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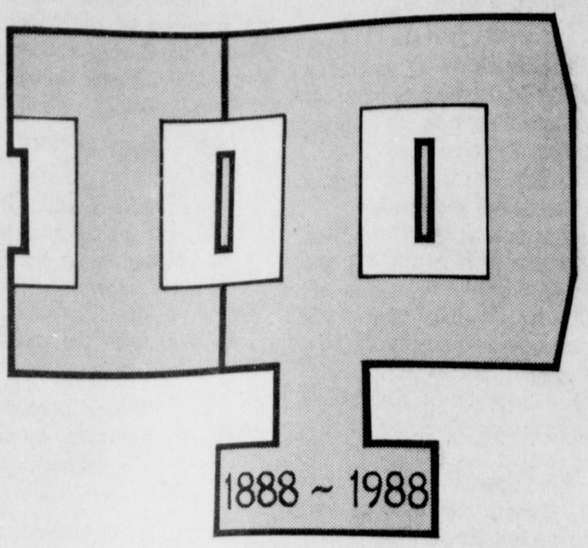

Happy Birthday Iowa Park!
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Something for everyone during big celebration

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY

7 p.m. - Bon Fire, first block north of West Highway, between Third and Fourth Streets.

FRIDAY

4:30 p.m. - Parade through downtown area
7:10 p.m. - Coronation Homecoming Queen, Hawk Stadium
7:30 p.m. - Iowa Park vs. Decatur Football Game
10 p.m. - Fireworks Display, immediately following football game.

SATURDAY

Whoop-T-Do gets underway, area Cash and Wall
9 a.m. - Turtle Trot
9 - 9:20 - Friendly Door Rhythm Band
9:20 - 9:40 - Sixth Grade Choir
9:40 - 10 - Blue Falcons of Sheppard AFB
10 - 11 - Formal observance of Centennial
Chamber building dedication ceremony
Burial of Time Capsule
11 - 11:30 - Quicksteppers
11:30 - 12 - Rockin' Hawkettes
11 - 12:30 - Whoop-T-Do Queen & King
Hat and Beard Contest
12:30 - 1 - Studio K G
1 - 2 - Contests: Lip Syc; Costume; Tricycle
2 - 2:30 - Junior High Choir
2:30 - 3 - Girls' Chorale
3 - 3:30 - 4-H Dog Show

5:30 - 7 - Alumni Association fellowship, IPHS foyer
7 p.m. - Alumni Association Banquet, IPHS cafeteria

Activities start today

This weekend will feature the 17th annual Whoop-T-Do, but more importantly, it will be the first 100th anniversary observance of Iowa Park.

The giant birthday party has been timed when Iowa Park High School observes its annual homecoming, which is also the same time the Chamber of Commerce puts on its Whoop-T-Do.

One of the largest crowds is expected to be in the city in more than 30 years -- when the last Texas-Oklahoma Fair was held.

Besides all the special festivities of homecoming, when the Iowa Park Alumni Association will recognize all former classes whose years ended in "8," pioneers will be recognized with special certificates, as will all who have lived here 10 or more years.

A bon fire this evening signals the start of the celebration. It will be held in the vacant block north of West Highway, between Third and Fourth Streets.

A parade Friday afternoon will have as its theme, "Looking Forward, Looking Back." It will form and disburse at the Methodist Church, instead of the Junior High School.

Parade route will be down Bank, Wall, Cash and Yosemite streets.

The homecoming queen will be crowned prior to the 7:30 p.m. kickoff of the football game between Iowa Park and Decatur, and at halftime the Alumni Association will recognize its "Coming Home Queen."

Immediately following the end of the football game, fans will want to remain in their seats to watch a fireworks display that reportedly will equal that which is held at Sikes Senter Mall in Wichita Falls on July 4th.

The launching area will be to the southwest of the stadium, and will be almost directly overhead of those in the stadium.

The Whoop-T-Do was started 17 years ago by the Chamber of Commerce, as an annual event to somewhat take the place of the old Texas-Oklahoma Fair.

Non-profit organizations set up booths where foods, drinks and merchandise are sold, as well as games of chance, similar to a carnival.

First event will be the annual Turtle Trot, open to children up through the Fourth Grade in age. As usual, Tanner-Aulds Funeral Home will award a $25 cash first prize.

Turtles should be marked with some sort of identification, and the "trot" track site will be announced by the public address system.

One of the day's entertainment groups is the Rockin' Rockettes, a group that has been invited to perform at the Oct. 28 Midwestern State Univ. soccer game. It is made up of some 50 youngsters.

Besides the beard-growing contest, judging will be held in best

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HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES - One of these four Iowa Park High School beauties, all cheerleaders, will be cowned queen of IPHS 1988 Homecoming Friday night. They are, clockwise from top, Tomi Sue Cockburn, Tiffany Gray, Rachel Gates and Amy Payton. Coronation ceremonies are to begin at 7:10 p.m.

Chamber's new building to open

The new office building of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce will be ready for open house Saturday, during Whoop-T-Do, President Robert Palmer told his board of directors Monday.

Actually, two areas of construction will not be completed: tile and carpeting.

However, the exterior and all but those two interior areas will be finished for open house, Palmer assured the board.

He mentioned the lack of carpet would actually be a blessing, explaining, "If the carpet were down, the first thing we'd have to do is steam clean it, after 1,000 people toured it."

The new building is being constructed by the City of Iowa Park, which by contract several years ago, has determined it needs the space occupied by the Chamber, and is providing an acceptable alternative location.

Dedication of the building will be held between 10 and 11 a.m.

Each of the Whoop-T-Do and Centennial committees reported on final plans for Saturday, during the regular monthly board of directors' meeting.

Police find drugs

When Iowa Park police responded to a complaint that several young puppies had been left unattended more than a day in an apartment, officers discovered an apparent drug operation.

Police were asked Monday afternoon to check on some puppies that reportedly had been left locked in unit 810 of Woodbriar Apartments.

The animals were there, as had been alleged, in reportedly serious condition.

But "laying in plain sight" on a table, according to Chief Alan Sheffield, were several items including marijauna, pills, scales and bags for use in sales.

None of the occupants were available, however.

But the next morning, before sun up, a man and woman reportedly arrived at the apartment and began to move items from it.

The couple told police they had been hired by the occupants to move their belongings for them.

Chief Sheffield said a check was made on the two, and neither was wanted on warrants.

He noted, however, that last week a motorcycle parked near the same apartment was found to have been reported by police in Denton to have been stolen. It was picked up by local police, and later by Denton officers, Sheffield said.

None of the occupants of the apartment have been located, but the chief said they could go to the police department, identify the confiscated materials, and retrieve them.

"But they better have their attorney with them," he added.

The puppies were taken to the Humane Society facility.

OTHER CASES

Also during the past week, police placed a woman under arrest on a charge of "injury to a child," received reports of two thefts and one for forgery of a check, arrested a man who refused to identify himself, and received two hit and run reports.

Yvonda Lee Stepp, 18, was taken into custody Thursday at 404 E. Pecan after a charge was filed against her by the Child Protective Service.

The county office was originally notified by a Wichita Falls hospital after receiving a 10-month-old male with a broken leg.

The woman was transported to county jail, and the child has temporarily been placed in a foster home,

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Hawks-Eagles clash set; playoffs may be at stake

Eventhough the Hawks are only 1-6 on the season, they are back in the hunt for a return into the state football playoffs.

And tomorrow night's homecoming battle with Decatur in Hawk Stadium, which is set to get underway at 7:30, will be a major stepping stone on that road.

Iowa Park's 28-14 win over Bridgeport was accompanied by a 14-14 tie between Decatur and Graham, and at the same time Vernon was trouncing Bowie 35-0.

So it puts the pre-season script into play, with Vernon the favorite to take the Dist. 5-AAA title, and Iowa Park and Decatur battling for the runner-up slot.

Vernon goes into Friday's game against Bridgeport 2-0 in conference play, Decatur is 1-0-1, Iowa Park is 1-1, as is Bowie, Graham 0-1-1 and Bridgeport 0-2.

Commenting on Friday's big win by the Hawks, Coach Len Williams said "It was needed several weeks ago, but if it was ever, ever needed, it was then."

He said the Hawks were more motivated than at any time in the season. "They know they're back in the hunt (for a playoff place) and its revitalized their interest in the game."

While the Hawks were dropping all of their first six games of the season, Decatur's Eagles weren't doing much better.

They tied Pilot Point 6-6 in the opener, edged Olney 14-7, and then were shut out by Northwest 0-9.

After dumping Boyd 29-8, Decatur took a 9-0 licking from from undefeated Southlake Carroll.

In their district opener, Decatur humbled Bridgeport 53-9.

Iowa Park and Decatur have met eight times in the past 20 seasons, but only the last four years as members of the same conference.

The Hawks are 7-1 in the series.

In a non-conference contest back in 1969, the Hawks trounced Decatur 34-7. The following year, they met in bi-district playoff, and the Hawks were victorious, 35-19.

The two schools met again in 1978 and '79, with the Hawks coming out on top 12-0 and 7-6, respectively.

Decatur upset the Hawks the first year they were in the same district, in 1984. The Eagles won 14-7. That year, Iowa Park stayed at home with a 7-2-1 season record.

The following year the Mean Green won 17-7, and the score was 26-14 in '86. Last year, in a real nailbiter, the Hawks edged the Eagles by a slim 24-21 margin.

Mainstays on the Eagle offense are Bobby Bishop, 152-pound senior quarterback; Vondrick Jackson, 171-pound junior halfback who is rated by the scouts as "very dangerous;" Craig Pennartz, 169, senior halfback, and Cary Bohn, split end who is rated as an outstanding receiver.

Jackson, Pennartz, guard Joe Sipes, 205, and 215-pound Hoss Hudson also start on defense.

Hudson is the fullback on offense and noseguard on defense, where he is rated as the best defender of the Eagle goal.

The Eagle defense is tough in the middle, with Sipes, 205, and David Minor, 217, on either side of Hudson.

While there were no new injuries to any of the Hawks in last week's game with the Bulls, which was the only game this season at least one wasn't hurt, there are still seven who started the season that are not back in uniform, Coach Williams said.

His depth, primarily on special teams, will be increased after having brought up all the junior varsity for the balance of the season.

The JV schedule was cancelled after last week, due to a lack of players because of replacements on the varsity and injuries to JV players.

Absentee voting is underway here

Absentee voting in the general election opened yesterday and will continue through Nov. 4 at the school tax office, just west of Kidwell Elementary building, according to Allen Shewmake, tax collector.

However, only voters residing in voting precincts 32 and 33 will be allowed to vote in that absentee box.

Residents of precincts other than those two must cast absentee ballots at the courthouse.

MRS. NORMAN RAY FLOWERS

Marta, Flowers wed recently in Neches

Miss Lori Lynn Marta became the bride of Norman Ray Flowers during a ceremony recently at First Baptist Church in Neches. Rev. Kenneth Flowers, father of the groom, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby L. Marta of Palestine, and parents of the groom are Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Flowers of Brownfield, formerly of Iowa Park.

The couple exchanged vows before an altar decorated with a 15-branch candelabra flanked by seven-branched candelabras holding burning tapers. Each was entwined with greenery and peach bows.

Hand-carved unity candles were at one side of the altar and baskets holding peach and blue flowers with ivy accents completed the setting. Family pews were marked with peach satin bows.

Escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white organza and taffeta, overlaid with Chantilly lace and accented with embroidered seed pearls.

The bodice featured a high neckline and sheer yoke with Victorian sleeves adorned with Chantilly lace ruffles and embroidered with seed pearls. The empire waistline fell into a ruffled apron train. A fingertip veil was secured by a floral wreath highlighted with peach and blue.

She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses accented with peach and blue stephanotis.

Cara Cooke of Neches, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridemaids were Brenda Bales of Fort Worth, Misty Whitener of Neches and Cheryl Sides of Abilene, sister of the groom.

Each wore a tea-length gown of peach taffeta, featuring a scooped neckline, fitted bodice and Victorian sleeves trimmed in lace. They carried lace fans with peach rosebuds ,blue and peach flowers and blue lace ribbons to compliment their gowns.

Best man was David Flowers of Abilene, brother of the groom Groomsmen included Charlie Bancroft of Lawton, Okla., Bruce Hammonds of Childress and Steve Sparks of Arlington.

Richard Cooke and Tim Marta, both of Neches, and Robert Sides of Abilene assumed ushering duties.

Providing music for the ceremony were instrumentalist and soloist Eddie Walker of Dallas and soloist Kim Wier of Fort Worth.

A reception, given by the parents of the bride, took place in the Fellowship Hall of church following the ceremony.

Members of the houseparty were Sue Brady, Minnie Hill and Jennifer Hill, all of Angleton, Amanda Thomas of Neches, Mrs. Donald Hill of Iowa Park, Lissa Dowdy of Abilene and Mrs. Pat Keener of Spring.

The new Mrs. Flowers is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State Univ. Flowers is a graduate of Iowa Park High School and Midwestern State Univ., and is minister of youth and music at First Baptist Church in Angleton.

Following a wedding trip to Florida, the couple are at home in Angleton.

Flower arranging demonstration is Iowa Park Garden Club program

Members of the Iowa Park Garden Club were presented a demonstration on flower arranging during a meeting Friday morning at the TU Reddy Room. Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Don Owens and Mrs. Dave Davis.

Mrs. Landon Cullum from the Woman's Forum Garden Club in Wichita Falls, presented the program and gave demonstrations on fresh flower, fresh fruit, artificial fruit and dried material arrangements.

Using fresh fruits from her orchard and a variety of dried wildflowers and native grasses from her ranch, she told members that to make an arrangement, creativity is optimum.

She suggested that the best way to make a flower arrangement is to picture what is wanted, make an outline with materials, and fill the arrangement in.

She said that if you follow the rules strictly, then a stiff arrangement would be the product of your efforts. She added that arrangements should be interesting with character and depth.

Mrs. Don Decker, president, conducted the business meeting, where Mrs. Joe Kennedy reported on final preparations for the flower show to be held Saturday at First Christian Church.

Mrs. Bernice Compton announced that "trees" will be the theme for the club's annual conservation posters, done by the First Grade students at Kidwell Elementary.

Yard of the Month committee chairman, Mrs. Don Owens, told members that the yard of the month for October has been awarded to D.L. Wakefield at 413 W. Aldine.

Mrs. Owens also gave the horticulture report on roses. She explained that she and her husband had some 25 rose bushes in their yard, and said she enjoys bringing a vase-full into the house to observe the many color and shape changes they go through from the bud state until the last petal falls off.

The refreshment table was decorated with a fresh rose arrangement taken from the garden of Mrs. Owen.

In other business, Mrs. Decker announced the District Two fall convention will be held Nov. 16 and 17 in Weatherford.

Mrs. Norma Fortner read a poem entitled "Live for Today" for the thought for the day.

The twenty-one members attending answered roll call with her favorite type of flower arrangement.

Special guest was Mrs. Sybil Cash of Clarendon.

Help available preparing for GED

A free, self-paced class to help adults prepare for the GED (high school equivalency) test is meeting at 7 and 9 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at Iowa Park Junior High.

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Look Who's New

Mr. and Mrs. Walter James Graner of Lubbock are the parents of a son, Tyler James, born Sept. 8. He weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces, and is the couple's first child.

Mrs. Graner is the former Heather Hausler of Iowa Park.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hausler of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson of Iowa Park and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Graner of Austin. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Marie Newland of Charleston, S.C., Mrs. Vera Donnely of Calif., and Mrs. Marge Hausler of Ariz.

A five pound, 14 ounce daughter, Kendra Nichole Catron, was born to Jon Kevin Catron and Sandra Pahl of Wichita Falls Oct. 4 at Wichita General Hospital. She is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Mary Walls of Iowa Park and Mr. and Mrs. Jon Pahl of El Paso. Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Coleman of Iowa Park are great-grandparents.

Show tunes topic of club meeting

"Show Tunes" was the title of the program of the Modern Music Study Club during a meeting Thursday night in the home of Mrs. William La Brier.

Mrs. Gary Zeitler was co-hostess.

Mrs. LaBrier and Mrs. Helen Burrell, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Zietler, sang duets from the Broadway shows, "Oklahoma," "Sound of Music," "Fiddler on the Roof," and from the movie, "High Society."

Mrs. LaBrier played "Memories" from the Broadway production of "Cats," and and a prayer from "Les Miserables."

Mrs. Zeitler played a medley from "West Side Story," followed by all members singing "Hello Dolly."

A report on musical stage shows and composers was given by Mrs. Burrell.

Hymn of the month was "For the Beauty of the Earth."

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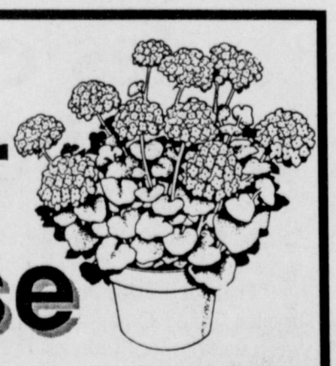

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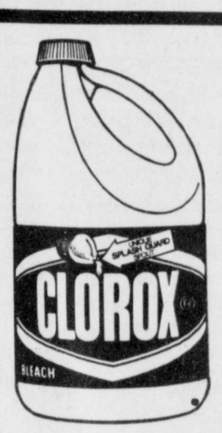

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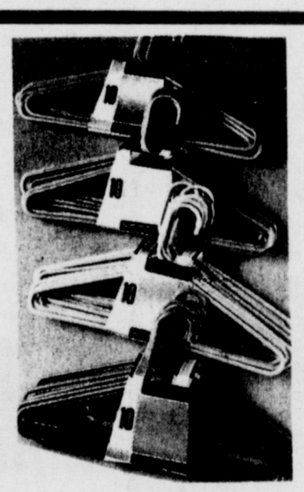

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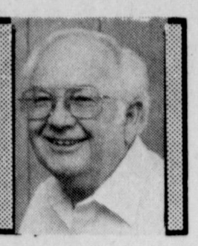

It's going to be another 100 years before we'll be able to put out a centennial issue for Iowa Park.

But I don't mind. After getting this one put together and printed, I can use the time resting.

This week's edition contains 80 pages. That's not quite the 100 I was shooting for, but it's the largest paper I've put out in my 32 years in the business, and I suspect the largest in the 100-year history of Iowa Park.

It goes without saying, I didn't do it all. Not by a whole bunch. Dolores, Kari and Kim made the production possible, and did a lot of writing.

Lita Watson was the main contributor of articles. She has earned the designation of Iowa Park's official historian, and is due all the credit we all can give her.

Lita has put in years of research. At least 13 that I know of. And during the last couple or three weeks, I'm aware of her taking off from her job at the Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center, just to finish her stories so they could be included.

There are a lot of other people who contributed greatly, including Olive Blalock, Lottie Lochridge, Ethyle Kidwell, Cleo Hines, Fenton Dale, Gladys James, Rollins and Fay Woodall, and Ruth Weiler. Some of these fine people are no longer with us, but through their writings, I must believe they have engraved themselves in history, more than one way.

I am the first to recognize that in these 64 pages of history, not nearly all of Iowa Park's history is included. There are several areas yet to be covered, and many, many families not represented.

Some didn't get their histories to us in time, and some still don't know about the publication.

Because of this, we pledge to print those histories we receive in the future, as space is available.

There's no doubt that some mistakes will be found. For these, we apologize.

As we worked on the issue, I was reminded of the late Bertha McDonald. She was a long-time history teacher in Iowa Park High, and worked at least two decades on the history of our community.

I pushed her several times to get her manuscript completed, so it could be published. But it was never completed, and most of it was lost when her home burned.

But thanks to Lita and all who contributed, Iowa Park now has a history in written form. One that can be handed down to our youngsters for them to do likewise.

Life is history. And it should be recorded for posterity.

Iowa Park's is now.

Police

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according to Chief Sheffield.

Randy Marston, 600 S. Park, told police Thursday evening that someone had taken his three-wheel vehicle from his carport. It was the second such theft of a three-wheeler at that location in less than a year, according to Marston.

A bicycle was reported stolen Wednesday of last week from the 500 block of East Washington.

Max Henderson, manager of Colonial Apartments, told police he had been issued a forged check. The police are continuing to investigate that report, and have a suspect.

Gary Keith Rosser, 19, was taken into custody on two charges just after midnight Saturday. He was charged with failing to identify and failure to display drivers license, and released seven hours later.

James Kaufhold told police someone had struck his pickup while it was parked Sunday at the school agriculture barn, and left without notifying him.

The following morning, Rammy Riano told police her vehicle had been struck while parked at Colonial Apartments.

1915 Class members identified

The photograph that was published on the front page of the Oct. 13 issue was not printed again in the Centennial Issue, as had been stated. However, the names of the students in the photo were as follows:

FRONT - Don Wigley, Boyt Smith, Elizabeth Ralston, Red Hobson, Flossie Hobson, Virginia Reeves, Ruth Mathews, Ruth Williams, Inez Winfrey, Myrtice Williams.

SECOND - Daisy Peterson, Olive White, Estelline Conn, Sarabeth Barbour, Flora White, Hazel Crites, Marie Denny, Ruth Belote, Georgia Bellingsley, Gladys Caylor, Lola Lutrell, Lida Beasley, Elva Kelly, Cleta Deering, Leota Wigley.

THIRD - Knowel, Eugene Clark, Robert Van Horn, Kenneth Dooley, Eugene Clark, Rollins Clark, Roland Knox, Jerry Hobson and Orlando Kelley.

Maude Lindsey was the teacher.

Celebration

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pioneer period costume, and a new contest, "lip sync," will be held.

In the latter contest, participants will be competing in three age categories, and their participation will be moving their mouths to the words of recordings, as if they were singing.

Prizes will be awarded in all contests, including the tricycle event.

Special ceremonies will take place between 10 and 11 a.m. Saturday. That's when the centennial will be formally observed, the new Chamber of Commerce building dedicated, and a time capsule buried.

Local historian, Mrs. Lita Watson, will give a brief history of Iowa Park during the ceremony.

Tours of the Chamber building will be permitted.

Throughout the morning, everyone is encouraged to register at a special desk set up in front of the Friendly Door.

Special certificates have been printed and will be presented to those who have lived here 10-24 years, 25-49, 50-74 and 75-plus years. Residence is that which includes all of the presently-known Iowa Park school district.

During the centennial ceremony, the oldest residents will be recognized and all receiving 75-plus year certificates will be announced.

First place prizes the Chamber will be awarding are specially-built paper weights with the centennial logo on it, a keepsake recipients will treasure.

Throughout the day, oldtimers will be welcomed at a reception in the Friendly Door. Those who don't know where that it, will recognize the "Tanner Building" name and location.

Prior to the annual Alumni Association banquet in the high school cafeteria, a fellowship period will be held in the foyer at the school, right up to banquet time.

The dinner will be catered by the Iowa Park MuleSkinners.

Also to be recognized at the banquet besides the special "8" classes, will be the largest class, alumni traveling the farthest, largest family, oldest graduate, youngest graduate, and former teachers.

Entertainment will be provided by a group from Seymour called "Imitation Stats." David Bridges will play the dinner music.

Officers of the Association this year are Karen Lehman, president; Sue Bradberry, first vice president; David Parkey, second vice president; Lela Mercer, recording secretary; Josephine Patterson, corresponding secretary; Ruth Gard, treasurer, and Joni Whitis, reporter.

Worth Quoting

As the crowds assemble for the 1988 Summer Olympic Games, there will be a group of fans missing. There will be no South African spectators for the events.

No, they didn't miss the plane. There were hundreds of South Africans that wanted to attend the Olympics in Seoul, but the Olympic committee, in all its wisdom, decided to bar ticket sales to the citizens of South Africa because of the nation's aparteid policy.

The Olympic games, supposedly a symbol of the unity and harmony of the countries of the world, chose to discriminate against an entire nation of people because of the policies of their government. What have individual South Africans done to deserve such harsh treatment from the members of the Olympic committee?

The committee will allow ticket sales to the citizens of South Africa's neighbor to the North, Zimbabwe. But that country's leader, Robert Mugabe, uses a different method than apartheid to control the various ethnic groups in his country.

Mugabe is the head of the Shona group. They faced major opposition for control of the government from the Ndebele tribe. The Ndebeles had almost enough leadership and population to overthrow the government of Mugabe.

Instead of trying to form a compromise government of the two tribes for the country, Mugabe took a different tack. Systematically, over the past eight years, over 350,000 members of the Ndebeles have been executed.

It is hard for a dead opposition tribesman to lead an effective opposition to the government. The Olympic committee must think that murder is an acceptable method of running a government. Zimbabwian athletes and fans will be allowed to participate in the 1988 games.

Further north on the continent of Africa, another nation will be allowed to send athletes and fans to the games. Libya, a country that bases its foreign policy on terrorism, is not banned from attending the Olympics. The governing committee must believe that terrorist attacks are an acceptable way of expressing dissatisfaction with the world.

Also, the African nation of Ethiopia will send athletes and supporters to Korea for the summer games. This nation has moved millions of its citizens from the fertile northern parts of the country to the deserts of the south. As a result millions of people have died from starvation. Since they are going to the games, the Olympic committee must think that forced starvation is a good method of population control.

By denying South Africans the opportunity even to attend the summer Olympic games, the governing committee has changed the purpose of the Olympic games. From the beginning of the competitions, in ancient Greece, the games symbolized the efforts of the nations of the world to cooperate, to compete, to learn and to get to know each other without regard to politics or national philosophical differences.

At the beginning of this year's games, watch the Olympic torch. It will be burning a little dimmer because of the addition of world politics to the flame.

JIM HUDSON
Perryton herald

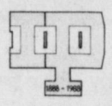
Marching contest slated Saturday

For the first time ever, the Iowa Park Junior High and High School bands will not entertain crowds at the Whoop-T-Do Saturday morning. Instead, the bands will be competing in the District U.I.L. Marching Contest at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.

The junior high band will perform at 9:30 a.m., and the high school band is scheduled for 10 a.m.

Iowa Park's junior high band is the first to perform that day, followed by high school bands from Childress, Iowa Park, Graham and Vernon.

Hester



Carroll Hester was born in Iowa Park, September 19, 1900. It is thought that he is the oldest living man born in Iowa Park. His parents, the late Mr. and Mr. A.J. Hester, were among Iowa Park's early day pioneers, moving to Iowa Park in 1891 and were here when the first town lots were sold. Mr. A.J. Hester opened a grocery store and meat market.

Hester attended school in Iowa Park and graduated valedictorian of his senior class in 1918. He then graduated in 1919 from Wichita Falls High School as they offered an extra grade at that time. During summers and after graduation, Carroll worked for the Wichita Valley Refining Co., then located in the present Park West Shopping Center. When the Iowa Park Producing and Refining Company was established east of town, he went to work there.

On Aug. 7, 1926, Carroll married Conway Crider of Bonham. Conway taught school in Iowa Park. The couple moved to Lueders, Tex., in 1933, where Carroll was co-partner in the Paragon Refinery Company. After selling his interests to Panhandle Refining Company, He stayed on as superintendent. When living in Lueders, he was also president of the Farmers State Bank.

After retiring in 1959, the Hester's returned to Iowa Park to live. The Hesters are members of the First United Methodist Church, where Carroll was at one time treasurer for 10 years. He has been member of the Iowa Park Masonic Lodge the past 58 years. The Hesters have one daughter, Carolyn Hickman, who is a teacher at City View.

City's meeting agenda posted

Two public appearances are on Monday's city council agenda.

The meeting is to get underway at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

One subject to be discussed will be the floodway area in the northeast part of town, where residents are prohibited from building or even improving their structures, because of federal regulations.

The other appearance will be Rev. Mike Grubbs, to discuss the CROP Walk held Saturday.

Two other items on Monday's agenda are a proposal to purchase trucks for the public works department and appointment of a representative from here to the county tax appraisal board.

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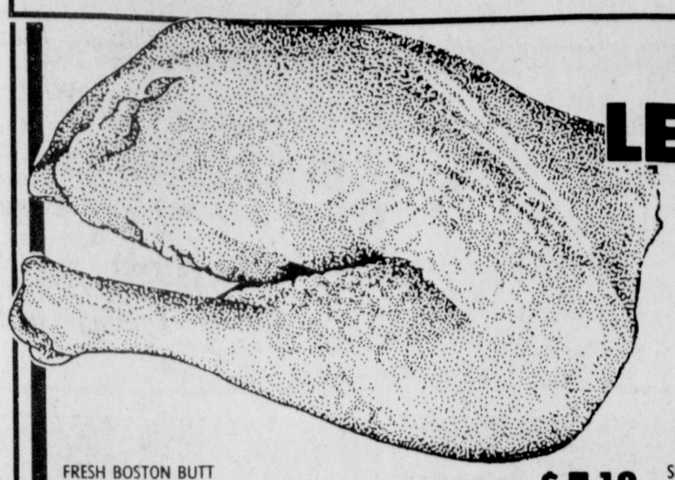

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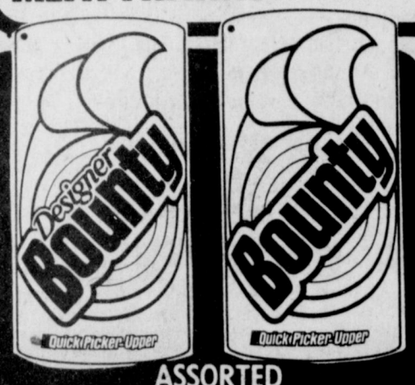

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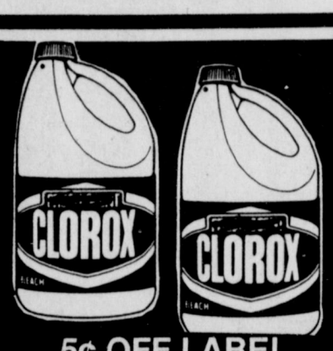

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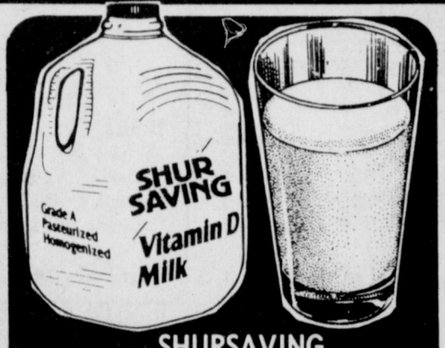

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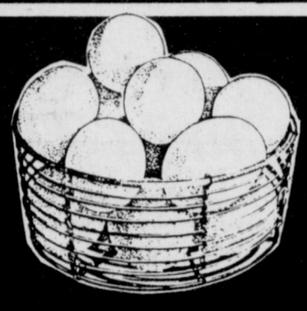

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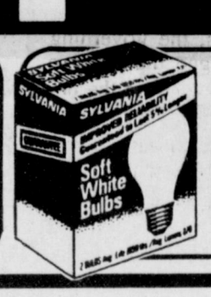

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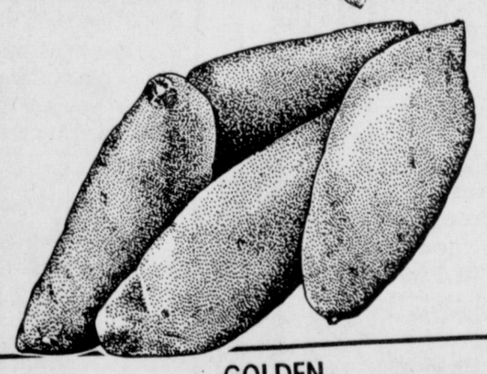

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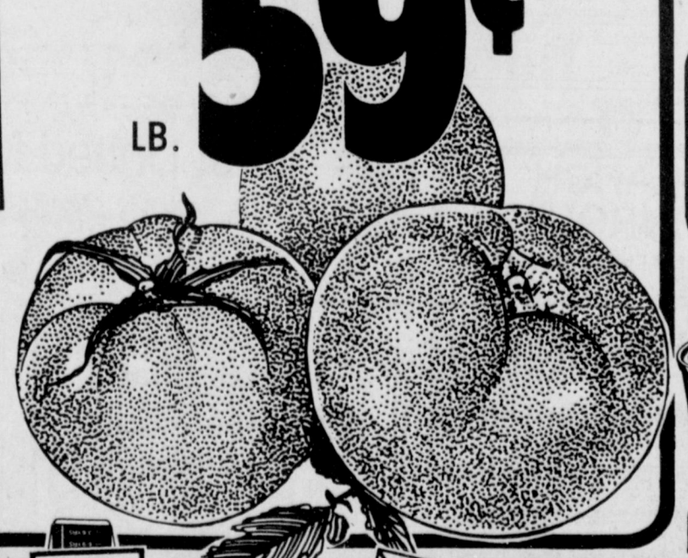

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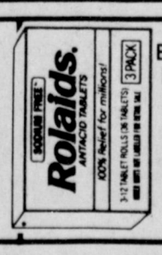

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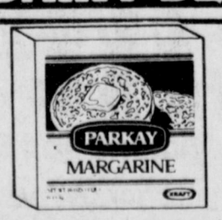

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Obituaries

Fay Davis

Services for Fay Davis, 83, were held Friday afternoon at First Baptist Church in Wellington, with Dr. Keith Bruce, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Nathan Mulder. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Wellington.

She died Oct. 10, in Odessa.

Mrs. Davis was born April 25, 1905, in Sherman. She and Homer Davis were married Nov. 10, 1923, in Madill, Okla. He died Oct. 19, 1968. They moved to Wellington in 1943 from Boswell, Okla., and lived in Wellington a number of years before moving to Northfield, Tex., returning to Wellington in 1968. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include seven sons, Paul, and H.E. Jr., both of Wellington, Sonny of Bowie, Bobby of Wichita Falls, Jackie of Mansfield, Kenneth of Amarillo, and Danny of Iowa Park; four daughters, Frances Jones of Bennington, Okla., Dorothy Daniels of Odessa, Helen Nix of Wichita Falls, and Betty Sue Simpson of Northfield; 35 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granchild.

Mary Etta Roberts

Mary Etta "Pet" Roberts, 86, died Friday in an Iowa Park nursing home.

Services were held Sunday afternoon at Tanner-Aulds Funeral Home with Rev. James Pounds, pastor of United Pentecostal Church of Holliday, and Rev. Greg K. Hardin, pastor of United Pentecostal Church in Iowa Park, officiating.Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Mrs. Roberts was born Feb. 6, 1902, in Granite, Ark., and had been a resident of Iowa Park since 1937. She and Perry C. Roberts were married on April 4, 1920, in Ashtown, Ark. Perry died in 1979. She was a member of Iowa Park United Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include three sons, W.P. of Iowa Park, J.C. of Santo, Tex., and Olden of Conroe; two daughters, Edith Stephenson and Zella Green, both of Iowa Park; 17 grandchildren;22great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Jerry Paul Pittman

Funeral services for Jerry Paul Pittman, 39, of Holliday, will be at 10 a.m. today at Aulds Funeral Home in Archer City with Rev. Roger Deerinwater, pastor of First Baptist Church in Archer City, officiating. Burial will be in Crestview Memorial Park.

Pittman was born Jan. 11, 1949.

He is survived by his mother, Ada Pearl of Archer City; and one sister, Darla Ann Segura of Brazoria.

Card of Thanks

We want to give a special thanks to the EMT team and Dr. Watson, who responded so rapidly in our time of need. We are very thankful for the luncheon prepared by the Church of God. Our friends and relatives meant so much in our sorrow.

The Family of Juanita Wright

Card of Thanks

To the city manager and city employees we want to express our appreciation for all you did during the recent illness and departing of our loved one. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

The Family of Ray Washburn

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends, and the churches, for the food, flowers, and the many acts of kindness shown, following the death of our loved one.

The Family of Mary E. Roberts

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To all former graduates of Iowa Park we extend a "Welcome Home." It's a great encouragement to all to see you and your family and renew old friendships. Sunday morning at our worship services Butch Vestal will be teaching the adult Bible class from Ephesians 2:1-10 and Roger Sullivan will be preaching from the Word of God. Come join us for this uplifting day. We will be having dinner on the grounds and I guarantee you will enjoy the food and fellowship!

Lou Holtz, football coach at Notre Dame, is the talk of the football world this week after beating the Miami football team. Personally speaking Lou Holtz is one of my favorite coaches of college football today because of the values he seeks to instill in his players. Everyone is still buzzing about his football team beating the #1 team in the country. The greatest moment I have ever seen in college football took place right after Lou Holtz became coach at Notre Dame. With three seconds left on the clock, the field goal kicker missed a field goal which would have won the ballgame. Mr. Holtz rushed onto the football field, hugged the young man, and told him, "It's all right."

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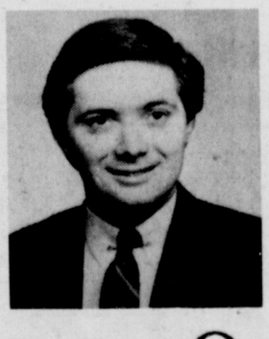
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Homecoming main topic of Epsilon Eta meeting

Finalizing plans for the week's homecoming events dominated discussion at the meeting of Epsilon Eta Tuesday evening in the home of Jo Bumgardner.

During the business meeting conducted by Mrs. Bumgardner, plans for the homecoming parade Friday, and the club's annual Whoop-T-Do King and Queen Contest Saturday were finalized. It was announced that the crowning of the king and queen will be at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Connie Hrncirik, service chairman, gave a report on a benefit dance the club has scheduled for Dec. 4. She told members that proceeds from the event will be distributed among St. Jude Research Hospital, Easter Seals, Alzheimers and March of Dimes. Plans will be finalized at a later meeting.

The chapter also voted to donate a case of canned goods to the Faith City Mission.

A report given on the ESA District Six meeting held in Fort Worth last weekend showed that the local chapter had 100 per cent attendance, with two pledges also attending.

During the meeting, Epsilon Eta was awarded Honorable Mention for their education program.

The next meeting will be Nov. 1 at the home of Connie Hrncirik.

Administrators speak at joint P-TA meeting

Superintendent Glen Mitchell, and Assistant Superintentdent Robert Palmer were the featured speakers at a joint meeting, Oct. 10, of the Kidwell and Bradford P-TAs.

Mitchell spoke on the "Effective Schools Movement," in which the Iowa Park C.I.S.D. motto is "An Investment in the Future."

Palmer updated reports from the Environmental Protection Agency on inspections for asbestos materials in the schools. An inspection was made, and a management plan was written by E.P.A. A copy of this inspection and management plan is available in the Superintendent's office Monday through Friday. A small fee will be charged if anyone wants a copy of the plan.

District 13 P-TA has workshop in Holliday

District 13 P-TA fall workshop was held Oct. 11 in Holliday.

Special presentations were made on "Skills for Adolescents," "Skills for Growing," and "Smoke Free Class of 2000."

The Holliday P-TA was host for the workshop.

Homemakers meet

Members of the Park Area Extension Homemaker's Club met Wednesday in the home of Allie Girard for a regular meeting and brunch.

Co-hostesses were Allie Girard, Annie Johnson and Mae Shelton.

Mabel Karstetter gave the program on "Coping With Cancer," and business was conducted by Stella Cheek, president.

Eleven members attended the meeting and answered roll call by telling "something I do to relax my mind and body."

The next meeting of the club will be Nov. 2 at the home of Nancy Henderson.

FRIENDLY DOOR NEWS

The Friendly Door, Iowa Park's Senior Citizens' Center located at 100 W. Cash, offers a wide variety of of services for those who are 60 years of age or older.

According to Myrna Robinson, the center's executive director, many people think of the center in terms of its meal program. The meal program offers seniors the opportunity for regular, nutritious meals as well as the opportunity for socialization at the center. She said that the meal program is important - it reaches over 60 persons daily either through home-delivered meals or through the congregate meal program for those able to go to the center - but the center offers a wide range of other activities.

Some of Friendly Door's services include information and referral, which proved information to older persons concerning comunity services; blood pressure and blood sugar checks; recreational activities; special programs and entertainment; crafts and music.

"Everyone knows about our Rhythm Band," Robinson noted, "because we have entertained at many different events. Our members love participating in the band and the public really enjoys our music. I really believe we liven up events."

Mrs. Robinson also noted that the transportation program helps participants by picking them up for center activities and returning them home afterward. The program also takes participants to doctors' offices, to the pharmacist, post office, shopping, and to special activities.

"Another of the many programs we are proud of at the center," she said, "is the foot care program."

Each Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to noon, Etoy Chapman, a volunteer, comes to the center to give foot care, including nail trimming. Mrs. Robinson said that many senior citizens are unable to continue this type of care, and that the service is very important to the members, whose comfort and even ability to walk is improved as a result of it.

United Way plays a very important role in the center's operation, providing $14,985 during the past year for operating expenses.

The 1988-89 United Way campaign is currently underway, and has a goal of raising $63,705 in Iowa Park, and $1.7-million overall.

Friendly Door Menu

Friday, Oct. 21 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit cocktail.
Monday, Oct. 24 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed greens, cornbread and butter, yellow cake.
Tuesday, Oct. 25 - Beef and Noodle casserole, buttered carrots, sliced tomatoes, biscuit and butter, plum cobbler.
Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Polish sausage, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and butter, sliced peaches.
Thursday, Oct. 27 - Oven fried chicken, baby limas, buttered beets, roll and butter, pineapple delight cake.

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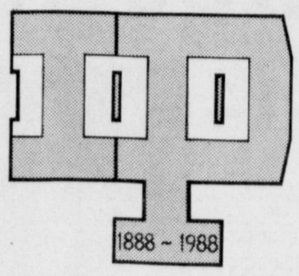

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Hawks not winless anymore

Beat Bulls 28-14

Iowa Park's Hawks finally broke a losing streak that extended back to that 21-17 loss to McGregor last November in the Area championship playoff, and beat the Bridgeport Bulls before a sparse crowd in Hawk Stadium, 28-14.

It was also the maiden victory for the new Head Hawk, Len Williams.

The Mean Green built up a 14-0 lead through the first half, allowed the margin to be narrowed to 14-6 in the fourth, and then survived an action-packed fourth period that sent the team and fans dressed in green into a well-deserved celebration.

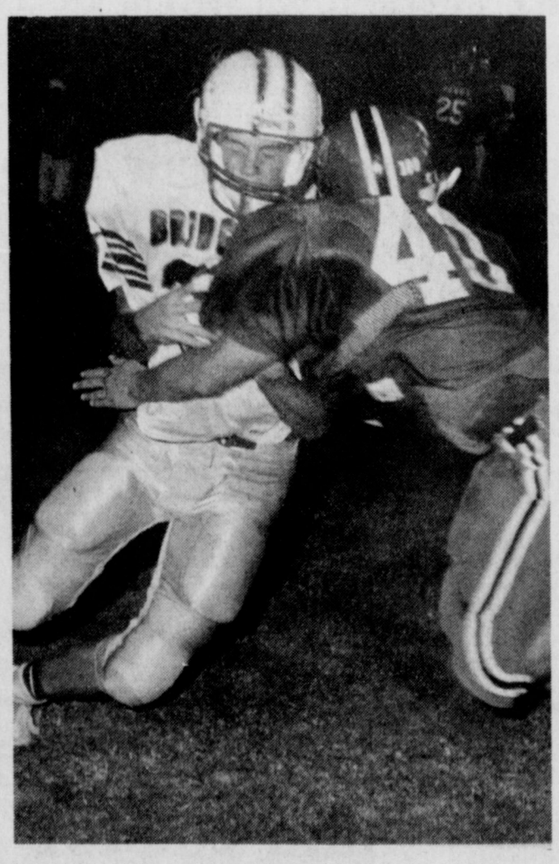
Eventhough Bridgeport won the toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff, Iowa Park's initial score lit up the scoreboard in less than two minutes.

On their third play from scrimmage, the Bulls fumbled the ball and Gary Tatum claimed it on the Bridgeport 40 yard line.

A 32-yard pass from Jimmy Duggins to Bruce Palmer was followed by two consecutive carries by Mathew Blackman of five and three yards, for the score. Kelly McClure's kick for the extra point bounced back onto the field after hitting the left side of the goal post.

The Hawks mounted a 69-yard drive early in the second quarter, and capped it with a 15-yard run by Blackman that left three tacklers on the ground inside the five yard line. Iowa Park then faked a kick for the extra point, pitched the ball to Marc Cruz, and he skirted right end for the two-point conversion. That made the score 14-0 with 7:10 remaining until halftime.

MATHEW BLACKMAN PICKING UP PART OF HIS 139 YARDS AGAINST BULLS



VANCE EDWARDS PUTS STOP ON CARRIER

Bridgeport twice threatened before the midway break, however. But the Bulls' drives stalled on the Hawk 27 and 18 yard lines.

The Bulls came back with a vengence in the second half, scoring quickly when they got the ball. The Hawks were forced to punt after taking the opening kick.

Bridgeport took the ball to the Hawk seven yard line on runs of 20 and 22 yards, and three plays later scored on a six-yard run. The kick for extra point failed.

Bridgeport fumbled on its next possession of the ball, and Mike Lubinski, who has been on the sideline most of this season with a leg injury, covered it on the Hawk 39. The Hawks needed 12 plays to get the ball into the end zone, sending Blackman over left guard the final six yards. McClure's kick was true, and the Hawks led 21-6 with 11:18 remaining in the game.

After picking up a first down following the kickoff, Bridgeport was facing a fourth-and-seven situation and gambled on a screen pass from the Bull 48. But Lee Cokendolpher alertly sniffed out the play and nailed the receiver back on the 40 yard line.

Blackman bulled his way for a 17-yard gain, and then Cruz started around his right end, cut back through the secondary and outraced the defenders to the end zone for a 23-yard touchdown. McClure's kick gave the Hawks their 28th point with 7:59 remaining on the scoreboard clock.

Bridgeport then mounted an aerial assault, and completed seven of 10 attempts to score on a 19-yarder. The only running play of the drive was an eight-yard loss, thanks to a tackle by McClure.

The Bulls even completed a pass for the two-point conversion, to pull to within 28-14 with 4:50 left in the game.

The visitors then successfully covered a squib kick that bounced off a front-line Hawk, on the Iowa Park 48. After a missed pass, the Bulls ran for a 16-yard gain, that was followed by two consecutive major penalties against a couple of Iowa Parkans who made comments the officials didn't like.

That took the ball to the Hawk five yard line. But two plays later, Duggins stepped in front of an intended receiver in the end zone and returned the interception to the Iowa Park 34, from where the Hawks ran out the remaining 3:57 on the clock.

Other big defensive plays, besides those by Tatum, Duggins, McClure, Lubinski and Cokendolpher, were credited to Gary Green, Brad Lewis and Will McCarthy.

Besides scoring three touchdowns, Blackman carried the ball 22 times and gained 139 yards, to wind up the game's leading rusher. Cruz had 68 yards on 12 carries and Tatum bulled his way 14 times for 68 yards.

Duggins was instructed to pass only eight times in the game, all of them in the first half. He connected on three out of five in the first quarter, and all were to Palmer for a total of 60 yards.

Unlike their other games this season, the Hawks didn't kill themselves with turnovers. In fact, the muffed kickoff reception in the fourth quarter was the only miscue of the game. They'd been averaging slightly over three per contest.

	IP	Bridge.	
First Downs	22	17	
Yards Rushing	286	86	
Yards Passing	60	171	
Total Yards	346	257	
Passes	3/8	18/35	
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Punts	4/29	2/35	

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IOWA PARK 7		Abilene Wylie 16
IOWA PARK 13		Breckenridge 14
IOWA PARK 33		Mineral Wells 36
IOWA PARK 10		Gainesville 28
IOWA PARK 20		Bowie 26
IOWA PARK*28		Bridgeport 14
IOWA PARK**	Oct. 21 7:30 p.m. HERE	Decatur
IOWA PARK*	Oct. 28 7:30 p.m. THERE	Graham
IOWA PARK*	Nov. 4 7:30 p.m. HERE	Vernon

* DISTRICT ** HOMECOMING

JUNIOR VARSITY

Sept. 1	Burkburnett	H 7:30
Sept. 8	Hirschi	H 7:30
Sept. 15	Breckenridge	T 7:30
Sept. 22	Mineral Wells	H 7:30
Sept. 29	Gainesville	H7:30
Oct. 6	Bowie	H7:30
Oc.t 13	Bridgeport	T 7:30
Oct. 20	Decatur	T 7:30
Oct. 27	Graham	H 7:30
Nov. 3	Vernon	T 7:30

FRESHMAN

Sept. 1	Burkburnett	H 6:00
Sept. 8	Hirschi	H 5:30
Sept. 15	Breckenridge	T 5:30
Sept. 22	Mineral Wells	H 6:00
Sept.29	Gainesville	H 6:00
Oct. 6	Bowie	H 6:00
Oct. 13	Bridgeport	T 6:00
Oct. 20	Decatur	T 6:00
Oct. 27	Graham	H 6:00
Nov. 3	Vernon	T 6:00

7TH & 8TH GRADE

Sept.13	W.F. McNiel	
Sept. 20	City View	T 4:00
Sept. 27	W.F. Kirby	
Oct. 4	Bowie	T ^:00
Oct. 11	City View	H 4:30
Oct. 18	OPEN	
Oct. 25	Graham 7th A&B	T 6:00
	Graham 8th A&B	H 6:00
Nov. 1	Vernon 7th A&B	H 6:00
	Vernon 8th A&B	T 6:00
Nov. 8	Burkburnett	T 5:00
Nov. 14	W. F. Barwise	

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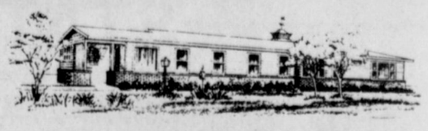

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ALL STRUNG OUT - The major portion of more than 120 volunteers who participated in the CROP Walk Saturday are shown on the first leg of their six-mile stroll, on Magnolia nearing West Highway. Sponsored by the Iowa Park Ministerial Alliance, the project was to raise funds for needy families. As of Wednesday, more than $2,000 had been turned in, according to Rev. John Mollet, treasurer.

Friendship Class installs officers

Mrs. Smith likened the duties of the officers that she installed to workers in a cotton field in days gone by. These were: the farmer who owned the field, the overseer, cotton pickers, weigher, record keeper, one who took the cotton to the gin, paymaster, those who were responsible for water and refreshments, and pickers who helped others finish their rows.

She challenged each officer to remember the words of Jesus, "The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few," and presented them with miniature cotton sacks to gather in the harvest.

Those installed were Mmes. Glen Mitchell, teacher; C.L. McKinnon, assistant teacher; O.S. McLemore, president; Miss Helen Reed and Mrs. R.G. McLaurin, vice presidents; Mmes. J.T. Parker, secretary; E.T. Patterson, assistant secretary and treasurer; Homer Blalock, reporter; Lloyd Lowe, corresponding secretary; M.E. Goforth, F.L. McCoy, D.O. James and Elmer Singleton, group captains.

The next meeting will be a Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mrs. James Nov. 14.

Mrs. Roy Smith used a cotton field in yesteryear as an imaginary center of interest for a Harvest time theme Monday evening as she installed officers of the Friendship Class of First Baptist Church.

The meeting was held at the church in connection with a salad supper.

Card of Thanks

The family of Ray Washburn wish to express our sincere appreciation to Rev. Edgar Jones, Rev. Jerry Miller, the membership of Faith Baptist Church, the employees of the City of Iowa Park, and the many friends for the cards, food, flowers, love offerings, and mostly the prayers that helped us in our time of sorrow.

May God Bless You,
LaVerne Washburn,
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Mary Washburn,
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and all the grandchildren

New toys sought for Toys for Tots

The Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department is taking new toys and cash donations as part of its second annual "Toys For Tots" drive.

Mark Wicks, fireman, said good, used bicycles and tricycles will also be accepted. The department accepted used toys last year, but the quality of the toys was so poor, that they could not be recycled.

Last year, 26 families in the Iowa Park area were helped by the effort, and Wicks said the group hopes to help at least 50 families this year. He also stressed that all donations will stay in Iowa Park.

Those wishing to make cash donations should make their checks out to "Toys For Tots," and mail it to Box 404, Iowa Park. Toys can be taken to the fire station meeting room, adjacent to the police station on East Highway, and those donating 'cycles can call Suzanne Wicks, 592-9320.

Optimists hear town's history

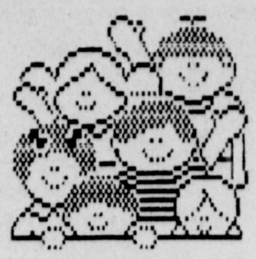
Lita Watson presented a historical program for the Iowa Park Optimist Club Tuesday evening at the RAC Center.

Introduced by Norma Young, Mrs. Watson, a local historian, told members of Iowa Park's history, including the origin of its name, schools, financial institutions, parks and first families.

Walter Beeman, president, conducted the business meeting where the club's participation in the Whoop-T-Do Saturday was discussed.

It was announced that the Optimist's would have three booths at the event, with the Junior Optimist Club to provide help with operating the booths.

Bobby Arnold will present a program on workman's compensation during the club's regular meeting next Tuesday at the RAC.



Braggin' 'bout
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Elementary

W.A. "Dutch" George was special guest of the fourth grade class last week, and shared his memories of Iowa Park, entitled "The Best Town in the World."

Mr. George told how Iowa Park looked to a fourth grade student 50 years ago, and recalled many events in answer to the students' questions about the school and community in those days.

This interview was an introduction to a writing project of the class', who plan to interview and write reports on a number of Iowa Park citizens, and publish a special Centennial book.

Seedlings offered

The Wichita Soil and Water conservation District is offering conifer and hardwood tree seedlings to be sold exclusively for windbreaks and wildlife plantings.

Orders will be sent weekly, with the trees to be released on a first come-first serve basis. Delivery of the seedlings has been set for mid-February, with orders ending by Feb. 11.

Those wishing to order should contact Charles Morton at 592-4176.

Singles to host Halloween party

The New Life Singles will host a Halloween costume party and supper at 7 p.m. Saturday at the ASCS Building.

Following a stew, bean and cornbread supper, games are on tap for those attending.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their calls, prayers and acts of love during my recent hospital stay. It's times like this when friends help us. Thanks again for all your thoughtfulness and kindness.
Bud Mercer and family

Card of Thanks

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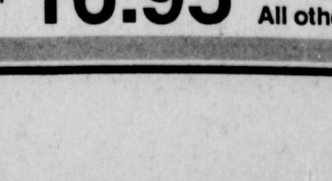

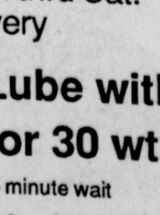

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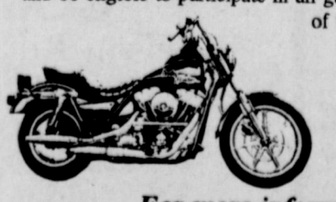

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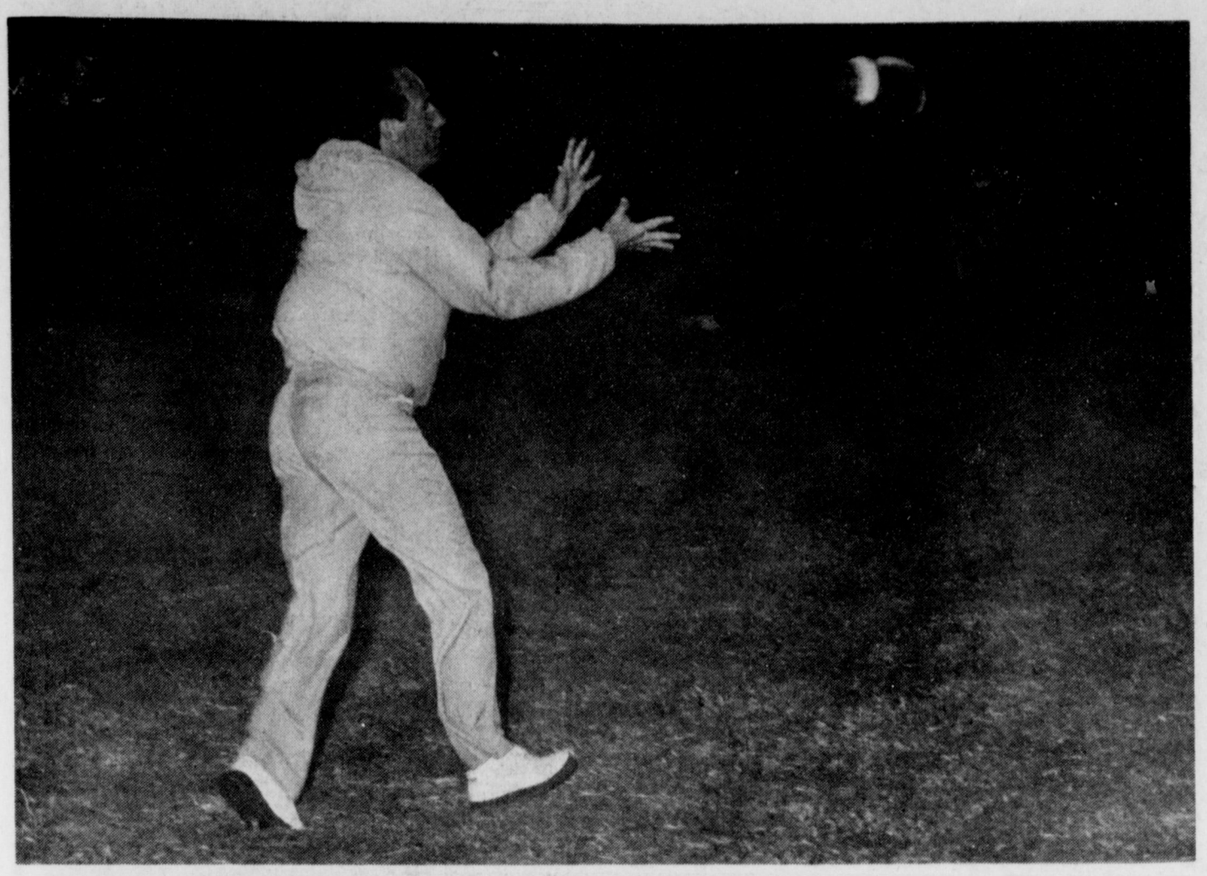

CATCHING FIRST-WIN BALL - Head Hawk Len Williams was tossed the game ball by an official to signal the end of Friday's football game. It was Iowa Park's first win of the season, and Williams' first as head coach of the Mean Green.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Area 4-Hers were among those winning awards at the "Festival of Foods" 4-H Food Show held Saturday at the 4-H Auditorium in Wichita Falls.

Although none were district qualifiers, several earned alternate spots for district competition. They include James Walls, Justin Daume, Jolene Hodges and Greg Carrillo-Miranda.

Other area 4-Hers competing and ribbons earned were Roger Walls, Pre-4-H, merit; Terry Walls, junior snacks/desserts, red; and Josh Daume, junior snacks/desserts, blue.

Karen Hacker was among the 4-H volunteer leaders serving on the food and nutrition project task force this year.

Cookbook compiled from recipes at the show will be on sale at the County Extension Office for 50-cents each, with proceeds to be used to finance next year's food show.

The Iowa Park 4-H Club hosted a party and dance Saturday evening at the barn of Mabel Karstetter.

During the evening, the 58 members and ten adult leaders attending participated in a scare crow stuffing contest, apple bobbing, and a hot dog and marshmallow roast.

Soccer Report

Under 6
Lil' Hawks 3, Monster Squad 5

Under 8
Mean Green 7, Falcons II 0
Goalers 7, Dinosaurs 0
Pee Wee Hawks 1, Unicorns '82 13
Hawks '82 0, Bearcats '82 8

Under 10
Bradford Hawks 3, Goal Busters '79 1
Hawks '80 6, Wildcats 0

IOWA PARK SCHOOL MENU

Friday, Oct. 21
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Soup/sandwich, pizza, corn, tossed salad, dessert, milk.
Monday, Oct. 24
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Soup/sandwich, sloppy Joe, tater tots, pork and beans, sweet relish, dessert, milk.
Tuesday, Oct. 25
Breakfast: Donut, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Soup/sandwich, chopped steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, hot rolls, honey, dessert, milk.
Wednesday, Oct. 26
Breakfast: Pancake pup, syrup, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Soup/sandwich, hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, ice cream, milk.
Thursday, Oct. 27
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit, milk
Lunch: Soup/sandwich, tacos with cheese, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit, milk.

Junior Hawks 2-0-1 Tuesday

Iowa Park Junior High football teams went 2-0-1 Tuesday in games against Burkburnett.

The Eighth Grade defeated the Bulldogs 12-0, while the Seventh Grade A team won 14-12 and the Seventh Grade B team tied 12-12.

The Seventh Grade A and B are scheduled to play at Graham Tuesday, while Graham will be here for A and B Eighth Grade games. First games at each site are to start at 6 p.m.

Top 'O Texas Scoreboard

PEE WEE HAWKS 22
SEYMOUR COUGAR 0

The Pee Wee Hawks won their sixth consecutive game Saturday over Seymour, 22-0.

Touchdowns were by Todd Yeager, Jake Dillard and Mike Swenson, and two-point conversions were by Levi Scholl and Shawn Fulfer.

The defense was led by Justin Terry, Mike Swenson, Tommy Duerson, Toby Catlin and Clint Thompson. They held Seymour to only a pair of first downs during the entire contest.

Offensively, the Hawks ran 25 plays and picked up 167 yards, while Seymour carried only 10 plays and was held to a scant 20 yards.

Harris Ratings for the week

AAA Teams - Power Points

1.	Daingerfield	190
2.	Mexia	181
3.	Vernon *	180
4.	Springtown	179
5.	Southlake Carroll	179
6.	Gainesville	178
7.	Kirbyville	178
8.	Gladewater	177
9.	Devine	176
10.	Fairfield	175
48.	Graham *	164
49.	Decatur *	164
85.	**Iowa Park ***	**158**
94.	Abilene Wylie	155
114.	Bowie *	152
131.	Bridgeport *	149

AAAA Hawk Opponents

53.	Burkburnett	169
67.	Mineral Wells	166

Grace income up in quarter

W.R. Grace and Co., parent firm of Cryovac, announced Monday a healthy improvement in its third quarter income from continuing operations, reporting an increase of 24 percent over the 1987 third quarter.

All of the company's operating units -- Grace Specialty Chemicals Co. and the General Business, Natural Resources and Health Care groups -- contributed to the increase, according to a release from New York.

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School to hire special English teacher

Iowa Park school trustees Tuesday night approved hiring of a special teacher to assist foreign students who are having difficulty mastering the English language.

The hiring will put local schools in compliance with a state law entitled "English as a Second Language," and the teacher hired will instruct three periods a day.

While there are two foreign exchange students attending Iowa Park High this year, their lack of mastery of the English language has no part in the teacher's hiring, Supt. Glen Mitchell explained.

There are three students, two from Germany and one from Norway, who are legal residents of the district and in need of special assistance, the trustees were told. The teacher will, when time is available, assist the two exchange students, however.

Cost of the teacher for the balance of the year will be slightly less than $5,000, Mitchell said.

In other business, the board discussed future classroom needs in the district, approved a fund-raising project and trip for junior high students, and accepted the highest of three bids to sell property assumed for payment of back taxes.

The discussion of classroom needs in the future will be ongoing, Mitchell explained, so the needs can be more fully explored before any action is taken.

With the largest classes in the two elementary schools, future needs of the junior and senior high schools will be thoroughly discussed, it was pointed out.

Kidwell now has an enrollment of 476 pupils in kindergarten through second grade, and Bradford 456 in the third, fourth and fifth grades.

Because of additional classes being required in House Bill 72, scheduling of the classes is already a major problem at the high school, where 540 students now attend, Richard Davis, principal, told the board.

Trustees approved a fund-raising project proposed by the junior high choir, to finance purchase of robes for use in competition and various appearances.

Also approved was a trip for eighth grade students to Fort Worth where they would see "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" at the Casa Manana Theatre.

The production would compliment English studies of the students. The trip will be Mar. 10.

Highest bid to purchase three lots in the 300 block of Crystal was $1,750, submitted by S.R. Alexander. The other bids were $1,500 and $101.50.

After expenses are deducted relating to the sale of the property, the money will be prorated to the school, city and county, for unpaid taxes.

The official cost of operating a school bus for regular activities was set at $1.14 per mile and $2.80 per mile for handicapped transportation. Setting of the rates are required by law, and are voted on annually.

Participation of students at the four cafeterias is down from previous years, to 66 percent of enrollment, Robert Palmer reported. He said the decrease was apparently due to the 25-cent increase in prices initiated this year.

City Alderman Bud Mercer has indicated he would not seek reappointment to the County Tax Appraisal Board, as representative of the local city and school district, trustees were told.

While no official action could be taken, because none was called for on the board's posted agenda, Trustee John Sibley indicated he would serve, if the city council and rest of the board would agree.

Vote on the appointment will be held at next month's board meeting, and is expected to receive city action, possibly Monday.

Besides Mercer, only one other person has served on the appraisal board from here since its creation. That was Stanley Williamson.

Term of office is two years, and Mercer is completing his first term.

Trustees also discussed programs attended at a recent state-wide meeting of school officials, holding a special meeting in November on the 22nd (regular meeting will be the 8th), adding time clocks to start the air conditioners at high school at different times, rather than all at once, and receiving information concerning asbestos investigations at the high school.

JUST IN TIME - Iowa Park volunteer firemen arrived in time to save a home at 401 W. Aldine, shortly before noon Saturday. The blaze reportedly originated when a wall plug sparked, catching curtains ablaze. No one was injured, but fire, smoke and water damage were said to have been extensive.

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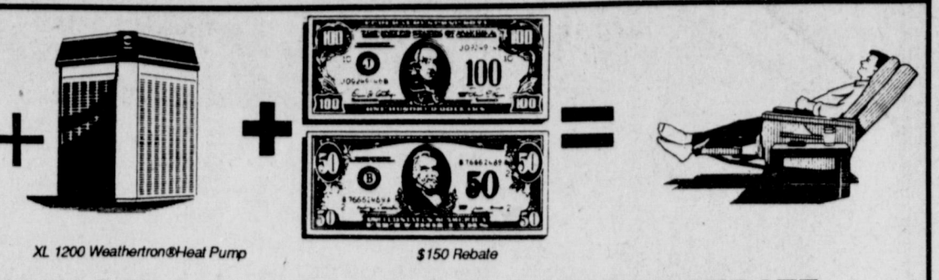

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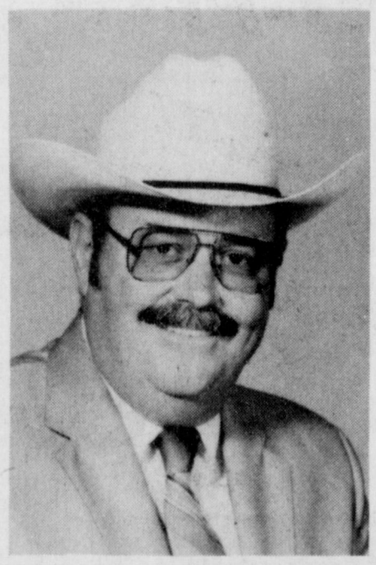

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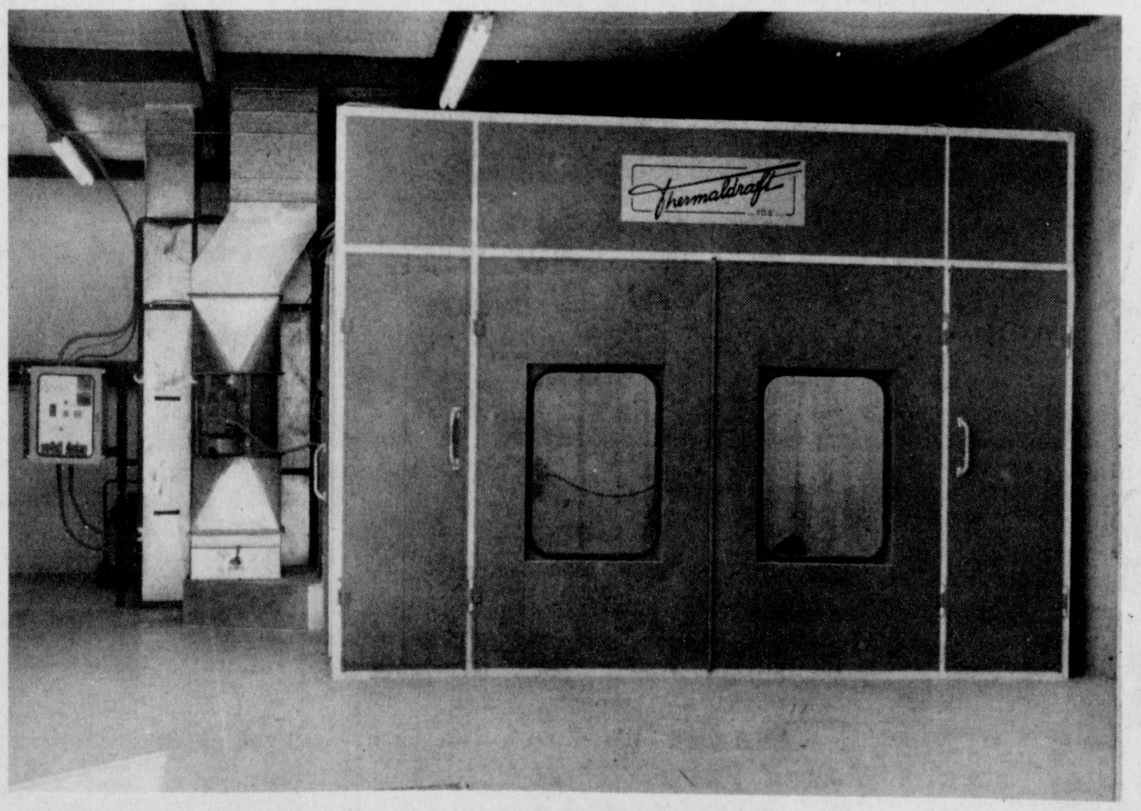

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Misc. for Sale

GARAGE SALE - 723 Park Plaza. Friday, Oct. 21, 9-4. Office furnishings: Computer with screen, printer and table; secretary chairs; folding table (24X72); filing cabinets (4 drawer, 2 drawer with desk top); Answering machine; Bearcat scanner; dinette table and four chairs; many misc. items.
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AREA OIL & GAS NEWS

Williams Petroleum of Burkburnett has posted first production figures for a pair of new wells in Wichita County Regular Field, two miles southeast of Fowlkes.

The wells are designated as the Nos. 6 and 8 Burnett Oil.

The No. 6 showed ability to pump 17 barrels of oil per day plus 100 barrels of water and bottomed at 1,000 feet; while the No. 8 pumped 16 barrels of oil daily and 20 barrels of water and bottomed at 1,050 feet.

Production intervals will be in the Cisco Formation. Perforations will range from 908 to 942 feet into the wellbores.

The wells are in a 240-acre lease in the SA&MG Survey A-430, 2,365 feet from the south line and 2,525 feet from the west line of the survey, and also 2,215 feet from the south line and 2,275 feet from the west line of the survey, respectively.

Tri Core Oil & Gas of Irving has given up on its efforts to make a producer out of the No. 41 Dickinson. It was a developmental try in the Wichita County Regular Field. The location was three miles north-northeast of Clara. Drillsite was in a 79-acre lease 4,350 feet from the south line and 182 feet from the east line of the Specht Colony Land S/D Survey A-9.

Spudded in 1987, the well had reached a dry-bottom total depth of 1,687 feet.

A new producer has been brought on line in Wichita County Regular Field, with Commonwealth Production of Dallas as the operator.

Located four miles northeast of Clara, the well is in a 160-acre lease 2,250 feet from the south line and 2,240 feet from the east line of the F. Huseman Survey - A-93. It is designated as the No. 5-C C. Birk.

It pumped 72 barrels of oil per day plus 20 barrels of water.

The well bottomed at 1,680 feet and will produce from a perforated interval in the Gunsight formation, 1,636 to 1,640 feet into the hole.

Tex-Oil Drilling & Exploration of Richardson has abandoned two undrilled locations in Wichita County Regular Field. Located three miles northeast of Electra, the wells were known as the Nos. 6 and 8 Bickley. They had carried permits for 1,999 feet of hole.

The wells were located in a 262-acre lease 3,070 feet from the north line and 1,805 feet from the east line of the J.F. Torrey Survey A-313; also, in a two-acre lease 1,870 feet from the north line and 1,205 feet from the east line of the survey.

Drillsite has been staked for the No. 6 McDonald, a 1,900-ft. developmental well in the Wichita County Regular Field. The operation will be located eight miles south of Iowa Park in a 160-acre lease 1,000 feet from the north line and 1,150 feet from the east line of the Denton CSL Survey A-417. The operator is cal Jeter of Wichita Falls.

At a location three miles southwest of Burkburnett, Tony Battista Operating of Wichita Falls has finaled a new oil producer in Wichita County Regular Field.

The well is designated as the No. 1 M.F. Clark "B", pumping 16 barrels of oil per day.

Location is in a 104-acre lease 3,875 feet from the south-south line and 813 feet from the middle of the south-east line of the S. Anderson Survey, A-3. Bottomed at 1,574 feet, the well will produce from perforations in the Cisco Formation, 1,506 to 1,510 feet into the wellbore.

Tri Core Oil & Gas of Irving has abandoned an undrilled location in Wichita Couty's Tricore Field. Located three miles north-northeast of Clara, the well was known as the No. T-1 GR Dickinson. It had carried permit for 2,000 feet of hole.

Drillsite was in a 79-acre lease 200 feet from the north line and 180 feet from the east line of the Specht colony Land Survey - A9.

An undrilled location has been abandoned by Marshall Energy of Dallas two miles west-northwest of Kamay in Wichita County's K-M-A Field. It had been designated as the No. 3-A J.A. Kemp Est. #2 and carried authority for 3,893-ft. maximum drilling depth.

The well was located in a 53-acre lease 3,900 feet north and 330 feet east-northeast of the F. Peterswick Survey - A-243.

Mack Knight of Wichita Falls has abandoned two undrilled locations in Wichita County Regular Field. Located 4.5 miles south-southwest of Iowa Park, the wells were known as the Nos. 16 and 17 Roller. They had carried permits for 1,300 feet of hole.

Drillsites were in a 326-acre lease 6,050 feet from the south line and 150 feet from the east line of the D. Matthews Survey - A-671, and also 1,850 feet from the south line and 100 feet from the east line of the MCK&W Survey - A-238, respectively.

The No. A-29 J.H. Marriott has been given a "dry hole" label by McCormick-Gordon of Plano. Located 2.5 miles northeast of Electra, the well had been spudded on August 20. It was located in a 108-acre lease 5,060 feet from the north line and 2,850 feet from the middle of the southeast line of the SPRR Survey - A-280, Wichita County, and had reached 1,800-ft. total depth. It was in the Wichita County Regular Field.

A new wildcat discovery in an unnamed field in Wilbarger County has been completed by Baker & Taylor Drilling of Amarillo.

Designated as the No. 1-81 Taylor Ranch, the well is about three miles south of Farmers Valley.

It showed ability to measure absolute open flow at 3,200 CF gas per day.

Bottomed at 8,300 feet, it will produce from perforations in the Mississippian Formation, 7,492 to 7,506 feet into the hole.

The well is located in a 4,274-acre lease, 1,710 feet from the north line and 105 feet from the west line of the H&TC Survey, A-315.

Phillips Petroleum of Oklahoma City had revealed plans to drill an 8,500-ft. wildcat well in a Wilbarger County location. The operator has 190 acres leased, with drillsite 1,037 feet from the south line and 1,900 feet from the west line of the H&TC Survey, A-422, and has designated the venture as the No. 1 Rape "A". Drillsite is 1.5 miles south of Farmers Valley.

Drillsite has been staked for the No. 1 Palaura-Cable/Petty Unit, an 8,600-ft. wildcat well in a Hardeman County location. The operation will be located three miles southwest of Chillicothe in a 40-acre lease 4,494 feet from the south line and 854 feet from the west line of the W. Smith Survey, A-701. The operator is Trio Operating of Wichita Falls.

Baker & Taylor Drilling of Amarillo has given up on its efforts to make a producer out of the No. 1-63 Taylor Ranch. It was a wildcat venture in a Hardeman location. The location was 8.5 miles south-southeast of Chillicothe. Drillsite was in a 4,274-acre lease 1,845 feet from the north line and 1,900 feet from the east line of the H&TC Survey, A-1133.

Spudded on Aug. 17, the well had reached a dry-bottom total depth of 8,350 feet.

An undrilled location has been abandoned by Bridger Oil of Houston two miles west of Quanah in a Hardeman County wildcat location. It had been designated as the No. 1 Bell and carried authority for 9,000-ft. maximum drilling depth.

The well was located in a 40-acre lease 2,000 feet from the north line and 2,050 feet from the east line of the W&NW Survey, A-995.

Sheriff's Report

Wichita County Sheriff's Department received a report of burglary of a habitation during the last week in the area surrounding Iowa Park.

Judy Ann Woods reported to deputies that her residence, located north of FM 258 on FM 368, was burglarized a week ago Wednesday. The thief took a television set and various items of jewelry, with a value of $5,341. The case is still under investigation.

HOLLIDAY SCHOOL MENU

Friday, Oct. 21
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, peaches, milk.
Lunch: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread, cobbler, milk.
Monday, Oct. 24
Breakfast: Toast and jelly, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Corn dogs, tater triangle, broccoli and rice, Rice Krispie bars, milk.
Tuesday, Oct. 25
Breakfast: Donuts, applesauce, milk.
Lunch: Baked ham, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, Texas toast, cherry cobbler, milk.
Wednesday, Oct. 26
Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Tacos with cheese, lettuce, tomato, Mexi-corn, macaroni and tomatoes, cake, milk.
Thursday, Oct. 27
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas or carrots, hot rolls, peaches, milk.

Officers elected, standouts named

Officers were elected and Missionettes of the Month were named at a meeting held recently of the Junior-Senior Missionette group of First Assembly of God.

Officers elected include Sue-An Benson, president; Tracy Hembree, vice president; Connie Noel, second vice president; Kristi Hembree, secretary; Melody Williams, treasurer; and Jennifer Burk, committee chairman.

An installation ceremony will be held Oct. 30 during regular evening services of the church, and the Royal Rangers, the boys' program, will be presented awards.

Missionette of the Month named in each age group were Renee Burditt, four years old, in the Rainbows; Brandy Burditt, eight years old, in the Prims; and Sue-An Benson, 12 years old, in the Junior-Senior Missionette.

In The Military

In NATO exercise

Army Pvt. 1st Class James A. Gilbow has participated in the NATO-sponsored exercise, Return of Forces to Germany '88 (REFORGER).

The exercise was designed to evaluate plans and support agreements between NATO member nations, to exercise West Germany's ability to support deploying forces and to test the ability of European-based units to quickly link reinforcing units with their pre-positioned equipment.

Gilbow is the son of Linda K. Hatfield of Holliday, and stepson of Pamela Gilbow of Burkburnett.

The soldier is a chemical operations specialist with the 12th Chemical Co., Fort Riley, Kan.

He is a 1985 graduate of Burkburnett High School.

Shop Iowa Park First

100 YEARS OF HISTORY

Iowa Park background traced from its origin

1888 - 1988

By Lita Huggins Watson

Only a few brave souls had ventured this far west in Texas by 1880. The Jim Banta Family established residence in the southwest part of the county in 1877. Also in the 1870s, Samuel Burk Burnett bought a ranch west of the present town of Iowa Park, in partnership with his father-in-law, M.B. Loyd, who founded the First National Bank of Fort Worth. Burnett first registered his famous Four Sixes brand in Clay County because there was no courthouse in Wichita.

In 1882, General Grenville M. Dodge, who built the Union Pacific and Texas Pacific Railroads, brought the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway as far as Wichita Falls in the southeastern part of the county. Available rail transportation encouraged the organization of Wichita County government. Two places near the geographic center of the county were the main contenders. One was the Burnett Ranch and the other was called "The Centre" which is the present town of Iowa Park. The results of the first two elections were:

	Burnett	Centre	WF
June 1882	31	37	10
Nov. 1882	53	48	5

Burnett Ranch was only one vote short of the needed majority and the story goes that a ranch hand, who promised to return from a visit to Fort Worth, failed to return in time to vote.

Since none of the places received a majority of votes in either election, there was no official county seat. Understandably, business for the county continued to be conducted in Wichita Falls since the railroad did not extend to these other locations. After another election, held in November of 1883, with Wichita Falls polling 190 votes and all other places receiving only 15 votes, County Commissioners declared Wichita Falls to be the county seat. There was still a fourth attempt to change the location when a petition with over 100 signatures was brought to Judge W.E. Foster requesting an election in 1889. Although the railroad passed through the county four years earlier, the geographical center of the county was not destined to be the financial center. Twenty-four voted for removal to Iowa Park, 341 cast votes to remain in Wichita Falls and no one voted for Rutherford, the small community on the Burnett Ranch.

Work on the Fort Worth and Denver City line halted after it reached Wichita Falls in 1882, but by 1885 the line extended through this part of the county and on to Harrold where it paused again. From 1885-1888, the switch on the line at the present site of Iowa Park was known as Daggett, after a prominent pioneer family of Tarrant County.

In 1888, General Dodge purchased 80 acres of prairie land, the original sale of which benefitted schools in Tarrant County. The railroad ran diagonally through his $240 purchase. At the same time, David C. Kolp and his wife, Jennie, acquired adjoining lands. Mr. Kolp purchased 224 acres on the south side of the railroad and Mrs. Kolp bought 325 acres on the north side. On October 22, 1888, the Kolps and General Dodge filed a plat for the town of Iowa Park, located on adjacent sections 18 and 25 of Tarrant County School Land, Wichita County, Texas.

Although the Kolps were originally from Pennsylvania, they lived in Iowa for a number of years. General Dodge's home was in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Other Iowans also settled in the area and the plat included many parks, hence the name, Iowa Park.

The developers designated several areas as parks, including circular and diamond shaped parks in the wide boulevards. Park Street ran east and west, north and south, meeting at the town center -- an ideal location for a courthouse. Early references to Iowa Park called it "The Park." Certainly this is easier than trying to decide whether to say "I-o-way" or "I-o-wa."

Perhaps William Penn and his symmetrical design for the streets of Philadelphia influenced D.C. Kolp, who once worked for John Wanamaker, the famous department store there. Streets are laid out north-south, east-west, even though the railroad angles through town. Streets in the business district bear the names of Cash and Bond, Bank and Wall. Seventy-five and 100-foot-wide streets are named for authors, some for trees and others for precious stones. National leaders honored include Washington, Jackson and Jefferson. The street marking the eastern boundary is Atlantic and the one on the west was Pacific. An attempt to change the names of the streets to letters and numbers in the 1930s apparently failed since present street names are the same as those in the original plat.

Land owners filed other plats rapidly. First addition, north of the original townsite, dates back to August 29, 1889, when E.R. Kolp, a son of D.C. Kolp, filed. The McClesky or McClusky Addition, filed by E.A. McClesky on January 10, 1890, is on the south side of the railroad, east of the original plat. Colonel Herman Specht, who sold many acres of farm land to German settlers in the area of Clara, filed a plat for the Texas Addition in July 1890. D.C. Kolp filed two other plats in May 1891, the United States Addition and the National Addition. In February 1898, County commissioners declared the last two areas unplatted because of lack of development and outstanding taxes.

There is no doubt that these people and countless others were land promoters. They were in the business of buying land along the new railways at the sites of proposed towns and platting it with the hope of reselling it. Railroads inaugurated costly advertising programs to bring in new settlers. Agents in the north and east distributed printed materials such as this plat map in order to attract people to look at available lands. Some railroads ran exhibition trains and offered rates favorable to prospective buyers.

David C. Kolp, General Dodge and Jesse Kennedy, all from Iowa, formed the Iowa-Texas Colony, a land company. Andrew J. Kolp, a brother to D.C. Kolp, was listed as a trustee. He was also the first postmaster when the post office opened in November 1888.

According to some of General Dodge's personal papers, located in an archives in Des Moines, Iowa, the company conducted a town lot sale in Iowa Park October 20, 1888. The steer for the barbeque cost $6.00 and a well, drilled to prove the existence of water, cost $7.50. Captain James Hosak auctioneered the event as he had the town lot sale in Wichita Falls six years earlier. Reported turnout was poor as the weather was cold and rainy. Some of the people who bought lots that day were: C.L. McCullough, William Fisher, M.M. Templeton, Joseph F. Edwards, S.J. Clasby, B.F. Wadsworth, D.W. Smith, W.L. Yauger, C.W. Brubaker, Abe Brubaker, O.S. Ford, William Crane and J. Crawford. Ads in 32 newspapers carried news of the sale.

In June 1891, an election, held to determine whether Iowa Park should be incorporated, brought out 74 voters for and four against incorporation. Judge W.P. Skeen declared Iowa Park to be incorporated, July 3, 1881. Jesse Kennedy's real estate office was the polling place.

Earliest records of business conducted by the new city are in the form of 21 ordinances passed September 14, 1891, signed by H.C. Fuller, mayor, and R.S. Sims, secretary. No minutes for this period exist but the ordinances tell a little of the early history. The first tax was an annual occupation tax. For example, money brokers or bankers were charged $12 and lightening rod dealers, $75. A peddler with one horse paid $7, while the fellow with two horses was charged $15. Other early ordinances dealt with destruction of property, reckless driving (with horses!), proper care of privies and pig pens, discharging firearms and firecrackers in the city, public intoxication, livestock and dogs running loose, and the train blocking intersections longer than five minutes (sound familiar?).

The first recorded election for members of the City Council occurred on April 11, 1892. Those elected were: E.A. McClesky, mayor; G.T. Akers, mayor pro-tem; C.B. McHugh, S.M. Butcher, J.P. Grigg and W.R. Gibson, aldermen. Lots drawn determined one and two year terms and W.F. Miller served as City Secretary and Treasurer.

A poem written in March 1892 by Mrs. W.H. Warner and titled, *Iowa Park, Her Past, Present and Future*, provides the information that the town had at least 46 businesses. They included two banks, two newspapers, a flour mill, seven grocery stores, dry good stores, a hardware store, two furniture stores, three livery stables, a wagon yard and two drug stores. Also mentioned are doctors, lawyers, a bootmaker, a clockmaker, four milliners, two butchers, a blacksmith, barbers, real estate agents, preachers and carpenters.

On May 5, 1893, M.G. Cottrell, as realtor, together with the State of Texas, sued Mayor McClesky and the City Council to dissolve the incorporation of the city of Iowa Park. (A realtor is one who brings suit with the state to try a question involving both public and private right.) A jury found for the plaintiff and the mayor and council members declared usurpers acting without lawful authority and the incorporation dissolved. Mayor McClesky and the other defendants moved for a new trial but the court overruled. The defendants then took exception and gave notice of appeal.

Field notes in varas, the Texas system of land measurement inherited from the Spanish, describing the 1,164 acres of the previously incorporated townsite, were ordained and filed in the office of the County Clerk, in November 1893.

On December 12, 1883, another jury found in favor of the defendants and the land described as Iowa Park in 1891 was judged to be valid incorporation with the realtor, M.G. Cottrell, required to pay court costs. Minutes of the District Court do not provide a satisfactory explanation for the filing of this suit. An error in the description of the original is a possibility but the description, given in feet in the 1891 incorporation, was identical to the one in varas reaffirmed by the court in 1893. Notes for this case no longer exist in the courthouse.

One of the first problems facing a new community is that of finding an adequate supply of potable water. Citizens dug wells in different parts of town and neighbors could help themselves. There was a well in the Hyde-Tanner Building and a town well and windmill in City Park across from the railroad depot. The repair of the windmill appeared frequently as an expense item in early council minutes. Residents also caught precious rainwater and stored it in cisterns.

A small natural depression in the northeast section of the city near the area marked "Antelope Lake" on the early plat map, was referred to by the citizens as the "public tank." In 1895 Council voted to "spend $10 on the dam which is now under construction." Indians camped at this site when they came to town. An old timer, Gale Lowrance, recalled that stock drank from this tank and it also served as a place for baptisms. He chuckled remembering that "ministers used to have to run the cows out to immerse the Campbellites and the Baptists."

Sanitation was an early problem. In 1892, the Council passed ordinances designating a city scavenger to clean privies for a set fee on a regular basis. Sanitation ordinances proved difficult to enforce as evidenced by the frequent appearances of city health officers before the Council to complain about lack of enforcement. City health officers during this period were Dr. F.R. Collard, Dr. Frank Clark and his sons, Dr. J. Frank Clark and Dr. Gordon Clark.

In September 1922, a bond election held for the issuance of $50,000 in sewer bonds succeeded with 118 votes for and 28 against. In October of that year the Council bought land from E.A. McClesky, southwest of the city, to be used as the location for a waste water treatment plant. The price of the land and easement was $500 and a sewer connection. Council contracted with the firm of Montgomery and Ward of Dallas to engineer the project, but sometime into the construction decided to act as its own contractor and terminated the contract. Council then authorized Mayor J.C. Hines to purchase a car for use in overseeing construction. Completed by early 1925, this project placed 50,000 feet of sewer mains in the city. The present waste water treatment plant was completed in the early 1970s.

The pioneers wanted their children to have an education. The first school, conducted in the home of Ben Ferguson, soon moved to a one-room frame school house which was eventually enlarged to four rooms. This building, in the south part of town, also served to house the first meetings of fledgling church congregations.

August 11, 1899 the school district was incorporated by a vote of 51 to 11. Trustees elected were W.P. Cagle, D.K. Barbour, T.J. Waggoner, C. Birk, N.C. Herod, W.F. Miller, L.A. Wyatt, G.T. Akers, and H. Specht. The district was comprised of 24 1/2 sections.

Around the turn of the century, a two-story brick building constructed on the north side of the railroad, served the school until a new building replaced it in 1916. A storm destroyed part of this building in 1920 but it was rebuilt in time for classes to open. In 1924 a bond election and the generous contribution of W.F. George made possible a new building, named for the benefactor.

Open in 1960, Ethyle Kidwell Elementary was the first to be separated from the main campus. It is named for a beloved principal who taught in Iowa Park schools 46 years. A new high school, completed in 1970, removed it from the renovated junior high campus which retained the name of W.F. George. W.R. Bradford Elementary School, cosntructed in 1962, honors the man who served as superintendent of Iowa Park schools 33 years.

The earliest churches in the new community were First Baptist, First Christian, Methodist Episcopal North, Methodist Episcopal South and First Presbyterian. Many others have been added in the ensuing years.

In the early years the residents of the small community witnessed drought, record-breaking cold weather and economic depressions. Many of the early pioneers of both the town and surrounding farm communities moved on when adversity struck. Many left when the Indian lands across Red River opened to settlement. The 1900 Federal Census recorded a total of 565 people in Iowa Park Village.

Not long after the turn of the century, prohibition became a strong issue in Texas. Shortly after the Anti-Saloon League came to Texas in 1907, Iowa Park voted 40 to 26 to make the sale of alcoholic beverages illegal. This election, conducted in the F.O. Harris store at the corner of Park and Wall, closed the local

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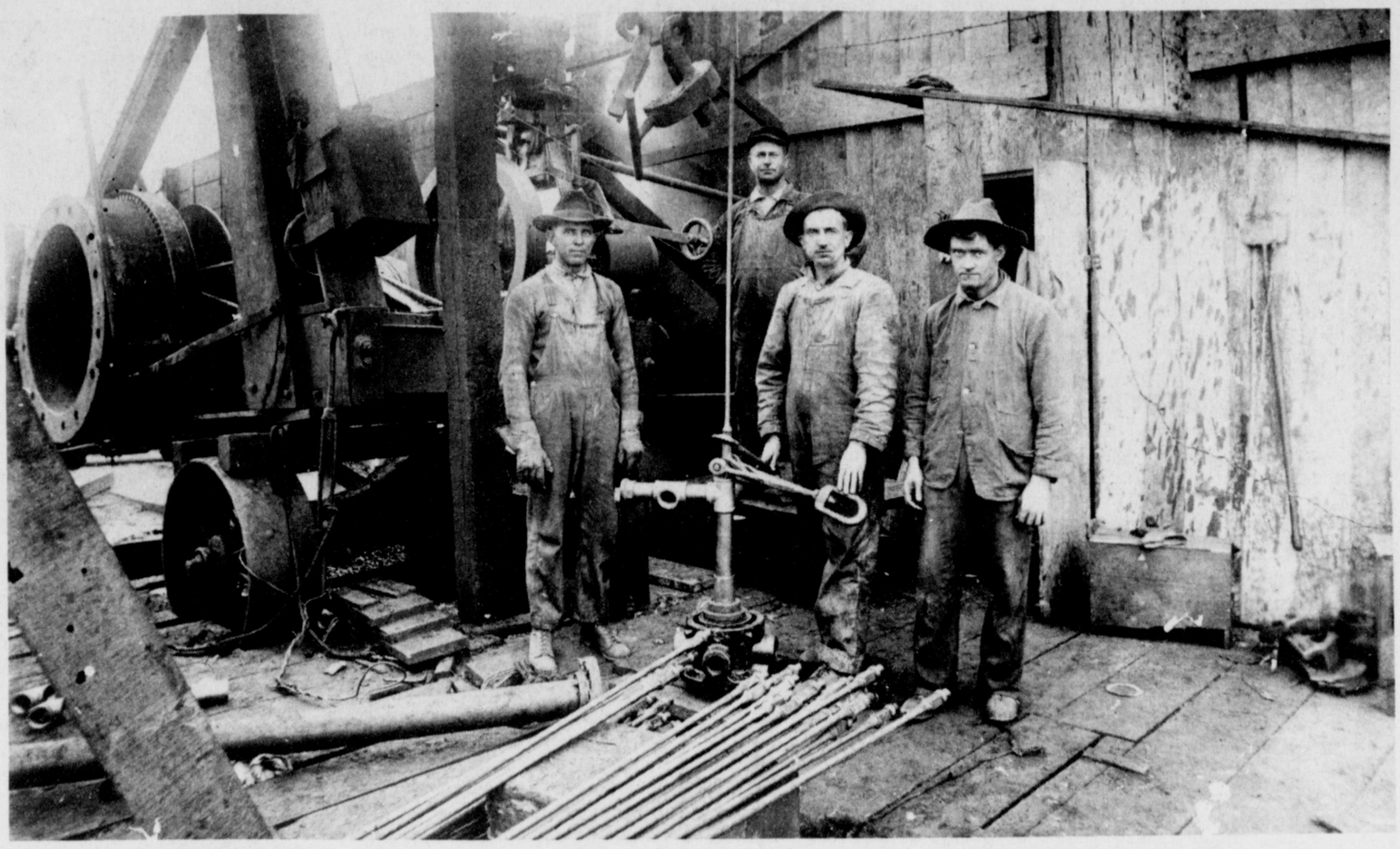

***EARLY-DAY WELL DRILLING** - Two of the crew are identified as John Sing, right, and Jim Gilmore, next to him. They were operating an old Star Spudder when the photograph was taken sometime between 1919 and 1921. The drilling is believed to have been on the Zink farm, south of Iowa Park.*

HOME OF MRS. SARAH JANE DAVIS, ABOUT 1898
. . . on corner of FM 368 and Aldine Street.

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saloons.

The economy of this area was largely dependent on farming and stock raising until the discovery of oil. Petroleum finds in North Texas brought in hordes of prospectors, developers and con artists. The first successful well nearby was on the L.N. Lochridge farm southwest of town in 1913. In 1918, a well on the Zink farm two miles south of town produced more oil.

Iowa Park had three oil refineries. Wichita Valley Refinery was the first in the county and it produced its first gallon of gasoline on December 25, 1914. Iowa Park Producing and Refining Company was located east of town and Interstate Refinery was across the railroad from the present Barbour pipe yard.

Barbour Trucking Company and Thompson Tool are two of the industries still in operation which grew out of this period. Oil related jobs continue to provide a vital part of the local economy although production declined in the last three years due to the over production of oil worldwide and a drop in oil prices.

World War I reached out from far off Germany to touch this tiny community. The citizens of Wichita County responded to the call to purchase Liberty Bonds as well as to serve the country in the armed forces. An announcement was made that a ship to be named "The Wichita" because of the over subscription of Series III bonds by the citizens of this county. Many of the women of the community knitted wool garments for the service men. This community, along with many others, suffered from the influenza epidemic of 1918.

During this period there was a Young Business Man's League whose slogan was "Inviting your attention to Iowa Park -- the fastest growing town in Texas."

The next period of growth came in the middle 1920s with the damming of the South Fork of the Wichita River to form Lake Kemp and Lake Diverson. It was the dream of J.A. Kemp, farsighted Wichita Falls businessman, that these dams would provide flood control, irrigation water and a water supply for Wichita Falls and other communities. Iowa Park citizens certainly thought that their water problems were over. A water filtering plant south of the city treated water before pumping it into city lines. It was not long, however, until everyone realized that the high saline content of the water not only made it unpalatable, but also unsuitable for growing a variety of crops. Thus Iowa Park's dream of becoming the "Gateway to the Irrigated Valley," as the promotional bulletin of the Chamber of Commerce proclaimed, was not to be realized.

Wichita Valley Irrigation District was organized in 1923 and Texas A&M University organized a substation of the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station on FM 1814 in 1924.

Iowa Park's greatest claim to fame came as the Texas Oklahoma Fair, which began here in 1928 as the Wichita County Free Fair, drew as many as 250,000 visitors during the peak period of late 1950s and early 1960s. The event, conducted by numerous volunteers under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce, lasted several days each fall for 34 years. After the Fair Auditorium burned in 1962, directors opted to close the fair. Park West Shopping Center and Wal-Mart now occupy the old fair grounds.

Tom Burnett, local rancher and oil man, built a grandstand on his Triangle Ranch west of town and produced rodeos there for at least two years in the early 1920s.

Morris and William Levine opened the Fair Store here about 1921 -- the beginning of the Levine Department Store chain. In 1966 the 114-store chain merged with the Zale Corporation of Dallas, formerly of Wichita Falls. Leota Wigley Weseman, who started in the store here, was honored for her 48 years' employment with Levines.

The organization which we know now as the Chamber of Commerce, came into being about 1921, probably as a successor to the Young Business Men's Club. There was a Commercial Club in the 1890s which may have served the same function.

Fires have always been a problem for the community. Mrs. Ferren Kildow's diary notes "first fire in Iowa Park. Pace, Herod and Strange burned out," January 31, 1891. This may be the fire which tradition says burned out the business district on the south side of the railroad. The Cameron Hotel, built to house prospective land buyers, burned about 1893. In 1919, a fire which started with the ignition of nitrate film in the Iowa Park Theater, destroyed seven businesses.

In 1924, a $15,000 bond election approved plans to construct a City Hall and fire station. The building, completed in 1924, sits on the corner of Wall and Cash Streets in the City park. It is the present City Hall. The Volunteer Fire Department organized at this time. Expressing pride in the volunteers who manned the fire equipment, C.C. Hudson, editor of the *Iowa Park Herald*, wrote in 1925, "The Iowa Park Fire Department is one of the most efficient volunteer fire fighting organization in the country -- ably officered, maintaining strict discipline and regular practice." We can agree with that in 1988 and add that they are proficient in the medical field, as well.

In 1915, Wichita Falls Electric received a franchise to provide electric light, heat and power but the first mention of street lights in city council minutes was not until 1928. Natural gas replaced coal for fuel when the lines were laid to the town in 1926.

Members of the Travel Club in Wichita Falls assisted with the organization of the 23 Study Club in 1923.

"Dusty" or "muddy" were polite terms to describe the permanent condition of the roads and streets of long ago. An early ordinance required all able-bodied men to work the streets five days a year or pay $3.00. Apparently, men were reluctant to perform their street duty and this was another difficult-to-enforce ordinance. Council minutes frequently mention the need for a marshall to "arn out" (notify) the men to work the streets. In 1920, a bond election provided $30,000 for street paving.

The only mention of streets in the very incomplete minutes of the next few years was when the Council voted to top Cash Street with four inches of crushed rock in 1922. It was not until 1925 that they paved the business section of town with six inches of concrete. In 1928, the Council gave a promissory note to W.F. George for money to pave a portion of Cash and Wall Streets. Mr. George charged no interest and the payback was $300 per year. By 1925, the Colorado to Gulf Highway ran through Iowa Park with concrete 10 inches thick and 18 feet wide.

The 1930s brought the era of the Great Depression and jobs were difficult to find. In 1938, the city, with assistance from the Works Progress Administration of the Federal Government, constructed the lake now known as Lake Gordon to serve as the water supply for the community. They also built the water treatment plant south of the dam.

Dr. Gordon Clark provided strong leadership as mayor during this difficult period of the depression and the lake is named in his honor. The park on the west side is named "Oscar Park" to honor his wife for her service to the community.

Extentions for city tax payments were a frequent item of business in the 1930s. In 1936, councilmen created an ordinance to allow the monthly payment of taxes. First National Bank, founded by C. Birk in 1900, and First State Bank, founded by L.N. Lochridge in 1919, consolidated in 1932 to form State National Bank.

Drought conditions and poor land management practices brought in clouds of rolling dust which covered everything, restricted visibility and made breathing difficult.

Another of the Federal government aid programs brought the resettlement group to the Wichita Valley Farms. The government purchased 5,543 acres of land between Iowa Park and Wichita Falls, sub dividing it into 91 farm units ranging in size from 40 to 82 acres. It furnished each farm with a house, a barn, pumphouse and chicken house.

Under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, the program gave experienced farmers, down-and-out but recommended by a County Agent, a chance to start over. Each farmer had three years to prove self-sufficiency and then he could apply for a low-interest long-term loan to buy the land. These farmers and their successors, as well as the rest of the farming community, have contributed substantially to the growth of Iowa Park through the years.

The Community Center in the Valley Farms, which served the community so well for so many years, burned in September of 1988. Vandals apparently set the fire.

With the 1940s came World War II. The young men of Iowa Park were represented in all branches and all did not return. The dead of both World Wars, Korean and Viet Nam wars are honored with the listing of their names on a memorial sculpture on the grounds of the Wichita County courthouse in 1987.

Sheppard Air Force Base, begun as Sheppard field in 1940, provides a significant financial impact on this community since many citizens are employed or stationed at the base. Many retirees choose to remain in Iowa Park.

The late 1940s began a period of relative prosperity. To welcome the men back from the service of their country, the community leaders dedicated the 1945 Fair to them, and particularily to the members of the Lost Batallion, many of whom were from this area.

After the war and on through the 1960s, there was much interest in Civil Defense. The nation was fearful of a nuclear attack. Fallout shelters were popular and there were many meetings to plan for emergencies.

Wichita County Farm Bureau located here in 1948 in order to be in the center of the county. In 1949 the Chamber of Commerce adopted the slogan: "Iowa Park -- Town of Friendly Living."

Again the community faced a shortage of water and voters approved the creation of the Wichita County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3 in 1949. A separate taxing authority, this elected group began to plan for the construction of Lake Iowa Park on Stevens Creek. Completed in 1950, this lake was adequate for only a short time. A larger lake, completed in 1964 on Buffalo Creek and on line by 1967, again proved inadequate as the population of the town grew and there were extended periods of drought. Lakes were so low in 1971 that it was necessary to route "ditch" water from Lake Kemp to Lake Gordon and then treat is for public consumption. People complained about the taste and appliances rusted out. Iowa Park contracted to purchase water from Wichita Falls and laid a large line from the Cypress Street water plant to our water plant in 1972.

Luther Shaw opened a Ford dealership in 1956 which he sold 31 years later to Bill Wilson and Leon Stevenson. Another fire in 1958 destroyed seven businesses on the north side of the 100 block of Cash Street.

A building boom in the 1960s produced some 600 new homes. About this time the Chamber of Commerce added "gowing" to the slogan, "Town of Friendly Living." Citizens passed a comprehensive zoning ordinance under the leadership of the mayor, Dr. Erwin Soell. Expressway 287 bypassed the business district and Park West Shopping Center occupied part of the old Fair grounds with a TG&Y variety store and an A&P grocery anchoring the new business district. A new post office opened on Cash Street and the Masons built their own building.

Mrs. T.M. Clark, as president of the 23 Study Club, assisted with the organization of the Philia Study Club in 1963.

Dear to the heart of every parent is Jonas Salk and his development of the polio vaccine. Citizens of Iowa Park received the three parts of this vaccine in 1962 and 1963 and parents no longer need fear that their children will be paralyzed by this terrible disease.

New members of the local medical community in 1961 were Dr. Earl F. Watson and Dr. Erwin F. Soell, who joined the Park Clinic staff, and Dr. Richard Carver, who opened a dental practice.

Many a rousing football game was played at the Bobby Gilbreath Stadium behind the old high school, but the enthusiasm of supporters was so great after the Hawks won the State Class AA Championship in 1969 that they constructed a beautiful bowl stadium with donations and volunteer labor. The Hawks inaugurated the new facility, "Hawk Stadium," by tying for the state Championship in 1970. Robert Wilcox has been the announcer for Hawk games 40 years, missing only one game during that time.

IOWA PARK PIONEERS - Recognized during one of the County Fairs, year unknown, were, from left, J.L. Belote, Mrs. C.E. Birk, and Rev. C.C. Davis, first pastor of the Methodist Church in Iowa Park, even before the city was chartered.

That was not, however, the first state athletic championship for Iowa Park High. The Hawk track team earned the Class A title in track in 1960.

Several new businesses came to Iowa Park in the early 1970s. Dr. Thurman Reitz built an animal clinic and Beall Auto Parts opened across the street from a branch of Parker Square Savings and Loan. Name changes for the savings branch include United Stavings, Independent American Savings and the latest, Sunbelt Savings. Bill Bates purchased the Duckworth Chevrolet dealership in 1973.

An energy crisis developed that year, when foreign nations reduced oil shipments. By 1974 the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit was in force, gas lines were common and "no gas" signs appeared at service stations. This situation prompted more oil exploration in this area and shortages gradually eased. Also in that year, flashing lights replaced red and green traffic signals on the old highway (Loop 370) and the city constructed a new police and fire station in City Park.

The first Whoop-T-Do, which has become an annual event, took place in the fall of 1972. Planned to coincide with Homecoming weekend, the street festival consists of food booths, games, contests, musical entertainment, arts and crafts. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, it provides fun, fellowship and a method of fund raising for local non-profit organizations.

Cryovac, a Division of W.R. Grace, opened a plastic barrier bag plant here in 1974. The latest of several plant expansions occurred in 1988.

New organizations in the 1970s and 1980s include the Optimist Club, MuleSkinners, Wichita County Young Farmers, Amity Study Club, the Friendly Door, Rotary Club and an American Legion Post.

Iowa Park celebrated America's Bicentennial with a July 4th celebration at the Hawk Stadium with Merle Anthony, retired Wichita Falls High School civics teacher, as the featured speaker. Dedication of the Bicentennial project, a community swimming pool located on the high school campus, was a fitting climax to countless hours of fund raising by volunteers.

Miss Dosia Smith retired in 1973 after more than 28 years in City Hall, most of which she served as City Secretary. City Council hired Gene Britton, a retired Air Force Major, as the first City Administrator in 1976. Steve Morath replaced him after his resignation in 1978. The present administrator is James Barrington. In 1978 Councilman Eldon Thompson Jr. was killed in an auto accident.

The first phase of the renovation of City Hall began under the direction of Mayor Johnny Crawford, who provided strong leadership for six years. During that period (1976-1982), the city regained a sound financial standing, installed containerized trash pick-up, contracted with the school system for tax billing and collection, codefied ordinances, granted a franchise to CATV for cable television, and undertook a program of street paving and resurfacing which continues into the 1980s.

The Evening Lions Club purchased the Tanner building in 1979. After rennovation, it provides a meeting place for the senior citizens of the Friendly Door and a meeting place for the Lions and Lionesses. The Friendly Door and the Recreational Activities Center receive support from United Way, with which Iowa Park affiliated in 1976.

In 1979 a devastating tornado struck Wichita Falls. Iowa Park citizens were involved in emergency relief.

The saga of the disappearance of grain dealer, Bobby Johnson, concluded when he was returned in 1979 from Idaho to face charges of fiscal mismanagement. Johnson reportedly fell off a fishing boat in the Gulf of Mexico in 1977 and drowned. The FBI launched an investigation when it was determined that about $2-million worth of grain was missing from Johnson's grain-handling operations in North Texas, Southern Oklahoma and Colorado.

Athletic complexes received names. The new Top of Texas football stadium was named to honor Gordon Griffith, the Girls Softball Field was named in memory of Gary Compton and the soccer field on the east side of Gordon Lake was named in memory of David Kinsey. Supporters constructed a new field for Little League Baseball when Cryovac bought the former site.

The decade of the 1980s is witness to many changes in the physical appearance of Iowa Park. Fire destroyed Jim's Meat Market and heavily damaged Ken's Foodliner in 1983. Another fire took out Discount Foods and The Bee Hive and heavily damaged merchandise at Verna's Apparel. This fire caused the eventual demolition of an early stone building on the east.

Quick and able action on the part of the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department kept these and other fires from spreading through the entire business district.

The Park Hotel, landmark of the northeast corner of Wall and Cash since 1919, was demolished because of its condition. Donated to the city by Mrs. W.F. George, the land was sold to benefit the library.

Showplace of the community is the new Tom Burnett Memorial Library. This property, purchased by Mr. Burnett's granddaughter and donated to the city for use as a library, was rennovated for library use by donations of interested citizens and a grant from the Tandy Foundation.

Renovation of City Hall included a new exterior. Several businesses in the downtown area have also undergone attractive facelifts. City Park has new plantings, curbing and a band shell for "Summer in the Park" activities. The M-16 army tank, which sat in City Park for many years, was returned to Fort Sill for shipment to a museum in England. A new office for the Chamber of Commerce is under construction at Wall and Cash, southwest corner.

Highland Cemetery also received many needed improvements including the addition of a pavilion for services protected from the weather.

In 1982, Bill Gilmore, long time member of the City Council, resigned his position after pleading guilty to Federal charges of mail fraud. When Herman Mahler also resigned, an election was mandated. The special election in October attracted a field of 13 candidates and a voter turnout of 907.

New faces and/or new positions of this decade include: Dr. Carter Pirkle and his new dentist office across from the high school; Dr. Larry Stutte at Park Clinic; Alyce Bondurant, attorney, in Oliver Newman's office, and Gordon Griffith, County Commissioner, Precinct 3. Buck Voyles retired from the County Commission post after 34 years. Wal-Mart discount store opened on grounds once occupied by the Fair, and the Movie House, renting video tapes, opened in Park West Shopping Center. New grocery stores are B&R Thriftway and King's Food.

The community was saddened by the unexpected deaths of Bob Cole, principal of Kidwell Elementary School, and Jerry Padgett, Wichita County Clerk.

Three families were accepted into the Texas Family Heritage Land Registry for continuous ownership by one family of land in agriculture production for 100 years. Receiving recognition at the state capitol in Austin were the Williamson farm, 1882; Beulah Francis May Ranch, 1882, and the Parker Ranch, 1883.

The town celebrated Texas' Sesquicentennial, March 2, on the grounds of the new library, by burying a time capsule to be opened in the year 2036. Citizens joined in "Hands Across America," the nationwide fund raising appeal to benefit the needy. This effort attempted, and almost succeeded, to form a continuous chain of hands reaching across the continent.

New decorations proclaim the coming of Christmas to the downtown area, thanks to Ruth Welch, who thought of asking citizens for a voluntary donation of at least 10-cents to be included on the monthly water bill.

Good planning heralded the optimistic beginning of the town as evidenced in the plat which included areas for an opera house, board of trade, YMCA, library, schools and groceries. Cycles of drought, depression, fires and unemployment were forces to be reckoned with, but the hardy pioneers endured the hardships, enjoyed the good times and kept Iowa Park on the map as the "Growing Town of Friendly Living."

IOWA PARK

Her Past, Present and Future

(This poem was read by Mrs. W.H. Warner at the Band entertainment, March 10, 1892. It was found in an old newspaper clipping that belonged to Mrs. F.L. Emanuel and is shared with us by her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Carter. We count 23 types of businesses and at least 46 altogether. The business section was located mainly south of the railroad tracks at that time.)

I'll bet you know what has been done
By Iowa Park in ninty-one,
And more, what we propose to do,
In eighteen hundred and ninety-two,
For we believe that we've some knowledge,
If we don't get the Baptist college.

And may perhaps do wonders yet,
If we will work instead of fret.
The Texan and *The Democrat*
Are flourishing, I can tell you that,
And if you would for wisdom sake,
Just read their pages, week by week,
And be impressed -- as sure you must,
Their motto is "Get up and dust,"
Then don't forget without a bribe,
To leave your dollar and subscribe.

The banks both seem to flourish, too,
With business all they can do,
The secret let me bring to light,
It pays a man to be polite --
And tell you more, I surely must.
Those banks are not the kind that "bust,"
So if you've money lying around,
Don't go and hide it in the ground.
Or what is worse and really shocking,
Just like a miser or a crank,
But go put it in the bank.

Our mill is running here every hour,
And grinding the best of flour,
And it is true the people say,
You cannot beat the brand "O.K.",
For bread was never known to sour,
When mixed with this grand old flour.
So let us patronize our own,
And eat the bread which we have sown.

The dry good stores are doing well.
They always do their best to sell,
And really sell so very cheap---
All can afford to dress quite neat.
They keep the finest kind of stock
And so the patrons to them flock,
For worth will win where'er you go.
I'm sure that you've all found it so.
(line omitted)
Then do not foreign markets try.
The butchers give us best of meat,
With juicy steaks, so fine and sweet.
They've sausage and bologna fine,
And everything that's in their line.
We cannot tell you which is best,
For both I'm sure will stand the test.

We've milliners, who so tasty are,
And come for bonnets from afar.
And each one does so very well,
Just where to go is hard to tell.
I tell you now, and it is so,
It makes no difference where you go.
I often wish, and not in fun,
I had four heads instead of one,
For then, as cometh spring and fall,
I'd try to patronize them all.

And now I wish you all to hark,
While I speak of the grocers of Iowa Park.
So grand a turn as this appears,
Should make you all lend me your ears.
It matters not with which you trade,
You surely have a bargain made,
For *Burton's* sure he has the best,
And sells as closely as the rest.
While *Farmer* knows he can suit,
With prices on his can fruit.
And then *McKain* speaks us still louder,
Wants you to try his baking powder --
But says you must not use too much,
For the way it rises, "beats the Dutch,"
And tells where bread has rose so high,
It went out of sight in the sky,
And never did come down again.
(Credit this story to Mr. McKain.)
Then there is *Moore* across the street,
Who keeps his store so clean and neat,
He does not make a great parade,
But is now wholly in the shade,
And when you want some good green tea,
Why go and buy of *McAtee* ---
And if *McKindly* you don't see,
Where their old store used to be,
You'll find him in his new brick
Where he sells everything except "on tick."
But let me not forget to say,
That *Mrs. Seamens* across the way,
Sells groceries too, and that she can
Sell as cheap as any man.
And if you buy more than you can take,
She'll send them around by brother Jake.
And surely you are hard to please,
If you are not content with these.

The lumber men are still alive,
And in their business seem to thrive.
And an honest lot of men they are,
And buy their lumber by the car.
And when they sell they have in mind,
The means and welfare of mankind.

The carpenters will come to you,
With ready hands, the work to do.
They will build a house so neat and warm,
It will shelter you from the storm --
Take this advice, don't build too high,
For building makes the money fly.
Don't run in debt or get a loan,
And then the house is all your own.

The real estate men still are here,
Still tell the settlers not to bear,
Still strive to sell them all a home

AKERS & CAIN GROCERY - This business, photographed about 1910, was located in the building at the corner of Wall and Cash, now occupied by The Friendly Door. The men are identified as, from left, Mr. McKee, J.L. Belote, Newt Smith, Mr. Akers and Mike Cain.

When here to view the land, they come.
What better things could these men do?
I'm sure I do not know, do you?
Then let us hope success does crown
Their efforts to build up the town
Until honors on every side
For those who would with us abide,
Fill all the additions high and low,
Until it reaches that of "Buckskin Joe."

The preachers strive from day to day,
To lead us all in wisdom's way.
They let us strive the path to keep,
And the reward of goodness reap.

If hardware you wish to buy,
But feared to pay a price too high,
Don't ever think it is a task
To go and of the prices ask.
You'll scarce believe until you know
How far they'll make a dollar go.

The doctors of this little town
Look the world over up and down,
To heal the lame, the halt, the blind.
Their like you will never again find.

We've barbers who will shave you clean
And cut your hair fit to be seen.
For both will do you a good job,
Though they shave they do not rob.

The blacksmiths, they are busy, too,
And both of them know how to set a shoe.
And so when you are passing by,
Don't be afraid their skill to try.

Some livery teams are slow as snails
But they don't belong to *Harris, Somers* or *Sales.*
So on the lines just get a grip
And never mind forgetting the whip.

And then my friend, when you ride out,
Be sure and have the harness stout.
Should you a new one like to buy,
Be sure and *Charlie Lacik's* try.
For people say he makes them fine
Or everything that is in his line.

And should you want some drugs to buy,
And should at *Stone* or *Greenlee's* try,
And do not find there what you need,
You're very hard to suit indeed.

And should you need some boots or shoes,
I hope you will not then refuse
To call next to *Exchange* bank
and buy a pair of Mr. Frank.

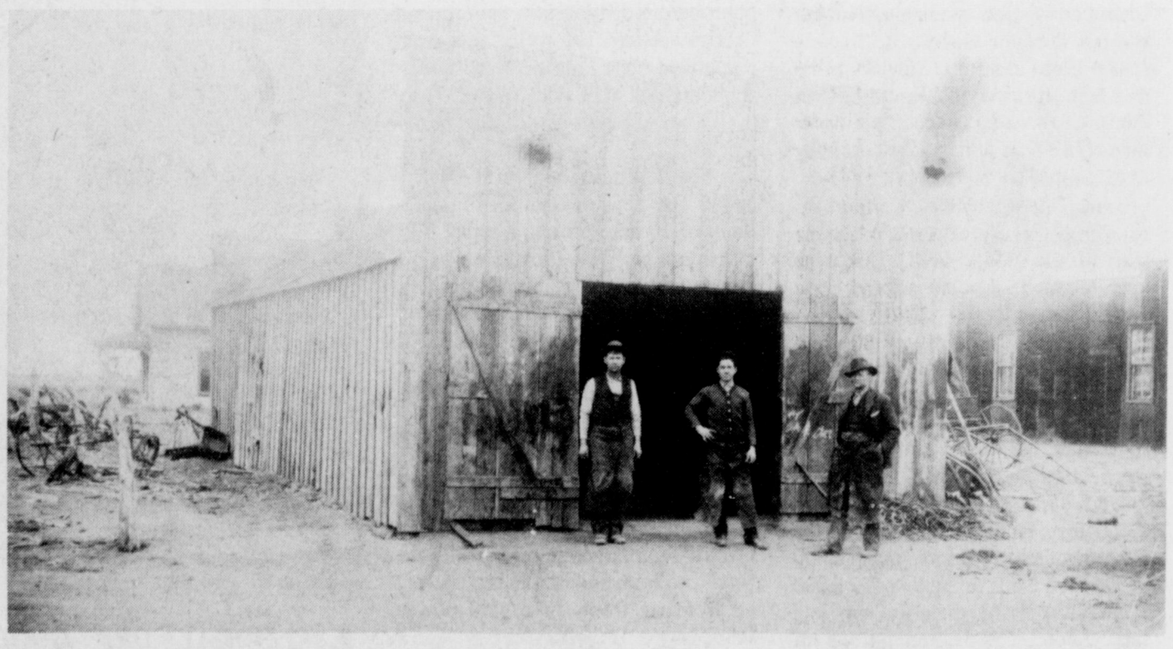
And if your clock, some nice spring day,
Should try to go the other way,
And hours and minutes will not trace,
Just take it to *Mr. Case.*

We've lawyers who your case will plead,
Have justice done with lightening speed,
Collect your debts with greatest care,
And never take the lion's share.

If travelers to and from the plains
Should wish to stop because it rains,
Or because he has driven long and hard,
Just let him try our wagon yard.

And there are stores where you can find
Of furniture, most any kind.
One says, he knows he can buy lower,
Where keepeth *Holloman & Moore.*
While another's sure, he money saves
By trading up at *Hottle and Graves.*

EARLY DENTIST - Dr. J.A. Deakins stands before his office, with the original Baptist Church in the right background.



BUTCHER BLACKSMITH SHOP was located in the general area of where Bill Bates Chevrolet now stands. The photograph was taken about 1904.

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First oil well drilled 1911 on Winfrey lease

BY Lottie Denny Lochridge --1978

The American oil industry began in Titusville, Pennsylvania, in 1859. Colonel Edwin Drake drilled the first discovery well.

There is some disagreement as to when the Texas oil industry began. According to some, it began in 1866. But from a practical standpoint, it began in Corsicana in the 1890s.

The Iowa Park field began on the Bradley Winfrey lease drilled by Mr. Staples in 1911, but they could not control the water.

Forest Oil Company drilled on the B.N. Ferguson land, seven miles southwest of Iowa Park, but was not completed. Later in 1913, they drilled again and the well made about 20 barrels per day. This was a shallow field, about 450 to 500 feet.

In the early part of 1913, the Bourbon Royalty Company drilled a shallow well on the L.N. Lochridge farm, which was the first successful drilling. From this venture, many shallow wells were drilled on the various farms including the Putman, Overbey, Watkins, and other lands southwest of Iowa Park.

Northwest of Iowa Park, L.N. Lochridge drilled a dry hole in 1910-1911.

The Clara community, north of Iowa Park, was the next spot--Andrew Urvan drilled many wells on the Schulz land where they are still producing.

Tom Corridon recalls that the Schulz Oil Company drilled many wells on the Serrien land and later became a subsidiary of Humble, which now is Exxon. This was in 1917.

Further development extended on the Jim George, W.F. George, A.J. Weeth, Will Heiserman, John Hirschi, and many other farms among the early pioneers.

West of Iowa Park, near the Tom Burnett ranch, in about 1902, H.B. Hines, George Knight and Dr. J.M. Bell drilled a shallow well. Someone suggested using dynamite to bring in the well; however, they blew up two joints of the pipe and failed to make a well. But later, many wells were drilled and extended into the Electra area.

In 1918, on the Harry Zink land, about two miles south of town, Clois Green and Bob Waggoner opened a shallow field. This extended east on the Mamie Dale land and into the Wichita Valley Farms, where there is deep production.

Oil development in this part of Wichita County began in 1919 from shallow depths in the KMA field. As the original wells went dry, and a severe national depression blighted the country in the 1930s, the oil industry sought new production. The Mangold family, owners of land at this site, offered liberal terms for deeper exploration, but first found no driller willing to take the risk on the scant capital then available. Finally, veteran operator George E. Kadane (1881-1945) and sons, Edward, Mike and Jack, had the courage to drill in this area of negative geologic readings. On November 11, 1937, they struck oil at a depth of 3,800 feet, bringing in Mangold No. 1 as a gusher. The discovery effected an extension of the KMA field. This spot was labelled "Kadane Corner" on local maps.

Other operators rushed in, starting a new Wichita County boom. Along with a rapid rise in population came new housing construction, new industries, new jobs, and an era of financial growth. In 1942, a test well on the Griffin Ranch came in at 4,300 feet. Final development of the field resulted in more than 2,000 producting wells in an area of 75,000 acres. Over a 40-year period, the field has yielded 250-million barrels of oil.

The Kemp-Munger-Allen Field is located approximately 20 miles west of Wichita Falls. The field consists of approximately 30,000 productive acres, and extends from northwest Archer County to south central Wichita County.

The discovery well in the KMA Field was completed in November, 1919, by the KMA Oil Company. This well, the Munger No. 1, potentialed at approximately 300 barrels per day from a productive interval at approximately 1,600 feet.

Following this discovery, and the completion of numerous shallow wells ranging in depth from 500 to 1,900 feet, the Deep Oil Development Company completed the Munger "A" No. 1 well in the KMA formation on March 11, 1931. This well, originally drilled to a depth of 5,430 feet to test the Ellenberger lime, was plugged back to 3,977 feet and tested 135 barrels per day from a saturated section of the Strawn series between 3,675 and 3,936 feet.

In October 1932, an offset to the Deep Oil Development Company Munger "A" No. 1 was completed. This well, the Deep Oil Development Company, First National No. 1, potentialed at 150 barrels per day. Further development in the area was delayed until July 1934, when the Deep Oil Development Company completed their Munger "B" No. 1 for 500 barrels per day. This well was located approximately 3,000 feet southwest of the discovery well.

Further development in the area was slow with only 10 additional wells drilled in the area by April 1937. At that time development began on a large scale and the majority of the remaining wells in the study area were completed by the latter part of 1941.

A serious decline in reservoir pressure during the period of rapid development led to the creation of the KMA Pressure Maintenance Association in 1939. This Association, after receiving cooperative agreements from the majority of the operators in the field and dividing the field into six separate areas, began supervision of the return of a portion of the produced gas to the reservoir in early 1940. An agreement was reached with the gasoline plants in the field to process the wet gas and return the dry gas to the leases having gas injection wells. Approximately 36 percent of the cumulative volume of produced gas was returned to the reservoir during the next 10 years. This program increased the ultimate primary oil recovered as well as the flowing life of the wells.

The leases under consideration in the report are located near the center of the KMA Field. Standard completion practice for most of the wells in this area was to drill with standard rotary rigs to the top of the KMA Limestone. Casing was set and cemented at or slightly below this point before drilling into the oil productive section. The wells were then completed open hole with cable tool spudders and shot with from 200 to 300 quarts of liquid or solidified nitroglycerin.

The field rules in the KMA Field called for development on a minimum of 10 acre proration units. The maximum per-well allowable was 32 barrels daily, with 15 barrels per day allotted to each well, and 0.85 barrels per day allotted per acre up to a 20-acre unit. This resulted in numerous leases being developed on an average of 20-acre spacing.

Pumping equipment on the wells varies throughout the area, some wells being equipped with individual pumping units powered by electric motors, while other wells are produced from underpull units powered from rig fronts or central power units.

This would not be complete if one did not know of the excitement which was caused by the oil discoveries.

In the *Iowa Park Herald*, Oct. 24, 1919, appeared this selection:

"Oil excitement grew to fever here Monday morning when news reached Iowa Park that the Kemp-Munger-Allen well, a purely deep test well southwest of this city about eight miles, had come in a gusher and every indication was proving that it would be rated one of the big ones. It was permitted to flow for a few minutes and was immediately shut down on account of the lack of storage facilities. Land that had been leasing for a sum much under the hundred mark began to soar sky high and before the sun had hidden itself beyond the western slopes, as much as seven and eight hundred dollars were being paid for land from a half to a mile from the well."

As far south as Fort Worth and Dallas, the fever was high and a great clamor was made at the oil exchange at those places in an attempt to get hold of Kemp-Munger-Allen stock and other leases near the well. Crowds rushed out to see the well but saw nothing as it was plugged and no oil or gas was escaping. It was to be drilled in later in the week and it was supposed to be good for 2,000 to 3,000 barrels. Even with this unreliable information, stock in this company at $100 per share was selling on the board for as much as $2,500. Much development from this adventure extended to the Watkins sand. Star rigs moved in and drilling really began in a big way. Wagons were loaded with rotary equipment, steel pipe, cables, tanks, etc.

Cafes and flop houses, dance halls, were built. The new oil field was named KMA. The town became a carbon copy of an undrawn set of legendary boomtown blue prints. Later the name was changed to "Kamay."

In a few years, the wells began to settle and production decreased. The water flow was then used for secondary recovery.

After the controlled prices were lifted in about 1973, the price of oil gradually increased. Drilling once more began and many acres were being developed which had not been explored.

1988 UPDATE:

The oil embargo placed on the United States, by the oil producing nations of the Middle East, created severe gasoline shortages in 1979. This served as a stimulous to more exploration and production in the North Texas area. The boom reached a climax in 1981 when oil sold for as much as $40 a barrel. By 1982, a gradual decline set in. Prices dropped to $32 in 1983 and $27 in 1984. In January 1986, Saudi Arabia flooded world markets with oil causing prices to plummet to the lowest monthly average in many years -- $11.69 in July.

This created a severe depression in areas whose economy hinged on oil production and its many related industries. Exploration and production were severely curtailed. Many jobs were lost in production and all other activities related to the petroleum industry. Current price (September 1988(for a barrel of oil is $14.

HERE'S WHEN IT STARTED AT KAMAY

Kemp-Munger-Allen Well On Munger Ranch 8 Miles Southwest of Iowa Park Promises To Be A Big One

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Several from Iowa Park, including the writer, went out to the well for an inspection. Nothing of any importance could be learned by looking at the well as it was plugged and no oil or gas were escaping. Employes at the well informed the visitors that it would be drilled in later in the week and that it was good for two or three thousand barrels. Even with this unreliable information stock in this company, $100 par, was selling on the board for as much as $2,500.

Iowa Park has been the scene of much activity this week. The streets have been crowded with people from everywhere eager to learn something about the new born oil field. Many of them acquired acreage in the neighborhood of the well and many companies have been put on in the new field. For the time being Burkburnet (sic) oil fields are being forsaken and all interest is being manifested in the Kemp-Munger-Allen field.

Unconfirmed reports were circulated on the streets early this morning that the well had been uncovered and flowed but a short period of time. No statement has been made by the officers of this company recently and just what can be reliably believed will not be known until a statement has been issued from headquarters, however. Mr. Kemp advises stockholders to hold on to their stock that the company intended developing its entire holdings.

The writer's visit to the Kemp-Munger-Allen well revealed the fact that much development is being done in the southwest field in the Watkins sand; star rigs are as thick as fleas and the continual pounding of the drills would remind one of the noise of the battlefields of France.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, October 24, 1919, and September 21, 1939

Outpost Test Has 2,000 Feet Oil

The Hammon, Hanlon-Buchanan, Inc., No. 1 A. F. Fassett, the most important outpost test in the Kemp City (now known as Kamay) area, south Wichita County, Tuesday was standing with approximately 2,000 feet of oil in the hole after being let stand for an eight-hour period, and chances for a nice producer are brightest since the swab was first run after drilling the plug Saturday.

In addition to the amount of oil in the hole, the gas pressure is showing considerable increase. The swab will be run again Tuesday to clean out the hole which still has a little mud in the bottom and the owners ar eplanning to shoot. Keenest interest, not only by the operators but by the entire citizenry is manifested in the outcome, as a commercial producer will be the means of proving up a stretch of approximately four and a half miles in a northeast trend from present production in the field's productive area.

On the J.F. Miller farm, abstract 447, W.R. Eaves survey, Lebus Brothers' test, which has had considerable trouble for the last 10 days in the extraction of tools from the hole, succeeded in setting a liner and will clean out the hole. This test, another wildcat located one-half mile northwest of the Deep Oil company's discovery well in block 30, M. V. F. L. made 100 barrels in one hour following the swab from the sand at 3835 feet and has all the earmarks and assurance of making one of the best producers in the field.

Reprint Wichita Daily Times, November 2, 1937

Notice Farmers

We can use feed stuff. Bring us two bushels of wheat, or 200 pounds of maize or other grain heads and get the Herald for one year.

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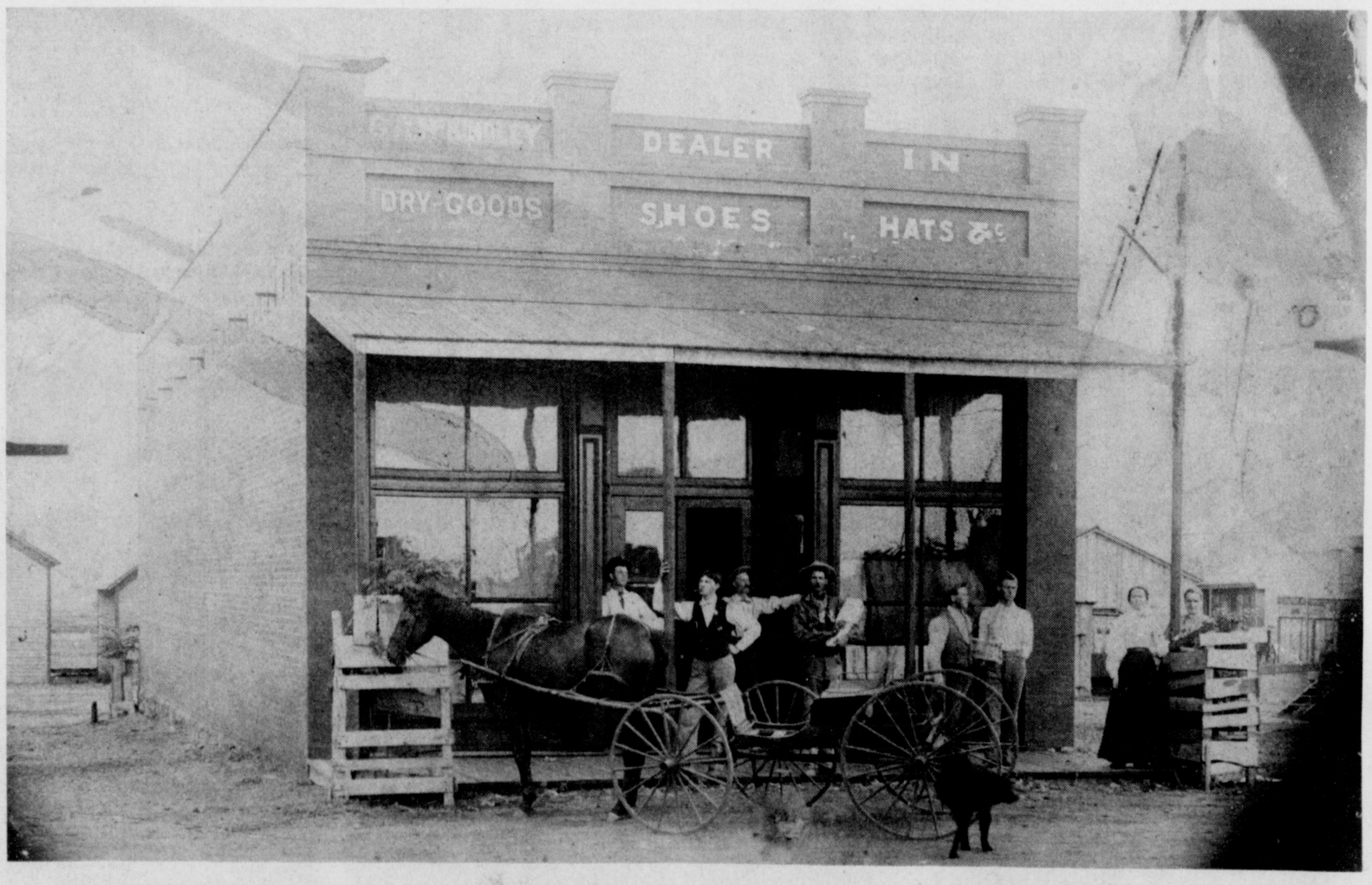

EARLY DAY DRY GOODS STORE - Mr. McKindley, with hand on post, stands before his business, which would now be in the area of 117 West Park, about 1896. The man on the right is Mike Cain, then an employee. The two ladies are Mrs. Ethel Akers Gee and Mrs. Carrie Fields Deacon.

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WALTER DENNY IN IOWA PARK REFINERY PUMP HOUSE ABOUT 1920

MIKE CAIN, LEFT, AND GEORGE SONRICHER AT IOWA PARK REFINERY

Refineries produced gasoline in Iowa Park

By Lita Huggins Watson

Oil production has played an important role in the economy of Iowa Park for over 70 years. The first oil refining in this county, the Wichita Valley Refining Company, produced the first gallon of gasoline in Iowa Park on December 25, 1914 according to Thomas J. Corridon, who helped in the construction of the plant. *(Interview with T.J. Corridon, The Iowa Park Leader, July 1, 1976).*

The company received its charter from the State of Texas on October 23, 1914 with the following incorporators: C.J. Ferguson, J.F. Boyd, J.A. Kemp, H.B. Hines, T.W. Owen, G.E. Wilson, T.R. Boone, W.A. Blagg, John T. Overbey, C. Birk, J.N. George, H.R. Denny, J.W. Matthews, A.L. Brubaker, J.W. Gantt, J.J. Cobb, C.S. Fields, J.A. Tanner and N. Zink, all citizens of Wichita County *(Copy of Charter)*.

According to Mr. Corridon, the pioneer oil refinery encountered a few problems. He said that the first oil to be refined came from the Clara field, five miles north of Iowa Park. Second hand pipe, formerly used as steamboat flues in the St. Louis area, transported the oil to town. This pipe with its fine threads could not stand the pressure of the oil and began to leak, forcing producers to procure heavier pipe. Oil storage tanks were constructed by R.D. Cole Manufacturing Plant of Newnan, Georgia. Accustomed to building water storage tanks, they placed the caulking on the inside of the tanks. When an oil tank began to leak, it was necessary to clean out the tank with steam, then air it for sometime in order for a worker to go inside to recaulk and not be overcome by the fumes. Later tanks were caulked on the outside *(Interview with Thomas J. Corridon, April 19, 1955)*.

The refining process consisted of heating the oil in a crude still set in brick. When heated the oil separated into gasoline, kerosene and fuel oil. *(Ibid)*. Evidently, this process was not without its hazards as the newspaper reported December 27, 1915: "Iowa Park Refinery is now on fire. If the flames reach the tanks and stills there is small chance to save the plant and the residents of Iowa Park living near the refinery were moving their effects from their homes to places of safety." *(Wichita Daily Times, December 27, 1915)*. No follow-up could be found on this story.

A newspaper article in August 1914 stated that the plant would cost upward of $30,000 when completed *(Ibid January 5, 1915)*. Further substantiating the fact that this was the first refinery in the county, is another newspaper article appearing in August 1915, concerning a proposed refinery at Petrolia, in the northeast part of the county: "The first refinery to be built in this section was that of the Wichita Valley Refining Company at Iowa Park, which has been in operation about a year." *(Ibid, August 8, 1915)*.

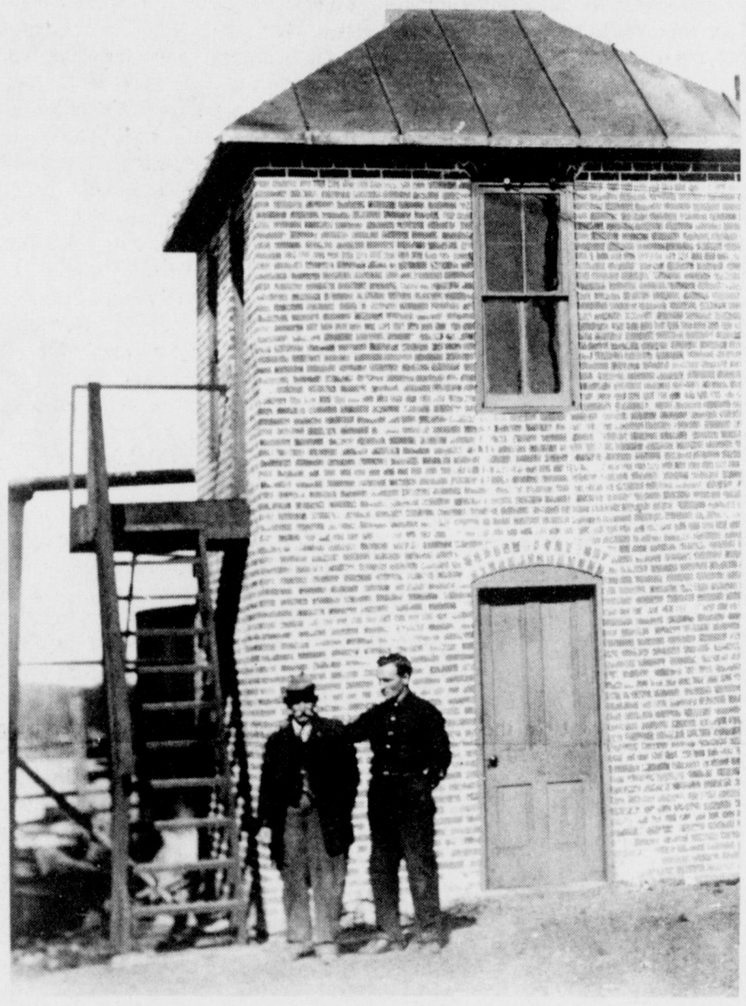
According to Mr. Corridon, Wichita Valley Refining Company sold to Texhoma Refining Company in 1920 for one million dollars. *(Iowa Park Leader, July 1, 1976)* In 1926 Texhoma sold their large holdings in North Texas to Continental Oil Company *(Wichita Daily Times, April 1, 1936)*. Operations were concluded at this site sometime after this date and before 1930 when the Wichita County Fair began to operate at this location.

Continental Oil Boosts Crude 33 Cents

Oildom was in a jubilant mood Wednesday when the news was flashed from Ponca City that the Continental Oil company, one of the largest producers of mid-continent crude, had announced a new scale of prices for oil in Kansas, Oklahoma and North Texas fields.

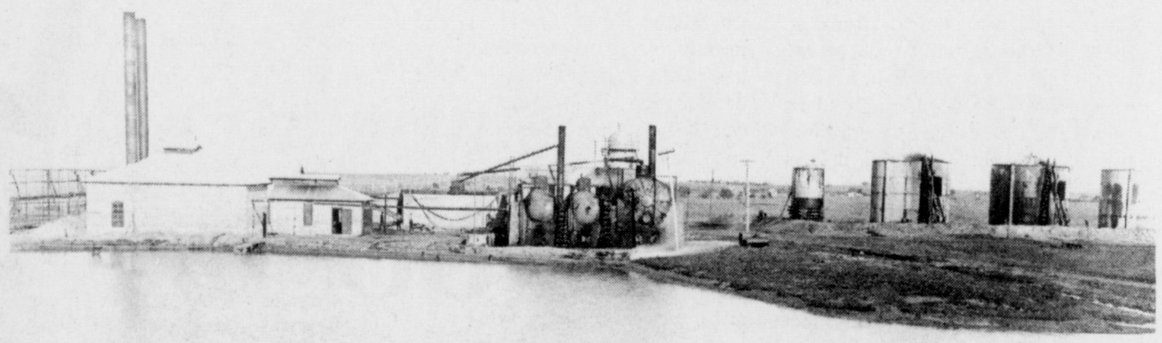
The announcement of the Continental advance which "raised the ante" an average of 33 cents per barrell in excess of the older schedule, making the top 85 cents per barrell for 40 and above, to 29.9 or low gravity 61 cents per barrel, exceeded the fondest hopes of the operators, as the most optimistic expected only 75 cents top at this time.

Reprint Wichita Daily Times, July 5, 1933



GEORGE SONRICHER AND UNIDENTIFIED MAN

WORKERS AT IOWA PARK REFINERY
. . . Mike Cain, left, J.C. Searl, Walter Denny and George Sonricher.



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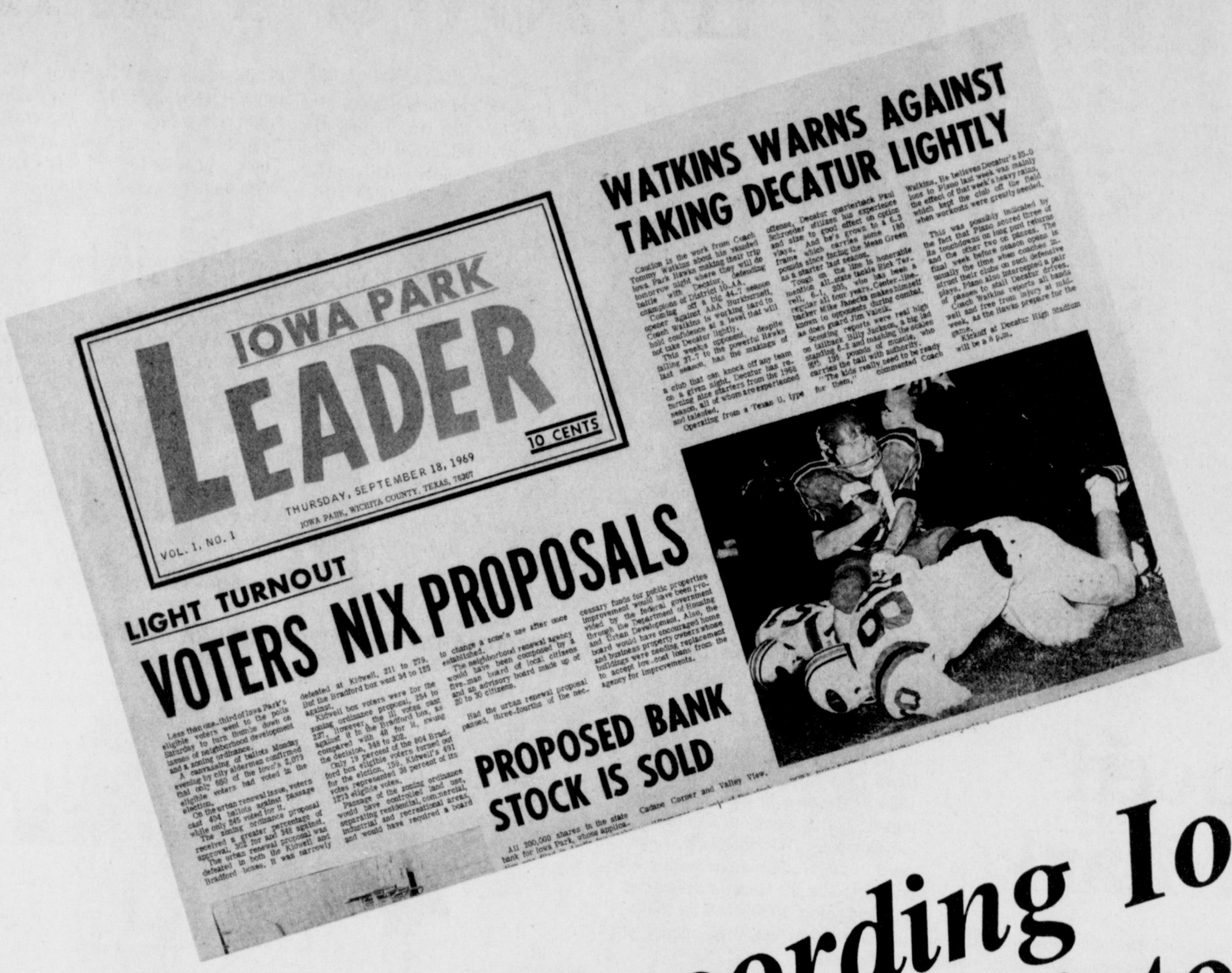
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History of railroad in Iowa Park

By Rollins Woodall, 1978

When the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad was built west out of Wichita Falls in 1885, Iowa Park was called Daggett Switch, for one of the incorporators of the original company, E.M. Daggett.

The railroad built a two-story section house at Yosemite Street in which two section foremen and their families lived. There were several box cars without trucks where the section men and their families lived. There were two four-man crews with a foreman, each working a six-mile section in each direction. Now one man inspects 50 miles of track and if he finds anything wrong, he calls out the extra gang, usually composed of four men. A spacious depot was built at Wall Street, a cattle loading pen at Bond Street and a water tank and pump station to supply the steam engines was erected on what is now the Van Horn property, one mile west of town.

In the oil boom days of the 1920s, the depot was open around the clock with three operators, one yard clerk, a warehouseman, and an agent. At this time, the railroad yard consisted of one passing track, one house track which also served two grain elevators, a coal bin and the stock pen, two team tracks, one crossover and eight industrial spurs:

-- two tracks into the Iowa Park Refinery, one mile east of town;

-- one to Bradford Supply Co., Smith at Yosemite;

-- one to Morgan and Cain Oil Warehouse about where Park West Shopping Center is located;

-- two tracks into the Walker-Consolidated Refining Company loading racks about where Shaw Motor Company (Park Ford) is now and the Humble Pipe Line Company also used these tracks;

-- two tracks into the Interstate Refining Company loading racks where the old brick office building is located across the railroad, south of Barbour Trucking Company's pipeyard.

The local freight train would come up from Wichita Falls about 8 each morning and switch Iowa Park until about 4 in the afternoon, then would run on up to Childress. This was a six-day-a-week job. They would use a small 400 class engine of the Mikado type.

The passing track for years was one half mile long, but when the diesels came in the early 1950s, it was lengthened to one and one-quarter miles. The railroad installed modified centralized traffic control at this time with a power switch at the east end of the passing track and a spring switch at the west end. Opposing trains with a close meet would neither one have to stop and no member of either crew would have to touch the ground.

In 1976 we only had two side tracks. One is the passing track and the other is the house track without the house. On this latter track is located a feed warehouse, a fertilizer unloading facility, a grain loading spot, a lumber yard, a grain elevator, and an anhydrous ammonia storage tank. This track also serves as a team track where Barbour Trucking Company unloads three or four cars of pipe per month.

Iowa Park receives about 175 cars per year and ships out about 150 cars, mostly grain, in the same period. The Cryovac plant, in the west part of town, has a new spur and gets three or four cars of plastic resin each month.

The section house was torn down in the late 1930s and it was found that it had been built with square nails and real good lumber. The water tank and pump station were dismantled in the 1950s.

Iowa Park lost its passenger train in the early 1960s and our depot about the same time. (More square nails and good lumber.) At one time, we had three passenger trains each way, every day. Two of these were pulled off in the early 1920s. In the 1950s, two of the regular passenger trains were replaced with deluxe Zephyrs which were as nice as any trains in the country.

In steam days, we had eight to 10 trains each way, every day, but now with the diesels we have two, sometimes three, each way every 24-hour period. The railroad is handling more tonnage now than ever before, but the diesels pull much longer trains and therefore, fewer of them. The longest train we have had through Iowa Park was a westbound with 172 cars handled by four units totaling 13,200 horse power.

Fifteen modern all-steel cabooses were purchased by the Fort Worth and Denver in the late 1960s. These were equipped with electric lights, refrigerator, running water, a rest room, and six beds. A working desk for the conductor, a speedometer, and seat belts also were included. Electricity is furnished from batteries which are charged by a generator driven by a belt off one of the axles. These are pretty plush chariots.

For years, the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad operated even numbered trains north and odd numbered trains south. When the Burlington-Northern took over, the directions became east and west with even numbered trains eastbound and odd numbered trains westbound. All trains became extras after the last passenger trains were pulled off so now they can operate anytime in the 24 hours.

Things have changed considerably through the years, but the railroad has been a vital part of Iowa Park and will continue to be.

We now have five coal trains, each week, from Wyoming to San Antonio. They have three units on the point and three more in the middle of the train. The middle units are handled by loco-trol (radio control) from the lead unit. Each train has 110 cars. The six units usually total 21,600 horse power and the weight of the train is 11,000 tons. Five trains loaded east and five trains empty west, each week. The empty trains have all six units on the front. There will soon be coal trains from Wyoming to Houston, Texas.

Railroad Personalities

General Grenville M. Dodge, the man who built the Union Pacific and the Texas Pacific railroads was the builder of the Fort Worth and Denver. C.A. Peterson, who later settled five miles northeast of Iowa Park, helped build the railroad and L.A. Fox and C.B. McHugh were early agents for the railroad in Iowa Park and Charles Phillips was a night operator. In the 1920s, George W. Webb was agent; Euclid Fuqua was clerk. W.M. "Bill" Owens was first trick operator and cashier. Gypsy Sandifer was second trick, and Charley Thurber was third trick. (A "trick" was an eight-hour shift.) Raymond De LaVega "Skeet" was yard clerk. Bratton Reaves and Byp Payne were warehousemen about this time. Nat McKelvey was night ticket clerk. W.A. Litchfield became agent after Mr. Webb, and retired in 1950.

Bea Rippey and Frances Dobbins were relief operators from time to time. When Mr. Litchfield retired, Charley Thurber became agent and when he retired, the depot was closed. Frank "Dad" Ralston was night watchman at the team tracks in early years.

Tom Corridon Sr. was an early section foreman, followed by many other good men including John Dalrymple.

J.A. Berg was the last resident track foreman. W.C. North worked on the section for many years, along with a host of others.

When the sections were abolished and the work was taken over by a track supervisor and a motorized gang, Horace Quillan was one of the early supervisors.

Fred Lederer and a Mr. Fleming were early pumpers at the water tank west of town.

Rail reached here during late 1880s

By Lita Huggins Watson

"The Train's coming! The train's coming! It is difficult for us today to imagine the excitement generated in the days of old by the approach of the train. The train brought the mail, it brought the settlers and it brought needed supplies. Towns sprang up around the railroad tracks and Iowa Park was no exception.

The Fort Worth & Denver City Railway faced difficulties from the start. Chartered in June 1873 by citizens of Fort Worth, its aim was to build a railroad to the Texas-New Mexico border and there connect with a line to be built from Denver, Colo.

This company did some preliminary surveys but the panic of 1873 set back the actual building. In 1881 the project came to the attention of General Grenville M. Dodge, who built the Texas & Pacific, as well as the first transcontinental railroad, the Union Pacific. General Dodge offered to build, furnish all material and to equip the road to Denver for $2,000 a mile in stock and the same amount in bonds. Stockholders accepted this offer and signed a contract, April 29, 1881. He organized the Colorado & Texas Railroad Improvement Co., later changed to the Texas & Colorado Improvement Co., of which he was president and principal owner.

The story goes that he used some of the material left over from the Texas & Pacific project to start the line toward Wichita Falls, which he reached on Sept. 1, 1882. Further building on the line west was delayed for several reasons: the reduction of passenger fares in Texas from five to three cents a mile; impending legislation to further regulate the railroads and the fact that building had halted on the Colorado end of the line. Another major reason was the repeal of the Land Grant Act in 1882, just before this rail line qualified. According to the terms of the act, rail builders received 16 sections of land for each mile of rail constructed in Texas.

However, sometime in 1885, construction resumed and the line went through the present site of Iowa Park, where the switch received the name "Daggett." E.M. Daggett, member of a prominent Fort Worth family, was one of the original incorporators of the railroad. The line paused again at Harrold in Wilbarger County before being completed in Texline, for a total of 339 miles, on January 26, 1888.

During the depression of 1893, the road went into receivership on October 23. A reorganization avoided foreclosure and sale and permitted the operation under the same name and charter. Union Pacific had acquired a controlling interest and when it went into receivership soon thereafter, both roads were sold in 1898 to the Colorado and Southern.

Still the FW&DC maintained its own identity. In 1908 Burlington Railroad purchased the lines from the Colorado and Southern Railroad, which included the FW&DC. A reorganization of the western subsidary lines occurred in the early 1950s with all Burlington lines in Texas except the Burlington-Rock Island, placed under the management of FW&DC. In 1951 the rewritten charter omitted "City" and the official name of the railroad became Fort Worth and Denver Railway.

In 1964 Burlington consolidated with Great Northern and Northern Pacific to form the Burlington Northern Railway. The train through Iowa Park has been called the Burlington Northern only since the early 1980's.

In 1988 Iowa Park has one side track, a business track to Cryovac and one track which serves as a grain siding. About ten trains a day go through town. The Childress freight travels from Wichita Falls on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, returning on the following day and makes all the local stops. A twenty car freight train goes through daily from Amarillo to Irving. Operated by a two-man crew, it has no caboose.

The newest trains on the system are container carriers, carrying only flat cars with trailers and double stacked containers or "piggy backs." Known as Expediters or "hot shots" these trains are high pirority and have right of way over other trains. They carry many items for United Parcel Service so mail is once more carried by the train.

Everyone who crosses the railroad is familiar with the long trains loaded with coal from Wyoming on their way to Houston, Victoria and La Grange, TX.

The railroad established the town in the days when rail was the only effective means of populating the vast prairie lands of the west and carrying the freight generated by farms and ranches. Modes of transportation are vastly different in 1988. Airplanes, super highways, huge trucks and the comfortable automobile have supplanted the trains of old. The majority of people pay little attention to the train as it comes to town in 1988. All except the railroad buffs, that is, to them the excitement is still there and it is contagious.

EARLY IOWA PARK - This photo was taken approximately 3:30 p.m. on March 15, 1927 by D.D. Bartlett. He described the view as being "eight steps north of north rail main line and looking west." The intersection apparently is at Yosemite.

First newspaper printed here in 1891

By Lita Huggins Watson

Back in the days when the only source of news was the newspaper, the earliest mentioned paper in Iowa Park was the *Wichita County Democrat*. The City Council named it the official organ of the city on July 13, 1891. Mrs. W.H. Warner promoted subscriptions to this paper as well as *The Texan* in a poem presented at the Band Entertainment in March, 1892. Not only did the little community have competing papers in those early days but the North Texas Press Association scheduled a meeting in Iowa Park in 1893.

Alex Windle originated *The Iowa Park Register* in 1897 and both he and D.C. Kolp, one of the founders of the town, listed their occupations as publishers on the 1900 Federal Census of the village of Iowa Park. Windle advertised a special subscription rate in 1901. For $1.65 a year, one could receive the weekly *Register* and a semi-weekly paper from Dallas or Houston, for a total of 156 papers.

Volume numbers of the *Iowa Park Herald* indicate that publishing began in 1908. T.W. Parker was editor in 1914 and 1915. By 1916, Jack Stevens was editor and Jesse M. Stevens was associate editor. In the 1920's W.W. Dixon, editor, added *Wichita County Promoter* to the masthead. In 1925 C.C. Hudson took over the paper and changed the name back to *Iowa Park Herald.*

Mr. Hudson was an enthusiastic publicist for the community. In 1926 he published a 70 page promotional book for the Chamber of Commerce entitled *Iowa Park Texas, Gateway To The Irrigated Valley*. Lakes Kemp and Diversion, recently constructed, provided water to 50,000 acres of land in the vicinity of town and the hope was that soon "Iowa Park will be nestled at the floodgates of the proverbian horn of plenty."

Under the leadership of Mr. Hudson, the Wichita county fair moved to Iowa Park after its demise in Wichita Falls. This first, small fair in 1928 was forerunner to the two-state Texas-Oklahoma Fair and Southwest Oil Exposition which put Iowa Park on the map for 34 years. Each fall, at fair time, Mr. Hudson published some history of the community and short biographical sketches of pioneers. To welcome fair visitors, he produced record-breaking issues of 64 pages in 1938 and 112 pages in 1939.

After his death in 1941, his wife, Bonnie, published the paper for several years, eventually selling to John B. Morley. During Morley's tenure the name of the paper appeared as *Iowa Park Herald Tribune* with *Wichita Banner* in small print. A 1947 mast head notes that the *Wichita Banner*, founded May 25, 1930 in Wichita Falls, consolidated with the *Herald Tribune* in May 1946.

In 1947 the town was without a newspaper and the Chamber of Commerce mailed a newsletter to all boxholders for a period of about four months.

George Huckaby and John Kent of Marlow, Oklahoma bought the *Iowa Park Herald* and early in 1948, Mr. Huckaby bought out his partner. He continued to publish weekly until a fire in February, 1973, severely damaged the building located in the 100 block of West Park and destroyed presses and newspaper files. Mr. Huckaby died of a heart attack a few months later, culminating a career of 26 years of service to the community. His wife, Ona Lou, and son, George Jr., worked with him.

Bob Hamilton, who moved here from Littlefield, began to publish the *Iowa Park Leader* in September, 1969. His wife, Dolores, works with him as do two of their daughters, Kim Miller and Kari Collins. Their son, Kevin, has also worked on the paper. Producing an excellent weekly newspaper, editor Hamilton is past president of the Texas Press Association. The newspaper has received many journalistic awards.

"Mrs. Newspaper," if there were such a title, belongs to Olive Blalock. A talented writer, she wrote for the *Iowa Park Herald* from 1943 to 1969. For 15 years during that period she was also correspondent for the *Wichita Falls Times and Record News. The Iowa Park Leader* employed her from 1969 to 1988. Countless young people, now grown older, treasure her beautiful accounts of their weddings. Her late husband, Homer, was a barber for many years in Iowa Park.

In reading the old newspapers, one is impressed with advertisements for patent medicines which could cure anything, lengthy and very flowery obituaries and economic inflation.

As far as can be determined, all the local newspapers were weeklies. Some short lived newspapers include *The Iowa Park Enterprise* published in mid 1930s by C.J. Terry, *Iowa Park Rocket* in 1961, edited by Leola Medford and published by Harlan Bridwell, and *The Iowa Park News* in 1962, published by Virgil Moore and Joe Stults in Archer City.

Early newspaper editors were also printers for the community in the days when type was set by hand. The invention of the offset press, easy access to photocopying machines as well as other sources for news, changed the role of editors and have not lessened their influence in local communities.

Scott Ralston Chosen To Lead Lions Club

Scott Ralston was chosen president of Lions club for the coming year at this week's luncheon meeting, to succeed George E. Jones. Scott will have in his official family the following Lions:

Richard Hill, W.A. George and T.J. Pace, vice-presidents; W.D. Sawyer, secretary; E.E. Wallis, treasurer; Buck Voyles, Lion tamer; O.R. Kelly, tail twister; Ted Overbey and George R. Huckaby, directors.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, April 27, 1950

Creation of library began in 1961

Grew from Chamber of Commerce back room into community's most famous landmark

By RUTH HENRY WEILER

The official name of the Iowa Park library is "The Tom Burnett Memorial Library." The reason for the selection of this name becomes clear as one delves into the history of this important local institution.

To the Evening Lions Club of Iowa Park goes the honor of taking the first action to establish a library in the city. Wayne House, president of the club, assisted by a dedicated committee composed of Bill Sawyer, Chuck Bowman and Harold McClung, began work on the proposition in 1961 by visiting libraries in neighboring towns, learning all they could about management and costs. With absolutely no assets, the committee soon realized that they would have to go outside the city of Iowa Park for help.

In pursuance of their goal, the committee from the Evening Lions Club presented their idea (also their problems!) to County Judge Calvin Ashley, appealing to him for direction. Judge Ashley responded by presenting the subject to the Wichita County Commissioners Court on March 12, 1962. The County Commissioners (of which E.E. "Buck" Voyles of Iowa Park was a member) voted unanimously that the need for a county free library was indicated; that such an institution be created; and that the library be placed in Iowa Park, since that city was centrally located in the county. The Court also voted that "for the present, the southwest corner room of the Chamber of Commerce building in Iowa Park be designated as the Wichita County Free Library." Further action by the Court on that memorable day saw the creation of a board of eight members who would manage the affairs of the infant library. Mrs. James A. Sewell served as chairman for many years.

Thankful for the action of the Commissioner's Court, the members of the Evening Lions Club together with members of the Library Board, went about the business of accumulating books.

Urgent appeals went out for the donation of books from interested citizens; arrangements were made to receive books on loan from the Texas State Library at Austin; shelving and tables for the library room were secured; cards and other small library supplies were purchased. In a little over a month's time, the Wichita County Free Library was ready for business.

The formal opening of the Library occurred on Saturday afternoon, April 14, 1962, with appropriate ceremonies. The concluding speaker was County Judge Temple Driver who thanked the people of Iowa Park for their interest and cooperation in carrying out such an important undertaking.

Open every afternoon except Sunday, the Library operated for the next five years with volunteer help only. Without the volunteers, the Library could not have survived. It was operated on no budget; no money was provided by the county or the city; and not many people cared enough to donate money, an item sorely needed for purchases. At intervals, the board held sales of superfluous books. Finally, citizens began responding to these appeals. By donating money, numerous Iowa Parkans kept the Library open and running, just as surely as the volunteer workers did, the volunteers who staffed the Library every day.

Through the efforts of Mrs. William D. Owens, a professional librarian who was also a member of the Iowa Park board, the young library became a unit of the State Library System. As a member of that system, the local library received several hundred books at a time on temporary loan. Thus there was an adequate supply of books to lend to patrons. Also, this library became eligible for visits from field representatives, or consultants, of the State Library System. A number of these consultants visited the Library from 1962 to 1975, offering information, making suggestions, giving valuable instructions, while they were also inspecting the physical condition of the tiny, crowded room. They strongly recommended that the Board change jurisdiction of the Library from the county to the city, thus making it truly a city library.

Since the people using the library were all citizens of Iowa Park, the County Commissioners changed the name of the library from Wichita County Free Library to Iowa Park Free Library on March 27, 1967. Upon petition presented by the Library Board, the City Council of Iowa Park voted on July 14, 1969, to accept jurisdiction of the library. The Commissioner's Court released control, and in October of 1969, the library came under the jurisdiction of the City of Iowa Park.

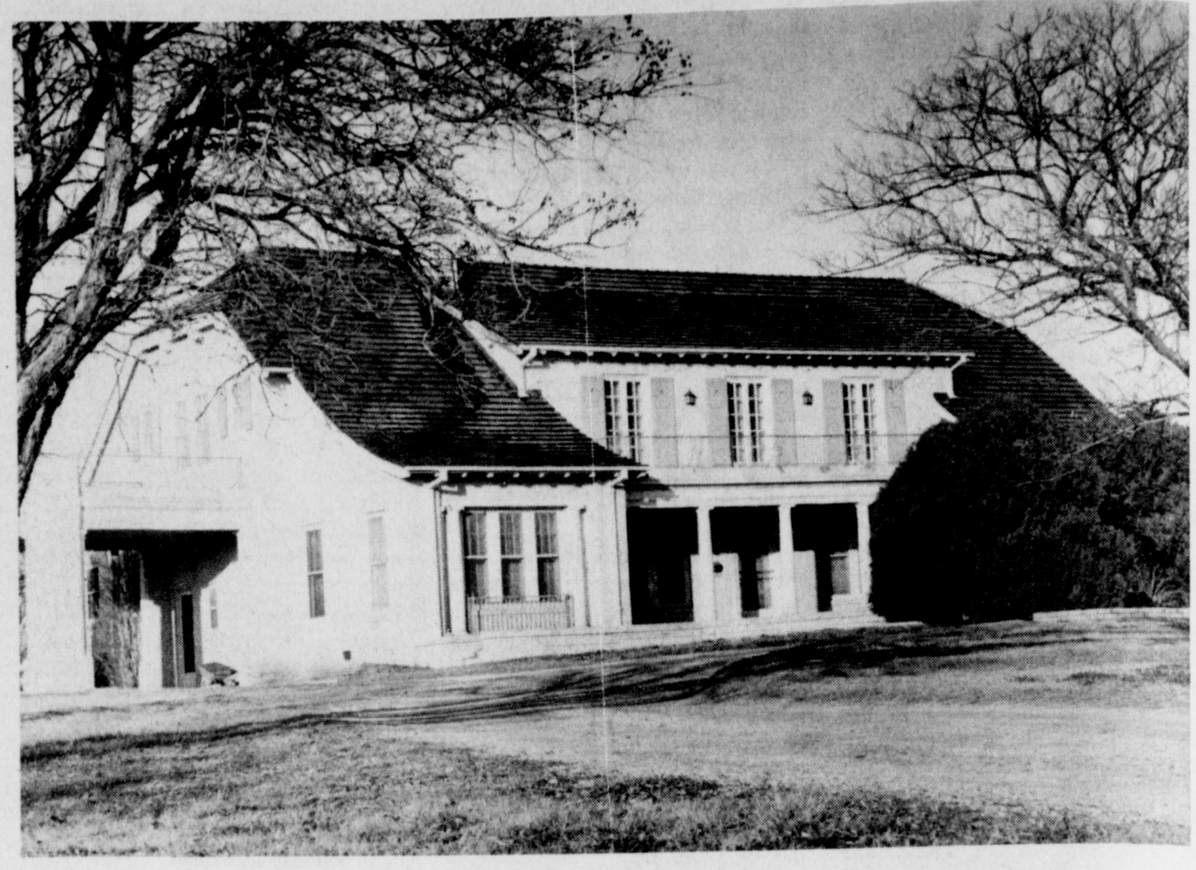
Due to the volume of work required by the growing library, and due to the lack of dependability exhibited by various types of volunteers, the Library Board realized that a fulltime librarian was needed. The first one was Mrs. George Bludnick, who was hired on Dec. 11, 1967. Her salary was paid by the City of Iowa Park. At this time, the cost of operating the library became a regular item in the City's budget.

A year after the hiring of Mrs. Bludnick, a unit of "The Friends of the Library" was organized. This is a national organization dedicated to the work of helping libraries. The movement to organize such a group originated in the 23 Study Club. Through the efforts of that club and its president, Mrs. M.L. Hines, fourteen other clubs and organizations in Iowa Park joined together to help the city library in many valuable ways. One of the necessary functions of a library is the purchase of books. Books cost money. Under the leadership of Miss Ethyle Kidwell, a member of the 23 Study Club, an "Arts and Crafts Show" came into being. Two other clubs in Iowa Park, the Iowa Park Garden Club and the Philia Study Club, assisted in staging the first show in March, 1974. Other shows followed each year for some time. Over $2,000 was raised for the exclusive use of the Special Book Fund. Co-chairman with Miss Kidwell was Mrs. Lita Watson, and they were ably assisted by Mrs. W.A. George and Mrs. China B. Smith.

In addition to lending books to its patrons, the Iowa Park Library early began the practice of having a story hour for young children, and a summer reading program for all children of school age. The story hour for pre-school children was held each Saturday morning when high school speech students, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. China B. Smith, told stories. In 1969, a combined story hour and reading program for children aged five through nine was held two mornings a week under the direction of Mrs. Jack Kerr and Mrs. Donald Duerson. In 1972 the Library secured Mrs. Keith Aulds as the conductor of the story hour. She was succeeded in 1975 by Mrs. Douglas Beavers.

The Library sponsored its first Texas Reading Club in 1968. The club was composed of girls and boys in grades three through eight and proved to be immensely popular. Certificates were awarded by the Texas State Library to each student who read 12 or more books. A prize was given to the person in each age group who read the most books. Reading clubs were formed each summer thereafter with excellent participation.

By 1970, the library had definitely outgrown its room at the Chamber of Commerce building. Finding another location became imperative. Although other sites were discussed, the former home economics cottage of the Iowa Park school system was considered by the Board to be most desirable. In 1970, the cottage (located at 331 East Park) was no longer being used by the high school because a home economics suite had been built into the new high school located on the western



TOM BURNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
. . . as it appeared in 1981.

edge of the city. The Iowa Park School Board agreed to rent the former home economics cottage to the city for use as a temporary location until a permanent library could be builT. A contract was drawn up for the lease of the cottage for a term of 25 years, for a fee of $1.00 per year.

The removal of the library to its new location began at once. Due to the great amount of space available at the cottage, the Library Board sent out an SOS for more tables and chairs. Also, they urgently needed more money to install an air conditioning system. Material for a 12-foot bookcase was donated by "Friends," and Carl Sullivan built it free of charge. Money began coming in for the air conditioning system which was installed free of charge by Frank Guyette and Jack White except for the cost of the materials. Many, many people contributed money, materials and labor to make the new library more comfortable and more useful. A careful list of all donors and donations has been kept in its files by the Library Board in grateful acknowledgement and appreciation of their help.

As the years went by, much was accomplished in the way of service to patrons and in the steady acquisition of books. These were fruitful years, but never did the members of the Library Board, nor the Friends of the Library forsake their goal of having a permanent home, a real library building, owned by the city. It was a goal they dreamed about. Then, unexpectedly, their dream became a reality in the form of a gift from Mrs. Ann W. Phillips, president of the Burnett Ranches, Inc., and principal director of the Ann Burnett and Charles D. Tandy Foundation. The gift consisted of the imposing brick mansion and its surrounding grounds located in the 400 block of West Alameda Street in Iowa Park. The donation of the house to the city occurred in 1981. The gift caused the Friends of the Library to begin work immediately on accumulating funds for its renovation and conversion into a library.

Mrs. Phillips' grandfather was Tom Burnett, the son of Burk Burnett for whom the town of Burkburnett is named. Tom Burnett built this house in 1924 and lived there until his death in 1938. In 1941, it was purchased by his cousin, Will Burnett who lived there until his death in 1964. It remained the home of his widow, Maggie Denny Burnett, until her death in 1980. She willed the home to her sister, Mrs. Marie Callon.

Mrs. Phillips purchased it from Mrs. Callon for the express purpose of donating it to the city for a library. Along with the gift of the house came an additional gift of $240,000 from the Tandy Foundation to help pay for the necessary structural changes.

The Friends of the Library began work at once to raise the rest of the money needed for the reconstruction, estimated to cost about $500,000. By 1983, they were able to raise $100,000 locally from business men, investors, and many private citizens of Iowa Park and the county who were interested in having a permanent home for the library. They received a similar matching grant from a federal source, Library Services, which was arranged through the Texas State Library. In addition, the Hardin Foundation of Wichita Falls donated $3,000.

With adequate funds on hand, the city began the work of renovation of the entire building, and the reconstruction of the lower floor into the library proper. Don Dougherity of Iowa Park was hired as the architect and Nathan Phillips Construction of Wichita Falls was low bidder. To provide for the shelving and the reading areas, several walls of the original structure had to be removed, as well as the kitchen area. An elevator was installed to make it easy for patrons to get to the second floor where the ballroom (now carpeted and furnished with chairs and sofas) was retained. A large room at the east end was converted into a meeting room for the use of the Library Board.

In January, 1986, all of the alterations had been made; the entire building, inside and out, had been renovated; all of the books and other paraphernalia had been transferred from the old location on East Park Street to the beautiful permanent building on West Alameda; and the library was open to the public.

The formal dedication of the library took place on Saturday, March 15, 1986. Prior to the program, the MuleSkinners of Iowa Park served a barbecued brisket noon meal for $5.00 per plate. The club gave all proceeds to the library for operating expenses. The program began at one o'clock with Bob Dawson presiding. Mrs. W.A. George, president of the Friends of the Library, welcomed the large crowd, recognized special guests, and proudly presented the members of the Friends of the Library.

Bill Gooch, Assistant State Librarian, was the principal speaker. After his talk, the Friends of the Library presented to the Burnett family a painting of the Burnett home done by Jack Stevens, Iowa Park's own distinguished artist. Mrs. George then presented the keys of the library to Mayor Tim Hunter. As she did so, she used the new name of the institution - "The Tom Burnett Memorial Library." When Tom Burnett's granddaughter, whose name is now Anne Burnett Windfohr, gave the building to the city, she stipulated that the building should always be used as the city's library, and that it be named in honor of her grandfather. Of course, the City Council and the Friends of the Library were glad to comply with her wishes in thankful recognition of her magnificent gift.

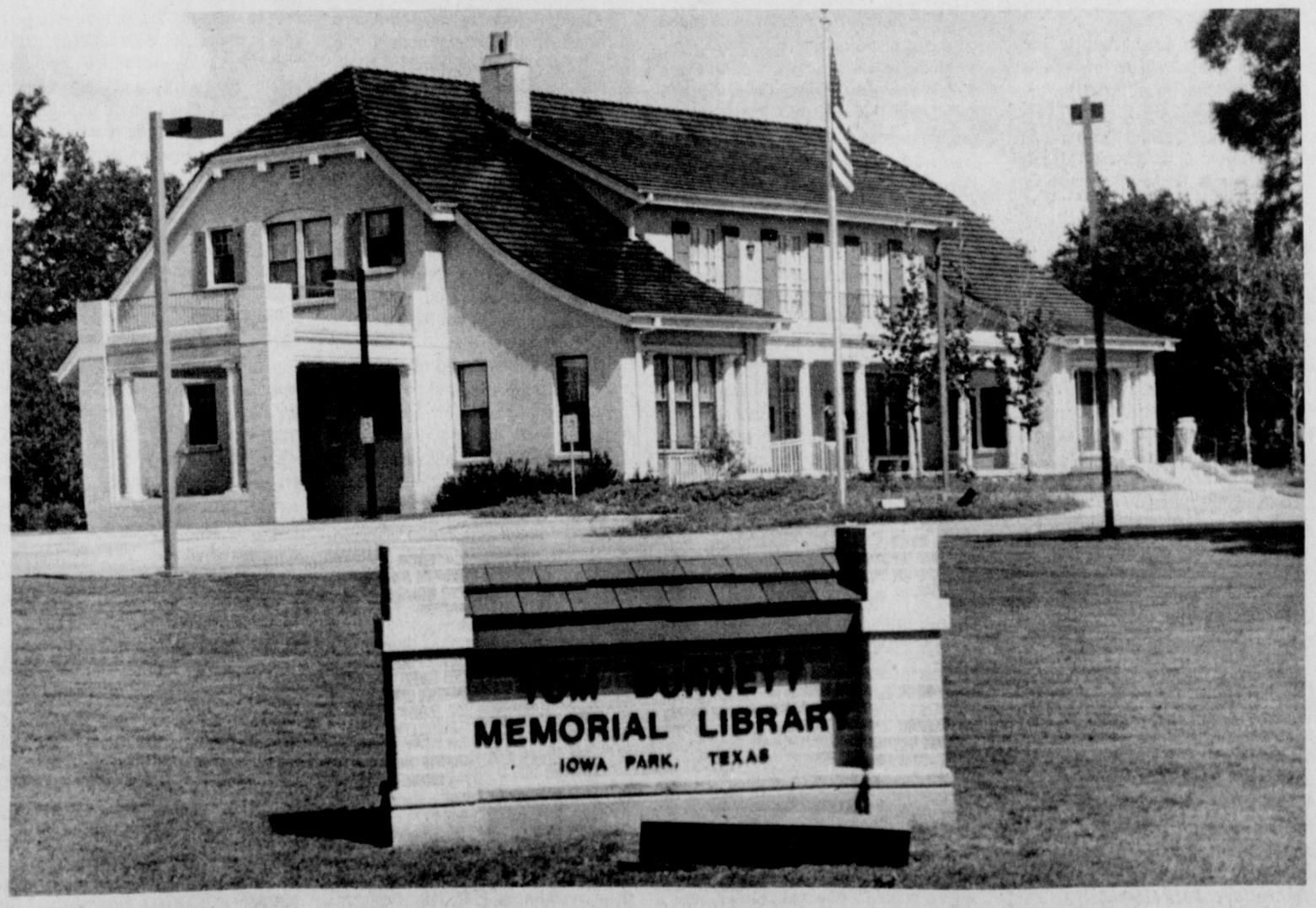
Everyone present was invited to tour the library whose first floor is devoted entirely to library services, but whose second floor is used as a general meeting room. Following the speeches, a variety of musicians furnished entertainment on the grounds and also in the lovely meeting room on the second floor.

As visitors lined up on the porch of the mansion, preparatory to making the tour, they noticed a large bronze marker affixed to the brick wall to the right of the entrance. The marker bears the title "Tom Loyd Burnett Home." It was placed there by the Texas Historical Commission to designate the home as a "Texas Historical Landmark." Data concerning the time of erection of the home, the name of the architect, the prominent occupants, and the style of architecture appear on the marker.

Another bronze marker, attached to a post, stands on the front lawn of the house. It is entitled "Tom Loyd Burnett" and tells of his life as a prominent rancher, a friend to Indians, and a supporter of rodeos. This Texas Historical Marker was placed there in 1981 by the Texas Historical Commission.

Kay Mashburn served as librarian for a number of years and the present librarian is Sue Maness. Over 2,200 patrons have current library cards. A total of 13,386 volumes and 180 VCR tapes are on the shelves. A VCR machine is available for check out and a personal computer can be used in the library. Since the library moved, the average number of people served monthly is 704. Magazine and book usage average 1,795 per month and the library subscribes to forty periodicals.

Now, in 1988, as Iowa Park celebrates its Centennial, the city looks upon the Tom Burnett Memorial Library as one of its most valuable assets.



TOM BURNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
. . . in Fall of 1988.

Reproduction of Iowa Park's original plat

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MAIN GATE TO T-O FAIR GROUNDS
. . . looking down Park Street in 1949.

TEXAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR GROUNDS WERE EASILY REACHED ON OLD U.S. 287
. . . and visitors could stay overnight at Corral Lodge, where Scobee's is now located.

Texas-Oklahoma Fair was begun in 1928

Annual event literally 'put Iowa Park on the map'

By Lita Huggins Watson

In the fall of 1928, the late C.C. Hudson, editor and publisher of the *Iowa Park Herald*, conceived the idea of an Iowa Park Fair. The county fair actually began in Wichita Falls in 1922 with a good start, but after five years, the citizens of the county seat were ready to give it up and Iowa Park elected to fill the void.

When Mr. Hudson first suggested the proposition to a few local citizens, the idea was not heartily received; but several agreed to cooperate if he would take the lead. Many hours spent cleaning and hanging sheets on the wall of an old mechanic's shop owned by P.G. Kildow on West Park Street enabled the first Fair to open just two blocks from what would be the permanent location for 34 years. *(Interview with Mrs. John B. (Verna) Barbour, Sr., Sept. 4, 1983)*

From this meager beginning the people of Iowa Park and surrounding communities expended long hours of volunteer labor to make the Fair bigger and better each year. In the 1940s and 1950s, it expanded past mere local appeal into a two-state festival. The name changed to Wichita County Fair by the second year and in 1947, to the Texas-Oklahoma Fair and Southwest Oil Exposition. From a small show held in the middle of the street, it expanded into a $250,000 plant through the vision, determination and hard work of civic leaders in Iowa Park, Wichita Falls and other neighboring towns as well as the personnel of Sheppard Air Force Base. *(History of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair, unpublished paper by Mrs. Homer (Olive) Blalock, February 1978. Mrs. Blalock was co-chairman of the Women's Division for many years.)*

Tragedy struck in 1962 when a disasterous fire hit the main auditorium just prior to the start of the fall Fair. A large tent, set up near the entrance to the fair grounds, provided staging for programs normally held in the auditorium and the show went on. Estimated loss to buildings, furnishings and equipment was $150,000 *(Iowa Park Herald Sept. 13, 1962)*. In December of that year the Fair Board voted to cease operating the Fair not only because of the fire, but because of a gradual decline in attendance and the fact that the Fair operated that year with a loss of $5,000 *(Ibid., December 13, 1962)*. According to T. Leo Moore, executive vice president and general manager, the Fair, which had a decifit of $19,875 in 1954, was well in the black in 1962 with $12,000 cash, 15 acres of land, five buildings and operating equipment with an asset valuation of $182,568 *(Ibid. Blalock paper)*.

The purpose of the Fair was to stimulate interest in agriculture, livestock and industry of the Northwest Texas-Southern Oklahoma region. The different departments included Agriculture, both irrigated and dry land, Community Exhibits, Countywide Exhibits, 4-H Exhibits, Junior Livestock, Beef Cattle, Sheep and Swine, Senior Livestock, Quarter horses and Education as well as the Women's Department with eight divisions *(Fair Program, Sept. 23-28, 1946)*.

Prior to the Fair each fall, caravans of boosters from Iowa Park and Wichita Falls traveled to Texas and Oklahoma towns to advertise the exhibition. A big parade, which attracted entries from the surrounding area, inaugurated the six-day period of festivities. For many years, well-known ministers conducted an all-faith worship service on Sunday in the main auditorium.

Pioneer Day was always one of the main attractions. Highlighted by an old fiddlers' contest and a barbeque served by the Electra Chuckwagon Gang at noon, the day was made even more memorable by the selection and crowning of a Pioneer Queen at the close of the day's activities. 1900 pioneers registered for the 1954 Fair *(Iowa Park Herald, Sept. 30, 1954)*.

By 1949, 100,000 passed through the main gate's two turnstiles and in 1954 that number had increased to 200,000. In 1956 an estimated 260,000 people from practically every section of the United States came to see the show *(Iowa Park Herald, Sept. 26, 1957)*. Only in 1942, when the nation was in the throes of World War II, was the Fair cancelled. In 1945, the Victory Fair honored the area survivors of the "Lost Batallion" as well as all other area veterans *(Fair Program, 1946)*. The 1950 Fair Program, consisting of 152 pages, was dedicated to the citizens of Wichita Falls. Buses ran from Wichita Falls to Iowa Park on the half hour that year *(Wichita Falls Times, October 1, 1950)*.

After viewing the exhibits, visitors could go to the midway for the carnival or to one of the two free shows held in the auditorium. Outstanding scientific and educational exhibits characterized the Fair each year. A prime endeavor of Fair officials was to encourage the interest of young people in agriculture by affording a show window for the display of livestock, quarterhorses, various arts, handicrafts and educational contests. Mrs. Homer Blalock stated, "The Fair also provided spectators with plenty of entertainment of the best type. This they did so successfully that it literally 'put Iowa Park on the map.' When the curtain fell in 1962, it was the end of 34 of the most rewarding years in the history of the town." *(Ibid., Blalock paper)*

Citizens of the community turned out in force each year, faithfully volunteering their time and talents to insure the success of the Fair. Among the presidents whose indefatigable efforts constributed immeasurably to the Fair's achievements were John B. Barbour, Sr., C.E. Birk and Dr. Gordon G. Clark. The final Fair edition of the *Iowa Park Herald* was dedicated to Dr. and Mrs. Clark in appreciation for his having served as president of the Wichita County Fair three times and as president of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair from 1948-1959 and for the important role which she played from the start. The feature article on the front page cited the many church and community activities in which the couple had been involved through the years *(Iowa Park Herald, Sept. 20, 1962)*.

Sen. Tom Connally To Open The Fair

The big parade next Wednesday, beginning at the north end of Scott street overpass and traversing the business district of Wichita Falls will be the opening blast of the Wichita County Fair at Iowa Park, but the address of Texas' distinguished junior United States Senator, Hon. Tom Connally, at the Fair Grounds auditorium at 3 o'clock in the afternoon will be the first gun in the series of four days of program.

The Iowa Park, Electra and Burkburnett divisions of the parade will make the return trip from Wichita Falls to Iowa Park in line as near as possible, and such part of the Wichita Falls division as can conveniently join in the procession back to the Fair Grounds.

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First Baptist Church

In the "Little Ole Schoolhouse" in the south part of town eight men and women met March 14, 1890, and organized the "First Missionary Baptist Church" of Iowa Park, Texas. The subject of the discourse for the occasion was taken from Psalm 50:2, "Zion, the Perfection of Beauty."

The charter members were J.S. Allen, R.D. Rutherford, H. Abbott, Ira Flippen, Mrs. M.E. Lee, Mrs. Angeline Laning, Mrs. J.V. Reed, and Mrs. H. Abbott. "Brother" Allen was elected "fourth-time" pastor. The little band of believers erected a small building in which to worship just west of the present building, 319 N. Yosemite. At the close of Allen's ministry, April 22, 1891, the church had a membership of 16.

J.W. Whatley succeeded Allen as pastor serving until 1893. During his ministry a revival was held with a Rev. Prince Burrows assisting the pastor. The crowds became so large that the small building would not accomodate them. The church accepted an invitation from the Methodist church to use their building which resulted in the two churches having a very successful joint meeting.

Rev. J.W. Morgan was called as pastor the latter part of 1893. On November 13, 1897, the Church Treasurer, in conference, reported that $105.15 was paid the pastor for salary during the year. On August 13, 1898, it was voted to solicit funds to enlarge the church building. The south wing was added to the first building at a cost of $365.05.

The first collection for missions was reported to have been made October 1899, in the amount of $31.00. In September 1898, the first messengers to the Texas Baptist Convention, which convened in Waco, were elected.

William H. Hays began his pastorate January 11, 1902, and served until July 6, 1904. During that time a total membership of 115 was reported. Rev. J.W. Morgan again led the church with Rev. J.S. Ferguson assisting until Rev. J.S. Clements became pastor in 1907. During his ministry the first pastorium was erected and the Baptist Young People's Union was organized.

Pastors following Clements were Rev. Heathington, Rev. M.L. Blankenship, Rev. W.H. McKenzie, Rev. T.J. Deakins.

Rev. McKinley Norman was called as Pastor in April 1915. During his pastorate, the church adopted a "Church Financial Plan." The following pastors served after Norman: Rev. J.L. Roach, Rev. J.T. Burnett, Rev. W.F. Ferguson, Rev. L.B. Owen, Rev. R.C. Hooper.

On December 14, 1924, Rev. J.C. Newman began the difficult task of being pastor and managing the erection of a new building. When the $40,000 structure was completed in 1925, it was voted that the name of the church would be "The First Baptist Church of Iowa Park."

Dr. G.N. Neafus was called as pastor in December, 1926. In spite of the heavy indebtedness of the new building and the financial reverses brought on by the depression, the church's outstanding indebtedness was reduced by $10,000 during his five year ministry. Neafus resigned December 16, 1931, and Rev. Charles Spurgeon McClung became pastor and served until June 8, 1935, when he resigned to accept a call to the First Baptist Church in Pueblo, Colo.

Rev. C.M. Hundley of Ryan, Okla., was called to be pastor but died before coming onto the field.

At 3 a.m. January 6, 1936, a fire was discovered in the building. It completely destroyed portions of the edifice and the church, and Sunday School Services were held in the High School Auditorium. Rev. Thomas L. Kilpatrick accepted the call of the church March 1, 1936.

The Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the church was held March 15-17, 1940. The Sunday Services in connection with the celebration featured the Morning Worship Service, Jubilee Dinner served in the basement, Afternoon and Evening Services. Rev. Kilpatrick resigned in October of that year and Rev. Hollis Epton was called to be pastor.

On Sunday, November 30, 1941, the church Dedication Service was held and the notes were burned that night. Epton resigned November 1, 1941, and Rev. Alfred Grigsby came on the field and served until May 1946, when he resigned to become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Henrietta. During his ministry, a Memorial Organ Fund was started to buy a Hammond organ for the church. The old pump organ was sent to Rev. and Mrs. F.A.R. Morgan, missionaries to Brazil. He was the son of a former pastor, the Rev. J.W. and Mrs. Morgan. Mrs. O.E. Lochridge became the first organist and served for twenty-five years.

Rev. James N. Easterwood was called as pastor July 3, 1946. In 1953, a house and garage at North Park and East Washington were purchased, torn down, lumber cleaned, and work on the mission was begun. The first services in the Chapel were conducted January 10, 1954, by Rev. H.M. Riek, who had become pastor of the First Baptist Church when Rev. Easterwood resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Anson.

The mission grew so rapidly that by 1955 the Chapel Building Committee was given permission to secure an architect for planning a new building. Rev. George Shropshire became full time pastor of the mission in July, 1955.

Rev. Riek accepted the call to become pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church in Denton, and Rev. Homer W. Thompson was called Jan. 8, 1956, to become pastor.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Children's Building, adjoining the church on the west, was held June 20, 1956. The dedication of the building was held May 25, 1958.

On September 1, 1965, Rev. Homer W. Thompson submitted his resignation to become assistant pastor of the South Main Baptist Church at Pasadena, Texas.

Prints of the new sanctuary were presented to the church at the first business meeting of the church in January, 1966, by Earle Denny, chairman of the Building Committee. The contract was let to Campbell Construction Company and ground breaking services were held February 13, 1966, at 11:45 a.m. Taking part in the services were L.E. Brooks, Chairman of Deacons; Richard Hill, Chairman of Finance; Rev. Floyd Heard, Interim Pastor; R.R. Brubaker, Chairman of the 1925 Building committee; and Earle Denny, Sanctuary Building Committee Chairman. The Dedication Services of the new sanctuary were held January 15, 1967.

On February 23, 1966, the church voted to call Rev. Donald Wood of Port Arthur, as pastor. He accepted the call and began his ministry May 16.

Rev. Donald Wood served as pastor until September 15, 1968, leaving to assume the pastorate of Fairview Baptist Church in Sherman. Rev. Herb Crocker served as Interim Pastor until February, 1969, at which time Rev. Kenneth Flowers was called and preached his first sermon as pastor, February 16.

Obeying the command of Jesus to go into "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world" to witness, First Baptist Church of Iowa Park has placed major emphasis on missions during Rev. Flowers pastorate and leadership.

From Jerusalem and Judea, the church launched out into Samaria in 1971 through a "build-a-church" summer mission project.

Thirty-six people from the church, including twelve families, accompanied by families from Eden Hills and Lake Wichita Baptist Churches in Wichita Falls and Laird Hill Baptist Church were able to say with Paul "these hands have ministered," in reference to the building of a $25,000 structure for the Baptist Church at Florence, Colo., within the week of July 19-24, 1971. Worship Services were held in the building July 25 with Rev. Kenneth Flowers delivering the sermon.

ORIGINAL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF IOWA PARK
. . . was located at 300 North Yosemite.

The split-level structure comprising 3,500 square feet was built with eight classrooms and three storage rooms on the lower level and four rooms and an auditorium on the upper level.

The families and church members who participated in the program used part, or all, of their vacation periods, paid their own expenses, camped in tents and campers in Municipal Mountain Park. The unspeakable joy the members experienced in the project led them to ask, "Where are we going to build next summer?" before the last nail was driven in the building at Florence.

In 1972, the Builders for Christ from First Baptist Church in Iowa Park and area churches and towns erected church buildings in Manitou Springs, Colo., and Clovis, N.M.; 1973 found the builders in Crestone, Colo.; 1974 led them to Rye, Colo.; 1975 brought them to Paonia, Colo.; in 1976 a building was constructed in Naturita, Colo.; and two church buildings were erected in 1977, one at Hardy, Ark. and the other at Creede, Colo. The builders chose Winona, Minn. for the 1978 building site. 1980, Steamboat Springs, Colo.; 1981, Cahone, Colo.; 1982, Littleton, Colo.; 1983, Ponderosa Campgrounds, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 1984 Parachute, Colo.; 1986, Santa Fe, N.M., and 1988, South Fork, Colo.

Beginning with participation in the River Ministry in South Texas in 1969 and 1970, the young people of the church became intensely interested in missions.

During the summers of 1974 and 1975, the young people, accompanied by sponsors, traveled by bus to Fremont, Neb., to conduct Backyard Vacation Bible Schools. In 1976, they went to Rye, Colo. to lead in Vacation Bible School in a church worshiping in a building erected by Builders for Christ; they returned there in 1977 for follow-up work.

Mike Dean, Youth Director and Assistant Pastor, inspired and led the young people to be missionaries at home and far away places.

In May 1976, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Flowers and Wayne Williams a lay witness who paid his own expenses, flew to Guatemala to witness for the Lord among the Kechi Indians at Coban where Rev. and Mrs. Dick Greenwood, Southern Baptist missionaries, serve. Joe Singer, a layman, paid his own expenses to Guatemala in 1977 and 1978 to participate in building projects for Kechi Indians. Joe Singer again returned to Guatemala for further building projects for Kechi in 1979 and 1980.

An event significant to the history of First Baptist Church, Iowa Park, took place in 1976. The bell, shown in the tower in a picture of the church built in 1891, was placed in a permanent stand between the building erected in 1925 and the one built in 1967. The Dedication Service was held in March.

Dates when the bell was purchased, removed from the original tower and stored are not on record due to loss of some records. It was brought out of storage, placed on a tower and rung March 17, 1940, for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the church; then relegated into storage again in 1958 to allow more parking space.

In 1978, the church began a major renovation project, total cost estimated at $260,000, on the structure built in 1925. Open house for the remodeled Educational Building was held July 30, 1978.

Rev. Kenneth Flowers resigned October 31, 1978, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Brownfield.

On January 14, 1979, the church voted to call Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth Jr. of Groesbeck as pastor. He accepted the call and began his ministry January 28, 1979.

During August, 1980, Rev. Farnsworth presented the Certificate of License to Glenn Schell and James Adams which gives evidence that God has called them into the Gospel Ministry.

Eleanor Bell made application to serve as a volunteer missionary and it was approved in April, 1981.

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First Presbyterian Church

By FRANCES E. PARK

Among the old Session record books of the First Presbyterian Church and clippings from old newspapers is to be found much of the early history of the church. From the earliest session records the following: "In February, 1889, Rev. W.N. Dickey, who was the evangelist of Dallas Presbytery, visited Iowa Park on Feb. 7 and preached the first sermon for the Presbyterians of Iowa Park. The church service was conducted in the dining room of the old Cameron Hotel which was the only available place in town." In January, 1890, Mr. Dickey, by invitation of the people, returned and, finding the way open, organized a Presbyterian Church with 11 members. The Church Register shows the following persons to be charter members: Mr. W.O. Moberly, Mrs. W.J. Moberly, Miss Kate Moberly, Mrs. James Ralston, Mrs. Kate Ralston, Mr. A.A. Skinner, Mr. John White, Mrs. M. White, Mrs. Mattie Layne, Mrs. G.L. Hester, Mrs. Evans.

In 1891, 21 members were added to the roll and in 1892, four members were added. Two of these members, Mr. and Mrs. N.L. Lowrance have three grandchildren who are present members. They are Mary Anna Lowrance Birk, Frances Park and Linton Gale Lowrance.

In March of 1890, Mr. D.C. Kolp offered a site for the erection of a church. The offer was accepted by the session, then composed of John White and A.A. Skinner, elders; and W.O. Moberly, deacon. This site is in the same block as the present church buildings, but north of the present structures.

In April 1891, Rev. J.R. Jacobs was engaged to serve the church at a salary of $150 a year. The record is not clear as to how long he stayed, but it was probably no longer than a year.

In 1893, Rev. John V. McCall visited this church frequently to preach. Often after preaching in Iowa Park on Sunday morning he would ride his horse across country and preach in Archer City at three o'clock in the afternoon! The congregation of the one-room Methodist Church offered the Presbyterians the use of their building at this time. Thus beginning a spirit of cooperation which still exists between the two congregations.

In 1894, during the ministry of Rev. John V. McCall, the first building was built. The building fund for the original church building was started when N.L. Lowrance gave a horse to be sold to start the campaign. The building that was erected was 30'x40'. The foundation of that building was made of native stone, quarried south of the Wichita River and hauled to the site in wagons.

In 1921, the first part of the present church facilities was built. This was the sanctuary with class rooms located on the sides of the sanctuary. (This architectural plan is known as the "Akron Plan.") Information from the bulletin of the opening program on Jan. 15, 1922, indicates the following as the "New Church Building Committee": R.F. Abernathy, chairman; G.B. Gauntt, Noel Troutman, A.H. Estes, Locke Lowrance, Mrs. C. Birk, Mrs. G.B. Gauntt. The "Presbyterian Church Officials" - Dr. E.S. Lowrance, minister; N.L. Lowrance, R.F. Abernathy, and D. McBride, elders; Locke Lowrance, Noel Troutman, Ralph McBride, Gilbert Weeth, and Gale Lowrance, deacons.

In 1930 a fellowship hall (now known as the Westminster Room), kitchen and rest room were added to this structure.

In 1949 some remodeling was done. The addition of a spire, traditionally the most characteristic of church structure; a large semi-Gothic cathedral glass window placed behind the pulpit and choir area; entrances to the building were redesigned; interior of sanctuary was redecorated; and a Baldwin organ was purchased and installed.

In 1953 an educational building was added to the north side of the existing structure. This building was dedicated as "The Evelyn Jo Miller Educational Building." Evelyn was a member of this church and died in her early twenties. Her father, Luther Miller, was responsible for giving most of the funds for this building.

On the original land given to the church, a manse was built. This house still stands at 201 S. Yosemite. It presently belongs to the Assembly of God Church and is used as classrooms.

In 1940, a lot was bought at 300 S. Yosemite (across the street west and south of the church) and a house known as the Trice house was bought and moved to this location. This house was remodeled and became the manse for the church. The first minister to live there was Rev. Will Fred Galbraith and family. In 1955, this house was sold and moved from the lot. At that time, a three bedroom brick house was built. This house served as the manse until 1975, when the church purchased the present manse at 1601 Douglas.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, 1940, the First Presbyterian Church celebrated the 50th anniversary of the organization of the church. Special services were held during the day. The bulletin gave the following information: Pastor, Dr. E.S. Lowrance; Elders: R.F. Abernathy, C.E. Birk, R.W. Cornforth, Locke Lowrance, G.B. Purcell, and John W. Yarbro; Deacons: K.P. Abernathy and Gayle Park.

On Sunday, Jan. 24, 1965, the church celebrated its 75th anniversary with appropriate worship services. In the afternoon an organ dedication service was held. An Allen organ had been given to the church by some of its members. Rev. Harold Dykstra was minister at this time.

During the ministry of Rev. E.B. Compton, Jr. one of the church's most recent programs of renovation was begun with the replacement of its art glass windows in the sanctuary. Beautiful multi-colored windows were installed. In 1979 and 1980, further renovation took place. The chancel, or pulpit area was made larger. Walls were recovered with fabric of light color. The metal ceiling was repainted in several colors. New carpeting was laid throughout the sanctuary and Westminster room. A lectern and baptismal font were given as memorials and added to the chancel area. Light fixtures were either modified or replaced so as to provide increased illumination. A new climate control system was installed. New concrete steps had been built at the two outside entrances to the sanctuary. On Sunday, Nov. 16, 1980, a service celebrating the 90th anniversary of the church and the rededication of the sanctuary was held.

During the summer months of 1986 and 1987, redecorating work was done in the Educational Building. Repainting and redecorating all of the classrooms, new carpeting of rooms and hallways, and lowering the ceiling, painting, and tile flooring the Fellowship Hall added much to this building.

The following ministers have served this church from its beginning in 1890: Rev. W.N. Dickey, Rev. J.R. Jacobs, Rev. John V. McCall, Rev. R.D. Campbell.

The above are some of the ministers who served this church between 1890 and 1907. Some of the early records are not clear but it appears that a number of preachers came only for a Sunday or two - the Session records indicate only that a certain minister was present to moderate a session meeting.

Dr. Eugene S. Lowrance 1907-1940, Rev. William Fred Galbraith Jr. 1940-1944, Rev. Maurice C. Yeargan 1947-1954, Rev. William Lowry Walker 1955-1956 (killed in plane accident at local airport in May, 1956), Rev. Harold E. Dykstra 1956-1959, Rev. Boyd Schlenther 1960-1962, Rev. Harold E. Dykstra 1963-1967, Rev. Alfred M. Dorsett 1969-1973, Rev. Escol B. Compton Jr. 1975-1978, Rev. Norman D. Nettleton 1980-1983, Rev. Betty Meadows Stribling 1984 to present.

Dr. Lowrance was the beloved pastor of this church for 33 years. After he had been the pastor about 25 years and was at retirement age, he gave his letter of resignation, but the congregation of this church refused to accept his resignation. Dr. Lowrance was not only beloved by his church, but by the entire town. This was made quite clear when he did finally retire and received many good wishes from the town people. Dr. Lowrance was completely deaf, but this was never a handicap for him. He was an expert at lip readng.

This church today is most fortunate and grateful for the leadership they have in its pastor, Rev. Betty Stribling. The church is growing spiritually and in numbers with the work, love and care of this congretation. The Presbyterian Church of Iowa Park, though small in number, has never lacked for dedicated Christian members. Many members have served in every capacity of leadership within the structure of the church and that includes women, men, and young people that have, and are serving as elders, deacons, trustees, teachers, men's organizations, women's organizations, and youth groups.

In recent years the congregation has shown a steady membership increase and is considered one of the most active and fastest gowning small Presbyterian churches in Texas.

Church of Christ

The Church of Christ, as an established organization, had its beginning in Iowa Park in 1904 with 17 members. Some of their names were: Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Overbey, Johnnie Goins, Milton, Leland, Belle and Alma Terhune.

G.A. Fitzgerald conducted the first revival for this struggling church in the fall of 1904. This revival added several new members to the original membership.

During the first two years after its establishment, the members met and worshipped "from house to house," as they had no church edifice at that time.

In 1906 a small but comfortable house of worship was erected at a great sacrifice. It was located on what is now known as Cash Street. Through the persistent efforts and faithfulness of this small band of Christian people, the church enjoyed a steady growth.

In 1920 it became necessary to enlarge the original building. More class room was needed, and the growth of the church in general demanded.

The country was changing rapidly at this time. There were many families who moved here and left, but some of those who were basically responsible for the establishment of the first congregation in Iowa Park are:

1910 - James L. Barbour, who came here with his family; M.E. Banks, who moved here with his family and lived on a farm northeast of town. He bought J.A. Terhune's house in 1922, and Mr. and Mrs. Banks lived there until their deaths.

1913 - R.F. (Bob) Beasley was an early leader of the church and community. He was church treasurer for a number of years. He died in 1935.

1919 - John T. Overbey who moved to Smithfield (today in the city limits of Ft. Worth) to a farm. He remained there until his death in 1928.

The church had no elders until J.A. Terhune and J.L. Barbour were appointed in 1920. James Barnett and L.R. Counts were added about two years later.

In 1923, Elvin Bost was the first paid, full-time minister. He died in April, 1980, in Abilene. Also, during this year, an addition to the building was made to provide more classrooms and accomodate the growing congregation. One room, about twice to three times the size of the original structure, was built making a "T" shaped building.

In 1933, Barney Bradford handled most of the church business and was very active in the early church. He moved the church building from its first location (across the street from the Church of God) to the present day location at 300 E. Park.

By 1953 the Bible classes had outgrown the building and a larger auditorium was needed. The building was torn down in order to erect a new facility. During the next year, while construction of the new auditorium was going on, the members worshipped in the auditorium of the Wichita County Fair Grounds.

Classrooms to accomodate the growing church were built in 1956 behind the auditorium, and include what is presently known as the east room. Then, in 1963, it became necessary to expand the auditorium, and the east and west wings were added.

At the present time, Dwight Parker is serving as the local evangelist. He moved to Iowa Park from Leedey, Okla. in June, 1987.

The elders of the Church of Christ in Iowa Park are W.B. Shook, W.D. Vestal, and Harrel Sullivan. Deacons of the church are Orange Lester, Raymond Long, David Robnett, and Norman Williams.

Grace Baptist Church

The Rogers Baptist Mission Church began in Iowa Park on January 7, 1962, under the direction of Rev. Doyle Hawkins from the Rogers Baptist Church of Garland. The members met for a time at the Youth Center, then moved to 511 W. Alameda.

On May 22, 1962, the church moved to 511 S. Colorado where it had purchased property from D.O. Smith. The members met in the living room of the parsonage until a pastor was called.

On June 14, 1962, the Rogers Baptist Mission Church came together for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church Independent, Premillenial and Missionary. The church was organized and given the name Grace Baptist Church. Rev. Virgle Jones of Riverside Baptist Church of Borger was called to be the pastor. The church then met in the apartment building on the back of the lot until July 29, 1962.

On July 9, 1962, Rev. Doyle Mankins held an open-air revival on the concrete floor of the planned sanctuary, and on July 29, 1962, Sunday School and worship service were held in the new building. The charter members were Mrs. Joe Cotton, Mrs. George R. Francis, Delbert Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swanson, David and Mary Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Welch and Jimmie Welch.

In 1979, the church building was bricked and at the present time the church property includes the building where additional classrooms, a Fellowship Hall have been added, a parsonage, and a prophet house which is currently being used as a clothing house for the needy. The church has purchased the land across the street for future expansion.

Grace Baptist Church supports many foreign and home missionaries. It is an Independent Baptist Church and uses only the King James version of the Bible.

Rev. Aric Johnson is the pastor of the church and Janet Thomason is the church clerk.

Since its organization, nine other pastors have served, one of them, Rev. Jimmy Johnson served two different times, a total of about 14 years.

First Baptist Church

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Ordination services were conducted for Clifton Cummings in March, 1982.

Rusty Stowe became Music Director in January, 1983.

Youth Directors following Mike Dean were: Neal Rodgers, 1978, Lee Balinas, 1980, Kevin Capps, 1982, and Bob Stewart, 1983.

In October, 1984, Rev. Howell Farnsworth resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Rev. David Jones was called as Pastor in January, 1985.

May 14, 1986, Wesley Toller was licensed into the Gospel Ministry. Later in 1986, Jay Yeakley was licensed into the Gospel Ministry.

Rev. David Jones resigned as Pastor in August, 1986. Bob Stewart resigned in August, 1986 as Youth Director. Rusty Stowe resigned October, 1986 as Music Director to accept an Assistant Pastorate in Oklahoma City, Okla. Janet Walker was hired in October, 1986 as Interim Music Director, later hired as part time Music Director.

Dec. 14, 1986, Dr. Derrell Monday was called as Pastor.

Eddie Worthy was licensed to the Gospel Ministry in May, 1987.

In July of 1987, Dr. Derrell Monday and Marc Thames went to africa on a Mission Trip and conducted a Revival. They took Bibles with them that were written in the people's native tongue.

August 18, 1987, the First Baptist Church conducted Ordination Services for Bob Lankford, and in November, 1987, John Rudd joined the First Baptist staff as Associate Pastor and Youth Director.

In July, 1988, Dr. Monday again went to Africa for a revival and accompanying him was Ed Hefti.

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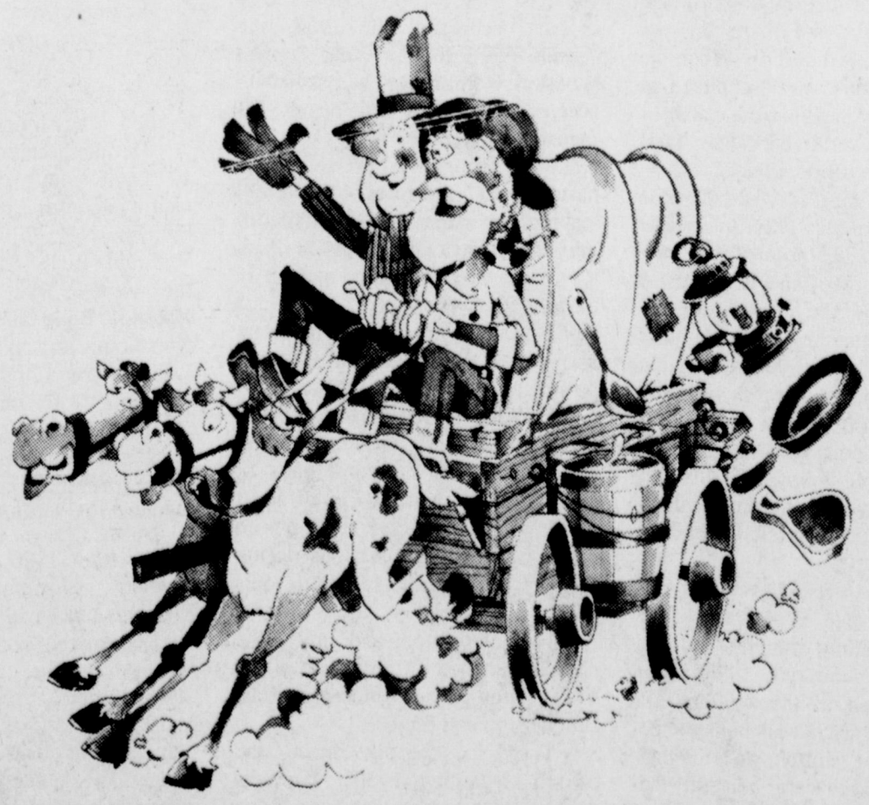

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First Christian Church

The First Christian Church of Iowa Park was organized in 1891 with 22 members, but Helen (Mrs. T.M. Clark), a longtime and devoted member of the church, now deceased, said that the church had its roots planted with the organization of the county in 1881. Judge J.S. Akers, a devout member of the Christian Church, was the first elected county judge.

She also stated that a singing school taught by Z.P. Dale proved to be a forerunner of the church. The school was held in a two-story building that had been erected at 300 East Cash Street for businesses. The location is now the site of Tanner-Aulds Funeral Home.

The charter members of the church were: Judge Akers, E.A. McCleskey, Mrs. O.H. Crites, Mr. and Mrs. Herod, Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Smith, Mrs. C.A. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. I Flemons, Mr. and Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Fannie Yauger, Mr. Nicholson, Mrs. J.L. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. John Chenoweth. The first pastor was E.S. Bledsoe.

The meetings were held in a small building on the south side of town, and then moved to the north side, occupying a vacated grocery room at the corner of Cash and Bond Streets. Preaching in the early days was done by itinerant speakers, mainly men who came from Wichita Falls to hold Sunday afternoon services.

The congregation became discouraged and disbanded for a while, but reorganized again in 1899. Services were then held in a schoolhouse on the south side. The first house of worship was constructed in 1901 on the southeast corner of Wall and Jefferson, and the congregation worshipped there for 23 years. A large tabernacle was erected west of the church between 1921 and 1923.

In 1924, the membership decided that the church building was not large enough and that the added tabernacle was not equipped to meet the need for classrooms and other needs. One member purchased the materials from which the tabernacle was built and another member purchased the church building and lots. The church building was converted into a residence.

A two-story building (brick) erected by Wichita Valley Refinery to house their offices at the corner of North Wall and Park Streets was purchased in 1924. A large room on the gound floor was converted into a sanctuary, and a baptistry was made from a large steel vault. Two large rooms and one small room on the east side of the sanctuary were used for Sunday School rooms. On the west side, two small rooms and one large room were used for a classroom, nursery and a beautiful prayer room. The second floor was arranged for a Fellowship Hall, classrooms, kitchen and restroom.

The women of the church had organized in 1901 as the Ladies Aid Society. They sponsored fund-raising projects to benefit their church and help the needy. In the second church, they expanded activities, probably to help with the expenses of five children in the Fowler Home as well as to help defray the church indebtedness. The organization, today known as the Christian Women's Fellowship, is still a vital part of the church life.

In 1957, during the ministry of Dr. Leroy Carter, who had had experience building church plants, a final decision was made by the membership to sell the building for $10,000. The goal was to build one that had the appearance, outwardly and inwardly, of a House of God, with a larger sanctuary and more conveniences, all to be on ground level. Building activities for the imposing edifice at 105 E. Cash Street were started in February, 1958 and on Sunday morning September 7, 1958, the congregation met for a final ceremony in the building on Park Street and left for services in the new building.

Mike Grubbs is the present minister of the church. He was preceeded by 27 other ministers.

First United Methodist Church

When the North Texas Conference held its annual conference in Greenville, Tex. in the fall of 1889, it created a new charge in the conference which was called "Red River Mission." That session was presided over by Bishop Joseph S. Key. "Red River Mission" included all the towns in Wichita County, including Wichita Falls which had not been founded until 1876. In 1887, the Fort Worth and Denver Railway built a section house west of that small town of Wichita Falls and they named it Daggett Switch.

People immigrated here from the state of Iowa. Several parks were planned in the original platte, hence the name "Iowa Park." Daggett Switch became Iowa Park. In 1890, only one year after the creation of the mission, the preaching point at Daggett Switch became the leading point of the Red River Mission. The preaching point became a church (though not yet self-supporting) when it was chartered with 26 members in that same year (1890). The name of the area began changing; the town of Iowa Park was incorporated in 1891. The name of the local church changed from a preaching point of the Red River Mission to the local church now called "Iowa Park Mission."

The Iowa Park church remained a mission until it became self-supporting in 1907. Even then it remained a circuit for some years. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kolp gave land for the church. By 1910 there was such a need that the basic building was erected in brick. That same building of 1910 constitutes the basic area of the present sanctuary. Since that 1910 building, there has been one expansion of it (1925) and one remodeling of it (1975). It was expanded in 1925 to what is the present sanctuary and classrooms.

In 1957, growth brought about the need for further expansions. The Fellowship Hall, kitchen, classrooms and hallway connecting it to the sanctuary were built then.

It was at this time that a chapel was built within the old basic building. Dr. and Mrs. Gordon G. Clark provided the funds for the chapel and it was dedicated as a memorial to their son, Randolph Duvall Clark, in March of 1958. The lovely Memorial Chapel is open all day for meditation and prayer for those who feel the need for quiet moments.

The remodeling of the sanctuary in 1975 brought that basic area to its present beauty. The congregation responded with renewed interest and work, which, when interpreted in terms of money value, meant a $170,000 remodeling program paid in December of 1978.

The first pastor of the church was Rev. R.M. Kerr, and the present pastor is Rev. John Mollett. Since its organization in 1889, forty-four other ministers have served as pastors.

Cornerstone Pentecostal Church of God

The Cornerstone Pentecostal Church of God located on West Smith Road, Iowa Park's newest church, was started to teach the unchurched of Iowa Park by Rev. Duffy Terry and his wife, Paula, in February, 1984. It was officially chartered with the Pentecostal Church of God on March 6, 1984 with 28 charter members.

The church's first building was at 300 W. Lafayette. The building was then a cabinet shop but had once been a church building. The work of hauling off junk began around the first of March. Then a stage was built, panelling ripped off walls, tile and carpet laid.

The first service was held Sunday morning April 1 with 46 in attendance. At the end of August, the members were forced out of their building when the man who was handling the finances decided to use the building for other purposes. The members met for three weeks on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday nights on U.S. 287, then they moved to a store front building on the old Iowa Park Road. By this time the membership had grown to 67.

Desiring to have their own building, the members bought seven and a half acres on West Smith Road in June 1985. The land was cleared and on Halloween, they poured a slab for the building. On January 15, 1986, the church held its first service in the new home which consisted of only a metal hull on a slab. The dedication of the church took place May 1, 1988.

The Cornerstone Pentecostal Church of God now has 90 members, and within two years the note on the building and land will be paid off. In addition to the regular worship services, the church has a Mother's Day Out program for child care on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a Christian Scouting program on Wednesday nights.

Northside Baptist Church

The Northside Baptist Church at 800 North Wall was formerly the Bible Baptist Church and held its first meeting April 7, 1974, in a house at 110 Colorado, with 10 people in attendance. The charter members were Rev. and Mrs. Earl Correll and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alexander.

The house where the first service was held was soon filled to capacity and became too small to hold the services. As the pastor and members searched for a new church location, they were led to a house at 800 N. Wall. They thought the location would be an ideal spot for a church building, so they decided to use the house for a place of worship until they could build.

The church was faced with another dilemma when the house was filled to capacity and it appeared that another move was on the horizon. Their fears were short lived because Faith Baptist Church donated their old mission building to them, with the provision that they would move it and clean the lot later.

Moving the building from South Wall Street to North Wall Street started Oct. 13, 1975, and after a period of restoration and remodeling, the congregation moved in April 7, 1976. The construction of a new auditorium started in March 1978, and it was at that time the name of the church was changed from Bible Baptist to Northside Baptist. The church now has 200 members.

Rev. Earl Correll has served as pastor for 14 years. In November 1977, he won the Men of Valor award for contributing, by his ministry, to the cause of Christian Liberties.

Valley View Methodist Church

In the early spring of 1907, about 25 or 30 people decided they needed a Sunday School. Using the Denny School as a meeting place, they organized what was called the Denny Sunday School. It was located about one mile due east from where the present church building is now.

Mrs. Denny helped build the Valley View community....not with mortor and stone and wood, but with ideals she instilled into the lives of people. When she came to the Valley View community in 1897, barely out of her teens, she began "building" by helping organize a church and Sunday School and to teach in the Sunday School.

With much faith, the group grew until it felt the need for a larger and more suitable place to workship. They then formed a committee to see about purchasing land. J.R. Pace, W.J. Price, and J.A. Putman were made trustees. They contacted Mr. Grant who owned a large tract of land, land that could be used as location for the new church. He asked $45.00 for the first acre and a half. Later Mr. Kemp gave approximately an acre and a half. At this time, W.L. Hodges, Clarence Lennen, and Albert Lakey were trustees.

With the ground site ready, enthusiasm grew and in 1917, the church was built --- a frame building with one room, but it had beautiful stained glass windows and nice new pews.

The pews were hauled out of Wichita Falls by wagons. A thunder storm came up and Mr. Putman's mules ran away, scattering the pews up and down the road. They were gathered up, some in pieces, some that could be repaired. These pews are still in use, but if you look, you can see the breaks from the accident.

In 1937, talk of adding to the church was started. This idea caught fire and by 1939, we had the annex finished and bricked. Mr. Hodges paid for the bricking of the sanctuary. All was paid for by the time the annex was completed, mostly by the donations of members and interested friends.

Never a large congregation, but one filled with courage and the faith to carry on, Valley View Methodist has become a church that many love today.

The naming caused a little controversy. Some wanted to name the church after Mr. Putman, calling it Putman Chapel. Others thought Hodges Chapel would be best. It was decided not to name it after any one person, so Mr. W.L. Hodges suggested Valley View because we are located in the Wichita Valley.

So it was, and is today.

Christ The King Catholic Church

A meeting was held on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 1979, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wichita Falls, to discuss the possiblity of beginning a Catholic Church Community in Iowa Park. The 39 adults present decided to request that a mission church of St. Paul's Parish, Electra, be established. Bishop Cassata granted his permission to Father Richard Beaumont, founding pastor, to form the Catholic Community of Christ The King.

Since no funds were available to begin construction of a church, the first Mass was celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, 1980, in the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Iowa Park.

A building committee was formed in April, 1981, and with the help of a $50,000 loan from the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, the church was built. The first phase was completed by a local contractor with phase two being completed by parishioners. The present multi-purpose building was dedicated on Sept. 12, 1982. Father David Johnson was then pastor.

In January of 1983, Christ the King Parish was left without a pastor for over a year and was served by the priests assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in Wichita Falls. A lay member of the parish was designated as Financial Administrator of the parish.

The present Pastor, Rev. Mr. Patrick J. Burke, arrived from New Orleans, La., Jan. 1, 1984.

The present church facility has a capacity of 165 for Sunday services and now averages a Sunday attendance of 245 with over 70 children enrolled in religious education programs. Over 120 families have placed membership.

The parishioners voted in January 1987 to proceed with plans to build a new church and renovate the present building into a parish hall and much needed classroom space. The hall will be used for meetings of parish organizations: Teens For Christ, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Altar Society, as well as other parish organizations.

A pledge drive was begun in May 1987 and construction began in July of this year. Plans are now underway for the dedication of the new church set for Saturday, Dec. 17, 1988 at 3 p.m. Bishop Joseph P. Delany of Fort Worth will be the celebrant. The new church will seat 400 and offers a number of rooms for meetings. Total cost of the project is $330,000.

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Lakeview Church of God

The Lakeview Church of God in Iowa Park was organized with 163 members on Aug. 11, 1985. The newly organized church then began worshipping in a converted store building until the completion of the new building in May.

Excitement of the near completion of the new complex was running so high at Easter time that the Easter Sunday service was held in the unfinished building with 243 in attendance. It was a glorious day in the history of the Lakeview Church of God.

Dedication Sunday was held on Sept. 23, with Rev. Lamar Vest, Assistant General Overseer of the Churches of God in Cleveland, Tenn. and Rev. Dennis McGuire, State Overseer of the Churches of God in Texas as guest speakers. Rev. Charles Prince, State Evangelism Director gave the invocation.

The Lakeview Church has had a steady growth in membership and tithes since it's beginning. The Sunday morning attendance often exceeds it's membership. The tithe record was broken in August with $11,576.92. The present Sunday School monthly average attendance is 205, with our outreach included it is 257. Present membership is 239.

The church is located on highway 287 on an 11 acre tract near beautiful Gordon Lake. The estimated value of church and property is $700,000. The seating capacity in the sanctuary is 450, with a balcony for overflow when needed.

The church houses a pastor's study, secretarial facilities, and a Sunday School Superintendent office. The Sunday School department has 15 classrooms. At the rear of the church, a large gymnasium is provided for games, or any type of social event. Adjoining the recreation room is a lovely, spacious kitchen which the Ladies Auxiliary furnished with all modern facilities.

The Lakeview Church of God is a ministry church with an open arms, open heart policy. A bus ministry is provided for children whose parents do not attend church. The Ladies Auxiliary is active in all divisions, such as Joybelles, Bluebelles, and the YLA Men's Fellowship was recently organized with an overwhelming response. The Youth Department is a vital arm of the church with a very active ministry. We also sponsor a very active Senior Citizen program. The dedication of our Sunday School staff makes this department a very progressive ministry of our church.

The positive outlook of our congregation makes the Lakeview Church an exciting place to work and to worship.

Faith Baptist Church

The Faith Baptist Church, affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas of the Southern Baptist Convention, began as a mission of the First Baptist Church of Iowa Park. During a meeting held by the Brotherhood of the church on May 18, 1953, a committee composed of Fred Parkey, LeLoss Kagy, A.L. Halbert, O.L. Deary and Joe Baxter, was elected to take a survey of the south part of town to determine the possibility of establishing a church mission.

The results of the survey were surprising and the committee got busy looking for a suitable location, which they found, a one-half block on South Wall Street.

The Amvets donated a frame building and W.F. George donated a two-story house to be torn down and used for lumber material. Many people donated time, money and other services, and the first meeting in the mission was January 10, 1954 with 45 people in attendance. Rev. H.M. Riek, pastor of First Baptist Church, was the first preacher. In June of that year, the church called Rev. George Shropshire for the first full-time pastor.

The mission experienced a steady growth and in September, a building committee was appointed to make long-range building project plans. These included the educational building and auditorium. On December 31, 1955, the mission was constituted into a church, and in September, 1956, Faith Baptist Church was admitted into the fellowship of Wichita-Archer Baptist Association.

On August 1, 1956, the church began the first issue of $70,000 in Broadway Bonds to finance the building of an auditorium, and in May 1957, the formal dedication of the new auditorium was held.

Upon the faith that built the mission, the church has continued to grow and the beautiful new building at the corner of South Wall and Ruby Streets attests to that. The church members voted to consult a member of the "Challenge to Build Program" of the Baptist General Convention and they were inspired to have a fan-shaped brick structure built with a seating capacity of 750 people, adequate office and pastor suites, and nurseries. Norman Hodges was the steering committee chairman.

The first worship service was held December 9, 1987, and the formal dedication services were held March 20, 1988. Several of the former pastors took part in the dedication service.

Rev. Jimmy Miller is the pastor of Faith Baptist Church and Don Allen is the minister of music and education. Seven pastors have served the church between Revs. Shropshire and Miller.

The Faith Baptist Church has been actively involved in missions at home, in other states and in Old Mexico, and at least 10 young men have been licensed to preach the gospel.

First United Pentecostal Church

The First United Pentecostal Church was organized in 1939 following a two-weeks revival led by Rev. R.G. Kennedy, who was the first pastor. The organization began with Sunday School services in the home of Stella (Mrs. W.C.) North, who is still an active member.

As interest grew, members rented a place and moved to Lafayette and Jackson Streets. They later bought a lot and built a church on the corner of the streets during the ministry of Rev. R.L. Cupid, who served as pastor for four years. The parsonage was built while Rev. Charles Ellis was the pastor.

Other pastors who have served are Revs. W.A. Likin, R.T. McDonald, B.H. Milstead, B.R. Smith, G.W. Milner, and Greg Hardin, the present pastor.

Rev. Milner, who was a builder, played an important part in the construction of a new brick church building at 802 North First. Since Rev. Hardin assumed the pastorate, the auditorium of the building has been remodeled with the addition of ceiling beams and fans.

Mrs. Hardin, Gayla, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Milstead, who now live in Trinity, Texas, where he is pastor of the United Pentecostal Church. She is also leader of the Ladies Auxiliary of the church.

Iowa Park Church of God

The Iowa Park Church of God, located at 601 E. Cash, was organized Jan. 7, 1932, under the direction of the state supervisor and Mrs. Earl (Gertrude) Alexander, who was named the first pastor. She was a recent visitor in Iowa Park and filled the pulpit at the church on Sept. 10, 1988.

It was largely through the efforts of the late Mr. and Mrs. V.A. Wilson, who with their granddaughter, Judy, were killed in a train-car crash, that the church came into existence.

In the early part of 1931, Mrs. Wilson began her work in Iowa Park at the couple's home on E. Park by giving Bible stories to neighborhood children. After seeing their interest in the stories, the Wilsons decided to have a Sunday School for all ages. They started in a small two-room house by removing a partition, and the attendance and interest by both children and adults inspired the couple to start church services.

In 1935, after Mrs. Alexander left as pastor, Rev. J.T. Campbell was named as pastor and the church building was moved to North Alcott. The building burned when church members were at a camp meeting, but it was rebuilt later in the year. In 1944, the building was moved to its present location, then moved temporarily while extensive new facilities were being built. The first sanctuary at the present site was built by volunteer efforts of the men. A complete remodeling of the entire church was begin in Sept. 1976 during the pastorate of Rev. W.F. Williams.

On Nov. 7, 1982, the church celebrated 50 years of growth and is continuing to celebrate its growth. Nineteen pastors, including Rev. Kenneth Laird, the present pastor, have served the church since Mrs. Alexander.

First Assembly of God Church

The First Assembly of God Church was started from a tent meeting here in 1950.

The present sanctuary, at 200 S. Yosemite, was built in 1951 while Rev. Jim Ferguson was pastor. The educational building was built, and a parsonage at 101 Hope Lane was purchased, while Rev. H.E. Allen was pastor, 1958-1963.

The last names of the pastors who have served the church are: Ferguson, Dale, Quillen, Blair, Sister Lane, Heflin, Williams, Fuller, Martin, and Radkee.

Rev. Charles Hensley came to the church in 1977, and is the present pastor. He had devoted 10 years to ministerial work in Tulsa, Okla., and two years doing evangelistic work in the Arkansas District of the Assemblies of God, before coming to Iowa Park.

Since Rev. Hensley has been here, the church has purchased the property with a building on it, across the street east from the church. The building is used for Sunday School classes and meetings of the Royal Rangers. Also, the church parking lot has been paved.

Attendance at the present time runs in the mid 50s.

Emmanuel Episcopal Mission

The Emmanuel Episcopal Mission was established in Iowa Park Dec. 16, 1962, in the sanctuary of the First Christian Church after a survey of Episcopal families in Iowa Park was made. The first annual parish meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Frank Vinson.

Services were held regularly on Sunday afternoons at the First Christian Church during the first half of 1963, according to a detailed account of the mission's brief stay in Iowa Park, written by Mrs. Chauncey Weiler. She and her late husband were signers of the petition to organize a mission in Iowa Park.

On July 1, 1963, the mission moved into a house owned by the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Van Horn at 407 N. Park. The rent was $65 per month, plus the utilities and upkeep.

Many of the families that belonged to the mission moved away from Iowa Park, and the services ended here in July, 1965. The remaining members continued services at St. Andrews in Wichita Falls at Kate Burgess School on Sunday mornings.

Pacific Avenue Baptist Church

Pacific Avenue Baptist Church held its first services on Sunday morning, Aug. 13, 1978, in Park West Shopping Center. The congregation at that time was known as Iowa Park Missionary Baptist Chapel, and was begun as a mission church sponsored by Unity Baptist Church of Wichita Falls.

The current site of the church was purchased from the Presbyterian congregation and construction on the original building began in January of 1982. After several delays and difficulties, the geodesic dome building was completed and the first services were held May 22, 1983. The formal dedication services were held June 4, 1983.

In the summer of 1986, ground was broken for an educational building and fellowship hall for the growing congregation, which continued to be recognized as a mission church.

On August 22, 1987, the mission church was officially organized into Pacific Avenue Baptist Church. The church currently has a membership of 70 people. The pastor, Rev. Larry Washburn, has remained as the church's pastor since it's beginning in 1978.

Pastor Washburn says, "We just thank the Lord for His goodness and provision for us, and we appreciate the opportunity to minister in Iowa Park. We have enjoyed the years here and look forward to the years ahead. We are happy to join in our city's Centennial Celebration."

Iowa Park Ministerial Alliance

The Ministerial Alliance began in Iowa Park in the 1960s when the pastors of several churches started getting together for fellowship and better acquaintance. Today, there are 10 churches of the town cooperating and the alliance has an important part in the spiritual life of the city, and in ministering to and meeting the needs of local people and transients.

The churches that belong to the Ministerial Alliance sponsor joint worship services during Holy Week, at Easter and Thanksgiving. Love offerings are taken at the last two services, and the money is spent to buy groceries and help pay utility bills for people in need here. Some of the money is also spent for gasoline and food for transients who need assistance in getting to other places looking for work or relatives who can help them.

The organization also sponsors a food pantry which is stocked with staples and canned goods received from food drives, church groups and individuals. These are supplemented with milk and fresh produce from monetary contributions received at the joint services.

Rev. Betty Stribling, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, is serving as president of the Ministerial Alliance. Rev. Ole Olds, pastor of Lakeview Church of God is vice president, and Rev. John Mollett, pastor of First United Methodist Church is the secretary.

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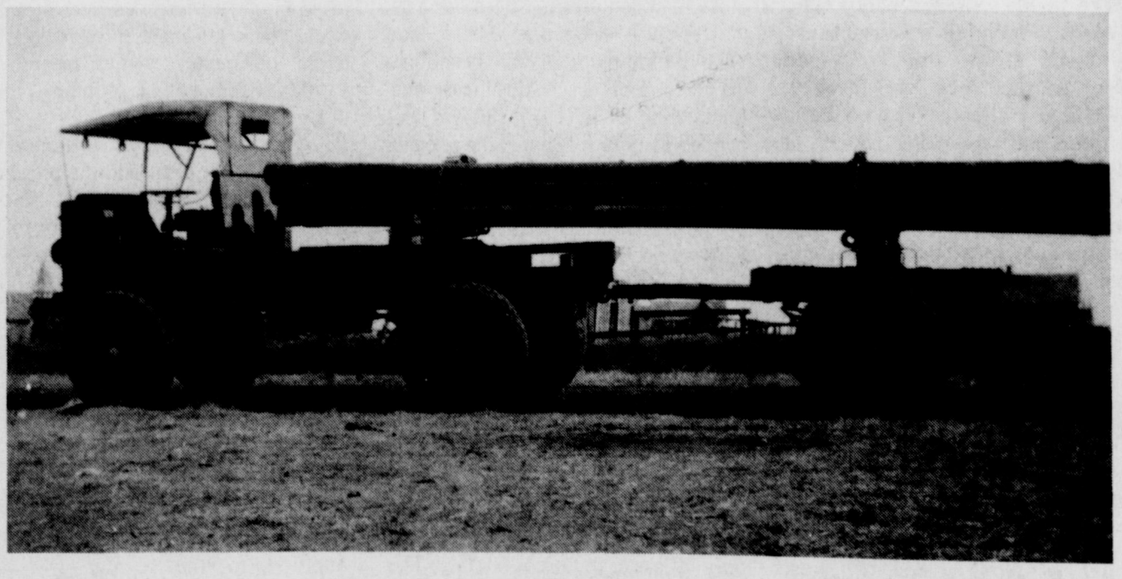

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By Lita Huggins Watson

In the days when Iowa Park was young and the only mail in the box was a personal letter, it could be sent across the country, New York to California, for two cents. Maybe it took six weeks but it only cost two cents.

One of the first things the new community of Iowa Park did was to apply for a Post Office. According to the application submitted the proposed Post Office would be located north of the railroad 100 yards. Other information included naming the nearest Post Office--Ruthford (on the Burnett Ranch), located six miles in a "northwesterly" direction.

Andrew J. Kolp was the first postmaster, appointed on November 12, 1988. Of course, the mail arrived on the Ft. Worth and Denver City train and was one of the main reasons to anticipate the train's arrival.

Pioneer Tom Corridon, Jr. recalled an early Post Office located on West Cash in front of the D.C. Priddy Confectionery. He said that the Corridon box number was 83. Boxes did not open so they looked through the glass and if they had mail, they called for it.

Other early postmasters and their appointment dates were: Susan M. Ford, 1889; George W. Ashton, 1891; and Wesley R. Gibson, 1894. After Mr. Gibson was elected county treasurer in 1896, he moved to Wichita Falls. Others were Abner J. Bell, 1896; William L. Yauger, 1898; and Cyrus L. McCullough, 1911.

Sometime during the preceding years, Rural Free Delivery was instituted in Iowa Park. Although passed earlier, this service to the farm community did not begin to take effect until 1896 and no date is available for its institution in Wichita County. The value of this service cannot be over estimated in the days when there were no phones, no cars, no radio and no television, and, of course, it is still appreciated today.

Parcel post became law in 1912 and service began the first day of the year in 1913. An instant success, the effect on the national economy was electric. Marketing and merchandising through parcel post gave rise to the great shop-by-mail industry which continues to flourish today.

Montgomery Ward, the first mail order house, started with a one-page catalog in 1872. After the inauguration of parcel post, the mail order catalog became the most important book in the farm home, next to the Bible.

Sears Roebuck and Company followed rapidly. In 1897, after one year of rural delivery, Sears claimed it was selling four suits and a watch every minute, a buggy every ten minutes and a revolver every two minutes. After five years of parcel post service, Sears claimed it had tripled its revenues.

Rev. Calvin C. Davis, Methodist minister, received his appointment as postmaster in 1913 and served during the oil boom days. His daughter, Mrs. James Sewell, recalled that the post office did not have enough boxes to accommodate the increased population. Frequently people stood in lines extending out the door and down the street waiting their turn at the General Delivery window. By 1918 the United States had instituted air mail service.

C.C. Burrows was a rural route carrier before his appointment as postmaster in 1927. His wife recalled that he used several modes of transportation during his eight years of rural delivery. He traveled the 20-mile route by mail wagon, horse and cart, mule and cart, horse and buggy, motorcycle and side car, motor buggy and Maxwell car.

Other locations for the Post Office included the 200 block of North Wall and the 100 block of West Park facing north.

The next postmaster was Elvis E. Wallis in 1936. The Post Office moved to 113 West Wall in 1943. Mr. Wallis announced the inauguration of nation wide-world wide air parcel post on Sept. 1, 1948. After serving a number of years as postmaster, he requested transfer to rural delivery and T.M. Clark served as acting postmaster for one year.

Floyd "Pete" May was appointed postmaster in 1952 and it was during his administration that the office was moved to still another location, the northeast corner of Wall and Park Streets. In 1960 the first city delivery system was instituted with Buster Reaves and Harry Moore as the first carriers. In 1953 the Chamber of Commerce and the city had begun work to meet requirements for city delivery. This included not only having a population of at least 2500 but marking each street with its name and each house with its number.

In 1962 Wayne Williams received official appointment as assistant postmaster, an office he held until his retirement in 1986. Also in 1962 the federal government instituted the 5-number ZIP (Zone Improvement Plan) code to facilitate mail delivery by keying geographical locations to numbers.

T.E. Gilbreath was postmaster from 1961 until 1973. During his administration the office moved to its present location at the corner of Cash and Bond Streets. Lee R. McQuerry was appointed in 1974 and Ken Turman, the present postmaster, in 1983.

The Post Office, located in City Park, occupies a buff colored brick building which opened January 13, 1969. It employs fifteen people who distribute mail to 2,394 city and 937 rural delivery points. There are five city and three rural routes extending daily from several to over 100 miles each, round trip. Optional delivery through 554 post boxes is available. In 1987, postal employees handled 2,678,625 pieces of mail for the city of Iowa Park, not counting rural deliveries.

Last year the volume of mail worked in the United States exceeded 600 pieces for every man, woman and child. In order to handle this volume of mail, which is expected to double in the next 20 years, machines are now in operation which can read typewritten or printed addresses, verify ZIP code and print a bar code on a letter which identifies its destination within one half block. This is possible because of the additional four numbers now placed as part of the ZIP code. A machine can read the bar codes on these letters at the rate of approximately 30,000 per hour thus eliminating much of the employee handling required in the past.

Most of the mail routing activity between Post Offices occurs at night in the Area Mail Processing facility for the area. Wichita Falls is the local AMP responsible for processing the outgoing and incoming mail for 27 area offices.

In the years before the Postal Reorganization Act of 1971, postal employees were political appointments with little or no practical mail processing or delivery experience required. Now all employees are hired, trained and promoted based on merit and qualifications. Postmasters are promoted from within the systm based on past performance and potential.

Today, it costs only 25 cents to send a letter from New York City to Honolulu, some 5,000 miles, and it takes only three days. Now, that's a bargain!

Mae Tanner Is Pioneer Queen

Mrs. Mae Tanner, 74, was named Pioneer Day Queen this year at the Fair, but that didn't keep her from getting to work on time Wednesday morning, hours before the ordinary woman of her age would come down town.

That's the kind of person Queen Mae is. She has been the mainstay of Pioneer Day for many years, and now has been given her due reward.

When we saw her Tuesday, she pointed first to her orchid, symbol of royalty, and drily revealed that the wrist watch she was wearing was the first watch she had ever worn.

Mrs. Tanner came to Iowa Park from Missouri in 1890 and attended the first old settlers reunion 38 years ago at Frieze Grove.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 27, 1951

Thumbnail Sketches Of Pioneer Women

Mrs. C. Birk is truly one of the pioneers of this part of the country. She is known as "Aunt Lucy" to her intimate friends. She came to Wichita county in 1891, and before her marriage to Mr. Birk was Miss Lucy Kilbourn, daughter of a physician at Ferris, Texas. She is actively engaged in club and church work as far as her health and advanced aged will permit. Mrs. Birk is the mother of four children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom reside in this part of the state, and are prominent citizens.

Mrs. R.W. Cornforth came to the county in 1897 with her parents and settled on a farm two miles south of Iowa Park. She was Miss Grace Burch. She was married to Mr. Cornforth in 1904, he having come here a few years earlier from Waco. Except for a short time when they lived in Waco they have made their home here.

"Aunt" Sally Brubaker came here in 1897, and was Miss Sally Dunn. She settled with her parents on what is now the Blagg farm on the Wichita river south of town. She was married to Aaron Brubaker, one of the real pioneers to land here. Mrs. Brubaker says it seems tht when they first came here they made bumper wheat crops every year.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 21, 1939

U.S.O. Quota Goes Over Top

Iowa Park's quota on the United Service Organization campaign was $200.00. According to John Murphree, committee director, a final report shows the fund collected amounted to $266.72.

The director was assisted by H.A. Mills as treasurer, and the following majors: N.E. McKinney, F.E. Hill, John Maier, W.L. Hodges, H.G. Mitchell, T.J. Pace, Ed Heisermann, Carl Hoffman, Miles Hines, Earle Denny, and R.A. Tanner.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, August 14, 1941

PIONEERS AT 1949 TEXAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR, identified by Taylor George, are: front from left, Carl Troutman, Maryetta Thompson, Mae Mae Tanner, unidentified, Minnie Troutman, Mrs. J.C. Ralston (Willard), and Locke Lowrance; back row, Wallace Cornforth, Scott Ralston, John Bell and Jim White.

IOWA PARK COMMUNITY BAND was photographed April 12, 1927 by Shamlian's Studio of Wichita Falls. Those identified by Taylor George are: Neva Joy Cain Burris, little girl on left; A.H. Smith, fifth from left back row; director Carl Goetze, standing far right, and Mike Cain, in front of Goetze.

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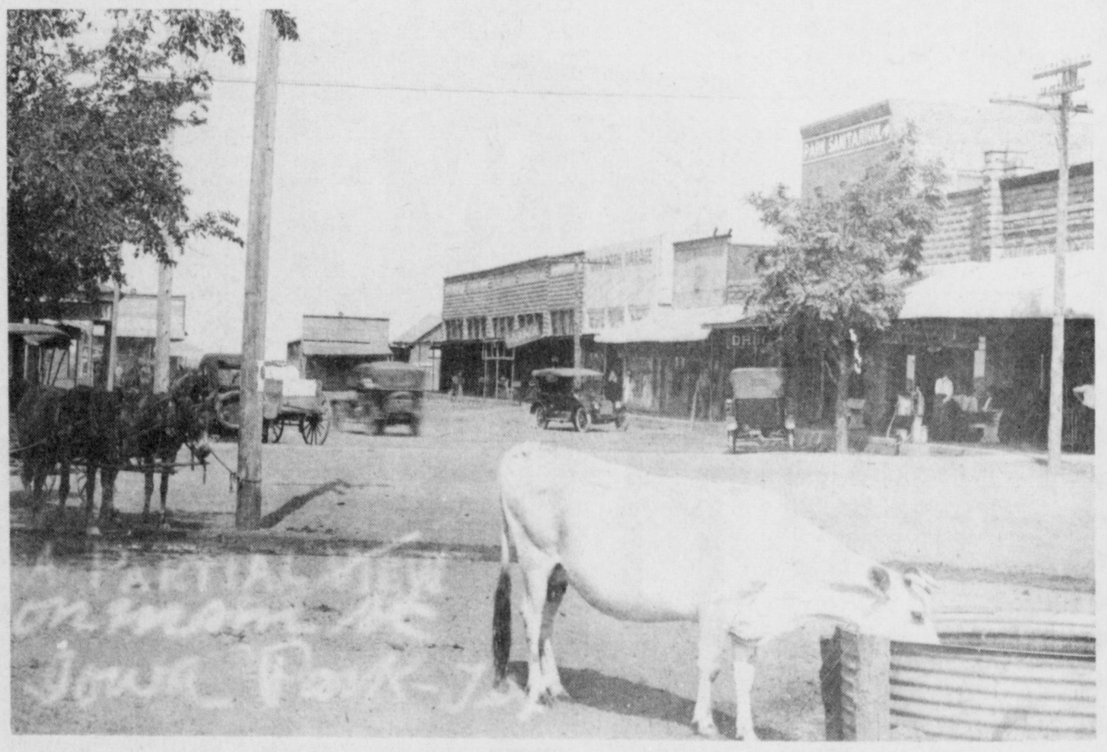

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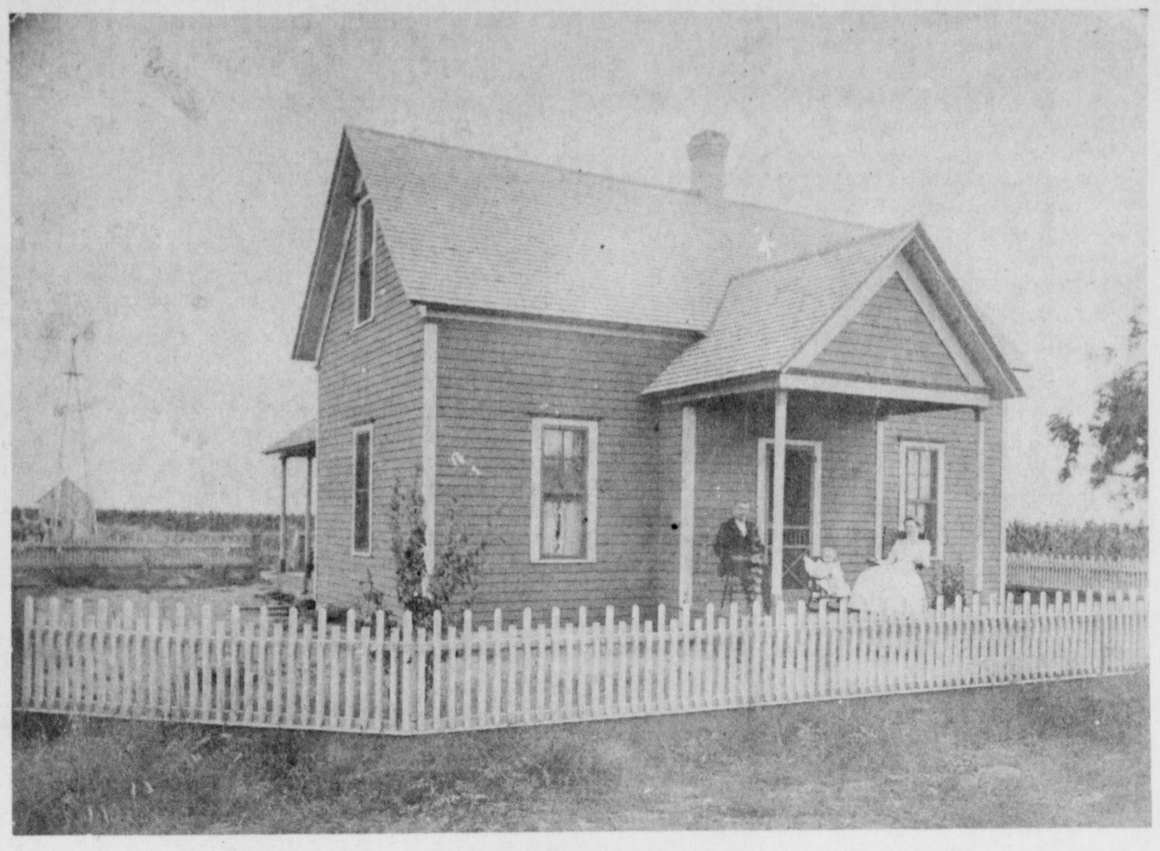
Early-day families of Iowa Park area

L.C. DENNY FAMILY PORTRAIT
. . . front from left, Katherine Denny Ford, Mrs. L.C. "Kate" Denny, Marie Denny Callon, L.C. Denny and Earle L. Denny; back row, Lottie Denny Lochridge, L.C. "Kelly" Denny Jr., Ida Denny Tucker, Hugh R. Denny, Walter Denny, Gertrude Denny Lochridge and Maggie Denny Burnett.



S.L. "BABE" DENNY HOME IN 1902
. . . on porch, S.L., Bonnie and Emma.

L.C. Denny

Leslie Combs Denny, born in Mercer County, Ky. in 1854, was the son of Walter and Eliza Banta Denny. In 1879 Mr. Denny moved to Grayson County, Tex. and in 1881 he married Eliza Katherine "Kate" George. By 1889 they located on a farm seven miles southwest of Iowa Park. His brother, S.L., bought an adjoining farm, and the area was known as the Denny Community. It was near the present community of Valley View.

In 1907 the family moved to a two-story house across the street from Iowa Park's First Baptist Church in order for the children to attend a larger school. Mr. Denny was concerned that his children have a good education and served many years on the school board. He was a director of First State Bank from its inception. When it merged with First National Bank in 1933 to form State National Bank, he continued as director of that bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny, who celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in 1947, were the parents of nine children: Mrs. Will (Maggie) Burnett; Mrs. James L. (Gertrude) Lochridge; Walter Denny; Hugh Denny; Mrs. Oscar E. (Lottie) Lochridge; Lloyd C. Denny, also known as "L.C. Jr.: and "Kelly;" Mrs. Marie McCarthy Callon; Earle Denny, and Mrs. D.H. (Kathryn) Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Burnett celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in 1964. Lloyd and Jack Matthews Denny had their 56th anniversary in 1980. Earle and Jean Mitchell Denny were married 65 years in 1988.

Mr. Denny died in May of 1948 and Mrs. Denny in June of 1949.

S.L. Denny

By Elgin Denny

S.L. (Babe) Denny was born on Feb. 21, 1859 in Mercer County, Kentucky. He and his brother, L.C., came to Dagget Switch (Iowa Park) in 1887, and bought land nine miles southwest of town.

My mother, Bonnie Eloise Perry, was born near Henderson, Tex. July 1, 1876. When she was a child, the family moved to Chico, Tex.

There were no schools in the area where my father settled, so the farmers built a one-room school house; it was known as the Denny School. Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Putman had settled one mile east of the school, and Mrs. Putman got my mother to come to the Denny community to teach school in 1897. She taught two years. She and S.L. were married on May 23, 1899, in the Putman home.

There was no church in the area. My mother helped to organize a Sunday School in 1907. They used the school house for a meeting place. About once a month, a preacher from Iowa Park would come out and they would have church. The school only taught through the ninth grade. My father sold the farm in 1917, and the family moved to Iowa Park so the children could finish high school.

S.L. and BONNIE DENNY

There were four children in the family. Emma Jane was born Mar. 27, 1900, and married W.H. Gauntt April 7, 1918. She worked in the post office over 20 years. Mildred Elizabeth was born Aug. 4, 1904, and married E.L. Traylor June 15, 1930. She worked for the First State Bank and the State National Bank 42 years. Elgin Woodall was born July 22, 1908, and married Mary Louise George July 27, 1930. I farmed for 39 years, and reside at 308 West Magnolia in Iowa Park. Mary Josephine was born Aug. 16, 1919, and married A.O. Beadle Jan. 6, 1938. She and her husband live in Poolville, Tex.

Deaths in the family have been my father, on Sept. 18, 1936; my mother, on April 12, 1958; Mildred Traylor, on April 26, 1975, and Emma Gauntt, on Jan. 19, 1979.

Dorris

T.P. Dorris was born July 1, 1853, came to Wichita County from Coleman County, Tex. in 1903 and purchased land from a Mr. McDaniels four miles south of Iowa Park, bordered on the south and east by the Wichita River. He brought with him two sons, George Moore Dorris, born March 15, 1881, and Thomas P. Jr. born Dec. 9, 1882.

George M. Dorris married Lula White in 1906. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. White, who were the grandparents of Mrs. Olive Blalock. They had three children, Clark, born Oct. 3, 1908, Veta Bell, Oct. 12, 1911, and Bonnie, Aug, 1915. The George Dorris family moved to Grand Prairie where they lived, died and are buried.

T.P. Dorris, Jr. died in 1945 and is buried in Highland Cemetery.

T.P. Dorris Sr. and Alice Bell Tidball (Aug. 4, 1867) from Mt. Erie, Ill., were married Sept. 17, 1907, and continued to live on the farm, a corner of which the Deep Creek School stood. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dorris, Frank Roswell, Oct. 27, 1908 and Carrie Ruth, Oct. 3, 1913. Both started to school at the Deep Creek School. Mrs. Grace Mills Reaves was Frank's third grade teacher. Ruth attended at five years of age due to low enrollment and because the teacher lived with the Dorris family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorris were members of the Church of Christ. T.P. was a Mason and Mrs. Dorris was an Eastern Star. Mr. Dorris died Nov. 6, 1919. The road between Wichita Falls and Iowa Park was dirt and due to heavy rains the funeral service was held up for two hours waiting for the preacher to arrive from Wichita Falls. Unable to get here over the muddy roads, a local minister was called for the service.

Mrs. Dorris died July 22, 1938. Both are buried in Highland Cemetery.

In 1944 the Dorris farm was sold to Roy Burnside of Baytown. Mr. Burnside had a dream of raising rice, instead of cotton. He terraced the land and with help of irrigated water had a few crops. The rice crop was not too successful but the heavy watering killed much of the plentiful Johnson grass. He sold the farm to the Hartmangruber family and moved back to south Texas.

Frank Dorris married Loretta Lee Fields on Aug. 15, 1931, in Tipton, Okla. Loretta was the daughter of Edith (Van Horn) and Benton Fields, who lived north of Iowa Park. The Frank Dorris family and Benton Fields family moved to Happy, Tex., in the early thirties. Frank lost his life, due to burns, Nov. 17, 1947, and is buried in Happy Cemetery. His widow still lives on a wheat farm in Happy and Janie, their only child, lives in San Jose, N.M. with her family.

Carrie Ruth lives in the home Mrs. Dorris purchased after the death of her husband in 1919. Ruth married James Parmley Gard, Sr. on March 29, 1941. Ruth and James P. (Bud) had three children, James P. Gard Jr. (Oct. 16, 1942), and daughters, Dianne and Dorris (July 24, 1946). Bud died in 1951. Jim, Susan and sons live near Norman, Okla. Dianne and Dorris live in Fort Worth.

Arnold

W.R. Arnold, mayor of Iowa Park 1920-22, was a partner with George Mills in the real estate firm of Mills and Arnold. Mr. Arnold came to Iowa Park in 1914 and engaged in the dry goods business until 1918. He was secretary of the Board of Directors of the Park Hotel Company and secretary and manager of the Young Man's Business League, organized in 1918. He married Zulah Matthews in 1911.

Lochridge

By. H.O. Lochridge

L.N. Lochridge was born in Bartow County, Georgia on Sept. 7, 1858. He was a descendant of James Lochridge, who came to America in 1705 to escape the religious oppression of the British rulers of that day.

He left Derry County, Ireland and landed in Boston, Mass. His descendants migrated in about 1750 to Augusta County, Vir. and in 1815 moved on to Georgia. Lewis was three years of age at the outset of the Civil War. All his older brothers and his father went to war as members of the Georgia Volunteers.

Lewis remembered at age seven, the march of Sherman through their area. He, his mother and four sisters hid in a copse of trees and watched the Union troops burn their home and barns, slaughter thier livestock, and steal their belongings.

At age 15, he migrated to Fort Worth with two older brothers and their wives. This was in 1873, the year that the city of Fort Worth was founded as a town. This group established a bakery in Fort Worth, which later burned. They rebuilt and again the bakery was destroyed by fire.

Following these misfortunes, Lewis took a job on a farm south of Fort Worth in what is now the Everman community. He worked for Major J.J. Scott for a number of years and on April 13, 1887 married Martha J. Scott, the major's daughter.

They farmed in this area from 1883 until about 1903. At that time, Lewis purchased the "Black Cat" ranch, a 4,000-acre tract just east of Happy, Tex. The harsh winters plus the fact that he had to maintain a second home in Canyon for his children to be near school, prompted him to start looking for a more desirable home and farm.

In 1906, he answered an ad in the Fort Worth newspaper about an 800-acre tract south of Iowa Park. He purchased this land from C.R. Coker in February of 1907.

The children of this family, all born in Tarrant County, were James L., C. Frank, Robert N., Oscar E., Allie, and May. Robert, Allie and Oscar all finished their schooling in Iowa Park. Other families in the area of their farm included the Dennys, Loves, Mitchells, Fergusons, Hooks and Watkins.

Lewis had a cousin in Clay County, Jim Lochridge, who had discovered oil while drilling for water during the drouth of 1901. This was North Texas' first oil well. Later, on the same farm, Texas' first gas well was drilled. Granite monuments denoting these occurences are currently located in a roadside park, one mile south of Petrolia on Highway 148.

During a visit to his cousin's, Lewis became interested in this phenomena, and in 1913 drilled on his own land south of Iowa Park. Oil was discovered at 150 feet and many wells were drilled subsequently. Until 1920, when Sinclair built a pipeline to the area, it was necessary to haul oil in wagons to Iowa Park. Lewis was one of the initial stockholders in Iowa Park Oil and Gas Company.

Later on, he organized the First State Bank of Iowa Park, which was located in the two-story building across the street from the Iowa Park Leader office. There were two other buildings just west of the bank that he at one time rented to Levine's first store, and also one of the first Furr Food Stores (the first of these being founded in Kirkland, Tex.).

During the bank woes of the late 1920s and early 1930s, Lewis and the officers of First National Bank of Iowa Park worked out a merger in order to protect the stability of both banks. This bank became the present State National Bank.

One of Lewis' early employees at First State ws a young man named F.E. Hill, who was working at the time at a local drug store. "Red" Hill later became president and principal owner of State National and served in that capacity for several years.

While most of Lewis' children went to other areas, Jim, Robert and Oscar lived in the area for a number of years. Jim, a civil engineer graduate of Texas A&M (class of 1910) was one of the principal designers and engineer in charge of construction of the Wichita County Irrigation System, completed in 1924. He later was one of the principal engineers on the construction of Texoma Lake, Lower Colorado River Authority (Lake Buchanan, Lake Travis, Inks Lake, etc.), and Lake Meredith near Borger.

Oscar lived in Iowa Park until his death in 1959. He was in the oil business for many years prior to his death. He also served in both World Wars. He was in the U.S. Army in World War I, and served in the U.S. Navy Seabees in World War II. He was stationed in various areas of the South Pacific (principally Guadacanal). He spent the last few months of his service in U.S. Navy Mobile Hospital No. 6 in Aukland, New Zealand.

Jim and Oscar married Gertrude and Lottie Denny, the third and seventh children of L.C. and Kate Denny, also early pioneers of the Iowa Park area. All are buried in Highland Cemetery.

Lewis' wife, Martha, passed away in 1922 and Lewis died in July of 1936. Both are buried in the Lochridge Family Plot in the Crowley Cemetery.

W.H. CAYLOR HOME IN 1904 - Purchased in 1903 with land for $600. Children from left are Inez, Gladys, Willie Ruth, Sally, Clone and Paul, on his favorite horse.

CAYLOR FAMILY IN JUNE, 1936 - Front, Paul Caylor, William Henry, Sallie Lee and Willie Ruth Caylor McGinnis; back, Clone Caylor Davis, Gladys Caylor Moore and Inez Caylor Penn.

Caylor

William Henry, son of William Jackson and Mary A. Clarkston Caylor, was born June 24, 1858 in Alabama. Sallie Lee Bassett, daughter of Andrew J. and Sarah Ann (Bulger) Bassett, was born Dec. 1, 1862 in Alabama. The grandfather of William Henry Caylor immigrated from Germany where the name was spelled Koehler. The Bassett heritage is English.

The Caylor and Bassett families were neighbors and Henry and Sallie were married Mar. 3, 1890. Two children were born in Alabama. Alma Cleone was born Nov. 30, 1891 and Eron Inez Jan. 15, 1894, and then the Caylor family moved to Oceola, Hill County, Texas. There, Paul Hubert was born Feb. 11, 1896, Willie Ruth Jan. 27, 1900, and Gladys Annie Mae April 27, 1903.

Several of Sallie Lee's relatives also had moved to Hill County from Alabama and the famlies lived near each other persuing farming as a livelihood.

In April of 1903, William H. and Mary Elizabeth (Bassett) Terry and their oldest son, John and his wife, Martha J. (Cissell) Terry moved to Iowa Park from Hill County. Another son, William Rich and his wife Lealia Terry, also moved to Iowa Park but did not stay long.

Several letters were written by "Bill" and "Mary" Terry to Henry and Sallie (Mary's sister) Caylor in Hill County, encouraging them to move to Iowa Park because of the better schools and churches. This appealed to Sallie and so the Caylor family arrived by train in Iowa Park in December of 1903.

Inez Caylor Penn wrote a history of her life for her ancestors and the following is taken from those writings:

"No one had killed hogs as we didn't have a cold spell of weather. Papa always put the hogs in a pen with a floor in it to fatten them so they were moved to the boxcar and loaded on as they were part of our living. The corn was moved with the household things, also Rover, the dog. Papa rode in the boxcar to Fort Worth where it was switched to Fort Worth and Denver Railroad to Iowa Park. Cousin John Terry, who had been in Hill County working through "gin" season, Mama and us children were put on a coach but were overlooked and the train went on to Electra. Cousin John thought the train had passed through Iowa Park because he could see buildings although it was dark so he conferred with the conductor and the family was placed on another train and arrived in Iowa Park just at daylight. They all walked to the Terry home in the north part of town and were greeted by Mama's sister and her family.

"We found a house close to the railroad in the southwest part of town. Papa paid $600 for the house and some land and had money left to live on until the crops produced. In time Papa worked the house over, added the front porch and changed the kitchen. By the time spring arrived, Mama started painting and papering. She gave four cents a roll for a good grade of paper ordered from Sears and Roebuck Company catalog in 1904. Papa built a bedroom on the house, also a small sewing room for Mama, fixed fence around the garden and land and built a barn and cow sheds. Rover didn't like town life so ran away. About a year later, Paul went home with Noel McKinney from church and there was Rover. He had found himself a good country home. Papa continued to farm, raise a garden and had chickens and a cow or two. Times had changed. More food could be bought in the grocery store.

"The school house was located in the east part of town. It was a two-story brick building with a long hall through the center with two class rooms on each side. The second floor had a large auditorium on the south and two class rooms on the north. School was taught through the ninth grade. The tenth was added and later, the eleventh. Professor Lee Clark was superintendent. Miss Emma Haynes was my first teacher. Others were: Mrs. Orton, Miss Jo Southers, Miss Adeline Gallman, Miss Johnnie Arnold, Miss Josephine Little (our sixth grade teacher) and Miss Fannie Burns. Mr. Gradey, Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Huffstetter were also superintendents.

"Some of the songs we sang in school were 'Good Morning Merry Sunshine,' 'Row, Row, Your Boat' and one I lived in fear of having to sing, 'Tardy Scholar Is Your Name.' If we were late to school, we had to get up in front of the room and sing 'Scholar' and if we couldn't sing, some one sang to us while we stood in front of the room and they pointed their fingers at us while singing:

Tardy Scholar is your name
Sleeping til the clock strikes eight
Slowly creeping to the school house gate
Tardy Scholar is your name.

"I never had to stand in front of the room, but I sure was scared to death it was going to happen.

"Mr. Nichols, Miss Nell Musgrave and Miss Bess Sherrod, who later became Mrs. Bob Brubaker, were high school teachers. Our class of 1914-1915 were very close friends.

"The Methodist Church was located in the south part of town. Brother C.C. Davis was the pastor when we moved to Iowa Park. The Christian Church was south of the railroad track and I don't remember the Pastor's name. The Presbyterian Church was south of the railroad and Brother Lowrance was the pastor for several years. The Church of Christ was in the east part of town. Brother Fitzgerald was the pastor. The First Baptist Church was north of the railroad and was organized March 14, 1890. Brother J.W. Morgan was the pastor when we moved to Iowa Park and Mama and us children started to this Baptist Church. Mama was asked to teach the cradle roll in Sunday School and she continued to teach until her death in 1936. Mrs. McKinney was Paul's and my Sunday School teacher. 'Uncle Johnny Milligan' was the janitor of the Baptist Church. He was Mrs. Dunn's brother and lived with the Dunn family. One of his duties was to ring the bell. No one could ring it just like he did and if someone else did ring the bell, everyone knew 'Uncle Johnny' was sick.

"Mr. Fox was one of the early agents in the section house and Mr. Calahan looked after the railroad. Mr. McCluskey was county commissioner from Iowa Park and he looked after the roads and held that office a long time. The post office was small and Mr. Youger (sic) was postmaster. His wife and her brother, 'Uncle Sye McCulla' assisted him. Our doctors were Dr. Bell and Dooley. Dr. Dooley owned the first car in town. He was our doctor when Willie Ruth, Gladys and Paul had scarlet fever. Dr. Deakens was the dentist. He had his office in his home. The town constable was Mr. McGee.

"Mr. Windell owned the printing press, set the type by hand, published the Iowa Park paper and did other printing. There was one drug store. Mr. Moore owned it but sold to Mr. Kilcrease. The drug store carried school supplies, each pupil furnished his own books. The First National Bank was on the northeast corner of the square. Directors were C. Birk, president; John T. Overbey, vice president; J.F. Boyd, cashier; C.H. Clark, B.N. Fergerson, John Herschi and William Borchelt. The hardware store was located on the southeast corner of the square owned by J.A. Tanner and later, the funeral home was added. There were two grocery stores. Mr. Akers owned one and later his son-in-law, Mr. Cain, joined him in business. Mr. W.W. Overbey owned the other grocery store and also a dry goods store. Mr. and Mrs. Herrod's Dry Goods Store was on the north side of the square. Mr. Conway owned a confectionary store.

"Mr. Apple and son, Earl, owned the blacksmith shop. They sharpened plow points, shoed horses and mules and did everything a village blacksmith did. The telephone office was up a flight of stairs on the second floor of one of the business buildings on the north side of the square. Mr. A.L. Brubaker ran the lumber yard. It was in the south part of town. The wagon yard and feed store was owned by A.D. Butcher. The Farmers Elevator was in the east part of town near the railroad. They sold grain, feedstuffs and also coal which was hard to get. Earl Nox was one of the early operators. The Farmers Gin was near the railroad. The livery stable was owned by Mr. Hamp Love and Mr. Cobb. They owned several horses and buggies which they rented to the young men for 75-cents for a Sunday afternoon drive with their best girl. If they couldn't afford the drive, they walked, met at some home, enjoyed the Sunday afternoon and every one walked to church Sunday night.

"There was a harness shop located in the north part of town owned by Mr. Hester. He sold saddles and was also a shoe cobbler. There were several saloons all in a row on one street. I didn't know anything about them except the cowboys that worked on large ranches south and west of town were well supplied. I heard Papa and Cousin John Terry say they helped put the saloons out of business by voting against them.

"Paul and Noel McKinney were good friends. In about 1908, Mr. McKinney asked the boys if they wanted to make some money working for him at the thrasher. He was starting up the next day. The boys rode in a buggie, carried water to the men and did other chores boys could do. The thrasher made a three-week run as there were several other thrashers in the country. The first money Paul spent was to buy Mama a sewing machine from Mr. Tanner. Mr. Fields waited on Paul and he paid $27.50 for a Wheeler and Wilson sewing machine with attachments.

"The Matthews family was one of our close neighbors, their children were the same age as all of us and we enjoyed playing together. Another family friend was the Hamilton family. They lived in the country, owned a syrup mill so we continued to raise ribbon cane and sorghum, had our own syrup for several years -- a big barrel of each.

There wasn't a place around town for a park or picnic grounds. Adolf Freise and his mother owned a farm east of town. There was a pretty grove of trees by the road. Adolf cleared out weeds and underbrush, his pasture was always mowed and he offered it for a picnic ground. Lumber was purchased, the men donated labor and built a platform, made benches and picnic tables. The Iowa Park Band played. It was organized by the boys that could pllay horns but several girls belonged. The candidates made the 4th of July picnic. Plenty of ice cold lemonade and popcorn was sold. Everyone brought lunch, had a nice time and in the afternoon, the boys played ball.

"Mr. and Mrs. Cissell lived in the north part of town. He was in the Civil War and carried messages at night, stayed in hiding in the day. He understood the stars and could tell directions at night. After the war, he was a driver of stage coaches. In the summer, we children listened to him explain about the stars, learned to find the 'Big and Little Dipper,' 'Seven Sisters,' 'North Star' and look for the man on the moon. We didn't dream of EVER seeing a man ON the moon!"

The Terry family moved from Iowa Park in 1907 and wanted the Caylors to move with them to Fisk, Texas but Henry and Sally remained in Iowa Park.

Henry continued to farm the acreage in Iowa Park and leased land on Beaver Creek to raise grains and cotton. Paul helped him with the farming before going into the army for World War I. Sallie was a seamstress and sewed for her family and for the public. Henry was a night-watchman at one of the refineries and also a carpenter. Sallie was away on a visit (her Mother, a sister and a brother still lived in Hill County) and Henry decided to surprise her with a new home. When Sallie got back to Iowa Park, the house was well under way and Sallie had no say about the design. Family rumblings were that Henry had made an error but we grandchildren remember good times in that monster!

Henry also built a small house on the property for Paul to return to from the war; however, Paul did not remain in Iowa Park after marriage. The house became the Caylor rent house and although modified, it is still in the same location in 1988.

The Caylors were also friends of John Franklin and Martha (Williams) Stark. They were the parents of Myrtice, Frank, Ivan, Ollie, Joe, Margaret Lee and Mary Susan. Margaret (Maggie) and Mary were close friends of Cleon and Inez Caylor.

Cleon had met Charles E. Davis and Sallie Caylor had invited Charlie to Sunday "dinner" (probably the noon meal). charlie explained that he knew a nice gentleman in town whose family ties were in Dallas County and he had planned to go eat with him. Generous hearted Sallie told Charlie to bring his friend along. The friend was Jess Waldo Penn and that Sunday he met "Maggie" Stark. The two couples became close friends and were married the same year. Cleone and Charlie married October 17, 1909 and Maggie and Jess married November 16, 1909.

Jess Penn's brother, Joseph Rosco of Duncanville, Texas attended his brother's wedding and met Inez Caylor. Joe waited for Inez to finish high school and they married May 25, 1915.

Willie Ruth Caylor and Nadine McGinnis were school chums. Some one had a party and Nadine got her brother, Claude Roberts McGinnis to escort her. Claude met Willie Ruth Caylor at the party and they married February 1, 1917.

Paul Caylor's "best girl" was Ruth Culberson, born August 5, 1905 to George Washington and Maggie (George) Culberson. Paul and Ruth corresponded while Paul was in the army during World War I and made plans to marry when Paul's service time ended. Paul returned to Iowa Park and worked for a short time at the refinery located west of town. Paul and Ruth married August 2, 1919 and moved to a farm and ranch near Pampa. They had two sons, William Robert and Clinton Lee. Paul and Ruth returned to Iowa Park to visit relatives and friends until their deaths in 1976. Carbon monoxide gas filled their home in Pampa, taking them and a friend together. William Robert Caylor retired from the Air Force and lives near Ballico, Calif. Clint has retired in Pampa farming the acreage he and his brother helped their father farm.

John Thomas Moore, son of James Thomas and Octavia (Acers) Moore had served eight years in the Navy before and during World War I and was on his way to Australia with a buddy to live. They stopped in Iowa Park to see John's grandfather, George T. Akers. Mr. Aker's other daughters were Mae, who married J.A. Tanner, and Julia, who married Mike Cain. While John and his buddy were in Iowa Park, the aunts were introducing them around. John met Gladys Caylor and gave up going to Australia. His friend went on. John and Gladys married june 24, 1922 and lived in Iowa Park a few years where John worked as a mechanic for Ford Motor Company. John and Gladys did not have children. They moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico and then to San Pedro, Calif. John died in 1948. Gladys is the only living Caylor descendant. She now lives in Pasadena, Calif. (March 1988).

Sallie Caylor pieced quilts and always had a quilt pieced and quilted to be given to Buckner Orphans Home when a call for quilts was received through the church. She belonged to the Eastern Star and enjoyed attending as long as her health permitted. Henry Caylor sometimes wore a beard which was white (as was his hair). Sallie's cradle roll children called him "Mrs. Caylor's Jesus." Henry attended the Church of Christ. Sallie and Henry are buried in Highland Cemetery.

JESS WALDO PENN FAMILY

Jess Penn, born March 8, 1884 in Dallas County, was the son of Robert Henry and Rachel Jane (Garretson) Penn. He was a blacksmith and machinist and found work in the oil fields in Wichita County during the oil boom days sometime around 1907-1908. He met Maggie Stark, who was born March 7, 1891, and they married Nov. 16, 1909 in Iowa Park. His work was on an oil lease after his marriage and he and his bride lived in a tent briefly. Maggie's father was quite upset that his daughter should do such but she related she was blissfully happy. Two sons were born to Jess and Maggie while they lived in Wichita Falls: Donald Stark and J.W. Jr.

The Jess Penns moved to Iowa Park from Wichita Falls in 1927. Jess operated a blacksmith and machine shop. Donald attended Iowa Park High School and later, became a welder working in *the oil fields* around Iowa Park. The family moved to ~~Perryton in 1930 and back to~~ Iowa Park in 1937 for a brief time. J.W. attended high school in Iowa Park but graduated from high school in Shawnee, Okla., and then went into the army. Jess and Maggie settled in Sturgis, Mich. where Jess worked as a machinist.

After retirement, Jess operated "Penn Station" for the children of the area. Jess had a life-long love affair with steam engines so he built his own engine, cars and track and played engineer during the summer months for several years. Jess died June 12, 1962 and Maggie Aug. 15, 1981. Both are buried at Sangus, Calif. J.W. Penn and his wife, Dorothy, now live in Texas after a 40-some-odd-year absence for Jess.

Joe and Inez Caylor Penn

Inez Caylor, born Jan. 15, 1894, married Joe Penn, born Aug. 19, 1886, on May 15, 1915 in Iowa Park. The Penns lived in Duncanville until 1930 when they moved to Iowa Park with their two daughters, Margie Louise and Bobbye Jo.

A tragedy had occurred in the Caylor rent house and the Penns eventually moved into that house. Joe worked as a pumper on the Burrows lease south of town.

Margie graduated from high school in 1937, attended Draughon's Business College in Wichita Falls, and became secretary for Mr. W.R. Bradford, superintendent of schools, 1938-41 school terms.

Joe and Inez moved from Iowa Park in 1939. Margie moved to Dallas the summer of 1941.
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James Edward and Aletha (Bailey) Penn
(By George Paul McGinnis)

James Edward Penn, born July 24, 1905 in Duncanville, was visiting his brother, Jess, in 1923. Jess needed help pulling an oil well on the lease he was working on and this began Edd's life-long work.

Edd married Mable Aletha Bailey Dec. 3, 1927. Aletha, born Sept. 24, 1908, was the daughter of Coleman and Laura (Goode) Bailey.

Edd and Aletha lived in Iowa Park where two sons, James Edward Jr. and Robert Wesley, were born. The family moved to the Cooper lease near the Rocky Point Commun-

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ity and lived there many years before Edd and Aletha bought a home in Iowa park.

Edd died in 1976 and Aletha died in 1985.

(Also submitted by Bobbye Penn Miniard)

McGinnis Association With Iowa Park

My grandfather, George A. Sonricker, and his father, Claude R. McGinnis, were living in Kansas, working at a gasoline refinery in 1915. An advertisement in the Oil and Gas Journal, a trade magazine of the time, wanted a competent man to build a refinery in Iowa Park. My grandfather had extensive experience in this field and was hired for the job.

The land for the refinery was on the west side of town, about one mile from the town center, and on the north of the railroad track.

The only individuals available to assist in building the refinery were farm hands, and after trying to teach them what to do, my grandfather finally gave up, and sent for my father, offering to double his salary if he would come. My father agreed, and the two of them built, and operated, the refinery.

My grandfather brought his wife, Grace, and her daughter, Nadyne, to Iowa Park from Kansas after the refinery was built and Nadyne attended the local high school. She was friends with Willie Ruth Caylor, and introduced her to my father, and they were married in 1917. I was born in 1919, with my mother going to the hospital in Wichita Falls for the birth.

About this same time my father and grandfather had a job offer in Arkansas to build another refinery and the two families moved there.

My father moved to several jobs in Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma, all in the oil business and settled in San Antonio for several years. During this period my mother returned to Iowa Park once or twice each year, and I was old enough to remember returning to Grandpa Caylor's home, and playing with my cousins of the Davis family and the Penn family who lived there, or would visit at the same time. Other cousins who lived in Pampa also frequently visited at the same time. Some of these visits were for a month or more, so the children really got to know each other well.

Grandfather Caylor's home had a cistern and excellent drinking water. Iowa Park was fed by a well which was slightly salty. I always took drinking water with me from the cistern when I visited my cousins in the other part of town.

Grandma Caylor died in 1936 while I was in high school in Harlingen. The entire family came to the funeral. Grandfather Caylor died in 1938 but my family was living in California at that time and I did not

During the Korean War, when I was a Naval officer, I had occasion to drive across the country enroute to San Francisco for passage to Japan. I stopped in Iowa Park for about two hours. Tanner's Hardware was still in business and Mrs. Tanner was still in her famous rocking chair. I introduced myself, and she let out a shriek and called her son, Buddy, to come see me. We had a nice reunion, and Buddy took me to lunch where I met several Iowa Park people in the cafe. I then visited the Bells, old family friends, and fortunately both of their children were home at the time, and I was able to see them again, after about a 20-year vacant period.

I drove by the land where the Caylor home had been, and was able to recognize the neighborhood, but the house was missing. I understood it had burned long before.

My Caylor grandparents are buried in Iowa Park, and my grandmother, Grace Roberts McGinnis Sonricker is buried nearby. Her husband, George, was to be buried there too, but he died in the Valley and was buried there.

I have fond memories of Iowa Park. The old post office with the mysterious knobs you twisted to open the mail box; Tom Burnett's Pierce Arrow car sitting in front of the bank; the small movie house where us kids would see a thrilling serial on Saturday; the wonderful swimming pool near Wichita Falls, with the long slide with a mat under you; swimming in the irrigation canals near Wichita Falls; and, best of all, fishing for craw-dads in Matthews' cow pond, adjacent to grandfather Caylor's property. We kids would spend hours there with a pole, a string, and a piece of bacon, pulling out one craw-dad after another. Once grandma Caylor cooked some for us, but they tasted terrible.

ADD TO CAYLOR FAMILY

By Viviene Davis Diercks

During the summer of 1908 Charles Egbert Davis (1885-1964) of Halesboro, Tex. (Red River County) came to Iowa Park to visit maternal cousins - the Overbeys and Beasleys. These cousins had settled in Wichita County from Tennessee some years earlier. During this visit he met Alma Cleone Caylor, eldest daughter of William Henry and Sallye Lee Bassett Caylor. The following year he returned to Iowa Park to work in the cotton gin and to marry Miss Caylor on Oct. 17, 1909.

Two children were born, both in Iowa Park, Corliss Egbert Davis (1910) now of Grapevine, and Viviene Davis Diercks (1916) now of Mars Hill, NC.

My father was a good mechanic, self taught by experience. He could "fix" anything, and often it had to be "unfixed" so it could be "fixed" properly! For several years he worked at the cotton gin during the season and maintained the machinery during the rest of the year. I believe this gin burned and was replaced in a different location. I do not know the owners.

My father was always interested in motorcycles, and about 1912-1914 owned and operated his own business in Wichita Falls both in sales and repairs. He kept his 1914 Indian machine, complete with sidecar, as long as he lived, and on their 54th wedding anniversary, took my mother "for a spin around town in the rig." The present owner of this machine lives in the Fort Worth area, and in the past twenty years it has been seen in numerous parades and historical celebrations in both Texas and Oklahoma.

After the oil boom came to Wichita County and Iowa Park, my father worked in the oil fields and continued through World War I. About 1920 he was employed by the Iowa Park Producing and Refining Company at their refinery some three miles south of town. He worked there until 1931. John Beasley was the refinery superintendent.

In 1920 my parents opened a Filling Station one block east of the bank and post office and adjacent the Christian Church. Since my father worked at the refinery, my mother kept the station. She could and did pump gasoline, add oil and water, and she could patch an inner tube, but she did not change tires. She kept the air compressor running for there was a constant demand for air and tire repairs. I believe this building is still standing. It was sold to R.L. "Fat" Reddin in 1930.

For my brother and me, the filling station was an education in itself. The world seemed to come to our door and stop. . . and talk! We learned about cars and traveling and moving. We learned about people, their kids, and their dogs!

We lived in a little house on the north side of this same block across from the First Baptist Church. It was sold to "Pete" Harris in the late 1930's, and I believe it was torn down some years ago. The Bob Beasley family lived across the street to the east.

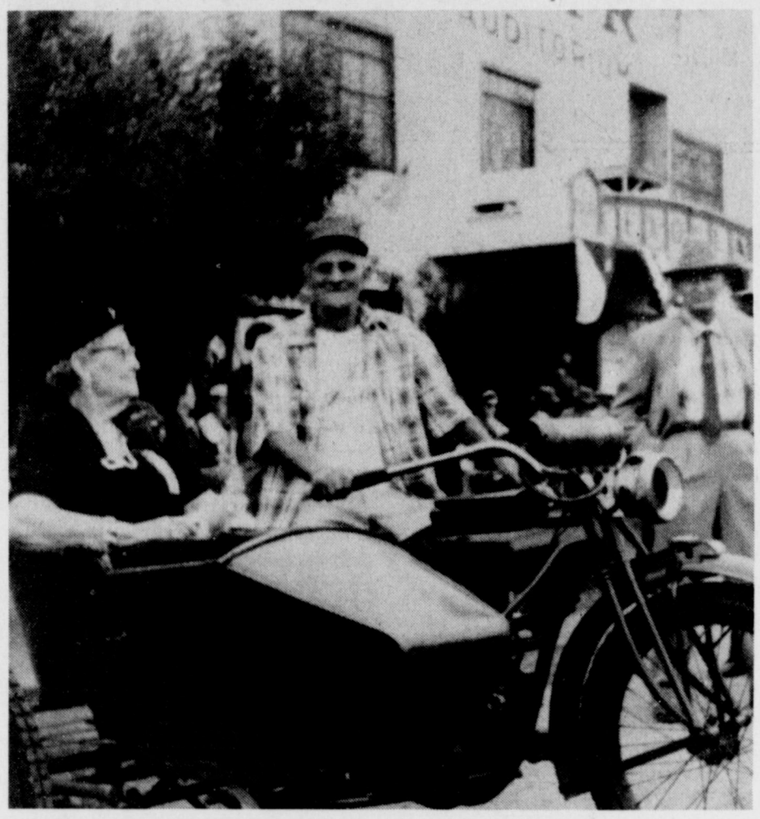
Our social activities revolved around school and church. Sunday School and Training Union were the high points of the week. For several years my Sunday School teacher was Miss Charlotte McKinney, later Mrs. Simpson. We were Junior girls growing up together with simple pleasures, dedicated teachings, and fond memories: Lucille Hieserman, Lorene and Opal Farmer (cousins), Leo and Cleo Wilson (twins), Carrie Mae Davenport (deceased), and me, Viviene Davis.

My elementary school years were important and happy. I well remember those early teachers: the Misses Lorena Prunty, A. Bruce, Ethel Kidwell, Maurine McDonald, Ola Kuntz, Julia Gardner, Audrey Brown, and we all "feared" Mr. Bradford and Mr. Neal. I attended Lubbock High School two years and was graduated from Hereford High School in 1934. I took my B.S. Degree from East Texas State in 1941. My brother was graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1931, and that fall we moved to Lubbock for him to attend Texas Tech.

My parents were quite active in The Knights of Pythias and The Pythian Sister, fraternal organizations. Both held elective offices, attended meetings regularly, and looked forward to the annual State Conventions. These groups sponsored many dinners, picnics, swimming parties, etc. Since the children were always included, these were true family affairs.

I was married in 1942 to Fred Herman Diercks of Greenville, Tex. Since he was a career U.S. Army Officer, we had duty stations outside the country in Malaysia and Panama with temporary assignments in Japan and South America. Washington, D.C., however, was always "home." Dr. Diercks died in 1985. We have four children: Susan Lindner of Asheville, NC; Maggi Gould of Decatur, Ga.; Mary Parham of Honolulu, Hawaii, and William Diercks of Norcross, Ga. I will continue to live in Mars Hill. I was retired from Madison County Public Schools in 1977 following my husband's retirement from Mars Hill College the previous year.

From Lubbock and Hereford, my parents moved to Bogata in Red River County in 1937. My father died in 1965 and my mother in 1970. Both are buried in Bogata, Tex.



CHARLES DAVIS AND MAE TANNER ...ready for 1957 Wichita County Fair parade.

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Gilmore

James Emanuel Gilmore was born Oct. 19, 1889, near Winkler, Tex. Erma Mae Beauchamp was born May 20, 1895, near Streetman, Tex. The two adjacent communities are located about 30 miles southeast of Corsicana. Jim and Mae were married April 7, 1917, at St. Elmo, Tex.

After farming their first year, they moved to Wichita County during the oil boom. They spent a short time at Burkburnett, then Fowlks Station, before settling in Iowa Park in late 1919 or early 1920. At that time they purchased the homesite consisting of the 700 block of South Park, bordered by East Emerald, South Bond and East Crystal, where their three children were born, and they lived out their lives.

Jim was first employed by Duncan-White Oil Co., and later joined W.H. Hammond, for whom he worked until the late 1940's.

Myrtle Veneta was born Sept. 7, 1928; James Henry (Buddy) was born Dec. 3, 1930; and Billy Joe was born June 18, 1932. The family belonged to First Baptist Church. Veneta's first job was with Miller & Miller Trucking Co. Buddy worked as a Western Union messenger boy, riding his bike through the streets of Wichita Falls. He also worked for Sears Roebuck before entering the Navy at age 17. Billy Joe (Bill) worked at Jerrell's Grocery, Black's Market, and as a dishwasher for Charlie Metz Cafe. He also helped his dad nightwatch at Thompson Tool after Jim retired from the oil field.

Jim died Jan. 28, 1954, and Mae died Feb. 23, 1976. Both are buried in Highland Cemetery.

Veneta is married to Bill Glasgow, who was born and raised in the Valley View area, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Glasgow. They live in Wichita Falls, and attend Faith Baptist Church there, of which Bill is a deacon. Their three sons are Craig Linn, Carey Lee, and Clay Lowell. Both Bill and Veneta are employed by Leslie Clapp, at Wichita Sand and Gravel.

Bud is married to Jerry Gooselaw, who was a native of Pembina, ND. They met while Bud and brother Bill were following pipeline construction. They lived in Irving before moving to the family home after Mae's death. Although they have sold the vacant lots on the block, they still reside on the basic site of the original home place. They are members of Faith Baptist Church, of which Bud is a deacon. They have one daughter, Jamie Lynne.

Billy Joe is married to Maryanne Chambers, daughter of the late Robert Burton and Rosetta Chambers. The Chambers moved to Iowa Park from the Clara Community after Bob's retirement from Skelly Oil Co. in 1947. (Their other six children were grown at the time and never lived in Iowa Park.) They were members of the First Baptist Church. Etta died Jan. 19, 1971, and Bob died May 12, 1974. Both are buried in Highland Cemetery.

MR. AND MRS. JIM GILMORE
..with children James, Billy and Myrtle Veneta.

Bill joined Western Pipe Coating while the company was laying the pipeline between town and the then new Lake Iowa Park in 1950. Although the family traveled with him throughout the United States and Canada, they purchased an old farm house at 514 W. Washington that was home between contracts. Their present home is in the same location.

Their sons are Cecil Joe, Jimmy Burton, Kenny Glenn, and Billy Clark. Kelly Len, identical twin to Kenny, died in infancy and is buried at Highland Cemetery.

Bill continued to go on contract jobs in Germany, Venesuela, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Kharg Island, while forming the company that is now Gilmore Inc. He has been a volunteer fireman since 1965, being the current senior member active in the department. He served on the Iowa Park city council from 1971 to 1982, and was chosen Citizen of the Year in 1982. He is a MuleSkinner and currently president of the Highland Cemetery Association.

Grandchildren of Jim and Mae Gilmore are:

Craig Glasgow is married to Jo Ellen Rachaels. They and their twin daughters, Rachael and Melissa, live in Midland where he is an accountant with the F.D.I.C.

Carey Glasgow is married to Mary Anderson. Their children are Scott and Sherri. Carey is restaurant manager with the Marriot Hotel Corporation in San Angelo.

Clay Glasgow lives in Wichita Falls, where he works for Target while attending Midwestern State Univ.

Jamie Lynne, daughter of Bud, is married to Danny Andrews. They live in Iowa Park and Danny is employed by Cryovac.

Cecil Gilmore is married to Debra Sue Blizzard. Their children are Cecil Joe Jr., Hope, Christopher and Heather. They are members of Lakeview Church of God.

Jimmy Gilmore is married to Vickie Illingworth. Their children are Jason and Bobbie Lynn. They are co-owners of Red River Harley Davidson, along with Mike Leath. He was a member of the 1969-70 State Championship Hawk football team. Jim was picked as All-State Center in 1970. They attend the Church of Christ.

Kenny Gilmore is married to Linda Pendley. Their children are Angela, Kenny Glenn Jr., Kelly, Karlee, Audrie, Jolynn, and Victor. Audrie has a little boy, Timothy Glen. Her infant son, Sean Kyle, died July 2, this year, and is buried at Highland Cemetery. The family belongs to the Country Chapel. Ken is also a member of the Mule-Skinners.

Billy Clark Gilmore, who was named for Dr. Gordon Clark, is married to Denise Wooten. He is a trustee on the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department, past president of the Athletic Alumni Association, and current treasurer of the Iowa Park Recreational Activity Center.

Bill, Cecil, Jim, Ken, Billy, and Bud are all employed at Gilmore Inc.

GILMORES AT HOME IN 1942

Belote

Jonas L. and Cardie Belote with daughter, Alma (Oct. 10, 1897) moved from Grayson County to the W.P. Ferguson Ranch in Archer County. The Belotes first thought of moving to Burkburnett from the ranch but Cordie didn't like the thunderstorms and red dirt, so with second daughter, Ruth (May 1, 1903), made the move to Iowa Park, but not before they made a thorough investigation of the schools.

In 1905 they found a five-room house, cowshed and chicken house, so with a two-seated carriage and two horses, they located on fenced property where King's Food Store now stands.

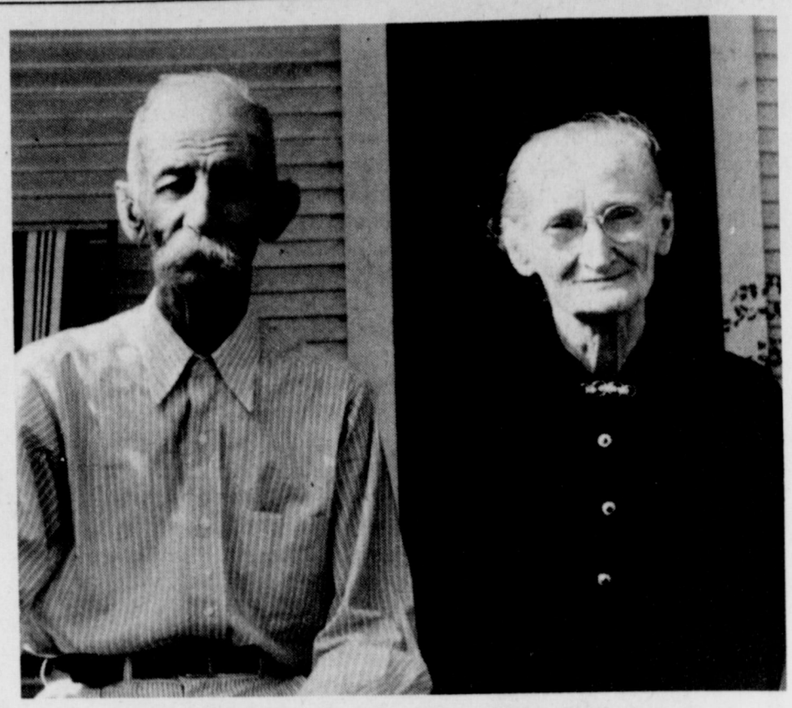
There was a prairie dog town where Tom L. Burnett Memorial Library is located and Mr. Belote often went there and drowned out prairie dogs so Alma and Ruth would have playmates.

Ruth attended kindergarten at a home, (later the J.F. Boyd home) now the Ridlehuber home, taught by Mary Sipert Clark, a niece of Dr. Frank Clark. Both girls attended school in Iowa Park, with Alma graduating in 1915.

After one year in Iowa Park, the Belotes decided to look for a farm and they bought Rev. Morgan's property just east of Iowa Park (now Gale Lowrance farm). They farmed the 150 acre farm and operated a small dairy, selling milk from house to house.

The farm was sold to Gale Lowrance and they moved to town to retire, but rented rooms to school teachers, Ethyle Kidwell and Dilly Lomax. Mr. Belote died in 1956 at the age of 95, and Cordie died in 1962 at the age of 91.

Alma Belote taught at the Weeth School one year. The pay was $35 per month, and she lived with the Culberson family. In 1920, the Schulz and Sirren wells were discovered, but more eventful to Alma, she met and married the county school superintendent, E. Coleman Hall. They had four children: Betty, E.C. Jr., Marjorie and Douglas. They lived in Wichita Falls 47 years. Mr. Hall died in 1963. Alma, now 91, lives in Dallas to be near her children and grandchildren.



JONAS L. AND CARDIE BELOTE
. . . residents since 1903 photographed in 1959.

Ruth Belote married Swan Reaves on March 7, 1921. Swan had come from Tennessee with his parents, Uncle George and Aunt Jennie Reaves, brother Bratton, Sisters Annie and Virginia, in the early 1900's. They lived in the Valley View community, and later in Iowa Park.

Swan was employed by First National Bank, and he and Ruth moved to the W.W. Overbey farm in Valley View community to raise cotton and cattle. They had four children: Mary Frances (Farris), J.L., Buster, and Glen.

In 1958 the Reaves built a new home in Valley View and they chose two old friends and longtime carpenters, Noel Troutman and Walter Willard, to do the work.

In 1960 they moved to a new home in Iowa Park at the same address that Swan lived as a young man. Swan died in January, 1988.

Of past years, Ruth remembers the board walks, a saw mill (A.S.C. Building), Butcher Lumber Co., (Texas Electric), J.H. Terhune Implement Co. (Shirley Rain's Building), Dr. J.A. Deakins, dentist office and home (First Baptist Church).

Early postmasters were C.R. Yauger and Uncle Cy McCullough. At the alley side of Mitchell Oil Co., and upstairs, was the telephone company, Masonic and Eastern Star Halls. Dr. Frank Clark and son, Dr. Joe Frank Clark, had offices upstairs on Cash Street, where Ruth, as a fifth grader, was one of their first patients.

Beisch

The Alex Beisch family have lived on Rural Route 1, Iowa Park, since March 1, 1922. It was on that date that Alex Beisch brought his family from Laverne, Okla. to live on the Denny Farm south of Iowa Park. Later members of the family would move to Kamay and Valley View where they still live at the present time.

Alex Beisch was born Oct. 20, 1870 in Milwaukee, Wis. He died 87 years later in Electra. His father, John Beisch, had come to America from Switzerland. He was killed by a team of horses in Milwaukee and his wife and family then moved to Abilene, Kan. As a child in Abilene, Alex frequently saw the local marshal, the famous Wild Bill Hickok.

When the Oklahoma Territory was opened for homesteading, Alex joined the race for the Cherokee Strip and claimed land near Enid. Alex married Maggie Martin in 1903 at Woodward and they had three sons: Lee, Clarence, and Claude and three daughters: Nina, Wilda and Ethyl. A later child died in childhood.

The adventure of the Oklahoma Land Rush was not the first time Alex had been part of the excitement of the old west. In the late 1880's he and his brothers had travelled to Leadville, Colo. to seek their fortune as gold miners. After narrowly escaping serious injury in an altercation in Leadville, they had returned to the more peaceful plains of Kansas.

Alex sold his Oklahoma ranch in 1917 and moved to Hereford, Tex. From there he moved to Canadian, Tex. then Polk County, Mo., and then Laverne, Okla. before arriving in Iowa Park in 1922.

The Beisch children attended the Deep Creek Rural School between Iowa Park and the Wichita River.

In the early 1930s the adventure spell again struck and Alex, Claude, Clarence, Wilda, Ethel, and Lee went to Red Hill, New Mex., west of Quamado to homestead. Wilda was accompanied by her soon to be husband, Richard Palmer, whom she married in St. Johns, Ariz. Nina and her husband stayed in Iowa Park.

Eventually all returned to Iowa Park with Claude being the last to leave the homestead in 1939.

Claude went to work for the Munger Farm Company, the "M" in K.M.A., an operation which he managed from 1947-1954. His son Larry now operates the Clear Lake Ranch on the west end of the Iowa Park School District near Lake Diversion. His oldest son, Ervin, farms near Valley View. Claude lives in Valley View. Claude's grandson, Murray Shook lives in Iowa Park. Clarence's daughter, Verna, lives in Iowa Park as do his grandchildren, Tammy, Robin, and Brenda.

Wilda eventually moved to Electra. Her son, Robert Palmer, is Assistant Superintendent of the Iowa Park C.I.S.D. and President of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce. Lee farms land near K.M.A.

Alex and Maggie Beisch had 19 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Hall

Robert M. Hall was born May 3, 1867 in Kensey, NC. He married Mary Roxanna Scroggs Dec. 30, 1889. Their children, born in Haysville, NC, were Hettie (1891), Neal (1892) and Ellen (1894). Hettie died at age four.

After the family moved to Texas, Clyde was born in 1896, daughter Percie in 1899, Roy in 1900 and son Jean in 1902.

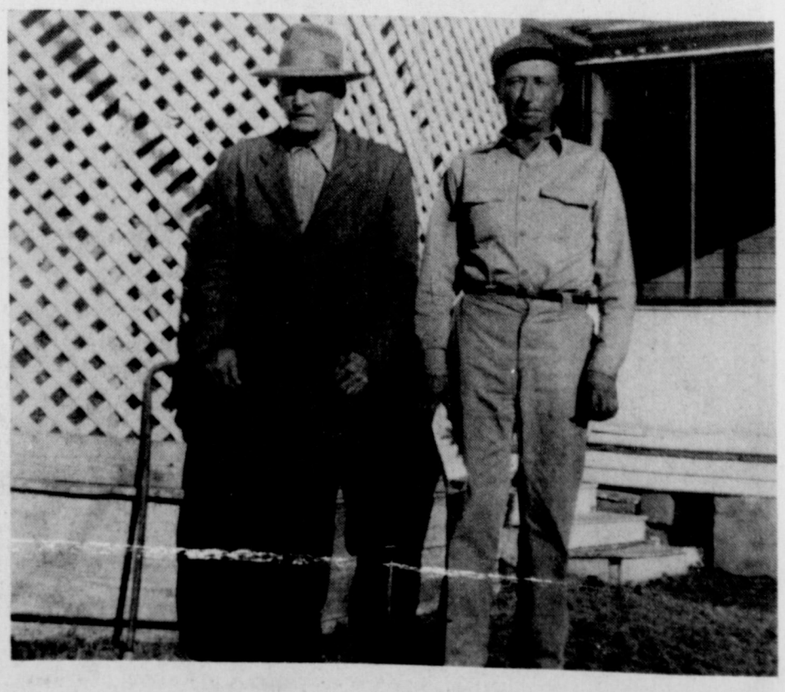
In 1908 the family moved to a farm two miles west of Iowa Park. Here were born Robert in 1909, Kyle in 1912 and William J. (Pete) in 1913. The only surviving member of this large family is Pete, who lives in Iowa Park.

Mr. Hall's large farm faced the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway on what is now Smith Street. He was a member of First Baptist Church and Mrs. Hall was active in First Methodist Church. Mr. Hall died in 1936. Mrs. Hall lived to be an octogenarian.

Four sons and three grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Hall served their country with honors during World Wars I and II.

JOSEPH S. WORKS

Joseph S. Works, also known as "Buckskin Joe," was one of the early real estate promoters here. His daughter, Birdie, was born in Iowa Park in 1893. The family moved to Comanche, Indian Territory, about 1895.



CLAUDE AND ALEX BEISCH
. . . in front of old Munger house.

Lowrance

By FRANCES PARK

Newton Locke and Mary Rogers Lowrance along with three of their four children came to Wichita Falls in the fall of 1891 from Oxford, Miss. They stayed in Wichita Falls for a few months until they bought land two miles east of Iowa Park and lived on this place the rest of their lives. This land is still in the family, belonging to Frances Park and Mary Gayle Park Ozee. Frances continues to live there.

Three of the Lowrance children, Locke, Clara and Gale were born in Mississippi. Beth was born after they came to Texas.

All four children lived in Iowa Park for their lifetimes except Clara who spent about 10 years in the mountains of North Carolina teaching in a boarding school at Crossnore, N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowrance moved their church membership in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Lowrance was an elder in the church for many years and represented the church in many ways. He died in the church on Sunday, Jan. 19, 1930, at age 84. He had just made a short speech, turning over one of his duties to a younger person! All other members of the family were very active church members too.

Mr. Lowrance was a Confederate soldier, and was buried in his Confederate uniform. Mrs. Lowrance died Dec. 29, 1944, at age 92.

Living descendents of the Lowrance's include: Children of Locke Lowrance, who was born Dec. 28, 1883, and died March 21, 1969- Mary Anna Lowrance Birk, Iowa Park; Ruth Lowrance Cooksey, Yazoo City, Miss.; Evelyn Lowrance Leggett, Memphis, Tenn.

Children of Gale Lowrance, who was born May 24, 1890, and died Oct. 25, 1985 - Gene Lowrance, Chico; Linton Gale Lowrance, Iowa Park; Robert Bruce Lowrance, died in 1984.

Children of Beth Lowrance Park, who was born Nov. 6, 1894, and died Nov. 19, 1969 - Frances Park, Iowa Park; Mary Gayle Park Ozee, Fort Worth.

Park

By FRANCES PARK

Gayle Park and Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Lowrance were married Jan. 20, 1926, in the home of the bride's parents, two miles east of Iowa Park.

Beth was born Nov. 6, 1894, near Iowa Park. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. N.L. Lowrance. She attended school in Iowa Park and then graduated from Texas Presbyterian College at Milford, Tex. (now Austin College in Sherman) in 1916. Beth died in November, 1969.

Beth had two brothers, Locke and Gale, and one sister, Clara. Beth was the only Lowrance child born in Texas. The others were born in Mississippi.

Gayle was born near Oxford, Miss., May 15, 1896. He attended the country school in the county and then graduated from College Hill Agricultural High School (similar to a present day junior college). He worked on the family farm until World War I, when he went into the army. He had completed officers candidate school, and was waiting for graduation when Armistice was signed.

Soon after this, he came to Texas - Iowa Park, with an older aquaintance, who happened to be the cousin of his future father-in-law. After working at different jobs for a time, he became a partner with John B. Barbour in Barbour Trucking Co.

While in this business his youngest brother, Wade, came to live with the Park family for a number of years. Wade will be remembered by "old timers" in Iowa Park.

Gayle did later go into business for himself. He died in November, 1952.

Beth and Gayle had two daughters, Frances Park and Mary Gayle Park Ozee. Frances recently retired from 38 years in the teaching profession. She continues to live on the land her grandparents bought when they came to Texas from Mississippi in 1891.

Mary Gayle married James Ozee, Aug. 17, 1957. They have three children, Gayle Elizabeth Ozee Burton, James A. Ozee Jr. (Chip) and David Ozee. They have a granddaughter, Lauren Burton. The Ozees live in Fort Worth.

The Park family was and is active in the Presbyterian Church. Gayle often remarked that many people thought he was a Presbyterian because he married Beth, but he joined the Presbyterian Church in Mississippi. Beth played the piano and then the organ for the church for many years. She was also active in the women's work in the church.

Fact

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reilly and daughter Patricia went to Newcastle, Okla., recently to attend the 68th wedding anniversary of his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Smith

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Hoffman

Carl Hoffman and Thelma Jane Pryor were married July 29, 1928, in Myra, Texas.

Carl was born Nov. 12, 1897 in Waller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoffman. He made his home in Myra and in Dallas before coming to Iowa Park in April, 1924. Carl passed away Oct. 3, 1984, and is buried in Highland Cemetery.

Jane was born Feb. 12, 1905, in Cook County, the daughter of Thomas J. Pryor and Henrietta Mae Jones Pryor. Jane still resides in Iowa Park. She and Carl did not have any children.

Carl and Jane had been married 56 years when he passed away in 1984. They lived in the Iowa Park area all those years with the exception of three years during World War II when they were employed by Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation in Fort Worth.

Carl was involved in a wide variety of activities in Iowa Park. He had been a telegraph operator, a bank employee, and the owner of a grocery store, a minnow farm and the Hawk's Roost. He also drove a school bus for a period of time. Carl was active in community affairs, having served in the city council.

Jane was a teacher for a few years before her marriage and taught in Iowa Park after she and Carl married. After years of being out of the teaching profession, Jane entered Midwestern Univ. and completed her degree requirements. She then taught in City View and Our Lady Queen of Peace. Jane was Worthy Matron in Eastern Star and also taught Sunday School at First United Methodist Church.

The most enjoyable years of Jane's and Carl's lives were spent operating the Hawk's Roost, which was the little store located across the street from the high school when it was on Cash Street They served hamburgers and sold school supplies.

Carl kept very interesting daily records for the Hawk's Roost. They not only included sales and purchases, but he added information about the weather conditions, school holidays, and the fact that the apricot and plum trees were in bloom. His record book named his employees and their pay scale as well as charge accounts for various students.

Many of Iowa Park's citizens have fond memories of Carl, Jane and the Hawk's Roost.

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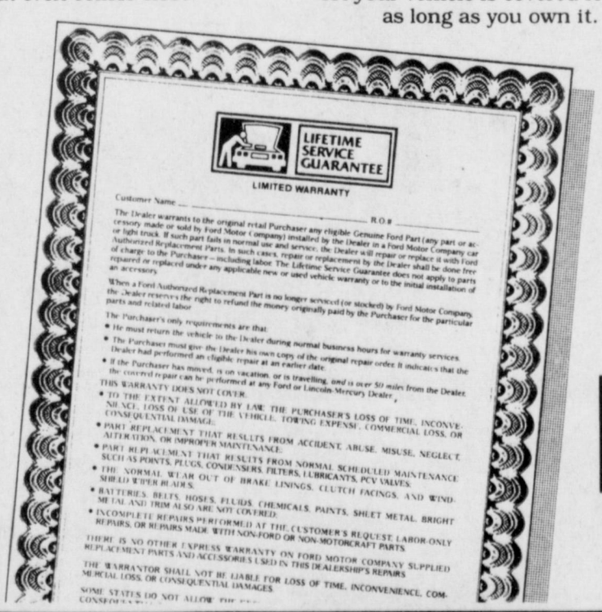
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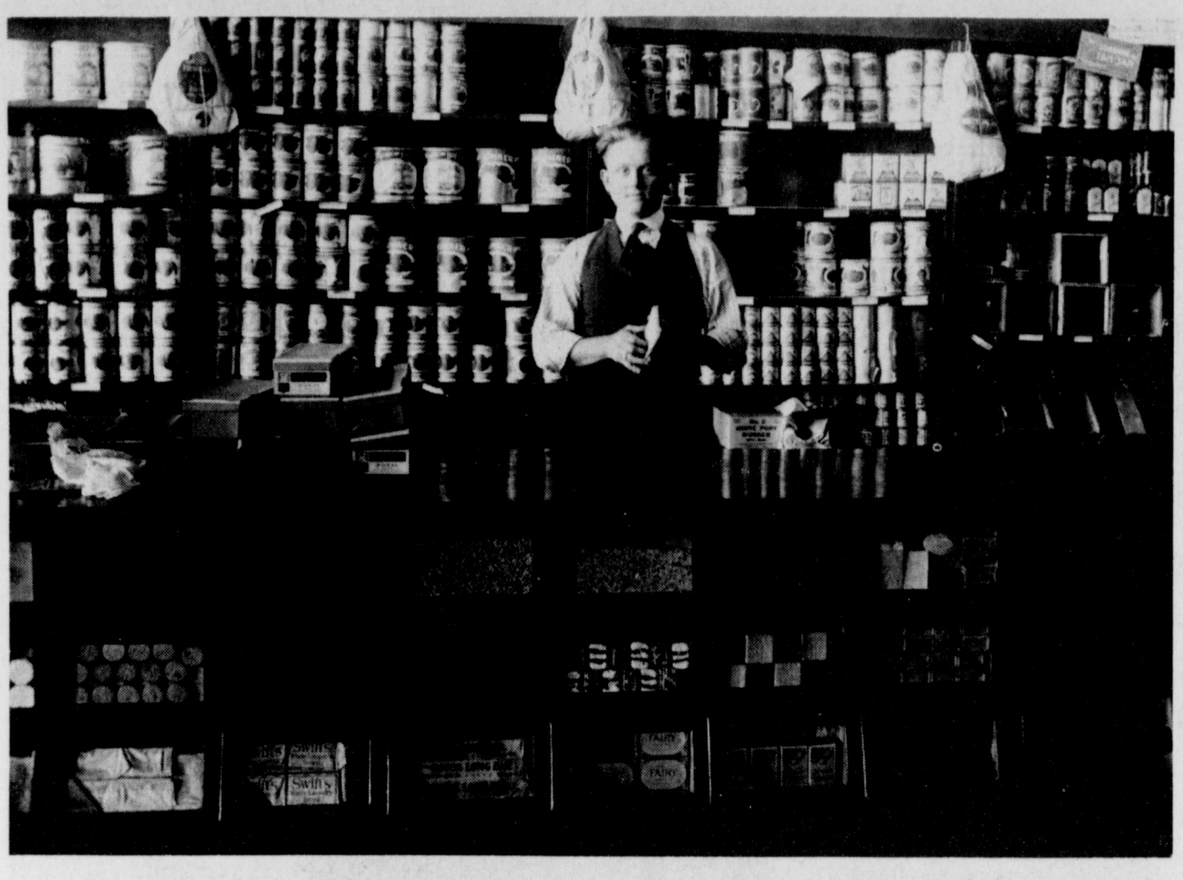


OVERBEY'S GENERAL STORE AT CORNER OF CASH AND YOSEMITE
...H. Reaves Overbey stands behind counter.

OVERBEY & TROUTMAN DRY GOODS WAS EAST OF GENERAL STORE
. . . in photo are H. Reaves Overbey, Miss Mina Troutman and either Bill or Ted.

Overbey

W.W. Overbey came from Tennessee to Wichita County, Texas in 1900 and purchased land in the Denny Community which is 2 miles east of the present day Valley View.

In February, 1903, W.W. Overbey and wife Bettie H. and their two children, Annie Lee and H. Reaves, moved to Iowa Park. W.W. purchased 320 acres two and one-half miles northeast of Iowa Park. This land has been in the Overbey family for 85 years and is currently owned by W.W.'s grandson, William R. (Bill) Overbey.

In 1908 W.W. Overbey completed several buildings at the west end of Cash Street on the north side. He then started a General Store at that location. He later put in a store at Denny Corner in the Valley View Community.

Annie Lee Overbey married Carl Troutman. Mr. Troutman and W.W. Overbey formed Overbey & Troutman Dry Goods.

In 1919 W.W. Overbey and wife and Carl Troutman and wife moved to Colorado Springs, Colo.

When H. Reaves Overbey returned from service in World War I he went to work for Overbey & Trouman. He also managed the farms in Valley View and had a dairy north of Iowa Park. H. Reaves Overbey married Gene Killam from Concho County, Texas in 1919. They had two sons. William R. (Bill) Overbey was born June 25, 1920. He presently lives on his place north of Iowa Park. H. Ted Overbey was born Aug. 31, 1924. He now lives in Tulsa, Okla. Ted has three children, one daughter, Teddy Lynn Langford, who is Dean of the School of Nursing at Texas Tech Univ. at Lubbock, and two sons Mike Overbey and Val Overbey, who are computer programmers in Dallas.

W.W. Overbey was born in 1860 in Hickman County, Tenn., and died in 1935.

Bettie H. Overbey was born in 1864 in Hickman County, Tenn., and died in 1938.

H. Reaves Overbey was born in 1892 in Lyle Station, Tenn., and died in 1942.

Gene Killam Overbey was born in 1901 in Goldthwaite, Mills Co., Tex. and died in 1986.

OVERBEY AND BRATTON REAVES ABOUT 1917
. . . mothers, Mrs. W.W. Overby, Mrs. George Reaves

EARLY DAYS OF OVERBEY & TROUTMAN
. . . about 1910.

Brown

Mrs. Blanche Moore Brown came to Iowa Park from Bowie as the bride of Charlie "Peggin" Brown in September, 1923. She has lived here since that time, with the exception of a nine-month period during the depression when the family moved to Arkansas. She lives with her daughter, Raydean Brown Mattis.

Blanche had completed her junior year in high school when she and Charlie were married. He wanted her to finish high school but in those days, married ladies did not go to school.

Charlie had come to Iowa Park with his parents, James H. and Alice Brown, in 1910, when his father came here as a section forman for the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad. He attended Iowa Park schools.

Blanche's father had also worked as a section forman for the same railroad, and the Moore family had lived in Iowa Park at one time.

The two families became friends and their paths crisscrossed as they moved up and down the railroad from Childress to Saginaw.

When Blanche and Charlie first married, he worked for Farmers' Elevator. He later worked for the gin, operated by R.E. Birk, at Sheppard during World War II, and at Thompson Tool Company.

He was an avid sports fan; he especially enjoyed baseball and Hawk football. His co-workers at Thompson Tool made it possible for him to attend the state track meet in Austin in 1948, when his son, Choyce Brown, competed in the broad jump. He was a good baseball player, but he could not run fast due to an early injury on an ankle. He received his nickname, "Peggin," during his baseball days from the way he ran the bases -- pegging.

Blanche is a member of the Iowa Park Church of Christ. She was baptized in the summer of 1928 in the river out near the old bridge on Farm Road 368. She worshipped at the church until she had a stroke in the fall of 1977, and her faith continues to sustain her.

Blanche cared for her family and had not worked outside the home until her husband died in 1955. She went to work in the school cafeteria in the fall of 1955 and retired in the spring of 1965 as manager.

She then helped rear the children of her daughter, Raydean Mattis, after Raydean's husband was killed in Viet Nam. She always attended school events and followed Hawk sports.

Blanche suffered the stroke in October, 1977, which left her paralyzed on her right side, and with apasia. She gets around in her wheel chair, is alert, and her faith is still a vital part of her life. She has lived with Raydean since the stroke.

Blanche and Charlie had three children: Raydean of Iowa Park, Choyce of Bridge City, Tex., and David of White Oak, Tex. All three are graduates of Iowa Park High School and their sons were Hawk athletes. Blanche has nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mattis

Raydean Brown Mattis was born in Iowa Park, the daughter of Charlie and Blanche Brown. She graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1942. She is also a graduate of Midwestern State University.

She raised her children here after her husband, Capt. William C. Mattis, was killed in Viet Nam.

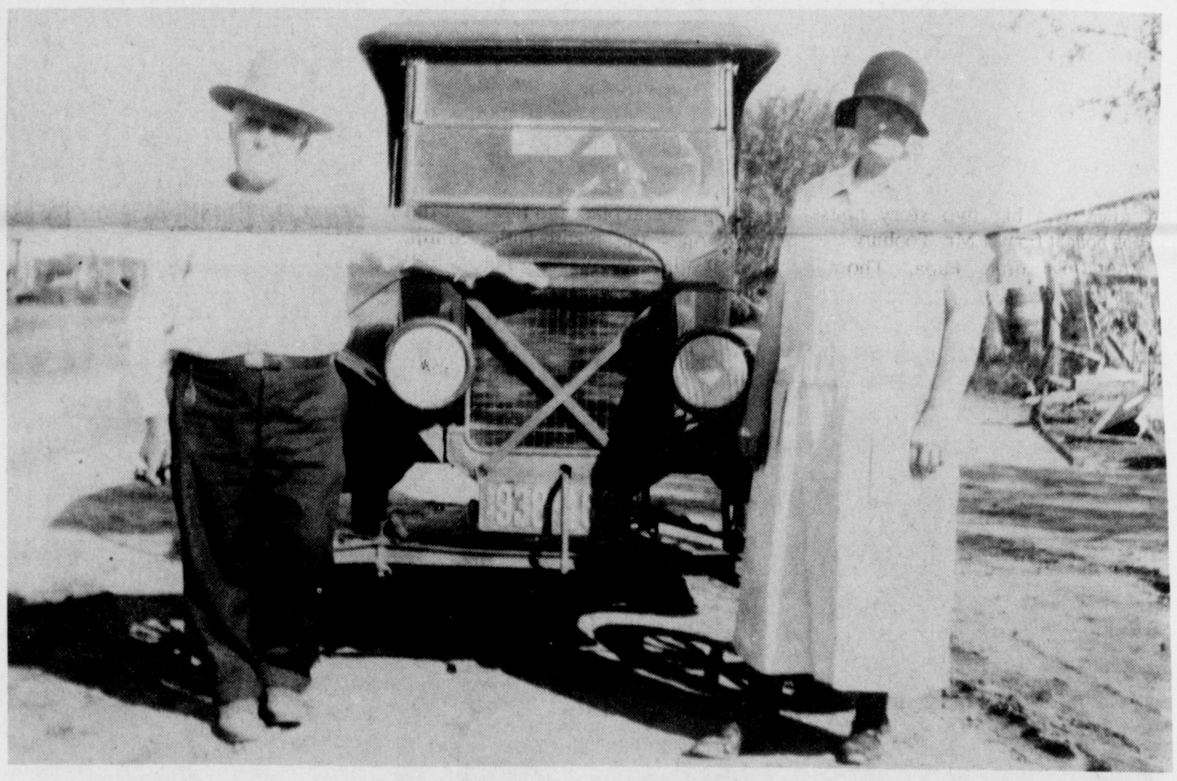
Raydean taught English in Iowa Park High from 1970 to 1986 and was sponsor of the yearbook eight years.

A high point came for Raydean in 1973 when one of the 1,000-man dormitories at Sheppard Air Force Base was named "Mattis Hall," for her late husband.

Her son, Dr. Charles W. Mattis, is a dentist in Corpus Christi. Her daughter, Kathryn Nordman, a speech therapist, is now a homemaker and lives with her family in Denton. Both are graduates of IPHS and Abilene Christian University. Charles received his dental training at the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston.

Raydean has two granddaughters, Caroline Mattis and Marie Nordman.

She is a member of Faith Village Church of Christ in Wichita Falls.



MR. AND MRS. H.K. HENDRICKS
. . . with their automobile in 1927.

Hendricks

By Lena Simmons and Ola McLaurin

Old timers, Mr. and Mrs. H.K. (Shorty) Hendricks, married and came to start their life and home in Iowa Park, arriving Jan. 20, 1897 from Waxahachie, Cedar Hill, Tex. (Dallas County).

They had nine children, six daughters and three sons, only raising eight. All of the children were born in Iowa Park.

One daughter, Margie, born in 1899, died when she was two hours old. She was buried on a hill, at a fence row, in what is now Highland Cemetery. She is about the third one buried there.

The names of the other daughters were Phonzie, Cereta, Roseanna, Ola, and Lena. The sons were named Robert, Willis, and John (Bud).

All of the children went to school in Iowa Park except two. Phonzie and Willis, who were deaf at age two and four, were sent to the school for the deaf at Austin, but spent their summer holidays in Iowa Park.

Water was hauled from the county well, where everyone got water. Wood and coal were burned and kerosene lamps were used.

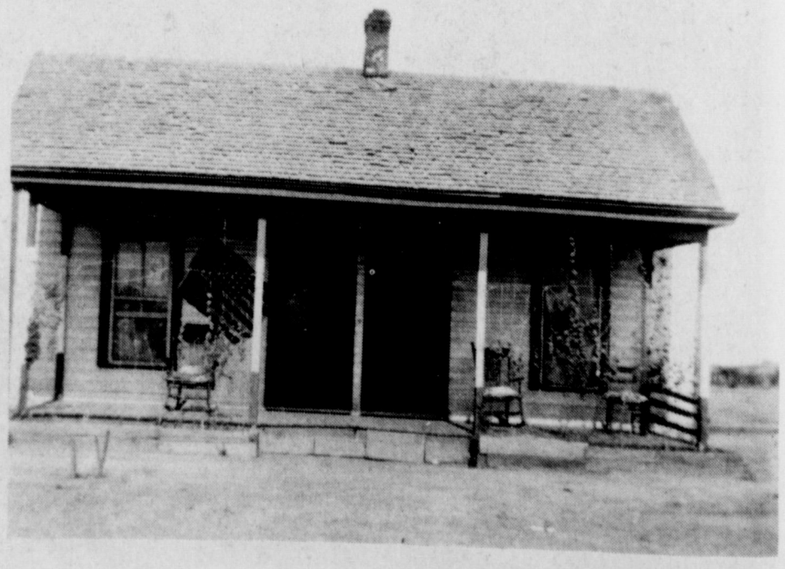
The Hendricks were here when Iowa Park got water and built the first water tower, paved the dirt streets, the gas lines laid, put in electricity, and built better schools and churches.

Our family all played together, and helped each other. We played games like hull-gull with pecans and it taught all the children to add and subtract.

Mr. H.K. Hendricks was born in 1870. He was a carpenter and constable of Iowa Park, elected by the people, until his death, July 4, 1932.

Mrs. Hendricks was born in 1875, living in Iowa Park until her death, Nov. 7, 1956.

Of the Hendrick's children, only two are living, Ola McLaurin and Lena Simmons. Both live in Iowa Park and are among the old timers.



OLD HENRIDCKS HOME AT 511 N. TEXOWA
. . . housed family of 10; rebuilt in 1960.

HERMAN AND LILA MITCHELL
. . . about 1922.

Pace

Thomas J. Pace was a native of the Valley View area. He was the third son of pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pace. The first Pace home at Valley View was a half dugout or cellar in a ridge, on the north side of the farm near the Big Wichita River, above the flood plain. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pace believed in education and encouraged their children to receive as much education as possible in the preparation for life. Thomas J. was a graduate of Southwestern University and after receiving his degree, went to Belton as principal and coach of the high school for the next three years. He took time out to serve his country in World War I and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant. When the oil boom hit the Wichita Falls area, Mr. Pace purchased a drilling rig and was in the oil business for several years.

In December, 1923, Mr. Pace married Perle Burkhead, who was teaching in the Iowa Park High School. They built their home next to the Jim George house and north of the Gordon Clark house. Magnolia Street did not exist at that time and the prairie dogs enjoyed the vacant lots.

Mr. Pace contributed much to Iowa Park and this area. He was a devout Methodist and held positions in almost all departments of the church. He was Mayor in the late '20s and early '30s, a member of the school board for 30 years, during most of which he was president. He was a charter member of Wichtia County Farm Bureau and a lifetime Mason. He served as Chairman of the Field Crops Division of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair for many years. For several years, he served on the Board of Directors of the Hardin Foundation (Midwestern University). This Board made it possible for needy and worthy students to receive assistance in attending Midwestern University and thus be rewarded for their outstanding accomplishments.

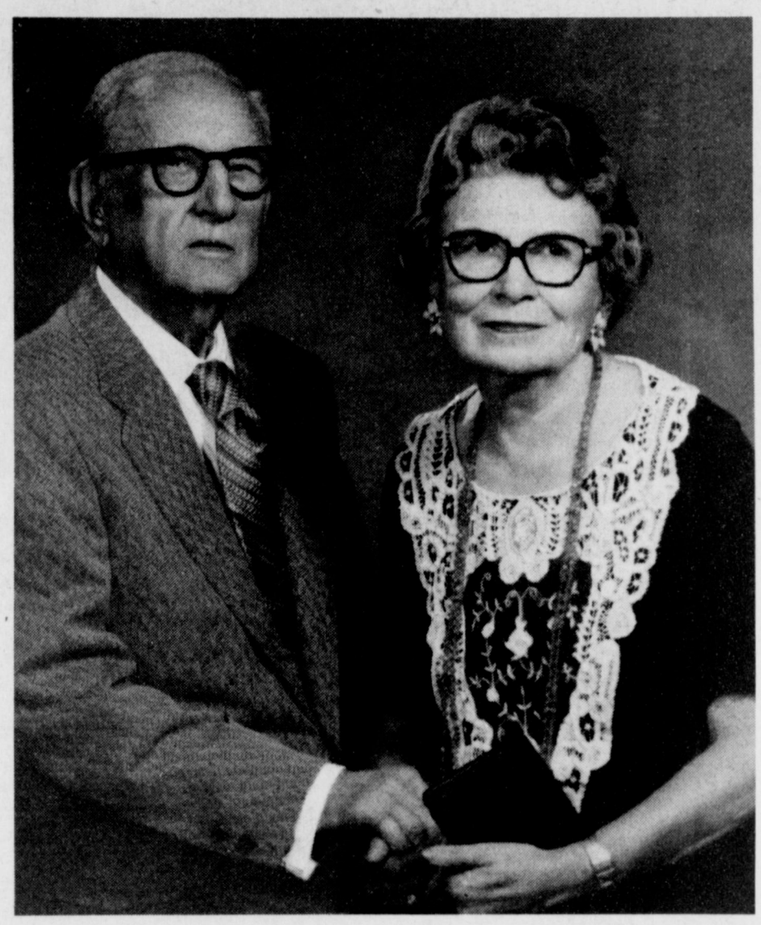
He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Wichita County Water Improvement District #2 on Jan. 12, 1932, elected President of the Board on Feb. 1, 1932, appointed General Manager on July 3, 1936 and served in that capacity until Dec. 1, 1949. He retired as President of the Board on Jan. 12, 1950. During the depression days of the '30s, many businesses failed and even some counties and legal subdivisions of the State found it impossible to pay their bond indebtedness and other obligations.

He was instrumental in District #2 receiving a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, an agency of the Federal Government, which it used to call in all outstanding bonds against the District and refinance the total indebtedness. He traveled all over the United States to purchase all outstanding bonds mostly at his own expense. His Board of Directors cited him for "Saving and Redeeming the District." The District is now debt free.

Mr. Pace was a member and first Chairman of the Wilbarger-Wichita Soil Conservation District Board of Directors. While Chairman, the District received a state award as one of the most outstanding Districts in Texas. When the need for a soil conservation building arose, Mr. Pace raised most of the money to build it from area friends.

After his death, the Senate in session at Austin, gave him a "Standing Vote of Recognition for his outstanding work in the agricultural development of this area."

Mr. Pace is survived by his wife, Perle E. Pace, of Iowa Park; two sons, Dr. Thomas Pace, professor in the Department of Speech and Communications at the University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, Ill. and Robert K. Pace, an attorney with the firm of Sherrill and Pace in Wichita Falls. Mr. Pace lived over 86 years to serve God and his country.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS J. PACE

Mitchell

By Herman Mitchell, as told to his daughter, Helen Miller

Born in 1901 in Granbury, Texas, I came to Iowa Park on a train with my parents in 1906. Jean (Mrs. Earle Denny, a sister) was just a baby and I was five years old. At first we lived in the south part of town, and then we lived west of town at where later became Wigley's Park and is now a State Rest Area. I went to Harmony School out there.

Then we moved back to Iowa Park, and later we moved to our ranch west of town, and I went to Rocky Point School. We then moved back to Iowa Park in the north part of town to a big two story house Papa bought from a Mr. Toohun.

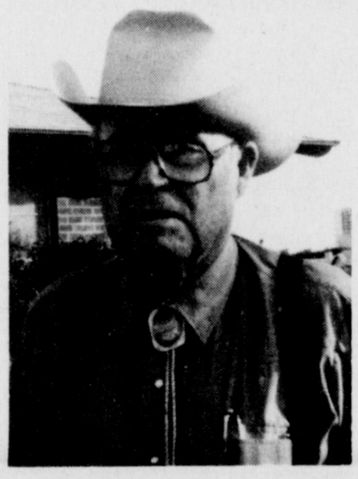
At this time Papa, Thomas Franklin Mitchell, was trading cows, horses, etc. During World War I he got TB and went to Colorado Springs to a hospital, where he died in 1919.

Lila was born in Clay County, but came to Iowa Park when about three years of age with her parents, J.M. and Pearl Conway. They later moved away, but she visited friends here often.

Lila and I married in 1922 at the Baptist parsonage. We lived on the ranch for a while and then built a house on North Jackson and moved there in 1927. About 1940 we bought the John Murphree house at 303 E. Washington, and lived there until 1953. We moved to Wichita Falls, but I have always maintained my office here on Wall Street.

I started out in the cow business--leasing several places to farm and run cows on - the Facitt-Tutle, Smith, Doc Wallace, McKinney land. I still had the ranch west of Iowa Park.

I was doing a little oil business all along - drilling shallow wells. B.A. Farris and I had some leases that did pretty well. I had a little drilling rig. It wasn't until 1937 that I formed Mitchell Oil Co. I sold out to B.A. Farris the business we had together. I can remember oil selling for 90-cents a barrel. I heard it was selling for 10-cents in East Texas. In 1941 - $1.06, 1946 - $1.45, and 1956 oil sold for $2.90 a barrel.



HERMAN MITCHELL
. . . in 1988.

We got our first really good wells in about 1938 or 1939 in the KMA field. I did not borrow any money to start this company. One trade I made with Doc Doran - we furnished the acreage, and he dug the wells and furnished the pipe, for half interest in the wells. After wells quit flowing, we put on a pump and we paid for 1/2 the pumping units and succor rods. We then paid for half of all the expenses.

During World War II, pipe got high, so a lot of people were plugging wells to sell the pipe out of them. You could get $1,000 for each well's pipe. We plugged all the wells that Doc had an interest in, so the leases all came back to us. Some of the other producers on the Mitchell were doing the same thing, so we got a lot of the leases back. They started water flooding the KMA - so we drilled a lot of the old leases, and water flooded them. We had a lease with Mr. Bussard. After he died, Mrs. Bussard wanted to sell, so we bought her part.

After Bud got out of the Navy in World War II, we started the Mitchell Drilling Co. with Bud and I as partners. Lila and I are partners in Mitchell Oil Co. We bought some leases from Wayne Hammond.

Lila was in Eastern Star and 23 Study Club. She spent most of her time raising our son and five daughters. She was very active in the First Baptist Church. I have been a member of the Masons for 63 years. I am past master of the local Lodge #713. I was in the Lions Club, a member of the First Baptist Church, and at one time was president of the Fire Department.

Their children are Tommye Jo Horton, Salado, Tex.; Harry Lee (Bud) Mitchell, Iowa Park and Wichita Falls; Maye Kelley, died in 1955; Helen Miller, Iowa Park; Patsy Jane McNabb, Midland, and Artie Sue Magee, Wichita Falls.

JOHN J. AND LULA M. WHITE
. . . 1892-built home pictured in early 1900s.

White

In March, 1891, John Jefferson White, a native of Georgia, and Lula Jones White, a native of Alabama, and children arrived in Iowa Park from Hill County, Texas, where they had lived for several years after migrating there from Alabama following their marriage.

They settled on land about a half mile west of town, purchased from Tarrant County School Land, and their descendants still own part of the land. In March, 1892, their small frame home was destroyed in a cyclone and they rebuilt the house about 100 yards north of the original location. In 1914, the five-room house was remodeled and enlarged to an eight-room structure with three porches and was one of the town's landmarks until it was razed in the summer of 1966.

The John Whites had nine children, five of whom lived to be grown. Now deceased, they are James Jefferson (Jim), Charlie, Lula White Dorris, Mary White Ross and Belle White Alred.

Mr. White and his son Jim were well known contractors and carpenters of the area. A few of the structures they built have been preserved and are some of the town's present landmarks. Among these are the building that houses Tanner-Aulds Funeral Home.

They were also engaged in threshing grain, traveling from farm to farm, community to community during the harvest season with their steam engine, separator, bundle wagons, cook shack and crews.

Jim White had three children, two of them surviving. They are Olive White Blalock of Iowa Park and Flora May White Davis of Sherman. A son, James Jefferson Jr., died in 1975.

The descendants of Charlie White are C.S. White of Odessa and Harold White of Wichita Falls.

The descendants of Lula White Dorris are Edwin Clark Dorris of San Angelo, Veta Belle Dorris Barris of Grand Prairie and Bonnie Dorris McDonald.

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Lowe

Lloyd D. Lowe and Betty L. Lowe have been residents of Iowa Park for 60 and 58 years respectively.

Lloyd, born Jan. 28, 1903, in Whitesboro, Tex., came to Iowa Park in 1928 from Electra. His father, James F. Lowe was born Nov. 6, 1867, in Granby, Mo. He was a farmer and oilfield worker. He died Sept. 23, 1940, in Lewisville, Tex. His mother, Lillian (Pitts) Lowe was born Dec. 27, 1869, in Crawford, Ala. She died June 28, 1960, in Bowie. Lloyd is the sixth of 10 children. As a youngster, Lloyd attended school in Electra, where his father was an oilfield worker.

In Iowa Park, he met Betty Lou Flippen, who, along with her mother, operated the coffee shop in the former Park Hotel. Lloyd and Betty were married Sept. 24, 1933, in Frederick, Okla.

Lloyd was the private chauffeur to Tom L. Burnett from 1932 until Mr. Burnett's death Dec. 26, 1938. Upon request of Mr. Burnett's daughter, Anne, he continued to live on the premises and maintain the home until it was sold in 1941 to Will and Maggie Burnett. It was at that time that an attorney, John Murphy, came to Lloyd's house and told Lloyd and his family to move out.

Lloyd then went to work driving a truck for John B. Barbour Trucking Company and remained there until his retirement in 1961.

LLOYD D. LOWE . . .with 1934 model LaSalle.

BETTY LOU (FLIPPEN) LOWE . . . photographed in early 1930s.

Betty Lou Flippen, born Jan. 2, 1916, in McKinney, Tex., came to Iowa Park in 1930 with her mother, Hallie A. Goodman. They moved here from Floydada. Betty was attending W.F. George High School when she and Lloyd met. Betty's father, William Don Flippen, died when she was 11 years old. Her stepfather, Tom A. Goodman, and her mother died in 1966.

Betty worked many years as a clerk in the Rexall Drug Store for Fenton Dale and Dr. Tommie Clark. She was once dental assistant to Dr. J.C. Simpson, who had an office in the old Park Hotel.

She also worked many years as a clerk in the local T.G.&Y. store. It was while working here that she suffered a major stroke March 1, 1970. With a gutsy will and determination, she miraculously recovered with only a minor speech impediment.

During her daughter's school years, Betty served as president of the local Parent-Teachers Association and received a life-time membership. She enthusiastically served as Iowa Park's official Santa Claus for 18 years. Her daughter didn't find out who the real Santa was until her senior year in high school. She also served as Santa to her daughter's dormitory Christmas parties at Midwestern University (now MSU).

Of his days as chauffeur to Mr. Burnett, Lloyd recalls the many fine automobiles he drove. Mr. Burnett usually kept three cars at a time. He owned Pierce Arrows mostly. However, that company went broke in the middle '30s and he couldn't get any more. He had a new one in the garage when he died and had only ridden in it once.

During those years, outlaws like Bonnie and Clyde and Machine Gun Kelly were on the rampage. Big cars marked the wealthy and it became risky to be seen riding in them. Mr. Burnett decided to purchase a 1933 Chevrolet to ride in. "He loved that little car," Lloyd related. "If Machine Gun Kelly spotted a big car, he was just as apt to drive up along side, point a gun at you and say PULL OVER as not," said Lloyd. A lot of wealthy went to the cheaper cars as a result of the robberies and kidnapping.

Mr. Burnett's daughter, whom everyone called "Miss Anne," once ordered a $30,000 Rolls Royce from London. She only kept it a short time due to the fear of being stopped by robbers, etc. "She sold that car for $6,000," said Lloyd.

Lloyd also drove Packards, Cadillacs and LaSalles for Mr. Burnett. Whenever he (Mr. Burnett) decided he wanted another car, he would just tell Lloyd to go get it, and Lloyd would do just that. He once got rid of a 1934 LaSalle because the water pump squeaked. He traded it in on a 1935 LaSalle.

Sometimes, on Saturday nights mostly, he would say, "Lloyd, get one of the cars out and take your family out for a movie, ice cream or a drive - - whatever you want to do." There was always a bond of friendship between the employer and employee. "He was good to me and my family. I really liked him," said Lloyd.

Lloyd and Betty's daughter is Mrs. Lloyd W. (Anne) Strome of Burkburnett. They also have a granddaughter, Sonja Anne, a recent graduate of Burkburnett High School.

BRANDING TIME AT TRIANGLE TIME - Lloyd D. Lowe, left, Tom Burnett's chauffer, poses with a Triangle branding iron, and "Catfish" holds a pair of dehorners. No one knows Catfish's real name.

Kildow/Smith

By Olive Blalock

Ferren de' Castro Kildow and wife, Fannie Jane (Funk) Kildow and children left their home in Turley Town, Rockingham County, Virginia April 6, 1885. On April 9, they took the train at Broadway, Virginia, and started for Texas, by way of St. Louis, Missouri. They arrived at Fort Worth and proceeded on to Wichita Falls. They came by wagon to farm near the present town of Iowa Park on April 10 and provided for their first meal in Texas on April 11, 1885.

The F.D. Kildows purchased 164 acres of land out of the SA & ERR Survey #4, southwest of Iowa Park, land the state purchased from J.W. Wisdom. It was later known as the Fassett and Tuttle Ranch.

Their children, now deceased, were Brittian Kildow, Emma Kildow Brown, Nannie Kildow Smith, Jessie Kildow Reid, Elsie Kildow Smith and Pickett Kildow.

Daniel Boone Smith, born at Prairie Home, Cooper County, Missouri, left his native state and came by wagon train with a companion, James S. Akers, to scout the country before moving South. They arrived in Texas in 1881, then returned by way of Indian Territory to bring their families to Texas. They returned in 1883 and located on farms southwest of Iowa Park.

Daniel Boone Smith and Nannie S. Kildow were married April 23, 1896. They rented land for one year. In 1897, when the State of Texas advertised for claims on certain lands that were ready to be filed upon for homesteads, they filed upon the section of land known as the Ballou Section on Friday the 17th day of September, 1897. This place is now known as the Hammond Ranch, southwest of Iowa Park.

Daniel Boone Smith and Nannie S. Smith sold their farm and purchased 205 acres out of Section 23 and 61 acres out of Section 21 of the Tarrant County School Lands, one and one half miles west of the town and moved to the location December 26, 1905. Their heirs sold the property to Roy F. Sawyer in June 1970.

Their seven children are deceased. They were Miss Dosia Smith, Lee H. Smith, Roy Boone Smith, Miss Viola Smith, Boyt H. Smith, Newton Bryan Smith and Ina Gregg Smith.

Medlinger

Mike and Eva Medlinger came from Shawnee, Okla. to the Iowa Park area in 1924 when they moved east of the junction of Old Highway 287 and FM 369 to operate a chicken farm.

The Medlingers had three children: Loretta (Mrs. Stanley Taylor of Wichita Falls), Jim Medlinger of Iowa Park, and Tom Medlinger of Ruidosa, N. Mex.

Their eight grandchildren include Michael Medlinger of Hamburg, West Germany, Craig Medlinger of Iowa Park, Tim Medlinger of Dallas, Wayne Taylor of Lubbock, Rodney Taylor of Monroe, La., Randy Taylor of Grand Prairie, Kathy Taylor Barnes of Wichita Falls, and Kirk Taylor of Wichita Falls.

There are nine great grandchildren. Three of these live in the Iowa Park area: Regan and Erika Medlinger, and Dustin Barns.

Mike worked for M&V Tank Company until he formed a partnership with Clyde Winfrey in 1940 when they opened a welding shop where the Midway Fish Farm is now located.

In 1948, a new partnership was formed with Jim Medlinger and Roy McGregor when the welding shop was expanded into an oil field machine shop known as the Midway Tool and Supply. These facilities later were taken over by Tom Medlinger in 1964 when he established the Midway Fish Farm (now operated by a different owner).

Mike served as councilman and mayor of Pleasant Valley. He was associated with the Midway Fish Farm until his death on Aug. 25, 1979. Eva preceded him in death on Jan. 19, 1976.

Walters

Harvey Reed Walters was born Sept. 1, 1896 in Navarro County, Texas, the son of Nathan and Fannie Walters.

Hazel Johnston was born Feb. 11, 1896 in Navarro County, Texas, the daughter of Frank and Minnie Johnston.

H.R. (Reed) and Hazel were married Aug. 23, 1920 in Navarro County. They moved to Burkburnett where Reed worked for Humble Oil Company during the boom days. They moved from Burkburnett to Vernon where he also worked in the oil fields. In September 1932 they moved to Iowa Park, after moving here he owned a filling station on the Old Electra Highway. The station was located beside their home, the white house next to the green water tower on Johnson Road. Reed also delivered gas to the area farmers. He enjoyed going on rabbit drives and rattlesnake hunting.

In 1939 the state relocated Highway 287 to the present location of West Highway. After the road was changed, they built a rock filling station on East Highway 287. Bad health came along in 1940, as they were putting the finishing touches on the new station. Reed ran for County Commissioner in 1940, but had to give it up, as his health failed. Mr. Walters passed away on his birthday in 1940.

Hazel moved into town, on North Penn Street, in 1950 to be closer to her work, as she continued to operate the station for several years. She had the help of her father-in-law until she learned the buisness. She passed away in March 1979. Reed and Hazel were members of the First Baptist Church and both are buried in Highland Cemetery.

H.R. and Hazel had two daughters, Helen Ruth and LaVern. Helen married Kenneth Washington Oct. 23, 1947. They have two children, Charlotte and Marvin. Ken and Helen live in Hurst and have three grandsons.

LaVern (Giggles) married Billy Joe Harrington Feb. 9, 1950. They have two children, David and Renea. Bill and LaVern live in Iowa Park and have two grandchildren.

David is married to Rose Mary Perez. They live in Iowa Park at the North Penn location where Mrs. Walters lived after moving into town.

Renea is married to H.O. (Joe Bob) Petty Jr. They live in Iowa Park and have two children, Corky Joe and Becky Renea.

Lowrance

By Mary Anna Birk

My Grandfather, Mr. N.L. Lowrance, was born Aug. 17, 1846, in Fayette County, Tenn. When he was 12 years of age he moved with his family near Oxford, Miss. He passed away in our church service, First Presbyterian Church of Iowa Park, about 10:00 o'clock on Sunday morning, a sudden and peaceful end.

He was a Confederate soldier and beloved citizen without a peer. For almost half of his more than fourscore years he lived in Wichita County. He was buried in his Confederate uniform. He was 83 years of age when he died on Jan. 19, 1930.

My Grandmother, Mrs. N.L. Lowrance (Mary Epilena Rogers) was a native of Concord, North Carolina. She was born Feb. 11, 1854. She married N.L. Lowrance a few years after the Civil War. They lived in Oxford, Miss., until they moved to Wichita Falls in 1891. They brought their three children, Locke, Clara and Gale Lowrance. Beth (Mrs. Gayle Park), the youngest is a native of Wichita County.

After two months, the family moved to a farm about two miles east of Iowa Park, where they have since made the home. When they moved to Iowa Park, they joined First Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lowrance were regular and faithful members of this church as long as they lived. Grandmother was 90 years of age when she died on Dec. 29, 1944.

My father, W. Locke Lowrance, came to Iowa Park in 1891 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N.L. Lowrance. He was born in Oxford, Miss., on Dec. 28, 1883. He was educated in the Iowa Park public schools. He attended "Ole Miss" in Oxford one year. He served as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Iowa Park. One year he attended the General Assembly Church which is the highest court of the Presbyterian Church. He worked for the county commissioner for a number of years. He was a retired farmer and dairyman. He was 85 years of age when he died March 21, 1969.

Miss Clara Lowrance was born in Oxford on Dec. 12, 1885. She was educated in the Iowa Park public schools. She served a number of years as a Home Missionary in the mountains of North Carolina. She was killed in a car wreck near her home on Jan. 19, 1959.

Gale Lowrance was born in Oxford on May 24, 1890. He attended the Iowa Park public schools. He later married and had three sons. He died on Oct. 25, 1985.

My Mother, Mrs. W. Locke Lowrance (Ethel Reaves), was born in Lick Creek, Tenn., on July 4, 1886. She had a sister who was two years older than she. Also, she had five brothers, all younger than she. The oldest of her brothers, Claude Reaves, moved to Iowa Park about a year after Mother. His children are Mrs. Sue Jones and Mrs. Nell Kimberlain, who both reside in Iowa Park.

In 1907, Mother came to visit her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Overbey. She clerked in the Overbey and Troutman Dry Goods Store. While working there, she met Locke Lowrance and they married in 1909. They were active and faithful members of First Presbyterian Church in Iowa Park.

On her 90th birthday, July 4, 1976, the bicentennial year, she received letters of congratulations from President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale, Sen. John Tower and Gov. and Mrs. Dolph Briscoe. She died July 25, 1976.

I, Mary Anna Birk, am the oldest of a family of three girls, children of Mr. and Mrs. Locke Lowrance. I was born on Aug. 23, 1911, two miles east of Iowa Park. I graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1928, then worked in the City Hall in Iowa Park. Later, I worked in the County Tax Office in Wichita Falls.

Our home was struck by lightening on Sunday morning, July 8, 1928, about 8 a.m. The entire house was ruined and had to be torn down and another one built. My father, mother and we three girls were all eating breakfast. We were all stunned, but not hurt.

On Dec. 17, 1936, I married C.E. Birk. He was born and reared in Iowa Park. He was the son of Charles and Lucy Kilbourn Birk, who came to Iowa Park in 1891. He graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1915. Charles Ernest Birk was a prominent Wichita County, Iowa Park church (First Presbyterian) and civic leader. His life can best be summed up in these words, "He was a man of God." He died on Nov. 14, 1966.

We have three children, Bettye (Mrs. Calvin Hansen), who lives in Wichita Falls. She has two daughters and one son. Bob Birk lives in Iowa Park and has four sons. Beverly (Mrs. Joe L. Orr) lives in Fort Worth and has two sons.

All three children graduated Iowa Park High School and received a bachelor degree from Austin College in Sherman.

When I married, we moved almost to the Iowa Park city limits. I have lived all my 77 years very near to Iowa Park.

My next sister is Ruth. She graduated from Iowa Park in 1931. She married L.S. Cooksey and they live in Yazoo City, Miss. They have two daughters and one son.

My youngest sister is Evelyn, She graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1941. She married Carl M. Leggett and they reside in Memphis, Tenn. They have two sons and one daughter.

I.S. McKELVEY WITH FAMILY IN FRONT OF THEIR HOME
. . . and his closed-in hack for selling Watkins products.

McKelvey

When John and Kay Hooker and children, Michelle and Brian, built a home in the Iowa Park School District, little did they realize some very important family history would be revealed to them.

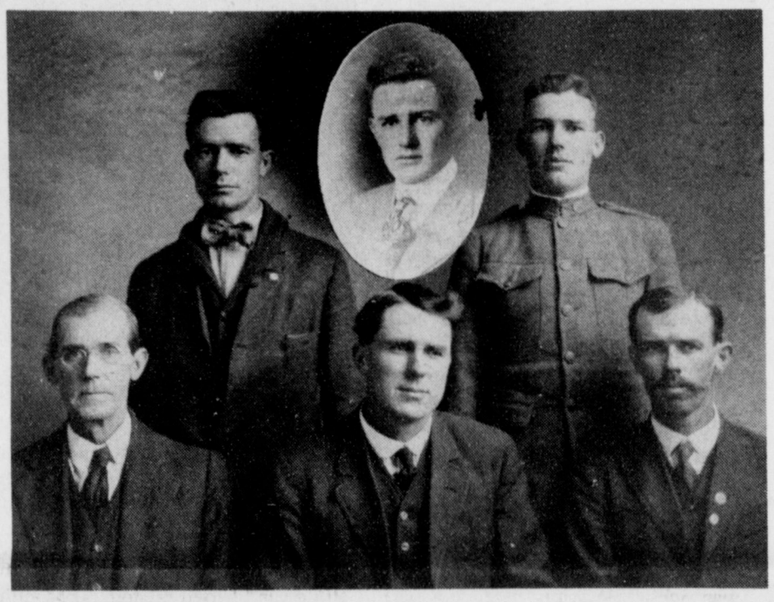
The I.S. McKelvey family moved by covered wagon from the Whitesboro-Gainsville area to Iowa Park in 1906. They had married in Tennessee, then went west to Arkansas where part of their eight children were born. John's grandmother, Dollie, was one of them. From Arkansas to Texas came this strong and God-worshipping family.

To rear eight children took as much money and hard work then as it does now. As well as we can recall, Grandpa McKelvey was a Watkins Dealer. He drove a closed-in hack sort of buggy drawn by a horse. He went from door to door in town and surrounding communities.

Grandpa was also Justice of Peace in Iowa Park for many years. He was known as "Judge" to the townspeople. A granddaughter, Nina Akin of Wichita Falls, remembers a story of how some duck hunters were trigger-happy and killed more fowl than the limit. They were caught and sent to pay their fine. Judge took their fine money, also their ducks, and refused to give them back to the hunters. We got a chuckle from this story.

Our grandmother, Tennessee McKelvey did her share to supplement the income. She rented a room to teachers. She also cooked meals for people to eat in her home. Every grandchild remembers Grandma's long beautiful table. She set the table for us with loving care, using the pretty china and crystal pieces they had won as prizes from the Watkins Co. Grandmother was a small, beautiful woman, always looking "primped and proper," thanks to Watkins face powder.

This family had a great part in the First Methodist Church of Iowa Park. Grandpa and Mr. Davis, the postmaster, took turns preaching when the regular minister was away. Grandma McKelvey kept close watch on her flock on Sunday morning.



The McKelvey's had a family pew in the church, second from the front. On Sunday, her keen eyes went up and down the pew to see if anyone, and who, was missing. Immediately after the sermon she checked to see why.

Nina tells of when she and her father, Melvin McKelvey joined. The pastor was Bro. Hand. Grandma was so happy she shouted her joy to everyone. Bless her soul, we all loved her.

Sam McKelvey and family lived here. He worked in the Oil Boom in Burkburnett. He late moved to Oklahoma. Kay and famly lived here for a short time before moving on to Oklahoma.

Melvin and family lived here. He worked for the county under County Commissioner L.L. Koonce, precinct 3.

Issac and family lived here, and he worked in the refinery business.

Nat lived in Wichita Falls. He was connected with the police force and later was a U.S. Marshal for many years.

Ruth Stone lived in Iowa Park many years. Her daughter, Lena Beasley was a telephone operator aided by a cousin, Vera McKelvey.

Dollie Miller moved from Gunter, Texas, to Oklahoma.

Eula Dunn lived here, Electra and in Wichita Falls.

There are three grandchildren living in Wichita Falls: Nina Akin, Jack McKelvey and Lucille Hooker; three great-grandchildren, Benny and John Hooker and Gary Akin; seven great-great-grandchildren, five from the Hooker families and two from the Akin family. Many more descendents are scattered in Texas and Oklahoma.

I.S. and Tennessee McKelvey, Ruth and George Stone, Melvin, Bertha, and son, Jessie McKelvey, are all buried in Iowa Park Cemetery.

The McKelvey home was located at 204 E. Washington.

Padgett

By David Padgett, Mary Guthrie and Nancy Padgett

The lineage of the Padgett family as residents of the Wichita County/ Iowa Park area dates back to 1912. Like many of the pioneer families of this area, they came to this area with their families.

J.D. padgett was born in 1900 in Scurry County Texas. As a six year old, he helped his father and other family members drive a herd of cattle and horses to the Indian Territory near Lexington. They resided there a number of years but then herded cattle to New Mexico near the present town of Clovis. In 1918 the family then moved to Burkburnett.

Marguerite Edith Abott came to Burkburnett from Arkansas by wagon with her parents in 1912.

J.D. and Marguerite met as young adults and were married in 1927. During their first few years of marriage they resided on a farm near Burkburnett where they farmed and raised cattle. In 1930 they expanded their farming and ranching operations and moved to a farm north of Iowa Park. J.D. was serving on the Weeth School board at the time that the Weeth School was consolidated with the Iowa Park School District in 1936.

To J.D. and Marguerite Padgett were born six children: Mary Blanche, triplet boys Dean, Don and Dan who died a few days after birth, David Wayne and Jerry Don.

The Padgett family moved to Iowa park in 1939 when they purchased the house that was known as the Specht house. It was built in 1888 by the early day German settler Colonel Herman Specht. The house was headquarters of the vast area of land that Specht owned which stretched from Iowa Park north to the Red River.

The three Padgett children, Mary, David and Jerry, attended and graduated from Iowa Park schools.

Mary married Junior Guthrie in 1947 and to their union was born three children, Rita Ann, Douglas Lynn and Karen Kaye.

David married Barbara Spraggins, a native of Malvern, Ark., in 1964. They have one son, John David.

Jerry Don married Nancy Dooley of Wichita Falls. They had two daughters, Deborah and Jamie.

Two of the Padgett children, Mary and David, still reside in Iowa Park. Jerry Don, former County Clerk of Wichita County, is deceased. His widow, Nancy, resides in Wichita Falls as does his two daughters.

J.D. and Marguerite continued to reside in Iowa Park and were active in farming and ranching until their deaths in 1973 and 1976, respectively.

Wichita Polo Players, Ranchers Mourn Death of Will Rogers

Wichita Falls polo players and ranchers who were intimately acquainted with Will Rogers, humorist and movie star, mourned his death in a plane crash near Point Barrow, Alaska, early Friday.

Rogers was well known in Wichita Falls, having visited here on many occasions, while his flying companion, Wiley Post, also killed, had been here.

Charles H. Featherston and Horace Robbins of Wichita Falls, poloists, and Tom Burnett of Iowa Park, were among Rogers' best friends here. Featherston could not be reached with news of the fatal accident. Robbins was notified at the Wichita Falls Clinic hospital, where he is recuperating from a serious accident.

Mr. Burnett learned of Will Rogers' death shortly after 10 o'clock Friday morning, when he returned from his ranch. He was greatly shocked to hear of the tragedy, as he numbered Robers among his old-time friends. He recalled that Rogers and C.H. Featherston of Wichita Falls made a brief stop at his home about a year ago on their way to California.

The famous humorist was last in Wichita Falls in 1933, when he visited Featherston, Robbins and Burnett and later made a tour of noted ranches in this area with them. He spent several days at the Waggoner ranch near Vernon on that trip.

Robers also was here during his nation-wide Red Cross tour seven years ago, and hundreds of Wichitans met him and heard him speak at the Memorial auditorium. He raised more than $6,000 to aid in Red Cross disaster relief.

He also was here on one lecture tour, speaking at the junior col- auditorium (sic).

Back in war days, Rogers played polo on several occasions at Call field and at other times at other polo fields here.

The Musicians club of Wichita Falls first brought Rogers here for a concert at the Junior college auditorium, and it was that performance -- it cleared $1,500 and paid for a piano -- that first introduced him to Wichitans.

Realizing that Rogers was greatly interested in horses and polo, Mr. Featherston arranged a game for him. That game was his first real introduction to Wichita Falls polo enthusiasts and it endeared him to them forever.

He returned here two years later to speak before the Musicians club again.

Reprint from Wichita Daily Times, Friday, August 16, 1935

Stowe

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Stowe had a dream of some day living in Iowa Park. In 1934, that dream became a reality when Mr. Stowe became an employee of J. Lindsey. He moved his family of four girls and one boy to the Lindsey farm north and east of Iowa Park. In 1940, they bought a small farm about two miles north and east of Iowa Park, where they spent the rest of their days.

Ida, the oldest daughter, taught in the Iowa Park High School. She married Rex Lehman, a rancher/ farmer, who had moved to Iowa Park in 1939 with his mother and sister, Cordie. They had one son, Garland, who owns and operates the Lehman Trucking Company in Iowa Park. Garland married Sandra Balthrop of Rosston, Texas. They have three children, Kellye, Tracy and Dustin.

Fay, the second daughter, was a victim of Infantile Paralysis. She died in 1954 from injuries she received from a tornado that destroyed the Stowe home.

Willie Lee, an R.N., married John Herrel, a California school teacher, who was stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base during World War II. They had two children, Lynda and David. The tornado that destroyed her parents' home destroyed their home and they moved to California. John died in 1939, and Willie Lee moved back to Iowa Park in 1980.

Ruth, a graduate of Iowa Park High School, married Jack Young, a T.V. engineer from Wichita Falls. They had two children, Jackie and Jeffery. Ruth died in 1975, and Jack in 1986.

Amos, known as Andy, graduated from Iowa Park High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Sherrie Fugett of Wichita Falls. They have three children, Tommy, Debra and Esther. He is a Baptist Minister, and lives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Stowe had a foster daughter, Velma, who had married when they moved to Iowa Park.

The Stowes' were members of the United Methodist Church. Mrs. Stowe died in 1961, and Mr. Stowe in 1975.

Iowa Park Building Company Organized

Indicative of the progress of the community, Iowa Park now has a new organization, which is both a business and a civic concern. The name of the new corporation is the Iowa Park Building Company. The official roster is as follows: F.E. Hill, president; W.F. George, vice-president; and Walter Taylor, secretary-treasurer.

As an evidence of the firm's purpose, the erection of two new houses will be started next week. The building sites are in block 15, Iowa Park Townsite, which is the block just north of Mr. and Mrs. Will Burnett's home.

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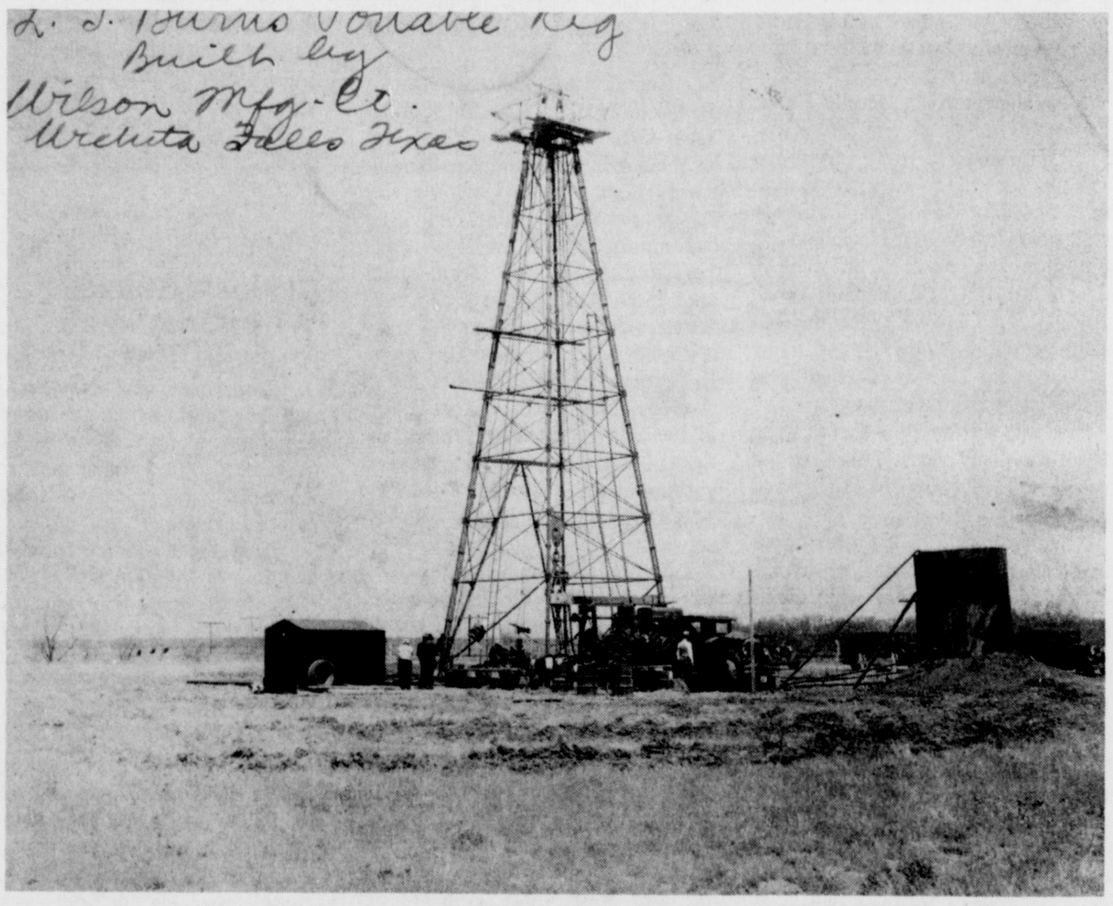

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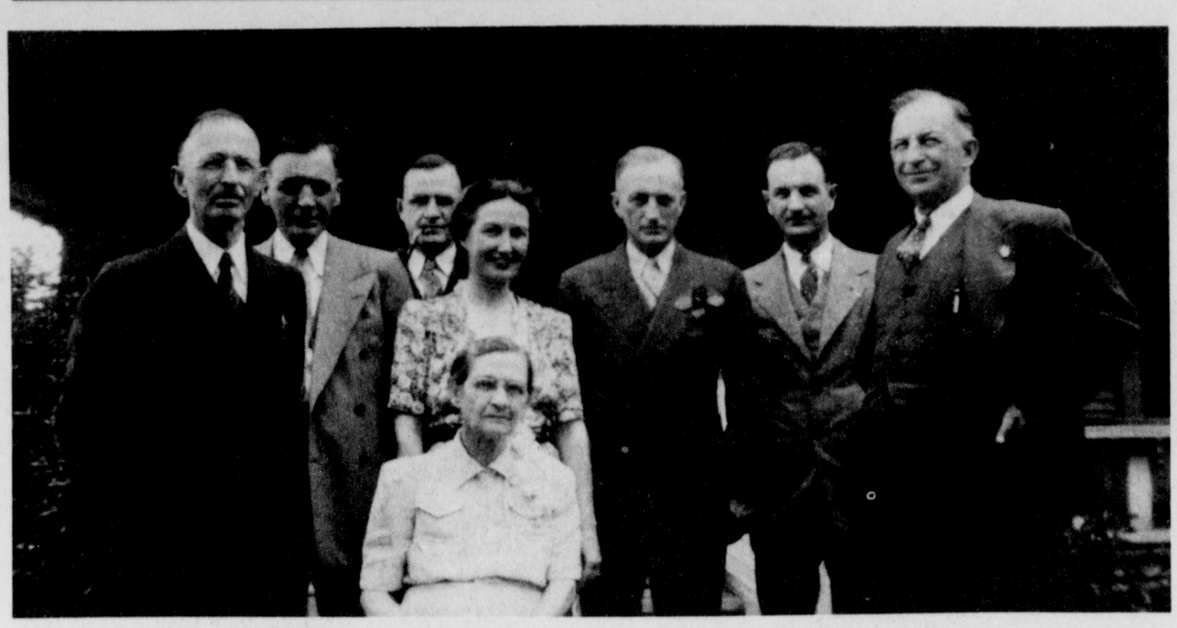
307 North Wall - Iowa Park

Celebrating 30 years in business



CLARK FAMILY GATHERING IN 1945
Mrs. Frank Clark, seated, Thomas Marshalal Clark, Roswell Clark, Warren Clark, Leika Clark Shite, Dr. Gordon Clark, Rawlins Clark and Dr. Joe Frank Clark.

Gordon Clark

By Gordon D. Clark

Only a few facts about Gordon and Oscar Clark can be set out here, but it is hoped that it will recall events, visits and remembrances for those who knew them, and provide some sense of the character, the willing work, and the foresight and discernment they gave to the area and community where they lived for more than 50 years.

At least since 1913 there has been a Clark presence in Iowa Park. Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Clark, father and mother of Dr. Gordon G. Clark, moved to Iowa Park in 1913. From that time until his death November 17, 1931, Dr. Frank Clark was active as an officer in the First Christian Church and teacher of the Bible class there. He served on the school board and as a director of the chamber of commerce. He was a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, and Odd Fellow lodges. This was in addition to an active medical practice.

The only Franklin Clark daughter, Leica, was in C.I.A. (now Texas Womans University) in Denton when they moved to Iowa Park from Mineral Wells and joined them in the summer. Two sons, Warren and Rawlins (Polly), were in Iowa Park for a good part of their early years.

Another son, J. Frank Clark, with his wife, Ethel, and infant son, Franklin, moved to Iowa Park in the summer of 1913 after graduation from Southern Methodist Univeristy College of Medicine. He joined his father in the medical practice. A daughter of J. Frank and Ethel, Dorothy Sue Chadwick, was the first Clark born in Iowa Park.

One son, Thomas Marshall, was active in the community, church, and owned and operated the Rexall Drug Store for many years. (Also see the article on Thomas Marshall and Helen Clark.)

Dr. Gordon G. Clark received his medical degree from Fort Worth School of Medicine, Medical Department of Texas Christian University in 1918. He and Oscar Elizabeth Duvall were married on July 4, 1918 in Fort Worth, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lewis Tandy.

Mrs. Clark was born in Walton, Kentucky six weeks after her father had died. Her mother, Elizabeth Duvall, moved to Fort Worth and Mrs. Clark graduated from Polytechnic High School and received her nurses training at All States Hospital in Fort Worth. She had practiced her profession for three years when she was appointed to the State Board of Nurse Examiners. She later served as president of the organization for two years.

Following his graduation from medical school Dr. Gordon Clark did not immediately start practicing medicine, but worked as a driller in the oil fields in North Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana with his brother, Roswell Lee, and brother-in-law, Warren Travis White. (During his career, Dr. White, who was married to Leika Clark, was superintendent of schools at Clara, Bugscuffle, Oklaunion and Dallas.)

In 1921 Dr. and Mrs. Gordon G. Clark moved to Iowa Park and he entered medical practice with his father and brother, J. Frank Clark. This commenced a time of service in Iowa Park of more than 60 years for both Gordon and Oscar Clark.

As a member of the First Christian Church, Dr. Clark was a chairman of the board where he served five terms and was an elder emeritus.

Mrs. Clark was as active in the life of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Clark taught Sunday School, served on committees, boards, and represented the church at district and state meetings. She was also active in Church Women United at the state and national levels.

In the years that Iowa Park had an independent baseball team Dr. Clark was the manager, and was the team doctor for the football team for many years. For that short time when parimutuel betting was legal in Texas there was a track immediately southwest of town and he, with Noel McKinney, calculated the odds for the races with an adding machine, pencil and paper.

In civic leadership, Dr. Clark worked willingly and with strong convictions. He was mayor of Iowa Park for two terms beginning in 1938, and again in 1972 for a partial term before resigning for health reasons in 1973. He was president of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce for two terms, a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and a charter member of the Iowa Park Lions Club, which was formed in 1928.

When Iowa Park was the site for the Wichita County Fair and later the Texas-Oklahoma Fair, Dr. Clark was on the executive committee continuously from 1928 to 1962. He was president of the Wichita County Fair three times, and was president of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair from 1948 until 1959. Among many who were active in the work necessary to make it a success were: Ernest Birk, John B. Barbour Sr., Leo Moore and Ted Overbey. Mrs. Clark was in charge of the Women's Department of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair for several years, and was chairman of the Fine Arts Division until the fair was dissolved.

Mrs. Clark was just as involved in the community life and activities. When first coming to Iowa Park she started working with young people as a Camp Fire Guardian and later as a Cub Scout den mother for her sons. She was a sponsor of the Youth Canteen which was formed to provide wholesome recreation for high school students.

During World War II she was chairman of dances for servicemen at the Fair Auditorium. Some of her most treasured letters were those from young people thanking her for her interest in them.

Mrs. Clark served on the Wichita County American Red Cross board for many years and as chairman of the local board for 10 years. She was supervisor of surgical dressings for American Red Cross in World War II. She was a Grey Lady and was chairman for Red Cross Christmas Bags for servicemen in Vietnam for several years.

She was chairman of the United Fund drive for several years and was a past president of the Wichita County Medical Auxiliary and served as district councilwoman.

Dr. Clark was as active and involved in the practice of his profession as civically. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Southern Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, American Academy of General Practice, North Texas Medical Association, a charter member of the Texas Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a member of the 50 Year Club, American Medicine, and past president of the Wichita County Medical Society.

He became a member of the Wichita General Hospital Board in 1946 and served there until his resignation in 1972. Most of that time he served as chairman of the board.

When Dr. Clark stopped delivering babies some years before his retirement, he had delivered between 4,500 and 5,000.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark had two sons. Randolph Duvall Clark, the younger, was killed in a car accident in Colorado in 1953. The Randolph Duvall Clark Memorial Chapel in the First Methodist Church is a memorial to him.

Gordon Duvall Clark, the older son, is engaged in the oil business and investments in Ardmore, Okla. He has two daughters, Rebecca Lee Faulk, and Sarah Elizabeth Clark, and three grandchildren.

At the time of his retirement in 1972 both Dr. and Mrs. Clark received much recognition for the years of active service. Dr. Clark was named "Citizen of the First Half-Century" by the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce. The City Council named the city lake - Lake Gordon, and the park on the west side of the lake - Oscar Park -- in their honor.

Mrs. Clark died on March 22, 1976, and Dr. Clark on May 5, 1985.

Levine's Started With One Small Store in Iowa Park

From one small store in Iowa Park 18 years ago, to eight com-plete department stores in Texas and New Mexico, is a growth that speaks volumes for the soundness of the policies of Levine's.

That the customer comes first and must be satisfied with every purchase is the most important rule in every Levine store. levine's believe that this friendly policy has kept old friends through the years and has added thousands of new friends to the ever growing list of satisfied customers.

Levine's merchandise is sold at the lowest possible prices. Huge volume buying keeps prices down and whenever the company makes a purchase at a saving this saving is passed on to the customer.

Levine's maintain a staff of highly specialized buyers who keep constantly in touch with important market centers, ever alert to the changing styles and market conditions, thus keeping clean new merchandise arriving as needed.

Levine's budget Lay-A-Way plan enables customers to choose from fresh, new stock, right at the beginning of the season, having it put aside to pay for it at their convenience, in small weekly payments, and still take advantage of the low cash price.

This merchandise is carefully wrapped, tagged and safely stored, without any additional cost to the customer.

This plan is growing in popularity so fast that each year Levine's find it necessary to increase lay-away facilties.

Owners are Morris and William "Bill" Levine.

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Frank Clark

By Polly Clark Moss

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Clark moved to Iowa Park in 1913 and although the community had been in existence some 25 years, they indeed qualified as true pioneers.

Dr. Clark, who was born in Farmersville, Texas, in 1860, was a member of a pioneer family, which distinguished itself in medical, religious and educational circles in the state.

Two of his older brothers, Addison and Randolph Clark, were founders of Add-Ran College, the forerunner of Texas Christian University and were also ministers of the Christian Church. His father and another uncle were also affiliated with the college, as well as other educational endeavors.

Following graduation from St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Clark began his medical career at the age of 21.

He was married in 1884 to Attie Viola Rawlins of Thorp Springs, Texas and soon after their marriage they moved to Stephens County, where they lived first in Breckenridge and later in Caddo.

On moving to Iowa Park, Dr. Clark became actively engaged in the practice of medicine, first with his son, Dr. Joe Frank Clark and later with another son, Dr. Gordon G. Clark.

He also had practices in Munday, Holliday, and lived in the small community of Bugscuffle for a short period of time.

In addition to his professional life, he was actively involved with the growth of Iowa Park and Wichita County.

He devoted his efforts to civic, educational and religious movements.

For several years he was a member of the Board of Education and took an active interest in Iowa Park schools.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark were faithful and devoted members of First Christian Church from the time they established residence in Iowa Park. Dr. Clark was teacher of the Bible Class for many years, an elder and served as chairman of the board.

Mrs. Clark was active in the women's group of the church, as well as other areas of the church life.

Attie Clark, who was born in 1866 near Lancaster in Dallas County, was a lifelong member of the Christian Church. Her parents were pioneers in the early development of the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church) movement.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark were the parents of eight children: six sons, Joe Frank, Thomas Marshall, Roswell, Gordon Gracey, Warren and Rawlins (Polly); and two daughters, Minnie who died at the age of three, and Leika (Mrs. W.T. White).

Dr. Clark died in 1931 at the age of 71. Although he had lived in Iowa Park for only 18 years, his contributions to and love for the community equaled a lifetime of dedication.

Mrs. Clark, who was affectionately known as "Mother Clark" throughout the community, was recognized for her gentle, Christian spirit and was loved and respected by all who knew her.

She suffered a crippling stroke in 1929 and from that time on was unable to actively participate in her normal activities, but she continued to inspire others with her positive outlook on life. She was especially an inspiration to the young ministers who served First Christian Church and to young couples within the church who came to her for guidance.

Following Mother Clark's stroke, Ela Simmons moved into the Clark home to care for her, and she became a vital part of the family. She remained with Mrs. Clark until her death in 1946.

Mother Clark had been a citizen of Iowa Park for 33 years and at the time of her death it was said that "Mrs. Clark's death marks the inevitable removing of one more bulwark in the history of courage and stalwart pioneering in Iowa Park and Wichita County."

Dr. and Mrs. Clark are buried in Highland Cemetary.

Two of the Clark children remained in Iowa Park throughout their lives: Dr. T.M. Clark, the second son, and Dr. Gordon Clark, the fourth son, whose biographies are included separately.

Joe Frank, the eldest son, finished medical school in 1913, the year his parents moved to Iowa Park. He practiced medicine for several years with his father, before moving to Abilene. He and his first wife, Ehtel Gulley, had two children, Franklin of Bakersfield, Calif. and Dorothy Sue Chadwick of Hollywood, Calif. Franklin and Dorothy Sue spent a great deal of time in Iowa Park during their childhood. They resided with Dr. and Mrs. Clark during their high school years.

Joe Frank's second wife was Josephine Daniel and they had one daughter, Mary Patricia, now deceased.

Roswell Lee was the third son of Dr. and Mrs. Clark. He married Faye Dale, daughter of early pioneers, Z.P. and Mamie Dale, in Iowa Park in 1915. He was engaged in the oil business in Oklahoma and Texas for most of his life. He and Faye had three sons, Roswell Dale, deceased, Marshall Franklin who resides in Abilene, and Warren of Dallas.

Roswell Clark died in 1958 in Abilene.

Leika was the only surviving daughter when the Clarks moved to Iowa Park.

She married Warren Travis White in Vernon in 1917. Dr. White was prominent in educational circles in Texas and served as superintendent of the Dallas Independent School System for many years.

The Whites were parents of three children, Francis White who lives in Dallas, Naomi who died in 1935, and Warren Travis White Jr. who is associated with the Fort Worth Independent School System.

Leika Clark White died in 1981 in Dallas.

Warren was the fifth son born to Dr. and Mrs. Clark. He was thirteen years of age when the Clarks came to Iowa Park, so he became actively involved in both school and church activities.

Warren was an honor student while attending Iowa Park High School and he also played right halfback on the football team. He graduated with the class of 1917-18.

Among his church related activities at First Christian Church, was the creation of a "Children's Church."

Warren became a successful businessman in Iowa Park. He was associated with the bank and also owned an insurance company. Another business enterprise was the operation of a movie theater, in partnership with Herman (Dutch) Mills.

Warren and Mabel Mills, who was a niece of George Mills, were married in 1926.

Mabel had just graduated from TCU as the first woman to receive a degree in business administration, and she came to Iowa Park seeking employment. She worked with Levine Brothers for a short period of time.

The Warren Clarks moved to Duncan, Okla. in 1927, where he joined his brother, Roswell, in the oil business and a few years later they moved to Dallas, where they remained until Warren's death in 1947.

They were the parents of two children, a daughter, Carolyn Faye, now living in Austin, and Dr. Warren Malcolm Clark of Indianapolis, Ind.

Rawlins (Polly) Clark was the youngest child of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Clark. He was ten years old when his family moved to Iowa Park.

He attended school in Iowa Park and graduated from high school in Wichita Falls.

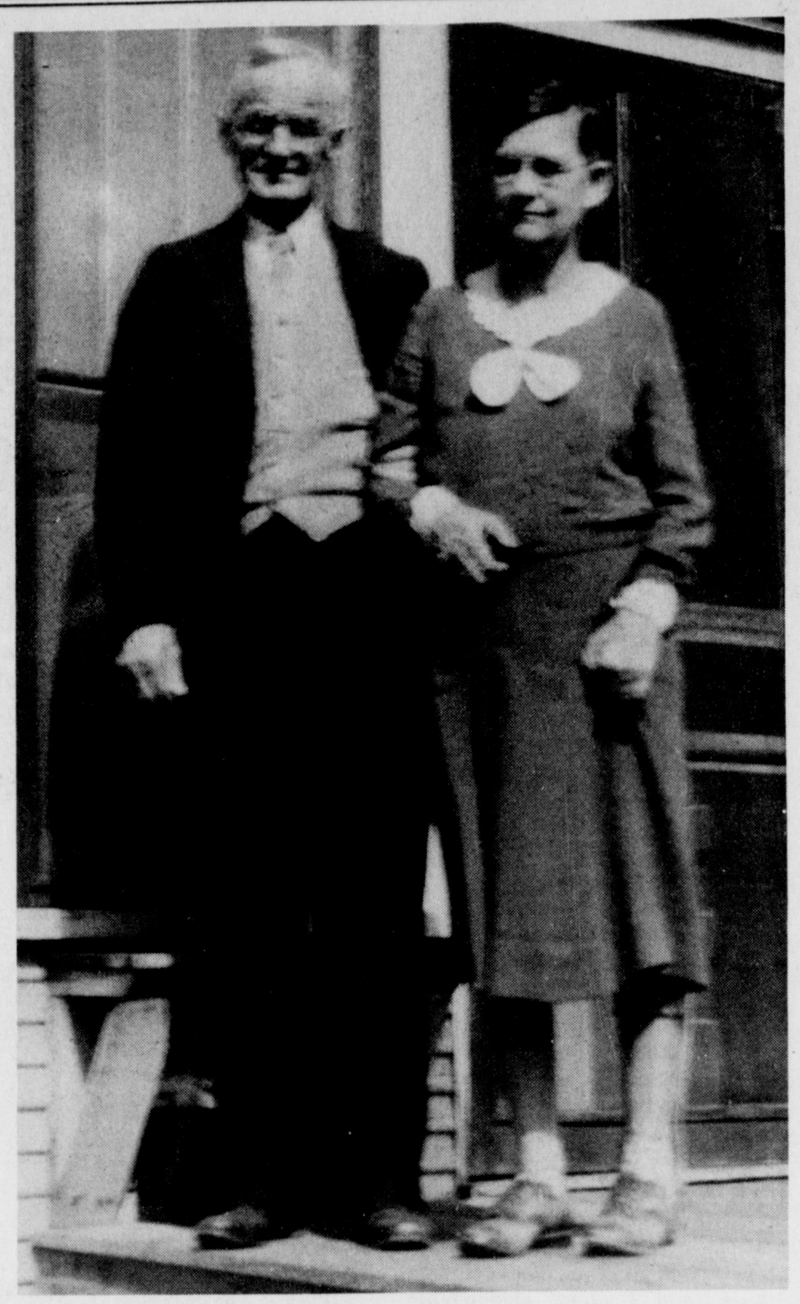
He attended the University of Texas and studied pharmacy.

He was working as a pharmacist in Colorado City when he met Beatrice Logan, whom he married in 1931.

They later lived in Big Spring and Midland, and spent most of their married life in Dallas.

They were the parents of two children, a son, William Rawlins (Rolly) of Atlanta, Ga., and a daughter, Delsie also of Atlanta.

Polly Clark died in 1978 in Dallas.



DR. AND MRS. FRANK CLARK

Clyde McDonald, The Blind Boy, Will Be At The County Fair

Clyde McDonald will be in the Lions club booth at the Wichita County Fair. The booth is sponsored by the Lions clubs of the four towns in the county. Clyde will be glad to meet his friends and personally thank those who have contributed to the fund being raised by the Iowa Park Herald to purchase for him an "Seeing-Eye" dog.

The funds will be completed with the donations that will be made at the Fair next week.

Previously acknowledged....$122.76
Camp Fire Girls.....50
A Friend.....10
Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Overbey.....2.00
P.F. Gwynn.....1.00
Iowa Park Lions.....9.20
Total.....$1.35.56

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T.M. Clark

By Polly Clark Moss

Thomas Marshall Clark was born in Thorp Springs in the year of 1890.

He moved to Iowa Park in 1913 after completion of dental school, to join his father, Dr. Frank Clark and brother, Dr. Joe Frank Clark, physician and surgeons.

T.M. and Helen L. Dale, daughter of pioneer settlers, Z.P. and Mamie Dale, were married in June of 1915.

They established a home in Iowa Park and became actively involved in the community.

The Clarks suffered two tragedies early in their married life. First, their home at N. Yosemite and Magnolia burned to the ground in 1920 and two years later their first born child, a son, Thomas Marshall Jr., died of pneumonia.

T.M. Clark was known in the community as "Doc Tommy," but to his wife and family, he was Marshall.

By whatever name he was called, he was highly respected and loved by those who knew him.

Although Mr. Clark was not a native of Iowa Park, the 70 years of dedication he gave the community and its activities, certainly qualified him as a beloved citizen.

In the early 1920's he joined his brother-in-law, Fenton Dale, in the ownership of the Rexall Drug Store and the two of them operated this "meeting place" for all ages until 1953 when it was sold to Mr. Fred Hays.

Despite working 14 and 15 hour days at the drug store, Marshall Clark seemed to find time to give to his other interests: his family, his church and his community.

He served as chairman of the board of First Christian Church for a number of years; as Sunday school teacher for many, many years; as an elder and later as elder-emeritus.

He and Helen went to the church every Saturday evening for many years to prepare communion for the Sunday worship service.

At the dedication of the present First Christian Church building, in 1958, the following tribute was made to Mr. Clark:

"Dr. T.M. Clark could be called the 'Elder Statesman' of First Christian Church. Though not old in years, he possesses a spiritual maturity that comes from long years of Christian living. A gracious Christian gentleman, . . . wise counsellor and friend of all, Doc Tommy, as he is affectionately called, has been and still is a spiritual

MR. AND MRS. T.M. CLARK

center in our church life."

Marshall Clark extended his involvement in the community life by serving on the Iowa Park School Board. He was secretary of this group for 10 years.

He was a member of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce; a charter member of the Farm Bureau and the Iowa Park chairman of the American Cancer Society for 15 years.

He was appointed postmaster and served an interim period of one year in this capacity.

He was also an active member of the Highland Cemetary Association.

Mr. Clark was a great ambassador for Iowa Park. He was always ready to relate the virtues of his town to anyone he met. He believed and practiced the motto of "Shop Iowa Park First."

He was taught by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, the value of a good education. It was given top priority in the Clark family, and in fact, two of his uncles, Addison and Randolph Clark, were founders of Add-Ran College at Thorp Springs, which later became Texas Christian University.

He was extremely proud of the fact that all three of his daughters and six of his eight granchildren received degrees from Texas Christian Univ.

Mr. Clark continued to work as a pharmacist, on a part-time basis, for a number of years after he and Fenton Dale sold the drug store.

He and Mr. Dale also raised cattle on the Dale-Clark farm south of town until 1968.

Doc Tommy was always busy at some activity even in his retirement years. He was an avid reader and baseball fan. He always had many projects going to keep his home place in good repair, but he still found time to go to Senior Citizens on a regular basis to play dominos with his friends. He loved spending time with any of his grandchildren who happened to come by and his beloved church activities kept him busy until his 90th year.

Thomas Marshall Clark died on November 18, 1983 at the age of 93 and is buried in Highland Cemetery in Iowa Park.

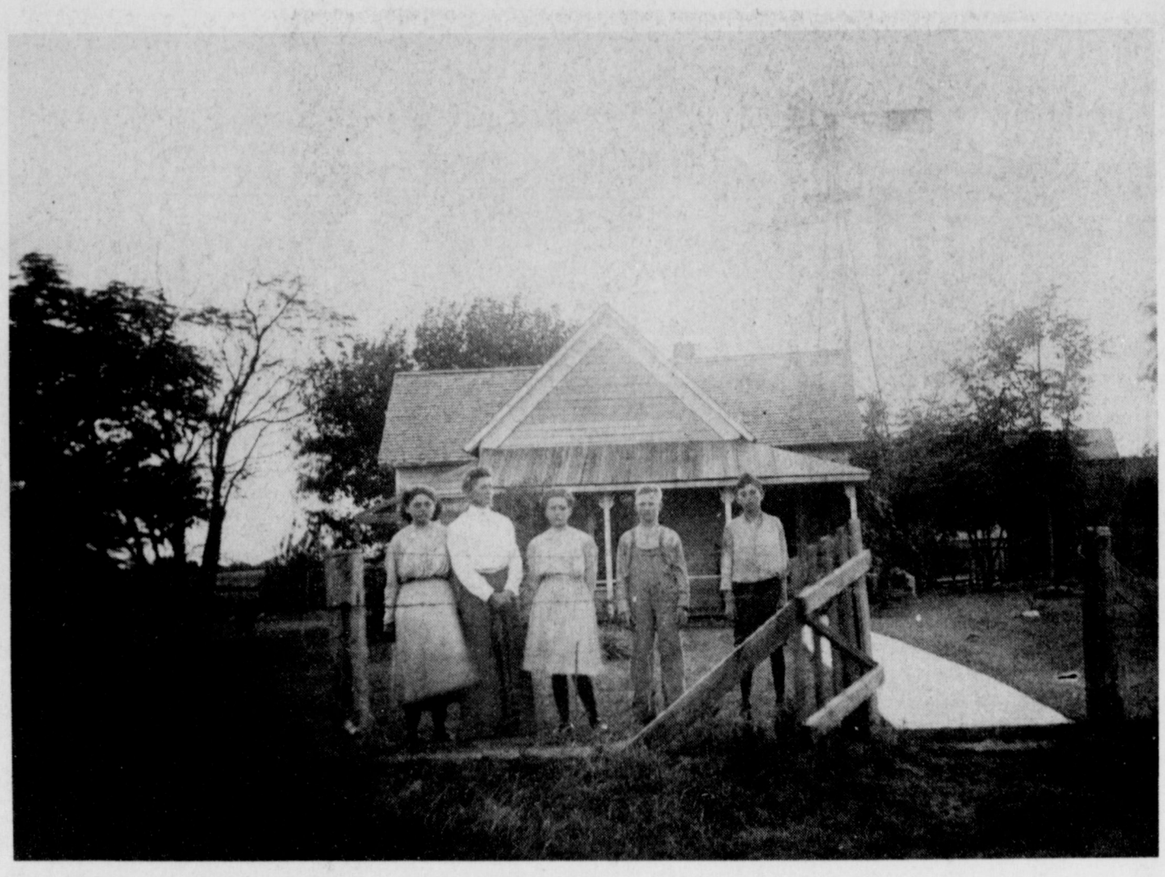
He was survived by three daughters: Fenton L. Best, Polly F. Moss, and Helen D. Roberts and eight grandchildren.

One of his grandsons wrote a "Tribute to Doc" and in the excerpt which follows, it is clear what an inspiration this man was to his family:

"It is my hope, as the writer, to find the words capable of accurate description of my inspiration - - Mr. T.M. Clark.

"Though physically small in stature, he has proven his 'size' through unselfish and ceaseless outpourings of loving empathy and warming thoughts. As the epitome of a Christian man, Doc, as many call him, has devoted his life to the call of Christianity, not once a week, but daily, without end. His mission has never included self-glorification and the accumulation of high honors, but has constituted those elements recognizable only in the lives of men who feel a need to live life to its fullest, while sharing the essence of happiness with others.

"Not only is the name of T.M. Clark synonomous with words such as grandfather, but it exemplifies sincerity, honesty and integrity. To know Doc is to know a friend; to love him is virtually unavoidable. To speak kindly of him is effortless."



MAMIE DALE FARM AND FAMILY
Helen Lenora Dale, Mrs. Dale, and twins Fay and Fenton Dale, with Stanley Weidman, Mrs. Dale's nephew. The home was located at FM 1814 and 367, where Jimmy Banks now lives, and was burned July 4, 1976.

Dale

By Polly Clark Moss

Zenis P. Dale and Mamie Weidman were married in Veedersburg, Indiana in the year 1887 and moved to the very young community of Iowa Park, Texas in 1889.

Mr. Dale had been a miller, stock and grain warehouseman in Indiana, but due to ill health, his doctor recommended that he move to Texas.

On his initial train trip to Texas he met a Mr. Weeth, who was also looking for a desirable location in Texas to which he could bring his family.

The two gentlemen first got off the train at Alvord, Texas, but decided not to stay; got back on the train and came on to Iowa Park.

As the story goes, there were two real estate offices in the new little community and Mr. Weeth went into one and bought land north of Iowa Park, while Mr. Dale walked into the other and purchased land south of town.

Shortly thereafter, his wife, Mamie, joined Mr. Dale and they settled on the land. Portions of the original land holdings remained in the possession of their descendants until 1968.

Z.P. and Mamie Dale farmed their land and became active members of the community.

In late 1891 or early 1982, Mr. Dale and Mr. John Chenoweth obtained space in a frame building at the corner of 300 E. Cash and N. Bond Streets for the purpose of conducting a singing school.

This school proved to be the forerunner of the organization of the First Christian Church and Mr. and Mrs. Dale were among the 22 charter

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Wigley

The ancestors of Henry Allen Wigley lived in Leichester County, England, dating back to the 13th century. His father, Green Wigley, came to this country from there, along with two brothers, and landed in New York. There the brothers were separated.

Green Wigley settled in Hall County, Georgia and later moved to Franklin County, Arkansas, where Richard R. Wigley was born September 28, 1813. Green then moved to Gainesville, Georgia, where Henry Allen Wigley was born November 25, 1828.

In 1863, at the age of 25, Henry Allen joined the Confederate Army. Records show he served under General Lee from Nov. 1. to Dec. 31. He was a private in Company K, 19th Regiment, in Georgia.

Henry Allen married Sarah Gartrell and they moved to Mulberry, Arkansas. To this marriage three sons, Augusta, Selmer and John, and a daughter, Sallie, were born. Sarah died giving birth to her daughter.

After Sarah's death, Henry Allen married Margaret Hudgens August 27, 1877, in Calhoun, Georgia. They moved to Mulberry, Arkansas.

In 1865 he came to Texas, settling in Red River County, but he was not satisfied and returned to Mulberry, where two children, Virgil R. and Sue, were born. In 1886 he returned to Texas and settled in Hood County, between Tolar and Granbury, where five children were born. These were Jeff, Bob, Faul, Grady and Maud.

MAUD WIGLEY WAS TWO YEARS OLD IN 1895
Back row, Subie and Virgil; second row, Jeff and Bob; Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen Wigley, and Faul.

In 1907 he settled in Blue Grove, in Clay County, for a short time, later moving to Wichita County, where he made his final home.

Iowa Park was his final home, from 1907 until he died March 25, 1924. He was the father of 11 children. Nearly all of the children were raised here, and were known as substantial and respectable citizens being honored in their respective communities.

At one time Henry Allen Wigley owned the land where Wigley Park is located, west of Iowa Park. After his death, his wife gave the property to the State of Texas for a park.

Two of the children of Virgil Wigley, Ruth Robertson and Leota Weseman, still live here. Ruth was born on what is now Bell Road, and Leota was born in Clay County, on what is now known as the Scalling Ranch.

Selmer Wigley also has two daughters living here, Leta Bedford and Aurora Mixon.

Two of Sue Wigley Mitchell's children also live here: Jean Mitchell Denny and Herman Mitchell.

Grady Wigley has a son living in Fort Worth, but he stays occassionally on a farm he owns here.

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Dale

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members of the church.

In 1900 Mr. Dale made a trip to Fort Worth to purchase furnishings for the new church building which was located at West Jefferson and South Wall Streets.

The following year, 1901, Z.P. Dale passed away at the age of 53 and the church pews, organ and pulpit which he had purchased the year before were used at his memorial service.

In the few short years that Mr. Dale made Iowa Park his home, he made a very positive contribution to the community which he had chosen as the ideal place to bring a young bride and rear a family.

His love for the land; for his church; for the cultural aspects of the community and most of all for his family of Mamie and the three children -- Helen and the twins, Fenton and Faye -- place Z.P. Dale among the outstanding forefathers of Iowa Park.

MAMIE DALE

Mamie Dale was left a widow at a young age, with three small children: Helen Lenore, age six, and twins, Fenton and Faye, age four, but she continued to farm the land and raise her family.

The term "rugged individualist" could certainly be applied to Mamie Dale, for she learned the art of personal responsibility as a young girl and throughout her life she met the challenges that came her way with a dauntless spirit and a wonderful sense of humor.

She remained on the farm until 1924, when she established residence in town at the corner of Yosemite and Aldine Streets.

During Mrs. Dale's 49 years in Iowa Park, she contributed immeasurably to the community. As a charter member of First Christian Church she worked diligently in its pioneering years and until her death.

Few citizens, if any, pioneered in more fields than Mamie Dale. It was she who organized the first "Mother's Club" which later became the Parent-Teacher Association. She was a charter member of the Iowa Park Rebecca Lodge and served as state president of this organization at one time.

Her great interest in children led her to become actively involved in child welfare work and she served as director of the West Texas Children's Aid Society for a number of years.

She was also a director of the Wichita County Tuberculosis Association and served on the Wichita General Hospital board.

Because of her genial disposition and her spirit of perpetual youth she was made an honorary member of the Iowa Park High School Alumni Association.

Although Mamie Dale's love for, and involvement in her community was great, she always found time for her family.

After her move into town, two of her children, Fenton Dale and Helen Dale Clark, lived with their families within the same block.

Her grandchildren, who grew up within her shadow, remember her not only for the love she gave them, but for the sheer pleasure of living she brought into their lives with her wit and humor.

It could be said that Mamie Dale was truly a "woman before her time:" driving into Wichita Falls to work at the State Welfare Office, although she was well into her "senior citizen" years; her travel about the state and nation in support of the organizations she felt worthy of her time, and taking her grandchildren on trips to "broaden their horizons."

Mrs. Dale died on July 3, 1938 and is buried along side Mr. Dale in Highland Cemetery in Iowa Park.

Among the many tributes to her at the time of her death, was one written by John Gould, a columnist for the *Wichita Daily Times*. Excerpts from the tribute follow:

"It was with a deep sense of personal bereavement that I read of the death of Mamie Dale. Her's was a positive personality. Keenly alive, keenly aware of all that went on around her, independent in her thinking, forthright in her speech, loyal, energetic, altogether loveable. She strove always against ugliness and injustice. Her wit, her wholesomeness of outlook, her bigness of mind and heart combined to make her life one of usefulness and inspiration. More than any other woman I ever knew, she kept her face toward the sunlight."

That was Mamie Dale.

HELEN L. DALE CLARK

Helen Lenore Dale, daughter of Z.P. and Mamie Dale, was born in Iowa Park in 1894 and lived her entire 89 years in the community she loved.

Helen's father died when she was only six years of age, but she and her twin brother and sister, Fenton and Faye, worked along side their mother to farm their land, south of Iowa Park and take care of their home.

As a young girl she drove a horse and buggy into town to attend school and graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1912.

She then attended Texas Christian University, where she received an associate business degree.

In June of 1915, she and Dr. Thomas Marshall Clark, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, were married and established their home in Iowa Park.

Their first home, located on N. Yosemite and Magnolia, burned in 1920. A new home was built in the same location and the Clarks lived there for the remainders of their lives.

Helen Clark, like her mother before her, was active in many facets of the community life.

She was a life member of the Parent-Teacher Association, actively involved in her children's school activities, serving as room mother numerous times and sponsoring class trips on many occasions.

She was also a charter member of the 23 Study Club and a long-time board member of the West Texas Children's Aid Society.

Helen was a member of First Christian Church and devoted a great deal of her time and energy to the work of the church.

She was active in the women's organization of the church, not only locally, but on a district and state level, as well.

She taught Sunday school classes for many years and was still doing so, well into her 80s.

Helen Clark had numerous talents, which she shared graciously with others.

China painting was another talent of Helen's and her home was filled with many beautiful pieces which she had painted.

She also enjoyed working with ceramics and shared her creations with friends and family.

Helen Clark gave her life in service to others: not only through her professional work with the Department of Public Welfare and the American Red Cross, but even more so to those within the community who were in need.

Helen and Marshall Clark were the parents of four children: a son, Thomas Marshall Clark Jr., who died in 1923 at the age of six; Fenton L. Best, now living in Kerrville; Polly F. Moss of Arlington, and Helen D. Roberts, who has resided in Iowa Park since graduation from Texas Christian University in 1950. She has been a teacher in the Iowa Park school system for a number of years.

The Clarks also had eight grandchildren: Dr. Thomas F. Best, who was ordained into the Chistian ministry in the First Christian Church of Iowa Park and presently resides in Geneva, switzerland; William D. Moss, of Fort Worth; Ronald W. Moss, of Houston; Marsha (Roberts) Stallard, of Fort Worth; Michael Roberts, also of Fort Worth; Carey D. Roberts, of Iowa Park; Patricia (Roberts) Hudson, of Wichita Falls, and Kenneth Roberts of Ennis.

Both her children and grandchildren learned from Helen Clark a strong sense of justice and a deep love for family and for God.

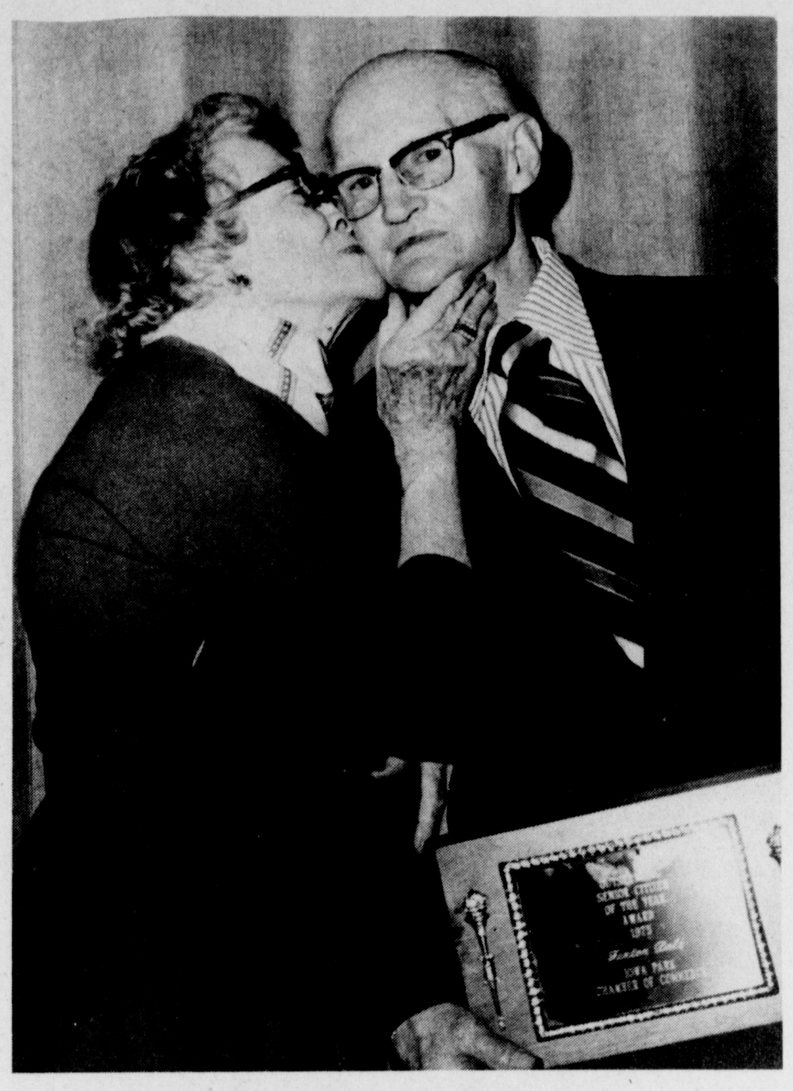
Helen L. Dale Clark died on February 13, 1984 and is buried in the Dale family plot in Highland Cemetery.

FAYE DALE CLARK FOWLER

Faye Dale, daughter of Z.P. and Mamie Dale, was born in Iowa Park on August 25, 1896.

She grew up on the family farm, southeast of Iowa Park, along with her twin brother, Fenton, and her older sister, Helen.

Faye attended school in Iowa Park, graduating in 1914.



MR. AND MRS. FENTON DALE
...Outstanding Senior Citizen 1975.

She married Roswell Clark, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, in 1915; the same year that her sister, Helen, married his brother, Thomas Marshall Clark.

Faye and Roswell lived in Duncan, Okla. for several years and then moved to Dallas in 1935.

They were the parents of three sons: Roswell Dale, who is deceased; Marshall Franklin of Abilene, and Warren of Dallas.

Faye married Chester Fowler of Dallas in 1949 and resided in Richardson until her death in 1978.

ZENIS FENTON DALE

Fenton Dale, son of Z.P. and Mamie Dale, was born on the family farm, southeast of Iowa Park, in 1896.

His father died when he was only four years of age, consequently, he learned the meaning of responsibility at an early age, as he worked with his mother, his twin sister, Faye, and his six-year-old sister, Helen, in management of the farm.

Fenton attended school in Iowa Park and following graduation from high school, he attended Baylor Medical School, receiving a degree in pharmacy.

During World War I, he served in the U.S. Navy as a medical corpsman and was stationed at the Naval Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Following the war, he returned to Iowa Park and he and Mr. Glen Kilcrease purchased the Sumner Pharmacy. Later, his brother-in-law, T.M. Clark, bought Kilcrease's interest and Dale and Clark owned and operated the Rexall Drug Store until 1953.

During the years that Fenton Dale and T.M. Clark owned the drug store, these two gentlemen touched many lives with their compassion and humanitarianism. They often provided medicine for those who were unable to pay for it. This was particularly true in the depression years. And in the years that followed they often received small enumeration or letters of appreciation from these same folk.

The sale of the drug store did not mean retirement for Fenton Dale, as he then devoted more time to the farm and the raising of cattle. He also worked part-time as a pharmacist for Berry Drug and later for Settle Drug.

In line with his chosen profession, he was honored by the State Board of Pharmacy for 50 years of outstanding service.

Fenton served the community of Iowa Park in many offices and through numerous endeavors, which he always approached without fanfare, but with sincere dedication.

He served as mayor one term and as councilman four terms.

Aware of the financial and agricultural benefits of irrigation to the area, he worked faithfully in the campaign to vote in irrigation.

For many years he served on the board of supervisors of the Wilbarger-Wichita Soil Conservation District, filling the office of chairman five years. During that time span, the ASCS building was constructed in Iowa Park.

Fenton was director of Wichita County Water Improvement District Two several terms and also served this group as secretary, vice president and president.

He was recipient of the Bridwell Soil Conservation Award in the irrigated grass division.

In 1976 Mr. Dale was the first recipient of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce Senior Citizen Award. During the presentation ceremony it was said of Fenton: "Mr. Dale seldom had a great deal to say, but when he did speak, it was with authority and people listened."

Fenton was a lifelong member of First Christian Church where he served as Sunday school teacher, elder, board member and trustee.

He was an avid sports fan and played the position of catcher on the town's baseball team in the earlier years. He also loved to fish when he could find the time. Travelling was another interest of his and he and Mrs. Dale did so extensively.

His greatest source of joy was the time spend with his children and grandchildren. They are listed in the biography of his wife, Lucy Payne Dale.

Fenton Dale is remembered not only for the many contributions he made to the community of Iowa Park, but also for the courage and integrity his life exemplified to all who knew him.

Fenton died in 1980 at the age of 83. He is buried in the Dale family plot in Highland Cemetery.

LUCY PAYNE DALE

Lucy Payne moved with her parents from Woodville, Texas to Iowa Park in 1919, at the age of 19. She was the youngest of six girls.

She and Fenton Dale married in 1921.

Lucy Dale, active in many aspects of the community life, was particularly interested in the cultural life of Iowa Park. She was a member of the Modern Music Club and, in fact, sang with the Treble Clef Trio for a number of years. This group entertained for numerous activities within the community.

Mrs. Dale was also a member of the 23 Study Club and the Woman's Forum in Wichita Falls.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church for many years, where she sang in the sanctuary choir. Later, she united with First Christian Church, where her husband was a member. She again gave of her musical talent to the choir and was a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship.

Mrs. Dale's artistic talents were also evident in the many plays and devotions she wrote. Her plays were produced at the Woman's Forum and the Texas-Oklahoma Fair and several of her meditations were published.

In later years, oil painting became a hobby of Lucy Dale.

She was also active in the civic life of the community, serving as secretary of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce and the Texas-Oklahoma Fair.

Lucy and Fenton Dale were devoted parents to: a son, Thomas Fenton, who died at the age of 21 while in medical school; and two daughters, Lucy Lee Woods, presently residing in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Ruth Mary Grimes, who died in 1980.

A source of great happiness to the Dales were their four grandchildren: Julia Woods McCarthy, now living in Danbury, Conn.; Thomas Fenton Woods, of Colorado Springs; John Grimes, of Taiwan, China, and Marcus Dale Grimes, San Diego, Cal.

Lucy Payne Dale died in 1977 at the age of 77 and is buried in Highland Cemetery.

THOMAS FENTON DALE

Thomas Fenton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Dale, was born in December 1923 in Iowa Park.

Thomas was better known as "Buddy" to his close friends and family.

He grew up a happy, loving boy and his life's ambition was to become a surgeon.

At the age of 12, he united with First Methodist Church.

Thomas graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1940, where he was captain of the football team and served as president of the senior class.

After graduation from Hardin Junior College in 1942, he entered the University of Texas and enlisted in the Navy V-12 Program, but received medical discharge a few months later. He then completed his pre-med work at U.T., after which he entered Baylor Medical School in Houston to pursue his dream of becoming a surgeon.

As he was beginning his third year of medical school, he was stricken with a rare disease and died in September of 1945.

He was survived by his parents and two sisters, Lucy Lee and Ruth Mary.

Thomas Fenton was the grandson of Z.P. and Mamie Dale.

RUTH MARY DALE GRIMES

Ruth Mary was the youngest child of Fenton and Lucy Dale. She was born in Iowa Park in November of 1936.

Her grandmother, Mamie Dale, often called her "Little Sunshine" because of her sunny disposition.

She attended school in Iowa Park and after graduation from high school, she entered Texas Christian University, where she received her degree.

She and Johnny Grimes of Fort Worth were married in Iowa Park following her college graduation.

They lived in Fort Worth for a number of years and then moved to Brussels, Belgium.

She returned to Iowa Park in 1978 and made her home with her father until her death in 1980.

Ruth Mary was survived by two sons, John W. Grimes III and Marcus Dale Grimes, and her sister, Lucy Lee Woods.

Deciples...

The Christian Women's Fellowship met at the Christian church Monday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. Rollins Woodall was program leader for the topic "I Can Be a Christian Citizen."

A question and answer session was held with Mrs. John B. Barbour as counselor. Mrs. S.T. Buzzard led the worship service from James 1. She was assisted by Mrs. W.G. Steele.

Others present included Mmes. Forest Bates, C.H. Bowman, I.W. Corder, Chester Gleason, Chester Miller, Gilbert Steele, Rollin Roberts, R.B. Sisk.

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On the Air

Al Jolson, Fibber McGee, Benny Goodman, Bob Hope, We, the People, Uncle Ezra, Johnny Presents.

Thursday Night

6:00 - Dick Tracy, KRLD.
6:30 - Question Box, WFAA.
7:00 - Big Town, with Edward G. Robinson, KRLD; Johnny Presents, WBAP; Gilbert and Sullivan opera, KGKO.
7:30 - Al Jolson and Parkyakarkus, KRLD; For Men Only, WBAP; Information Please, KGKO.
8:00 - We, the People, KRLD.
9:00 - Bob Hope's Variety program, WBAP; Dr. Christian with Jean Hersholt, KRLD; If I Had a Chance, KGKO.
9:30 - Jimmie Fidler's Hollywood Gospi, KRLD; Uncle Ezra, WBAP; Rhythm School, KGKO.
9:45 - Be Sensible, KGKO; American Viewpoints, KRLD; Jimmie Kemper's Song Stories, WBAP.
10:00 - Amos 'n' Andy, WFAA; News, KGKO.

Wednesday Daytime

A.M.
7:00 - Early Bird, WFAA; Earbenders, KGKO.
8:00 - Breakfast club, KGKO; Richdard Maxwell, tenor, KRLD.
8:15 - Montana Slim, KRLD.
8:30 - Helen's Home, WBAP.
9:00 - Pretty Kitty Kelly, KRLD.
9:15 - Myrt and Marge, KRLD; Visiting Nurse, WBAP; Josh Higgins, KGKO.
9:30 - Monte Magee, WBAP; Hilltop House, KRLD; Opening Markets and Revue from Wichita Falls, KGKO.
9:45 - Woman in White, WBAP.
10:00 - Fact Finder, KRLD; Party Line, KGKO
10:15 - Scattergood Baines, KRLD.
10:30 - Grandma Travels, WFAA; Big Sister, KRLD.
10:45 - Aunt Jenny's Stories, KRLD; Kitty Keene, WFAA.
11:00 - Singin' Sam, KGKO; Hymns of All Churches, WFAA; Tena and Tim, KRLD.
11:15 - Nancy James, KRLD; Betty and Bob, WFAA; Man on the Street, KGKO.
11:30 - National Farm and Home hour, KGKO; Texas Farm and Home hour, WFAA.
P.M.
12:00 - Singin' Sam, WFAA.
12:15 - Good year Farm Service, KGKO; Mrs. Tucker's Smile, WFAA.
12:30 - Stamps quartget, KRLD; Daughboys, WBAP; News, KGKO.
1:00 - Chuck Wagon Gang, WBAP; Irene Beasley, KRLD.
1:30 - American School of the Air, KRLD.
1:45 - Judy and Jane, WBAP; U.S. Marine band, KGKO.
2:00 - Story of Mary Marlin, WBAP.
2:15 - Ma Perkins, WBAP; Billy's Melody Five, KGKO.
2:30 - Pepper Young's Family, WBAP.
2:45 - Between the Bookends, KGKO; Guiding Light, WBAP.
3:00 - Happy Gilman Family, WFAA; Club Matinee, KGKO.
3:15 - Stella Dallas, WFAA.
3:30 - Vic and Sade, WFAA.
3:45 - Girl Alone, WFAA.
4:00 - Houseboat Hanna, WFAA; Piano Time, KGKO.
4:15 - Goldbergs, WFAA.
4:45 - The Mighty Show, WFAA; Vaughn De Leath songs, KGKO.
5:00 - Pepper Cadets, WFAA; Larry Sheridan, tenor, KGKO.
5:15 - Jerry of the Circus, WFAA.
5:30 - Jack Armstrong, WBAP; Today with Bob Trout, KRLD.
5:45 - Little Orphan Annie, WBAP; Sophie Tucker, KRLD.

Reprint Wichita Daily Times, January 10, 1939

Station KVWC To Present Iowa Park String Band

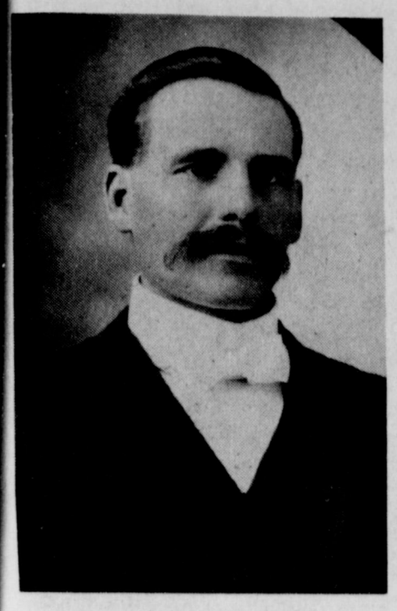
The Electra Studios of Radio Station KVWC will present the Seven Troubadours, Iowa Park String Band, in a series of program advertising the Wichita County Fair beginning Sunday afternoon, September 8, and continuing each Sunday afternoon from 2 until 2:30 p.m., until the Fair opens.

Members of the band, all Iowa Park talent, are, Harold Craft, Bert Van Horn, Ed Hardarge, Wesley Savage, Melvin Case, Oscar Clingman and Troy Walker.

Script of the programs will be written by Mrs. Van Horn and will contain pertinent facts concerning the entertainment features of the Fair.

The program on September 22 will be dedicated to the Pioneers who will be honored on opening day, September 25.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 5, 1940



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT S. VAN HORN
. . . on wedding day, Jan. 8, 1902.

Van Horn

James and Margaret Jane (Smith) Van Horn came to Iowa Park in 1890 and settled on acreage six miles northwest of Iowa Park which had been homesteaded in 1889. One of the sons, Robert, had lived alone on the homestead in a dugout for a year.

Mrs. Van Horn had a brother, Mr. Dave Smith and family who had lived south of Iowa Park for several years.

The Van Horns had five children that came to Texas with them: Alice, Robert, Jess, Dellah and Edith. The oldest son, Charles, didn't come until sometime later. He was teaching school in Kansas. Dellah passed away at age 18 in 1901 and is buried in the family plot at Highland Cemetery.

Alice married Frank Berrie and they moved back to Iowa. Later, the family came back and settled in Oklahoma near Dill City. They had five children.

Charles married Clara Frazille in Parsons, Kan., and they also returned to Iowa for a while. They later returned to Texas and had a farm about four miles west of Iowa Park. They later moved into town and into a house which was owned by his mother prior to her death in 1935. This house is located directly across the street from the present Methodist parsonage and is owned by Carl Davis. They had four children.

Robert was 18 years old when he first came to Texas and spent the better part of a year in the dugout. Discouraged by a drought, he returned to Iowa after his parents arrived here. He lived near Van Wert, Iowa. His path soon crossed that of a young school marm, Miss Etta Campbell. Miss Campbell was a first generation American. Her father was brought to this country by his parents at the age of four from Scotland.

Within a short time, Robert returned to Texas and bought 200 acres of land for $8.00 an acre located five miles northwest of the city, and near his parents. He built a four-room house and then returned to Iowa. On Jan. 2, 1902 he married Miss Campbell and brought her to Texas by train. They moved into the home he had built for her, and lived there throughout their lives. In 1914 it was remodeled and added on to and in the 1950s it was modernized with a bath! The home is located next door to Robert Wilcox on Van Horn Road.

Robert and Etta had two children, Robert E. (Bert) Van Horn and Berniece. Robert was an outstanding athlete in high school and for many years pitched semi-pro baseball around the area. In his later years, he served several years as Mayor of Iowa Park. During his terms, Iowa Park grew from a town into a city. The Garden Valley area was developed, the Country Hills area, and the area in and around Kidwell School was developed as well as the school being built. During this time, the city hired its first police officers. Up until that time, a city Marshal had been the only police presence in Iowa Park.

Bert married Anna Bell Estes and they had one daughter, Jeanette (Mrs. Lowell Short). Anna Bell passed away in 1967 and Bert in 1969. They lived for many years in a house which was built by his father for Berniece and Bert to live in during school term after they started to high school. In 1958, they bought the Jim George house on Jackson Street, the present home of Bill Bates.

Berniece graduated high school in 1924 and attended Texas Wesleyn College. She later taught school at City View. Each day she road the bus from Iowa Park to City View. She met a bus driver, William F. Wilcox, and they later married. They had one son, Robert, of Iowa Park. Robert and his family along with Jeanette Short and her husband, Lowell, still live and work on the farm which belonged to their grandparents and great grandparents.

Robert S. Van Horn died in 1951 at home and Etta continued to live on the farm until her death in April of 1976. She was only three months away from her 100th birthday at the time of her death.

THE JAMES VAN HORN FAMILY
Front from left: Della (deceased at age of eight), Mr. James Van Horn, Mrs. James (Margaret) Van Horn, and Edith, who later married Benton Fields; back row: Jess, Robert (holding picture of brother Charles, who was teaching school in Kansas), and Alice.

Jess Van Horn was married to Ella Campbell. She was the youngest sister of Etta. She came for a visit with her sister, and met her future husband. They were married in 1904 and lived on a farm one mile west of the city. The present high school complex is located on the northeast corner of their property. They had seven children, of which four daughters survived: Gladys, Jessie, Lois and Evelyn.

Edith married Benton Fields in 1907. She was two years of age when they came to Texas. The Fields lived on a farm, north of Robert and Etta, for many years. They had three children, Bruce, Loretta and one child that died in infancy. During and immediately following the dust bowl days of the 1930s, they purchased land on the High Plains near Happy, Texas. They moved there accompanied by their children. Loretta, who had married Frank Dorris, also moved there at that time.

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UDELL FRAZIER HOME FROM ARMY IN 1945 FOR FAMILY PORTRAIT . . . sons from left are Geral, Jimmy, Bobby and Danny.

By Mary Rachel Woodall Frazier

I was born June 2, 1916 in Summerset, Ky., one of the seven children of Josephus Woodall (he was called Sephue) and Mary Elizabeth Dykes. We lived in a log cabin built by Sephue's father, Grennberry Woodall, who was a doctor, a carpenter, and a shoe cobbler, among a great many other trades. In Summerset, there is a Woodall Cemetery where the Woodall ancestors are buried. Sephue heard about the cotton being raised in Oklahoma. He thought he could make a fortune raising cotton, although he raised mostly corn on his farm in Kentucky. He and Elizabeth decided to load up everything they could bring by train, and leave the rest in the house, since they would be returning after they had made their fortune.

In 1917, they kissed their loved ones goodbye, including Sephue's mother, loaded their belongings and children, William Thomas (Bill), Harlon, Florence, Martha and me on the train headed for Oklahoma. We settled in the Chattanooga Community. Sephue went to the bank and borrowed $60 to make a crop, thinking he wouldn't need much money since they raised almost everything back in Kentucky. The banker loaned him the money, but laughed at him for thinking he could make a crop on $60. Sure enough he found himself going back to the banker for more money.

Sephue had heard a lot about the Oklahoma tornadoes, but had never seen one. He was out in the field plowing when he looked up and saw a whirlwind. He threw the lines down, left the mules standing in the field, and ran as fast as he could toward the house. A neighbor passed him in his car and called out "Hurry, it's coming a tornado," but never offered to pick him up.

The first few years farming were a failure. While living there, another daughter, Bertha Mae, was born May 4, 1919.

She married Harvey Eaton in 1934 and they moved to Iowa Park in 1945. They had two sons, Billy Joe and Harvey Dean, and three daughters, Martha Louise, Betty Lou (Haswell) and Katherine Mae. They all attended W.F. George High School. Harvey had a heart attack while on the job and died suddenly, at age 39, in May of 1954. After a few years, Bertha married Elmo Weaver and he also passed away with a heart attack.

Sephue moved his family close to Hollister, Okla., and they lived about a block from the Chatteau school. He still was not used to the bad looking clouds. When we would start to the school storm cellar, he would have us all hold hands, a pretty good string of us, and here came a big roll of bailing wire. It rolled into us and knocked us all down in the ditch. Finally we all got up and made it to the cellar where all the neighborhood attended. One time Sephue woke the family, way up in the night hours, to what appeared to be another bad cloud. He was so scared he didn't notice how he'd put his overalls on. When we got to the cellar and opened the door, it was already full of people. The light shined on Daddy, and he realized he had his overalls on backwards. He called out to the ones in the cellar, "you all watch out, I'm coming in backwards."

In 1924, Daddy made a real good cotton crop, while the neighbor's cotton was eaten up by a plague of grasshoppers. Daddy would have us children go down the rows of cotton and run the grasshoppers out into the pasture. That's the only thing that saved our cotton. The neighbors laughed at us, but it worked.

He bought a new Star car, and up until then, we used a horse and buggy or wagon for transportation. A picture was made in the spring of 1925 of our baby sister, Stella Lee, with Bertha and I standing on the fender. Stella almost fell off the fender, and Mama and Daddy ran to grab her just as the camera was snapped. Our mother had been out sweeping our yard and she wouldn't have had her picture taken like she was dressed at all.

We didn't have grass and our yard was hard. Mother would sweep the yard and pick up the dirt and put it in a tub, and we children would carry it off and put it in the pasture. She just stopped sweeping to dress us for the picture. My brother, Harlan, is in the back seat peeping through the window of the side cutain. This picture is a treasure to us since it was on Sept. 15, 1925, the same year the picture was made, our Mother passed away. She had typhoid fever and kidney trouble. Our Daddy was left with seven children from one year and nine months to 16 years old. Her funeral was preached on the front porch of the house where the picture was taken.

Our oldest sister, Martha, 14, had to take over the household. She made a wonderful little mother. We knew to mind her or she whipped us just like Mother would. Our Daddy was so grieved he wouldn't go home after our Mother's funeral. He took his family to his brother's and our Mother's sister's house (brothers married sisters). We stayed with them for some time until my brother and I came down with typhoid fever. Then my Aunt Nellie told my Daddy to take his family and go home. With two of us sick in bed, and she had five children of her own, it was too much for her.

Since it was time for Daddy to gather the crop when Mother died, he just left the place and everything in charge of a black man and his family who lived in the little shack at the edge of our yard. He lost everything, our chickens, pigs, two good milk cows, and he didn't get anything for his cotton. He practically gave everything away. After this, Daddy started moving real often and sometimes he would share crop. Hardship caused Daddy to come over here to the KMA area looking for work. He sold his home place back in Kentucky to his brother for $250 and never moved back. Uncle Aron cut down enough timber to pay Daddy. He went back on his first visit in 1929. His mother had passed away in 1927.

Daddy farmed in the KMA area for a few years. The place he farmed before returning to Oklahoma, was the Gail Mitchell place. This is where Udell comes into the picture. I was 15 years old at the time. We were having parties at our place almost every Saturday night back then. The party games were about the same thing as square dancing. The difference was we sang the party game instead of calling them off. I did all the singing for the party games. Udell came to some of our parties, but I never saw him because he didn't come inside and only watched through the window. In 1932, we moved back to Oklahoma. Daddy married after staying single for eight years. My stepmother had seven children, four at home, and Daddy had seven children, five at home. We children were not content at all with our stepsisters and stepbrothers so we decided to move out to ourselves.

In the fall of 1934 we children, Harlon, Florence, Bertha and I made up our minds to come to the Munger Farm and pull bolls. We got a one-room house on the Munger Farm. One week a medicine show came to KMA. Daddy had come to visit us and we decided to go to the medicine show. We didn't have a car, so we walked. After all it wasn't that far. That night Udell happened to see me and recognized me from seeing me at the parties. I found out later that Clyde Lewis, a neighbor, had bet Udell $5 he couldn't go with me. Evidently Udell had already learned from Clyde that we lived in the little one-room house. Udell had loaned his car, a 1931 Model A, to his brother so he had walked to the medicine show. He saw me standing in the back of a truck. He came up to me and asked if he could walk me home. Since I had never met him, I'm sure had I not been with my Daddy, sisters and brother, I wouldn't have answered him with a yes. On the way home we crossed a slough that had some boards laid across it to walk on. Udell took me by the hand and helped me across. He told me later, when he was helping me walk across the boards, if we ever married, he was going to remind me of this.

It was love at first sight for both of us, and we were married Nov. 3, 1934. My brother, Harlon, and sister, Bertha, married in September and October. My brother moved back to Oklahoma, and I went over to stay with him and his wife Cleo (Smith) Woodall. We weren't there but a few days until Udell came over ready to get married. We went to Frederick, Okla. to get our license and went to Brother Henry Heffner's house to be married. He was a Baptist minister who pastored the church I attended before moving to Texas. He had baptized me in his horse tank at the back of his place. When I was 17 years old, he married us there in his living room. Udell asked him to marry us in the car and he said "No, you'll have to come into the house."

We came back to the Munger Farm and moved into the same house we children had just moved out of. The house was next to the barn. It made Udell's job handy since he was employed on the Munger Farm. He worked for $1 a day and made an extra quarter at night for feeding the mules. Udell sold his car to his father for $35 in order for us to buy some extra things we needed to set up housekeeping. We married on Saturday and moved out to ourselves on Monday. Two months later we had a baby on the way. We moved into Iowa Park about July of 1935. Sept. 26, 1935, our first son, Clinton Geral, was born. Mrs. R.N. Watson, Lester Watson's stepmother was the first neighbor to come to see me. Geral almost had yellow jaundice. He was so tiny, only five pounds, and I was so young. She told me to give him a drop or two of quinine. Another neighbor came to see me and told me not to give him quinine or you'll kill him. I just decided to use my own remedy. Every morning I gave him a teaspoon of castor oil and all the onion tea I could get him to take. He came out of it so fast and by the time he was five months old, he was fat and doing real good.

When Geral was five months old, we moved in with Mr. John Bates, father of the local barber, Forest Bates, and we took care of him for our rent. Then the W.P.A. started and Udell went to work on it. He was paid $19 a month. The neighbors who came to see Geral said "I didn't think you would ever raise that baby," Well, to see him now, in 1988, weighing about 205 pounds, you would never dream he was ever that small.

When Geral was 17 months old, another son, Jimmy Joe, was born on March 8, 1937. He was a picture of health, short and fat. For some reason the W.P.A. closed down and Udell couldn't find work. The depression was closing in pretty hard. We were living on Carl Hoffman's daddy's place about four miles east of Iowa Park. We couldn't pay our rent and another baby was on the way. We moved in the house with Udell's daddy, Jim Frazier, and about three weeks later, on the 25th day of April, 1939, our third son, Bobby Wayne, was born. Since I wanted a girl so much, I tried to make a girl out of Bobby. It just didn't work out that way. So finally I started dressing him in boys clothes. I hated to since he looked so sweet in his little dresses.

The W.P.A. started up again and Udell went to work this time for $36 a month. Things began to pick up in April of 1942. We moved back to the same place on West Ruby that we had lived in 1935. This was in the spring after World War II had been declared in December, 1941. I will never forget that winter we were all sitting around the breakfast table, when my brother Bill came out and told us that war had been declared, and that Pearl Harbor had just been bombed by the Japanese. Udell got by for a while before he received a call to go because he had three children. He went to work on the Katy Railroad and the future was looking good. He was making fairly good wages.

When World War II was declared, we had gone up on the Plains in Oct. of 1941 to stay a while at my brother's place to pull bolls for him. Geral didn't turn six in time to go to school that fall. The last day out there, we told the children if they would work real hard we would go home the next day. Talk about working! Those kids were homesick. Geral was six years old, Jimmy was four. Bobby wasn't old enough to pull cotton since he was only two. Geral pulled 236 pounds and Jimmy pulled 227 pounds of boles, and their middles were white with boles of cotton from them missing their sacks. They didn't take time to see if they hit the sack or the ground with the boles. We came home the next day, which was in January or February, 1942. The children were happy to be going home.

Then in March, 1945, Uncle Sam called for him. He is sent to California, getting ready to go overseas. But in May his brother, Leo, passed away at the age of 32. Udell got a leave to attend his brother's funeral. The day Leo was buried, I went to the hospital and another son was born. The family wanted him named after Leo, so we named him Danny Leo. Since Bobby had been our baby for six years, Danny really brought happiness to me, Udell and the children. When Danny was two or three days old, Udell had to return to the camp where he found that his regiment had already been shipped out. They were way out to sea when the war ended in 1945. So even though the war had ended, Udell's regiment had to go on overseas to help rebuild Germany. Since Udell had missed his ship, he remained in the states and was sent to Arizona to guard prisoners of war. The prisoners were picking cotton at Phoenix, Ariz. and Udell was stationed at Papago Park. His job was to see that none of the prisoners escaped. Udell was discharged from the Army on Dec. 11, 1945. The medals he received were for rifle sharpshooter, World War II Victory medal and a Signal Corps button. Signal Corps is the branch he served in while in the Army.

In 1946 he rented Fenton Dale's farm about three miles southeast of Iowa Park. The government gave Udell $90 a month to make the crop. By getting the $90, when we gathered our crop in the fall everything we made was in the clear. Our boys were small but we managed to do all the hoeing with just a little help. Udell took care of all the plowing. While gathering the crop we came near to having a terrible tragedy. I was taking care of the weights and we had just finished weighing enough for two bales of cotton. Udell started the motor up on the truck, getting ready to pull out for the gin. I had been so busy with the weights that I had let Danny, he was about 18 months old at the time, slip my mind. All at once I heard a scream from Rosie Bohannon and I realized it was Danny.

I was terrified and started screaming at Udell as loud as I could scream as I was running to the back of the truck. I grabbed the back of the truck, pulling back with all my might, still screaming at Udell. Every time a wheel turned over I just knew it would get Danny. Udell finally heard me and stopped the truck just in time, not knowing what was about to happen, that Danny was under the truck. Danny must have been next to the front wheel of the truck playing. It seemed to me the wheels turned over several times before stopping. We ran to the side of the truck and there sat Danny right under the back wheel. If the wheels had turned over one more time, it would have run over him. Thanks to Rosie Bohannon for saving his life by seeing him and screaming. Rosie passed away several years ago.

Udell went to work for John B. Barbour Trucking Co. as a mechanic, and from that to operating an 18 wheeler road truck. He was on the road most of the time.

We bought our first home from John B. Barbour in 1952 at 504 West Alameda. We were all happy to find out that we were going to have another baby. We just knew we would get the little daughter we had been looking for all these years. Danny, our youngest son, was then eight years old. On Aug. 12, 1954, our fifth son was stillborn. Jimmy named him Charles Leroy. If Charles had lived we would have loved him just as we did our other boys, and been just as happy. We were deeply saddened by our loss.

Dr. Clark was our family doctor all through the years. For some time the office charge was $2, then he went up to $3 for an office call.

After losing our baby, I went to work for McCrory's 5-10¢ Store in Wichita Falls. While I was employed there we remodeled the store and changed to self-service. I was working 48 hours a week, and my wages were $25 a week. The take home pay was $19. After going to self-service, the wage law changed and the company had to pay $1 an hour. I worked for McCrory's five and one-half years before leaving.

Then I went to work for T.G.&Y. in the toy department. I worked there 16 and one-half years and retired on my 65th birthday.

We lived in the house on Alameda 20 years. Then our brother-in-law, Elmo Weaver, built a house in the south part of town and we bought it from him and moved to the south side in 1972.

During this time, Geral, Jimmy and Bobby had all married and were out on their own. Geral married Mary June Richerson of Electra July 16, 1955. Geral has been a lifelong resident of Iowa Park. He is 53 years old and has been employed by International Trucking Co. for several years. In 1986 he purchased his own wrecker and started his own business. Geral and Mary June have two sons and one daughter. Geral Dwayne works for Lifeline in Wichita Falls. He married Deborah Daymude. They have two children, Mary Amanda and Michael. Geral Dwayne has worked at the fire department for several years and served for a time as fire marshall of Iowa Park. Ricky Earl married Linda Kay Cates. They have two children, Amanda Nicole and Kevin Earl. Ricky has been employed in the grocery business since he was 16 years old. Nancy June still lives at home and has worked for MBank for several years.

Jimmy Joe married Peggy Tigrett of Holliday in December, 1954. He is a Pentecostal minister living in Hot Springs, Ark. They have two sons. One son, Michael Joe, is married and has four children, two girls and two boys, and they live in Hot Springs. The other son, Nathan Brent, is married and has one son, Erick.

Bobby Wayne married Patsy Lee. He has been employed by Bridwell Oil Co. for several years as a pusher. He and Pat have two daughters and one son. Kathy and Sandra both are married and both are employed by the Wichita County Sheriff's Dept. Sandra is married to G.S. Smith. Kathy is now married to Mark Brewer and she has three children, Brandy, Ashley and Trinity. Steven Wayne married Pamela Stone. They have a daughter, Ember.

When Bobby was 10 years old, he had a steady job as a race horse trainer for Wilburn Bedford. Wilburn paid him $20 a week. He started working for the Bedfords when he was nine, mowing their lawn and working in the flower beds, after school and on weekends.

Geral and Jimmy both worked for Ed Holder at the age of 16, operating an 18 wheeler grain truck. They worked around the clock. Geral never had an accident while working for Ed. Jimmy turned over the 18 wheeler one time, and another time almost hit a car. He managed to miss it by turning into a filling station and ran between two posts. People said they didn't know how he managed to get between the two posts. When he went to sleep and turned the truck over he crawed out the windshield. He was talking to a passerby and the passerby said "I'll bet whoever was in that truck didn't come out alive." Jimmy said "Yes he did, you are talking to him."

In 1964, Udell went to work for the City of Iowa Park as Water Pumper. He also operated the back hoe for the Street Department and the dozer for the landfill. He retired from the city in 1977. After retiring he has worked off and on operating the dozer at the landfill for the city and also operated the dozer for Glen Scott. He worked on the construction for the 287 expressway road north of Iowa Park. While he was working on the expressway his picture was taken and put on exhibit at the Texas Oklahoma Fair here in Iowa Park before the buildings caught fire and burned.

When Danny, our fourth son, was 18 years old he joined the Army and served three years. Soon after coming home, he and Stella Fowler were married. they had a son, Jessy Lee, and a daughter, Tina Jo. Jessy came to live with me and Udell when he was 12. When he was 17 he married Lisa Tyner. Tina Jo is married to Kenneth Becker II who is in the Marines. They have two children, a daughter Morgan, age two, and a son, Kenneth III, four months old.

Udell and I have 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Sephue Woodall, my Daddy, would have had his 100th birthday, had he lived, on the 18th day of Feb., 1988. Mary Elizabeth Dykes Woodall would have been 100 years old the 8th day of May, 1988. Daddy passed away in 1969 and is buried in Snyder, Okla. Mama died Sept. 15, 1925 and is buried in Frederick, Okla.

Fact

Joe Whitfield, Central Texas recording star, recently bought a new pick for his guitar.

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THE FAMILY OF MR. AND MRS. HILL SPRUIELL
. . . Walter, Bill, Joel, Mr. Spruiell, Evelyn, Mrs. Spruiell, Dewey, Glen, Jack and Dan.

Spruiell

Abraham Carmichael Spruiell was born Aug. 20, 1849 in Georgia. He died March 5, 1914 in Hubbard, Tex. His wife, Martha Amanda Norris, was born Feb. 4, 1850, and died Dec. 17, 1942, while living in Electra. Both are buried in Hubbard.

Abraham and Martha Amanda Norris were married in Wolf Creek, St. Clair County, Alabama in December, 1869. From this union seven sons: John, Abe, George, Sam, Robert, Hill, and Will; four daughters: Fannie, Mollie, Lillie, and Jewel were born.

The Spruiell family, except Fannie, who married and lived her entire life in Alabama, moved to Hill County, Tex. in 1893.

"They moved at night to avoid the planned kidnapping of daughter, Mollie, by an avid suitor with marriage intentions. Neighbors guarded the family who traveled by wagon to the train station where they boarded a train and headed for Texas."

Upon arriving in Texas, Abraham and family began farming in Hill County. In 1907, they purchased a farm north of Sweetwater. This farm remained in the family until 1968.

In 1919, Hill moved his family to Wichita County whre he "teamed" in the waning Burk Oil Boom and the new Kamay Field which was just starting. Robert and Sam soon joined him and also teamed. Using their teams (wagons, horses or mules), they moved oil field equipment and dug pits in the oil fields. When the Kamay Field began to fail, Archer County came alive. Hill and Bob moved houses from Kamay to Archer County. Sam purchased a grocery store in Kamay. Ruth and Jewel Spruiell Emmons (Sister Jewell, as she was called) operated a boarding house, which provided room and food during this time.

When work began to slow in this area, they moved back to the farm at Sweetwater in the 1920's, where they remained until the 1930's.

In 1933, Hill and Ruth moved east of Iowa Park to the W.F. George farm where he was engaged in farming and dairying until his death in 1975. They purchased their home in Iowa Park in May of 1968 and moved into town. Both were active members of the Church of Christ.

Along with Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Dwyer (J.J. and Bertha) and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Hines, Ruth and Hill were the primary organizers of the "Senior Citizens", now known as "The Friendly door." Hill's family was the first Spruiells to move to Wichita County.

Hill married Ruth Nunn Dec. 24, 1911. Hill was born Feb. 9, 1890 and died June 18, 1975. Ruth was born June 13, 1893 and died Nov. 29, 1982. They had one daughter, Evelyn, and seven sons, Joel, Dewey, Jack, Dan, Glen, Bill and Walter.

Evelyn married Duncan Y. Qualline Nov. 19, 1934. They had two children, D.Y. and Gwendolyn, who passed away at the age of five years (1935-1940). There are two grandchildren, Ronney and Felicia, and two great-grandsons. Evelyn and Duncan moved from the Iowa Park area to Oklahoma City in 1940, where she still resides. Duncan died in October, 1971, at age 68.

Joel married Violet Shipman of Iowa Park on Dec. 31, 1935. They reside in Iowa Park. They have two children, David and Sue of Dallas, and two grandsons. Both are active Senior Citizens.

Dewey married Polly Phillips Dec. 20, 1947. They have three children, Paula John, Glenda Key, and Johnny, and six grandchildren. All reside in this area.

Jack married Violet Dillard in 1946. They had two children, Jacky of Colorado, and Nancy of Michigan, and five grandchildren. Jack and Violet lived in California for many years. Jack died Dec. 5, 1971. He was 53 years old. Violet died the following year on Nov. 28, 1972, at age 52.

Dan married Patsy Jones Nov. 15, 1948. They have four sons, Doug, Rusty, Wes and Barry, and four grandchildren. They all live in Iowa Park.

Glen married Joyce Robertson Nov. 19, 1949. They have three children, Beckye House of Iowa Park, Steve of Massachusetts, and Stan of Wichita Falls, and four grandchildren.

Bill married Aretas (Reat) Fish Oct. 15, 1951. They have four children, Judy Smith of Gainesville, Jan Clapp of Iowa Park, Jeff of College Station, and Joe of Houston. There are five grandchildren, with another expected in late Oct. Bill, who was born Jan. 3, 1931, died Aug. 20, 1986.

Walter married Wilma Thompson Jan. 13, 1951. They have two sons, Jerry and Duncan and two grandsons. They all live in Iowa Park.

Samuel (Sam) Spruiell was born Jan. 16, 1883, in Pell City, Ala. He married Jewell Emmons (born June 24, 1892) on March 21, 1909. They had two daughters, Peggy and Pauline, and three grandchildren.

Sam was a self-taught man, as his school days did not extend beyond the third grade. A niece said "Uncle Sam read only the best literature to improve his mind." He was an avid Bible student. It is said that he read and knew the Bible thoroughly, and was known to correct anyone who misquoted the scriptures. He had many occupations during his lifetime. He teamed with brothers Hill and Bob; owned and operated a grocery store; was a barber; shoe drummer; pool hall operator, and was a deputy sheriff of Wichita County in the Kamay area during World War II.

During his term as a deputy, Governor Bufford Jester appointed Sam to the Texas Rangers. He was a Democratic delegate for many years.

In 1910, Sam was awarded the Carnegie Life Saving Medal. Mr. Lon Hall was working in the bottom of a well and had been overcome by "heavy air" (gas fumes). Sam climbed down into the well, tied a rope around Mr. Hall and pulled him out of the well with help from Bill and Mrs. Hicks.

It is remembered that he was quite a story teller, and the younger people liked to gather around and listen to his tales, mostly funny stores about himself.

Two stories told among family: "While operating the pool hall, the preacher walked in and said, "Mr. Spruiell, I try to be as near like Jesus Christ as I can." Sam replied, "Well preacher, if you believe as you say you do, I'd sell that new car out there and get me an ass to ride like Christ did."

Mr. Kemp and Mr. Munger owned large irrigated farms out in the Kamay/Valley View area. They built a small school house on the Munger farm for the children of the black workers. Sam was on the school board. He asked one of the little boys "Who is president of the United States?" The little boy replied, "Mr. Kemp." Sam asked, "Who is the governor of Texas?" The little boy replied, "Mr. Munger."

Sam and Jewel lived in Kamay until his death. He passed away on Ruth and Hill's 50th wedding anniversary, Dec. 24, 1961. Jewel passed away Jan. 20, 1984.

Robert (Bob) Spruiell (born Feb. 5, 1885) married Flora Perkins March 5, 1905. They reared two daughters, Roxie and Georgia, and four sons, Merle, Olin, Jiggs and Barney. They had 19 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren. They lived in and around this area many years before moving to Velonia, Ark., where they lived until their deaths. Bob was 82 years old when he died July 6, 1967, and Flora died in May of 1988 at the age of 101 years.

William (Will) Lealous Spruiell (born Apr. 10, 1892) wed Berta Lucinda Hicks on Apr. 12, 1912. They reared three sons, Euel of Petrolia, Lowell and Durwood. There were 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. They came to this area in the 1920's. Will worked in the oil fields delivering bits for Mr. Henry Muschek. He eventually purchased a farm south of Iowa Park, where he farmed and dairyed until moving into Iowa Park, at which time he retired. Will died July 17, 1987, at the age of 95. Berta (born Apr. 10, 1892) died July 17, 1976, at the age of 83.

Lillie Spruiell (born 1887 - died 1946) married Bob Madera (born 1883 - died 1935). They had two daughters, Opal Watkins and Ethel Lennen (both reside at Possum Kingdom Lake) and one son, the late Clyde Madera of Iowa Park (born Arp. 3, 1912 - died July 1, 1980). They had seven grandchildren. Lillie and Bob moved from Windgate to Wichita County, where he worked in the oil fields and was a pumper until his death.

Mollie Spruiell married John Madera (brother of Bob) in Hubbard, Tex. and lived there until their deaths. Mollie visited in Iowa Park frequently after being widowed. They had two girls, Ruth and Ruby, and one son, Dewey. All lived in the Hubbard area.

John Spruiell (born 1870 in Alabama) married Mary Alverson. They lived in the Hubbard area from the time they came to Texas from Alabama. They had seven children, Claude, Fannie, Bertie, Myrtle, Elsie, Seth Ward, and Estell. John worked briefly in Wichita County during the oil boom, and returend to Hubbard where he died at the age of 89.

Katy Jewell Spruiell (born Feb. 12, 1896 in Stancil, Tex.) married Randolph Emmons, brother of Jewel Emmons (Sam's wife). They reared one son, Donald, and three girls, Edna Earl, Billie, and LaNell. They lived in Cleburne and Hubbard before moving to Wichita County where Randolph was a pumper for Magnolia Co. After a few years, they moved to Pampa, Tex. where he retired and where they lived until their deaths.

Abraham Carmichael Jr. (Abe) Spruiell, (born Dec. 11, 1879, died Apr. 25, 1933,) married Viola Cranfill (born Apr. 18, 1879 - died 1970). The date of their marriage is unknown. He was a Baptist preacher during his lifetime, and he also farmed. They had six children: four boys, Claude, Lois, Leldon, and Bonny, and two girls, Bill and Maude. One of the daughters, Bill Spruiell Everette, 80 years old, now resides in Iowa Park with her husband, Artie. She's quoted as saying, "I'm glad I was born a Spruiell, because I sure would have hated to marry one."

Bob and George Spruiell married the Perkins sisters; Lille and Mollie married the Madera brothers; Sam and Jewel Spruiell married borther and sister Jewel and Randolph Emmons.

Hatten

Kathleen left her parents, Clarence and Maud Scales, and her brother, Clay, in Chico when she boarded the train for Iowa Park. She arrived on Sunday, Feb. 12, 1924 and spent the first few days at the Park Hotel.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Clark were also living there and took Kathleen to the Methodist Church. She joined and was a member there 62 years.

She remembers a Chataqua held in a tent east of the hotel while she was there. Kathleen went to work as a stenographer and bookkeeper at the G.H. Golden Hardware & Implement Company on Cash Street.

She lived with Mrs. Alice Trice and her daughter, then moved in October to room and board with Mrs. Frances Gauntt and Emma Gauntt.

She recalls the rodeo which attracted famous cowboys to the Burnett Ranch in 1924 and the dance at the Burnett Home.

She joined the Eastern Star that year and is still a life member of that chapter.

She says Hub Deloy was the evangelist for a tent revival east of the Park Hotel in the late 1920s.

Kathleen met James (Jim) Harvey Hatten, a long-time resident of the Iowa Park area, while she was working at the hardware store. They were married in 1926 by Brother H.C. Hand.

Jim worked with teams of horses digging slush pits during the Burkburnett and Kamay oil booms. He later worked for Commissioner Miles Hines. Kathleen was a cashier for Saul's Department Store in the late 1920s.

A daughter, Betty Jo, was born in 1930.

Kathleen worked for C.M. Miller Lumber Company, which was located where the Savings and Loan building now is, in the late 1940s.

Jim died in November of 1957.

Mrs. Hatten then worked as a receptionist at the Park Clinic five years and for Dr. T.H. Myers in Wichita Falls 23 years.

Betty Jo graduated from Iowa Park High School, attended Midwestern University, and graduated from Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth. She married Dean Jackson, son of Bob and Lois Jackson of Iowa Park, and they moved to Pasadena, Tex. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Dean has retired from Mobile, and Betty is the program director at First United Methodist Church in Pasadena.

Kathleen Hatten moved to Pasadena in April 1986. She misses her friends in Iowa Park, but is very happy in Pasadena.

Your C of C

Recent new residents of Iowa Park include Cliff Maufood, Frank Acuff, E. Robbins, J.E. Pennington, John Huff, C.J. Chadwick and Mrs. G.G. Holden. On behalf of the citizenry, the Chamber of Commerce welcomes them to the Town of Friendly Living.

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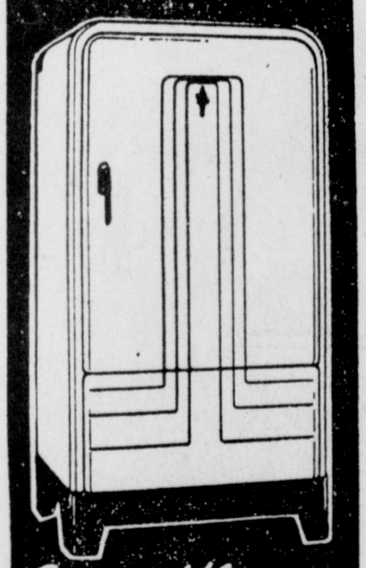

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Drug stores provided more than medicines

By Malcolm Berry, 1963
While a student at UT School of Pharmacy

Early in the year 1888, the nucleus of what was to become the thriving little city of Iowa Park was beginning to take form. This nucleus, a small group of farmers and their families, had trekked from Iowa to Texas in search of a likely spot to settle and "make their fortunes."

After they had crossed the Red River, they found themselves facing vast fertile plains. They chose this spot to start their community. These settlers were anxious to develop a beautiful community as well as a prosperous one. It was with this thought in mind that they included several wooded areas, to be maintained as parks, in the original charter of the town.

Since they were from Iowa and were a little nostalgic about their home state, they decided to name the little town Iowa Park -- Iowa for their state and Park for the lovely parks within the small settlement.

From the first, the little city thrived. Soon the need was felt for businesses other than grocery stores, blackmith shops and livery stables. In 1889, shortly after the little community had come into being, the first pharmacy opened its doors. James A. Stone was the owner of this first "drug" store. It has not been possible to ascertain whether Mr. Stone was a registered pharmacist, but very probably he was not.

In those days its was relatively unimportant whether the owner or operator of a drug store was a pharmacist because practically all of their "drug" business was in patent medicines. The rest of the business handled by the operators of these stores was in notions, cosmetics and toiletries.

Mr. Stone sold the business after a few years to J.F. Feed, M.D., who combined the drug business with his medical practice. He prescribed and [illegible] He found this duo-business very satisfactory and profitable.

In 1896, a second drug store was established in Iowa Park by Mr. J.F. Greenly. It was called the Palace Drug. Greenly operated the store until 1899 when he sold it to J.A. Smythe, registered pharmacist, from Bonham. However, he sold few prescriptions because Dr. Reed filled almost all needed prescriptions from his own black bag. Smythe's store sold patent drugs, writing materials, some sporting goods, and a few cosmetics.

In 1901, Dr. Reed bought Smythe out and consolidated the two pharmacies. He had the only drug store in town for a period of six years. In 1907, Dr. Jim Spoonts opened another store in Iowa Park but was forced to close for lack of business. This was easily understandable when it is noted that the city had a population of 675 at this time.

There were several changes of ownership in the drug business during the next few years. J.A. Moore purchased the Reed drug store in 1908 and operated it until 1910 when he sold it to Mr. Kilcrease, another registered pharmacist. He kept the store until 1918 when he sold it to Mr. Sumner and Mr. Tate who had the first partnership operation of a drug business in Iowa Park. This partnership lasted two years.

In 1920 the store was sold to Mr. Alexander from Childress. He kept it only a very short time and sold it to Dr. T.P. Lynch, the second M.D. to operate a drug business in Iowa Park. In 1922 Dr. Lynch sold the store to Earl Davis.

Mr. I.W. Austin purchased the store from Mr. Davis and operated it for approximately 23 years.

The rapid changes in ownership during the early 1900s were due mainly to the economic conditions of the area during this time. The country around Iowa Park was used mostly for farming. Hence the farmers were the primary customers of the early pharmacies. Since the farmers could pay their bills during the harvest season (once a year), most of the business was, of necessity, done on credit.

In 1945, the store was bought by its present owner, Alan Berry, a registered pharmacist from Colemen. When Mr. Berry bought the store he found he had purchased an interesting array of pharmaceutical products. Among them was a 1908 Lilly General Catalogue with the pharmaceutical preparations for Succus Alternate, Liquid Blaud, plain and with arsenic, Webster's Dinner Pills and Mass of Ergot which was used for making vaginal tampons and suppositories.

An inventory of the rest of the stock disclosed many other items of peculiar interest. These include crude drug bottles and jars for crude drugs bearing the Latin Botanical names plainly inscribed on the glass stopper bottles, old suppository and pill molds, old prescriptions for making cosmetics, hand shakers for making milk shakes, old-fashioned wire soda stools, an antique but operable ice cream cabinet (the first model manufactured by Frigidaire) and an old dispensary without date or cover. There were indications that some of the materials were from forty to fifty years old.

In the bulk drug department was evidence that all items now classified as wets and drys were purchased in five gallon quantities and that some bulk drugs such as Epsom Salts, Boric Acid and other household remedies were purchased in 100-pound barrels.

In contrast to the drugstore of 1945, Berry's Drug today has facilities in a modern, spacious building located three doors down from the original site. The store now handles a wide variety of articles. The main department, however, is the drug department. Mr. Berry fills on the average of forty prescriptions per day including refills.

Berry Drug has a complete line of veterinary supplies to fill the needs of the dairy farmers and ranchers in this booming cattle country. The store also contains a full line of cosmetics, jewelry, records, sheet music, magazines, paperback novels, toilet articles, patent medicines, and fountain treats. It also serves as the local bus terminal.

Business prospered until the death of Mr. Berry in September of 1961. The following June, 1962, the store was sold to A.K. Settle of Wichita Falls. Mr. Settle, pharmacist UT 1941, had previously been employed with the Walgreen Store in Wichita Falls for a period of 20 years.

The business of pharmacy in Iowa Park has come a long way since its beginning in 1889.

. . . and some confusion

By Lita Huggins Watson

Separating the history of at least two drug stores in Iowa Park proves to be very confusing with no early newspapers to draw on. In Mrs. Warner's poem for the band entertainment in 1892, she mentions two drug stores, Stone and Greenlee.

According to notes from Fenton Dale, he and Glen Kilcrease, son of the former owner, purchased the Rexall Drug Store about 1918. An advertisement in 1939 notes that this store was founded in 1908. Around 1920, T.M. Clark purchased the interest of Kilcrease and he and Mr. Dale, his brother-in-law, operated the store until they sold to Fred Hays in 1953.

Hays operated the store for a number of years in the old location on the north side of the 100 block of West Cash before he built a new building at 115 W. Park. After L.W. Teel purchased the store, he changed the name to Park Phamacy and later expanded into the area next door, formerly occupied by the *Iowa Park Herald*, adding a gift and Hallmark Card Shop. Mr. Teel closed the store in 1985 and it remained vacant for a period before being opened by pharmacist Jack Martin as a Valu-Rite pharmacy.

To bring Malcolm Berry's history of drug stores up to the present, we need to note that Mr. Settle built a new building at 120 West Park in 1972. In 1986, pharmacist Joe Hughes purchased the store which still goes by the name Settle Drug.

Louise Berry, widow of Alan Berry, has worked in this drug store on a full and part-time basis since 1945.

EARLY-DAY VIEW OF THE 100 BLOCK OF WEST CASH STREET, WITH TANNER BUILDING ON RIGHT
. . . photo was taken about turn of century, because streets were paved in 1919.

Tanner Building long-time hub of community

By Lita Huggins Watson

One of the most historic buildings in Iowa Park, formerly the Tanner Hardware Store, is now home for the Senior Citizens of Iowa Park. Friendly Door is an appropriate name for the group who now meet there each week day.

Henry Dodge was one of the men who quarried the 4-foot square blocks of sandstone which form the corners of the building. According to him, a man named Jobert carved the stone. This was confirmed by pioneer Tom Corridon, who named the other man involved in the operation as Heigle of Wichita Falls.

The general location of the quarry is on the Wichita River, south of Iowa Park. D.M. Smith acquired the nickname "Ten Cent Smith" because he charged 10 cents for the teamsters to cross his property on their way to the quarry. According to Mr. Corridon, D.M. Smith was a brother of Mrs. James Van Horn. The Smith Farm is located south of Texhoma fertilizer plant on FM 368 and was later known as the Charles Birk farm.

All accounts agree that the man who had the building constructed was Captain R.W. "Dick" Hyde. Captain Hyde fought for the southern cause for the four years of the Civil War. After the war he engaged in the cattle business and gold mining in Montana and farming in Iowa. In 1889 he came to Iowa Park where he engaged in trading and loaning money until 1893 when he established his hardware store.

For most of its life the building has served as a hardware store, with the additional features at some time of furniture store, funeral supplies and gas station. Owners in addition to Mr. Hyde were William W. and Lynn Jackson, J.A. Tanner and wife, Mae Mae and son, W.A. "Buddy" and wife Brownie. For a short time the building housed a gift wares shop owned by Jesse McCullough and Pete Koonce.

Apparently Mr. Hyde sold the store to the Jacksons around 1900 and bought it back about 1902 and then sold it to J.A. Tanner in 1908. William W. Jackson is listed on the Federal census as a hardware store. In 1900 and 1901 he was elected to the city council. According to Tom Corridon, much of the land was vacant at this time and Mr. Jackson fenced all the land he owned and the land whose owners he couldn't find including dedicated city streets and alleys and even the path to the public tank in the northeast part of town. Angry citizens were known to take wire cutters to the fence. A town meeting was called by the City Council on Dec. 21, 1901 to protest Mr. Jackson's actions. The minutes say, "Our honorable councilman and secretary, also Mr. W.W. Jackson, came in before the time of opening the council and asked the mayor protem for his book. Placing the same under his arm, walked out of the room and has not put in an appearance at this meeting since and though the kindness of young Mr. Reed, your secretary pro tem begged a few sheets of paper and has to the best of his ability given the proceedings of this session of the city council."

Apparently the well in the building was dug before construction and half the well enclosed with the first structure. When J.A. Tanner expanded the building, he enclosed served as a source of water for some of the early fires when a "bucket brigade" was the only method to fight them.

For many years a large paradise tree grew in front of the building and the tree served as a welcome shade for the public weigher, O.W. Pace. When automobiles became common, Tanner installed a gas tank and pump in the front of the store. Taylor George recalls that when he and Buddy were boys, they used to chain an occasional unsuspecting customer's bumper to the paradise tree.

The west half of the building, used by the Lions, and other buildings at the end of the block are made from molded sand. These buildings, as well as several more in that block which burned in the 1958 fire, were constructed under the direction of Overbey and Troutman.

In the early days there was no funeral parlor because funerals were conducted in the homes. When customs changed, the Tanner funeral parlor was across the street from the hardware store. Later a funeral home was constructed at the present location, 300 E. Cash. Extensively one of the most attractive buildings in the downtown area.

The funeral home was purchased in 1971 by Keith and Pat Aulds and retains the name as Tanner-Aulds. Son, Bob Aulds, is also a licensed funeral director and embalmer.

Childhood memories of Burnett home

By Anne Lowe Strome

It was open house at the Burnett Memorial Library. As I stepped out of my car, I paused to take in what I considered the breath-taking beauty of the magnificent structure built in 1922. I recalled how much fun it had been as a child romping and playing on that spacious front porch and how I had pretended it to be a stage as I sang and danced my heart out to a make-believe audience, always and ultimately to be interrupted by a spat on the back side by my mother who cautioned, "I told you not to play around here!" I never understood why, as it had been a most ideal place to sing and dance. But this house was now the new library to the hundreds of onlookers. To me, however, quite a different view of the green-topped mansion materialized that day.

I signed the guest register, exchanged many greetings, then stepped inside, oblivious thereafter to all the noise and milling of the crowd.

To my immediate left was the once glowing fireplace and atop the mantle hung his picture -- Thomas Lloyd Burnett. I shall never forget his happy smile, twinkling eyes and robust personality. As I stared at the portrait, I recalled quite vividly a certain Christmas eve when he handed my mother a blank signed check and told her to take me to Wichita and dress me from "skin in to skin out." He then gave me a big hug and a pat on the head, then went his merry way. I smiled back at the portrait that day.

Stepping out of what was once an elegantly decorated living room, I found myself in the former dining area peering wistfully out the bay windows to the back yard, the garage to the west and the servant's quarters to the east. Memories of my childhood birthday parties back there came to mind. I envisioned the attendees playing "drop-the-handkerchief," "ring-around-the-rosie," and "'hide 'n seek." I could see the opening of gifts and hear the happy squeals when mother brought out the cake and ice cream.

The crowd in the "dining room" interrupted my thoughts momentarily. Soon, however, my eyes and thoughts turned elsewhere in the house. The east room was now that portion of the library reserved as a childrens' reading room. I remembered it as having long screened windows which welcomed cool evening breezes. The windows are gone now and solid walls imprison the room.

The bedrooms as well as the kitchen were also gone - - replaced by office space. The kitchen had always been an array of activity. The cook (Richard) had so many pots and pans hanging in there that I couldn't even count that high in those days. Richard would often set me on his shoulders and let me swat the pans. Sometimes, I could even play a tune on them with the big wooden spoon he'd give me. It was great fun. And, still giggling, he would run with me on his shoulders into the front room and try to get me to pet the big moose head mounted on the wall. He had thought I would be afraid of it, but on the contrary, I would always bombard him with such questions as "why doesn't he (the moose) make any noise, " or "where is the rest of him?" At this point, he would put me down and I would run into the other room searching, in vain, for the hind-end of the animal. Taxidermy was not yet in my vocabulary.

I was surprised to find the decor of the short, narrow staircase unchanged. As I ascended it, I recalled how steep it had been as a child although in actuality it was indeed not so. The view from that last step was now that of a large meeting room filed with thick, plush carpet. The walls aglow with modern lighting. Through its beauty, however, I recalled the image of that once spacious ballroom with its glossy wooden floor and soft lights reflecting from the side walls.

The newly decorated room at the east end had once been a refreshment area for guests attending an evening of dining and dancing. A special cutaway portion of the room had once housed a baby grand piano with additional room for a few musicians. In the spring and summer months, music of the era once floated southward through multiple open doors leading to a veranda. The view from there was indeed romantic I thought

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ANN (LOWE) STROME AT AGE FOUR
. . . on steps of Burnett Home.

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Valley Farms Project considered success

An experimental project that derived out of the depression era was the Wichita Valley Farms Project. The governmental project started under the Farm Security Administration in 1936 when the federal government purchased 5,324 irrigated acres.

Land purchased lay in Wichita River valley from south of Iowa Park to the Wichita Gardens Project. John Hirschi and J.S. Bridwell sold the first 1900 acres to the government. Total cost of the land and improvements was $665,000.

Ninety-two tracts, averaging from 40 to 100 acres were surveyed out to be sold. A new wood frame house, barn with loft, chicken house, hog house, and well water pumped into the house were provided for each tract.

Selling price for each tract with improvement averaged from $2,500 to $5,000. Each note was for 40 years and carried a three percent interest rate. Before a farm could be purchased, the resident farmer had to show a profit from the farm.

Near the center of the project a community house and general store were built. The community house was used for all types of civic activities such as home demonstration meetings, community gatherings, dances and recreation for the young people. The general store was for the valley farmers to buy, sell or trade their farm-raised projects. Even a bull and jack were kept for the government project.

The Wichita Valley Farms Project, under the inspiration of Eleanor Roosevelt, gave tenant farmers the opportunity of a lifetime to own a house of their own and a chance to prove their skills and ability to provide for their families. Purchasers of the tracts in 1943 were:

Unit #	Owners	Amount	Cost	Date
1	Joseph B. Moer	60.566	3900	
2	Lee B. Trigg	69.239	4100	
3	Ernest F. Grundy	10.624		7-1-43
4	John H. Brown	57.495		6-30-43
5	Bert B. Caddell	52.332	3600	
6	John W. Wesley	52.309	3850	
7	Clinton B. Banks	45.090		6-30-43
8	Guy O. Calsoun	44.932	3500	
9	James H. Partney	54.640	3850	
10	Joe M. Johnson	10.993		7-1-43
11	Claude E. Biggs	91.065	3500	
12	Leonard S. Clements	12.953		8-1-43
13	John T. Bookout	43.132	3500	
14	Ben C. Cannedy	45.253		6-30-43
15	Ed H. White	72.288		6-30-43
16	Samuel G. Griffin	10.014	2500	
17	Alvin F. Herring	97.940	3750	
18	Ottis J. Mansell	46.121	3750	
19	Jesse B. Lewis	71.408	3500	
20	Raymond E. Byrd	5.328	2500	
21	Joseph R. Cope	66.849		
22	John B. Sanders	60.884	3500	
23	Dave H. Seigler	86.045	3750	
24	Kelly D. Levell	55.465		6-30-43
25	John T. Matthews	55.465		6-30-43
26	John W. Williamson	42.462	3000	
27	Malory E. Reneau	56.855	3300	
28	Mrs. Minnie Perry	9.816		9-1-43
29	Gail V. Mitchell	92.245		6-30-43
30	Corval R. Key	49.882	3500	
31	Fletcher W. Ramsey	59.508		6-30-43
32	Bernard Cure	51.514		6-30-43
33	Leonard T. Boren	66.889		6-30-43
34	Oscar L. Conger	73.990		6-30-43
35	Elbert Lemons	74.513		6-30-43
36	Walter L. Mathis	55.681		6-30-43
37	Thomas M. Thaxton	45.991		6-30-43
38	Lowell J. Newton	46.466	3200	
39	Louis A. Whittenberg	46.523		6-30-43
40	Chester W. Bryant	123.083		6-30-43
41	George L. Boring	105.405	4100	
42	C.H. Adams	135.047	5000	
43	Ben R. Richards	96.967		6-30-43
44	Jimmie L. Cooper	72.726	3500	
45	Bruno T. Grusendorf	84.924	3500	
46	Oscar B. Nolen, Jr.	89.172	3000	
47	Gy W. Morgan	50.758		11-1-43
48	James J. Turner	64.163	3400	
49	Jake O. Cavender	46.589	3000	
50	Ed W. Marrs	48.182		6-30-43
51	Grover C. Blackerby	45.962	3000	
52	Jeff P. Lindley	42.339	3300	
53	R. Clark Robinson	79.811		6-30-43
54	United States of America	46.176	3300	
55	Fred P. Kubala	43.766		6-30-43
56	Tom L. Dillard	43.458	4000	
57	Floyd M. Whitsell	43.330	3700	
58	Walter L. Bourn	43.555	3500	
59	Floyd I. Boyd	43.854		6-30-43
60	James B. Wilkerson	43.128	3600	
61	Floyd Kirk	46.278		6-30-43
62	Walter Taylor	65.618	4000	
63	Thomas W. Shelton	44.713		9-1-43
64	George D. Boyles	70.154	3400	
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66	Clem C. Robinson	102.876	3400	
67	L. Allen Crawford	50.989	3600	
68	Roy E. Brown	70.936		6-30-43
69	John H. Entrekin	73.838		6-30-43
70	Garland K. Martin	104.624	4000	
71	James T. Parker	122.080		6-30-43
72	Garland B. Watts	60.480		
73	Ray C. Swinburn	7.00		8-1-43
74	Luther L. Little	56.871		6-30-43
75	Nathaniel G. Entrekin	117.000		
76	Winfred B. Shook	89.198	4000	
77	Floyd D. Stermer	50.074	3200	
78	Arthur B. Stermer	56.169		6-30-43
79				
80	Ernest L. McDonald	110.738	3800	
81	Carl Moer	111.797	3800	
82	Jonnie N. Ozee	18.856		7-1-43
83	Benjamin D. Steed Sr.	48.508		6-30-43
84	Ky T. Hunter	45.987	3800	
85	Tollie E. Underwood	45.134		6-30-43
86	Carl L. McKinnon	45.393		
87	William N. House	43.913		
88	Benjamin D. Steed Jr.	45.265		
89	Roy R. Yarbrough	48.609		
90	William G. Partney	66.992		
91	Chester K. Barnes	3.264		7-1-43
92	Emmitt J. Shook	67.427	3500	

(Note: There is not a #65 or #79 unit)

PLEASANT VALLEY

For Monday's chapel program several impromptu numbers were given. Sybil Stricklin gave "Childrens Hour." Billie Lee Guthrie recited "The Arrow and the Song." Robert Gilliland read Kilmer's "Trees."

"The Grand Old Girl" at the Pickwick Theatre was attended Monday night by all the teachers and the following pupils from our school: Dorotha Lange, Dorothy Davis, Dean Beeler, Jack Swofford, Allen Dee Guthrie and Charles Agee.

"The Child Four Square," a Founder's Day pageant, was presented Thursday afternoon at the Parent-Teacher meeting. Those taking part were: Mrs. John Cunningham, president; Mrs. G.E. Hathaway, former president; Miss Mattie Beeler, teacher; Annie Means, visitor; and children, Dorotha Lange, Buddy Cunningham, Nell Ruth Downing, and Mona Mae Swofford.

Preston Roberts is a new pupil in our sixth grade. He came from Austin School in Wichita Falls.

Morris Scott of City View School entered our seventh grade class.

Wesley Davis and Mildred Bevins are absent this week from the fourth and fifth grade classes.

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Park Clinic News

Mr. and Mrs. Pastusek became parents of a girl and a boy on July 4.

E.H. Willeford had minor surgery, July 6.

Fred Thompson was admitted to Wichita General hospital for treatment on July 7.

Mrs. W.A. Harris received major surgery on July 9.

Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Nichols are parents of a daughter born July 9. Mrs. Nichols is the former Miss June Robinson. Mr. Nichols is in service overseas.

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1935 AERIAL VIEW OF KAMAY, looking east over FM 258, shows dramatic development of that community in late stage of oil boom. Note the two derricks on right.

House calls, kitchen-table operations things of past

By Lita Huggins Watson

House calls may be a thing of the past, but so are operations done on the kitchen table by kerosene light and with little or no anesthetic. Surely no field of endeavor has advanced more rapidly than medicine in the past 100 years.

Epidemics which threatened the early settler are unknown to us today. Unfortunately, some new ones have taken their places. Malaria ran rampant among the Indians in the 1880s and relief was obtained with calomel and quinine prescribed by an early Wichita Falls physician, Dr. S.H. Burnside.

Mrs. Ferren Kildow's diary mentions smallpox raging in "The Park" in 1901. Now smallpox is almost a thing of the past and vaccinations are no longer required of children entering school. Typhoid outbreaks were common in the early days.

In 1912 and 1913 a spinal meningitis epidemic hit this area. Dr. W.H. Ogden, longtime Electra physician, traveled to Dallas to learn how to inject a special serum into the spinal column. He returned with a supply of serum and successfully used it on 19 patients.

Spanish influenza swept the country in 1918 with many deaths resulting. An informative pamphlet pulished by the United States Public Health Service recommended the preventative measures of eating healthful foods, especially milk, and balancing work, play and rest. "Cover up each cough and sneeze, if you don't you'll spread the disease." Not bad advice, even 70 years and countless medical advances later.

Polio epidemics, especially bad in the 1940s and 1950s, were finally made a thing of the past with the vaccine developed by Jonas Salk. Wichita County Medical Society sponsored the distribution of the vaccine, administered in three separate doses, in 1962 and 1963.

The scourge of tuberculosis sent many a person west searching for a more healthful climate with drier air. In 1951, the annual health clinic was set up in the Metz Appliance Store. Free X-Rays were offered to the public as a screening method for detecting tuberculosis. Iowa Park had the highest percentage per capita of the 10,491 people in the county who had a chest X-ray during the three-week drive. Earle Denny was the local chairman and Mrs. C.E. Birk, chairman of voluntary workers.

When Tom Corridon, Jr. was born in 1889, it was a Dr. Gilium who delivered him at the Section House of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway. He liked to tell this story on his father, Tom Corridon, Sr., who was section foreman for the railroad. It seems that he was sitting out on the front porch of the section house awaiting the baby's birth with C.L. McCollough, assistant postmaster, when baby Tom let out the first squawk. "Well," said Tom Sr. "it's here. Let's go have a drink."

A medical and surgery directory, published in 1890, lists the population of Iowa Park as 150 with two doctors. They were Thomas N. Bingham and R.S. Sims. The same directory for 1896 lists four doctors: Edwin W. Garberich, John A. Landis, Pratt, and J. Fleetwood Reed.

Dr. Reed, who graduated from the medical department of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, TN, came to Iowa Park in the spring of 1891. He not only practiced medicine here, but had a small drug store in the 100 block of West Cash St. He served on the Iowa Park City Council from 1898 to 1900 and as mayor from 1900 to 1902. When he left office, the City Council minutes record that he very faithfully performed his whole duty as acting treasurer as well as mayor. The record shows the following condition: "nothing in the treasury when elected, and when he goes out of office, he turns over in cash to the treasurer, $27.25." Dr. Reed moved to Wichita Falls in 1904 where he coninued to practice medicine and also engaged in the oil business.

The only physicians listed on the 1900 Federal Census of Iowa Park are John M. Bell and Willis P. Dooley. It was Dr. Bell who delivered Lottie Denny Lochridge. Active in the prohibition movement and medical organizations, he moved to Wichita Falls about 1910. Elected mayor there in 1912, he announced for re-election in 1914. However, he died in February of that year as the result of an appendicitis operation in his home.

Other early physicians, recalled by pioneers Lottie Denny Lochridge and Fenton Dale were Dr. Tate, Dr. Landis, Dr. Robinson and Dr. D.W. Clark.

City Council minutes note the appointment of Dr. C.F. Pollard as City Health Officer in 1917.

Dr. O.L. Woodall came here about 1918 and practiced for a number of years. His son was Rollins Woodall, a long-time employee of Barbour Trucking. Dr. H.D. Fillmore was here from 1923 until he moved to Wichita Falls in 1927. His son is Judge Clyde Fillmore of Wichita Falls. Dr. W.N. Dean was here in 1930. Dr. T.P. Lynch was physician to pioneer rancher Tom Burnett at the time of his death in 1938.

Other physicians giving an Iowa Park address in Texas Medical Certificate Register are Dr. J.A. Witte, Dr. John Robert Dill, Dr. I.N. Robertson, Dr. David J. Walter, and Dr. E.C. Foster. No other information has been found on these men.

Unique to the history of Iowa Park was the family of physicians who practiced here for so many years. Dr. Frank "Dad" Clark, a graduate of the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, practiced medicine in Stephens, Knox and Archer Counties before coming here in 1913. He was soon joined by son, Joe Frank Clark, a recent medical college graduate. Dr. Gordon Clark, another son, associated with them in the medical practice in 1921. T.M. Clark was still another son of "Dad" Clark. Affectionately known as "Doc Tommy," he was a dentist who preferred pharmacy and operated the Rexall Drug Store here for some thirty years with his brother-in-law, Fenton Dale.

Dr. Gordon Clark practiced alone for many years after the death of his father in 1931 and after J. Frank moved to Abilene. For many years the office was located above the Rexall Drug Store on the north side of the 100 block of West Cash. Next he operated a hospital in a two-story house in the 200 block of West Alameda. In 1951 Dr. John L. Steele became associated with Dr. Clark. That same year, the present Park Clinic was constructed at 310 West Alameda.

Dr. Steele left in 1953 to move to Ohio. Also associated with Dr. Clark in the early 1950s was a Dr. Latham. In 1956 Dr. William E. Huddleston practiced at Park Clinic. In 1958, Dr. Russel T. Land, a graduate of Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery set up practice in an office at the corner of Wall and Aldine Streets. Apparently,

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Memories

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now. As I peered out those doors it was easy to block out the multitude of houses now occupying the once barren land.

Loud screams and laughter of children running up and down the steps again interrupted my thoughts and I was stirred back to reality. I paused at the top of the steps to take one long last look. Tears began to trickle down my face as I glanced across the crowd and caught a glimpse of mother and daddy taking in the new sights. I'm sure they were reminiscing, too.

It had been just an ordinary open house at a library, but to me a day of memories when my daddy was the private chauffeur to Mr. Burnett, and we (mother, daddy and I) lived out back in the servant's quarters. Those days were, of course, comparable to the lifestyles of the rich and famous-of which we are neither. But, ahh-the memories-are very much so!

Fact

Mr. and Mrs. Reaves Overbey and son, Tec went to Denton Saturday to attend the regional meeting of the Interscholastic League meet.

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The Butcher Wagon Yard

By Lita Huggins Watson

In the days when the chief mode of transportation was the horse, Andrew D. Butcher operated a wagon yard and feed store. Rural shoppers left their horses to be cared for while they conducted their business in town. School children who rode horseback or in buggies from nearby farms left their animals for care during the day.

Mr. Butcher purchased the yard from William P. Cagle in 1902. Located on most of Block 84, between Yosemite and Jackson, it faced Park Street. The last of several buildings removed was on the site of the present TU Electric site.

The wagon yard had a two-room camp house which provided some accommodations for people on their way west and there was space for covered wagons to park, as well. Tom Corridon remembered seeing "droves" of people traveling west through town around the turn of the century.

Mr. Butcher listed his occupation on the 1910 Federal census as a horse breeder. He conducted horse trading shows each spring through 1910. At one time he owned the champion race horse of the county, Prince Albert, a trotting gelding. When he sold it, he was paid in gold coin.

When the automobile put the wagon yard out of business, Mr. Butcher continued the operation of the feed store until he retired in 1950. He died in 1951.

He was married to Lillie Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Brown of Holliday. Their children are George, Mary, Lynn, Zerrie Brown and Bill. Miss Mary moved to California in 1974 after living all her life in Iowa Park.

Presbyterians

Presbyterian women met at the church at 9:30 Monday morning for Bible study and a general program with Miss Clara Lowrance as leader. She chose as her topic "Jesus, the Savior of All."

Mrs. Shelton reviewed an article in the Presbyterian Survey, "What We Can Do with Our Talents," and Mrs. K.P. Abernathy made a talk on "My Church and the Present Day."

Others present were Mmes. Locke Lowrance, Gayle Park, J.B. Ridenour, L. Lovelace and Lucy Birk.

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Thompson Tool products are known world-wide

Thompson Tool Company grew from small beginnings to become known world-wide today. The company started in the back of the "Hoge Station" where DC Auto Parts is located now. It was called Thompson's Garage. Besides doing work on cars, employees also retipped fishtail bits. There were four employees, plus the owners.

In 1934 the company moved to a metal building behind the old Gulf Station on the north side of Bank Street, where the bank's parking lot is now located. The name was changed to Thompson's Bit Shop.

Business was growing so fast that Lee and Fred Thompson felt they needed more room. The land where the Humble Refinery was located came up for sale in 1936, so the Thompsons bought it. The company moved to it's present location at that time, and that is where Thompson Tool Company began. Besides retipping bits, Lee designed Reemer Rock bits, Fishtail bits, and Hardset bits.

In 1937 Lee, who only had a fifth grade education, also designed the first shale separator which takes the shale out of the drilling mud. This made the cost of drilling an oil well less expensive. The separators are still in use today with a little improvement. The new separators have a sample machine on them. This helps tell the different sands the rig is drilling through.

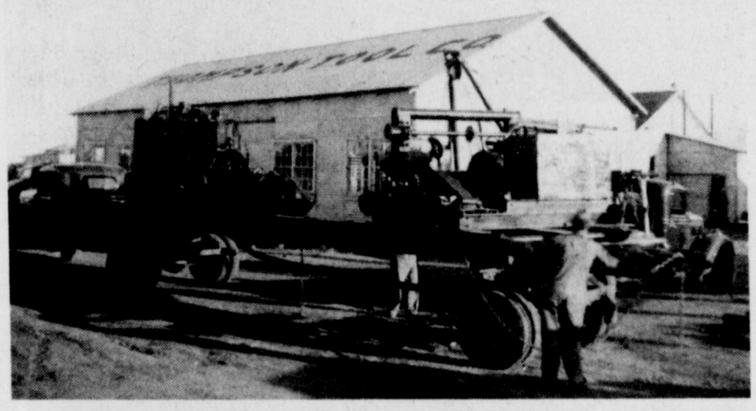
The buildings at Thompson Tool Company in 1937 consisted of an office on the east end of the block (that building is now used as storage), there was a blacksmith shop, a small machine shop, a paint shop, bit shop and a welding shop. There was a little store and a one-pump gas station on the east end of the block by the office. It was run by Pony Cornwall until sometime in the 1940's.

Thompson Tool Company was incorporated in 1937 when it moved to the present location. It wasn't incorporated for very long because of the economy. Lee and Fred Thompson bought out the other stockholders and ran it as a partnership. The business continued to grow with Lee as salesman and fieldman.

During World War II the company did some defense work for the government, as well as their own work.

In April of 1944 Lee passed away and Lavere, his son, stepped in to help run the company with Fred. Lavere was drafted shortly after that and served in the Army two years. The company continued to build and grow even though there were no sales representatives and gasoline was rationed.

In 1947 the present office was built. The company now employed 12 to 15 people. In 1948 Lee Thompson's family bought out Fred Thompson. Lavere was made manager and Alvin, Lee's youngest son, worked in the shop. The number of employees was now about 20. During this time Lavere designed the vibrating shale shaker.



LOADING OUT EQUIPMENT AT COMPANY YARD

In 1951 Walter Spruiell went to work as a clean-up man, and doing anything else that needed to be done. The company grew through the efforts of Wayne Luckett, Joel Cathey, Ishmel Corder, Floyd White, Raymond Williams, Joe Bell, Charlie Brown, Jim Hulsey and many others. Some of these men started out with the company in 1932. They were all good company men and deserve a lot of praise for what they did.

These were fun times as well as hard work. The company had yearly picnics. One Fourth of July, about the time World War II started, the company treated the employees to an all day celebration at Crateville Park in the Wichita Mountains near Lawton. That night everyone who wanted, went to the rodeo and Indian Pow Wow. The picnics and entertainment had to be stopped because of the war. In the early 1950's the company began to have an annual picnic at one of the parks or at one of the area lakes. So many of the employees and their families enjoyed the picnics at the lake, that the parks sort of lost out. This continued through the 1960's.

In the 1970's the company started having an annual Christmas party at Underwoods Bar-B-Q in Wichita Falls.

The business continued to grow and the equipment became known worldwide. Thompson Tool Co. has sent equipment to Russia, China, the North Sea area, Saudi Arabia, South America and the Arctic Circle as well as Canada and Mexico.

By the middle of the 1960s the line of equipment included desanders, desilters and pumps. The company had three fieldmen that made calls on drilling company offices as well as making repairs on the equipment.

The late 1960s and 1970s were hard on Thompson Tool Co. because they lost some of their devoted employees due to death or retirement.

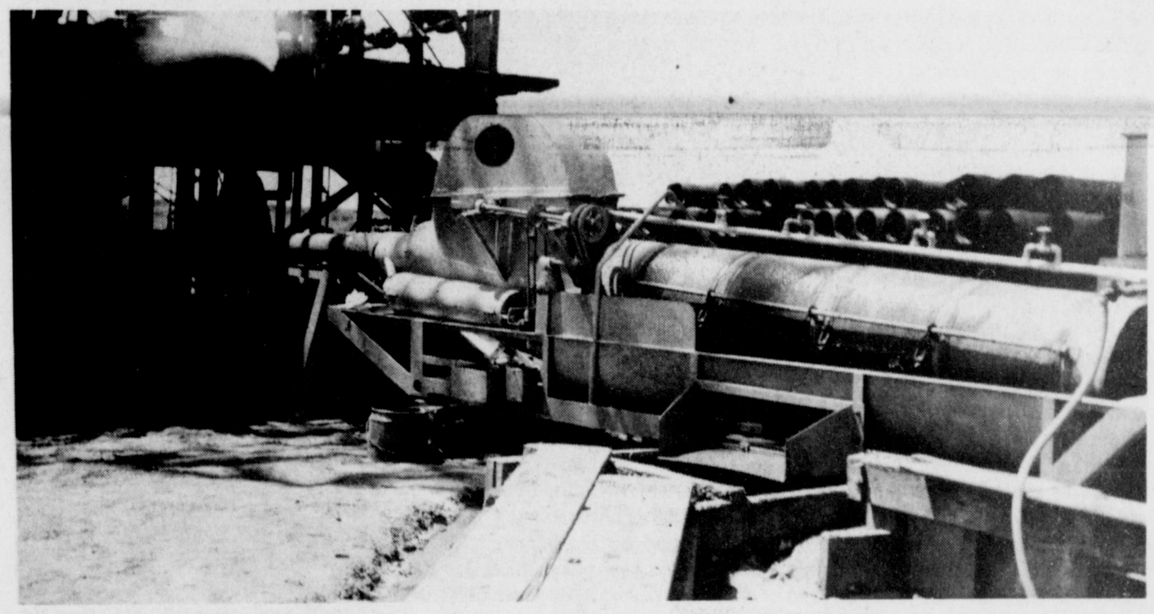
In 1969 Lavere passed away suddenly which shook the company up. The partners decided to put Walter Spruiell in as manager. Floyd White and Raymond Williams were still in the office and Ishmel Corder was in the shop to help Walter get lined out. Joel Cathy and Joe Bell were still working as field men. In the 1970s Walter lost all of them but Joel Cathy, who was semi-retired but was still used in the advisory position.

The company continues to grow and expand. The buildings now include the round-top building that contains the machine shop and welding shop. The long building beside Bank Street is the steel shop, and the building where the old machine shop was is now the rubber shop, where they cook the rubber parts that go on the equipment.

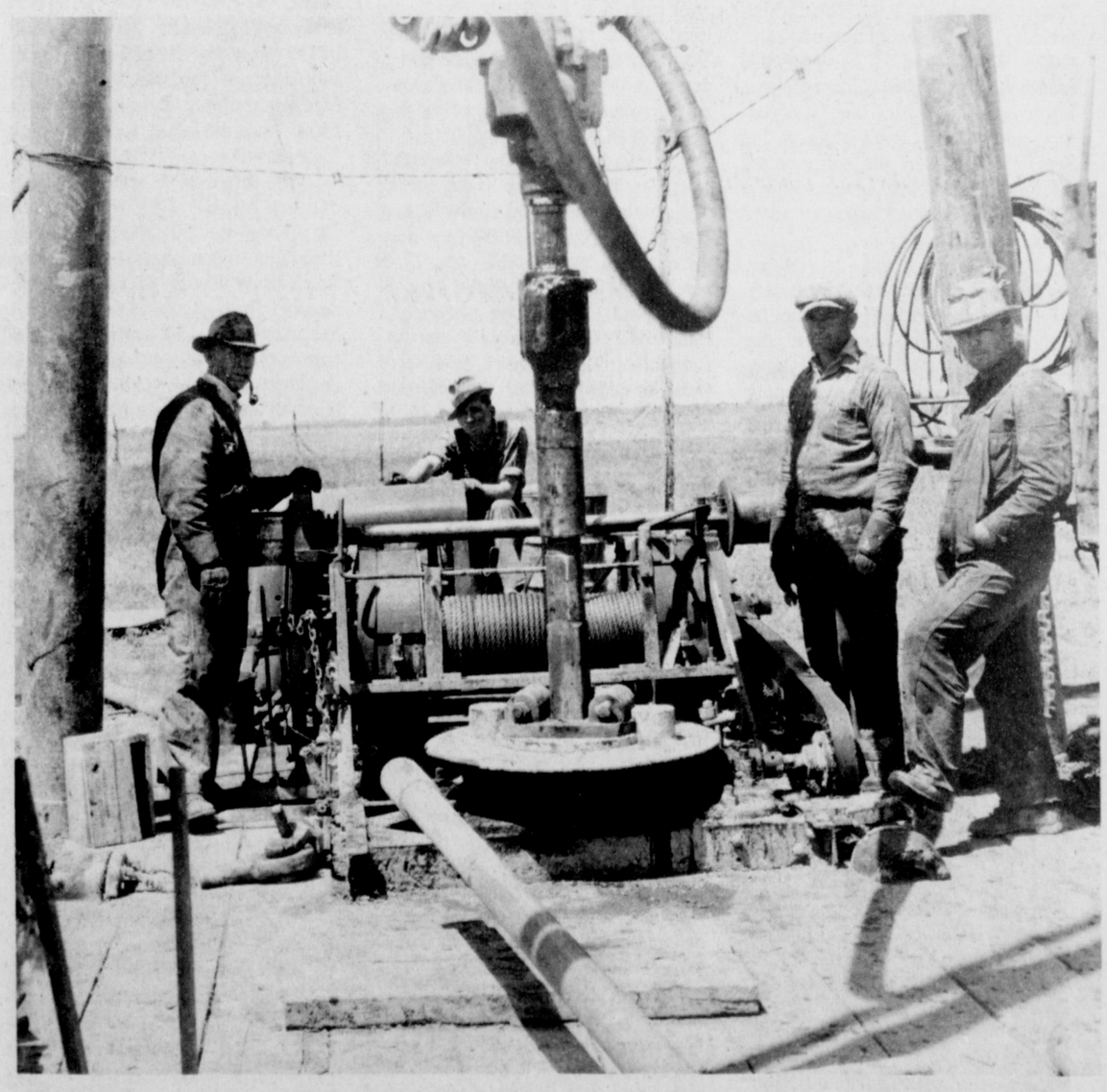
In 1980 Walter Spruiell bought out the other partners, Mrs. Levere Thompson and Alvin Thompson, to become owner of Thompson Tool Co. He has designed a pump and conbination unit that will do what a desander and desilter does, but run off only one motor. He is also working on a double deck vibrating shale shaker.

When the down-turn in the oil business came, Thompson Tool employed 45. The employment dropped to 10, and at present down to five. Business is slow but things are still going on and the gates are still open. Daddy always said anything was possible with work and a lot of prayers.

LEE THOMPSON WITH TWO BITS HE DESIGNED



SHALE SEPARATOR NOW IN PRODUCTION BY THOMPSON TOOL



N.H. MARTIN AND SON DRILLING WITH WICHTEX PORTABLE RIG

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

On the night of December 9, 1971, a group of interested families met and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schroeder in Iowa Park to discuss the possibility of forming a dual Parish with Trinity Lutheran Church of Clara.

At this meeting there were eleven families present, and eight others was signed a statement indicating a desire to investigate the possibility of forming a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in Iowa Park, and soliciting the help of the Texas District in forming such a church.

On January 9, 1972, a canvass of Iowa Park was made by the area Lutheran Churches and the results were sent to the Texas District. Those survey results were: 30 Lutherans, 535 Baptists, 133 Methodists, 125 Church of Christ, 24 Presbyterians, two Base Chapel, 43 Catholics, 200 other denominations, three refusals, and 500 not at home. A total of 1,632 calls were made.

Rev. Eugene Gruen, director of the Mission Board, along with Dr. Quentin Kramer, Rev. Victor Hellman, Vicar Davis Jentsch of St. Paul and Rev. Dan Piel of Burkburnett met in Wichita Falls and drove to Iowa Park to tour the city.

A meeting was held with Clara members at St. Paul in Wichita Falls to discuss dual parish and a Pastor was called.

On March 29, 1972, Pastor Victor Hellman and his assistant met with interested families and a name was selected and voted on. The new church was named "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod." At this meeting Dean Miller was elected chairman of the congregation, Richard Schroeder was elected Secretary and Floyd "Pete" May was elected treasurer.

On April 16, 1972, the newly-formed church met at the Youth Center with 125 in attendance.

On July 23, 1972, a charter service was held and at that time Rev. Larry Boye was installed as Pastor.

In the summer of 1973 the church purchased land at the corner of Magnolia and First Street for a building, and a ground-breaking ceremony was held December 30.

The building committee was Richard Schoeder, Jack Witherspoon, A.W. Smith and Herb Smallwood.

On March 24, 1974 at 11 a.m., a Dedication Service was held at the newly-built church. Rev. Glen O'Shoney, Mission Board Director of the Texas District, delivered the message. Rev. Donald Peyman of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Wichita Falls, and Rev. Larry Boye, new pastor, served as liturgists for the services.

The First Altar and Baptismal Font and Communion was made and donated to the church by Dr. Louis Theimer of St. Paul Lutheran Church and the organ was bought and donated by Karl Mertins.

At the time of the dedication there were 99 baptized members, and 70 of those were communicant members.

Pastors who have served Good Shepherd are Rev. Victor Hellman, Vicar David Jentsch, Rev. Donald Peyman, Rev. Larry Boye, Rev. Fred Darkow, Rev. Ernest Quillan, Rev. Leonard Schoppa, Rev. Leonard Riddle, Rev. D.W. Brack and Vicar Ted Crandall.

Elders who have served the church are Richard Schroeder, Robert Horton, Floyd "Pete" May, Howard Klinkerman, Emmet Bernstein, Herb Smallwood, Jack Witherspoon, Wayne Schroeder, Paul Chandler and Marc Carter.

The original eleven families holding membership in the church include Dean and Cherrie Miller, Lee Allen, DeeLynn and Kenneth; Richard and Jane Schroeder, Cindy, Wayne, Karen and Perry; Pete and Loretta May; Emmet and Joe Ann Bernstein and Allen; Don Roy and Phyllis Klinkerman and Donna; Howard and Lorna Klinkerman, Audrey, Wesley and Marc; Lorene Atchley, Donnie and Royce; Karl Mertins; Charles and Nell Skelton, Michelle, Belinda and Sherry; Dr. Thurman and Mary Reitz; and Mrs. and Mrs. David Glass.

Medical history

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he did not remain long.

After Dr. Huddleston left Park Clinic in the late 1950s, Dr. Earl F. Watson, a graduate of Northwestern University College of Medicine in Chicago, practiced with Dr. Clark for a short time in 1959 before going into the Air Force. Stationed at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, he frequently came back to relieve Dr. Clark. When his two-year tour of duty was over, he returned as a permanent resident.

Dr. Erwin F. Soell, a graduate of Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, who had been in service with Dr. Watson, also joined the practice in 1961.

Before Dr. Clark retired in 1972, Dr. Watson and Dr. Soell purchased Park Clinic. Dr. Janet Mertz was associated with them for two years while her husband was stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base. Dr. Larry Stutte, graduate of Oklahoma University Medical School and a three-year Family Practice Residency Program, part of which he took in Wichita Falls, joined the clinic staff in 1983, and is now one of the partners.

Dr. L.A. Crawford and Dr. Rudy Warner were two of the chiropractors who practiced here.

Dr. N.M. Rose, dentist from Bowie, advertised in a 1901 newspaper, that he would remain in town two more weeks. Dentists remembered by the pioneers include Dr. J.A. Deakins, Doc McKinney, Dr. Cole and Dr. C.J. Simpson. Dr. Richard Carver set up a dental practice in 1961, and Dr. Carter Pirkle in 1978.

Througout the history of Iowa Park, members of the medical community have provided valuable leadership to the community, starting at least in 1901 when Dr. Bell was president of the Board of Education while Dr. Reed was mayor.

"The good ole days" does not refer to medicine. Today the doomed tooth of yesteryear can be saved. Rehabilitation means that the victim of a stroke or a broken bone is no longer an invalid until death. New procedures eliminate the need for radical surgery in many cases and advances are being made continually. These are the good days which our great-grandchildren will someday look back on and refer to as the days of primitive medicine.medical

A TRIBUTE TO THE OLD REXALL DRUGSTORE

By Perle E. Pace

The early history of Iowa Park would not be complete unless we paid tribute to the old Rexall Drugstore and its patient owners. Dr. Tommy Clark and Fenton Dale, who in those days had to formulate many of their prescriptions, as well as put up with our children, who felt like they could not come home unless they met at the drugstore with its excellent fountain.

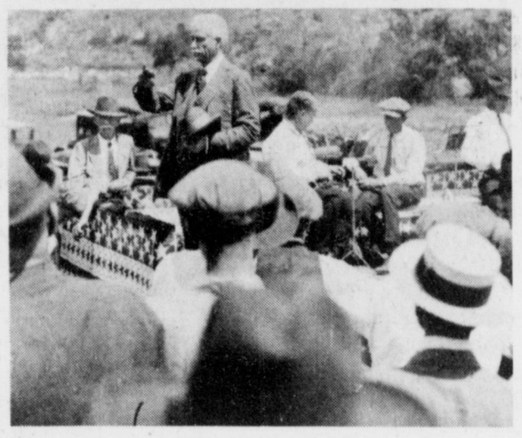
This is where our children spent their allowances and many a romance was born there. At least it was a safer place than the highways or the "Kemp Drag" of today.

So, we salute the Old Rexall Drugstore with its happy memories.

LAKE KEMP'S PROPOSED DAM SITE SHOWN JAN. 10, 1922

Irrigation project started back in '22

LAKE KEMP GATE TOWER IN 1974, LOOKING EAST



CEREMONIES MAY 30, 1922, J.A. KEMP, LEFT, AND FRANK KELL, RIGHT

Two irrigation districts and Lake Wichita became a reality due to the forsighted wisdom of Mr. J.A. Kemp. As early as 1880 he realized that there would be a need for water for drinking water and irrigation.

Lake Wichita, completed in 1901, was constructed for a water supply for the City of Wichita Falls and to irrigate small tracts of land lying along Holliday Creek. Mr. Kemp formed a water corporation composed of himself, Henry Sayles of Abilene, I.H. Kempner and M. Lasker of Galveston, to fund the $175,000 cost of the Lake Wichita dam.

The Lake Wichita plans resulted from the lack of a needed constitutional amendment to legalize the sale of bonds to finance a project of the magnitude to dam the Wichita River the third attempt in 1904, the Texas voters approved the needed amendment to create irrigation districts in Texas. This is known as the Conservation and Reclamation Amendment to the Constitution.

With the continuing growth of Wichita Falls, a disastrous flood in 1915 on the Wichita River and a drought in 1917, Mr. Kemp's attention again turned to the Wichita River dam. His horseback ride with Hutton S. Bellah of Decatur in 1893 to select a dam site for the big reservoir started to become a reality on Dec. 20, 1919, when Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 1 was established by popular vote of 352 to 12. The District embraced an area of 15,543 acres, including the City of Wichita Falls.

The first directors were J.A. Kemp, president; T.B. Noble, vice president; N.H. Martin, treasurer; and G.C. Wood and J.S. Bridwell, members. The Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 1 Directors called for a bond election for Sept. 7, 1920, on the question of issuing 4.5-million in bonds to build the project. The bond issue carried by a vote of 826 to 26.

The State Board of Water Engineers granted the necessary permit for the entire project to be built. Permit 504 authorized the irrigation of 92,327 acres of land, power generation and a water supply for Wichita Falls, Kemp-Munger-Allen, Holliday and other towns.

On Dec. 18, 1920, Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2, with approximately 43,000 acres classed irrigable, was organized by a vote of 47 to 21. The Board of Directors had C.H. Clark, president; W.R. Davis, vice president; J.D. Overbey, secretary; and W.L. Hodges and W.H. Guinn, members.

Bonds for Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2 were authorized by landowners by a vote of 35 to 2 on May 26, 1923, in the sum of $1,760,000; however, there was only $1,525,000 issued. The bonded debt against the Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2 area was $35.25 per acre and $1 per acre on non-irrigable land. District No. 2 was to deliver its bonds to District No. 1 for District bonds have been paid off.

On April 5, 1923, a contract was entered into between the two Districts in which 33.89 percent of the constructed works were conveyed by WCWID#1 to WCWID#2 and further provided for the joint operation and maintenance of the entire system. District No. 2 has always operated the entire system with each District paying its share of the maintenance.

Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 1 voted to be assessed on the ad valorem basis of taxation while Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2 voted to be assessed on the benefit basis of taxation-all landowners must pay the same rate per acre per year.

Construction was started on Lake Kemp on Feb. 25, 1922, and completed on Aug. 25, 1923. Spillway crest was 1,153 feet above sea level, which creates a body of water 20 miles long, 8 miles wide and a depth of 83 feet. The 7,500 foot long storage dam with a height of 98 feet cost $782,000.

In 1974 construction was completed to renovate the Lake Kemp dam, outlet works and spillway at a cost of $5,770,000. A 50-year note to the U.S. government for 22.7-percent of the construction cost is being paid by the City of Wichita Falls and Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2, relative to their ownership. The embankment was raised to elevation 1,183 (from 1,167) and extended some 1,400 feet. A 3,000 foot long saddle spillway was raised to 1,160 elevation. A complete new set of outlet gates consisting of two 5'8"X13' slide gates transitioned into one 13-foot round outlet tube were placed in a new gate tower and conduit. At spillway crest the pool would cover 25,050 acres and impound 619,000 acre feet of water.

Diversion Reservoir is located 18 river miles downstream from Lake Kemp. The earthen dam is 4,200 feet long and has a maximum height of 55 feet above the river bed. Its capacity was 45,000 acre feet with a length of seven miles and wide of three miles and covers 3,000 acres of land. The 308 foot concrete spillway with an elevation of 1,151 has two 48" diameter gates at 1,120 elevation. Canal gates located near the spillway consist of 12-four foot slide gates. Diversion Dam cost approximately $1-million. Lake Diversion spillway and canal gates were rebuilt in 1974 at a cost of $676,692. A one-foot concrete cap was added to the existing spillway and six new slide gates were installed for the South Side canal.

The distribution system consists of the 34-mile long South Side Canal and the 30-mile long North Side Canal which branches from the South Side Canal 15 miles downstream from Lake Diversion. A lateral system 150 miles long was constructed to deliver water down to the high point of a minimum 80 acre tract of land. All irrigation is by gravity-flow. Irrigation has continued in the valley through the years. The first recorded year of 1925 had 19,875 acres irrigated.

In 1961 the City of Wichita Falls took over all assets and liabilities of Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 1. The ownership percentages remain the same - City of Wichita Falls, 66.11 percent; and Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2, 33.89 percent. District No. 2 still performs all maintenance and operatres the entire system. Presently there exists a five year maintenance and operation contract between the two entities.

The Districts have had five managers through the years. C.W. Chatham, Jr, 1925; G.A. Remington, 1925-1936; Tom J. Pace, 1936-1949; Fred Parkey, 1949-1976; and Jimmy Banks, 1976-present. Presently the Wichita County Water Improve-ment District No. 2 directors are Johnny [illegible], president; Bobby G. Rowland, vice president; J.W. (Bing) Miller, secretary; John Staber and Ben Kirkland, members of the board.

Maintenance headquarters have been located in Iowa Park since 1948 when they were moved from the South Side-North Side Canal intersection area. Since most of the employees have resided in the Iowa Park area, the Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2 and the City of Iowa Park have enjoyed a long relationship.

The City of Wichita Falls supplemented its Lake Wichita Water supply from Lake Kemp via the canal system until Lake Kickapoo was constructed in 1941. Holliday also took water from the Call Field Lateral until the Lake Kickapoo construction.

Iowa Park used wells in the townsite and wells on the Harry Zink farm one mile south of town until the North Side Canal was constructed. W.F. George purchased six acres of land located at this site. With the construction of the present Gordon Lake in 1938, the canal site was abandoned.

A $186,000 project initiated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer to control the natural chloride pollution of the Red River basin could some day enable area towns to again tap the resources of Lake Kemp Water as a municipal water supply.

KEMP DAM UNDER CONSTRUCTION DEC. 29, 1922

CLEANING DRAIN DITCH PARALLEL TO SOUTHSIDE MAIN AT KAMAY

CREW CLEANING OUT MAIN CANAL AT IOWA PARK ROAD CROSSING

Iowa Park lakes built for water supply

By Dr. E.F. Watson -- 1970

On April 23, 1949 an Iowa Park resident turned on a faucet. The drink of water he got was goul-tasting and "gipy." It had been that way for too many years. The water came from city wells in the south part of town. A small reservoir had been built in the north part of town with federal W.P.A. money, back in 1939 when Dr. Gordon Clark was mayor. But either it didn't rain when it was supposed to or else the little lake ran over and flooded the east part of town! So our residents went to the polls that day and created the Wichita County Water Control and Improvement District #3.

This W.C.I.D. #3 was a separate taxing authority authorized to handle the amount of debt necessary for construction of an adequate water supply for our city. When the debt was paid off this Water Board would presumably cease to exist and the properties would become a part of the City Water Department under control of the City Council.

1970 population was estimated 20 years ago to be at perhaps as many as 3,950 people! Lake Iowa Park on Stevens Creek, 2.5 miles northwest of town, was constructed at a cost of about $200,000. It would hold 836-million gallons and was quite adequate for the 2,000 population when it was built in 1950.

However, from 1948 to 1958, our population doubled as did the number of water meters and the water consumption. It was time to build another and bigger water supply lake. Lake Buffalo or North Fork Buffalo Creek Reservoir became a reality in 1964 and began furnishing water in 1967. This "new" lake, 5.5 miles northwest of Iowa Park, cost about $700,000 but would hold six times as much as the "old" one.

Recreational development of these water supply lake properties next became a popular responsibility. The lake on the north part of town (perhaps "Clark Lake" would be a suitable name) was city property under direction of the town council. Dr. committee of the Chamber of Commerce and as chairman of the city parks department, obtained and installed picnic tables, swings, a slide, and springy things to ride. As mayor he maintained and expanded the area about this little lake.

Responding to a suggestion from an Iowa Park teen-ager, Mike Dodd, the Water Board opened Lake Buffalo and Lake Iowa Park to swimming in 1967. Boating, fishing, and camping were also welcomed. Because not enough water surface was available for water skiing without interfering with fishermen, swimmers, and other boaters, it was voted to prohibit this sport for the present. Also prohibited were firearms of any kind. The Board felt that our fishermen, hikers, campers, picnicers and swimmers would be much safer if there were no hunting or target practice in the same area. Also the W.C.I.D. #3 was able to buy the land cheaper by promising the surrounding cattlemen not to endanger their stock with stray bullets. So except for water skiing and firearms, all other recreational usage was encouraged.

A specialist in lake and park development was commissioned to draw up an overall usage plan for the lake area. Picnic sites, boat launching ramps, and overnight camping areas were designated for future development. A bathhouse for the swimming area, rest room facilities and a septic tank for recreational vehicles were discussed. Trash pick-up and policing of the picnic areas were promised by the City as more people discovered these areas.

Several sheltered picnic tables have been under construction by the Iowa Park High School welding classes under direction of Richard Davis and Kenneth Sullivan of the Chamber of Commerce. Twenty shade trees were set out with the help of Billy Joe Carter and watered by Harry Stoskus using a Volunteer Fire Department tank truck. Arch Hughes provided grading and leveling of the access areas.

The lakes have been stocked for several seasons with species of game fish under direction of Jack Sutton from the Texas State Fish Hatchery

County Commissioner Buck Voyles has been most helpful in providing county equipment and trucks for development of all the lake areas. And the Water Board property on the east side of Buffalo Lake has yielded much of the material we enjoy on our driveways, city alleys and county roads in this district. This exchange has saved many tax dollars for the city, county and water district taxpayers.

The new expressway toward Electra is being constructed using water from these lakes. In exchange for about two weeks supply of water, several new shore access roads have been opened for the convenience of fishermen and campers. And several thousand dollars worth of excellent rip-rap material has been delivered to Buffalo Dam at no expense to water district taxpayers. Rip-rap is material consisting of broken up pieces of concrete which we use to protect our earthen dams from wave action.

An ample supply of good tasting, relatively soft water is now assured for our town and for sale to surrounding areas. In 1969 Iowa Park used or sold to Wichita Valley Water Supply Corporation a total of 764,841 gallons of water daily. Our water supply lakes can furnish well over 3-million gallons a day, enough water for Iowa Park and three more Iowa Parks! The question of selling water to surrounding areas need be answered by our City Council only on the basis of the economic feasibility of constructing the additional facilities. With four times as much water as we need, certainly we have enough water to share with our friends and to support any new residential or industrial developments.

Financially the W.C.I.D. #3 is in good shape. Taxes furnish about $25,000 and water sales to the City of Iowa Park are at least $30,000 each year. The boundries of the water district are the same as the boundries or city limits of Iowa Park. Our county tax payments include a Water District tax of 50-cents per $100 valuation as determined by the Wichita County Tax Assessor. Out of the $55,000 received by the Water Board each year, about $40,000 goes for the ing lines. In 1969 approximately $6,000 was spent on protecting Buffalo Dam from waver action by placing rip-rap material along the water's edge. The rest of the money is available for recreational development of the areas or may be placed on reserve to draw interest.

At the beginning of 1970 all bills are paid and there was about $50,000 in the bank! This sound financial status has been made possible without the use of federal funds. And it has been made possible through cooperative local taxpayers and helpful city, county and state agencies; also through the good engineering of Ernest Andrews and by the efforts of hard-working volunteer community leaders.

Directors of this Water Board have included Dr. A.J. Simpson, A.L. Reed, John B. Barbour, Herman Mitchell, O.R. Kelley, F.E. "Red" Hill, Floyd White, Carl E. Troutman, F.M. "Peanuts" Wilson, B.W. "Pete" Koonce, Ed C. Holder, Carl Sullivan, Harrell Sullivan, L.C. Hill, Fred Widmoyer, Walter Scott, Richard Hill, Dr. E.F. Watson, O.N. Newman, Miles Hines, Delbert Todd and Gaines Maness.

It is hoped that future directors will continue, during the remaining 27 years of the current indebtedness and of the existence of this Water Board, to develop for recreational usage and to operate for good water supply Lake Buffalo and Lake Iowa Park in the best interest of all Iowa Park residents.

UPDATE:

Iowa Park City Council adopted an ordinance on Sept 10, 1973, to annex Wichita County Water Control and Improvement District #3. The action abolished the board of directors, assumed ownership of both lakes and allied equipment, as well as the bank account, and responsibility of paying off its indebtedness.

In September, 1988, the Council annexed the roadway and a 28-acre tract on the west side of the road, from U.S. 287 to Lake Iowa Park's entrance, into the city, with the aim of annexing the entire lake area in the future.

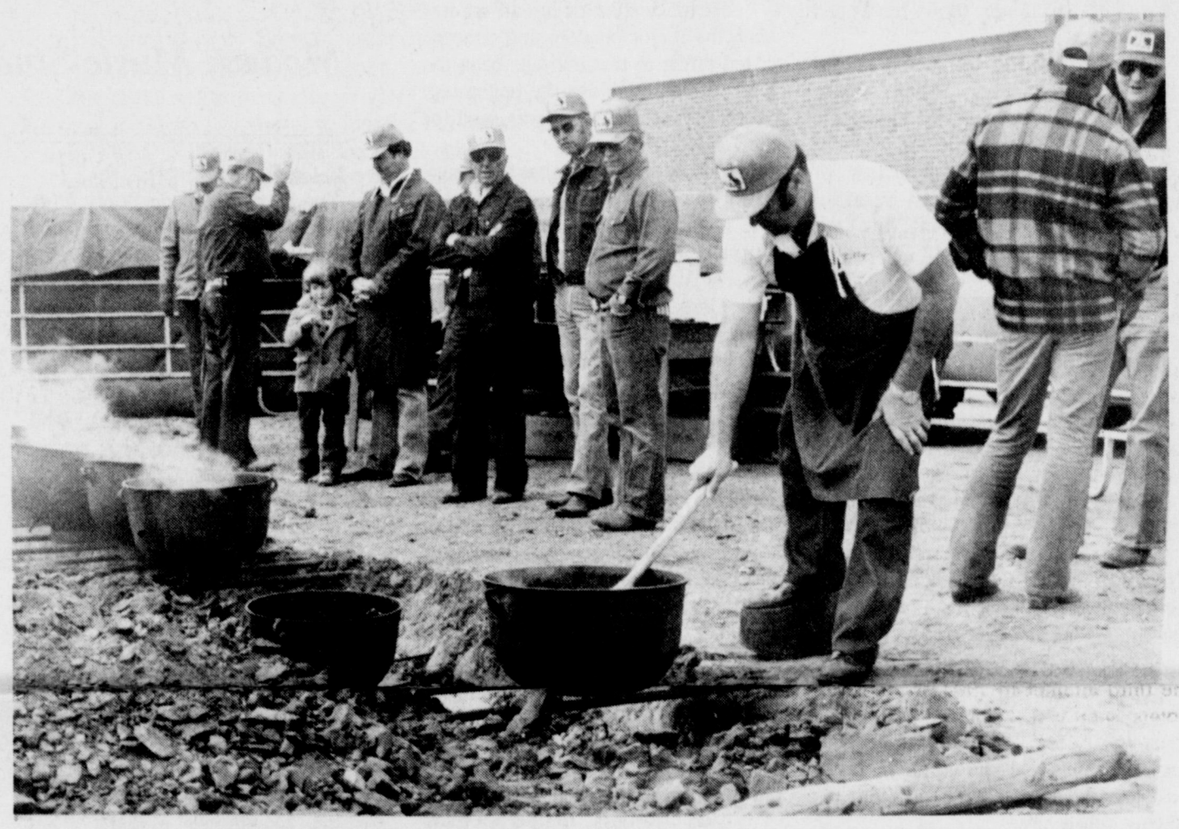
Concerning Dr. Watson's prediction that the two lakes were more than adequate for the city's future needs, once more the dreams of city leaders to provide an adequare local water supply dried up with drought.

An extended period without rain in 1970 prompted the city to contract with Wichita Falls in 1971 to buy treated water. In order to obtain this water, it was necessary to lay a 16-inch line to the Cypress Street water plant. Principal in the amount of $456,000 plus interest is still owed on this line and it is scheduled to be paid off in the year 2005.

In 1973, directors of the water district named Fred Widmoyer director emeritus for his devoted work and efforts in behalf of the district for many years.

There was some controversy over the city's absorbing the district which prompted an election in November of 1974, but the city's action was approved by a 140-110 margin.

Bonded indebtedness for Lake Iowa Park is paid and $326,000 in principal, plus interest, is owed on Lake Buffalo with the scheduled payoff in 1997.



***THEY AIM TO PLEASE** - The Iowa Park MuleSkinners were organized in 1974, first as cooking hobbiest, but primarily for the purpose of promoting Iowa Park. They have served groups as few as 50, and some in excess of 1,000, with everything from hot dogs and chili to rib eye steaks. And the civic-minded organization expended part of its earnings to lead the downtown improvement effort by fixing up its MuleBarn, at 111 W. Cash. The organization has a limit of 40 dues-paying members. One of its annual civic projects is to provide a special free feed for the senior citizens of the Iowa Park school district.*

Lioness Club

By Gladys James

The Noon Lions Club and the Evening Lions Club of Iowa Park had been in existence for several years when the wives of members composing those clubs became interested in forming one of their own. Mrs. Homer Doke, past president of the Wichita Falls Lioness Club, and Mrs. Bill Scarlott, a director of the same club, met with a representative group of the Iowa Park ladies on March 29, 1969, to explain the purposes of a Lioness Club, and to instruct these prospective members on how to proceed in organizing a club.

As a result of that meeting, the Iowa Park ladies definitely decided to organize. They elected a temporary group of officers of which Mrs. George Huckaby Sr., was president. A nominating committee composed of Mrs. Buck Voyles, Mrs. D.O. James and Mrs. J.D. McClendon was also appointed. There is no doubt that a committee to draw up bylaws, rules and regulations was appointed at the same time.

So an Iowa Park Lioness Club was duly organized. Members of the club met on May 31, 1960, for the purpose of electing permanent officers. At this historic first meeting, the following slate of officers was elected: President - Mrs. George Huckaby, Sr.; Vice-President - Mrs. Arch Hughes; Secretary - Mrs. Taylor George; Treasurer - Mrs. Royce Echols; Directors - Mrs. D.O. James, Mrs. J.D. McClendon, and Mrs. R.G. Warner. In addition to these ladies, the charter group included Mmes. R.R. Brubaker, T.C. Berry, Lester Brooks, J.H. Bingham, C.E. Birk, Harriett Coppock, Sam Hill, Ben Hilderbrand, John Rains, A.L. Reed, Esther Thornberry, Homer Thompson, Marlin Terrell, Buck Voyles, F.M. Wilson and Luther Wakefield.

On June 14, 1969, the above mentioned officers were installed by Mrs. Charlie Doke, president of the Wichita Falls Lioness Club. The first regular meeting of the Iowa Park Lioness Club was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church on June 23, 1960. Mrs. George Huckaby Sr. presided over the business session. Mrs. D.O. James read the proposed bylaws and standing rules of the organization, which were adopted as read. Later, in 1986, the Iowa Park Club became affiliated with Lioness Clubs International.

From the time of its organization until the present day, the Iowa Park Lioness Club has been active in all types of community services. Their very first act after organization was to donate $5 per month to a fund for sending John Wilson, a handicapped boy, to the Children's Center in Wichita Falls. They assisted in the Muscular Dystrophy drive, the heart drive and the cancer drive; they gave $563.65 to the Mental Health Association; donated $50 to help buy silverware for use at the Iowa Park Youth Center. All of this was done in their first year. In 1963-64 the club donated $100 to the Youth Center; continued to sponsor John Wilson at the Child Center; paid for local children to be sent to the camp for crippled children at Kerrville; made donations for the care of a small girl who was enrolled in a special school for the handicapped in Abilene. Through the years, many donations have been made to the Wichita Falls State Hospital, the Cottonwood Manor, the Iowa Park nursing home; and in conjunction with the Evening Lions Club, has donated $383 to help pay for dental work for two needy girls. For several years they sponsored a "coffee break" at the various cafes and drug stores in Iowa Park during the Mental Health drive.

In 1962-63 the club sponsored for the first time the Miss Iowa Park Pageant. Lioness Gladys James was chairman, while Lioness Mabel Karstetter worked as co-chairman. The club sponsored the pageant for eight years, and in the process conferred awards of $200 college scholarships to winners and runners-up

Because of this undertaking and other activities connected with young people, the Lioness Club became known and appreciated as a group interested in the youth of the community.

Another source of entertainment for Iowa Park for many years was the Dixieland Follies, produced by the Lions Clubs, and directed by Lioness Harriett Coppock. The main actors were the Lions themselves, but Lioness members helped in the rendition of the songs. They also sold sandwiches and cake to other entertainers who assisted in the productions.

At one time, the Evening Lions Club staged a Donkey Ballgame, where the Lioness Club did a big business at the concession stand. Proceeds from the concession stand went to the Little League of Iowa Park.

Last year the Lioness Club registered 100 percent in support of the Lions Eye Bank Project and the Crippled Children's Project at Kerrville. In 1987, when the club received its charter from Lions Club International, four members were recognized as having played an active roll during the club's 27 year history. They were Edith Brooks, Jess Hill, Gladys James and Mabel Karstetter.

Since the first year of the Lioness Club's existence, its members have sought to be helpful in every phase of service to the people who live in Iowa Park. At the same time, they have strengthened their personal relationships through their regular club meetings which have consistently featured informative programs.

Philia Study Club

In September, 1962, a group of young women met with Mrs. James Sewell, a member of the 23 Study Club, in her home to discuss the possibility of forming a new federated club in Iowa Park. From this beginning and through the sponsorship of the 23 Study Club, the Philia Study Club became organized and federated.

Mmes. Robert Robinson, Carrol Crum, S.O. Wood Jr. and Jimmie Jeter were instrumental in selecting a name and drafting the constitution, by-laws and rules prior to the first organizational meeting on Nov. 14, 1962. At this time the proposed constitution, by-laws, rules and name were adopted. The club name comes from the Greek word "philia" meaning friendship.

In subsequent meetings the red rose was chosen as the club flower, and red and gold were selected as club colors. "When love and skill work together--expect a masterpiece," was chosen as the motto. Club meetings are held the second Monday of each month, September through May, in the homes of members.

Officers chosen for the first year were as follows: President, Mrs. S.O. Wood Jr.; Vice-President, Mrs. Jimmie Jeter; Secretary, Mrs. Carrol Crum; Treasurer, Mrs. W.R. Sykes; Critic-Parliamentarian, Mrs. R.T. Robinson, and Executive Committee, Mrs. John Ratcliff and Mrs. Erwin Soell.

Charter members of the club were those ladies, not less than fifteen in number, who became regular active members prior to the date of the club's application for admission to the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Other than the officers, they are as follows: Mrs. Richard Carver, Mrs. James Boucher, Mrs. Kenneth McNeely, Mrs. John Klappenbach, Mrs. Robert Bryan, Mrs. Buster Reaves, Mrs. O.N. Newman, Mrs. Gene Meazell, and Mrs. Allen Slack.

In choosing club projects the members have been mindful of community needs. Two of the major projects of the club have been the Red Cross Bloodmobile and the Iowa Park Public Library. For many years the club furnished refreshments and workers for the Red Cross Bloodmobile. The Iowa Park Library still continues as a project of the club. Support of the library has been given through volunteer library workers and book-drive assistants, participation in the Arts and Crafts Show as sponsor of the junior division, donation of books for library circulation and prize books for the summer reading program, donation of money from hat shows and raffle of Dutch girl quilt made by the members, and through membership in the Friends of the Library organization.

Other project activities during the years have included the Mental Health Drive, Wichita Falls State Hospital, Park Manor Nursing Home, Camp Fire Girls, Faith City Mission, food for needy families and clothing for needy children.

During the past 26 years there have been many activities that have contributed to the success of this study club. The dedicated members, the hospitality of homes and businesses, unique roll calls, interesting program personalities, outstanding fine arts presentations, and friends and acquaintances made through Federation work have all been a part of the club's growth and progress. The club has recognized the high quality of community residents as it considered many names in order to nominate outstanding citizens and outstanding high school students in the past several years.

The Philia Study Club was established with a purpose to study significant events for cultural and inspirational enlightment of the members, and this will continue to be its goal in the years to come.

Sugar Ration Office In New Location

The War Price and Rationing Board which issues canning sugar certificates, has been located in the building formerly occupied by the Community Natural Gas Company, has been moved and is now in the store building formerly occupied by the Park Grocery and Market, operated by Mrs. Flahive.

The office opens each day at 8:30 and remains open 'til 5 o'clock and noon on Saturdays. The ladies volunteer their services and all persons seeking sugar certificates are urged to bring their War Ration Books and be aware of the amount of fruit canned last year and the amount left over.

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IOWA PARK ORGAN CLUB sometime in 1950s included as members, from left, Richard Hill, Gene Steele, Don Owens, Mrs. Paul Coppock, Harietta Coppock, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Clark and Lottie Lochridge.

Iowa Park Garden Club

After several months of discussion and planning, a group of women met at the home of Mrs. O.N. Newman on Feb. 3, 1969 to organize the Iowa Park Garden Club.

Mrs. O.N. Newman was elected chairman and Mrs. Earle Denny, secretary. Other members present were Mmes. Wilburn Bedford, Fenton Dale, N.E. Guthrie, Jr., Gayle Park, T.M. Clark, W.G. Steele, C.L. Metz, Jack Bogan, David Dodge, Raymond Cope, Wayne House, Bill Guthrie, and G.S. Reaves, Jr.

Official organization and affiliation took place in 1960. The club has been a continuous member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Incorporated, South Central Regions, and Texas Garden Club, Incorporated; District II.

Activities of the Garden Club have been many and varied. An intensive course in the basics of flower arranging was held in 1960 for the instruction of club members. During the years, many district meetings and flower shows have been arranged.

The club has conducted a local flower show every year. Every member has been required to prepare a display. Knowledge of use of flowers to enhance the beauty of one's home, as well as beautiful displays for public viewing, has been gained from these shows.

Arbor Day has been observed each year with trees purchased and planted at both Bradford and Kidwell Schools. In addition to the trees, holly bushes and a rock garden in memory of Johnny Abernathy were added to the Kidwell landscape. Recently, Ethyle Kidwell, now retired, was honored with a gift of more trees, concrete tables, and benches, which were placed in front of Kidwell School in cooperation with Kidwell P-TA.

A constant fight against "litter" has been waged. Distribution of litter bags throughout the elementary school system, placing of litter barrels in the shopping area, and publicity against litter have been ways of combatting the problem of flying debris.

The Garden Club has been a friend of the Iowa Park Library, now Tom Burnett Memorial Library, throughout the years. Monetary contributions as well as donations of approximately one hundred books pertaining to flowers, gardens, and landscaping are available for public use. Plants and trees have also been donated to enhance the beauty of the landscaping at the library.

The club has sponsored a Junior Garden Club for many years. Teas were held for Miss Iowa Park Pageant contestants. Christmas time brought activities such as making candy trees for the children in Special Education classes in Iowa Park and Wichita Falls. Gifts were given to the State Hospital patients. During the Vietnam War, ditty bags were filled for the Red Cross. A major project for many years has been to make table decorations for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. These decorations have been salable items with much skill, work, and preparation given each arrangement.

Beautification of Iowa Park has been the major concern and concentrated effort to that end has been the goal of the club since the beginning. Much money and labor was used for the following projects:

An ordinance Number 124 designating Iowa Park as a bird sanctuary was obtained in cooperation with the Humane Society and the Audubon Society Bird Club.

Crepe myrtles were declared the Iowa Park flower. Members were encouraged to plant the bushes and publicize them in the city.

The Youth Center received many trees in addition to 30 boxwood, 30 nandinas, 22 buford holly bushes.

The boulevard on Park Street in town was planted with three live oaks and 17 dwarf junipers. Crepe myrtles and monkey grass were added at a later date.

Wood Convalescent Center was presented with a tree and a bird bath.

Crepe myrtles and 1,000 canna bulbs were planted in Burnett Park.

One hundred dollars worth of bluebonnet seeds were planted along the Iowa Park Highway.

Two fruitless mulberry trees were planted in Highland Cemetery in honor of Presidents Mrs. E.F. Soell and Mrs. W.A. George.

A live oak tree was planted at the Post Office in honor of President Mrs. Frank Harlin.

Twenty fruitless mulberry trees were planted on the grounds of the Little League Baseball Park.

The area surrounding the tennis courts at Pace Park was planted with 36 wax leaf ligustrum and 22 cherry laurels.

In cooperation with the Texas State Highway Department, 38 crepe myrtles, 20 plants donated by Mrs. George Trammell, 74 pampus grass were planted on Expressway 287 between the two overpasses in Iowa Park. this was the beginning of a five year project started in 1977.

Awards have been presented yearly to homeowners designated as having the most beautiful yard of the year.

Modern Music Study Club

By Helen Burrell

The Modern Music Study Club of Iowa Park was organized and federated in 1939 with 13 members.

The object of the club is to work together for mutual advancement and to spread an appreciation of good music in the community.

Besides active members who perform within the standards set by the club, there are associate members who are former members no longer able to continue active participation, but who desire to keep in touch with the club, and honorary members who have rendered some special service to the club or who have attained musical eminence.

Membership is limited to 25 members. The motto of the club is "Press Forward the Mark." The colors are green and white and the flower is the petunia. Meeting time is the second Thursday night of each month, excluding the summer.

Optimist Club

The Iowa Park Optimist Club was chartered and organized April 9, 1973, with 40 members, sponsored by the Downtown Wichita Falls Optimist Club. Purpose of the organization was to support youth activity and the community.

The first officers were: President, Dean Miller; Vice Presidents, Everett Boulware and Pete May; Secretary-Treasurer, Allen Shewmake, and Directors, Louis Sefcik, John Meux, Mike Priddy, Kenneth Sullivan, James Smith, Herman Escue, Marlin Sargent, and O.L. Tucker.

Charter members, in addition to the officers, were: Derrell Burrell, Gary T. Compton, Sam Fairchild, James W. Grove, Frank P. Guyette, H.C. Hicks, Robert Horton, Billy Howton, William Maupin, Floyd May, Earl McCoy, Lawrence McLemore, Jimmy Priddy, Bobbie Ray, Jerry Robertson, Robert Sumner, Herman Turner, Thomas Venhaus, William Whipple III, Robert Wilcox, Steve Witchey, James Bridges, Greg Clary, Raymond A. Gibson, Homer Hensley, James Howell, Reuben Miller, Eldon Patterson, Steve Lovelady, and Lee C. Turner.

The club's first fund-raising project was a rummage sale in August, 1973. The first Christmas tree sale was in December of 1973.

Funds were donated to: High School Age League Baseball, Boy's Club Little League Football, Girls Softball, Cub Scout Pack 236, Summer Youth Program, Oratorical Contest, and Youth Appreciation.

Projects started in 1973, and continued to the present time, are: Youth Appreciation Week, Oratorical Contest, Bicycle Safety Week, and Respect for Law Week.

In 1974 the Iowa Park Optimist Club organized a girls softball league. The program was a big success, and is now self supporting.

In 1975 the first boxing tournament, sponsored by the local Optimist Club, was introduced. This was the first tournament sponsored by an organiztion in several years.

Other youth groups which were helped by the Iowa Park Optimist Club include: FFA, boys soccer, High School A Cappella Choir, Special Olympics, girls basketball, Junior High Library, Thespians, 4-H Club, swimming pool, and girls soccer.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Epsilon Sigma Alpha is an international organization for women, whose purpose is to continue the education of its members in local and world affairs; to encourage self-improvement; and to be of service to others. The pursuit of these goals keeps the local members busy.

By means of preliminary work done by a national officer of ESA, who was assisted by Mrs. R.A. (Audra) Tanner, a petitioning group of young women living in Iowa Park formed an association early in 1949. This group was granted a charter by the national organization, and on April 30, 1949, they were initiated into the sorority, thus becoming the Epsilon Eta Chapter of ESA.

The 20 women who were initiated that day are considered to be the charter members of the Iowa Park Chapter. They are Ardith Bell, Claydean Bell, Raydean Brown Mattis, Fern Corder, Jane Gauntt, Frances George, Edna Ruth Good, Annie Lee Hill, Roberta Hill, Mary Ellen Johnson, Sue Jones, Kay Kildow, Bonnie Metz Medlinger, Maye Mitchell, Mary Miles Mixon, Mary Ann Shook, Ela Simmons, Audra Tanner, Mildred Traylor and Martha Zeek.

The ESA chapter here is a study club as well as a service club. Monthly meetings feature programs ranging from fashions, arts, crafts, and foods, to the in depth discussion of child abuse, birth defects, cancer, the history of the State of Texas, and many other topics of a serious nature.

It is in the area of service to others that the local club is best known to other Iowa Park residents. Its members have assisted in door-to-door drives for the March of Dimes, the Heart Fund, and the United Way. They have been responsible for the success of the Jerry Lewis telethon as well as the Easter Seal Telethon conducted in Iowa Park for the North Texas Rehabilitation Center. Epsilon Eta has also held bike rides to benefit St. Jude Research Children's Hospital in Memphis,Tenn. At present, they are also assisting in research concerned with Alzheimer's disease.

Many of ESA's projects have been of benefit to Iowa Park directly. The city's parks have been of special interest to them. One of their most rewarding projects was providing tables and benches in a general revamping of the City Park in the downtown area. They built two tennis courts at Pace Park and later added playground equipment. They operated a concession stand at the Little League baseball field for the benefit of the League. Their gift of $2,000 toward the construction of the Bi-Centennial Swimming Pool in Iowa Park helped to bring fun and pleasure to many local citizens. They help support the North Texas Rehabilitation Center and the West Texas Children's Home. The sorority built the entrance gates at Highland Cemetery. They have sponsored Blue Bird and Campfire groups. They continue to honor the Outstanding Boy and Outstanding Girl each year in the graduating class at the Junior High School. Needy families are remembered at Thanksgiving and at Christmas with food and other necessities.

Through the years, the members of Epsilon Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha have been able to touch and enrich the lives of many people in the Iowa Park area, and they plan to continue their service for others.

Amity Study Club

Amity Study Club was organized in 1979 and federated in 1980, and is the youngest study club in Iowa Park.

Charter members were Mmes. David Baugh, Joe Bell, Jerry Denton, Richard Dietrichson, Lee Hale, Robert McIlroy, Jim Bob Merrick, Jack Railsback, Earnie Reusch, Don Rice, Leo Thames, Grant Thompson, Joe Ward Sr., Larry Watts, Philip Welch, and Joe Howard Williamson.

Past presidents are Mmes. Don Rice, Philip Welch, Jerry Denton and Lee Hale. The current president is Mrs. Joe Ward.

Activities of Amity Study Club include five book review luncheons, Breakfast with Santa, two years, a booth at the Whoop-T-Do each year, participation in the city-wide Spring Clean-up campaign, participation in Federated club activities, and helping host district workshops.

Some of the projects have been college scholarships, donating books to the library in the name of speakers for the club's programs, donations to Girlstown, making favors for residents of the local nursing home, and donations to the Clothes Closet, a project of the Iowa Park Ministerial Alliance.

The daisy was chosen as the club flower, and green and white are the colors. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, in the homes of members.

IOWA PARK LIONS CLUB - Before television and before it was determined socially unacceptable, one of the favorite forms of entertainment in Iowa Park was the annual minstrel show, featuring all local talent. The auditorium at W.F. George High School would be filled to capacity. Funds generated from ticket sales provided a major portion of the civic organization's budget to carry out community projects. The organization, sometimes referred to as the "Noon Lions Club," is observing its 60th anniversary this year, making it among the oldest of any group in Lions International.

Investigate Here

Sheriff Pat Allen and Deputy Roy Hart were here Tuesday evening making some investigations in forgery and hot check cases affecting local people. They were in consultation with local Officer, Bill Detlef.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Evans and children of Olney spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kiker.

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23 Study Club

By Ruth Henry Weiler

The Twenty-Three Study Club is the oldest women's study club in Iowa Park, and after sixty-five years, it is still strong and active in the local community as well as in the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

In the fall of 1923, a group of young matrons in the growing town of Iowa Park felt a need of a study club. One of these ladies, Mrs. Carroll Duke, who had taught in the Wichita Falls schools prior to her marriage and subsequent removal to Iowa Park, contacted friends in Wichita Falls who were members of the Travel Club. Mrs. Leslie Humphreys and Mrs. D.J. Carithers of that club were most helpful in the organization of a new woman's club in Iowa Park.

The organization meeting took place on Oct. 18, 1923 in the home of Mrs. J.B. Sisk. The following are recorded as the charter members: Mmes. Frank Clark, C.W. Coppock, Walter Denny, Carroll Duke, T.P. Lynch, J.C. Murphree, W.B. Murphree, H.L. O'Briant, Joseph H. Sherwood, B.L. Turner and G.W. Webb. Others who became members during the first year were Mmes. J.B. Sisk, R.B. Sisk, Gordon Clark, Curtis Sewell, Howard Renfro, T.M. Clark, and Chester Zink. Mrs. Carroll Duke was elected the first president.

Immediately after organization, the group applied for membership in the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and was accepted. This automatically made the club a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs whose headquarters are in Washington, D.C.

As a member of Santa Rosa District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, the 23 Study Club has always taken an active part in the work of the district, holding many department chairmanships and several elective offices. Past presidents of Santa Rosa District from this club are Lita Watson and Margaret Soell.

Because the club was organized in 1923, the members chose "The Twenty-Three Study Club" as their name. Somewhat later, the club voted to limit its active membership to 23 ladies. This has held true to the present day.

When first organized, the club met at the new Park Inn Hotel, but after the first year, meetings were held in the homes of members. This is true today except for the annual "Guest Day" affairs, and joint meetings with other clubs. Typed programs for each meeting were furnished members in 1926-27. Typed yearbooks appeared in 1929, to be followed later by printed books. Old minutes record that a unique scrapbook was made by Mrs. T.P. Lynch in 1937. This practice of making a scrapbook covering the year's activities has continued to the present day.

Since the 23 Study Club is a member of the General Federation, it follows the General Federation's guidelines in comprehensive study programs and in nationwide projects to improve American life. At the same time, the club assists the local community in many ways.

Among these local projects, the following can be listed: Organization of a garden club (unaffiliated) in 1929; the Junior Reading Club in 1930; the Junior 23 Study Club in 1933; the Philia Study Club in 1963, and the Amity Study Club. From 1946 until 1962, the club was the sponsoring organization of the Cub Scouts Pack in Iowa Park.

From the founding of the Iowa Park Library in 1962, the club has supported that institution above all others. Several members of the club have served on the library board. At first, when the library was staffed entirely by volunteers, members of the club served in that capacity. The club also contributed money for shelving and books. Its desire to help the library buy books found expression in its annual Arts and Crafts Shows. Through five of these shows, the club netted several thousand dollars with which to buy books. The club also organized a chapter of the Friends of the Library in 1969 with the help of other local organizations.

The longest continuous project of the club has been the annual Christmas Party which it gives for the patients at the Wichita Falls State Hospital. For many years, the A Cappella Choir of Iowa Park High School contributed Christmas music for these festive occasions.

Outstanding work was performed by club members during World War II in the Red Cross, the USO, the local sewing rooms and the Youth Canteen. During the entire existence of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair in Iowa Park, members served as chairmen and workers in the Women's Division.

The club has a long record of assisting in the beautification of the town by planting trees, shrubs, and roadside flowers. They contributed $60 toward the planting of shrubs on the grounds of the new high school in 1969. They assisted in the city's Bicentennial observance in 1976 by donating $100 toward the construction of the municipal swimming pool.

A customary observance every year since 1963 has been the recognition of the Iowa Park High School senior boy and senior girl who have been adjudged as the most outstanding in scholarship, character, and contributions to the school and to the community. The final meeting of the club year is a luncheon in their honor when the awards are presented.

At each meeting of the club, study topics of local, state, and national interest are discussed. Speakers who are specialists in their fields are often invited to address the club. The programs keep club members abreast of the times, while their projects keep them concerned with the needs of others.

THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET
IOWA PARK, TEXAS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
and Opening of
W.F. George High School
Tuesday Evening, January 29, 1924
High School Gymnasium
BANQUET

Served by the Domestic Science Department of the Iowa Park High School, Direction, Thelma Trussell.

MENU

Fruit Cocktail in Orange Baskets
Turkey -- Dressing Cranberry Jelly
Creamed Peas Candied Sweet Potatoes Rolls
Celery Olives
Brick Ice Cream - Angel Food Cake
Cafe Noir -- Cheese -- Crackers

PROGRAMME

Invocation	Rev. R.C. Hopper
President's Report	T.J. Pace
Vocal Solo (Selected)	Mrs. J.C. Ralston
Address	W.D. Cline, Wichita Falls
Piano Solo	Miss Craig
"As Others See Us"	Business Girls' Club
Reading	Ella Merle Mathis
"Our Parent-Teachers' Association"	Mrs. S.A. Baxter
"Our Schools' Relation to the Community"	J.C. Murphree
"School Teaching Then and Now"	Mrs. Dale Brown
Announcements	W.R. Bradford
Benediction	Rev. E.S. Lowrance

RESUME OF CITY ACTIVITIES DURING 1923.

Finished a $50,000 sewer system, which will easily take care of the needs of our city for years. We have one of the most modern sewer systems, municipally owned, that is to be found in any city in this part of the state.

Constructed concrete pavement in alley of business district, thereby relieving a very unsanitary condition. The city administration has done a great work during this year in cleaning our city up, and deserves especial (sic) credit for same.

Set out magnificient (sic) trees in the present city park, and established another park in the east part of the city. This you will recall is one of the aims set out at our annual banquet one year ago.

Completed some of the finest residences in Northwest Texas. A city that appeals to home builders is an ideal city.

Made extensive improvements in our water system. We have a water system second to none.

Secured a reduction in Fire Insurance rates that will save the citizens practically the entire amount paid in taxes for the interest and retiring of the water improvement bonds.

RESUME OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

You will recall that one year ago, practically every questionaire which was filled out at the annual banquet, had for it's (sic) first objective "Irrigation" on the north side of the river. Today the canals are being built, and before the year has passed water will be available for irrigation in the very section which one year ago seemed so far removed from irrigation.

In connection with this plan of working for irrigation, we have also worked unceasingly on the forming of the Wichita Valley Land Owners' Association, an organization which we believe, is destined to play a very important part in working out the problems which face the land owners in the irrigated districts.

Carried on an extensive advertising campaign giving to the world a picture of "Iowa Park, The Gateway to the Big Irrigated Valley." All are agreed that during the Tom L. Burnett Rodeo and Pageant of Progress, Iowa Park received more national publicity than for the past decade.

Voted bonds and completed one of the most modernly equipped High School buildings to be found in a city this size anywhere, at a cost of $90,000. One-third of this amount was donated by one of the big-hearted, progressive citizens and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W.F. George, who enabled us to take our place with the best towns in the state, in matters of school facilities. Our public schools enjoy an enviable reputation, due to the able superintendent and faculty, and progressive principles of our board of education and citizenship.

Conducted our first Community fair, which drew large numbers from all parts of the county, and created a stimulus in all agricultural and livestock lines. The merchants of our city cooperated splendidly with our farmers in making this a great success.

The Iowa Park Poultry Raisers' association staged one of the finest poultry shows ever seen in Wichita County. Possibly more advancement has been made in poultry lines than in any line of breeding, birds from this community being consistent (sic) winners in shows at other places.

Established for Iowa Park a reputation not equalled in West Texas for hospitality, during our entertainment of the Interscholastic District Meet, which we will entertain again this year for the third successive time.

PROSPECTIVE ... 1924

Build more sidewalks, more paved streets, better street lighting, mark all streets, and generally better living conditions in order that our city may maintain it's (sic) high standard of being an ideal residence town. Continue the splendid work done by the present city administration in beautifying parks. Build walks in city park.

Secure without delay an adequate water supply, which will settle for years to come, regardless of population, our water situation. This must be done in order that our large program of beautifying our city shall be successfully carried out, and can be done at this time at less espense than at a later date.

Keep working for a modern City Hall and Fire Station, and for modern fire fighting apparatus.

Work day and night for the successful culmination of irrigation, for which we have so long prayed. Get behind every movement for selling, farming and colonizing our irrigable lands. This is a movement that means more to our city and community than any that has been before it since its inception. Carry on a more extensive campaign of assisting the Wichita Valley Land Owners' Association, which for the past few months we have assisted in every way possible.

Carry on an extensive advertising campaign, intelligently placing before prospective citizens our advantages in irrigation, fine schools, superior residence advantages, and the many things which we have. The world will never know what we have till we tell them.

In connection with irrigation, work for marketing facilities for all products of the farm. Establish an underity interests that will secure results. Work harder for our Community Fair, which was a large factor in establishing this understanding, get behind our poultry association, and every move for the upbuilding of our community interests.

Give of our time and services to the Boy Scouts movement, which is one of the greatest citizen builders in our nation.

In addition we want to actively support: Program of Civic clubs. Community Band or Orchestra. Wholesome entertainments for our young folks. Retail Merchants Association.

And above all, every citizen in city and community work as a unit for the furtherance of all problems looking toward the upbuilding of our town and community. Give the committees your suggestions.

1949 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROMOTION CALLED "TURKEY SCRAMBLE"
. . . turkeys were released from second floor of Park Hotel at Wall and Cash.

Baptists

According to Fred Parkey, chairman of the mission committee, the Baptist church has voted to purchase the south half of the Hester block in the south part of Iowa Park, and build an extension to the First Baptist church. A full program will be held, Sunday School, Training Union and worship services.

The work is already underway and will be completed as soon as possible.

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BUSY BUSINESS DISTRICT ABOUT 1946
. . . this photo was taken from atop the old ice house.

MRS. NANCY SHIPMAN
. . . Dec. 24, 1933

THE ORIGINAL FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
. . . had concrete sidewalk, but no paved streets.

1969 STATE CHAMPION HAWKS

Hawks earn state title in 1969, share in '70

When a school's football team, over a two-year period, outscores its opponents 1,137 to 267 points, it usually results in championships.

And that's exactly what happened in Iowa Park, with its dynamic teams of 1969 and 1970.

The Hawks earned the Texas Class AA championship in 1969, and shared the title again in 1970.

To Iowa Park fans, it wasn't a question of whether the Hawks would win the most cherished of titles, but when.

And no school's team had more support than did the Hawks. Everyone wore green clothing, or more. A most ardent fan, Bessie Shewmake, even dyed her hair each week the Hawks chalked up another win, which was often, as she worked her job in Metz Coffee Shop.

The '69 team, playing in Bobby Gilbreath Stadium, was watched by fans lined up three and four deep around the fence of the field. Seats were unavailable, to the point it was said one couldn't get a reserved seat unless it was willed by a relative.

The drive to the title began when a youthful coach named Tommy Watkins moved here in time for the 1963 season. In his first year, the Hawks had a winning 5-4-1 season.

The following year Iowa Park went 11-1, losing to Denver City in Bi-District. The Hawks improved in 1965, going 13-1 before being knocked out of the playoffs in the semi-finals by Plano, a school that has since won a number of titles.

Iowa Park was to continue into the playoffs, losing in the quarter-finals to Granbury in 1966, to wind up the season 12-1. The following year, it was Phillips that shortcut the Mean Green's drive, in bi-district.

The Hawks made it all the way back to the semi-finals in 1968 before losing to Daingerfield, another common name among football kingpins.

And then, they did it in 1969.

They started off the season with impressive victories over Burkburnett, 44-7, Decatur, 34-7, and Hirschi, 21-14.

The Hawks then went through almost routine contests by defeating Wellington 68-6, Seymour 53-7, Electra 41-0, Memphis 80-8, Childress 41-14, Quanah 63-0 and Shamrock 31-6, to earn their sixth consecutive trip into the playoffs.

An indication of what was to come was their bi-district win over Dalhart, 61-16. The Wolves, playing much of the game against Hawk reserves, actually scored more points than would any opponent that entire season.

Iowa Park knocked off Floydada 35-6 in region, edged Reagan County 14-7 on a cold and wet evening in Lubbock, and then advanced into the state championship bout by shutting out Jacksboro, coached by the present superintendent of Holliday, Dan Owen, 21-0, in the last game played in Midwestern State University's stadium before it was demolished.

Though they were said to be the underdogs in the championship game against Houston Klein, the Hawks had no trouble handling the larger school's club in Arlington State University's stadium on a chilled, extremely foggy night.

The title was earned by a 31-14 margin.

Iowa Park actually claimed the overall high school football championship of Texas that year.

How?

Well, the Hawks defeated Hirschi 21-14 (that game was so exciting that a Hirschi fan actually died of a heart attack in the stands during the final moments), and the Huskies had beaten that year's Class AAAA champion Wichita Falls Coyotes.

That was the first time in Texas football history that two high school teams from the same county, in the same year, won state championships. A marker was erected on the grounds of the county courthouse, in observance of the occassion.

The 15-game statistics easily indicate the Hawks' dominance over their opponents: first downs 360-169; net yards rushing 5,917-1,551; yards passing 951-1,250; total yards gained 6,870-2,801.

Players on the team, coached by Watkins, Jerry McWilliams, Grady Graves, Randy Reusch, Buddy McLemore and Don Lucy, were: Lee Dawson, Steve Catlin, Steve Webb, Jim Clapp, Mark Thompson, Mark McCord, Gary Williams, Ricky Patterson, James LaBelle, Billy Hacker, Dale Beall, Jeff McDonald, Steve Watson and Steve Berry.

Also, Jerry Spruiell, Jimmy Harrison, Clifford Moore, Larry Fortner, Jerry Pittman, Jimmy Gilmore, Jimmy Brown, Doug Spruiell, Newt Newman and Jimmy Green.

Also, Gary Frazier, Don Harrison, Chuck Buikema, Craig French, Mike Spillman, Jackie Perkins, Gerald Pyle, Gregg Ancel, James Frazier and Greg Frazier.

The '69 Hawk offense was blessed with a trio of tailbacks: a senior, Gary Williams; a junior, Jeff McDonald, and a sophomore, Steve Webb.

McDonald carried 262 times during the season and gained 1,695 yards, a 6.4 average. Williams averaged 10 yards each of his 146 carries, gaining 1,468 yards. And Webb was handed the ball 97 times, gaining 862 yards.

Alternating at fullback were a pair of Steves, Berry and Watson. Berry averaged 7.4 yards on his 70 carries and Watson 6.1 with 77 totes.

Quarterback Jim Clapp gained 256 carries for his 51 carries, to average an even five yards.

1970 CHAMPIONSHIP

Eventhough very few schools have football teams that have ever even advanced into the state playoffs, the 1970 edition of Hawks were actually disappointed they were tied by Refugio, 7-7, in the title bout played in Baylor Stadium at Waco.

But the fact of the matter was, the coaches of the two teams had decided in their pre-game meeting that should such an event occur, they would share the title, rather than resorting to penetrations and other statistics that normally break a tie in a playoff game.

Like the '69 team, the '70 Hawks had marched through competition with but two scares the entire season, and had expected another title trophy. Hence, their disappointment.

And so, when the stadium's announcer told the team and audience over the public address system that the title would be shared, it was a stunned team and south stand full of very quiet Iowa Park fans.

The '70 Hawks started the season off with a 14-7 win over Vernon and then went 26-0 over Graham, 20-7 over Hirschi and shut out Burkburnett 7-0.

Iowa Park then knocked off Stamford 66-22, Bowie 70-0, Breckenridge 42-20, Jacksboro 39-30, Henrietta 54-6 and Olney 50-6, to return to the playoff road.

Decatur fell victim 35-19 in bi-district, Clifton 28-12 for the region title, Wills Point 27-6 in the quarter-finals, and then in a dramatic bout with neighboring Haskell, the Hawks earned their place again in the state championship round with a 14-13 decision.

That Haskell game will always be remembered by the Hawks because Coach Watkins told the punter to "Keep the ball away from Charlie." Franklin was the most-feared runner in the state, except possibly the Hawks' own two-time all-state back [illegible].

The 1970 Hawks, coached again by Watkins, McWilliams, Graves, Reusch, Lucy and McLemore, also had outstanding statistics. Such as: first downs 320-177; net yards rushing 5,084-2,071; yards passing 1,041-925; total yards 6,123-2,996.

McDonald again was the team's leading rusher, carrying an even 300 times for 1,714 yards, a 5.7-yard average.

Webb, who didn't play in the Refugio game because of an injured knee, finished with 1,158 yards on 165 carries, to average seven yards. Watson was called on 96 times and responded with 616 yards, and the big fullback averaged 6.4.

Sophomore quarterback Greg Frazier kept the ball 116 times, and averaged an even five yards by gaining 585 yards.

Richard Blair averaged 6.4 by picking up 519 yards on 81 carries.

Players on the 1970 Hawks were Lee Dawson, Steve Catlin, Steve Webb, Greg Frazier, Sam Morrison, Bobby Morgan, Jimmy Green Richard Blair, Jerry Gholson, Jeff McDonald, Steve Watson and Tony Lee.

Also, Neal Fansler, Jimmy Harrison, David Harrison, Mike Leath, Jimmy Gilmore, Jimmy Brown, Allen Parkey, Ray Dillard, Mike Hicks, Larry Marshall and Robert Cook.

Also, Chuck Buikema, Jackie Gholson, David Collins, Jackie Perkins, Randy Newman, Greg Ancell, James Frazier and Jerry Burkhart.

A privilege the '70 Hawks had the '69 didn't was their home playing field. The fans, in recognition of the '69 championship, built a brand new facility, Hawk Stadium, before the '70 season got underway.

The stadium, originally estimated at a value of $150,000 and later updated to $350,000, would easily cost $1-million in 1988 dollars.

Under the leadership of the late Hoyt Watson, a committee was organized to borrow plans from the Vernon school district, and construct the facility with less than $20,000 of school tax money.

With volunteered expert labor, use of heavy equipment, and donated or/or discounted materials, Iowa Park realized one of the finest facilities of its type in the state.

Ground was broken in December of 1969. The first major money donated was $6,000, from an anonymous donor. And from that the coffers grew. Fans made donations from $5 upward, all seeking to do as much for the program as they could afford.

One of the biggest boosts to help finish the stadium was a purchase agreement with Midwestern State Univ., which allowed the construction committee to obtain the scoreboard, lights and towers, goal posts, fencing, ticket box and press box, all at a trememdous savings.

The Wichita Falls institution had eliminated its football program and needed the space where the stadium stood for expansion.

Seats for the bleachers were built in a separate operation. Forms were poured and the seats stockpiled at the vocational agriculture project barn while work was underway on location.

Work on the stadium was supervised by Frank Raschuber, building trades instructior. The finishing touches after school was begun were overseen by Jesse McCullough.

For Hoyt Watson's efforts, which required considerable time from his farming operation and full-time job as rural route carrier, the booster club presented him a wrist watch and glowing praise.

The finished facility was described in a booklet covering the 1970 season as: "...it is considered by stadium supporters to be a real bargain...one that any school in this football-loving state would love to have."

1926-27 IOWA PARK FOOTBALL TEAM

Players - Elgin Denny, Wayland Fitzgerald, Bruce Fields, Wallace Beasley, Ishma Corder, Franklin Love, Dick Baxter, Douglas Smith, Tood Ester, Clyde Filmore, Kell Wyley, Paul Enloe, Harold Cheeves, R.E. Brewester, Homer Thompson, R.L. Sunday, Doc McKenny, Dever Moorehead and Lyndell Nuegent.

1928-29 COUNTY BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Standing from left, Franklin Love, T.W. "Johnny" Detlifs, Irwin "I.W." Cameron,Coach I.B. Griffith, R.L. Sunday, James Williamson and W.B. Burney; seated, Loyd Copeland, Theo Cheves, Virgil wigley, Loys D. Barbour and Walter Davis.

BOBBY GILBREATH

Possibly the greatest Hawk of them all

By Bob Dawson

All who follow his school athletics and who remember individual and team efforts often have different opinions about who was the best.

During this centennial year it is fitting that one former member of the Hawk track teams of 1958-61 be mentioned for the benefit of those fans with short memories or for those who never had the opportunity to witness any of his performances.

Most long-time track and field fans will tell you, without hesitation, that Bobby Gilbreath had an unequaled track career and that his overall achievements have not been matched by anyone who has worn the green and white.

A "team player," who did not concentrate his efforts on one or two events, but instead he chose to compete in a number of events, in order to gain points for the team. During Gilbreath's final three years of competition, he earned and won in six different events.

School records were set by him in the long jump, 880-yard dash, 180-yard low hurdles and the 440-yard dash. The 440-yard relay and the mile relay teams on which Bobby was a member also established school records. He also set state records in the low hurdles, tied the state record in the 440, and was a member of the 440 and mile relay teams that set state records.

Gilbreath scored 60 points and brought home eight first-place medals from the state meet for the three years he qualified to participate at the state level.

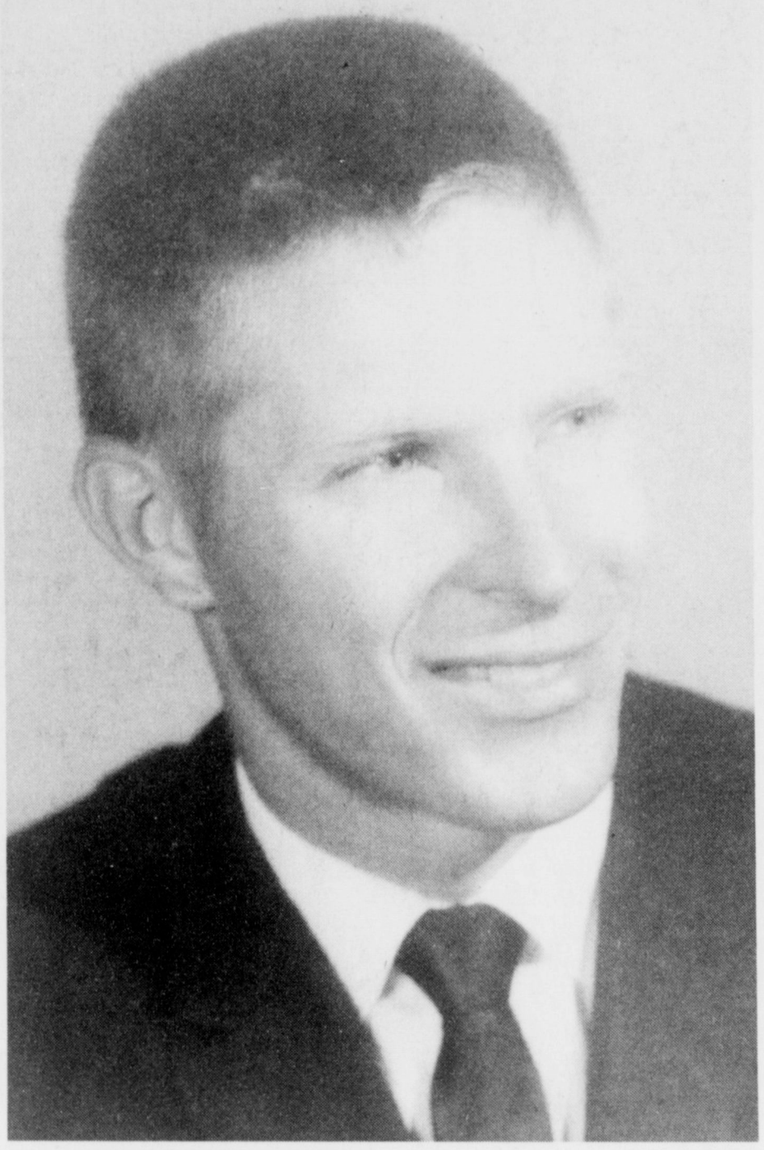
His first places in the state meet were:

1959 - 880-yard dash

1960 - Long jump, 440-yard dash, 440-yard relay, mile relay

1961 - Long jump, 180-yard low hurdles, mile relay.

Highly recruited by many colleges and universities, he chose to enter Texas A&M University. During his freshman year at A&M, the NCAA listed his time in the freshman 440-yard hurdles as the fastest in the nation.

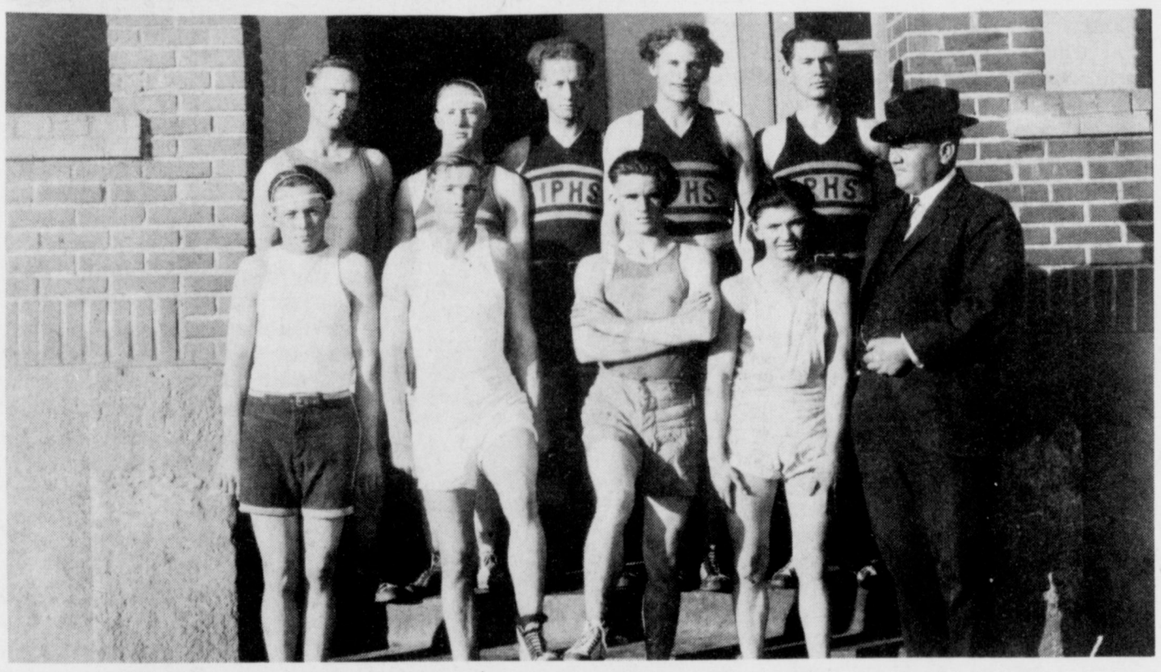


BOBBY GILBREATH

Death from encephalitis ended his outstanding career in November of his sophomore year.

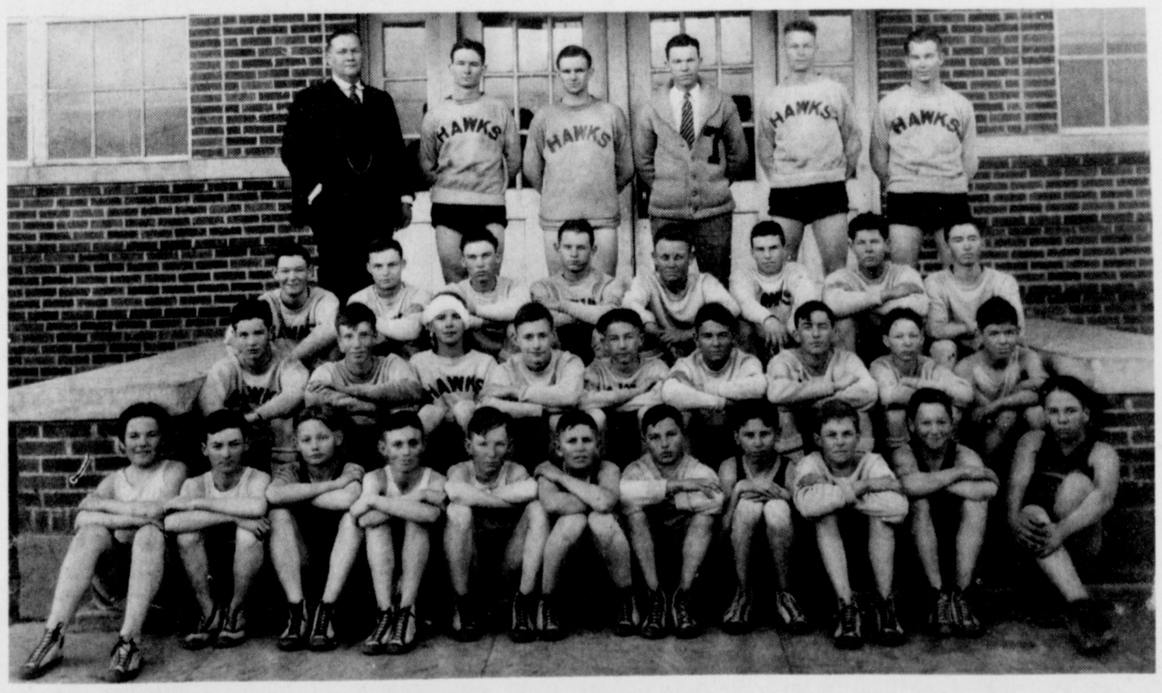
No single athlete has brought as much recognition to Iowa Park High School as Bobby Gilbreath. His funeral service was held in Iowa Park's First Baptist Church, with the coaches and track team of Texas A&M serving as honorary pallbearers.

Through the years the track records established by him and the relay teams have one by one gradually fallen, but no one individual has ever set records in as many events or won the number of first places at the Texas State University Interscholastic League Track and Field Meet, as Bobby Gilbreath.



BASKETBALLERS WITH W.R. BRADFORD

Roy Smith, A.C. Henson, Robert Van Horn, Edwin Davis, Dalton Hill, Alonzo Wigley, Harvey Dunn, Paul Enlow, and Lewis Hooges. Note bands used by two of the players to keep their hair out of their eyes.



IOWA PARK ATHLETES, YEAR UNKNOWN

With W.R. Bradford are Bruce Fields, Paul Enloe, R.E. Brewester, Virgil Wigley, Wallace Beasley, Clyde Filmore, Ishma Corder, Clark Dorris, Paul Wyley, Loys Barbour, Wayland Fitzgerald, Wayne Golden, Harold Cheves, Douglas Smith, Donald Penn, Horris Banks, Theo Cheeves, Marshell Crestman, Dell Harbour, Clack Taylor, Bud Black, Thurman Owens, Dick Baxter, Burney, R.L. Sunday, Ralph Anderson, Travis Sherwd, Roger Golden, Loyd Copeland, Frank Hyserman.

1960 Hawk track team's point total is still record

By Bob Dawson

In 1958, the track program of Iowa Park High School was revived by a group of talented underclassmen who showed, at their early state of athletic development, special talents, and made everyone who watched their efforts aware that great things were in the future.

Coached by Bill Carter, Joe Warren and Bob Howington, this group of athletes was to lay the groundwork for a track program that would win nine consecutive District Championships, three Regional Championships, one State Runner-Up in 1961, and the State Championship in 1960.

Practicing daily on a make-shift dirt track with very irregular curves, this 1960 Hawk team scored an amazing 96 points in the State Meet in Austin, to capture Iowa Park's first state championship.

Anahual High School finished second with 37 points.

Their margin of victory was so overwhelming, the team was declared winner, had the championship trophy presented, and the team picture taken on the Texas University Memorial Stadium victory stand, before the final event was run.

They won that event, also - the mile relay.

Track and field records do not last long in the present-day competition, but the 96 points scored by this team, 28 years ago, stands as a team record to this day. For all classifications.

The Hawks qualified six men for the 1960 State Meet, and every man scored points. Qualifiers included Tony Waters, Lyndell Glenn, Jimmy Gard, Donald Thompson, David Parkey and Bobby Gilbreath. Jackie Brooks was an alternate qualifier.

This group of qualifiers won five first places, one second place, two third places, one tie for a fourth place and a sixth place in the State Meet.

A summary of the 1960 Class A State Meet, held in May of 1960 at Austin, is:

Shot Put - Lyndell Glenn, tied for fourth.

Discus - Lyndell Glenn, second.

100-Yard Dash - Tony Waters, first.

440-Yard Dash - Bobby Gilbreath, first **(set a new Class A state record).**

Long Jump - Bobby Gilbreath, first; Tony Waters, sixth.

180-Yard Low Hurdles - Tony Waters, third.

220-Yard Dash - Donald Thompson, second.

440-Yard Dash - David Parkey, Donald Thompson, Bobby Gilbreath and Tony Waters, first **(set a new Class A state record).**

Mile Relay - David Parkey, Jimmy Gard, Donald Thompson, Bobby Gilbreath, first **(set a new Class A state record).**

Bill Carter, a dedicated track coach, realized this group's potential. Each individual was instilled with an intensity and motivation, added to dedication and a tremendous amount of hard work, that resulted in this long-to-be remembered track team.

The 1961 team, competing in Class AA for the first year, finished in second place in the State Meet, with 44 points to Taylor High School's 50.

This team had lost Tony Waters, Lyndell Glenn and Donald Thompson by graduation from the State Championship squad.

Brothers Larry and Jackie Brooks replaced Waters and Thompson on the relay teams. Otha Woods was an alternate qualifier.

By the University Interscholastic League's current classifications, the 1960 team would be in Class AA and the squad of 1961 would be in Class AAA.

Many teams and individual performers have turned in very good efforts since the State Championship team. Track fans have their favorites in different years and for different reasons, but for those who remember, the individual and team achievements of this group of young athletes and their coaches must rank Number One in the Iowa Park High School track history.

1960 STATE CHAMPION TRACK TEAM

. . . on awards stand at Univ. of Texas Memorial Stadium are, from left, Jackie Brooks, David Parkey, Donald Thompson, Jimmy Gard, Tony Waters, Lyndell Glenn and Bobby Gilbreath; with coaches Bill Carter and Joe Warren.

1961 STATE CHAMPION MILE RELAY TEAM

. . Jackie Brooks, Gimmy Gard, David Parkey and Bobby Gilbreath.

Season Ends with Loss to Quanah

The Iowa Park Hawks ended their 1951 season with a 20-42 loss to the District 4-AA champion Quanah Indians last Friday night at Quanah.

Despite their loss, the Hawks had the distinction of scoring more points, making more first down (sic), and picking up more yardage than any other team in the district against the Indians.

Iowa Park scored in the second quarter when Ben Huckaby broke loose over right tackle for 44 yards and a touchdown. In the third quarter Lee Roy Weiss went over from the one yard line after James Williams set it up with a 40 yard scamper through the middle of the line to the Quanah one yard line. Weiss kicked the point.

With 15 seconds remaining in the game, Paul Burns took a pass from Weiss and raced 57 yards for the third touchdown. Huckaby plunged over tackle for the 20th point.

Eleven men ended their eligibility for the Hawks in this final game of the season. They were Captains Eddie Watson, Ben Huckaby and Robert Nolen; Coy Reneau, Paul Burns, Charles Rutledge, Freddie Simmons, Mac Lucy, Jackie Hendricks, Thomas Johnson and David Mundt.

Despite their record of 3 wins, 6 losses and 1 tie, the Hawks scored 187 points for an average of 18.7 points per game, allowing their opponents 216 points, an average of 21.6 points per game.

The Hawks wish to thank everyone for their support and backing during the 1951 season.

The season's record reads: Iowa Park 12, Archer City 6; Iowa Park 12, Nocona 39; Iowa Park 25, Holliday 6; Iowa Park 52, Henrietta 6; Iowa Park 7, Crowell 25; Iowa Park 13, Valley View 13; Iowa Park 14, Burkburnett 20; Iowa Park 25, Electra 28; Iowa Park 7, Seymour 31; Iowa Park 20, Quanah 42.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, November 22, 1951

Hawks Lost Last Tilt In Final 40 Seconds; Ted Averitt Resigns

Iowa Park Hawks closed out a sucessful gridiron season last Friday afternoon at Chillicothe with a 19-20 loss. The game was well played by both teams, with Chillicothe taking the edge in conversion attempts.

The Hawks led 12-0 at the end of the first quarter, and had the game won 19-14 until the last 40 seconds of the game.

Although finishing fourth in the district, the Hawks were able to rack up six victories against four defeats for the season. Their losses were to Crowell, Electra, Paducah and Chillicothe. The wins were off Valley View, Holliday, Archer City, Henrietta, Newcastle and Munday.

Friday, Coach Ted Averitt announced through the Wichita Falls newspapers that he would not return to Iowa Park High School next year as coach. He released no plans.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, November 19, 1953

Valley View Warriors Meet Munday Friday

Football games scheduled this week and next for Valley View Warriors are highly important to their district title race. This Friday the boys to to Munday.

Except for the season opener with Crowville, La., the Warriors have won all their games and if they can get by Munday this Friday and St. Jo next Friday, they stand a good chance to come through for the district championship again.

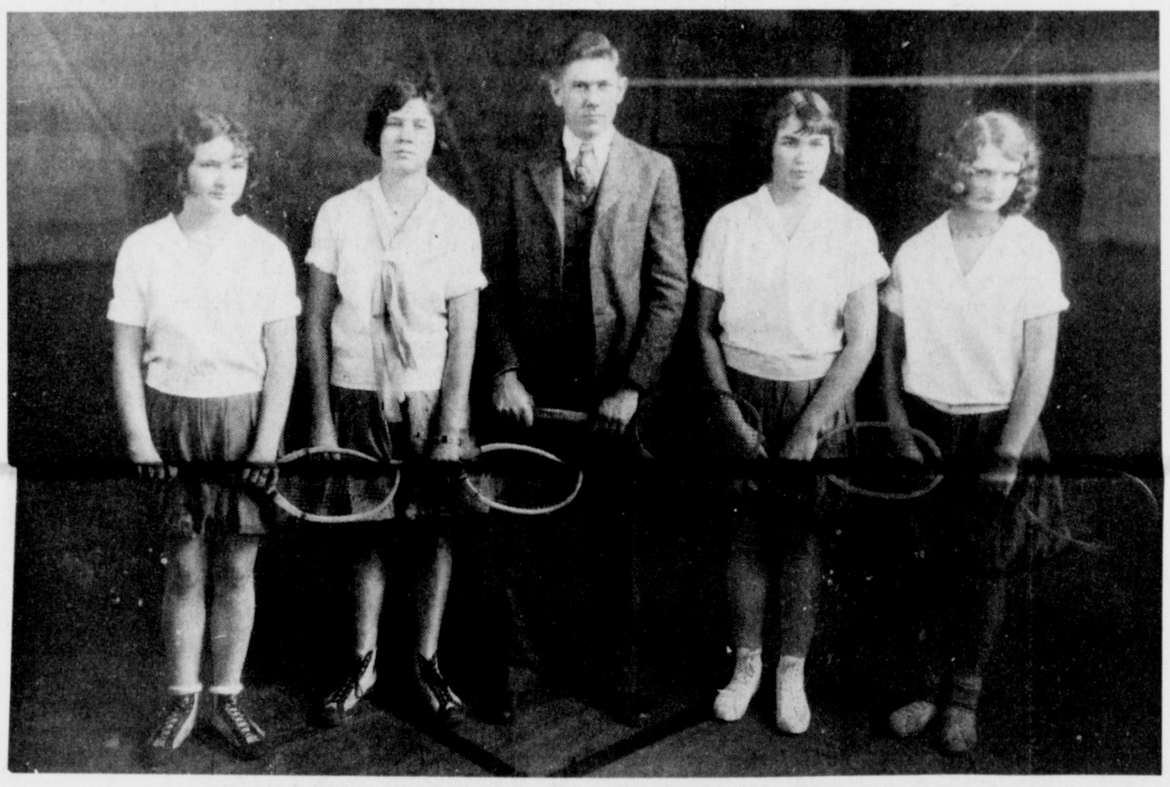
The Valley View team won from Holliday recently with a 7-6 score and last weekend took Woodson to a 26-0 cleaning.

In St. Jo the Valley View boys will run up against their stiffest competition. This game will be the fourth time the schools have met, with Valley View holding a 2 to 1 advantage. In 1947 the Warriors won 6-0; in 1948 they lost 6-18 and last year they cleared the St. Jo hurdle by one point, winning 7 to 6.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, October 12, 1950

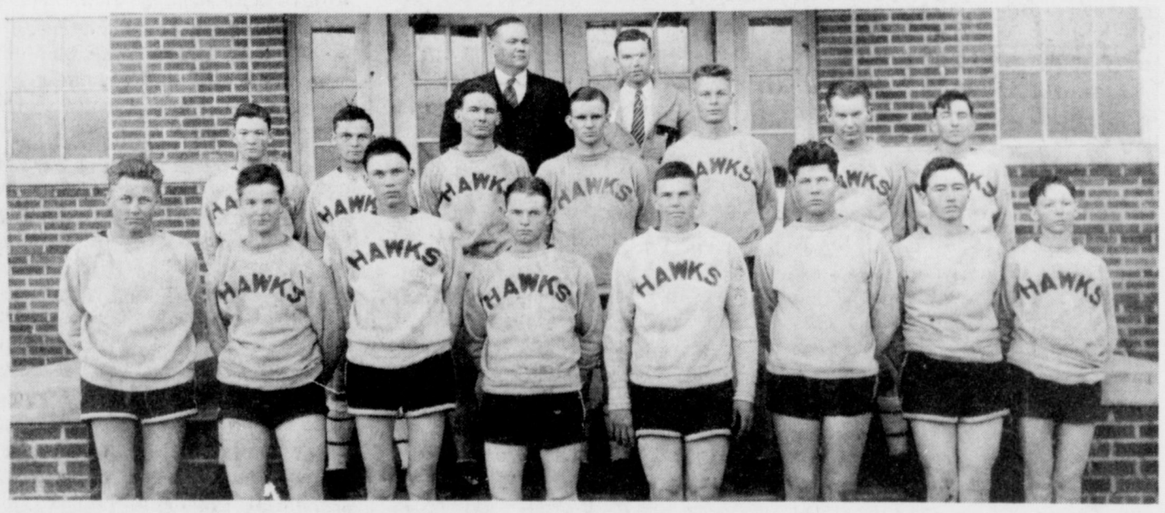
JUNIOR, SENIOR VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

Front from left, Carol Thurber, Ruth Dorris, Coleta Cherry, Gladys Williams, Glenda Bevill, Virginia Beasley, Alta Foreman; second row, Charlsie Harding, Ruth Wigley, Geraldine Jackson, Shirley Smyth, Mary Lea Smith, Ferne Burrows; third row, Jessie Lou Counts, Alta Sherwood, Iva Mae Smith, Inez Van Horn, Irene McDonald and Mary George. In back, Loretta Fields and Coach Phlorene,



1928-29 TENNIS TEAM

Thelma Jacks, Ruth Dorris, Mr. Belken, Juanita Kildow and Shirley Smyth.



UNKNOWN YEAR BASKETBALL TEAM

Pictured are W.R. Bradford, R.E. Brewster, Clyde Filmore, Ishma Corder, Bruce Fields, Paul Enloe, Virgil wigley, Wallace Beasley, Horris Banks, Clark Davis, Harrold Cheves, Frank Dorris, Paul Wigley, Loys Barbour, Wayne Fitzgerald, Wayne Golden, Theo Cheves and Wayland Fitzgerald.

1925-26 HAWK BASKETBALL TEAM

IOWA PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, FEW YEARS AGO

Iowa Park Had an Early Day Fire Fighting Organization

Bucket Brigade and Old Chemical Outfit Served Well

Back in the teen age of the present century Iowa Park had a volunteer fire department -- the town furnishing an old model chemical outfit that was rigged up on two wheels and man-power. The bucket brigade was loyal to the job of city fireman, and rendered a service commensurate with what they had to do with.

R.r. Brubaker is the pioneer fireman of the city; he having been a member of the old guard, and the oldest member in point of service in the present organization. He is the only charter member who has served continuously in the department. Other charter members are Albert May and Sam D. Jacks, but both of them have been temporarily out of the department when Mr. May moved out to his farm for a short time, and Mr. jacks was located at Kemp City (now Kamay) a year ago during the peak of the oil boom. Miles Hines was an early member and probably a charter member as his name appears in the early minutes of the organization's lmeetings.

After the completion of the present city hall and fire station, new equipment was purchased, including a then modern fire truck and a supply of hose, etc., and the little two-wheeler cart that had been kept parked in a modest shed, on the south side of the Hoge Auto Supply building, was abandoned. The re-organization was effected in the spring of 1924, and J.C. Ralston was the first real fire chief. He died from accidental injury in December of that year and H.T. Danner was chosen as his successor. Mr. Danner later removed to Columbia, S.C., and J. Hill Anglin was the next fire chief. He was at that time city water engineer and resigned to enter the sheep raising business in New Mexico. He frequently visits the old home town here.

The original roster of the fire department consisted of J.C. ralston, chief; H.T. Danner, assistant chief; S.D. Jacks, president; F.E. Hill, H.A. Mills, Warren Clark, J.H. Anglin, W.R. Arnold, M.L. Hines, W.E. Carter, Robt. R. Brubaker, Scott Ralston, T.J. Pace, Swan Reaves, C.F. Ruth, C.E. Davis, L.C. (Kelley) Denny, C.M. Duncan, M.M. Edwards, Jack Stewart, G. Brown, Edwin Davis, Wm. Levine, Albert May, M.L. McKelvey, J.G. Lancaster, J.R. Boyd, N.E. McKinney, Curtis Young, O.J. Kidwell, A.H. Estes and R.A. Dahl.

Of the 32 men named above only a dozen of them are still in this community and only three remain on the fire department. As mentioned earlier in this article, Mr. Ralston passed away, and Mr. Danner returned to South Carolina. C.F. Ruth also went with the Danner's. C.M. Duncah, M.M. Edwards, A. H. Estes and Wm. Levine are in Wichita Falls. Jack Stewart is in Monahans; Otis Kidwell in Mineral Wells, R.A. Dahl in Odessa, and there they are scattered. Yes, Edwin Davis at Eagle Lake.

Of the 11 men who have served as chief of the department, five of them resigned before completing their terms. The first chief, J.C. Ralston died just before the end of his first term. H.T. Danner resigned July 25, 1927. J.H. Anglin, the next in order, resigned March 24, 1930, and R.A. Dahl was elected, but he resigned two months later on account of his work taking him away from the city so much, and Kelly Denny was named to succeed him on May 12, 1930. R.T. "Buddie" Tanner was the first chief to serve a whole term and he succeeded Denny, and served until December 1932, when Taylor Groves was elected chief. He gave up the post when he was transferred to another position, and his resignation was accepted in July 1933, and Robt. R. Brubaker was named for the unexpired term and was re-elected for the regular term in December and served until the election of Herman Mahler in 1935. Mr. Mahler was in office a year and "Buddie" Tanner was again honored with the job of fire chief and he holds it to this good day.

The following have been president of the fire department: S.D. Jacks, Scott Ralston, Robt. R. Brubaker, M.L. Hines, Jack Ralston, Herman G. Mitchell, Tom Hail, L.C. Denny Jr., and John Maier who is the present head of the organization.

The following have been secretary of the fire department: W.R. Arnold, H.A. Mills, J.A. DeSha, I.W. Corder, Taylor George, and Robt. R. Brubaker who is the present secretary.

The fire department has never had to solicit a member to keep the personnel at full strength; there has been over the 15 year period a waiting list. The disciplinary regulations of the organization are very rigid, and every member has to be accounted for on regular meeting nights, and register when the department is called out for service. It has operated most efficiently as well as economically, and every citizen and taxpayer in this community is proud of the fire boys. Each year they are honored with a banquet at which city officials and friends break bread with them. They have their own hall in which the regular meetings are held and which is used for their recreation. It is equipped with a stage, stove, dishes, tables, etc., and they never let interest die in the fire department, not even for a day. It is a fine aggregation that serves without pay and without friction.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 21, 1939

Donkey Baseball Originated Here, Spreading to Big Cities

A game of baseball with the players astride of donkeys is an amusing entertainment. It had its beginning in Iowa Park in early summer when the Fire Department boys changed from polo to baseball and selected the treacherous donkeys instead of the faster ponies.

The boys have their sleepy-looking steeds trained for baseball, and the player who can stay mounted from home plate to first base is entitled to a place in the hall of fame. All players are mounted except the pitcher, catcher and batter. When and if the batter hits a fair ball he mounts a waiting donkey and starts to first base. The bases are blanket spaces large enough for two donkies to get their feet upon. Fielders must ride after balls, dismount to get the horsehide which is an indoor ball, and mount again before throwing.

The donkeys have been used in Wichita Falls a number of times. Monday the tricky burros were trucked to Fort Worth where they were used that night in a game at Grave Field between the Junior chamber of commerce and the Shriners. There will be a game there each night this week. Promoters have an option to take the donks to Dallas and Waco. Some of the local boys accompany the playing asses and take part in the games to familiarize the new players and keep the steeds pepped.

Those attending the Fort Worth game Monday night from here: "Buddy" Tanner, Tom Hail, Tom Rogers, John Craft, T.C. Scott, Herman Mitchell, "Boss" Smith, Roy Carlton, A.H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fielder and Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Corder.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, date unknown

Oil Belt Play-off Starts Sunday P.M.

Iowa Park defeated Bowie Sunday afternoon, winding up the Oil Belt League regular season, and as winner of the last half split schedule, will meet Wichita Falls, winner of the first half, in the final championship play-off, for the first of a series of five games, at Wichita Falls Sunday afternoon. Manager Burnett of the Bombers will start Zink in the box and Chesty Lewis will assign Truett Richardson to the mound. That means a good ball game is in store for the fans.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 5, 1940

FFA Convention

Six members of Iowa Park chapter of Future Farmers of America are attend (sic) the state convention in Ft. Worth, July 18-20.

Members attending are James Cantrell, Andy Crawford, Larry Holder, Doug Tanner, Garland Lehman, Johnny Hankins.

They are accompanied by Bob K. Jacobs, vocational agriculture teacher.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, July 19, 1962

The history of the Iowa Park school system

By Ruth Henry Weiler and Lita Huggins Watson

"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow." This adage truly describes the history of the Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District. In this case, the "little acorn" is the first school conducted in only one room of a private residence employing only one teacher. The "mighty oak" is the complex of buildings, buses, equipment and materials spread throughout the area and presided over by a highly trained group of administrators and teachers. The well-known strength of oak wood is symbolized in the excellent training which awaits each student who seriously seeks a solid base of education upon which to build a full and useful life.

During the 1880s, many people from other parts of the United States were moving into Texas, while settlers already in the state kept moving farther west in their search for good farming and grazing land. One of the earliest citizens to settle in the fertile Wichita River Valley was Ben Ferguson. He arrived with his family on May 14, 1888, having lived for a while in Bell County, Texas. He purchased three sections of land, 8 miles southwest of present-day Iowa Park, for $4 per acre.

Because there was no school anywhere in the area, the Fergusons created one of their own. They designated a bedroom in their home to be used as a school room and sent word to friends in East Texas that a teacher was needed. Miss Laura McBeth accepted the job. Enrollment consisted of seven young boys and girls, several of whom were children of the Fergusons.

Miss McBeth stayed only one year. Before that year was over, Mrs. Ferguson, assisted by other settlers in the area, began planning for a school on a larger scale. As a result of their efforts, a one-room frame school house was built, this one in the growing town of Iowa Park. Located on the corner of South Yosemite and Lafayette, the building was made possible by the many people who donated money, materials and labor.

A Mrs. Campbell from Nebraska was the first teacher in that building. Enrollment increased each year and the school was enlarged to four rooms and used until about 1900.

Church congregations met in this building until they could construct their own buildings.

About 1901, citizens built a two-story brick school house on the north side of the railroad. At this time, Iowa Park was still a common school district. However in 1899 citizens voted in favor of incorporation and it was so declared by Judge W.P. Skeen on Aug. 18. The district covered 24 1/2 sections of land and the first members of the Board of Trustees were W.C. Cagle, D.K. Harbour, T.J. Waggoner, C. Birk, L.A. Wyatt, N.C. Herod, W.F. Miller, G.T. Akers and H. Specht.

Lee Clark was superintendent from 1906-1910. Later, he became superintendent of the Wichita Falls system and was instrumental in the founding of Wichita Falls Junior College which later became Midwestern State Univ.

The school built in 1901 served the town until 1916 when the structure was torn down and a new two-story brick building with basement was constructed. This school had ten rooms and an auditorium. A storm damaged this building in 1920 but the building was repaired in time for school to start in September.

During the teens, there were volleyball and basketball teams for girls and baseball and basketball for boys. There was a football team at least as early as 1924. The year 1918-1919 stands out in memory because in that year the first school annual appeared.

Called "The Whirlwind," the first annual was put together under the direction of Superintendent A.B. Tyson. This unique volume of 98 pages contains a photograph of each student. There were only four seniors that year and they were the ones who did most of the work. In addition to photographs, there were articles on athletics (the editors admitted that it had been a "poor year"), literary pieces, jokes, cartoons and light verse.

Also, it is from "The Whirlwind" that we get our first real glimpse of the school's participation in the Texas Interscholastic League. Like the current yearbooks, the volume had an advertisement section supplied by local merchants and patrons.

No other annual appeared until 1947, a lapse of 28 years. The name of the annual changed at that time to "The Hawk's Nest" and has been published each year since 1947.

One possible reason for ceasing publication of an annual could be that a new superintendent came in, whose overriding ambition was to bring the school up to a high standard of affiliation with leading universities and colleges in the state. That superintendent was W.R. Bradford, to whom all the people of Iowa Park are indebted for his unceasing efforts to achieve academic accreditation. Graduation from an accreditated high school allows students to enter a college or university without an entrance exam.

Work on affiliation began in the fall of 1920. Of the eleven teachers in the system at that time, only four were in the high school department. Through the strong and firm leadership of Mr. Bradford, these four teachers earned eleven credits of affiliation, the very first for Iowa Park. At this time, there was a total school enrollment of 495 pupils, 92 of whom were in high school. Average salary for teachers was $1,050.

For the 1921-22 term, two more teachers were added and enrollment was up to 503. Nine more units of affiliation were added and eleven students graduated from high school that year.

In 1922-23, something new was added to the curriculum-domestic science (homemaking). Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Tanner donated a lot on the corner of East Park Street and Texowa, just across the street from the school complex. The school board built a modern cottage there to teach classes in domestic science. The building cost $7,000 and was one of only seven in Texas. Total faculty consisted of nineteen teachers with 26 units of affiliation.

The $250,000 school plant consisted of the high school and grade school under one roof, the modern homemaking cottage, and home for the superintendent, high school principal and caretaker.

In 1924 voters passed election bonds in the amount of $60,000 to erect a high school building. W.F. George, local school patron, donated $30,000 toward the erection of a $90,000 building. It contained 13 classrooms, laboratory, library, office, basement, boiler room with central heating plant, and an auditorium-gymnasium with seating for 800 people. The name "W.F. George High School" honored the benefactor. The elementary school continued to use the old bulding.

The George building was in use until the completion of the new high school in January, 1970. At that time this building served the Junior High until it was condemned and demolished in 1976.

During the latter part of the 1920s, Mr. Bradford accepted a school position in west Texas, returning to Iowa Park in 1930. At the beginning of the 1929-30 school term, teachers received a salary cut of 10 percent as the Great Depression began.

In 1940, the Works Progress Administration constructed the Iowa Park Elementary School. Located on East Cash St., it was adjacent to the 1924 W.F. George High School. The new building contained eleven modern classrooms, which were well-lighted, well-constructed and well-ventilated. Ethyle Kidwell, who taught in the Iowa Park system 46 years, continued as principal. There was no separate library, but shelves in the secretary's office served that purpose.

The WPA project also included building the first school cafeteria which proved to be a popular addition.

Five rural school districts voted to consolidate with Iowa Park in 1941. They were Prairie Cottage, Weeth, Harmony, Deep Creek and Pleasant Valley. John C. Murphree was elected president of the newly formed district, Albert May, vice president and T.J. Pace.

At this time the school board ordered the inclusion of vocational agriculture as a high school subject and the first teacher was J.K. Bradshaw. While W.R. Bradford was superintendent of the Iowa Park Schools, he opened up other new departments, such as general science, physical education and band.

In 1953 Keith Swim received an appointment as superintendent after Mr. Bradford retired. Under his leadership, a gymnasium-band building constructed in 1957, provided space for basketball and volley ball tournaments, as well as a band hall and practice rooms. Providing a seating capacity of 1000 for athletic events, it was not suitable for use as an auditorium for public programs or concerts. This much-needed addition to existing buildings, made possible at an approximate cost of $125,000, is now a part of the W.F. George Junior High School complex.

With the building of the new gymnasium and band hall in 1957, a period of construction began for the Iowa Park Independent School District. Successive school boards built Ethyle Kidwell Elementary School in 1959; the W.R. Bradford Elementary School in 1962; the Iowa Park High School in 1969; and remodeled the W.F. George Junior High in 1976.

Ethyle Kidwell Elementary School, located on a spacious campus at 1200 North Third Street, was named in honor of an educator who would serve as principal in the system for a total of 33 years.

At first, trustees constructed only the north wing of the $319, 505 plant. When the eight classrooms opened for the 1960-61 school term, it was immediately apparent that more were needed. A second wing, south of the cafetorium, was soon built. It contained seven more classrooms and a later addition added four more rooms to the north wing.

The school has no separate auditorium, but the cafetorium containing a large stage and dressing room, double as an auditorium and cafeteria.

A very active Parent-Teacher Association made it possible to air condition the entire school. The Iowa Park Garden Club supplied much of the landscaping, including a rock garden. The school is recognized as one of the most modern and progressive elementary schools in the state.

A housing boom in the southern part of town prompted the location of a new elementary school at 800 South Texowa in 1962. The W.R. Bradford Elementary School was named to honor the educator who served as superintendent of the Iowa Park Schools 33 years. Although he died before the school was open, he was aware of the dedication at the time of the ground breaking.

Erected at a cost of $308,000, Bradford school contained seventeen classrooms, a book room, clinic, offices, teacher's lounge, storage rooms, a music room and a cafetorium. An active Parent-Teacher Association donated playground equipment, library books, stage curtains and backdrops and classroom air conditioning.

Since the opening of Bradford, special education for handicapped children has been a priority. Speech therapy was added in 1965 and in 1972, eleven special education teachers were employed in the entire system.

In 1973-74 a plan, known as West Wichita County Cooperative, was formed with John Sibley as the first director. It included the school districts of Iowa Park, Electra, Holliday and City View. This plan offers an array of services to handicapped students. Located first on the Bradford campus, it is presently housed in the Ag building on the Valley View campus.

The Region IX Model Kindergarten program began at Bradford Elementary in 1972. Iowa Park received a federal grant to fund this program, which served as a guide for other schools to follow when the state mandated kindergartens in all Texas schools.

In 1982, classrooms were divided with grades kindergarten through three conducted on the Kidwell campus and grades four through six on the Bradford campus.

At last, in 1969, the dream of a new high school building became a reality. Selection of the site was controversial, as well as the cost. It took two bond elections for the measure to pass. Citizens voted to locate the structure on West Highway 287, and they obligated themselves to pay $980,000 for it. However, the building cost slightly more than $1,300,000 by the time it was open for the first classes in January 1970.

The high school is completely modern in every respect, from video tapes, television sets, microfilm, microfische and copying machines to more than 13,000 books in the library. There are 13 classrooms on the main floor and eight in the basement. There are biology and chemistry labs, a homemaknig suite, a language laboratory, a large cafeteria, a commercial department, a gymnasium, and an auditorium which seats 860 people. The basement is constructed for use as a storm shelter. Trustees later constructed a large field house.

The football team, The Hawks, won the State 2AA championship in 1969 and tied for first place in 1970. The high school track team won the State Track Meet in 1960. Enthusiastic fans constructed a large bowl stadium, surrounded by a track, with volunteer donations of money and labor. Located on the high school grounds, it also serves as a place for commencement programs.

In 1970 Valley View consolidated with the Iowa Park district which is now known as the Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District. An independent district about ten miles southwest of Iowa Park, Valley View School was located in a prosperous farming and oil-producing area. Many people moved into the area in the 1920s because of the oil boom. Prosperity blessed the district for many years and several building were constructed.

Then oil producted declined. People moved away and the number of children decreased. By 1968, Valley View realized that consolidation was inevitable. Consolidation with Iowa Park not only solved the problems of Valley View but was also a boon to the Iowa Park System.

When consolidation was completed, all of the Valley View students except the fifth and sixth grades, were bussed to Iowa Park. The fifth and sixth grades from Iowa Park were bussed to Valley View. This arrangement worked well for a time, but eventually the Iowa Park school board closed the Valley View school because of a decline in student enrollment and loss of tax revenue. They felt that it was no longer economically feasible to bus students to Valley View. The school officially closed May 30, 1980.

From its beginning as a separate entity with its own principal in 1958, the Junior High School has remained in the original school block of 400 East Cash. The high school and the elementary school moved away, leaving the Junior High School to reign supreme over that old, hallowed campus.

When the last of the elementary students moved to the Bradford school in 1963, the relatively new elementary school in the old campus became the home of the Junior High. When the high school moved in 1970, some of the usable rooms in the old W.F. George building served the Junior High, also. In 1976 trustees demolished this building and completely renovated the former elementary school and gave it the name of W.F. George Junior High School to honor a benefactor of Iowa Park schools.

This completely modernized school has a program as modern as the building itself. It has no separate auditorium, but the cafeteria with a seating capacity of approximately 250 serves as an auditorium for small gatherings. A faculty of 24 highly qualified teachers carries out regular programs to which have been added music, arts and crafts, and speech courses for seventh and eighth graders. In the large library, students are able to find almost any type of reference material needed for class work.

Superintendents who served after Keith Swim were Farris Nowell and Harold Cowley. The present superintendent is Glen Mitchell.

In the early 1980's the Texas legislature passed House Bill No. 246 which was an effort to set minimum standards for curriculum and teaching methods. In the 1984 special session, the legislature passed House Bill No. 72. It mandated that essential elements, a standard for minimum learning skills and subject content, be used throughout the state systems. This attempt to standardize educational opportunities state wide, also mandated the gradual implementation of no more than 22 student per class in grades K-6. It requires each teacher to pass the TECAT exam in order to assure that each one has a basic understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation.

It also provides for trained evaluators to monitor classroom teachers either twice or four times annually depending on their standing on the career ladder. The ladder is an evaluation process which offers a yearly bonus to teachers who exceed the standard criteria for good teaching. Unfortunately, in many cases, not enough money for this plan is available from the state, and additional funds are available only at a local option.

The program limited student involvement in extra-curricular activities unless a certain grade level was maintained. Dubbed the "No pass, no play" rule, it was unpopular for a time. It also limited the number of excused absences.

At first the required paper work overwhelmed the teachers, but that requirement was later reduced. The positive effects of the bill include salary incentives, state-wide standards for good education, and better guidelines for teachers, thereby promoting better organization. Achievement tests, given at regular intervals, monitor the student's level of learning. A positive score on an exit exam is now required before a high school diploma can be awarded.

In the past two years three permanent and three temporary classrooms have been added at Bradford, and four permanent and one temporary added at Kidwell to satisfy new state requirements for small classes.

Trending slowly upward, enrollment presently is the highest since the record figure of 1916 for the 1980-81 school year. One of the city's largest employers, the school district has a payroll of 197. Degreed personnel include 109 classroom teachers, as well as 14 administrators, librarians and counselors.

Today the school district encompasses 184 square miles with a valuation of $277-million, and a tax rate of .81 per $100. Present valuation of the school complex, located on 200 acres, is over $15-million.

The Iowa Park School system has been in existence for one hundred years! Starting with one teacher and seven pupils in 1888, it has increased to 109 classroom teachers and 1,886 pupils in 1988. The "little acorn" has indeed developed into a "mighty oak."

NOTE: Much of the research for this article was taken from a history of the school of Iowa Park prepared by Miss Ethyle Kidwell in 1979. At that time she placed a copy in each of the school libraries.

POND CREEK SCHOOL, YEAR UNKNOWN

IOWA PARK SIXTH GRADE, 1946-47

Appropriation Fails For Plant Pathologist

J. Paul Lusk, plant pathologist at the State Experiment station here, has received notice that no provision has been made for his salary beyond September 1st. Imcompetent lawyers in the legislature is proving costly to Texas progress.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, July 25, 1929

Remembering the Class of '14

On Friday, May 22, 1914, at eight o'clock in the evening, members of the Iowa Park High School Class of 1914 began graduation exercises, held at the Methodist Church. The nine members were Fenton Zenis Dale (president), Tirzah Mabel Crites (secretary), Faye Mamie Dale, Edna Frances Smith, Vera Jewel Johnson, Suvilla Evelyn Matthews, Lillian Mae Peterson, Leika Clark, and John Leslie Matthews.

Faye Dale was the class valedictorian, and Vera Johnson delivered the salutatory address. Participation by the other class members included: Fenton Dale, an oration on "Success;" Tirzah Crites, Class History; Lieka Clark, "Grand Valse de Concert," Emil Liebling Op. 12; Edna Smith, Class Poem; Lillian Peterson, "He Was Her Only Son" by Irene P.M. Keeham; John Matthews, an oration "The Common Schools of Texas," and Suvilla Matthews, "Robert of Sicily" by Longfellow.

Judge P.A. Martin delivered the address, and Mr. C.L. Nickell presented the diplomas.

The class motto was "Get There," the colors were pink and green, and the class flower was a pink carnation.

Serving on the Board of Trustees that year were A.L. Brubaker, president, W.W. Overbey, secretary, A.B. Womack, Jay Alberding, George Mills, W.L. Browning, and W.H. Barbour.

The faculty was listed as C.L. Nickell, Superintendent, Mathematics; Bess Shenod, Principal, History and Latin, and Nell Musgrave, English and Science. In Grammar School were Miss Leudye Green, Sixth and Seventh Grades, and Miss Maud Lindsey, Fourth and Fifth Grades. The Primary School teachers were Miss Mary Colquit, Second and Third Grades, and Miss Gertrude Denny, First Grade.

Taken from 1914 Student Handbook is the following:

COURSE OF STUDY

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

First Grade - Reading, Spelling, Writing, Number Work and Language.

Second Grade - Reading, Spelling, Number Work, Language and Writing.

Third Grade - Reading, Spelling, Lower Arithmetic, Writing, Language Book, Lower Geography and Lessons in Hygiene.

Fourth Grade - Reading, Arithmetic, Spelling, Language Book, Geography, Writing and Physiology.

INTERMEDIATE DEPT.

Fifth Grade - Reading, Beginner's History, Spelling, Lower Arithmetic, Lower Geography, Writing and Physiology.

Sixth Grade - Texas History, Geography, Grammer, Arithmetic, Physiology and Agriculture.

Seventh Grade - Arithmetic, Grammar, U.S. History, Geography and Civics.

HIGH SCHOOL

Eighth Grade - Algebra, Latin, Physiology, English, Ancient History and Spelling.

Ninth Grade - Algebra, Latin, Medieval and Modern History, English, Physical Geography and Spelling.

Tenth Grade - Plane Geometry, English, English History, Latin and Spelling.

Eleventh Grade - Solid Geometry, Trigonometry, English, Latin, Physics, American History, Civics and Spelling. Much review work will be given.

Supplementary reading will be given in all grades. Not less than 70 and an average grade of 85 must be made before promotion.

General Rules and Regulations

School opens on the first Monday in September and continues nine months, unless otherwise provided by the board.

Pupils transferred from other districts shall be allowed three months free tuition.

For those who are not entitled to free tuition, a charge of $2.00 for Primary and Intermediate and $3.00 for High School pupils will be made.

Pupils doing laboratory work will be requested to pay fifty cents to pay for chemicals.

The daily sessions shall be from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All holidays shall be ordered by the board.

The superintendent shall be on the school grounds thirty minutes before opening of school.

Teachers should be in their rooms or on the school ground twenty minutes before opening of school.

Each teacher must maintain order in their respective rooms at all times, and permit no pupil to remain in the building at intermission, who is not quiet and orderly.

Pupils

Any pupil who shall deface or in any way injure school property shall be liable for the damage, and in default of such payment may be suspended from school.

Pupils must not use profane language or engage in any sort of disorderly conduct on the school grounds. The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited on the school ground.

Diplomas will be given those who complete the Grammar School and those who complete a four-year course in the High School; provided their conduct and scholarship has been creditable during their connection with the school. No senior, whose deportment is below 90 will be awarded a diploma or permitted to take part in graduating exercises.

No pupil will be excused to leave the school ground without a written request parent to teacher. All teachers must observe this section.

Pupils leaving the school ground without teacher's permission will be liable to severe punishment and for a repeated offense of this kind may be expelled from school.

Parents and friends are respectfully requested not to criticize the teachers in the presence of their children. Make your complaints and criticisms known to the teachers and we will try to adjust all difficulties.

We earnestly request all pupils to strive to do right and reflect honor upon yourselves, your home, your school and your community.

In a scrapbook, compiled by the late Vera Jewel Johnson (Mrs. James Albert Smith), were short biographies of most of her classmates and a teacher:

Bessie Sherrod, teacher, was born in Lewisville (Denton County) Texas, the daughter of Joel Thomas Sherrod and Frances Wolf (Stover) Sherrod. Entered school at Lewisville, completed all grades; student at North Texas State Teachers College; teacher at Iowa Park (History and Latin) 1913-1918. Married Robert R. Brubaker Dec. 27, 1916.

Johnson, Vera Jewel (Mrs. James Albert Smith), born near Emblem, Tex. (no longer a town); daughter of Jesse Davis Johnson and Mattie Eliza (Mayes) Johnson; entered Emblem rural school in the first grade; moved to Iowa Park in 1906; entered fourth grade under Miss Johnnie Arnold; graduated Iowa Park High School 1914; student West Texas State Teacher's College 1915; teacher Barwise rural school (Wichita County) 1916 and 1917; student West Texas State Teachers College 1918; teacher Iowa Park Public School (first grade) 1919 and 1920; teacher Electra (first grade) 1921; married James Albert Smith, Sept. 4, 1921.

Edna Frances Smith was born near Jamestown, Mo.; daughter of George Thomas Smith and Cornelia (Deakins) Smith; student Missouri rural school (Mulberry); moved to Texas in 1906; located on farm south of Iowa Park; entered Iowa Park school in the fifth grade; graduated Iowa Park High School 1914; studied music (piano) under private teacher; married William Francis Ferguson (a student preacher) in 1917; student Baptist Oklahoma Univ, Shawnee, Okla.; student Baptist seminary, Fort Worth.

Leika Clark was born at Caddo Mills; daughter of Dr. Franklin and Attie Viola (Rawlins) Clark; entered first grade in Palo Pinto, Tex., later entered school at Gordon, Tex., and then at Mineral Wells. Entered the class of 1914 in the eleventh grade; student of C.I.A., Denton (now T.W.U.) 1914-15, John Tarleton College, Stephenville, 1916-17; homemaker; married Warren Travis White May 3, 1917.

Tirzah Mabel Crites was born in Pilot Point, daughter of Omar Hamilton Crites and Elena Belle (Pratt) Crites; moved to Iowa Park in infancy; lived three miles west of town (farm located on the present Iowa Park Lake site); student Iowa Park public school (grades one through 11); graduate Iowa Park High School 1914; married James Albert Portis (a commercial artist) in 1919.

Faye Mamie Dale was born near Iowa Park (two miles south of town), the daughter of Zenis P. Dale and Mamie Agnes (Wiedman) Dale; twin sister of Fenton Dale; entered first grade in Iowa Park public school; completed grades one through eleven; graduate of Iowa Park High School 1914; married Roswell Lee Clark soon after graduation.

Fenton Zenis Dale was born near Iowa Park (two miles south of town), the son of Z.P. and Mamie A. (Weidman) Dale; entered first grade in Iowa Park (completed 11 grades); graduate Iowa Park High School 1914; student Oklahoma A.&M.; student Pharmacy College P.H.G. 1918; married Lucy Katherine Payne April 1921.

Lillian May Peterson was born in Iowa Park, the daughter of Charles A. Peterson and Theresa Mae (Fulton) Peterson; started school in Iowa Park, completed 11 grades there, graduated Iowa Park High School 1914; student North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, 1914-15; first grade teacher's certificate N.T.S.T.C. 1915; teacher one and a half years at Everett School in Wichita County; married L. Frazier Bell, 1917 (he died Dec. 24, 1934); married Albert F. Littlefield 1943 (he died Dec. 8, 1963).

John Leslie Matthews was born in the Beaver Creek community (12 miles west of Iowa Park); son of William and Sallie (Powell) Matthews; started school at Beaver Creek; moved to Iowa Park; joined this class in first or second grade; graduate of Iowa Park High School 1914; student West Texas Normal College (now West Texas State Univ.) 1914-1915; married Lola Munden May 23, 1915.

Suvila Evelyn Matthews was born in the Beaver Creek community (12 miles west of Iowa Park); daughter of John William and Sallie

IOWA PARK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1914
. . . includes Edna Smith, Tirzah Crites, Lillian Peterson, Faye Dale, Suvilla Mathews, Leika Clark, Fenton Dale, Verd Johnson, and John Matthews, below.

Matthews; student of Iowa Park school (grades one through 11); graduate of Iowa Park High School 1914; student West Texas State Normal College (now West Texas State Univ.); married Jeff Wallace 1915.

Iowa Park School Board Organizes

The Iowa Park Independent School district held an organization meeting here at the high school Saturday night and named J.C. Murphree president and Albert May vice-president.

T.J. Pace was named secretary. Others present at the meeting were J.H. Watts, Joe Beavers, Max Goetze, Supt. W.R. Bradford and J.B. Golden, county superintendent of schools.

The new district was formed following an election May 31 which consolidated five rural schools and Iowa Park.

The board called an election for Saturday, July 5, to vote on a levy for a uniform maintenance tax for the district. It ordered the institution of vocational agriculture and it was authorized to find a suitable teacher for the subject.

The board purchased a visual education machine and appointed a purchasing committee to survey new library books, films, a new school bus, laboratory equipment and manual training equipment.

The committee was ordered to report back at the next called meeting of the board, Saturday night, June 28.

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Four Hawks Honored At District Banquet Given by Paducah

The annual District Awards banquet for football players was held in Paducah, Monday evening, honoring all-district players of A-9.

Coach DeWitt Weaver of Texas Tech was guest speaker. He addressed the group on the value of sports and sportsmanship.

Peppery young Gerald Combs, popularly known as "Ape," was the Hawks' only first team all-district winner. Other Hawks receiving all-district honors were Fred Lewis, Lloyd Klinkerman and Harvey Klinkerman.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, January 20, 1955

1914 declamation

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This declamation was delivered by John L. Matthews at the May 18, 1914 commencement of Iowa Park High School.)

In the midst of powder and shot, surrounded by the savage and the tomahawk, far away from the bases of supply, amid conditions that tried men's souls, the fathers of Texas fought for this land and won it, a land that will in the life of some present here tonight be an influential factor, not only among the commonwealths of our country, but an influential factor among the commonwealths of the world! In such conditions and among such surroundings were the foundations of our country and our common school laid. With prophetic ken the fathers saw that here would be a Caanaan of the new world -- that there were tribes to conquer and subdue, but that to render this the true land of promise, not only was a people to be conquered, but a new people would have to be reared and educated, a people that could not be bought by the golden wedge of commercialism, nor seduced by the goodly babylonish garments of royalty. But to make this the land of promise it took stout hearts and brave souls -- souls that quake not at the report of the ten cowardly spies, but with the sublime faith in the God of battles and of nations, they fought for a complete subjection of the land between the river of the Red and the river of the brave. Like the great Judges of old, they realized that not only were there battles to be fought, but there was a faith to keep and the ark of the covenant made at old Washington to follow! But they kept the faith, they preserved the ark of the covenant, and the Republic transmitted the common school to the organized state.

A system of education was regarded as the pillar of the cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night, to lead the people in their organized capacity into the promised land for which they fought and wrought.

Although four flags have waved over our prairies and pines, although four constitutions have held sway since our natal day the common schools have been a part of the constant and abiding faith under all flags and under all constitutions.

When we consider the many changes of the Republic, and the State; when we consider the many great men that have made the constitutions and laws under which we have lived, the survival of the common schools excites our profoundest gratitude. There was a fixed determination on the part of the people that this great agent of civilization would be crystallized into a definite vital force, at once a light

JOHN L. MATTHEWS
. . . with Lola Munden Matthews, was born 1894 at Beaver Creek to Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Matthews. He died in 1986.

house to help guide the shit of state and a mighty fortress in times of defense.

That the common schools had their struggles and lived, that they had their foemen and triumph, that they had indiscreet friends and were saved, testifies to the fact that they were regarded as one of the essential foundation stones upon which the great superstructure of the state was to rest. In throwing off the shakles that bound her to the mother country, Texas declared that the failure of the mother country to provide for a general system of education was a just cause for revolution.

But the matter was not settled when the Republic was organized, nor when Texas entered the Union as a State. The cause had its struggles all along the line. But even in its infancy it successfully repelled all attacks, and the hands that sought its ruin served to widen its sphere of influence in every receeding wave. *These struggles were but the thoes of* the young giant in its cradle -- a faint index of the vitality, power and potential energy that has now become dynamic force in our state.

The common schools of Texas are today equipped with an organized army of 20,000 teachers, and under these are 992,000 children. Not a day rolls over our heads that does not leave an impression of some kind on the hearts and minds of these nearly 1,000,000 human beings that will be the controlling factor in the states affairs tomorrow. While the University and the A & M College will train the few, the common school will train the tens of thousands that will not know of the advanced training to be received at the higher institutions. The common school on the one hand trains the voters that will decide the economic and civil policy of the state in the future and will be its loyal defense against graft and greed, while on the other hand it trains the queens of the homes whose influence in the times to come will teach hearts and minds around happy firesides that character is the greatest thing in the world.

26 players on '36 roster

The Iowa Park Hawk football roster, according to the 1936 All District Football Program for District 9, Class B, included (name, position, weight and years experience):

Laddie Bain, E, 145, 1
Raymond Howell, C, 185, 1
L. Thompson, F, 142, 1
Eugene Wigley, E, 148, 1
Elzie Ford, T, 156, 1
Bruce Blair, H, 140, 1
Douglas Smith, H, 142, 2
J.R. Moody, G, 152, 0
Sid McKinney, G, 155, 1
S.A. Baxter, E, 132, 0
D. Honeycutt, E, 144, 0
Jack Cowden, G, 150, 2
Darwin Sunday, G, 130, 0
Ralph Sisk, G, 147, 0
Donald Smith, H, 127, 0
Virgil Alvey, G, 138, 1
Frances Stuart, H, 140, 0
Elvis Sunday, T, 214, 2
Donald Murphree, G, 150, 0
Fred Wedmayer, E, 135, 0
Carrol Murphree, T, 188, 0
El Roy Boutwell, T, 190, 0
Leonard Parish, E, 145, 1
Freddie Beason, G, 127, 0
C. Honeycutt, Q, 145, 2
Pickett Kildaw, G, 135, 0

The roster listed R.C. Allison, 1935 graduate of TCU, as coach and A.N. Neal assistant coach, with Howard Squire as manager.

Other schools in the district included Archer City, Burkburnett (with 16 players on roster), Chillicothe, Seymour, Throckmorton and Crowell, who listed its coach as being Grady Graves, 1933 graduate of Texas A&M, as coach and principal under superintendent I.T. Graves.

Star Girl Athlete Breaks Back in Fall From Haywagon

Miss Jessie Van Horn, 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Van Horn of near Iowa Park, fell from a hay wagon on the family farm home late Tuesday afternoon and sustained a probable fracture of her back.

Miss Van Horn, a high honor graduate of Texas Christian university and one of the outstanding students in the school last semester, was standing on a load of hay. The mules started suddenly, throwing her to the ground. She was rushed to Iowa Park for emergency treatment and admitted to the Wichita General hospital in Wichita Falls. Preliminary examination indicated a fractured vertebra.

Miss Van Horn received her bachelor of science in physical education in June. She was nominated the outstanding girl athlete of the university and one of the 10 most representative students of the school. She has lived all of her life in Iowa Park, and was graduated from the Iowa Park High school.

Attending physicians said her condition was serious but not critical.

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P-TA history

By Ruth Henry Weiler and Mrs. D.O. James

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers was organized in 1897. However, it was not until 1909 that parents and teachers in Texas met to organize the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Prior to 1909, a group of concerned mothers in Iowa Park banded together to assist the local school faculty in the education of their children. Their organization was called simply "The Mothers Club," and Mrs. C. Birk became its first president.

Soon after the Texas Congress was formed in 1909, this Mothers Club became a local unit of the Texas Parent-Teacher Association, the first unit in Wichita County to become affiliated with the national body. Mrs. Mamie Dale, mother of Fenton Dale and Mrs. T.M. Clark, was elected the first president of the Iowa Park Parent-Teacher Association. Now it was a parents' club, not just a mother's club, and many "dads" joined their wives in becoming members.

As the parent-teacher movement grew, the Texas Congress divided the state into 10 districts, then 15 districts, and at this re-districting, Iowa Park and all P-TAs in Wichita County became members of the 13th District. Later on, when more districts were created, Iowa Park remained in the 13th District.

Until 1960, there was only one P-TA unit in Iowa Park because all grades, one through twelve, were housed in one building at 412 E. Cash. In 1960, a new elementary school was erected at 1200 N. Third Street in the northwest part of town, this school being named Kidwell Elementary School in honor of Miss Ethyle Kidwell, longtime teacher and elementary school principal.

The new school called for a new P-TA unit, so Mrs. D.O. James, then serving as a State Vice-President, led a group of the new school's patrons in organizing the Kidwell School P-TA. Mrs. Clyde Patterson was elected president to serve for the year 1960-61.

As Iowa Park grew, especially after the opening of the new residential housing project on a portion of the original D.O. James farm on the south side of town, the school board decided that another elementary school was absolutely necessary to serve all patrons living on the south side. The new school was built at 800 S. Texowa Street, and was named the W.R. Bradford Elementary School in honor of the late superintendent of the Iowa Park Schools.

This was in 1962, and again Mrs. D.O. James was called on to organize the new school's Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Clint McBay was elected the first president.

Here are some of the projects which the P-TAs in Iowa Park have undertaken to assist the schools: A round-up each fall to check the general health, the eyes, and dental condition of each child scheduled to enter the first grade; purchase of playground equipment; of pianos; of stage properties; of drinking fountains equipped to furnish ice water; of individual metal lockers. The P-TAs have cooperated with the school board in the purchase of refrigerated air conditioners for rooms in the schools where there was no central air conditioning. The P-TAs have also sponsored schools of instruction, parliamentary procedure courses, leadership courses, studies in family life, home nursing courses, and Red Cross training.

For many years, the P-TAs have rewarded their outstanding members with Life Memberships in the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers.

IOWA PARK FACULTY, STUDENTS AND SCHOOL BOARD IN 1893
. . .taken in old school in south part of town, the three men sitting in the lower right are M.G. Cottrell, E.A. McClesky and G.T. Akers, board members. Standing at left are Miss Liz Marney and Mrs. Reid, teachers, and Supt. Dyer.

Tribute to W.R. Bradford

By Ruth Carney

Mr. W.R. Bradford was a great educator, a super superintendent, a good teacher, and a friend at all times. I would like to take this opportunity to express a few words in remembrance of the ways that I knew Mr. Bradford. He served as Superintendent of Iowa Park Schools from 1920 - 1948.

He was instrumental in raising the standards of Iowa Park High School as an accredited school. When you received a diploma from this school, students were able to enter any college and university without further testing. His high standards of expecting students to do their best and use their scholastic ability, were respected by other schools and colleges.

Mr. Bradford was a man of high moral and Christian principles. His pupils respected him and he spoke with authority. Being a strict disciplinarian, at times, they may have thought he was a little harsh, but they had confidence in what he said. Anytime he saw a pupil out of line he had a more explicit way of showing he meant what he said.

As a pupil of his in Byers High School, he taught me algebra plus many other lessons in courtesy to my teachers, consideration of my classmates and many other lessons that I never did forget. He always treated all of his pupils in the same manner.

As a teacher for 11 years under his leadership in Iowa Park, I found him to be an understanding and helpful person. He stood with his teachers when he thought we were right and told us privately of our mistakes.

He always gave us advice on how to avoid many of our pitfalls when we had problems of discipline or any other difficulty. He expected us to be on time and to take our work seriously in performing our daily tasks.

As a friend, he was always faithful and consistent in lending a helping hand. When there was a need in the community or in his church or school, he was always there to help. He inspired that same spirit in others with whom he worked. He exemplified dependability in all of his work. He was a friend to all of his teachers and had confidence in their character, as well as the knowledge and ability of their subject matter.

His personal history might be of interest to some people. He was born on a farm near Boyd, Tex. He attended school there and later became principal of schools in Bridgeport, Tex. He received his Bachelor's Degree from North Texas Teachers College. He studied in Colorado State Univ. toward higher degrees. In fact, his brother in-law, Dr. W.S. McConnell, was president of North Texas State Univ. for many years.

His devoted wife, Chester Balch Bradford, was also a teacher of history for a number of years.

They had a daughter, Bobbie Jo Guthrie, who lives in Denver, Colo. Bobbie Joe was a graduate of Baylor Univ. and was a success in all of her work. I was privileged to watch her grow up into a beautiful young adult.

I have left much unsaid but you who knew him as a teacher, or superintendent, or co-worker can fill in your part of his life as you knew him. He was loved and respected by all and we can honor his memory and what he contributed to the lives of boys and girls in Iowa Park.

June Sets Heat and Rainfall Records!

Virgil I. Woodfin, weatherman at the experiment station, reports a bunch of records for the month of June were broken this year.

In the first place, we had 24 days with temperatures above 100 degrees. The daily average was 101.8 as compared with the usual average of 93.8 degrees.

Relative humidity at the weather station reached as low as 42 percent with an average of 59.

Evaporation figures usually run about 7.43 inches, but this year that figure soared to 14.08 inches.

Highest temperature, 109 degrees on June 14, broke the record for this station, which has never recorded over 107 before in its 28 years of keeping records. The June 15 temperature was 108. Low mark of the month was 63 degrees.

This area fared well in the rainfall department. We got two good rains of 2.28 and 1.68 inches and enough traces to bring the total to 4.08 inches during the month. The average is 3.16.

Despite the heavy precipitation record, the area had 27 clear days, one partly cloudy and two cloudy.

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Early days of Iowa Park schools

By Perle E. Pace

I am looking forward to reading Lita Watson's "History of Iowa Park" when it is published in the *Iowa Park Leader* in October in connection with the City's celebration of its 100th anniversary.

When Bob Hamilton, editor of the *Leader*, announced his plan to publish this history, several of my friends, former students of the high school in early days, suggested that I write an article dealing with those days. The outstanding problem confronting the citizenry at the time was that the school had no affiliation or accreditation. The goal of both the high school faculty and high school students was to gain the school's accreditation. The attainment of this goal involved hard work and continued dedication, but it was finally reached.

I was graduated from Southern Methodist University in the class of 1919, the famous class whose members were the first class to spend all four years at "that new Methodist College in Dallas." After teaching one year at the high school in Tulia, Texas, I planned to return to SMU to begin work toward earning a Master's Degree. Later in the summer, I discovered that the cost of attending SMU had risen considerably, so I decided to teach another year.

In late August, 1921, while casually reading the *Dallas Morning News*, I ran across an ad in the classified section, which immediately attracted my attention. Mr. W.R. Bradford, newly elected superintendent of the Iowa Park School system, was advertising for teachers of English, Math, History and Science. Since I wanted to teach history and science, I answered the advertisement, and I was very surprised when I received such a prompt reply requesting my credentials, as well as my picture. When I sent these to Mr. Bradford, he notified me at once that I had been elected to teach in the Iowa Park School.

This notification forced me to make a decision. Did I want to teach in Iowa Park or not? All that I knew about Iowa Park was that it was an oil town near Wichita Falls. Since my father knew something about living conditions in an oilfield town, he warned me about what to expect. But I was young enough and adventurous enough to thrill at the prospect, so accepted the job offered me; that of teaching four classes of history and one of science.

In early September of 1921, I arrived in Wichita Falls on the Fort Worth and Denver train from Dallas and was met by Mr. Bradford and several of the teachers. At that time, Wichita County sponsored a summer training session known as the "Teachers Institute." The Institute lasted one week and was always held immediately preceding the opening of school each Fall. As you know, this is no longer the custom. Since all county teachers were expected to take advantage of new ideas and techniques, I enjoyed the meetings very much and especially meeting many of the county teachers.

I was quite happy and excited about my new job and entered the Iowa park system with enthusiasm. I discovered later that my chief duty would be that of working to attain the affiliation or accreditation of the high school.

When the Institute sessions were over, Mr. Bradford took several of us in his Ford sedan to Iowa Park. We found out right away what oilfield roads were like. Paved roads were a thing of the future. The heavy oilfield equipment had cut deep ruts in the country lanes, so we experienced a very rough and bumpy ride to our destination.

At that time, Iowa Park boasted a population of some 2,000 people. In addition to the permanent residents, this number included the men who had come to work on the drilling rigs and pipelines, as well as those questionable characters who were hoping to make a fast "buck."

I soon realized what my father meant when he talked about the inconvenience of a "booming" oilfield town. There was no running water in the houses; there was no city sewer system; however, Mr. Bradford had located good homes for us in which to room and take our meals. The home owners gave us a cordial welcome and fed us hearty, appetizing meals. As I settled into my new "home," I felt like a real pioneer. My thoughtful landlord had drawn water from the well in the back yard of the house and poured it into a large two-gallon bucket and had added a dipper. I learned how to heat my bath water on the kitchen stove and how to carry the hot water to my room where I poured it in the large white china bowl which stood on the neat washstand. Nearby was the white pitcher containing cold water. On a small dish, was a bar of soap. Thus, I had all the items necessary for the standard "sponge bath." We were also furnished with a "slop jar." The little "privy," which set at the far end of the lot, contained a Sears Roebuck catalogue. My roommate and I were young enough to adjust to these inconveniences. After all, these primitive conditions did not last too long. The next year we rejoiced when we had the luxury of running water in the house and a new sewer system in the city. Due to the thin partitions between the bedrooms, another plus was that my roommate and I no longer had to sing while the "slop jar" was in use.

At the first faculty meeting of that memorable fall of 1921, we were informed that the high school must attain its affiliation or accreditation. At that time, we did not realize how much work by teachers and high school students this would require. Anyway, we signed our contracts to teach for $125.00 per month for the nine month school term. We also signed an agreement to take no more than one night "off" during any school week. We were to spend all other evenings in preparing lessons, grading papers and in attending required school meetings or school programs. Also, we promised that we would not dance. It did not take long to find out that the work of obtaining accreditation would occupy all of our spare time; that it would certainly prevent us from going anywhere on school nights. However, our weekends did offer a variety.

Then, as now, Friday nights were devoted to football. Schools were not divided into Classes I to VI, as they are now, but every high school had a football team. Games with teams from other towns were arranged with towns which had approximately the same school enrollment as Iowa Park. Very few girls were involved in athletics except to support their favorite sports. The boys had to be passing in all their subjects in order to be allowed to play or enter sports. This rule served as an incentive to the boys to study. In the Spring, contests were arranged by the Interscholastic League, which included literary events, as well as athletic events. Track teams were formed by the boys who would vie with other schools in distance and relay races, the broad jump, the high jump, the shot put and hurdles. I remember Edwin Davis and the late Don Wigley won the county titles in high hurdles. For both boys and girls at these Spring meets, there were declamation contests, "hot" debates, poetry reading, as well as spelling bees. Competition was keen and proud indeed was the school which had the highest total score at such events.

Apparently, the teachers' activities were very closely checked by Mr. Bradford with the aid of the school board members. I remember one particular weekend, all eight teachers in the Iowa Park school system were invited (with our dates) to attend a party at Sunshine Hill. When we arrived, we found the beer iced down in tubs and the guests engaged in "wild" oilfield dancing -- Dancing! Remember that we had promised not to dance. Of course, we saw at once this was not our kind of entertainment, so we soon left. The next morning, the Iowa Park school board had had an early session. We, the teachers, were called in to Mr. Bradford's office. He told us that he realized that we did not know the kind of affair that the party would be, but that in the future, we must be more careful where we went. We were properly chastised and never again did we make such a mistake.

If the teachers were expected to behave properly both in and out of school, so were the students. Since I was "Acting Principal" the first year of my tenure here, I was called by other teachers to witness the application of the **strap**. Mr. Bradford used to enforce discipline. Of course, I **did not** enjoy this but, believe me, we really did have good discipline, which is absolutely necessary if one is to teach effectively.

The school day began early. The teachers arrived at the high school building at 8:15 a.m., and we worked until nearly dark. After classes were dismissed in the afternoon at 3:30 p.m., we stayed in our rooms to plan our next day's lessons, to help those students who were there to receive help and to "keep in" those who had caused discipline problems. After supper, we worked at home on grading papers and notebooks until 11 o'clock or later. Because we were working for affiliation, many of our notebooks, themes, test papers and semester exam papers were sent periodically to the committee on affiliation at Austin. Several times during the year, members of the State Committee would arrive unheralded to visit classes, interview teachers and consult records. These were tense times for both teachers and the pupils. I am happy to record that the students realized what was at stake.

By the summer of 1923, we had earned 16 units of affiliation. That meant that the Iowa Park High School graduates would receive diplomas which would entitle them to enter any state college or university in Texas without having to take entrance examinations. The Iowa Park school system has maintained its high standards during all the ensuing years. What a gift to those Iowa Park boys and girls who strive for excellence in education and for unrestricted entrance into college.

Let me close by congratulating the Iowa Park school board, the administrators and the teachers for the splendid system of education which we have today -- the initial result of those high ideals and the diligent work of their dedicated predecessors. We know that you are working hard to perpetuate those ideals.

Over 325 Pupils Enrolled at Opening Valley View School

The enrollment of all departments of Valley View schools which opened last week passed 325 with the beginning of the second week, an increase of over forty over last session. Cotton picking is keeping a probable twenty-five per cent out of school but these will be starting gradually from now until Christmas. All teachers were delighted with the fine strt made and the student body as a whole expressed a delight with the many improvements made through the summer.

The faculty was completed this past week end with the contracting of Miss Lois Harbison of Collinsville, Texas, to teach art and penmanship in the grades. This makes the teaching staff total fifteen including the teacher for the Mexican school which will be held at Eagle Bend. Of this number seven are new teachers, elected to fill vacancies caused by resignations since the election of teachers last spring.

Much preparation is being made to get ready for the Wichita County Fair exhibit, an undertaking which the school and community take pride in doing. Classes of high school have been organized and class activities have been planed for the year. The class presidents are as follows: Senior, R.C. Milford, Jr.; Junior, Kenneth Blewett; Sophomore, Bill Snow; Freshman, J.C. Kennedy.

The new buses have operated to the satisfaction of both parents and school officials and the transportation problem has been lessened in the district.

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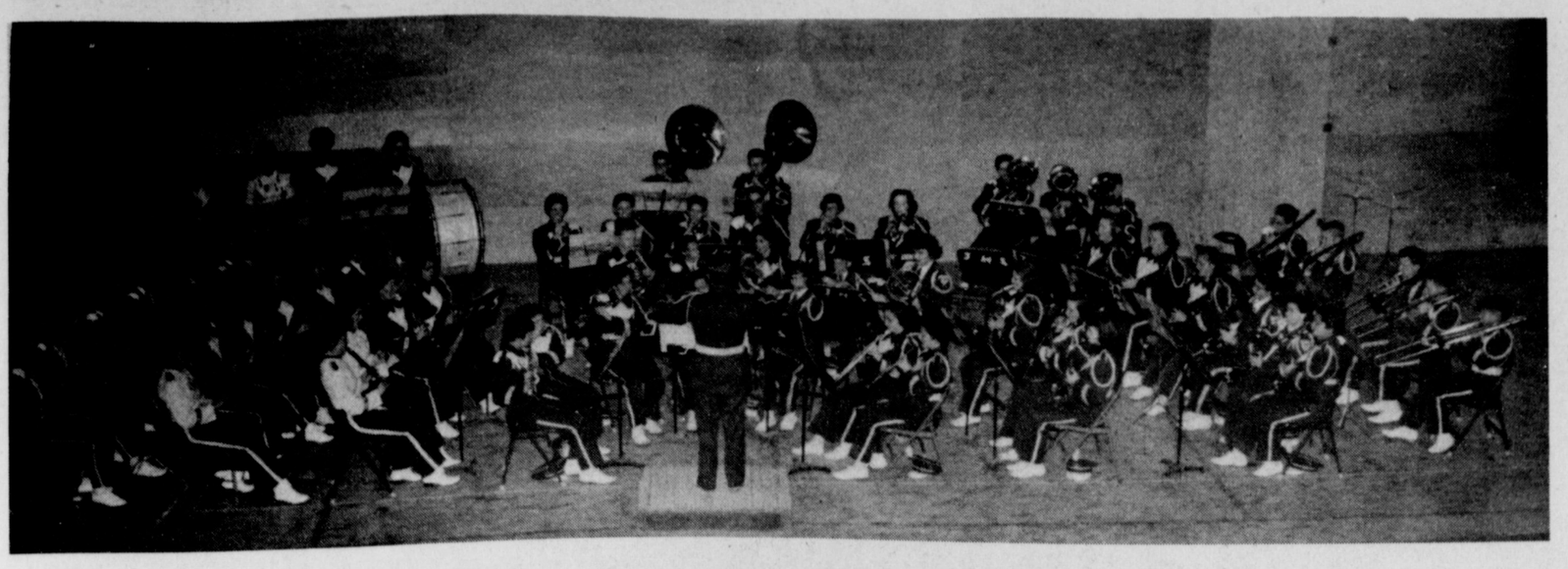

1962 IOWA PARK HIGH SCHOOL HAWK BAND IN CONCERT

Iowa Park's Masonic Lodge as Old as The Towns' Incorporation

Both Institutions Chartered in July of the Year 1891

In the early days when the sturdy pioneers came together the subjects of conversation were the church, the school and the Masonic lodge -- these were standard equipment and the first to be set up in the foundation plans of a community. The more modern contingent of the species inquire about the condition of the golf course and how far to a good fishing place.

Back about a half century ago, while the citizens who had come, for the most part, from far distant parts in other states and had staked their interests on the raw plains hereabouts, were circulating petitions for municipal incorporation, twenty-six of the early settlers were busying themselves at the same time getting started a lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. That was nine years before the town had a bank, but a town predominately Masonic, according to those old pioneers didn't need a bank---nor a jail nor a court house.

In July of 1891 the application for a charter was made to the Grand Lodge of Texas, signed by W.R. Gibson, J.T. Black and J.L. Womack. The lodge was organized and set to work on July 10 of that year by R.C. Underwood, District Deputy Grand Master of the thirty-eighth district. Later the charter was issued, and the report to the grand lodge for the ending of the year showed the following officers and members:

W.R. Gibson, Worshipful Master.
J.C. Fynn, Senior Warden.
George S. Dewolf, Junior Warden.
A. Windle, Treasurer.
A.F. Kerr, Secretary.
J.L. Womack, Senior Deacon.
R.D. Hill, Junior Deacon.
B.N. Ferguson, Senior Steward.
J.H. Cain, Junior Steward.
Willie Spencer, Tiler.

Members---George T. Akers, Geo. T. Bevins, J.T. Black, J.H. Cain, J.H. Carnes, W.R. Crocket, W.W. Culver, Jr., George S. Dewolf, J.C. Flynn, B.N. Ferguson, W.R. Gibson, J.H. Green, T.J. Harbour, R.D. Hill, Samuel Jett, D.C. Kolp, J. Kennedy, A.F. Kerr, C. Robinson, R.S. Sims, F.M. Stewart, B.F. Spires, F.M. Stanfield, Willie Spencer, J.L. Womack and A. Windle.

W.R. Gibson, the first Master of the lodge, was also one of the members of the first board of aldermen in the town. He was the postmaster here at that time, and later moved to Wichita Falls where he died. Willie Spencer operated a livery stable here and was the owner of some classy racers. He later moved away. Uncle John Green was in charge of the elevator here and he also moved away. F.M. Stanfield was a farmer and lived out where the present J.L. Belote home is, east of town. He died here. B.F. Spires was in the dry goods business here and later moved away. George T. Akers was the father of Mrs. May Tanner and Mrs. Mike Cane, living here now. He died here, as did J.H. Cain, father of Mike Cain. Windle was the newspaper man here at tht time. T.J. Harbour was the grandfather of our own David O. Harbour, and B.N. Ferguson was the father of Mrs. Lily Hooks, here now. The two later mentioned members passed away here. A.F. Kerr later became district clerk and moved to Wichita Falls where he died about 13 years ago.

E.A. mcClesky was the first citizen here to unite with the lodge. He was made a Mason in 1892. He later was the county commissioner from this precinct and died while holding that office, more than 12 years ago.

The lodge met then on Saturday night on or before the first full moon in each month. It now meets the first Friday night in each month. The principal officers are: John Maier, Master; E.L. Traylor, Senior Warden; Gober Lee Mitchell, Junior Warden, and C.C. Hudson, secretary. Minor offices are filled by R.A. Tanner, I.W. Corder, Jack Hamner, Scott Ralston, L.C. Denny Jr., and H.A. Mahler. The lodge has about 100 members at present.

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Wichita Valley 'Going to Grass'

By 'Rill Ripple'

Census figures compiled by Fred Parkey, manager of Wichita county water improvement districts, show that a total of 21,885 acres of crops were irrigated in the Wichita Valley in 1954. This is an increase of 1,197 acres over the previous year.

Largest increases were in pastures and alfalfa. Total irrigated grasses were 5,748 acres, or 26.3 per cent of the whole irrigated acreage. Increase over last year was 23.6 per cent, which points definitely toward a growing livestock and pasture program for the Valley.

With relatively cheap land and extremely low-cost irrigation water, I think this trend is in the right direction. One day this could be among the most intensive livestock areas in the Southwest. Perhaps we are already moving that way.

Dairying has made an increase in the past few years and, if certain marketing problems can be ironed out, will continue to expend.

Advent of three new registered Hereford enterprises in the Valley within the past two years point the way for expansion in beef cattle producton. Interest in sheep is being renewed with some fairly large flocks now grazing Valley lands.

Feeding projects in both cattle and sheep will multiply as more farmers recognize the possibilities for growing feed and forage as well as pasture crops in the Wichita Irrigated Valley.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, January 20, 1955

School Board Filing Closes Saturday

Bud May announced this week that midnight Saturday is the deadline for filing names of candidates for the board of trustees of Iowa Park Independent School district. Two positions are to be filled, those of D.O. James and H.B. Klinkerman.

To date Virgil Woodfin and Justin Butts are the only candidates for these two positions. The elction is Saturday, April 3.

Board members whose terms run through another year are C.E. Birk, Bud May, J.R. Cope, James Sewell and Miles Thompson.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, March 25, 1954

Road to Be Surfaced

Resurfacing and leveling work has been authorized by the state highway commission on the south lane of U.S. Highway 287 between Iowa Park and Wichita Falls.

Similar work on the north lane has been completed at an approximate cost of $100,000. The south lane work is expected to cost about the same amount.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, March 25, 1954

Town Clean-Ups Can Be Rural Headaches

By Mrs. Rex Lehman

A week of clean-up days for the cities means endless weeks of cluttered up roadsides, fence-rows and creek beds for rural folk.

A farm clean-up area is not a small lot where the house is located but hundreds of acres.

Farmers take great pride in their roads, pastures and creeks, which the Creator landscaped. The beauty found in the rural area is the joy of the residents.

They like to keep their land and roads free from cans and trash, not only to preserve the fresh beauty of nature, but also their health.

Yes, farm people are concerned about their health protection as much as town folk are. But, along come clean-up days in town and out go trash, cans and garbage from thoughtless citizens onto country roads and creeks.

Then come the friendly rains and the innocent trash pile becomes a great enemy. The ditches are blocked, the roads and fields overflow.

This damage costs the taxpayers money to repair the roads and the farmers lose much valuable soil. The cans hold water, perfect breeding places for mosquitoes, flies and other pests that are germ bearers.

Please, take your trash to the city dump, or let the trucks pick it up. Farmers would not dream of dumping their garbage into your parks and streets. Help the rural people keep the country beautiful for themselves and others to enjoy.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, April 27, 1950

SPOTLIGHT on SPORTS

Mrs. Ruth Lacy announced this week that her girls' tennis team is hard at work getting into condition for the spring meets. Elimination matches to determine which girls will hold the six positions on the team are scheduled to start next Monday. These will be singles and doubles teams with their alternates.

Trying for places on the team are Namoi Baxter, Ruth Mary Dale, Lou Ann Duke, Marjorie Fenner, Mary Fortner, Caroline Sue Gay, Rose Mary Grundy, Janice Kight, Martha Lambert and Jackie Teal.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, March 8, 1951

Boy Scouts Camping Near Craterville Park

Scoutmaster Elmo Traylor left Monday morning with eighteen Boy Scouts for a week's outing at Boulder Camp near Craterville Park, Okla. Mr. Traylor returned Tuesday night, having been relieved by F.E. Hill. Mr. Hill returned Wednesday night, having been relieved by Jno. C. Murphree, and today Fenton Dale will go up and relieve Mr. Murphree and return with the Scouts Friday.

Those enjoying the camp are Donald Murphree, J.B. Barbour, Ralph Sisk, Fred Widmoyer, John Paul Monroe, Norman Sherwood, James Fowler, William Spivy, Gordon Lewis Turner, Gordon Palm, Lenley Beasley, Malcolm Mills, Harry Lee Mitchell, Richard Dudley, Pickett Kildow, Russell Parrish, Thomas Fenton Dale and George Roberts.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, August 19, 1937

Three Parkans Finish Work for Degrees

Three Iowa Park students will be among those completing work for degrees this semester at Midwestern university. Official graduation excerises will be held in June along with the spring class.

Bachelor of science degrees have been earned by a brother and sister team, Don and Shirley Lowrey, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lowrey; and by Bill Mahler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mahler. All are graduates of the local high school.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, January 20, 1955

Sheep, Goat Farmers Organized in North Tex.

At a meeting of interested sheep and goat raisers at the Wichita Valley community house, Jan. 12, the North Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers association was formed.

Gale Lowrance of Iowa Park was elected president; Altus Zatz of Windthorst, vice-president; China B. Smith of Iowa Park, secretary-treasurer.

Purpose of the organization is to promote the better breeding, raising and marketing of sheep, lamps, goats and wool products.

The meeting was attended by:

I.N. Carlis and Frank C. Baker, Iowa Park road.

Dave Siegler, D.H. Siegler, E.L. Watson, L.J. Lane, Clark Robinson, Valley Farms.

Sylvester Wolfe, Henry Wolfe of Windthorst.

L.D. Richard, Electra.

John Hamilton, Kamay.

John Sibley, agriculture teacher at Iowa Park.

Ralph Pridmore, Don March of Berend Bros., Wichita Falls.

Gale Lowrance, Linton Gale Lowrance, China B. Smith, Earl Lehman, Iowa Park.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, January 20, 1955

Sketches of Women Pioneers

Mrs. I. Knight arrived in Wichita county on November 8, 1883 from De Soto, Texas. The family camped until a house could be constructed. Two weeks after arriving they crossed Red River and were out of Texas for the first time. The Indians greatly admired the long blond hair of the Knight's small daughter, and tried to trade ponies for her. Mrs. Knight attended Pioneer Day last year, and rode a side saddle.

Mrs. R.J. Bradley of Electra arrived in this county in 1889, and lived on a farm with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Chilton. She was married to R.J. Bradley in 1907 and the family have become known as ranchers over this area. Mrs. Bradley is serving as a member of the Pioneer Day committee.

Mrs. L. Troutman was one of the earliest pioneer mothers to come to this county. The family settled on a farm near the Clara community in 1886. Although Mrs. Troutman has been in ill health for several months, she still retains an active interest in affairs of Wichita County.

Mrs. T.J. Waggoner of Wichita Falls, arrived with her new husband in Wichita county in 1888. The newly wed settled on Gilbert creek, 12 miles from Wichita Falls. The family fairly "grew up" with the county, the eldest son, Merle, attending school in Iowa Park and later in Wichita Falls. Last year Mrs. Waggoner was crowned "Pioneer Queen" of the Fair.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 21, 1939

Verschoyle Goes To Chicago After Fair Attractions

C.H. Verschoyl, secretary of the Texas-Oklahoma fair will leave today for Dallas where he will join W.H. Stratton, secretary of the Texas State Fair and the two will leave Friday for Chicago where they will contract for attractions for the Texas-Oklahoma fair and the Texas state fair. In many cases the attractions will be the same, coming to Wichita Falls first for the fair here and then going on to the fair in Dallas. Fair officials said Wednesday they appreciated the hearty cooperation of the Dallas fair officials.

Reprint The Wichita County Pro-moter and Iowa Park Herald, July 27, 1922

School Consolidation Meeting Monday Night

Patrons of the local schools and of Prairie Cottage, Weeth, Harmony, Deep Creek and Pleasant Valley schools are urged to attend a meeting at the W.F. George high school on Monday evening, May 19, at 8 p.m., at which time J.R. Griggs, deputy state superintendent of schools, will talk on the advantages of consolidating the several districts with the Iowa Park district. The election on this issue has been set for May 31, and many patrons will welcome the opportunity to secure first hand information on the subject. J.B. Golden, county superintendent of schools, will also be present and he and Mr. Griggs will endeavor to answer all questions relative to the proposed consolidation.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, May 15, 1941

Schools to close; 49 are graduating

Attention of the entire community is centered this week on the commencement program and the ending of the 1941 school term.

The commencement program was opened Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon being ably delivered by Rev. T. Hollis Epton of the First Baptist Church. Rev. Epton's treatment of the problems confronting modern youth and his subject dealing with the famous "700 Left Handers" was well received by the large congregation.

The musical numbers were beautifully rendered. The High School Girl's Glee Club offering of "The Lord is Great" was well received as was the vocal solo by Mrs. C.W. Coppock, accompanied by J.E. Keller, Miss Ruth Carney and Mrs. S.M. Dunnam.

On Thursday evening, members of the seventh grade graduating class will hold their commencement exercises at the high school auditorium at 8:15. The theme, "Facing the Future," has been selected by the class and members of the group will appear on the program. Norma Ann Whitsitt will play the processional and Milton Taylor will give the invocation. Jack Spivy will act as master of ceremonies for the amateur program to be presented by class members. Norma Lea Minniear will present the salutatory address and Bonnie Alice Metz the valedictory.

Class members are as follow: L.A. Graham, Edward Henson, W.C. Jackson, Eldon Manes, J.A. Mann, Travis Partney, J.C. Roberts, Jesse Lee Roberts, Milton Taylor, Kenneth Young, Freddie Faye Ball, Loise Banning, Betty Jean Beavers, Ola Mae Case, Juanita Copeland, Mildred Gunn, Bobbie Jean Hairell, Alene Johnson, Mary Blanche Padgett, Lela Mae Rogers, Juanita Simmons, Mary Frank Snowden, Vesta Lee Tubbs, Helen Ruth Walters, Irene Whitley, Christine Allen, Betty Marie Bankhead, Betty Lou Beavers, Laura Frances Bell, Betty Jane Birk, Norma Jean Brown, Virginia Compton, Betty Joy Davis, Paulene Gilstrap, Dorothy Lea Martin, Bonnie Alice Metz, Norma Lea Minniear, Mildred Morrison, Modine Owens, Wenonah Robertson, Marie Scott, Bill Spence, Norma Ann Whitsitt, Alice Joyce Clements, Betty Ann Crawford, Wayland Farmer, Paul Gilstrap, Bobby Gregory, Don James, Paul Munden, Leroy Reeder, Jack Spivy, Glen Spruiell and Alin Jameson.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, May 16, 1941

20 Years Ago Today

Work commenced on the Park Hotel building, the three story structure now standing at the corner of Second avenue and 17th street. Mr. McBride was the first manager and principa! stockholder.

Miss Emma Gantt opened a primary school in the little building in the city park, now the chamber of commerce office. Twenty-three children were enrolled. A group of ladies raised the funds by popular subscription to repair, light and heat the building.

Mesdams H.M. Fox and W.B. Jackson opened a millinery store in the refinery office building; now the First Christian church building at the corner of Avenue A and 17th street.

(Editor's Note: There was an unsuccessful attempt to change street names in Iowa Park from the original plat, the reason for addresses given in above articles.)

The B.W. Owens Lumber Company sold out to the Wichita County Lumber Company. M.D. Stephens was manager of the Wichita County Co.

J.C. Anderson was the town's jeweler and optician. Today we have none.

A statement of the First National bank showed total resources of $1,417,224.51, and the deposits were $1,227,984.59. J.F. Boyd was the cashier. No overdrafts shown in the statement.

Scott Ralston and Bert Smith were operating a confectionery on the corner of 17th street and Second avenue, where Metz cafe is now located.

J.A. Tanner was advertising Sealy mattresses, and Homer Wilson was proprietor of a cafe.

Dr. E.S. Lowrance was pastor of the Presbyterian church and announced his Sunday morning preaching subject would be "Reformation." He is still the pastor of that church here, and still trying his hand at Reformation. He is truly a pioneer but by no means a relic.

The Herald was telling editorially of the need of a road to the Kemp-*Munger-Allen oil field, not the* Kamay area. Its well worth repeating that we need the road. It is better than it was 20 years ago, but a worse road by comparison with the roads from Wichita Falls and Electra, and we are closer to it.

The telephone company was given a rap for the antiquated system in use here, and we still have that nightmare, but work is under way to give the town a modern system.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 21, 1939

Valley View School Registers 470 Monday

The Valley View School opened Monday with an enrollment of 470 pupils. The enrollment by grades is: first grade, 43; second grade, 35; third grade, 18; fourth grade, 29; fifth grade 40; sixth grade, 46; seventh grade, 50; eighth grade, 41. There are 68 freshmen; 41 sophomores; 29 juniors; 28 seniors and four post graduates.

The physical education program under the direction of Jimmy Hawk in High School and J.A. Winder and Miss Loma Lamb in the elementary department promises to be a profitable part of the school work. There are 26 high school boys reporting for football practice. The first game to be played at Valley View will be September 25th, when the home team meets the team from the Five-in-One School. The team will appreciate the support of both patrons and students.

The Senior Class held its first meeting Tuesday. Ewell Spruiell was elected class sponsor; Johnny Spruiell, president; James Carter, vice-president; Mary Ellen Bishop, secretary and treasurer; Betty Sue Cotham, class reporter.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 11, 1941

Park Clinic Items

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Via, Saturday, April 22.

Mrs. Floyd (Pete) May and Mrs. Lloyd E. Bell (route one) underwent major surgery at the Wichita General hospital Monday, April 24.

Jimmie Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Allen, had a tonsillectomy Wednesday, April 26.

Mrs. E.E. (Jack) Voyles has been admitted to Wichita General for observation and treatment.

W.B. Mitchell was dismissed from Wichita General, Wednesday.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, April 27, 1950

Firemen entertained

The Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department held their annual banquet in the school cafeteria Monday evening at 7:30 with W.A. (Dutch) George as Master of Ceremonies.

Rev. Roy Anderson, pastor of First Methodist Church, offered the invocation.

Approximately 85 Firemen, wives, ministers of the town, city councilmen, and several guests enjoyed the bountiful meal served by the cafeteria women.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burns of Wichita Falls were presented as the evening's program by the M.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns, widely known for their big-game hunts in Africa and Alaska were very entertaining in narrating and showing movies of their two hunts in Africa.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, January 20, 1955

Iowa Park TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL

A School of the First Class

This Certifies that Lola Munden has satisfactorily completed the course of study prescribed in the High School and having sustained a good character is awarded this

DIPLOMA

Class of 1915

In Testimony Whereof, the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent and Principal of the High School have hereunto affixed their signatures this 21st day of May 1915

C. L. McKell, Superintendent — A. L. Brubaker, President of the Board

Bess Sherrod, Principal of the High School — H. H. Overbey, Secretary of the Board

U.S. BANK NOTE CO. INDIANAPOLIS

Key Positions Filled In Local Schools by Electing Incumbents

In a meeting of the Iowa Park school board Thursday night, march 2, W.E. Weathers and Miss Ethyle Kidwell were elected as principals of high school and grade school, respectively, for the 1950-51 school year. Thomas B. Taylor was elected as band director and Tommy Beene and Bill Cook as coaches.

Saturday, April 1, is the date set for the school board trustees election at the high school building. Deadline for filing names is midnight, March 25.

T.J. Pace and Robert R. Brubaker are going off the board and will not seek re-election. These places are to be filled in the April election. The term of office is for three years.

The next meeting night of the school board is March 16 when Mr. Dixon, the architect employed by the school, will have the finished plans for the building program, which is scheduled to start soon. The program calls for the construction of a band and vocational building and two grade rooms to be added to the present elementary school building. This work should be finished and ready for use by school time next fall.

Of considerable interest to sports enthusiasts is the fact that the school will participate in baseball this year. New suits and equipment are being bought and the first of the games is scheduled for this month. A complete schedule is in the making and will be published soon.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, March 9, 1950

DEEP CREEK

F.W. Reese of Quanah was visiting his brother, T.C. Reese, of this community, Saturday.

Cleo Henry was visiting his parents at Marietta, Okla., Saturday and was accompanied home by his wife who has been visiting the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes and family of Longview were the guest of his sister, Mrs. M.W. Stuart, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Stuart were called to the General Hospital Monday, where Mr. Stuart's sister, Mrs. Sallie Darnell of Electra underwent an operation. She is reported to be getting along fine at the time of this writing.

William McClinton of Electra visited his brother, E.F. McClinton, Saturday.

W.H. Case and family of Valley View visited in the home of J.C. Johnson, Sunday.

We wish to thank all who gave us their votes during the radio contest. Although we did not win the radio, we surely did appreciate your help. Any time anyone does anything for our school, we assure you that we never forget it.

Reprint Iowa Park Enterprise, February 15, 1935

80 Years Young

James Mulkey, well known local citizen, harkened back to his youthful days when he was a famous jockey, Sunday, and had a big time celebrating his 80th birthday. He is a fine old gentleman, courtly and polite and his friends wish him many more celebrations.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 5, 1940

Federal Housing is Featured Subject of Co-ordinating Council

Federal housing was the feature subject for discussion at the regular meeting of the Park Area Co-ordinating Council on Tuesday evening. Walter Taylor presented the subject, contrasting such a building program under Title I with Title VI. Should Iowa Park be declared a part of the defense area, then the Title VI privileges would be allowed.

Reports from the ten discussion club leaders present were listened to with interest. Two leaders were absent. Three new representatives were called on for suggestions. These three were: Mrs. L.E. Williams, from the newly organized garden club; Mrs. Pheron Harbour, from the Lucky Thirteen Bridge Club; and Gordon Duvall Clark, from the Junior Class of the Iowa Park high school.

Progress in the school consolidation project was reported as most encouraging, and school representatives were of the opinion that the vote on the proposition would be taken within thirty days.

Those present for this council meeting were: Ernest Birk, president; Mrs. Fenton Dale, secretary; Gordon Clark, Walter Taylor, Sam Hill, Gordon Duvall Clark, Mrs. Pheron Harbour, Mrs. L.E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Wallis, Mrs. Miles Hines, Mrs. Glen Clark, Mrs. Sam Hill, L. E. Brooks, Fenton Dale, Curtis Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Lowrance, Rev. T.H. Epton, Mrs. James Sewell, Mrs. J.E. Keller, Carroll Duke and T.J. Pace.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, May 8, 1941

Parents Have Proxies Attend Wedding of Williom Black and Columbian Society Girl

The daily newspaper "El Tiempo" for Friday, February 16, 1951, Bogota, Columbia, South America, carried the following wedding announcement to the friends of Williom Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Black:

"Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at the home of the bride, the Rev. Father Daniel Carroll will give the nuptial benediction of the distinguished North American gentleman, Mr. Williom Alton Black, high official of the Socony-Vacuum Oil company of Colombia, and Miss Helena Arbelaez Pava, one of our very attractive society girls, daughter of Mr. Gustavo Arbvelaez Hurtado and of Mrs. Elvira Para de Arbelaez. Mr. Black is the son of Mr. Thomas M. Black and Mrs. Lucy Jim Black.

"For the day of her nuptials Miss Helena will be brilliant in a moonlight colored dress, the creation of Bonwitt Teller of New York; she will carry a bouquet of white flowers and will wear a coif with a short veil.

"Attendants for the bride will be her parents, her grandmother, Mrs. Rosa Helena de Pava; and Mr. Octavo Rodriguez and his wife; attendants for the groom will be his parents represented by Dr. Manuel Arbelaez and his wife; Mr. Pedro Escabar Jaramillo and Mrs. Lily Hurtado de Escobar; Mr. Fabio Escobar Hurtado and Miss Elvira Arbelaez.

"Following the religious ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Gustavo Arbelaez will entertain with a reception for the members of the family.

"To such an elegant couple we extend our cordial good wishes."

Mr. and Mrs. Black received a letter from Williom, Monday in which he gave an interesting description of their wedding, reception and honeymoon. Adding further interest to the bride's costume was the gold locket which she wore for "something old." The locket was a wedding gift to the groom's mother from her father. On the inside are pictures of Mr. Black and the son Williom.

During the reception where 200 guests were present a famed six-piece orchestra furnished music. Two outstanding soloists were featured as entertainers. These were Alicia de Rojas, who once had a contract with New York television, and Alicia de Salamea, who has toured Austria, Switzerland and Italy as a musician.

The couple honeymooned at the Bucaria hotel in Bucara Monga, and by virtue of their being newlyweds, lavish attention and gifts were showered upon them everywhere they went.

Mrs. Black is a graduate of Columbia university with a major in foreign languages. She is a master of five languages. For three years she was chief of communications for the Colombian government and for the past 3 1/2 years she has held a similar position with Socony-Vacuum at Bogota.

Mr. Black is a graduate of Iowa Park High School. He served for 3 1/2 years with the navy during World War II. For almost five years he has been superintendent of Socony-Vacuum operations at Cantagallo, Colombia. Her at home he is a partner in the Hall-Black Drilling Company.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, March 8, 1951

Spring Recitals To Be Presented

A series of recitals has been planned for the next few weeks, all to be held in the high school auditorium. Friday, May 23, Mrs. Allie Ireland will present her pupils in recital, and on Monday, May 26, Mrs. James Sewell will present her piano pupils in their annual spring recital. On Thursday, May 29, Mrs. Horace Banks will present her expression and dancing pupils. Mrs. H.R. Overbey has postponed her recital and will announce the date later.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, May 16, 1941

THE HAWKS ROOST, operated by Carl and Jane Hoffman across the street west from W.F. George High School, was the place to go for a good hamburger, and to talk about things teenagers like to talk about.

Valley Farms Find Eggs Profitable

A majority of Wichita Valley farms residents cleared from $36 to $40 per month during 1938 on egg sales, and egg production from the 91 farms totaled 106,928 dozen last year, according to the annual report of Miss Margaret Marrs, home management for the Farm Security administration.

During the year 91 families canned 34,958 quarts of food, an average of 389 quarts per family, and 31 families completed their canning budget of 100 quarts per person in the family for a year. Of the 34,958 quarts, 28,216 quarts were canned by homemakers of Wichita Valley farms, the remaining being canned by families in Archer county.

Beef canned during the year amounted to 4,411 quarts, and beef and pork cured, 34,655 pounds, Miss Marrs reported. During the year, 65 women's and girls' educational meetings were held, with 3,255 persons attending. At the meetings 141 quilts and 36 mattresses renovated. Demonstrations at the meetings included canning, candlewick bedspreads, hook, braided and crocheted rug, landscaping, asparagus harvesting and marketing, frame gardens and mattresses.

Miss Marrs reported that a record-keeping drive established last year was highly successful, with 66 out of 96 families turning in complete records of farm and home business.

"In the home improvement field," Miss Marrs said, "practically every farmstead planted an average of 15 fruit trees, 100 berry and grapevines and numerous shade trees, while progress was evident at least three years will be required for complete beautification of these homes."

Miss Marrs declared that last spring's freeze, followed by hail and wind, had practically demolished improvements made by families, but that interest in yard beautification has not decreased.

Other improvements included replanting, laying of walks and digging of flowerbeds.

During the year 23 boys and girls were referred to National Youth administration projects at a monthly salary of $14.40 each, which enabled them to purchase their own clothes and relieve their families of that burden.

Reprint Wichita Daily Times, January 10, 1939

Tuesday, July 1, Set For Draft Registration

All male citizens of the United States under the age of 36 years, who did not register last October and have attained the age of 21 since the last registration day, and on or before July 1, are required to register Tuesday, July 1.

There will be three registration places in the area covered by selective service board No. 3, comprising Iowa Park, Electra and Burkburnett.

The registration booth for those residing in Iowa Park and surrounding area will be at the Iowa Park high school building. The registration building will open at 7 o'clock in the morning and close at 9 o'clock in the evening.

C.E. Birk is a member of Draft Board No. 3, and he will be assisted by competent clerks to handle the registration throughout the day. All clerks give their time and service without compensation, as do the members of the draft board.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, June 26, 1941

Your C. of C.

By Ruth Hill Yeargan

New directors of the Chamber of Commerce were announced by the nominating committee, who met Tuesday afternoon to count the votes and announce the winners.

The seven new directors, elected for a three-year term, are:

B.L. Bradford, Fred Hays, F.E. Hill, Harrel Sullivan, Keith D. Swim, E.E. Voyles, Chauncey Weiler.

New officers and directors will begin their term of office on Jan. 1.

Retiring directors who have served the organization willingly and well are James W. park, Sam H. Hill, Ted Overbey, Dr. C.J. Simpson, Carl Sullivan, Rev. M.C. Yeargan, W.R. Pastusek and Percy Phillips.

Three directors were lost to the organization this fall: J.K. Bradshaw, Terrell Graham and Pastusek. The directors elected Phillips to serve out the unexpired term of Bradshaw ending Dec. 31, and John B. Barbour to fill the unexpired term of Graham to Dec. 1955.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, November 19, 1953

Contract Let for New T-O Fair Building

Awarding of a contract for construction of the new agriculture exhibit wing on the Texas-Oklahoma Fair grounds to Reid-Naylor-Baldwin of Wichita Falls and W.C. Brown of Iowa Park was announced this week by Fair associatioan officers.

Preliminary work for construction of the 40 by 121 foot building was started Thursday morning. The building is to be of steel framework and sheetiron, with a front of asbestos siding to preserve the appearance of the auditorium which it will adjoin. Flooring will be of composition.

The new building will house agribulrure exhibits, community, girls 4-H and county-wide exhibits which formerly have been displayed in the auditorium.

Other phases of the expansion program have been completed or have begun on the grounds. A new concrete floor has been laid in the merchants building by B.O. Gilstrap of Iowa Park and will help provide more attractive facilities for exhibits in this building.

The new office to be occupied by Ted Overbey, Fair manager, is in the finishing stages and ready to move into by the first of next week.

A permanent ticket office, complete with turnstiles will be erected at the front gate before Fair time.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, August 9, 1951

Food Stamps Will Be Issued Locally

All persons now receiving free blue food stamps through the mail are notified this method of distribution will be discontinued beginning the month of May.

However, you may still continue to receive free Blue Food Stamps by bringing your identification card and appearing in person at the chamber of commerce office in Iowa Park. A representative of the Food Stamp Issuing Office will be available to issue free blue stamps to you in person on the following dates, May 3, 4, 10, 11, and every Friday and Saturday thereafter.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, April 25, 1940

New Building Opened Praised Unanimously By Those Attending

The opening of the new $80,000 ward school building was well attended last Sunday. The Board of Education, the faculty, and all interested are thankful and appreciated your interest very, very much for giving a little of your time to look over the plant. More than a thousand people went though the building Sunday afternoon. Some of our out of town visitors were: C.H. Clark, a former citizen of Iowa Park and for a long time president of the board of education of Wichita Falls; Mr. C.D. Shamburger, County Superintendent; J.B. Golden and wife, Mr. J.D. McCann, and others from Wichita Falls whose names we did not get; C.C. Block, Supt. of the Petrolia School; Supt. C.J. Duncan and wife, from Burkburnett, Supt. A.H. Brezealle and wife from Valley View, Supt. J.D. Thomas and wife from Holliday and others.

More than 50 gallons of lemonade was served to visitors by the Cafeteria ladies with Mrs. Mercer in charge. The new Public address system was in use and operated by Ted Overbey which attracted many.

Cafeteria

Any person in town who cares to eat with us at the new Cafeteria will be more than welcome. We will charge you just like we intend to charge the children; 12c for a plate lunch, etc. This will be one way we can advertise our Cafeteria. The lunch hours will be for the time being 11:30, 11:45 and 12:05.

You may secure a meal ticket for 75c, $1.00 and $1.00. These tickets will be kept in the Cafeteria with the child's name on it and the amount he eats each day will be punched out, or the chld may keep his own ticket, or he can pay each day as he eats.

Enrollment

The enrollment for the entire system is 837, the Pleasant Valley Schol 91, Iowa Park Ward School 326, the Junior High School 151 and Senior High School 269. This is an increase of more than seventy five over last year's enrollment for the entire system.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 11, 1941

Precinct Election Set for August 25

Local committees have been busy for some time circulating petitions for the calling of an election in precinct 3 to determine whether or not alcoholic beverages shall legally be sold within its confines. A group appeared before the County Commissioners Court Monday morning with the petition and it was found that many more names were on the list than was required for the court to call the election. The names of some two hundred and fifty qualified voters were listed besides many others who signed just to indicate their hearty approval of the movement.

August 25 has been set the date of the election and the regular election judges will be in charge as follows: Box 31, (Clara) at the J.W. Whitney store with O.W. Prechel as judge; Box 32 at the City Hall with R.R. Brubaker as judge; Box 33 at the Helton Hotel with J.M. Conway as judge; and Box 34 at Valley View school house with W.L. Hodges as judge.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, August 14, 1941

About Town

The Fort Worth & Denver picnickers were disheartened, naturally, when their second annual outing at Iowa Park was ruined by rain, but in their hour of disappointment they did not forget to express full appreciation of the efforts of Iowa Park people to make them have a good time. It was a cloudy and murky Saturday morning following a Friday deluge, but the plans had been made and the party was pulled. Iowa Park cars were ready when the rains returned Saturday. It was expected. Through the rain and mud and slush the crowd was hauled in from the park. Cars were muddy and drivers were wet, but a service had been rendered and that service was appreciated.

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A.H. Smith is a booster whose loyalty, optimism and never-say-die spirit is an example worthy of emulation. Saturday morning he was at the picnic train of the Denver employees with his horn, in his place as a member of the band, playing welcome to the visitors. Then he put his cornet in the case, and got under the steering wheel of his car and carried a load to the park, and when the rain was falling in sheets, and the road was slipperiest, there was A. Hubert Smith, driving his car assisting the crestfallen and dampened picknickers back from the park to the station.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, July 25, 1929

Discovery

Everett Hughes, Wichita Falls pioneer who came to this country in 1898 was rummaging around in the courthouse recently, cleaning up a bit for County Clerk Dora Davis, when he ran onto a few old papers which interested him.

The ones of interest to Iowa Park people were as follows:

A billhead dated Iowa Park, Mar. 3, 1901 which showed that D.R. and J.S. Holt had purchased merchandise for $19.90 from Jackson Bros., wholesale and retail dealers in hardware, implements, all kinds of machinery and vehicles, also undertaking supplies, Queensware, crockery, stoves, iron, steel and wagon woodwork. Paints, oils and window glass.

Another item is of more recent date. It too is a statement of account showing that in December, 1917 A.C. Ford was a customer of Overby and Troutman, General Merchandise. The firm had two phones, numbered 22 and 34 and waxed poetic about its business policies:

Be quick to kick, If things seem wrong, But kick to us, And make it strong, To make things right, Gives us delight If we are wrong, And you are right.

The final item is a statement from the Iowa Park Texan dated December 29, 1894 which bills C.M. Moses, Sheriff with $7.00 for running a Sheriff's Sale notice on a piece of Iowa Park property.

The Iowa Park Texan proudly states on its billhead: "Job Work of All Kinds Neatly and Cheaply Executed."

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, October 12, 1950

Postmaster Wallis Lengthens Hours Saturday Service

For years the postoffice has closed here at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Postmaster Wallis has voluntarily extended the closing time til 4 o'clock in order that the rural people coming in may get accomodations, mail, postage stamps, etc. It is a gret convenience to all, and the entire community is grateful to the postmaster for this personal service. It is not required by the postoffice department that the office remain open the additional hour.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, Sept. 21, 1939

Site Bought for School Building

Iowa Park school district has purchased 12 acres of land from Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Parish, east of South Texowa street. Concrete corner posts have been planted to designate the property lines.

Application has been made for federal aid under Senate Bill No. 815. In announcing acquisition of the land the Board of Education said this does not mean a building is to be started immediately, but it is hoped in a few years the district will be able to construct another elementary school.

There is a 5-year clause in the contract, if a school bulding is not started within 5 years, the original land aowners have option to repurchase the land.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, January 18, 1962

Twenty-Three Strike Outs In One Game

Last Thursday night the "Indians," representing Haskell in the Wichita Valley league, came to Iowa Park for a game under the lights with the local "Reddies" in the Texhoma league. It was a breathtaking struggle from the first inning, beginning about 9 o'clock until the hour hand of the clock pointed toward another day, and at the midnight period the score was knotted at 3-3 and the tired players and restless watchers "took out."

The famous Hambright, with one hand and that a left mitten, did the twirling and talking for the Haskell crew. He couldn't have talked more, beefing at his own team and jibing at the stands if he had two mouths. "Ham" is the showman and a baseball pitcher. He fanned 13 of the Reddie stalwarts.

Gibson struck out 20 of the Indians and seemed less tired than his opponent when the fray was called. Hits were about even, close to eight each, and it was a ball game. Beatty, third baseman for the visitors was the scintillating star on the field and at bat.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, August 19, 1937

ABOUT BOYS IN THE SERVICE YOU KNOW

Joe Bailey Brubaker left Iowa Park in the early spring and was sent directly to a camp in California, where he was stationed until a short time ago. Last week, Mrs. Brubaker, who is the former Miss Ray Golden, received word that her husband was in Honolulu and was fine. He is a brother to two of our townsmen, R.R. and W.B. Brubaker.

Jessie Bonnie Kildow enlisted in the marine corps and is stationed in San Diego, Calif., and writes that he will be there about six weeks. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. P.G. Kildow and left about the first of the month. He is a graduate of the local high school and was a member of the class of '41.

Pat Wiley is an Iowa Park boy and a graduate of the high school, but left here about 9 years ago and has worked in a number of West Texas towns, Kansas, Oklahoma, and even into Illinois. He is the son of Mr. and MRs. R.J. Wiley of Lubbock. Pat has a little son, Bill, nearly three years old. He is now located at Sheppard Field and spent Sunday in Iowa Park with friends.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, July 16, 1942

Chamber of Commerce Directors Hold Very Constructive Session

The Public Relations Committee and the Merchants Committee of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce gave outstanding reports at the meeting of the directors Tuesday evening, and as a result of activities suggested for them, their members will be quite busy for the next few weeks. Curtis Sewell offered definite plans for the celebration in observance of the opening of the recently completed Kamay road and the body voted to set aside one hundred and twenty five dollars to pay for the event, which will take place soon after the close of the Wichita County Fair. A second objective definitely undertaken by the two committees was the painting and placing of signs on the road between Iowa Park and Sheppard Field. The community feels that this would be a benefit to the town as well as to Sheppard Field residents and employees.

The above committees list the following members: Public Relations -- Curtis Sewell, chairman, assisted by B.L. Bradford, I.W. Austin, Dr. G.G. Clark and Sam Hill; Merchants -- Hubert King, chairman, assisted by T.M. Black, Ben Levinson, Curtis Hill, Sam Hill, Alvin Smith and I.W. Austin.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 11, 1941

Van Horns Invited To Meet Royalty

Mayor and Mrs. Bert Van Horn received an invitation to be special guests, along with other Texas mayors, for a ranch barbecue and the "command performance" rodeo 30 miles west of Houston, honoring King Paul and Queen Fredrika of Greece.

Mayor Roy Hufheinz of Houston sent invitations to many mayors of Texas cities.

The Van Horns had to decline the invitation.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, November 19, 1953

Valley View School News

Helen Van Deventer, Reporter

The Valley View school held the first assembly program of the year Friday morning in the school auditorium with students from the primary, intermediate and high school classes in attendance. A large number of patrons also enjoyed the program.

Oren Freeman led the school in opening songs and Frank Cope led in a flag salute. Rev. T.W. Lovell gave the invocation, and Supt. Breazeale made an interesting talk on "Take a Big Bite Out of Life." Sayra Crutcher entertained with a reading and Mesdames C.H. Berry and Paul Powell played a piano duet.

Following the program Supt. Breazeale introduced the following faculty members: laura Caldwell, low first grade; Doris Risley, high first; Ray Golden, second; Loree Redin, third grade teacher and primary principal; Mrs. Oren Freeman, intermediate penmanship, history, spelling; Wilma Windsor, arithmetic and reading; Florence Wash, art and music; Laura Powell, principal of intermediate grades and volley ball coach; C.H. Middlebrook, principal of the high school and boys' basket ball coach; Helen Van Deventer, head of English and Spanish departments; Oren Freeman, teacher of high school science and commercial classes; Mariel Bryan, home economics and seventh grade English.

Valley View school began class work Monday morning with an enrollment of 330 students and a strong faculty of thirteen members, eleven of whom hold college degres. Supt. Brazeale and Miss Van Deventer completed work toward Master's degrees the past summer.

Valley View exes who are continuing their training this fall are: Delbert Phillips, who is a junior at Texas Technological College; Morris Childers, Loma and Norma Lamb, North Texas State Teachers' College; Elizabeth Allison, Wichita Falls Junior College; Leroy Joines, Jacksonville College. Neva Hodges is completing her senior year's work at Oklahoma University. Katherine Lovell has enrolled for her junior year's work at Southern Methodist University.

The high school classes met Friday morning to elect class officers and make plans for class activities. The freshman class elected R.C. Milford, Jr. president; Mary Frances Reaves, vice president; Coy Ferguson, secretary; Kenneth Snow, corresponding secretary; Dorothy Miller, reporter; Miss Van Deventer, class sponsor, and Mrs. McNeil, class mother.

Sophomore officers chosen are: Wilber Joines, president; Anna Harmon, vice president; Blanche Powell, secretary; Oren Freeman, class sponsor; Mrs. Paul Powell, class mother. Members of the social committee are: Rose Lee Burnett, chairman; Mildred Willis, Grace Churchman, Leonard Parker, Burnis Stevens.

Junior class: Frankie Mae Milford, president; Nedra Berry, vice president; Sibyl Ferguson, secretary; Wauldine Myers, reporter; Mrs. C.H. Berry, class mother; Supt. Breazeale, class sponsor.

The senior class held their first meeting Thursday and elected the following officers: president, J.D. Childers; vice president, Ardith Reynolds; secretary-treasurer, Mary Louise Warren; reporter, Vallaree Talley; class mother, Mrs. G.F. Phillips, class sponsor, C.H. Middlebrooks. Members of the graduating class are Mary Louise Warren, Virginia Phillips, Valaree Talley, Dorothy Dudley, Kate Campbell, Ora Holder, Marjorie Revier, Julia Grace New, H.D. Childers, Ardith Reynolds, Troy Brannon, Melvin Hudson, Clifford Vest, John Nelson, Harry Phillips, Frank Cope.

Avis Hayden will represent the Valley View community at the Wichita County Fair where she will be a member of the county queen's court. Supt. Breazeale is in charge of the eighth construction period in Texas history, a pageant which will represent the reconstruction period in Texas history.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 20, 1934

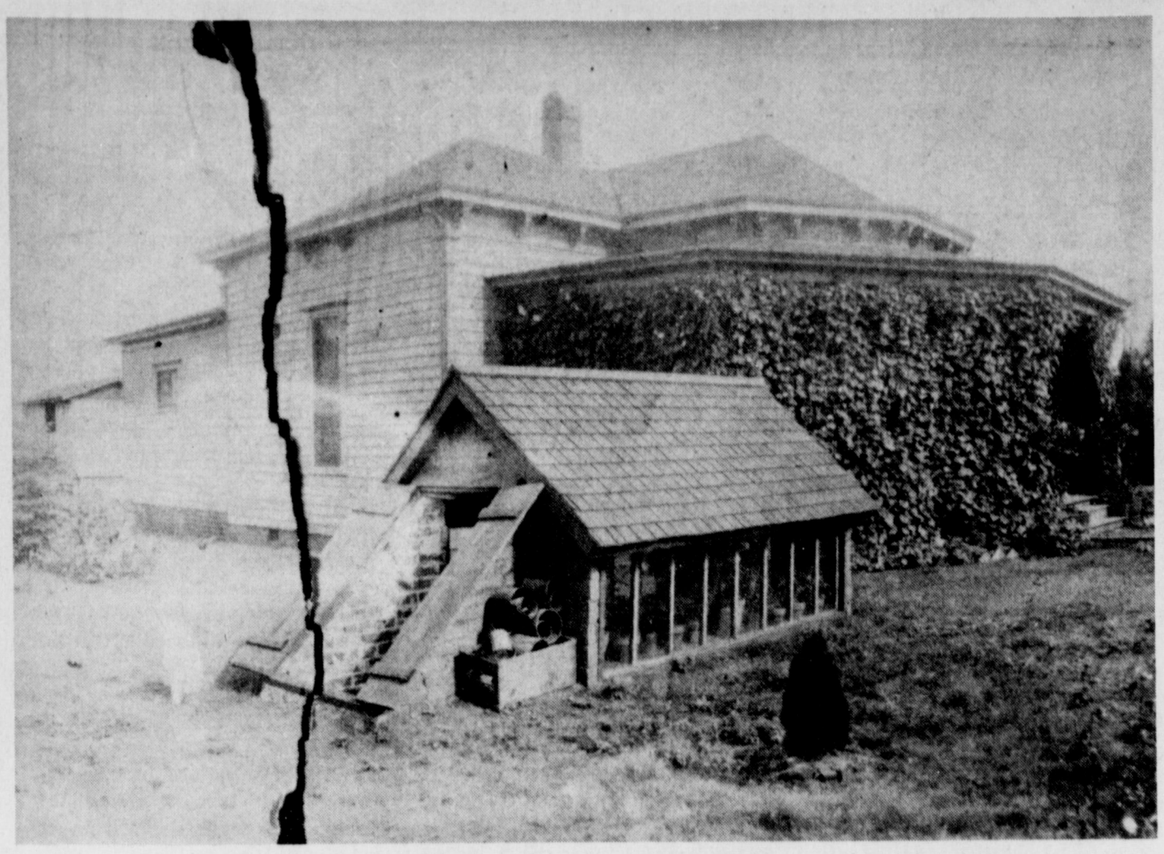
Openhouse

Openhouse will be held Saturday afternoon from 2:30 until 4:30 at Frankie's Apparel honoring Mrs. Frankie Hendrick, long-time owner who is retiring from business, and whose birthday will be Sunday. All her friends are invited to call during these hours.

Hostesses will be close friends and relatives of Mrs. Hendrick.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, June 14, 1962

EMANUEL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN 1935 IN OKLAHOMA CITY
. . . Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel, Alfred of Little Rock, Ark., Lewis of Electra, David of Crossville, Ala., Claibe of San Diego, Cal., Robert of Hollidale, Fla., Peggy (on lap) and Margaret Carter of Nacogdoches, and Patricia, now deceased.



EMANUEL HOME WAS AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF 600 BLOCK WALL
. . . purchased from Col. Herman Specht before 1904, and added greenhouse.

Stone-Emanuel

By Patsy Emanuel Raunikar

Whether it was an abmonition of counsel, or one of warning, this was the greeting the conductor gave as the train pulled to a stop that Christmas Day of 1889.

Nervous excitement permeated the pullman car where Mrs. Stone and her anxious entourage from Tallulah, Louisiana, peered from every window. It had been like this for the past several miles since the conductor had called:

"Ioway-y Park. Next stop-Ioway--y Park, Texas."

James Armstrong Stone, waiting for his family, thought back to how all this had come to be. He had "taken up arms in the Cause" at the age of 16 when he enlisted in Company B, Colonel Matt Johnson's 3rd Louisiana Cavalry, General Isaac Harrison's Brigade, Confederate Army.

He had been preparing to enter medical school when the war came to Madison Parish, Louisana. Wounded in battle, he was taken to the hospital in Vicksburg, Mississippi. As soon as he was able to leave his bed for short periods of time he offered his services to help with other patients. At war's end, he continued to work at the hospital and study medicine.

All too soon the combination of post-war living conditions and his lingering lung trouble caused him to seek a dry climate. He had visited Texas while his mother and sisters were in exile in Tyler during the war; and he knew it to be less swampy than the land along the Mississippi.

He did not find the needed relief in East Texas and continued westward to New Mexico and Arizona. Loneliness caused him to return to Abilene to join cousins there and to work as a doctor's assistant. As he experienced improved health, he thought he could return to his loved ones in the Louisiana delta country.

After re-establishing himself in Tallulah, he married Margaret Scott Briscoe, a beautiful recently-widowed lady of the Parish, on Sept. 1, 1875. They made their home on Omega Plantation, just north of Tallulah. It was here that William R., James A., and Kate Holmes Stone were born.

Mr. Stone continued to work as a medical assistant and nurse and operated a drug store in Tallulah until 1887, when ill health once again forced him west.

This time he found the newly-developing township of Iowa Park and immediately was integrated into the work force assisting the only local physician. In Iowa Park he found his health improving and a great improvement in his skills. There was a great need in this pioneer community for the type of education and experience that he had acquired. He determined to bring his family and establish a home in Iowa Park.

It was with great pride that he hung his Pharmaceutical Registration-Certificate #490, issued July 11, 1888, in New Orleans, on the wall and opened the first drug store in Iowa Park.

At that time most of the business houses stood south of the depot. On the corner directly across from the depot, five businesses composed the Arcade. Immediately east of the Arcade was the small two-story frame building which housed the drug store in the front downstairs.

Stone's health was good. His business was good. The townfolk were good people. There was a good hotel. Homes, schools, and churches were under construction. Iowa Park was a good place to live. With these facts in hand, Mr. Stone returned to Louisiana. With much persuasive communication, he finally convinced his wife that Iowa Park would be a good place for them to rear their family.

He went back to Tallulah for Thanksgiving in 1889. While home, he went to Vicksburg, Mississippi and made all the necessary arrangements for the family to move in time for all to have Christmas together in their new and permanent home- Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas, on the Fort Worth and Denver City line.

Original plans would have brought the family together by Dec. 23, but missed connections in Shreveport and again in Fort Worth delayed the family by two additional days. It was now Dec. 25, and the train was finally in Iowa Park.

Mrs. Stone and the children had never been west and as she waited for the train to come to a complete stop, she looked out at the barren ground and treeless lands and thought this must be the most dismal of places.

Sick with swamp fever and fatigued from the long journey, she had to be assisted from the train. Mr. Stone had a "taxi" waiting but when Mrs. Stone observed the horse standing on his hind feet-the driver's attempt to offer a true western welcome-she declined to ride stating that "she would remain at the depot first." That is how it happened that Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Stone walked to their first Texas "home" at the Cameron hotel, which was across the street directly in front of the depot, near the three parks.

However, just as the reared horse forced Mrs. Stone into greater anguish, it was undisputed lure to the children who bolted from the pullman car to the terra firma of Iowa Park.

The carriage was required anyway just to carry the quantity of hand baggage that followed the Stone entourage from the train. It has been vividly described by Kate, the youngest member of the group to arrive that Christmas Day. At the age of eight, the whole Texas move and especially being with her beloved Papa was the greatest and most pleasant of experiences. She describes the move thus:

"Papa came for Thanksgiving and made all the arrangements. It took a week to get all of our things ready. We stayed the week at Grandma's (Amanda Susan Ragan Stone) in Tallulah, while they loaded the railroad car with all our old heavy furniture.

"When we left, everybody came running to the train at the last minute with a package for Papa and one for everyone of us for Christmas.

"At the last minute, a boy friend of Sister Lizzie's came rushing to the train with a baby deer on a chain. He had caught it and brought it to her as a parting gift, complete with a cage.

"Mother, of course, was carrying a bird cage with a pair of canary birds. She didn't think she could get a good singer in Texas...so we were carrying it with us!

"The deer was placed with the baggage while the birds remained in the car with us. Brother Will (William R. Stone) was about 14 or 15 and everytime the train stopped he had to run back and feed and water the pet deer. When time allowed, he would walk it on the platform of the station.

"Of course, Brother Jim (James A. Stone) had to have a pillow of his own. Sister Lizzie had saved out a big soft pillow for Bud and one for Mamma. They both had swamp fever and had to have special things. I guess that is the only reason Mamma ever really consented to just pick up and leave was that the doctor just gave Bud six months to live. When Mamma heard that she really hurried getting herself to Texas."

When Christmas dinner was served at the Cameron Hotel, it was really a family affair when once again Jimmy and Margaret Stone had their family gathered about them. Only Florence Briscoe Waddell and Warren Briscoe (Mrs. Stone's children by a prior marriage) were absent. They would follow within a short time and establish residence and find employment in Iowa Park.

Mr. Stone had made arrangements for a house, but it had not been completed on schedule and the entire family remained at the hotel three weeks. It was here that all the family members met and enjoyed the company of new friends who would remain a part of their lives for many years to come.

Elizabeth Briscoe met Edward Kolp that first afternoon. Ed's uncle, Andrew Kolp, was manager, and his aunt, hostess, for the hotel. Elizabeth and Ed married and soon moved to Fort Worth where Ed was in the grain business for a number of years.

Ed's father, O.C. Kolp, and uncle, the town founders, remained active in all the life of the community. It was Ed's father who gave the land for the site of the First Methodist Church of Iowa Park.

Ed and Elizabeth were the parents of five boys; and though the marriage lasted until death did them part, it was not accepted at the outset by the Stones. It mattered little that the Kolps were founders of the community. It mattered more that they were Germans from Iowa - the North!

Jimmy was a railroad man in his adult life. He married Alice Lightsy of Quanah and they had one daughter. Jimmy, never really well, died in mid-years and Alice continued to be a resident of Wichita County until her death in 1977.

Will worked in the original broom factory in Iowa Park and later worked for many years for the railroad. He married Alice Magee and they lived in Tallaquah, Okla., and Springdale, Ark., most of their remaining years. They had no children.

It was Kate, excited about being in Iowa Park in time for Santa Clause to come, who experienced life in this community to the fullest. She admitted that she wanted to get there the most of any member of the family. That she like it better than the rest was attested to by the fact that though she had to leave it many times, she always returned and lived in Iowa Park until her death in 1972.

She was always the chubby little red-haired girl with the happy, laughing ways who grew to a pleasingly plump, white-haired gentle lady who alway loved to reminisce about the early days in the first schoolhouse in Iowa Park. The girlhood ties made with other little girls living in the hotel that winter of 1890 lasted as long as they all lived.

"The Girls," as the group was known to its members, included: Nelle Kolp (Beard), Mattie Harding, Alta Windle (Magee), Grace Cornforth, and Kate Stone (Emanuel).

From time to time many other young ladies became a part of this happy group. Kate made many lifelong friends such as Luella Apple (Williams), Mina Troutman, Clara Lowrance and others, after she first met their older brothers, Sam Apple, Carl Troutman, Locke Lowrance and other in school or at social affairs.

Kate laughed many times about attending the old first grade school in Iowa Park. She learned fractions when the teacher brought fresh home-baked cookies to school, broke them into fourths, thirds, and halves and then allowed Kate to eat the ones she could correctly use to solve math problems.

A favorite story was of the old well beside the school and how all the children lined up to drink from the one dipper, in turn. One of the older boys would draw the bucket of water and see that all the children had a drink during recess. When a hole came in the dipper, it was repaired by pulling a heavy cord string through the hole and knotting it close on the inside and the outside of the dipper. Locke Lowrance, an early classmate, verified that this was the usual way and that the dipper was seldom without repair!

It was in the first school that Kate also placed herself in authority in "helping" classmates. It came about when John Frances Marion Stanfield and his wife, Drucilla Coleman Stanfield, moved from Springtown (Parker County) to a farm north of the new township of Iowa Park, and sent their daughters, Alice, Stella, Hattie and Daisy to the public school for the first time. Kate and Daisy became fast friends and Kate was distressed about the fact that Daisy had no middle name since everybody Kate had known in Tallulah always had two or more names.

One day on the playground, as a number of other children gathered about, Kate said, "Daisy, since you like the name Lorene and we all like you, we are going to give you that name and you can put it in your Mamma's Bible. Your name is now Daisy Lorene Stanfield and that can always be your very own name to keep."

The assembled group of second graders even agreed on a proper spelling, though none of them had ever seen it written, and Daisy Lorene it was. Many, many years later when she needed proof of birth and used the family Bible plus affidavits from friends, her records all appeared as Daisy Lorene. It simply was not as expensive or difficult to handle name changes in those days!

This friendship, like many others in that class, lasted for well over 80 years. Kate married first and was living in Dallas when Daisy fell in love with Drew L. Arrington.

Since she could not obtain parental approval to meet the young man and have his company in Iowa Park, she appealed to her friend. While she was Kate's houseguest in Dallas, Daisy married D.L. Arrington in 1906.

Kate enjoyed all the activities appropriate to each year of her life. She was a charter member of the Firsst Presbyterian Church Sunday School, being too young to affirm her faith and be a charter member of the church. She did join this church a few years later and though she moved her membership as her residence changed through the years, she returned her membership to this church when she returned "home" for the last time in 1949 and remained a devoted member until her death. She was presented a Life Membership in the Women of the Church by friends in the congregation.

Kate's mother, the once dubious newcomver, was soon to integrate into the life of the community and was active in social and cultural endeavors until her death. She directed a home-talent production in 1893 which was cast by Mrs. Z.P. Dale.

The production had the duel function of enlightenment of the citizens and for the benefit of the local school funds. A silver sugar shell was presented to Mrs. Stone for her extensive efforts in making this production successful. She later gave it to Kate when she completed her "elocution" recital.

Kate in turn passed it on to a granddaughter, Shirley Kathryn Wyatt, when she received her degree in speech from college. Thus, over 80 years later, "The Goddess of Fame' is still discussed.

While a pre-teen, Kate attended the dedication of the First Lutheran Church at Specht's Colony with Mina Troutman and her brother, Carl Troutman, under the watchful eye of the Troutman adults. The Troutmans had lived in the colony before moving to Iowa Park. It was a day of long services and quantities of wonderful tasting food.

About eight years later the German Lutherans at Specht's Colony replaced the first small white frame church with a new brick bulding. Of this even Kate Stone had special memories:

"I never saw so much food! You know Germans are such good cooks. Well, we got there and this little church had an awning all around it. There were no shade trees up there at all. Just the awning around where the ladies served. Tables were placed all around the church and they were all covered with the food which had been brought. Oh, what a crowd! And such a good day!"

Besides the crowd and food, Kate's memory of the day was greatly enhanced, no doubt, by the fact that it was also the first occasion where she was escorted by Frank Emanuel, the new "young fellow" in town.

Frank, born in Talbotton, Ga., on Sept. 6, 1874, was the son of William David and Martha S. George Gordey Emanuel and had come with his family to Texas (Henrietta, Clay County) in a covered wagon in 1888. He had attended school and worked in Henrietta. He was an employee of the Mayfield Lumber Company and had just recently been transferred to the position of manager of the Iowa Park Lumber Company.

After a brief courtship, Kate and Frank eloped, and were married at the St. James Hotel in Wichita Falls. Rev. C.B. Bledsoe officated the ceremony.

Frank and Kate had a happy wedded life for 42 years, having its earthly end with Frank's death on May 24, 1942. They did leave the world bettered by having lived, as neither of them ever lost the qualities for which they had been known at the time of their marriage.

Frank Emanuel continued to work for the Mayfield Lumber Company for several years. He was active in civic and fraternal work of the community. He was a member of the Iowa Park Masonic Lodge, and participated in the planting and maintenance of the park in the heart of the town. His love for children and concern for the under-privileged was well-known. He actively worked to ease the burdens of the widows and orphans of every community where he lived.

Kate joined the Order of Eastern Star Lodge #42 in Iowa Park and received her 50-year membership pin from that chapter as well as a 50-year recognition from the Grand Chapter of Texas. She joined Lodge #42 when Julia Cain (Tanner) was Worthy Matron and their friendship was a strong bond.

Within a year after their marriage, sorrow struck the young couple when they lost their first child at birth, a little girl, born in Iowa Park in December, 1902.

Friends and family alike rejoiced at the birth of their first son, Lewis Stone Emanuel, born June 22, 1904. When he was a year old, Kate made the trip back to Tallulah to see the family. Her father had returned with his son, Jim, to handle pressing business in Tallulah. She had barely arrived when she was forced to leave again, as news came that yellow fever had crossed into Madison Parish and it would be dangerous for her to remain. It was the last time she was to see her father, as he was taken with the disease and died from the effects of it on Thanksgiving Day, 1905.

The family sorrow was heightened when it was learned that no one would be allowed in for the services and the body could not be removed from the Parish. It is thus that James Armstrong Stone, the first druggist and an enthusiastic supporter of Iowa Park was not to be buried in Plot #1 of the Highland Cemetery which he had purchased with pride from D.C. Kolp, the town's founder, in 1889.

In 1907, a second son, Claibe Morgan Emanuel (named for Morgan Mayfield, by now a cherished family friend) was born in Iowa Park.

Great pride and excitement mingled as Frank announced the birth of their daughter, Margaret Kate, on Oct. 14, 1909.

When Margaret was two the family and community were deeply

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Frazier

By Etta Frazier Payton

James Walter (Jim) Frazier was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, in 1863. He was the son of Caleb Frazier and Gaynie Little, and the grandson of John Frazier.

Jim's father served in the Civil War and his mother died when he was very young. He then went to live on a large plantation with his Grandmother Little.

When Jim's father remarried and came for him, his grandmother did not want to give him up and his father left the choice to him.

His grandmother told him if he would stay with her that someday everything she owned would be his, but Jim loved his father very much and chose to come to Texas with him, turning his back on the great wealth that could have been his forever.

They came by train to what is now Grand Saline and Caleb worked as a section foreman on the Katy Railroad and was a member of the Odd Fellows. When his father became ill, Jim had to go to work to support the family. He worked in the cotton fields and sawmills and also as a farm hand for Mr. Alexander.

At one time, while cutting timber in the woods near Grand Saline, his axe struck an iron pot filled with Spanish gold coins, but the foreman took it and Jim never shared in the treasure.

Later on he worked to help build the Grand Saline Salt Plant and also broke out with a team of mules much of the virgin land in that area.

When Jim was 19, he married Belle Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin. A year later their first son, Walter, was born. Things were going well and a second son, Leroy was born.

The future looked bright until Leroy came down with a fever and died the same night a third son was born. In a few days, Bell was dead from blood poison and then the newborn baby also died.

Jim was a heartbroken young man when he buried his wife and two sons, but he knew he had to be strong for Walter's sake. He went back to work hauling timber with his young son on the wagon with him and did the best he could.

Two years later he married Lucille Martin, the sister of Belle and from this union were born 11 more children with one of these dying in infancy. The living children were Alice, Nell, Mary Elizabeth, Andy Edward (Dewey), Clara, Bill, Udell, Dorothy, Leo and Lindell. Walter always called his Aunt Mama and looked upon her as his mother, as she treated him like her own child. The family also took in a homeless boy named Arthur Herring and raised him as their own.

When Jim was run over by a wagon and his leg broken, his wife took in washing to make the living but Jim was too proud to allow that so he went back to work with his leg in splints and the other workmen would load and unload the timber from his wagon. He was a member of the Woodsmen of the World in Grand Saline.

Christmas time of 1923 brought much sickness to the household as the children came down, one by one, with the measles. The winter was wet and very cold and Lucy came down with the measles which turned into pneumonia and it was a very sad day when she passed away in the early part of 1924, leaving Jim a widower again with 12 chldren to bring up.

The close-knit family all pulled together with the boys helping their father in the field, and the girls keeping house and cooking. Jim's father, Caleb, came to stay with the family, and he took them all swimming in the Sabine River. He was an excellent swimmer, having grown up near the Mississippi River.

He was mortally wounded when he struck a stump while diving and was also buried at Grand Saline.

Some of the children grew up and married while living there. Walter married Ella Bell, Alice married Oscar Douthitt, Nell married Jim Warden, Clara married Faniel Whittaker and Mary Elizabethe married Joe Pool.

Soon after this, Jim became ill with the heart disease that was to plague him all his life and was advised by Dr. Darnell to go to a drier area. He and six of his children came to Valley View on Aug. 15, 1926.

The children who came with him were Bill, Andy Edward (Dewey), Dorothy, Leo, Udell and Lindell. They settled on the Swan Reaves place and made the first cotton crop and the next year moved to the Birk Farm.

Nora Belle Shelton was born Nov. 20, 1911 in Rockwall, Tex., to John Elmer Shelton and Fannie Miles. Her father was a straw boss on the Katy Railroad. Her mother passed away when she was 11year old.

Her grandfather, James Albert Shelton, came from Jacksboro to care for the children so his son could keep his railroad job.

He was a caring and kindly old man and the children loved him, but he passed away in his sleep while he was in Rockwall. The children then went to live with their married sister, Maude White, and Nora got a job when she was 16, saved her money for a bus ticket and some clothes, and came to Wichita Falls in the fall of 1927.

She stayed with her Aunt Carmen and Uncle O.B. Dixon, and they had living quarters at the Pavillion on Lake Wichita where they owned the boat docks. Her father quit his job on the railroad and brought the other children and joined her at his sister's house.

They all decided to move to the country and pick cotton so they moved to the Birk Farm.

They were neighbors to the Frazier family and it was there that Nora met Jim Frazier and they were married on Feb. 18, 1928. They ate their wedding supper at Jim's son's, Walter's, house.

In 1929, the family moved to K.M.A. and farmed the Logan-Van Meter place and Jim and Udell were plowing when a tornado passed directly overhead. They would have been killed had they not laid down between the rows and held onto the mules. The same tornado killed a family of Mexicans living nearby.

The next year they moved to the Munger farm and were blessed with a new baby daughter, Wanda Jo.

In 1931, an oilfield salt water pit overflowered when the dam broke from a heavy rain. The cottonseed was petrified in the ground, which was ruined for years to come. Jim and boys labored in vain trying to make a crop but it was useless.

Jim stayed on the Munger Farm and worked 15 hours a day for $1 a day. Udell and Dewey went to live with Jim and Nell Worden in Dallas. Leo and Marlin Rose went to South Texas, and Bill and Dick Meadows wanted to see the country so they rode the rails as hobos and worked where they could.

During the depression years, four more children were born. They were Kenneth Ray, Shirley Jean, Donald Wayne and Etta Mae. Though the birth of each child brought new hardship upon the family, Jim and Nora loved and were proud of every one.

Money was alway scarce, but Nora helped out by selling butter and eggs to the Meadows Grocery and Johnny Carter Grocery in K.M.A. and Valley View. There was no electricity so coal oil lamps provided light and a window box kept the food cool. Heating and cooking was done with a wood stove, washing was done with lye soap and water heated in a wash pot.

Many times Nora washed all day on a rub board till her fingers bled. Sad irons were used to iron clothes that had been patched and repatched and the rags made into quilts. Hogs were butchered and cured and sausage was sacked in home sewn sacks and fat was rendered to make lye soap and cracklins.

A large garden provided vegetables for eating and canning. Jim always tried to keep a milk cow for the children. Cord wood was cut for burning and selling and corn was taken to the grist mill for corn meal.

Nora was a good cook and could make the plainest of food taste good. She was also an excellent seamstress and made almost all their clothes from feed sacks.

The older boys had come back home by this time, and Lindell and Leo went to the C.C. Camp to help the family, and Bill and Dewey worked on the Tom Burnett Ranch. Udell had married and left home, and Jim worked on the P.W.A. and W.P.A.

When World War II was declared, four of the Frazier sons and two grandsons gladly served their country. Bill, Udell and Dewey went into the Army and Lindell joined the Seabees. Leo went to work for Consolidated Aircraft in Arizona. The war brought more hardships because almost everything was rationed. Gasoline, shoes, sugar, coffee, tires and many other necessities were in short supply.

Jim, Nora and five of their children moved to the Johnson farm where Texoma Fertilzier is now located. Jim farmed and worked for Wichita County. Their last child, James, was born in 1942.

Dr. Clark delivered all six of the last children at home and never charged more than $35 or $40 for his fee. He was a faithful friend who came out in any weather when he was called.

The war tragically took the life of Walter's son, Raymond, and critically injured Alices' son. The family was saddened again by the sudden death of their beloved son and brother, Leo, in Tuscon, Ariz. in 1945. His body was brought back by train and buried in Iowa Park.

The Red Cross sent Udell home for his brother's funeral and his fourth son, Danny Leo, was born while he was home on furlough. The family bought the Goad place on Pecan Street and Jim went to work for Wichita Sand and Gravel.

Jim passed away on April 22, 1958, from heart disease. Jim Frazier was an honest and just man who accumulated little material wealth in his lifetime, but was rich in that he had a large family that loved him, and had three virtuous, God-fearing wives who worked willingly by his side and brought strength and honor to his name.

Mrs. Nora Frazier Boyd worked many years as a dental assistant to Dr. C.J. Simpson and still resides in Iowa Park.

Shirley Jean Frazier was born Nov. 10, 1934. She attended school at Valley View and Iowa Park. She worked at the Confectionary and at the Rexall Drug as a teenager. She married Donald Rains on April 18, 1951. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Rains, long-time residents of Valley View. Jean and Don are the parents of three children, Dr. Larry Rains, Donna Jean Bella and Dana White; and are grandparents of four. Jean has worked as supervisor for Southwestern Bell Phone Co. 26 years, and Don is a retired Wichita Falls policeman.

Donald Wayne Frazier was born Oct. 8, 1937. He attended school at Valley View and Iowa Park. He worked for Steele's Lumber Co., Frank Rauschuber, and Wichita County Water District. He served in the Army and was stationed at Fort Eustace, Va. He and Cornelia Darnell were married, and are the parents of two sons, Randy and Ricky, and grandparents of two. They all live in Wester, Okla., and Don is a retired builder.

Etta Mae Frazier was born April 23, 1939, and attended school in Iowa Park. She married Eugene Payton, from one of the early families of Electra, on April 23, 1957. They have one daughter, Susan Marie, and are self-employed.

James Frazier was born Nov. 23, 1942. He attended school in Iowa Park and married Gayle Edwards. They had three children, Mark, Tammy (Mrs. Eric Thompson) and Rod Lee, and are grandparents of Christina and Eric Thompson. James is an independent contractor.

Walter Frazier, the older Frazier child, was born in 1895, in Grand Saline. He married Ella Carrie Bell in 1914. He worked in the oilfields around K.M.A. for Kempner and Cable and Omahundra Oil Co. He also worked as an ice man while living in Dallas, and worked for many years at Baker Tool Co. in Houston.

He and Ella had six children, Raymond, who was killed in World War II, Alton, now passed away,

JIM FRAZIER with children and some of his grandchildren, in 1957. With him are Walter, Kenneth, James, Mary, Jim, Nell, Jean, Dewey, Donna and Larry Rains, and Kenney Frazier Jr.

Lorene (Dolly), Mrs. Bill Stewart, Louise (Mrs. Fred Kent), Mrs. Sybil Roberts and Doris Fay, now deseased. They had 14 grand-children; and 18 great-grandchildren. Walter passed away in 1960, and Ella in 1983.

Raymond was stationed in Belgium in WWII. He had returned to the barracks after a long day of battle. Raymond saw what he thought was a jar of water. He picked it up and poured a glass and started drinking it. It made him sick right off. The enemy had slipped in and mixed wood alcohol and poison gas in the jar. He was rushed to the hospital and died a short while later on Feb. 14, 1943. His mother received his Medal of Honor because they felt Raymond had saved the lives of the other soldiers. He was buried in Luxembourg, in the same cemetery as General Patton.

Lindell Frazier was born in 1919, in Grand Saline, and attended school in Valley View. He served in the Seabees in World War II, and had one son. He is a retired landscaper living in Paradise. He narrowly escaped death when his private airplane crashed near Abilene in 1972.

Dorothy Fraizer was born in 1917 and attended school in Valley View. She married Merle Grooms from K.M.A., and they have one daughter, now Mrs. Virginia Coffee, and one granddaughter. After Merle's death, Dorothy moved to Arkansas to be near her daughter and she is now Mrs. Dorothy Tindle of Conway, Ark.

A.E. (Dewey) Frazier was born in Grand Saline and passed away in 1978. He worked for Wichita Sand and Gravel and John B. Barbour Trucking Co. He married Gladys McKee in 1950, and she passed away in 1986.

Wanda Jo Frazier was born Oct. 19, 1930. She attended school in Valley View and Iowa Park. She worked as a teenager at the Rexall Drug Store for Dr. Tommy Clark and Fenton Dale. She married J.W. Kuhlmann Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Kuhlmann of Iowa Park on Dec. 6, 1947. They are the parents of Danny Williams Kuhlmann, Jackie Jo Wright and Janis Kay Martin. They have six grandchildren. Wanda has worked at the Bank of Waldron, Ark., for several years and J.W. has farmed and worked for the highway department many years.

Kenneth Ray Frazier was born Dec. 2, 1932. He attended school at Valley View and Iowa Park. His first job was for Wichita Sand and Gravel when he was 14. He also worked or Wichita County when Miles Hines was commissioner. At *age 15, he* went to work for John B. Barbour Trucking Co., being taken under the wing of Paul Craft, who taught him well the ways of the oil field and how to move oil field equipment. Paul was a stern taskmaster, but Kenneth respected him because he knew the safety factor involved. He worked as a swamper and truck driver.

He married Janie Mae Flippin from one of the early families of Electra. They have three children, Wanda Hawkins, Kenneth Ray Jr. and Betty Graves; and six grandchildren. He and Janie recently celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Kenneth has worked for Walsh and Watts Oil Co. 29 years.

Stone-Emanuel

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saddened by the death of Mrs. Stone. The once destraught Margaret Stone had become the strongest supporter of her son-in-law. The Emanuel and Stone property were back-to-back for many years and members of the two households were constant companions.

The following year the Emanuel family moved to Dallas and it was here that Robert Frank Emanuel was born on July 3, 1915. Then a move back to Wichita Falls where James David Emanuel was born on May 21, 1919.

After living once again in Iowa Park, the Emanuel clan joined 19 other families from Wichita County and migrated to Benton County, Ark., where they had an illusion of opening a resort center and living as country gentlemen on their apple and strawberry crops. It was here that the last of the children was born on Dec. 9, 1925. Kate had made a firm resolution that this child would be Irish and thus the name Patricia Nelle Emanuel (the Nelle being for Kate's Iowa Park girlhood chum, Nelle Kolp).

Wherever work and fortune took Frank and Kate and the children, they always kept an active interest in the little community where they first met. Iowa Park has always been "home." Through the years it was a tradition for Frank and Kate, with little Patsy in tow, to return on Mother's Day each year to work with friends at the cemetery in the community clean-up both in Iowa Park and Henrietta (where Frank's parents are buried) and to pay loving tribute to their mothers by attendance at services at the First Presbyterian Church.

The fall was always special when the family would return for the annual Old Settler's Day at the Wichita County Fair. Frank would join old friends behind the cutting tables to serve the great pieces of barbecue while Kate talked the day away with the multitude of friends who gathered and, of course, with "the girls."

Kate often commented on the "Dear Hearts and Gentle People in my home town" just as the song says. Though most of the children did not live in the community, all of them have always considered Iowa Park as "home."

At this writing, it remains the place the seven children, 12 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren feel deep roots. This is certainly understandable when it is noted that Margaret - "Sis" - to all the family residing in Iowa Park, across the corner from where she was born and lived until three years of age. Margaret, now Mrs. Herbert Carter, is active in the work of the First Methodist Church where she served as president of United Methodist Women. She is a past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Easter Star, Past Mother Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, charter member and first secretary of the Iowa Park unit of the American Assoc. of Retired Persons. She is a charter member of the Senior Citizens group, know as the Friendly Door.

As her mother and grandmother before her, people in the community look to her for leadership, Christian service, and loving, caring spirit.

The old hotel is gone, Stone Drug is no more, the depot and lumber yard no longer exist and there hasn't been a passenger train arriving in Iowa Park for a long time. But James Stone was right-Iowa Park is a good place to live...a good place to work and a good place to call "home."

Well, Mr. Stone, the train has discharged its passengers and moved on down the track. Little could you have anticipated that throughout the 20th Century your descendents would continue to anticipate the call:

"Iowa Park - Next Stop-Iowa Park, Texas."

Post Script: Mrs. Carter moved to Nacogdoches, Texas, in 1986 to be near her daughter.

Powell-Matthews

In the early 1880s, D.J. and Sarah Caroline Powell departed Viola County, Tenn. with nine children in covered wagons. In 1883 they arrived in North Texas, homesteading several hundred acres in the southwest part of Wichita County, the area known as Beaver Creek.

As the community grew, a Sunday School was conducted in the Powell home with Rev. Powell as leader. Founding the Methodist Church at Beaver Creek, he also rode horseback to serve others when called. On his grave is a bronze marker denoting his service as a Circuit Rider for the Methodist Church.

The family of J.C. and Rosanna Matthews of Sedalia, Mo., migrated in Tarrant County, Tex. around 1860. J.C. served as a private of Company A, Griffins Battalion, Texas Infantry in the Civil War. He died while on duty at Sabine Pass, Jan. 14, 1864.

As the family grew and went different directions, John, son of J.C., caught the call of the west and cowboy fever. He traded with cattle and gradually moved westward, learning the tricks of the trade. His westward path halted when he met Sallie Caroline Powell, daughter of D.J. Powell. They married Oct. 5, 1890.

While they lived at Beaver Creek, three children were born: Zula (Mrs. McKitrick), John Leslie and Suvilla (Mrs. Jeff Wallace). As the children grew, the problem of schooling was resolved by moving to Iowa Park. Ruth Marie (Mrs. Jack Gwinn) and Thelma Louise (Mrs. Otis Gay) were born while they lived in the southwest part of Iowa Park.

The family has been active in civic, religious and educational activities through the years. "Johnnie" Matthews and partner, Walter Sisk, represented Iowa Park High School in debate in Austin in 1914. Matthews attended West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon. He was presented the first Life Membership granted by the Anthropological Society at Canyon.

Mrs. John Matthews was recognized as the oldest woman attending the Wichita County Diamond Jubilee on Pioneer Day in 1957. She died in 1958 at the age of 89. Mr. Matthews, who was known to all his friends as "Uncle Johnny," died in 1934.

The first home place in Iowa Park burned in 1924, and a new home was built in the same location. This is the present home of Otis and Thelma Gay.

Mrs. Gay, with her sister, Mrs. Suvilla Wallace of Mesa, Ariz., are the first generation survivors of this pioneer family.

Fact

Mrs. A.D. Lightsey, of Chillicothe, is a guest of Mrs. J.H. Hester, this week. Mrs. Lightsey is one of Iowa Park's pioneer former residents.

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We are enjoying our growth, and progress, right along with IOWA PARK

GROUNDBREAKING
MARCH 12, 1974

Taking part were Mayor Arch Hughes, Cryovac President, Robert A Miller, and H.M. Nipper, President Industrial Development Corporation.

The first of our plant expansions is outlined.

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MR. AND MRS. A.L. BRUBAKER, RIGHT, WITH FAMILY ON WALL STREET
. . . children are, from left, Beulah, Bob, Martha, Bill and Joe.

Brubaker

By Frances Amanda Brubaker Martin

In September, 1888, a three month old boy and his parents, Abraham Lincoln Brubaker and Amanda Conklin Zink Brubaker, arrived by train in Iowa Park.

It had been a long train ride from Galva, McPherson County, Kansas, and an interesting one. The conductor came to tell Abraham that the man could not ride in the box car with the animals. Aaron Brubaker was riding with the animals. He was half-brother to Abraham Lincoln. The conductor was told to go tell him. Nothing else was heard about it. The stud horse would not let the conductor in the car! The wagon bed was hung from the ceiling and that's where Aaron slept during the entire journey.

The early Brubakers emigrated from Switzerland about the year 1710 and settled near Lancaster, Pa. A number of years later some moved to McPherson County, Kansas. It was in the Sunflower State that Abraham Lincoln and Amanda met. Their first child, Robert Richard, was three months old when they moved to Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas, in 1888. They settled on a farm a few miles west of town, but in later years moved to town.

Amanda's family, the Zink's, were in Lancaster County, Pa., before moving to Kansas, also. Others of the family that came with them are:

Nathanial S. Zink, Sept. 1, 1828-Feb. 11, 1914; Elizabeth Conklin, and Children, Feb. 18, 1831-May 2, 1883; Mary C. Zink, June 18, 1858-Jan. 9, 1924; John C. Zink, Aug. 28, 1859-Aug. 17, 1922; Harry C. Zink, Jan. 3, 1861-Jan. 12, 1940; Catherine Zink, Aug. 30, 1862-Aug. 25, 1929; Emma C. Zink, Dec. 4, 1863-Aug. 23, 1896; Nathaniel C. Zink, Nov. 22, 1865-Sept. 5, 1942; Abraham C. Zink, July 14, 1867-Jan. 27, 1929;Amanda C. Zink (who married A.L. Brubaker) Aug. 7, 1869-Nov. 6, 1920.

Only Harry and Amanda married. All except the mother, Elizabeth Conklin Zink, are buried in Highland Cemetary, Iowa Park.

A.L. Brubaker and Amanda Conklin Zink were married March 20, 1887, in McPherson County, Kan. Abraham Lincoln Brubaker was born July 19, 1863, and died July 21, 1922.

Amanda Conklin Zink Brubaker was born Aug. 7, 1869, and died Nov. 6, 1920.

To this union five children were born. Robert Richard was born June 21, 1888. He married Miss Bess Sherrod on Dec. 27, 1916 in Lewisville, Denton County, Tex. He died February 1970. She died Oct. 1966. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery in Wichita Falls. Bob, as he was known, was a graduate of Valparaiso University Law School, Valparaiso, Ind. Bess was a graduate of North Texas State Teachers Normal, now North Texas State University, Denton. She taught Latin, English, and other subjects at Iowa Park High School before her marriage. Robert, or Bob, went into the lumber and building materials business with his father. This was known as the Iowa Park Lumber Co.

Both Bob and Bess were active in civic affairs, school activities, and the First Baptist Church. He was a charter member of the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department, had served on the school board and was a long time member of the Noon Lions Club, serving as treasurer from 1943-1969. He had served as Justice of the Peace 30 years, served as city councilman, and member of Chamber of Commerce.

Bob served as Sunday School Superintendent at First Baptist Church for 38 years, where he was a Deacon and member of the 1925 Building Committee that built the first brick building.

Bob was a member of Masonic Lodge 713 and Scottish Rite, a member of Woodman of the World and IOOF.

Bess had served as Women's Missionary Union President twice and in other offices many years. She was a Sunday School teacher, a Church training Leader and served in many places of leadership in First Baptist Church. The table in the foyer of the new church building was given in her memory by her many friends. She also served as P-TA president and other offices, and, was a member of 23 Study Club.

Other children of A.L. and Amanda are:

Beulah La Mora, born March 27, 1890, died 1967. She married Joe W. Ellison Oct. 3, 1909. Both are buried in Arlington, Tex. at Moore Cemetery.

William Bullock Brubaker, born Oct. 24, 1893, died in the 1950's and is buried in the cemetery on Jacksboro Hwy. in Wichita Falls. He married Maggie Belle Hill in Iowa Park. Their children are Milton, Mildred, Bill, Billie Frances and Joan. Maggie Belle lives in Mineola.

Martha Washington Brubaker was born Feb. 22, 1892. She was so named because this is the date of Washington's birthday. She was married to Ed Greer, Oct. 14, 1916, in Colorado. He died in 1959 and is buried at Idabell, Okla. She died in 1983 and is buried in Arlington, Tex.

Beulah and Martha had no children.

Joseph Bailey Brubaker was born May 23, 1908 in Iowa Park, as the other children had been. He was drafted during World War II. He married Ray Golden, Jan. 1942, at Bowie. She now lives in Abilene. S/Sgt. Joe B. Brubaker served in the Pacific and was killed on Luzon in the Philippines Feb. 12, 1945, interred in the American Military Cemetary, Ft. McKinley, Manila No. 2, Manila, Philippine Islands. He served in the 35th Infantry - 25th Division. A marker for him is in the Brubaker lot at Highland Cemetery. Joe and Ray had no children.

The children of Bob and Bess Brubaker are Frances Amanda (Mancy), Mary Jean, and Bobbie Ruth.

Mary Jean died in 1983. She was married to Roy W. Dickey, Jr. in 1942. Their two boys are Robert Wheeler Dickey who lives in Tulsa, Okla., and Phillip Pat Dickey lives in Wichita Falls.

Bobbie Ruth died in 1966 leaving husband Theron A. Baber and two children, Karen Kay and Kevin Albert. Both Karen and Kevin live in Wichita Falls.

Mary Jean and Bobbie Ruth are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Wichita Falls.

Mancy was married to the late Otis O. Martin. After over 40 years in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Mancy has moved to Center, Tex. to be near her three daughters, Barbara Frances of Shelbyville, Tex., and Patricia Amanda and Marilyn Joe both of Nacogdoches, Tex. Mancy has three grandsons and one granddaughter.

"There were many great days and exciting celebrations of the Brubaker Family in Iowa Park! I well remember them and remember what parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins talk about when we are all together. I will never forget the friends of my parents, my school teachers, joys, and sorrows in my home town - Iowa Park, Texas!"

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ABRAHAM L. BRUBAKER

No more prosperous community in north Texas is to be found than Iowa Park, a farm community established about thirty years ago by an enterprising group of Iowa men. Long one of the prosperous farmers, and now an active business man of this little city, is Abraham L. Brubaker, identified with the lumber business, with the oil industry and with other local concerns.

Abraham L. Brubaker was born at Mastersonville, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1863. His parents were Christian W. and Martha (Brubaker) Brubaker. His father, who was born in Pennsylvania, as was also his mother, was by occupation a farmer, a Republican in politics, belonged to the Dunkard church in religion, and affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The mother died in Pennsylvania in 1866, and in 1871 the father moved his family from Pennsylvania to Paris, Illinois, lived there until February, 1876, and then went to McPherson, Kansas. From there he came to Texas in 1888, and located at Iowa Park on August 17th of that year. In that community he spent his last years and died June 22, 1892.

Abraham L. Brubaker had one sister, Elizabeth, who died in October, 1892, in Ochiltree County, Texas. His own education was acquired by attendance at the common schools of Illinois and Kansas, and at the same time he assisted his father in the work of the farm. When he was about nineteen years old he took up farming on his own account, and for a number of years was one of the hard working and energetic agriculturists in the vicinity of Iowa Park.

In 1908 he resigned his farming interests to take up business, moving to Iowa Park, where he accepted the management of the Iowa Park Lumber Company. He still continues as the executive head of this concern, of which he is secretary and treasurer. Mr. Brubaker is also a stockholder in two of the local oil companies and owns stock in a cotton gin. In politics he is a Democrat and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World.

At McPherson, Kansas, on March 27, 1887, he married Miss Amanda Zink. Into their household have been born five children, as follows: Robert R., born at McPherson June 21, 1888, and is an assistant to his father; Beulah, born at Iowa Park March 27, 1890, and is the wife of Joseph W. Ellison, of Iowa Park; Martha W., who was born in Iowa Park February 22, 1892, and lives at home; William B., born in Iowa Park October 24, 1893, and also at home; and Joe Bailey, born at Iowa Park May 23, 1908.

Mr. Brubaker has entered to do his part in public affairs and is now serving as Justice of the Peace and is president of the Iowa Park school board.

Kidwell

Miss Ethyle Kidwell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G.S. Kidwell of Winnsboro, came to Iowa Park in 1921 as a young school teacher. Citizens of Iowa Park have considered her indispensable to the local school system and to the elementary school which bears her name.

She was a vital part and dynamic influence in the school system. The impact of her teaching, influence, and life on boys, girls, men and women can never be totally weighed. Her work with students has yielded a return of hundreds whose lives are blessing the world in professions, politics, economics, as well as home and community areas.

Miss Kidwell was also an inspiration to teachers, school administrators and board members. She was a member of the faculty 46 years, 33 as principal.

In 1959, when a new elementary school was built in the northwest part of town, it was named Ethyle Kidwell Elementary School in her honor. An oil painting of Miss Kidwell hangs in the foyer of the school. She was principal there seven years before retiring in 1967. She continued her work with children, tutoring those who needed extra help, for more than 20 years.

She received her B.A. degree from East Texas State University, and her Master's from North Texas State University. She has also studied at the University of Colorado, University of Denver, Peabody College, and West Texas State University.

Miss Kidwell is past president of Wichita County TSTA, member of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honor society for teachers, a life member of P-TA and a member of the area Retired Teachers organization.

She has been active in the community as well. She is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Library, Modern Music Study Club and 23 Study Club. She was recipient of the Jaycee Citizen of the year award in 1966, and named second runner-up in Santa Rosa District competition for the Teacher of the Year in 1962.

She is a member of First United Methodist Church where she has been active in all phases of church life. She is a member of Wesleyan Service Guild.

Because of poor health, Miss Kidwell now resides in Winnsboro to be near her relatives.

INSIDE IOWA PARK LUMBER COMPANY
. . . Bill, A.L. and Bob Brubaker.

Fulfer

By Ann Fulfer

Fred Adams Fulfer was born Sept. 15, 1897, in Milam County, Texas, to William Riley and Margaret Helen (Digger) Fulfer. He died Aug. 3, 1974 in an Iowa Park nursing home. He was a retired bricklayer, laborer, fireman, W.P.A. government worker and plumber. He married Noma Ruth Fields, daughter of J.W. and Willie Ann (Cunningham) Fields, Oct. 16, 1918, in Waurika, Okla.

Noma Ruth Fulfer was born Sept. 15, 1901. She died Aug. 20, 1950, in Wichita Falls, and is buried in Highland Cemetery, Iowa Park. Also buried there are her husband, two sons, one grandson and one granddaughter. She lived around the Valley View community 17 years, where she raised her 13 children alone.

She made a living for herself and her children with the help of the older children. Most of the kids pulled cotton and did other odd jobs. After her death, the older children took the younger ones to live with them. They all still live around there except two.

These are the Fred Adams Fulfer and Noma Ruth Fulfer children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren:

Pearl Willie Ann (Fulfer) Young was born April 4, 1919, in Rush Spring, Okla. She married William Dexter Young Jan. 21, 1941. He died in Aug. 1981, in Nice, Calif.They lived in Oklahoma and Texas for a while then moved to California, where she is still living. They had nine boys: Stanley Dexter Young, born Aug. 17, 1941, married Freda (Betterton) Young. They have two boys and one girl, Tonya, Stan Jr., and Shelly; William Wesley Young, born Oct. 19, 1943, married Audrey (Moore) Young. They have three children, Traci Lynn, Terri Lee, and Toni Lisa; Marshall Ray Young, born March 14, 1945, married Carol (Bolton) Young. They have one girl, Ginger Ann; Lesley Wade Young, born Dec. 6, 1946, married Penny (Quinn) Young. They have two children, Leslie Kaye and Amanda Jaye; Loransey Coatney Young, born Nov. 22, 1948, married Ginger (Natwick) Young. They have no children; Joe Dee Forest Young, born Jan. 25, 1950, married Tami (Rogers) Young. They have two children; George Riley Young, born Jan. 21, 1951, married Francis (Meyers) Young. They have two children, James Michelle and Jason Adam. He and his second wife, Pat (Miller) Young, have one child, Karen Elizabeth; Nathan Keith Young, born March 31, 1953, married Barbara (Colby) Young. They have one child, Micheal Shane; Dahl Craig Young was born April 19, 1954.

Clarence Reford Fulfer was born Nov. 16, 1921, at Rush Spring, Okla. He lived in Wichita Falls 20 years, and was an oil field worker. He married Audra Geraldine (Goolsby) Nov. 30, 1946. They had no children. Clarence died March 20, 1982, and is buried in Highland Cemetery next to his father.

Omer Leon Fulfer Sr. was born Aug. 11, 1923, in Waurika, Okla. He married Eula Fay (Preston) July 13, 1946 in Henrietta. They have lived in Valley View all of their married life, where he is the owner of O.L. Fulfer Well Service. They have six children, Linda Ruth, born May 23, 1948, in Wichita Falls. She married Dennis Ray McQuerry Feb. 14, 1968, in Valley View. They have three girls, Shelly Deann, born June 25, 1971 , Becky Denise McQuerry, born Sept. 27, 1974, and Jody Renee, born March 13, 1977; Joyce Fay, born April 11, 1950, in Wichita Falls. She married Gerald Dewayne Kingcade Oct. 26, 1968, in Iowa Park. They have three boys, Steven Wayne, born Nov. 5, 1973, Matthew Walter, born Aug. 15, 1974, and Samuel Joseph, born Dec. 15, 1979. Her second husband is John Overstreet, they have no children; Omer Leon Fulfer Jr., born Sept. 20, 1951, in Wichita Falls. He and Patty Sue Carver had a daughter, Shannon Renee, born July 15, 1971. He married Robin Leaina Jones Nov. 4, 1977, and they had a daughter, Kamela Kaye, born May 23, 1979. Omer Leon died Oct. 31, 1980, in Valley View, and is buried at Highland Cemetery; Paula Kay Fulfer, born July 3, 1955, in Wichita Falls, married Michael Paul Reid Feb. 3, 1984, in Las Vegas, Nev. They have a son, Cody Paul Reid, born Nov. 16, 1985, and a daughter, Tiffany Nicole, born Oct. 20, 1986 ; Elizabeth Ann Fulfer was born Jan. 28, 1958, in Wichita Falls, married Ricky Joe Vanek July 25, 1975, in Iowa Park. They have three children, Mindy Michelle, born Feb. 10, 1976, Jennifer Deelynn, born Oct. 8, 1980, and Ricky Jason, born March 27, 1984; Leann Michelle Fulfer was born May 23, 1964, in Wichita Falls. She married Wesley Thomas Martin March 9, 1984, in Valley View. They have one girl, Keri Michelle, born Oct. 9, 1984.

Fred Adams Fulfer Jr. was born May 23, 1925, in Mineral Wells. He married Ima Jewel Snow Jan. 22, 1949 in Henrietta. He was an oil field worker. He died Jan. 3, 1982 in Wichita Falls, and is buried in Highland Cemetery, Iowa Park. They had five boys and one girl, Johnny Lee, born Feb. 22, 1950 in Wichita Falls, Doyle Ray, born May 16, 1951, in Electra, married Pamela Lee Shepard June 2, 1970. They have two girls, Janice Darlene, born Jan. 1, 1971, and Misty Nicole, born May 26, 1973; Delton Gene Fulfer, born Jan. 17, 1953, in Electra, married Deborah Carol Pinkerton May 10, 1972, in Wichita Falls. They have two girls and one boy, Melissa Dawn, born Aug. 12, 1974, Laura Lynn Fulfer, born June 9, 1973, and Chad Everett, born Oct. 23, 1981; Barbara Jan Fulfer was born Sept. 12, 1954, in Electra. She married Paul Thomas Jackson Dec. 31, 1973, in Kamay. They have one girl and two boys, Nanci Lea, born Jan. 28, 1976, Brandon Paul, born Oct. 15, 1980, and Adam Steel, born Nov. 10, 1984; Carl Adams Fulfer was born Jan. 1, 1958, in Electra. He married Glenna Diana Kingcade Aug. 27, 1979, in Wichita Falls. They have two children, Travis Lee, born Aug. 25, 1981, and Tia Diana, born March 4, 1983.

Betty Elizabeth Fulfer was born Sept. 18, 1927, in Waurika, Okla. She married Robert Glasgow June 28, 1946, in Henrietta. They have no children.

Charles Ray Fulfer was born March 27, 1930, in Mineral Wells. He works in the oil field. He married Joyce Ivy Case and they had two girls, Judy Carol, born June 1, 1962. She married Joel Rene Lovelady June 19, 1981 in Iowa Park; and Joy Marie, born Jan. 1, 1965, married John Micheal Thomas June 25, 1981 in Burkburnett. They have one son, Justin Micheal Thomas, born Sept. 28, 1983. Charles Ray Fulfer married Pamela Ann Hanson Dec. 12, 1983, and they have one girl, Jessica Ranea, born Nov. 27, 1984.

Bobby Gene Fulfer was born Oct. 25, 1932, in Mineral wells. He works in the oil field. He married Beverly Jane Goodell Nov. 26, 1955, in Wichita Falls. They have four girls, Beverly Gene, born Aug. 23, 1957, married John Alderholt Aug. 1977. They have two boys and one girl, Eric Lee, born Jan. 12, 1979, Michelle Elizabeth, born April 28, 1980, and John Shane, born June 28, 1981; Noma Ruth, born Aug. 13, 1958, in Wichita Falls. She married Philip Ray Shoemaker Dec. 29, 1978, in Wichita Falls. They have one girl and one boy, Crystal Collen, born May 16, 1982, and Patrick Ryan, born Oct. 9, 1986; Jacqueline Kay was born Sept. 11, 1962, in Wichita Falls. She married Larry Keith Latimer July 19, 1980, in Burkburnett. They have two girls and one boy, Sabrina Delyn, born Oct. 15, 1980, Lindsay Kay, born Sept. 3, 1983, and Joshua Keith, born April 28, 1988; Kelly Sue was born Oct. 2, 1964 in Wichita Falls. She married James Obie Northcut Oct. 10, 1981, in Wichita Falls. They have no children.

Margaret Helen Fulfer was born April 17, 1935, in Iowa Park. She married Jimmie Lewis Jacks Sept. 14, 1952, in Wichita Falls. They had four children, Princesa Helen, born Dec. 3, 1953, in Archer City. She married Sammy Dean Ellis Jan. 9, 1970. They have two boys, Rusty Don, born Jan. 21, 1972, and Scotty Lance, born Sept. 13, 1975; James Lewis, born March 10, 1956, in Wichita Falls. He married Delma Rose Swanson Aug. 2, 1973, in Iowa Park, and they have two girls, Jennifer Lynn, born June 14, 1975, and Jessica Leeanne, born Dec. 26, 1977. His second wife is Florence Janelle Farley, and they have one boy and one girl, Jacquelyn Leigh, born July 31, 1980, and Jonathan Leonard, born April 4, 1983; John Lawrence was born Sept. 9, 1958, in Archer City. He married Cynthia Lou Kruckenberg Sept. 30, 1977, and they have two girls, Jaime Lynn, born Aug. 30, 1978, and Janee Leighann, born Oct. 2, 1981. He and his second wife, Mary Rogers, have one girl, Jacelyn Charette; Magaret Ann was born Aug. 15, 1969, in Olney. She married William Rondall Young Dec. 30, 1978 in Wichita Falls. They have one girl, Michelle Renae, born Sept. 2, 1980. Margaret Helen Jacks' second husband was Jerry Wayne Newman. They had one boy and one girl, Kristi Rene Newman, born June 17, 1963, in Wichita Falls, and Jerry Wayne Newman, born June 24, 1965, in Electra.

William Herman Fulfer was born Jan. 30, 1937, in Wichita Falls. He married Sharron Ann Moore Nov. 10, 1962, in Archer City. He works in the oil field. They have two boys and one girl, Aaron Lynn, born Oct. 2, 1964, in Wichita Falls. He married Teresa Annette Smith Jan. 4, 1985, in Iowa Park. They have one boy and one girl, Jeremy Lynn Fulfer, born Aug. 8, 1985, and Malorie Annette, born April 29, 1987; Brian Neal, born June 12, 1966 in Wichita Falls. He married May 2, 1987, and has a son, Thomas Drew, born Jan. 29, 1988; Kimberly Ann, born Oct. 31, 1969, in Fort Worth.

John Wayne Fulfer was born April 26, 1938, in Wichita Falls. He married Carolyn Louise Dalton Oct. 6, 1958. They had two boys and two girls, Larry Dale, born July 14, 1959, in Wichita Falls. He married Tanya Kay Alexander April 27, 1979. They had one boy, Brandt Dale, born Nov. 16, 1979; Sheila Jan, born Aug. 3, 1960, married Mark Moore; Steven Wayne, born Aug. 28, 1961; Shandra Jan, born Dec. 10, 1966. She married Kevin Walker Aug. 16, 1982. They have one son, Dustin Curt. John is now married to Debarah Sue (Glasup), and they have a son, Shawn Wayne, born Sept. 6, 1978. He adopted Debarah's daughter, Kristi Kay, born March 1, 1973, from a previous marriage.

Robert Dale Fulfer was born May 18, 1940, in Wichita Falls. He married Elizabeth Lurane Rodgers March 11, 1966, in Wichita Falls. He is an oil field worker. They have one son and two daughters, Lauren Christine, born March 17, 1967 in Wichita Falls, Robin Scott, born July 19, 1968, and Melody Lyn, born May 19, 1970. Robert Dale adopted Elizabeth's son from a former marriage, Douglas Alan, born Oct. 21, 1963, in Portland, Ore. He married Sherron Barbara Baston Feb. 14, 1983, they have one son, Dustin Alan, born June 30, 1983.

Jerry Donald Fulfer was born July 30, 1941, in Wichita Falls. He married Mary Rita Spring July 16, 1963, in Wichita Falls. He works in the oil field. They have three boys and one girl, Jerry Donald Jr., born Nov. 26, 1965, in Wichita Falls. He married Lisa Marie Scott; Mary Elizabeth, born March 30, 1964, Joseph Lance, born July 14, 1969, and Derek Edward, born Aug. 17, 1971.

Shirley Ann Fulfer was born Feb. 6, 1943, in Wichita Falls. She married Tommy Gerald Sadberry Sr. Nov. 27, 1959 in Holliday. Tommy died April 29, 1982, and is buried in Holliday Cemetery. They had two boys and one girl, Tommy Gerald Jr., was born Dec. 21, 1961, in Wichita Falls. He married Vickie Elaine Booth Feb. 14, 1981, in Wichita Falls. They have one boy, Brandon Gerald, born Oct. 23, 1981; Alexander Wade was born Dec. 29, 1963, in Wichita Falls. He married Melissa Hill Dec. 20, 1986. They have one child, Emily Lynne, born March 27, 1987; Sherry Renae Sadberry was born Dec. 7, 1966, in Wichita Falls.

Merger

Announcement was made this week of the merger of Jacks and Boley Insurance Agency of Iowa Park and J.B. Featherston Insurance Agency of Wichita Falls. The new agency will be known as Boley, Featherston and King Insurance Agency.

Bud Mercer will be in charge of the company's office here, assisted by Patsy Tatom. Customers are invited to continue relying upon this firm for all insurance needs.

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WILLIAM RILEY FULFER FAMILY
Front from left - Millie, Margaret Helen holding Florence (Franks), Harry, William Riley holding Willie (Giron), Fred Adams and Dorthy (McCray); back - Henry, Bill and his wife Tincy, and Annie.

William Riley, Margaret Helen and Harry Orvil Fulfer.

Clarence Reford, holding Nathan Keith Young, son of Pearl Willie Ann, Fred Adams and William Riley Fulfer.

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George Family

Written August, 1978 by Cleo George Hines (with updates)

I am past 79 years of age, which is the age when one's mental faculties seem to lag regarding what happened yester-day, but an age which brings to the fore the happenings of yester-years, clothed in an aura that converts them to fantastic times. My friend, Lita Watson, has requested that I tell her about the George family, my progenitors, who came to the Iowa Park area as pioneers from Tennessee, (Lincoln County).

After looking over some family records and relating the facts to my own experiences, and embelishing them with the echoes of my memories, this is the story, depicting some areas of living that Lita suggested.

Six generations ago, Thomas Benton George, and his wife, Sarah Taylor George, moved with their children from the rocky hills of Tennessee to the plains of Texas and settled their brood in Wichita County. They came by rail to Iowa Park, which has been the postoffice address of all the family at some time through the 88 years since then.

Previous to the move, the father and the eldest son, Jim, at age 19, came exploring, and liked what they saw. They bought a farm several miles north of the little town. Before they returned for the rest of the family they built a frame house, in an ell shape, of one and one-half storeys, with an ell porch on the north east corner, and dormer windows in the atic rooms above the porch on the south front. This was the "home place," as it was called, for many years.

Arriving with the father and mother at the little whistle-stop town, on November 12, 1890, were six children. One young man and a baby girl died while they lived in Tennessee.

Corrine, who later married Hugh Reilly, a neighbor on the west, was the mother of three children. They lived in a half-dugout. The oldest child, Ed, became a substantial citizen of this community as he grew to manhood. One of his sons, Dick and family, lived in Iowa Park several years.

Jim, who married Lodema Keturah Hales, better known as "Deamy," eventually bought a section of land from Jeff Waggoner, later enlarging it to a sizeable spread for both farming and ranching. Here, he and Deamy reared their four children, Cleo, Jessie Mae, Taylor and Mary, who have been Iowa Park residents most of their lives. Jim and Deamy built the two-story brick at 700 North Jackson, now owned by Bill Bates, and moved into town in 1922, where they lived until their deaths in 1955-1956.

Martha, who married George Reeves, moved to Oklahoma, was the mother of three children--and the family chose that as their home state.

Ella was married to Will Honaker, a resident of what is today known as the Electra community. There were three children.

Will, (W.F.) married Nellie Weeth. They built a home and farmed a section west of Jim's place, later building a home on an acreage just north of Iowa Park. They were the parents of six children, Catherine, Hazel, Josephine, Willie Mae, William Arthur (Dutch), and Nell Marie. When all the children married, they built another lovely home at 210 West Alameda. Here he died in 1970, but his widow, now 97 and known by all as "Aunt Nellie," continues to make this her home.

Maggie and her husband, George Culbertson, were the parents of eight children. One of them, Ruth, married Paul Caylor of Iowa Park, and they made their home here as a young couple. Later, they, and the rest of the family, moved to Pampa.

The only Texas-born child of Thomas Benton and Sarah George is **Pearl.** She was married to Milton Weeth in 1909. They had one son, Harvey. When he was about two and one half years of age, his mother became quit ell because of a ruptured appendix. Emergency surgery was necessary and it was done with the dining table as an operating table and a gasoline lamp provided light. Dr. Joe Frank Clark of Iowa Park was the operating surgeon, assisted by a nurse and another doctor. Recovery was delayed because of extended drainage but the only reminder these many years later is a deep scar.

Deamy cared for Harvey in her home during this time, and he became so attached to her that he wanted to "go back home" when she took him to see his mother.

Pearl and Milton farmed north of town several years, but moved to West Texas, where they lived 48 years. She is now a widow 87 years of age, and has returned to Iowa Park, residing on West Alameda.

The first and second generation Georges were farmers. Acres and acres of farm land, on the level, in contrast to the small land patches on rocky hills in Tennessee, seemed an oasis in comparison. Wheat, corn, oats, millet, and maize, growing in large tracts, were a delight to behold.

Jim and Will had several sections of farm land, along with pastures for small herds of cattle -- and both places were more attractive because Gilbert Creek ambled through from West to East.

Brothers-in-law, Milton Weeth and George Culbertson, farmed in a similar manner, except Culbertson added cotton to his crop variety. And Hugh Reilly was more interested in cattle and ranching, having large acreages in New Mexico as well as in Texas.

Gilbert Creek was lined with trees where water ran as a trickle at times, or as an over-flow at other times. On this creek on the Weeth farm, west of the Reilly and Will George holdings, annual picnics were enjoyed. These, and the gatherings in the one-room, one-teacher school, a half mile away, known as the Weeth School, became the centers for most community meetings. Sunday afternoon preachin' services were also conducted here.

In this one-room school, there were double-seated desks of graduated sizes for pupils from seven to 21 years of age, studying subjects ranging from learning the alphabet, the correct spelling of "cat" and "dog," to doing problems in Algebra and Geometry, on blackboards that lined the walls.

A long, hand-made wooden bench was at the front of the room facing the teacher's desk. When time for a lesson arrived (according to the watch attached by a jeweled pin to the teacher's blouse), she called the various groups to come up for instruction, as well as to exhibit the knowledge gained.

This was the plan from 9 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon, with recess in mid-morning and mid-afternoon, and an hour at lunch time. Lunch pails were gallon lard buckets, containing biscuits, ham or sausage, and a buttered biscuit spread with sugar as a popular dessert.

Water for drinking was hauled from the Weeth well in a barrel. Several tin cups were attached by long strings to the rim of the barrel. Also, a large bucket of water was placed on a shelf in the corner of the room, with a long-handled dipper, from which pupils could quench their thirst during study times -- with no more than one being out of his seat at the same time. When one needed to go to one of the two two-holed outhouses in opposite corners of the school ground, he raised his hand for permission from the teacher. Only in cases of emergency was this rule broken.

Besides the Sunday afternoon preachin' and Sunday School classes, there were Christmas tree programs with Santa Claus and box suppers. An organ, with "stops" to be pulled out and pedals to be pumped constantly, kept the four-part singing at the correct tune and time. Rev. C.C. Davis, father of Mrs. James Sewell, could lead the audience in the correct time, tone, and pitch, in case no one was present to play the organ. And he expounded on the sciptures with knowledgeable and sincere faith.

Weeth's Grove was the place where the largest crowd assembled for the biggest event of the year. People came from miles around (Iowa Park, Clara, and Wichita Falls) for the annual summertime picnic, usually on July Fourth. One woman complained she had to miss it because not one more hack in the livery stables in Wichita Falls was available, for hire. Folks came in wagons, buggies, or on horseback.

Speakers platforms were built from lumber and were decorated with red, white, and blue bunting. A gay and festive mood prevailed. Groups gathered in various spots on the grounds, listened to speeches by all the candidates and politicians, and the program was introduced by religious hymns and a devotional theme.

At noon-time, grassy areas provided spaces to spread picnic meals, taken from baskets overflowing with fried chicken, pies, cakes, and home-canned pickles and fruit.

"Red lemonade, made in the shade, and stirred with a spade," mixed in tubs, was available at five-cents for all one cared to drink. Barrels of water from the Weeth well had been hauled on sleds to help quench one's thirst.

Games of baseball, pitching horseshoes, and dollars (large washers the size of dollars) were going on all over the grounds. Carl Goetze's band was entertaining on the platform, as well as old fiddlers contests.

Toward evening, lanterns were hung in the trees, small children were bedded down on quilts on the ground, or in the family wagons, and the real feature of the day began. The fiddlers, the horns, and the callers set the tempo and atmosphere for the concluding activity....waltzing and the old-fashioned square dancing. You just "ain't" lived if you have never been a participant in a day such as the Weeth Grove annual picnic!!!

As the years passed, the trees in the Weeth grove deteriorated, due to the salt water turned into Gilbert Creek from the oil wells on the Serrien farm. At that time, the community picnics were transferred to Fries Grove, east of Iowa Park, on land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Will George. A similar program of fun and activity filled the day.

The Carl Goetze band and also an Iowa Park band conducted by Raymond Davis, brother of Mrs. Sewell, had a part in furnishing entertainment. Flags and bunting, and the speakers added to the interest and attendance. The crowds were augmented by classes from area schools being in attendance. Cars were now a part of the various modes of transportation. For years, Fries Grove continued to be the setting for festive times of community and school celebrations of fun, food, and frolic.

All eight of the Andrew Weeth children, including Nellie, the oldest, and on down, and the Georges, beginning with Will, participated as pupils in Weeth School, some from the first grade through all the subjects available. Advancement was more by subject than by grades.

As an example, in 1906, two of the pupils, Cleo George and her aunt, Pearl George, were typical of most of the pupils of the school...one was learning her ABC's and how to spell "cat and dog," and the other was studying Algebra and Geometry.

The two rode double on Ole Sally, as their mode of transportation. Pearl was in the side saddle and Cleo astride behind her. That first year of Cleo's schooling she spent the week days with her grandmother Sarah, her Uncle Will, and her aunt. They still lived on the old "home-place." On very cold days, in order to keep warm, they hitched Ole Sally between the shafts of the topless phaeton, wrapped themselves in wool quilts, fascinators and had heated bricks wrapped in newspapers placed beneath their feet.

Cleo's grandfather was in the State Hospital at Terrell at this time. While helping gather a corn crop, he fell from the top of a loaded wagon, the wheels ran over him, causing an injury that affected his mind. Later, while in the institution, he died of pneumonia. He lies buried in the family plot in Highland Cemetery, beside his wife, Sarah.

By 1907, Cleo was an "experienced" school girl, so she and sister, Jessie Mae, drove the four miles from their home on Gilber Creek to Weeth School, and another gentle horse, "Old Joe," hitched to a buggy, was the means of transportation. There were four gates to be opened and closed on the way. The day before school opened, their father, Jim George, made the trip with them to be sure the two little girls could negotiate those gates.

Of course, the horse was so tall they could not fasten the collar and hames, through which the traces ran, so the big boys at school assisted, and Old Joe was harnessed and unharnessed, as the case might be, and tied in his stall in the barn on the school grounds.

Automobiles were such a rarity that Old Joe was frightened by the noisy contraption as it rushed by at 15 or 20 miles per hour. Papa and Mama instructed the girls to tie him to a fence post when they saw one coming, which was seldom. Then they would crawl under the fence and stand in the pasture until the danger was over. The horse would jump up and down, but never did break loose and run away, leaving them stranded.

In the first two generations of Georges, the men were farmers and ranchers. The women were wives and mothers, tending the children and keeping the home. Family ties were close. It was the custom to rotate homes and hostesses for family "doings," such as Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. They shared the labor at times of butchering a hog or beef, and divided the meat. At harvest time, the men assisted each other, combining man power and machinery.

Some of these farmers and ranchers later had the good fortune of having oil discovered on their land, and they reaped the benefits of lease money. That, they shared with the churches and schools and bought interest in the bank. Because of his generous contributions, the high school was named the W.F. George High School. In the early days, when the Methodists erected the first brick building, foreclosure because of debt was imminent. One member of the family, Jim, and two others paid off the note and saved the building for the church.

The third and fourth generation children chose different life-styles in most cases to those of their fathers. Even those who were farmers used more modern methods of crop rotation, marketing, etc.

Regardless of financial status, they were reared under the philosophy that emphasized the importance of honest labor, education, and that each person should live so as to make a contribution to society. They entered the professions as teachers, lawyers, bankers, businessmen, merchants, physicians, dentists, journalists; one was a priest in the Roman Catholic Church, another an artist, one family at present is serving as missionaries in Africa, and several have been secretaries, newspaper correspondents, and lab technicians.

Five generations of Georges have been baptized as members in the local Methodist Church.

Members of the George families who have been pupils or teachers in Iowa Park schools include: Cleo George Hines, Jessie Mae George Owens, Ruth Culbertson Caylor, Taylor George, Mary Louise George Denny, Catherine George Knox, Hazel George Larimer (deceased), Josephine George Goodwin, Willie Mae George Hardage, W.A. (Dutch) George, Nell Marie George Johnson, Elga Ann Denny, Gene Owens, Don Owens, James Owens, Mary Miles Hines Mixon, Travis Neal Hines, Linda Owens Everitt, Karen Owens Spruiell, Jimmie Joy George Parmer, Larry George, Karen George Watson, Judy Mixon Dye, Jerry Mixon, and Jamie Owens. The great-grandson of one of the above, Jay Baker, had his elementary schooling in the Iowa Park system.

Hence, these are the six generations of Georges whose addresses have at sometime been Iowa Park since the year 1890.

POSTSCRIPT: Since Mrs. Hines wrote this in 1978, Nellie Weeth George died in 1986 at the age of 105. Pearl George Weeth also is deceased. Linda Owens' name is now Tokoi. And just for the record, Mrs. Hines graduated as valedictorian of the 1916 class of Burkburnett High School. She married Miles Hines after he returned from World War I. She taught in the Iowa Park school system and worked for the *Iowa Park Herald*. --LHW

MR. AND MRS. JAMES NEWTON GEORGE

Metz

On his 23rd birthday, March 2, 1924, Charlie Metz came from Madill, Okla. to the Iowa Park area to work for Ross Drilling Co. on an oil lease on the Mitchell ranch south of Iowa Park. A year or so later he became friends with the Bob Carter family who also lived on the Mitchell ranch. And on March 27, 1926, Charlie married Bob and Bonnie Carter's daughter, Mildred.

In the fall of 1927, Charlie and Mildred moved into town, residing at 302 E. Magnolia where their first daughter, Bonnie (Mrs. Jim Medlinger of Iowa Park) was born on Feb. 4, 1928. Another daughter, Charlene (Mrs. Doyle Tate of Pass Christian, Miss.) was born on July 11, 1933, when the Metz family lived on South Wall St.

In 1928 Charlie and Mildred began their lifetime careers when they purchased the Jack Hoffman Cafe on Cash Street. For many years Iowa Park citizens gathered in the coffee shop to enjoy a cup of coffee or lunch along with a discussion of the local news. From 1951 to 1957 they operated the Metz Appliance and Construction. In 1957 they returned to the cafe business and continued this endeavor until their retirement in 1975 when it was sold. The business is now operated as the 3-M Cafe.

Charlie served in the U.S. Army in France during World War I and in the Navy Seabees during World War II. While he was in the service during WWII, his wife continued to operate the coffee shop.

The couple has been active supporters of the community throughout the years. Charlie is remembered for his efforts in organizing the Iowa Park Buffaloes baseball team which he managed for several years during the 1930s. He was a strong supporter of the local high school football season. Many seasons he and other citizens would provide transportation for the football players so that they could participate in the sport.

He served as city councilman eight years, then as mayor eight years. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

CHARLES L. METZ

Mildred has made her contributions to the area through her business contacts and through her efforts in the First Baptist Church and several civic organizations. As an artist, she has shared her talents with many people in the area.

Charlie and Mildred now live at 803 W. Magnolia. They have six grandchildren: Michael Medlinger of Hamburg, West Germany; Craig Medlinger of Iowa Park; Tim Medlinger of Dallas; Charla Tate Smith of Pass Christian, Miss.; Steve Tate of Morgan City, La., and John Tate of Atlanta, Ga.

Their seven great grandchildren are Cody, Regan and Erika Medlinger, Sean, Hope and Rivers Smith, and Alexandra Tate.

One of the Metz daughters, Bonnie, was a business teacher 20 years in Iowa Park High School. The other daughter, Charlene, is an artist and teacher on the Gulf Coast. Two of her oil paintings hang in the Tom Burnett Memorial Library.

Johnson

By Loyd Crawford Mayes and Anna V. Mayes

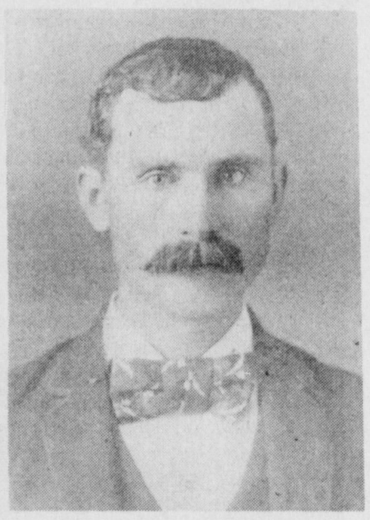
Mattie Eliza (Mayes) Johnson was a poet and songwriter.

The following poem, written in 1908, is an example. She noted that she was "inspired to write the following poem by looking at a peach tree in bloom, so very full of blossoms, at our home in Iowa Park - a very beautiful sight."

My Childhood Home

I am thinking today of my childhood home.
How over the fields I love to roam,
With my brother, of whom I was so fond
And two dear friends our hearts had won.
I presume the old orchard is in bloom today,
A beautiful sight, but can not stay.
Father time must have changes along all lines,
So the flowers can last only a time.
How we watched and gathered the beautiful flowers,
And talked and built many an air castle tower.
We hunted for all the fruits that grew, and chased after feathers as they passed through.
And once when into mischief we did get,
On our way home, by whom do you think we met? By my Mother who carried a rod,
And made us go fast on our homeward plod.
My Mother was strict but sweet and kind,
As most all good Mothres you will find.
She never grew weary with her childrens care.
But taught us of God in our evening prayer.
Oh Mother, Dear Mother, how I love you
As only a dutiful child can do.
Not always as dutiful as I might have been
For I sometime remember my ingratitude

MATTIE ELIZA JOHNSON



JESSIE DAVIS JOHNSON

Mr. Jessie Davis Johnson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Z.C. Johnson of Lexington, Ala. Z.C. was born Mar. 8, 1819, died Mar. 28, 1901. Mrs. Z.C. Johnson was born about Mar. 4, 1813, died Nov. 8, 1901.

Jessie Davis Johnson was born at Lexington, Ala. Sept. 9, 1863, died Sept. 18, 1923, in Iowa Park. The family moved from Emblem, Tex. in 1906. He was a farmer in Emblem. He was an active member of First Baptist Church in Iowa Park. He loved music and was a Bible scholar, attending regularly. Read his Bible often. A certificate shows his teaching, and perfect attendance record, and not being tardy for many many years. The certificate is in storage in Iowa Park for the future museum, along with a picture of the church and pastor's name, Rev. W.M. Hays. Jessie played the harmonica and accordian. He was an active member in good standing of the Iowa Park Masonic Lodge. He was a devoted husband and father. He was a carpenter in Iowa Park.

Jessie Davis Johnson met and married Mattie Eliza Mayes when both of their families lived at Emblem. They were married by Rev. John Beck, Feb. 15, 1894.

Mattie Eliza (Mayes) Johnson was the oldest of eight children, four boys and four girls, of Crawford Skelton Mayes and Mary Eliza (Hooser) Mayes. Mattie did lovely handwork consisting of appliqued quilts, knitted lace, embroidery and crocheting. She made a long white slip and camisole, heavily embellished with very fine crocheting and embroidery, for her oldest daughter Vera's wedding in 1921.

Mattie's mother, Mary Eliza Mayes of Commerce, Tex., entered a Fort Worth Star Telegram Quilt Show, Feb. 21, 1932. It was for women over 65. She was 76 years old. She won first place with her "State Flower" quilt.

Mattie E. (Mayes) Johnson loved to tell about a prank one or more of her brothers did, along with other friends. Most everyone had to go to church by wagon. The youngsters slipped out of church and changed the small sleeping children to other wagons, the parents not realizing the change until they arrived home. Thus, they waited until morning before making proper change of kids to their parents.

Mattie Eliza Mayes Johnson was born Dec. 15, 1873, at her Grandmother Hooser's home near Clarksville, Tex., Red River County. She passed away Oct. 2, 1943, in Wichita Falls (her home there), and is buried at Highland Cemetery in Iowa Park. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter #42. The O.E.S. gave an impressive ceremony at the cemetery.

Jessie Davis Johnson and Mattie Eliza E. (Mayes) Johnson had two children, Vera Jewel, born Dec. 28, 1894 at Emblem, passed away April 11, 1975 in Wichita Falls. She is buried at Highland Cemetery in Iowa Park. Vera Jewel Johnson married James Albert Smith Sept. 4, 1921, by James' brother-in-law, Rev. W.F. Ferguson, a Baptist pastor in Iowa Park. Mr. Smith was born Dec. 26, 1892 in Jamestown, Mo. He passed away Apr. 27, 1980, and is buried at Highland Cemetery. For many years he owned and operated a drugstore in Electra. Their home was in Wichita Falls.

Vera (Johnson) Smith graduated from Iowa Park High School, class of 1914. She later made a large scrapbook of pictures and history of the class. Vera had a desire to teach small children. After high school, she began studies at West Texas State Teacher's Normal College at Canyon, graduating in 1916. Her first class was in the Barwise Community, then other nearby schools. When she moved to Wichita Falls, she began teaching first grade in Bowie Elementary School, and taught there more than 40 years. She received her masters degree from

VERA JEWEL JOHNSON

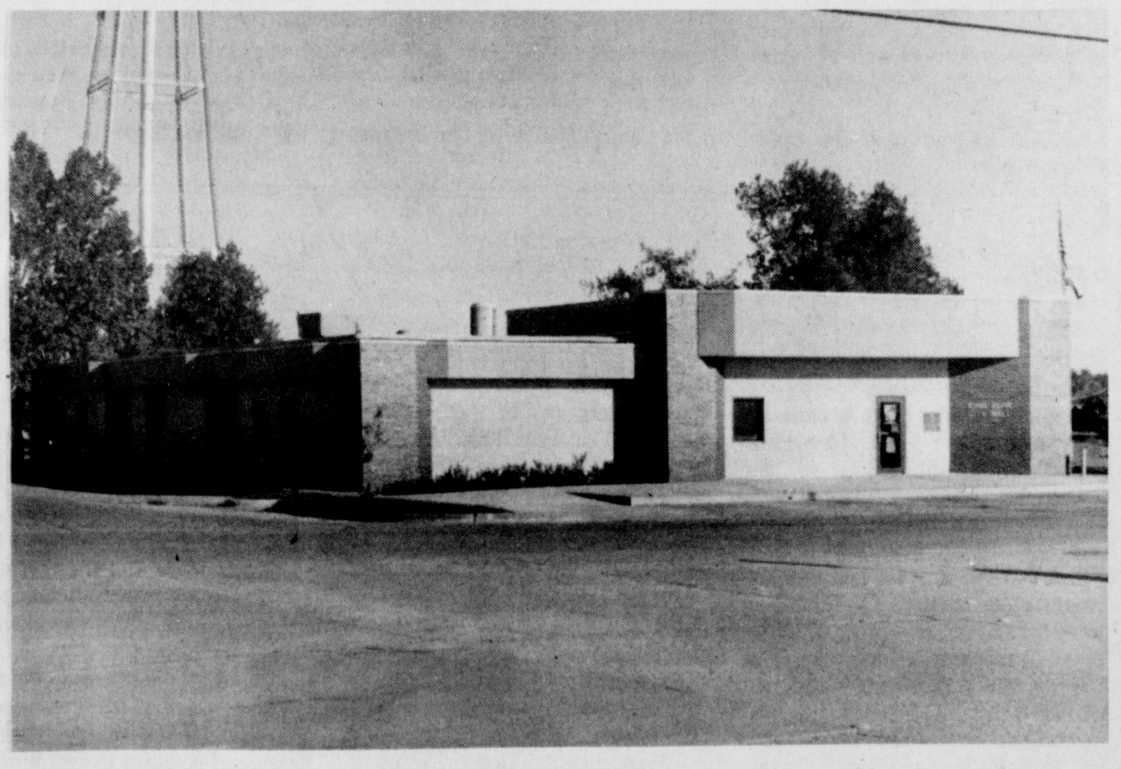
Midwestern State Univ. in 1954. James and Vera were members of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls.

The second child born to Jessie and Mattie Johnson was Mary Emma, born Apr. 12, 1899, at Emblem. She died at her home in Wichita Falls, May 18, 1988, and is buried at Highland Cemetery. Mary was baptized in 1908, at the age of nine, by Bro. Clements in an Iowa Park refinery tank, with the same red ribbon her mother and uncle were baptized in, in 1888. Mary was a happy and outgoing person. She grew old with dignity and grace. She learned to tat at a very early age. She unfortunately buried three husbands. All three were veterans. First was L.D. Kidd. To this union was born a daughter, Margery Camille, who died when she was about one year old. Later Mary met and married Laurence Dallom Powell. He died July 4, 1920, and is buried at Paris, Tex. Many years later, in 1950, she met Richard L. Caudle. He was born Aug. 5, 1903 in Chester, Ill., and died May 19, 1976. He is buried at Highland Cemetery. He was co-owner-operator of Caudle's Picture Framing Shop. They were members of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls. Mary worked over 44 years for the Wichita Falls Water Dept.

Mattie Mayes Johnson's father, Crawford Skelton Mayes, served in the Civil War, was captured July 23, 1864, and held prisoner at Elmira, New York. When the war ended, the first group of one hundred was to be freed. Since the prisoners had to make it to their homes on their own, the one hundred were carefully selected according to their physical condition. The guards looked them over and called out 99, having passed Crawford Skelton by. Then after close consideration, they came to C.S. Mayes and said number 100. Paroled Mar. 14, 1865, he made it back to Georgia the best way he could. Later, he moved to Clarksville, Red River Co., Tex. He freighted by wagon from Jefferson to Clarksville. With several rivers to cross, sometimes it would be two or three months before returning home to family. Crawford S. Mayes died Dec. 20, 1926, and is buried at Commerce.

One of C.S. Mayes' grandsons, Fred Mayes, of Ridgeway, Tex., was a Secret Agent, and was a private guard to four U.S. presidents, these being Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower.

MARY EMMA JOHNSON



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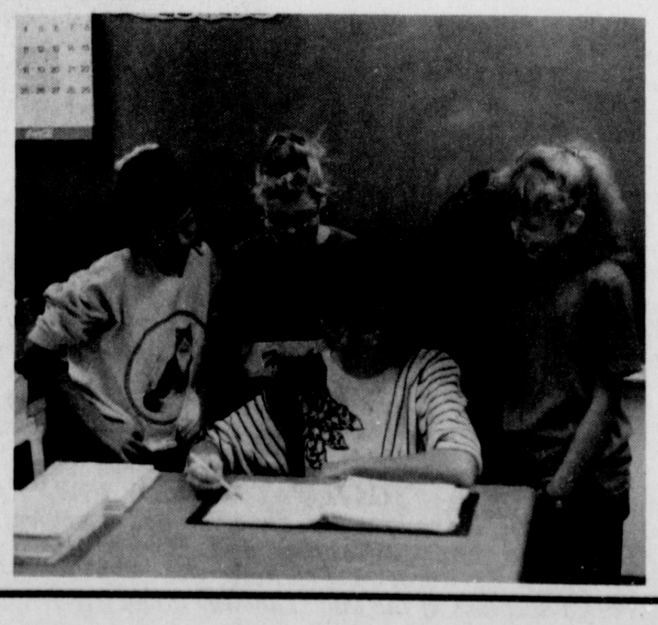

Hallum-Byrd

Donald Esbon Hallum and Joyce Christine Byrd were married on Oct. 5, 1940. Donald passed away Aug. 10, 1984. Joyce still resides in Iowa Park.

Children: Joy Carolyn married Charles G. Lyons from North Hollywood, Calif, and Donald Jr. (Poncho) married Patricia Carpenter of the Wichita Valley area.

Grandchildren are Donna Charlotte and Diana Lyons, and Melissa and Grady Hallum.

Donald's parents, Joe W. and Emmaline (Watson) Hallum moved from Leonard (Fannin County) in 1929 in a Model T Ford to Valley View. After residing here several years, they moved into Iowa Park and resided here until their deaths. When they moved to Iowa Park, they rented a house out south of town from the late Hill Spruiell. Mr. Hallum, "Uncle Joe" as he was known to all his friends, passed away Nov. 25, 1969 and Mrs. Hallum on Mar. 12, 1979. Both are buried in Highland Cemetery.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hallum besides Donald: William B. married Stella Mae Thomason and now resides in Eunice, La.; Eunice Bell married Claude Vernon Boren, both are deceased, Claude on Sept. 10, 1965, and Eunice on Jan. 18, 1982; John Lee married Erma Moutray and now resides in Wichita, Kan.

Joe Hallum's father, John, was from Georgia, and his mother, Rose Mauldin, from Alabama. Mrs. Hallum's father, George Watson, and her mother, Roseanne (Ramsey) are both from Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hallum, Donald and Joyce, were all charter members of Faith Baptist Church of Iowa Park.

The Hallums cleaned the church until membership grew and the building enlarged their ability to clean. Mr Hallum's health began to fail. He worked for the Wichita County District for a number of years under two bosses, Avery Hooten, who passed away in 1975, and Fred Parkey of Iowa Park.

1939 PHOTO TAKEN AT HILL SPRUIELL HOME
Joe W. "Uncle Joe" and Emmaline (Watson) Hallum, seated; John Lee, Donald, Eunice and W.B. "Buster" Hallum. Little girl unidentified.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallum and sons William B. "Buster", Donald and John Lee, all worked out at Sheppard when the building started, when it was known then as Sheppard Field. In the late 1930s and early '40s, a Saturday night tradition was going to town, buying the weekly supply of groceries, setting on the curb in front of the R.A. Tanner building (now The Friendly Door), chatting with friends and neighbors, discussing what had happened since the previous Saturday night; the men enjoying their chewing tobacco and snuff, and some whittling.

But the most memorable thing of all was going to the Rexall Drug and sipping on their good, thick shakes and malts and double-dip ice cream cones. Another treat was going to Mrs. Smith's little cafe and eating her hamburgers. Her cafe was located in between what is now Dwayne Williams' Cabinet Shop and Shirley's Clothing (in the alley). And then, there was a picture show back then. Some could hardly wait until the next Saturday to see how the continued serials "got out of their predicaments."

Mrs. Joyce Hallum's parents came to Wichita County in July of 1937 from Collingsworth County, and got a place in the Wichita Valley Farm houses, number 81. Her parents, Ray E. and Margie (Manuel) Byrd attended First Baptist Church in Iowa Park. Mr. Byrd passed away Oct. 14, 1960, and was buried in Highland Cemetery. Two other children besides Joyce are Opal, married to D.K. Wallace and resides in Weslaco, and Kenneth, married to Frances (Willingham) and living in Martinez, Calif.

The Hallum and Byrd families both had the third generations attending Iowa Park schools.

In 1983 the Department of Agriculture published the first Family Land Heritage Registry. The Parker Ranch was recognized with a plaque for having been a working ranch for 100 years.

Floyd Scott May ranched and farmed with his mother, after his father's death, from 1947 to 1981. At the time of her death in 1979, the ranch was subdivided. Marcus Wayne Thompson (fourth generation) of the family lives on the ranch with his wife and children. Mark raises wheat, feed, cattle and horses.

RAY, MARGIE BYRD
. . . in 1940.

DONALD, JOYCE HALLUM
. . . in 1940.

Parker

Walter Marcus Parker and Martha (Mattie) Parker were married in Narbourne, Missouri. He was a veteran of the Civil War having served in the 17th Illinois Cavalry. He was born in New York State. They came to Texas in 1883 to purchase land and bought 640 acres in Wichita County from Dollie Jones and George and Sarah Levings. This ranch is located two and six-tenths miles west of Iowa Park on U.S. 287.

They lived in a dugout until they built their first home of rock. The rock house still stands on this land today.

The Parkers also bought another 16,783 acres, some in Gray Co. near Pampa, and in Wilbarger County. Cattle, sheep, mules and horses were raised on the land.

Walter Parker was friendly with Quanah Parker (Indian and no kin) and would give him cattle to feed his tribe.

The Avon Post Office was established on this property in 1879. The family recorded its cattle brand June 16, 1884. The rock house was built in 1886.

Beulah Francis May, born 1889 in the rock house, was the mother of the present owner, Beulah Francis Thompson.

In addition to Beulah, the Parkers had 10 other children, Gilbert, Leonard Cecil, Walter Roy, Kate Lorena, William Carl, Jessi May, Harry Theodus, James Edward, Donald Gladstone and Dewitt T.

Beulah Francis, wife of Albert May, inherited 640 acres in 1931. She raised cattle, wheat and hay. Albert May purchased the first Fordson tractor in the area in 1927. That year he also bought a one-third interest in the area's first Case combine. Until then he had operated a steam engine and thresher.

The Mays had eight children, Jessie Kathryn, Dorothy Lea, Albert Parker, Lydia Wood, Floyd Scott, Lloyd Parrish, Beulah Francis and Baby May.

MRS. WALTER PARKER WITH HENRY SWAIN
. . . and their first automobile.

BULAH FRANCIS PARKER, LEFT
. . . born 1889 in this rock house.

Bell

By Ardith Bell Bailey

Both sides of my family came to Iowa Park before 1900. The Bells came in 1891 from East Texas. Grandfather Joseph Benjamin Bell was born in Mississippi to Behethland Taliferro (Burney) and J.J. Bell Oct. 15, 1858 and moved to East Texas before 1880. His wife, Georgette (Morrison) Bell was born in Texas to Thomas Benton Morrison and his wife L.A. Hendericks Sept. 12, 1857. Joseph, better known as Ben, and Georgette were married June 17, 1877 in Trinity County, Texas and lived in East Texas until 1891.

After losing five children they moved to Iowa Park. My father, John Thomas Bell, told of walking all the way driving the cows. The only other child alive at that time besides Dad was Mary Etta. Two other children, Lula and Fleetwood (Frank) were born on the farm southwest of town. For a while the family lived in a dugout so they could buy their farm.

Grandmother died Dec. 17, 1914. Grandfather died Sept. 24, 1924 in San Antonio, but was buried next to his wife in Iowa Park.

The Mills were my mother's side of the family. Grandfather Orville and Grandmother Melvina (Wolfe) Mills were both born in Hawkins (now Hancock) County, Tenn. George, the oldest son, moved to Texas from Clay County, Ky. and Grandfather and Grandmother soon followed in 1888.

Uncle George and Grandfather both bought land northwest of Iowa Park and built homes. Grandfather died Sept. 22, 1916 while Grandmother, and her little corn cob pipe, lived until Jan. 2, 1933.

My father, John Thomas Bell, married Pearl Akers June 17, 1906 and of this marriage one child by the name of Hazel was born May 17, 1907. Pearl died in 1909 and Dad remarried Feb. 29, 1916 to Lucinda "Lucy" Mills and of this marriage three children were born. Tiny was born Feb. 22, 1917 and died soon after birth. Orville Mills Bell was born April 13, 1918, and Ardith Mae Bell was born Mar. 14, 1920.

John and Lucy, with Hazel and Orville, moved to San Antonio in 1919 where John became assistant superintendent of Grayburg Refinery. Ardith Mae was born Mar. 14, 1920 after they moved there.

Hazel married Taylor George in 1927 and moved back to Iowa Park where she lived until her death June 7, 1968. They had one daughter, Jimmie Joy.

John and Lucy moved back to Iowa Park with the other two children in 1934, where John managed his sister's (Lula Morgan) oil business. In 1941, John and Lucy moved on an oil lease and stayed there until 1948 when they moved back to town.

In 1968 they moved to Abilene, to be near their son. John, born Dec. 1, 1879, died Dec. 2, 1969 in Abilene but was buried in Iowa Park. Lucy, born Mar. 15, 1882, died April 24, 1974 in Fort Worth and is also buried in Iowa Park.

Orville, better known now as Johnny, married Claydene Teal, daughter of L.A. and Evie (Watson) Teal. Later he went into the Navy and after his discharge worked for Thompson Tool for a while, then moved to Abilene and worked for Ginsburg's before starting his own business. They have one daughter, Susan, and now live in Fort Worth.

Ardith Mae became a nurse, then went into the Air Corps. She married Herald (sic) J. "Joe" Bailey, son of Herald (sic) A. and Florence (Sheeder) Bailey in 1952 and moved to Guthrie Center, Iowa. They have no children.

Jimmie Joy married J.C. Parmer and they have four children, twins Jim and Pam, Jay and Paige.

Susan, daughter of Orville and Claydene Bell, married David Parks and they have three children, Paige, David and Todd.

GATEWAY BAND OF IOWA PARK IN LATE 1920S
. . . Paul Sisk was the director, and members included Mr. and Mrs. W. Shipman, Velva and Violet Shipman, and Mildred Davis, and others. The truck was provided by John B. Barbour Trucking Co. The name of the organization came from Iowa Park's adoption of the title "Gateway toThe Big Irrigated Valley."

Lee Clark

Lee Clark was superintendent of schools in Iowa Park from 1906 to 1910. His father was Randolph Clark, one of the founders of Texas Christian University. He was the nephew of Dr. Frank Clark and first cousin to Dr. Gordon Clark and Dr. T.M. Clark.

After Lee Clark left Iowa Park, he was superintendent of the Wichita Falls school system and instrumental in the founding of Wichita Falls Junior College, the predecessor of Midwestern State University. He later helped with the founding of other colleges, including the one at Gainesville.

His children were Blanche (Mrs. Paul) Pond, Mignon, Irene (Mrs. John) Styles, Joseph Addison Clark, Leoti (Mrs. Clifford) Deaton, and Dr. Lee Clark Jr. Mrs. Deaton was a member of the WASPS during World War II, and Dr. Lee Clark Jr. was Director and Surgeon-in-Chief of M.D. Anderson Hospital and Cancer Research Center in Houston for a number of years.

Centennial Issue

Corridon

By Lita Huggins Watson

Tom Sr., who was born in Ireland, came to the United States as one of the refugees of the terrible potato famine of the mid-1800s. At age 18, he worked for his passage on a sailing vessel. Settling for awhile in Canada, he later came to Iowa Park with the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway where he was section foreman of the railroad crew for a number of years.

Married to Margaret Thompson Allcorn in 1888, he and his family lived in the section house and boarded the railroad crew. Sometimes others ate there as well, and Tom Jr. remembered Colonel Specht, who founded the community of Clara, shooting antelope and bringing it to his mother to prepare.

The following is quoted from the reminiscences of Judge P.A. Martin, a pioneer of this area: "One of the most lovable men I have ever known was 'Uncle Tom' Corridon of Iowa Park, an early settler in this county and at the time I first met him, he was the proprietor of a hotel south of the railway at Iowa Park, where, for a day or so, during one of my political campaigns, I was a transient guest.

"He told me many good stories, but one that lingers in my memory was that on a certain St. Patrick's Day he had 'sung himself into jail and sung himself out again' as he expressed it. I cannot repeat it in the rich brogue he used, but it seems that he was celebrating the day of this patron saint in Wichita Falls and sang *The Wearing of the Green* in the hearing of some new policeman who thought it a disturbance of the peace and arrested the singer.

"He took him before Judge Edgar Rye and the crowd followed to see what the City Judge would do. After the officer made his complaint, and Uncle Tom reminded the judge that it was 'St. Patrick's Day in the morning,' the judge sentenced him to sing the song again in the courtroom which the prisoner proceeded to do and was promptly discharged amid the applause of the audience. He was my good friend to the day of his death.

"When I left his hotel on this first occasion, he said to me, 'I can promise you the entire Irish vote of the precinct, which is meself."

Both of Tom's parents were married previously. Thomas Jesse was to be the only child of this union, born when his mother was fifty-four years of age. Tom was the first white child born in the new city limits when he arrived in July of 1889. Named for both his father and Jesse Kennedy, whose biography appears elsewhere, he received the designation of Jr. to distinguish him from his father.

The Corridon family operated the Commercial Hotel while Tom Jr. was growing up. He later clerked for the O.W. Bean Grocery in Wichita Falls and for a short time, about 1910, he and Scott Ralston opened an eating place, call the Irish Lads, in Iowa Park.

Tom was working for the Wichita Valley Refinery when the first gallon of gasoline was produced in 1914. He was an officer and director in First National Bank of Iowa Park in 1931 and he also kept books for Tom Burnett for many years. He served on the City Council and as a notary public. Living away from Iowa Park for many years, he returned here to retire.

Mr. Corridon had a fantastic memory and we are deeply indebted to him in writing the history of Iowa Park. In his recall of early day events, he visualized the scene and then described it in detail. In one instance he recalled a wind storm of some eighty years previous. He had gone with his uncle, Cummings Ralston, to the final day of the building of the dam at Lake Wichita. Mr. Ralston ran the supply wagon and did the cooking for the work crew. The workers lived in tents and one could almost see Mr. Corridon viewing the wind pulling out the pegs holding the ropes that secured the tents as he recalled the early day scene and described it.

He loved history and enjoyed reliving his long experience with it for the benefit of his listeners. But he was also interested in current events and was a well-informed reader. His wife and only daughter, Nelda, preceeded him in death. He died in 1986.

W.E. George to Collect Delinquent Taxes

W.E. George, former city attorney for Wichita Falls, has been retained by the city of Iowa Park to file suits for delinquent tax in the city. There is about $16,000 due the town in back taxes, but the probability of collecting that amount is very remote. An effort will be however, to clear up the tax rolls, where there is property to proceed against action will be taken.

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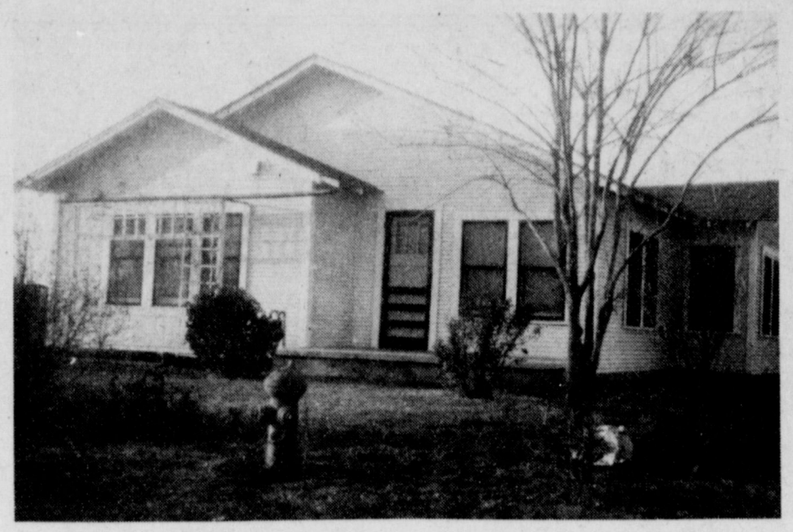


SULLIVAN HOME ON RUBY STREET
. . . family moved there in 1933.

CARL SULLIVAN IN 1949
. . . at irrigation gates near Valley View.

Sullivan

Waltan G. Sullivan and Martha Ellen Sullivan came from Alabama to Mt. Vernon, Texas in 1894. Carl Anthony Sullivan was born in Mt. Vernon, Sept. 19, 1896. The family moved to Seymour in 1912. They were cotton farmers.

Carl A. Sullivan moved to Iowa Park in 1925. His father, Walton G., and brother, Sam, and a sister, Blanch, moved to Iowa Park in 1926. Walton died in 1928 in Iowa Park. The Sullivan home was on Ruby Street.

Carl helped in the construction of the Lake Kemp Dam Project in 1918 while he was living in Seymour.

In 1925, Carl was a construction forman for the Wichita Water District. The Water District Engineering Office was in an old two-story building in Iowa Park, located east of where Billy Jame's Garage is now. In 1926, the Water District headquarters moved to south of Valley View.

Carl married Elsie Kyker of Ryan, Okla. in 1927. They moved to the new headquarters, and lived there until 1933, when Carl, Elsie, Carlene and Jane moved to Iowa Park on Ruby Street. They all still reside in Iowa Park.

The first time Elsie Kyker Sullivan was in Iowa Park, she came on the train to visit relatives. She was 12 years old. She remembers that she wanted a drink of water. She was told at the local drug store that a glass of water would cost a nickel - due to a water shortage.

Carl and Elsie's daughter, Martha Carlene, married Allan W. Bennett, and their daughter, Betty Jane, married Richard Schroeder. Both girls graduated from Iowa Park High School, and both are nurses and work in the Iowa Park area.

The Sullivan's have six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, four who attend school in Iowa Park.

Carl retired from the Wichita County Water District in 1951. He then entered the construction business.

Carl helped in the building of Lake Buffalo. He was vice chairman and chairman of the Water District #3 for the City of Iowa Park 12 years, until the district was dissolved.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Knight Temple in Wichita Falls. He served on the Temple Eye Foundation Committee, a charity that provides eye care for the needy.

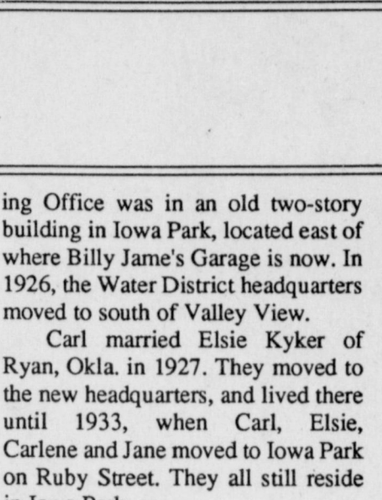
The Sullivans are members of First United Methodist Church, where he has served on the official board and the building committee of the church. They have always liked Little League baseball and sponsored a team (Indians) for several years.

Carl is a charter member of the Evening Lions Club. He received the Senior Citizen of the Year Award from the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce in 1980.

While he constructed numerous homes in Iowa Park, he was also the contractor on a large number of larger structures, including the parsonages of the Methodist and First Christian Churches, Presbyterian Church education building and Methodist Church fellowship hall and education/office building.

He also was the contractor on the school administration building, the old post office building now occupied by Sun Belt Savings, ASCS Building, Shaw Motor (where Allsup's is now located), Iowa Park Animal Clinic and Tanner-Aulds chapel and specialty facilities, to name a few.

ELSIE WITH CARLENE
. . along with Sam and Blanch Sullivan.



CARLENE AND JANE SULLIVAN

ELSIE SULLIVAN
. . . in 1933.

CARL SULLIVAN
. . . at age 20.

Thompson

By Wilma Thompson Spruiell

Lee met his future wife, Grace, when he went to the neighboring ranch to borrow some milk for a locoed horse. His parents, the J.H. Thompsons, lived about two miles from the Irvins in the Estancia Valley in New Mexico. Lee and Grace courted for a couple of years but Lee had to leave for a while to move his parents back to Iowa Park. He knew he would be back to the valley because he had left his heart there. When he returned, he went into partners with a neighbor raising cattle and farming, and continued to court Grace.

Lee and Grace were married Jan. 11, 1911, in Santa Fe by a Methodist preacher. They homesteaded a place west of Moriarty, New Mexico. The house was 16'x20' and had apple crates for cabinets. Grace's household goods were sparse but she was very happy.

In 1914 Lee went to work for Senator Pankey as foreman of his 183,000 acre ranch at Lamy, N.M. During that time Grace would ride horseback 40 miles, one way, to stay on the homestead to be able to keep it. She did this every month and stayed alone. She always rode alone. When Grace was at Pankey's ranch, she would cook for the hands.

In January of 1919 Lee and Grace's first son, Lavere, was born. Even though Grace didn't want to move, Lee, Grace and Lavere left New Mexico and moved to Iowa Park in 1920.

Lee farmed the Filson place and was a moving contractor for oil companies. They later moved to town and went to work for Precinct 3. I believe Mr. Kuntz was commissioner at that time. Lee had become foreman of the men of Precinct 3 when their second son, Alvin, was born. Lee continued to work for the county until 1931. The family lived in a little square-topped house on West Bank St. where Catlin's Car Wash is located now.

Lee went to Mississippi in 1931 and the early part of 1932 to work in the oil field. Grace and the boys stayed in Iowa Park, and Grace took care of Mrs. Filson.

While Lee was in Mississippi, he conceived an idea to build a special bit to improve drilling oil wells. In 1932 he came back and started Thompson Garage.

1934 was a big year for Lee and Grace. Besides moving into another building and expanding the business, they also took Grace's niece, Wilma Lee Irvin, to raise. The business grew, so they moved to the present location and changed the name to Thompson Tool Co.

In 1937 Lee and Grace bought the Ed Heesherman house on the corner of Texas and Jackson. Lee and Grace always had room for one more, and their door was always open. They would take extra kids with them on trips and enjoyed family gatherings.

Lee passed away April 12, 1944, on their farm in Oklahoma. Grace became head of the house and partner in Thompson Tool Co. with Lee's brother Fred.

Lavere married Kitten May in Nov. of 1942. He had graduated from Texas Tech and they were living in Dallas at the time of Lee's death. Lavere quit his job and came home to help his mother run the business, as she still had Alvin, 16, and Wilma Lee, 10, to raise. Lavere was drafted shortly after he moved back to Iowa Park, and served two years in the Army. He fought as an Army scout during the Battle of the Bulge, and was wounded. He was discharged in 1946, and came back to Iowa Park to continue in the family business.

In 1948 Lavere, Grace and Alvin bought Fred Thompson's shares in Thompson Tool Co. Lavere was manager and Alvin worked in the shop. Grace was a silent partner and took care of her home.

A few years later, Wilma Lee married Walter Spruiell. Walter continued to work on a dairy for his brothers until October of 1951, when he went to work for Thompson Tool Co. as a clean-up man and later as a field representative.

Lavere served as manager until his sudden death in February of 1969. The partners asked Walter to become manager at that time. Walter continued to run Thompson Tool Co. until 1980, when he bought the other partners out.

Grace passed away in January of 1980.

Grace and Lee's descendents are:

Lavere married Kitten May. Their children are: Cathy married David Uhren, their son is Lee; Larry married Carol Martin, their children are Chad and Cory; Mark married Terri McWilliams, their children are Amanda Grace, named for her great-grandmother, and Clint; Marcia married Mike Kelly, their children are Brad and Blake.

Alvin married Loise Haney. Their children are: Sonny, who has one daughter, and Kay, who has one son, Davy. Alvin is now married to Mildred Bruno.

Wilma Lee married Walter Spruiell. Their children are: Jerry married Karen Owens, their children are Mitchell and Trenton; and Duncan.

All of Lee and Grace's children and grandchildren live in the Iowa Park area except Marcia and Mike Kelly, who live in Mineral Wells.

Lee and Grace contributed much to making the community of Iowa Park a better place to live. They were loved and respected by the family and the community. They were both active members of the First Methodist Church, now the First United Methodist Church, until their deaths. Lee was an active Mason in the local lodge until his death. Grace was active in the local Eastern Star until her death. In 1974 Grace received her 50-year pin from the local Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Their door was always open to everyone. Besides raising their own family, they helped raise another niece and two nephews. They were always ready to give a helping hand to those less fortunate, and loved everyone. They always saw the good in everybody.

Lee, Grace and Lavere are buried in Highland Cemetery in Iowa Park.

Fact

Rub-a-dub-dub! Three men in a tub! Herman Mahler, Roy Kimberlain and Justin Butts went to Possum Kingdom this week to fish. From the report we got, all they caught was water.

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Early Families

MARY APPLE WALLIS

I, Maurine Apple Wallis, was born September 11, 1905, in Iowa Park at the house on the corner of South Yosemite and West Jefferson, which at one time was the Presbyterian Parsonage.

My parents were Alma and Earl Apple. Earl Apple worked at the blacksmith's shop that was on Main Street. I graduated from the Iowa Park school in 1923.

I married E.E. Wallis in 1926. He was one of the former postmasters and rural mail carriers.

I have worked for John B. Barbour Trucking Company, the Experiment Station, Chamber of Commerce, State National Bank and Western Auto.

I attend the First United Methodist Church, and have one daughter, Mary Helen Marine and two granddaughters, Angela Marie and Mary Patricia.

LINDSEY FAMILY

Joseph Lindsey and his wife Lucy Francis Reager moved to this area from Missouri for health reasons in 1911. He purchased the Hill Top Ranch north of Iowa Park from J.G. Hardin, one-quarter section at a time. This ranch, now owned by John B. Barbour Jr., is famous for registered Black Angus cattle production. Lindsey was the first farmer in this area to use contour plowing.

Their children were Bill, who died in the influenza epidemic of 1918, Nina and Verna (Mrs. John) Barbour, who was very active in the Christian Church, as well as the civic and business affairs of Iowa Park all her life. Another daughter, Maude Lindsey Campbell, was a medical doctor who specialized in the treatment of children and women. She practiced in Wichita Falls about 10 years and in Chicago more than 30 years.

Mr. Lindsey was an old time fiddler who played by ear.

McCLESKEY

Edward Austin McClesky, who platted the McClesky Addition to Iowa Park in 1889, came from Georgia. His wife was Cynthia Martha Adeline Williams. McClesky was County Commissioner for 18 years, mayor of Iowa Park in 1893 and served other terms on the Council and was a director in the First National Bank. He was a farmer and stock raiser. They raised six children: Aletha Etta McCleskey, Mammye Maud (Mrs. W.T.) Glidden, Samuel Austin McCleskey who married Mattie Steel, Rose Nell (Mrs. W.H.) Friberg, Henry Grady McCleskey who married May Watkins and Adeline Blanche (Mrs. Chester McKinley) Zink.

Fact

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hickman of New Orleans are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Crawford and family.

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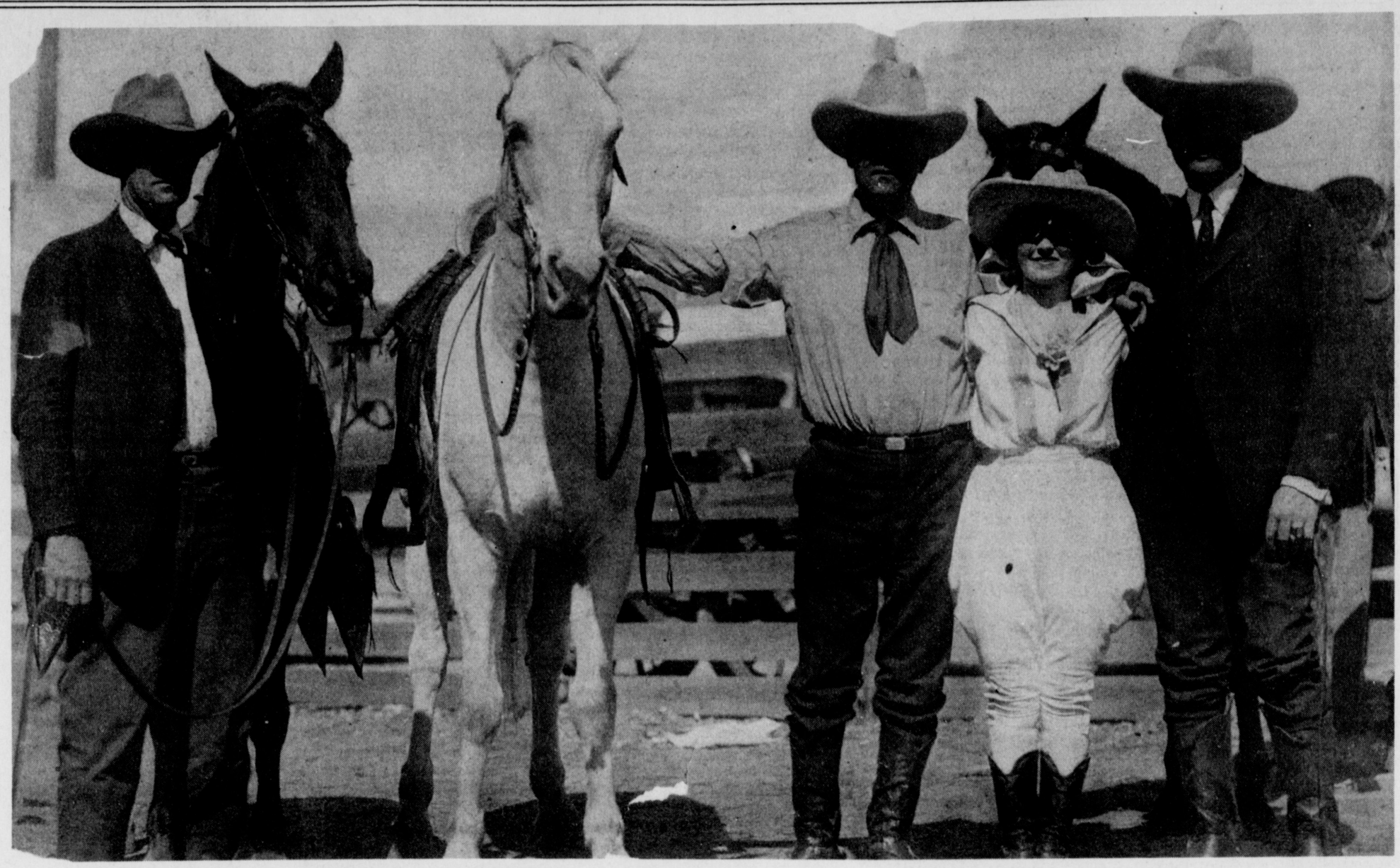
Burnett Family



TOM BURNETT STANDS BETWEEN WIFE LUCILLE (MULHALL) AND FAVORITE HORSE, CREAMY WITH TWO UNIDENTIFIED FRIENDS

By Lita Huggins Watson

The Burnett Family has been tied into the history of Wichita County since its earliest days when Samuel Burk Burnett moved to this area in 1876. He registered the famous 6666 brand in Clay County before there was county government in Wichita County.

Burnett's first cattle operation in Wichita County was on the present site of the Triangle Ranch, west of Iowa Park. When the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway, spearheaded by Grenville M. Dodge of Union Pacific fame, came to Wichita Falls in 1882, county government was formed. Burk's Station or Ruthford, as it was later known, was a close contender for the location of the county seat in two separate elections in 1882. In one election the ranch was only one vote short of the needed majority.

The story goes that one of Burnett's ranch hands went to visit his girlfriend in Fort Worth and did not return in time to vote. By the time the third election was called in 1883, more people had moved to Wichita Falls and that city won. It really made more sense, since the railroad did not extend west until 1885.

Sometime in the 1880s, Burnett moved his ranch headquarters to a ranch of about 17,000 acres where the present town of Burkburnett is located. For several years this ranch served as a base of operations for the cattle that he grazed on the grasslands leased from the Indians in what is now Oklahoma, just across the Red River. This ranch, as well as the 27,000-acre Triangle Ranch, was owned in joint partnership with his father-in-law, M.B. Loyd, founder of the First National Bank of Fort Worth.

Burk Burnett was the eldest of the 10 children of Jeremiah Burnett and Nancy Turner. Grandfather, Samuel, came from Virginia to Bates County, Missouri in 1820 as a pioneer to the area. The Burnett family was living in New Home Township, Bates County, Missouri, when Burk Burnett was born, January 1, 1849. After suffering from the violence of the raids of the Kansas Jayhawkers, Jeremiah moved his family to northern Texas, near Denton, in 1859.

Burk grew up on a farm and was trained as a cowboy in looking after his father's stock. In 1866 he hired out to a cattle outfit, driving over the Chisholm Trail. He later pioneered work in upgrading the native Texas Longhorn with thoroughbreds. In 1874 he brought a herd of all steer cattle from southern Texas and his success in preparing them for market, started a new trend in beef cattle production.

Burnett was a friend of Quanah Parker, Chief of the Comanches. Together they worked out grazing leases for some 300,000 acres of Indian lands north of the Red River for the benefit of the Indians and the ranchers. Texas ranchers grazed their herds on these grass lands for some 20 years.

Burnett and W.T. Waggoner, another pioneer who ranched on a large scale in Texas and grazed cattle on the Indian lands, built a great house for Quanah and his many wives and children in the Wichita Mountains. After Quanah's death, it was moved to Cache, Okla. where it served as a museum in later years.

One of the stories about Quanah Parker concerns a trip that he and Yellow Bear, Chief of the Comanches at that time, took to Fort Worth to visit Burnett. They were guests in the old El Paso Hotel. When they retired for the night, they blew out the gas lights. The next morning, when they failed to make an appearance, the room was entered. Yellow Bear was dead and Quanah unconscious. However, Quanah recovered and lived for many years.

Another famous story of this period concerned the visit of President Theodore Roosevelt and the wolf hunt. An old-time cowboy, Jack Abernathy, established a reputation of some note by running down a wolf from horseback and catching it with his bare hands. The President, who loved hunting, was interested in seeing this phenomenon and Burk Burnett and his son, Tom, arranged the famous hunt in 1904. This also gave the President an opportunity to see the Indian lands and not long after, he canceled the grazing rights and opened the areas for settlers.

After the Indian lands were closed to grazing in 1905, Burnett moved his headquarters to the present Triangle Ranch west of Iowa Park and to a ranch in King County. He sold the land in the Burkburnett area for a good price, $289,000. The purchasers, J.A. Kemp and Frank Kell, built a railroad and laid out a town which they called "Burkburnett." They also platted several 160-acre tracts suitable for farms.

In 1918, this area produced one of the best oil fields in Texas. Oil derricks, tent cities and mobs of people brought great changes to the community, seemingly overnight. Even having the town named in his honor, evidently did not adequately compensate Burnett for having sold this land with all the black gold underneath. In his will, written in 1921, he strongly recommended to his executors that they keep his remaining lands intact.

Burnett was a man of vision in acquiring land, an opportunist in leasing the grazing lands, and a typical early land baron who not only wore a gun but used it to defend himself and his land.

In 1877 cattlemen of North Texas banded together at Graham to form the Stock Raisers Association of Texas to try to protect their stock from rustlers. Burk Burnett, who was one of the founders, maintained an active roll through the years. He served as treasurer from 1920 until his death. When the Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show organized in Fort Worth, he was the first president. He was a banker and businessman as well as a land owner and stockraiser.

In 1922 the 12-story Burk Burnett Building in Fort Worth was called a modern skyscraper and Burnett was cited as one of the largest property owners in Fort Worth. He was honored by the prestigious Saddle and Sirloin Club of Chicago as the first Texan to have his portrait hung in its halls along with those of other great men of America's livestock industry, such as Gustav Swift and Phil D. Armour.

Burnett was the father of two children by his first wife, Ruth Loyd. They were Thomas Loyd (Tom) Burnett and Anne Valliant Burnett, who married Charles A. Johnson. After Burnett's divorce, he married Mary Couts Baradell, a widow. Their son, Samuel Burk Burnett, Jr., died in 1916 as a young man. Burnett's daughter, Anne, preceeded him in death.

When Burnett died, June 27, 1922, his property was worth approximately $6-million. However, he left only $25,000 a year to his only surviving issue, his son, Tom, stating:

"...that he is denied a direct interest in the body of my estate is due to his own misbehavior and to his failure to pay just regard to the proprieties of life. While it is painful on the part of a father to pass censure on his son and that such censure should be expressed in a last will and testament, it nevertheless becomes my duty to do so as a means of preventing wasteful mismanagement and dissipation of the estate which I have accumulated during my life. Should he see fit to contest this will ... he shall forfeit this bequest entirely and take nothing hereunder as a further penalty of his filial misconduct."

He left a handsome income to Ollie Lake Burnett, Tom's ex-wife, and the bulk of his income and lands to his granddaughter, Anne Valliant Burnett, only child of Tom and Ollie, and at her death to her children. His wife, Mary Couts, was "non compos mintis" at the time the will was written. She later recovered, sued to break the will and received $3-million, which became an endowment to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth when she died shortly thereafter. The library on the campus bears her name, Mary Couts Burnett.

Tom Burnett was born in Denton County in 1871. He liked the life of the cowboy and when he was 16, he stayed with the herds of cattle in the Indian lands as a ranch hand of his father. Here he learned the ways of the Comanches, became friends with them and spoke their language fluently. Quanah Parker and other Indians were frequent visitors in his home through the years. Working his way up, he advanced in the cattle business from hired hand to wagon boss to foreman. His indoor schooling consisted of three years at the Virginia Military Academy at Lexington, Vir.

Tom married Ollie Lake of Fort Worth, Oct. 8, 1891. Their daughter, Anne, was born Oct. 15, 1902. They made their home on the ranch until they separated, divorcing some years later in 1918. That same year, Tom married rodeo star, Lucille Mulhall, daughter of Zack Mulhall. An expert roper, she appeared in her father's Wild West Show at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904 and in Madison Square Garden in 1905. Tom caught rodeo fever from her and began to produce rodeos himself.

Some of the rodeos were held in Wichita Falls at Spudder Baseball Park and at the old Fair grounds. By 1923 an arena constructed on the Triangle Ranch included a grandstand that seated 10,000 spectators. The four-day event was held on the ranch at least two years. Known as The Rodeo King, Burnett also produced rodeos in other towns, including the State Fair in Dallas. In 1924 he produced the rodeo at the Cattlemen's Convention in Houston, scheduled at the same time as the Fat Stock Show and Rodeo in Fort Worth. "Foghorn" Clancey, long time rodeo announcer, recalls.

"As Burnett paid his contract performers more than anyone else, and put up higher prizes than anyone else, he practically monopolized the rodeo talent of the Southwest and gave the Fort Worth show plenty of competition."

Foghorn often wondered if the $1,500-a-day royalties from Tom's 400-plus oil wells would outlast the expenses of the rodeos. Tom C. Corridon, Jr., was treasurer for the rodeo productions and according to him, they always lost money.

After Burnett's marriage to Lucille Mulhall ended, he married Lydia Shelton from Electra, in 1933. In April of that year, he purchased a block of land in Iowa Park and began to build a landmark house for his bride. The two-story cream colored brick, containing 5,040 square feet, and topped with a brilliant green tile roof, is still the showplace of the community. Designed by Voelker and Dixon, architects, it was decorated by Theodore Beck. The second story contained a dance floor with an alcove for the band. A three-car garage and apartment and a servant's house were built behind the main house. The marriage did not last long enough for the bride to move in, however, and the only wife to occupy the house was Bernice Fassett McGillivary. Wichita County marriage records indicate that Tom married her twice, but he was not married at the time of his death in 1938.

The biographical sketch in the programs of the rodeos that Tom produced noted that he acquired the Triangle Ranch in 1907. Wichita County deed books record that in 1914, he received a quarter interest in the 27,000-acre ranch according to the terms of the will of his grandfather, M.L. Loyd. In 1915 he bought an additional one-quarter from the estate of his sister, Anne Johnson, for $64,647. At the time of his death in 1938, he willed this half of the Triangle Ranch and all his other properties to his daughter, Anne. The other half of the Triangle has been the property of Burk Burnett until at his death, he willed it, in trust, to granddaughter Anne and her descendants. Tom's granddaughter placed the Triangle Ranch on the market in June 1987 for $7-million.

Tom bought additional ranches including the Pope Ranch in Foard County in 1923, the McAdams Ranch in 1934, the old Moon Ranch in Cottle County in 1925. In 1929 he added the XL Ranch, northeast of Paducah, to his spread. Over 100,000 acres came under the Triangle brand and he owned the mineral rights of many other tracts of land.

Interested in breeding desirable qualities of both horses and cattle, he defined a good horse as a good cow horse. Finding a sturdily built horse with the legs of a good runner, he successfully bred "John Hancock" colts for use in his ranching operations. Later, he used Palominos for breeding stock and the beautiful Palomino horse, "Creamy," was one of his favorites.

Continually improving the breeding stock of his Herefords, he won many awards with them at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. Years before others recognized the scrubby mesquite running rampant on the range lands as a problem, Tom called it a menace and cleared it from his land. He demonstrated that one cleared acre had the grazing potential of four acres covered with mesquite.

Eventhough his father expressed a lack of confidence in Tom's managerial abilities and financial acumen, Tom succeeded in building a ranching and oil producing empire of his own, with a value of over $1-million when he died in December of 1938.

Tom believed in helping the less fortunate and in 1930 the Ad Club of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce presented him with its "Most Useful Citizen" award for his many acts of philantropy. *The Iowa Park Herald* editor wrote his obituary, "Many thousands of dollars annually were distributed by the philanthropic cow man that the world never knew about. Many poor boys and girls he helped through higher institutions of learning; he was a practical giver and not for show or publicity."

Tom Corridon, Jr. described Burnett as a smart man, saying that he had many fine qualities and that he loved humanity. Although his rough, frontier characteristics were usually in the forefront, he had a "fine polish when he wanted to use it."

In a tribute to Tom Burnett, after his death, John M. Hendrix wrote in *The Cattleman*, "That he had his faults his closest friends cannot dispute. They loved him no less for them. Without them he would not have been Tom Burnett."

After Tom's death, his will was contested in a sensational trial in 1941 by a native of Thornton, Wash. Lena McArthur claimed to be the daughter of Tom and a Comanche Indian woman named Jennie Ho-we-ah. She sought to obtain monies from the estate she claimed to be worth $3-million. After a lengthy court case and much contradictory testimony from many witnesses, the courts found in favor of the defendent and the Burnett properties remained in the possession of Anne.

Anne Valliant Burnett, the daughter of Tom and the granddaughter of Samuel Burk Burnett and the principal beneficiary of the wills of both, was known as "Miss Anne" in ranching circles. Three generations share the name "Anne." Miss Anne was married first to Guy Waggoner, second to James Goodwin Hall, third to Bob Windfohr and finally to Charles F. Tandy.

At the time of her death in December of 1979 she was a director of the First National Bank of Fort Worth, founded by her great-grandfather, M. B. Loyd. She served on the boards of the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City and the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art in Fort Worth. She became heir to the Tandy Radio Shack fortune when Charles Tandy died in November of 1978. Her home in the Westover Hills section of Fort Worth is the only private residence ever designed by the noted architect, I.M. Pei.

The present owner of the extensive land holdings of Tom and Burk Burnett is "Little Anne," daughter of "Miss Anne," Anne Windfohr Phillips Sowell, who now goes by the name of Anne Burnett Windfohr. The 1983 Forbes Four Hundred list described her wealth:

"208,000 acre Four Sixes Ranch, Triangle Ranches, oil under both. Also stock of $20-million plus in InterFirst Corporation of Dallas. Her minimum net worth: $150-million."

Will and Maggie Denny Burnett purchased the beautiful home of Tom Burnett in Iowa Park from the estate in 1942. Will (also called Bill) was the son of Clabe Burnett and was a cousin of Burk Burnett. A rancher and oilman, he was affectionately known as "Mr. Baseball" in Iowa Park. Managing the Iowa Park semi-pro baseball team for many years, he also took an active interest in Future Farmers of America and Little League Baseball. A baseball field is named "Burnett Field" in his honor.

Will died in 1964 and his wife, Maggie, daughter of L.C. and Kate George Denny, continued to live in the house until her death in 1981. Her will provided for the home to go to her sister, Marie Denny McCarthy Callon. "Little Anne" purchased the house and presented it to the city of Iowa Park to be used as the Tom Burnett Memorial Library.

Although the home was in good condition, it was necessary to spend several thousand dollars to make it suitable for use as a library. A board, designated as "Friends of the Library" and chartered under Texas statutes as a non-profit corporation, raised

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Earnest Sargent

(Written by Him)
EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was given the Leader by Mr. Sargent about three years before his death in 1987.

This is a short account of things that I can recall that happened during my lifetime.

I was born on a small farm one mile north of Grannis, Arkansas on May 19, 1895. I recall that we raised mostly corn for our money crop. For the roughness of our stock we would strip the leaves off the corn and then tie them in hanks; these hanks would be hung on the ears of corn to dry. When these were dry, we would put several hanks together making a bundle which would be stored for the winter.

I recall the first money that I ever made at the age of seven or eight years. I trapped quails and sold them to the conductors on the trains that came by our farm on the way to Grannis. I sold the quails two for a quarter. I would catch the train and ride into Grannis and then walk back home.

I remember the ox wagons coming by our home on the highway going to Mona. Our neighbor had facilities to shoe the oxen. The ox wagons would stop and the men would swing the oxen up and nail a shoe on each hoof.

Each night during the summer I remember that our mother would have to de-tick us kids. The ticks were real bad. Another thing that I remember was that seven-year itch; it was a constant plague, and Mother had to keep us coated with sulphur and grease.

As well as I can remember, it was in the fall of 1903 that my Dad sold our farm in Arkansas, and decided to move to Texas. We had two covered wagons with all our belongings. It took us about a week to make the trip, and I remember several things that happened during the trip. We ran into heavy rain near Paris, Texas, and we would have to clean the mud off the wagon wheels as it would ball up so bad that the teams couldn't pull the wagon. We camped out around Paris, and us kids got out into the pasture and got full of prickly-pear stickers (we had never seen a prickly-pear, and didn't know what they were). It took Mother a long time to pick all the stickers out of us kids. That same night our dog (Old Joe) jumped a Jack Rabbit and ran it all night (he thought it was a swamp rabbit as he had never seen a Jack Rabbit). He caught up with us the next night at another camp site.

After we got to Granbury, we stayed with my Aunt and Uncle while my Dad built us a house to live in. While we were there, we helped them pick their cotton, and how well I remember that cotton patch. It had some Pie Melons, which I had never seen before. My cousin told me to burst one open with my fist -- and my fist still hurts!!

I went to school at Brushy School (a very small country school house). I didn't get to finish school -- went through the 9th grade. I remember one incident that happened while I was in school that stands out in my mind. It is the day that I got five holes knocked into my coat with a switch by the teacher, for running off to play baseball against his orders.

It was also while I was attending school that I met Myrtle Rhea, a neighbor girl who I later married. I sorta courted Myrtle all my school years, but we never had a real date because her parents were so strict with her. Our courting was done by slipping around without her parents knowing about it.

When I was about 18 years old, I bought me a horse and buggy, and as I had about given up on Myrtle, I started courting Agatha Adams. She was 14 years old, and I kept company with her for about a year. I don't remember why we stopped keeping company. Agatha later married Myrtle's brother, Charlie Rhea.

In 1916 Myrtle's mother would let her come to home parties with her married sister and her husband. As I would also be at the parties, Myrtle and I got back together and decided to get married. As I was still not allowed to call on Myrtle, we decided that I would make the arrangements to get married, and let her know the arrangements were made by coming down close to the fence between our parents farms and singing real loud. When she heard me singing, she would know the arrangements were made, and that she was to meet me in Granbury the next Saturday afternoon. Her parents always came to town on Saturday. She was to meet me at Doctor Carmachaiels home. I had made arrangements with the doctor to be married at his home, and with Reverend Loyd Hill, the Methodist minister at Granbury, to meet us there to marry us. I got our license to marry at Glen Rose.

On Saturday, the 30th day of September 1916, I loaded a big load of yellow meated watermelons on the wagon early in the morning and took them to town. I parked on the corner of the street where the bank now stands. Roscoe, my brother, brought my dress-up clothes and drove my horse and buggy to town. I finished selling my melons before noon; then I got my clothes from Roscoe and went to the Court house and changed clothes. I went to the doctors house and met Myrtle. We tied the knot around 3:00 PM. After we got married, we drove out to her house and got her clothes as her mother was still in town. It wasn't long before Mrs. Rhea got over being mad at us and invited us over to her house for dinner.

We lived at my house as I had traded Roscoe, my brother, my horse and buggy for his interest in our peanut crop. Roscoe and I had put the crop in on the halves with my Dad. We made a good crop of peanuts -- got $1.75 per bushel. Made enough hay to pay all expenses so I had enough money to buy me a couple of little mules to farm with.

In 1917 I farmed on a place I had rented from Myrtle's Uncle Dick Porter. We made a pretty good crop of peanuts that year, and had a very pleasant life up until the last of October. At that time we had a precious baby girl born on October 4th, 1917. Our little girl never had a well day in her life. Myrtle and I had to be up with her all night. I would set with her until 2:00 AM, and then Myrtle would set with her. She passed away on Jan. 4th, 1918, and is buried at Rough Creek Cemetery at Granbury.

In 1918 Myrtle and I went to Burkburnett, Texas, and I got a job roughnecking for a Drilling Company by the name of Weaver and Councler. We were drilling south of Burkburnett when "Fowler #1" came in. The company bought a new drill-

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EARLY DAY PIONEERS

By Lita Huggins Watson

DAGGETT

Captain Ephraim M. Daggett is credited by some as being the father of Fort Worth. He was of service to the city from the time of its inception apart from the military post and was associated with every phase of its growth in the nineteenth century.

A native of Canada, he moved to the warmer climate of Texas for his health in 1839. He attained the rank of captain in the Mexican War and in 1849 located in the Fort Worth area.

A railroad pioneer, he was one of the original incorporators of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway. It was for him that Daggett Switch, the location of a switching track on the railroad, was named. Daggett Switch, as such, existed for about three years. On October 22, *1888*, a plat for the town of Iowa Park was filed in the Wichita County Courthouse at this location.

JESSE KENNEDY

Jesse Kennedy, who was born in Pennsylvania, came to Iowa Park from Iowa. It was in Ida County, Iowa, that he became acquainted with David C. Kolp. Kennedy was associated with the Iowa-Texas Land Company which bought land in the North Texas area for re-sale to prospective settlers.

He served in the Pennsylvania legislature and ran for state representative from this district in 1892 but was defeated as a Republican in an area in which the predominant political party is Democrat. In Iowa, he was president of the Iowa State Farmers' Alliance.

Quoting from a biographical sketch: "Judge Kennedy is a very pleasing public speaker, is a man of great address and force of character that impresses itself at once on its hearers, and throughout his career has made himeself a power in affairs in every community of his residence."

His advertisement in the *Iowa Park Register* of June 14, 1901, states: "A resident of ten years at Iowa Park as Real Estate Agent and farmer warrants me in the statement that, as an agricultural county, Wichita County has no superior."

Pioneer Tom Corridon, Sr. thought enough of Mr. Kennedy to name his son, Thomas Jesse, after him. He built the house at 610 N. Yosemite where Taylor George lives. He died in 1908 at age 84.

COLONEL HERMAN SPECHT

Sometimes known as the Baron of Clara, surely Colonel Specht was one of the more colorful of the pioneers. He was remembered in Iowa Park as well-groomed and well-dressed, always with a boutonniere in the lapel of his black, Prince Albert coat. For many years he wore a full mustache with upturned points, and often carried a cane.

Apparently his title was an honorary one occasioned by the impression he made as he traveled about the country side with a brown and bay team hitched to his buggy, always with his rifle handy to shoot antelope or other game. He loved to hunt the plentiful wild game of the area with his fine hunting dogs accompanying him.

Born in Germany about 1850, he said that he left the militaristic state in order to avoid serving in the Prussian Army. In Galveston, he met and married Clara Vogel Lange, a wealthy widow. He used to tell the story that on their wedding day, she presented him a gift of $100,000.

As early as 1885, he began to purchase his extensive land holdings in Wichita County. He laid out the town of Clara, named for his wife, just south of the Red River, north of Iowa Park. This settlement was also known as Specht's Colony. He promoted his lands in German language newspapers in other states and sold lands to many of the pioneer German settlers of this area. Apparently the town of Clara failed because there was no underground water for wells. Today only the Lutheran Church stands.

In 1889 he platted and filed the Texas Addition to Iowa Park. the following year he built his home on an elevation in the northwest part of town. The two-story house was a prominent feature of the landscape for many years until it was damaged by a tornado. Said to have cost $4,800, it was a lavish home built with the finest materials.

Mrs. Specht's two sisters, Josephine and Rose lived in the house also. Josephine was an accomplished pianist and was listed as a piano teacher on the 1900 Federal Census. Pioneer Miss Mina Troutman recalled that the Spechts entertained the children of the community each Christmas Eve with carols. She remembered with pleasure being in their home. The house was eventually purchased by the J.D. Padgett family who remodeled it after the storm. It is now occupied by David Padgett and located at 706 W. Cornelia.

The Spechts were cultured, widely-traveled and well-read, unaccustomed to many of the deprivations of pioneer life. A financial reversal came when the Galveston hurricane of 1900 washed away property from which they obtained substantial income. Then Colonel Specht was stricken with paralysis from which he recovered sufficiently to return to his buggy rides if he had assistance getting in and out of the buggy.

A brother in Germany sought to have Col. Specht return to visit and partake of the baths which would help him recover from the paralysis. Finally in 1913, he consented to go and was stranded in Germany when World War I erupted. According to one account, he virtually starved to death when food was given to the able-bodied soldiers and denied to those who could not aid the war effort.

Clara and Vogel Streets are reminders of this pioneer family today.

GOLDEN FAMILY

In 1915 A.C. Golden moved to Iowa Park to associate in the hardware business with his two brothers, G.H. and R.E. The firm was known as G.H. Golden & Co. In 1920 A.C. became vice president of the First State Bank. His wife was Gertrude Harrell of Bowie.

Kolp

By Lita Huggins Watson

This family influenced the founding of Iowa Park more than any other. It was David Corduvis Kolp, Sr. and his wife, Jennie, who along with General Dodge, purchased the land for the original townsite and filed the plat for the town. Probably it was David Kolp who laid out the symmetrical streets and planned the parks.

David C. Kolp, Sr. was born in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania in 1840. He worked for the well-known department store of John Wannamaker in Philadelphia and was the owner of a large dry goods store in Harrisburg, Pa., for a number of years. in 1878 he moved to Ida County, Iowa where he served several terms as chief clerk of the Iowa legislature.

In 1888 he moved to Wichita County, where he was involved with the Iowa-Texas Colony, a land company. After the 549 acres, which he and his wife purchased in section 18 and 25 of Tarrant County School lands, were divided into 182 numbered blocks, a town lot sale was conducted on Oct. 20, 1888 with Captain Hossack as auctioneer. The Kolps and General Dodge were land agents hoping to sell the lands to the incoming settlers.

The first existing minutes for the City Council named E.A. McClesky as mayor in 1892. Another mention of a mayor was C.B. Fuller in 1891. However, his obituary mentions that D.C. Kolp, Sr. was the first mayor of Iowa Park. This is quite probable since the community would have had some form of government in 1889 and 1890. The obituary also mentions that he established a Chamber of Commerce here and was its first president.

He was president of the Iowa Park Bank according to the Texas Bank Directory of 1891. He also published a newspaper, *The Texan*, and was one of the founding members of the Masonic Lodge here. Associated with his brother, Andrew, and his son, Edward R., they constructed the town's first hotel, The Cameron.

The Kolp family lived in Iowa Park approximately 11 years. During that period, there was a severe drought, an economic depression and one of the severest winters on record. At least one of his business ventures, The Cameron Hotel, burned in 1892.

Kolp moved out along with many of the other early settlers who left in the late 90s and early 1900s. Moving to Hobart in Indian Territory, he opened the first hardware store there in 1901 and founded a Chamber of Commerce. One obituary states that he was "always everlastingly advertising, talking, complimenting Oklahoma and Oklahoma's citizenship and possibility. Probably there was no more widely known man in Oklahoma than D.C. Kolp, Sr."

He died in 1910 in Seattle, Wash., where he and his wife were residing in the same town as their daughter, Nellie (Mrs. Grenville Dodge) Beard.

David C. Kolp, Sr. was first married to Margaret Rice. Their two sons were Edward Rice Kolp, born 1866, and David C. Kolp, Jr., born 1870. A daughter, Mary, was born in 1868. Edward R. Kolp filed the plat for the First Addition to Iowa Park in 1889. He married Elizabeth Briscoe, daughter of Margaret Briscoe Stone. After a short time, they moved to Fort Worth where he was engaged in the grain business.

David C. Kolp, Jr. was a junior partner and manager of the Iowa Park Lumber and Grain Company. He married Louie Landis, daughter of Dr. Louie Christian Landis, in 1899 in Iowa Park. In 1910 he was a grain dealer in Oklahoma City. Their son, Russell, who was born in Wichita Falls, grew up in Oklahom City and returned to Wichita Falls to live there 50 years before his death in 1977. He was a real estate developer and he married Marguerite Fisher in 1934. His children, David Kolp and Mary Jane (Mrs. Herbert) Smith, made their homes in Wichita Falls.

David C. Kolp Sr.'s second marriage was to Jennie Brandt. Their two children were Nellie, born in 1876, and Charles Francis Kolp, born in 1878. Charles was the first superintendent of the Waggoner Refinery at Electra and was an independent oil operator. His wife, Jimmy, was an aviatrix. He died in 1947. Nellie's husband, Grenville Dodge Beard, was the nephew of General Grenville M. Dodge of railroad building fame.

Andrew Kolp, born in 1848, was the first postmaster and treasurer of the Iowa-Texas Colony. A brother of D.C. Kolp, Sr., he was also manager of the Cameron Hotel. He married Lucy Dimmitt, whose father, Rev. James P. Dimmitt, was the first pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Iowa Park. Their children born in Iowa Park were John Dimmitt Kolp in 1893 and James Rush Kolp in 1894. About this time they felt the effects of the economic depression and returned to Pennsylvania where their daughter, Sarah Frances, was born in 1896. Andrew died in 1897.

Good planning heralded the optimistic beginning of Iowa Park, and David C. Kolp, Sr. deserves much of the credit.

Burnett

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$200,000 for this project and the Tandy Foundation donated another $240,000. Contracts for the remodeling were let in April 1985 and the library opened to the public on January 14, 1986.

A Texas Historical Marker for Tom Burnett was placed in front of the home on April 23, 1983. A marker for the house, approved by the Texas Historical Commission, was dedicated at the grand opening of the library. The renovation project received special recognition from Wichita Heritage Society.

For over 100 years the members of the Burnett family have influenced events and affected the lives of the people of Wichita County in general, and Iowa Park in particular.

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Sargent

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ing rig, and I went to work on it on a well off-setting "Fowler #1". I was fireman and worked the floors. Made pretty good money for those days -- got $4.00 for a 12 hour shift.

We lived in a tent without floors in it except for what mother nature provided. I had to walk two miles to the rig, and as I worked evening tour, I walked home after 12:00 at night. I was lucky I wasn't robbed or knocked in the head as it was a Boom Town, and had lots of rough customers in it, and a lot of highjacking etc. was going on.

In the fall of 1918, I was walking home from the rig when the flu struck me. I liked not to have made it home. We just had to doctor ourselves as you couldn't get a doctor for love or money. After a few days, Myrtle came down with the flu. My Myrtle was pregnant with Eugene at the time and was very sick, I finally got a doctor to come, by going after him in a borrowed car. She pulled through and I sent her home. I moved from the tent into a cellar and lived there for two weeks, then I gave up my job and went back to Granbury.

In 1918 I farmed a place that I had rented from the Hiner family. I didn't make much money on the Hiner place. Mrs. Rhea gave us a good milk cow, and in a few days the cow had two heifer calves. Then eighteen months later this same cow had two more heifer calves -- making four heifer calves within eighteen months. While living here, I did have a pretty good watermellon patch. It was just about ready to market when one Sunday afternoon after church, I went down to the patch, and I was looking around, and I couldn't find but a few watermellons. I looked in a deep ditch and there were my mellons, busted. I found out later that it was a couple of boys that were supposed to be our friends.

In 1919 we moved over to the Adams place to farm. Made a fair crop. It was here that our son Eugene was born on May 19, 1919. Eugene now lives in Granbury.

In the fall of 1919, we moved to Ft. Worth, Texas. We rented some rooms from a friend of mine (Virgil Garnett). I went to work as an extra for the Post Office carrying mail. That was a real responsible job as I had to go on a route that hadn't had mail service for two or three days. I would have to ease my mail, and then just let the numbers lead me to the right houses. I was pretty lucky as I didn't bring back much mail. I worked the routes for a while, and then changed over to delivering perishables. I would maybe have to catch a bus just to deliver one pound of butter or one other perishable item. Then I switched from this to mail pick-up downtown. On this route the Post Office furnished me a horse and mail hack. My that was the best trained horse that I ever had any dealings with. I only had to hitch him up and head him a certain way, and he would make the whole route downtown without missing a mail box. I really had to be on my toes as that horse would only give me just enough time at each box, and then he would start on again. I had my pants legs torn several times by those little "Spitz" dogs; it seemed like they just didn't like mailmen.

We crated our little heifer cow up and had her shipped to Ft. Worth. She was really a good little milk cow.

In the early part of 1920, I left the Post Office and went to work for Beuley Mills as foreman over the hay department. I didn't stay there but a few days as I couldn't stand the dust.

I rented a box car and moved to Childress County to a little town by the name of Carey. Rented a farm there on the halves from a Mr. Carter. He gave me two old mules and two bronc mules. The bronc mules were quite a chore for one man to try to break.

I was getting pretty low on money, and a man sold me a large steer, which I butchered. When I butchered him, I knocked him in the head with a hammer and cut his throat, but he wouldn't give up. He got up and ran about one-half mile before he fell into a fence. That was the tenderest meat that I ever ate.

I worked one hundred acres of land, with fifty acres in cotton and the other in maize, except for three acres which was in the highest cane I ever saw, and I didn't even cut it as I already had every barn full of maize. I also had maize stacked on the ground and didn't cut half of it.

All this time I was having problems with one of the bronc mules and couldn't get him broke. He pulled against the rope I had around his nose until he had two extra holes in his nose. He also kicked me several times. Oh, that mule!

I never learned how much cotton I made. I picked five bales before I gave it up, because when I sold the last bale, I only realized $1.67 for picking that whole bale of cotton. I went and told Mr. Carter, my landlord, that I couldn't afford to pick the rest of the cotton. I sold him my part of the cotton in the field for $50.00, which was the amount I owed him. I sold our chickens and guineas for money to leave on. My Dad came to stay with Myrtle while I went back to Electra to look for work.

I arrived in Electra in the fall of 1920 almost broke. I went to Mrs. Smith's Boarding House and told her my circumstances, and the good lady took me in on faith with the understanding tht I would pay her after I got a job and received my first paycheck.

I got a job roustabouting at $3.50 a day. I worked at that job a few days, then they put me to roughnecking at $4.00 a day -- 12 hours a day. I worked a few weeks and saved enough money, after paying my room and board, which was $8.00 a week, to charter a railroad car to bring my household goods to Electra. I rented a small 3 room house for $3.00 a month.

In the fall of 1921, we rented a larger house for $4.00 a month, and we lived there for several years -- I don't recall just how many. On Dec. 25, 1921 the Lord presented us with a daughter -- Doris. I shall never forget that night before Doris was born. It was Christmas Eve, and my brother-in-law and I went to town. At that time of night on Saturday night and all holiday nights, the town was full of people, and half of them was drunk. A drunk jumped on a cripple, and another drunk came into it, and he and I got into a fight. He hit me and I knocked him down, and he came up between my legs and liked to have thrown me down. I was beating him in the back when the Police arrived and told me to let him go -- so I just walked off. The Police never did know who I was, so John, my brother-in-law, and I went back to my house. Our daughter Doris was born around 3:00 AM the next morning.

We rented out two rooms to a man and wife and five year old boy. The boy turned the stove up and set fire to the house, and we lost everything we had except what we had on our backs. I was still roughnecking at the time our house burned for a man by the name of Monk Beasley. I found out that there are a lot of good people in the world. Mr. Beasley told me my time would go on until I got straightened out. Another man, a Mr. Red Gilleger, went over town and raised one hundred and thirty-five dollars for us to help set up housekeeping again. I was really thankful.

I will try to set down the facts about the different jobs I worked on and the places we lived as I recall them.

The next job I had was for the Gulf Oil Company. I worked as a pumper on the Miller lease outside of Electra. My superintendent was a man who nobody cared for. His name was Harry Bell. He had told me when he hired me that the men would swap tours (12 hours) -- we would work a month morning tour and a month evening tour. We bought a little three room house for $125.00. I don't remember what my salary was -- probably somewhere around $125.00 a month. After I had worked awhile, I don't recall just how long, Mr. Bell started making me work straight evening tour. Rather than work evening tour all the time, I sold my house and moved back to Electra.

My next job was a pumping job for Eureka Oil Company -- Worked for a man by the name of Mr. Woods. I was pumping evening tour one night and let a tank run over. The pusher told me the next day that he really had to talk to Mr. Woods to keep me from being fired. I had asked him for a straight time pumping job at Sunshine Hill a short time before this incident. Well a few days later I ran into Mr. Wood in town, and I said to him, "I guess I have messed myself up for the job at Sunshine Hill." His reply was, "Hell, anyone could run a tank over sometime, and that when the job came up, I would get it." Our son Billy was born March 12, 1928, and shortly after that, I got the job at Sunshine Hill.

We moved out there in the spring of 1928. We bought a new Whippet car -- was a pretty good little car except it had a chain drive, and after it got worn some, the chain would come off. I got to where I could put the chain back on if the night was the darkest ever. We drove the Whippet to Corpus Christi in the summer of 1928 to visit my sister, Ethel Neave. We got 32 miles to the gallon of gas. We lived at Sunshine Hill for three years, and the oil company began to double up on jobs. The man that was pumping on the lease close by had more time with the company, so they gave him my lease to pump. So -- here I go again -- We moved back to Electra once again in 1931.

Moved into a small house out near the city limits of Electra, near the Grave Yard in the fall of 1931. I got a job driving the school bus. I worked during the cotton season for the Public Weigher; His name was Sterling Gwin. I made $1.50 a day. I also worked for a Mr. Wilson, who owned a Produce House, picking turkeys and working in the cooler packing the turkeys in barrels. Mr. Wilson told me that I could pack more turkeys in a barrel than anyone he had ever seen. I had also got hold of a few rabbits and a few hens. As flour was only 75-cents for a 50 pound sack -- with my $50.00 a month, I made from the school bus driving and my extra jobs, we made it through the worst of the depression.

I finally got a job with the Magnolia Oil Company, out of town, so we moved again. We stayed there two or three years until one of my co-workers, Norman Corabelle, tried to undermine me. We had a few words and then got into a fight, and we both got fired. The superintendent did tell me he would like to keep me, and offered to transfer me to Pampa, Texas, but I didn't want to move to Pampa. So that was the end of that, and we moved back to Electra again.

I then got a job on the pipe line for the Magnolia. I worked in the gang awhile laying pipe lines, and then they put me on a pump station at Megargel, Texas. So we moved again to Olney, Texas. This was around 1935 or 1936. This job didn't last long as I was blamed for not reporting a leak in a line that was covered with snow.

I bought out a Laundry, or a Washateria, as they are called now at Megargel. The laundry was in one side of the building, and the other half was a large apartment where we lived. The business was good, and I worked at it for several months, but I had been in the oil field too long, I guess. I left Myrtle and the kids there to run the laundry while I headed for "Rattle Snake Canyon," which is near Bryson, Texas. I got a job dressing tools for Hammond Oil Company. I dressed tools for a good while, and I finally hit Mr. Hammond up for a pumping job, when they got the house built on the lease where we were drilling. We were testing a well at the time to get the potential of crude it would produce. Late in the evening, the well we were testing quit pumping. I was out in the doghouse and Mr. Hammond called for me to come out there and he said, "You claim to be a pumper so tell me what is the matter with this well." I told him it was too deep to see but I would guess it was pumped off.

I never had much trouble with the public, but a few incidents that I remember and will tell about. One man, by the name of Grady Hill, was drunk and raving at the liqour store at Kma. I got a call and went there to reason with him and get him to go home. He wouldn't listen -- called me a black s_o_b_ and everything else he could think of. I pulled my gun and slapped him on the side of the head, and he had to be taken to the hospital, but it wasn't serious.

Another incident was when we raided a little poker game one Sunday night -- had just over two hundred dollars on the table. The six men went to town and paid their fines and got their money back.

Ham Vance got beat for election of Sheriff, so that ended my job of Peace Officer until 1961, when he was re-elected, and I became his head jailer. I will tell about that later in this account.

After the lease was sold in 1959, the Continental Oil Company started a repressuring plant about three miles from where I lived. I worked as night watchman for several months, and I picked up enough scrap lumber to build me a camper on my pick-up. After I got the camper built, I gook off work for a few days and went up in Oklahoma to a lake close to Hotsprings (sic). A few weeks after I came back, Mr. Tally called me and offered me a straight time pumping job at $200.00 per month up near Moran, Texas.

I took the job and we moved to Moran. I also pumped another small lease and received $50.00 a month for that.

That was the fishinest place I ever lived. I caught more bass fish than I have ever caught in my life. Also I was fishing one morning and caught a rattle snake on my hook. I didn't know what to do with it, so I reeled him in and got a stick and killed it.

We moved to Iowa Park in the fall of 1961. Bought a house for $4,000.00. Ham Vance had been re-elected sheriff of Wichita and he gave me the job of head jailer. After about a month, he turned the kitchen over to me. I had to buy the groceries and over see the help, mostly trustees, in the kitchen.

While working as jailer, I cut one man down that had hanged himself with his belt. I used a pocket knife to cut him down. Another time an alcoholic died on a bunk, and he had such a grip on the springs of the bunk that I liked to have never got his hands pried loose.

I had to take a prisoner to the dentist one day, and on the way back to the jail, he ran around a car parked in the street. I had to pull my gun on him and he came back to me like a little lamb. That taught me to never take a prisoner out without handcuffs on.

I learned while working as a jailer that the hardest people to handle were drunk women. I remember one day a fellow officer and I were called out to pick up a drunk woman. We had to set on her in the back seat until we got her to jail, and it took both of us to carry her upstairs to jail.

Around 1962 or 1963 we had a shake up in the department. Ham Vance had gotten young again -- took up with another woman (he was married). She was an inmate in our jail for a long time. She was a nice looking woman, and I guess Ham just couldn't resist the pressure she put on him. He took her on long trips with him, and he spent company money on her. They caught up with him, and he was fired and had to stand trial. He got three years in the penitentiary; He was never locked up while he was there. I don't uphold what Ham done -- I know he did wrong, but to my way of thinking, he was the best sheriff that Wichita County ever had.

The commissioners appointed his chief deputy to act as sheriff. He cleaned house and a lot of us lost our jobs.

I then went to work for the police department here in Iowa Park. I worked extra for several months as dispatcher, then went to patroling. I worked there about four years, and as they wouldn't raise my salary, I checked it to them and retired. I was around 70 or 72 years old by that time.

I mowed yards for several widow women and businesses here in Iowa Park. I usually made about $2,200.00 a year.

Sometime in January of 1979 we found that Myrtle had deteriation in her hips. One worse than the other. It kept getting worse, and the doctor didn't recommend surgery because of her age. We got her a walking cane, and she was walking pretty good with it until September, 1979, when she fell out the back door and off the back steps. I had gone to town to get her some thread (she was mending a split in our car seat). When I came home, she was lying on the ground and I couldn't get her up. I called the police and they called an ambulance for me. Took her to the hospital and her hip was broken. She stayed in the hospital eighteen days, and then went to the nursing home for thirty days. I brought her home and hired a woman to help care for her. But five weeks later she somehow broke the same hip about one or two inches below the first break. Also the pin that was put in the first surgery was broken. So back to the hospital she went and had another surgery. She only stayed two weeks this time, and then back to the nursing home for four or five weeks. I hired a lady, Margie Faroe (sic), to stay and care for her for six hours a day. Myrtle's two surgeries so close together really affected her mentally -- she couldn't remember anything for any length of time. She had to be watched all the time -- she would forget she couldn't walk. We made it pretty good for about a year, and then it got to where I couldn't take care of her at night. She kept me awake some nights all night. It was the most sad of my life when I had to admit that I could no longer take care of her, and had to take her back to the nursing home. That was in 1980, and that is where she is at this writing. Her physical condition is good (for her age) as far as I know. She is crippled with arthritis and is in a wheel chair. I go and visit with her real often, and I always take her something to eat such as pie (that I make), watermellon, candy, etc. I am thankful that I am still able to drive.

I have tried to keep things going here at home. I have a woman come in and clean my house twice a month, but am going to start having her come once a week soon.

We bring Myrtle down to the house when Doris comes up. It is hard to tell whether she knows where she is or not. Sometimes she thinks she is at Doris' house because we used to go there quite often when she was well.

I made a small garden this year (1983). I grew some sweet corn that was over 10 feet high. Got down in my back and had to dig my potatoes and onions on my hands and knees. I can't hold out to walk very far anymore without my cane.

I have brought this account up as good as I remember things. This is July 28, 1983, and time is 10 PM.

I have been studying over the past for a few days and realize that I had left out a few incidents that happened in my life. I will add them.

The first incident happened while we lived at Cary in Childress County. The house we lived in had those old red and blue stinging scorpions in it -- they were behind the wallpaper, and I would get an ice pick and stick them and kill them through the paper. We were in the cellar one night, and was just sitting when I looked around, and there was the largest one I had ever seen crawling around on the cellar floor. I cut him in two with my knife.

I was hauling a bale of cotton one day, and one of my old mules balked on me and wouldn't pull a pound. I undid the breast yoke and knocked the old mule down with it. He lay there a minute or two and then got up, and I hooked him back up to the wagon, and that old mule pulled the whole wagon by himself for a little while.

Another incident that I remember was in the latter part of the depression. I had hired out to a man on Beaver Creek on the Nance farm to break, sow, and harvest three hundred acres of wheat. The weather was so dry that the wheat didn't even sprout. So as there wasn't any wheat to harvest we had to move back to Electra again.

I got a job for the Fair and Magarle. We bought a little house on Beaver Creek. We lived there about two years, and then the company doubled up on the work, and I was laid off. Moved back to Electra.

We rented a house in Electra for $6.00 a month, and as this was during the depression, and jobs were hard to find, I just had to work at anything I could get. I worked for the Constable as deputy a while. I didn't draw a salary; I just got so much for every arrest and fine.

One incident happened while I worked for the Constable at Electra, I would like to write abut. The Constable, another deputy, and I was hunting for a whiskey still in Waggoner's pasture -- which was up near Vernon. We found it about three o'clock in the morning -- three barrels of mash, just ready to cook off. The Constable decided he wouldn't bother it, but watch and try to catch the ones it belonged to. We went back to town, and got another man to go with us out there to watch the gate to the pasture. The three of us went into the pasture about a mile and saw a man riding horseback guarding the still. We didn't know what to do. The burner under the still wasn't burning right, and the boy, a high school boy by the name of George Ellis, went down to the still to help fix it. While he was down there we made our move. The Constable said one of us had to go down and come up the canyon where the still was. He finally told me to go. That was the longest two hundred yards I ever saw. I finally got up to where I could make my move, I got up and ran to where they were and hollered for them to give up. Then they started to run and the oldest boy fell, and the other one ran right out of the canyon to where the Constable was waiting. I pulled my gun and shot a couple of times up in the air. The boy said, "Don't shoot him" -- the other boy. The District Attorney wouldn't file on the high school boy because he was captain of the football team. The oldest boy got three years suspended sentence.

Some more incidents I remember happened back in 1917.

The first was when I went out to Monday (sic), Texas to pick cotton brother, Terrell Sargent. I picked cotton all that fall with my sousin, Carrol Sargent, who was out there to pick cotton also. He lived in Hoehitown, Oklahoma, and when we got through with the cotton, he asked me to go home with him for a visit. While I was there, he got me to go to a dance one night. We walked through the woods and arrived at the place where the dance was. We went inside and I wasn't used to seeing what I saw -- the people there had their whiskey jugs sitting on the tables. I was dressed Texas style -- jeans and a large hat, and everyone sure gave me the once over. I told my cousin I was getting out of there

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EARNEST E. SARGENT
. . . always took pride in his gardens.

JOHN WESLEY MATTHEWS HOME AT WEST END OF POE STREET
. . . built in 1901, burned 1924, rebuilt an present home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gay.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN WESLEY MATTHEWS

Surprise Marriages Occur at Lawton

Miss Thelma Matthews and Mr. Otis M. Gay, of Iowa Park, and Miss Vivian Smith of this city and Mr. John G. Larsen, of Chesterville, surprised their friends Friday afternoon by motoring to Lawton, Oklahoma and being married there. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D.D. Peterson, a Methodist minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay are well known young people of this community. The bride is a graduate of the high school here, and taught one year at Panhandle and last year at Valley View. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Matthews. Mr. Gay is the son of Mrs. J.A. Dearkin, and is employed in the oil field north of the city. They will continue to make their home here.

Mrs. Larson taught school at Chesterville last year, where she became acquainted with the young man who came Friday to make her his wife. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.S. Smith, and a graduate of the high school here. Mr. Larsen is a farmer who has been assisting his father on a nice farm at Chesterville. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen left Tuesday for their south Texas home.

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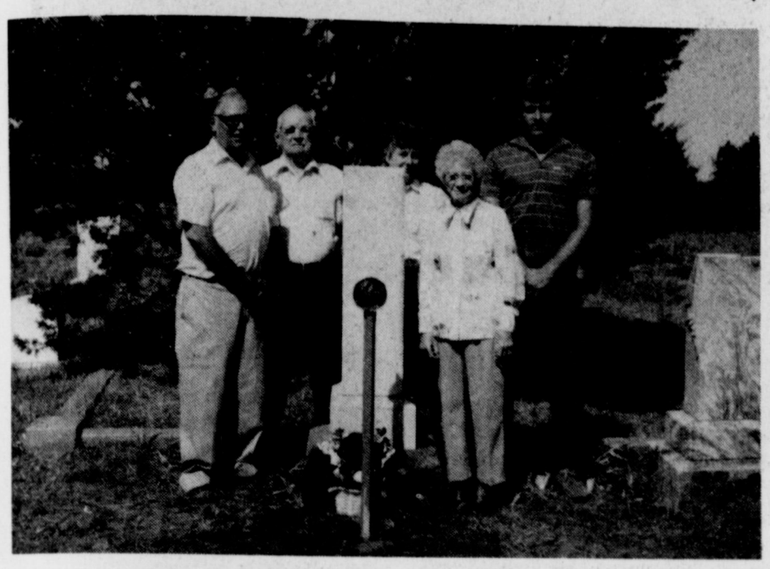
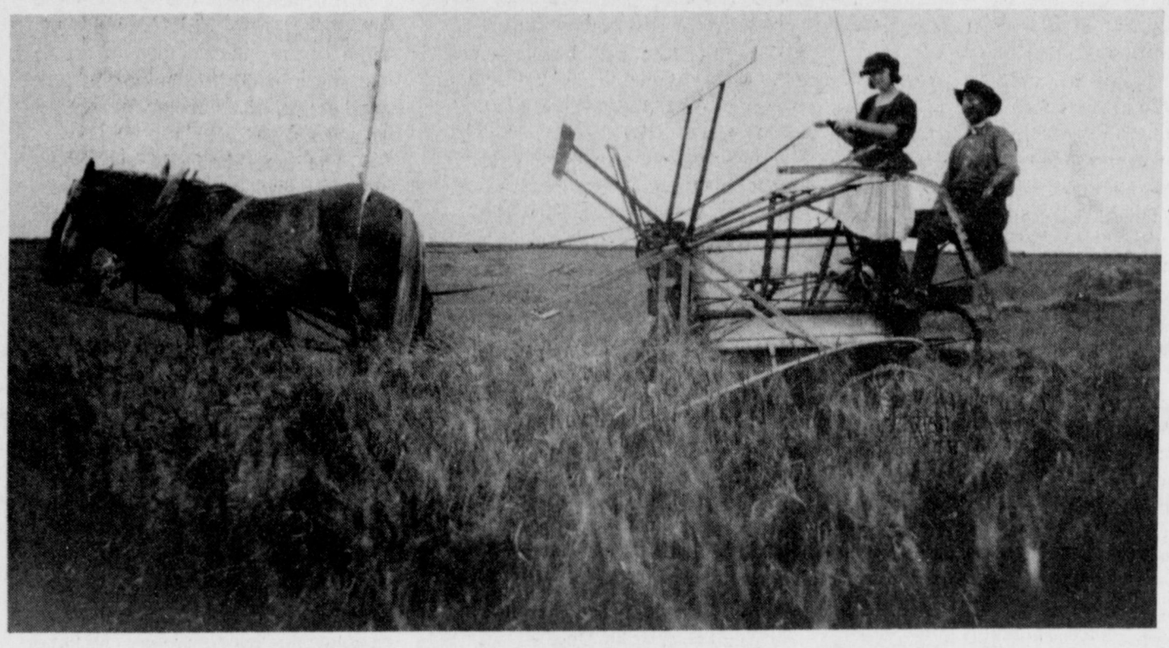


GATHERING AT BEAVER CREEK CEMETERY
. . . from left, Rev. Bruce Matthews, J.L. Matthews, Patsy Gay Montgomery, Thelma M. Gay and Neal Montgomery.



THELMA (GAY) AND FATHER JOHN WESLEY MATTHEWS CUTTING WHEAT

Four Injured in Car Wreck

Last Saturday evening, a collision occured on the highway between Wichita Falls and Iowa Park. A car belonging to Rass Currie sideswiped the car driven by Roy Carlton. The occupants of the car were not seriously injured. Bill Culbirth of Holliday was given first aid treatment at Wichita General Hospital, and was released the following morning. The others injured, Miss Nina Ruth McKelvey, Rass Currie and Elmer Taylor, were attended by Dr. Gordon Clark.

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Baxter

By Marie B. Gouchie

J.M. Baxter came to Iowa Park with his family in 1916. They didn't plan for Iowa Park to be their home. They came only for the summer, from Millsap, where Mr. Baxter conducted a General Mercantile Store. They were in route to a newly acquired cattle and grain ranch in the panhandle of Oklahoma, known as Eva, in Texas County, Oklahoma, between Guyman and Texoma.

Since the summer was to be a waiting period until possession of the ranch in the fall, the family and Mr. Baxter spent the summer in Iowa Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Owen and their family lived here. Mrs. Owen was Jim Baxter's sister. Their family consisted of Ermagene, Cleta and Gervis Owen, known as "Chubby" Owen. S.A. Baxter, a brother of Jim's, and his wife and family, a son, Dick, and daughters Deon and Almarie, also lived in Iowa Park, which was a small village at that time, but a lively one.

It was about the time World War I began, and the oil business was beginning to boom.

In the early fall of 1916, the J.M. Baxter family left Iowa Park for the Oklahoma ranch. In 1918 for health and high altitude reasons, sold the ranch and returned to Texas.

He opened a market, selling groceries, meats, produce, and feed in the corner store known as the Overbey-Troutman Building. That big block building still stands today, still looking much like it did in 1918 and before.

Mr. Baxter raised his family of 13 children in Iowa Park.

Only one was born in Iowa Park, in 1918. Eugene Baxter, who served as a Cadet Lt. in World War II, owned Triangle Cleaners in Irving. He married Reba Nicols, and they had two sons Mark and Gene. Eugene died in 1967.

Howard Baxter graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1933, and served as a Private in the U.S. Army. He was an airplane mechanic, behind the battle line in France. He received injuries in a motorcycle accident two days after the war ended.

He was employed as a salesman by Mike Baxter, International Harvester dealer, in Electra and Vernon, until Mike Baxter retired to his farm in Punkin Center about 1965. Then Howard sold cars for Mr. Ed Hart, and later for the late Mr. O.Z. Lee. Upon the death of Mr. Lee, he retired, and now lives in Electra. He has a wife, two daughters and one son, and grandchildren.

The eldest son of J.M. and Sarah Baxter was a Baptist preacher. Rev. Chester A. Baxter graduated from Oklahoma Baptist Univ. at Shawnee. He pastored City View Baptist Church, his last church after coming to Wichita Falls. He has a son and a daughter by his first wife, whom he lost through death. In 1930, while he was pastor of Lory Memorial Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, he and his second wife, Viole McClosky, were married. They had three daughters. His widow and one daughter still reside in Wichita Falls.

Clyde Baxter started the first tailor shop in Iowa Park in 1916, before he entered OBU in Shawnee, Okla. He was in the U.S. Army, serving as Private. He opened Baxter's Cleaners in Wichita Falls, and operated it until his death in 1980. The cleaners still carries his name under the new ownership.

Mike Baxter began his career as chauffeur for Mr. Tom Burnett at the age of 18. Later he was a motorcycle patrolman between Iowa Park and Wichita Falls. Then he operated Baxter's Cleaners in Electra, the International Harvester dealership in Electra and Vernon, until he retired to his farm in Punkin Center in 1965. He died in 1985.

Omar Baxter, known as Jimmy, operated his meat market and grocery in Wichita Falls until his death in 1971.

Joe Mincey Baxter owned Baxter Cleaners in Iowa Park from 1956 until 1971, when he retired for health reasons. He and his first wife, Birdie, had two daughters, Carolyn of Richardson, and Naomi of Palestine, Tex. Birdie died in the 1940's. Later he married Era Mae Croft, who had two daughters, Sioux and Jeanetta, by a former marriage. Joe died in 1975, and Era Mae still lives in Iowa Park.

A.Z. Baxter, known as Buddy, became a psycologist practicing in Los Angeles, Calif. until he retired and moved to Wichita Falls in 1977. He died in 1981.

There remains only three of the J.M. Baxter children, Howard of Electra, Kathryn, a resident patient of Bivins Memorial Nursing Home in Amarillo, and Marie Baxter Schermer Gouchie of Wichita Falls.

Marie is the former owner of National Advertising Co. She retired in 1939 and moved to Florida, returning to Wichita Falls after her husband, Edward Schermer, passed away in 1972. She is the mother of Barbara Sharma, a well-known actress of TV and Broadway stage. Barbara is now teaching TV and commercial advertising, privately and at UCLA, and TV Actors Guild Studio in Hollywood. She continues to do TV commercials and radio voice in Los Angeles and New York.

Marie married the late Wm. G. Gouchie in 1973. He died in 1975. She is the only member of the J.M. Baxter family now living in Wichita Falls.

Blanche Baxter attended Iowa Park High School and graduated in 1922. She married Jack Stewart. She was the mother of Jack Kenneth Stewart, now living in Grand Prairie.

There were two Baxter daughters who never lived in Iowa Park. Beulah Davis, who had three sons and one daughter. Viva Lee Cook, who had one daughter.

So J.M. Baxter and Etta Seago Baxter were contributors to the growth and development of Iowa Park during this century, and were proud to be among the early residents.

BAXTER FAMILY GATHERS FOR MOTHER'S FUNERAL
. . . eleven children of Mrs. Sarah Baxter gathered in March of 1947 for the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Sara Etta Baxter.

Sargent

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as there had been several revenue men killed in that valley. They raised corn there by the gallon instead of the bushel.

The next day I got my Uncle John to take me over to my Uncle Joe Sargent's house at Grannis, Arkansas. The older folks there were the most sincere people anywhere. While we were on our way there Uncle John turned to me and said, "Ernest, do you want to chew my cud awhile?" Guess you know what I said. All the older people back then chewed sweet gum from Fir trees.

My Uncle Joe came home for a few days from the oilfields in Louisiana. He was a rotary driller, and he wanted me to go back with him when he left. Of course I went. We were sleeping in a large tent with a bunch of other guys. I went to the show one night, and it was late when I came in. I was pulling off my clothes, and I looked about two cots over, and a man had a six-shooter pointed right at me. I had some explaining to do. I left and went down to Granbury nearly broke the next morning.

This was written for my children and grandchldren and has been an interesting experience for me. I hope it will be interesting for you to read. And may God bless all of you.
Written by - Ernest E. Sargent
/s/ E.E. Sargent
104 Alamada (sic)
Iowa Park, Texas
1983 at age 88

Chamber Notes

Newcomers welcomed by the Chamber of Commerce this past week included:

Louis Hightower, 101 W. Lafayette.

Ronnie B. Bills, 608 South Victoria.

T.E. Shelton, 709 West Coleman.

Mrs. John Baker, 506 East Bank.

Allyn R. Miner, 1121 West Louisa.

M.J. Brandt, 417 West Washington.

Harry Lewis, 1113 Lincoln Dr.

Those who have been assisting recently in the library have been Patricia Saloman, Mrs. Bob Dawson, Mary Helen Wallis, Frances Gibbs, Beverly Birk, Cathy Clark, Elaine Sawyer and Mrs. Wayne House.

Reprint Iowa Park News, August 30, 1962

Don Your Stripes Or Pay Your Fine

Better dig out that striped shirt and if you don't have one, beg, borrow, buy or just naturally swipe one, for beginning Tuesday, September 10, anyone appearing on the downtown streets minus this regalia will be subject to a fine, said fine to be collected by the Lion's Club. Last week only three Lions were able to escape the fine. George Jones is tail twister and official fine take-upper. Better look out or the vigilantes will get you and Judge Palm has promised to mete out additional punishment to all and sundry who fail to appear dressed in Fair regalia.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, September 5, 1940

Arch Hughes Heads Chamber

New C. of C. president for 1967 is Arch Hughes. John Sibley is vice-president; Bill Robinson, 2nd vice-president.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland is secretary.

Directors are Loys Barbour, Jack Bogan, Donald Schram, A.K. Settle, O.N. Newman, Earl Watson, Hughes and Robinson.

The Chamber has some new office furniture, consisting of two settees and two chairs. Jack Bogan helped with this.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald, December 15, 1966

RALPH SISK WITH ASSISTANT LOOK OVER BULLET'S ACCURACY

Sisk Bullets were sold to sportsmen over world

By Lita Huggins Watson

Ralph Sisk made the small community of Iowa Park famous on several continents according to an article in The American Rifleman of August, 1970. He lived to become a legend in his own time by making high quality .22 caliber bullets. Highly skilled and largely self-taught, his goal was always perfection.

Sisk started making bullets in 1931 because others available did not meet his exacting standards. At first he only made bullets for himself, experimenting as he went to find the best jackets and cores. When the depression made it impossible for him to make a living as an oilfield truck driver, he decided to market his bullets. He spent $4 for an ad in The American Rifleman and got $8 worth of bullet orders. But that was only the beginning.

In 1937, he shipped approximately 600,000 bullets to four continents and after 38 years in business his total production was in the neighborhood of twenty-million.

Starting first in a building constructed behind his home, he later moved to a frame building just south of the railroad at 101 South Bond, eventually opening a store to market his products. Trophy heads and autographed photographs of well known hunters lined the walls.

His bullets, created for hard hitting Hornet, Lovell and Express rifles, accurate up to 800 yards, would blast holes through boiler plate at more than 100 yards. Sisk's process consisted of using purchased copper jackets, made to his specifications, and filling them with lead. This process involved cutting a core from lead wire of the proper diameter which had been run through a sizing die. The sized core was then run into a swagging die to be shaped to final form.

Sisk devised his own core-making methods and machinery and with them he could turn out up to 10,000 extremely uniform cores per day. The only power tool he used was one to pack the finished cores into the jackets, one which he built from an old washing machine.

Packing and labeling the bullets was another hand operation. Sisk designed and built an adjustable scale to weigh each order instead of having to count the shells.

Ralph Sisk married Nell King in 1918. For many years the Sisks made hunting trips in which the bullets were put to the test. Their children are Ralph Jr., Ann Sisk Brothers and Betty Sisk. Mr. Sisk died Jan. 30, 1970. Mrs. Sisk died several years later.

Carefully designed and critically inspected, the Sisk bullet became known all over the world as the best.

JOHN B. BARBOUR SR.

Obituary tells history of oil field trucking

Funeral service was conducted for Mr. John Buchanan Barbour sr., 63, well known business and church and civic leader of this area, Saturday, Jan. 13, at 2:30 p.m. in the Christian church with Rev. Claude McDonald, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Highland cemetery under direction of Tanner Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Boyt Smith, John Mixon, Paul Craft, Everett Stephenson, Rollins Woodall, Loyd Bell.

Mr. Barbour, known to a host of friends through the nation as just "John Barbour," died at his home, 306 E. Washington, Thursday night following several years of ill health.

Born Oct. 25, 1898, in Normal, Okla., he came to Iowa Park in 1911 with his parents the late Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Barbour and family.

They settled on a farm east of town. John was graduated from IPHS in 1915 and attended Decatur Baptist college in 1915. In 1916 he transferred to Oklahoma A and M college. In his junior and senior years he attended the University of Oklahoma in 1917-18, where he received the BS degree in engineering and geology.

Mr. Barbour served in both World Wars. Following World War I he returned to Iowa Park and started the John B. Barbour Trucking company in 1919.

John truly was a trail blazer in the oilfield hauling industry. At that time trucks were just beginning to replace wagons and teams in moving oilfield equipment.

Barbour started with one truck and drove it himself. In 1924 he added two trucks and by 1925 was operating nine trucks, doing all kinds of oilfield work, including stringing hundreds of miles of pipeline in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Since that time the John B. Barbour Trucking Company has grown under his leadership and with the help of many good men who have been associated with him. The company trucks now operate all over the United States and Canada.

During World War II, Barbour served as a major in the army in England with the engineering corps.

John was married to Miss Verna Lindsey, a high school class mate, Jan. 22, 1921, who has been his constant companion and co-worker. She helped to keep the business going while John and their son J.B. were in the armed services during World War II.

Mr. Barbour was a longtime member of the Christian church. He served in many places in the church: as chairman of the board three times, as a deacon and later as an elder and trustee. He was chairman of the building committee for the present church plant and of the parsonage building committee.

He served at one time as teacher of the men's Sunday School class. With rare ability and complete devotion John Barbour gave of himself time and financial assistance to the church he loved.

Barbour served Iowa Park and Wichita Falls in civic and community affairs. He was a former mayor here; past president of the Chamber of Commerce; and three times president of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair. He served on the foods committee for Pioneer Day since 1938 and was instrumental in starting the Junior Livestock department and construction of the junior livestock building and of the front ticket office at the Fair grounds. He was a longtime director and at time of death one of the vice-presidents of the T-O Fair.

In Wichita Falls he was a life member of the Rotary club active in the North Texas Oil and Gas association served two terms as president of the Texas Area Council of Boys Clubs of America, a former director of the Oilfield Haulers association, member of TMTA and American Trucking association.

John was a director of the Wichita County Water Improvement District and was on the Voluntary Parole Board of this county.

He was a member of the Gem and Mineral Society. As a rock hobbyist, he made many beautiful items from rocks and gave them to his friends.

Mr. Barbour became interested in Aberdeen Angus cattle in recent years and now the Barbours have some of the best Angus cattle at their Hilltop ranch northeast of town. He was a past president of North Texas Angus association. In 1959 Mr. and Mrs. Barbour were awarded the Outstanding Farm Family trophy from the local Chamber of Commerce.

In his busy life John Barbour was never too busy to help the youth of this area and encouraged them to become good citizens.

Surviving are the widow; a son J.B. Barbour jr.; a daughter Mrs. W.D. Kitchell of Weslaco; three sisters: Mrs. Guy Hawkins of Bartlesville Okla.; Dr. Helen Barbour, assistant dean of home economics, Oklahoma State university, Stillwater, and Mrs. Edith Bray of Norman; three brothers: Wayne of Oklahoma City, Ed and Bob of Norman; and six grandchildren.

Reprint Iowa Park Herald January 18, 1962

Hotels were vital in early Iowa Park

By Lita Huggins Watson

For 64 years the three-story, red brick Park Hotel dominated the intersection of Wall and Cash Streets. Built in the hey days of the oil boom, it not only housed temporary and permanent residents but contained offices for doctors and other businesses. The manager also served as dispatcher for city fire and police for many years.

Mrs. A.O. Beall, who managed the hotel from 1950 until it closed in 1968, recalled that to alert the town's sole policeman, she flipped a switch. When the officer saw the light on top of the hotel, he would come to her office to determine the source of the emergency. Mrs. Beall activated the siren for fire calls and then ran across the street to the fire station to provide details as volunteer firemen responded to the call.

The hotel provided accomodations for visitors to the Texas-Oklahoma Fair and to the rodeos of Tom Burnett's ranch, as well as other special occasions of the community. For many years it was a popular place for Sunday dinner for the town's residents.

Douglass McBride was the first manager and principal stockholder. Shares in the unincorporated Park Hotel Company sold for $100 each. Howell brothers owned the property in the late 1920s. It was later deeded to W.F. George in payment of money owed him. The last owner was his widow and she donated the property to the city of Iowa Park in 1980 to benefit the public library. Weather severely deteriorated the building in its last years and renovation plans proved too costly. Bill Gilmore offered to tear down the structure, which was a potential safety hazzard, and the demolition occurred in 1981.

In contrast to the long life of this building was the short life of the first hotel, The Cameron. General Grenville M. Dodge released Block Z of the original townsite to the Iowa Park Hotel Company in October 1888 provided that a hotel be constructed within six months. The hotel company was comprised of David C. Kolp and wife, Jennie; Andrew J. Kolp and wife, Lucy; and Edward R. Kolp and wife, Elizabeth. Edward was the son of David Kolp.

Primary purpose of this hotel was to furnish lodging for prospective land buyers arriving from other states on the newly-constructed Fort Worth and Denver City Railway. It also served as a social center for area residents. Promotional material for the hotel fictionalized it to some extent, promising that the proposed hotel would contain all the modern conveniences, such as electricity, which did not come to Iowa Park until 1915. Pioneer D.L. Ligon described it as "a pretty good sized building which could accomodate about 25 boarders. It had running water, only a pitcher of water and a basin to wash in. No heat on the second floor and cold mornings I would have to break the ice in the pitcher before bathing my face and hands." Rates were $30 per month for room and board. Kate Stone Emmanuel recalled staying here when she arrived with her family on Christmas Day, 1889.

The Cameron was located in Block Z, boundaries for which were Wall, Cash, Bond and Bank Streets. Although the exact location is not known, it was probably across from the park and the railroad station, facing south, just west of the present First Christian Church. The hotel burned about 1893.

When Tom Corridon Jr., who was born in 1889, was growing up in Iowa Park, his parents, Tom Sr. and Margaret, owned the Commercial Hotel which they had purchased from a Mrs. Tucker. The hotel, located on South Yosemite facing the railroad, consisted of living quarters for the family downstairs and about eight rooms upstairs for guests. Tom Junior's mother did the cooking and he remembered Colonel Specht, who founded the town of Clara, hunting antelope and bringing it to his mother to cook.

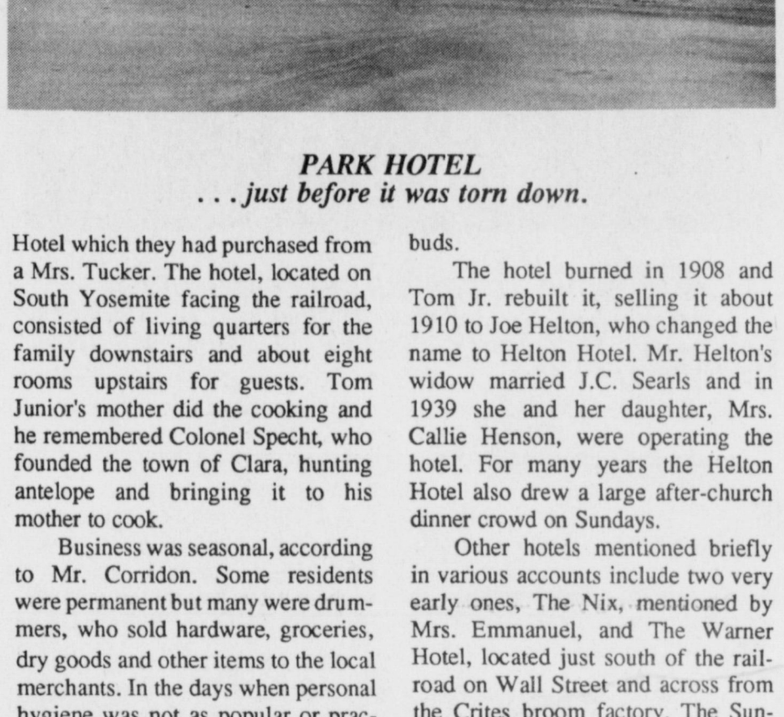
Business was seasonal, according to Mr. Corridon. Some residents were permanent but many were drummers, who sold hardware, groceries, dry goods and other items to the local merchants. In the days when personal hygiene was not as popular or practical as it is today, bed bugs and lice were the scourge of the early-day traveler and the conscientous hoteler, alike. Tom Jr. recounted his job of taking the bedsteads apart in the yard and treating with something called corrosive supplemate to rid the bed of buds.

The hotel burned in 1908 and Tom Jr. rebuilt it, selling it about 1910 to Joe Helton, who changed the name to Helton Hotel. Mr. Helton's widow married J.C. Searls and in 1939 she and her daughter, Mrs. Callie Henson, were operating the hotel. For many years the Helton Hotel also drew a large after-church dinner crowd on Sundays.

Other hotels mentioned briefly in various accounts include two very early ones, The Nix, mentioned by Mrs. Emmanuel, and The Warner Hotel, located just south of the railroad on Wall Street and across from the Crites broom factory. The Sunshine Hotel, at 204 East Jefferson, was here later.

During the oil boom days people lived in tents until better housing was available.

The last hotel is gone from Iowa Park, but the memories linger on.



PARK HOTEL
. . . just before it was torn down.

BEAVER CREEK CEMETERY MONUMENT
. . . honors pioneer circuit riders at turn of century.

Iowa Park Teachers Injured In Accident

Misses Zola Miller and Grace Lindsey were victims of a car wreck near Vernon, Sunday night. The two were returning from a visit to Chillicothe, when the car, driven by Miss Lindsey, collided with an approaching car.

The injured were rushed to the Kings Hospital in Vernon. Miss Kindsey was released from the hospital, but Miss Miller will be retained for several days.

Her friends are wishing for her, a speedy recovery.

Reprint Iowa Park Enterprise, February 15, 1935

Circuit-riding preachers important to pioneers

By Lita Huggins Watson

In the days when travel was difficult in this sparsely-settled area, some of the religious ministry was conducted by circuit-rider preachers. Since congregations were very small, they could not afford a resident pastor and shared a traveling minister with many other fledgling churches.

As the preacher traveled, he would preach on Sundays and perform marriages and baptize converts. Traveling by horseback, he stayed in the homes of members of the congregation. Usually, he received a small stipend from settlements along his circuit, or regular path.

In 1960, a monument was dedicated to the circuit-riding ministers who served the Beaver Creek area in the southwest part of Wichita County.

Honored ministers and their dates of service were: J.W. Campbell, 1880 (a Baptist who preached the first sermon in Wichita County); D.J. Powell, 1882 (grandfather of Thelma Matthews Gay); J.T. Hasmer, 1883; A.P. Smith, 1884; Casey, 1885; S.O. Gafford, 1887; A.B. Trimble, 1888; L.G. Rogers, 1891; T.J. Minnis, 1893; C.C. Williams, 1895 (great-grandfather of Delbert Todd); I.N. Crutchfield, 1898 (Iowa Park Methodist minister); C.C. Davis, 1900 (father of Eunice Sewell and Iowa Park Methodist minister and post master); F.L. McGeehee, 1906; E.H. Coburn, 1908; T.E. Cannon, 1911, and G.R. Slagle, 1912.

First burial in Highland Cemetery dates 1883

Information for this article was compiled by former Historian for the Cemetery Association, Alma Francis. She has worked extremely hard to compile this information and we are all grateful. Mary Anne Gilmore has also helped greatly with this research.

In the fall of 1883, R.B. Andrews and his wife, "C.A.," chose a spot atop the highest available hill just north of the present town of Iowa Park, Texas. There, they dug a tiny grave and laid to rest the body of their 13-month-old baby girl.

Nothing more is known of the Andrews family. There are no records of deeds or taxes in their name locally. Speculation is that they may have been farming in the area, perhaps on that very land. Their baby may or may not have been the first burial on the hill. Due to it's style, it is obvious that the stone marker on the site was placed there years later. By the time it was erected, there is no doubt that Highland Cemetery had been established; as numerous stones stood in the vicinity. Yet, none show an earlier date of burial than that of "Grace L. Andrews, Aug. 27, 1882 to Oct. 4, 1883".

The "Southeast Corner of Section 11" was a portion of land that had passed from the State of Texas to the Tarrant County School District on Aug. 12, 1857. This transaction and later ones refer to Abstract #282, which, upon research, it was found is not a written document.

During a special term of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court in Fort Worth Feb. 22, 1887, Mr. W.E. Brothen was appointed "Agent of the Court," for the purpose of selling Tarrant County School Lands in Wichita County North Texas. Among those sales was that of 160 acres described as "The Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Tarrant County School Lands" to a Mr. A.J. Kolp, Oct. 6, 1888. Mr. Kolp paid $3.50 per acre for this land.

The following year, the year old son of another local land owner, George T. Bevin, was buried on the hill near the Andrews grave.

This indicated that the land was in use as a cemetery, or that Mr. Kolp was in the process of developing the area as such.

The stone of "L.M. Bevin, son of G.T. and R.I. Bevin, July 10, 1888 to Dec. 25, 1889," bears the second oldest date of burial in Highland Cemetery.

A few months later, Mr. Bevin became the first person every recorded to have purchased a lot in Highland Cemetery. As a matter of fact, nine sales in all were recorded as having been made by A.J. Kolp prior to the cemetery being formally platted and documented. Those sales were as follows: Geo. T. Bevin, W.W. Culver, E.M. Anglin and W.B. Flippen, A.J. Ahlwardt, Andrew Weeth, Matilda Stevens, O.D. Pace, J.W. Carlin, and Eliza Short. Many of these sales were not recorded for several years, and there were some that were not recorded at all, no doubt. These sales were recorded between May 25, 1891 and Dec. 5, 1894.

A.J. Kolp had to have had the layout of the cemetery planned before selling the lots, as the blocks and lot numbers were defined on the deeds. Yet, for some reason, the combination Plat/Document was dated Aug. 3, 1891 and was recorded on Aug. 11, 1891.

Thus, Highland Cemetery was officially established, apparently named by Mr. Kolp.

Subsequent lot sales recorded by A.J. Kolp were E. Phelps, John Sales, Mrs. N.A. Matthews, C.A. Peterson, Mrs. C. Brubaker, C.M. Thompson, and Neil Johnson. These purchases all took place between May 25, 1891 and Dec. 5, 1894. Multiple burials in other locations were made during this time.

Within a few years, A.J. Kolp found himself unable to keep up with debts created in amassing of lands, and had several judgements filed against him, along with several others. In an attempt to settle some of these debts, he sold this property, excluding only those lots that had already been sold, to a relative C.D. Kolp for $1.00.

Therefore D.C. Kolp became the second owner of this property and only one lot sale was recorded, to Mr. W.A. Jones, Dec. 12, 1895.

Obviously, D.C. Kolp was also unable to salvage the holdings, and consequently surrendered the unsold cemetery lots, along with a great deal of property in Iowa Park, to a Mr. C.H. Silliman for a total of $10, on Nov. 22, 1898. Mr. Silliman lived in Fort Worth, where he was a trustee for the Land Mortgage Bank of Texas. It is unclear how he managed the few cemetery lot sales recorded during his ownership. These sales were to Hinton Smith, I.H. Cain, C.K. Faison, and W.C. Moberly. These transactions were made between 1897 and 1899.

Locally, the residents became very impatient with Mr. Silliman, and his long distance management of the property. A meeting of lot owners was held during which a committee, composed of Andrew Weeth, W.C. Moberly, and W.A. Brownell, was authorized to write Silliman a letter and demand some changes. This was done and the original copy of this letter is still in existence in the records.

Meanwhile, Silliman had moved to New York. From there, he retained ownership to the cemetery when he sold the rest of the property to Mr. Charles Birk, June 17, 1902.

Another fifteen months passed without any recorded sales before Mr. Silliman finally sold the 10 acres of the cemetary to a united group of lot owners. Mrs. Jesse Tanner, W.R. Ferguson, W.C. Moberly, C.H. Clark and Andrew Weeth. The sale price was $275.

This was the beginning of the Highland Cemetery Association which exists today.

In recent years a Memorial Building has been built at the top of the hill through contributions and volunteer labor.

Bill Gilmore serves as president of the Association, and is assisted in his responsibility by a staff of lot owner officers and a board of directors.

OLD BANK BUILDING AND TANNER BUILDING, BEFORE STREET PAVING

Banking in Iowa Park dates back to 1891

By Lita Huggins Watson

The earliest reference to local banks is in the Texas Bank Directory of 1891. The Exchange Bank names L.T. Carr, President, and G.S. DeWolf, Cashier. The Iowa Park Bank lists D.C. Kolp, President, and Nathan P. Boothe, Cashier. Herman Specht was listed as a vice president of the Panhandle National Bank of Wichita Falls.

Names mentioned in connection with the 1900 organization of the First National Bank of Iowa park are: Charles Birk, John Hirschi, Ben and W.R. Ferguson and J.M. Whitmore. First National Bank occupied the two-story red brick building on the southwest corner of Wall and Park.

First State Bank was organized in 1919 with a capital of $25,000. Officers were L.N. Lochridge, President; A.C. Golden, Vice President, and W.B. Sisk, Assistant Cashier.

A half-page ad in the Wichita Daily Times, Jan. 18, 1931, listed the following as officers of First National Bank: President, John C. Murphree; Vice Presidents, John Hirschi, J.F. Boyd, Tom Corridon; Cashier, Carroll Duke; Assistant Cashiers, H.A. Mills, Miss Dosia Smith; Stenographer, Miss Viola Smith; Bookkeepers, Carl Hoffman, D.H. Thomasson. The directors were Charles Birk, Boyd, T.L. Burnett, Corridon, C.H. Clark, W.F. George, Hirschi, Murphree, J.D. Overbey and J.A. Tanner.

After a record number of bank failures in 1931, President Roosevelt declared a bank holiday in 1932 in the midst of the worst economic depression to envelop this country. On May 14, 1932, First State Bank consolidated with First National Bank to become State National Bank. Deposits were $258,000, capital and surplus, $60,000. John Hirschi was President, F.E. "Red" Hill, Vice President, with Herman Mills, Cashier.

Carroll Duke was President of the bank in 1938.

In 1959 the bank moved into its new $100,000 facility at 104 W. Park St. with deposits of $3,718,488 and capital surplus of $307,000. The officers were F.E. Hill, President; W.A. George, Vice President; Mildred Traylor, Cashier; and Roberta Hill, Assistant Cashier.

Cleo A. Nipper became President of the bank in May 1962 and was joined by his brother, H.M. Nipper, on the Board of Directors. W.A. George was Vice President and other members of the board were J.W. Van Horn, Earle L. Denny, and C.E. Birk. F.E. Hill accepted the position of Vice Chairman of the Board.

An expansion in 1966 added two drive-in windows and remodeled the annex building, located at the northwest corner of Wall and Park Streets.

In 1975 the Nipper brothers sold the bank to A.L. "Dusty" Rhodes and Tommy Morris of Abilene, and Don Flowers was named president. At that time, bank deposits amounted to $11-million.

In 1977 the bank returned to local ownership when purchased by Stanley Williamson. Present officers of State National Bank are: President, Bert Williamson; Executive Vice President, H.M. Nipper; Vice Presidents, Jimmie Tate, Gene Jordan, Roberta Hill and Janis Latimer; Assistant Vice Presidents, Shirley Reaves and Don Decker. Stanley Williamson is Chairman of the Board of Directors composed of Fred Dwyer, O.N. Newman, Fred Parkey, Bert Williamson, Jay Cantrell and Tate.

As of Sept. 30, 1988, State National Bank assets were $4,474,000 in capital and $46,819,706 in deposits.

Lorene Callahan has been employed by the bank 24 years, and last Christmas, bank directors presented Roberta Hill with an automobile as she began her 50th year with the bank.

Planned college never developed

One of the far sighted plans for our community was the founding of a college. Jennie and D.C. Kolp, Sr. created a warranty deed, dated Dec. 31, 1889, that gave the proceeds of the sale of lots three and four of 54 blocks to benefit Iowa Park College. W.H. Warner was named trustee. The deed stipulated that "a good and substantial building should be erected in the town of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas, upon lands conveyed by J.E. Kolp and D.C. Kolp for educational purposes, consisting of not less than $10,000 and which building shall be erected and completed within two years from the execution and delivery of this deed."

This land would revert to the Kolps if a college was not built in two years or if the trustees failed to operate it for at least one year under the auspices of the Austin Methodist Episcopal Conference.

A letter dated November 12, 1889, from Andrew J. Kolp, manager of "The Cameron" (hotel) at Iowa Park and treasurer of the Iowa Tex Colony, to General G.M. Dodge reads "Enclosed find deed for 28 lots given (with your permission) by Iowa Park Tex Colony to Iowa Park College. Rev. A.A. Johnson, President of Fort Worth University has no doubt explained the matter to you before this. Other parties in and surrounding Iowa Park have given property to the amount of about $20,000 to the same project. We have added 50% on price of all lots and will raise price again when college is building."

According to some of the pioneers, the college building was started in the 300 block of West Magnolia. Tom Corridon, Jr. mentioned that in later years, a lot of poor grade brick was hauled off, about a railroad carload. Tradition says that the building was not completed because a woman would not give clear title to the land.

When Colonel Specht promoted lots in the Texas Addition, he noted that "one of the best educational institutions in Northwest Texas" would be built.

Mrs. Warner's poem for the Band Entertainment in March 1892 notes "...we believe we have some knowledge, if we don't get the Baptist college." How we shifted from a Methodist college to a Baptist college is one of the many mysteries as yet unsolved.

Baptist history tells us that several north Texas communities were contenders for the college which was chartered at Decatur, December 21, 1891.

Drought, national depression and adverse weather conditions in the early years made the sale of lots difficult. This may have been one of the reasons the college failed to materialize. We are still looking for light on the history of the college.

About the man who built the railroad

By Lita Huggins Watson

The man who engineered the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway through the area that was to become the town of Iowa Park, was born in 1831 in Danvers, Mass. He received a diploma from Partridge's private school in 1851, as a military and civil engineer.

He attended college during a time of railroad excitement -- men were dreaming of a transportation system which would stretch from the Atlantic to the Pacific. After doing some railway survey work in the midwest, he chose Council Bluffs, Iowa as his permanent home. He was engaged in surveying, banking and the mercantile business when the Civil War erupted.

He saw extensive service during the war, was wounded twice and received promotions culminating in the commission of major-general of volunteers and of the Missouri state militia.

Immediatley after leaving the service, he became the chief engineer of the Union Pacific Railroad. The first grading of this road was done in the fall of 1864, the first rail laid in July 1865, and the last spike nailed when the Union Pacific met the Central Pacific at Promontory Point, Utah, on May 10, 1869. The first railway connecting east with west was accomplished. The completion of this stupendous project was the fulfillment of the greatest amibition of Dodge's life.

He built several other railroads in Texas besides the Ft. Worth and Denver City. Dodge's surveys alone totaled more than 60,000 miles. For half a century he was active as projector, builder, financier and director of railroads in the West and Southwest and an active railroad lobbyist.

He died in 1916.

Area flora and fauna in the early days

By Lita Huggins Watson

Tall prairie grasses waving in the wind across the vast treeless prairie greeted the first settlers. The mesquite had not yet implanted itself tenaciously into the red earth of the north Texas area and the only trees to be seen were natives, such as pecans and china berry along the water courses.

Buffalo, which has been plentiful as late as the 1870's, had been slaughtered by the early ranchers and the buffalo hunters. J.C. Ward, who owned one of the first stores in Wichita Falls, recalled that freighters would bring in loads of bleached buffalo bones to trade for his merchandise. He would then ship the bones to sugar refineries in St. Louis.

Other wild game was plentiful. Colonel Herman Specht loved to hunt and others shot antelope for food. Turkey, rabbit, plover and prairie chickens were abundant in 1888.

Celebration Planned For Iowa Park's New Soft Water Supply

Plans are going forward on having a big celebration in Iowa Park on September 3, Labor Day, when all local citizens and friends from surrounding areas gather to congradulate Our Town on its new source of soft, palatable water.

Invitations were issued this week to all candidates in the district race for Congressman to appear at the celebration and get acquainted with Our Town and its citizens. Opportunity will be given the candidates to present a short talk on behalf of their candidacy.

Further plans cannot at this time be announced, but Chairman Ted Overbey has promised a program of entertainment and celebration fitting for the occasion.

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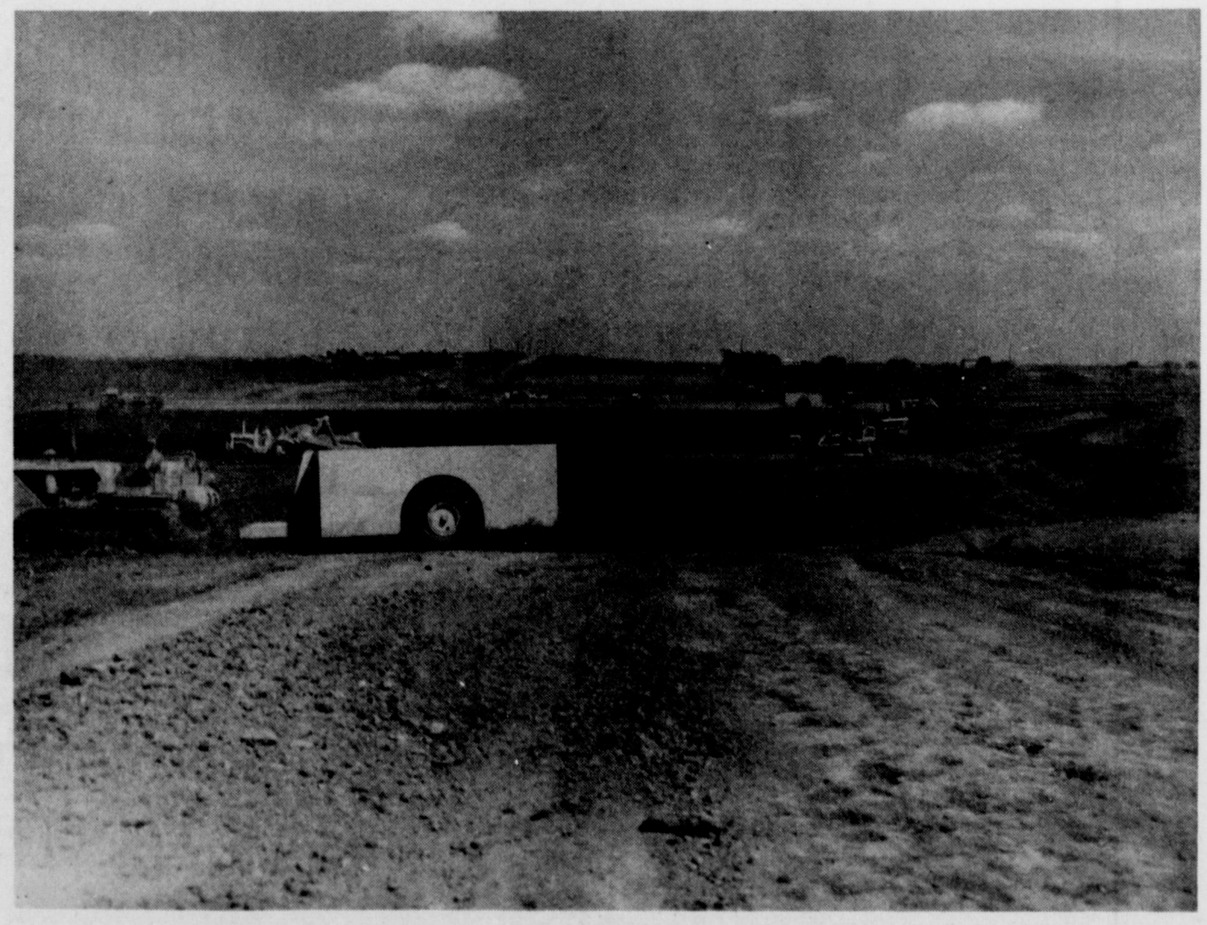
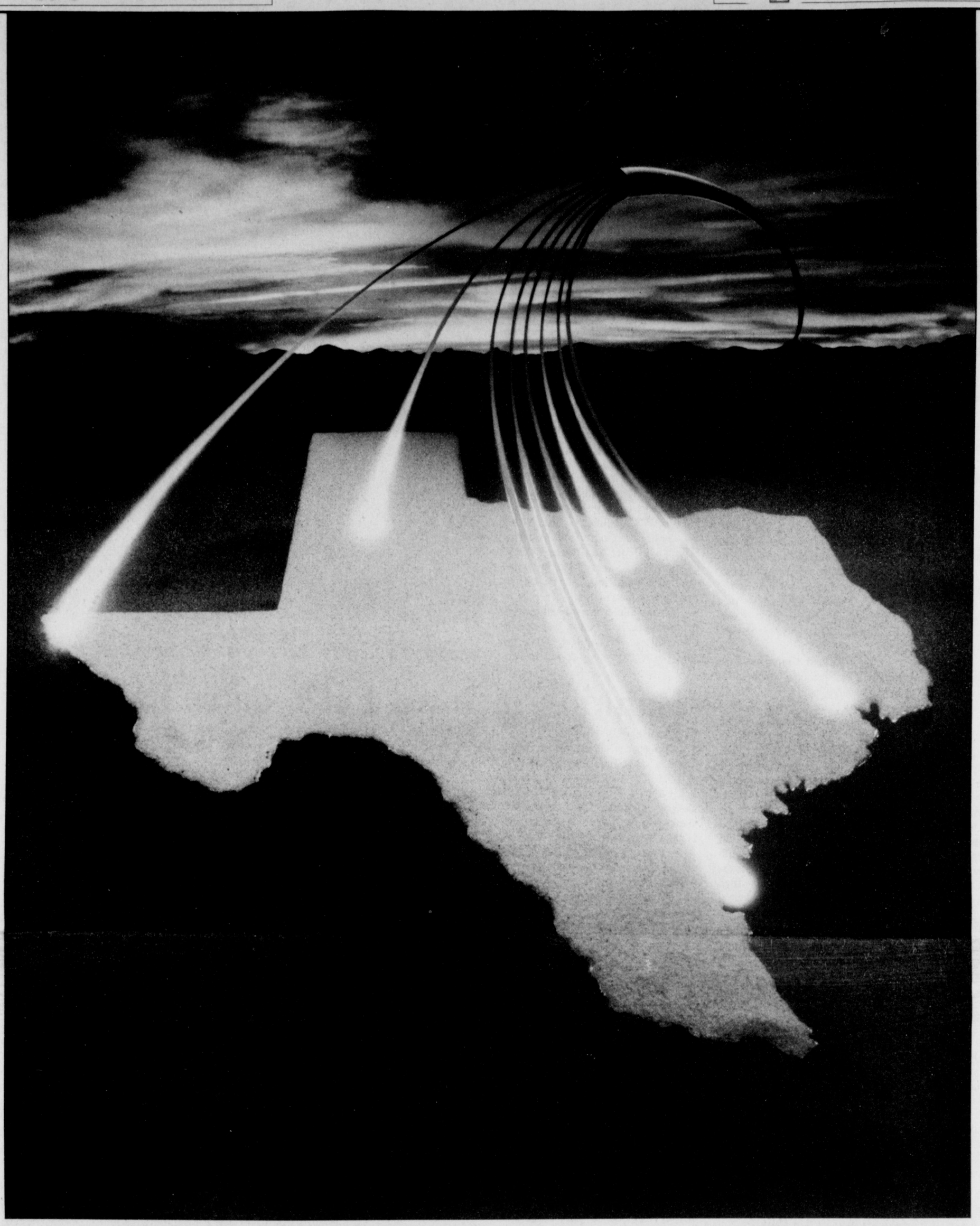


CONSTRUCTION OF U.S. 287 BYPASS, to the north of Iowa Park ,required a large amount of heavy equipment, including the tractor at left, operated by Iowa Parkan Udell Frazier. The photograph was taken from about the Fourth Street intersection, looking to the east. Gordon Lake is located to the west of the trees on the right.



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