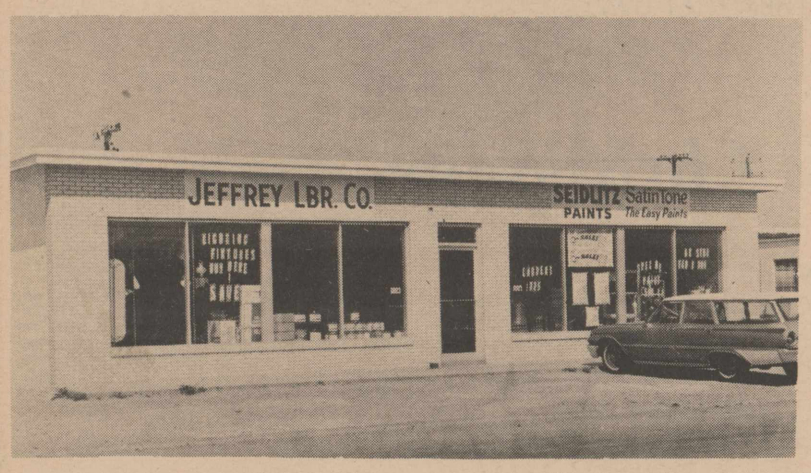
The military war ended for us in September of 1945 but the work that came after went on. Many of the world's conquered populations had to be cared for.

It has been said that war solves nothing and this is an issue not easily answered.

But perhaps the peoples of this nation learned at least one valuable lesson:

A nation has world responsibilities and it must either assume them or perish.

A Builder For Olton Since 1943 !



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JEFFREY LUMBER COMPANY

Albert & Prudy Jeffrey

Harrison-Mills Open Here 1926

Harrison-Mills Co. in Olton is owned by Hubert Harrison of Mexia and Bob Mills of Olton.

Mills moved to Olton in 1957 from Fort Smith, Ark. and the company was established here in March of 1962.

The firm specializes in buying, selling and storing grain. They also buy, sell and process pinto beans.

Ware's Store Open In 1929

The history of Ware's Department Store in Littlefield dates from 1929 and has seen the firm grow from a modest 25-foot building to one of the major mercantile firms on the South Plains.

Ware's is operated by Kenneth Ware, who took over management in 1954 from his father, James H. Ware.

The store is now six times the size of the original store after expansion and remodeling in 1959.

It is located at 407-413 Phelps.

Personnel include Bob Armstrong, shoes; Rheta Newgent, ladies' ready-to-wear; Lola Kirk, lingerie; John Breedlove, men's and boys' wear; and Joye Breedlove, home furnishings and piece goods.

The store also features a complete children's clothing department.

Thompson Chevrolet Opens 1955

Thompson Chevrolet Co., owned by Fred Thompson, opened for business here July 1, 1955

Personnel include Bill Kemp, new and used sales manager; Bud Andrew, shop manager; Elmer Houston, parts manager; and Dovie Long, bookkeeper.

Services of the firm include the sale of new chevrolets, care of trucks, service of all make cars and irrigation motors and complete body repair shop.

Ray Keeling Buick Company Started 1953

Ray Keeling Buick, Littlefield, owned and managed by Ray Keeling, was established in 1953.

Johnny Villafrance, a mechanic with 13 years experience, is shop foreman and Olen Mahaffey is parts manager.

The business moved to the present location in 1955, remodeled that year and again in 1958 and added Ramblers in 1959.

WAR DECLARED

The United States declared war on Germany April 6, 1917, and the country was in a World War.

County Got HD Agent '24

A young lady, Miss Bertie Lee Burkhalter, of Canyon, inaugurated home demonstration work in Lamb county and was its first HD agent, in July, 1924.

Miss Burkhalter was a new graduate of West Texas State Teachers College in Canyon when she came to Lamb County. Her first work was the organization of HD clubs over the county. Six were organized before the year ended in 1924, and three girls clubs. Canning of fruits and vegetables were a big first-year project. Dress-making and poultry raising were other projects. of the clubs.

The pressure cooker, new in uses at that time, was an item of high interest. A demonstration of how a tough rooster could be cooked tender in 30 minutes at a club gathering led one husband to buy one on the spot, declaring that his family had "lots of old hens and roosters that need to be turned into fryers."

NEWSPAPERS

There are more than 110 daily newspapers and 550 weeklies in the state of Texas. First newspaper in the state was printed at Nacogdoches in 1813 by Jose Alvarez de Toledo.

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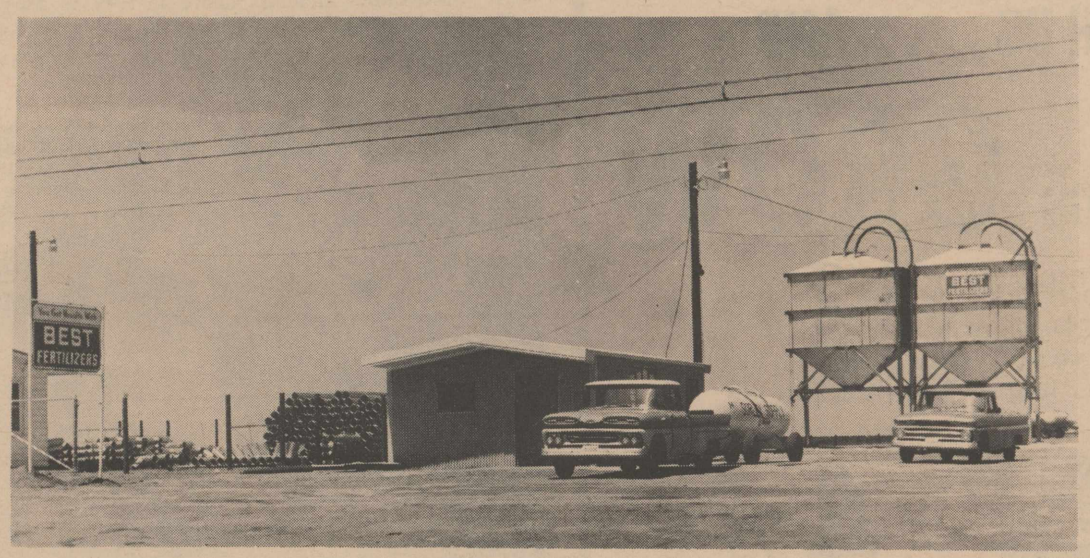
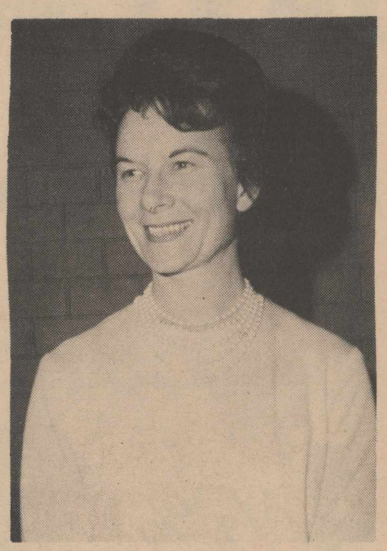
Archie Sorley





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OLTONITES--Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schreier, T. F. Brown and John Cowart. Child is Marie Schreier.

Contributed by Henry Cowart.



WEDDING PHOTO--Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McGill Sr. are pictured above in their 1912 wedding photo.

Contributed by Cloys Fancher

Kimichi Is Newest Club

Kimichi Study Club, Olton's youngest study club, was organized in 1963 and federated the same year.

The club had 15 members: Mmes. David Carlisle, Harlan Carson, Danny Cure, Marion Green, Mack McGill, Arno Hall, Houston Hamby, Elmer Houston, Max Keating, Steve Lee, Jim Moss, Randall Roper, Oliver Rose, T. J. Smith and Lennon Young.

Mrs. Young was the club's first president.

Kimichi meets the second and fourth Thursday afternoon in the homes of the members.

A candy sale, rummage sale and Miss Olton contest were held one year and Little Miss Olton and Mrs. Muscles contests, raffle of a Tammy doll and wardrobe were held the past two years with proceeds going for a film library for Olton schools.

Present members are: Mmes. Carson, Cure, Gary De Berry, Royce McFadden, McGill, Hamby, Houston, Lee, Moss, Roper, Rose, Smith, and Amos Walden.

NEW STATES

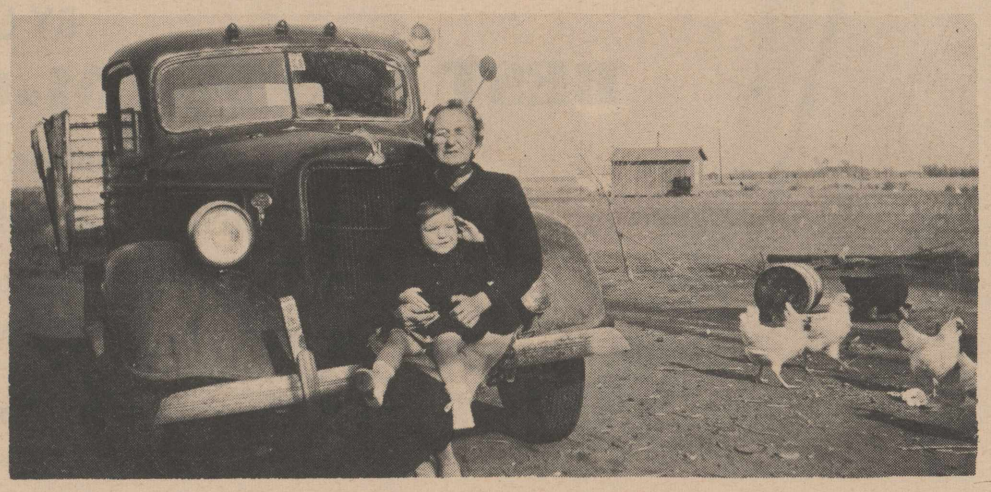
Alaska and Hawaii joined the Union in 1959.

1907 Olton Students Told

Olton school students in 1907 included the following:

Lizzie Brown, Rhoda Brown, Jessie Ogden, Edith Kiser, Pearl Cowart, Lloyd Cowart, James Miller, Annable Miller. Jessie Belle Kellar, Jack Dickenson, Mila Crabtree, Lou Powell, Vallie Brown, Elsie Ogden, Ruth Ogden, Mable Kiser, Ruby Cowart, Robert Miller, Henry Miller, Bessie Kellar, Leon Kellar, Mary Hooper, Bessie Powell and Frank Powell.

Teacher was Viola Douthit.



WITH GRANDMA--Pictured above in 1949 is Mrs. E. L. Kirkpatrick with granddaughter, Barbara Kirkpatrick, then four years old.

Contributed by Mrs. Mable Kirkpatrick.



AT WORK Taking time out to get their picture made are Loyd Cowart and Manley McGill. Picture was made about 1916.

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Garland Motor In Littlefield Opens In 1928

Garland Motor Company, Lamb County's oldest franchised auto dealership, was established in Littlefield in 1928 by B. D. Garland Sr.

Present owner is B. D. Garland Jr., with Elmer Hall as new car salesman and Marsene Holt as assistant manager.

The business offers Chrysler, Imperial, Plymouth, Dodge, Dodge trucks and Valiant.

In the present location since 1952, the business added Dodge and Plymouth in 1953 and Chrysler in 1950.

The business was established in Oklahoma in 1918 before moving to Littlefield.

WATER DECLINE

During the past five years records of 32 observation wells show an average decline of 11.43 feet per well.

MINERALS

Texas leads in the value of mineral production. Petroleum is the most valuable, followed by natural gas and sulphur. Texas also ranks second in salt production.

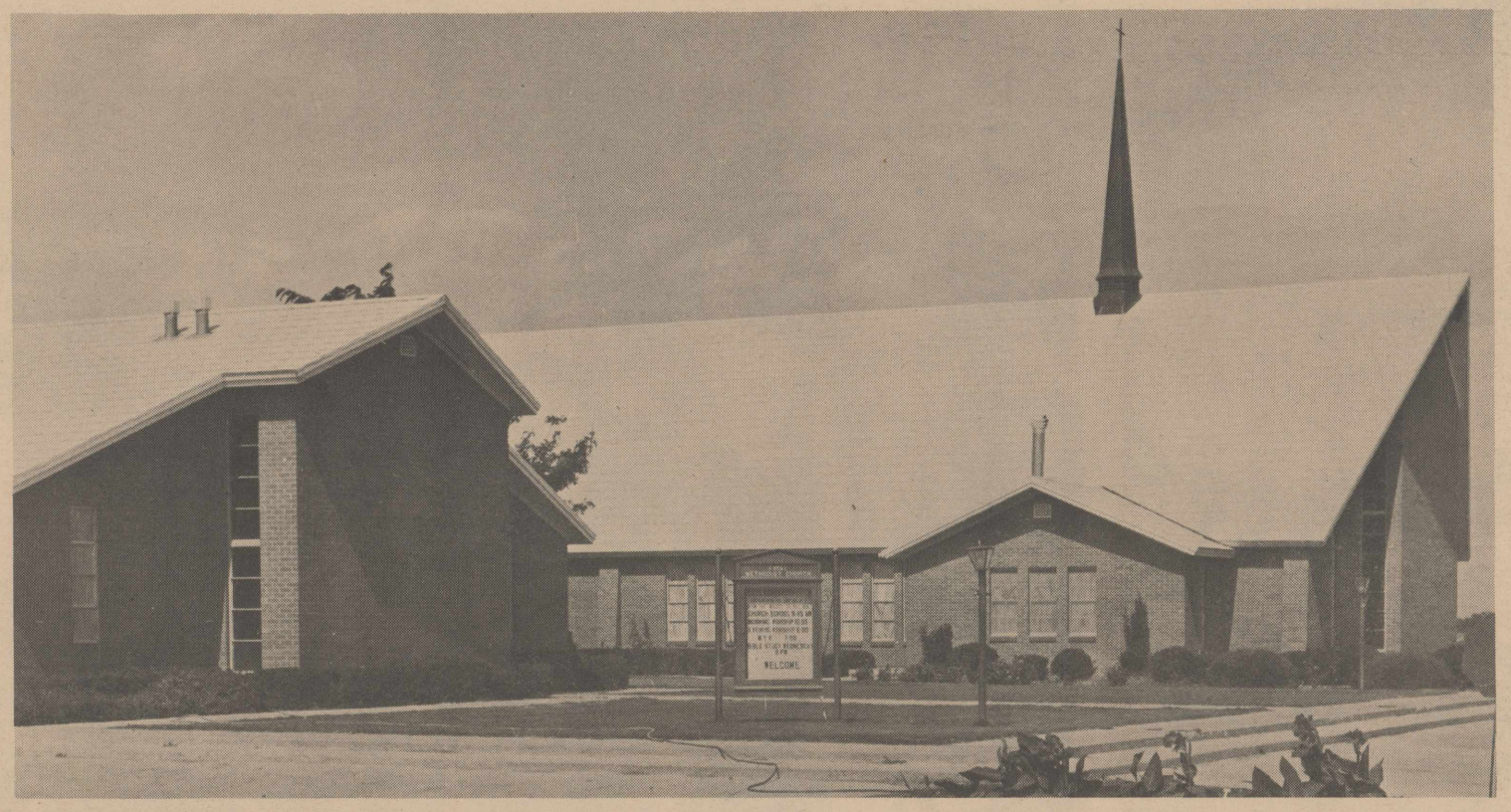
West Drug Opens 1964

West Drug and Pharmacy in Littlefield, owned by Neil West, was established in January of 1964.

The Prescription Shop was added in March in the Littlefield Hospital.

The business features a full line drugstore, prescription service, sporting goods, toys, gifts and the only fountain in downtown Littlefield.

The store has been remodeled since the first of the year.



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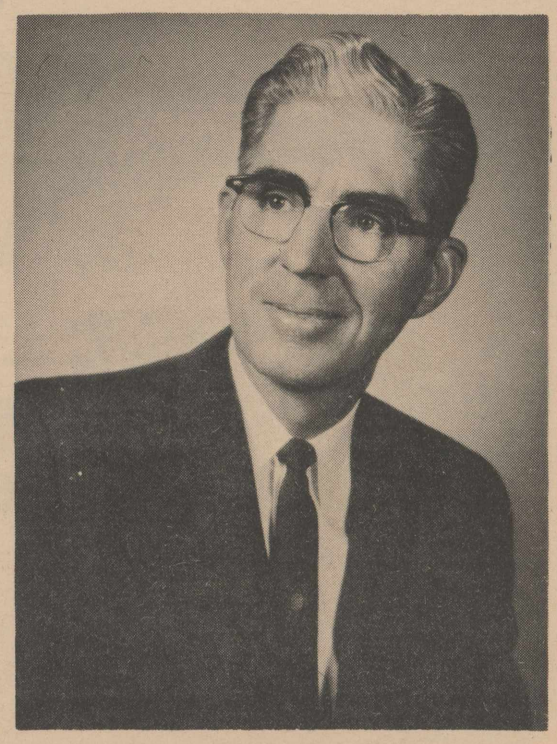
The Church CHALLENGES its members and the rest of the community to live Godly lives.

The Church PROVIDES A REFUGE when the "storms" of life become too severe; it offers real security.

The Church is a CHANNEL FOR THE HEALING of the spiritual ills of mankind.



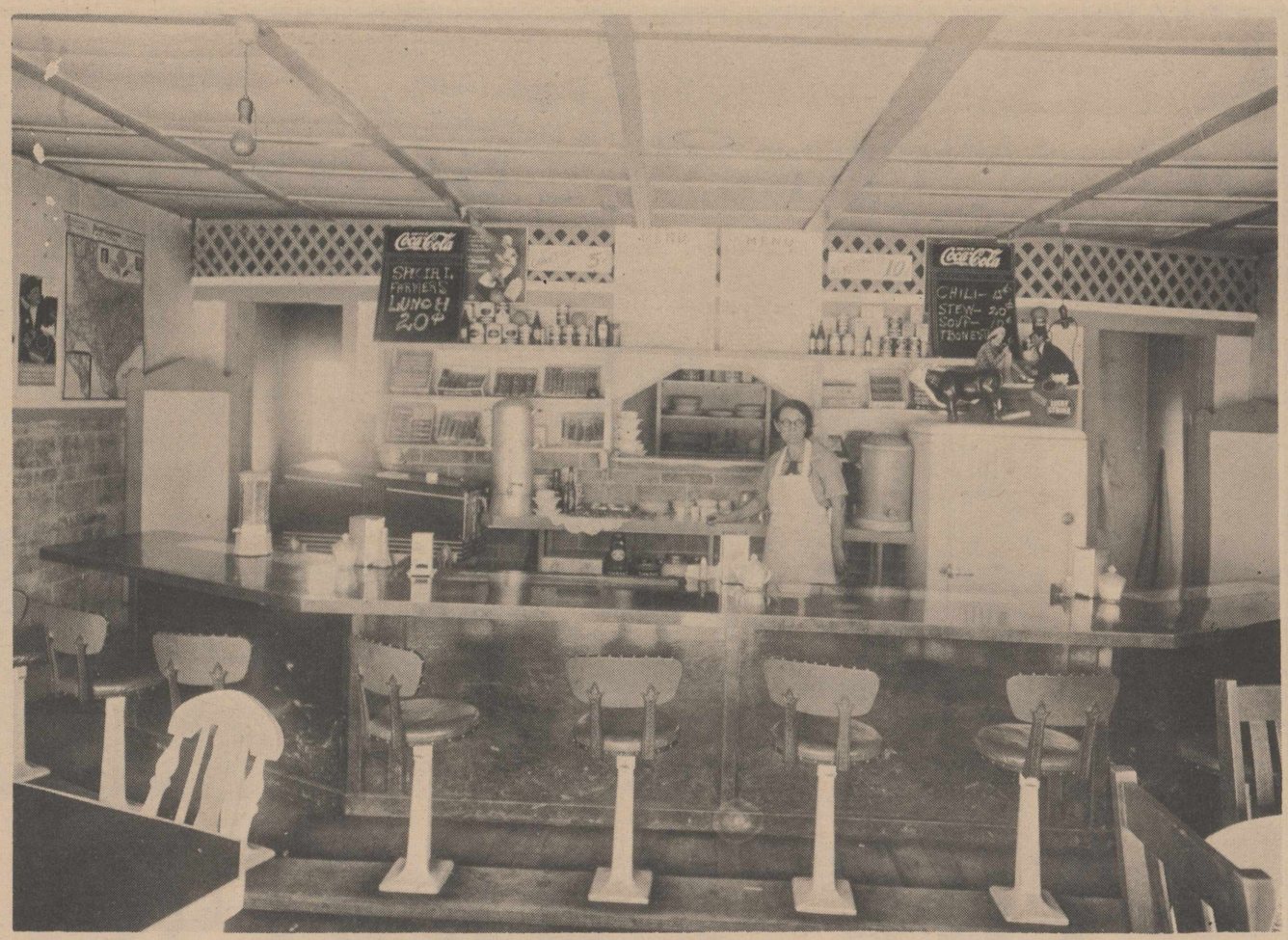
The Rev. C.C. Hardaway
Pastor

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Olton, Texas



1925 STUDENTS in the first and second grades are pictured with their teacher, Miss Pearl Payne (Schreier). Boys are Eldon Jones, Edward Struve, Cecil Jones, Dan Clark, Leon George, Fred George, Pat Graef, Alberto Moore, Thomas Moore, Andrew Thommarson, Virgil King, LeeBeckner, Melvin Armstrong, C. T. Mason Jr., Funston Robertson, Lester Sharp, Marvin Jones, Alvin Beckner, Albert Cates, M.E. Simmons and Jimmie Patton, Girls are Cleta Womack, Alga Bley, Veta Keasler, Florence Meekma, Lena Daugherty, Thelma Struve, Dorothy Womack, Majorie McLain, Ama M. Henderson, Monda Moore, Minnie L. Walthall, Joe Meta Malone, Evelyn Meekma, Marie Andrew, Hazil Graef and Modena Gardner. Primary was taught by Miss Amarena Lott (Ogden) and the first and second grades were in a fram bungalow type building all to themselves. It was located back of the present lunchroom.



OLTON CAFE--Scene in an early Olton cafe. Note prices like farmer's lunch for 20 cents, hamburgers and soup for 10 cents and coney islands for five cents.
Contributed by Mrs. Elmer Houston

Hopewell Baptist Began 1929

The Hopewell Baptist Church originally was called the First Baptist Church and began October 14, 1929.

It was located in Center, Texas which is now known as Springlake.

The name was changed to Hopewell Baptist one year later on Sept. 10, 1930 and the congregation moved to a church six miles west of Olton.

On Sept. 1, 1935 the church acquired their first full time pastor.

Wednesday night services began on Nov. 24, 1935 in the homes of the members. This lasted about 11 years.

It was voted by the congregation about this time to give 10 percent of the church offerings to missions world wide. This has been their goal ever since.

In January, 1963 the congregation moved to Olton and rented the former Church of God building until they cleared the deed in June of 1964 and purchased the building.

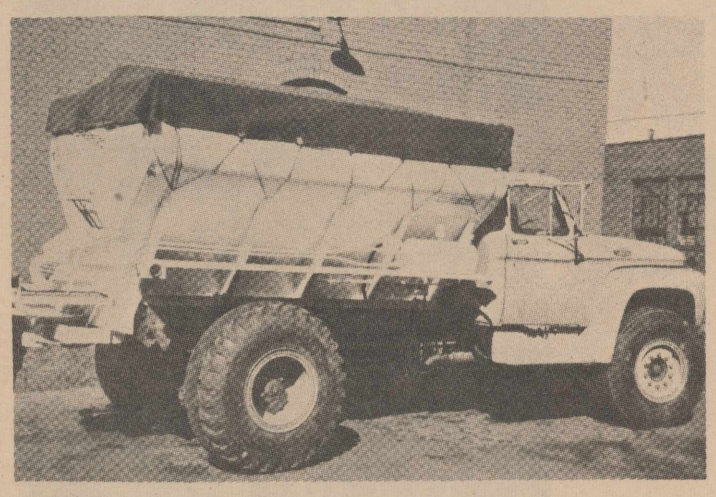
As soon as the Church was acquired, remodeling began and it now has an auditorium, five classrooms, a nursery and two baths.

The first pastor of the Church was Bro. A. C. Spruiell. The second pastor was F. E. Bennett who is a resident of Olton. Other pastors were Bro. Pruitt, Bro. J. D. Thompson, Bro. James Flippo, Mrs. B. C. Beard, Bro. Paul Burch, Bro. James, then Bro. Paul Burch returned.

The present pastor is Bro. Dean Harris.

Charter members of the church are W. M. Huckabee, John Smiley , Mrs. Love and W. C. Love.

Congratulations, Olton



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We look forward to seeing Olton's history unveiled at the Historical Pageant April 30.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Thompson Chevrolet

Main & Highway 70 Fred Thompson, Owner Olton, Texas

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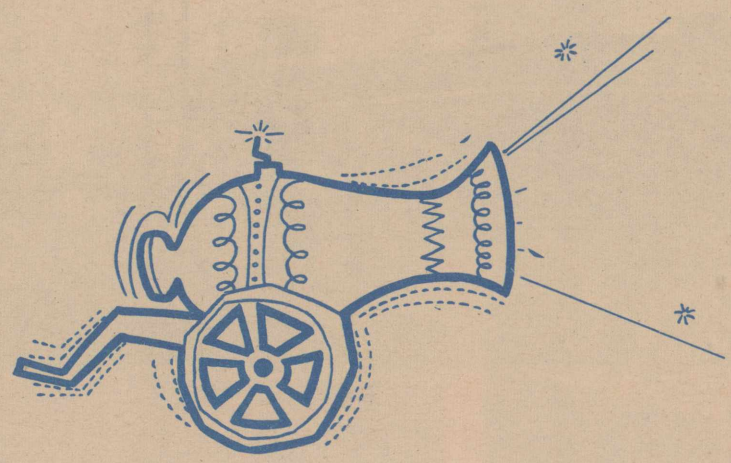

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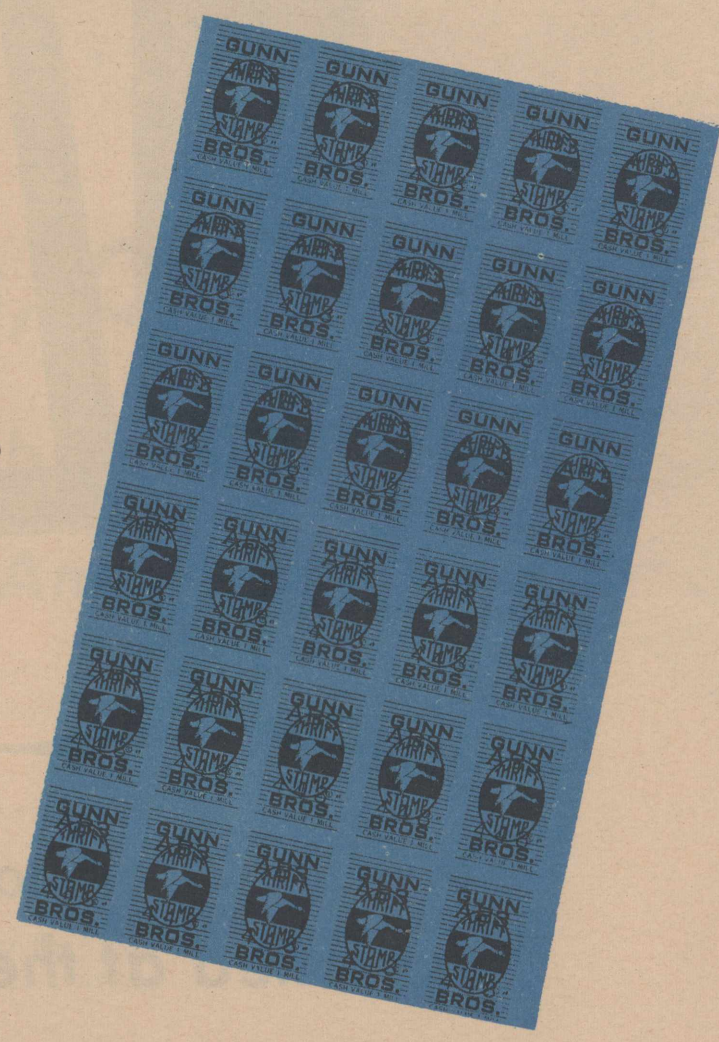

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The Man For Whom OLTON Was Named

Photo taken in 1945

A Letter From Olton Powell

The following is information about Olton which you requested by phone on April 17.

My grandfather, Adam Powell, established the post office in Olton in 1902 or 1903. In searching for a name that had not been used in the state, they decided on Olton, which is my name, and the State accepted it. Mail and supplies were transported by wagon and mail hack from Plainview.

Adam Powell had a small general store adjoining his home. He and his son, J. Z. Powell, had gone to what is now Lamb County and purchased land to run cattle and horses brought from Bosque County. They began farming and raising feed for this stock.

J. Z. Powell, my father, besides ranching and farming, dug water wells over the plains with horse power well machine.

Adam Powell was postmaster until approximately 1904, at which time he suffered a heart attack and was partially paralyzed and bedridden.

As far as I know, there were no churches or schools near Olton at that time. People would gather at different homes for services and community dinners. Two of my sisters became school age while living in Olton and my mother taught them until we moved to Plainview. At that time, they both entered the fourth grade.

L. & S. Ranch Headquarters was located a few miles west of Olton. Zach Burkett was foreman until approximately 1910. His picture appeared on the cover of Cattlemen's Magazine in Oct., 1939 and again in Jan. 1940. He is now deceased.

I have been living in the Wichita Falls vicinity since 1914 and am in the oil business. I married Lytle Thomas in 1928 and we have one son, Morgan, who is married and has two daughters.

I am sorry this is all the information I have at this time, but hope it is of some help to you.

W. O. Powell



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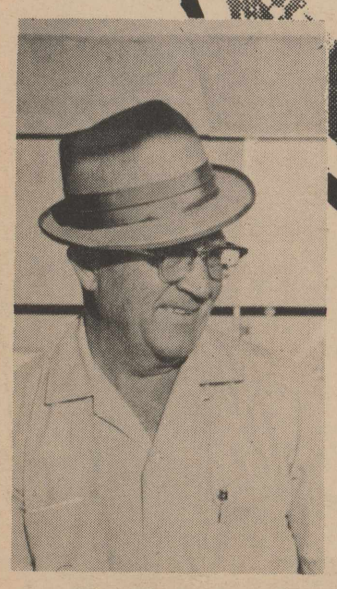
Historical Festival

Friday Night

JACK STRAW GIN



Jack Straw



W. C. Gunter

Mother Schreier Bakes Biscuits

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schreier came from Kansas City, Mo. in 1906, coming by train to Hereford, then by wagon to their first home in the sandhills eight miles southwest of the present town of Olton.

Coming with them were five children: Louis, Fred, Walter, Charlie and Stella.

Later, Bill and Maire were born here.

Schreier served as the first county treasurer and later as county commissioner.

Schreier became an ordained minister in 1921 of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Mr. and Mrs. Schreier helped to organize this church here.

Schreier was born in Germany, came to the US at the age of 19 and married and resided in St. Louis a number of years.

Their first home here was a half dugout (one large room) As a bedroom for the boys, they used a buggy shed. Several years later, they moved into their new two-story home, just north of the sandhills, six miles south of Olton.

A memorable event in their lives was the time a large prairie fire burned off numberous sections of land just south of their home.

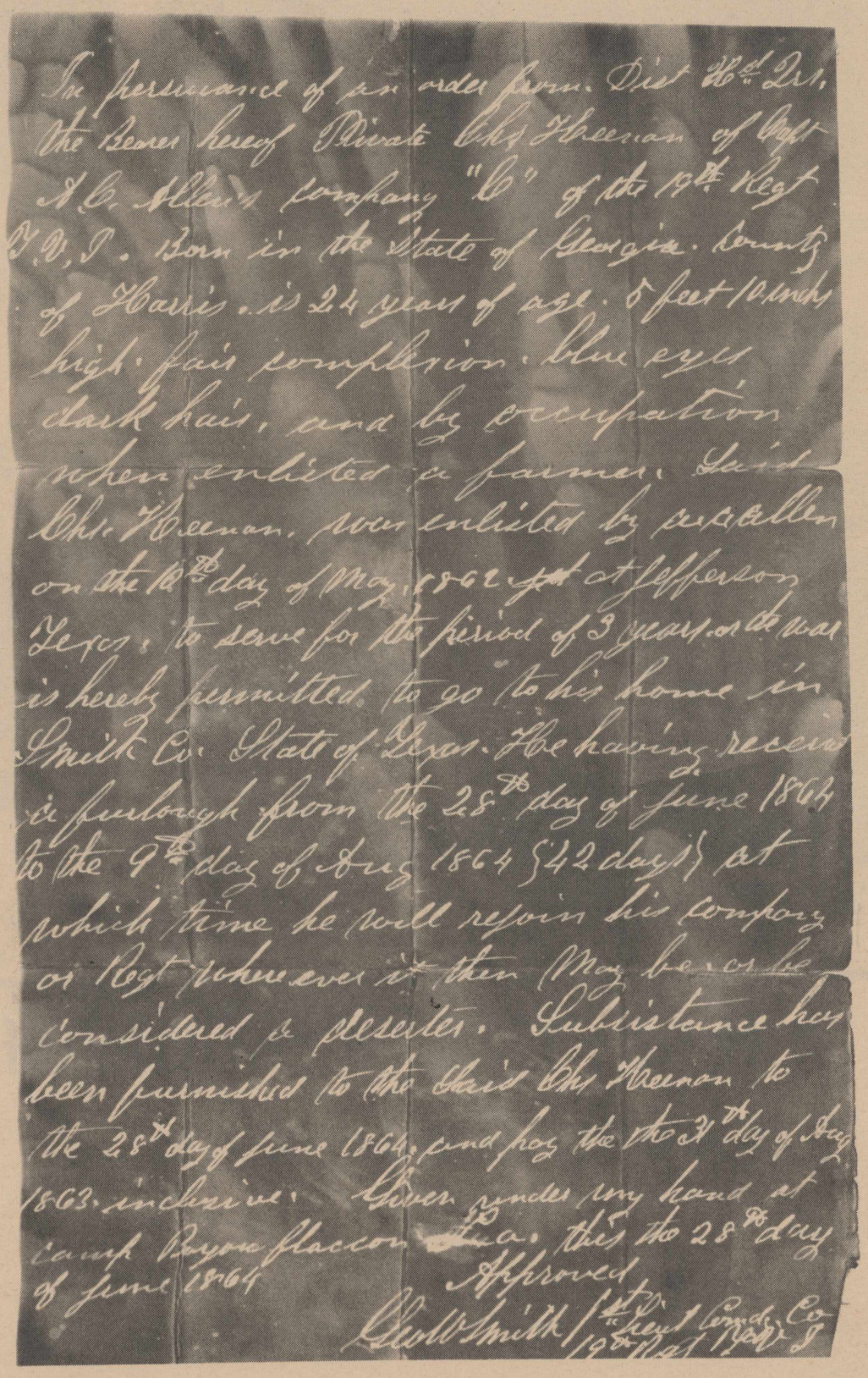
Men came from far and near to help fight the fire. To feed the hungry men, as they came in throughout the night for a rest period, Mother Schreier baked hot biscuits, fried ham and eggs, and made coffee.

Finally, the ham and eggs played out. The late comers got hot biscuits, butter, jelly and coffee. It was after 3 a.m. before Mrs. Schreier could stop cooking and get a little rest herself. Later, a few more came in for an early breakfast.

In 1926, they built a new three-bedroom home in Olton and lived there until their death. Schreier died in 1938 and Mrs. Schreier in 1942.



MR. AND MRS. E. N. BURRUS--Above is the wedding picture of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Burrus. She was the former Van Doney Walling. Picture was taken in 1898 and they came here in 1899. Contributed by Mrs. E. N. Burrus



In pursuance of an order from Dist Hd Qrs, the Bearer hereof Private Chs Keenan of Capt A.C. Allen's company "C" of the 19th Regt T.V.T. Born in the State of Georgia. County of Harris. is 24 years of age. 5 feet 10 inches high. fair complexion. blue eyes dark hair, and by occupation when enlisted a farmer. Said Chs. Keenan, was enlisted by recruiting on the 15th day of May, 1862 at Jefferson Texas; to serve for the period of 3 years or the war is hereby permitted to go to his home in Smith Co. State of Texas. He having received furlough from the 28th day of June 1864 to the 9th day of Aug 1864 {42 days} at which time he will rejoin his company or Regt wherever it then may be, or be considered a deserter. Subsistance has been furnished to the said Chs Keenan to the 28th day of June 1864, and pay to the 31st day of Aug 1863. inclusive. Given under my hand at Camp Bayou Macon La. this the 28th day of June 1864

Approved

Geo W Smith 1st Lieut Comdg Co
19th Regt Inf'y T.V.

PHOTOSTATIC COPY of a furlough given Charlie Keenan, signed June, 1864.

Contributed by Mrs. Paul Burrus

Olton Dickenson 1st Olton Baby

Herbert F. Dickenson, the first sheriff of Lamb County (1908-1912), and his wife, Daisy, had the first baby born in the town of Olton in 1908, the year Olton was organized.

They named their son Olton. Another son, Jimmie N., was born in 1910 and both were born on the old Dickenson homesite one mile north of Olton.

The Dickensons who came to Texas from Sedelia, Mo., in 1898, lived in a half dugout about seven miles north of Olton and freighted supplies from Canyon.

In 1903, they moved to the homesite a mile north of town.

Dickenson served on the school board from 1914 until his death in 1916. Mrs. Dickenson lived in Olton until 1943, moving to California, where she died in 1946.

Connell Office Supplies Store Opens In 1936

Connell's Office Supplies, Littlefield, has served this area for the past 29 years, being established in Littlefield in 1936.

Owner of the store is Ernest Connell. Service men are Jerry Marsh and Jerry Connell.

They have been in the present location since 1947, having remodeled in 1953, 1955, 1960 and 1963.

The business has grown with the county and constantly increases its stock and services.

Featured are Royal typewriters, office furniture, office supplies, and office machines such as adding machines, mimeographing machines, duplicating machines and photo copying machines.

RELIGION

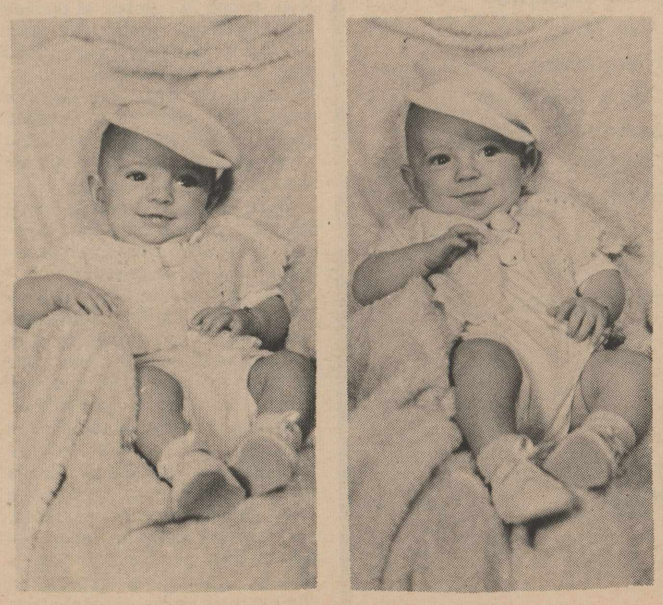
The Roman Catholic Church has the largest religious membership in Texas. Baptist are the largest Protestant group.

Parsons Funeral Home Here 1958

Parsons Funeral Home was established here Sept. 8, 1958 by Percy and Margaret Parsons. Working with the Parsons is Wayne Cole.

In 1962, complete new funeral home facilities were built, enabling the business to improve services. Also recently added are a new emergency ambulance, a new funeral coach, and new pall bearers car, used in all services now.

The funeral home has air-conditioned, oxygen-equipped ambulance service, emergency and transfer, complete funeral services, funeral service insurance and monuments.



TWINS--Know these two youngsters? They are Stephen Dale and Stanley Gale Huckabee at the age of four months. Contributed by Mrs. G. H. Bley

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GALLAWAY FAMILY--Pictured above in 1922 are Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Gallaway and Glady, Cecil and Charles.

Contributed by Mrs. Gallaway.



WORK TIME--Pictured above are G. H. Bley, Henry Mathis and Jess Spencer. This photo was taken in 1935.

Contributed by Mrs. G. H. Bley

A letter from a couple of young Americans.....

April, 1965
Box 230
Olton, Texas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Olton,

Congratulations and hats off to each of you. Everyone of you have contributed to the success of this little town and you have made it good and great.

We want to make history in Olton. Today you are reading a letter from two young Americans who want to build their business on the same ideals Olton was built on. We do not want a hand out...we want to do your automotive work and we want to trade automobiles with you, perhaps harder than any two Americans ever wanted to.

We purchased half interest in the Ford company in Olton. We did this with the belief in the American ideals in mind that built Olton. We firmly believe that if a man works hard enough and a desire has been motivated in the mind of all the people working with him, and he treats people as he would want to be treated himself, we can build a business in 1965. You people just cannot imagine how many people from the age range of 16 to 40 have told us that it cannot be done in 1965. We want to be the example for your teenager...we want to be an example to you, and we want to be the example to your children's children. We had examples of people who worked hard, and very hard..we have seen them make progress when we didn't think it possible. They helped us more with their example, than the money they worked for could ever have. We want to be of service to you, we want to be your hired hands.

People, if you can't give us all your business, let us work for a fourth of it. We will appreciate it very much.

We now want to wish to you, Mr. and Mrs. Olton, good health, happiness and a wonderful many more years of growth and prosperity with all the American ideals before you. And may God bless all of you.

Sincerely,

Jerry & Linda Dennis

A couple of young Americans

Telephone History Told

Olton's telephone history, which spans over 40 colorful years, has seen the city's phone facilities progress from old magneto ringers to electro-mechanical switching devices and fast, efficient dial service.

Records indicate that telephone service for Olton was first established during the 1920's by Paul C. Dodge and J. L. Nunn. The fledgling system was known as the Olton Telephone Company. Then, in 1928, the local system was purchased by the Standard Telephone Company of Texas which also provided phone service for the nearby communities of Bovina and Friona.

By 1930, over 70 phones were connected to the local system. One year later, Standard Telephone and three other notable independent companies--State Telephone, Texas Associated and Oklahoma Associated----were merged and became known as the Southwestern Associated Telephone Company. The firm at that time provided telephone service for 26 exchanges in the South Plains area, including Olton.

The local system experienced little growth in the 30's and by December of 1940 had only 74 phones in service. A sizeable surge in number of phones was realized during the next 10 years, however, and in 1950 the local phone count had increased to 244. A service milestone occurred in October of the preceding year when the city's new dial telephone system was placed in operation.

Dial service spurred still greater growth and by 1952--the year Southwestern Associated Telephone properties became part of the General System -- the city's "telephone population" had grown to 476.

The local phone count rose to over 650 by 1955 and five years later had jumped to 950. The number of local telephones continued to increase as the city grew in the early sixties and at the end of 1964, over 1,160 phones were in operation.

Growing local phone requirements and prospects for a steady, continuing growth in the ensuing years brought about a major change in April of 1961, when General established a new local exchange office, complete with the most modern dial equipment available at that time.

Olton is one of 12 area cities included in General Telephone Company of the Southwest's Littlefield district. The company's district manager in Littlefield is J. H. (Jim) Fowler. General's local representative is combinationman Denver Offield.

Regional headquarters offices for the phone firm are in Brownfield, where western division manager H. B. Elam over sees telephone operations in 35 cities in the Texas South Plains and Southwestern New Mexico.

General Telephone Company of the Southwest, with headquarters in San Angelo, serves over 400,000 telephones in 259 cities and towns throughout its five-state area. TheSouthwest Company is a subsidiary of the General Telephone & Electronics Corporation.

Jack Rabbit Hunting Was Early Sport

Jack rabbit hunts were a community sport in the early days of Olton.

Usually the hunts were combined with a barbecue. At one reported at the Halfway community about 1920, 1,500 rabbits were killed by "175 shotguns" a shotgun apparently being a man with a gun.

Rabbits grew in multitudes on unbroken ranch land and pastures, and became quite a problem for crops on adjoining farm lands. A rabbit drive ordinarily was made by fanning out riders for several miles, herding the rabbits toward a "V" shaped wired barricade.

Some were dispatched along the way, some after they reached the pen.

A bounty of five cents per set of ears was paid.

Coyote ears brought a $2.50 bounty per pair. Coyotes often did much destruction to livestock in the early days.

Jack rabbits offered a double return, though. The younger rabbits were good eating.



SCHOOL DAYS--Principal Will Winters and his room in 1911 are shown above. This was in Olton's first school house after second room was added. Seated, left to right, are Mary Bohner, Anna Pugh, Jack Dickson, Jack Silcott, Maude Dotson, Ernest Ogden, Lester Yauger, Shorty Silcott and Alvin Ogden. Standing, left to right, are Ernestine Pohl, Caroline Forney, Fannie Mae Pugh, Amy Crandall, Hazel Fisher, Mabel Bohner, Pearl Everick, Zola Silcott, Elsie Yauger, Paul Bohner, Prudence Bower, Arhtur Winter and Mae Crandall.

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EARLY RESIDENTS--Pictured above are Charlie Reynolds, Margaret Schellenberger, Bessie Bronson, Alice Bronson and Harold Moore.

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Co-Op Gin Started 1944

Olton Co-Op Gin, established here May 29, 1944, is now managed by Lloyd Graham with W. C. Bley as president and W. G. Green as vice-president of the board.

Don Franks is secretary-treasurer and board members are Forrest Latimer, Joe Ed Carson, Gerald Allcorn and Jack Snider.

Bill Boutwell was the first manager with Solon Higgins as president and W. B. Didkenson Sr. as vice-president of the board. Tom McGill was secretary - treasurer and board members were Walter Rose, G. E. Bohner, C. F. Redinger, and G. T. Sides.

The first gin was located at the present site of Smith Gin and was sold in 1953, when two new gins were built. The third gin was built in 1961, giving the cooperative three modern gin plants.

Max Keating and Bill Smith are bookkeepers with Bob Williams, Dick Ivins, Earl Stofel, Russell Tubb and Bill Ivins as ginners.

Bizzell's Open Here In 1950

Bizzell's, owned by Mabel Bizzell was established here in 1950 and offered children's wear.

Ladies ready-to-wear was later added and the children's line was recently dropped.

Mrs. Bizzell operates the store and says:

"I love my work and people."

Operate Ideal Cafe

"Coffee headquarters" in downtown Olton is the Ideal Cafe, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowers.

Better known as "Opal and Charlie" the Bowers took over the cafe Jan. 1, of this year.

"Fried chicken and chicken fried steak are our most popular orders," says Charlie, "and they're always on the menu."

But the special feature at the Ideal is the Mexican Food, served each Friday night from 5 to 9 p.m.

The dining room which seats a maximum of 36 is available to the public at any time, free of charge.

Serving as waitresses at the cafe are Mrs. Clarence Mason, Mrs. O. Z. Findley, and Nan Teague. Cooks are Dora Ellis and Mary Nolan.



OLTON HOME--Shown above is the C. H. Cure home in Olton in 1919. House was built by the Soash Land Co.

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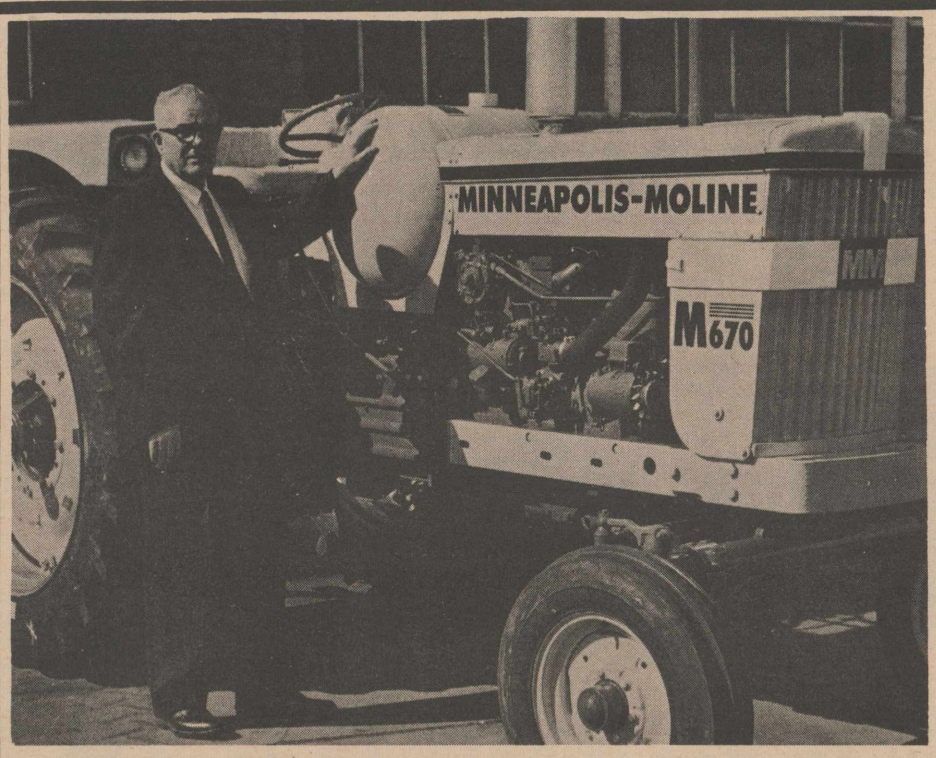
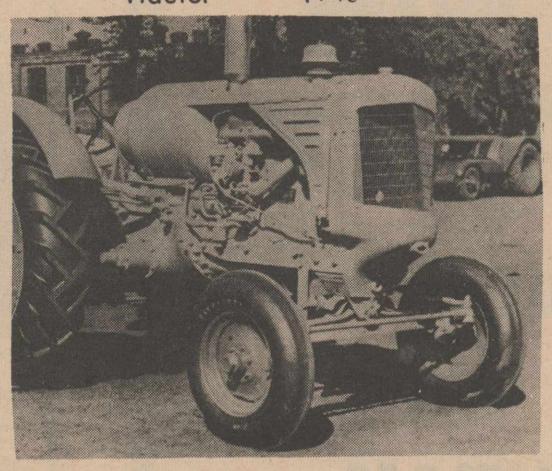


M-M's First LP-Gas Tractor------1940



25 Years of LP-Gas Tractors

Come In And See The Tractor Of The Future---Minneapolis-Moline 670!

This year, Minneapolis-Moline is observing its silver anniversary of its first making butane-fueled units. Now, 25 years later, M-M has introduced the M670 in 80-horsepower class. Coming this fall will be the G-1000, a 110-horsepower big row-crop unit. Look for the world's finest tractor now and in the future from Minneapolis-Moline.

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We are proud of our part in the development of the Olton area, and we thank you for enabling us to grow with Olton.

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Olton Fire Department Progress Told By Chief

BY MR. TOM SMITH FIRE CHIEF

In 1950, the State Fire Inspector came to inspect the City's Fire Department. The battery in the truck was gone, the hose was piled on the truck, with no system of loading or unloading.

When the inspector sent his report to Austin, the mayor received a letter from the Fire Insurance Commission telling him to reorganize the department or loose all fire credits.

In May of 1950, the Chamber of Commerce , with the Mayor, called a meeting to re-organize the department, with R. A. Green as chief. Under his leadership, the truck was reconditioned and the department went to work to rebuild . At this time there was only one truck with 300 gallons of water. Later the city and the county bought a tanker truck with 1000 gallon tank with a pump.

In 1952, the city voted bonds to build a fire station and buy a new truck. The station was finished in the summer of 1952. The station had place for trucks, a bedroom for the firemen, a bath with showers and a recreation and meeting room.

In February of 1963, the new truck was received. It was a GMC with a 500 gallon pump. and carrying 500 gallons of water, 1000 feet of two and one half inch hose and 300 feet of one and one-half inch hose. Also one 14 foot roof ladder and a 14 foot extension ladder and hose reels for the booster pump.

The fire department was organized for 31 members. Each man was to spend one night a month at the fire station for which we receive a credit from the state.

In 1955-56, the fire department made up money and bought an army surplus fire truck and retired the old truck we had been using since 1942, which was a piece of equipment. that was bought by the city and built up by one of the local blacksmiths.

In 1953, the department bought by popular subscription, a resuscitator for use in the community. I has been credited with saving several lives which would have been lost if we hadn't had it.

In 1960, the department bought a Pontiac ambulance which is used to carry our small equipment in and in case of an emergency can be used for an ambulance. This goes to most all fires, with boots, coats, helmets and Scott air pack and a resuscitator.

In 1964, the city bought a 1964 Ford Cab-over, with 500 gallon pump with 1000 feet two and one-half inch hose, 300 feet of one and one-half inch hose, 300 feet of booster hose on reels carrying 500 gallons of water, two ladders and other equipment.

Another room was built on the fire station to house this piece of equipment.

All the other equipment was kept in service at the insistance of the Fire Insurance Commission in Austin.

This new equipment gives three trucks which are all pumpers and the ambulance, all kept at the fire station.

There are no records of who were early day firemen or when the first fire department was organized. It is thought that Sid Hopping was the first fire chief, with Bill Yates as assistant chief, which was around 1936 or 1937.

In 1939, Bill Smith, our present City Judge, was elected chief, followed by R. S. Richards, Bill Smith again, and possibly Cleo Richards, just prior to World War II, then Joe Blythe and possibly others.

In 1950, when the department was reorganized, R. A. Green was elecred chief and served until 1954. when Tom Smith was elected chief and has served up to the present time.

In 1950, when the department was reorganized, our Insurance key rate was 56 cents. At the present time, our key rate is 35 cents which will be further reduced in the future.

This reduction has been brought about by adding equipment , sending firemen to Fireman Training School at A&M College and by keeping our fire losses down to the very minimum.

Since 1951, of the fires we have had in the City, the Main Street Church of Christ fire Sept. 14, 1962, has been our most costly fire.

Our losses have been from $0. to around $9000.

The fire department wishes to thank all who have helped to make our success in controlling fire and preventing fires.

Mrs. Keller Was Midwife

Mrs. Sarah Ann Keller came to Lamb County in April of 1902 from Haskell County.

Coming with her were seven children, Fannie Lou, George, Earl, Harvey, Leon, Bessie, and Jessie Bell.

Mrs. Keller and her sons farmed and raised cattle. She was also said to be a very dependable midwife. This was a real benefit in the Olton area, where it was often impossible to have a doctor when needed.

Later, she married Mr. Mc Clung, who had the first blacksmith shop in Olton.

Whittington's Here In 1943

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Whittingmoved to Olton in 1928 and farmed ten years northeast of town.

Whittington's Inc. was established Oct. 8, 1943 as a variety store, located where Parsons Furniture Store operated. In 1947, the Whittingtons built their present building on Main Street and opened their general merchandise store.

Whittington also is in the real estate business, started in 1941. He operates a hotel over his present store.

Mozelle Trotter and Angela Amaya are sales clerks in the store, which features clothing, dry goods and shoes.

G. H. Bley Opens 1934

G. H. Bley started as a Phillips 66 jobber here in 1946 and has been in business since 1934.

The firm has been in the same location on Highway 70 for 31 years, doubled capacity in 1950 and doubled again in 1961.

Bley took a "three year vacation" from his business from 1942-45 when he served in the Army Air Corps.

The business offers all Phillips 66 products, tires, batteries, accessories, gas, oil greases, diesel, farm hardware, ignition parts and irrigation supplies.

Carmen Lawson serves as bookkeeper.

Other personnel includes Dwain Walker, Stan Martinez, Paul Martinez, James Green, Norman Overstreet and Manuel Rammirez.

TEN YEARS AGO

Olton Band Parents Association sponsored the Community Birthday Calendar for the first time.

Colonial Salon Opens Here 1958

Colonial Beauty Salon, owned by Mrs. Wayne (Sue) Hair, was opened for business here in 1958.

Operators are Beverly Nicholson and Mrs. Hair.

The three-chair salon was remodeled in 1964 with new paneling and paint on the inside and steel siding on the outside.

The business features hair styling, coloring, frosting, shampoo and sets and hair cuts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hair moved to Olton in 1945. They have one son, John Wayne Hair.

Billy Kilmer Liked Walking

Uncle Billy Kilmer came to Hale County in January of 1900. he came from Indian Territory. He filed on a section of land, seven miles southwest of the present town of Olton, in 1900.

Shortly after obtaining this land, Uncle Billy went to Missouri to visit his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schreier -- Promising them half a section of this land if they would come to Texas and live with him. In 1906, the Schreiers came.

As he got older, Uncle Billy's past time was reading and visiting, walking everywhere he went . He attributed his long life to the walking he did -- 10 or 15 miles a day was nothing to him.

He died in October of 1939 at the age of 81 years.

Luther Williams Helped To Build First Church

The Luther Williams came to Lamb County in August of 1902 before the county was organized

A windmill was the only thing on the site where Olton now is located.

They bought a section of land five miles northwest of Olton for $1700 and lived there 19 years.

There were about a dozen families here then. They went to Hart about once a month for their mail. They went to Plainview for their supplies and the nearest phone was at Running Water.

If a doctor was needed, someone would go on horseback to phone for one from Plainview.

When their son, Bud, was born, the snow was 18 inches deep and still falling.

It was impossible to get a doctor, so a neighbor hitched a span of mules to a hack and went for a midwife 10 miles away. It took him all night.

When the county was organized in 1908, Williams was elected tax assessor. He served two terms.

Williams, along with J. H. Cowart, H. R. Miller, Herb Dickenson and Jim Hooper hauled the lumber, free of charge, to build the first church in Olton, Union Church. Union Sunday School was organized in the spring of 1903.

The Williams had four children, Thelma, Bud, Jim and Curtis.

J. A. Hoopers Here In 1906

Mr. and Mrs. James Adam Hooper moved from Hale County to Lamb County in 1906.

An interesting fact about Hooper is that he was named after a distant relative of John Adams, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

There were nine children in the Hooper family, Four of these, Nellie Nora, Nubert, Theodicia and Judson, were born in Lamb County.



BIRTHDAY PARTY --Made in 1913 on Lester Yauger's 15 th birthday. Pictured are Walter Schreier, Lester Yauger, Jack Silcott, Fred M. Schreier, Blair Yauger, Shorty Silcott, Bill Miller, Lloyd Cowart, Harold Moore and Henry Miller.

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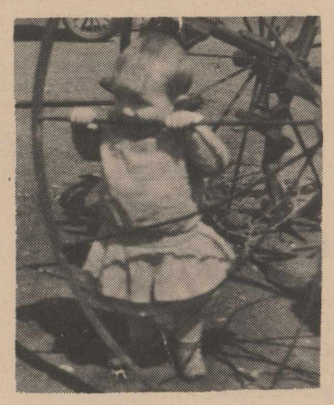

MR. SPAIN--Cute, isn't he? It's actually Don Spain.
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TEN YEARS AGO

Jack LaFrance won three high honors in the Plainview Dairy Show.



YAUGER FAMILY--Pictured here in 1910 are D. C. Yauger and his wife, Seaberry, and children, Elsie, Lester, Blair and Fleta.

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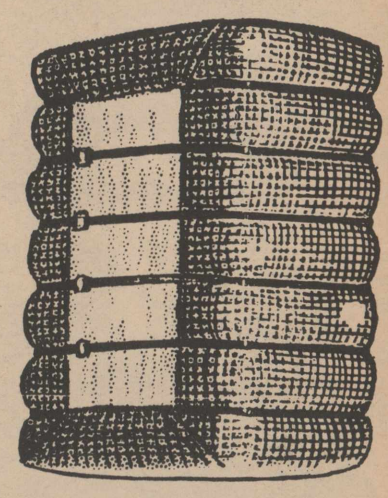

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Study Club Start Here 1931

In 1959, the Olton Study Club led by Mrs. Elmer Moore as president , decided to travel the economical way. The study course was "No Passports Needed."

Through a study of maps, travel folders, history and pictures, the club visited mentally Japan, France, Italy, Germany, Canada, Mexico, Central Europe and the Baltic States.

This club sponsors and supports the Girl Scouts of Olton, supports worthy drives such as Red Cross, cancer and Girl Scouts, assists in entertaining the Golden Age Club and helps with civic improvements such as the tennis courts and the Legion Hut.

Mrs. Jack Allcorn was president of the club in 1960 and led in a study of politics. Study course was "Government: Of the People, By the People, and For the People."

One highlight of the year was in September when members drove to Lubbock for dinner and a tour of a farmers art exhibit in the Lubbock coliseum.

They also took a tour of the local school and each member brought a book to be presented to the high school library.

Mrs. H. B. Carson headed the club in 1961 with her course of study, "Religions of the World."

They studied Hinduism, Buddahism, Confucianism, Mohammedanism, Judaism and Christianity.

This year the club won first prize on their float in the homecoming parade with a religious and patriotic theme.

Mrs. Jim Williams took the reins in 1962 with her course of study, "A New World Unfolds Through Personality."

The group studied women of the White House, women of international importance, press personalities, education and science.

Mrs. Truitt Sides led the club in 1963 with theme "A Symphony of Beauty."

Members studied beauty in the garden, beauty of fun, beauty of friendship, beauty of health, beauty at Christmas, beauty in Texas, beauty of minds, beauty of remembering, beauty in style, beauty of charm and beauty in the home.

Mrs. Glenn Singleterry chose as her theme in 1964, "Human Dignities,"

During this year, the club worked with the county historical society and with a library association to bring a book mobile to Olton.

Mrs. Paul Burrus is current president of the club with her theme "Personaltiy Perk-ups."

This is Mrs. Burrus' second term as president, having served in 1934-35.

The club was organized in 1931 with Mrs. Simon Hay as first president.

Other presidents have included:

Mrs. J. W. Hulsey, 1932; Mrs. Paul Bohner, 1933; Mrs. Burrus, 1934; Miss Mattie Sue Howell, 1935; Miss Laura Kennedy, 1936; Mrs. O. C. White, 1937; Mrs. C. S. Silcott, 1938; Mrs. W. M. Mosely, 1939; Mrs. I. B. Holt, 1940; Mrs. Roye Aikman, 1941; Mrs. Roy Granbery, 1942; Mrs. D. M. Granbery, 1943; Mrs. Guy Willis, 1944; Mrs. Bill Yates, 1945; Mrs. Jim Fuller, 1946; Mrs. Fred Gordon, 1947; Mrs. Jack Straw, 1948; Mrs. Bailey Hair, 1949; Mrs. G. H. Bley, 1950; Mrs. Raiford Daniel, 1951; Mrs. Frank Cornelius, 1952; Mrs. Marshall Stone, 1953; Mrs. Basil Sherman, 1954; and Mrs. Carl Hooper, 1955; Mrs. Bill Thomas, 1956-57 term.

TEN YEARS AGO

Wayne Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Moore, will begin work in mechanical department of the Olton Enterprise Monday.



SCHOOL CHILDREN in Olton in 1911. In the front row are Willie Dickenson, Henry Cowart, Claude Silcott, Jordan Dickenson, Earl Ogden, Charlie Schreier, Marion Brough, Tom Dodson, Frank Crandall, Maurice Pphl, Lynn Brown, Charlie Dotson, Shorty Silcott and Sam Miller. Behind them are Florence Bohner, Irene Woolhous, Florence Smith and Fleta Yauger. In the next row are Rhoda Brown, Mary Hooper, Ruby Fisher, Mabel Bohner, Fern Silcott, Anna Pugh, Maude Dotson, Ruby Cowart, Jessie Keller, Mila Crabtree, Leon Keller and Jack Dickenson. In the next row is the teacher, Azzie Cooper, and Henry Miller, Elsie Yauger, Prudence Bower, Pearl Emerick, Bessie Kelly, Mona Silcott, Mae Crandall, Amy Crandall, Arthur Winters, Harry Silsbee, Walter Schreier, Harold Moore and Paul Bohner. In the top row are Leau Pohl. Blair Yauger, Zola Silcott, Caroline Forney, Pearl Cowart, Ernestine Pohl, Fannie Mae Pugh, Hazel Fisher, Valley Brown, Alvin Ogden, Ernest Ogden, Lloyd Cowart, Lester Yauger and Jack Silcott.

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Clint Yauger, L. L. French Fight Fire

Clint Yauger moved from Hereford to Olton in the summer of 1907 and bought the old Glaze section, one mile south of the present town.

L. L. French came to Olton in 1907, bringing a bunch of No. 2 horses.

French and Yauger were among those who fought one of the worst prairie fire on the plains. It started in the Halsell Ranch southwest of Olton about 4 p.m. French and Yauger fought the fire from then until sun-up.

They were able to save the house and feed that was stacked behind the barn. The wind blew a gale all night so it was impossible. to control the fire. It finally burned itself out at Caprock, about 50 or 60 miles from Olton.

The country was a horrible sight.

Fences were flat; rabbits, birds, small animals, some horses and cattle were dead.

One neighbor, Charles Reynolds, had tried to run his horse through the fire but the horse threw him and he was badly burned. It took him several months to recover.

French was elected district and county clerk in 1915. He was a deacon in the Methodist Church in Olton in 1917 and 1918.

Exter Serves Insurance Needs

Glen Exter has served as representative for American Founders Life Insurance in this area since 1958.

Exter moved here in 1949. He married the former Wanda Langford in 1948.

American Founders offers life and health insurance and Exter's office is located in Chitwood-Sherman Agency.



Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Raines

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It's A Pleasure To Serve Olton!

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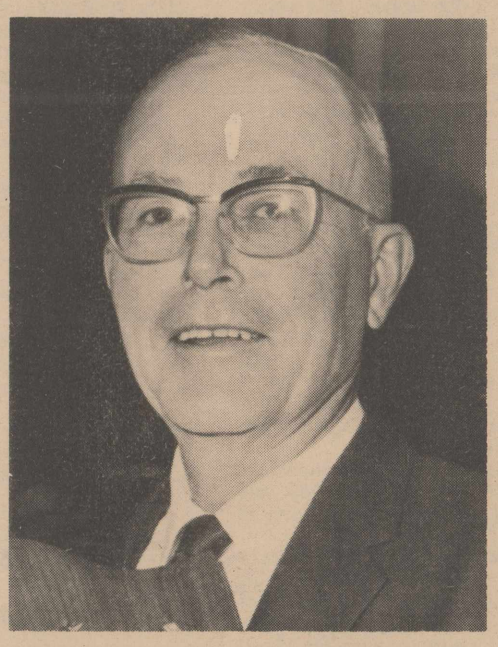
It has been a great privilege for us to have a part in the history of Olton---and to help with our community's growth and progress.

We have had a great amount of pleasure in being able to supply the Olton area with the finest Phillips 66 products.

Olton has been good to us over the years and we owe this community our best efforts in the future. A sincere''thank you!''





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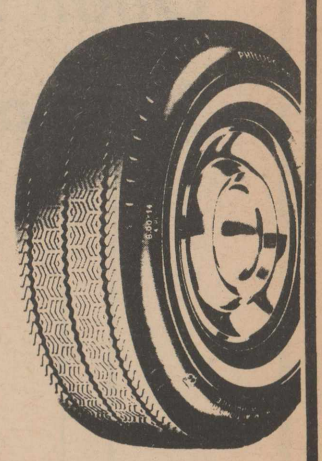

Friday, April 30!

Our Personnel

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Stan Martinez

Paul Martinez

James Green

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Carmen Lawson, Bookkeeper

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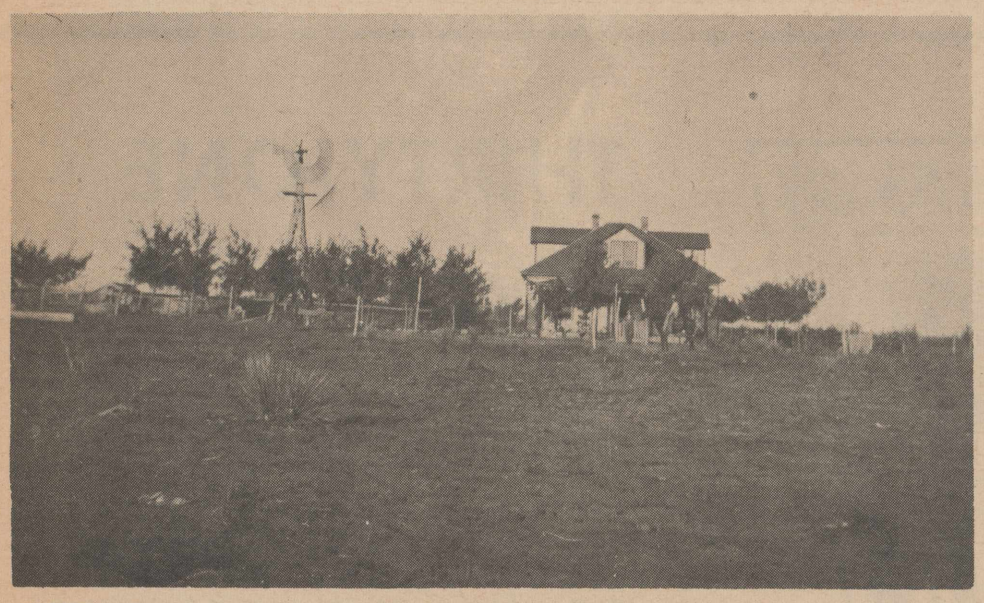

RANCH HOUSE--Schreier ranch house is shown above. Picture was taken in 1911. House was located on edge of sand hills.

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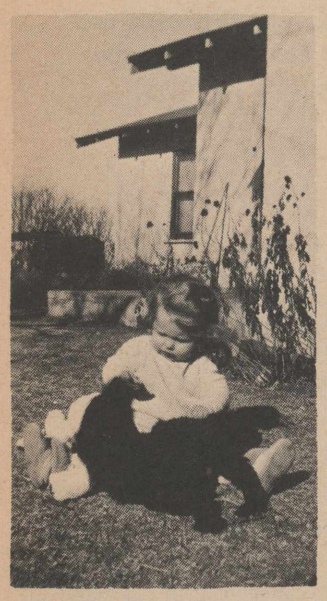


CHRISTMAS DAY--Enjoying her 1947 Christmas is Carmine Bley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bley.
Contributed by Mrs. G. H. Bley



ROY BURRUS----Roy Edward Burrus was born in 1900 in Floydada to Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Burrus. He was the first child born in this county.
Contributed by Mrs. E.N. Burrus



OUT FOR RIDE -- This was a nice day to take a ride for Herman Meyer, shown above at the age of seven months.

Contributed by Mrs. Herman Meyer.

It Has Been A Privilege To Be A Part Of Olton's History The Past 13 Years.

It has been a pleasure for me to have been of service to this community during this time.

Dr. Lynn Fite

OLTON, TEXAS

Girl Scout Growth Told

The first attempt to organize Girl Scouting in Olton was made by Miss Lucille Parsons, teacher in the public schools.

Among members in the first troop were Billie Richards Norfleet and Jo Dent McGill.

Mrs. R. A. Green organized an intermediate troop in 1945 and a Brownie troop was organized shortly thereafter.

In 1946, the Olton Study Club took the sponsorship of the Girl Scouts as their project.

Mrs. D. M Granbery and Mrs. Bill Yates served as leader of the Girl Scouts for several years.

In 1957, the Caprock Council was organized with Olton and Lamb County as one of the nine counties. Today there are 18 counties with a program that offers both leaders and girls the finest help and training in home, government, arts, international friendship, service and out-of-doors training.

In 1958, Doniece Silcott was chosen as one of eight girls from the South Plains to attend the first Girl Scout Round-up, where 4800 girls from this nation and many foreign Scouts camped for two weeks at Pontiac, Mich.

Lana George was selected for the 1962 Girl Scout Senior Round up on the shores of Lake Champlain in Button Bay State Park, Vermont. Approximately 10,000 girls, 14 through 17 years of age, from the U.S. and 20 foreign countries camped here.

Some of the requirements for these girls concerned character, dependability, getting along with others and leadership.

Olton now has approximately 140 Girl Scouts and leaders with two Brownie troops, three junior troops, one cadette troop and one senior patrol.

According to Mrs. Paul Burrus, who has long been one of Olton's leaders in Girl Scouting, the troops are:

Troop 329, six girls, Leader Mrs. G. E. Brown.

Troop 50, 20 girls, Leaders Mrs. B. Coleman and Mrs. Ann Nicholas.

Troop 146, 25 girls, Leaders Mrs. Doris McGill and Mrs. Jane Patton.

Troop 107, 24 girls, Leader Mrs. Dorothy Culwell.

Troop 271, 15 girls, Leaders Mrs. John Johnson and Mrs. Dewayne Wilks.

Troop 12, 26 girls, Leaders Mrs. O. L. Jones, Mrs. Basil Johns, Mrs. Forrest Latimer and Mrs. Robert Meinecke.

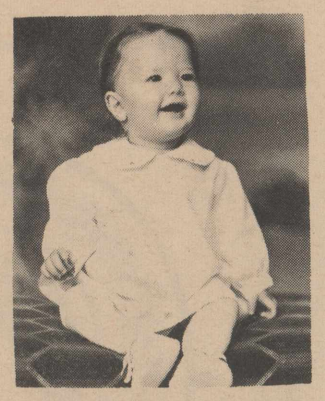
Senior Patrol, 5 girls, Leader Mrs. Paul Burrus.

Olton stresses the camping program and has a day camp each summer when 100 or more girls attend for five days.

In 1958, J. S. Bridwell of Wichita Falls gave 118 acres for a Girl Scout camp in the Blanco Canyon, Camp Rio Blanco.

Since that time, hundreds of Olton girls have attended this supervised camp that has national standards.

Proceeds from sale of Girl Scout cookies have built a swimming pool at Camp Rio Blanco.



HAPPY TIME--Above photo of Mrs. Keith Boone (Juanelle Andrew), who was born and raised in Olton, was made in March of 1942.
Contributed by Mrs. Keith Boone

C. J. Dorris Machinery Co. Opened In 1960

C. J. Dorris is owner of Dorris Machinery, established here in 1960.

Last year, the firm added to the service department facilities.

Ronald Bruce serves as shop foreman.

Dorris Machinery sells and services Minneapolis Moline tractors and power units and Massey-Ferguson tractors and farm equipment.

Olton Chamber Commerce Established Here In 1923

Olton Chamber of Commerce was established about 1923.

Some of the first members were Guy Willis, L. S. Kennedy, C. E. Bley, H. P. Webb, Holland Phillips, L. L. Kyle, Paul Bohner, E. N. Burrus, Glenn Phillips, C. F. Farrar and Marshall Cavett.

The Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture was reorganized in 1958 with the first meeting held March 28.

Officers were Don Williams, president; Glen Exter, vice-president; and Russell Grimes, secretary-treasurer. Board members were Merrill Brigance, Bob Duncan, Major James, Fred Hicks, Bill Beardeen, Clovis Poteet, Tom Carlisle, Ralph Glover, Bill Kelley with Joe Wood as manager.

Wood resigned Sept. 27, 1958 and Wayne Cooper was hired as manager in October of that year.

In 1959, officers were Major James, president; E. D. Harper, vice-president; and Bob Duncan, secretary-treasurer. New board members were Herman Meyer and Fred Thompson.

1960 officers were Emmett Harper, president; Percy Parsons, vice-president; and Fred Thompson, secretary-treasurer, New Board members were Don Spain, W. T. Hall, Jr., Sidney Allen, Lacy Armstrong, James Hall, Eldon Franks, Joe Harper and Melvin Hines.

Wayne Cooper resigned in March and Dick Whitley was hired as manager in April of 1960.

1961 officers were Percy Parsons, president; James Hall, vice-president; and Allan Johnston, secretary-treasurer. New board members were Dr. Basil Johns, Frank Struve, Bill Turner, Roy Roberts and Elmer McGill.

Officers in 1962 were James Hall, president; George Redinger, vice-president; and Dan Gregory, secretary-treasurer. New board members included Delmer Givens, Johnny Clark Jr., Ed Thompson, James Cowart and Owen Jones.

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Officers for 1963 were George Redinger, president; Dan Gregory, vice-president; and Basil Sherman, secretary-treasurer. New board members were Bill Walden, Walter Lewis and George Caddel.

Basil Sherman was president last year with Bill Walden as secretary-treasurer and Doug Jones as vice-president. New board members were Willie Gene Green, Rex Chitwood and Lauis Hair.

McReynolds resigned Sept. 15, 1964 and Mrs. Edisy Hackler is now secretary-manager.

Present officers are Doug Jones, president; Rex Chitwood, vice-president; and Lester Thompson, secretary-treasurer New directors are Garland De Prang, Kenneth Moore, Ralph Glover and Jessie Stovall.

Olton Grain Co-Op Built Here In 1958

Olton Grain Co-Op was built here in 1958 by Frank Cornelius, Bill Yates, Dub Granbery, Jack Straw, Brent Burrow and J. C. Hamby.

Glen Singleterry is manager of the firm and has been since it opened.

In 1963, Cornelius , Straw, and Granbery sold their interests to Olton Grain Co-Op board.

Officers of the board are James Cowart, president; W. B. Dickenson, Jr., vice-president; Larry Witten, secretary; Owen Jones, Jack Thomas, K.W. Carson and W. A. DeBerry, directors.

The firm buys, sells and stores grain and handles corn and milo planting seed.

Dr. Lynn Fite Here In 1952

Dr. Lynn F. Fite moved to Olton June 11, 1952, following an internship in Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. Fite purchased a half interest in Olton Memorial Hospital from Dr. Gale Seigler. The Fite's three children were born in this hospital.

Dr. Fite left Olton in August of 1963 and returned here last February.

Armistead, Burk Opens In 1931

From a one-man operation which began in 1931, Armistead and Burk Optometrists in Littlefield has grown to a five-person operation.

When Dr. B. W. Armistead joined forces with Dr. Ira Woods in 1940, the office was moved to the Yellowhouse Land Office building. In 1947 the present building was completed at 406 Littlefield Drive. Dr. Glenn Burk joined the optometric staff in 1950.

Dr. Armistead graduated from Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago and Dr. Burk graduated from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn.

Ed Thompson Implement Co. Opened In 1957

Ed Thompson Implement Company, owned and managed by E. L. Thompson, was established here in October of 1957 and originally known as Thompson Bros. Implement Co.

In 1961, Bacharach diesel testing equipment was added and in 1962, a dirt-proof diesel test room. The next year, the firm added Streater self-service display and in 1965, a 200-horsepower dynamometer.

Personnel other than Ed Thompson includes John E. Thompson, assistant manager; Gerald Bizzell, parts manager; Bobby Workman, shop foreman; Quin Oakley and Autry Ivins, mechanics; Homer Curry, warehouse manager; W. G. Finney, bookkeeper; and Juanita Thompson, secretary and treasurer.

The firm offers a full line of John Deer tractors and equipment, Eversman dirt moving equipment, irrigation supplies, oil and grease and complete overhaul and repair service.

TEN YEARS AGO

Jimmy Priest was named to first trombone chair in the all-state band at Dallas Wednesday.

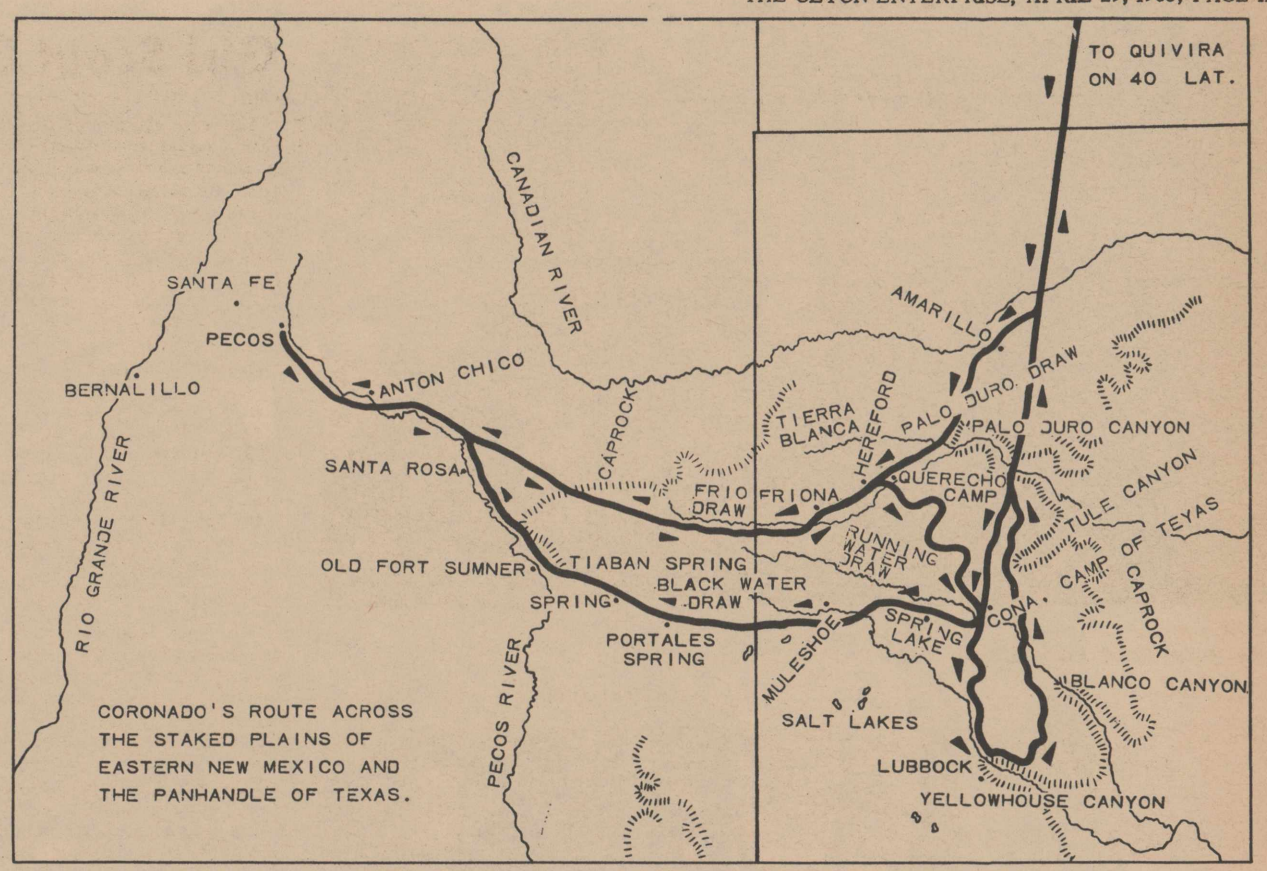


SUNDAY DINNER--Pictured in the summer of 1913 on the Sullivan Ranch are Mora Bohner, Prudence Bowers, Caroline Forney, Noma Bohner, Alice Bronson, George Bohner, Bessie Fitzloff, Hattie Fitzloff, Henry Miller, Paul Bohner, Elsie Yauger and Bessie Bronson.

Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson.



LOCAL LADIES--Mrs. R. L. Hipp and Mrs. Fred Long (Helen and Thelma Cowart) are pictured above about 1924. Both were born and raised in Olton and are still residents.



Gene's Farm, Ranch Store Bought 1964

Gene's Farm and Ranch Store was purchased by Gene Pigg in February of 1964. Manager is Don Visage.

Original owner was Merrill Brigance.

The store offers a complete line of feeds, seed and fertilizer. The formulated feed business has shown a marked increase since the purchase of the store by Pigg.

Circle Gin Open In 1933

Circle Gin, owned by J. B. James, Jack Straw and Henry Mathis, was established here in 1933. Mathis, a resident of Olton since 1932, has served as manager of the gin since 1956.

Original owner was H. G. Hobbs.

The gin was destroyed by fire during its first year and then rebuilt.

A complete ginning service, planting seed, market and loan service are offered.

Rowena Thurman and Dwane Harrod are bookkeepers. Clifton Adams is ginner.

Farm Supply Started 1951

Olton Farm Supply, owned by Don Spain, started business in December of 1951 at the Olton Co-Op Gin. In 1952, the business moved to a location on Main Street and then moved to the present location on Highway 70 in 1959.

Since this time, many services and products have been added by the Company. Olton Farm Supply offers all-new anhydrous equipment, DeKalb hybrid sorghums, cotton and corn, Olin dry and anhydrous fertilizers, Sol-U-Phos, Purina and custom grinding and mixing.

Ben Garcia is mill manager, Mrs. L. W. Howard is bookkeeper, Edd Burrus is fertilizer salesman, and Darryl Dennis is feed salesman. Mrs. Don Spain also helps at the business.

TEN YEARS AGO

Kay Granbery, with her French horn, has been selected for the third time to play in a high school All-State Musical Organization.

TEN YEARS AGO

LaNelda Maxey pantomined her way into first place on the Foremost Teen-Time;s All-Star Show Dec. 18 on KDUB TV Lubbock.

Lamb County Abstract Owned By Bernethy

Lamb County Abstract Company, Littlefield, is now owned by J. D. Bernethy.

The company was moved from Olton to Littlefield when the court house was moved.

Guy Willis and Jack Silcott ran the firm from about 1920 to 1930, when Silcott sold his interest to Roy Granbery.

When the business moved to Littlefield, Granbery remained in Olton and kept the insurance part of the firm. Willis went to Littlefield.

Bernethy later purchased the interests of Willis.

Jones Furniture Opens This Year

Doug and Doris Jones opened Jones Furniture and Appliance here Feb. 15 of this year after purchasing the business known as Parsons Furniture from Conner and Percy Parsons. Parsons Furniture was established in 1958.

The firm sells and services Frigidaire appliances, Hoover vacuum cleaners, Admiral radio, TV, stereo and appliances, Tappan, O'Keefe and Merritt ranges, Lawson ranges and air conditioners.

They also feature Simmons Hide-A-Bed and mattresses, furniture by Bassett, Tell City, Lenior, Modern Chair, William Volker and many others along with carpet and linoleum.

TEN YEARS AGO

Approximately 2,000 out-of-town visitors and home folk toured the new Olton State Bank building during its formal opening this week.

House Flowers Opens In 1958

House of Flowers was established here in October of 1958 by Charles and Sue Polk, who moved to Olton from Tahoka.

The business was originally located in the Masonic Lodge building, until 1962, when the firm was moved to the bilding now occupied by Bizzells. The business was moved to the present location in March of 1964.

House of Flowers offers natural and artificial pot plants, flowers of all kinds, arrangements, gift items, greeting cards, china and pottery.

Dorothy Taylor is employed at the business.

Gerald Craig Sells Cold Pop

Gerald Craig came to Lamb County in 1908 with his mother, stepfather, and step-brother, Vernon Curl.

They arrived in Olton when the town was being laid out. At that time, a large tent served as dining room and another tent served as a dormitory for the prospective land buyers.

On the day lots in Olton were offered for sale, a soft drink stand was set up and presided over by Jim Miller Cleve Phillips and Gerald Craig.

Ice and soft drinks were brought from Plainview and due to the heat of the day, the boys did well financially.

Among other odd jobs, Craig helped in painting the stakes that were to mark the corners of the lots in Olton.

Later, he worked with Jeff Williams, on a team checking the surveys of land in areas around Olton.

TEN YEARS AGO

Olton Firemen Monday night re-elected Tom Smith as chief of this city's volunteer fire department.

High Plains Seed Delinting Opens Here 1963

High Plains Seed and Delinting was established here in March of 1963 by Garland De Prang, owner.

The firm offers wet acid and saw delinting, cotton seed and Western Ammonia fertilizers.

Employed by the business are Thetis Haddad, bookkeeper, and Sam Cantu.

TEN YEARS AGO

R. V. Allcorn of Olton is one of 42 Texas Tech freshmen who recently were awarded numberals for their play during the 1954 football season.

TEN YEARS AGO

Douglas Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Owen, reported for induction into the US Army at Muleshoe.

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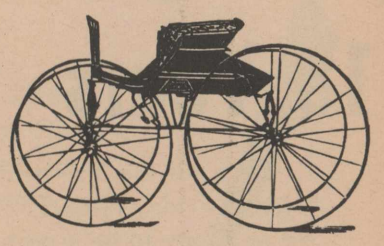
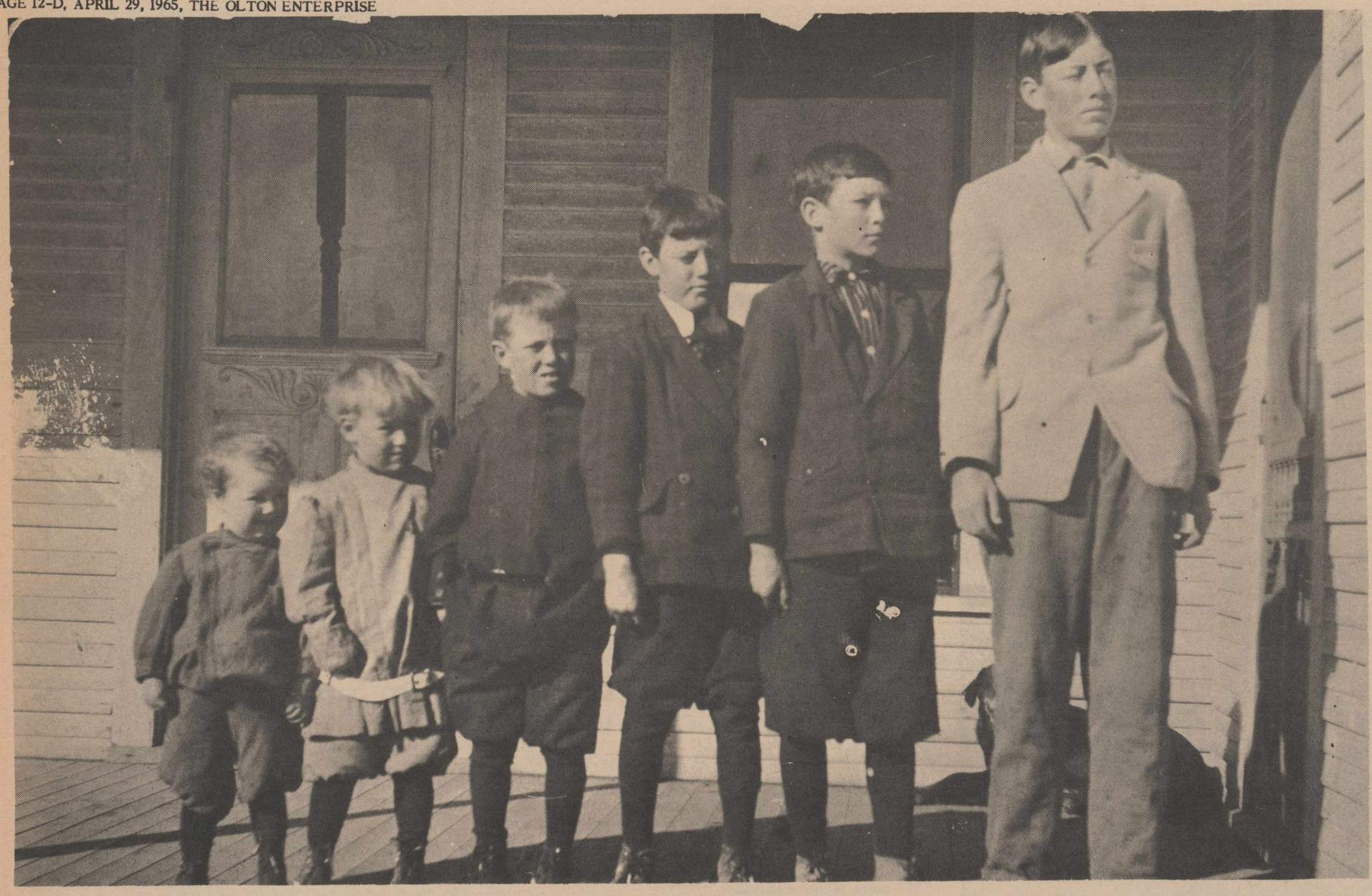


We're looking forward to seeing Olton's history unrolled Friday night. And we add our thanks for your business.

DALE'S RADIATOR SHOP



DAUGHERTY BOYS--Pictured above in 1914 are six Daugherty boys, all of whom attended school in Olton. Left to right, they are Curley Daugherty, Glen Daugherty, Adon Daugherty, Bob Daugherty, Bill Daugherty and John Daugherty. Contributed by Bob Daugherty.

High Plains Water District Serves People

Lamb County is one of 13 counties which compose the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

The Water District is governed by the people it serves. It has many functions and responsibilities, some of which are as follows:

It requires the spacing of irrigation wells, which provides for uniform development and withdrawals and helps to prevent waste.

Collecting and assembling information on water conditions as they actually exist, such as informing the people that they had some 13,000,000 acre-feet of water in storage prior to the beginning of large scale irrigation pumping in 1930's.

The Water District measures wells and keeps records of the decline of the water table. Through these measurements and records the District has determined that Lamb County, as of Jan. 1, 1964, had used some 24 percent of its original water supply.

The District Studies the geological structures of the underground water formations and reports its findings to the people. This information helps the people make wiser decisions in their expansion programs.

Would you want to buy a farm with only five years' water supply for the same price you could purchase the same quality farm wih 15 years' water supply?

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District passes laws for the protection of the public.

Example:

There is a law which requires open or abandoned wells to be plugged or capped. The Water District has been instrumental in getting an average of more than 100 wells per year capped or closed.

District laws have been passed for the prevention of wasting irrigation tail water. During 1963 and 1964 some 75 farmers were served injunctions to stop wasting water.

The Water District does research work in the fields of water management. Extensive studies have been made on the loss of irrigation tail water, recovery of irrigation tail water, the additional benefits of irrigation tail water, such as recovered fertilizer, and top soil recovered and redistributed.

Laws have been passed and enforced to protect the fresh waters of the Ogallala from the intrusion of salt water from the surface of the ground. (Salt water produced and disposed of on the surface of the ground with the production of oil.)

TEN YEARS AGO

Mayor Lefty Hollingsworth reported the purchase of a new dump truck for $2,623.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Pat LaFrance and Phil Neinast were chosen Most Athletic Girl and Boy respectively by Coaches Curry, Turner, Rand and Smart.



FARMING--E. L. Williams is shown above cultivating his crop with mules. Contributed by Mrs. E. L. Williams

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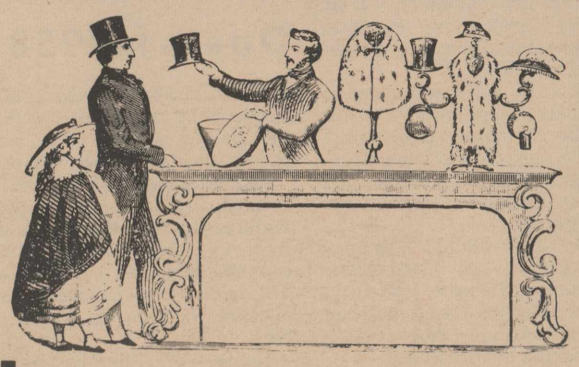

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Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Jones



MY PET--Jim Williams is shown above with his pet pidgeon, Whitty.

Contributed by Mrs. E. L. Williams



PLAY TIME--Bud Williams is shown above playing cowboy with his dog, Shep, and his horse, Man. He was about three years old when this picture was taken.

Contributed by Mrs. E. L. Williams



BAPTIZING--Above is a baptizing at the Williams tank after a Baptist revival held by a Mr. Britton.

Contributed by Mrs. E. L. Williams

Nazarene History Told

The Church of the Nazarene in Olton was organized by Rev. James of Wellington, Texas in the year 1928.

Location of the church was Tenth and Ave. E at that time. In 1957, under the leadership of Rev. Winfred Ritter, it was decided to purchase the property which is the present location, 10th and Ave. C of the church. The balance of this debt was paid in 1965.

The first pastor was Rev. A. L. Dennis. The following have pastored the church since that time: Rev. Bonyne, Rev. Dan Jones, Rev. Crawford, Rev. Lonnie Voorhies, Rev. R. E. Graham, Rev. Stockton, Rev. Milborn, Rev. William Tyler, Rev. W. R. Aldridge, Rev. Winfred Ritter, Rev. J. W. Douglas, Rev. R. A. Walborn and the present pastor, Rev. Gerald D. Davis.

Texas is divided into four districts and Olton Church of the Nazarene is one of the 100 churches located on the district known as the Abilene District.

The congregation has grown and now has a church membership of 54, Sunday School enrollment of 103 and weekly attendance of about 70.

Future plans include remodeling, refinishing, and landscaping the present church property. The construction of a new parsonage is also in the near future.



LONESOME SAFE--This safe shown above was the only thing left at the old courthouse in Olton after it burned in 1922.

Contributed by Lauis Hair

Attend The
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The next meeting will be the Christian Church on th Sunday in March at 2:30 p public is cordially invited prepared to help select the to be used this summer.

A LOCUS BUSH

I believe every farm should grow some kind of shade, wood and protect winds and drought. There kinds of fruit that do e well here. Plums, cherries probably lead the list in ness.

Then we should grow fence posts. If every fa years ago had planted locusts caring properly pruning and cultivating, acre would now furnish the average farm. I them say 10 or 12 feet rows and cultivate shallo ing same every other ye fer the black locust vari stock out and thin as now is the time to plan vantage. In a few ye

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High School Honor Roll Announced

Joe Turner, principal of Olton High School, has announced the names of students included on the A and B Honor rolls for the 5 th six weeks.

Making the "A" honor roll are:

Seniors: Frankie Adams, Cindy Cross, Sam Curtis, Jan George, Pam Hair, Paula Jones, Leon Kendall, Janice Lancaster, Suzanne Martin and Taz Speer.

Juniors: Charles Church, Dennis Hines, Susan Norfleet, Joe Priest, Iva Tanner and Cheryl Yandell.

Sophomores: Valda Jones, Bennie Long, Roger Thompson, and Charlotte Wells.

Freshmen: Connie Brown, Sue Church, Jane Ann Duncan, Jackie Harrod, Shirley Johnson, Lannie McClain, David Neinast and Teresa Thomas.

Making the "B" honor roll are:

Seniors: Nancy Brigance, Joyce Curry, Celia Harwood, Estela Hernandez, Mike Hipp, Barbara Roden, Judy Kemp, Jerry LaFrance, Cherry Langford, Pat Limbocker, Topper Maxey, Coye McGill, Terri Miller, Don Sopher, Bernadette Sweatt and Deanna Thompson.

Juniors: Mary Aigaki, Laura Aikin, Mike Bodkin, David Britton, Sherry Caddel, Carolyn Carlisle, Linda Collins, Rocky Farrar, Belva Howard, Kathy Kidd, Shirley Leonard, Don Mitchell, Steve Moss, Mark Neinast, Richard Redinger, Jerry Roberson and Francine Struve.

Sophomores: David Aigaki, Renay Berry, Paulette Bley, Charlotte Brigance, Jerry Caddel, Richard Frausto, Karen



OUTSTANDING CITIZEN ... C. H. (Connie) Riley is shown with his plaque after being named

Supt. C Takes

BASEBALL MEETING SET

Batter up....

A little early? Not to get started on plans for the coming baseball season, according to Earl McClain, president of the local baseball association.

McClain urged all parents and interested persons to attend a meeting Monday night to get plans underway for the baseball program.

Meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. in the community room of Plainview Production Credit Association building here.

City OK's Plan To Hire Tax Attorney

Olton city council Tuesday night approved plans to employ a tax attorney to clear up delinquent taxes prior to the year 1962.

In doing so, the council authorized filing of suits, if

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BUILDING NOTES

The Olton Hardware Company has the foundation in for their new store and the carpenters started work on it Tuesday morning.

R. A. Shaw, who owns three sec-tions of land, is having five sets of improvements made on this land. This improving includes houses, putt-ing down wells, erecting windmills, and fencing. Mr. Shaw is from Milo, Iowa. We wish more like him would come down.

L. Taylor, living one-half mile from town, has his new house al-most completed.

James Feeler, 4 1-2 miles north west of town, is building a new house.

Mrs. Annie Ogden, 4 miles west, has the carpenters putting the finish-ing touches on her new six room home.

M. T. Harrell has just completed a four room house on his farm 8 1-2 miles northwest of town.

Paul Bohner, with Jarvis & Tull Company, has his new home in town finished and ready to move in. Wonder if he will have a cook or will batch?

J. H. Shepherd is completing his new home on his farm about six miles north of here.

C. F. Farror has broken ground for a new residence on his farm near Earth.

Wm. Daughtery has just complet-ed a new residence on the Maple Grover farm one-half mile west of town.

W. R. Bloenet has a new home completed on his farm 8 miles west.

J. G. Cowart is figuring on a nice modern home in Olton.

NEWSAGRAPHS

Young Story noted outlaw and hi-jacker of Dallas, drew 99 years in the penitentary.

Plainview will soon have a $100,-000 new flour mill to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

The Utilities Water and Power Company of Clovis will soon have their large well completed which insures an abundance of wholesome water at all times. They are re-modeling their plant so as to ac-commodate some new machinery, will give them one of the best plants on the plains. Soon they will cov-er this country with their lines giv-ing pwer and light to all these plains towns. Much of the work is al-ready under construction connect-ing Roswell, Texico, Muleshoe, Lit-tlefield. Lubbock and Olton.

The Southern Methodist Univer-sity at Dallas on the 12th had a $150,000 fire which destroyed three bormitories.

The editor took dinner Sunday with C. B. Turner and family. Mr. Turner is our old friend whom we have known for twenty years. It was quite an agreeable surprise. Brother Turner formerly lived at Elida, New Mexico.

The Baptist preacher did not come Sunday, so they invited the editor and hence had a supply morning and evening.

DEATHS

Mrs. James Kiser, age 48 years, died on February 12th at Mr. Phipps home in Plainview of influenza. Was buried in Plainview on the 14th, funeral services were conducted by



Amy Turner, News Editor

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High School Honor Roll Announced

Joe Turner, principal of Ol-ton High School, has announced the names of students included on the A and B Honor rolls for the 5 th six weeks.

Making the "A" honor roll are:

Seniors: Frankie Adams, Cindy Cross, Sam Curtis, Jan George, Pam Hair, Paula Jones, Leon Kendall, Janice Lancas-ter, Suzanne Martin and Taz Speer.

Juniors: Charles Church, Dennis Hines, Susan Norfleet, Joe Priest, Iva Tanner and Cheryl Yandell.

Sophomores: Valda Jones, Bernie Long, Roger Thompson, and Charlotte Wells.

Freshmen: Connie Brown, Sue Church, Jane Ann Duncan, Jackie Harrod, Shirley John-son, Lannie McClain, David Neinast and Teresa Thomas.

Making the "B" honor roll are:

Seniors: Nancy Brigance, Joyce Curry, Celia Harwood, Estela Hernandez, Mike Hipp, Barbara Roden, Judy Kemp, Jerry LaFrance, Cherry Lang-ford, Pat Limbocker, Topper Maxey, Coye McGill, Terri Mil-ler, Don Sopher, Bernadette Sweatt and Deanna Thompson.

Juniors: Mary Algaki, Laura Alkin, Mike Bodkin, David Brit-ton, Sherry Caddel, Carolyn Carlisle, Linda Collins, Rocky Farrar, Belva Howard, Kathy Kidd, Shirley Leonard, Don Mit-chell, Steve Moss, Mark Nein-ast, Richard Redinger, Jerry Roberson and Francine Struve.

Sophomores: David Algaki, Renay Berry, Paulette Bley, Charlotte Brigance, Jerry Cad-del, Richard Frausto, Karen



OUTSTANDING CITIZEN ... C.H. (Cement) Blair is shown with his plaque after being named

Supt. Clark Resigns, Takes Hereford Post

BASEBALL MEETING SET

Batter up....

A little early? Not to get started on plans for the coming baseball season, according to Earl McClain, president of the local baseball association.

McClain urged all parents and interested persons to at-tend a meeting Monday night to get plans underway for the baseball program.

Meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. in the community room of Plain-view Production Credit Associ-ation building here.



JOHNNY CLARK JR.

Resignation Told At Meeting Today

Johnny Clark Jr., superin-tendent of schools here since 1961, resigned this morning to accept a position as superin-tendent of Hereford schools.

The resignation came at a special meeting of school trust-ees during which they were to meet with Architect Herbert Brasher and Contractor Dean Slavens to approve and accept the $300,000 school building program now being completed here.

The resignation will be ef-fective July 1, 1965, when a new three-year contract here was to have begun.

The move to Hereford will represent not only an advance-ment from a Class AA to a Class AAA school but also to a school district which is expected to be-come 4A shortly.

Average attendance at Here-ford High School has been 940 daily this year, and schools be-come AAAA when they have at-tendance of 1,000 daily in high school.

Clark told the Enterprise his tenure here "couldn't have been anymore pleasant, not only in my relations with the board of trustees, but also with the community as a whole."

The 37-year-old superin-tendent came here in June, 1961, from Wilson, where he had served as superintendent three years.

Prior to that, he had been superintendent at Ackerly three years and a junior high princi-pal at Ozona four years.

Clark succeeded Joe Harper when he came here, Harper leaving for a superintendent's post at McKinney.

He holds a BA degree from Harding College, Searcy, Ark.,

City OK's Plan To Hire Tax Attorney

Olton city council Tuesday night approved plans to employ a tax attorney to clear up de-linquent taxes prior to the year 1962.

In doing so, the council authorized filing of suits, if

20th Stock Show Under Way Here

Olton's 20th annual stock show got underway here today with weigh-in deadline set at 6 p.m.

Approximately 117 entries, including 30 head of sheep, 65

In the sheep division, class-es will be set up for South-down, Hampshire, Pinewool, Crossbreed, Shropshire, Suf-folk, Dorsett, and other breeds.

All first place lambs will



Rose Schenck, Society Editor

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Sue Cannon, Operator

The Olton Enterprise and Enterprise Studio



SOPHOMORES, 1923-24---Olton High School sophomore class of 1923-24 is pictured above. Left to right in the front row are Mary Swopes, Maggie Rody, Ruth Kennedy, Eugenie Dye and Alice Rediner. Standing are Foy Dodson, Roy Granbery, Carrol Jones and Lee Dodson.

Contributed by OHS

Topography, Drainage Discussed

The land surface of Lamb County is nearly level to gently rolling and, in general, slopes to the southeast at about 10 feet to the mile. The total relief is 460 feet, the range in altitude being from 3,370 to 3,830 feet. The most prominent topographic features that interrupt the general flatness of the surface are the numerous dish-shaped depressions, several playa basins, the sandhills and the stream valleys.

Most of the drainage of the county is into these dish-shaped shallow basins or depressions, whic form ephemeral lakes during occasional periods of heavy rainfall. The North Fork of the Double Fork of the Brazos River rises in eastern New Mexico and meanders east and souteast through a broad, grass-covered valley, crossing the shandhills south of Earth.

Beyond this point the valley is more prominent than it is to the west, ranging in width from about 500 to 3,500 feet and in depth from about 60 to 100 feet.

Running Water Creek, which seldoms flows, rises in eastern New Mexico and crosses the northeast corner of the county. These intermittent streams, draining small areas adjacent to the valleys, rarely carry flood-waters out of the county. Much of the southwestern part of the County is drained into large alkali lakes, or playas, such as Bull Lake and Illusion Lake. A small part of the southeastern corner of the county is drained by an intermittent tributary to Yellow House Creek.

FIVE YEARS AGO

John Wayne Hair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hair, has been named to the All-American High School and prep school honorable mention list.



FAMILY HOME--Shown above is the home and family of E. L. Williams. This photo was taken in 1913.

Contributed by Mrs. Luther Williams.

Since 1937---Since 1956

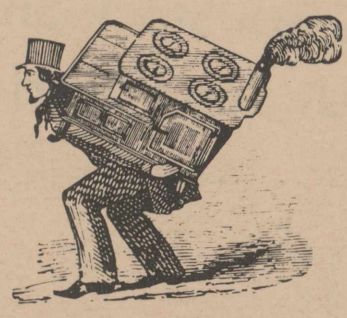
Proud of our history and pleased with the future. Thank you for your patronage during the past 28 years.

HUBERTS BARBER SHOP

We're glad to be a part of Olton and we are looking forward to serving serving you in the future. A big "Thanks" to one and all.

ANITA'S STYLE-ART

Serving Olton Since 1938



A lot of history has come and gone since we started our business here 27 years ago. It's been great fun!

OLTON BAKERY

Russell Rucker



YOUNG MAN--Shown above is Tom McGill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McGill Sr. Contributed by Mrs. E. L. Williams.

TEN YEARS AGO

J. T. Tollett won a pair of $40 boots for securing 20 new memberships in the Lamb County Farm Bureau.

TEN YEARS AGO

Olton FFA have completed a new office inside the FFA show barn in the northeast part of Olton.

TEN YEARS AGO

Olton has bought four water storage tanks with a total capacity of 340,000 gallons.

Pioneer Gas History Told

Natural gas was first turned into the town of Olton on June 1, 1949, by the West Texas Gas Company, which today lives its corporate life as Pioneer Natural Gas Company. The number of Olton customers served with natural gas has grown to 269 accounts today.

West Texas Gas began construction of the original natural gas pipeline from the Panhandle Field to the North and South Plains and the Permian Basin on June 22, 1927. The following several years saw the building of natural gas lines throughout this expansive and now well-recognized West Texas empire. Jan. 1, 1954, West Texas Gas Company, Dalhart Gas Company, Clayton Gas Company and Amarillo Gas Company were consolidated into one natural gas utility company named Pioneer Natural Gas Company.

Providing "Fuel For A Growing Empire," Pioneer Natural transports and distributes gas for residential, commercial, industrial and other uses in an area of West Texas covering 40,000 square miles and including 78 cities and towns, comprising a gas service territory equal in land area to the state of Ohio.

This "growing empire," with a population in excess of 1,000,000, has shown a 50 per cent population rise over the past decade, and indications are that the territory will continue as one of the fastest growing in the State. During 1964, Pioneer added more than 5,000 new customers, bringing the total to some 232,000 customers.

Annual gas supply requirements of Pioneer Natural have increased by 90 billion cubic feet in the past 10 years, and comparable increases in the future are expected.

To keep pace with population growth and the increasing demand for natural gas, Pioneer Natural's capital expenditures have been averaging around $10 million annually for plant improvement and expansion of facilities. Captial outlays this year are expected to be $10.5 million as compared to $8 million last year.

Pioneer Natural, an investor-owned Texas corporation organized in 1906 under the name of Amarillo Gas Company, has 6,879 miles of gathering, transmission and distribution pipelines, 34 compressor and field booster stations, and two wholly-owned products plants. During 1964, the company added 253 miles of pipeline and 4,195 compressor and field booster horsepower to the system.

Through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Amarillo Oil Company and Pioneer Production Corporation, the company is actively engaged in the exploration for and the production of oil and gas. The company plans to participate in about 100 drilling operations this year. During 1964, the company conducted a more extensive program of exploratory drilling than in previous years. The company participated in 102 drilling operations of which 62 were exploratory in nature.

From Dalhart and Amarillo on the north, to Odessa, Midland, Ozona and Brady on the south....from the New Mexico border eastward to Big Spring and Gorman....homes, business, industry and agriculture of these progressive areas are served by Pioneer Natural.



THIS 1927 CHEVROLET service truck of the West Texas Gas Company was built the same year that West Texas Gas began construction of the original natural gas pipeline from the Panhandle gas field to the North and South Plains and the Permian Basin.



HOME MOVED--This is the first home in Olton. It belonged to T. F. Brown and was moved into Olton. This is a picture of it being moved.
Contributed by Mrs. E. L. Williams



FIRST BALL TEAM--Olton's first ball team is pictured above. In the top row are Cowart, Runt Daugherty, Homer McQuillen, Bill Hooper, Bud Williams, Claude Silcott, Smith and Pete Keenan. In the bottom row are Fred Ogden, Roy Dodson, Cowart, Harry Ogden, Spec Dodson, Smith, Hubert Hooper and Bill Nafzger.

Contributed by Mrs. E . L. Williams

We're Proud To Serve Olton



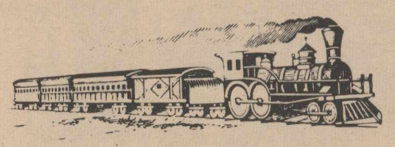
---and proud to be a part of its history!

We Will Be Closed Early Friday For The Pageant

TASTY CREME

Lois Hollingsworth

It's A Pleasure To Call Olton Home

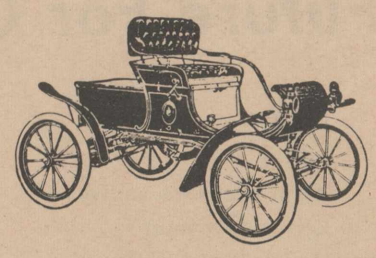


We recently purchased Olton Meat Co. and we want to be a part of Olton's bright future.

OLTON MEAT CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Tinkle

Always Looking To The Future



We've been in business in Olton a long while now and we're happy to be a part of Olton's progress.

OLTON AUTO SUPPLY

G.W. Locke, Owner — Harold Jordan, Mgr.



ENGINE ROOM--Shown above is the engine room at Hart Camp Co-Op Gin after it was hit by a tornado in 1957.

Contributed by Elma Burleson.

Hart Camp Co-Op Gin Began 1934

Hart Camp Co-Operative Gin was established at Hart Camp in 1934. Manager is Elma Burleson.

Officers are O. J. Neeley, president; Don Muller, vice-president; and Blanton Martin, secretary.

Directors are J. P. Hukill, J. W. Johnston Jr., E. P. Oliver and D. R. Leonard.

The firm offers complete cotton ginning services, planting seed and marketing cotton.

On Easter Sunday, 1957, a tornado hit the gin, tearing down the gin, office and manager's house. It was then rebuilt.



MANAGER'S HOUSE--Not much was left of the Hart Camp Co-Op Gin manager's house after it was hit by a tornado in 1957.

Contributed by Elma Burleson

PCA Office Opens 1962

The Olton field office of Plainview Production Credit Association, offering farm and ranch loans, was opened here in December of 1962. Manager is Bobby J. Harber.

The original charter for PCA was issued Jan. 6, 1934 and provided the district to be served as all of Briscoe, Castro, Floyd Hale and Swisher Counties. A smilar charter had been issued to Muleshoe Production Credit Association to serve Bailey, Lamb and Parmer Counties.

The two associations were consolidated Sept. 20, 1934.

The first Certificate of Class B stock was issued March 8, 1934 and the first loans made by the Plainview PCA were in March 1934 by endorsing the members' notes to the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank. No Government money has ever been loaned by PCA.

Mrs. Velma Kemp is office secretary of the Olton branch.

The Olton office is located on North Main in a modern, brick building with 2,000 square feet. The firm also offers a community room available to local residents.

Serving Olton Since 1957



We're happy to take part in this observance and to be a part of Olton.

RILEY T V

Bartow Riley

Geological Deposits Form County Sand Hill Dunes

Deposits of Recent Geological age occur as sheets of windblown material, sand dunes, and valley fill. The windblown material mantles most of Lamb County and ranges in thickness from a featheredge to approximately 15 feet. The sand dunes form a belt approximately eight miles wide extending across the center of the county. They generally form a superficial covering and are made up of actively migrating dunes and older, stabilized modified dunes.

The active dunes are characterized and the typical dune topography, absence of vegetation, and a light-gray color, whereas the older dunes are characterized by a lower and rolling surface and a characteristic reddish-orange color, and they are anchored by vegetation. The dunes are not of great height; few are more than 40 feet high.

Around the eastern and southeastern margins of Bull Lake, Illusion Lake and Soda Lake the sand dunes are derived from material blown out of the lakes during prolonged dry periods. They are composed chiefly of grayish sand, but partly of silt and crystals of selenite (gypsum).

The valley-fill deposits of Recent Age are in the channels of the intermittent streams in Lamb County and consist of buff-colored sand and gravel. In the North Fork of the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River about eight miles south of the sandhills the deposits have recently filled the stream channel, covering a number of seeps that formerly issued at the surface.

Although the sediments of Recent Age generally lie above the water table and yield no water to wells in Lamb County, they serve as catchment areas for rainfall and, therefore, aid in the recharge of the underlying formations.

Raines Grocery Has New Look

Raines Grocery was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Raines in January of this year.

The store was originally owned by Virgle Gray and known as Gray's Grocery.

This month, Raines has remodeled the front of the building and redone the inside.

Raines Grocery is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The store offers free delivery in the city limits and gives S & H Green Stamps.

TEN YEARS AGO

Deryl Machen was named Chapter Star Farmer of the Olton Future Farmers of America at the FFA Father and Son Banquet.

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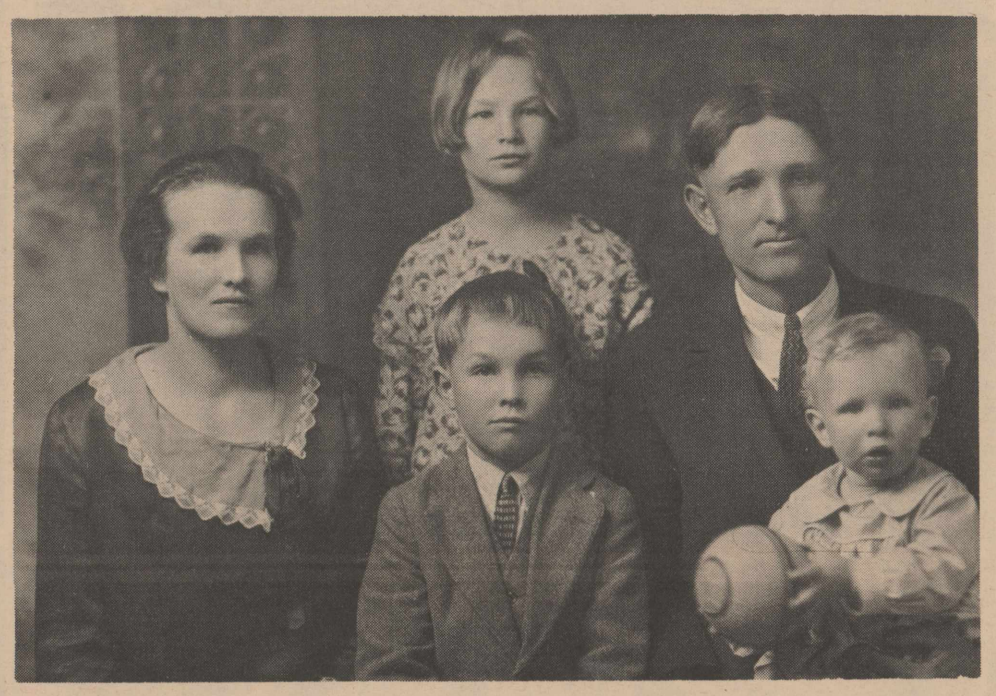
GRAY'S GARAGE

Floyd & Jackie Gray



ANDREW FAMILY--Shown above is the Ben Andrew family in June of 1929. Standing is Mrs. I. M. (Ree) Stewart of Fort Worth. At left is Mrs. Andrew. Two boys in front are Bud Andrew and W. E. (Andy) Andrew. Ben Andrew is at right.

Contributed by Mrs. Keith Boone.

We See A Bright Future For Olton



It's a pleasure to serve the Olton Community. We appreciate your business.

DAIRY MART

Bill Perkins

American Grain Bought In 1962

American Grains, managed by Dan Gregory, was purchased in 1962 by a corporation headed by Morris Jaffee of San Antonio.

The business was originally known as Key Grain when it was purchased by Ben Smith. Billie Sol Estes bought it from Smith in 1959 and the business was known as United Elevators until 1962.

The company offers complete grain service, licensed and bonded grain storage and merchandising.

Alvin Moore is plant superintendent.

TEN YEARS AGO

The old bank building is being remodeled and will be occupied by Kelley's Men Store soon.

TEN YEARS AGO

Officers and employees of the Olton State Bank were special guests at the Legion Hall.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Susan Norfleet, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Norfleet, recently made a score of 189 at the bowling alley.

TEN YEARS AGO

The most potent sprinter in the world is Olton's own J. Frank Daugherty. He is a Texas University dash man now and is hailed as a potential Olympic winner. He topped schoolboy records right and left the year he was a senior at Olton High School.



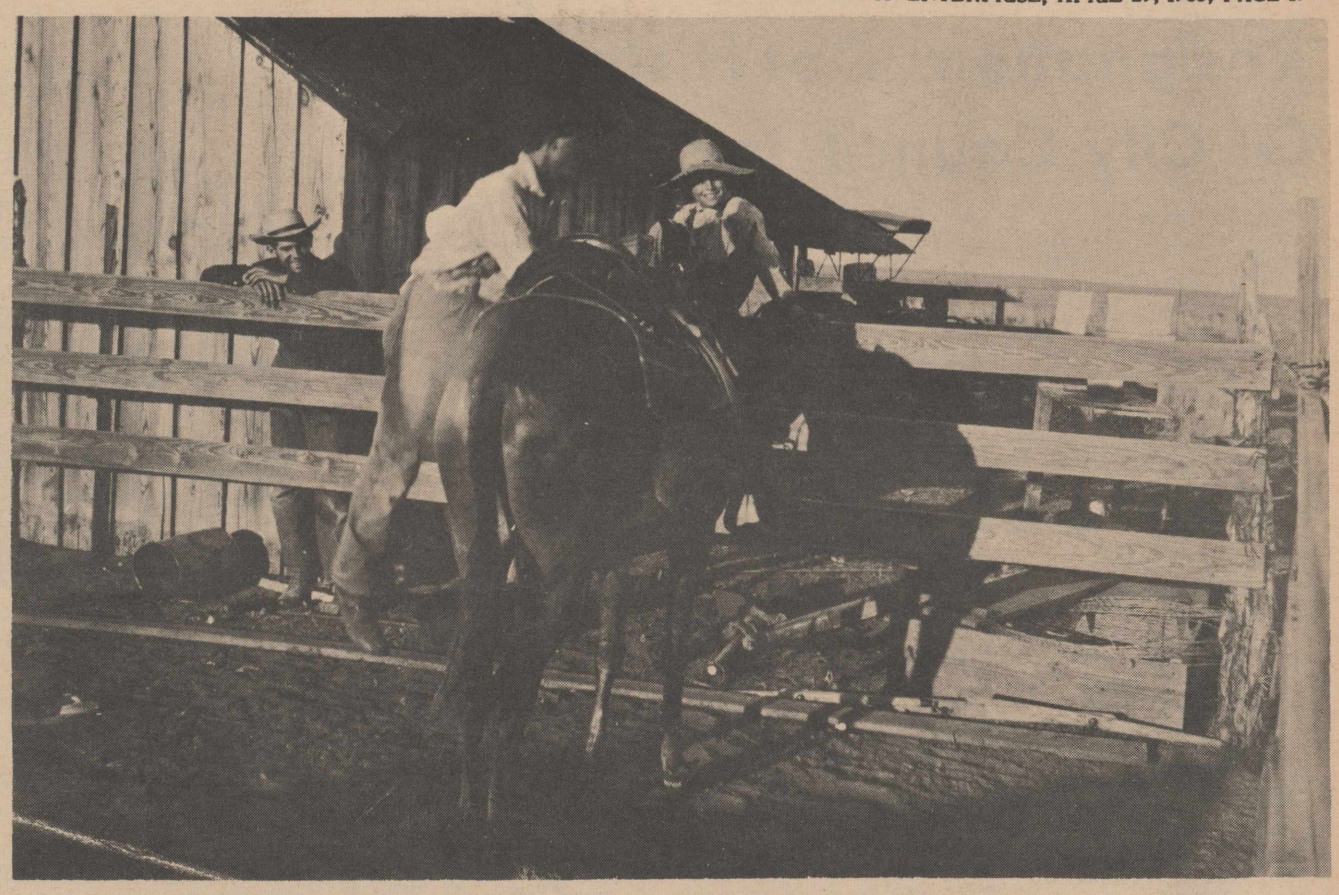
CHAIN GANG--Olton Lions Club pictured in 1939 in prison suits as part of a club production.

Contributed by Mrs. G. H. Bley



MISS CURLS- Recognize the young lady? It's Mrs. Ethel Schreier, born in 1898, who moved to Olton and married Lewis Schreier in 1917.

Contributed by Mrs. Ethel Schreier



BREAKING BRONCS--Fred and Charlie Schreier are shown above "breaking" broncs. At left, leaning on fence, is Louis Schreier.

Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson

Bank Robbery Recalled Here

BY DUB GRANBERY

I am jotting down some of the happenings as I remember them as they occurred in connection with the Olton State Bank, Olton, Texas, daylight holdup July 15, 1932 during the noon hour.

Jack Silcott and I were the only people working in the bank and John Shropshire (deceased), who lived near Halfway, was the only customer in the bank. Tommy Matthews, who now lives at Littlefield and who was then deputy sheriff, came into the bank during the robbery.

One man stood trial for the robbery and received a sentence in the state penitentiary, another was jailed in New Mexico in connection with a killing there and did not stand trial here and another was later killed as authorities were attempting to arrest him in connection with the death of the sheriff of Swisher County.

During the holdup, they laid me on the floor behind the cage, put Silcott and Shropshire in the office and put Matthews on the floor by me when he came over after change during the robbery.

Later, they got me up and had me work the inside combination on the safe and give them the funds in the vault. All in all, I remember the total amount taken in the robbery as about $4,840.

The robbers strowed roofing nails as they left and put the get-a-way car in the vacant barn on land near where K. W. Carson now resides or south of the H. B. Carson home.

This is still pretty vivid to me as I was a scared young man of 22 and for a long time afterwards, I would ask strangers who they were and what they wanted pretty quickly.

TEN YEARS AGO

Hillcrest Addition, a 40-acre tract at the western outskirts of Olton, has been annexed to the city.



We're Proud To Be A Part of Olton....

Although we have have been in business here only a little over a year, we have met no strangers---your reception has been warm and friendly ---and we want to say "Thanks." We hope to serve you in the future.

Gene Pigg
OWNER

Don Visage
MANAGER

Gene's Farm & Ranch Store

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Resignations Dot History Of City Council In Olton

The City of Olton was incorporated March 3, 1930 and on March 10, C. E. Bley was installed as first mayor.

Commissioners were P. B. Campbell and Guy Willis. Opal Thomas was city clerk with T. L. Condra as night watchman and J. A. Gowdy as city attorney.

In 1931, J. N. Richards was named mayor with Campbell and Willis named for a second term as commissioners. B. A. Dodson was named secretary April 10.

At the next election in 1933, R. E. Dennis was named mayor and served until 1937, when R. L. Straw was elected. Dennis was elected again in 1939 and served until 1943, when he was defeated by R. L. Richards with 21 votes to 17 for Dennis.

Campbell and Willis were also re-elected. in the 1933 election, with Campbell serving until 1937 and Willis serving until 1939.

On July 17, 1933, the city made application to Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a loan to finance a water works system here.

In 1937, H. H. Ogletree was named to serve with Willis as commissioner and in 1939, G. A. Bodkin and Bill Yates took over. Max Dodson was secretary and tax collector and R. L. Kirk was city attorney.

In 1941, Lefty Hollingsworth was elected commissioner along with Bodkin and both were re-elected in the 1943 election, Hollingsworth getting 40 votes and Bodkin, 39.

On Feb. 1, 1944, R. A. Green was named to complete the term of Mayor Richards and on April 7, 1944, Bill Yates was named to complete the term of Commissioner Hollingsworth.

Green was then elected mayor in 1945, defeating his opponent, Roy Granbery, 29-28. Yates and Bill Daniels were elected commissioner and on June 11, Truitt Sides was named to complete Daniel's term of office.

On March 28, 1946, C. M. Moss was appointed water superintendent and the next month R. L. Straw was elected mayor with Yates and Sides as commissioners. Bill Combest was city attorney. On Nov. 23 of that year, a $48,000 bond for water works improvements was approved with 117 votes for and 10 against.

In 1947, L. E. Silcott was elected mayor with Sides and H. O. Thomas as commissioners and B. A. Dodson as city secretary. Dr. F. W. Janes was appointed city health officer.

In 1949, Hollingsworth was elected mayor with Pink Lawson and Armour Kinkler as commissioners. A. D. Dillis was city secretary and water superintendent, J. M. Miller was city marshall, L. C. Schreier was corporation court judge, Vaneta Stovall was assistant city secretary and Bill Combest was city attorney. H. A. Cavett was named water superintendent in 1950 and Clifton Hines replaced Kinkler as commissioner.

Mayor Hollingsworth was re-elected in 1951 and again in 1953. Hines and Lawson were named commissioners in 1951 and Eldon Franks and W. B. Smith Jr. in 1953.

Curtis Wilkenson was city attorney in 1951, V. L. Smith was city marshall and Gale Seigler was health officer. Smith resigned Nov. 5 and O. E. Cundiff was hired. Hines resigned as commissioner March 6, 1952 and Virgle Gray was named to his post. Gray resigned June 3 and R. A. Green was named.

The city voted in 1952 to build a new fire station and purchase additional fire equipment.

Vernie Head was city marshall in 1953 and in 1955, Hillcrest addition was annexed by the city.

G. H. Bley was elected mayor in 1955 with C. A. Cox and D. Y. Ray as commissioners. C. M. Moss was secretary; Day & Owen, attorney; J. G. Cole, corporation court judge; and Vernie Head, chief of police.

The city government was changed from the commissioner form to the council form by election April 3, 1956. J. C. Hamby, Ed Thompson and T. M. Campbell were elected aldermen and A. D. Adams was named Feb. 22, 1957 to complete Thompson's term. R. E. Worley was hired as water superintendent, Bernice Smith as city secretary and Billie Hall as assistant secretary.

D. Y. Ray was elected mayor in 1957 and E. E. Burrows was named night watchman, and W. E. Thomas was named city judge.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Melton presented to the city a 90-acre tract to be used for Olton Recreation Center.

Ray was re-elected mayor in 1958 and in 1959. He resigned Dec. 8, 1959 and A. D. Adams was named mayor protem.

1958 councilmen were A. D. Adams, T. M. Campbell, Major James, Lynn Fite and C. A. Cox.

James, Adams and Campbell were re-elected in 1959 and new councilmen were Fred Thompson and Bob Duncan.

Garbage collection was started here June 9, 1959.

Burrows was appointed chief of police Dec. 23, 1960.

Carl Hooper was elected mayor April 12, 1960. He resigned May 10, 1960 with Cox elected mayor protem.

1960 councilmen were Cox, Fite, Duncan, Thompson and Clovis Poteet.

Major James was elected mayor June 14, 1960 in a special election, making a total of three mayors in one year for Olton.

James was re-elected in 1961 and 1962. 1961 councilmen were Fred Thompson, Bob Duncan, Clovis Poteet, Lynn Fite and C. A. Cox.

Thompson and Duncan were re-elected in 1962. New councilmen were Cecil Gallaway, Bob Gullett and Howard Buchenau. Gallaway resigned June 16 and Dr. Basil Johns was elected to replace him Aug. 21. Fred Thompson resigned Dec. 6 and Buchenau resigned Dec. 11, 1963.

Gene Wilson was elected mayor by one vote in 1963 and new councilmen were Russell Rucker and Bill Kemp. Other mayor candidate, W. E. Thomas was declared mayor by a court decision. Wilson resigned May 7, 1963.

Thomas was re-elected mayor this spring. Present councilmen are Lester Thompson, Parley Myers, Doug Jones, Charles Sullivan and Robert Dennis.

WATER PUMPS

Pumpage in 1964 reflects an average decline of 4.26 feet for 71 wells.



1954 CUBS--Cub Scouts, left to right, are Robert Struve, Clyde Gallaway, Gerald Dale, James Loveless, Howard Houk, Topper Maxey, Charlie T. Burrus, Allen Doggett, Mike Slagle, Billy Cox, Dale King, H. L. May, Garland Mason, Larry Grant and Jimmy Jones. Den mtothers are Mrs. Frank Struve, Mrs. Paul Featherngill, Mrs. Cecil Gallaway and Mrs. Lee Slagle. Den chiefs are Donald Mason and Russell Tubbs. Leaders are Charles Vaughn and V. L. Smith.

Contributed by Mrs. Winston Bley.

W. B. Rose Here In 1909

Walter B. Rose came from Fredonia, Kan. to Olton in 1909. He worked for several ranches until 1918, then served in World War I until 1919.

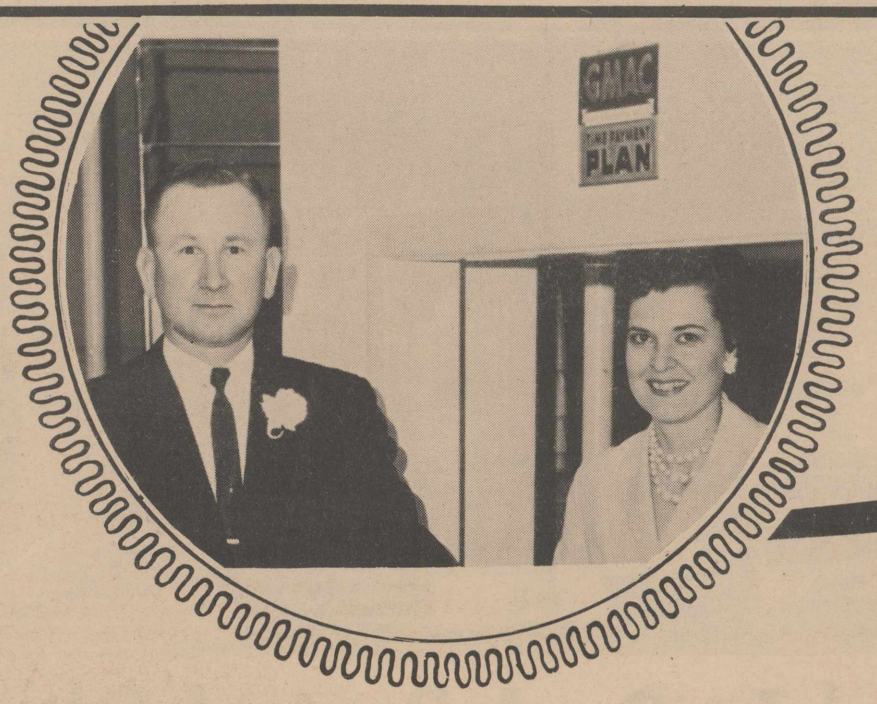
In 1927, he married Dovie Cavett.

The Rose family farmed five miles southwest of Olton until 1959.

EDUCATION

Southwestern University at Georgetown is the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas, established in 1840. Texas has 44 four-year colleges and universities and 33 junior colleges.

A Short History -- but a promising Future!



Although we have been in business only a few short months, we are looking forward to being a part of Olton's future---and to be of service not only in our furniture business but to the community as well. We are proud to call Olton our home.

Attend Olton's Historical Pageant Friday, April 30

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GET TOGETHER--Olton residents are shown above at the D.C. Yauger home in 1911. Standing are Alice Bronson, Russel Clark, Elsie Yauger, Raymond Bronsons, Fred Schreier Jr., Howard Winter, Bessie Bronson, Clara Silsbee, Arthur Winter, Doris Miller, Harry Silsbee, Fannie Mae Pugh and Roy Winters. Seated are Mr. Bronson, D. C. Yauger, Lloyd Cowart Lester Yauger, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Collins. In front is Fleta Yauger.

Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson



FIRST KODAK--This picture of Fleta Yauger and Mr. Collins is thought to have been made with the first Kodak in Olton. Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson

Western Mineral Opened In 1964

Western Minerals, Inc. started business here in May of 1964. The firm is owned by John Moses and George Caddel and managed by Caddel.

Other personnel includes Jean Caddel, bookkeeper; Harold Trent, plant manager; Paul McFadden, salesman; William Buckner and Lynn Robinson, production.

Western Minerals makes mineral and protein blocks, feed lot, pre-mixes and dog food.

TEN YEARS AGO

Twenty five dollars has been presented to the home economics department by the Olton Garden Club to buy shrubbery for the H. E. Cottage.

TEN YEARS AGO

Juanice Hendrix was named as head cheerleader for the Mustangs Pep Squad 1955-56.

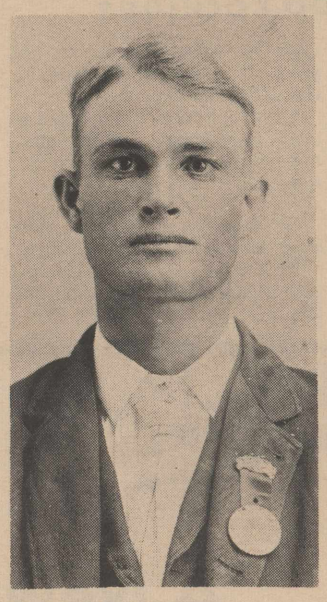
Kelley's Here Since 1953

Kelley's was established here in 1953 by B. G. Kelley and O. Z. Ball.

Kelley, manager and owner, purchased Ball's interest in 1959 and the store moved into its new, modern building last year.

The business offers all types of ready-to-wear for the entire family with Mrs. R. A. Kelley as buyer and sales clerk in the ladies department.

Mrs. Billie Ann Kelley assists in all departments as clerk and buyer on a part time basis.



JAY WALLING



CHARLIE BURRUS

PIONEERS -- Jay Walling and Charlie Burrus, shown above, were among the first to send in application for purchase of state school land in this vicinity. Many Olton residents will find their names on their abstracts.
Contributed by Mrs. Paul Burrus

D.C. Yauger Was 1st JP

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Yauger and four children, Elsie, Lester, Blair and Fleta, came to Lamb County in 1908 from Hereford.

Mr. and Mrs. Yauger helped to organize the first Sunday School, both serving as superintendent three years each in the early days. They also sponsored the Methodist and Baptist Union Church.

D. C. Yauger was Lamb County's first justice of the peace. appointed by Judge H. R. Miller.

Yauger retired from farming in 1917 and moved to Olton to operate the hotel for two years. He died July 4, 1922 in Plainview.

Mrs. Yauger served as president of the Red Cross for the county in 1917-18.

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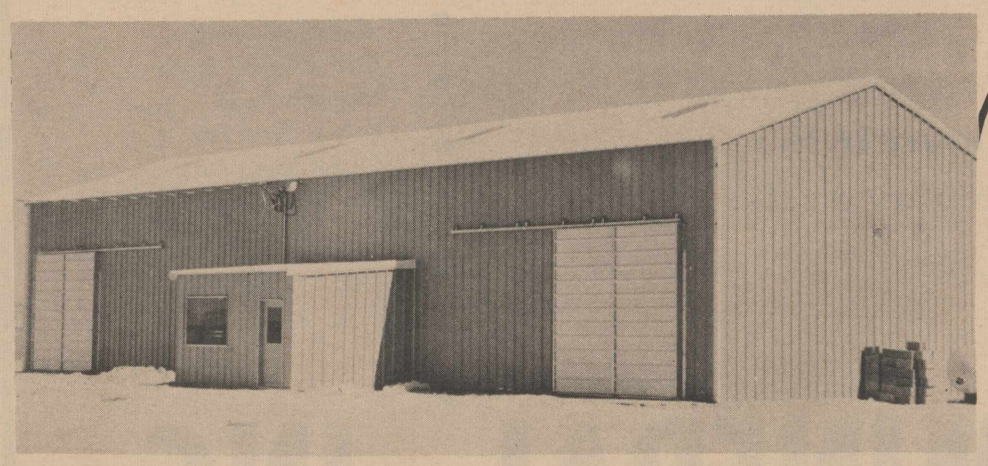

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SISTERS--Above is an early picture of Retta Lou Howard Snider and Sue Howard Cannon.

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OPEN COUNTRY--Pictured on horseback in 1911 are Walter Schreier, Fred M. Schreier, Jr., Bob Miller and Louis Schreier.

Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson

Wayne Printing Dates To 1959

Wayne's Printing Company, originally owned by The Olton Enterprise, was established by Wayne Moore in 1959.

Commercial printing was produced by the newspaper plant until January of 1959, when Moore purchased the business. Since that time, a complete office supply line has been added along with additional printing machinery and facilities have been expanded.

Wayne's Printing offers both offset and letterpress printing.

Bodkin, Nixon Started 1935

Bodkin & Nixon Oliver Co. and Nixon Auto Parts, owned by Vernon Nixon, was established here in 1935 by G. A. Bodkin in the building just north of the present location.

Nixon started working in the parts department while in high school, and, except for a couple of years in college and four years in the Air Force, worked continously. In 1941, he purchased the interest of Lida Trotter and in 1946, he purchased Bodkin's interest.

The building was enlarged last year to double the former size and a complete stock of automotive parts and supplies was added. The firm now offers complete farm needs from a tractor and equipment down to small bolts and nuts. A complete line of parts is available for all irrigation motors.

Personnel includes Vernon Nixon, owner; Gerald Nixon, parts manager; Troy Digby, Douglas Cox and Luie Cross, mechanics.

Merchandise offered includes Oliver farm machinery, Light Line equipment including Hoeme plows, Johnson ditchers and shredders, Hamby rod weeders and cultivators and Gehl ensilage equipment.



SOASH TENT--Shown above is a tent of the Soash Land Company from Water Loo, Iowa. Picture was taken in 1908.

Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson

Hamill's Offers Top Facilities

Greer and Coy Hamill are owners of Hamill's Restaurant, where good food, nice atmosphere and anxious-to-please personnel are the orders of the day.

Hamill started in the restaurant business in 1929 and moved to Olton in 1949, when he worked for Ruby Hines. In 1955, he leased the Ideal Cafe and operated it for more than a year. In 1963, he leased the Spotlight Cafe, which he purchased last year and changed the name to Hamill's Restaurant.

Last summer, a new dining area was added and recently, the original cafe has been remodeled.

Original owners of the cafe were Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Crouch.

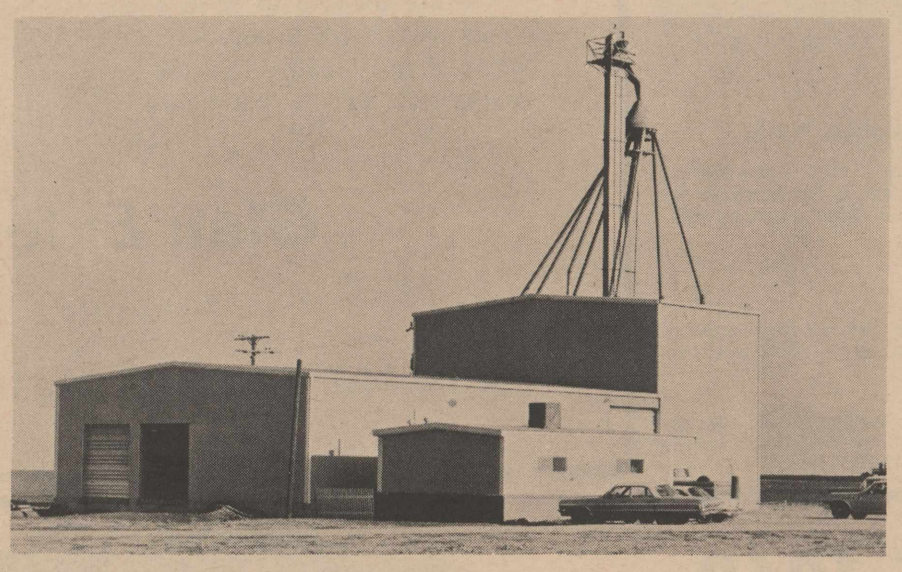
Waitresses are Emma Campbell, Francis Hall and Mrs. Pat Key.

TEN YEARS AGO

Linda Franks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Franks, received the Olton Enterprise plaque as the outstanding future homemaker of Olton High School.

TEN YEARS AGO

OHS Twirlers, Linda Fent, LaNelda Maxey and Betty Sides won first place honors as a team at a band clinic held in Morton.



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Golden Agers Organized Here In 1958

BY MRS. JOE D. CHESTER

One Monday morning , early in January, 1958, Elsie Smith and I were talking of the need in Olton of a teen-age center. (Yes, even then, we were worried about the recreational facilities for our youth) . Elsie had been helping with the teen-agers and was very interested in working with them.

I suggested that we might try a get-together for our golden agers. Elsie was an "Old-timer" here in Olton, and I was a new comer so of course, I did not know any of the older people.

Elsie quickly agreed that the golden age group was one of the most neglected in our community and she was all in favor of getting this started.

Since Elsie did know all the older folks, she said she would get all the names and addresses of them. I was to spend the next day, Tuesday, in preparing the stencils for mimeographing the post cards to be sent to the golden agers of the community. Rev. Russel McAnally the Methodist minister at that time, offered to do the mimeographing early Tuesday afternoon. Elsie and I spent the rest of the afternoon addressing all the cards, and they were in the mail by late, late afternoon the same day.

We spent Wednesday cleaning the Legion Hall which we were permitted to use without charge, since this was something for the community. We also made our plans for the refreshments, games, and entertainment for the NEXT day.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, 1958, we held our first meeting. We were very impressed at the marvelous attendance, since we really had only three days to work on it. We had both felt that the time to do something was IMMEDIATELY, since interest will tend to subside , if time is wasted on just TALK.

At the first meeting of the Golden Age Social Hour, it was decided to set our following meetings for the fourth Thrusday of the month.

The following persons were at the first meeting and are our charter members: Mmes. Lee Sherman, Anna Martins, Jodie Morris, C. M. Owen, Dora Walthall (deceased), Louisa L. Dennis (deceased), Cora Wozencraft, Jessie Allen, Nellie Turner, W. T. Copeland, J. E. Jones, Mary Hogue, M. A. McCraw(deceased), Susie Goyne, Bessie Cowart, Eula Wilks, W. K. Britton.

Also Mr. C. T. Mason, Mr. L. D. Bartlett (deceased) Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Holland (Mr. Holland deceased), Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Kennedy(both deceased), Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brigance, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Souter, (Mr. Souter deceased).

Through the next seven years, various organizations have sponsored the Golden Age Social Hour, except on Thanksgiving when we have our annual dinner, and on Christmas, when we have our Yule party. Without those who have acted as hostesses, the Club would never have been a success. Our sincere thanks go to them.

Those who have acted as hostesses during these years, are: Cumberland Presbyterian Ladies, Olton Study Club, New Century Study Club, Bykota Study Club, Olton Garden Club, Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church , Wives of Volunteer Firemen, Esther Class of First Baptist Church, Women's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Women of Broadway Church of Christ, Eastern Star, Goal Reacher Class of First Baptist, Senior Girl Scouts, Dorcas Class of First Baptist Church, Louisa L. Dennis Circle of First Methodist Church, Westside Club, Olton Home Demonstration Club, Women of the Nazarene Church, Girl's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church.

Those organizations which have voted to sponsor the Golden Agers each year in "Their" month are : Cumerland Presbyterian Ladies, Olton Study Club, New Century Study Club, Bykota Study Club, Olton Garden Club, Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist, Westside Club, Women's Society of Christian Service of First Methoridst, Olton Home Demonstration Club, Women of the Nazarene Church, Louisa L. Dennis Circle of First Methodist.

Our members who are deceased are: L. D. Bartlett, Mrs. Margaret Hair, Mrs. S. L. Knox, Mrs. Dora Walthall, Mrs. Louisa L. Dennis, T. Combest, Mrs. M. A. McCraw, Mrs. Ann Pavelka, T. T. Souter, F. M. Holland, G. T. Galloway, J. W. Dennis, Lee Sherman, and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Kennedy.

Moore Food Opens 1963

Moore Food Store was purchased by Kenneth Moore Nov. 19, 1963. Original owner was L. A. Botkin.

The store features Del Monte canned fruits and vegetables, Kimbell and Diamond brands, USDA heavy choice beef and top quality produce.

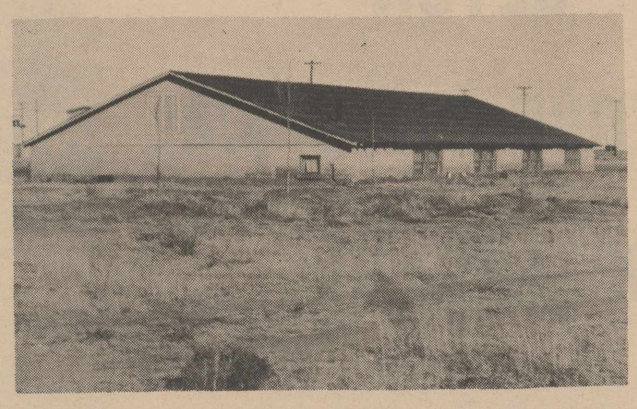
Moore feels that concentrated, centralized buying with Kimbell Grocery Co., plus the fact that the store sells for cash only, lets him sell quality merchandise for less. He stresses everyday low prices and individual service.

Personnel includes Mrs. Velda Mills, and Mrs. Nancy Davis, checkers; Ray Lehman, produce manager; Richard Alcorta, butcher; and Jimmy Caudle, stockroom.



OLTON'S MILL--Above is a picture of Olton's mill and feed store, torn down in recent years.

Contributed by Mrs. Prudy Jeffrey

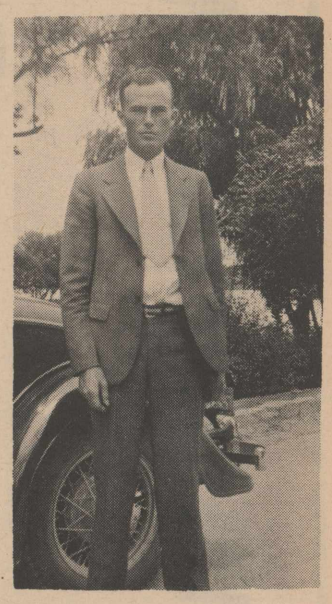


METHODIST CHURCH--Above is the west end of the basement of the Methodist Church in Olton, first used in 1925.

Contributed by Mrs. Gene Trotter



REMEMBER this picture? If you haven't guessed the identity, it's Duane Eby, photo taken in 1913.
Contributed by Leah Cross.



1933 PICTURE--Recognize G. H. Bley? This photo was taken in 1933.
Contributed by Mrs. G. H. Bley

Charles Keenans Early Oltonites

The Charles Keenans came to Olton in 1898 and lived on the land their son, Tom, had filed on.

Keenan fought with the Confederates during the Civil War.

Both he and Mrs. Kennan were children of Irish immigrants, coming from Dublin, Ireland to settle near Dallas before the Civil War

While they were clearing land in Texas, one of Kennan's brothers and his wife were scalped by the Indians.

Keenan died in 1911 and was the first person to be buried in Olton Cemetery. Mrs. Keenan died in 1920.

TEN YEARS AGO

Sydney Hair, eight-grade student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lauis Hair represented Olton in the County Spelling Bee at Littlefield Saturday.

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Cub Scouting Starts Here With Pack 120

BY MRS. WINSTON BLEY

Cub Scouting in Olton had its beginning about 1950. The active leaders who organized the first pack 120, were V. L. "Smitty" Smith, Dr. Jim Fite, Mr. Baker, J. C. Scruggs, and den mothers, Mrs. Lee Simmons, Mrs. Elbert Hooper, Mrs. Charles Loveless, Mrs. Ed Truelock, and den chief, Kenneth Long.

Some of the first cubs were Freddie Gordon, Jarold Simmons, Eddie Loveless, Kenneth Hooper, David Truelock, Jerry Peterson, Jerry Meyers, Paul Ray Montgomery, Winfred and Billy Hair, Harold Featherngill, and Garland Mason.

From the beginning the Fire Dept. was the sponsoring organization with weekly den meetings usually held in the back of the fire station. One of the early projects was procuring the present cub scout building which was purchased in 1956 from H. L. Dennis by donations from individuals. The pack was composed of two dens or about 16 boys.

Around 1955 some of the scout leaders were the same as in the beginning with others added to the list as: Mrs. Paul Featherngill, Mrs. Frank Struve, Mrs. Max Hauk, Charles Vaughn, and den chiefs, Donald Mason, Ronnie and Darryl Dennis, Mrs. Billy Hall, Mrs. Cecil Gallaway, Mrs. Howard Hall, Mrs. Carroll Cox, Mrs. Jim Fite, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Melton, Mrs. Paul Burrus, Mrs. David Grimsley, Mrs. Curtis Coleman, Mrs. Doug Sopher, Mrs. Don Williams, Mrs. Mary Kaimer, Mr. and Mrs. Melton Hines.

Pack 120 now had about 6 dens and was growing. Other workers were added in the next few years. These included: W. T. Hall, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hines, Mrs. Bill Kemp, Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mrs. Quentin Redinger, Mrs. Charles McClain, Mrs. Gene Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Riggin, Mrs. Forrest Latimer, Mrs. Earl McClain, Mrs. Dan Gregory, Mrs. Albert Gabehart, Mrs. Dale Chitwood, Mrs. Kenneth Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell, Mrs. David Farr, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Crowder, Mrs. Bob Mills, Mrs. Tommy Ballard, Mrs. Elmer Gray, Mrs. Louis Botkin, Truitt Sides, Thruston Tollett, Mrs. Lynn Fite, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Britton, and many others. Between 1957 and 1962 seems to have been the peak of cub scouting here when the pack reached over 10 dens. Several camping trips were made to Cowles, N.M.

In 1964 re-organization took place with interest revived. The past two years have been very active with the present pack, 220 have five dens. About 200 attended the last "Blue and Gold" banquet. The next big event is a "derby car race" scheduled for April 27. This year the pack was given an award "Honor Unite of 1964 at Frontier Roundup". We were one of three units in the Haynes District receiving this award. Haynes District is composed of 108 packs. Recent leaders have been Fred Gordon, J. D. Lancaster, D. M. Holt, Bob Allford, Mrs. Percy Parsons, Mrs. Budd Gunter, Mrs. Lester Ramsey, Mrs. Bobby Workman, Mrs. Benny Doggett, Mrs. D. R. Leonard, Mrs. Chas. Galloway, Mrs. Jimmy Jenkins, Mrs. Raymond Lewis, Mrs. Elmer Lewis, Mrs. Winston Bley, Mrs. Ira Limbocker, Mrs. Charles Findley, Bob Daugherty, Gene Reynolds, Jack Thomas and others.

Besides the Fire Dept., the Methodist Men's Organization and the New Century Study Club have served as sponsors.



OLIVER HOUSE -- This picture was made in 1938 in the old Oliver house. Pictured are George Bodkin, Dub Holley, Tom Sluder, Earl Holley, L. H. Trotter and Clifford Trotter.

Contributed by Vernon Nixon.



RIDING--Jack Silcott, Fleta Yauger, and Blair Yauger are shown above. Olton's first courthouse is shown in background.

Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson

Dennis Builders Established 1945

Dennis Builders and Supply was established here in 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dennis came to Olton in 1922 and went into the drugstore business and then the automobile and service station business.

They continued in the drug business until 1935.

The business works in all types of building activities with Dennis as a general building contractor. They specialize in masonry work.

Campbell Oil Changed 1955

Kenneth Campbell and Delmer McMillen went into business together here in 1948 in a farming operation and the Texaco station, now run by Givens. In January, 1955, they bought out the business that was known as Consumers Oil Co., owned by H. D. Thomas and W. M. Yates.

They continued in business together until 1955 when Campbell bought McMillen's share of the business, now known as the Campbell Oil Co.

Mrs. Campbell acts as bookkeeper with John Wayne Hair as sales man and Dewayne Campbell and Darrell Glover as drivers.

The company offers all Texaco products including gasoline, oil, butane, diesel and kerosene.

Consumers Here In 1941

Consumers, established here in 1941, was originally a butane business only.

In February, 1956, the owner and manager were changed and that summer, the business added ignition parts and oil filters. The next year, the business added an oil warehouse and other brands of oil.

In 1963, a new building was built and a complete line of housewares, gifts and hardware was added.

Manager is Barton Prestridge with Neva Prestridge as bookkeeper and manager of gifts and housewares.

Other personnel include Sonny Miller, service; Earl Robertson, clerk; Mrs. Dean Worley, clerk; Mrs. Awa Robertson, clerk; Buck Mills, truck driver; and Ed Anderson, truck driver.



EARLY TEACHERS--Two of Olton's early teachers, Azzie Cooper and Margaret Schellenberger, are shown above.

Contributed by Mrs. G. W. Robertson

Straw Gin Here 1948

Jack Straw Gin, owned by Jack Straw and W. C. Gunter, was established here in 1948 by Straw.

Straw came to Olton in 1929 and Gunter in 1952. Gunter now serves as manager of the gin. Leon May is ginner.

Second gin was built in 1949 and Brent Burrow bought an interest that same year. Burrow's interest was sold to Straw in 1960 and Gunter bought an interest in 1963.

New ginning equipment, including gin stands and lint cleaners, was put in in 1963.

The business offers complete ginning service, ginning, buying and selling cotton and buying and selling seed.

Bryant-Giles Here In 1955

Bryant-Giles Implement, owned by Leo Ross Bryant and Doug Giles, was established here in 1955.

Giles came into the business in 1958.

This modern, up-to-date firm is the International Harvester dealer for the Olton area.

Olton Drug Change 1948

Olton Drug, owned by Ira Foster and Ray Culwell, both registered pharmacists, was purchased in 1948. Eldon Franks and Marshall Stone were original owners of the store.

Foster moved here from Hereford and Culwell came from Plainview.

The business was moved to its present location 1958 and offers a complete line of drugs, sundries, toys and other merchandise with a prescription service by prescription specialists.

Fred Shaw is a pharmacist at the firm and Mary Seawright and Helen Hines are sales clerks and cosmeticians.

Mayfield Co-Op Gin Started Business, 1953

Mayfield Co-Op Gin, managed by A. J. Ashburn, was established in the Mayfield community in 1953.

A second plant was built in 1960 and a new office was completed in 1964.

The business offers complete cotton ginning service, cotton seed and friendly, personalized service.

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Grace Galloway Was First Teacher, Taught Seven Pupils Here In 1903

"Olton is justly proud of her educational achievements. First school building in the community was a 'box' house of one room It was called 'Burro School' because several burros froze to death beside the school house during a winter blizzard This building was located near T. F. Brown's firsthome, three miles north and one and one-half miles west of the present Olton. The first teacher was Miss Grace Galloway, who taught seven pupils in1903. The school was later moved near the draw north of Olton and became the 'Struve School' " -- so reads the historical edition of the Olton High School paper, The Lasso, April , 1937.

In 1904, Mrs. Ed Kiser was teaching the school. She had 15 students and made $27.00 a month. Lamb County was attached to Castro County for judicial purposes, so she had to go to Dimmitt to get paid.

In 1907, Miss Vera Doughit was the teacher and she had 24 pupils.

After the town site was laid off in April, 1908, a one-room frame building was constructed on the present school property. In 1916, bonds were voted, and a two-story red brick building was constructed the next year. The first superintendent was G. W. McDaniels. There were four teachers in the school in 1917-1918.

B. A. Doson recalled that the district was not organized into an independent school district until 1920.

Mrs. George Bohner was one of the eight teachers in the school in the 1920 school year.

H. P. Webb came to Olton as superintendent in 1921, and at that time there were about 90 students. That year the school became the first school in the county to become an accredited school. The Mother's Club, later PTA, sponsored a school lunch program that year, and Olton was the first school in the county to have a lunch room. Mrs. Mattie Moore served hot lunches to the school children from a corner of the old white frame gymnasium.

Free transportation for rural school children began in 1922, and this was another first in the county. Prior to that time, the children had to come to school in buggies or on horses.

In 1924, the Olton school boasted of having seven faculty members and 16 seniors. In 1925, the number of teachers had grown to ten, but there were only 12 in the graduating class. In 1927, there were 14 teachers and 16 in the graduating class. The Olton High School was classified by the State Department of Education as a high school offering 19 1/2 units of affiliation. The school plant consisted of the following: a two-story red brick building, three two-room wooden buildings, a home economics cottage, farm-shop building, garage and sheds for school buses, and three teacherages. A conservative valuation was made at $50,000, and the bonded indebtedness was $30,000.

By 1927, the school owned a fleet of fifteen school buses. They had wooden-frames, and canvas curtains were used to keep out the bitter cold of sinter. In warm weather, the curtains were rolled up.

In 1928, a ten-room modern, well-equipped high school was built at a total cost of about $50,000 for building, grounds and equipment.

Grace and Lois Clark, the late Mrs. Grace White and Mrs. Curtis Turner, were serving hot lunches from a white frame structure near the new high school. A bowl of soup cost five cents and a plate lunch was ten cents.

In 1930, there were 20 faculty members and H. P. Webb was still superintendent.

In 1935, the community voted bonds, and construction of a new $120,000 grade school began in January 1936. There were 600 pupils enrolled in it the next school term. The building contained 17 classrooms, offices, and a gymnasium-auditorium which could seat 1200 people when used as an auditorium.

There were twenty members in the 1935 graduating class.

The lunch room had been moved to the basement of the red brick building, and Mrs. Sudie Brown was supervisor.

In October, 1935, the first Ex-Student Banquet was held in the basement of the Methodist Church. The group organized the Alumni Association, and the following officers were elected: president, Paul Bohner; vice-president, Lauis Hair; Treasuere, Mrs. Margie Slatten; secretary ,'Roy Granbery; assistant secretary, Miss Ruth Owen.

By 1937, the high school alone had nine faculty members and an enrollment of 200. Twenty-eight accredited courses were offered. The full term subjects offered were Ancient History, Modern History, American History, Plane Geometry, Physical Georgraphy, Bookkeeping, Typing, Public Speaking, Music, English, Spanish, Vocational Agriculture, Home Economics, and Algebra. The half-year courses were Com. Arithmetic, Com. Geog., Texas History and Civics.

Through the years, athletics has played an important part in the development of the school and the students. A 1937 Lasso states, "The tendency now in the high school is to have more intramural contests and fewer contests in other schools, giving more of the students a part in playground activity. Volleyball, playground ball and tennis keep most of the high school girls engaged in athletic activities during the school year. To the boys, football, basketball, track tennis, and playground ball are offered."

Mrs. Roy Barnes, a sister of George Bohner, became lunch room supervisor. She was succeeded by Mrs. Velvia Hardison and the lunch room was moved upstairs in the old red brick building to the large room which had served as an auditorium and later as a study hall. Mrs. Hardison served in this capacity for about seven years. Mrs. Ray Slatten assumed the duties of supervisor in 1942. There were five lunch room workers at that time. The price of plate lunches was increased to twenty cents.

Mr. Webb resigned his position as superintendent of the Olton Public Schools in October 1943, after 23 years of devoted service to the school. He had been called to the University of Texas to do research during the "war years." He left the university in 1946 to accept a position as math and science professor at Howard-Payne College in Brownwood where he remained until his retirement in 1952 .

Mr. Ernest Jones finished the 1943-44 term of school for Mr. Webb.

R. L. Davidson served as superintendent from 1944-48. His successor was J. L. Jones, who was superintendent until the 1952-53 school term began. While Mr. Jones was superintendent in 1950, bond were voted and a new modern primary building was built at a cost of approximatelv $125,000.

The Federal school lunch program began here in 1949. The PTA continued to act as sponsor until 1950 when the lunch room was moved to its new spacious quarters in the new primary building. The school became sponsor at that time.

Carl Macon began serving as superintendent in September of 1952. In 1953, bonds were voted and a modern well-equipped $250,000 addition to the old high school was built in 1954. The addition included an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1030, nine classrooms and study hall, two offices, band hall, agriculture shop, custodian's room and rest rooms. A $22,000 Home Economics cottage was also completed in 1954.

In 1955 a stadium and field house were built at a cost of about $13,000 Olton won district during the 1955 football season.

After the death of Carl Macon in 1957, Noel Johnson of Abernathy took over the duties of superintendent. He was succeeded by Joe Harper of Comanche in 1958 who served until 1961.

Current superintendent is Johnny Clark Jr., formerly of Wilson.

A $300,000 bond was voted in the spring of 1964 for improvements to the school.

Improvements called for a complete overhaul of the inside of the junior high building including new ceiling, new floor covering, new lighting, new lockers, restroom improvements and wainscoating.

Funds were also designated for improving the existing athletic dressing rooms and adding new ones at the junior high school.

In the high school science department, improvements completed were converting and enlarging the old agriculture building to the science department and purchase of equipment.

New vocational agriculture building is to be used not only for agriculture, but for vocational training, such as metal work and wood work with purchase of equipment necessary. School administrators hope to include junior high vocational courses in the near future.

The bond included funds for construction of a field house as an addition to the present gymnasium, necessitating the move of the football field to the west, and creating more playground area for smaller children and construction of a track field.

A new bus maintenance garage was also provided to house the eighteen new and fairly new buses. Fifteen of the buses are used on routes with the three remaining buses used as reserve transportation. Each bus has a capacity for approximately 60 students, making rounds twice daily for the white school with some 823 students using the facilities. Two smaller buses pick up the Bohner school students in the school district.

Plans for the transportation system in Olton are to replace three buses each year so that no bus is used for more than five years. All transportation expenses are paid by the state so that no local taxes are used in bus service.

Ben Dodson resigned his position as tax assessor-collector and business manager for the school in 1955. He had served in that capacity for 30 years. Duties of that office were taken over by Ray Porter who was succeeded in 1959 by Dorman Thomas.

In 1962, the duties of tax assessor-collector and administrative assistant were assumed by Elmer Moore who is still filling that position.

According to Moore, the present valuation for the tax purposes is $13,280,000. The plan is to collect $260,000 this year in taxes at a tax rate of $1.98.

Olton Elementary School has shown a marked increase in the number of Latin American students. During the 1955-56 school year a total of 332 Latin American children were enrolled at various times in the first seven grades. The total school census for 1955-56 was 1176 students.

Today the total census is 1433 students, that number includes 715 elementary, 312 junior high, 268 high school and 138 Bohner students. An estimated 40 per cent of the total enrollment are Latin American.

Joe Turner, present high school principal, has served the past five years. Carl McClure is in his second year as principal of the junior high. Fred Gordon, present elementary school prinicpal, has served Olton schools since 1938 with the exception of four years service with the armed forces during World War II.

Principal of the Bohner school is E. C. Woods who has served there for seven years.

Olton High School now offers 45 accredited courses and boasts a total of 1295 graduates since its beginning. These figures are based on the permanent record files in the high school principal's ofice but early records are incomplete and the complete count of graduates is not available.

Pratt Jewelry Open In 1964

Gene Pratt, owner of Pratt's Jewelry and Gift Store in Littlefield, has been associated with the jewelry business since 1946 in Littlefield.

He was with Staggs Drug and Jewelry for nine years and moved to the present location at XIT and 5th Street last year.

The business features watch repair, all types of diamonds, watches, rings, gifts of all kinds, radios, stereos, typewriters, adding machines, small appliances, shavers and over 2,000 charms for bracelets to choose from including Olton school charms.

Sorley Supply Open Last Year

Sorley Supply was established here in January, 1964 by Archie Sorley, who came to Olton in 1929.

Since opening last year, the business has added much equipment.

Sorley Supply offers Best dry fertilizer, Phillips 66 Anhydrous ammonia and Dyna Green liquid solutions.

Mrs. Sorley serves as bookkeeper. Also employed by the firm are Doc Key and Lonnie King.



JAY WALLINGS--Above are Mr. and Mrs. Jay Walling. She was the former Gillie Burrus. They moved to their land in 1906 and helped organized the county and town.

Contributed by Mrs. Paul Burrus



WHEAT FIELD--Above are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burrus taken in their wheat field before the days of irrigation.

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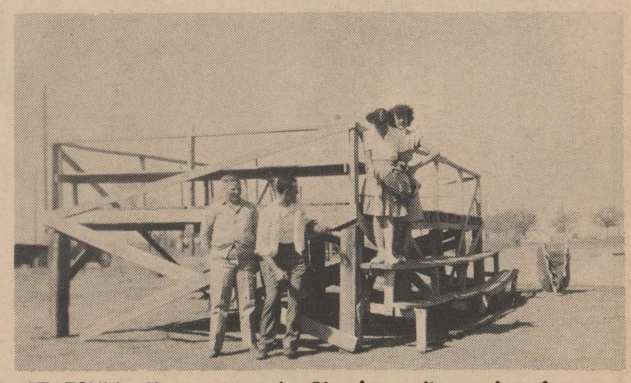
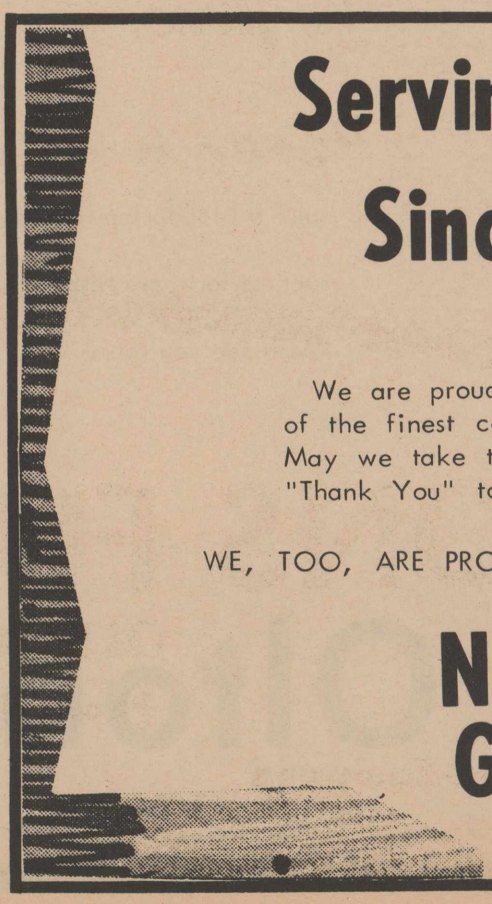


STADIUM--Shown above is Olton's stadium only a few years ago. Quite a contrast with today, isn't it?

Contributed by Mrs. Sue Cannon



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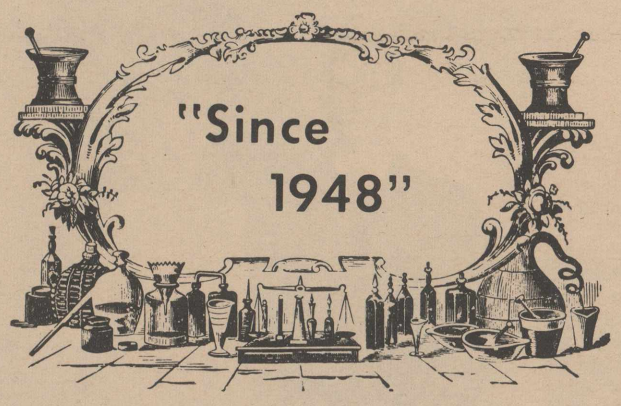
Mrs. R.H. Thomas



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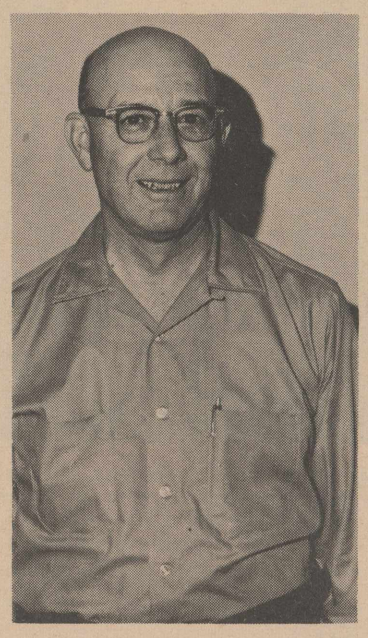
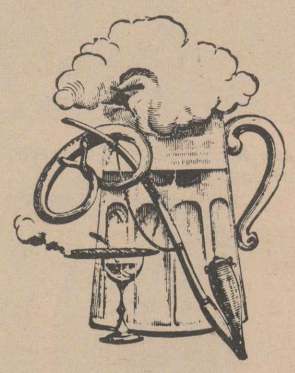


Ira Foster

....to celebrate Olton's long and successful history right along with the pioneers who settled this great agricultural area.





Our Personnel

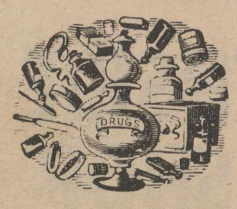
Fred Shaw, Pharmacist
Helen Hines, Sales & Cosmetologist
Mary Seawright, Sales & Cosmetologist





Ray Culwell

The Olton area has been good to us and we want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You." We wish success for those responsible for our historical pageant. We'll see you there.



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