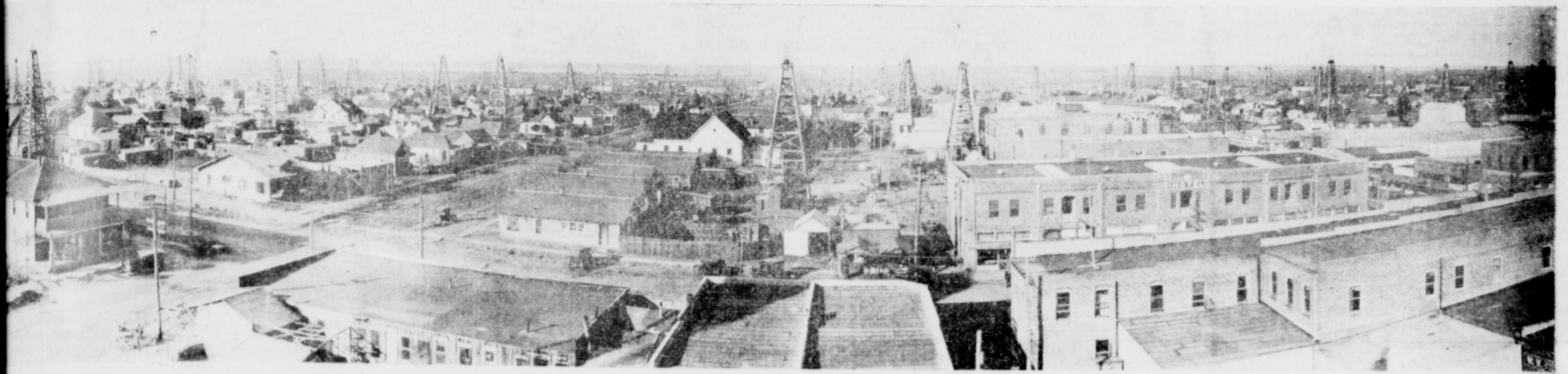


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BURKBURNETT, WICHITA COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1937.

NUMBER 44

SKY LINE VIEW OF CITY LOOKING EAST FROM CITY HALL DURING BOOM WHEN EVERY VACANT LOT HELD A DERRICK



## BURKBURNETT READY FOR BIGGEST CELEBRATION IN HISTORY OF CITY

### Largest Crowd In City's History Expected Friday

Day Will Be  
Coming For  
Thousands Friday

Be Presented After  
Work By  
Committees

**WELCOME TO PIONEERS**  
The largest crowd in the history of Burkburnett is expected for the opening of the 30th anniversary home-coming parade on Friday and Saturday. Harry Hines, chairman of the anniversary committee, and his co-chairmen are pushing last minute plans to accommodate the thousands of visitors expected to gather for the home-coming celebration. People here for a few years ago are expected to greet their friends and ex-residents are expected to be citizens of today in a city that has grown from a few scattered homes to a community of thousands.

Milliken  
of History  
Essay Test

Contest to Secure  
Complete History of  
Community

to Made Fri.

Miss Alice Morgan,  
Director in the local high school, announced that approximately 50 students had entered the contest and 13 had been selected for the finals. The final contest will be held on Friday, June 18, at the celebration program.

place went to Billy  
and third place to Melba  
and other students in the  
Bill Amyx, Mary Lou  
Stanford McPherson,  
Elliot, June Gore, Don-  
efener, Ordetta Cope,  
and Kathryn Hous-

contest was presented  
to increase interest in  
history. The students  
remarkable themes for  
students and several  
research preceded the  
the papers.

months and months  
want ad.

### BURKBURNETT IS READY FOR PARTY



The Welcome signs are out, and Burkburnett is prepared to make Friday and Saturday the most enjoyable week-end that our visitors have ever known.

### Interesting Indian Program Will Start Afternoon Session

History of Cynthia Ann Parker To Be Related By Chief Baldwin Parker

### To March In Parade

Chief Baldwin Parker, who will give a program in Burkburnett during the 30th anniversary celebration, June 18 and 19 announced his program while visiting Monday afternoon. The Chief, who is the son of Chief Quannah Parker and the grandson of Cynthia Ann Parker and Chief Peta Nocoona, will appear with a group of eight Comanche Indians. The program the Indians will present is reputed to be one of the most interesting and educational in the United States as well as being highly entertaining. The Indians will establish a typical village in this city and march in the parade Friday at 11 o'clock. Their program will be presented in full costume. The program includes three war dances, a scalp dance, old Indian hand game, historical speech, two steps dance, demonstration of sign language.

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### Bank Nite Plans Suspended By Burk Theatres Tuesday

Action of Manager Follows Decision Outlawing Bonham Case in Court

### Future Indefinite

Stanley Gartside, manager of the Burkburnett theatres, announced that he had received orders to suspend indefinitely the bank night drawings in the Burkburnett theatres. The Palace has featured the drawing for several years, and the suspension followed the action on the part of the criminal court of appeals which had ruled against the practice. Continued on Page Four

### Firemen Convention Successful Meeting

The State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas, met at Port Arthur on Tuesday, June 8. There were around 2500 delegates and visitors registered at this meeting. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Posey and daughter, Clodella, and Mr. and Mrs. John Blackstone and daughter, Mary. The next convention city is Amarillo. The convention will meet there on the second Tuesday in June 1938. The competition of next year's convention city was keen. Harlingen, Galveston, Brownwood and Amarillo were asking for the meet. Galveston and Brownwood were eliminated on the first ballot. On the run-off Amarillo led by four votes.

Water polo was introduced for the first time at a state convention. It created a lot of interest. Burkburnett Fire Department shipped their outfit.

Want ads in the classified columns of the Star bring results.

### Burk Old Timers Will Be Special Guests At Chuck Wagon Feed Friday; Harry Hines To Be Speaker

One of the events that will open the gala affair will be the special luncheon at the City Park when the chuck wagon gang will feed the old timers. All of the former residents of the city invited by the special committee will be honored by the local residents on that occasion. The committee had mailed 257 invitations to the old timers and the registration Friday morning before 11 o'clock will determine who will be present on that occasion. The committee on arrangements is F. R. Kanuth, W. A. Roberts, and A. R. Hill. The registration will start at the meeting place of the Lions club at nine o'clock. Harry Hines will be the chief speaker on this occasion. Mr. Hines is a former resident of Burkburnett. Plans have been made to make the old timers stay in the city as comfortable as possible. They will be issued courtesy tickets when they arrive, and every possible courtesy will be shown to them during the visit.

**PROGRAM**  
*Burkburnett's 30th Anniversary*  
*Friday, June 18th, 1937*

Registration 9:00 a. m.  
Parade 11:00 a. m.  
Luncheon for "Old Timers" 12:00 Noon  
Harry Hines, Speaker

Speaking 2:00 to 3:45 p. m.  
I. E. Harwell Master of Ceremonies  
Rev. J. H. L. Hawkins Principal Address  
Frank Kell and R. E. Shepherd

Band Concerts 3:45 to 5:00 p. m.

Special Events:  
Indian Program by Chief Baldwin Parker.  
Women's Egg Race Mrs. Carl Morrison, Director  
1st Prize, \$3.00 2nd Prize \$2.00  
Fat Man's Race, 225-lb limit Roy Jackson, Director  
1st Prize, \$3.00 2nd Prize, \$2.00  
Special Event, Burkburnett Volunteer Firemen.  
Coronation of Queen 8:30 p. m.  
Special Street Event 9:30 p. m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19th, 1937**

Band Concert 10:00 a. m.  
Special Events:  
Indian Program by Chief Baldwin Parker  
Oklahoma-Texas Tug of War  
Directors  
Wid Phillips, Clyde Elder and Bob Hinkle  
1st Prize \$10.00  
Husband Calling Contest  
Director  
Mrs. L. J. Lorang  
1st Prize, \$3.00—2nd Prize, \$2.00

**FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL**  
Special Street Event, 9:30 p. m.

### Rotary Club Hears Celebration Plans

Herman Engelmann, secretary of the chamber of commerce, outlined the plans for the coming 30th anniversary celebration at the regular meeting of the Rotary club in their home Tuesday at noon.

### Jim Alexander was in charge of the program consisting of Engelman's talk and three songs by Othar Wheeler, accompanied at the piano by Blanche Butler.

Guests at the meeting were Robert Dunn, Burkburnett, Wilburn Page, Linton Estes, and Rev. Claude C. Beesley, of Wichita Falls, and George Backus, of Vernon.

### OLD AND NEW TO MEET HERE AS THE CITY WILL PRESENT TWO DAYS PARTY JUNE 18-19

Burkburnett will be boasting of both a pride in the traditions that made the old time history a glorious epic and pride in the achievements of the modern generation. In this mood the community settles down to the final week of intensive preparation for the 30th anniversary celebration to be presented Friday and Saturday.

### Mary Frances Goins Will Be Crowned as Burkburnett Queen

Elaborate Ceremonies To Announce Winner of Princess Contest

### Feature Program Friday

Miss Mary Frances Goins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Goins of Fairview was named queen of the Burkburnett 30th anniversary celebration to be held June 18 and 19, according to the announcement made by Herman Englemann, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce Saturday night. Mary Jo Henson, Burkburnett, was second with 6,200 votes compared with 17,400 votes of the winner. Both the queen and the runner-up will be given a costume for the coronation. Miss Goins was selected from a field of seven candidates from Burkburnett and the surrounding communities including Misses Henson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Henson; Katherine Houser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Houser; and Wilma Faulks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Houser. Continued on Page Four

In this celebration the old and the new will meet. The generation that had courage to come into a grass covered prairie and fight everything from drouth and wild Indians will join hands with a generation that set its determination to achieve an after-boom recovery.

Both groups will celebrate Friday and Saturday. The pioneers made good their determination. They conquered the prairie. They broke virgin land to build homes. They established a community that bids to be of permanent influence in affairs of the state and nation. They made a foundation solid enough that the future need not fear of instability.

**Planned Progress**  
The present generation has faced a similar situation. In the aftermath of the boom, they determined that all things would come back to normal. They set about intelligently to plan a place that would erase the scars of wilder days. They built streets, homes, schools and churches. They planted trees and flowers that had been forgotten in the hectic days. They organized society into clubs, churches and associations. Well planned progress followed.

So today in Burkburnett they are ready to celebrate with the pioneers their achievement. Out of the welter of all the suffering of the past has developed an appreciation for the occasion so that the city is ready to find in one grand spree the memories of the past recalled. From the day that Mabel Gilbert broke the first land for a small truck garden in 1861 until the present time in a modern city, the epole of this district have built for the present and planned for the future with the intensity of home lovers.

### Burk Motors Will Present Show at Local Sales Room

Two Hours of Movie Entertainment Will Be Given For Visitors Friday and Saturday

The Burkburnett Motors will present H. R. Harper of Dallas, Texas, next Friday and Saturday night with an interesting program of movies. The program is scheduled to provide entertainment for the visitors and old timers in Burkburnett during the 30th anniversary celebration.

Paul Browning, member of the Burkburnett motors company received confirmation from J. A. Postell Tuesday to the effect that the show would be ready for showing here this week-end.

According to the announcement an hour or two of interesting cartoons, news reels, and comedies will be presented. This addition to the other scheduled entertainments will aid in the entertainment of the large number of people that will gather for the special celebration.

The movies will be presented through the courtesy of the Dodge Brothers corporation. The shows will start each night at eight o'clock.

### Fete Starts Friday

Friday morning at 9 o'clock the celebration will open officially. With the registration of all out-of-town guests at the chamber of commerce the celebration will start. The city has already assumed a festive garb, and the streets are lined with decorations for the event. Every business house and many private dwellings are covered with flags, bunting and welcome signs.

At 11 a. m., Friday a huge parade featuring a queen float, visiting bands, Fort Sill soldiers, old time conveyances, cowboys, Indians and commercial floats will be presented. At noon the old-timers will be guests at a chuck wagon feed at the city park. Harry Hines, chairman of the state highway commission, will be the speaker at the event.

Friday afternoon the main rally for the pioneers will be held when Rev. J. H. L. Hawkins, pioneer resident of Oklahoma City, will speak. In an inspirational address the veteran minister, who had much to do with the making of the community, will recall the... Continued on Page Ten

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## APPRECIATION

In this issue the Burkburnett Star is attempting to present an accurate picture of what has taken place during the last 30 years. Whatever credit we may receive for this expression of the history and development, much must be passed on to those who have assisted us.

One thing we have attempted is a pictorial record of these years. Many persons in Burkburnett have allowed us the use of valuable photographs. Without these pictures the paper would have been impossible. We can not list all of the persons who aided in this manner.

Others have listened patiently to the series of questions propounded by the reporters. Many have actually written the history of their institutions or organizations.

The business men of Burkburnett have listed their stores in large ads, and made possible this summary. Without the support of these men the elaborate record could never have been published. The paper, cuts and labor involved have been expensive. It is therefore the business men that are paying for your enjoyment in this record of events.

During the first month of the history of the city a brave young man came from the East, with a handful of type and a make-up rule. An old hand press was used. The paper was started. Since that day throughout the boom and other disturbances, not a single issue has failed to be published. Organizations have attempted to publish other records but their foundations in your loyalty was not so permanently fixed.

So for 30 years you have stood by the Star. It has been an expression of the community. For your help during the 30 years and during this special edition the Star wishes to express appreciation.

## WELCOME

For six months definite preparation has been under way to make the visit of former Burkburnett residents and other visitors a pleasant one during this week-end. It is possible that we may have overlooked something that you need to make a comfortable and happy time, but if we have, it has been through no intention of ours to slight even the smallest detail.

We are sincerely glad that you are back with us. Many of you have not been here since the boom days, and the city will surprise you. There will be buildings, streets, and business places that have been changed by the magic of time.

However, there is one thing that hasn't changed. You were our neighbors and friends many years ago. You helped us to build a community here. By your cooperation we have made a home for ourselves and future generations.

That same spirit of friendliness and cooperation is still unchanged. We shared the joys and sorrows of yesterday, we watched with anxiety the changes during the last generation. Our minds together were puzzled during the hectic days that seem so distant now. But in it all that comradeship that a common purpose creates bound us to the most blessed of human experiences—real friendship.

So today we are probably wasting words to tell you that you are welcome back. You know from other years of the joy that abides with us to have you. Come in, neighbor—draw up a chair.

## TRIBUTE TO PIONEERS

Anniversaries and reunions call for excessive emotion and sentimentality. About even the most trivial thing it is difficult to restrain our enthusiasm.

In spite of this excessive exuberance during this time, it is difficult to say enough in praise of the men and women that left the comparative comforts of civilization to establish a community in an entirely wild and untried territory.

Of course each of them had personal reasons for following the urge to conquer this challenging wilderness. But their desire represents something that is fundamental in the American people. From nations and races these people came. They mixed their qualities in forming a society that through its hardship gave back the elements of greatness. There was no government giving assistance. Drouths, floods, pestilence, and disaster was the normal course of life. They met them without a whine to the government nor with an extended hand to charity. In such events these men and women simply buckled down to harder work. They retained their pride and independence.

It is for that we praise them. They remained independent. With their independence they retained a fierce loyalty to sections and to the nation. Most of them are gone. A few linger with us for a while. They will not know of this tribute.

However, during the next few days while we celebrate, let us not forget a few moments of tribute to the men and women that made all this success of ours today possible.

## DECORATIONS

There is still a few stores that remain undecorated.

## AN ACTIVE SERVICE CLUB



The Lions have always been leaders in Burkburnett Civic and Social progress.

## Lions Club Most Active in State

The Burkburnett Lions Club was organized September, 1922, receiving its charter in January, 1923. There were fourteen charter members. Present membership is 50.

Texas is, and should be, proud of Lionism as it is a Texas product. The International Lions Club was organized in Dallas in 1917 with twenty-five clubs and a membership of less than 600. Its growth has been phenomenal—in fact, it is the fastest growing civic organization and has surpassed all other civic clubs in membership. With 25 clubs represented in Dallas in 1917 there will be possibly over 3500 clubs represented in Chicago in July 1937 with a membership far above one hundred thousand and still growing.

Lionism promotes the principles of good government, good citizenship and good sportsmanship. Lions clubs are non-political, non-sectarian organizations and composed of business and professional men who feel an interest in their city and community—men who

are always willing and ready to cooperate with all civic organizations in any good project.

Lionism unites its members in the bonds of friendship, mutual understanding and good fellowship. It is designed to further education, enlarge social and civic opportunities, support the laws, direct public councils, and in every way possible make the lives of all better and happier.

Membership is acquired by invitation only, and men of honor and high standing will be asked to affiliate. Each member is assigned a classification.

Burkburnett club has six of the original fourteen charter members as active members. This is perhaps one of the best records of charter members in Texas in a town of shifting population.

Burkburnett Lions claim the best attendance record in Lino International. More than twenty members have a perfect record of attendance for several years. Joe Davis has a perfect record for more than thirteen years, attending meeting each week in person, except on one occasion when his attendance was made up by visitation of four members. Ray Hill has record of attendance for fifteen years—attending meet-

ing in person each week except when confined to his bed when his attendance was made up by the visitation of four members on day of meeting. Sloan Mills has the record of actually attending a meeting each week since the organization of the club. These three members have recently been presented with attendance medals by Lions International.

**What the Name Stands For**  
L—oyalty to country, community and home.  
I—ndividual integrity in thought, word and deed.  
O—ur flag, our language.  
N—ew ideals, new hopes, new ambitions in business and profession.  
S—ervice that is founded on the Golden Rule.

## Bridge Builder



G. W. WIGHAM One of Burkburnett's first citizens.

**Insurance**  
Real Estate -- Bonds -- Notary  
**M. C. Tucker**  
Phone 118—407 Ave. C

**Lions Slogan**  
L—iberty  
I—ntelligence  
O—ur  
N—ation's  
S—afety.  
Service to the blind is one of the major objects of Lions. Many children in Burkburnett have been fitted with glasses had their eyes treated free of charge to them. Many white canes have been given to the blind all over the world.

### ALMANAC

"The dog follows thee for the crumbs in thy pocket."

**JUNE**

- 18—The United States declared war against Great Britain, 1812.
- 19—Maine separated from the state of Massachusetts, 1820.
- 20—The first patent on the telegraph was issued to Morse, 1843.
- 21—McCormick obtained his first patent for a reaping machine, 1834.
- 22—Printing office of the Baltimore Federalist destroyed by a mob, 1812.
- 23—William Penn made his famous treaty with the Indians, 1683.
- 24—Jay's Treaty with England ratified by the Senate, 1795.

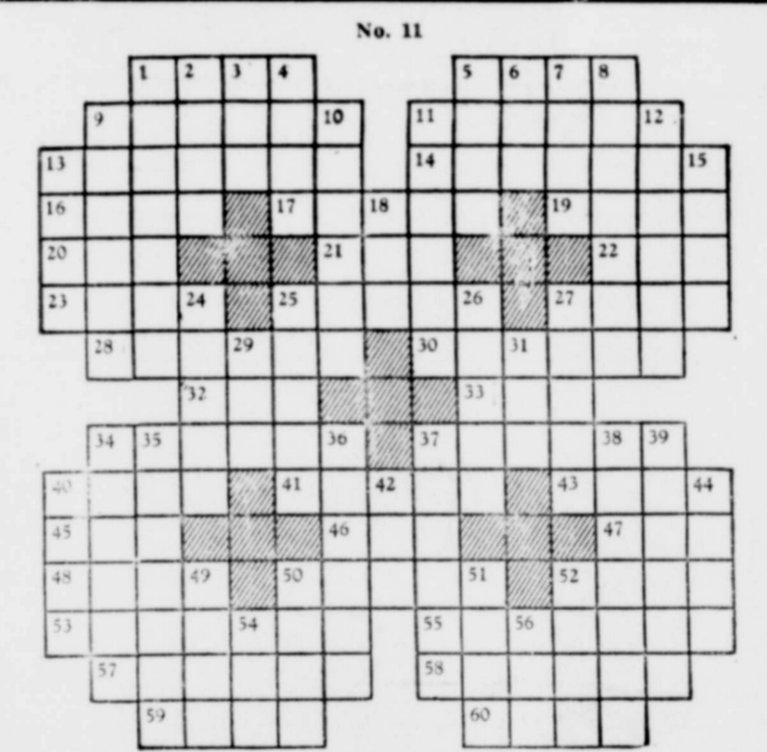
### YOUR BOOK and Your Bank

YOUR bank has an interest in the welfare of your business, for progress of our organization depends upon progress of business firms in Burkburnett. It is, consequently, business for Farmers State Bank to support and encourage all kinds of local enterprises and other facilities of a dependable financial organization.

**FARMERS State Bank**  
A. A. Kuehn, President  
W. R. Hill, Active Member  
Member Federal Reserve Insurance Corporation

—This Coupon Presented at Box Office Of—  
**PALACE THEATRE**  
WILL ADMIT  
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dunn  
"The Old Corral"  
Friday or Saturday  
(Courtesy of Burkburnett Star)

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



- (Solution in Next Issue)
- HORIZONTAL**
- 1—Domesticated
  - 5—File
  - 9—Picked buds
  - 11—Malt beer
  - 13—Worldly wise
  - 14—Coming from the side
  - 16—Word of sorrow
  - 17—Type of motor car
  - 19—Make dry
  - 20—Heart
  - 21—Negative prefix
  - 22—Alcoholic drink
  - 23—Silk worm
  - 25—Amphibian of the weasel family
  - 27—Germ
  - 29—Sylvan demi-gods
  - 30—Bed canopy
  - 32—Small boy
  - 33—Place
  - 34—Hard coating
  - 37—Thickened skin area
  - 40—Winged
  - 41—Mass meeting
  - 43—Issue
  - 45—Just right
  - 46—Afternoon party
  - 47—Greek letter
  - 48—Auditory
  - 50—Listens
  - 52—Ceremony
  - 53—Emblematic designs
  - 55—Sovereign powers
  - 57—Place to spend a holiday
  - 58—One who plagues
  - 59—Greek portico
  - 60—Large deer
- VERTICAL**
- 1—Winged sandals of Mercury
  - 2—The sacred bull
  - 3—Joined
  - 4—Goddess of discord
  - 5—Color of a horse
  - 6—Skull
  - 7—Dish of meat and vegetables
  - 8—Point in the orbit nearest the earth
  - 9—Tints
  - 10—Smells
  - 11—Heavenly body
  - 12—Sword for a duel
  - 13—Gait
  - 15—Grant use of
  - 18—Period
  - 24—Oil of roses
  - 25—Religious fraternity
  - 26—Fresh supply of horses
  - 27—Manner
  - 29—Tuber
  - 31—Salt
  - 34—Click beetle
  - 35—Aborigines
  - 36—Newest
  - 37—Kind of wine
  - 38—Arbiters
  - 39—Relative
  - 40—Footless
  - 42—Meadow
  - 44—Neckwear
  - 49—Sepulchral chamber
  - 50—Wife of Zeus
  - 51—Duck
  - 52—Hazard
  - 54—Bird note
  - 56—Buddy

**Puzzle No. 10 Solved:**

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R	P	O	T	S	O	S	E	R

At a time like this when all of the community is pulling together to make the celebration elaborate as possible, we believe that such neglect is almost criminal. There may be reasons for this lack of attention on the part of the store owner. But if this problem were discussed with the chamber of commerce or executive committee of the celebration we feel sure that some plan could be worked out.

# "WHAT A DIFFERENCE JUST A FEW DOLLARS MAKE!"

**"COST ME A FEW EXTRA DOLLARS TO BUY AN OLDSMOBILE, BUT LOOK WHAT I GOT-- A BIG, ROOMY CAR WITH KNEE-ACTION, TURRET TOP, CENTER CONTROL STEERING, SUPER-HYDRAULIC BRAKES AND ALL THE OTHER FINE-CAR FEATURES!"**

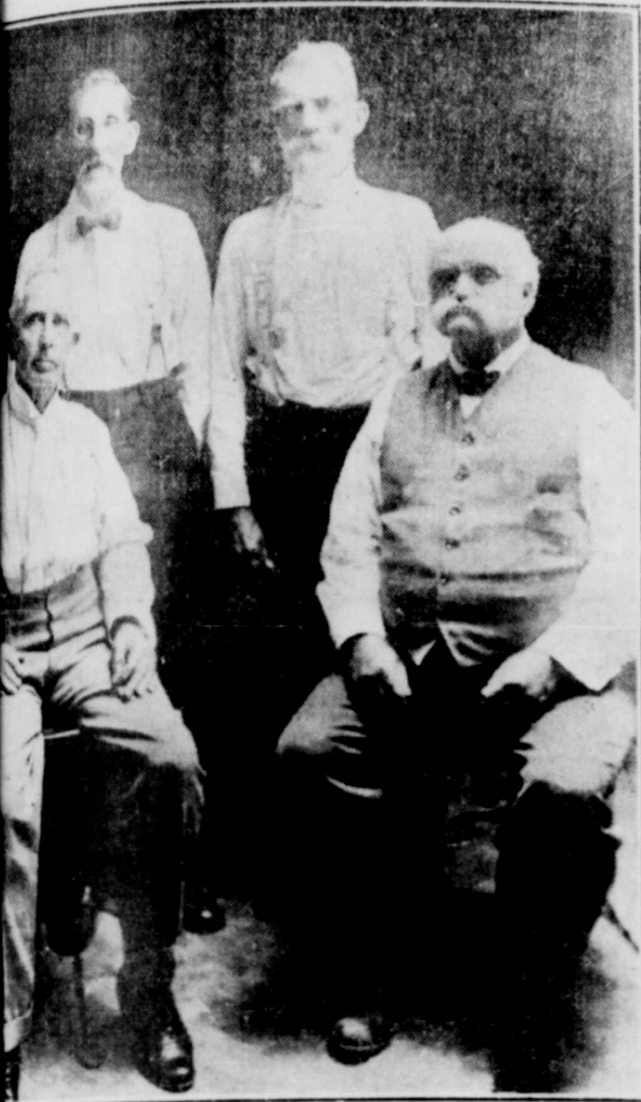
## OLDSMOBILE

PRICED BUT A LITTLE ABOVE THE LOWEST

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Burkburnett, Texas

FOUR REAL OLD TIMERS



Men who played an important part in the history of...

Old Timers-

Continued From Page One

- List of names and locations of old timers, including W. D. Cline, H. D. Greath, etc.

Big Rabbit Creek

Well, this neck of the woods the first part of the week, got her part of the rain, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday...

Mrs. Ed Owens accompanied Mrs. Jess Kinniard over to our friendly little city Saturday...

The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wood, Miss Geneva, and her little sister and two brothers spent Sunday afternoon visiting with the Owens family.

Mr. Lingoula pulled his threshing in on Mr. Tom Lee's home place and will start threshing wheat and oats Monday morning.

Cotton chopping is in full force in the Rabbit Creek neighborhood this week. Chopping is going at \$1.25 per day and dinner.

Mr. W. H. Williams, who lives up in Randlett, left for Dallas with his wife Thursday to have his wife treated for cancer. It is reported that Mrs. Williams is in a serious condition.

Mr. W. D. Day, who owns the largest peach orchard in this part of the country which is located 1 1/2 miles north of the north end of the Burk Burnett bridge, is nursing his right hand with a cancer on it. He has made two trips already to Dallas to the cancer specialist.

Clarence LaBarre, who owns one of the best wheat, corn, oat and cotton farms in the country, Burk Burnett Saturday. This was transacting business over in year's wheat crop of 65 acres will average 39 bushels per acre.

All of the farmers here in this part of the neighborhood are hoping to see three or four weeks of dry weather, so it will enable them to get their crops worked out. Especially their cotton, as the vegetation is growing faster than the cotton.

All corn fields are sure looking fine. There will be nothing but a hail storm now that will keep the farms from making 50 to 60 bushels of corn per acre. In about 10 days more corn will be in roasting ear.

Hawk-Eye has been advised that threshing hands are getting \$3.00 per day and board working with the threshers.

Hawk-Eye wasn't on the busy streets of Burk Burnett Saturday for the reason he was using a goose-neck all day with his brother John in their 50 acres of cotton, but Hawk-Eye's better half was in the city, instead.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Tyler, who live in Burk Burnett, motored over with their family of 5 girls and 2 boys to the Owens family home Sunday afternoon and visited an hour or so. Their visit was very much welcome, so call again.

Hawk-Eye.

Rotary President



J. H. BRUMLEY

Rotary Vice-Pres.



H. R. HAYES

Rotary Club Has Served Here For 15 Years Over

The name service club has been used to designate the organizations of men meeting in various places for the purpose of fellowship and community service. This name is applied to various types of organizations, but it was never more appropriately used than in connection with the Burk Burnett Rotary club.

From the day of its organization 15 years ago in 1922 this club has been constantly with the leaders in every community project that can possibly render service.

Not only has the club joined the progressive efforts of the city,

but of its own initiative it has completed many projects for the benefit of large numbers of under privileged persons.

With other service clubs it has joined in the aid of school children in shoes, lunches and glasses, fit entirely devoted to the keep-Annually it helps present a benediction of unfortunate children in school.

Another picture of its work is the boys club. Burk Burnett is proud, and it ought to be, of the club for the school boys. It was through the cooperation of the Rotary club with coach Volney Hill that the club is possible.

The first president of the organization was Fred Covington. The president at the present time is Jack Brumley. One of the charter members, Paul Browning, has attended every meeting, or made up his attendance of every meeting since charter day 15 years ago.

I'll Meet You Old Timers At The Celebration

With a Hearty Hand Shake And a Warm Welcome



JIM ROBINSON

May The Celebration Be A Success From Every Standpoint

JIM (Corncob) ROBINSON Your Tax Assessor And Collector

Just A Friendly Greeting



NED McDANIEL

NED M'DANIEL Your County Attorney

From a man who appreciates his many Burk Burnett friends. I hope your celebration is the best ever.

Attend Burk Burnett's 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



F. R. KNAUTH

F. R. KNAUTH Your Commissioner

Oldtimers, you will receive a warm welcome from an old-timer.

I'LL SEE YOU



H. W. FILLMORE

H. W. FILLMORE Your County Judge

At Burk Burnett's 30th anniversary Birthday Party

Congratulations on your 30 years of continued growth.

YOUR DISTRICT CLERK...



Bob Sanderford

R. S. 'Bob' Sanderford District Clerk

Congratulates Burk Burnett upon the progress it has made in the past 30 years, and also upon the wonderful program that has been arranged for June 18 and 19.

Attend Burk's 30th Anniversary...



Tom W. Pruett came to Burk Burnett in 1919, and started selling Reliance Life Insurance. Tom moved to Wichita Falls in 1929 where he has continued to operate. Tom has sold thousands of dollars worth of insurance to the people of Burk Burnett and Wichita county. Tom owes his success not only to the reliable firm he represents but to the service he has rendered, not only to his policy holders but to other policy holders as well. He has helped numerous people collect their death claims and helped them re-instate their policies that have elapsed.

When In Need Of Life, Accident Or Health Insurance See

TOM W. PRUETT General Agent

Hamilton Bldg Reliance Life Insurance Co. Wichita Falls

### Huge Parade To Start Celebration Next Friday Morning At 11 O'clock

The longest parade in the history of Burkburnett is being planned for Friday, June 18 at 11 o'clock as the highlight of the first day of the pearl anniversary celebration. The queen of the festival and her court will be featured along with princesses and bands from neighboring towns.

Chief Baldwin Parker and his group of eight Comanche Indians will be of interest to all who see the parade. They will appear in full Indian costume.

A large group of U. S. Army officials and troops will be in the parade and will be in Burkburnett during the entire celebration.

Mary Francis Goins, queen-elect of the festival, will occupy the feature place in the queen's float and will be accompanied by Misses Mary Jo Henson, Wilma Faulks, Kathryn Houser, Hyacinthe Rutledge, Nadine Van Loh, and Vera Miller princesses of the court.

Bands from Waurika, Wichita Falls, Iowa Park, Walters, Electra, Ryan, and Comanche have signed up to march in the parade and several others are expected to reply in the near future.

A prize of \$10 will be given for the oldest automobile entered in the parade.

All the cowboys and cowgirls of the community are entering the fine horses of this district for the event.

A large number of local business firms and organizations will decorate floats for the occasion.

### Wichitans After Reserves' Scalp

"If we can beat the Burkburnett Reserves the season will be a success," is one of the statements issued by Harold White, skipper of the Wichita Falls NYA girls softball team. These and other statements of a like nature were handed out to coach Mack Turner of the Reserves, and Curtis Cook, of the Burkburnett Star, in a recent meeting in Wichita Falls.

Twice the NYA girls have fallen before the hustling youngsters from Burkburnett. The first game was by the score of 9 to 3 and the second by 26 to 13. The two teams meet here next Tuesday night in an important Northwest Texas Girls league game and Skipper White will be given his first chance to gain the coveted goal that he has set for this season.

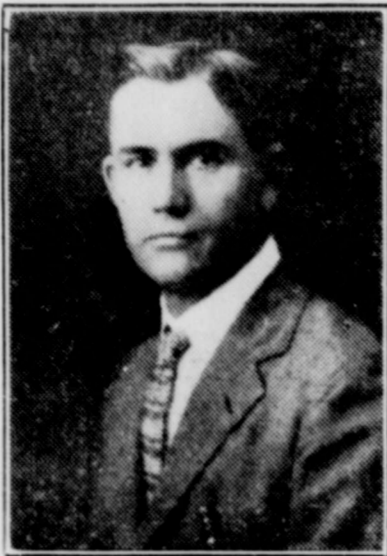
Skipper Turner announced that Pauline Stubblefield will very likely be called upon to assume the mound duties. Stubblefield has pitched both games against the Wichita Falls crew.

Plans are afoot for a five-inning second game Tuesday night with the NYA girls. The second game is planned for the purpose of playing new talent for the teams as a test of their ability.

Bill: "I wish I had a machine that would do all my school work for me when I press the button."

Joe: "How about a machine to press the button?"

### President



O. L. Clark, President of Burkburnett School Board.

### Bank Nite-

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declared the type of promotion illegal.

Mr. Gartside stated that the orders received from the manager of the theatre chain were to postpone all theatres bank night indefinitely. The action will be continued until the rehearing of the Bonham case is completed.

In Wichita county the struggle between the theatre owners and the county attorney Ned McDaniel, had just started. Mr. McDaniel announced recently that he intended to stop all types of drawing for prizes and monies, including the bank nights.

The action on part of the local theatre anticipated the action of the county attorney.

### Mary Frances Goins

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Faulks, of Burkburnett; Miss Nadine Van Loh daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Loh, of Clara; Miss Hyacinthe Rutledge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rutledge of Cashion; and Miss Vera Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Miller of Randlett, Oklahoma. The remaining candidates will act as princesses in the parade and coronation.

The contest for election for the queen started April 22 with the presentation of the nominees at the Palace theatre. The winner selected received the award for selling the greatest number of memorial coins during the seven weeks of the contest.

The queen of the anniversary will be given a complete costume and a crown by the executive committee. The coronation will be the major event of a social pageant presented by the celebration committee Friday evening, June 18, at 8:30 o'clock.

The queen and the princesses will have a featured place in the parade at 11 o'clock, June 18, and will be introduced for the first time then. Princesses and bands from several other towns will be in the parade along with the local band and princesses.

The money obtained from the sale of the coins will be used for the purpose of financing the fair.

### MAIN STREET IN BURK 1911



Main street in 1911 was a quiet country lane, but the city had its boosters. Notice the welcome sign by Editor Means of the Burkburnett Star.

### Ray Lawler Will Speak at Church Sunday Night

Ray Lawler, Burkburnett high school graduate and student at Corpus Christi Junior college, will make the feature address at the Methodist church Sunday night during the regular church services when he speaks of the challenging subject "Christianity and Its Failure to Influence Modern Youth."

Lawler conducted two radio forums on the same subject when a student this winter at the junior college. The broadcasts were from Station KGFI at Corpus Christi. The discussion will touch the position of youth in social and economic problems related to religion and war. During the past year at the college the speaker made a special study of the subjects. While the speech is being made here other speakers from the same college will appear in other churches over the state.

The interesting discussion should attract a capacity crowd at the church Sunday night. And the congregation is assured a thought provoking analysis of many of the problems which face the youth of today.

Lawler was one of the most popular and influential leaders in the Corpus school this year. In various activities of the school he had a leading part. He is a graduate of the Burkburnett high school and was one of the star football players several years ago.

### NOTICE BY GUARDIAN OF APPLICATION FOR MINERAL LEASE OF REAL ESTATE OF WARDS:-

No. 1434.

In Re: Guardianship of Estates of Bobbie Joe Ellis and Tony Ray Ellis, Minors.

In the County Court of Wichita County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that I, Clemmie Ellis, guardian of the estate of Bobbie Joe Ellis and Tony Ray Ellis, minors, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Wichita County, Texas, of the estates of said wards, to authorizing me, as the guardian make a mineral lease upon such terms as the court may order and direct of the following described real estate belonging to the estate of said wards, to-wit:

An undivided one-tenth (1-10) interest each, total, one-fifth (1-5) interest) in and to the following described land located in Wichita County, Texas, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT: The East 160 acres of the J. Waldsmith Survey, Abstract No. 681, Abstract No. 798.

SECOND TRACT: The East 160 acres of the West 209 acres of the J. Waldsmith Survey, Certificate No. 681, Abstract No. 798.

Said J. Waldsmith Survey containing four hundred and nine (409) acres of land, being the land of B. C. Ellis, deceased, who was the grandfather of said minors.

Said application will be heard by the County Judge at the court house in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, on the 25th day of June A. D. 1937.

Mrs. Clemmie Ellis, Guardian of the Estate of Bobbie Joe Ellis and Tony Ray Ellis, Minors. 44-1tp.

### A NEW CURE

Mr. Richman: "How do you like this place? Shall we buy it?"  
Wife: "Oh, it's perfectly lovely. The view from this balcony is so fine that it leaves me speechless."  
Mr.: "Then, we'll buy it!"

### Legion Commander



Ralph Brookshier, Commander of the American Legion

tonight.

It will be the final game of the first half for Petrolia and will leave the Reserves with both NYA girls and Great Western Garment factory left on their schedule. A victory for Petrolia will drop the league leading Reserves into second place and faced with the task of winning both remaining games to tie one of the two remaining games to cinch a tie for first place with a victory in the Clay county city

In a recent broadcast, Turner named Troy Northcott as his

starting pitcher, with Pauline Stubblefield held in reserve should Northcott falter on the mound. Management of the Petrolia team have announced in various sections that they are "gunning" for the Reserves, and mean to win the game day night. The Reserves defeated 15 to 6 in their only victory this year.

Star Want Ads bring

### Welcome, Old Timers To Burkburnett's Celebration

Morris Bookbinder, proprietor of the Shoe Shop, came to Burkburnett in 1919 and accepted a position in a dry goods store.

In 1920 he opened the City Shoe Shop and has run same continuously since that time. He first started in business on the corner of Avenue and Main street. In 1931 he moved one door East to his present location.

The City Shoe Shop is one of the most modern and up-to-date shoe shops in this part of the country.

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Morris Bookbinder, Prop.

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### OUR BANKER IN 1917



Isaac Harwell in 1917 before he became president of the First National Bank. Note the luxuriant head of hair before the worries of acting as executive of the financial institution wore the hirsute adornment from the top of the head.



# Origin of Burkburnett; Its History

Prize-Winning Essay

By Christine Milliken

Burkburnett, situated in what was at one time designated as the "Tall Grass Country," was brought into existence June 6th, 1907, by a public town lot sale. The early history, however, starts somewhere about 1861, and at that time merely was made up of occasional raids by Comanche and Kiowa Indians who made incursions from the Oklahoma side of the river. Up to the late seventies the grass in this section was shoulder high to the man on horseback in the valley.

So far as I have been able to discover, H. C. Akers, and D. P. McCracken were the first persons living hereabouts who visited this section prior to 1870. Along in the spring of 1879, E. Rexford and M. Dodson located in this section near Gilbert creek. In the summer J. G. Hardin and S. P. Hawkins made a prospecting horseback trip to this section from near Cleburne, they having been attracted by hearing of the fine grass and good agricultural lands.

Mr. Hardin bought a 124 acre tract of \$1.00 per acre which he later sold to Mr. Hawkins. The first store was started on the Hardin place and Mr. Hardin was appointed postmaster of the community of Gilbert, later known as Nesterville. As may be supposed, the trade done at the Hardin store was not very large until after the Indians learned that the white men would not shoot them on sight.

The first school teacher in the Gilbert community was Miss Carrie Greeg. The school house was a dug-out on the Hawkins farm. The first school building in this section of the country was near the crossing just north of where the Magnolia pump station is now located.

The town of Burkburnett derived its name from the famous rancher, Burk Burnett, who grazed his thousands of head of cattle in this immediate section.

In the year 1908, the first school was held in Burkburnett. There was no school property, but thru the kindness of one of the citizens, a small house on Sixth street was used as school, church, court house, lodge house and city hall. The school grew, and in 1914 the first commencement exercises were held. There were five members in the graduating class.

The large 60,000 gallon tank back of the city hall was constructed in 1914, acting as a source of water supply for the town.

In the year 1918 Burkburnett was swept by the greatest oil development recorded in history. Burkburnett has profited by the oil boom in every particular. Burkburnett survived the boom without a disastrous fire. The only city in history of petroleum production to hold such a record.

The First National Bank began business June 1st, 1907. The first day's deposits totaled \$5,400.10. The Lions club of Burkburnett was organized September, 1922, and received their charter January 1923. There were 14 charter members.

The first newspaper published in Burkburnett was the 6666 Star, later called the Four 6 Star by Graves and Reynolds.

Milton Clendenin changed the name of the Four 6 Star to the Burkburnett Star, the present name of the paper. Following Mr. Clendenin as owner of the paper were: R. D. Laney, W. F. Billingslea, Ben L. McDonald, and our present owner, Fred Brookman.

The celebration at Burkburnett

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## BURKBURNETT GAS OFFICE IN 1922



The development of the Shasta Oil Company is one of the business romances that could have happened no where but in Burkburnett and area. The picture shows Clifford Moore, seated, Jack Kelly, standing in background, and Mrs. Marian Johnson, typist. These three were the staff of the Burkburnett Gas Company (Now Northern Utilities) in the days of 1922.

on November 5, 1927, is one to be remembered—so big, so comprehensive was it. It celebrated the opening of the big free bridge which the states of Texas and Oklahoma and the county of Wichita had erected across the Red River.

Another gala event in the history of Burkburnett was the 25th anniversary celebration and home-coming June 23, 1932.

And now, we come to the crowning event, a celebration all of Burkburnett should be proud of—The Thirtieth Anniversary.

### Junior Cowboy Show To Be Feature of Stamford Big Rodeo

Stamford, June 17.—A junior cowboy contest, limited to lads under 12 years of age, will be a new feature of this year's Texas Cowboy Reunion which meets in Stamford July 1, 2, and 3. Winner of first place will receive a special made saddle, presented by Jack M. Little of Dallas. Second prize will be a pair of chaps.

Dr. Dallas Southard is chairman of the committee in charge of the new feature. The junior cowboys will be judged largely on the riding ability of the boy and the performance of his horse. The contestant's riding togs and equipment and the appearance of the horse will also be taken into consideration.

The addition of this contest practically completes the program for the Reunion. Performances of the rodeo in which actual cowhands compete in calf-roping, wild-cow-milking, bronc and steer riding, will be held

morning, afternoon and night of each of the three days.

Special features include the cutting-horse contest, original with the Texas Cowboy rodeo, on the morning of July 2, and a calf-roping contest for cowboys over 55 years of age on the afternoon of the same day. A junior steer-riding contest for boys under 14 will be held at the night performances on July 2 and 3.

Judging of the cowgirls representing the various towns and cities will begin on the first day. Award of prizes to the most typical cowboy over 55 years of age and the most typical one under 55 will be announced on the third day. The old fiddlers' contest will begin at 8:30 a. m., on July 3.

A spectacular feature of the Reunion, the grand parade, will move through the streets of the city starting at 11 a. m., on Friday, July 2. Cowboy parades of the show.

Sponsors' dances will be held each night at the new pavilion on the Reunion grounds, while square dances will be conducted at the Cowboy Bunkhouse. Sessions of the Texas Cowboy Reunion Association, composed of oldtime cowboys, will be held at the bunkhouse on the mornings of the first and last day. The members of this organization will be entertained around the chuck wagon at noon each day.

As usual, West Texas ranches are being invited to bring their chuck wagons and camp in the chuck wagon area.

Improvements on the Reunion grounds costing \$10,000 have been practically completed. The Reunion opens one day earlier than usual this year to avoid operating on Sunday, which falls on July 4.

## Craterville Rodeo To Hold July 3-4-5

Craterville Park, June 16 (Sp).—As the time draws near for America's Annual Celebration of our Independence, there is a hum of activity here as Frank Rush Jr. goes about preparation for the big three day celebration and rodeo which will be held here July 3-4-5.

Prizes have been posted for the winners of Calf Roping, Broncho busting, bulldogging, wild steer riding and other cowboy sports. Entries are coming in for the horse races and the hurdle jumping events which will bring into contest some of the most noted jumping horses and riders, while a great array of classy and thrilling special stunts or exhibitions have been contracted for to round out a program of more than twenty events at each performance.

Performances will be staged at 2:30 each afternoon of the three days and at 8:30 each night while for the night performance Mr. Rush has contracted with the Pan American Fire Works Company to present their mammoth fireworks spectacle "The Eruption of Mount Crater" which will be added to the rodeo contests each night.

Such noted stars as the Ramsay Family three charming girls and two daring boys with their marvelous horses take part in many special events, Fagin Miller, noted trick rider, Charlie Schultz, the great rodeo clown and his ridiculous donkey, Norma Schultz, cowgirl lariat expert and Clark Schultz fancy roper, California Frank, former companion of Buffalo Bill, with his beautiful dancing horse "Silver" and Miss Mamie Francis the world's only lady

horseback rifle shot who was one of the features of the Last Frontier Centennial at Fort Worth last season are a few of the special stars already engaged for the rodeo.

## Presbyterian Church Completes 14th Year

One of the youngest and yet one of the influential religious organizations of the city is the First Presbyterian church. The group was not organized until January 28, 1923, but has been making a place for itself in the community since that date.

Forty-three members gathered in the Burkburnett Y. M. C. A. building in order to establish a basis for the work that was to follow. In that year the groups had gathered at the homes of various people in order to hold a preliminary meeting. Rev. Nat Grafton of Wichita Falls, suggested that the group make organization permanent, and at that time the little group determined that a means of a real working unit should be found.

The Presbytery sent its delegates to assist in the work, and the charter members were enrolled. Rev. Ford was called as the pastor, and the work started.

The first activity was the arrangement of the purchase of a building. With that purpose in mind the members raised the funds for the purchase of the Y. M. C. A. house. In later years valuable additions to give adequate rooms were added. The Manse was remodeled, and the building renovated for worship.

Recently the church served under the inspirational leadership of Rev. Bone. Probably no other person that has lived in the city has been so universally liked as this venerable pastor. A lover of sports, keen-minded, patient

and tolerant, he won the hearts of the community.

At the present the church is without a pastor, but plans are ready for a call in the fall.

Those taking part in the first meeting were: Dr. and Mrs. J. M. F. Gill, W. A. Elliott, George Lake, Mrs. H. C. Lake, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Browning, Robert Browning, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spencer, Samuel Spencer, Miss Amelia Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Campbell, Louise Campbell, J. H. Thomas, Mrs. H. A. Brooks, Mrs. S. A. Sadler, Mrs. J. M. Stoll, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. James Nix, Mrs. D. E. Edith Goodlett, Mrs. Edna non, Mrs. John McCullough, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Ellen Downes, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wiggins, Miss Miss Oma King, Mrs. Mrs. J. N. Anthony, June Mays.



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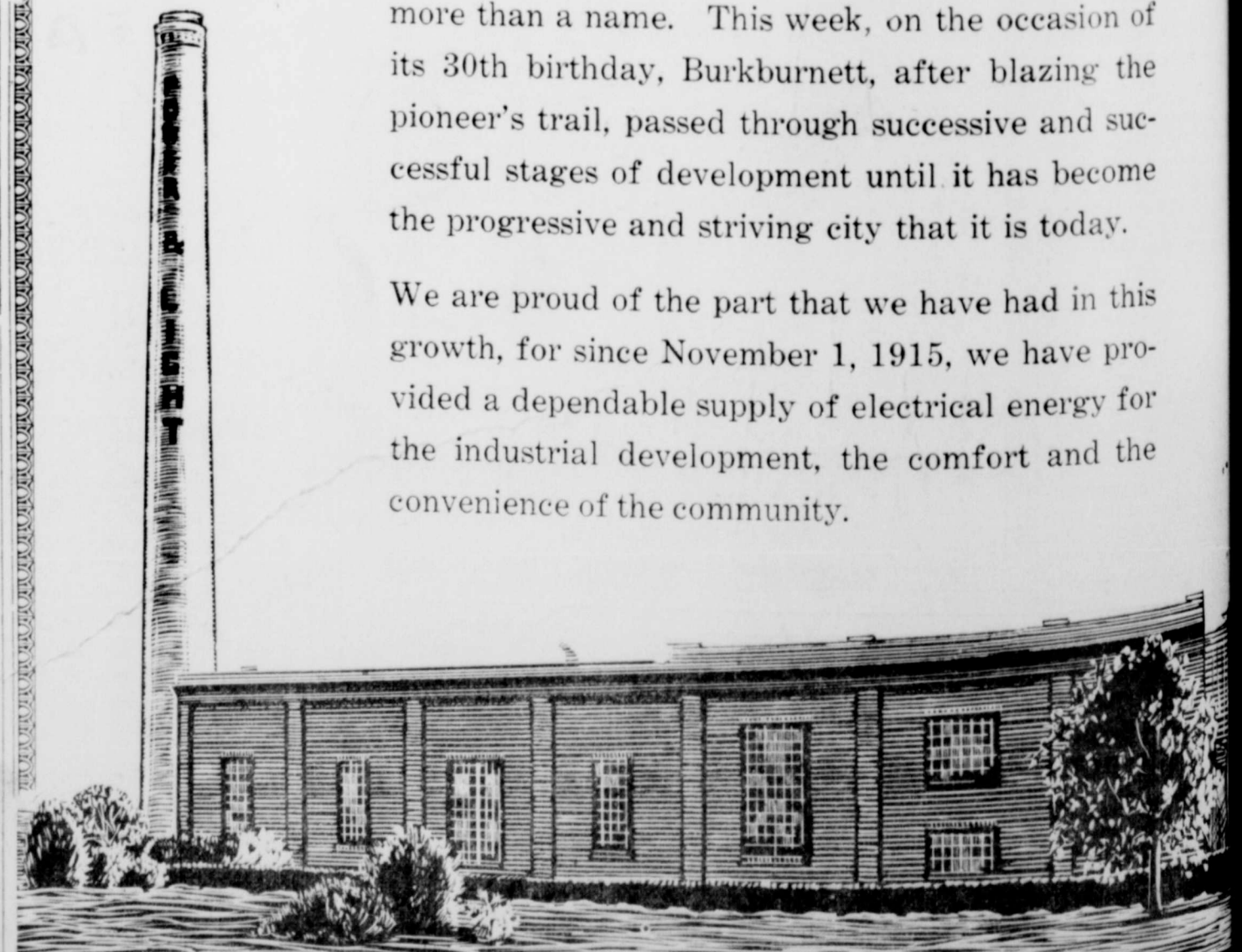
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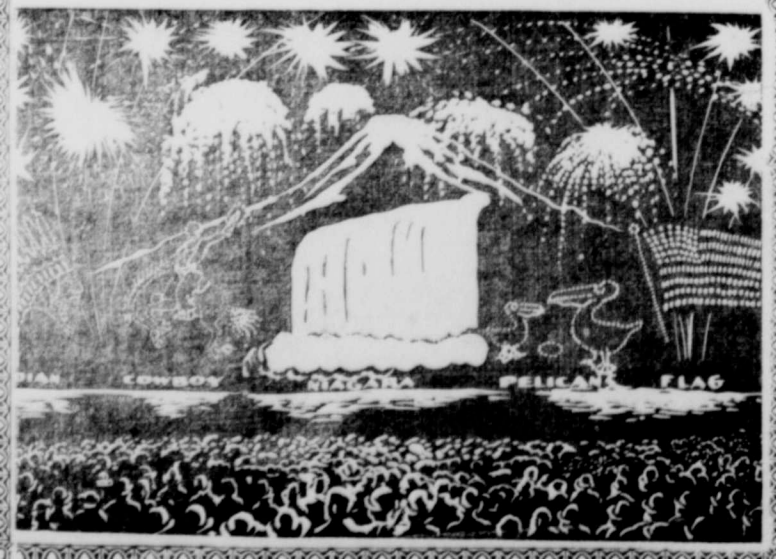
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Quannah Parker Leader of Indians in Early Conflict



Indian Brave, Chief Quannah Parker, who was leader of the Comanche those days when the city of Burkburnett was forming. In the conflicts between the early settlers and the tribes, this man played an important part. Today his ming'le peacefully with the pioneers' children.

Auxiliary Department

The auxiliary was organized at a meeting at the home of Robert Dunn January 1st. The charter members were Mesdames Mesdames Mesdames...

hostesses at the Y. W. C. A. meeting hall. They also entertained the firemen and kept them in good fire fighting humor.

The officers at the present time are Mesdames N. R. Allen, president, Robert Dunn, secretary, Bill Stapp, chaplain, Curtis Mathews, historian, J. J. Blackstone, reporter.

The organization meets every second and fourth Friday of each month. The organization has held several 42 tournaments in the fire station to hold the projects in line.

Thirty-Four Floats Entered in Parade

J. G. Hardin will lead the parade next Friday morning at 11 o'clock as 34 companies enter floats in the competition for the cash prize. Second in the line of march will be the Indians from Lawton, led by Chief Parker,

and then the queen and princesses. The bands, soldiers, vehicles, horses and numerous other interesting features.

The companies entering floats are Dickinson oil company, Allison Barber Shop, Hill's Service Station, Smith and Gambin, Alexander Service Station, Magnolia Service Station, Leo Dudley, Ice Service Company, Burkburnett Motors, Barrow-Grace Chevrolet company, White House Market, Betty Anne Bakery, A & P Grocery, Oil City news stand, Burkburnett Appliance, Palace Theatre, First National Bank, City Hotel, Burkburnett Star, Famous, Kiesling Bros., Quality, Market, Liberty Cafe, Farmers State Bank, Cooper Motor Co., Morris Service Station, City Grocery, Cecil's Service Station, Legion Auxiliary, Burkburnett Hotel, Preston Dairy, Fritz Motor, and many others who will be contacted.

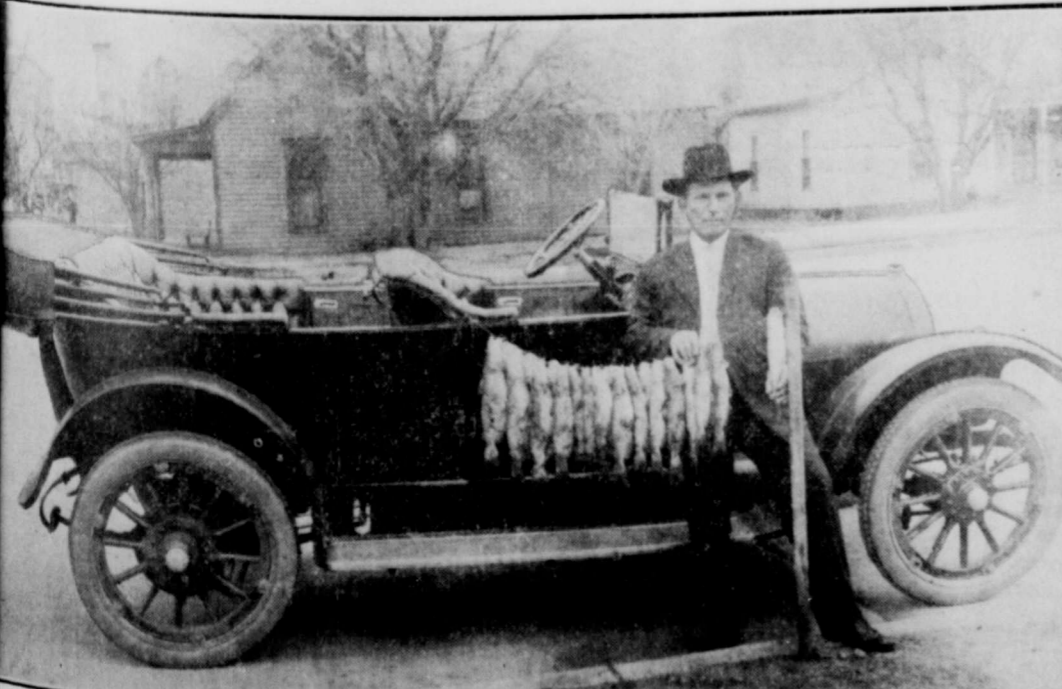
Adding machine paper and typewriter ribbons at the Star.

ONLY HORSES COULD MAKE IT



When it rained in 1919 only horses could make the main drag.

REAL FISHING IN THE RIVER IN 1915



Dodson and his 1914 Overland posing with a string of channel cat caught in the Wichita river May 1915. The picture was made where the City National Bank in Wichita Falls is now. The house across the street is the present location of the Renfro Drug store. Mr. Dodson's car gave its occupants a thrill by actually making about 35 miles per hour. Some speed.

Kent Tells Lions About England

R. W. Kent, local business man, and native of England, told the members of the Lions club of his experiences in recent return trip to his native country Tuesday night. Mr. Kent was born in England and came to the United States, settling in Brownwood, Texas, and later moving to Burkburnett. After settling here he returned to England on occasional trips and his description of conditions and customs interested a full attendance.

The visitors included Jim King, K. C. Spell, J. L. Nikkel, of Wich-Ranger, brother of Ralph White ita Falls, and a Mr. White, of of Burkburnett. The club will install the new officers the first meeting in July.

14 Rainbow Girls Attend Assembly

Fourteen representatives of the Burkburnett chapter of Rainbow girls will attend the Grand Assembly of the Rainbow in Ft. Worth, leaving Wednesday and returning Saturday.

Personal Mention

Jackie Kelly is a visitor in Houston, Texas.

Little Jimmy Sopher spent the week-end in Dallas.

Jess Griffin visited his parents in Snyder, Oklahoma, Sunday.

Sanderson Warden of Electra, visited in Burkburnett Monday.

O. L. Clark made a business trip to Dallas this past week.

A. R. Thompson of Ft. Worth, was a business visitor in Burkburnett last week-end.

Valta Brookman left Saturday for a visit with relatives in Dublin and Gustine, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Matthews visited Mr. and Mrs. Arden Bailey of Electra last week-end.

Mrs. Eula Kinniard of Oklahoma City, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Griffin and other friends Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Daniels spent Sunday in Dallas and attended the Pan-American Exposition.

Mrs. Lillie Green attended the meeting of the Bluebonnet club at the home of Mrs. Clyde Bohner in Wichita Falls last week. Mrs. Green's name was omitted from the club list of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown of Floydada, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Thomas, this week.

Delores Pettit, of Hominy, Oklahoma, was a week-end visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ebbs, Jr.

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Jim Wolfe of Kilgore, is visiting friends in Burkburnett this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. James, Vernon, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Butz, parents of Mrs. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mills and daughter of Pampa, are guests in the home of his brother, Ray Mills, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brokman attended Press Day at the Pan-American Exposition in Dallas Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. David Vassar of Corpus Christi, Texas, is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. C. A. Vassar, and father, B. M. Rose.

L. L. Kincaid moved from Burkburnett to Altus, Okla., last Saturday. Mr. Kincaid will be connected with the Dunlop tire company.

Mrs. W. A. Roberts and sons, Donald and Wayne, are visiting Mrs. Roberts' sister, Mrs. Betty Mashburn, in Hugo, Okla., this week.

Mrs. Alma McFarlane and children, Jay and Bobby, returned from a two-weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Woodward, in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lights, Dallas, are in Burkburnett this week conducting a Sunday School training course at the First Baptist church.

Miles B. Hays, Jr., left for Waco where he will enroll in Baylor University for the summer term. Mrs. M. B. Hays will remain with him for a short time.

Mrs. Opal Leith, Long Beach, California, is visiting friends and relatives in Burkburnett. Mrs. Leith's son, Jimmie, will return to Long Beach with her.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Read, Henderson, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Preston and family this week. Margaret Preston returned with them for a visit.

Mrs. Lee Ora Duggins and Mrs. Oles Stofer, of Devol, Okla., were business visitors in Burkburnett Tuesday. They were soliciting ads for a new curtain for the Devol high school.

O. L. Clark was a week-end visitor in Dallas.

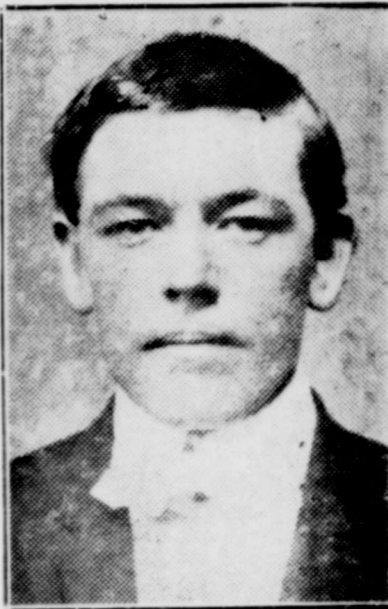
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Reaves and Miss Margaret Tanner left Monday for California where they will attend school.

Mrs. Agnes Fleming announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Sadie Fleming to D. M. Germany May 28. Both of the young people are from Burkburnett and will make their home in Alma, Oklahoma.

R. L. (Bob) Sanderford, county clerk, left today for Houston where he will attend the district and county clerk's convention. Mr. Sanderford is the official delegate from Wichita county and will put forth every effort to have the convention brought to Wichita Falls next year.

Mesdames Murphy Dean, Fred Minnich and M. R. Hewell were guests Monday at an all-day meeting of the Wichita County Council of Home Demonstration clubs at Wichita Garden club house. Special guests of the occasion were the Commissioners Court and County Farm Agent, G. R. McNeil, and his assistant, Mr. Wilhoit.

Conductor Phillips



Picture of Wid Phillips in 1901 when he was a conductor on a street car in Galveston, Texas, in the days when he was a romantic youth. 'Ah, them wuz the days' sighs Wid as he twists the tail of another cow that he is planning to haul to Fort Worth.

1922

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Welcome to Burk's 30th Jubilee

DINE WITH US

F. E. Scruggs, proprietor of the Scruggs Cafe, came to Burkburnett in 1922, and accepted a position with the Kelley & Cannon Sandwich Shop. He worked for this concern for two years when he resigned and went into business for himself, purchasing the cafe owned by Dad Strange and which was located a few doors west of his present location. Mr. Scruggs moved to his present location 8 years ago and since that time has enlarged his place of business until now he has one of the most modern and up-to-date cafes in this city. He specializes in club luncheons and dinner parties.

We Serve the Coldest Beer in Town

SCRUGGS CAFE

F. E. Scruggs, Pro.

Welcome ATTEND BURKBURNETT'S 30th ANNIVERSARY

GAMMILL & LAX IMPLEMENT CO.

SERVICE STATION--TUCKER PRODUCTS

W. C. Gammill has been a resident of this trade territory for the past twenty-five years and in addition to being associated with Mr. Lax in business here, is a prosperous farmer and stockman across Red river.

Sam Lax was reared in Grandfield, Okla., and about 4 years ago he moved to Devol, Okla., where he ran a garage until he moved to Burkburnett in June 1936, and went into partnership with Mr. Gammill, and formed the company of Gammill & Lax, selling Allis-Chalmers tractors and farm implements. In 1937 the company purchased the franchise for General Motors Trucks and Pontiac cars. They have a complete supply of parts and accessories for the products they handle and have expert mechanics in charge of their repair department.

Come in and See the New

GENERAL MOTORS TRUCKS

ALLIS-CHALMERS TRACTORS

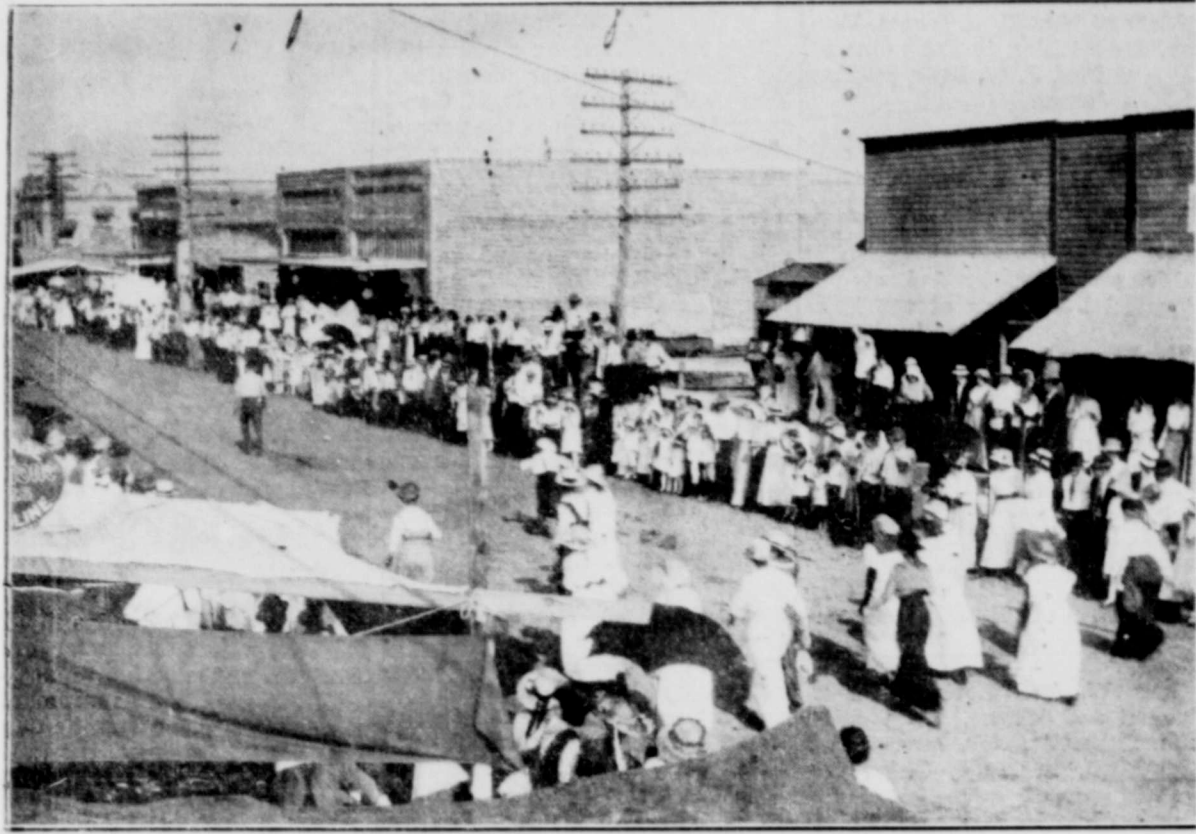
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PONTIAC CARS

ANGEL AND AVERY ONE-WAY PLOWS

PAPEC FEED MILLS

WALKING FOR FLOUR CONTEST IN 1913



In 1913 about 30 women walked for sacks of flour in a special fair program here. The man out in the lead setting the pace is Wid Phillips. The report of the affair states that it ended in a hair-pulling when several women disputed who were among the leaders. Some fun.

Series of Arrests Solution to Many Burk Theft Cases

The Burk Burnett police under the direction of Bill Stapp, chief, completed a heavy week of work Thursday in a series of arrests that brought six young men of this area to jail and solved about a dozen local cases of theft and burglary. During the week more than \$400 worth of stolen property and two stolen cars were recovered by the police. Jim Turner and N. I. Harris of the local force, and Roy Blanset of the sheriff's department worked with Stapp in the investigations. The arrests and recovered property ended the investigation on cases of burglary involving six local business houses. The largest amount of property involved was

that stolen last Friday from Kimbell-Bostie Supply company, including a beveling machine, a check protector, and an adding machine. The adding machine was recovered in Oklahoma City where it had been sold for \$10. The automobiles of W. F. George of Iowa Park and of Mr. Malone, a salesman of Wichita Falls, were recovered. The George car was recovered Monday when two young men were arrested near Burk Burnett. Thursday morning the third young man who escaped when the officers recovered the George machine, was found asleep in the Malone car near Burk Burnett. Malone Thursday afternoon. It carried recovered his car in Burk Burnett

license plates which had been stolen from a Burk Burnett car. Previously, the police had cleared up four burglaries of local stores when they recovered candies, cigarettes, tobacco and groceries at the homes of three local boys. The boys confessed that they had raided the stores and named a fourth boy who had been arrested previously and is now in Gatesville reformatory.

Firemen's Auxiliary Honor Mrs. Kelly

A lovely luncheon, served buffet style, was given by the Firemen's Auxiliary Friday noon in honor of Mrs. R. J. Kelly, the

outgoing president who is moving away from Burk Burnett, in the home of Mrs. E. L. Blum, with Mrs. N. R. Allen acting as hostess. The house was attractively decorated with flowers carrying out a pink and green color scheme. At the close of a treasure hunt, Mrs. Kelly was presented a lovely gift. A short business session was held immediately following the luncheon. Those attending were Mesdames Curtis Matthews, Frank Kelly, Artie Whitesides, W. A. Roberts, J. G. Allison, W. C. Kiesling, Robert Dunne, the honoree and the hostess.

BURKBURNETT BRIDE



Mrs. Ralph Dobkins, who is remembered as Miss Mable Duke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Duke, was recently married in Marysville, Kansas. Mrs. Dobkins was well known in Burk Burnett where she graduated from school.

Local Pastor



Taylor Davis, Pastor of the Church of Christ

Methodist Church Announcement

For June 20, 1937 Morning School at 9:45 a. m. Morning Service at 11:00 a. m. The address at the evening service at 8:00 p. m. will be given by Ray Lawler, Burk Burnett student of Corpus Christi Junior College.

Corner Drug Store Offers FREE Sample Of New High Blood Pressure Treatment

Every High Blood Pressure Sufferer in Burk Burnett is urged to go to Corner Drug Store and receive a free sample of ALL-MIN Essence of Garlic Parsley Tablets for High Blood Pressure.

These are the tablets used by Dr. Frederick Damrau, eminent physician of New York City, in his now famous clinical work, when he reduced the blood pressure and relieved dizziness and headaches in the great majority of all cases treated. Get a copy of Dr. Damrau's interesting report, along with your free sample of ALL-MIN. A special new process by which these tablets are produced makes them both tasteless and odorless. A two weeks' treatment costs only 50c. 44-6tc

Bill, our colored friend, was one evening after the funeral that he attended there was a very interesting conversation. The funeral was very grave when lowering into the grave when requested, "Let me boys," and we did, after laughing, some "Bill, did they find the body?" "I declare boys, I don't know. I never back."

Advertisement for Fort Worth's Frontier Fiesta. Features a woman in a costume holding a hat. Text includes 'WELCOME TO THE FRONTIER FIESTA', 'ALL NEW', and 'OPENS SATURDAY, JUNE 20'. It promotes a variety of entertainment and prizes.

Advertisement for THE BARGAIN STORE. Text: 'EVERY DAY IS BARGAIN DAY Shoes—Clothing—Dry Goods 7th and Ohio Wichita Falls, Texas'

Advertisement for Westinghouse electric percolators. Features a large image of a percolator. Text: 'WHILE THEY LAST... THESE MODERN ELECTRIC PERCOLATORS AT THE Special Price of \$2.95'. Includes details about the product and the Texas Electric Service Company.

Large advertisement for Frigidaire refrigerators. Features a large image of a refrigerator. Text: 'Today's Big News! NEW "SUPER-DUTY" FRIGIDAIRE WITH THE METER-MISER'. Lists five basic services: Greater Ice-Ability, Greater Storage-Ability, Greater Protect-Ability, Greater Depend-Ability, and Greater Save-Ability. Price: \$149.50. Includes the slogan 'Thrilling to Look At! Thrilling to Use!' and 'Pays for Itself'.

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PIONEERS STARTED IN A DUG-OUT



Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Muller started their life in this territory in the typical dugout of the pioneer days.

Mullers Recall Early Days On Burkburnett Farm

Life in the pioneering days in this district nearly always started in a dugout. The farmers and ranchers that settled the area imitated the groundhogs that were so plentiful by literally burrowing into the earth for their first few months.

When Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Muller brought their family of four children to Texas from Sedalia, Mo. their friends at home told them of the horror of living in under ground structure in the wind-bitten prairies of the state. Like most hardy adventurers, the family did not believe the tales, and declared that they would never live in such an arrangement.

However, the family stepped off the train here January 1, 1910, at 3:15 p. m., only to find that the only available farm in the district that they would purchase was one that had only such a structure in which to live. To their surprise they found that it was a lot of fun living there during the cold winter months until they completed their permanent home that spring.

The simple structure which still stands on the farm today as the only relic of those days of its type that remains in the district serves as a store room for fruit, vegetables, and general catch-all for the farm. It is dug into the ground four feet, has a dirt floor, and is covered with a simple roof of slabs and a short wall. It was slightly more elaborate than the average structure of its type in that it had two glass windows in the front. It was built in 1907 when the general land sale in this district

divided the large ranches into agricultural plots.

The farm is located on a small stream known as Wild Horse creek, about six miles west of Burkburnett. The farm now has 140.8 acres, and Mr. Muller is known as one of the most successful farmers in this area.

Thursday morning he stated that when he first came here he had never seen a bale of cotton, but the first year produced 3-4 bales to the acre, and 33 1-2 bushels per acre of corn on the land. The next year, 1911, was much more difficult. Corn was planted and hot winds wilted it at tassel time. The cotton which had been so successful the year before produced only one bale on the entire farm.

That winter two cows provided the livelihood of the family. Corn bread, syrup, and milk was the bill of fare "But the children were in better condition than ever, the doctor said," according to Mr. Muller. That year, 1911, was more like the last two drouth years than any others, according to the farmer. The same condition existed, except the government didn't offer any help.

The next year, 1912 it was sand storms that besieged the farmers of the district. Wheat was cut to ground level just as it started growing. Three weeks later when the roots had sent up new sprouts a severe hail storm swept the district, and what promised to be a bumper crop was reduced in less than twelve bushels per acre.

Something has happened to the district. It just will not grow as good watermelons as it formerly did. One day in 1914, the farmer hauled 73 melons on a single day from a small quarter acre patch.

The members of the family are Walter and Arnold Muller of Burkburnett, Mrs. Erna Mertz and Mrs. Esther Klinkerman of Clara, and at home Edwin, Richard, Alvin, Hilda and Nora Muller.

Mike Begun Leader In Local Lodges

"In recognition for service for the good of the Order" intoned the Chaplain of the Corsicana Odd Fellows Lodge this year as he bestowed on Mike Begun, prominent Burkburnett Odd Fellow, the honorable degree of a chevalier. The degree was the first recognition of its type that has been awarded to any Wichita county citizen.

For 13 years Mr. Begun has been a member of the Burkburnett lodge and a trustee of the local organization. During that period he has served in every office in the lodge. At the present time he serves as conductor for every degree of the lodge. In other lodges he has had an active part as a member of the Masonic lodge, and the Worth Patron of the order of the Eastern Star. In the Rebekahs he has acted as advisor and patron. He is past Noble Grand of the IOOF, and almost every invitation of the lodge in this district is conducted by him.

Mr. Begun's life presents an interesting romance starting in Erasklasski, Russia, where he was born during the Czarist regime. His father was one of the wealthiest lumber and wood men of the Polish part of the empire. The father was the owner of three great forests that reached more than one hundred miles in length each.

Raised amidst the luxury and wealth of old Russia, he assisted his father in the "wood" business. The young man fell in love with the daughter of a servant. His father sent him to serve in the Russian army for four years, hoping to break up the romance, but Begun returned to marry his sweetheart.

The father was so angry that Begun was disinherited, and came to the United States in 1890, leaving the wife and a six months old child in Russia. A year later he brought them to the United States where he was working in New York for three dollars a week.

The young wife died a year after arriving in the new country, and Mike's father hearing of her death sent two men to the United States to take the boy back home. The young man was bitter at that time, and he refused to return. His father had the contract to provide the ties for the trans-Siberian railway and wished his son to act as agent for the transaction.

The deal was to remove the timber from Minske, Younovitch, and Pensk provinces to Odessa near the Black sea, but the young man would not be tempted by the offer of his father.

Recently Mr. Begun heard that his parents, brother, and sisters had been killed in the Soviet revolution and all the property of the family confiscated. Only one sister, held in prison in Russia

NOBLE CHEVILIER



MIKE BEGUN Recently honored by the Odd Fellows for work for the good of the Order.

remains alive. As a member of the hated ruling class the family was almost completely wiped out.

After the death of his wife he moved to San Francisco and stayed until coming to Burkburnett in 1917. Starting in the junk business with a small tent, Begun has prospered until he is one of the wealthiest men of the city.

In the acknowledgement of his service to the lodge, the organization confirmed an opinion held by the community for many years. Mr. Begun has become widely known for his willingness to take a leading part in civic enterprise.

Our men... are afraid to abandon themselves to love. Even if they weren't afraid, they are too busy.

Save Your Eyes HAVE THEM EXAMINED D. R. PEEVEY Optometrist

Mother Knapp Is Honored On 93rd Birthday Wed.

As Burkburnett celebrates the 30th anniversary June 15 Mrs. Ellen Knapp one of the oldest pioneers will celebrate her 93rd anniversary. Each year Mrs. Knapp's birthday is the occasion of a reception of friends and neighbors, and this year coinciding with the official city celebration, the occasion will have unusual significance.

Mrs. Knapp's life represents the ideal pioneer story. She was born in Canada in 1844 of Scotch Irish parents and was educated in the public schools in Ontario where she later taught school. She married and came with her husband to Michigan and then Kansas. From 1870 until her removal to Texas she lived in and near Abilene, Kansas near the famous cattle trails that have played such an important part in western history and fiction.

Probably the most important feature of her life is her devout belief in the Presbyterian faith. She has been a charter member of three churches of that denomination, Abilene and Mount Pleasant Kansas and Burkburnett, Tex. In each of these places she has assisted in the founding of the church.

She first came to Texas in 1891 and her husband died at El Paso that year. Today at the age of 93 she never misses a church service. Sitting at the front of the church in a rocking chair, she listens to

her pastor each Sunday morning. Only three times in the 81 years that she has been a member of the church has she missed the communion service.

HAD ANY HEADACHES LATELY? NO, THANKS TO YOU AND NERVINE Nurse Thanks Friend for Recommending DR. MILES NERVINE

This Coupon Presented at Box Office Of PALACE THEATRE WILL ADMIT Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Crissey To See "Shall We Dance" Sunday or Monday (Courtesy of Burkburnett Star)

Spring Is Here - RETIRE WITH - Firestone TIRES OR TUBES Texaco Gas and Oils Havoline Motor Oils Flats Fixed Tractor Oils Accessories Smith and Gamblin Service Station

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What Will Money DO FOR YOU? HELP your business? Build the home you'd like to have? Add the conveniences that will make your present home a better investment? Help you to achieve some other life-long ambition? Money will do these things, and many more... and one of the best ways to get money is through the loan facilities of a good bank. The procedure here is simple, the requirements easy to meet, the staff helpful. You'll find an easier solution to your problem if you consult this bank first. First National Bank Serving Burkburnett Since 1907

PONTIAC AMERICA'S FINEST LOW-PRICED CAR! ONLY 15¢ A DAY MORE TO BUY - THAT'S LESS THAN THE GAS AND OIL I SAVE" EDWARD M. FAY Providence, R.I. "I FOUND OUT THAT PONTIAC IS AS RELIABLE AS IT IS BIG, ROOMY AND BEAUTIFUL" IF YOU COULD see the stacks of letters at Pontiac, backing up in every single detail these enthusiastic words of Mr. Fay, there wouldn't be any doubt in your mind about what low-priced car stands out for economy, dependability, comfort, beauty and everything else you want. Pontiac, the car with the safest brakes and bodies built today. Pontiac, the car with the extra smoothness and safety of genuine fine-car Knee-Action. Pontiac, the car that goes further on a gallon of gas, stays away from the repair shop, and lasts years longer—that's the car that is winning America's highest praise by giving greatest value. PONTIAC MOTOR DIVISION, PONTIAC, MICHIGAN General Motors Sales Corporation

June 1937... WELCOME TO THE... THE STAR... Y. JUN... IR... ISEE... VANCE... VICE... GERATI... le Proof... Struggle... rays. Autom... ore reserves... 9-Way Ad... ace up in fr... mpartment, P... ps food... proved by the... Also, 3 other... Protection... Lifetime... General M... for the... most com... rcer and fo... ROOF that... d and oper... pay you a p... lue you need... PROOF-D... CE... Phone

### WE ENJOY KNOWING OUR NEIGHBORS BUSINESS

We all like to know how our neighbor is handling his business, and here is one neighbor who is proud enough of his management to tell us about it.

One of Burkburnett's merchants had an electric bill of \$38.84 for the use of 697 KWH in January four years ago.

This year the same consumption would have cost him only \$25.12 because with the establishment of a municipal light plant, electric rates were drastically lowered.

This same merchant, seeking to give his customers several improvements, added lighting fixtures of the best type and made extensions. This year as a result he consumed 1097 KWH. However, that many cost only \$35.92, less than the cost of 697 KWH before municipal plant days.

This merchant is an ardent backer of the local light plant. No wonder he is proud of his business ability.

### Hardin Municipal Light Plant

OWNED AND OPERATED BY CITY OF BURKBURNETT  
R. P. REAGAN, City Manager  
"WE OWN OUR OWN AT HOME"

### CLASSIFIED ADS

**TAKEN UP**—I have taken up a black sow, with yellow spots, both ears cropped, weight about three hundred pounds. Owner can have sow by proving property and paying for this notice. Tom Watson, 122 E. Main, Burkburnett. 1tp.

**DIXIE BARBER SHOP**—"Where Good Razors and Customers Meet." 23-tfc.

**SALE OR TRADE**—Modern 8-room house, Wichita Falls. See J. S. Gore, Burkburnett. 51-tfc.

**FOR SALE**—7-room modern house on Magnolia St. Paul Browning. 40-tfc.

**FOR SALE**—Hot point White Enamel Electric Stove, practically new. Mrs. Elizabeth Merriott, Walters, Okla. 42-tfc.

**FOR RENT**—25x75 foot building on Main street. Ideal location for grocery store. Dudley Feid & Produce. 42-tfc.

### Three Frenchmen



Steve Marchand, one of the old timers in Burkburnett who has been here since 1919 and working at the same Sinclair gasoline station. He came to Texas from Canada in 1911, and has been in Burkburnett for 17 years. In the picture Steve is the boy with the lovely curls. Theothers are his two brothers. This picture was snapped in Tilbury, Ontario, Canada. Steve joined the Canadian Army during the World War for service overseas.

### Judge Vogel is Banquet Speaker

Judge I. J. Vogel, Wichita Falls was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Fairview high school alumni association in the Rotary hall Friday night for a business meeting and reunion.

President Wade Bogey presided over the short business session preceding the program. The program included Faye Morrison, dance, songs by Roy Jackson Jr., songs by a trio composed of Harold Wright, Ruby Jewel Williamson, and Rosalie McCall, and a solo by K. Miles.

Immediately following the program, dancing and games were enjoyed by those present.

### Burkburnett Ready

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days that the community started.

**Other Speakers**  
With the Rev. Hawkins, Walter Cline, R. E. Shepherd, and Frank Kell of Wichita Falls, builder of the first railway, will appear on the program.

The street carnival will open and the games and contests will be presented soon after the speaking. Water polo, races, and many types of contests that were the recreational program of the early day residents will be presented.

The climax of the day will be the coronation of the queen at 8:30. In an elaborately staged pageant the winner of the contest will be honored. At 9:30 a street dance and ball will start. There will be carnival features throughout the evening.

Saturday further contests and games featuring a negro baseball game will be presented throughout the day.

The entire town will be transformed into one huge carnival. Main street will be blocked from one end to the other. The celebrants will take possession of the business district.

### Interesting Indian

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language, defonstration of arrow making, Indian chief's love song, special dance, "America" and "Nearer My God To Thee."

The historical speech will deal in detail with the story of the life of Cynthia Ann Parker who was born in Edgar county, Illinois in 1826. Ten years later she was captured by the Comanche Indians at Fort Parker, Blankstone county, Texas. Cynthia Ann lived with the Indians for more than 24 years, being captured by Sul Ross, December 18, 1860 in Ford county, near the present town of Crowell.

The wife of Peta Nocona lived only six years after being returned to the white people. Cynthia was first buried at Fosterville cemetery, in Henderson county but her remains were taken back to Oklahoma and reburied December 4, 1910 in Post Oak Mission, about 18 miles west of Lawton. Quannah Parker, her son who died in 1923, is also buried at Post Oak Mission.

Chief Parker will have with him 100 post cards picturing Cynthia Ann Parker for sale in Burkburnett.

### Creamer Rites Held

Funeral services for William Henry Creamer, 77, who died in a Wichita Falls hospital Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock were held at the Church of Christ Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with A. A. Jacobs officiating.

Mr Creamer was born March 11, 1860.

Interment was made in the Burkburnett cemetery under the direction of Owens and Brumely funeral home.

Survivors include the widow, two sons, W. H. of Tishmingo, Oklahoma, and A. D. of Wichita Falls, and a daughter, Mrs. Bert Eaton, Wichita Falls.

### Largest Crowd-

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the climax of six months of preparation on the part of the clubs and business houses of the city. Last January a group of representatives from the organizations met with the business men to plan the project as a small affair, but every week the plans grew until the occasion has developed into one of the great events in the city's history.

What started to be a small gathering to pay tribute to the memory of the community builders of early days has been transformed into a huge party with representatives from all over the state joining Burkburnett.

The occasion has brought elaborate preparation Burkburnett assumed holiday dress last Friday, and every store in the city is covered with flags and bunting extending greetings of th the visitors. The main street is being transformed into one gigantic carnival.

The event will open Friday morning at the chamber of commerce office at 9 o'clock where the old timers will register. All visitors have been requested to register at the office.

After the registration the largest parade ever planned will present a series of floats and typical pioneer vehicles. Seven bands from adjoining communities will join the procession. The queen will ride with the princess from the surrounding area. Miss Mary Francis Goins will be the ruling royalty. Her attendants are Misses Vera Miller, Randlett, Hyacinthe Rutledge, Cashion, Wilma Faulks, and Mary Jo Henson, Burkburnett and Nadine Van Loh of Clara.

The firemen's carnival will open in the afternoon and contests will be presented including all old fashioned games of the pioneers. The queen will be crowned at the elaborate program Friday night at 8:30. A street dance will follow the coronation.

Saturday will continue the program of contests featuring the tug-of-war between Texas and Oklahoma pioneers. All residents of the two states over 50 years of age will be eligible for the contest. The event will settle an interstate argument of many years standing.

The Fire department will have eight out of town teams competing in the water polo events. Among these are the championship teams of Paducah, Throckmorton, and Archer City.

The carnival Saturday night will close the events.

The committees that have prepared the celebration are H. D. Smith, S. E. Marchand, W. G. Keisling, H. S. Grace and George Brasher, executive committee; S. E. Marchand, parade committee; W. C. Keisling, Mrs. Robert Dunn, food and concessions; R. L. Mattingly, Stanley Gartside, and Herman Ingelmann, publicity; Wid Phillips, Clyde Elder, and Bob Hinkle, tug-of-war; J. E. Musick, Adge Johnson, J. H. Cooper, Mack Tuner, and H. R. Hayes, special events; G. C. Brasher, Adge Johnson, and Robert Laney, carnival; W. A. Roberts, F. R. Knauth, A. R. Hill, and I. E. Harwell, reception; R. P. Reagan, Blanche Butler, program, and J. T. Brady, Robert Dunn, Frank Kelley, and J. E. Musick, decoration.

### Soil Erosion

Title: "Poor soil washing down on good bottom land has ruined many Texas fields."

Legen: Terracing, contouring, strip cropping, or reverting sloping lands to pastures has long been advocated by specialists of the Texas Extension Service as a means of controlling erosion. Best results are obtained, of course, when the land is still fertile and before erosion has levied its toll.

In many cases, however, it pays to protect land that is so badly eroded that it will not grow profitable crops. The use of legumes may "bring the land back", but aside from this, protection of fertile lowlands often repays the expense of terracing barren hillsides.

Almost every farmer in the hilly sections of Texas knows of cases of rich land which has been ruined by a deposit of poor soil which covered fertile fields.

### Jolly Dozen Club

Jolly Dozen club held its regular meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn Monday evening.

In the games Mrs. J. R. Kelly, and Mrs. C. R. Miller won prize for high and Mrs. N. R. Allen and Mr. Blake Browning won low prize.

Refreshments were served to Messrs. and Mesdames J. R. Kelly, H. A. Goodwin, C. R. Miller, Blake Browning, N. R. Allen and the host and hostess.

### A. C. Auld Weds Miss Tucker in Quiet Ceremony



MRS. A. C. AULD

Miss Mattie Dell Tucker, of Burkburnett, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Tucker, of Dean, Texas, became the bride of A. C. Auld of Burkburnett in a simple ceremony read by the Rev. Moody, pastor of the Henrietta Baptist church, in his home in Henrietta Thursday night at nine o'clock.

The young couple were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cropper, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Spearman, Aaron Tucker, brother of the bride, Sennet Hill and Miss Edna Cropper, all of Burkburnett.

Both of the young people are well known in Burkburnett where they graduated from high school. The bride has been associated with the Kemp Pipe and Supply Company here for several years. The bride groom is associated with the Bell Oil & Gas company. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Auld, prominent citizens of Burkburnett.

The young couple will make their home in Burkburnett on return from a short wedding trip.

### Firms Decorating Next Sunday Nite

Northwest Casing Pullers, Shamburger Lumber yard, Cecil's service station, Pharris service station, Green Oil company, Riley machine shop, Kemp Pipe Line supply, Kelly Grain company, Carver's produce company, Magnolia service station, Anna's cafe, Burk Grocery and Market, Cicero Smith lumber yard, Gammel & Lax implement company, Ivey cafe and liquor store, Stripling & Harris garage, Owens & Brumley furniture store, Boyd Bros. grocery store, Corner cafe, City shoe shop, Opal's dress shop, Arthur's cafe, Western Auto supply, Modern Barber shop, Liberty cafe, Mrs. King's beauty shop, Elite dress shop, Paragon tailor shop, Quality grocery and market, Manhattan store, Kiesling Bros., hardware store, Burk recreational club, Farmers State Bank, the Smoke house, Hal's Garage, Russell Clinic, Pence grocery, Lasalle service station, Cooper motor company, Logan City barber and beauty shop, Cannon's drug store, Roy Jackson's news stand, Palace theatre, Tex theatre, Frigidaire company, Oil City drug, Scruggs' cafe, Morris cafe, Sinclair service station, Conoco service station, Convent Corner service station, Gulf service station, Ice service company, Dudley feed store, Burkburnett motors, Barrow-Grace Chevrolet company, White House grocery and market, Betty Ann bakery, Heinie drug store, A & P grocery, Cooper variety store, Burkburnett hotel, Western Union and bus station, City hotel, Texas electric company, Gilbow service station, City hall, Burkburnett Star, United gas company, Laney's insurance agency, M. C. Tucker insurance agency, Brown studio, Corner drug store, Pure ice cream company, Majors variety store, Famous store, Adams drug store, Parker grocery, D. R. Peevey jewelry store, Dodson's Dry goods store, Burkburnett tailor shop, Unique cafe, Thaxton hardware store, and Burk Clinic.

### Clara Lutheran Church

Paul Kaiser, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Service 10:30 a. m.  
Subject of sermon: "When Life is in the Shadow."  
Evening Service 8:00 p. m.  
Sermon topic: "Daniel and His Three Young Friends in the High School at Babylon."  
Clara Lutheran church welcomes you.

### BOSSSES OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Members of the ladies auxiliary last year. They are Mesdames J. J. Blacksten, Bert Dunn, John Allison, Neal Allen, W. T. Stapp, W. C. Kiesling, T. J. Kelly, Artie W. Fred Brookman.

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LINE VIEW OF BURKBURNETT IN THE HEIGHT OF THE BOOM, SHOWING SOUTH SIDE OF MAIN STREET DURING 1919 RUSH

## Pioneering Courage Here Building For Future

### Boom A Story Of Romance And Adventure

BOOM TIME SPREE FORGOTTEN  
IN COURAGEOUS COMEBACK OF  
ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND AREA

CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT BASIS OF PLANS  
TO MAKE BURKBURNETT PLEASANT  
PLACE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Very Well on  
Smoker Farm  
Part of Drilling

Toll Bridges Were  
Prosperous During  
Greatest Boom Day

GILBERT CREEK SETTLEMENT  
WAS FIRST AREA FOR WHITE  
MAN TO STOP TO MAKE HOMES

Burkburnett Ex-  
plored By Early  
Spanish Soldiers

Planned in Dallas By  
Officers of Cosciana  
Oil Company

Toll bridges are, to the touring public, abominable anachronisms, but to veterans of the boisterous boom days in Burk Burnett's oil fields they are remembered in insignia of almost unbelievable conditions of travel.

There is no recorded history of the first white man to set foot on what is now Wichita county. Guesses have been numerous and one conjecture is as good as another. It may have been Coronado on his march eastward across the Llano Estacado. It may have been a French priest or French soldier come to plant the cross of the church or the standard of imperial France. There are those who deny that Coronado touched this section of Texas or that any of the French expeditions came this far north. These contend that the first white visitors were trappers reaping a harvest of pelts or buffalo hunters seeking to profit by meat no more costly than the bullets used to slay it.

The early history of Burk Burnett, like that of all communities, is built more on fancy than on fact. Traditions have given this area credit for being the object of exploration of both the famed Frenchman La Salle, and the Spanish explorer Coronado. These stories have gained such wide credence that there are persons who can show you the bend in the river where these famed explorers crossed, or the hill on which one or the other once built his camp and spent several days.

Natives Cynical

Sixteen years have brought about an amazing development of hard-surfaced highways in the entire country, in Texas, and even in oil-producing areas themselves. But in the second year of Burk Burnett's ferment of drilling, the land upon which a veritable forest of derricks shot upward from the was a network of roads which remain with veterans of those days as a nightmare.

Records to tell of an exploring party which visited this section in the early forties and which discovered an Indian camp on the site, the description of which accurately fits the present location of Wichita Falls. It also is recorded that a short time later, a small company of American soldiers encountered a group of hostile Indians in this vicinity. There are many who are convinced that Robert E. Lee was among the officers of the company which engaged in the combat.

That La Salle was in this area has been supported by the ancient documents recently unearthed in Central America. The presence of Coronado is supported by the contacts that the earliest settlers of Burk Burnett had with the Indians. One of the early tragedies, an Indian raid in the "79's" is said to have developed over the memory held by the Indians of cruelty and torture of explorers of previous generations.

First Test

Production in Burk Burnett hits its peak early in 1919, and was in full swing before the end of that year in the northwest field, which produced the "Texas Chief" producing champion sired the typical oil-field mecca, New Town.

Legend tells of a once-flourishing apple orchard on the Texas side of Red river long before the war between the states. Some street corner historians go as far as to link the legendary orchard with Johnny Appledore or some of his adherents, who achieved fame by planting apple trees through Indiana, Illinois and Missouri in the early days.

According to the story, the first raid was by the Comanche Indians, and it was successfully repelled after a heavy loss of property and lives of the men and women. The little colony was unprepared for the Kiowas who came only three days later to kill the men and take the children captive. Some of the women survived and were later returned by the government to their homes.

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Traffic Tremendous  
Burkburnett being on the railroad, and New Town in the center of activity, traffic between the two places became tremendous by the fall of 1919. But it was a wet fall, and the intervening three miles offered many a Waterloo to every traveler save those on horseback or on foot.

There the record of the famous apple orchard ends. No one is quite sure by whom it was planted, where it was located, or why it was abandoned. The generally accepted version is that it was wiped out by a flood on Red river and the adventurous horticulturist became discouraged and abandoned his project.

In the 60's wild cattle could be found here and it was on the re-

Native Cynical

Wherever a little water course crossed the improved road, a swale developed under the rush of traffic. Out of the environs there appeared invariably an enterprising toll-taker. Assembling a couple of timbers and a minimum of assorted boards, he threw together a flimsy bridge, sat himself down upon a box, and proceeded to tax the stream of cars, trucks and wagons a dime, a quarter, or—

Regardless of who the first white visitor was it is well established that prior to 1870 few white men had touched this

Selected Shorts

Amazing Variety  
They were of amazing variety, both as a pattern and material. In more than one instance the harried motorist's only bridge across a swollen creek was by

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### Ghost Towns Spot Once Prosperous Oil Boom Territory Of Days Of Wildest Producing Field

Any person entering Burk Burnett at night or passing through the oil fields near the city for the first time is always startled by the constant coughing and puffing of the pumps that still labor at the task of drawing oil from the earth. Like huge leeches they pull their precious fluid from the numerous holes that have been punched all over the area, and the pumping rods, like tentacles reach across the countryside, holding once peaceful farming land in an unrelenting grip.

Even to an old timer who is accustomed to the sounds of the pumps the sudden awakening in the night brings an impression that the coughing and mumbling is strangely human-like. The more

superstitious say that the spirits of the booms are mumbing again. All the glory and pomp of the past arise to haunt the present indifferent generations.

How many bones of persons who "disappeared" are in the salty oil and earth mixtures of pits will never be known, and in the future some wise scientist perhaps will uncover them as evidence of our state of existence and strange burial customs.

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### Story of Oil Boom (Continued From Page One)

of 20 pounds of dynamite was exploded to loosen the bit, and the casing was split in several places. However, the bit fell out from the point which it had blocked in the hole.

The eight inch casing was reset with a tapering six inch extension. As the extension was completed the well developed a spill of salt water.

After three attempts the salt water was plugged, and the water removed from the well. The drillers had retired for the night planning to complete the work the following morning, July 1.

#### Still Pumping

Just before dawn, Mr. Sullivan, who was watching the well that night, heard a rumbling in the well, and as he approached to investigate was sprayed with a fine mist of oil. A few moments later just after sunrise the well blew in, and sprayed oil over the ranching land for the first time.

Less than an hour later every person in the small town that was not confined to bed was at the well. That day was the start of the boom which had its ups and downs, which brought good and evil to the village. However, even today the faithful Schmoker No. 1 still pumps its regular one barrel a day. Other spectacular wells that received greater publicity are abandoned holes.

The well was soon forgotten by the public and remains forgotten in the histories written about the field because it seems so trivial in comparison to the greater events which followed. For a few years the activities in the area were confined to the same general structure and a few holes were punched in the Stringtown area and the shallow field.

It was not until the Fowler No. 1 blew in in 1918 that the excitement assumed the proportions of an insanity. It has been reliably estimated that about nine millions of dollars had been invested in the industry up until that time, and from the day that the famed Fowler "spouted", money poured into the small community. The initial production of the Fowler gusher was 3,000 barrels.

#### Greatest Boom

The news was flashed to the world, and an influx of people started with the greatest boom in the history of the oil industry. Money became plentiful and easy to obtain. Property that could have been purchased for a mere

### BOOM TIME RUINED STREETS



The heavy traffic of machinery and materials made every street in the city almost impassible. The wagon above during 1918 lightly loaded sank to the hub caps.

pitance could not be leased or purchased at any price. Drilling became a mad race with thousands of dollars bonus paid for each successful completion. Drilling apparatus was commandeered, stolen, shipped in by express, or obtained by fair or foul means. Respect for property and natural rights was lost in the wild scramble.

The simple dust laden streets of the small town became seething masses of wagons, buggies, cars, trucks, humans and even animals of all types. The streets were not ready to carry such an emergency burden. They became pools of slush that came above the beds of wagons.

Authentic reports of mules and horses drowning in the streets have been reported. One situation did develop that came near being tragic. The water supply had been drawn from a well at the present site of the city hall. This water became useless in the drilling rush. All drinking water was imported by rail. Along the crowded pavement "root beer" kegs peddled water at 5 cents per glass in a mug the size of a small beer mug.

The masses of people pouring into the city required special trains on the single railway running into the city. At one time 24 bus lines operated continuously from Wichita Falls.

#### "Bull Wheel" by Express

The streets became lined with brokerages, and almost every oth-

er business house was a stock exchange. In April 1919 a report of the dividends indicated \$3,033,000 had been paid investors in oil returns up to that time. This report inspired a renewed activity that grew wild beyond proportion of the money gained.

One man anxious to start his well had a huge "bull wheel" sent by express from Pennsylvania. The amount paid for the express is beyond belief. A flat car was tied on behind the regular passenger express and for the first time in the history of the railway industry the huge eastern trains mixed a flat car with the regular passenger run.

The city became a forest of derricks. Several wells were located in each block. The city was brilliant at night. The colored lights gave the town a carnival aspect. Travelers were amazed to find that they could read easily at night any where in the city from the derrick lights.

#### End Of Trail For Many

But all effects were not good. The path ended her for many pilgrims. All the crime and greed that money can inspire came to the front immediately. Today after calmness has settled an occasional skeleton is found in the slush pits that mark the earth like scars from forgotten wounds. What story lies behind each skeleton will never be known, and to the tune of clanking bull wheels and popping engine, crimes were committed and forgotten by the

whole world.

The boom did not end immediately. Unnoticed the Bob Wagoner company had been drilling in the Northwest field. April 25, 1919 the company opened a well on block 84 at 1702 feet. The scramble started again. The 2,000 barrel producers attracted another crowd. Twenty four hours earlier the Golden Cycle had struck sand in the Northwest field, but the well was not completed until after the discovery well was flowing.

The two wells opened a vast territory that extended the field for many square miles. The Texas Chief on block 97 in June, 1919, marked another extension of one mile. At this point oil dropped from \$3.75 to \$1 per barrel.

#### After the Boom

Though no one was aware of it at that time the drop marked the beginning of the end. Drilling went on, unregulated, and without proration. In a few months the flush production exhausted the supply. The wells were placed on pumps, and now the entire field is classified as "stripper area."

At one time 26 refineries operated here to care for the industry. Every train and every pipe line was fed with the expanding supplies of crude. Oil dropped still further and with a resounding thump the town hit the bottom. The wealth had been squandered. The mass of population created problems for the governmental units. The city faced the task of recovering from the after-boom headache.

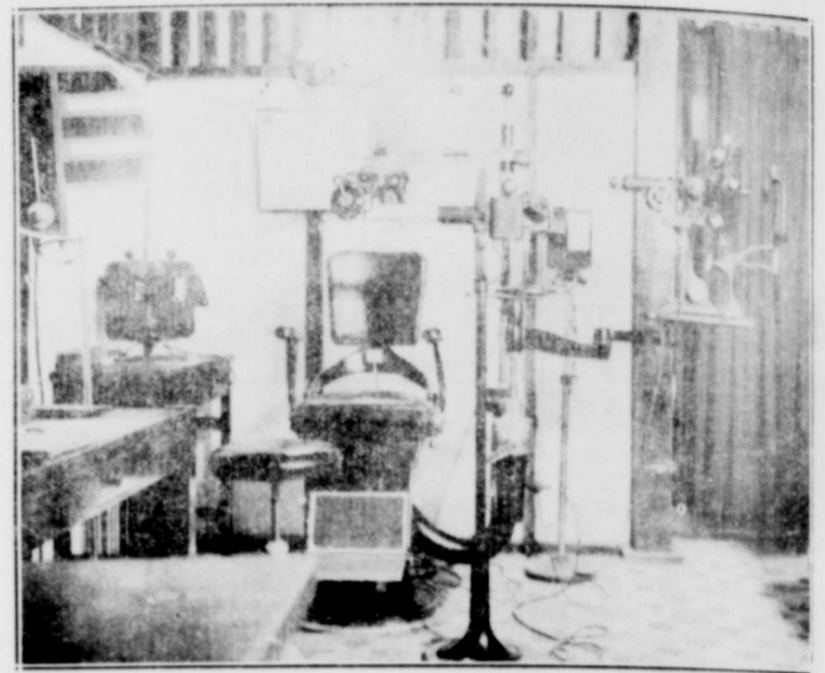
Slowly and with the same grimness that characterized their invasion of the territory 50 years ago, the natives are going about this work. Boom days are forgotten except as memories of an insane period. Yet the blood of each quickens when the word goes out a "new deep well is being drilled," or "lease across the river are selling at \$15 per acre." But that's the history of booms. Like magnificently staged drunks, each time the community says never again. But keep your fingers crossed.

First it was press agent, then publicity.

Beware of the man who wants to make you rich but is broke himself.

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During his 17 years in business here every farmer friend as well as every other customer have nothing but a good word to speak for "Frank." He is a member of the city commissioners, a charter member of the Volunteer fire department and a member of several fraternal and social organizations and can always be counted upon to do his part for the betterment of Burk Burnett.

# J. F. Kelley Grain and Hatchery

Texas U. S. Approved Plan of Operation

Explorers Stopped in Burk

From Page One) these that D. P. McCracken in 1897. However, McCracken had heard of the Indian and that reason brought armed men with him. settled on Gilbert creek. This colony spent most of the time hunting the cattle and an occasional shot at the

Prarie Fires a few weeks later H. C. friend of McCracken, the colony with several and the small group developed a village. By this time had learned to respect the invading white the chief worry of the had become the constant of prairie fire.

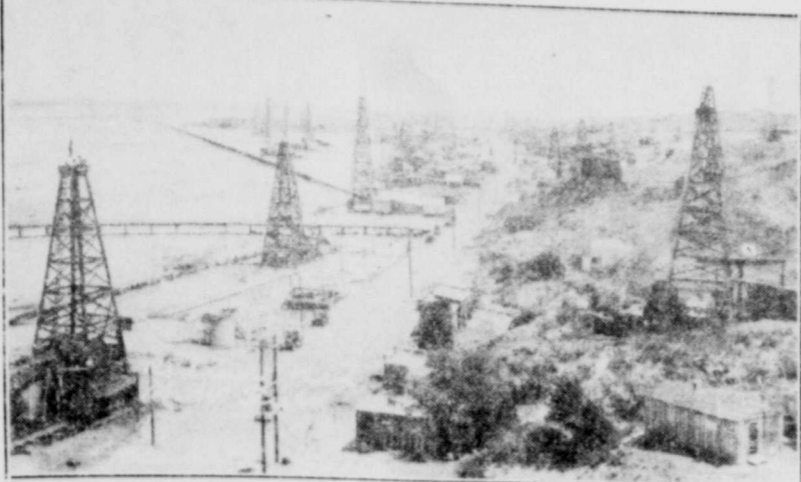
abundance of high grass the area attractive to the It furnished food for the wild and tame. At the the homes were endangered the frequent fall fires mercilessly across the years after this first settlement two other families moved into the section, and were destined to exert a powerful influence in community affairs. Rexford and M. Dodson near the same Gilbert settlement community.

important was the growth of Burk Burnett, of the ranches of this section this territory spread in became more the power of the community and area other individual, and actually decided the extension of the railroad stop. Burnett that President Theodore Roosevelt decided of the city when the postoffice moved over the postoffice Texas.

Burnett ranch instituted changes in this district. It was a ranch house and the stockade. This was established northwest of the present. On the opposite side of the first frame building the entire district was built ranch company. It still used as the farm the rich river bottom

Arrival of Hardin these itself was a romantic It was built near the of the Red River, and the native trees, chinaberry, planted here. The farm pro-

THE SITE OF MANY DISPUTES



The Red River Territory in the river bed near bridge town was the basis of one of longest and most costly suits, finally decided in the supreme court on basis of ownership. At that time it was the richest oil field in the world.

vided the ranch with such food and cattle feed as the rich land were able to grow. It kept a small dairy for what milk was produced on the enormous cattle ranch.

In the summer of 1897, J. G. Hardin and S. P. Hawkins came through the country on an inspection visit. Since that time the history of Burkburnett has been closely parallel to the history of these two families. After the inspection the two men returned to Johnson county and prepared to settle here permanently. Hawkins purchased the Lewis pre-emption for \$4 an acre, and Hardin bought a 124 acre tract at \$1 per acre. These purchases were completed Nov. 10, 1897.

A few weeks later at Nesterville, George Darby established the first store. It became a post-office and Mr. Hardin bought the store and became the first postmaster. The Indians started trading here and found the white men so friendly they made this area the center of their activity.

For several years Nesterville appeared to be destined to be the center of population in the area. However, in the mind of Frank Kell of Wichita Falls was born an idea which changed this tendency. Kell built the railroad into Oklahoma. As the "big pasture" opened there was a demand for transportation of farm products to the markets. Kell's railroad was built for that purpose.

However, when the time came to designate the stop in this area the Gilbert or Nesterville section was so thickly settled that a town-site was selected at the present city. At that time there was nothing but a bald prairie at the site. When the first train pulled in on Sept. 1, 1906, another idea was rapidly gaining recognition—a town lot sale to be held the following year.

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June 6, 1907, became the official birthday of the city. A Mr. Collins was agent for the corporation, and the sale started. Before it had ended 1,000 individuals or their representatives were persuaded to buy the lots. It was a day of celebration and resembled a huge picnic more than a sale.

Many of the people who came from the East to purchase lots that day disappeared forever so far as Burkburnett is concerned. Others disappeared until the oil boom news spread, and these returned to reclaim the lots they had purchased.

Church Project After the pioneers had built their own shelter and fences, the first project undertaken as a community was a combined school and church building. A small frame building was erected on what is now Sixth street. A Mr. Hill taught the first classes that started with seven pupils and ended the session with 125. Each Sunday the building was converted into a church. The same year the First Methodist church and the First Baptist churches were organized. The following year the Church of Christ was formed. Each of these three has held services continuously and has large buildings and congregations today.

In the same year the first saloon was voted in Dec. 1, 1907. With a dry territory on the north

the city became a mecca of southern Oklahomans.

At the time there was a grocery store, the saloon, the school and church, a lumber and wagon yard, two or three small eating places, and a general store. The first and most courageous celebration was the first Christmas tree.

The small church was packed. The tree was a small cottonwood, decorated with colored paper and home-made gifts. There was the usual speech-making and singing with a small organ. The climax of the evening came when Santa Claus' whiskers fell off to disillusion the crowd of children. "Santa Claus" Hill carried that name until he left Burkburnett several years later.

Such small gatherings made the courageous recovery from the panic year possible to the farmers and merchants who lived without money, and enjoyed that living. The First National bank was founded that year by Hardin and the community seemed to gain stability.

First Oil Well The town grew steadily as a typical farming community in spite of drought and panic. On Dec. 25, Christmas day, 1911, the first well, the Schmoker No. 1 was staked out on the farm west of the small village. There was no excitement. The people went about their routine as usual without any conception that the event would change the whole history of the community.

Six months later the Corsicana Oil company (later Magnolia) completed the well. With a start of 45 barrels a day, the well foretold the many millions of barrels of wealth that would be taken from the earth here.

The well was drilled with the usual difficulties of pioneering and wildcat oil drilling. All of the difficulties of lost tools, cave-ins, and salt water beset the operators. And when it blew in on the dawn of July 1 with only J. R. Sullivan, local geologist present, it created a cyclone of interest.

Sporadic drilling followed, and several million dollars were invested, but the drilling created little attention except in local markets. With the start of the world war oil became increasingly important to the world. Other wildcat adventures were started.

Among the most interesting was the famed Fowler well. Many stories have been recounted about the well, and most of them containing more pipe dreams than reality. However, it is generally conceded that the real history of

TO BE RAZED TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW MODERN BRICK HOME



As this special edition goes to press this old landmark is being torn down to make room for the new 2-story modern brick building, 44x88 feet long, which will house the Owens-Brumley Funeral Home and Chapel.

Burkburnett Builds For Future Homes

(Continued From Page One) campaign in the last few years, and given the city the lowest possible rate. The utility rates are fair. Gas is 75 cents per thousand feet less 10 per cent cash, and electric 7 cents per kilowatt on the first hundred, 6 on the second hundred, and 3 for all rates and amounts over that, on commercial establishments. In the residences the first 20 k.w. are 8 cents and all over 5 cents.

The rainfall of the section is about 22 inches per year, and all farming is dry land. The results of the dry land farming are a variety of products because of the rich river bottom land. The crop list includes cotton, corn, wheat, barley, rye, alfalfa, sudangrass, cane, darso, millets, maize, clover, legum, kaffir corn, feterita, John-grass, cow peas, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, melons, peppers, tomatoes, cabbage, peas and beans, peasches, plums, pears, apricots, berries and all types of similar fruits.

The population is 3,281 by the 1930 census, and is 90 percent white. The schools present an adequate program caring for not only started with the wildest boom in history. Money was plentiful and easy to obtain, and leases changed hands at fabulous prices.

Trivial Incident

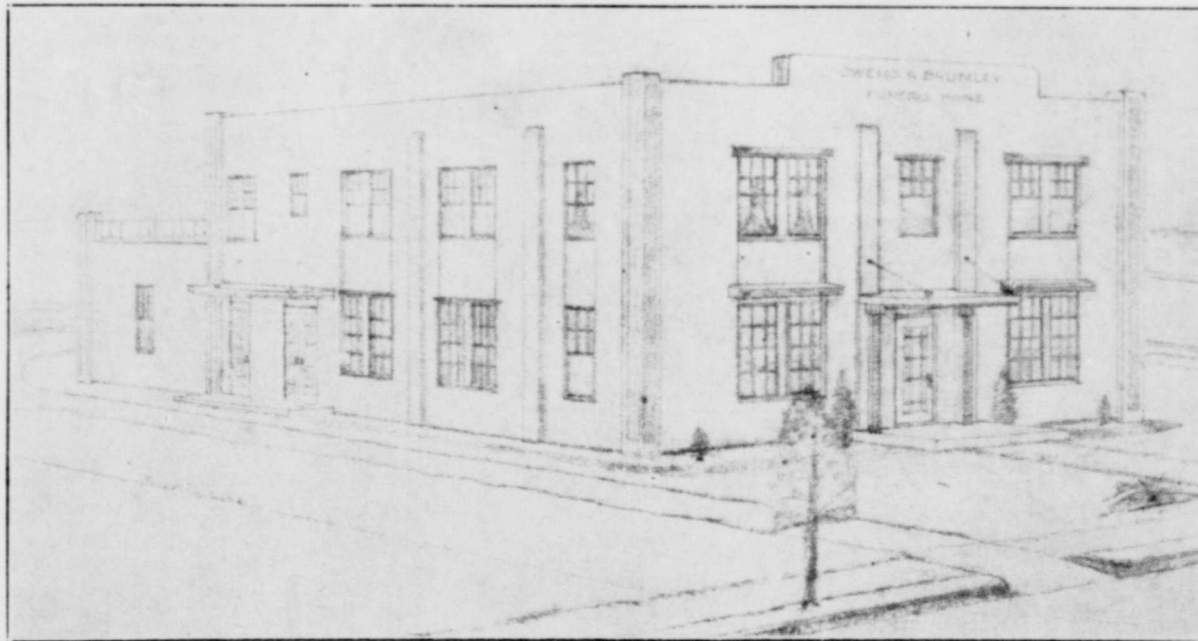
(Continued From Page One) plete before another dawn.

Then a loud thump! It must have disturbed the Chinese. Those spectacular wells stopped pouring out their wealth. The production and price dropped. East Texas became fighting words near the city. And the irony of it all was that the small insignificant well that started it all was still pumping its faithful few barrels a day. Those famous wells were presided over by still pumps that looked like skeletons, mocking and cynical.

The dollar-mad crowd slipped away. The pioneer was left dazed. Millions, 20 of them invested in production and refining machinery. Just like a mad dream ended, the whole picture passed by the mind of the citizens that came to make homes and build for the future.



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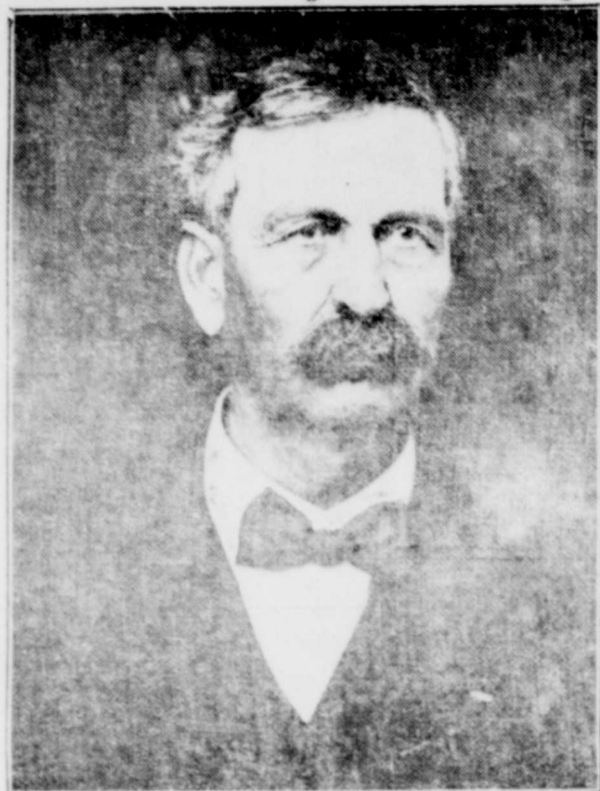
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### Uncle Tom Defends Boom Day Records Historic Candle Sticks Exhibited



There is only one man in Burkburnett who vows that there was less criminality in Burkburnett and area during the insane boom days than before and after that period. Uncle Tom Griffin, Burkburnett's first city marshal, fire chief, water plant manager, and one of its first citizens, was police chief during the hectic booms; and he stoutly maintains that he and his 24 deputies kept better order than has been kept since that time.

"The evils of that period were greatly exaggerated," according to Uncle Tom, and he persists in proving that the town that was described as wide open was really milder than a lamb. The former chief of police retired soon after the boom days, and became actively interested in the real estate business here. Since that time he has been in that business in Burkburnett, and today he spends his time arguing for Jimmy Allred and selling property.

Throughout the boom Griffin maintained a force of at least 10 deputies, and the average was 15 assistants, but according to the veteran policeman there actually was less trouble and the romantic tales are grossly exaggerated. In proportion to population states Griffin there were even fewer crimes committed.

Uncle Tom started his official connection with the city as water collector. When the present system was installed in 1914, there had only been one well in the city—in the middle of main st. Both farmer and city resident took water from that place. Later a well was dug near the present city hall and a few fire plugs and connections with the business houses were made. The fire department was mostly a reel of hose on a hand truck. A few years later a Dodge hose truck with a loud siren was purchased.

Under Mayor Ben Schwieger Mr. Griffin was everything, tax collector, water bill collector, meter reader, assessor and all the duties of the city. The possession of the plugs was the pride of the fire department, previously only a bucket brigade was available.

No other person in Burkburnett has been as closely associated with the government as he has or had as keen interest in its development during all these years. In the 30th anniversary celebration he will be in a position of honor during June.

He was born in North Alabama near Athens, and came to Texas to settle near Farmersville. When Burkburnett was officially started, Griffin came here to start with the new community.

For two and a quarter centuries two brass candle sticks now in the possession of Henry J. Vaughn, Burkburnett farmer, provided light for the Vaughn family. Until their permanent retirement from active service less than a quarter of a century ago these two holders were in continuous use by members of the family since their purchase from a London brass and silver smith by Miss Callie Anderson great-great-grand



mother of the present generation in 1687. Miss Anderson married J. J. Vaughn that year and sailed for America, settling in Jamestown, Virginia. From that date the two sticks have watched and participated in much American history. In a prominently zealous family's possession the two sticks went through the War with England, often snuffed out at night for fear of the kings spies. Tradition and letters support the story that great men of Virginia and the early American republic read and worked in the light shed from. Such names as Washington, Jefferson, and Henry appear in the letters.

The fact that the candle sticks are made of brass saved them for the Vaughn family during the Civil War. In Mecklenburg county Virginia the family settled in the early 19th century. During the war between the states, federal troops invaded the county and like all soldiers took what booty they could find. The sticks were hidden by slaves with the silver under the house. But the soldiers were accustomed to such tactics and immediately found

the hidden treasures. These sticks were discarded as worthless in comparison to the family silver. The next mention in family record is 1879 when the two brass candle sticks were brought to Texas where the family settled in Robstown county. From that county they were brought by J. N. Vaughn to Burkburnett in 1909. Each generation they have gone to one of the boys designated by the will of the gift. Henry Vaughn received them recently from his father. They will be displayed as part of the historical exhibits in the Burkburnett 30th anniversary. The family refused to show them at the centennial last year in as much as insufficient insurance covered the display.

Uncle Tom is losing his hearing, but he refuses to see a doctor about it. He seems to enjoy aggravating Aunt Emma by not hearing her abuse of him.

Mama tells son not to impose on smaller boys, but he has to impose on somebody and he gets into trouble when he tries to impose on larger boys.

# WELCOME

## To Burkburnett's 30th Anniversary



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# WELCOME VISITORS

## To Burkburnett's Pearl Anniversary

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The Northern Texas Utilities Co. purchased the properties of the Shasta Oil Co., and Burkburnett Gas Company, and will continue their office in Burkburnett.

The Burkburnett Gas Company received its franchise from the City of Burkburnett in 1921. Since that time the system has been improved and is complete as any found anywhere.

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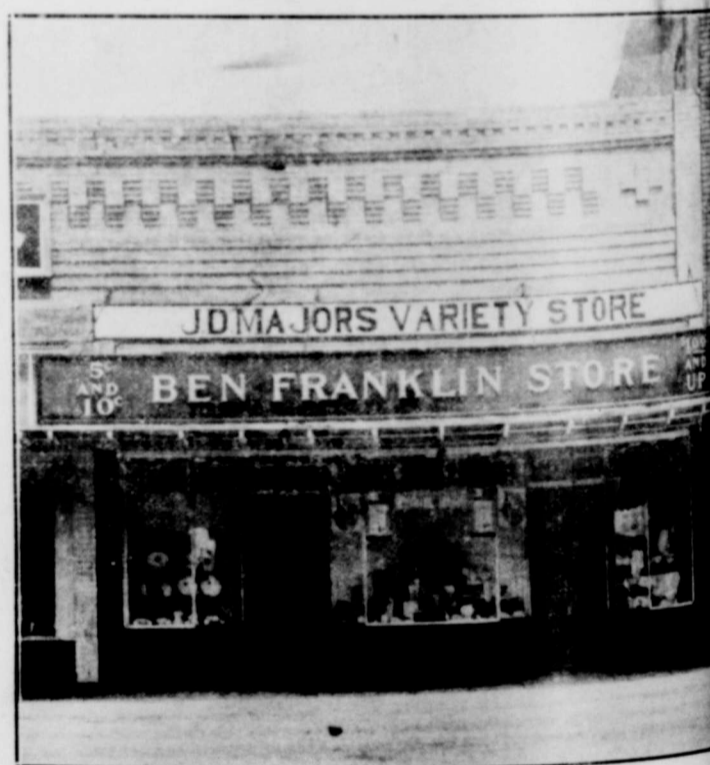
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MR. AND MRS. J. G. HARDIN

of Burk Burnett would complete without an achievement of Mr. J. G. Hardin as a play without the leading of these two pioneers casually and without pretense across the leading part in the history of human drama, of a community. Their lives and personalities developed the same and fancies that always themselves to the persons people. But stripped of imagination and the story of these two makes a brilliant special accomplishment being the first citizens community, or having lived more than any other person combine that life in service and leadership the earth's rarest phenomenon.

what the Hardin's have Burk Burnett. Mr. Hardin Burk Burnett after moving from Tennessee 59 years ago. He first settled in county near Cleburne, near to Wichita county, then he moved to this immediately joined in that civic movement to the county and is one of its organizers. He came to this district his home with his own act has been described as "the dog of the section dug their home." Their first home in which was a hole in the ground twelve by fourteen feet and this hole timber were laid to make the covered with sod. A hole in a chimney. It was in a home that the pioneer in the Burk Burnett is the common home of many pioneers.

Hardin's first wife died and he moved to the Burk Burnett, and in 1888 he married Mary Catherine Funk to the Nesterville community school teacher. When to the area there was a completely primitive as it possibly be. The same spirit that characterized the participation in the organization of the county Mr. Hardin as the leader in the to organize the first church of this year. Near Burk Burnett in a place that was called Gilbert Nesterville. There the of the community were in a small building that was by cooperative effort the initial classes. The building became the center of the community later.

### WELCOME VISITORS

—To—

### Burkburnett's 30th Anniversary

High Preston, owner of the Preston's Jersey Farm Dairy began selling milk in Burk Burnett 16 years ago. When he first started in business he delivered milk in a horse-drawn milk wagon, averaging about 25 quarts a day. He now has a modern milk and cream station, modern truck and averages selling about 100 gallons of milk a day.

Grade A Milk From  
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HUGH PRESTON, Prop.

**Plan Worked**  
This plan involved three divisions. It meant placing school endowments so that future generation might be prepared. It meant helping hospitals so that lives might be saved for worthy service. It meant aiding churches in order that the spiritual tone of the community might be strengthened.

When the plan is examined the many years of experience that Mr. Hardin had as president of the First National Bank is apparent. The pioneer started the bank and served as its president for 25 years. During that time he states that he lost less than \$1,000. He has paid more than half of the debt of the First Baptist church of Burk Burnett. It was through his readiness to help that the institution is able to function without the crippling burden of boom time building. He aided the other churches in the city. The Methodist, Church of Christ and others. He has carried the outstanding indebtedness on all three churches.

**Light Plant**  
He gave Burk Burnett a modern lighting system at the cost of approximately \$50,000. He installed the system so that the municipal government could control the electrical system of the city. Mr. Hardin moved out of his own home where he had lived for many years, and turned the house and surrounding acres over to the city. The house has been converted into a club rooms and the acres have been converted into a park for the city. The children and grownups use the district for recreation and cultural activities.

When the schools here face an emergency, he set up a trust fund of 142,000 dollars to be used exclusively for the retirement of the bonded indebtedness of the

### Hardins Revisit Tennessee Home School



J. G. Hardin recently revisited the school, an old log cabin building where he attended school a few months each year for a meager education in Tennessee. His interest in school is evident in his generosity to all institutions including the local school system.

\$600,000.00 mostly by wheat farming, lending money to farmers, investments, general merchandising before oil was discovered on the 1,400 acres that he owned at the time of the boom.

Seven years ago he set about to deliberately distribute the millions acquired in his 75 years of living and working. The same shrewdness that characterized his business life, dominated the distribution of the money. He and his wife together called it "investing" in institutions and persons. The distribution followed that plan. Together they worked out a method so as to place the huge fortune where it would serve the greatest number of people. There was no indiscriminate giving, but the logical orderly plan so that both the individual and society should benefit by the work.

schools. Later when the football grandstand crashed, he headed a movement to rebuild the athletic plant. It became the first lighted class class B plant in Texas.

### THE OLD HARDIN HOME NOW A PARK



The Hardins gave liberally to every cause in the city, but one of the most useful gifts that they have made is the donation of their home for a recreational center. Today Hardin Park provides a place of play for thousands of people throughout the year. The house is a place for club meetings.

Many of the pioneer's larger gifts have gone to the Baptist institutions. His principle idea in contributing to the denomination was to get them out of debt and to hand the institutions over to the Baptist people of Texas, believing that they would provide for the future.

**Colleges**  
Accordingly all the debts of Mary Hardin-Baylor of Belton, Hardin Simmons of Abilene, and Howard Payne College of Brownwood were lifted from these institutions through his arrangements. The Abilene Christian College received similar aid. The Hardin Trust fund was set up after serious consideration by Mr. Hardin and his late wife. It now holds \$1,300,000 which will endow several institutions, including the Hardin Junior College of Wichita Falls.

Including the Hardin Trust arrangement, he has contributed the amounts or left by will as follows: Buckner Orphans Home, \$1,400,000; Baylor University \$850,000.00; Baylor Medical School and hospital \$300,000.00; Hardin Simmons University, \$300,000.00; Mary Hardin-Baylor, \$500,000.00; Howard Payne, \$225,000.00; West Texas Childrens Society, \$50,000; Hardin Junior College, \$250,000.00; Fund for the Underprivileged boys and girls, \$100,000.00; Reynolds, Presbyterian Orphanage, \$1,000; Abilene Christian College, \$200,000.00; City of Burk Burnett, light plant etc., \$80,000.00; Burk Burnett Independent school district, \$142,000.00.

**Investments**  
It is said that he looks on the gifts as investments, and that he will not make a gift without careful investigation. He must be convinced that the sum will be preserved in its service to humanity. He says that there is a difference in his investments now and

Cousin Edith's divorced husband didn't come near her at the party last night. He acted as if he were still her husband.

It seems queer now, when we look back, that there was a time in this country when wealth was not equally divided.

Most of us imagine we think for ourselves, but really we just allow our prejudices to think for us.

Aunt Julia was very beautiful when she was young, but she is good now.

London now will take bids from any colleges interested in cheap, second-hand grandstands. — Indianapolis Star.

Since Vermont has repealed her amusement tax she can laugh at the rest of the country without cost.—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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R. D. Laney, Owner

Burkburnett

Texas

### Ghost Towns Spot Oil Field Areas

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The history of six of those towns deserve notice. Bradleys Corner, Newtown, Spring Town, Bridgetown, Morgan City and all have stories that are interesting. They represent the greatest boom in the world. They are concrete pictures of the daring courage and filthy social conditions of the persistent hope, and sordid realism of all booms.

The towns jumped into existence suddenly and almost at the same time in 1919 and 1920. The Waggoner No. 1 spouted 2,000 barrels in April, 1919, and less than 24 hours later, the Golden Cycle did the same thing. When two months later the Texas Chief extended the field a mile to the north, the people lost all semblance of human beings, and the activities were upside down in every phase of life.

Newtown, Bradley's Corner and Bridgetown spread like flood waters. Townsites were staked out, tents set in every place that could be spared by the drilling apparatus. Huge dance halls and boarding houses, which were frame buildings covered with tar paper, dotted the landscape.

Bradley's Corner has been called by many places the wickedest place that ever existed on earth. On one occasion a man was shot because he had the smallpox. The victim was sitting in front of the dance hall and his face was marked with the disease. The dance hall owner asked him to leave. He refused and was shot on the spot.

In the same village a man held up a worker one night and asked him for his money. The worker refused, and the robber made an appointment to meet him at the same place the following night. The worker went to the appointment with his gun drawn and both died.

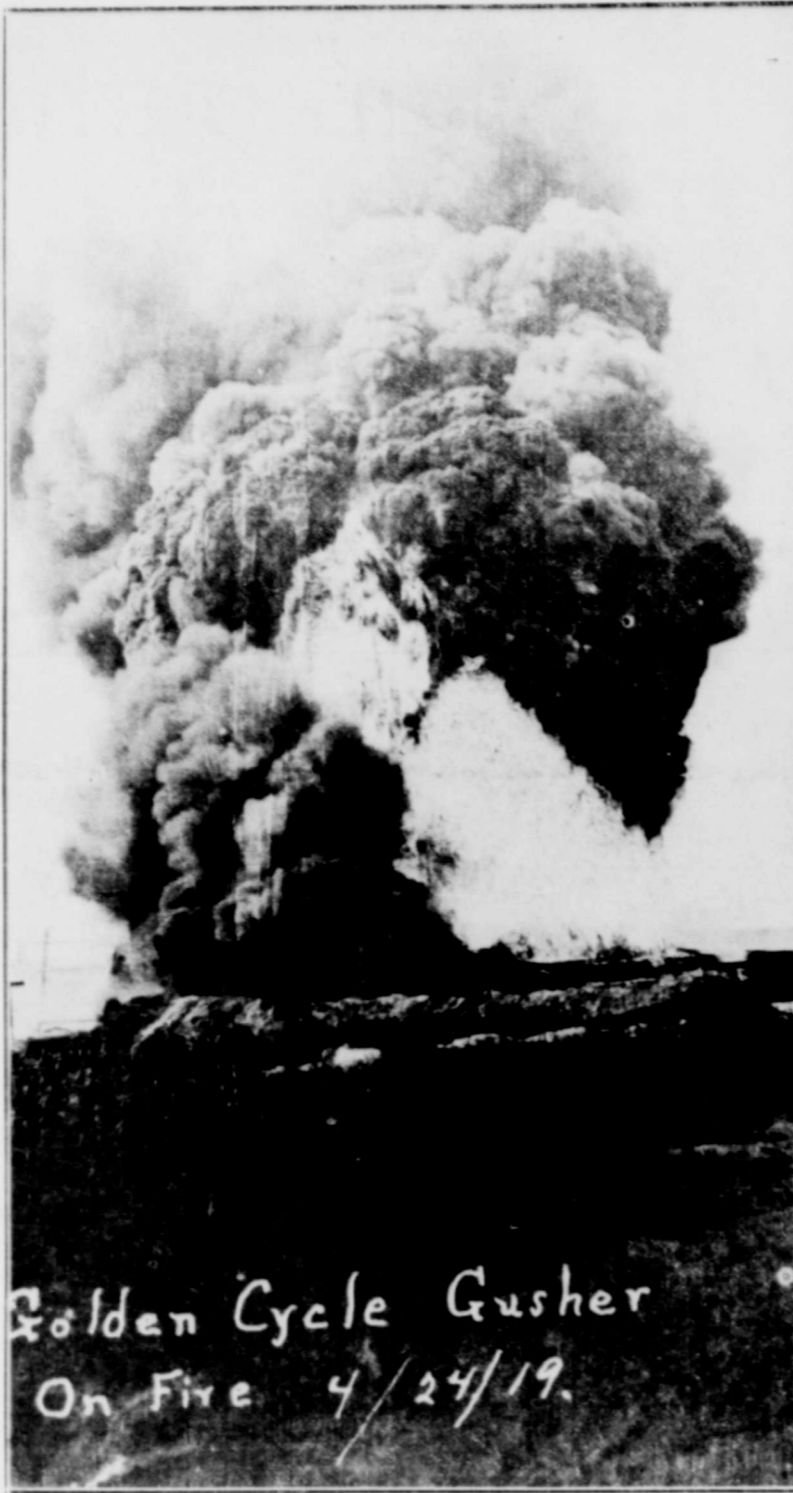
#### Dance Hall

Bradley's Corner flourished. The center of attraction was the aforementioned dance hall. It was in the open, and was the center of disturbance, the focal point of more fights, and quarrels than any spot in the field. Its rival was the famed "bucket of blood" a rival "joint."

The town was torn down after the boom, and most of the rigs were blown down in a storm.

Newtown was equally as tough. The famed bank at the site of the

### FIRES FREQUENT DURING BOOM



Golden Cycle Gusher  
On Fire 4/24/19.

One of the most costly fires of the boom period was that of the Golden Cycle. The well opened a huge new field and created several small towns, including Thrift. The fire burned several thousands of dollars worth of oil and wrecked havoc in the field.

The fire started April 14, 1919.

city was one of the problems the federal government never did unravel. However, the Newtown community had an appropriate ending. In 1922 an oil tank caught

fire, and swept the entire community. It never arose, save for a few stores and the postoffice. Several were killed in the fire. Bridgetown had a different sto-

ry. There was thought of a permanent community there. At one end of the street was the "dive" that represented highly concentrated evil at the end of the mile long row. On the other end was a mission church. The business places between represented the types between the two establishments.

The rapid growth of the town was responsible for the apprehension of one famous bank robber. The robber had escaped and then was cornered in the town. He was accustomed to jumping thru windows when the officers arrived. That morning he inspected his room, and it had a nice window. The same night with the rangers on his heels he ran for the window and jumped at it only to find that a building had gone up so close that he bounced back into the hands of the officers.

#### Town of 10,000

Today where the town of 10,000 once stood remains only a broken bridge and an empty postoffice. All other traces are gone.

Of Morgan City it is said there was a population of 1,000—and 998 were bootleggers. That is slight exaggeration, but not a great stretching of the truth as it appears. Not a single building remains in that spot.

Springtown still has its hill and bluff springs, and that is about all. On the other hand several miles south at Spring Town a few residences remain. The town received its name because it was strung along one road for more than a mile. It never reached the dizzy height of the others. It was not so flush a production.

Each of these places knew good and evil, and each seemed a permanent part of the world while the oil lasted. But when the price of oil dropped, and the production was lower, the mob of seekers followed other booms, and left only skeletons of pumps, and falling buildings to remind the present generation of the other great days.

Farmers are slowly converting the fields into cultivation areas, and normal existence is once more in order, and each day the plows strike some object that is a memo of the wild days. To those who lived there during the "great days" there is still a pull of mystery about it all. Like a gigantic puzzle those memories still challenge the mind. No one seems able to figure out just what happened—no one knows all that

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## One of The Oldest Places In Burkburnett

### Welcomes You to the 30th Anniversary

While the City Grocery & Market has only been in operation about six years, it is located at one of the oldest places of business in Burkburnett and is owned and operated by two home boys who have been serving the public from the same location for the past 19 years.

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## CITY GROCERY & MARKET

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# Pertinent Facts By The Burkburnett Chamber of Commerce

## COMMUNITY LOYALTY

Every citizen of Burkburnett has a direct interest in the growth of the city --- the property owner, whose holdings are enhanced in value, the capitalist whose money is invested in Burkburnett enterprises; and even the man on a salary, whose future depends upon the result of over-expanding business development in his town. COMMUNITY LOYALTY, working directly through the Chamber of Commerce, finds its outlet in every phase of life.

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**Creek Was Area Settled**  
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**MUD AND SLUSH OF THE BOOM DAYS**



Many people paid 25c to be carried across Main Street when it was mud and slush in 1910-19.

out. Early settlers agree that he cultivated the land and traded with the Indians across the river but from there their accounts vary. Some early-day accounts claim that he died and was buried on his ranch—the first white man buried in Wichita county. Others contend that inspired by patriotism, he deserted his frontier home to answer the call of his country. Another version is that he tired of the hardships of frontier life and the continual menace of the hostile Indians and abandoned his life there for an easier existence in the old states from which he came.

**Land Changes Hands**

Title to the land remained in his hands and in later years records show that it was filed for record by Morris, Maria and Marie Gilbert, all believed to be heirs of the original settler. Records also show various transfers. One of the first sales recorded was to Joseph and Robert McFarlane, for whom McFarland Springs was named. Other tracts went to C. W. Ward, John C. Penn, and Fred Frey.

The heirs drifted back to their homes in the old states and some are said to have settled in the more civilized parts of Texas. Some of Gilbert's descendants are said to be living in Montague county at the present time.

The Gilbert community appears to have been deserted by white men from the time the first settlers left until the spring of 1879 when M. Dodson and his family settled there. In the fall of the

same year S. P. Hawkins brought his family from Crockett county, Tenn., and became their neighbor. Later the McFarland brothers, Joe and Bobb, came and were followed by the Thompson family. All of the dugouts were close together for protection from the Indians. In 1881 the first school was established there in a log house deserted by some discouraged settlers and in 1883 the community had progressed enough to boast of a schoolhouse built of boxing lumber.

Mrs. Hy Willis of Wichita Falls is the oldest resident of Wichita county in point of residence. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hawkins, who settled there in 1879 and attended the first school there.

It was in Gilbert that J. G. Hardin, now of Burkburnett, opened his first store in 1832 and his stock consisted largely of beads for which he found a ready sale to the Indians. In the meantime the railroad had come as far west as Wichita Falls and mail was brought there as the distributing point for towns to the west. Hardin was the first postmaster and the mail was carried back and forth on horseback from Gilbert to Wichita Falls. Hawkins was the first mail carrier and made the round trip once each week. It was greatly improved service for the residents of Gilbert, who prior to that time had received mail only twice each year from Gainesville, which was at the time the western terminal.

Early settlers recall that as the community grew and more and more farmers settled the country, the cowboys started referring to them as nesters and within a short time Gilbert became Nesterville. Mail came addressed to residents of Gilbert at Nesterville and was delivered without difficulty.

Gradually the settlement grew and two who later became known as Texas cattle barons acquired land in the section. Burk Burnett bought land east of Gilbert and to the east of the town lay the vast lands of the Waggoner ranch.

In 1831 in the half dugout of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hawkins, in the Gilbert community the first Baptist church in Wichita county was organized. Friends from the Charlie community in Clay Co. and Mr. Dodson, a neighbor were there to assist in the organization but later there were not enough members and the first church was disorganized. Later Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins established churches in Clara and Charlie, and later were charter members of the First Baptist church of Wichita Falls.

As other communities were established in Wichita county, the Burnett ranch land in the Gilbert or Nesterville community were divided and sold in smaller tracts. Gilbert took the name of the cattle baron who was dividing up the land and in 1906 Burkburnett was established close by the historic spot where the first settler of whom there is any record had established the first town of the county.

Gilbert took its place as a ghost town along with Bismark, Daggett, and other historic and early day settlements and postoffices and one of the few imprints which the county's first settler left behind vanished.

**Toll Bridges Numerous**

Numerous

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way of two timbers, laid parallel from bank to bank. His trembling progress was protected by no sideboards or banisters to guide his wheels. If he was a good driver and had the 25-cent toll, he got across.

In November, 1919, there were days when the New Towner who had to drive into Burkburnett had no less than a dozen such improvised toll-bridges to negotiate, each with its separate charge, besides the unbridgable swag just north of Burkburnett out of which he would be pulled by team—for \$5.

1907 **Burkburnett** 1937  
**Pearl Anniversary**

With Burkburnett we are celebrating our thirtieth anniversary, for this agency was established by F. M. Schilling in 1907, the same year the first town lot in Burkburnett was sold.

Among the companies we represent is the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, which at one time during the hectic days of the oil boom was the only fire company that would write insurance in this city.

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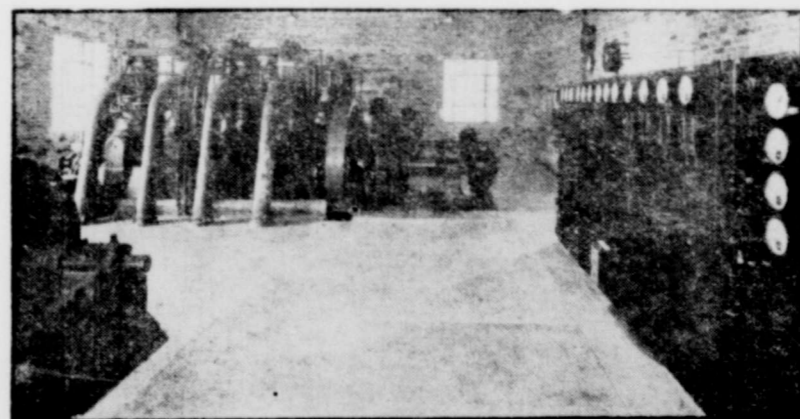
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Three years ago last January the municipal light plant was serving 187 customers. This last January the plant was serving 320 customers. Such increase speaks for itself, and many persons daily ask for extensions to be built in order that they may be served by the "home plant operated for the home folks."

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**Hardin Municipal Light Plant**

Owned and Operated by City of Burkburnett  
R. P. REAGAN, City Manager  
"We Own Our Own At Home"

# Our Best Wishes

We congratulate each and every one of you! Your successful completion of your courses of study, plus the benefits of being associated with other forward-visioned students, means much to you in your future happiness and progress. Our good wishes go to you in your efforts to make your graduation a worthy foundation for even greater achievements in the years to come. Heartiest congratulations.



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# Burkburnett Star

## Ghost Towns Spot Oil Field Areas

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passed in the night. Those magic nights. The whole horizon was studded with brilliant diamonds of rig lights. The furtive shadows slipped by and the identities were lost. The mind slowly says, "It can't all be true!"

The events of that period in which the people had oil wells in their back yards, and cots in their alleys that brought in almost as much money as the wells, is well known; but it can stand rehearsing. It does not lose its romance with the passage of time, but each telling adds spice and exaggeration that makes for interest. However, even stripped of all imagination, the period is a fairy story with all the Cinderellas and also all the evils, little goblins and dark spirits of the conventional tale.

The sudden increase in population brought the problems that accompany such phenomena. Crime and terror, disregard of

property rights, bogus stock schemes, and such social conditions which accompany a boom were intensified by the suddenness of the local power.

Men were known to have fought and in a few cases died over a few feet of land. Federal surveys were dragged into court and men stood on supposed property rights with guns, daring official eviction.

The tremendous gain in wealth was beyond imagination. One farmer in Burkburnett, who today peacefully plows his corn, or more energetically swears at a drouth, once received a \$50,000 certified check one evening. Before the day was over that check was spent or squandered, and the farmer went back to watch the derricks grow like mushrooms on his wheat field. That field would have given to the hungry world busy fighting a war 35 bushels per acre.

However, there was a brighter side. Not all the people spent the money like insane maniacs. Some of the strong fortunes of the state were founded. Notably among these was that of J. G.

Hardin. Hardin was a wealthy man for any community before the boom started, but like many other shrewd persons he saw in the wild period an opportunity to create permanency.

### Frantic Drilling

Those uninitiated cannot conceive the conditions that existed here. Streets that were boggy and muddy enough to bury a horse, men charging 50c to carry women across a street on their backs, small bridges built of single planks charging a toll of 25 cents for a few feet trip. These all were pictures of the conditions.

Drilling became a frantic contest and not an orderly process. One man ordered a bull wheel from Pennsylvania by express and it was shipped. Easterners were started as they saw the crack Baltimore and Ohio train carry a flat car between the engine and the coaches. The express bill was many times the value of the wheel at the place of purchase.

Just about the time the town-site boom had settled down the field was extended by two sim-

ultaneous discoveries. The north-west section was opened when the Burk-Wagoner Oil company well on block 84 brought in a gusher. The well belonged to Bob Wagoner, and on April 25, 1919, oil was struck at 1702 feet. When the charge was set, nobody was more surprised than the owner. After completion the well flowed 2,000 barrels daily.

The Golden Cycle well in block 75 struck sand 24 hours earlier than the Wagoner well, but it was not completed until after the Wagoner well had been flowing for several hours. Then the well caught fire and burned for several days before it could be extinguished.

The two wells opened up a vast territory for exploration and renewed activities. The major companies that failed to get into the townsite play to any great extent. The independents had sewed up the lease. In this section it was different. The majors and independents were competitors and the competition forced the leases to be sold for prices. Arrangements in certain parts of the field sold for

\$20,000 per acre, and \$5,000 to \$10,000 per acre was a regular price.

### Sale of Stocks

The Texas Chief Oil company well drilled on the C. T. Taylor farm in block 97 marked an extension to the north of approximately one mile. With that well the operators became intoxicated with the wealth involved.

The streets of Burkburnett became lined with brokerage houses, stock exchanges and rapidly organized stock companies. Trust companies were organized and drilling companies issued stock that was over-subscribed in a few hours.

In many cases the companies were embarrassed when they actually struck oil. There are on exhibit now in this city maps which showed the Burk field and in the adjacent county, Wilbarger, acreage. These maps were used in the East for sales of leases to people not realizing the great distance separating the areas.

As the production extended in that direction the Red river bed

became the basis of one of the most bitterly fought legal battles in the history of the United States. Texas and Oklahoma contended for the right to designate the ownership of the lands. Today the property is under federal receivership.

The after boom period is the most interesting indication of the history of the city. Suddenly in 1922 when the schools were forced to close, the people realized that the greatest advantages had not been achieved during the period.

From that moment a more progressive and cooperative program of civic improvement followed. Schools were rebuilt, paving programs finished, a city hall built and an adequate water system installed. By these changes the city was transformed from a mass of mud and social conflict into a town proud of its achievements.

### Bridge Dedicated

One of the really historic days was Nov. 5, 1924, when the free bridge across the river was completed and dedicated. Very few of the thousands who assembled to witness the bridge realized

the battle that had been waged to win it. A long campaign was waged in and out of court in Texas and Oklahoma. The people fought officials, private owners and property owners feared heavy taxation. The victory changed the history of Burkburnett and extended trade territory many miles.

Two other events of importance in the progress of the city. In 1931, under Ross H. H. city installed the municipal system. It is admirably the best in the district. The water is of higher quality than found in this area. The later the city started the construction of its municipal system. From the start both of the projects have been successful. Today they have been extended to care for greater demands.

The city has stood the test of the major peak of prosperity. It has survived the boom. It has survived the depression. It has survived the three great depressions of the past century. It has survived the history of the district.

# Burkburnett Star

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BURKBURNETT, WICHITA COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1937.

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## CHURCHES HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN HISTORY OF BURKBURNETT

### School System Has Developed Into One of Best

#### School Had Classes In Out Near Burk

with a single teacher in a room building in 1907, the school system until today it is an with 35 teachers, four and approximately 1- The high school holds in 32 subjects that ed to students entering schools or colleges.

house built by one of pioneers for a shed five pupils at the start in 1907, and before the year the classes had 75 persons. Among some of the parents determined to get a "room" along with their

First Teacher teacher was J. P. Hill to buy land in the but secured the on arriving at the

st of the next year a frame structure was This building was at the present grade and four teachers were. This building was the first brick structure.

On 10, 1919 a committee met in the high school building and argued on Page Eight



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church is a monument to the efforts of people who would not be content to settle this area without the influence of a church. Their efforts in the face of hardships brought the community a reputation for sincerity in religion.

#### Baptist Church Was The First Religious Organization Here

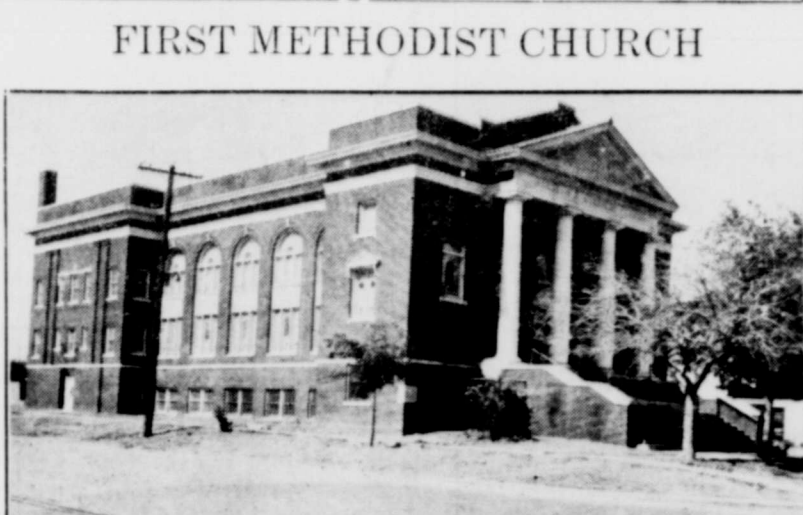
By Mrs. R. E. Carnes

The very first organization was about the last of October, 1880 and was called the Gilbert Missionary Baptist Church. It met in the dugout of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hawkins. The pastor was the Reverend Henry Albright, and the charter members were Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Sam Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. George Mays, Mr.

and Mrs. S. P. Hawkins, and the Rev. Albright and wife, Sarah Ann.

In March, 1886, the records of their church were destroyed when the home of S. P. Hawkins was burned. Due to the drouth and crop failures, all members except the Hawkins family moved away and the church went down.

In 1890 there were several families in the Gilbert Community who were Baptist and whose membership was at Wichita Falls and Clara. These good people decided they would like to worship here together, so they organized another church in the Gilbert school house and called it Gilbert Baptist Church. After three or



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Startin in 1907 the Methodist Church has been in the lead with other churches for establishment of a note of worship and reverence in Burkburnett. This fine building houses classes and services that bring a high note of spiritual life to the community.

four years this church was moved to the place which is now the Burkburnett cemetery.

#### Charter Members

The charter members of this church were M. Dodson, A. F. Dodson, Mae Dodson, now Mrs. Arthur Pitcock of Devol, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hawkins, J. L. H. Hawkins, Mattie Hawkins, now Mrs. H. Willis, Maggie Hawkins, now Mrs. Casper McKnight of Pampa, Tex. and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Willis. The preachers officiating in this organization were Rev. M. T. White, first pastor, Rev. J. W. Morgan, from Clara, and Rev. Beverly, pastor of First Baptist Church at Wichita Falls. The first deacon was S. P. Haw-

ins. M. Dodson was the Superintendent of Sunday School.

The people worshiped here from 1890 to the fall of 1908 and the church was moved to the town of Burkburnett.

The first W. M. S. was organized in 1898 by Rev. J. L. H. Hawkins, who was then a missionary of the Red Fork Baptist Association and his wife. The first president of the W. M. S. was Mrs. M. T. White, now Mrs. W. W. Chancellor.

The names of the pastors until the church moved into Burkburnett were Rev. M. T. White, first pastor, Rev. Lindsey, J. W. Morgan, Henry Goodkin, L. N. More-

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### HEROIC EARLY MISSIONARIES MADE SPIRITUAL LIFE COUNT FOR PIONEERS OF THIS AREA

In the early days in the history of the Burkburnett area, the pioneers didn't have much time for any activities other than those essential to carving a place for themselves in the wild grass covered territory, but from the very beginning these men and women faced the real hardships of drouth, storm and an occasional savage tribe, with courage without forgetting essential spiritual activities.

#### Methodist Church Started in Revival

By Douglas Smythe

The Methodist Church of Burkburnett had its beginning in a frame structure on Sixth street which was used for a school, church, lodge and community center. It was a union church and Sunday School to which all denominations came to cooperate in their worship.

At a time when Christianity was at a very low ebb in Burkburnett, Rev. J. L. H. Hawkins preached a very inspiring sermon, which helped to create interest among church members and in turn to influence the church members to build a Methodist Church. During the sermon Rev. Hawkins told the following story:

His father, S. P. Hawkins, used to ride the range and pray that God would send this country a preacher. One day he and his father had gone up the river for drift-wood to build fires. On their return, as they approached the dug-out in which they lived, they saw smoke rising from the dug-out. The first thought that

The very earliest letters and records of the district have constant reference to church gatherings. Wandering missionaries who spent most of their time either hunting or plowing or other pioneering activities gathered small groups from over wide areas worshipping in crude edifices.

The first recorded services here were held in a dugout home of one of the settlers in the Gilbert Creek area, and on most occasions those wandering circuit riders preached with their "irons" on the pulpit ready for action.

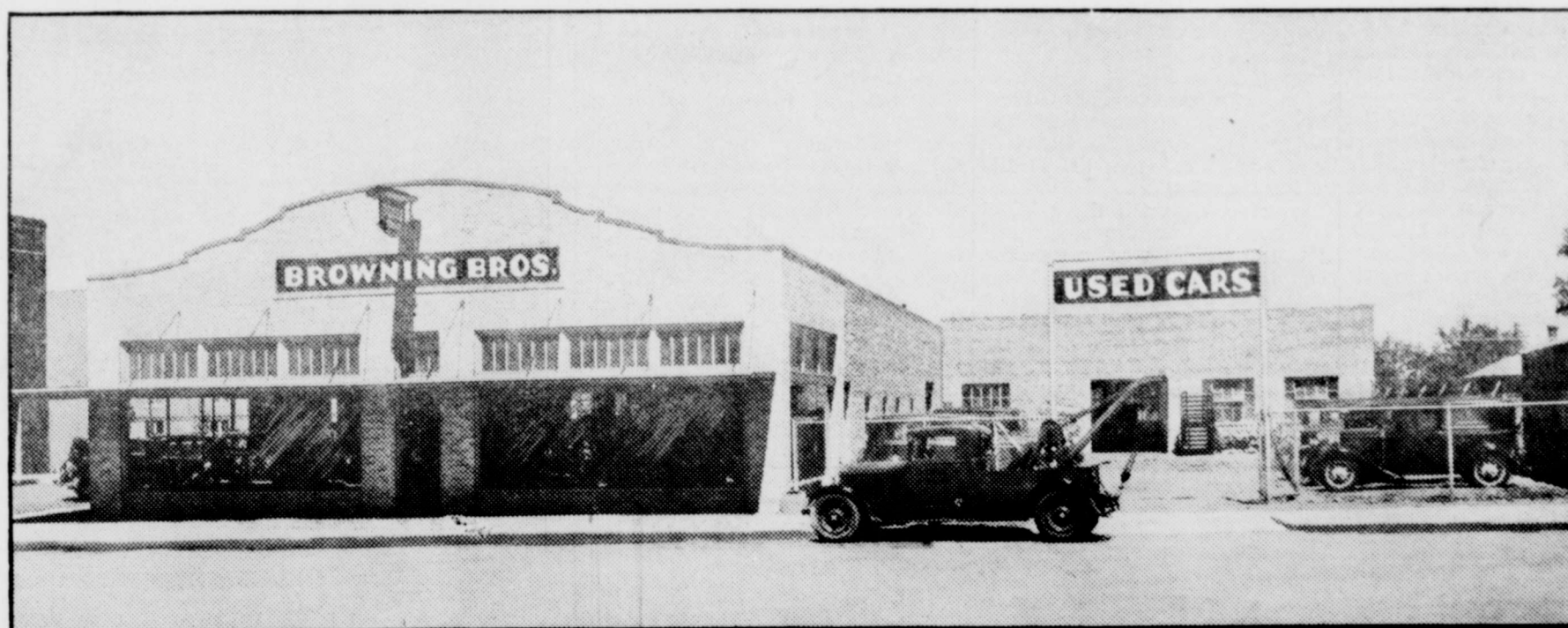
The story of the work of these men who made the community conscious of the necessity of worship would become an epic in the hands of a writer who could record the strength of their determination to make a solid enduring community.

struck their mind was that the indians had attacked and killed his mother. When they arrived, Mrs. Hawkins was shouting and thanking God for protecting them and not destroying any more of their property. A fire had burned up all their clothing. They had very little. Hawkins said to himself that if his mother could be as happy as she was on no

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1919



1937

Burkburnett is celebrating her 30th anniversary and we four Browning brothers join with the celebration of our eighteen years in the automobile business in Burkburnett.

In 1919 we came to Burkburnett and with \$500.00 invested in a hand full of tools, opened an automobile repair shop in the above tin building. During the past eighteen years this hand full of tools, together with our united efforts, have been transformed into one of the largest business institutions in our city.

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### Early Missionaries Start Burk Church of Christ Meetings

Early in the history of this area pioneer missionaries came into the district carrying the burden of both the building of a home and the building of the spiritual life of the community. Among these hardy men were people of the Church of Christ. In those early days the records were incomplete, and many of the heroic stories are lost of the struggle of courageous home builders.

However, during the first year of the official history of Burk Burnett, a group of members of the Church of Christ continued to meet informally in session to keep alive the spirit of religious reverence.

In 1908 this group had grown to nine families, and judge by modern standards the number would appear wholly inadequate to perfect an organization. To these pioneers the necessity for a solid program was of greater consequence than the discouragement that faced them and the hard work which they knew would face them.

So the nine families banded themselves together for the common purpose of making the solid unit of religious influence. They met first in the Odd Fellows hall by the gracious permission of that organization, and Bob Brannon and Tom Finley were selected as first elders. The group then sent a delegation to Iowa Park for a visit with George Fitzgerald. They persuaded the speaker to hold a meeting.

Out of this meeting grew the dream of a church building. In the hearts of the workers was the determination to make that dream a solid reality. The new territory was facing the struggle of a money panic, and the prospects were discouraging.

Lots were purchased and the building started, mostly on hope. In a few weeks the building was completed, and declared officially dedicated by George Fitzgerald. The occasion was one of rejoicing on the part of the membership.

In 1911 Charles Nichols held a series of meetings, and his appearance was the turning point in the church history. So strong was his appeal that he was asked to return the following year. The success of the meetings became more apparent as the next two years rolled by and the church continued to grow.

In 1915 the growth had been so marked that Charles Taylor was called as minister, and for three years he served the local church.

In 1918 the church faced the same problem that all churches in the community faced with a transient membership. The sudden boom caused a constant shifting of membership. With international recognition a steady stream of people passed through the city. This stream carried with it some of the strictest members of the church.

However, the church continued to prosper and grow. Among the speakers that held meetings dur-

### The Church of Christ in Early Days



Before the construction of the modern brick church the Church of Christ members worshipped in this frame structure.

ing the boom were L. P. Mansfield and W. W. Burk. At that time J. W. Jackson was the only elder in the organization.

Following these trying days of the boom period the old building was repaired. In rapid succession the following ministers held meetings: D. S. Logan, Charles Robertson, C. W. Holly, Tice Elkins, T. L. S. Tewell, Lee Mansfield, E. C. McKenzie, J. C. Jackson, G. W. Philpy, and Dr. T. W. Hames were elders.

In December 1926 Willis Kreaeger moved here from Tioga, Texas, and started full time work. Since that time the church has gained rapidly and enjoyed a growth of several hundred members. The church has not only carried on local work but has assisted in various missionary enterprises and in the work at the Boles and Tipton Orphan Homes. It has financed mission meetings at various points in the state and in Oklahoma.

Among the important mission efforts is that at the Humble lease-west of town started in 1931. The progressive congregation in that area has grown from the efforts of the organization.

With such growth the original building became too small and a new building was necessary. The most important day in the history of the church was when the congregation was called into a mass meeting to discuss the plans for the building.

At this meeting the new trustees were appointed as well as the building committee. The plan

### University Club Started Sewing Circle in 1922

Members of the University Study club met for the first time February 27, 1921. The original meeting was for the purpose of bringing together a group interested in needle work, and for the time the club devoted its attention to subjects related to sewing. In the group were Mesdames W. R. Hill, W. D. Utts, J. M. Pogue, Oscar Fisher, Bill Walker and Mrs. Rex Smith.

After much discussion for an appropriate name the group took the word "Krowledeen." This name was arrived at by reversing the spelling of "needlework", the objective of the club.

This was the first club and for several years the only club in the city for women. There were only ten members and Mrs. Bill Walker was the president.

Immediately the club became famous for its many pleasant gatherings in which husbands and friends were entertained. These occasions were the events of the social life of the city.

In the fall of 1922 the club changed the project of the club from needle work to study. During the rush of the boom, there cultural life of the community

Davis of Jonesboro, Ark., arrived in January 1937. The church has cared for a boy and a girl in Tipton and Boles Orphan home for years, and have recently out fitted the girl with graduation ring and clothing for the '37 class services.

The services at the present are: Sunday school 9:45; devotional, service 10:45; preaching 11 a. m.; preaching 7:45 p. m.; Wednesday community bible class, 7:45 p. m.; Thursday, Ladies Bible class, 2 p. m.; business meeting, first Monday of each month, 7:30.

The summer meeting is scheduled to start June 27 and will last until July 11. C. L. Wilkerson of Springfield, Mo., will hold services. The church hopes to do some mission work in adjacent communities this spring and summer. The present elders are W. Wilhoit, A. A. Jacobs, and Joe Beavers, and the deacons, D. C. McNeil, W. L. Gibson, Dale Boyd, E. N. Wise, Sam Reed, and Dr. Lewis Shores, with the recent addition of Mildred Faulks.

The church was completed and valued at approximately \$20,000 dollars. J. G. Hardin contributed \$4,000, the largest sum of any individual. Many other pioneer citizens volunteered aid.

Sunday, April 28, 1929, services were held in the new building. Three services were conducted. Willis Kreaeger delivered the morning sermon. The dedication service was held by L. S. White, Wichita Falls minister. The night services were conducted by T. E. Milholland, of Electra, and he continued in a 15 days service.

In September 1935 Willis Kreaeger accepted work with the church at Colorado, Texas, after nine years of faithful service here and it was due to his work in a large measure that the present prosperity of the church exists.

Then came L. N. Moody of Ozona, Texas. He worked here for 15 months and accepted a call to Vernon, Texas. Brother Moody did fine work both as a teacher and a preacher.

The present minister, Taylor

and every one was lost in the maze of the economic and social complications of that period.

The group voted to increase membership to 20. Mrs. Rex Smith was elected the first president of the University Study club. The first course adopted was a study of current events, and the work was so interesting that the club decided to continue the work and to branch out in the subjects covered.

At the start of the club year in 1923-24 a course of study was selected from the Extension Bureau of the state university. That led to the adoption of the name University Study club.

By the adoption of the program of extension work the club was granted membership in the Federated Women's clubs.

That membership is still retained. From time to time courses were studied in history, biography, literature, music art, travel, and home economics.

Each year special subjects are studied on special days. Federation day, Texas day, Better Homes day, Citizenship, and many similar objectives are adopted. The club has distributed baskets on holidays, made provision for school children lunches, provided papers for the school library, donated to charities, planted trees and shrubs on the school grounds, and assisted students in general.

In 1930 the club sponsored the organization of the junior university study club, and that organization has become one of the most successful clubs in the city and is conducted by an active group of junior matrons and misses.

The membership erected eight bubble water fountains at the grade school in 1932. In 1933 placed \$20.00 worth of books in the same school. The gift was repeated the following year, and this year newspapers were sent to the library. Flood relief was a special project.

The membership has changed slightly during the years and the present membership now is Mesdames R. P. Reagan, president, J. H. Davis, O. L. Clark, C. J. Duncan, J. M. Pogue, I. D. Russell, W. R. Hill, L. N. Peyton, H. W. Prinzing, J. D. Majors, O. R. Woods, George Kerr, S. S. Reger, O. C. Wills, P. G. Williamson, and R. C. Tevis.

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When he first started in business here, equipment consisted of a second-hand bench, an old stitcher and finisher and a handful of tools.

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Werner Kiesling came to burk in 1927 and purchased the Burk Sheet Metal Works, which he still operates and is located in the old M-K-T depot just this side of the railroad tracks.

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### Church and Members Lead in Areas Progress

members wished to join services of official status they journeyed to Wichita Falls or Iowa Park. It was in 1894 that Rev. Schulenberg of Fort Worth established a Wichita Falls mission, and many Clara residents traveled 25 miles to the first services. Soon afterwards in the same year, Rev. R. L. Melhorn established a mission in Iowa Park to which most of the Clara members went twice each month.

The Rev. Melhorn was a tireless and zealous missionary, and after one and a half years his arduous program snapped his strength. He died on the field of active mission work. In Clara his many friends remembered the services, and started the movement to make the Clara gatherings official.

Rev. F. M. Rudi was appointed to the mission field, and in 1899 started regular services at the Clara school house. From this series of meetings developed the first official meeting of the church as an organization.

On October 18, 1900 the charter members gathered for the organization. Among the important items aside from the erection of a building and parsonage, the choice of the name for the community was discussed. The discussion centered in whether the community should be named Col. Specht or a Mr. James, original surveyor of the land. Fortunately the wife of each of these men was named Clara, so the name Clara was chosen for the community and church.

On Thanksgiving day of that year, 1900, the corner stone of the Clara Trinity Lutheran church was laid. Fred Thom was the contractor and builder, and he was assisted by John Heins.

The charter members were enrolled on that day, and the families listed in the first records list the following: A. J. Shultz, Peter Ramming, Henry Holtzen, Fred Evert, Fred Young, John Heins, Fred Thom and Will Thom.

These families had come from Minnesota, Missouri, and South Texas to form the colony. They had come to build permanent homes in a community where they could build for the future. Today the community is of that type, people who have lived with contentment for what today brings, but with acute insight in planning for tomorrow for their children.

No other place in Wichita Co. shows the evidence of such a strong sense of home building. The school, the church, the comfortable, and in some instances

luxurious homes, speak of a determination of solidity in making a home.

This initial congregation expressed appreciation to the Iowa Park Methodist church for the use of the latter building earlier and invited them as guests to the dedication on April 1, 1901.

On that day an event happened which has not been repeated in this county in all its history. The day of acceptance of the church from the contractor, the entire \$2,000 representing the cost of the building was paid. Then \$1,000 was raised for a parsonage. That fact is almost a miracle in church history.

The church prospered, but in 1906 Rev. Rudi resigned when his health failed. A Rev. F. W. Horstmann of Gardenville, Nevada was called as his successor. Under the guidance of Rev. Horstmann the most rapid growth of the history of the church took place. Until the start of the oil boom, he served as pastor. In 1917 he accepted a call to New Wells, Mo. In January 1918 Rev. Paul Kaiser came as the minister.

The church had survived the wild scramble for wealth that had shaken the people of the district and passed the threat of disbandment or return to a mission status. Prosperity seemed to constitute a greater threat than the hardships of earlier days.

During the last ten years the voting membership has doubled. Now 250 active members are associated with the church. The league, one of the most active in the state has 50 members. The services pack the church every Sunday.

The extent of the service in the community is demonstrated in the statistics of the church. More than 600 members have joined the church in its history. Of this number 250 have been baptized. There has been 75 weddings, representing the starting of 75 homes in the community. The church people have sat with heads bowed at 51 funerals of members.

The officers of the present include Emil Schroeder, Ernest Birkman, and Walter Kasper; Elders, Alex Klinkerman chairman of the congregation, F. E. Ingelmann, has served 25 years as secretary-treasurer; Walter Klinkermann, L. F. Ramming, and Arnold Holtzen, finance committee; Arthur Ramming, superintendent of Sunday School, president of the Walther League; Mrs. Arthur Evert, president of the Ladies Aid.

In connectional activities in the community.

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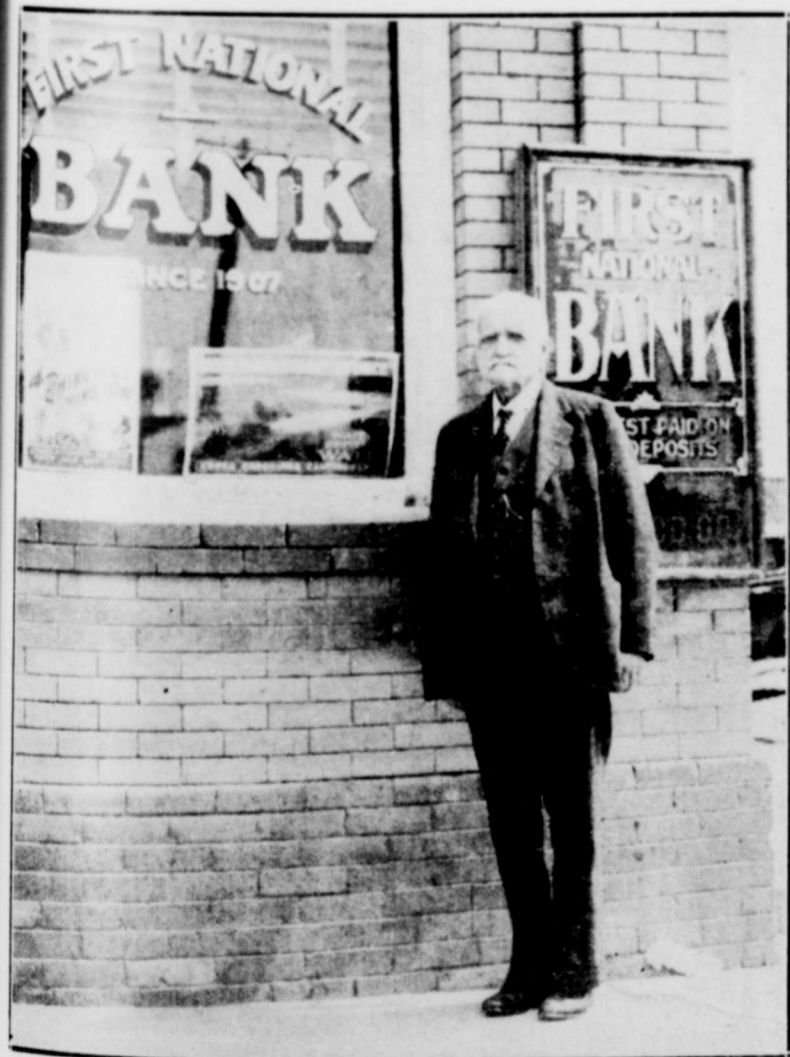
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In the year 1918 Burkburnett was swept by the greatest oil development recorded in history, and this Bank was equal to the occasion by handling a greater volume of business than was ever known for a bank of its size; as a result it made an unprecedented growth in deposits, and added substantial sums to its Capital and Surplus, and is now known as one of the strongest Institutions in the county.

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AN EARLY BAPTIST BUILDING



Before the construction of the present fine plant the place of worship at the present time.

Baptist Church

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head, J. J. Beard, J. L. H. Hawkins, and again J. W. Morgan.

The congregation had grown so much that the frame building that was built in 1908 was not large enough. While Rev. T. J. Furniss was pastor a nice reading room, where one could come to read and write, and a nice kitchen were Robinson organized first standard built onto the church. Rev. B. R.

The congregation kept growing and in 1923 Dr. L. E. Finney and others decided the old building inadequate, so a committee met and planned a new church. Dr. L. E. Finney was pres. of the committee and J. Frank Kelley Secretary and treasurer.

The following Pastors have served since 1908: Rev. T. R. Bowles, G. S. Trumlin, Rev. Wallace C. R. Stewart, George M. Parker, A. S. Albright, W. H. McKenzie, T. J. Furniss, B. R. Robinson, L. E. Finney, R. L. Estes, and the present pastor, Rev. Miles B. Hays, who has served since 1927.

The present church building was planned by Dr. P. E. Burroughs of the Sunday School Board Nashville, Tenn. The contract let to John T. Blevins, Van Buren, Ark. Dr. L. E. Finney was an architect by trade before entering the ministry, and as he was the pastor at the time, became the architect for the new structure. He literally put his life into the work and worked night and day toward the achievement of his goal. His foresight and watch-

fulness lessened the cost of the building several thousand dollars. It stands now a reality, a beautiful place of worship that would do grown from a very small building credit even in a large city. It had with only ten members in 1893 to 2000 members in 1925.

The church was completed and dedicated Wed. Oct. 14, 1925 by Dr. George W. Truitt of Dallas. A large Bronze Tablet was unveiled following the dedication service honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hardin for the noble gift of building with its equipment is \$35,000 which made possible our valued at \$89,000. Mr. Hardin has fine church building. The church given more than \$45,000 to the church. In addition he has helped free the Methodist Church and the Church of Christ of their debts.

There are now 65 officers and teachers in our Sunday School. We have had two Sunday School Supts. since 1908— Mr. O. L. Clark and our present Supt., Mr. W. H. Cross.

During the ten years Brother Miles B. Hays has been here, he has had more than 1,000 additions to the church. More than 50% of these have been by Baptism. At one time he baptised 82, another time 60. Throughout the years Brother Hays has been a faithful preacher of great power and has rendered a great service to the community of Burkburnett. To those who are ill he truly has the spirit of ministry in visiting them and aiding in every possible way. He is greatly interested in lost souls.

Brother Hays graduated from Baylor in 1918, and even at that

time he was a mighty preacher of the word. Earning his way and supporting his family, a lovely wife and daughter, he was recognized as a college leader. His pastorate at Burkburnett has been a great success. The church has enjoyed a steady growth along all lines. His Evangelistic gifts and visits of the sick and needy have won a warm place not only in the First Baptist Church, but all the city esteem him for his real worth. We are truly thankful for Reverend and Mrs. Miles B. Hays and their fine young son, Miles B. Jr. who will matriculate at Baylor this fall.

FIRST BAPTIST PERSONNEL

**Pastor M. B. Hays**  
Choir, Doc Busby.  
Assistant Pianist, Mrs. Gregory.  
Church Clerk, Mrs. W. L. Walker.  
Treasurer, Mrs. Strickland.  
Secretary, Mrs. S. Harris.  
Young People's Leader, Mrs. Myrtle Lewallen.  
B. T. U. Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Cheney.  
O. L. Clark Sunday School Superintendent when I came.  
Now the Sunday School Super-

intendent is Mr. W. H. Cross and has been Superintendent for eight or 10 years.

Secretary, Wylie Browning.  
Teachers in the school are:  
Adult: C. J. Duncan, Mrs. Camer, Mrs. Frank Watkins, Mrs. H. S. Vanceve, Mrs. O. L. Clark.  
Young People: O. L. Clark, Mr. Rice, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. E. H. Carver, Mrs. Myrtle Lewallen, Rev. Carl Miller.  
Intermediate: Mr. White, Henry Grace, Mrs. Henry Grace, Mrs. Beulah Jackson, Mrs. Reggie Kent.  
Junior: Roy T. Magers, Supt., Mrs. Teel, assistant superintendent, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Hayworth, Leona Hunt, Mrs. L. Coats, Mrs. Edna Marchal, Mrs. Arthur Satter, Mrs. Thaxton, Mrs. George Kent, Mr. Earle McCreary, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Harris.  
Primary: Mrs. Wm. Walker, Claude Bowman, Mrs. Grace, Mrs. W. H. Cross, Mrs. Boyd.  
Have six teachers who have taught six years.  
Beginner: Supt. Mrs. R. H. Preston.  
Cradle Roll: Mrs. Suttles, Mrs. Fuqua.

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The Burkburnett Tailors was purchased in 1931 by Barney Lorang, from R. D. Coats. The Burkburnett Tailors was started in Burkburnett in 1917 by Coffey & Grimes, and was purchased in 1920 by R. D. Coats, who operated same until Mr. Lorang bought him out in 1931.

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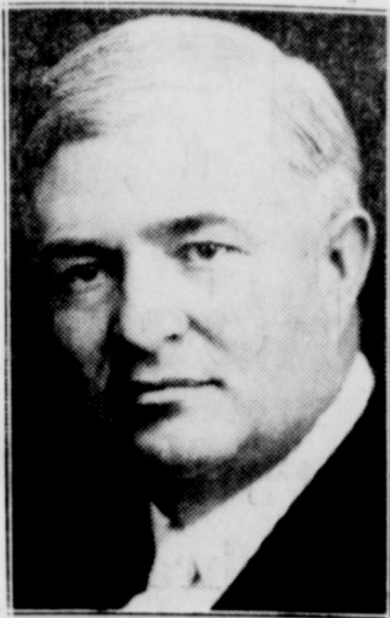
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BURKBURNETT, TEXAS

Methodist Church

Methodist Pastor



REV. H. M. COWLING

caused the building of another church by this denomination. During Rev. Martin's appointment, A. Rev. Hay held a revival here. He criticized the members of the church for sitting on the old boards for seats. Hay wore a big diamond, watch and tie pin. One member of the church asked him to help if he could wear such jewelry as that. Hawkins was present that day. He made the remark that if Hay had not come along they would probably still be sitting on these boards. Hay was the cause of the church purchasing pews that year.

Rev. Dice, now of Randlett, came to Burkburnett and agreed to pay \$400. of the \$800. debt of the church if the rest of the members would pay the rest. About 1909 the church was dedicated.

In 1911 the parsonage was purchased and Rev. J. Leonard Rea was the first person to occupy it. The pastors of the Methodist Church of Burkburnett have been Rev. McGeehee, Rev. C. P. Martin, Rev. J. L. Rea, Rev. Lee Sanders, Rev. W. F. Davis, Rev. C. L. Bounds, Rev. C. B. Golsen, Rev. T. R. Huffstutler, Rev. M. L. Hamilton, Rev. E. B. Cole, Rev. C. D. Montgomery, Rev. J. M. McConnell, Rev. M. L. Hamilton, Rev. H. V. Watts, Rev. H. Allen, Rev. C. W. Dennis, Rev. L. G. Haggard and Rev. H. M. Cowling is the present pastor.

From time to time the early settlers of Burkburnett tried to build a tabernacle. The first leaders of the movement were Dick Holly, saloon keeper, and Collins, an owner of an interest in the property that is now known as the original townsite of Burkburnett. This movement failed when Mrs. M. M. Majors refused to be with them to raise money. After the Methodists built their church, another movement was started to build a tabernacle because some thought the church would not last. This second movement for a tabernacle failed for lack of a leader.

J. F. Guillet was the first Sunday School Superintendent. The organ used in the first church was from the schoolhouse at Nesterville on Gilbert Creek where Mrs. Mollie C. Hardin taught school when she first came to this country from Virginia. The Nesterville schoolhouse stood where the cemetery is now.

Rev. Roach, Presiding Elder, held the first communion in the church. Mrs. W. M. Edwards furnished the table. This table is now in the present church. Table

cloth, goblets, bread and wine was furnished by individual members. Some said the Methodists were foolish enough to try to have communion--- they did.

**Preacher Egged**  
The missionary society had its early difficulties. The first obstacle they had to face was the question of whether the saloon owner's wife should be allowed to be a member of the society. This nearly busted up the society. This was at a time when open saloon was operating in Burkburnett. Every one was campaigning against the saloon. The votes from Freeberg, then a part of this precinct, was the cause of Burkburnett going dry. After the election Rev. McGeehee was the victim of a rotten-egging at the hands of a few wets.

**Revival**  
One of the greatest revivals held in Burkburnett was held by Rev. Bounds. The revival lasted 5 weeks. During the same, Rev. Bounds took sick and was not able to continue the revival. Prayer meeting was held for 4 days. At the end of that time, Rev. Bounds was able to return and finish holding the revival, but he had to sit in a chair and preach.

Rev. W. F. Davis introduced graded literature in the Sunday School. Rev. C. B. Golsen is remembered for his statement that the people of the community were paying but not praying. Rev. Cole who was here during the boom stated that people were not interested in religion. All they needed a preacher for was to bury the dead and marry people. Cole moved to where the present church is now.

Most members of the old church moved away during the boom except the Majors family. Mrs. Moss, R. H. Henry and family, M. S. Bertha Cropper and family, and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Knouth. The attendance of the church dwindled to about 35 or 40. People were always moving. Those in church one Sunday

would possible not be seen again. It was necessary to stop drilling during the 11 o'clock hour so preaching could be conducted. Some oil field workers attended services in their work clothes. Services were frequently interrupted by outsiders coming to the church who would walk in and call for individuals to transact business.

**New Church**  
Efforts were made to build the present church by Rev. Montgomery and Rev. McConnell. Largely through the efforts of Rev. M. L. Hamilton, W. R. Hill and R. H. Henry, work on the present church was started in the spring of 1925, and in March 1926, the last song sung in the old church was "Stand up for Jesus". Money was raised to build the new church through donations from various individuals. A "\$500." club was organized, individuals bought pews. Children bought bricks at 10 cents each, many a food sale was held. Once against J. J. G. Hardin rendered financial assistance to the Methodist Church.

The present board of Stuaris is composed of: J. L. Coffee, president, A. H. Loehesfner, Sec. Treas., W. R. Hill, M. C. Tucker, H. W. Prinzing, J. S. Mills, J. S. Gore, C. H. Masoner, L. N. Peyton, S. S. Reger, P. B. Browning, B. F. Gilchrist, J. D. Majors. The Board of Christian Education is composed of Rev. H. M. Cowling, pastor, M. C. Tucker, G. Gen. Supt., Dr. C. J. Morrison, Supt., Adult Division, and chairman of board, Mrs. O. E. Melton, Supt. Young Peoples Division, Mrs. Monroe Prinzing; Supt. Children's Division, J. D. Majors; representative of Board of Stuaris; Mrs. H. W. Prinzing, representative of Womens Missionary society on board; W. R. Hill, elected to board by Quarterly Conference. Trustee's of church property are P. B. Browning, W. R. Hill, J. D. Majors, J. S. Mills, and Dr. C. J. Morrison, President of Womens Missionary society is

Mrs. C. E. Melton, Local preacher is Rev. J. H. Rigsby, Superannuate Member of Oklahoma Conference is Rev. A. L. Hooper. The present Sunday School Teachers are H. C. Parker, Mrs. H. W. Prinzing and Mrs. M. C. Tucker of Adult division; J. Douglas Smyth and Mrs. O. E. Melton of Young People's Department; John Farr and Mrs. Frances Williamson of Intermediate Department of Young People's Division; Mrs. Monroe Prinzing, Mrs. Sam Cope, Mrs. M. W. Majors, Miss Novena Gore, Mrs. Scott Williamson, Mrs. Leslie Tuel, Miss Opal Thompson of the Children's Department.

The present pastor of the church is Rev. Cowling, who has

had 26 years of experience in the ministry. He has had between 1500 and 2,000 conversions during this time. He has had four years undergraduate work in Vanderbilt and Candler's School of Theology for preachers.

The value of the church property including parsonage and church lands is \$75,000. The present membership of the church is 520, church school enrollment, 293. Senior League 26; Intermediate League 15. Womens' Missionary Society--55. Number of families represented in the church 170. Additions to church to date 48. The present budget of the church is approximately \$4,000. which has been paid when due.

Welcome To Burkburnett's 30th Anniversary

We extend you a hearty welcome to attend Burkburnett's Pearl Anniversary and invite you to visit us.

Our place has just been completed, remodeled and new fixtures, including a new modern bar and restaurant fixtures.

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The oldest Grocery Store in Burkburnett welcomes you to the 30th Anniversary.

This Grocery Store was opened for business in Burkburnett Dec. 1, 1917, and is the only grocery store still in business that was in business at that time.

This store was founded by Joe Davis, and was under his direct management until 1935 when he sold out to Jewel Riley and T. P. Walker, who ran the store until it was purchased by the present owners, Miss Bess McGinnis and Mrs. Lottie Young.

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We extend you a cordial invitation to visit us during the 30th Anniversary of Burkburnett. That has always been the policy of this store, ever since its beginning when Saul's opened here in Burkburnett in 1922. From that day on this store has enjoyed a wonderful business. Saul sold out to the Famous in 1927, and Nov. 1936, H. S. Grace and Leonard Mattingly, manager, purchased the Famous from Rice-Stix, and have operated same as an independent store since that time. They too, have enjoyed a wonderful business, and take this means of thanking their loyal friends and customers for their support. In appreciation of this support they are always striving to bring to this trade territory the best merchandise that money can buy, at the least possible retail price.

A PIONEER MISSIONARY



Rev. A. J. Bush, who drove to Burkburnett every two weeks by horse and buggy to preach to members of the Central Christian church.

Christian Church Organized in 1907 By Rev. A. J. Bush

The history of the First Christian Church, or the Disciples of Christ as it was first called, began in the small, one-room school building which was the pride of Burkburnett in the early days. In 1907 Rev. Bush of Wichita Falls held the first meetings in the form of a revival. With him to these revival meetings and the Sunday afternoon meetings which followed came his daughter, Miss Beulah Bush, who is Mrs. Boggess of the Juliet Fowler Home. Miss Bush played the piano for the religious services in these early days. These two and oftentimes others spent half a day traveling over rough and muddy roads with the help of their faithful horse, Morgan, over the miles between Burkburnett and Wichita Falls to worship with the people here.

The town grew and the group got stronger until 1909 when Rev. Morgan, who was Pastor, was chosen to hold services on certain Sundays in the community church which was located where the present Methodist group became the strongest and the new church was built on the location of the former community church.

Meet in Theatre

The Disciples of Christ then moved to the Dreamland Theatre where Sunday School was held until the time of the oil boom.

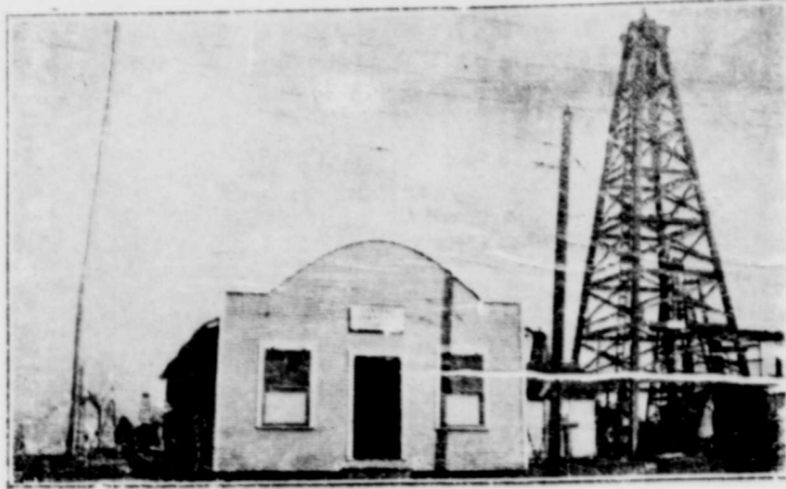
In about 1919 when the group wanted to reorganize, the following item appeared in the Burkburnett paper:

"On Tuesday of this week the Disciples of Christ held an important meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van. In addition to a good attendance of resident members, several outside parties were present. J. Lem Keevil, minister of the Church of Christ at Wichita Falls, and several members of that church attended. A. E. Dubber, minister at Electra, and several members of that congregation were present. Elder L. Lem Keevil told of the great interest that the Churches of Christ of this county and the state have in the establishment of a Christian Church at Burkburnett, stating that the outside churches will help materially in this work. The meetings will continue to be held each Sunday at the Dreamland Theatre until further notice."

After the group was reorganized, Rev. McKinney became the first minister and lead the church for several years in its present location. Following Rev. McKinney, came Rev. John D. White and during the time that he was minister, the church grew until the annex had to be built to accommodate the Sunday School.

After several years the East Texas oil boom took a greater percent of the church membership. Rev. Marshall Masters was one of the next ministers and leaders of the group which became so small that it was necessary to discon-

The First Central Christian Church



In the midst of a Boom the Central Christian members worshipped while clanking pumps drew oil from nearby wells.

The building was finished and the church freed from debt.

At the present time this building which is the best that the church has ever had is used for Sunday School every Sunday and for church services under the able direction of Rev. A. T. Starr, who preaches the first and third Sundays of each month to an increasing group of earnest workers.

Clara Church—

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denomination members hold offices of importance. Arthur Ramming is the past president, Walter League, Miss Erna Schwieger and the Pastor Rev. Kaiser held state positions on the educational committee and Walther League. Miss Schwieger is secretary of the North Texas Youth unit. The pastor is secretary of the North Texas regional conference.

The pastor is a native of Indiana. He graduated after a six year course from Ft. Wayne College, and then secured his degree at Corsordia, the largest theological school in the United States. He served at Albany five years before coming to Clara.

The pastor has received calls from Buffalo, N. Y., Missouri, Houston, and Clifton, Texas. These he has refused even though they would appear to be promotions. But Rev. Kaiser said in answer to the query as to why he remained in Clara, "I see a future here. This is a growing, not a stagnant community. It is definitely identified with progress, and is permanent field of ser-

vice. It will last forever and serve the people that long."

The church has one of the only two privately supported Christian day schools in the country. This has been maintained by private subscription since the day the school was organized. It is affiliated and teaches up to the 7th grade. The first 45 minutes each day is devoted to religious instruction. The rest of the day is secular instruction. There is an active progressive public school nearby fully affiliated.

So it is that the church combines active progressive education service, profoundly spiritual worship, and practical living. The congregation continues to grow. It is a benefit influence throughout the county. It is active in raising large sums for mission work. It is the same sound type of people that all over the world follow the founder Martin Luther. A faithful, kindly, intelligent people, symbolized in a small white church.

NEW WAYS TO THINK—Business men who represent the vigor and vitality of private initiative cannot remain provincial in their political and social outlook, isolated and unorganized in their tactics, in this era of world unity, world business, world organization. They must answer the challenge on the field in which it is made—on the grounds of service to the world community—which, of course, implies two ideas; service rather than mere profits; and a world-range as a basis for the community which is being served.—Salvador de Madariaga, Spanish author and statesman, in the Rotarian Magazine.

Congratulations, Burkburnett On Your 30th Birthday



TIME MARCHES ON AND Dodson's

—Want to thank Burkburnett and surrounding community for these 10 pleasant months that we have been in your midst. —AND NOW, on the threshold of our 1st milestone we are again made aware of our great debt of gratitude to the people of this city and territory as you have been at our side as loyal friends. —Your patronage and support have made it possible for us to carry on toward greater heights.

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We are glad to have a part in this thirtieth anniversary celebration.

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THE MUSIC MAKERS OF BURKBURNETT



community. Mr. Wigham is a rancher in the Panhandle district at the present.

In 1919 a spring flood made the previous crossing impractical. The railway bridge had been used for a few wagons, but the bed of that bridge burned out, and the railroad company refused to build the floor back.

With the backing of the community Mr. Wigham started the bridge. Citizens donated \$3,000 to the enterprise. After five months struggle with the uncertain moods of the river the wooden structure was completed.

Celebration

The celebration that followed for three days has been called the biggest party ever held in Burk Burnett by all old timers. The people on both sides of the river were given free passage for three days, and a prolonged picnic was held. Speakers and entertainers from all over Northern Texas and Southern Oklahoma attended. The Indians came in flocks to watch and play. Among the speakers were Judge A. H. Carrigan of Wichita Falls.

Mr. Wigham is one of the oldest residents of the district. He came to Wichita Falls in 1883 where he made his home until 1907. At Wichita Falls Mr. Wigham helped establish the first gin and managed the cotton seed oil mill for several years.

When he came here to purchase the first town lot in 1907 he found seven hundred buyers ready for the sale. The headquarters were at the First National Bank which had been previously established. He was a native of Missouri, but has lived in Texas 65 years.

After the town lot sale a school meeting was called in a wooden shack. The fight for a school bond followed and carried 40 to 2. J. G. Hardin, Burk Burnett philanthropist, was appointed overseer of the construction. The building costing \$30,000 is still in use. According to Mr. Wigham, Mr. Hardin offered half of the funds necessary to build the school.

Drouth Bad

In 1911 the drouth was so bad that the bank offered 10 dollars for one meal of roasting ears, and found no takers. That year Mr. Wigham was elected alderman and served for three years. In 1913 he built the first light plant. That year the tragic accident which took the life of one workman burned the plant to the ground, and for six months the

city was without lights and power. The accident occurred when the superintendent of the plant attempted to start a gasoline engine at the plant. An explosion followed.

The charter was sold to the city and later to the Wichita Falls light company. The company built high line to Burk Burnett.

The normal crops in the early days were cotton and corn. Comparatively little wheat was produced here. The cotton crop reached about 800 bales and sold most of the time for nine cents or less.

Before leaving Mr. Wigham promised that he would be back to help Burk Burnett celebrate its 30th anniversary next June.

Junior University Club Adds to City Culture in Program

In June, 1929, a group of ten girls was invited to the home of Mrs. J. M. Pogue, to meet with the University Study Club, for the purpose of organizing a junior society. Those attending this meeting, and forming the charter membership of the new club, were: Evelyn Conley Felty, Bennie Lee Gates, Chiquita Grennell Bingham, Helen Henry Awalt, Carrie McCreary, Patricia Middleton, Pansy Mills, Margetta Purcell, Dorothy Ragsdale Gibson, and Erna Schwegler.

Mrs. M. L. Urban and Mrs. H. A. Brooks of the University Study club were chosen sponsors for the junior group and aided in the details of the final organization and federation with the State Federation of Womens Clubs.

It was decided to call the new club the Junior University Study Club, in honor of the senior club. The close bond of friendship which existed between the two clubs in 1929 has been maintained throughout the years. Twice each year, a party is held at which time one of the clubs is hostess to the other. These meetings are usually the most elaborate of the year and are looked forward to with eagerness by members of both groups.

In drawing up the constitution of the club, the charter members chose as their purpose "To study such subjects as shall be chosen by the club, and to promote the welfare of the community." This ob-

ject has been carried out consistently through the study of various subjects covering the field of literature, art, drama, travel and a variety of other subjects. It is an unwritten law that papers shall be given from notes and not read. In carrying out the second part of their motto, the club has participated in many charitable endeavors and is always ready to cooperate with other clubs and organizations in civic welfare.

Miss Margetta Purcell was chosen first president of the club. Others who have occupied this position are: Erna Schwegler, Maude Morrison, Norene Kirby, Pansy Mills, and Florence Foster. The incoming president, who will take her office this month, is Miss Alice Morgan.

For several years, the club, in cooperation with the local Parent-Teachers Association, chose a high school girl and invited her to attend meetings of the club. This was done in order to give her the privilege of becoming acquainted with the work of a federated club. High school girls enjoying this privilege were: Ima Joe Bryant, Joy Kirsh, and Martha Kate Alexander.

In addition to the regular study programs, a series of social events color the year's work. In the fall a party is given in honor of the sponsor club; at Christmas, the club has its own party, with the privilege of inviting guests; at Valentine, a party is given for the husbands and friends of the members; in May, an afternoon tea honors the mothers; later in the month an annual picnic is enjoyed.

The club year is closed with a dinner party, at which time the officers for the ensuing year are installed, and the report of the club's delegate to the district convention is heard.

The present membership of the club includes Misses Ethyl Virginia Allen, Bennie Lee Gates, Sara Majors, Juanita Ford, Alice Morgan, Erna Schwegler, Alice Wesbrooks, Gladys Wesbrooks, and Mesdames John Wimberly, John Foster, Truman Garland, Harold Van Loh, Walter Morris, Carl Morrison, Morris Strong, Dale Cropper, Victor Spearman, and Randall Watkins.

We have at least two years of increasing prosperity ahead of us. What will happen after that depends largely on the public attitude.

We cannot be indifferent to the world's gigantic naval programs.

Mr. G. W. Wigham Recalls History Burk's Beginning

Builder of First Bridge Tells Experiences of Starting Structure

Standing on the Red River bridge near Burk Burnett Wednesday, G. W. Bigham, builder of the first bridge near this city and pioneer resident of the area said, "We used to cross this river on corn cobs." The audience of several friends were astounded

because there are times when the Red takes a wild notion to flood and at such times it could not be crossed in a fair sized steamboat.

However, Mr. Wigham did several things first in Burk Burnett and area. He established the first gin, built the first bridge this side of Denison, bought the first lot in the town lot sale, led the fight for the building of the first school, actually plotted the first sub-division, the Wigham addition.

First Gin

It was in connection with the first gin that Mr. Wigham provided the corn cob and shuck crossing near Burk Burnett. During 1907 and 1908 the gin purchased 200,000 bushels of corn. The cobs and shucks from this corn was thrown into the sandy ford across the bed of river to make it possible for wagons to cross. The deep sand prevented the normal pulling of a loaded wagon.

While visiting his brother in law and sister Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Goins, recently, the resident of Panhandle, Texas, recalled many interesting things that happened during the early history of the

place in classification, and brought home a \$50.00 prize in cash. In 1930 the band won first place at the Abilene meeting, and added to the high honors. This prize was the big cup prized so highly by Texas bands.

That fall the band went to Dallas and won second place and second place money of \$75.00. In 1932 the band played at Frederick and won the first place at the meeting of Western Oklahoma chamber of commerce meeting. A cup was awarded.

In the fall of '32 the band tried Dallas again for the trip with all expenses paid. In 1933 they went to the Livestock Show, and won the first place at Iowa Park at the county fair concert. The band repeated the trip to Daals that year.

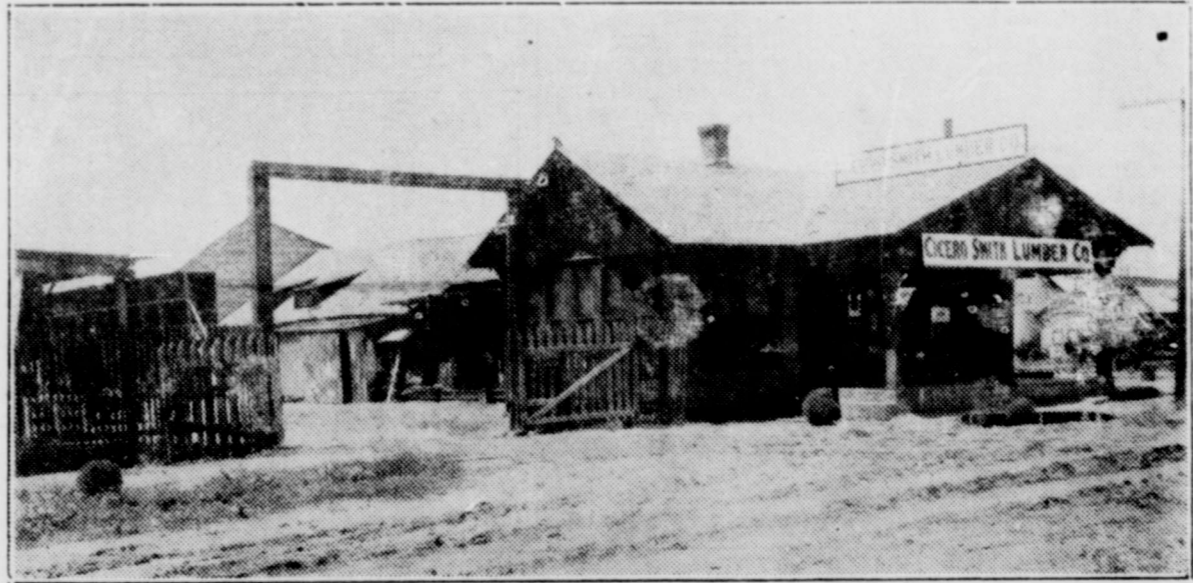
In 1934 the group started traveling again and won first place at the convention of the American Legion state convention at Wichita Falls and carried off the top money. They went to the Live stock show at Dallas, and the county fair. They traveled with the football team. The band won first place and trophy at

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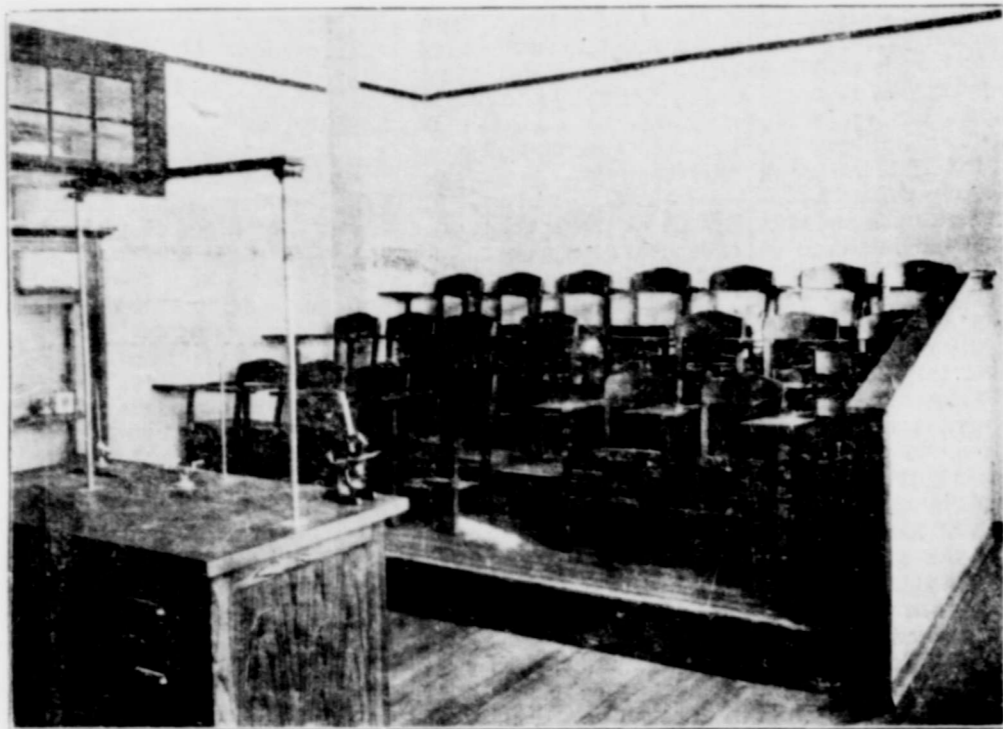
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## WELL EQUIPPED SCIENCE ROOMS



The Burkburnett high school is well equipped for study of elementary sciences.

## School History

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about the construction of a new brick school building. Among those present were P. A. Wigham and J. G. Hardin. When the discussion reached the highest temper, Mr. Hardin offered to carry half of the expense of the building on condition that the remainder be raised by private subscription. \$16,000 was the proposed expense. This proposal was made to prevent a levying of a bond tax.

### Hardin Foreman

However, the vote defeated the proposal and the bond election was called. J. G. Hardin was appointed construction foreman for the buildings, and today that building is still in service. The cost seemed enormous to the small village, but the school continued to grow until 1914. A graduating class of five members was honored by the school. The teachers at that time were Miss Ella Powers, Davis, Hill and two other not remembered.

The next period of importance was in 1917. Burl Bryant, now member of the state board, was superintendent. The people voted \$18,100 for a new building, but Bryant entered the war before the year was over and E. J. Woods succeeded him as superintendent.

### Boom Days

In August 1918 the Fowler boom had accumulated such impetus that the schools were taxed to a limit. The great upheaval in the community left the school relatively small. Most of the new citizens were adults, leaving their families elsewhere. The premium on labor made completion of the building impossible.

At that time a narrow strip of land off of the campus was leased for \$14,000 and the money used to complete the building and pay the high priced labor. After the building was completed the school received its first affiliation. Seven and one-half units were granted by the state department.

J. P. Buck, state department of education visited that year and said "the buildings are inadequate. Two more teachers must be employed." This threat to withdraw affiliation produced results. Improvements were made and five additional units granted.

### Crowded

The next year the crowds increased at Miss Hallie Jameson of the state department of education again recommended the forfeiture of the units unless improvement was made immediately. His statement to the newspaper that year was: "Burkburnett's school life has been beset by woes and handicaps. In the

first place, the oil boom of this and preceding years has sent her scholastic population far and away over capacity. Last summer a handsome high school building was completed, but it is now not nearly large enough for the overflow from boom times. So a frame house of intermediate ranking has been constructed, along side the high school building. Funds in the richest oil field in the world has the nine months. The citizens while gaining wealth every day are \$82,000 behind in taxes. Naturally there is a decided dread on sequence and morale became evident in the school. Nobody knew how to or even whether to continue when I was there."

### Emergency!

That is a picture of boom days. Wealth in great amounts, and the school still without money to operate. When the state superintendent called the next week, \$15,000 was raised to keep the school open.

At that time the school buildings had classes in shifts. Only 700 could be accommodated. There were 1,000 pupils. So 700 studied, and the other 700 played outside of the building, rain or shine. On December 2, 1921 state superintendent W. B. Mikessell made this report: "The at-then exhausted. It is a question of whether or not sufficient donations can be raised to complete tence problem was solved by

adopting the Gary site. All the pupils were divided into 29 classes in the grade school and 13 were taught as 13 classes played outside.

In 1922 the situation became intolerable and \$150,000 bond issue was voted for the present high school building. The bond issue provided for a four room brick building on the Hardin farm west of the city proper. These buildings were in use the following spring for the graduation services and the city had the best system of its history.

### Well Equipped

The home economics and manual training and arts departments

## THE BURKBURNETT HIGH SCHOOL



The \$150,000 high school building, one of the most efficiently equipped school buildings in the area with attendant athletic plant that surpasses any class B arrangement in the district.

are completely equipped. The laboratories and libraries are up to standard.

In the grade school there was adequate equipment for the attendance of a single class, and the Gary system was abandoned. The students started play and study under a normal regime.

However, the difficult days were not over. With the drop in price and production of oil, financial difficulties were faced. During the depression bankruptcy seemed possible. Superintendent Butler Westerfield and the board faced the problem of raising funds for the school in face of economic chaos.

J. G. Hardin again came to the rescue of the system. The bonds were purchased by the estate and held in trust. This refunding made possible the continued existence of the school, and naturally led to a more efficient financial administration.

The \$146,000 lifted a huge burden from the struggling institution, and solvency was possible. The activities were expanded until every phase of normal student life is taken care of by the schools. The winning football team, the athletic program for both boys and girls, the best tennis courts in the county, the most modern and complete stadium, an excellent stage and auditorium, well trained teachers and coaches to administer the program.

### Grade School

In the grade school under Lee Clifton a new experiment in teaching has received recognition. In the school under C. J. Duncan the progressive plan of low month payment is in force.

The personnel of the school now included high ranking teachers, an efficient school board. O. L. Clark, is president of the

board, and the members are R. C. Tevis, Paul Browning, I. E. Harwell, J. H. Exley, H. D. Smith, and Brack Preston.

C. J. Duncan holds the position of superintendent of the school and principal of the high school.

Lee Clifton is principal of grade school. The football team is coached by Volney Hill and coach Polk Robison.

Four years ago a new department was established in the vocational agriculture department. This department has become one of the most important in the school. In this short time it has achieved affiliation and under M. S. Dean spread a service to the community that has brought favorable reaction.

The farmers of the community have cooperated, and the vocational agricultural classes have become the most practical in the school.

### The other teachers are:

In the grade school the instructor will be Ethyl Virginia Allen, Annie Laura Billingslea, Mrs. E. L. Blum, Mildred Corley, Jane Gray, Helen Ingle, Katherine Lassetter, Pauline Miller, Mary McGuius, Mildred Owen, Morris Strong, W. B. Teen, Pattie Thompson, Grace Warman, and Elizabeth West.

The high school instructors will be Ella Billingslea, Thelma Dunaway, John Farr, Juanita Ford, Lorene Goodman, Laura Fay Herring, Helen January,

Pierce, Carl Pommersgaard, Margaret Tanner, Gladys Taylor, Scott Williamson, Kathryn In the colored school Mrs. Lee will continue to teach

1912

The oldest store in Burkburnett, in same location and under same management.

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1919

# A COMPLETE STORE For An Entire Community

As the oldest general merchandise store of its kind, operating under the same ownership and management for the past 18 years, the Boyd Bros., Cash Exchange surveys with pride and appreciation the growth that has come to this store during the years which are being commemorated in this 30th anniversary celebration.

Boyd Bros., came to Burkburnett in 1919 and from a modest start in which the merchandise would amount to only a few hundred dollars, housed in a small shack 12x14, and with a couple of mules and an old wagon they began supplying their country's needs, peddled afternoon from house to house and did most of the delivering at night. Later business became so good they quit house to house peddling and devoted all their time to the store.

In 1924 the Boyd Bros., Tom, Charlie, Jim and Bill moved to their new location on West Main, a nice brick building. Their business kept growing and in 1930 they purchased a store at Thrift and are still operating same.

In 1933 they purchased the Elks building, a two-story brick, building, 25x150 feet, and moved their store which was located on West Main to the new home which is in the heart of Burkburnett's business district. They will use the store on West Main as a warehouse and storage room. The remainder of the block extending to 4th St., was purchased in 1936, and is being used as a Retail and Wholesale Feed department, an uptodate Cream Station and an annex for warehouse purposes.

The Boyd Bros., have always tried hard to have what the customer wanted, and have always endeavored to deal squarely with everyone. They appreciate the very liberal patronage given them by the people of Burkburnett and vicinity and invite all to visit them during the celebration.

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## ACTIVE CIVIC AND SOCIAL CLUBS KEEP BURKBURNETT PEOPLE BUSY

### BLUEBONNET GARDEN CLUB



Members are from left to right in the back row, Mesdames H. J. Exley, D. R. Peevey, George Kerr, J. M. Mathews, W. A. Roberts, H. C. Preston, J. M. Patterson, Johnnie Anderson; front row, R. M. Gilchrist, D. A. Westbrook, F. A. Jamieson, Lilly Green, I. D. Russell, and B. F. Gilchrist.

potting, Mrs. Webb, and care and prevention of plant diseases by Mrs. Thompson.

In February the club studied how to grow Window Garden, Mrs. Welch acting as leader. How to grow Jerusalem cherries by Mrs. Roy Alexander, Successful Poinsettias, Mrs. R. L. Mattingly, Crab Cactus, Mrs. B. F. Gilchrist, Mrs. J. M. Patterson was hostess.

Mrs. R. M. Gilchrist was leader on the Iris program held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Mattingly Mar. 10. Mrs. D. R. Peevey gave the progress of the Iris. Mrs. H. J. Exley Use and Purpose in Garden. Mrs. Jack Chatham the Culture and Mrs. George Kerr Planting and varieties.

A very interesting program on roses was given at the home of

Mrs. Johnnie Anderson April 14. Mrs. John Webb was the leader. Locations and size of rose garden by Mrs. R. D. Owens, How and When of Planting Mrs. I. D. Russell, Fertilizing, Mrs. H. W. Prizing, Diseases and their cure Mrs. J. M. Hayworth.

The May program was given at the home of Mrs. Jack Chatham for a study of lilies, Mrs. B. F. Gilchrist was leader, and the Origin and peculiarity of the lilies was given by Mrs. Clyde Bohner. Lily culture Mrs. O. C. Wills, harmonious companions, Mrs. Fred Alexander.

The club enjoyed a picnic at the city park in June. In July 14 the club met at the home of Mrs. R. D. Owens with helpful talk

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### C of C PRESIDENT



R. L. MATTINGLY

### C of C Service Extends To All Phases of Burkburnett

As the entire community contemplates the celebration as the greatest event in the history of the city, one organization, The Chamber of Commerce, is working with every possible resource brought into play to make the party successful.

The idea of the celebration had its origin in the councils of three groups, American Legion, Fire Department and the Chamber of Commerce. Together these three groups have worked for several months to bring to a glorious climax the ambition that the individuals of each group have had.

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### SECRETARY



HERMAN ENGELMANN

The original organization of the chamber of commerce was a business and professional men's league organized early in the history of the city. This league served the same purpose that the later organization has served.

It was not until July 11, 1930, that the group received official charter from the state of Texas as the chamber of commerce. The application was prepared and filed at the county court house the 9th of July, and the secretary of state granted the petition two days later.

The activities include every phase of community work for the promotion of civic and social welfare of Burkburnett and the area.

This year the major program is the presentation of the 30 jubilee. In cooperation with other organizations the workers of the chamber of commerce have been

### BURKBURNETT IN LEAD CIVIC PROGRESS BY WORK SOCIETIES IN WELL PLANNED COOPERATION

By joining hands in every problem that brings advancement to Burkburnett, the clubs of this city have brought Burkburnett an enviable reputation of cooperativeness; and through this reputation made the city more progressive in every phase of living.

tireless efforts to prepare for the birthday.

Next to this project the organization hopes to elect the most useful citizen this year and that person shall be honored at the annual banquet. This project has been abandoned several years, but will be renewed this year.

The state highway from Burkburnett to Vernon via Harrold serves as a major project. The chamber of commerce was instrumental in securing the designation of the route as state highway number 240 last year, and now hopes to bring the process of hardsurfacing to completion in the near future.

Along with this highway project is the ambition to secure the completion of U. S. 277 through Oklahoma. The Oklahoma highway commission has promised to pave the route, and will start before the end of the summer.

The softball association was created by the sports committee of the organization, and this year through cooperation with other clubs a recreation park has been erected on the Shamburger field that gave the local fans one of the best in the area, and the entire entertainment is free.

The program for last year included the following features:

Urgent citizens of town to clean up premises.

Sponsored tree planting in

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The Lions and Rotary groups as service clubs have added to the wide spread service rendered to underprivileged. The chamber of commerce has kept aggressive and keen attention to promotional work which has kept Burkburnett on the minds of the whole state.

The Masonic group has active organization in every department. The Order of the Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, and local Masonic lodge maintain active groups.

In literary groups the Current Literature Club, senior and junior University Study clubs have made programs for presentations of serious study. For practical home work the Hardin Home demonstration club is one of the most active in the area. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs kept a progressive program of fraternal natural.

All of the beauty in the city is the projects of the two garden clubs, the Burkburnett Garden club and the Bluebonnet Garden club.

Together these organizations have always kept in mind the welfare of the city and held in their programs a cooperation with all other groups.

Former President Hoover is planning a mining industry exhibit for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.

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S. A. M. Cooper, Proprietor

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S. A. M. Cooper, proprietor of the Cooper Motor Co., local Ford dealer, arrived in Burkburnett May 27, 1921, and went to work for the Meridian Garage, which was owned by Boykin & Galloway. In October of the same year he began work for the Caro Motor Co., for whom he worked for over two years.

In November, 1923, he and Gordon Woolley opened the Cooper-Woolley Garage. In January, 1928, he acquired the interest of Mr. Woolley and continued to operate the garage until 1934, when he, with R. H. Henry, Earl McCreary, L. H. Alexander bought the Ford franchise and moved to their present location on Avenue C and opened the Cooper-McCreary Motor Co. Since that time Mr. Cooper has acquired the interest of his partners and has changed the name of the firm to the Cooper Motor Co.

Reading from left to right: A. J. Harris, A. A. Lawson, S. A. M. Cooper, Otis Waddell, B. O. Willis, G. W. Counter, Jr., M. C. Lillard, George Stripling, D. H. Gregory, Nelda Logan, W. L. Walker, Ernest Carter, and Elbert Zink.

In connection with his Ford cars and Truck sales he has a complete garage and employes 14 mechanics and salesmen who are always ready and willing to accommodate the customers. He has one of the most modern equipped garages in this part of the country.

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# Tucker Oil Company's Methods Of Production Pay Dividends Long After Gushers Have Gone

Vast reservoirs of oil hidden for centuries beneath rolling sandy stretches bespeak a miracle of nature, but the Tucker Oil company is the fruit of an idea, persistently and industriously applied.

Like the area upon which its highly successful operations began, the company is a central figure in the evolution of oil as a dominant industry in the Burkburnett district. Charles J. Tucker and Dr. Howard Weber, its founders selected acreage on blocks 83, 88 and 97 in the Northwest field for the inauguration of their project. They were there early, and along with hundreds of other operators, reaped a rich harvest from the first voluminous tide of oil surging upward at only a touch from the 1700-foot reservoir.

### Enormous Reserves Topped

But that first flush of gushing production is not the explanation of the company's success and continued growth. The men who organized the company had, from the beginning, another vision of those hidden sands. Not blinded by the roaring of a golden stream into the tanks, they saw the enormous reserves of oil not yet leached.

Mr. Tucker and Dr. Weber helped the various little pits to market, but they staked their enduring hopes upon the one that stayed at home. They took the flush production, the derrick-splashing gush of loose oil, and the generous flow brought by normal pumping processes. But they kept in mind always the congealed, firmly fixed oil which they believed still rested within the sands. Devotion to that theory and practical cultivation of it, explains the maintenance of more than 900 barrels daily production now from 537 wells scattered over 2,000 acres of land.

Approximately \$1,000,000 was spent in the Northwest field by the Tucker-Weber partnership before production began. The company completed 65 wells on the 110 acres leased in 1918 on blocks 83, 88 and 97—prolific centers of production. When production was shut down by the government because of a lack of pipe line facilities, the company had a production of 16,000 barrels daily.

### Experiments Started

P. P. Langford became associated a few years later with Mr. Tucker and Dr. Weber, and with this consolidation the company's holdings were increased by about 225 acres under lease. Dr. Weber, formerly of Kansas City, died in 1925. Mr. Tucker and Mr. Langford soon thereafter began experimentation with repressure as a means of obtaining reserves of oil not reached by ordinary pumping methods.

Application of repressure has for its object the loosening and softening of oil firmly deposited within productive sands. For that purpose, wet gas from other wells is forced under heavy pressure into the sand. The result is a great increase in the viscosity of the dormant oil so that it responds to the pump.

### Refiners Operations

In the application of the theory, and operation under it, the Tucker Oil company has developed a repressure plant and refinery on block 83 in the Northwest field. The repressure plant forces the gas into oil wells, releasing oil which heretofore has been immobile. It also produces a blended gasoline, combining straight run with natural gasoline.

The refinery handles about one-fourth of the company's present production of nearly 1,000 barrels. It serves chiefly to provide fuel oil for the Diesel engines operated in the repressure plant. The company sells the remaining three-fourths of its crude to other refineries.

### Wide Sale of Gasoline

Gasoline from the repressure plant supplies approximately 100 gasoline filling stations in the Wichita Falls territory. They are operated by private owners, but are known as Tucker Gasoline stations. The output of gasoline to these stations approximates 216,000 gallons monthly.

The Tucker Oil company maintains offices in the City National bank building in Wichita Falls, but has a field crew of from 100 to 150 men employed in production, pipe line and refining departments.

THE WAY TO PEACE—Prosperity for each nation through the prosperity of all nations is lasting. Prosperity at the expense of other nations is not only ephemeral but sooner or later very costly. The experience of modern times proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that nations which seek to be the servants and not the masters of the world are those which attain great well-being. Service, not conquest, is the way to peace.—Sir George Paish, English economist and author, in the Rotarian Magazine.

## FIRE MARSHAL



J. J. BLACKSTONE  
Marshal of the local department and vice-president of the state organization.

## Fire Department Most Valuable Organization

—Probably no other department or club in the city renders as great a service with as little reward and recognition as the Volunteer Fire Department. Under the leadership of its able executive W. A. Roberts, president, and J. J. Blackstone, fire marshal, Frank Kelly, fire chief, the organization has become the most efficient unit of its type in the entire state, and the record both in community service and fire losses is one about which the city and the department can brag long and loud.

To many business men the word service is vague and indefinite, and on the basis of actual cash saving under the present insurance rating the efficiency of the department makes it possible for the property owners of this city to secure credit of approximately \$2,500 each year on premiums. At the present time the city has the highest possible credit rating of 15 per cent. The insurance written amounts to a premium of approximately \$13,000.00. The difference between what the business men do pay and what they would have to pay if the rating

was not granted amounts to more than the \$2,500 figure.

### First Aid

This work, however, is not all that the department does for the improvement of the city. In every movement the members respond to the call to aid the unfortunate. In disasters and in normal times the department has been in the lead in offering to aid for civic progress.

In recent days the life of one boy was saved by emergency first aid. In the flood of 1935, during other periods when there was need of courage and staidness the men have been quick to respond.

The department was organized in October 1927. Prior to that time there had been a paid organization of six men only who drew pay for each call where the hose was strung. There were times when all of these men were out of town, and the system failed to serve. In the emergency the new department was organized to secure greater efficiency.

### Volunteer

The first rule adopted was to make the department purely volunteer. No man receives pay for his work with the department now. Because of their desire to protect the community and out of a sense of service the men have banded themselves together.

The first officers were A. H. Wade, president; J. M. Dunn, vice-president; R. J. Kelly, secretary-treasurer; J. J. Blackstone, chief; G. C. Brashear, assistant chief.

The present officers are W. A. Roberts, president, G. C. Bra-

## Long and Short

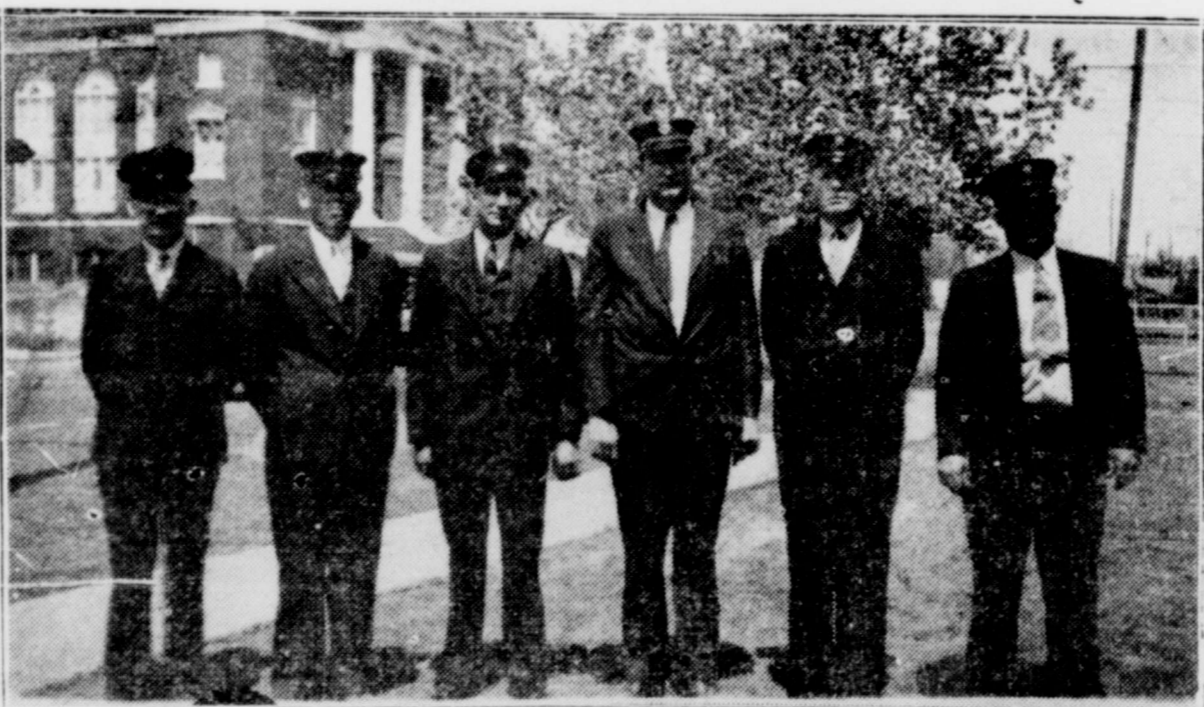


The Fire Department has variety. W. A. Roberts and Neal Allen.

shear, vice president, C. R. Mathew, secretary-treasurer; Frank Kelley, chief, F. H. Hood, assistant chief, J. J. Blackstone marshal.

In concrete terms the service is demonstrated in the comparative losses. In 1931 the department answered 76 alarms with a loss of more than \$34,000. In 1936 the

## CHARTER MEMBERS



The present department has six members of the original department. They are Jack Kelley, Frank Kelley, George Brashear, John Blackstone, Fred Brookman, Jobie Dunn.

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## Burkburnett 'Mother' Conducts Story Telling Hour



A typical scene at Burkburnett is the picture above showing Mrs. M. W. Majors, pioneer Wicmit county woman, conducting a story hour for Burkburnett children. Mrs. Majors, active in all civic enterprises, was instrumental in founding the first church at Burkburnett.

## Mrs. Majors Is Real Mother of The Community

If Burkburnett were to designate an official mother, no other candidate for such an honor would have a chance against Mrs. M. W. "Mother" Majors. She would be conceded that honor without contest or dispute. No other person has been in the true sense the mother of a community as Mrs. Majors. From the very

department answered 14 alarms with a loss of \$109.00.

In addition to the regular routine of training all has not been just hard work. The department has participated in contests and games which in each instance increases the efficiency of the organization. The record of winning the hook-up cup, the water polo contest in every section of the state is one of the best in the area. These contests reduce the normal routine to game terms and give a zest to a hard routine of training.

To this end the department has been represented at the state fire marshal and firemen's convention each year since 1928, and J. J. Blackstone has brought honor to the department by being selected as the vice president of the state organization. They have been active in the Panhandle association, the West Texas organization for several years. The department has sent a member to the state firemen training school each year since 1930 and effect a 3 percent saving on premiums.

It would be impossible to rate the work of the group. Out of purely volunteer efforts they render a tremendous service.

first day that it was started she has watched with keen jealousy for its progress for the entire community. In every enterprise that has added beauty or brought relief from suffering, has given spiritual consolation and inspiration. Mother Majors has been a leader and on many occasions the originator.

At the present her pet project is one that has been of the type characteristic of her life in this community. Each Wednesday afternoon she gathers the children of the community for story telling hour at the Hardin park. After a session of interesting stories the children are fed ice cream. Both the stories and the cream have developed wide popularity and approximately 200 children attend each session. The Current Literature club and the Federated Missionary society help with this plan, but it is fundamentally Mother Majors' idea. She developed it and made it the most popular occasion of the summer for the children.

If it is possible to translate religion into practical living, Mother Majors has done that more nearly than any other person in Burkburnett.

To Mother Majors religion is more than the habit of attending religious services. It is transmut-

ing of all the beautiful ideals into service. When she came to Burkburnett in 1907, there was no Methodist church here. She and the late Mr. Majors drove over the whole area gathering people for a meeting to reorganize the church.

A prayer meeting was called and invitations were extended to everybody in the community to attend. A preacher had promised to attend but when a large crowd had gathered, no preacher could be found.

The meeting started early in the morning. At noon the men were still arguing about the prac-

ticability of the idea. They never knew that hungry men called them to her home. After the men had eaten, Mrs. Majors talked about her plans for the church.

Such events illustrate the common sense of the pioneer and especially of Mother Majors. Mrs. Majors' church days as she tells how the heavy and the grass grew so profusely. Such conditions are an over abundance of the H. A. Boaz, later a Bishop for the meeting at the church. When he called for the men those that would give \$100 a man took the occasion as a swat at the preacher that swarmed into the meeting. Each swat cost the member of the Rotary \$100 before he left.

Mrs. Majors is still active in clubs which promote civic and social welfare. She is a member of the Current Literature club, the Missionary society, the Beautification committee, a member of the chamber of commerce, and a library board.

TIGHT-MINDERS believe because they are folks who believe they believe because they believe in spite of the preconceived interests, and pray A. E. Wiggam, author of the unimist, in the Rotarian Magazine.

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**BROWNE STUDIO**  
(In Rear of Corner Drug Store)  
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Kodak Finishing

# WE WELCOME YOU

## To Burkburnett's 30th Anniversary Celebration

Lige and Marshall Chrestman, father and son, proprietors of the L. & M. Food Store, came to Burkburnett in 1930, from Iowa Park, Texas, where the elder Mr. Chrestman operated a Grocery and Market and Food Store for 7 years.

When first coming to Burkburnett Mr. Chrestman was manager of the Old Western Commission Co., located in Avenue B, between 2nd and Main street.

In 1933 Mr. Chrestman and his son bought the Western Commission Co., changing the name to the Burk Grocery & Feed. They continued to run this business until 1935 when they sold out.

In October, 1935, they opened they L. & M. Food Store, which they have continued to operate. Marshall Chrestman left Burkburnett in 1936 for Corpus Christi, and is now employed by the Republican Oil Co., as lease foreman.

The L. & M. Food Store carries a complete line of Fresh and Staple Groceries The Best in Fresh And Cured Meats and A Complete Line of Fresh Vegetables in Season

# L. & M. FOOD STORE

Lige and Marshall Chrestman, Props.

Modern Club Room For Boys Club



The Boys club modern recreation room at the Rotary hall.

Hawkeye Finishes More Than Quarter Century's Service

Ed Owens, Burk Star's Rabbit Creek Correspondent, Started Writing in 1907

VARIED, INTERESTING LIFE

Since the years of its first publication, the Burk Burnett Star has had one faithful correspondent, Ed Owens, known as "Hawkeye" to the readers of the paper. For almost 30 years, week after week, the copy from across the Red River always making printing schedule, and barring flood and disaster, the copy is always on time and has been throughout the three decades.

Hawkeye is well known in the church and community affairs in the little community in Okla., and he has many friends in Burk Burnett who have known him for more than a quarter of a century that he has been writing for this paper. There are many readers of the paper who will find a story of his life an interesting feature with all the elements of pioneering courage and homely philosophy and wit that characterized the life of men who build the West.

Courage in Writing

There is one outstanding quality that makes a good journalist in the writing of the Rabbit Creek philosopher—his courage in saying what he wishes to say. Regardless of the situation on how frank he must be, all of these years Owens has sent the truth to the Star.

Written in a flourishing hand of the old school, the column appears in the mail each Tuesday morning without fail. It contains the simple and homely things that constitute the interests of the agriculture community. The correspondent started his career as a water carrier in a railroad construction gang in the midwest. He was born in 1882, five miles east of Coffeerville, in Kansas. His father and mother died when he was four years old, and it was four years later that he started as a water boy with the construction gang.

For this work he received the munificent sum of one dollar per day. Those were high wages during the construction days of the railway. With his brother Johnny Owens, he followed the construction work with the railroad for many years, and worked in many states in the South and Midwest. One of the interesting periods was his association with the circus.

His sister, Millie Owens, worked with the show as having the longest hair in the world. According to Mr. Owens is measured more than nine feet in length. During his career Owens also worked with the St. Louis World's Fair.

He is the youngest of 10 children, six girls and four boys. Among the other members of the family were Mrs. Bert Davis, who was nationally known with her

husband, in the show advertising the couple as Aunt Lucinda and Uncle Hiram Birdseed. These 2 widely known entertainers have visited Burk Burnett many times.

Last Railroad Work

After helping build lines of steel in several states, the last job Hawkeye had in that connection was when he worked 12 years for McCarty, a contractor for railway lines. During that period he managed the commissary and kept the books and time for 400 or 500 men that aided in the work.

After that he came to the old part of Oklahoma. He registered south of Hastings. This was what was called Whiskey Creek River. For seven years he stayed in this territory. It was there that he started corresponding for the Temple Tribune.

Starts For Star

It was in 1907 that Hawkeye started his career for the Star, when he moved into the big pasture. He has been in faithful service ever since. In reference to his work on the Star he said in an interview recently "I have been corresponding for papers in the years past and the Star has certainly treated me with every courtesy, and have printed the items of news just as it was written, omitting nothing. I always feel like I am at home in

HAWKEYE



ED OWENS

Burk Garden Club Organized in 1935

The Burk Burnett Garden club was organized February 13, 1935, at the home of Mrs. R. C. Tevis, with Mrs. Charles Daniel and Mrs. John Abbott of Wichita Falls, assisting in the organization. The purpose of the club is to beautify the town, make it more attractive, improve the homes of Burk Burnett, to study flowers, plants and shrubbery adapted to this particular climate.

The charter members are Mesdames R. C. Tevis, Carl Morrison, Ray Hill, W. D. Utts, Oscar Kemp, Paul Browning, Butler Westerfield, M. W. Mejors, J. C. Adams, John Bostic, Jack Everheart, A. H. Lohmeyer, Fred Flanagan, Dudley Ellis, Ross Reagan, A. B. Sandler, W. P. Sims.

The forest officers were Mesdames R. C. Tevis, president, Carl Morrison, vice-president, Fred Flanagan, secretary and treasurer, et.

The constitution and by-laws committee included Mrs. M. W. Majors, Jack Everheart, and Butler Westerfield. The constitution arranged by this committee was adopted.

One of the outstanding early tuted a tour of the members' yards and proved helpful.

the Star office.

Hawkeye also wrote for the Walters Herald for 18 years. The pioneer married Miss Laud Livingston in November 28, 1907. They have no children, and Mr. Owens' brother has lived with the family since the two men were children. The marriage was the culmination of a childhood romance in Lamar, Mo.

Mr. Owens became a leader in the church in 1924 after his complete conversion and baptism into the Baptist faith. His joining the church was typical of the completeness of all other acts.

This is not a complete biography. It is a tribute to a man that has served the office and the public faithfully for many years. It is an expression of appreciation for faithfulness and excellence in a role that is important. We hope to have the pleasure of this association for many years to come.

events was the pilgrimage held by the members. This consti-

BURKBURNETT GARDEN CLUB



The Burk Burnett Garden club, a group working for the beautification of the city and of the homes of its members.

October 16, 1935, proved to be the big day of the Garden club when the first flower show was held in Burk Burnett. Every member worked hard for the event and our fondest hopes were realized with the huge success. Prizes were awarded by popular acclaim with the first prize going to Mrs. R. C. Tevis for a pottery bowl filled with Mexican sunflowers; second to Mrs. Carl Morrison for a bowl of Michaelmas Daisies and roses; third prize to Mrs. A. B. Sandler for an orchid basket filled with pink roses.

One of the subjects adopted by the Burk Burnett garden club was the beautification of the road around the cemetery. The trees, flowers, and shrubs along this road speak for themselves. The club also did its part in the beautification of the road east of town.

An outstanding affair of the Garden club was the barbecue held on the lawn at the home of D. and Mrs. W. P. Sims. A beautiful arrangement of flowers and a spacious green lawn emphasized the Garden theme.

The club expresses pride to state that several of the members have been prize winners at the flower shows held in Wichita Falls. A covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. J. M. Pogue commemorated the second anniversary of the organization. The officers elected at the time were Mesdames Carl Morrison, president, Ray Hill, vice-president, A.

B. Sandler, recording secretary, Cliff Cannon, treasurer, J. L. Caffee, corresponding secretary, M. W. Majors, historian, Volney Hill, publicity director.

In the school of instructions for flowers in show arrangement and management held in Dallas this year Mrs. Morrison, the president, was the only person in Wichita county to pass the examination with high honors, entitling her to be a flower judge in any part of Texas.

The present membership is Mesdames J. C. Adams, Paul Browning, Volney Hill, Charley Hall, Cliff Cannon, J. L. Caffee, Ray Hill, George Kimbell, M. W. Majors, Carl Morrison, J. M. Pogue, Ross Reagan, A. B. Sandler, W. P. Sims, R. C. Tevis, Chloe Utts, Harold VanLoh, Butler Westerfield, R. W. Wallace, and F. A. Hill.

The club has grown in proportion with the learning and to help that growth the members have federated with the State Garden Club of Texas. The future plans call for a garden pilgrimage and bigger and better flower shows in the fall. The club is indebted to Morris Dean for his personal aid on all occasions—Mrs. M. W. Majors, Mrs. A. B. Sandler.

American business recovery is stressed by demand for exhibit space at the West's World's Fair in 1939.

1931 ————— 1937
Firestone
Invites You To
Attend Burk Burnett's 30th Anniversary Celebration

H. D. Smith and Sid Gamblin opened the Smith & Gamblin Service Station to the public in 1931 and since that time have enjoyed a good business. They contribute their success to the products they handle—TEXACO OILS, GREASES AND GASOLINE, FIRESTONE TIRES AND TUBES, and to their motto: "Where Friendship Begins."

Mr. Smith and Mr. Gamblin are both old-timers in Burk Burnett, having lived here for a number of years. Mr. Gamblin was an employe of the Magnolia Petroleum Co., for 13 years before going into business for himself. Mr. Smith has been here since the oil boom days. He was an oil well driller before going into the fishing tool business. He still conducts the fishing tool business in the rear of their filling station.

At the present time their filling station is being remodeled and made much bigger to take care of their going trade. The front of the building will be of white stucco and the pumps will be all under a shed, assuring you the best of service in all kinds of weather.

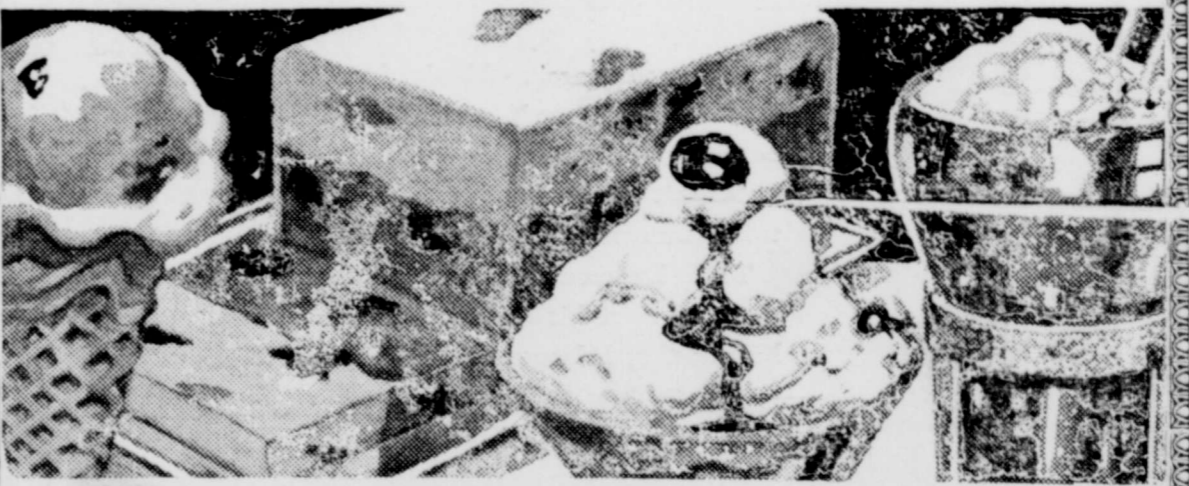
They Carry a Complete Line of Firestone Tires and Tubes—Texaco Products—Accessories
—Flats Fixed—Phone 77
We Call For and Deliver

Smith & Gamblin Service Station

"Where Friendship Begins"

1928 ————— 1937
WELCOME, OLD TIMERS
We Invite You To Try A Dish Of Our Super Creamed Ice Cream

Made In Our Own Freezer—Right Before Your Eyes



Cliff Cannon, proprietor of the Cannon Drug Store, came to Burk Burnett in 1913, and worked as a "Soda Skeet" and drug clerk for a number of years before going into business for himself.

In 1928 he opened up the Cannon Drug Store in this city. From a small stock of drugs and drug sundries he has grown until he now has one of the most up-to-date drug stores and prescription departments in this part of the country.

We Carry A Complete Line Of

Drugs, Drug Sundries, Toiletries, Rubber Goods Office Supplies, School Supplies, Candies Cigarettes, And All Kinds Of Tobaccos

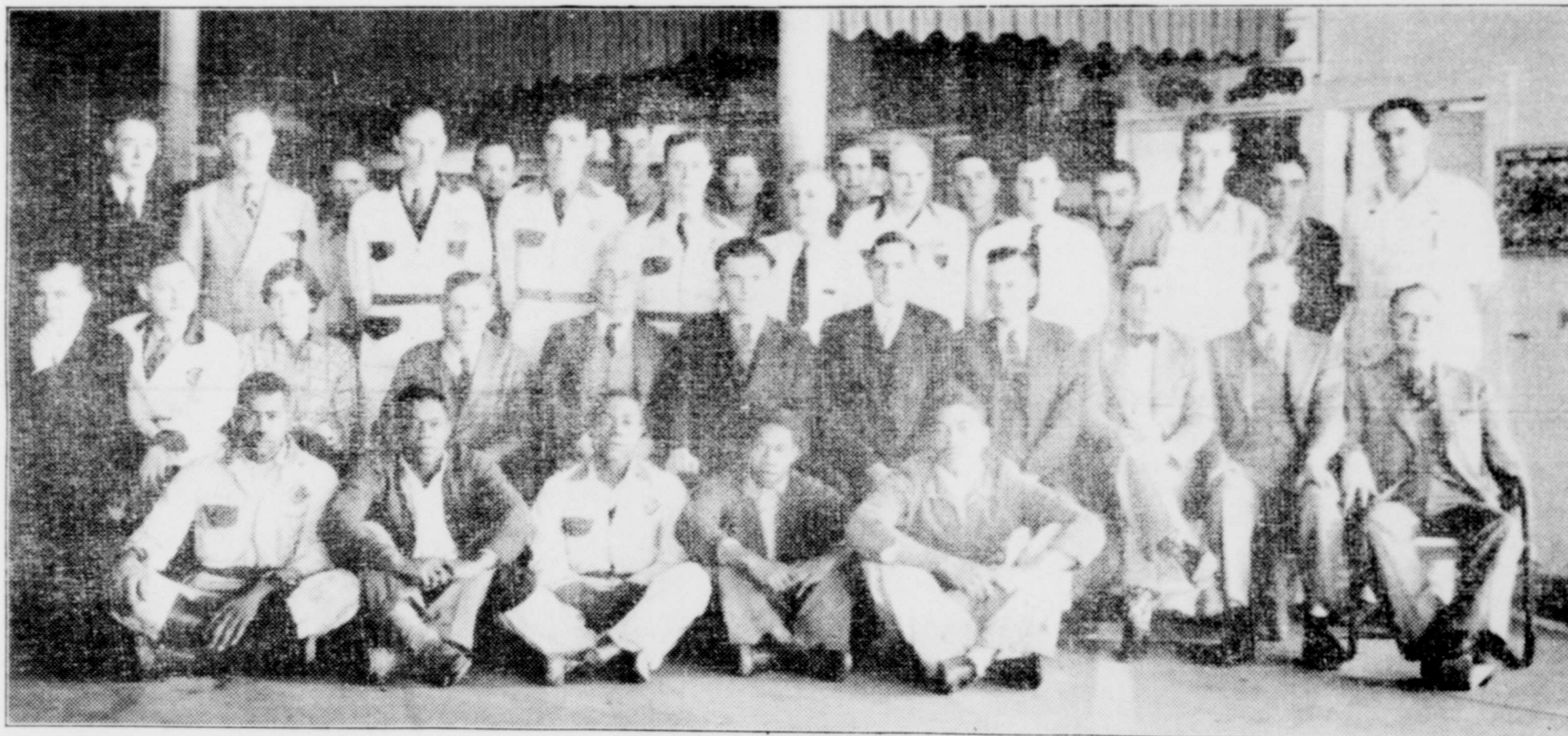
Ice Cream, Sherbets and Cold Drinks

CANNON DRUG STORE

Cliff Cannon, Prop.



**WE'RE HOLDING "OPEN HOUSE"**  
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**OLD-TIMERS' GET-TOGETHER**  
**In Celebration of Our**  
**30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**



**WELCOMING OLD FRIENDS AND NEW . . . FREE ENTERTAINMENT . . . COME ONE—COME ALL**

Here they come again—friends of our youth! Pioneers of the "black gold" rush of 1917! Men and women companions of the bonanza days in the early Twenties, when fortune hit or missed us overnight! Welcome home again to Burkburnett!

To the homecoming comrades of those inspiring times, the members of this firm can give whole-hearted greeting, because they belonged to the Burkburnett of the past just as truly as they belong to the vigorous, thriving Burkburnett of today!

W. D. Barrow arrived in Burkburnett on the crest of the 1918 oil boom, and entered the banking field. Early the following year, H. S. Grace arrived—with a wife, a suitcase, and a ten-dollar bill. The young men found here a field for their talents, and in 1926 they formed the Barrow-Grace Chevrolet Company, which has progressed stride for stride with the notable development of Chevrolet.

It is this company, including partners and personnel, which welcomes old friends and new to the celebration of our Thirtieth Anniversary, which we are observing with

**"OPEN HOUSE"**  
**PROGRAM**  
**JUNE 18-19**

We have arranged an interesting program for you. Look on front page of first section for time and program.

"Open House," June 18th and 19th, in conjunction with Burkburnett's homecoming.

We are maintaining an information desk here for the convenience of arrivals, and you are cordially invited to make our establishment your downtown headquarters for any service which we can render. Motorists will find here the most complete and modern facilities for the prompt and expert servicing of their cars at low cost. And, if you would like to take this opportunity to examine the new Chevrolet, you are cordially invited to take a demonstration ride in the *only complete car—priced so low!*

Remember, it is the only car that offers you all these features at lowest cost: New, more powerful Valve-in-Head Engine; New All-Silent, All-Steel Body, with Solid Steel Turret Top and Unisteel Construction; New Diamond Crown Speedline Styling; Perfected Hydraulic Brakes; Genuine Fisher No Draft Ventilation; Shock-proof Steering\*; and at no extra cost, the protection of Safety Plate Glass All Around. Come in—SEE—DRIVE—COMPARE—the *only complete car—priced so low!*

\*Knee-Action and Shockproof Steering on Master De Luxe models only.

**BARROW-GRACE CHEVROLET CO.**  
**BURKBURNETT, TEXAS**



### Fence Fights Are Recalled By Pioneer

It is against the law to carry a pair of pliers in Texas. That is, it is against the law to carry any instrument capable of cutting barbed wire without reasonable excuse to show for possession of the instrument.

Probably the bitterest fight ever waged on American soil caused Texas to adopt such a law.

Then the open ranges furnished almost free grazing for every nester that owned a few cattle many huge ranching fortunes were built from small herds.

However, with the advance of civilization, thin strands of barbed wire started blocking the wild ranges into spaces dominated by these cattle barons. Each particle of land enclosed in wire led to a bitter fight between the ranchers and the nesters.

Obediah Hooper, 94 year old pioneer of Texas and Oklahoma who recently moved from Randlett to Burkburnett where he makes his home with his son Geo. Hooper and granddaughters. Mrs. Will Strickland gave a vivid description of one of the fights which took place at Henrietta Texas in 1882.

Previous to that date land was available for a small rental, and many settlers made a living by buying cattle and then fattening them on the prairie to sell in the fall market.

When at Butcher traded 1,700 acres of Iowa farm land for 17,000 acres of lay County ranching land, the Clay County Land and Cattle Company was organized.

When the company started it immediately ordered the complete fencing of the 17,000 acres.

Mr. Hooper was hired as one of the body guard for Mr. Butcher. Several guards were necessary because of the bitterness following the construction of fences.

This fight found culmination in 1882 when three men were killed for cutting the wire and pulling the posts from the ground. Three boys named Smith, nesters with their widowed mother, were given notice to move. They refused to budge an inch. The next day the boys were gathering fire wood from the ranch land and the manager had them arrested for trespassing.

They were released without trial or prosecution. But they became enraged at the treatment. Other residents or nesters were subjected to the same treatment.

### Recalls Fighting



Obediah Hooper, 94-year-old Confederate veteran and early North Texas settler, took part in the famous wire-cutting controversy in Clay county in 1882.

The cattle company was determined to gain possession of its land. At this time Mr. Hooper with his sons helping him was supplying the ranch with fence post cut from the creeks on the ranch land.

One night the Smith boys determined to stop the fence building process. The day before posts had been set near their temporary home, and that night the boys started removing the posts. About dawn the next morning employees of the ranch rode up. In the fight that ensued the three boys were killed.

The boys bodies were picked up and hauled to the home of their mother by the ranch guards. One of the most interesting suits in the history of Texas followed in which the mother attempted to collect from the ranch owners. The case was thrown out inasmuch as the courts decided that the men were trespassing. That suit made precedence in Texas law, and on the basis of the decision many similar cases were settled.

This same fight was not localized at Henrietta. It was taking place all over the state and in fact all over the western part of the nation at the same time.

The result in Texas was the adoption of several laws, and among them was the law fining and imprisoning possessors of wire cutting instruments. Additional law and other regulation of the long fences were passed.

Mr. Hooper had a remarkably clear memory for a man of his age. He was born in Cleburn County Alabama, during the war he served at Gettysburg as a pickett. Under various leaders he served through the entire war with the confederates without injury.

Among the generals and leaders under whom he served were Captain Willington, Colonel Shuffield, Generals L. M. Laws, Stonewall Jackson, Longstreet, and Lee.

Contrary to most opinions, Mr. Hooper stated that the Southern people did not all wish to secede. In his community to vote against secession was 40 to 9.

The next week the vote was changed when Judge Woods of Jacksonville Florida made a speech in which he said, "Why I will drink all the blood spilt in this war. One Southerner can whip ten damned Yankees. Ten Southerners can whip a hundred and chase them clear up to Canada."

That speech illustrates the type of political demogogy that led a nation of peaceful people to divide itself and fight.

Mr. Hooper said as an impetuous youngster he believed every word the judge said. When the secession vote was taken the following week for the second time the results were reversed.

The pioneer came to Texas in 1876 when a flood washed away his mill in Alabama. He settled at Vernon then at Henrietta. In 1907 when the Big Pastures opened he settled in Randlett and still owns a farm there.

He is the father of Cleve Hooper who served until recently as sheriff of Cotton county. His son George Hooper is one of the most widely known pioneer methodist preachers in this section of Texas and Oklahoma. Mr. Hooper said that he had been a methodist for 75 years.

### HONORED BY LIONS



Ray Hill, Sloan Mills and Joe Davis have made an enviable reputation for steady attendance at the Lions club and were honored for 15 years unbroken record recently.

### STATE INDUSTRIAL NOTES

A 650-acre deposit of coal tar near Palestine, Texas, will provide the new material for a new aniline dye plant at Houston, the first in the Southwest, reports the All-South Development Council.

These dyes, expected to be of unusually high grade, will be used as the base for paints and inks. The deposit, to be mined at a minimum rate of 100 tons a day, is said to be sufficient to last 300 years.

### Dixie Barber Shop

"Where Good Razors And Customers Meet"

The following was run in the Burkburnett Star, Friday, Sept. 25, 1914

#### SCRIB'S Barber Shop

An easy Separation from your Whiskers or a Hair Cut that Fits Hot or Cold Baths Also Wash Automobiles A. M. (Doc) Reynolds, Prop.

# THE MEN WHO HEAD BURKBURNETT'S COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The Commission form and City Manager plan of government was put into effect in May, 1923, and has proven in all respects an improvement over the old aldermanic form of government.

Everywhere people are coming to realize more and more how dependent we are upon each other.

The keynote—the foundation of civilization—is the family. We all concede that. And we are

rapidly coming to realize that our home town is a big home town family—simply the family unit a little bit extended through neighborly cordiality, friendship and pleasant social intercourse.

Let's make our home town unit closer knit. Let's be generous with our good will—realizing that the prosperity of the individual is directly reflected in the added prosperity to our community. Help us make Burkburnett a town you are proud to live in.

## City Commissioners



A. R. HILL Mayor of Burkburnett



ROSS REAGAN City Manager



H. S. GRACE Mayor Pro-tem



FRANK KELLEY Commissioner



JOE MAJORS Commissioner



WYLIE BROWNING Commissioner

Let's All Pull Together For 'A Greater Burkburnett'

# Betty Anne Bakery

The oldest and only bakery in Burkburnett has been serving the people of Burkburnett with quality products for 15 years.

From a modest beginning, this bakery has become modernized until it would do credit to a town many times the size of Burkburnett.

Mr. Reger, the proprietor, would not forget to acknowledge the goodwill of merchants and patrons of his products who have made it possible to "Carry on" over this period of hectic years, beset with depression and unbridled competition.

## Betty Anne Bakery

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The Christian Science Board  
 of Directors, in its message read  
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William M. Bartlett, Secretary  
 of the trustees under the Will of  
 Mary Baker Eddy, reported that  
 sales of Mrs. Eddy's writings in  
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In the report of the Manager of  
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 Hon. C. Augustus Norwood de-  
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 proximately one hundred excerpts  
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Radio stations carried some nine  
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 than two hundred and fifty radio  
 stations now carry 'The Monitor  
 Views the News.'

"We are glad to report that  
 public thought, which is reflected  
 in legislative bodies, has become  
 sufficiently free from prejudice  
 so that Committees have been  
 able to prevent the passage of  
 many measures which would have  
 restricted the rights of Christian  
 Scientists."

The place of Christian Science  
 periodicals in carrying on healing  
 ministry, disseminating inspira-  
 tion for humanity that it may  
 find relief from its burden of sick-  
 ness and sin, featured the report  
 of The Christian Science Publish-  
 ing Society, presented by Roland  
 R. Harrison, Manager. Mrs. Eddy's  
 statement on page 271 of Miscel-  
 laneous Writings was quoted, that  
 students of Christian Science  
 "should take our magazine, work  
 for it, write for it, and read it."  
 This applies to all the periodicals,  
 it was concluded.

which obstruct the flow of light  
 from God to human consciousness,  
 are fading away as the spiritual  
 idea of Church becomes clearer  
 and dearer to the seekers for  
 reality.

"A third said: 'The manifest-  
 ation of joy and brotherly love by  
 the workers... is most inspiring  
 and is noticed and spoken of in  
 praise by persons knowing little  
 or nothing of Christian Science.'  
 "A publisher who would not  
 even advertise our lectures, was  
 so impressed by assistance given  
 him that he has been carrying  
 Lesson-Sermons excerpts, and has  
 offered to carry a full lecture re-  
 port."

In the report of the Clerk, Ezra  
 W. Palmer, attention was drawn  
 to the international appeal of  
 Christian Science as indicated by  
 the fact that the Instructions for  
 filling out Applications for Mem-  
 bership in The Mother Church are  
 now available in 11 languages.

"The Mother Church, built on  
 the Rock, Christ, is a mighty  
 power for righteousness," he de-  
 clared. "It is leavening, transform-  
 ing, and spiritualizing thought  
 throughout the world, both within  
 and without the Christian Science  
 movement. Gradually, but surely,  
 barren dogmas and false concepts

BEFORE AND AFTER FORTY  
 —To live happily, when retired,  
 we must develop earlier in life  
 an avocation, to maintain our in-  
 terest in life. Such outside lines  
 of thought and diversion are the  
 more successful when they bring  
 us in contact with nature—birds,  
 gardens, geology, and the like.—  
 Charles H. Mayo, in the Rotarian  
 Magazine.

New industries utilizing natural  
 resources constitute the answer  
 to the problem of expanding em-  
 ployment opportunities for Tex-  
 ans, the All-South Development  
 Council says, citing the inability  
 of agriculture to absorb further  
 employment burdens, as reflected  
 in the fact that only 35 per cent  
 of Texas' employed now work on  
 farms, compared to 60 per cent in  
 1910. Oil field work also is near  
 the saturation point, the Council  
 reported.

## HILL'S SERVICE STATION

**Invites You To Attend  
 Burkburnett's Birthday Party**

W. C. Hill, proprietor of the Hill's Service Station, came to Burkburnett in 1935, from Devol, Okla., where he conducted a filling station for 8 years. He worked for the Barrow-Grace Chevrolet Co. until 1936, when he purchased the present service station from George Kent.

**Conoco Products  
 Seiberling Tires And Tubes  
 Flats Fixed  
 Special Washing and Grease Job  
 \$1.25**

Have that car washed and greased for the Jubilee. We are making a special during this month. Take advantage of this saving and have your car cleaned up for the big celebration.

**HILL'S SERVICE STATION**  
 W. C. Hill, Prop.

**The Four Six Star**  
 Published Every Friday  
 at Burkburnett, Texas.  
 S. J. GRAVES Editor

# THE 6666 STAR

Four Six

**Burkburnett**  
 A New Town on a New Railroad  
 in the land of Opportunity.  
 Join Us.

VOLUME I BURKBURNETT, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER 14, 1907. NUMBER 1

**Extends a Most Cordial Invitation For You To Attend Burkburnett's Pearl Anniversary Celebration, Friday and Saturday, June 18-19.**

Come and join us in the biggest celebration ever staged in Burkburnett and do honor to the pioneers who settled here and made our present little city possible. These old men and women had foresight and recognized the potentialities of this territory. The rich soil surrounding Burkburnett, oil production and the energy and cooperation of the people of Burkburnett has caused it to stand out as one of the best little cities in Northwest Texas. In keeping with the progressiveness of the people of this vicinity, The Star Publishing Company gradually improved its plant and the ap-  
 pearance of the Burkburnett Star, until now we have one of the most modern country weekly plants to be found in Texas and the Star has no superior in the weekly field. From small quarters it has grown until now it is housed in a building 25 by 90 feet. The heading above is set from type used in the first edition of the paper and is a reproduction of the original masthead. It is one of the few original fonts of type—practically everything else having been replaced several times. This paper has had its ups and downs since its beginning, but at all times the old files prove that it has been boosting for Burkburnett. It was established just  
 as you see in the heading above "The 6666 Star," and then the Burkburnett Star." The paper was founded Sept. 14, 1907 by F. J. Graves. He sold the paper a year later to E. P. Reynolds. It was afterwards published several years by The Star Printing Company. Other editor have been a Mr. Funk, J. F. Guillet, Sam P. Roberts, Milton Clendenin, Clendenin & (J. E.) Laney, Laney & Laney, R. D. Laney, Williams & Billingslea, Ben L. McDonald, W. F. Billingslea, and the present publisher, Fred Brookman.  
 Every person in this community should be a subscriber to the Star.

**The Star Force Invites You To Visit Our Plant Thursday.**

BURKBURNETT STAR FORCE



Reading from left to right: W. C. Moore, foreman-printer; Bill Melen, linotype operator, machinist; Pat Yancey, pressman; Roy Stewart, stertyper; Mrs. Fred Brookman, Bookkeeper.

# Star Publishing Company

### Literature Club Organizes Study

The current Literature club was organized in the spring of 1923 for the purpose of studying current literature. We only had twelve members to begin with. Their names are as follows: Mesdames M. W. Majors, Dudley Ellis, James W. Hodges, Will J. Dickerson, S. C. Sparkman, Newel C. Sheffer, Will C. Vann, Ross White, John W. Sabatoni, W. A. Scarborough, Corley, Harry Lamb.

In the fall of the same year we became federated under the name of "The Current Literature Club." We had a full set of constitution and by-laws. At this time we had twenty members. Throughout the 14 years since the history our club has followed, very closely, programs on history, literature, folklore, music, art, and drama, with many outstanding programs, some of which received prizes.

In 1924-25 we received a prize of \$5.00 from the state for excellence in our year book and constitution and by-laws.

In 1931-32 we received \$10.00 from the District for outstanding recreational work for the children of our town.

In 1927-28 we received \$5.00 from the District for the best yearbook.

#### History

In our study of history, we began by studying the history of our nation, then our state, through literature, art and music. We also have made a study of other nations.

#### Folklore

We have studied legends and folklore of all nations, thereby becoming acquainted with people of other lands.

#### Music and Art

Our programs on music, and art have been far-reaching—enriching our lives with their value.

#### Drama

Drama has been one of the greatest of our studies. Foremost among these have been the work of Shakespeare.

These varied programs have all been of untold value to our members, having an influence far-reaching. Bringing out the best in each of us.

These have emerged from the studies, short story writers, poets, musicians, and readers, as well as public speakers, story-tellers, and with many other talents that have

### BURKBURNETT IN 1920



From the top of a derrick west of the city Main street in Burkburnett. The derricks in the middle of the townsite in the background. Main street was still unpaved. The city stand pipe is seen to the left of the picture.

#### been a blessing to many.

**Social Activities**  
The social activities of our club have been very beautiful and inspiring. Each year we have had four social gatherings. One at Halloween, Xmas, St. Patrick's Day and Guest Day at the close of each year. This last social was always in keeping with our year study program.

Other socials have been added to these from time to time, varying according to the desires of the club, such as teas, picnics, luncheons, theatre parties, and Federated clubs banquets.

#### Projects

Our club has been very active in all kinds of projects for the betterment of our community, among these have been the buying of equipment for the Hardin park, beautifying the school grounds, helped to establish a public library. Each year our club has assisted a high school girl to remain in school by buying clothes and supplies, and at the close of school buying her graduating clothes.

We have also given a prize each year to the child making the best grades in English.

Each year have conducted a story-telling hour at the park every Wednesday during the summer months. This is for the children of the town. Refreshments are served each time to about 200 children.

#### Welfare

We have been very active in welfare work. Each year helping needy children. At Christmas time we have helped with baskets of food. Also, we always give

basket of food at Thanksgiving. The past year we have helped with the negro children's Xmas tree, giving toys, fruits, nuts and candy.

We feel that the work of our club has been a very worthwhile thing. Our lives have been made better by our banding together for study, work and play.

Of women who are good, you bet: Some can write, some can sing. In our club we have a set. Some can do most anything. If we want a good short story To Mrs. Kolter goes the glory.

If we want a little son We take Mrs. J. P. Prince along. If we want a poem or two Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Ebbs will do.

If we need some on to play, Mrs. Roy Magers saves the day. Sweet and modest as can be, Are Mrs. Sessums and Mrs. Caffee.

Tho' they're quiet, just let me say, No better club members than they. Mrs. McCarty and Mrs. Hill Have a place none else can fill.

Mrs. Whitaker, cute and clever, Makes the best club member ever. If a picture we should need Mrs. Boling paints, she'll do the deed.

Mrs. Cropper, wise and good, Always does the things she should. Mrs. Jamieson is so sweet, She makes a member hard to beat.

Mrs. Gilchrist makes us see How very pretty a member can be. Yet, her papers all are good.

### Bluebonnet Club—

Continued From Page One on gardening, flowers, facts about Texas as the roll call. Round table discussion of yard problems featured the meeting.

No meeting was held in August. The September meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. J. Exley. The officers elected at that meeting were Mrs. Johnnie Anderson president, Mrs. I. D. Russell vice-president, Mrs. O. C. Willis secretary, Mrs. Roy Magers treasurer.

A lovely luncheon was held by the club at the Forum in October by the club. Afterwards the club adjourned to the home of Mrs. Clyde Bohner for a business meeting and the installation of officers.

During the two years the club has had placed two attractive markers at the entrance of the city of the highways. Christmas two well filled baskets were delivered to the needy. January 23 fifty feet this side of the bridge flowers and shrubs were planted.

Through this program the club has carried on a progressive program for the beautification of the city.

She wouldn't fail us if she could.

If a book review, we need Mrs. Buddie Hicks is good, indeed.

I just want to stop and say Since Mrs. Bint has moved away, Our president is Mrs. Al Lohofener.

A better one you'll not find of terner.

Filled with wisdom and with grace How graciously she fills her place. We have others good and true, I'll introduce the three to you— Mesdames Dotson, Bear and Matly.

Each one as fine as she can be. Modest, willing and so kind, You'll never better members find. But let me tell you one of the best.

Really better than all the rest— Mrs. M. W. sweet and true, We take off our hats to you.

**MANY NORMAL BOYS NEED HELP.**—Poverty is dramatic in its appeal to the humanitarian-minded man. But "underprivileged" is not a matter of bread and butter and bath tubs alone. So-called "normal" boys, too often need adult aid—counsel, direction, friend-ship.—From an editorial in the Rotarian Magazine.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## ...To Burkburnett's 30th Anniversary

The Tucker Oil Company came to Burkburnett during the height of the boom and have been a part of Burkburnett since that time.

The Tucker Oil Company, with its repressuring plant and refinery on Block 83 employes about 100 men with a pay roll of approximately \$15,000.00 per month, the biggest part of which is spent in Burkburnett.

Chas. J. Tucker, together with their employes extend a hearty welcome to the viitors to the 30th anniversary.

## TUCKER OIL COMPANY

Manufacturers of Zip-Zipper Gasoline, with dealers over the entire North Texas



B. H. PRESTON  
President

# NOT IN YEARS BUT IN SERVICE

## We Are Pioneers In and For

# BURKBURNETT COMMUNITY



W. T. HOLMAN  
Manager

When this gin was built it was established to meet a vital need in the Burkburnett community. At that time the farmers needed a gin close to home that was owned and operated by home people.

The Farmers Gin was organized in 1927 when a few farmers held a meeting. They elected directors and sold stock to the farmers and merchants in Burkburnett and the surrounding communities.

Every year since the gin was started we have declared a dividend from at least \$1.00 to as high as \$4.25, with everything paid for. In 1932 we bought gin No. 2 and have operated it since that time when the business demanded.

We have paid out over \$40,000.00 in dividends to our stockholders.

Since the opening day of our first season we have tried to make this institution one that would contribute to the welfare and prosperity of this community. Top prices have been paid at all times.

During the years we have been in business we have enjoyed the support of the most loyal group of customers any institution could desire. We are deeply grateful for this friendship and patronage. We treasure the pleasant association we've had together and on our part, we intend to continue to render a service that will continue to merit the support of the people who have made our business possible.

# Farmers Co-Operative Gin

#### DIRECTORS

B. H. Preston, President  
O. W. Prechel, Sec'y-Treas.  
W. C. Gammill, Vice-Pres.

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