

HAS MEMORIES AND TALES OF YOUNG SNYDER

W. D. Van Blarcom, hotel lobbyist for the Star-Telegram, wrote an interesting story of the interview he had a few days ago with Cameron Justice of Post. There's a lot here about Snyder's early days:

"When my father migrated to what is now Snyder, about 1891, there was no one building there. It was a grocery store run by a man named Snyder, after whom the town was later named. It was built of buffalo hides. Buffalo were plentiful in that section then, and they were killed solely for their hides."

Cameron Justice of Post made that statement Friday morning at the Metropolitan. He is the son of Jeff D. Justice, who built the first house in what is now Justiceburg, in Garza County, which was named after him. The younger Justice owns 18 sections of grazing land a few miles from the county seat, Post.

"Our family moved to Garza County in 1899," Justice continued. "Father left Scurry County when it began to settle up. He was like the old cowmen of that time, who moved west to get away from civilization, and where land was cheaper. Colorado wasn't much more than trading place and shipping point. There was no Post in those days, when Garza was a part of Gail County, for political purposes. We got mail from a postoffice called Light, which was served from Colorado.

"When the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific built through that section it missed Light by about a mile. The people moved over to the railroad and called the town Fluvanna. There is only one house, a residence, left in what was once Light. It was shortly after that that C. C. Post came to Texas and decided to acquire acreage in Garza County. He bought the Curry Comb ranch, of about 200 sections; bought 75 sections of the U. S. ranch owned by John B. Slaughter, and 48 sections of the O. S. ranch which was then owned by W. E. Connell, president of First National bank in your city, E. M. Clark and John Scharbauer.

"The next thing Post did was to agitate the organization of the county. He wanted to locate his town, to be the county seat, on the plains, above the cap rock, because it would be nearest the center of the county. The people living under the cap rock, or in what we call the breaks, objected. They demanded that the town be below the cap rock. As they outnumbered those living in the breaks,

A. M. McPherson Is Collector Candidate

A. M. McPherson this week announces that he will be a candidate for the newly created office of tax collector, subject to the action of Scurry County voters at the July primaries.

During the entire four years of the present administration, Mr. McPherson has served as deputy tax collector. He believes that his familiarity with every detail of the office work and with the needs of county tax payers, make him well qualified for the office he seeks. He promises to give citizens the same courtesy and efficient service as tax collector, if elected, as he has given them as deputy for four years.

Mr. McPherson came to Scurry County 28 years ago, and has grown up with her citizens, learning their needs and their ways of doing things through drought and fair weather, fat times and lean times.

Prevent fires by watching yours. Has a match a brighter head than yours?

It is all right to follow your natural bent unless it makes you crooked.

Post gave way to them and settled his town where it now stands.

"The election to incorporate the county was held at a ranch house on the O. S. ranch, which was owned by Connell. Following the election Post built the county's first courthouse, a rock structure, which still stands. When the present courthouse was erected the rock building was used for commercial purposes. It now houses a creamery, which is patronized by farmers through that section.

"Post boasts of being the only city of any moment in the state, and perhaps the only one, that does not have a frame structure in the business section. Every store or commercial building in our business section is constructed either of brick or rock. We have a fire department that boasts that it has always kept confined a fire in the building in which it started. We have a wonderful water pressure in Post. The first reservoir was located up on the cap rock. The pressure was so great that when the water was turned into the mains, it blew them out. Post freighted the lumber for his residence from Big Spring.

"When my father moved to what is now Justiceburg the Santa Fe was miles away. It built through his land. It was then that the town was started, on the land which my father purchased after he left Snyder. There were only three ranches in Garza County then, and fences were unknown."

HIGHWAY 101 GIVEN BOOST

"A Man Not in Town" writes the following interesting, if pointed, letter to The Colorado Record, from Westbrook. He has an idea concerning highway building that should be a new urge for Scurry County to remember the Dal-Paso and the No. 101 highways. He writes:

"I notice a letter in your paper last week from some 'bird' in Colorado, signed 'Man Around Town,' who wants to solve all the county's ills this year. I suppose Colorado needs all the things he says she does, and if it is agreeable with the people there I hope the town gets them. However, I lived in Colorado once, and it seemed to me that the thing that town could do easiest to better itself would be to get together and build a few more sidewalks and get free mail delivery. Colorado or no other town can get free mail delivery without good sidewalks, no matter how many numbers you have on your houses.

If I remember right, and I think I have this straight—as many old-timers in Mitchell County will remember—Colorado City once had the opportunity to secure the Santa Fe railway if those same business men had made a few concessions; Colorado had an opportunity to secure the Snyder and Fluvanna road if it would have even reached out a hand after it. But, no! They thought those roads would come there anyway. So today Sweetwater is enjoying the prosperity and growth that could have made Colorado City the metropolis of West Texas.

Today the main highways are even more valuable as an asset to a town than are the railroads, and within the next few years the towns that let the golden opportunity pass to secure these main-traveled highways are going to be just Main Street villages and nothing else, no matter how many railroads they may have. The main artery, or jugular vein, of the United States today and tomorrow is the main highway.

Mitchell County should wake up to the fact that she needs a through, all-weather highway from Snyder to San Angelo—whether to go by Sterling City or Robert Lee, does not matter. Some day there are going to be thousands upon thousands of tons of traffic flowing down from the Plains into the south by way of San Angelo, and if Mitchell County people could get together and vote a few thousand dollars in bonds to surface a highway through the county, nothing could prevent us from realizing a handsome profit on the investment, besides building up the entire country. Notwithstanding the fact that such highway would pass through Colorado, it would be a great convenience for the people in this part of the county who have to travel to San Angelo or Snyder. If the road is built now, the route could be established and no changes made in later years, while if we wait a year or two, the people who are now building along the present road would probably find their homes and business miles from the established route.

It seems to me that the people of Mitchell County could see far enough ahead to realize the fact that good highways are taking the passenger and freight traffic away from the railroads. All the chambers of commerce in the world (even with secretaries as full of 'bull' as Jimmie Green) cannot induce factories to locate in Mitchell County unless they have outlets over which to ship their manufactured products.

In my humble opinion Mitchell County is now facing the same problem it did years ago when it was offered other railroads. It is up to the people whether or not they want growing towns that will furnish a market for our farm products, or had they rather see Westbrook, Colorado, Loraine, Spade and other communities just stay Main Street towns?

Young Man Victim Of Acetylene Torch

Bob Stahl, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Agosto Stahl of eleven miles northeast of Colorado, in the Lone Wolf community, died in a Colorado sanitarium from injuries sustained when an acetylene torch with which he was thawing out frozen water pipes around the farm home, exploded.

Stahl was hurried to the sanitarium, but died a few hours later. Burial was Sunday afternoon in Lone Wolf cemetery.

Courthouse News

BIRTHS REGISTERED.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Hoyle, a boy, January 9.
Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah H. Walton, a girl named Enid Ellen, January 6.
Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Fowler, a boy, January 7.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner, a boy, January 7.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Rowell, a boy named Harold Don, January 7.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook, a boy, January 6.

J. A. Woodfin Seeks Marshal Re-Election

To the Voters of the City of Snyder: Being solicited every day by voters of the city to make the race for City Marshal again, I have at last decided to do so. I have tried to serve you to the best of my ability for the past few years and will continue to discharge my duties in a capable and efficient manner if you see fit to re-elect me.

My record as an officer is before you. Investigate it and judge for yourselves as to my capability in handling the affairs of the office. Your vote and influence will be highly appreciated and in return for same I promise faithful and efficient service as I have tried to give you in the past.

J. A. WOODFIN.

PERSONAL NEWS

Johnny Chinsky of Houston was a visitor in Snyder last week-end.

Dick Stovall and Tom Gates were business visitors in Dallas last week.

John Lee has returned from a business trip to Albany, Ft. Worth and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gassaway of Big Spring are in Snyder visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shull returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Greenville.

Mrs. Pearl Shannon has returned to her home in Colorado after a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. G. Towle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson of Colorado were guests in the home of her sister, Mrs. H. G. Towle, Tuesday evening and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Power of Fluvanna, who recently returned from an extended visit in California, were Snyder visitors early this week.

"Chubby" Ritzenthaler, one of the Times-Signal publishers, was confined to his home last week when the flu gave him a wallop. He was back at his post Monday.

G. L. Antry, who has been in an Amarillo hospital for several weeks following a double operation, is improving slowly but surely, according to word received by his relatives here.

this week. He will be removed to his home in Snyder early in February if his condition continues to improve.

Mrs. H. G. Towle spent Sunday in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Towle. Mr. Towle, who underwent a serious operation last week in the Lubbock Sanitarium, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Antry have returned from the Rio Grande Valley, where they have been for some time. They will again make their home in Snyder after a trip to Amarillo this week-end.

New York spends some five million dollars per year to fight rats.

Unhappy is the man who is not so much dissatisfied with what he has as with what the other fellow possesses.—Chauncy M. Depew.

Doctor: "Has there been any insanity in your family?"
Patient: "Yes. My husband thought he was boss."



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buying and selling to give people of Snyder the benefit

—The violent assaults of a Mr. Henderson of Shreveport, La., on chain stores has given many people a mistaken idea concerning the operation of businesses generally referred to as "chain stores."

—There are no chain grocery stores in Snyder. Each of the four undersigned grocery stores—Piggly Wiggly, Clarence Saunders, "M" System, and Helpy-Selfy—is owned and operated by Snyder men and Snyder capital.

—All stock and equipment in these four stores are owned by men who contribute to Snyder and Scurry County as much as any of its other citizens. They have homes here; they pay taxes here; they invest their earnings here.

—The four stores undersigned purchased only a buying franchise from the owners of the names under which they operate. Less than one per cent royalty is paid for the privilege of using these names and buying goods at a discount. Much more than this percentage is saved Snyder and Scurry County buyers on practically every purchase made.

Not One Penny of the Earnings of These Four Stores Goes to Out-of-Town Investors. They Are Purely and Simply Snyder Institutions.

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