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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's hot edition!

## City welcomes visitors to celebration

The people of Clarendon once again are set to welcome visitors to their annual Saints' Roost Celebration, and a full list of activities are set for this weekend.

Celebrating America's independence is a tradition here that dates back to July 4, 1878, when Christian Colonists who settled Old Clarendon gathered for the occasion. The festivities have changed some over the years, but people still return to Saints' Roost every year for a good

time and to get reacquainted with old friends.

The 133rd annual celebration will be held July 1-3 with the Fourth falling on Sunday this year.

Activities begin Thursday, July 1, with downtown merchant sales, an afternoon blood drive at Clarendon College, and a junior rodeo at the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's arena followed by a dance on the slab.

The fun continues on Friday,

July 2, with more sales downtown, a Depression Lunch at 11 a.m., and annual Henson's Turtle Race will be held at 1:30. The first night of the COEA Ranch Rodeo at 7:30 p.m. Music for the dance that evening will be provided by the Buster Bledsoe Band.

Saturday will be the big day of activities with a Donkey roping at the arena and the Kids Bicycle Parade at 10:00 a.m. downtown. The 4H Craft Fair also begins at 10 a.m.

on the Courthouse lawn with the Old Settlers Reunion at 10:30 and live entertainment during the day. Contact the Donley County Extension Office for craft fair booth space.

The Shriners' Barbecue Lunch will start at 11 a.m., and tickets are on sale at Henson's and the ENTERPRISE.

The annual Western Parade will be at 2 p.m. followed by the Lions Club's Cow Patty Bingo. The Ranch Rodeo will be held at 7:30, and Greg

Allen will open for Tommy Galleguer at the dance.

The celebration will also feature a Trade Show each night at the rodeo, and Guy Ellis is the contact for booth space. COEA will also be hosting the traditional calf scramble and other kids' events prior to the rodeo.

If you have other events going on during the celebration, please contact the Chamber of Commerce to get them on the official schedule.

## Thornberry sets two town hall meetings

U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) will hold "Conversation with Mac" town hall meetings in Amarillo on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, and Wichita Falls on Wednesday, July 7, 2010.

"More Americans are engaged in the national debate today than any other time most of us can remember. People want to be heard and these conversations are one way they can share their concerns and ideas," said Thornberry.

All citizens of the 13th Congressional District are invited to attend.

The meetings will be held Tuesday, July 6, 2010, in Amarillo from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Heritage Room B, 401 S. Buchanan, and Wednesday, July 7, 2010, in Wichita Falls from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Midwestern State University, Akin Auditorium, 3410 Taft Blvd.

## Love fund set up for David Lane family

A love fund for Betty Lane and David Martin Lane has been established at the Donley County State Bank to help the family with the medical expenses of the late David Harrel Lane.

## Three immunization clinics scheduled

Texas Department of State Health Services will hold three immunization clinics this month at the TDSHS office in Clarendon at Five Medical Drive.

Please bring a copy of your child's shot record for immunizations to be administered. All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.

Clinics will be held July 8, 15, and 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. Clinics are limited to the first ten clients in both the morning and afternoon.

## Survey finds Perry edging Democrat

A slim majority of those voting in a ClarendonLIVE.com poll favored incumbent Republican Rick Perry over Democratic challenger Bill White in the upcoming governor's election.

Of the 74 people who responded, 46 percent said they liked Perry, and 41 percent said the preferred White. Nine percent answered "None of the above," and four percent said they would support the Libertarian candidate.

Results of the poll are not scientific.

Visit ClarendonLIVE.com this week to participate in our next survey: What's your favorite activity at the Saints' Roost Celebration?

## All-Stars heading for state

By Ashlyn Tubbs,  
The Clarendon Enterprise

The nine- to ten-year-old All Star baseball team will advance to the state tournament in Denver City, Texas, during July 10-15 after competing well in the District tournament last weekend.

The team consists of 14 players and is coached under manager Jeremy Hicks, Brad Elam, Cameron Word and Casey Cobb. They played on June 26 and 27 and lost to North Randall and Hereford but won to Canyon.

"I'm proud of the boys," Hicks said. "This is a huge accomplishment for Clarendon's baseball program to beat Canyon and compete well against schools so much bigger than us."

The team consists of 14 boys all but one of whom is from Clarendon. They are Garrett Barnett of Panhandle along with Clarendon's Joshua Cobb, Damarjae Cortez, Andy Davis, Noab Elam, Preston Elam, Ben Haney, Payton Hicks, Payton Havens, Kade Hunsaker, Nathan Shadle, Raylyn Shelton, and Colt Wood. Also on the team is Gavin Word, who did not play this past weekend but will be playing in Denver City.

The All Stars will compete in an eight double elimination tournament in the state competition. They are guaranteed two games, and if they win, they will advance to the regional tournament at the end of July.

"These boys are getting better every day. We want to keep it going as long as we can."



Andy Davis of Clarendon pitches for his All-Star Team this past weekend. The team is advancing to the state tournament later this month.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

## Suspect steals car, leaves his photo behind

By Roger Estlack, The Clarendon Enterprise

A Hedley woman had her car stolen last Tuesday during a quick stop at a local convenience store.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Timber Lee Potts had filled her 1995 Cadillac with gas at Uncle Bob's and then went in the store.

"A kid came in there and asked if they had a Western Union," Potts said. "Tonja (Ruthardt) told him he would have to go to Lowe's in Clarendon for that. He left, and when I went out about 20 minutes later, my car was gone."

Potts said she didn't immediately react because she thought Travis Ruthardt was playing a prank on her and had just hidden her car.

"By the time we called the sheriff, he probably had an hour head start," Potts said of the subject.

Blackburn said the subject turned out to be Clint Stevens of Wichita Falls, who left his girlfriend's 2005 Kia at Uncle Bob's and inside was information that identified the subject as well as a picture of him.

"He took his keys, but he was out of gas," Potts said.

The sheriff's office put out an alert for the stolen vehicle, and two hours later the Armstrong County Sheriff's Office found Potts' vehicle behind a building in Claude and Stevens attempting to break into the building.

The car was recovered, and Steven was arrested on charges of Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle and Burglary of a Building. He was still in the Armstrong County Jail at press time.

Blackburn advises people not to leave their keys in their car even if they are just running into a store for a minute, and Potts agrees with him.

"You always think, 'It will never happen to me.' Well, it happened to me," she said. "I just hope nobody leaves their keys in their car with their kids in it because it could sure not be a good thing."

Stevens has a lengthy criminal history, including charges of burglary, robbery, and deadly conduct, Blackburn said.

## Cowboys Foundation awards \$50,000 to CC RFO program

When a representative of the Working Ranch Cowboys Foundation called Laban Tubbs, director of the Ranch & Feedlot Operations Program at Clarendon College, and told him that the Foundation wanted to give the program some financial help, Tubbs was excited.

He immediately began to think about things the program needed, such as a few supplies, a jacket sponsor for all the students and maybe some scholarship help. That's when the Foundation representative told him that all that was fine, but they were talking about a significant grant, maybe \$50,000. Then, Tubbs got really excited.

The Working Ranch Cowboys Foundation is the benevolent arm of the Working Ranch Cowboys Association, which is headquartered in Amarillo and produces the World Championship Ranch Rodeo each

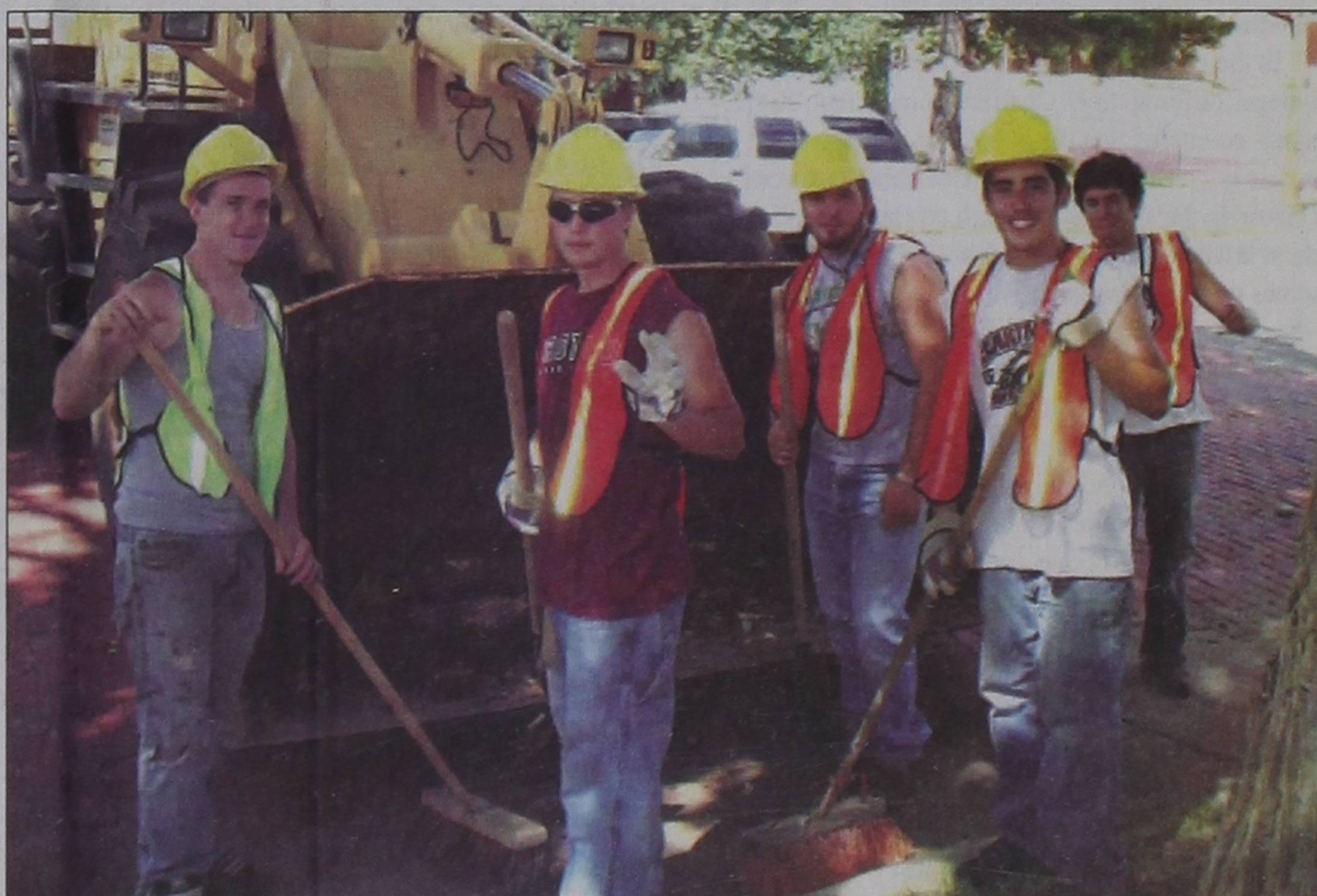
November in Amarillo. The Foundation has as its goal to provide assistance to ranch cowboys and their families in times of need.

"The association was started years ago with the intent of furthering our Western heritage and helping the working cowboy on the ranch," said Sam Daube, president of the Foundation. "Now, we're able to make a bigger impact with this grant to the Ranch & Feedlot Operations program. They are educating kids to work on a ranch, and by making a grant to that program we are able to help a lot of people."

Daube says that the grant is a matching grant, and in order for the program to receive all of it, CC must raise another \$50,000.

The Ranch & Feedlot Operations program is a work force educational program that is structured to

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## Clean up detail

City crews were busy this week tidying things up before visitors arrived for the annual 133rd Saints' Roost Celebration this week. Shown here are Coby Braughton, Matthew Shults, Lee Tolbert, Jordan Luna, and Jesus Hernandez.

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guest commentary

# US Supreme Court's gun showdown

By Randy Barnett

There is a remarkable academic consensus that the original meaning of the 14th Amendment protected an individual right to keep and bear arms against interference by state governments. This week's Supreme Court decision in *McDonald v. Chicago* affirmed that this is indeed the case. It is, therefore, a great victory for enforcing the original meaning of the Constitution. Thankfully for the rights of Americans, the Chicago gun ban at issue will soon be consigned to the dust bin of history.

Since the Supreme Court acknowledged in *D.C. v. Heller* (2008) that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to arms, it was expected that it would eventually enforce that right against state interference. The big debate among observers was how the court would do so.

Would it use the 14th Amendment's Privileges or Immunities Clause that says: "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States"? Or would it use the Amendment's Due Process Clause that says: "nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law"?

The Privileges or Immunities Clause has been virtually a dead letter since 1873, when the court in *The Slaughter-House Cases* limited its scope to rights of a purely national scope, such as the right to access a foreign embassy or to be protected when traveling on the high seas. It was a preposterous interpretation — these were hardly the rights congressional Republicans in the aftermath of the Civil War were most concerned to protect in the wake of the terrible abuses of free blacks and white unionists by Southern states.

In oral argument last March, several conservative justices expressed skepticism that the scope of the Privileges or Immunities Clause could be sufficiently limited to avoid judicial abuses. This was a strong signal that the court would "incorporate" the right to keep and bear arms against state interference via the 14th Amendment's Due Process Clause — the way it protects most other rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights. And yesterday this was exactly what four justices chose to do.

But this too should be a headline of *McDonald*: Only a plurality of the Court relied on the Due Process Clause. The deciding vote was cast by Justice Clarence Thomas, whose concurring opinion rested solely on the Privileges or Immunities Clause. While agreeing "with the Court that the Second Amendment is fully applicable to the States," he did so "because the right to keep and bear arms is guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment as a privilege of American citizenship."

Furthermore, nothing in the plurality opinion by Justice Samuel Alito cast any doubt on Justice Thomas's analysis. Instead, in three terse sentences, Justice Alito simply "declin[ed]" to revisit *Slaughter-House* or even address the original meaning of the Privileges or Immunities Clause.

Justice Thomas's analysis summarizes and reflects a consensus of legal scholarship that the Privileges or Immunities Clause does protect at least the rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights against state interference. Because his interpretation of the clause was necessary to reach the outcome in *McDonald v. Chicago*, it is now very much alive. Put another way, there is no longer a majority of the court willing to use the Due Process Clause in a case in which the Privileges or Immunities Clause is the right clause on which to rest its decision.

In addition to the Bill of Rights, the privileges or immunities of citizens clearly included fundamental rights protected by the Civil Rights Act of 1866: "to make and enforce contracts, to sue, be parties, and give evidence, to inherit, purchase, lease, sell, hold, and convey real and personal property, and to full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of person and property...." After all, it was President Andrew Johnson's veto of this act as unconstitutional that helped motivate passage of the 14th Amendment.

To the conservative fear that the full scope of the Privileges or Immunities Clause was uncertain, Justice Thomas countered that the only "question presented in this case is ... whether, and to what extent, a particular clause in the Constitution protects the particular right at issue here." With this narrower focus, Justice Thomas presented an extensive and detailed analysis of the original meaning of the Clause in the belief that "this case presents an opportunity to reexamine, and begin the process of restoring, the meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment agreed upon by those who ratified it." While conceding that "interpreting the Privileges or Immunities Clause may produce hard questions," Justice Thomas countered that "they will have the advantage of being questions the Constitution asks us to answer."

By declining to take issue with Justice Thomas's impressive 56-page originalist analysis, the other justices in effect conceded what legal scholars have for some time maintained — that the court's cramped reading of the clause in 1873 was inconsistent with its original meaning. This week the lost Privileges or Immunities Clause was suddenly found. And some day it may be fully restored to its proper place as the means by which fundamental individual rights are protected under the Constitution against abuses by states.

Randy E. Barnett is a professor of constitutional law at Georgetown University.

# Budget first step to control spending

One of the basic responsibilities of government is to pass a budget. States, counties, cities, school districts all over the country have budgets. Every household knows that to get your finances in order you have to start with a budget. Budgeting is basic. It is the first — and necessary — step to control spending. It sets a realistic target for how much money is coming in and how much is going out. It also makes it easier to sort out what spending is higher priority and what spending is lower priority.

This year, for the first time since the modern Budget Act was passed in 1974, the House of Representatives will not pass a budget. It will not even try.

If there has ever been a time when a budget is necessary, it is now. Since President Obama took office, non-defense discretionary spending has increased by more than 84 percent. This year alone, the federal government is borrowing 40% of every dollar it spends, and it looks like it will spend at least \$1 trillion more than it takes in over the next ten years. Instead of passing a budget to control spending, the President and the Majority in Congress have used the past months to push a government takeover of healthcare, a failed stimulus package, a global warming tax, and other misguided legislation.

Failing to even attempt to pass a budget confirms the worst that people feel about Washington. People around the country are frustrated and disgusted

that too many of their elected representatives are not listening and seem more concerned with getting re-elected than with solving the country's problems. Not even trying to pass a budget is abdicating the responsibility to make decisions that are an essential part of governing. Not voting on a budget puts protecting Members of Congress running for reelection from having to vote on something that might be controversial or unpopular.

The President submitted a proposed budget. He is required by law to submit one to Congress each year, and he did in February. The substance of the President's proposal is troubling with the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimating that it will increase debt to 90 percent of the economy by 2020. It also pushes spending to a record \$3.8 trillion in fiscal year 2011 and raises taxes to a new record of \$1.8 trillion through 2020. But at least he told us what he would like to do.

The country is in a serious financial crisis. Something must be done to slow spending and reduce debt. And it must be done immediately. Window dressing and tough talk are not going to work.

For example, in an effort to display



issue update  
by rep. mac thornberry

fiscal responsibility, the White House recently sent a memo to federal agencies requesting that they propose modest program cuts in their jurisdiction. Any savings that would be achieved through cuts will be used to fund other programs. We are not going to cut spending, reduce debt, or achieve a balanced budget if our savings are just shifted into new spending.

There have been times over the past 36 years when Congress has not been able to reach a formal budget agreed upon by both the House and the Senate. But on each of these occasions, the House Budget Committee approved a resolution, and the House passed a budget. Speaker Pelosi's unprecedented decision to forego even bringing a budget up for a vote this year is irresponsible during this tough economic time.

It is a dereliction of duty. Without a budget, Congress, the Administration, and most importantly the American people, will not have this important tool that can help begin to put our fiscal house back in order.

Cicero once said "the budget should be balanced. Public debt should be reduced. The arrogance of officialdom should be tempered, and assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome become bankrupt." He was wise beyond his time.

Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) represents the 13th Texas Congressional District.



# Drop barriers to oil spill clean up

More than two months have passed since the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded, tragically killing 11 workers and causing a leak that is gushing up to 60,000 barrels of oil into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico each day. For Gulf Coast communities fearful oil will wash up on their beaches, for the fisherman and shrimpers whose livelihoods have essentially been cut off, and for the wildlife and ecosystems that are being destroyed, help literally cannot come fast enough.

The worsening environmental and economic consequences of the spill should be easy motivation to make absolutely sure every form of aid is available for the cleanup. However, there are some who are willing to help and are being turned away. According to the U.S. Department of State, more than 20 countries have offered assistance in responding to the Gulf of Mexico disaster. But a law designed to promote United States shipping interests is preventing them from sending their ships and equipment to aid in the oil spill cleanup and response.

The Jones Act was established in 1920 to ensure that the United States was able to maintain a fleet of merchant ships by requiring that all goods transported by water between U.S. ports be carried on U.S. flagged, owned, and crewed ships. This means that many foreign vessels have to obtain a waiver to this law in order to help with the oil spill.

Under the Jones Act, a bureaucratic review involving three separate federal agencies — the U.S. Coast Guard, the Maritime Administration, and Customs and Border Protection — is required in order for a waiver to be granted. In crisis

cases, such as the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, a burdensome review process does not serve our nation's best interests.

A Coast Guard official told ABC News, "We have exhausted all our East Coast supply of skimming vessels. We are now looking at Norway, France, Spain, and other European vessels." While there are currently 15 foreign vessels assisting in oil spill recovery efforts, these vessels cannot perform skimming operations within 3 miles of our shoreline without a Jones Act waiver. In other words, they are not allowed to assist with the cleanup effort to the fullest extent and helping to protect our coastline, which clearly is the area in need of the most protection.

Although the administration claims it will use a streamlined process for granting Jones Act waivers, we are already more than 65 days into this crisis and the red tape appears to be intact. On June 16, a representative of a Dallas-based company began the application process for a Jones Act waiver for a fleet of foreign ships to get involved in the Gulf of Mexico cleanup efforts. He offered the federal government use of a mother ship for personnel and equipment, six oil skimming vessels, a specialized boom deployment and recovery boat, and 10 transport vessels. He was told that the expedited procedures had not yet been established.

This constituent has also appealed



capitol comment  
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

directly to the administration for a Jones Act waiver, and he has not yet received a response.

Meanwhile, the oil slick is spreading wider across the Gulf of Mexico and many Gulf Coast communities are bracing themselves for the oily waters to lap up onto their shores. To waste any tools or equipment that could help mitigate this disaster — or to delay the availability of critical assistance — is unthinkable.

I have introduced legislation to temporarily grant Jones Act waivers for foreign vessels so they can quickly deploy and assist with the cleanup in the most vulnerable areas along the Gulf Coast. The Water Assistance from International Vessels for Emergency Response, or WAIVER Act, would simply cut the red tape, clear up the process confusion, and allow our response to the oil spill to be as expedient as possible. I also hope that this gesture will signal to our foreign partners that their assistance is welcome — and badly needed.

It is worth noting that the same thing could be accomplished without legislation. Three days after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, the previous administration issued an executive order to waive the Jones Act so that foreign-flagged ships could help with disaster relief efforts.

Unfortunately, with the Gulf Coast oil spill, more than two months have passed with this bureaucratic barrier standing in the way of recovery efforts. I hope that, whether through passage of my legislation, or through an executive order, we can immediately take this commonsense action to help protect the environment and the livelihoods of the residents of the Gulf.

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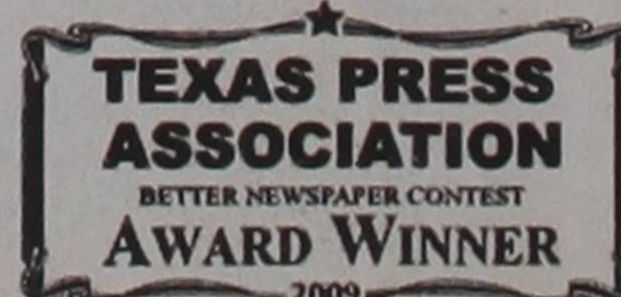
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## RFO Grant: Funds will help supplement scholarships

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help young people get an introduction into the ranching and feedlot industries.

"Clarendon College was seeing a lot of rural kids who weren't going to college but needed some sort of education to help them get started with their lives and their careers," said Jason Green, an instructor with the program. "We start out with basic animal health, basic nutrition, basic feeds and feeding, marketing, anything that you would probably learn while working for an operation for a year or two.

"Probably 80 percent of the students coming into this program have what you would call a cowboy background," Green said. "They grew up on a ranch, and they know that working on a ranch is what they're going to do the rest of their lives. Some of them already have jobs. Sometimes the ranches pay their tuitions so they will come here and learn something and then go back to the ranch and go to work."

To complete the Ranch & Feedlot Operation program takes two semesters. However, Clarendon College also offers an RFO Associ-

ate Degree, where the student takes math, English and science courses in addition to the agriculture courses taken in the RFO program. The student graduates with an associate degree after two years of course work, and this provides a good basic program for a student who wants to transfer to a major university and obtain a bachelors degree.

Green said that each student pays, in addition to his tuition, a professional services fee that goes toward artificial insemination schools, training clinics and things like that. He says that they always run short of funds for those services before the end of the year, and they plan to use part of the WRCF grant to supplement that.

"There are also lots of travel expenses," Green said. "We have two vans that hold 14 passengers each, and this year we went 6,500 miles. So we can use some help on those expenses, and we're also going to use some of the money to help boost our scholarship fund. We give 13 scholarships a year, and we need some help in that area right now, too."



The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting June 29, 2010, with Boss Lion Chuck Robertson in charge.

We had 16 members and four guests this week: Sonic manager Melissa Mata, guest of Lions Bobbie Thornberry and Cameron Word; Justice of the Peace Connie Havens, guest of the Boss Lion; Stanley Auto manager Joseph Harless, guest of Lion Phil Fletcher; and Grett Betts, guest of Lion Renee Betts.

Lion Auvenshine led in the singing of the National Anthem and discussed some of the history of the anthem's words. Final plans were set for club activities this weekend and for installation of officers next week.

Members introduced themselves to our guests and the Boss Lion said he hoped each of them would consider joining.

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Wed	23	99°	72°	-
Thur	24	101°	70°	-
Fri	25	94°	68°	-
Sat	26	101°	69°	-
Sun	27	100°	70°	-

Total precipitation this month: 2.58"  
Total precipitation to date: 15.72"

### weekend forecast

Friday, July 2  
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Saturday, July 3  
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(Ephesians 5:7-14) "Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

When we walk in the "light", the blood of Christ cleanses us and keeps us pure in God's sight (1 John 1:7-9). The walk being described in the Bible is not suggesting perfection. In Genesis 6:9 we find that Noah "walked with God". It indicates that Noah followed God as well as humanly possible, but he was not perfect. God has never punished or condemned man for not being perfect. He never will. But, He will condemn those who purposefully and with intent disobey Him and walk according to their own desires.

Paul tells us in the Ephesians passages above that not only are we to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness," but he also tells us that we are to "expose them". Walking with God requires not only avoiding sin but standing up and speaking out against it. In a "politically correct" environment that we live in, speaking out against wrong is very taboo.

I pray that God will give you the strength and courage to not succumb to temptation but to stand up against sin and expose it for others. Your example of doing such would be the only sermon against sin many people will ever hear! This sermon has to be preached in every community in our country if we are ever going to turn it back to God.

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Community Calendar

**July 1 - 3**  
Saints' Roost Celebration

**July 2**  
Henson's Turtle Race • 1:30 p.m.

**July 4**  
Independence Day

**July 22**  
Summer Celebration

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**Menus**

**July 5 - 9**

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Meatloaf, tater tots, green beans, tossed salad, chocolate pudding, bread.  
Tue: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, rolls, cherry jello & topping.  
Wed: Chicken strips, cream gravy, twice baked potatoes, peanut butter cookies, bread.  
Thu: Mexican casserole, pinto beans, fried okra, carrot & raisin salad, mixed fruit.  
Fri: Sloppy joe, sandwich bun, pickle slices, onion rings potato salad, cookies.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Closed due to July 4 holiday.  
Tue: Chicken strips & gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, cantaloupe, baked apples, biscuits.  
Wed: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, Waldorf salad, bread pudding, roll.  
Thu: Pinto beans & ham, fried squash, beet pickles, brownie, cornbread.  
Fri: Fajita chicken sandwich, tater tots, tossed salad, lemon pie, hoagie roll.

**Remember what we're celebrating**

July 4th, hot weather, gathering on the courthouse lawn, the rodeo. Childhood memories for me, but what are we celebrating? We would all say "independence" and then maybe read the document titled "In Congress July 4, 1776, The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America".

Read the words that begin "When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another..." and you begin to feel the desperation of a group of people.

The next paragraph has more meaning for more people and is the basis for our country: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men deriving their powers from the consent of the governed..."

The Declaration then spells out the grievances against King George with "the history of the present King of England is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let facts be presented to a candid world." They then lay out 28 specific facts, state how the colonies attempted to solve the problems with no results and with the final

paragraph state, "We, therefore, the representatives of the united States of America in General Congress Assembled, appealing to the Superior Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, do solemnly publish and declare, are and of the right to be free..."

The last line reads, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." With that 56 brave men signed the Declaration, among them were 3 future presidents, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Harrison. And that, my friend is why we celebrate July 4.

I hope everyone enjoys a part of the celebrations this week, the parade on Saturday, BBQ on the courthouse lawn, the rodeo or the turtle race. The turtle race began in 1974 or 75,

my children remember participating. One year the grandchildren were here for the 4th, we had gotten the numbers from Henson's to paint on the turtles back and I am giving a lesson on safe handling of a turtle that included that life lesson of: "If a turtle bites you, he won't turn loose until it thunders." I reach in the box to pick one up and lo and behold! I get bit on the fleshy, very sensitive part of my hand between the thumb and fore-finger. Grandma then begins giving those grandkids a life-lesson they have never forgotten with dancing, screaming, I think a few naughty words and praying for thunder involved. Let me tell you, a turtle bite hurts. When I stopped flinging my arm, he turned loose, and I let someone else finish the lesson.

This year we hope to find turtles for our four visiting little boys, I'm not sure the lesson will include thunder, but it will include releasing the turtle back in the area you found him so he knows where to hunt for food. Take in some of the activities and Happy July 4th!



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**Museum gets new windows**

The Saints' Roost Museum has a new look after 32 new windows were installed thanks to a contribution from the Donley County Commissioners Court.

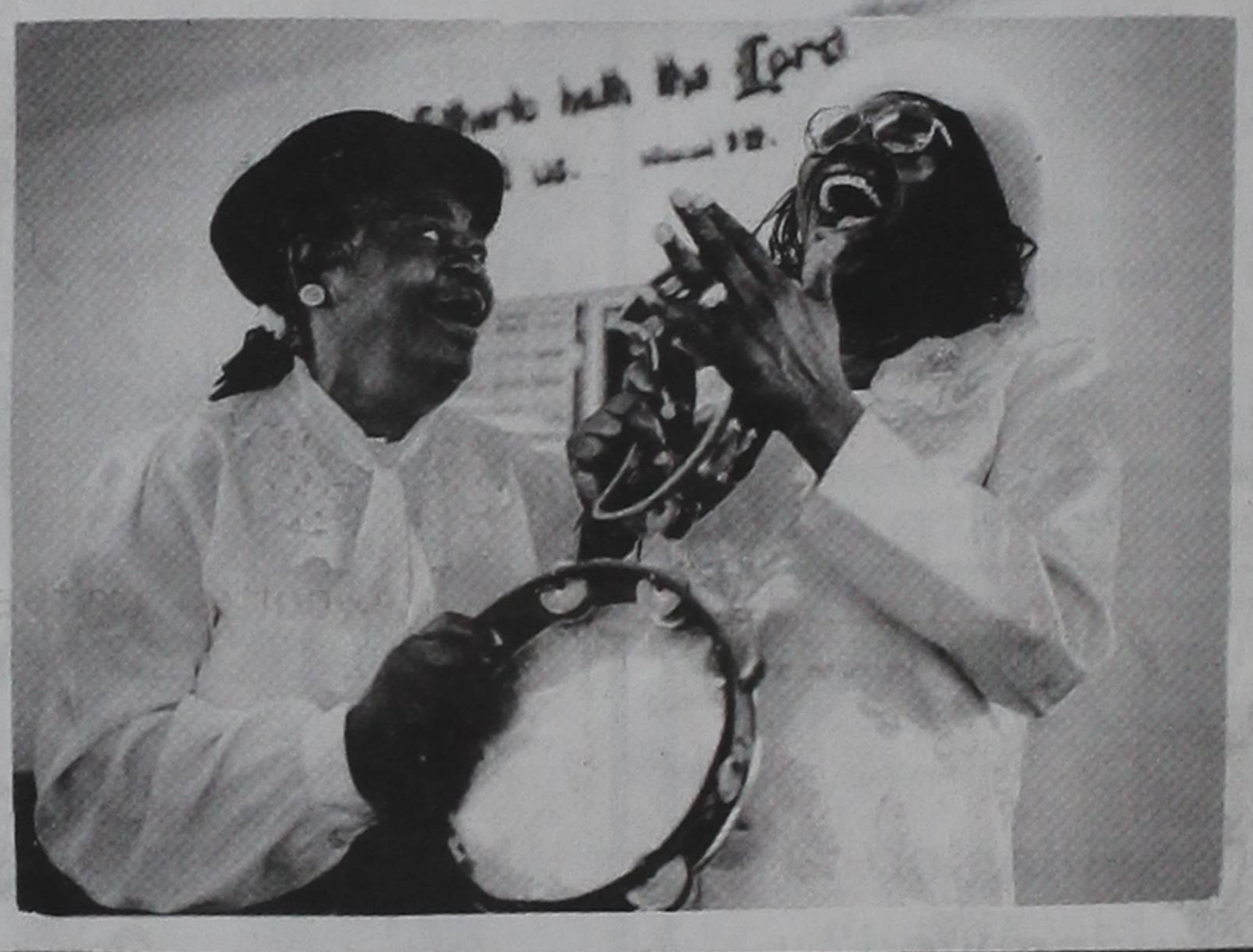
These new windows are expected to make a difference in utility bills for the former Adair Hospital building which was constructed in 1910. There are 22 more 100-year-old windows to replace in the near future as funds become available.

The proceeds from the Good-night Chuckwagon Cook-off, the Christmas dinner and dance and special projects help make improvements on the physical plant of the museum. A special project they are promoting during the July 4 celebration is selling tickets on a pair of handmade collectable spurs by

Kevin Johnson. The drawing for the spurs will be at the Chuckwagon Cook-off in September.

The museum just had their membership drive and appreciation dinner, but you can still become a member. Send your dues, \$25 to St. Roost Museum, PO Box 781, Clarendon, TX, 79226. The membership dues also help keep the museum open. The museum gladly accepts new members anytime; and if you would volunteer your service and talents, your help is always appreciated.

The museum board wants to add to and update the museum with artifacts of our history. It is important that it be preserved. The museum is open Thursday - Sunday from 11-5 p.m. Come and enjoy!



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combined. More Jews than Israel. More Muslims than the entire country of Jordan. And healthy communities of everyone from Buddhists to Zoroastrians. And, because we're free to find religion on our own terms (if we choose to at all), many of us are able to create a deeper, stronger and more personal relationship with our faith than would otherwise be possible.

So whether you worship in a church, temple, mosque or courtside seats at the arena, take a moment to thank the deity of your choice for freedom.



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**Everything will be Okay**  
By Mary Beth Nelson

"I just wish everything would be okay," signed my good friend after confiding a frustrating problem.

Later, I considered what we humans mean by everything's okay. Is it never having conflict, either physical, mental or spiritual? If perfection is required for our comfort, things will never be "okay" for anyone.

God is so generous with abundant blessings. That does not mean we will never be expected to face difficult situations. Once we accept obstacles as a natural part of life, we are more likely to achieve peace of mind. We know Paul realized this from his encouraging comment, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength," (Philippians 4:13).

During times when circumstances do not work out as we prefer, anxiety will not improve the situation. We must remember there are things beyond our control. Aren't we glad that we can always depend on the fact that God's presence is always with us? You may remember cartoonist Bil Keane's "Family Circus" cartoon in which a young child told her brother, "God never takes a vacation cause He can't find anybody to fill-in." I completely agree. We are NOT good enough to "fill-in" for God. However, with constant faith renewal that God is in charge, we can believe that "everything will be okay."

Bible thought: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6 NIV).

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# Hudson retiring from SWEPCO

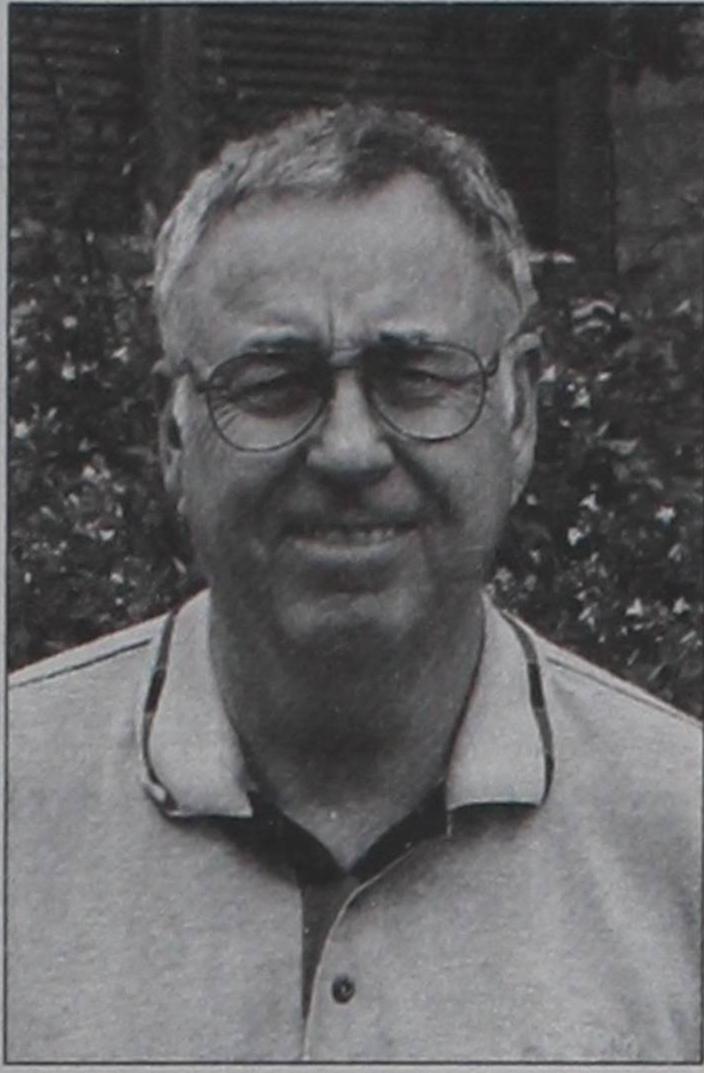
Tony Barley, senior engineering technician for AEP Texas North Company in Childress has been named customer service representative for AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company's (SWEPCO) North Texas Panhandle area, which serves some 7,000 customers.

Barley succeeds Tommy Hudson, who retired May 31 as CSR from Wellington.

An 18-year employee, Barley began his career with CSW/AEP in 1992. A native of Childress, he attended high school there and attended West Texas State University in Canyon. He is married to the former Becky Johnson of Childress, and they have two grown children and a granddaughter. He attends Childress Church of Christ.

Hudson, a 37-year employee, began his CSW/AEP career as a management trainee in 1973 and later served as a local manager and customer service specialist for West Texas Utilities in Wellington. He moved to his current position in 2000.

A Morton, Texas, native, Hudson attended high school there



Tommy Hudson



Tony Barley

and earned a bachelor of business administration degree from Texas Tech University. He is a certified lighting efficiency professional and certified energy manager in Texas. He is married to the former Beverly Browne of Morton and they have two children. He is a deacon and RA leader at First Baptist Church. Hudson has been a member of the Wellington Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment since 1979, and has received advanced firefighter certification and served as past assistant chief. He currently serves the fire department as training officer and secretary.

SWEPCO is an operating unit of American Electric Power Company (AEP), serving over 474,000 customers in east and north Texas, western Arkansas and northwestern Louisiana.

# Robertson will lead regional funeral directors

Charles W. "Chuck" Robertson who is the co-owner of Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon was elected to serve as President of the Panhandle Funeral Directors Association. In June, Mr. Robertson was also sworn in to serve on the Texas Funeral Directors Association's Board of Directors at their 124th Annual Convention in Galveston.

The Texas Funeral Directors Association was established in 1886 and today they represent approximately 800 members. The association protects and promotes professionalism in the funeral industry, offering continuing education to its members and initiates positions on legislative issues affecting funeral service. For more information about the Texas Funeral Directors Association, please visit their website at [www.TFDA.com](http://www.TFDA.com).

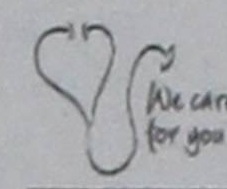
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# Commissioners hold June meeting

The Donley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session on June 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse.

For their first item of other business, they accepted and are making an application for the Rural Community Program Certified Membership. Details of the application are not yet determined.

A bid of \$500 from Tobey Miller on Lot 184, Huron St., Howardwick was accepted.

They chose not to consider an application for Energy Efficient and Conservation Block Grant in Donley County.

A continued participation in the

Texas Statewide Automated Victims Notification service will be considered.

They chose to consider a service agreement renewal for VINE program.

They approved a database expenditure from the Texas Panhandle Cyber Medics of \$650 for work in the clerk's office.

The Fourth of July Celebration on the Courtyard was approved.

They also set the date for Budget worksheets to be returned, which is July 12, 2010.

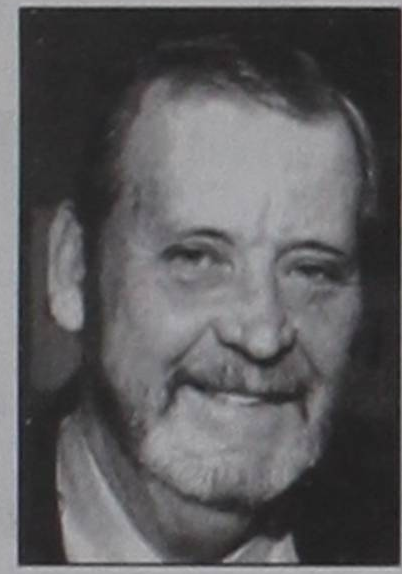
One visitor was present, Nancy Cordero from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

# Obituaries

## Morgan

Danny Lee Morgan, 62, died Saturday, June 26, 2010, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Services were held at 3 p.m. on Monday, June



Morgan

28, 2010, in Hedley United Methodist Church with Rev. Anthony Knowles, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Estelline, and Rev. Ervin Emmert, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Danny was born February 12, 1948, in Memphis to Homer Lee and Betty Jo Spear Morgan. He was a 1966 graduate of Hedley High School and a 1968 graduate from Clarendon College. He also served in the US Army and was stationed at Fort Bragg. He had been a resident of Oklahoma City for 36 years and was an employee of the Store Club. He loved to play golf, fish, and hunt. He was a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by his father, Homer Lee "Sam" Morgan.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Jo Morgan, of Hedley; a sister, Rhonda Shaw and husband Randy of Hedley; a nephew, Ben Shaw; a niece, LaRae Alexander and husband Justin; and many special friends.

The family will be at 203 Short St. in Hedley.

The family requests that memorials be to the Rowe Cemetery Association, Box 185, Hedley, TX 79237.

Sign our online guestbook at [www.RobertsonFuneral.com](http://www.RobertsonFuneral.com).

## Quilting Club meets

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met at the Agapé Church on June 25 with Francis Smith as hostess. The members did not get Francis' quilt finished, but they enjoyed lunch and visiting.

Those present were Barbara Helms, Ann Bunyan, Wilma Lindley, Jo Shaller, Mary Lynn Manning, Josie Burgess, Betty Jean Williams, Rosa Lee Watson, Eva Lee Swinney, Francis Smith and visitor Glenda Day.



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Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
US 287 E • 874-3156  
Rev. Rob Seale  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
300 S. Carhart • 874-2495  
Minister: Chris Moore  
Sun. Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

**Church of Nazarene**  
209 S. Hawley • 874-2321  
Pastor: Bill Hodges  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 10:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
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**Community Fellowship Church**  
12148 F.M. 2162 • 874-0963  
Pastor Larry Capranica  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
120 E. Third Street • 874-3212  
Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.  
**First Assembly of God**  
4th St. & Hwy. 70 South

**First United Methodist Church**  
420 S. Jefferson • 874-3667  
Pastor: Terry Lowe  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday: 8:30, 10:50 a.m.

**Jesus Name Apostolic Church**  
720 E. Montgomery • 874-2388  
Rev. Calvin Burrow  
Sunday Services: 3 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
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Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

## Hedley

**First Methodist Church**  
200 N. Main St.  
Pastor: Gary Boles  
Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

**Martin**  
**Martin Baptist Church**  
US 287 W • 874-2025  
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
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**Howardwick**  
**First Baptist Church**  
222 Sherwood Blvd. 874-3326  
Reverend: Dave Stout  
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**Brice**  
**Brice Deliverance Tabernacle**  
867-3029 or 867-2012  
Pastor: Louis Bennett  
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Pastor: R.W. Ellerbrook  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 10:30 am  
Sunday Evening: 6:00 pm  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

**Old Paths Primitive Baptist Church**  
416 S. Keamey • 874-5374  
Pastor: Lyman Little  
Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m.

**St. John The Baptist Episcopal Church**  
Rev. Jim Aveni  
301 S. Parks St. • 874-2511  
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Corner of Montgomery & McClelland  
Fr. Arokia Raj Samala  
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

**St. Stephens Baptist Church**  
300 N. Jefferson St.  
Pastor: Roy Williams  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

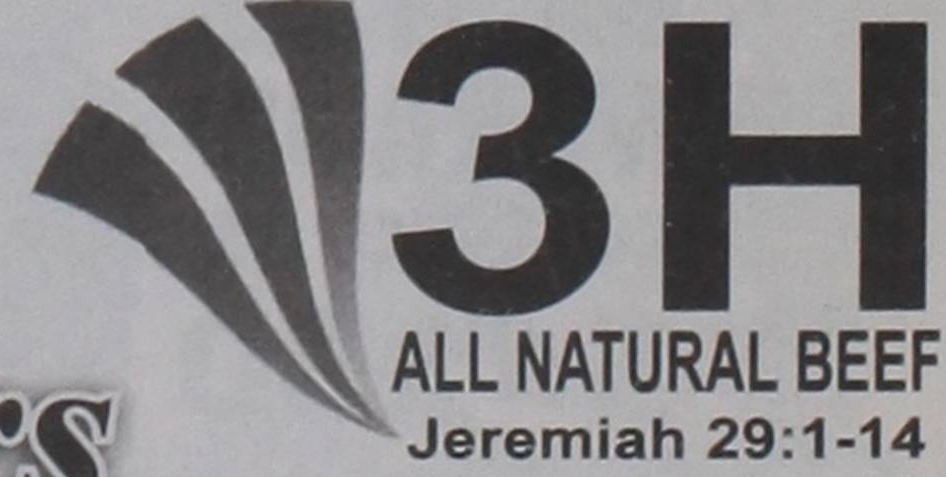
**True Church of God in Christ**  
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## Golfer Ashford shoots his age

By Sandy Anderberg  
Ninety year old golfer Dan Ashford recently shot his age at Clarendon Country Club. His round of 90 in the weekly men's game was witnessed by Butch Schollenbarger and Jeff Walker.

Steve Jarnagin won the men's play day with a net 67, and Todd Curry was second with a 68. Ashford's gross score of 90 turned into a net score of 70 with his handicap and earned him a third place finish.

Sandy Anderberg won low gross in the women's day on Thursday with a 79, and Sherol Johnston was second low gross with an 87. Ruth Jackson won low net with a 64 and Mary Ann Sawyer, Bonnie Crofford, and Gayle Rogers tied for second low net with a 69.

Five teams competed in the Friday night nine-hole scramble, and two teams tied for the top spot, which ended in a tie after a three-putt playoff. The team of Norm Hagood, Gene Rogers, Chirs Moore, Sherol Johnston, and Gary Roye tied with the team of Chris Linqvist, Steve Hall, Jesse Lincycomb, and Jeff Henson. The other three teams came in at six, five, and three under par.

There will be an 18-hole scramble Sunday, July 4, beginning at 2:00 p.m. You may call the Pro Shop to enter. The pool are grill are open each day and the dining room is open every Friday night and Sunday at noon.



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T-ball player Graci Kidd was in a good defense position at first base Saturday. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / A. NEWHOUSE

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## TxDOT makes changes to mowing policy

CHILDRESS - Spring showers bring pretty flowers - along with grass, weeds and other vegetation - to Texas roadways.

Maintaining 7,956 miles of highway in the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Childress District is an enormous task that involves more than roadways; 23,635 acres of right of way in the district's 13 counties also require maintenance.

Over the past few years, TxDOT has experienced a steady decline in the funding for both maintenance and construction of our highway system. During this time of shrinking budgets, every aspect of how TxDOT spends those limited funds has been analyzed, including the statewide management of roadside vegetation.

"Because of limited funding, TxDOT has changed its mowing policy," said Darwin Lankford, P.E.,

Childress District Director of Operations. "The new policy will allow us to better focus our mowing efforts for safety rather than aesthetics."

TxDOT's new policy limits the number of times rural highways receive a modified full-width (30 feet from the edge of the road (and medians) instead of the entire width of the right of way) mowing to two per year. Full-width mowing is primarily done for aesthetic reasons and does not affect safety. The department will continue to perform safety mowing as needed at intersections, driveways and on the inside of curves.

"The safety of the traveling public is a TxDOT priority and we'll continue working with the public to ensure that visibility is not an issue," Lankford added. "But by reducing mowing cycles from three to two, we're expecting to save taxpayers as much as \$25 million this year, state-

wide, and that's money that can be used for more critical roadway maintenance needs, like filling potholes and resurfacing roadways."

TxDOT's herbicide and wild-flower programs help our highways look good but also reduces the cost of maintenance and labor by encouraging the growth of native species that need less mowing and care.

TxDOT's goal is to reduce undesirable vegetation such as Johnson grass, careless weed, Kochia weeds, silver leaf night shade and rag weed, just to name a few species. TxDOT uses specific herbicides that target these undesirable species while maintaining desired species, such as blue grama, buffalo grass, sideoats grama, and bluestems. Herbicides also aid in regulating vegetation growth, enabling TxDOT to limit the number of mowing cycles.

"Our maintenance sections are implementing aggressive herbicide

programs in their respective counties to reduce the amount of undesired vegetation along the right of way, especially at intersections and median turn-arounds," Lankford said. "A herbicide program offers several benefits. First, it reduces the need to frequently mow fast-growing weeds that obstruct motorists' view. Secondly, it allows the natural grasses to flourish; improving driver visibility and enhancing the natural landscape."

In addition to the herbicide program, TxDOT will continue to mow at a seven inch height cut to maintain the health of the grass. Mowing at seven inches helps plants store energy in the roots, allowing grass to grow and choke out undesired vegetation.

Citizens are asked to contact their local TxDOT maintenance section to report areas with visibility or safety issues along the right of way.

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Danny Morgan, son of Betty Morgan and brother of Rhonda Shaw, passed away Friday, June 25, in Oklahoma City due to a massive heart attack. He was 62 years old. His funeral was Monday, June 28, at the Methodist Church in Hedley, and he was buried at Rowe Cemetery.

Danny was in the class of 1966 from Hedley High. All of his class mates send their best wishes to Betty and Rhonda. He will be missed. Out of the class of 1966, Danny is preceded in death by two class mates, Helen Wood Solomon and Ronny Ward.

I hope they all are riding around Heaven in Danny's bright red Mustang that he had in high school and having a great time. One of these days I hope to ride in it, too.



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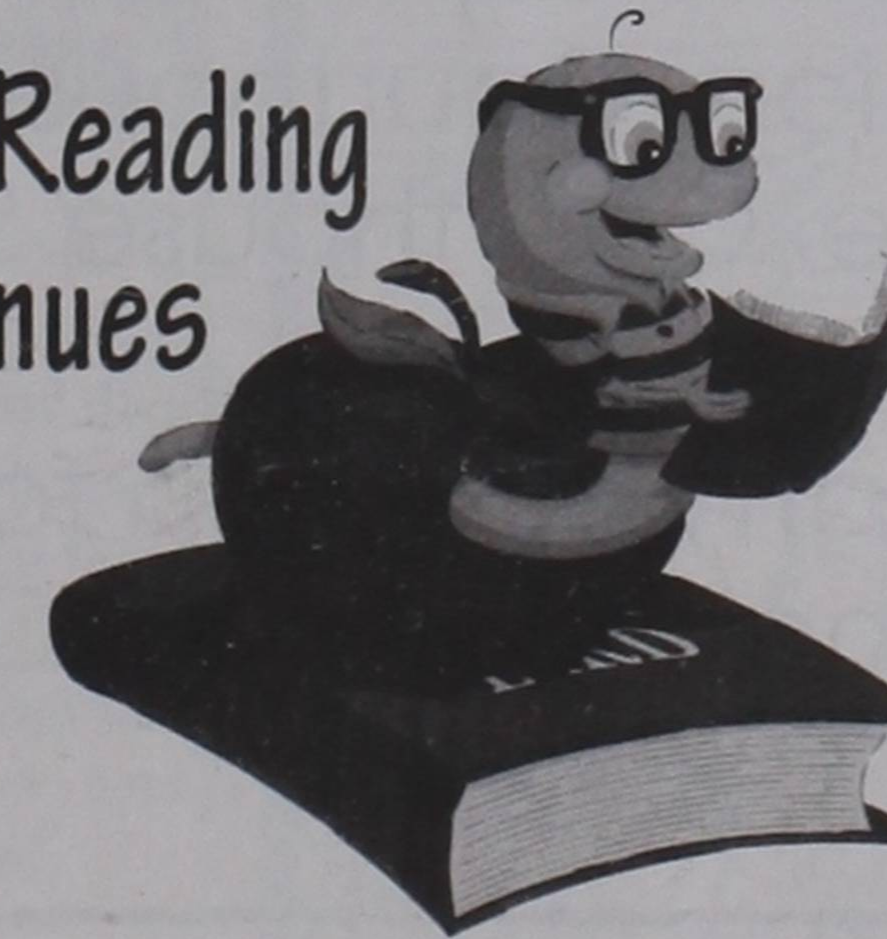
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7:30 p.m.	Jr. Ranch Rodeo & Trade Show, COEA Arena
	Dance to Follow

## Friday, July 2

All Day	Downtown Merchants' Western Days Street Sales
11:00 a.m.	Downtown Depression Luncheon
1:30 p.m.	Henson's Turtle Race, downtown Clarendon
7:30 p.m.	Ranch Rodeo & Trade Show, COEA Arena
	Dance to Follow

## Saturday, July 3

10:00 a.m.	Kids' Tricycle/Bicycle Parade
10:00 a.m.	Craft Fair, Courthouse Square
10:30 a.m.	Old Settlers' Reunion, Courthouse Square
11 a.m.	Shriners' Barbecue, Courthouse Square
2:00 p.m.	Western Parade
	Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo to follow
7:30 p.m.	Annual COEA Ranch Rodeo, COEA Arena
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### Sheriff's Report

**June 21, 2010**  
 12:21 a.m. - Unable to locate reported loud music, 4th & Faker Sts.  
 8:10 a.m. - Located leaking gas motor, secured.  
 10:06 a.m. - To jail, one male in custody.  
 1:29 p.m. - 287 MP 180, remove debris from roadway.  
 1:38 p.m. - Hwy 70 N at radio tower; trusty mowing area.  
 3:12 p.m. - See caller, 100 blk E. 4th St., Hedley.  
 5:42 p.m. - Stranded motorist, Hwy 287 at Co. Rd. 16.  
 10:47 p.m. - Hall Co. reporting possible wanted person, Hwy 287 W. bound.  
 11:02 p.m. - Out with possible wanted person, Hwy 287 at FM 1260.

**June 22, 2010**  
 1:25 a.m. - Open door, 300 blk Bugbee Ave.  
 3:35 a.m. - Deputy reporting several caution barrels down, construction cone; Hwy 287.  
 10:16 a.m. - Hedley resident reporting stolen vehicle taken past 1/2 hour.  
 10:53 a.m. - Deputy requesting wrecker, Hwy 287 at Hedley.  
 5:35 p.m. - Checking description of vehicle reported in gasoline drive off, 800 blk W. 2nd St.  
 7:08 p.m. - EMS assist, 600 blk E. Barcus St.  
 10:51 p.m. - Minor vehicle accident, Koogle & 5th Sts.

**June 23, 2010**  
 12:16 a.m. - Checking large group of people, 1st & Jefferson Sts.  
 5:56 a.m. - Spoke with two subjects reported walking, Hwy 70 N, out for a morning walk.  
 6:47 a.m. - EMS assist 700 blk W. 5th St.

**June 24, 2010**  
 1:51 a.m. - EMS assist at EMS station, spider bite.  
 6:43 a.m. - Deputy reporting water leak, W. Martindale St.  
 7:22 a.m. - Water leak, 3rd & Taylor Sts.  
 8:48 p.m. - Located location of grass fire call, fire already out.  
 9:08 p.m. - Grassfire median, Hwy 287 at Martin.  
 10:10 p.m. - Trucker stopped, Hwy 287 at McClelland St;

### Tax credit helps working parents

DALLAS - Many working parents must arrange for care of their younger children under 13 years of age during the school vacation period. A popular solution - with favorable tax consequences - is a day camp program.

"Unlike overnight camps, the cost of day camp could count as an expense regarding the Child and Dependent Care Credit," said Clay Sanford, a Dallas-based spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service. "The cost of sending your child to a day camp may be a work-related expense, even if the camp specializes in a particular activity, such as computers or soccer."

Otherwise, if your childcare provider is a sitter at your home or theirs, you'll generally get some tax benefit if you qualify for the credit. Also, if you paid someone to care for your child so that you (or your spouse if you are married) could look for work, you may be able to claim the credit. The Child and Dependent Care Credit can be up to 35 percent of eligible expenses, depending on adjusted gross income.

For more information, see IRS Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses, available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM.

### USDA offers help with energy audits

USDA Rural Development announces it is seeking applications from eligible intermediaries to help rural small businesses and agricultural producers reduce energy costs and consumption. Funding is provided to conduct energy audits and provide renewable energy development assistance.

Rural Development is accepting applications for this program until July 26, 2010. For more information on how to apply, visit [www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_ReapEaReda.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_ReapEaReda.html).

a lot of smoke, brakes overheated.

**June 25, 2010**  
 5:42 p.m. - Stand by small fire, Hwy 287 at Main St., Hedley.  
 7:48 p.m. - Stand by fire of farm equipment, W. of Claude.  
 9:01 p.m. - Complaint of fire-works, Front St.

**June 26, 2010**  
 12:17 a.m. - Unable to locate reported disturbance, 6th & Kearney Sts.  
 1:57 a.m. - Disturbance, N. Ayers St; loud music.

6:22 a.m. - Open door at school.  
 6:43 a.m. - Delivered death notification to resident of Howard-wick.  
 2:37 p.m. - To jail, one male in custody.  
 4:01 p.m. - Welfare check, 300 blk N. Main St. Hedley.  
 4:16 p.m. - Stranded motorist, 287 at Co. Rd. 19.  
 4:17 p.m. - Transport to Collingsworth Co.

**June 27, 2010**  
 12:09 a.m. - Stand by truck tire burning, location not logged. Fire Department also on scene.

12:36 a.m. - See caller, 300 blk E. 6th St.  
 1:10 a.m. - 400 blk W. 2nd St., reported possible assault; crowd gathered.  
 1:38 a.m. - People and situation quiet now.  
 9:27 a.m. - Several deer seen near football field.  
 12:41 p.m. - Welfare check, Goodnight & E. 5th Sts.  
 3:38 p.m. - See complainant, location not logged. Theft & destruction of property.  
 9:23 p.m. - See caller, 600 blk S. Carhart St.  
 11:45 p.m. - Back to residence, 600 blk S. Carhart St.

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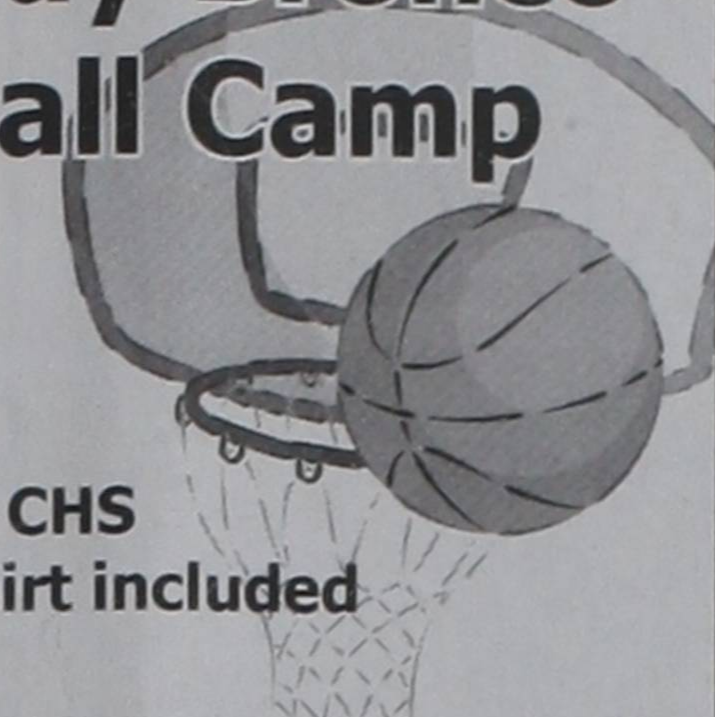
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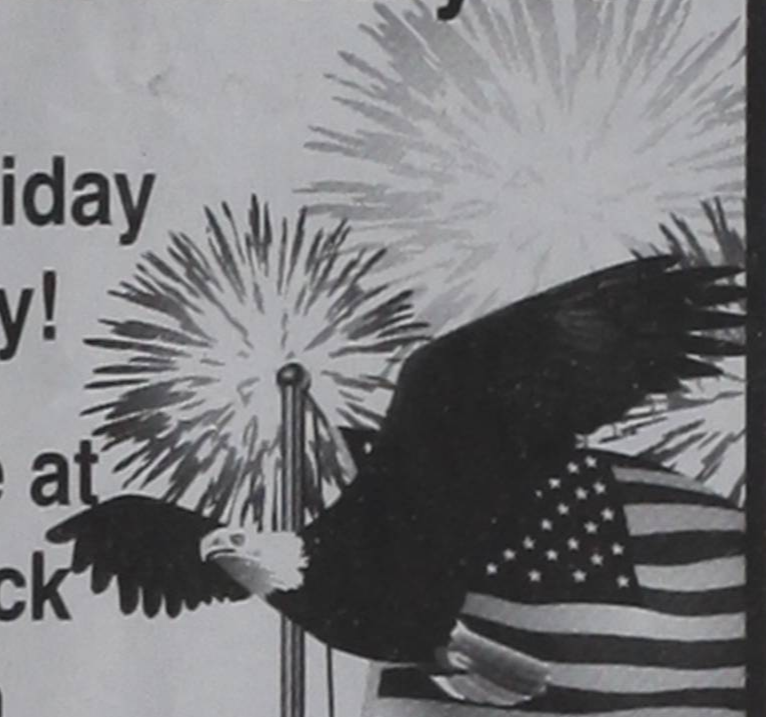


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**Workers' Comp. Session Offered in Amarillo July 28**

The Amarillo Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC), and the Office of Injured Employee Counsel (OIEC) are hosting a brown bag educational session entitled TDI-DWC AND

OIEC: Who We Are and What We Do on Wednesday, July 28, 2010.

This free session is for employees and employee organizations, employers, insurance carriers, claim adjusters, case managers, and attorneys. The meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the Amarillo Field Office, 7112 I-40 West, Building D.

Following a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the TDI-DWC and the OIEC and their

unique relationship as two separate state agencies co-located in the field offices, the session is an open forum in which participants may ask questions.

For more information, contact the TDI-DWC Public Information Office or Teresa Rodriguez, Amarillo Field Office Team Lead, at 806-351-1222; e-mail Teresa.Rodriguez@tdi.state.tx.us.

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**Beef quality training to be offered Aug. 24 in Vernon**

VERNON – Beef producers are invited to attend a training session on August 24 for the Texas Beef Quality Producer program to sharpen their knowledge of Beef Quality Assurance principles, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with the program running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wilbarger County Auditorium, 2100 Yam-parika Street, in Vernon. A complimentary lunch sponsored by Texas Beef Council will be served.

"Beef Quality Assurance is a national effort in the beef industry that focuses proven management practices that help ensure safety and quality of beef," said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo.

"The Texas Beef Quality Producer program is the program developed for cow-calf and stocker producers in Texas," McCollum said.

In addition to focusing on the safety of beef products, the program informs producers on current indus-

try concerns and how producers can help with increasing demand for cattle and beef, he said.

The intensive half-day training will cover Beef Quality Assurance principles, industry updates, record keeping, environmental stewardship, management practices associated with genetic selection, cattle handling, culling and use of animal health products, said Langdon Reagan, AgriLife Extension agriculture agent for Wilbarger County.

Participants should RSVP by Aug. 16 to Stacy Fox at Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association at 800-242-7820 or sfox@texascatleraisers.org, or by contacting the AgriLife Extension office in Wilbarger County at 940-552-5474.

The Beef Quality Producer program is a collaborative effort of AgriLife Extension, Texas Beef Council and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Funding is provided by Beef Checkoff dollars from the beef council and cattle raisers association, as well as allied industry groups.

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7:30 p.m. - Junior Ranch Rodeo, COEA Arena  
9:00 p.m. - Dance, COEA Slab  
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11:00 a.m. - Shriners' Barbecue, Courthouse Square  
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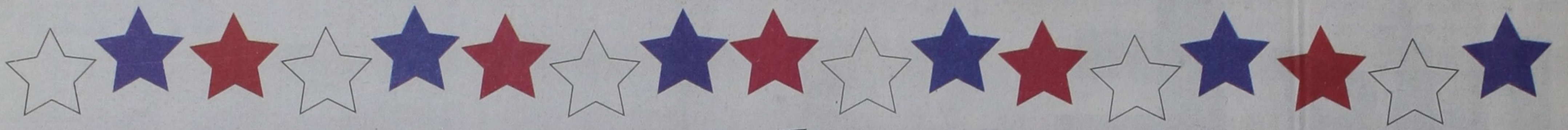
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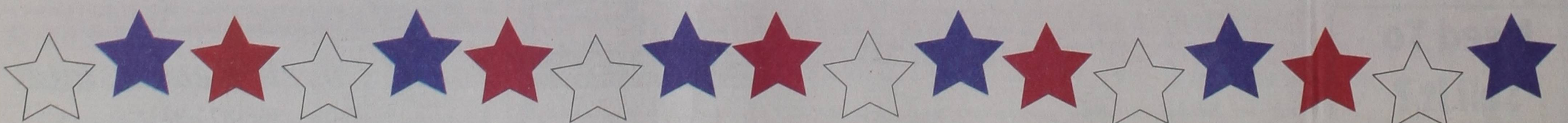
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## TWO HORRIBLE MURDERS IN ONE NIGHT!

### G.R. Miller, an Ex-Convict, Murders Floyd Autrey of Fort Worth and an Unknown Man and Attempts to Kill Two Others.

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One of the most cold blooded double murders ever perpetrated in the Panhandle was done early Saturday morning by an ex-convict, G.R. Miller, of near Acme, Tex., when he killed two men on a north bound freight train for the purpose of robbery, when there could have been no hope of obtaining more than a very small amount of money.

First, three men entered a box car at Childress in the train being sent north. A few cars ahead of this two other young men, unaware of the first three, also entered a box car to ride to Amarillo. The first train crew knew of anything being wrong was when the train reached Giles, 20 miles south of Clarendon and 40 miles north of Childress, where the train stopped for water and where Fred Garrett, a young man of North Ft. Worth, approached the crew and told them his companion, a cousin, had been murdered and he himself had a narrow escape. It developed that Garrett and his cousin, Floyd Autrey, also of Ft. Worth, were riding in the empty freight car with the door open, and at Memphis a third man climbed into the car and entered into conversation with them, nothing seeming unusual with the man, only he said he was broke and asked Garrett and Autrey if they had anything to satisfy the trainman with. They told him they had a little money and could see that he got through to Amarillo. They lighted and smoked cigarettes and Garrett seated himself in the car door.

Just as the train was entering Giles eight miles from Memphis, the stranger without warning or provocation opened fire on them. At the first shot, Garrett looked around to see Autrey fall and the murderer turning upon him. He made a leap from the car door just as the second shot was fired, the ball and flame burning the side of his neck. He caught onto the train a few car lengths back, riding on to the tank, where he told the crew of what had happened. The assassin was seen to jump from the car and make off down the creek. When they reached the car, Autrey was found on the floor with a terrible wound in the back of the head from which the blood poured and he was unconscious. There was no doctor or officer at Giles, so the train was brought to Clarendon, with Garrett in charge of his wounded cousin Autrey.

On reaching here, the wounded man, still breathing but unconscious, was taken into the depot office and City Marshal Phillips and a doctor were called, the latter pronouncing the wound fatal. About daylight, Sheriff Patman was called and he notified officers down the road of the crime and to lookout for the criminal, which Garrett described, the sheriff himself going south on the first train. Early Saturday morning, a man walked into Rowe from the south and went to a boarding car and asked for breakfast. He suited the description so completely that Deputy Gammon at that place arrested him and with Sheriff Patman brought him up to Clarendon on the ten o'clock train and placed him in jail. Garrett was then taken to the jail and identified him fully. In the meantime, Autrey had been taken to the hotel, where he died before ten o'clock.

While all this was going on, another chapter was unfolded, bringing to light a heinous murder just before this one. Further up the road, the train crew found another car, blood-bespattered, in which there was a man's hat and necktie. Word was telegraphed along down the line to look out for evidences of another crime. In response to this a section crew found a dead man on a drift pile under Red River bridge near Estelline, twelve miles south of Memphis, hatless

and without a necktie, with his pockets turned and two bullet holes through him. Also during the day, a man, worn out and weary with a bullet wound in the lobe of his ear, walked into Childress and told officers that one of the two men with whom he had been riding north had shot him and thrown him from the train. Miller then killed the first victim, rifled his pockets of fifty cents and a metal trade check and threw him out as they crossed Red River.

Unawares to Clarendon people, Sheriff Patman took Miller to Claude Saturday night and placed him in jail, as there was some pretty bitter talk here against him. Sunday the man first assaulted who walked back to Childress was brought back to Estelline, where he identified the dead man there as one of the two to leave Childress in the car with him. He was then taken on to Claude, where he readily identified Miller as the man he had put off the train twice after leaving Childress.

The makes the proof against Miller complete, together with the fact that they deputy relieved him of a long barreled Smith & Wesson 5 shot pistol with four chambers empty and showing they were freshly fired. The evidence was so strong in fact that Miller finally broke down and confessed, saying he was broke and killed them for what money they might have. He also, upon being charged with being an ex-convict by Sheriff Patman, acknowledged that he had served a two-year term for forgery in Hardeman county. He is evidently a hardened criminal, his past punishment in no wise changing his evil intentions. He told the officers that he had worked some since his release from the pen in December, but had lost his wages gambling and he set in to stake himself by robbery, that he did not mean to kill these men, but wanted to hurt them bad enough so that he could easily get their money. He had besides the pistol and its load, one piece of dynamite fuse and cap, and a letter to a city firm, written supposedly by himself, ordering a wig, false whiskers, etc., to be sent to Dalhart, showing that he was starting out on a career of dark deeds.

He is about 5½ feet tall, 33 years old, light or medium complexion, wide between the eyes, eyes light blue or almost gray and droop at the outside corners, weight about 110 pounds, wide between the ears, and is a constant cigarette smoker. He says his mother is a widow and lives near Acme, Tex.

Fifty cents and the metal trade check was the only fruit of these crimes. Autrey and Garrett had a few dollars, but the latter jumped from the car and escaped and Autrey's money was in a hip pocket of an under pair of pants where Miller did not find it.

Garrett stated that with his cousin they left Ft. Worth Friday and came to Childress on the passenger train. After being there a while, they concluded to go to Amarillo on a freight. Their home was in North Ft. Worth, moving there a few months ago from Smithfield. Autrey was 19 years old and a Woodman. Fred Garrett is 20 years old and his conduct and appearance shows that he is no hobo. The body of Floyd Autrey was prepared for burial and shipped to Smithfield in Tarrant county, in charge of Garrett and J.L. Davis of Clarendon, one of our local Woodmen.

The family of the dead boy boarded the train at Ft. Worth and went on to Smithfield where they were met by over 100 Woodmen and hundreds of other people who attended the services and burial. Mr. Davis returned yesterday and says the mother and family took the death very hard and the whole affair was impressive and affecting.

Such a crime certainly deserves the fullest penalty the law provides.

The Clarendon Chronicle  
Wednesday, March 24, 1909



G.R. Miller - The Murderer.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO



District Judge J.N. Browning - Sentences Miller to hang by the neck until dead. Browning had previously been the Lt. Governor of Texas and was the first Worshipful Master of the Clarendon Masonic Lodge.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO



Donley County Sheriff J.T. Patman - Executed the verdict of 12 jurors and the decree of the District Judge "by pulling the lever that sprung the trap which sent the soul of G.R. Miller before the bar of a just and merciful God."

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

### MILLER TO HANG FRIDAY, JUNE 3

#### Browning Passes His First Death Sentence As Judge - First Death Sentence In Donley

As per the guess of the News last Wednesday in announcing that the death sentence would be pronounced upon G.R. Miller on Monday at two o'clock in the afternoon and that the date would likely be June 3 and so it is.

Soon after dinner, crowds began to gather at the Courthouse to witness the pronouncement of death sentence upon G.R. Miller, convicted of the murder of Floyd Autrey in a box car of the Denver Railway near Giles in this county, March 14th, 1909.

At two o'clock the Courtroom was packed to suffocation. Judge Browning called for order and issued a warning to the crowd that demonstrations of any kind would not be permitted. Then the Judge ordered Sheriff Patman to go to the jail and bring the prisoner before the bar of the court. Promptly at 2:30, Sheriff Patman leading, entered through a door of the jury room at the rear of the judge's stand came the prisoner closely followed by deputy sheriffs G.W. Bugbee and W.W. Gammon and Constable Frank A. White and Sheriff Reeves of Gray county. The prisoner was seated in front of the Judge's stand and besides Rev. J.J. Stanton, who has been ministering to him spiritually for some time.

Judge Browning ordered the pris-

oner to stand up and brother Stanton stood beside him and the Judge began his pronouncement, reciting the charge, indictment, Jury verdict, argument for new trial, appeal to our highest criminal court which affirmed the verdict of the jury, and the argument of his counsel for a new hearing in that court and its refusal which exhausted all legal resources and that now there remains nothing else but to legally carry out the verdict of the jury.

The Judge then asked the prisoner if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon him. Miller standing erect and in a firm voice said, "WELL, I'VE ONLY THIS MUCH TO SAY. THAT I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MY PURPOSE. I HAVE SACRIFICED MY OWN LIFE, BUT I HAVE SAVED THE REST."

Judge Browning then said substantially as follows, addressing the prisoner, that this was a solemn occasion. That this was a very solemn duty that he was called upon to perform; one that he had hoped he might never be called upon to perform, but that the law was and must be supreme.

"You are a young man and it is

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### THE MURDERER CONFESSES

#### Miller Says He Did Not Intend To Kill.

The Banner-Stockman was not able to get the full facts in the case of the horrible tragedies that shocked our city last Saturday. But the murderer has confessed the deed and in his own words we give below the history of two of the most shocking murders in the history of the county.

Following is a synopsis of Miller's statement:

I got on the train at Childress and two men got on after it was in motion. I do not know where they were going, neither do I know their names, but we rode on in the car together to Estelline, Texas, and just after we left Estelline I asked the two men if they had "put up" to the train crew, and they said "no" but that they did not want the train crew to find them. We had not gone far before I did the shooting. I did not want to kill the men "Plum" dead, I only wanted to wound them so I could get their money. I shot at one of them and he jumped out of the car door and as he jumped I shot the second time at him and then turned and fired at the other one, but only fired one shot at the last one. I went through his pockets and got all his money as I thought, which was fifty cents in money and a merchandise check amounting to fifty cents and then pushed him out of the door. I came on to Memphis, Texas, in the same car and then got off and changed to another car and found two other men in that car. One of them told me he had a little money. The other man said that he did not have any at all and my only object was to get the money one of them had and I did not want to hurt the man who did not have any money but wanted to scare him away. I did not shoot the other man with the intention of killing him. I only wanted to wound him so I could get his money. I shot him and then went through his pockets but did not find anything. I got off the train and went down in the canyon and sat down until after the train left and then walked up to Rowe where I was arrested.

The Banner-Stockman  
Friday, March 26, 1909

### Somebody's Boy

God knows best, he was somebody's love,  
Somebody's heart enshrined him there;  
Somebody wafted his name above;  
Night and morn on the wings of prayer.

A few years ago he lay in the cradle,  
Rocked by a mother with loving care,  
Singing sweet songs of earnest endeavor,  
With dreams of the future all bright & fair.

A few years hence he laying in the prison,  
Away from the mother so true & brave,  
Waiting the time for the doors to open,  
To be led to death and a felon's grave.

Draw the mantle of charity round you,  
In your peaceful life of joy,  
Gather your loved ones near to you,  
He was also "Somebody's Boy."

-Written by One who was not there.  
The Clarendon News  
June 4, 1910

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**Editorial Comments – 1910**

By A.M. Beville

Without going into extensible details of the events of the day, we give as much of the facts as is the duty of a newspaper to its readers without in any way pandering to the curiosity of those whose minds could be unduly influenced by recital of sensational and spectacular happenings

...

While we exceedingly regret that it was necessary to have a legal execution in our county, yet the law is and must be supreme and like all who suffer the law's penalties, it was the result of his own actions. The word of God says, "Be sure your sin will find you out," and "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

We were not of the great throng that crowded about the gallows to witness the end of the unfortunate criminal who paid for his crime with his life upon the gallows – "Oh, what a death of shame!"

We draw the mantle of forgetfulness about the horrors of the gallows. In fact, we could have published columns of details if we had so desired, but we preferred not to do so.

We invite all our readers to read the poem in another place which beautifully tells that he like all we is "somebody's boy."

Oh, how every heart should bleed for the old mother and sister in another Texas County. Think of his mother with her strong mother love who loves on through wrong-doing and who clings to her child even to the gallows.

May this event have the warning effect upon others that the makers of our laws hoped and believed that it would

...

As usual about great events, many sensational reports gained circulation and were repeated by people who should have known that there unreasonableness precluded the truthfulness.

...

The startlingness of the event seemed to rather agitate many minds and made them susceptible to the belief and further circulation of many weird and unreasonable stories.

It is to be hoped that with education, enlightenment and civilization of this generation that some other method of dealing with capital crimes will be evolved if for no other reason than that those who are so wrought up by such events may be spared.

If capital punishment is necessary, let the felon be transported to the state penitentiary, say, and there be executed using the electric current or the most approved humane method.

*The Clarendon News, June 4 & June 8, 1910*

**Editorial Comments – 2010**

By Roger A. Estlack

One hundred years after the execution of G.R. Miller, the event continues to stir people in Clarendon. But regrettably, time has removed from the minds of many people the shocking acts that led to that unfortunate occasion. People correctly remember the hanging for its place in history as the last such act in the Panhandle and the only one in Donley County, but that bit of trivia has too often been used as a point of twisted civic pride and even as a method of promoting our community.

Even as recently as this spring our Chamber of Commerce hosted a tourism workshop for several area towns... and decorated the invitations with the drawing of a hangman's noose. T-shirts are also worn with the phrase "Hang with the Best" or "I hung out in Clarendon" and accompanied by either a noose or even the picture of Miller standing on the gallows.

The purpose of this annual edition of the Leader is to remind us all of the facts of this dark chapter in this history of Clarendon and Donley County. G.R. Miller was a convicted criminal. He murdered two men – one in Donley County – and nearly killed two others for the sum total of one dollar. His execution here was justice as prescribed by law; and while the event did draw a large crowd, the community leaders of the time – and certainly the founders of our town – would be horrified to think that some would try to make this Clarendon's claim to fame.

There were plenty of other things that happened in 1910 – the Methodist Church and the Adair Hospital were both constructed and opened that year, for example; and Clarendon's history is full of worthwhile endeavours and many firsts for our region in every field from religion to journalism to education and more. As one pioneer put it, "Everything good got its start at Clarendon."

But this event – the death of a criminal necessitated by the murders of two innocents – is what has sometimes been held up as one of the seminal events in our town's history. Shame on us. This was not a proud event; it was simply a necessary thing. There is nothing wrong with capital punishment when it is carried out lawfully and justly, but it should never be used for promotional purposes.

From this time forth let us restrain ourselves from using the images of the noose and the man upon the gallows for anything other than historical purposes. We now also call on the Chamber of Commerce to round up any T-shirts that remain for sale with these images and implore them to destroy those garments. Surely, surely we can do better.

The articles and images we print here this week are to remind us of what really happened and are not published to excite people's curiosity. One hundred years ago, the "Somebody's Boy" poem was printed on page one... and the article detailing the execution of Miller was on page two. This week, we reprint that poem in its original location... and push the details of his death to page three. Our focus this week – as the focus of our community memory should be – is not on what happened to Miller but rather on who he was and the terrible acts he committed.

**Miller To Hang:** CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

sad to see one as young as you taken from this life before his allotted time, and it is also sad to think of the other young life that went out before it should by the course of nature and at your hands. The law says that the day of your executing shall not be under thirty days after the passing of the sentence. I would not make it less if I could. This is given that you have proper time for reflection and preparation, and I trust that you may properly reflect and prepare for your final end, the time for which I now set for Friday, June 3rd, 1910. This was exactly at 2:18 p.m. You are now remanded to the custody of the Sheriff of Donley county until the day set for your execution, and the Sheriff of Donley county is hereby commanded on this day, between the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and before sunset, to legally execute you by hanging you by the neck until you are dead. You may now be seated."

Miller said, in a clear voice, "Thank you, Judge," and took

**Attention Stock Men!!!**

Judge Dubbs of Wheeler County at the insistence of many stock men has issued a call for stock men to meet at Mobetie on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, of July, to consider measures for preventing the promiscuous driving or herding of infected cattle through their herds or ranches, the firing of prairies &c.

These are all important matters; let all interested take notice and be present.

*The Clarendon News  
 July 1, 1880*

his seat.  
 Sheriff Patman, who was at the rear all the time, bade him arise and with the prisoner and attendants, returned to the jail, where Miller was placed in the cell to himself and the death watch was placed over him for day and night until his execution.

Nothing now but executive clemency can save the prisoner and that is not at all likely as Miller pleaded guilty.

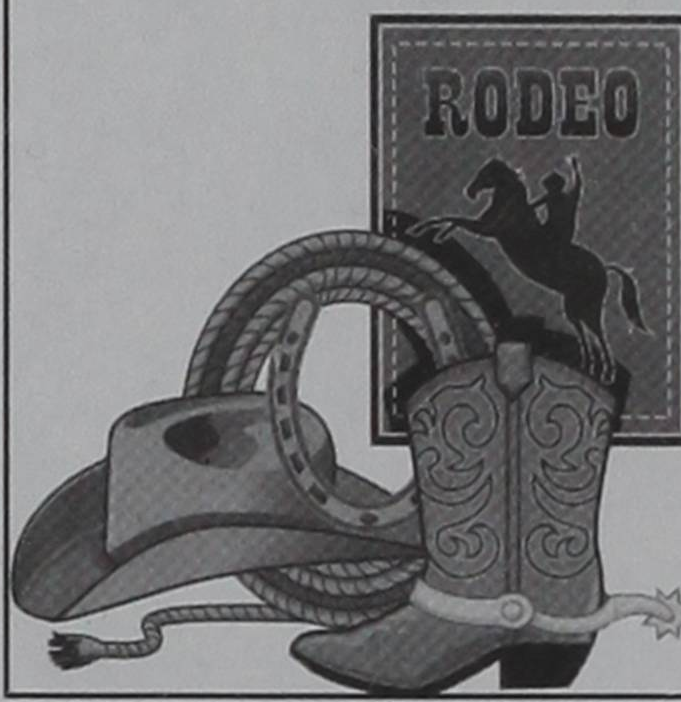
This will be the first legal hanging ever in Donley county.

*The Clarendon News  
 April 27, 1910*

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Our offices will be closed  
 Monday, July 5



# THE FULL STORY OF THE MILLER HANGING.

## His Criminal History and His Possible Insanity

By Jean Stavenhagen,  
Donley County Historical  
Commission Chair  
June 2010

The sounds of hammers driving nails and saws slicing into planks ring out across the hills north of Clarendon in the early morning of May 31st, 1910. The field is vacant except for a tall platform taking shape from the labor of many workmen busily doing their job of building a gallows over fifteen feet high under the supervision of J.T. Patman, Sheriff of Donley County. When completed, the gallows will await the execution of G.R. Miller, the man convicted of murder on a train traveling through Donley County.

In 1906, Miller was a tall, dark, good-looking, thirty-year-old man who had become a small time thief searching for wealth without work. When money was scarce, he worked as a farm laborer in Quanah and a miner in the gypsum bed in Acme. He decided it would be easy to expand his road to riches by changing the amount of a check given to him by a Mrs. Waldrop for picking cotton. He was arrested and charged with forgery however there was some concern about his mental state. The doctors who examined Miller while he was in jail were convinced that he was, "... of unsound mind," and after his trial the jury felt, "There is little doubt as to the man being crazy..." A petition for his pardon was signed by all the members of the jury that convicted him. The pardon was denied and Miller arrived at the State Prison in Huntsville January 16, 1907, to serve his two-year sentence.

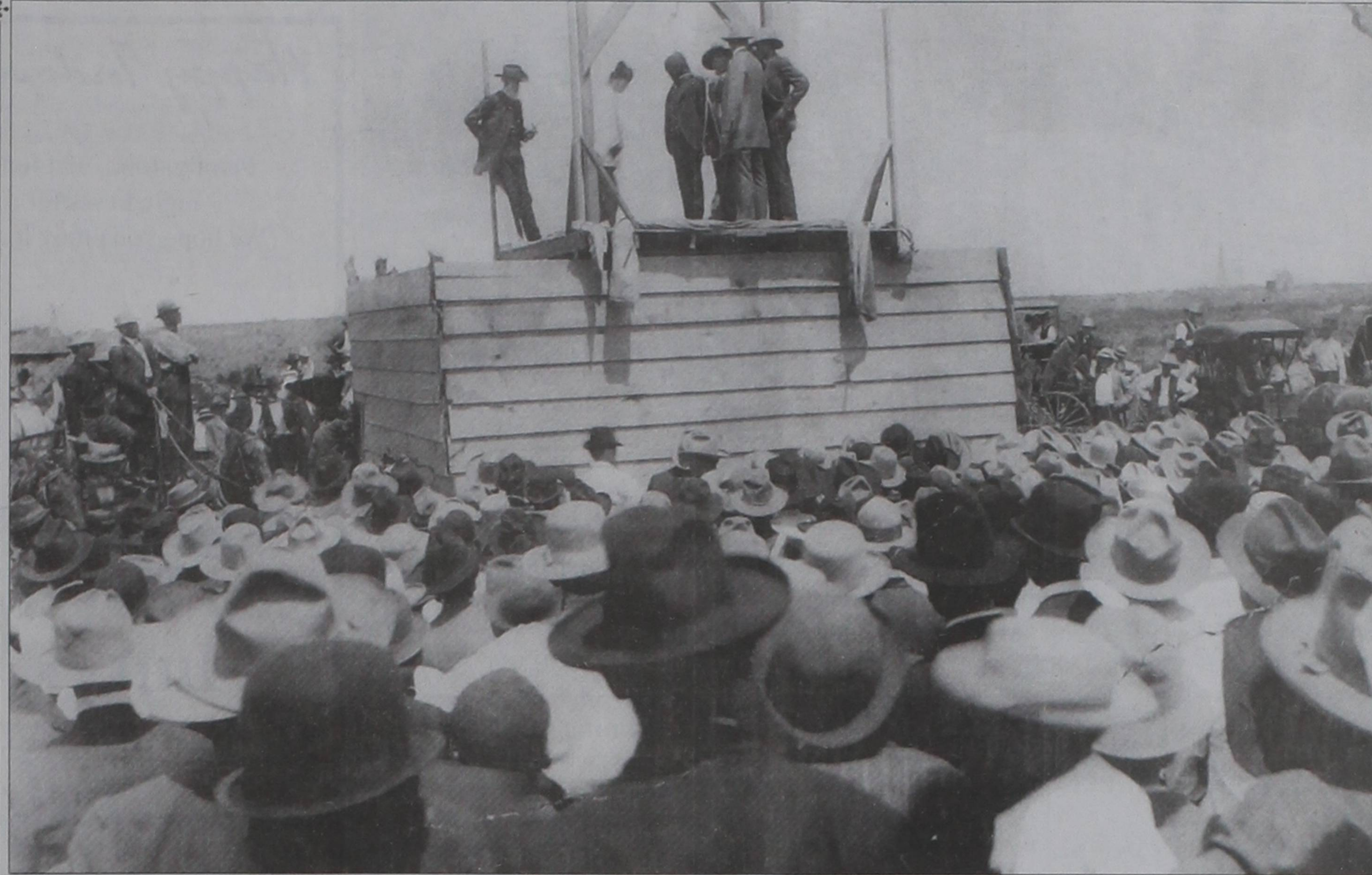
The state prison system at that time operated under the belief that hard work and severe discipline bring about reform but Miller did not respond well to that logic. He refused to accept authority and according to prison records was labeled by the prison physicians as being, "...excessively out of control," and given twenty licks for punishment.

Miller arrived back in Quanah, a convict with a criminal record and the victim of a harsh prison system. Four months later he began a violent crime spree by committing almost identical crimes as he traveled in freight train boxcars through Hall and Donley Counties. In the late afternoon of March 19, 1909 Miller stole dynamite from the gypsum plant in Acme and blew up the dugout home of Nick Althizer as a decoy for robbing the paymaster's office. He was not successful in his robbery attempt and left Acme after he stole a .38 caliber revolver from a relative.

In Childress Miller found a north-bound freight train with a boxcar occupied by two men. Believing they had money, he pulled his gun and started shooting before they reached Estelline. He killed one of the men, but the other one jumped off the train and escaped with a wound to one of his ears. The man began his way back to Childress in the dark to notify authorities while Miller searched the dead man for money. He found fifty cents and then callously pushed the body out of the car as it crossed over Red River.

When the train stopped in Memphis, Miller found a different boxcar with two young men inside. One was playing a harmonica and the other was rolling a cigarette. They told Miller they were Floyd Autrey and Fred Garrett, cousins from Fort Worth and on their way to Amarillo. Autrey told Miller he had enough money to pay their way if caught stealing a ride and the conversation continued as all three of them lit cigarettes by the same match.

The train pulled out of Memphis, but before they reached Giles, Miller decided he would take what money they had and began shooting. Using the glow of his cigarette, Miller



The crowd closes in as the noose is prepared for the neck of G.R. Miller on the morning of June 3, 1910. The scene a few moments before this of Miller, with his hands bound behind his back, has been printed many times, but this is possibly the first publication of this particular photo, which shows the hood over Miller's head. On the gallows is Rev. J.H. Stanton, Father Erasmus, Miller, and Sheriff J.T. Patman flanked by two men who may be V.R. Lane, Dep. Bugbee, or Dep. Gammon.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO BY H. MULKEY.

shot Autrey in the head. Garrett jumped from the car as a bullet grazed his cheek. Miller searched the severely wounded Autrey, but found no money. Fearing more gunfire from the car, Garrett ran alongside the slow-moving train and got the attention of the engineer who stopped at Giles. Garrett told him about the gunman who shot Autrey, and they both hurried back to the car and found the young man alone and unconscious with part of his head blown away. Deputy Gammon in Hedley was notified and given a description of the suspected killer. By that time, the body of the man Miller pushed from the train had been found by two cowboys and reported to officials in Estelline. In a frenzy of phone calls lawmen from Childress to Clarendon were alerted of the shootings and given a description of the suspect.

Miller had jumped off the train when it stopped in Giles and found a place to hide for the rest of the night. On Saturday morning, he walked to Rowe and begged breakfast from a cook's car that fed the railroad work crew. The cook was suspicious of the stranger was the killer on the loose and summoned Deputy Gammon from Hedley who arrived and took Miller into custody relieving him of his gun which had one bullet left.

Autrey and Garret were taken to Clarendon and they were met at the depot by the railroad physician who took Autrey to a nearby hotel where he died a short time later. He was wearing two pairs of pants and seven dollars was found in the inside pockets. Miller was escorted to Clarendon by Donley County Sheriff Patman and Deputy Gammon. News of the double murders had spread like a prairie wildfire. A large dangerous crowd met them at the depot and whispers of a lynching prompted the sheriff to quickly take Miller to the jail. At the inquest, Garrett identified Miller as the assassin and testified that, "Autrey came to his death by a pistol shot wound inflicted by G.R. Miller." Sheriff Patman arrested Miller and found in his pocket a letter ordering a wig, mustache, goatee and whiskers from a place in Boston. The sheriff locked him in the county jail but later that night he and his deputy secretly moved Miller to the jail in Claude to calm the lynching crowd.

The next day, the Childress sheriff brought the first man who had escaped from Miller's bullets to Claude. He identified Miller as the man who had killed his companion. After intense questioning, Miller signed a confession, admitting both shootings on the train. Referring to the first murder he said, "I did not intend to kill the men 'plum' dead. I only wanted to wound them so I could get their money." Of Autrey's murder Miller stated, "... I only wanted to wound him so I shot him and

then went thru his pockets but did not find anything."

On April 16th, Miller was taken to the jail in Memphis by Sheriff Burson and Deputy King to await trial for the murder committed on the train as it passed through Hall County. The grand jury indicted Miller on May 24th. A week later the district court met and out of the sixty-five summoned, chose a jury. The case was ready for trial shortly after noon and began with Miller's relatives, his mother Jane Miller, his sister and brother-in-law Dora and Tom Everson, all testifying that Miller's actions and mental condition were not unusual prior to the killings. He showed no emotion until he was moved to tears when his elderly mother took the stand and became so nervous she had to go to the witness room. The Sheriff testified that while he was in jail, Miller had tried to smuggle out a letter to a woman in Dalhart. He was asking her to get a diamond point drill and steel saw and get them to him some way as he would hang if he did not get out.

The trial continued the next day, June 1st. At 3:00'clock the jury announced their verdict. G.R. Miller was found guilty of murder in the first degree and given ninety-nine years or life in prison. The defendant was taken to Huntsville the next day to await trial for the murder of Floyd Autrey.

The District Court met in Clarendon to impanel a jury on October 18, 1909 with District Judge J.N. Browning presiding. Only nine men appeared from the ones who were summoned. The judge ordered three of the recently chosen petit jurors to appear and qualify. R.H. Jones, F.A. Killian and Levi Angel were empanelled by Sheriff Patman with nine other jurors. After a short deliberation, the Grand Jury indicted G.R. Miller for the capital murder of Floyd Autrey.

On October 23rd the jury for the trial was chosen from seventy-two people who were summoned with many being excused for their belief in Miller's guilt. The jurors were chosen from the farmers, ranchers and merchants of Donley County and consisted of: R.A. Callahan, W.T. McFarland, J.A. Barnett, W.A. Womack, Joe Penland, J.S. Spradlin, W.D. Dishroone, D.R. Skinner, G.D. Greaves and C. Risley. The court appointed lawyers for Miller were A.T. Coley and A.L. Journeay, who immediately filed a motion to quash the indictment because the Grand Jury was chosen illegally but the motion was denied by Judge Browning.

Miller was brought back to Clarendon from Huntsville and the trial began on November 1st in a courthouse packed with people. When the indictment was read, Miller pleaded guilty without emotion or hesitation. After all the evidence was heard and the court determined that

G.R. Miller was sane, the case was sent to the jury. Within an hour, the verdict was given, "... guilty of murder in the first degree ... and punishment by death."

Miller's lawyer proceeded to file a motion to the State Court of Criminal Appeals for the jury's judgment to be revised. The motion was denied because of Miller's guilty plea. On April 25, 1910, Miller appeared in the crowded courtroom where Judge Browning pronounced sentence, "The defendant shall be hanged by the neck until dead ... on Friday, June 3, 1910 at any time after eleven o'clock A.M. and before sunset." He was returned to the jail to await execution.

In the weeks that followed, Miller became a contributor to the local newspaper from his cell. First he sent an invitation asking everyone to meet him at the gallows so he could tell them he forgave them. Then he began to write poetry and sent a long ballad to the editor about his life of crime. Another poem, written about prison life, was especially poignant and captured the sympathy of his readers, "... What is life without liberty / I oft times have said / With a poor troubled mind / It is always in dread."

As the time drew near for the execution, the town began to prepare itself for an onslaught of curiosity seekers. As soon as the gallows were built, a crowd began to gather in the open field where it stood. Every train brought people to Clarendon and many arrived in wagons, buggies, on horseback and even on foot. The streets filled with people selling fried meats, breads and pies. People carried picnic lunches and extra bedding as the mood became boisterous and rowdy.

On the night before the hanging, campfires dotted the landscape as hundreds of people camped out near the scaffold. At the jail, Father Erasmus, priest of the Catholic Church, and Rev. J.H. Stanton of the Methodist Church, were ministering to the condemned man one last time in his cell. Three days before, the priest had baptized Miller into the Catholic Church. Mrs. Patman, the sheriff's wife, was making the black hood that would cover the head of the prisoner, a job she had been putting off for days. Extra lawmen were called in and spent the night nervously watching over the town.

At promptly 11 o'clock the next morning, June 3rd, 1910, Miller was brought through the crowd to the waiting gallows in a covered buggy escorted by lawmen, ministers and physicians. Sheriff Patman ascended the stairs to the scaffold followed by Miller, deputies Bugbee and Gammon, V.R. Lane, Father Erasmus dressed in his official robes and Rev. Stanton, who held a small cross in his hands.

Miller faced the huge crowd and read a statement thanking those who had helped him and forgiving those who were pun-

ishing him. He ended his statement by saying, "I humbly and sincerely ask forgiveness for the scandal and bad example I have given by my past wicked life and I hope that none will follow my example." He looked around at the vast crowd and his voice wavered slightly as he said, "Goodbye children and be good children." Miller then turned to Sheriff Patman and heartily shook his hand, thanked him and said he was ready.

The article that later appeared in The Clarendon News gave a detailed account of the last few minutes of the

hanging: Father Erasmus placed the black cap over Miller's face while the sheriff and deputies pinioned his hands and feet. "At a given signal curtains were drawn and the crowd saw no more. ...all then stepped back to the edge of the platform and Sheriff Patman at 11:06 pulled the lever. The trap worked perfectly and the body shot straight downward six feet and the physicians and witnesses below say that death came without a struggle, the physicians pronounced him dead 13 minutes later and 16 minutes later the body was cut down and turned over to the undertaker." Miller's body was wrapped in a robe and taken away in a horse-drawn hearse, his feet hanging out of the wagon. The gallows were torn down as soon as possible but not before the crowd had torn out pieces of rope and wood for souvenirs.

Services were held the next day in the Catholic Church and Miller was buried in an unmarked grave in the small Catholic Cemetery south of Clarendon. Most of the town took no pleasure in dealing with criminal events that had been thrust upon them and feared notoriety would harm their growth as a town that promoted religion and education.

But the unlikely hanging became an important part of Clarendon's history as the first and last public execution in Donley County and the last legal hanging in the Panhandle.

Executions by hanging were terminated in 1923 when the State of Texas ordered all executions to be carried out by the state, in Huntsville, by means of the electric chair.

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THE LAW IS SUPREME."

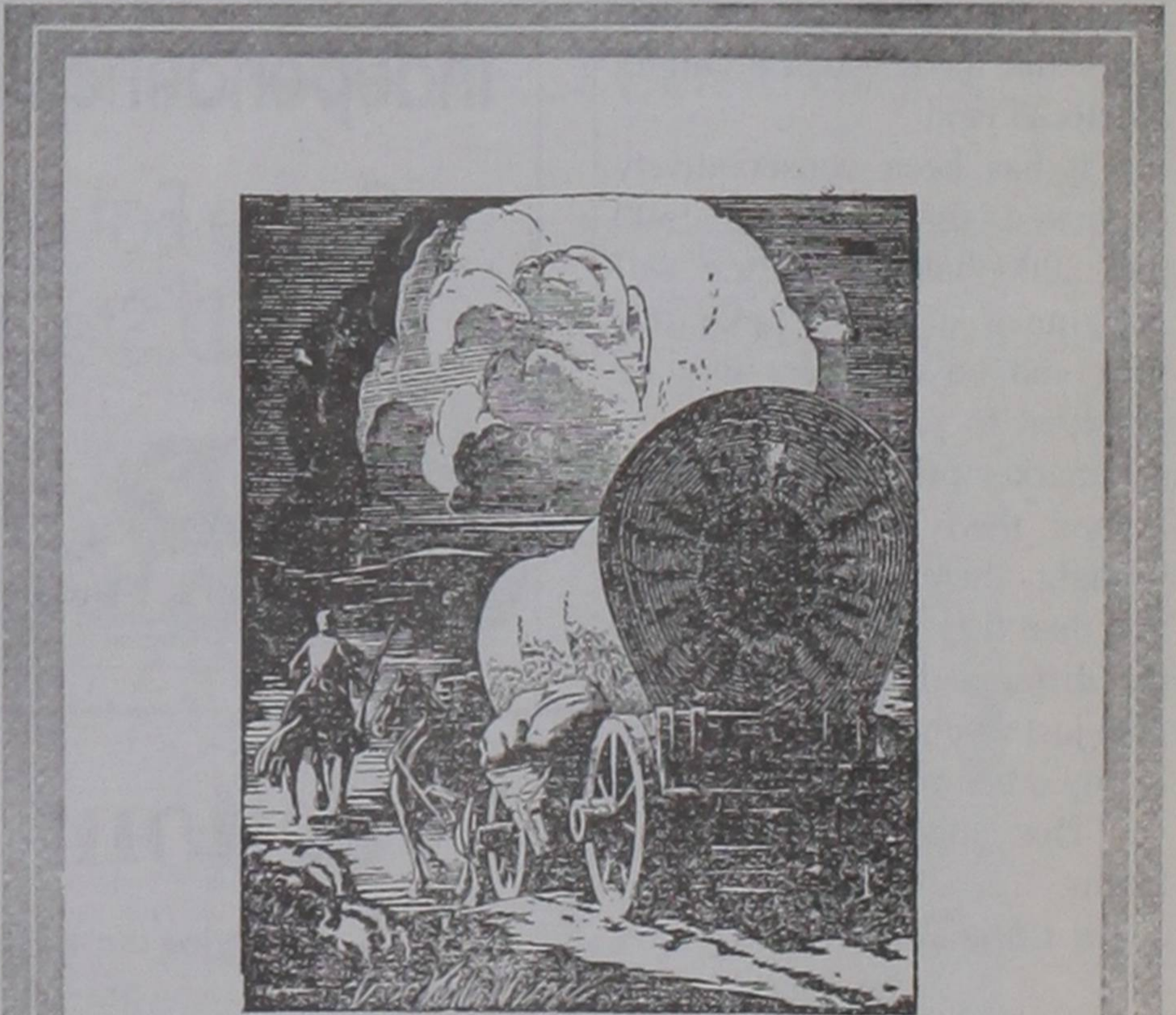


As we celebrate Independence Day, we celebrate freedom, equality and justice. We cherish these values and work hard to promote them each day in our work.

We wish all of our customers and neighbors a happy and safe Fourth of July.

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## As One Pioneer to Another

The Founder of the Donley County Leader arrived at Tascosa in 1883. All of his life, except his school days, had been spent in the Panhandle and great Southwest. He believed in her history, the stability of her people as the most progressive and persevering in existence. Every member of the Leader staff is a product of the Southwest. We hope you appreciate our efforts to present to you, unbiased, the news each week.

THE LEADER STAFF

**THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER**

## Methodist Church est'd here in 1888

Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Buntin are entertaining Rev. Isaac K. Mills now of Stamford, Texas.

The Clarendon Methodist Church was organized by Rev. Mills back in 1888, and Mr. and Mrs. Buntin were the first members enrolled in the newly organized church.

When the editor came here Dec. 5, 1889, Brother Mills had just been returned for a second year and had started a subscription list to build a church house. About March 1890, work was started and the first service was held in the building first Sunday in May and a Sunday School was organized in the afternoon.

Of the original first members Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Buntin and Mrs. E.L. Caraway are the only ones whose names still appear on the rolls. Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Roberts who now hold their membership at Lelia Lake and Mrs. M.A. Goodnight who now holds her membership at her home place, were of the original first members as was Judge Browning now of Amarillo. As we now remember it the names of A.M. Beville and wife were 19 and 20 of the members who were then here, some others had been enrolled but had gone away.

When Brother Mills looks on and in the magnificent church and its furnishings and hears that the membership rolls now contains some seven hundred names, he sees the multiplied fruits of his early and hard labors.

After his many years of service Brother Mills has retired from the active ranks.

While there are not many of the original church members now here yet there are a goodly number of old time residents who know and will rejoice to see again Brother Mills. His face to them and his to theirs will call up many memories of the past.

We would like for all the membership of the church especially to meet and know Brother Mills, the man who organized the church here, and let everyone join in the Clarendon welcome to this noble good man.

We trust that his stay in Clarendon will be like a child's playall joy.

*Clarendon News & Times*  
November 9, 1910

## First Bale at Lelia

Lelia Lake received their first bale of cotton for the season last Tuesday. It was raised by W.A. Bullard and sold to J.J. Palmer for eleven and one-half cents and there was a premium of \$16.25 paid.

It has been conservatively estimated that between 1500 and 2000 bales of cotton will be ginned at Lelia Lake this year and buyers there will be prepared to pay the very highest market price for all cotton ginned there or that may be brought there from anywhere and then they propose to sell all the different lines of merchandise just as cheap as can be had in any other market.

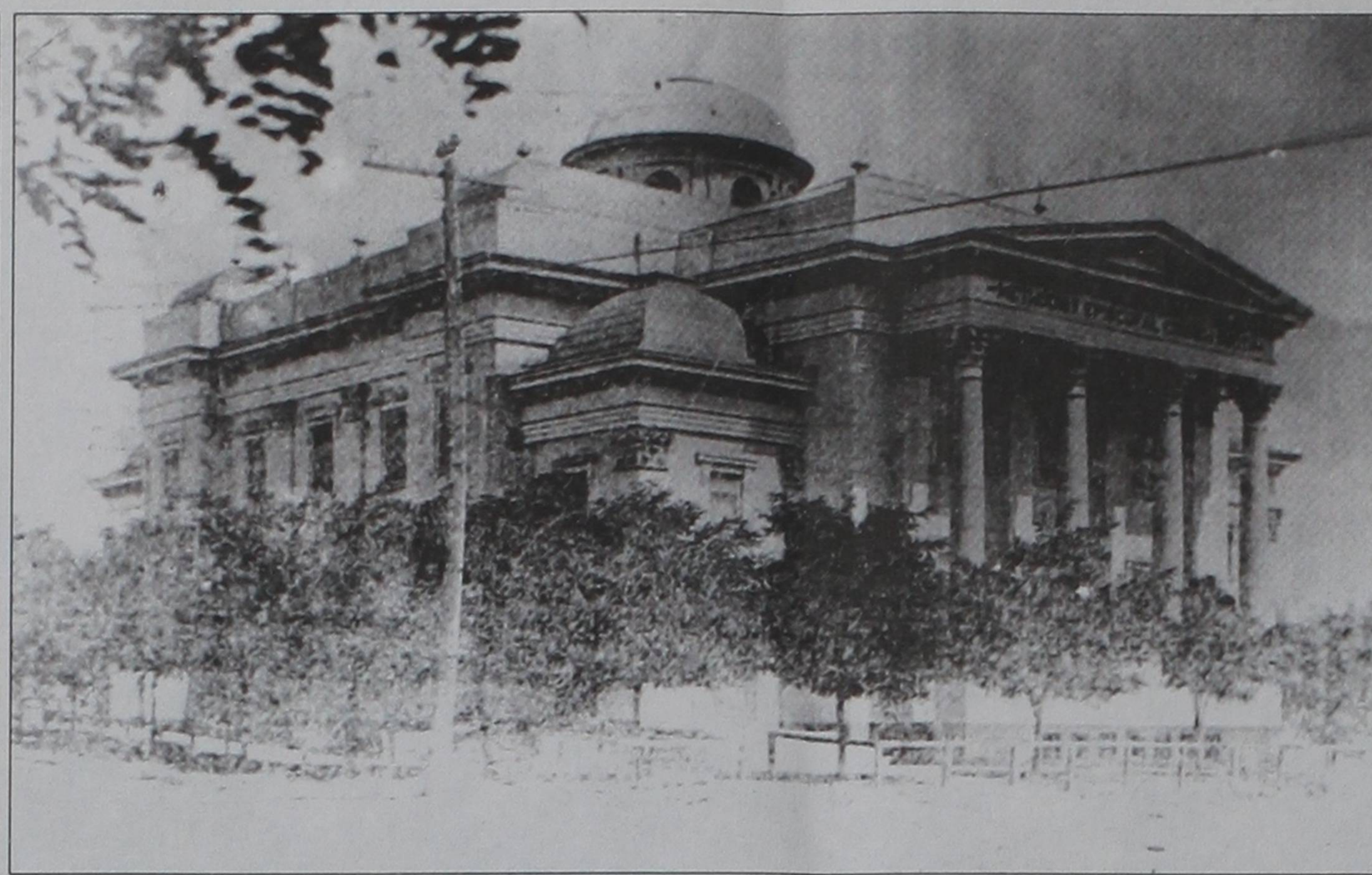
That is the spirit that builds towns.

*The Clarendon News & Times*  
September 23, 1911

## Cotton Seed Selling for \$44 Ton in Childress

Cotton seed buyers in Childress were paying \$44 per ton for the seed on the market this morning. This is an increase of \$8 per ton within the past ten days. The prediction is being made that seed will reach a higher figure within a few days.

*The Clarendon News*  
October 25, 1923



Clarendon's Methodist Episcopal Church, South - today known as the First United Methodist Church - was organized here in 1888. The present sanctuary, shown here with its original roof and dome, was constructed in 1910 at a cost of \$40,000 and was the birthsite of the present day Central and Northwest Texas Conferences.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

## Northwest Texas Conference Meets

The first session of the New Northwest Texas Conference opened in the new Methodist church in Clarendon on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock by Bishop James Atkins of Waynesville, N.C. The members gathered early at the church and the greetings and fellowship of the co-workers as they came up from their various fields of labor and told of the conflicts and victories of the past year's work was an event of great moment to them and will continue during the entire session. On assembling the great congregation sang with zeal the grand old conference hymn "And are we yet alive and see each others face." Bishop Atkins read and commented from the tenth chapter of the St. Luke's gospel and led a devout consecrated prayer. His admonitions to the ministers touching the matter of the organization of the new Conference...

The affairs of the Conference was timely and it is hoped to bear fruit to the extent that none of the troubles of which he spoke will ever be in this Conference. Rev. John M. Bares of Georgetown and who for so many years has been the secretary of the Conference before the division was present and at the request of the Bishop called the Presiding Elder S.A. Barnes of Abilene read the list of standing special committees as nominated by the presiding elders and they were elected by the Conference.

R.E. Goodrich of Stamford and A.L. Moore of Vernon was nominated for secretary. It was a pretty race, Goodrich received 51 and Moore 52 votes. The

secretary appointed his first assistant brother Goodrich and Ben Hardy, J.B. McCarley and A.W. Hollos as assistants. Rev. R.M. Morris of Clarendon was elected Conference postmaster, Rev. O.P. Kiker of Clarendon editor of the Conference Journal. L.G. Hawkins of Vernon and G.A.F. Parker of Hereford were nominated of Conference teller. Parker was elected.

Then came the address of welcome by Hon. T. H. Peebles on behalf of the church and city to the Conference. To those who have heard Mr. Peebles and who did not on this occasion, have reason to know what they missed. Those who did hear it declare it one of the best speeches they ever heard upon such an occasion and has received much comment from our visitors.

Then came the adjournment of the first days session of the first session of the New Northwest Texas Conference.

*The Clarendon News & Times*  
November 12, 1910

## Hospital Location In The South Part of City

The active directors of the Adair Hospital on yesterday gave out the location which is on a three acre plot of land on the high point between the homes of T.L. Benedict and the old Dr. W.M. Wooten place.

This is a beautiful site. The plans as drawn by architect E. Wallington were on exhibition yesterday and are much more elaborate than we had supposed. Work will begin soon.

*The Clarendon News*  
February 2, 1910

## Coming to Clarendon

A great many gentlemen have been out to see for themselves, before moving their families here, and so far, all have been well pleased, and several are now preparing their families to come.

*The Clarendon News*  
June 1, 1878

## We have just opened

a barrel of Sour Krout, a keg of Dill Pickles and will receive today a shipment of shelled Pecans, Walnuts, and Almonds. Have also just unloaded a car of Arbetrator Flour, the very best soft wheat flour from Missouri, also a car of the celebrated Belle of Wichita flour. You will not want to be disappointed in your biscuits and cakes, hence better buy your flour from us.

**E.M. OZIER...**  
THE GROCERYMAN  
*The Clarendon News & Times*  
November 9, 1910

Read Tomorrow's History Today  
In The Pages Of The Clarendon Enterprise.

## Happy Independence Day!

Family, food, and fun. These are the main ingredients for a perfect holiday!  
We hope you enjoy it and celebrate it safely.



Red River Inn



## Lady Liberty Symbol of Freedom

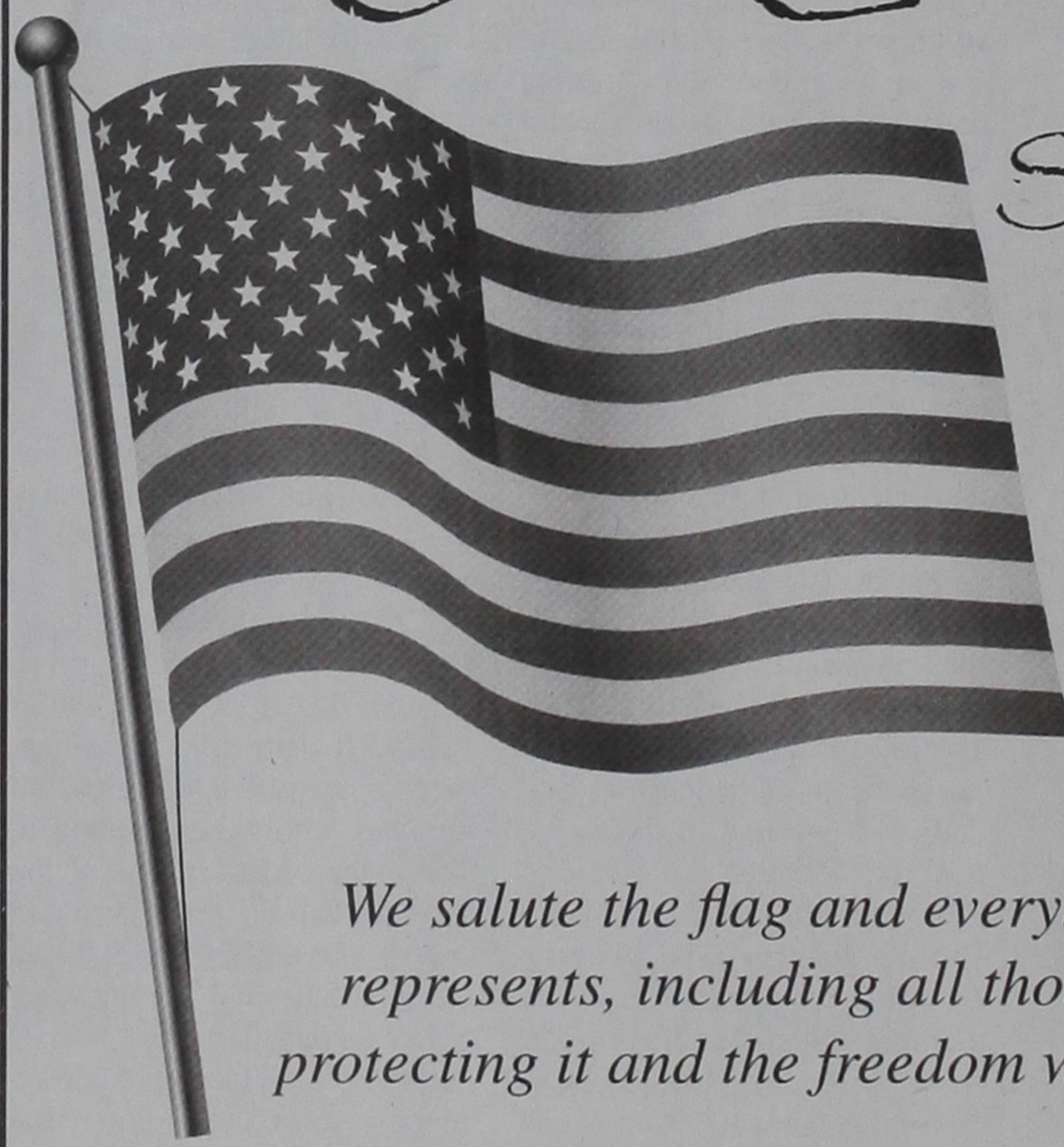


Presented to America as a gift from the French people, the Statue of Liberty has stood on Liberty Island welcoming immigrants to America. She has long been a symbol of America and the freedom her people enjoy.

Let us take time to celebrate our freedom and pray for those in other countries who not share our independence.

**Clarendon Insurance Agency**

## Old Glory



Symbol of Freedom  
Glory  
Honor

We salute the flag and everything that it represents, including all those lives lost protecting it and the freedom we have today.

Join us in celebrating our nation's independence and giving thanks for having the right to do so.

## City of Howardwick Officials

Del Essary, Mayor

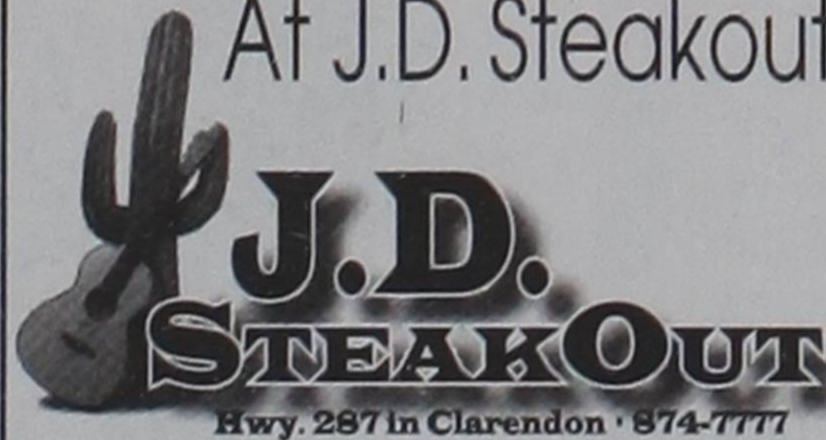
Gene Rogers, Mayor Pro-Tem

Board of Aldermen Members:  
Tanis McMorries, Norm Hagood  
Johnny Hubbard & Tim Gallagher

Howardwick Volunteer Fire Dept.  
and all City Employees

## Happy Independence Day!

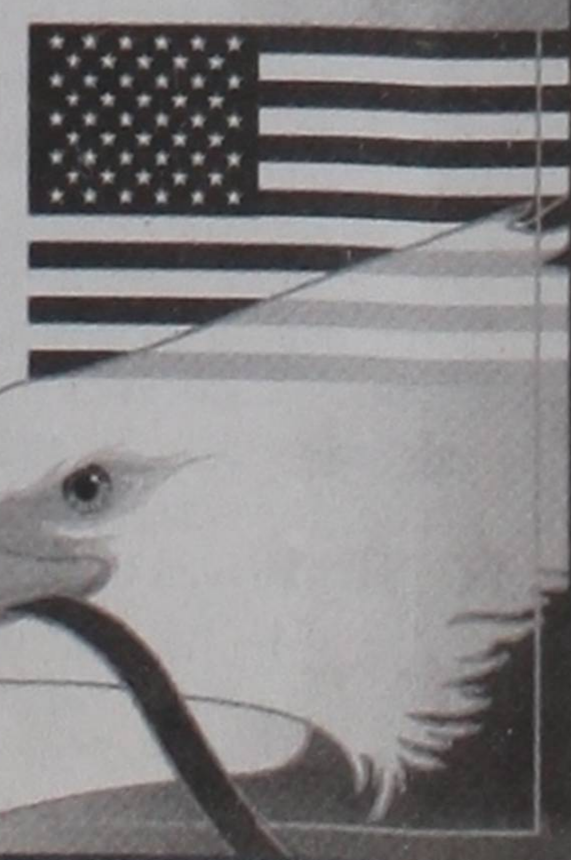
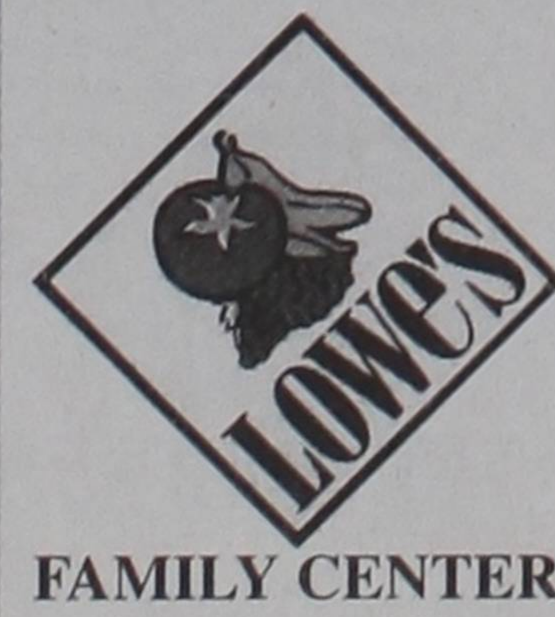
Come Eat A Steak  
At J.D. Steakout



## Freedom

Join us in celebrating our freedom this Independence Day by praying for those who are serving our country in the U.S. and abroad. Pray for them and their families for a safe return and peace everywhere.

God Bless America!





# New Electric High Line Fulfills Local Man's Dream

"This high line that is coming into Clarendon was one of my dreams for Clarendon years ago," says A.L. Chase, former manager of Clarendon Light & Power Company.

Every big accomplishment in the world, whether it be in the field of art or commerce, has behind it a dream, an ambition, perhaps years old, perhaps centuries old. The men who had charge of the lighting system years ago, when there were not one hundred consumers in the town and when the equipment would not permit of the best service, planned and worked toward the time when Clarendon should have the very high type of service that the high line is going to afford.

In 1902, the local electric light plant was operated by George Washington, former citizen of this place. When Mr. Washington took charge of the plant, he hoped that by running a cotton gin in connection with the plant and by pumping water for the city water works that the plant could be made to pay. But cotton had just been introduced into the County and there was a small amount to be ginned, and the revenue from the waterworks was small. The business failed for want of patronage, and Mr. Washington sold to C.J. Spittal, an Englishman who lived here. Spittal tried to make the business pay on the same basis, but the cotton gin failed and it became evident that completely new equipment was necessary. Spittal sold to a company known as the Clarendon Water, Light & Power Company in 1903. W.L. Chase and A.L. Chase were general managers for the Company of the plants here and at Amarillo, but neither of them lived here at that time. In 1904, W.C. Stewart came here from Cleburne to be superintendent of the Clarendon light plant and water works, the water works having been bought

by the company.

He tells an amusing story of his first night in Clarendon. When he stepped off the train, he heard the engines of the plant puffing and chugging away in a distressing manner. Handing his bags to a hotel porter, he set out in the direction of the noise. When he was in sight of the plant, a desperate looking man in the door called to him, "I sure am glad to see you!" Without further salutation and without asking Mr. Stewart his name or where he came from, he took him through the plant and showed him how to manage the various engines. When they arrived at the back door to the building, Mr. Spittal merely said, "I'll see you at nine in the morning. Goodnight."

Mr. Stewart was left to his own devices and ran the engines all night. That was Clarendon's first time to have all night service. It was only when he finally reached the hotel at ten the next morning that he learned that the plant shut down at eleven p.m. and came on at five a.m. That was also the last time for several years that Clarendon had all night service.

Mr. Stewart was superintendent two years and superintendent and manager for one year. Harry Gleason followed him in the place. Then the plant went into the hands of receivers for a time. The water works were also sold to James Trent and Frank Collinson and became independent. W.L. Chase and A.L. Chase and their associates bought the electric light plant in 1911 and gave it the name of Clarendon Light & Power Company. A.L. Chase then moved here from Cleburne and became manager. T.S. Kemp, who had been superintendent under the receivership management, continued as engineer for the new company.

Mr. Chase says that when

he came here and took charge, there was almost no plant at all. The plant had only one steam engine of 75 horse power and a generator of 60 kilowatts. There were then only 85 consumers. In 1911 and '12, the plant was entirely rebuilt and new oil engines were installed. Street lights were installed in 1913. When Clarendon Light & Power Company was sold in 1915 to the Texas Gas & Electric Company, Mr. Chase had built it up until the plant had engines of 150 horse power and a generator of 100 kilowatts. The number of consumers had grown from the 85 in 1911 to 450. Mr. Chase continued as local manager for the Texas Gas & Electric until June of 1917.

During the financial crisis following the war, the company failed and went back into the hands of receivers. It was under receivership management for two years and was then sold to the Texas Central Power Company. During the time of the management of receivers, the plant had several managers, the outstanding ones being T.S. Kemp and Cyrus Cope.

New equipment had been added during the time the receivers controlled the plant, and the Texas Central Power Company added still more and improved the service. Among the improvements made was the white way street lighting system which was installed in 1921 and in that same year \$20,000 of new equipment was added. Monty Garrison, who had been with the company as line man since 1920, was made manager in 1923, and Cyrus Cope was made superintendent of the plant.

Since 1921, the service has improved and the cost of service has been reduced at different times. The Texas Central Power Company sold the Clarendon branch to Mid-Western Utilities

Company. The last named company is now doing what other companies and managers would have done under more favorable conditions, and are running a high line from Childress to Clarendon. Clarendon will in a short time receive power from the big plant at Childress, which is 2,200 horse power. The local plant with 375 horse power will be completely overhauled and will be kept for emergency use only. Childress, Kirkland, Esteline, Memphis, Hedley, and Lelia Lake will also receive power and lights from the high line.

Mr. Garrison says that everything is being done to improve the service; that no expense and no care is being spared in making the service the most efficient possible.

*The Clarendon News*  
December 17, 1925

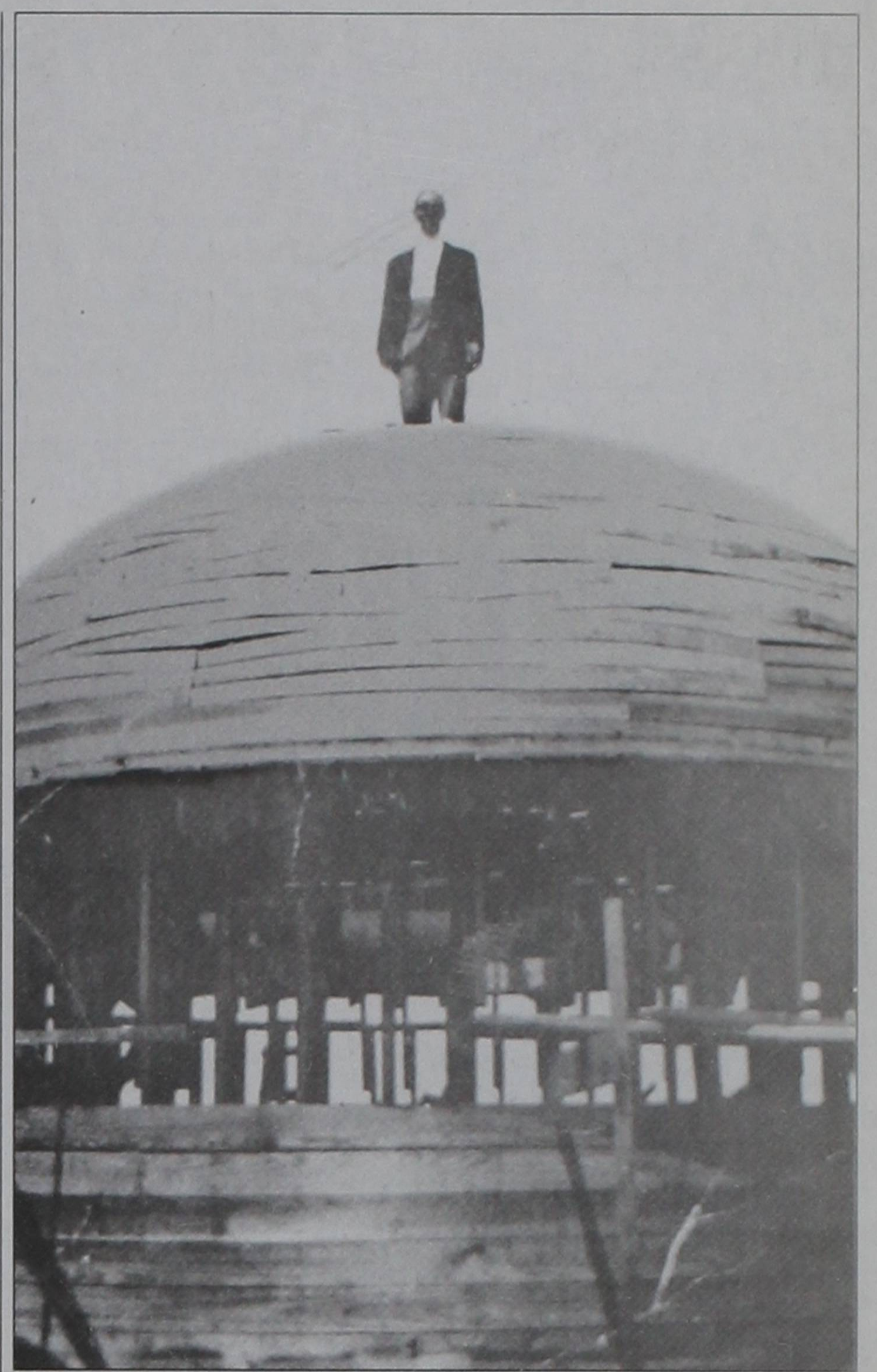
## An Ordinance Making it Unlawful to Maintain an Open Privy

Within the corporate limits of the City of Clarendon. Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Clarendon Texas: That, from and after this date, it shall be unlawful for any owner, lease or tenant of any premises within the corporate limits of the City of Clarendon to keep or maintain an open privy, that is to say a privy built upon the surface of the ground.

Any person offending against the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Passed and approved under the suspension of the rules this the third day of May 1911.

C.W. Bennett, Mayor  
W.T. Hayter, City Sec'y.  
*The Clarendon News*  
May 28, 1910



An unidentified man stands atop the dome of the Clarendon's Methodist Church during its construction in 1910. The dome, though beautiful, was a source of leaks. The height of the dome was shortened at one point and then removed completely in 1950.

SAINTS' ROOST MUSEUM PHOTO

## Round Up Your Family

Join us in celebrating the Fourth of July by attending the Saints' Roost Celebration and Ranch Rodeo.

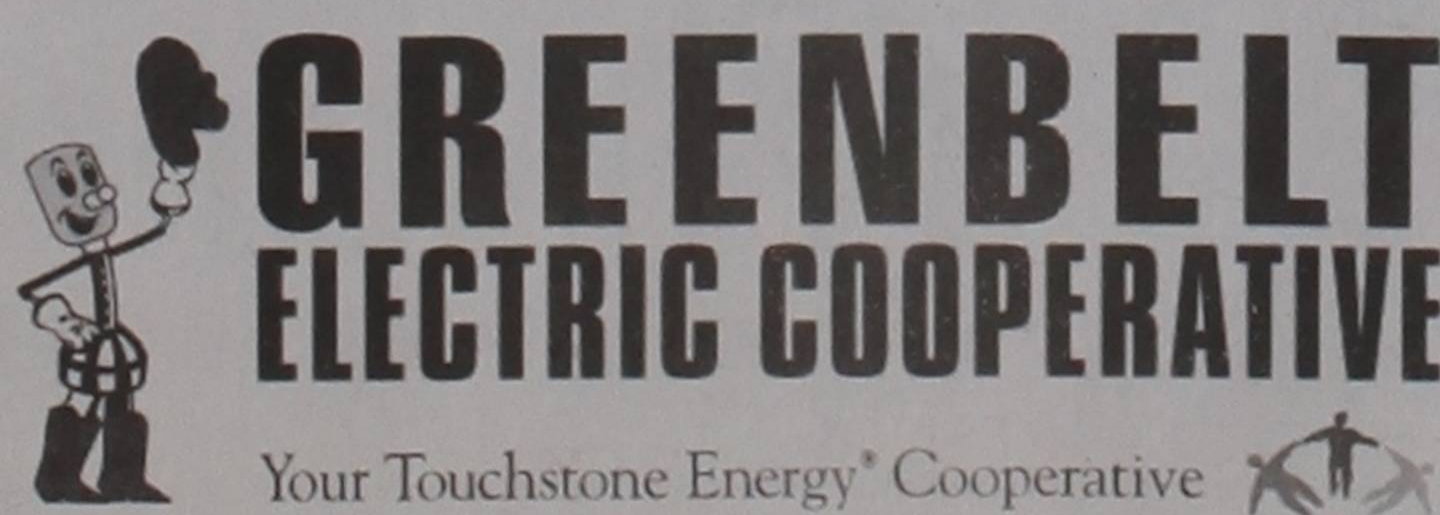


Have a safe and happy Fourth!

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# Clarendon WELCOMES

All Pioneers and Visitors

As the oldest thriving town in the Panhandle, Clarendon has constantly been building upwards since 1878. Together we will continue to grow in the future and enjoy many July Fourth celebrations yet to come.

We extend a hospitable welcome to all guests of the City during the 133rd annual Saints' Roost Celebration.



Clarendon City Hall, 2010.

This message brought to you by the  
**CITY OF CLARENDON**

### Lelia Lake Burglars Caught Last Friday

Last Thursday evening the store of Howard & Son in Lelia Lake was broken open and some three hundred dollars worth of merchandise of various sorts was taken from the stock of goods. The loot contained silks of vari-

ous sorts for the most part, ladies hosiery, clothing of all sorts, some cigarettes, and a considerable piece of meat.

Deputy Sheriff Barnett was called immediately and got on the trail of the missing merchandise. The meat led the proprietors of the store to think a Mexican might have made the haul. Accordingly, the surrounding Mexicans were searched and one of the men who were

rounded up started to run away. He was caught and implicated one other of the same group. They were forced to reveal the whereabouts of the missing merchandise and practically all of the stolen goods were returned to the rightful owners.

The thieves are now in the county jail in Clarendon awaiting trial.

*The Clarendon News, Dec. 10, 1925*

### Local Climate Good For The Health

Our Autumn weather is hard to beat, men are out all day and night coatless and exposed, and yet comfortable. It's a perfect inspiration to breathe such clear pure air. It is length of days to men in health, and better than medicine for invalids.

*The Clarendon News November 3, 1882*

# BOOT SCOOTIN' SAVINGS

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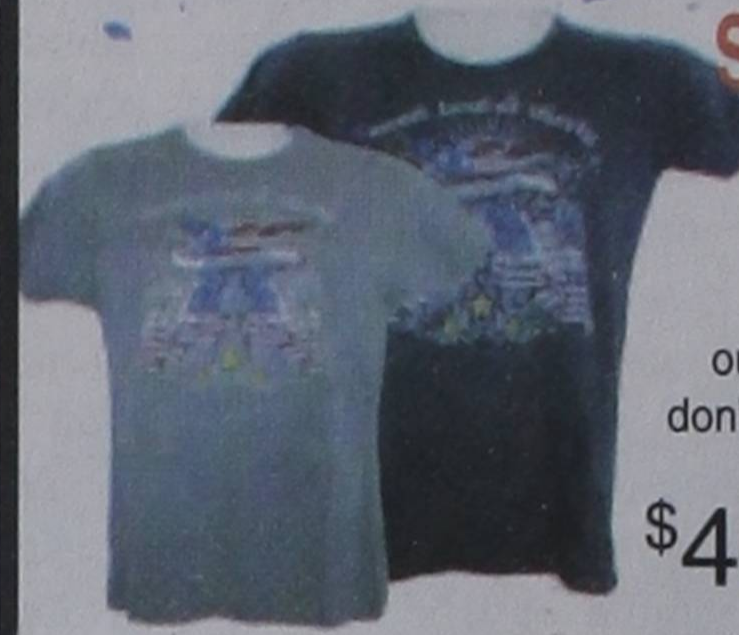
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With Dorfman Pacific hats you can beat the heat with the new look in cowboy hats. We have several styles to choose from starting as low as \$17!

Dont Forget to take care of your hands with *Outdoor Hands Skin Therapy Cream* and be safe with *Fire Gone*, the fire extinguisher in an aerosol can!

## Big Sidewalk Sale

Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Turtle Race 1:30 p.m.  
Live Music broadcast by KLSR 105.3 FM

*To all who fought for her, died for her, and protect her today, we thank you.*



# Happy Independence Day!

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