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Hesperian begins its 2nd century

Newspaper celebrates first 100 years with this edition

By Ken Towery

Today, we here at the Hesperian-Beacon gear up for the next 100 years by taking note of the past 100 years. We hope our readers approve, for it has been quite an undertaking.

We are indebted to our entire staff, particularly to our Editor and Publisher, Alice Gilroy, and to former Editor Jim Reynolds, for the many long hours of research and writing that went into this edition. They have all done a magnificent job in bringing to life once again some of the trials and tribulations, the successes and failures, the joy and sadness that were part of this community's life during the century this paper has chronicled that life. They can all feel a large measure of justifiable pride in their work.

We are especially proud that we can include in this edition a copy of the very first edition delivered to Floyd County citizens in March of 1896, as The Hesperian Gazette. (The "Gazette" part was dropped a few years later.) We are indebted to the Floyd County Historical Museum, and those citizens who support the museum, for preserving this priceless document. Had someone not saved the paper for many years, had they not given it to the museum, and had the museum not preserved it all these years, today's citizens would have been denied this bit of history. (The Hesperian's own files were destroyed in a fire during the early part of this century.) By carefully perusing that first edition, as well as the stories compiled in this edition from various editions throughout the hundred year history of the Hesperian (along with its slightly younger sis-

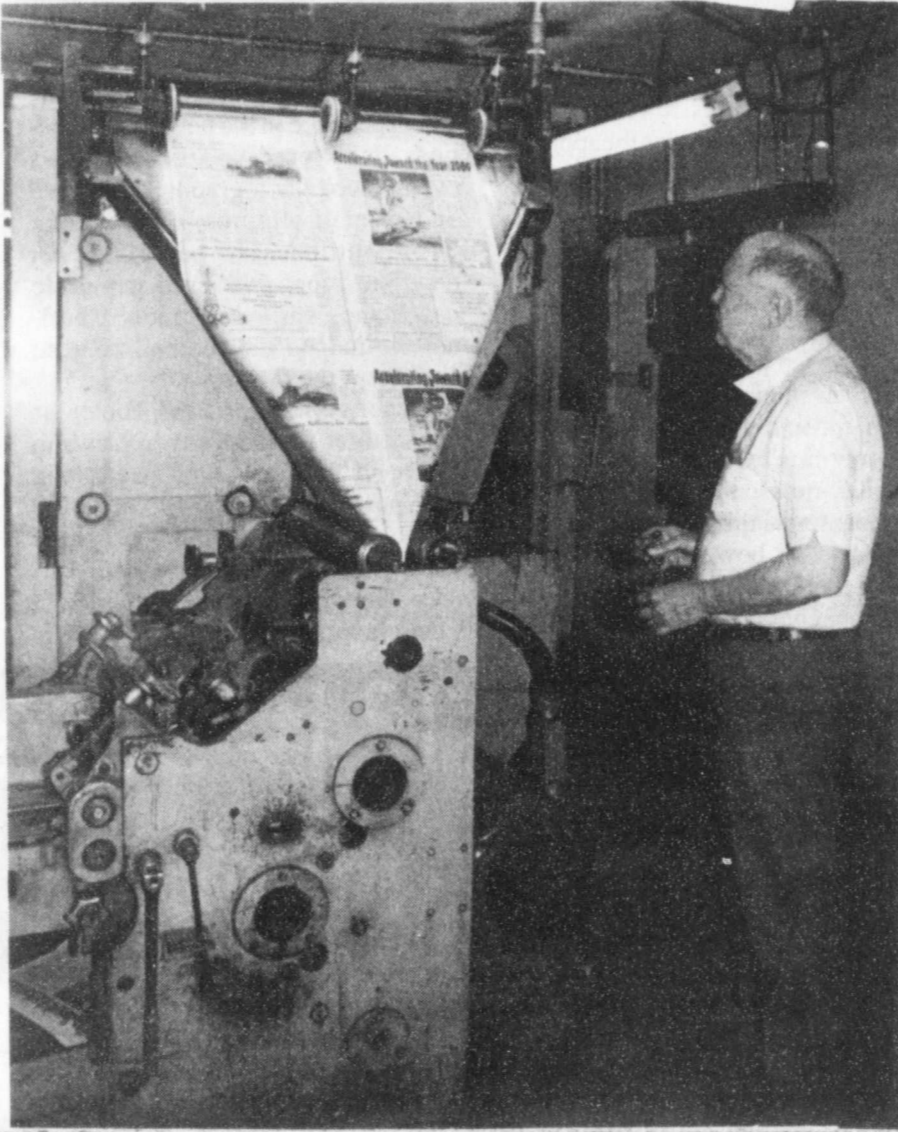
ter, the Lockney Beacon), we can be reminded of the struggle involved in building a community from scratch. And, in keeping it going.

Vast changes, and relatively swift changes, have occurred on the South Plains since the Hesperian saw the first light of day. Floyd County, and fifty three other counties in this part of the state, had been authorized by the Legislature in 1876, which was about the time the "Indian problem" officially came to an end, more or less. But it was not until 1884 that Arthur Duncan and his family became the first permanent settlers, taking up residence in Blanco Canyon. Lockney was founded five years later, and Floyd City, later Floydada, was platted in 1890. That same year there was a minor disagreement, which we will not delve into here, over where the county seat should be. Without rehashing old arguments, we will note only that Floydada was finally selected, and a mere six years later the Hesperian Gazette was born. It is that birth we celebrate today with this edition.

The Hesperian came to life (probably with a good bit of apprehension) during some relatively turbulent times for Texas. The Civil War had been history for only some 30 years, Texas had elected its first native-born Governor (James S. Hogg, who served from 1891 to 1895), and Charles Culberson, a native of Alabama, was Governor. The financial panic of '93 was subsiding, and the picture looked a little brighter. Or at least it did as we read history. In fact, the financial condition of the federal government at that time, compared to the financial condition of the federal government today, was

very good indeed. National politicians had not yet discovered the ruse of sad-

dling their children and grandchildren with their own profligacy.



PRINTING PRESS KEPT BUSY FOR CENTENNIAL EDITION--Todays offset presses are a far cry from the hand set type composition that was used to print the first Hesperian 100 years ago. Hesperian-Beacon owner, Ken Towery, watches a section of our special edition come off Blanco Offset presses. Staff Photo

On the national scene, however, politics was a mess. It resembled, in many ways, the politics of today. Both the Democratic party and the Republican party were split over the issue of the free coinage of silver. Most of the South and West were on the side of silver, the South for one reason, the West for another. Most of the East, where financial and political power resided at the time, was on the side of gold. So intense was the struggle, that the Hesperian devoted a goodly part of its first front page to the issue. The battle continued, and led to William Jennings Bryan's famous "cross of gold" speech in July, and to his nomination as the Democratic standard bearer a scant four months after the Hesperian began publishing. (He was defeated by William McKinley, the Republican nominee, on a platform that favored the gold standard.)

Nor were the Republicans and the Democrats the only players on the field. The Prohibition Party nominated Joshua Levering of Maryland for President. The Socialist Labor Party met and nominated Charles Matchett of New York. The National Silver Republicans bolted their party and backed the Democrats. The National Democratic Party, who favored gold, bolted their party over the silver issue and nominated John Palmer of Illinois. The Peoples (populist) Party also nominated Bryan, who travelled 18,000 miles and made 600 speeches in his quest for the Presidency. McKinley, the Republican nominee, sat on his front porch in Ohio and won the election.

While all that was going on, the people here were busy trying to get

organized (probably gazing at the sky and probably looking for rain) while trying to wrest a living from the soil. And the folks who ran The Hesperian Gazette were busy trying to record what was happening, and who made it happen. We wish, today, to pay tribute to all who have had a part in recording the life and times of the people who make up this community, and have made up this community during the past century, starting with the first Editor, Claude Hall. Without them there would be no paper, without the paper there would be no recorded history, and without that we would all be a little poorer.

Accordingly, we wish to thank those readers and advertisers who have loyally supported the Hesperian, and the Beacon, and now the Hesperian-Beacon, during good times and bad. We know, as well as anyone, that we have not always done as good a job as we should have done. A hundred years from now, when the Hesperian marks its 200 birthday, the editor will be forced to say the same, if he or she is honest. But we hope that editor can say, as the first editor said, and as we say, that whatever mistakes we might make will be errors of the mind, not of the heart.

We hope also that whoever is at the helm of this paper 100 years from now will be able to say he, or she, has tried to report the news of this community as honestly and fairly as they could, that they have tried to help build the community, not tear it apart, and that they have tried to offer a degree of leadership in matters of community interest.

So, now read and enjoy.

Old Settlers to gather this weekend

The Old Settler's Reunion will kick off Friday, May 24th, with the traditional Open House at the Floyd County Museum and a 100th birthday party at the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon office.

The Museum will celebrate their 25th anniversary with some special entertainment.

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will celebrate their 100th anniversary with refreshments, guests and a browse through hundreds of old photographs.

Registration for the Old Settler's Reunion will be at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 25, followed by the flag presentation and the business meeting. Anyone wishing to enter the Wildflower Show at the Museum must have their entries in by 9:00 a.m.

Children wishing to enter the Pedal Tractor Pull must register from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on the N.W. corner of the square.

During the business meeting, at 10:00 a.m., the traditional awards will be handed out to the Pioneer Woman, Man and Couple. A memorial service will also be held. The beard contest will follow the meeting and lunch will

begin at 11:45 a.m.

Arts and crafts booths will line the courthouse lawn all day and the arts and crafts auction will begin at 1:00 p.m. Also at 1:00 will be a washer pitching contest and the beginning of the Book Fair at the First National Bank.

Money can be won through the cow patty bingo. Anyone buying a raffle ticket for the quilt will also be in the drawing for 10 additional prizes. The drawing for the prizes and the presentation of the parade awards will be held at 4:30 p.m. The cow patty bingo will be held at 4:00 p.m. on North Main Street.

The Floyd County Roping Championship will also be a part of the Old Settlers Activities, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

PARADE RULES FOR BIKES, 3-WHEELERS AND 4-WHEELERS

A parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. and participants should assemble on the First Baptist Church parking lot.

Anyone wishing to enter the parade on a 3-wheeler or a 4-wheeler, must register in order to ride in the parade. Anyone not registered will not be al-

lowed in the parade.

Bicycle riders who wish to be considered for a prize must also register. Bike riders will be separated from the motorized 3 and 4-wheelers.

Drivers of 3 or 4-wheelers will be escorted by the police. Anyone darting ahead of the police car will be taken out of the parade and will not be allowed to ride in any future parades. These rules are being implemented for the safety of the children on the bikes and people viewing the parade. The children on 3 and 4-wheelers have also become a concern to the people driving the large farm equipment.

The prize money has doubled this year in the hopes it will encourage more parade participation. All winning floats will earn \$100 for their first place winner. Riding clubs will earn \$100 for first place and any band in the parade will receive \$50. The best team drawn vehicle will win \$50 and the best dressed cowboys and cowgirls will earn \$25.

Other special activities planned for the day will be a chuckwagon demonstration, displays of the Nifty-Fifty Auto Club, the Antique Car Club and

the Roadrunner Car Club. Antique tractors will also be on display from the Texas Plains Chapter Two Cylinder Tractor Club.

At the Lamplighter Inn, after the parade, Billie Sol Estes will be on hand to autograph copies of his daughter's book about his life.

Musical entertainment on Saturday will begin at 3:30 p.m. with the Harmony singers, followed by Texas Thunder and other area entertainment.

At 6:00 p.m. the "Pickin' & Grinnin'" entertainment will be a sure crowd pleaser. The jamboree is open to area musicians and the audience is asked to bring your own chairs.

The First United Methodist Church will also present "Tom Sawyer" in a special dinner theatre Saturday night, from 8:00 - 5:00 p.m. Call the church for reservations.

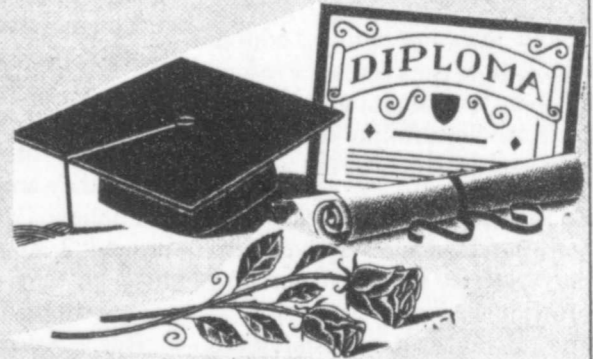
The evening will end with a square dance at the Massie Activity Center and a dance on the rodeo slab. Both dances will begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 12:00 p.m.

A complete schedule of events appears on page 3, courtesy of The First National Bank of Floydada.

Graduation exercises slated

Graduation services are slated for Friday evening, May 24, in Lockney and Floydada. Between them, the two school districts will graduate 106 young adults. The Floydada High School Senior Class of 1996 numbers 56. Lockney High School Senior Class of 1996 stands at an even half a hundred.

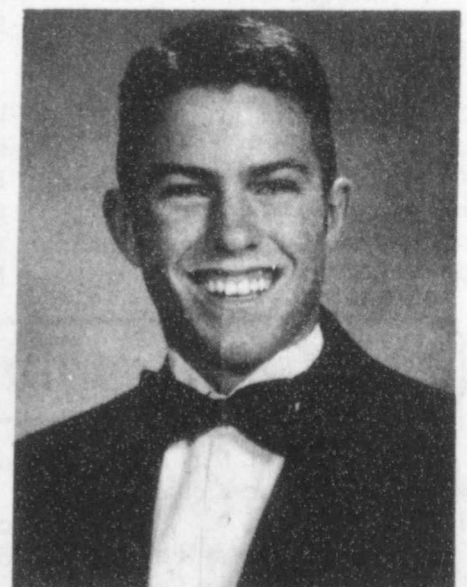
Commencement exercise will begin in Lockney at 7:00 p.m. in the Longhorn Gym. Floydada seniors will take to the stage in ceremonies beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the A. E. Baker Memorial Auditorium at FHS.



Lockney High School names honor students



CYNTHIA MARTIN
VALEDICTORIAN



BRADY TODD MARR
SALUTORIAN

LOCKNEY--Top graduates at Lockney High School this year are Cynthia Martin and Brady Todd Marr. Cynthia, daughter of Jim Bob and Kay Martin, earned the Valedictorian title with a 98.26 G.P.A.

Brady Todd Marr, son of Gary and Linda Marr, was named Salutatorian with a 98.06 G.P.A.

Cynthia has plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Bio-Chemistry. Her plans after graduated from A&M are to attend Medical School and become a pediatrician.

In high school, Cynthia was in-

involved in cross country, basketball and track for four years.

She was a member of the Band for three years and also served for three years as the secretary to the National Honor Society.

She participated in FHA for one year and FCA for four years.

She was the president of the Floyd County Chapter of 4-H, and the 3rd V.P. for the Lockney Chapter. She was also the Lockney reporter for 4-H and earned the Gold Star Award.

She placed 2nd at the State Fash-

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Floydada High School announces honor graduates

FLOYDADA--Top honors have been earned by Floydada Seniors

Jodie Villarreal and Anna Whitfill as Valedictorian and Salutatorian.



JODIE VILLARREAL
VALEDICTORIAN



ANNA WHITFILL
SALUTORIAN

Jodie Villarreal ended the school year with a G.P.A. of 3.81 making her the top Floydada graduate.

Anna Whitfill earned the Salutatorian spot with a G.P.A. of 3.77.

Jodie is the daughter of Billy Joe Villarreal and Rosa Villarreal. Jodie's brother, Billy was Valedictorian in 1992.

She has been a member of the basketball for four years and served on the student council as secretary in her junior year. She was also the treasurer for the National Honor Society for two years.

Jodie is the editor fo the 1996 Whirlwind Yearbook. She has also been involved in UIL competition in Science, Editorial Writing, and Spelling. She advanced to Regional in Spelling competition.

She was named Student of the Month during her Freshman and Se-

nior years, received Departmental Recognition in Science, Math, AP Biology and U.S. Government.

Jodie approaches her college career with Tech Prep credit for Microcomputer Applications and 3 hours of college credit for a College Algebra class.

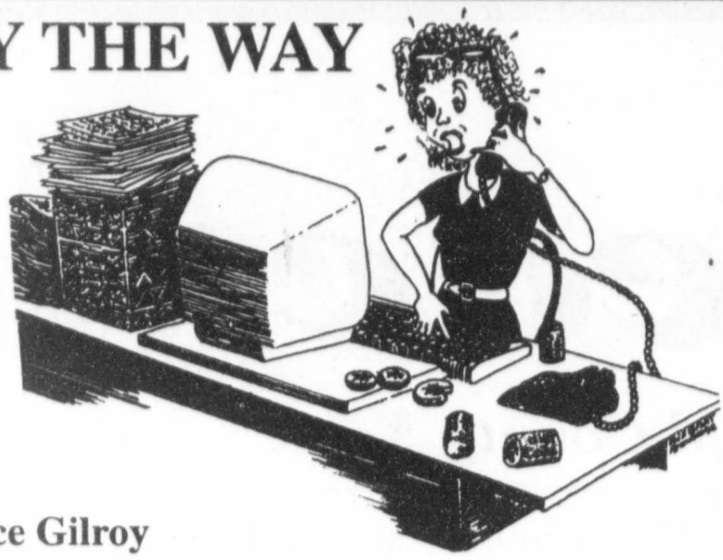
Anna Whitfill is the daughter of Anthony and Anita Whitfill. She has served as Lion's Club Sweetheart this year and has been a Whirlwind Cheerleader.

Anna has been involved in UIL competition in the areas of mathematics, science and ready writing.

She has been named student of the month and received departmental recognition in the areas of psychology, band, Algebra 11, art and physics.

Anna also earned the Fighting Whirlwind Award for girls golf the last two years.

BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

The big day is finally here. Our centennial paper is on the newsstands. Now the mistakes will jump out at us off of the printed page!!

We have worked so many months and for countless hours to bring this edition to you. We wanted very much for the community to be as proud of it as we are.

As you read through it you will of course think of stories that we have not covered. There may not be a story you thought was important and you may believe that because it is not in the paper we did not think it was important.

For those of you who may miss your favorite story I can only say I'm sorry and I wish we had had the manpower and resources to print hundreds of pages. We had a very small staff to put out this edition and 100 years worth of newspapers to look through.

Our goal was not to print another centennial edition like the one we did in 1990. We did not set out to print a history of families, businesses, schools or towns.

What we wanted to show you was the historical events that have taken place in Floyd County and how this newspaper covered those events. Some of those events were part of world history—other events will only seem important to Floyd County.

We wanted to reflect the changes since 1896. A story on Cable TV arriving in the county may seem silly to you now, but 100 years from now it may make someone smile just like our first story of the arrival of electricity made me smile in 1996.

We tried to find stories that you haven't seen printed over and over. We did not print the stories of all the community or sports awards people have received over the years. We made that decision because we knew we would end up leaving people out.

It may seem in the beginning like we covered more Floydada news than Lockney news. Because the papers were such individual papers in the beginning you won't find much Lockney news at first. It is more county news or Floydada news. It gradually moves together over the years.

We owe a lot to the people who have brought you the news over the last 100 years. I hope in the bi-centennial edition the editor finds some of our current stories worthy of re-printing.

Besides thanking the past editors who have brought this paper to this point, there are thousands of other people I would also like to thank—like our subscribers over the years.

The subscribers are the reason we put forth the effort and the advertisers are the reason we are able to put forth the effort.

Because we are a limited staff there

Corrections

We know there will be mistakes that will be found as you read the sections of our centennial edition.

We apologize ahead of time and will try and correct some of them at a later date.

There are two mistakes that have already jumped out at us and we want everyone who wants to keep this issue for history's sake to correct those mistakes now.

In section G, page 9, the outline under that flood picture is wrong.

have always been lots of people we have had to depend on to get out the news.

We owe a great deal of thanks to those non-paid people who have kept us up on school activities and community news throughout the years. People like: Lisa Mosley, Edd Henderson Jr., Melissa Long, several coaches, many teachers, club reporters, community stringers such as Carl Lemons, Gayle Jackson and others who have since passed away.

The list goes on and on and just like our centennial edition I can't get it all in.

Thank-you to those people who helped with this centennial by writing us about their newspaper experiences and to Jim Huggins and Juan Martinez, at Blanco Offset, who bent over backwards to get us our editions when we needed them.

Thanks to the museum and the lovely ladies, especially Nancy Marble, whose help made this edition possible.

Thanks to Jim Reynolds. He has been my teacher over the years. Next to my father there is no newsman I admire more than Jim. He put forth untold hours for this edition for the simple reason that he loves this community and this newspaper. The staff here is exceedingly grateful for what he did for us.

Thanks to all the girls I've worked with over the years—especially those who have still managed to stay with me. A great big thanks to Rosemary Gonzales for the help she was to me while she was here.

Thank-you to my husband who has been a Mr. Mom for several months now. His patience overwhelmed me and his help kept me going. Thanks also to the patience of my nine year old son who, along with his mother, is very glad this edition is over.

Thanks to my mother who kept the home fires burning while I burned the midnight oil and thanks to my dad who kept up the gentle encouragement for this edition.

Last but not least—thanks to God for answering all those prayers and for answering them by our deadline!

By the way—everyone is invited to our birthday party, Friday from 2:00-7:00 p.m. in the Floydada office of The Hesperian-Beacon. We will have refreshments and lots of old pictures to browse through.

You may even get to chat with your State Representative, Pete Laney, or your U.S. Representative, Mac Thornberry. We don't know what time they are coming—but we do know they are coming.

I believe Laney will be here early, around 2:30 p.m., and Thornberry may be here around 5:00 p.m. Of course all that could change.

But WE will be here ALL DAY!!

Courtroom Activities

In District Court, May 21, the following people were charged with Theft By Check:

Esmeralda Royce, of Ralls; Ershel D. Braddock, of Tulia; Lydia Leija, of Lubbock; and Paula Blackerby, of Lockney.

In county court, May 16, the following cases were filed:

Ken Vance Campbell, 49, of Dougherty, was charged with DWI. There was no disposition on this case.

Owen Keith Emert, 52, of Lockney, was charged with DWI. There was no

disposition on this case.

Jose Guadalupe Espinoza was charged with Assault. There was no disposition on this case.

Rodney Lopez was charged with Criminal Trespass. There was no disposition.

Jack Ochoa, 35, of Floydada, was charged with DWI. There was no disposition.

Patsy Sanchez was charged with Assault. There was no disposition on this case.

Congratulations
Seniors!



Letter To The Editor

(Editors Note: Two of these letters were sent to us with the hopes they would be placed in the section on our newspaper history. All the sections were printed by the time these letters arrived but we did not want them to be excluded from the edition, so we have included them here. We hope you enjoy them.)

Dear Editor,

In the summer of 1948, Mr. Homer Steen gave me a job at the Floyd County Hesperian. I was home for the summer from Wayland College - and was more than grateful for the work. I had no experience - but I was willing to do whatever there was that I could handle. He explained to me that people buy a newspaper for the news - but the only way we could put out a newspaper was to sell advertising. As I did not expect to write the news or sell the ads - I didn't think that would affect me. Little did I know that in a weekly newspaper we all did a little of several different things.

My first assignment was to update the subscription list on small stencils and to operate the addressograph. I would also help sell office supplies, accept classified ads, run errands, take the grocery store ads out for approval, and anything else they asked me to do. The pay was not much, but it bought the groceries and paid the rent. The people there were nice to me - and I was happy.

The papers to be mailed were rolled and wrapped with a sheet of paper that had been stamped with the subscribers name and address. Every Thursday morning we all worked at getting the mail-outs to the post office before the deadline. I didn't know who made the paste, or how, but I complained about the lumps in it one morning - and sure enough - from then on I had to make the paste every Thursday. I had helped my parents with wallpapering, and could make a good paste with starch - I had no complaints. At that time I thought all the lumps were accidental. I imagine that if I had that job now I could make lumps in the paste and never look back. If only the innocence of youth could stay with us.

One morning Mr. Steen asked me to go down to the depot and be there when the body of the son of a local couple would be brought in by military escort. I was very uncomfortable with the idea, but didn't feel free to say so. At the depot the atmosphere was as bleak as the weather, and the cold mist made me shiver. They put the coffin on the same wagon they used to unload cargo, and the noise from the wheels was very loud. When that mother reached out to touch the flag on the coffin - I turned and walked away and cried for her. I felt then as I feel now - nobody has the right to intrude the privacy of grief.

The issue of The Hesperian that stands out in my mind was issued in the early 40's - when a 'headrise' came down the canyon from a flood up in the Panhandle. The water covered a wide area in the canyon and closed the road. The picture of that in the paper stayed around our house for a long time. We lived in the McCoy

Community, and that was our road home. We had to go home by way of Blanco - just a few hours before that bridge washed out. That picture of the water impressed me more than the water itself - because I could look at it more than I could the real thing.

I learned several lessons while working at the Hesperian - and I'm glad I was there. I'll always remember my time there. I contributed nothing to journalism - but I'll put my paste up against anybody's.

Loveta Cummings Linehan

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to the Hesperian's 100th anniversary edition. Please publish my contribution if time and space permit.

I worked for the Hesperian during my sophomore through senior years, from 1975-78. Wendell Tooley was editor and publisher. My co-workers included Sharon Huggins, James Huggins, Keith Tooley, Peggy Medley, Jan Thompson, Yolanda Gonzalez, Duffy Rathael, Leanne Ferguson, Tom Burns and Anita Garza.

My duties were as diverse as one can experience in the newspaper business. I covered sports and news events; took photographs; developed and printed pictures; read proofs; wrote outlines and headlines; set headline type; delivered papers to newsstands; carried ad proofs to businesses; judged the football contest; and swept the floors.

I also worked for Brad Tooley as news editor for the Canyon News in 1984 and '85. Today I am an editor in the sports department of The Daily Oklahoman in Oklahoma City. My wife, Rhonda, and I have two children, Holly, 8, and Christopher, 2.

My favorite Hesperian memory is

the camaraderie among the employees. Every Tuesday afternoon, we dropped whatever we were doing, gathered around the piano and sang "I Believe In Miracles." This ritual demonstrates the fellowship that small newspapers enjoy.

A lot of small-town papers get a bad rap because of a lack of exciting news, but community journalism is a valuable service. A good newspaper is the heart of a town. And I can tell you from first-hand experience that nowhere does one learn more about the entire operation of a paper than at a publication like The Hesperian.

Sincerely,
Doug Simpson

Dear Editor,

It is with great emotion, and mixed feelings that I am leaving the medical field; but, being a full time dad and giving myself and my family the time I stole from them and myself over the last 23 years is really appealing. Certainly, it has been a great en-

richment to my life to serve the Floydada area population and certainly yourself as a patient and a friend.

The friendships developed here will not be forgotten, and there will always be a precious place, for Floydada, in my heart.

I am pleased though to leave my patient records with Dr. Ahmad and Beverly because I know they are fully capable of handling the situation. I am really proud of the fact that the Board of the Caprock Hospital District had the vision to start looking for another doctor about 1 1/2 years ago, and even more so that Dr. Ahmad was chosen amongst the applicants; it would have been very difficult to make a better choice.

Thank you for having the faith in my guided hand, and for allowing me to serve you.

Love,
Antoine R. Albert

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Highway 70 water lines create problem

FLOYDADA — City council members in Floydada heard a detailed explanation concerning the condition of water lines under Highway 70 through Floydada at the Thursday, May 16 regular session of the council. Highway improvements scheduled for late this summer will place undue stress on old lines crossing beneath the highway according to state transportation officials.

The estimated cost of removing and replacing all the lines which might be affected was placed at \$150,000.00 for a proper job. \$20,000.00 would do the minimum necessary to allow the state to continue with their road rebuilding project. Lines not taken care of now could create serious leakage problems later.

The city will not be able to dig up the new roadway to repair the lines if leaks occur. They will have to dig beside the road and tunnel under to remove and replace damaged lines if the lines are not put in good order before the roadway is rebuilt.

Under a 1968 agreement, the city is liable for making utility adjustments necessary to accommodate state highway projects. City officials had hoped the state might be liable for lines the existing highway was built over.

The work will need to be completed before August or the state will stabilize the lines with concrete and proceed with the highway project. This would result in even more repair expense to the city if a leak occurs.

The issue was tabled pending more information and advice from the city attorney who will review the legalities of the situation. There are no funds in the current budget, which runs through September, for such work.

City Manager Gary Brown told the council that a letter had been received from the state regarding the proposed \$1 million airport improvement project. According to the letter, the city must now commit the \$100,000.00 matching funds in order to receive the \$900,000.00 from the state.

Brown said that at this point, it appears the Airport Board has not raised the \$75,000.00 needed to go with the \$25,000.00 the city has pledged for the project. If the funds are not available, the city will have to pass on the improvements.

Floydada City Secretary Sharon Quisenberry administered the oath of office to council members being seated for two year terms. They included returning council members Clar Schacht, Albert Hill and Eric Cornelius. New to the council is Jon Nielson who replaces Wayne Tipton.

Tipton received a certificate of appreciation for his service to the city as a councilman for the past several years. The special presentation was made by fellow council member LeRoy Burns.

Council members approved minutes from the previous meeting as written and authorized payment of monthly bills before moving on to scheduled public hearings.

The first, to take public comment on a request for a zoning variance by Barbara Stice, drew comment from only one local businessman. Stice had requested permission to sell plants from her carport at 226 W. Tennessee, a residential area.

Joe Stepp told the council he was against the variance because local businesses maintain a business location and pay commercial rates for city utilities as well as having to obtain proper licensing and permits to operate a business. "If you allow one person to operate a business from their home, you will have others asking to do the same. I feel this would not be fair to the business people in Floydada."

Councilman Albert Hill stated he was in agreement with Stepp and did not want to see the city allowing variances which would harm local businesses.

Following the public hearing, Schacht made a motion to deny the variance. The motion was seconded by Nielson. The council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

A second public hearing was held concerning the closeout requirements on the 1994 Texas Community Development water grant project now completed. City Manager Brown read a statement prepared by grant consultant Kay Howard. No public comments were made and the council approved the closeout and finalization of the grant paperwork.

Two zoning variances were approved by the council on the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Matty and Margie Martinez were granted a variance in the required setback of a residence on a corner lot.

The couple wishes to locate a mobile home on Lot 1, Block 108, Original Town. Zoning requirements call for a 30 foot setback on a corner lot. The size of the mobile home and the size of the lot permit only a 27 foot setback.

Donnell Gowens requested a variance to locate a storage shed closer to his property line than five feet as required by zoning regulations. The property is located at 128 Mae Avenue.

Both requests were approved on a

motion by Schacht. The motion was seconded by Cornelius and all voted in favor.

Bids were opened for the proposed digging of a new pit at the Floydada Municipal Landfill. Four bids were received: Stotts of Lubbock quoted approximately \$1.50 per cubic yard for the excavation; Big D of Midland bid \$2.00 per cubic yard for the work; Longhorn Construction and Maintenance of Lockney bid \$0.88 per cubic yard; and Lipham Trucking of Floydada bid \$2.84 per cubic yard.

The project was awarded to Longhorn Construction on a motion by Schacht with a second by Nielson. All voted in favor. The motion carried a \$200 per day penalty if the work is not completed and the pit ready for use prior to July 1, 1996.

An offer from Dwight Lee Moore of \$50.00 per lot for five tax title lots was rejected by the council. The cost of preparing and transferring the deed on a tax title lot is approximately \$100.00 per lot according to city officials. Council members opted to reject the bid rather than bear the additional cost of transferring the lots.

City Manager Brown presented council members with a sample of a proposed water conservation contingency plan for the City of Floydada in the event of a water emergency. He asked that all review it and get back to him with any changes or suggestions so that a vote can be taken at the next meeting. He said it is important for the city to have a plan in place in case it becomes necessary to control water usage by rationing should the drought situation worsen or continue for an extended time.



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Floydada Police Report

May 12, at 10:33 p.m. police answered a complaint from the clerk at a convenience store concerning a shoplifting and intoxicated man.

Police took a report from the clerk who stated that a intoxicated man had come in to the store, put cigarettes into his pocket and then left.

Police later found the man with the cigarettes, and arrested Roberto Adame Hernandez, 51, of Floydada, and charged him with Theft and Public Intoxication.

May 15 at 8:34 p.m., police were called to 4th and Mississippi in reference to a fight between three women. According to witnesses statements in the police report, a car stopped on the road and two women exited the vehicle, and started hitting a woman who had been walking down the

street.

"The case will be turned over to the District Attorney's office," said Police Chief James Hale, "for possible charges of Aggravated Assault."

May 16, in the 600 block of W. Jackson, police stopped a vehicle after it failed to stop at a red light. The driver, Julie Hicks White, 35, of Floydada, was stopped and subsequently arrested for DWI after a field sobriety test.

Also on May 16, police were called to a residence in the 400 block of N. 1st to investigate a possible retaliation from a mother of an assault victim against two people who allegedly assaulted her daughter. "Possible retaliation charges could be turned over to the D.A.," said Hale.

May 18, Floydada Police took a Theft report of a bicycle which has been stolen from the fenced back yard of a residence in the 200 block of W. Mississippi.

The bike was described as 10 speed Female Murray Mountain Bike, white with teal green lettering and pink stripes. The bike was valued at \$125.00.

May 19, at 11:18 p.m., in the 200 block of W. Marivena, police stopped a vehicle for driving without tail lights. The driver, Eddie Paul Gloria, 24, was subsequently arrested for DWI. The passenger, Jose Juan Vizcaino, was arrested for Public Intoxication.

May 20, police responded to reports of disorderly conduct (fighting) charge at the Alternative School. Three juveniles were taken before the city judge and fined \$60.00 for fighting. An adult, Rachael Diaz, 18, of Plainview, was also fined \$60.00 for fighting.

Offices to be closed

The Lockney Office of the Hesperian-Beacon will be closed Friday, May 24, 1996 after 12:00 noon so that employees may enjoy the 100th Anniversary Party being held in the Floydada Office from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please come join us.

Both the Lockney and Floydada Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 1996, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. It will be business as usual on Tuesday.

Caprock Hospital District confers with UMC officials

FLOYDADA — Following the swearing in of board members Lee Batty and Rob Heflin by Floyd County Judge Bill Hardin at the Tuesday, May 21 session, the Caprock Hospital District Board of Directors discussed the proposed replacement for Dr. Antoine Albert with officials from University Medical Center.

UMC Chief Executive Officer Jim Courtney, Dr. Vernon Farthing, and Al Bendek spoke with board members concerning the financial position of the clinic and the expected operating loss for the current budget year.

Due to this, UMC is proposing to bring a Physician's Assistant to Floydada to work with Dr. Salmon Ahmad and Nurse Practitioner Bev-

erly White at Cogdell Clinic. Courtney said a PA could be in place by August 1 to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Albert. Recruiting for a physician would continue.

Board member Denise Payne told the UMC representatives she was a little surprised to hear that it would take that long to replace Dr. Albert in light of the fact that his departure has been anticipated since last September.

UMC officials cited difficulties in recruiting competent physicians who are willing to work at standard rates in rural areas as reason for the delay. They also said it is equally difficult to recruit good PA's and Nurse Practitioners.

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1:00-6:00 P.M. - Floyd County Museum Open House - 25th Anniversary with Special Entertainment - 105 East Missouri
2:00-7:00 P.M. - Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon - 100th Anniversary Celebration Open House - Refreshments - Come and Go - 111 East Missouri
Floydada and Lockney High School Graduation Ceremonies

SATURDAY, MAY 25

9:00 A.M. Registration - Continues until 1:00 P.M. - N. End of Ag Building
9:30 A.M. Flag Presentation Ceremony - Pavilion
Boy Scout Troops 357 and 259
10:00 A.M. Business Meeting - Pavilion
Awards to Pioneer Woman, Man, Couple
Memorial Service - Mrs. Flora McNiell - Chairman
Election of Officers - Mrs. Polly Cardinal - Nom. Committee
10:45 A.M. Beard Contest - Pavilion - Clar Schacht
11:45 A.M. Bar-B-Que Lunch - (tickets \$5.00) - Complimentary for "Old Settlers" Lunch - Other Activities
1:00 P.M. Arts and Crafts and Minimum Auction - Pavilion
Conducted by Area Auctioneers
1:00 P.M. Washer Pitching Contest - 200 Block Wall Street
Sponsored by McDermott Post American Legion
1:00-4:00 Friends of Floyd County Library Book Fair - Taste of Texas
Community Room, First National Bank of Floydada
2:00 P.M. Awards to Oldest Man and Woman
Award to Person Traveling Greatest Distance
2:30 P.M. Parade - Participants assemble on parking lot of First Baptist Church
3:30 P.M. Entertainment - Harmony Singers - Other Area Entertainment and Texas Thunder - Pavilion - Courthouse Square
4:00 P.M. Cow Pattie Bingo - 1990 Study Club - North Main Street
Floyd County Roping Championship - Floydada Rodeo Grounds
4:30 P.M. Drawing for Quilt and Other Prizes - Parade Awards
6:00 P.M. Pickin' & Grinnin' - Open to Area Musicians - Accompanied by Texas Thunder - Join in the fun - Bring your own chairs
Dinner Theatre - Tom Sawyer - First United Methodist Church
Call for Reservations - 983-2445 - 8:00 - 5:00
8:30-12:00 P.M. - Square Dance - Massie Activity Center - Whirlers - and Dance - Rodeo Slab - Sponsored by 1990 Study Club

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BEST CLUB FLOAT 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50, 3rd - \$40	BEST SHERIFF'S POSSEE OR RIDING CLUB \$100.00 - \$50.00	ANY BAND IN PARADE \$50.00	BEST UNIQUE AUTO \$25.00
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Ross and Flippin united in marriage

Brandi Renee' Ross and John Ty Flippin were united in marriage during a double ring ceremony, Saturday afternoon, May 18, at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Floydada.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada and the groom is the son of Ricky and Susan Flippin of Plainview. Grandparents of the bride are Herman and Bonnie Graham, and Elvie and Mory Henderson, all of Floydada, and great-grandmother, Emma Newman, of Amarillo. Grandparents of the groom are C.E. "Flip" and Wanda Flippin of Plainview and John and Faye Walker of Levelland. The ceremony was performed by Palmer McCown, Director of Religious Activities at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas.

Organ music was played by Roberta Hardin and the piano was played by Penny Giesecke. Todd Keller, Minister of Music and Youth in Tahoka, Texas, sang "The Lord's Prayer." Stephen Bratton of Shallowater sang "I Will Be Here" after the parents and grandparents had been seated.

The church was decorated with spiral and arched candelabras accented with natural greenery, fern and ivory roses and an ivory unity candle. The pews were adorned with velvet hunter green bows.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. She wore a gown of candlelight satin designed with a sweetheart neckline and long sleeves on a fitted bodice. The gown was worn by her maternal grandmother, Bonnie Graham on September 3, 1949. The original dress was made by Mrs. Graham's aunt, Meda Wienke of Lubbock. The dress was redesigned by Ranada Jack of Plainview, by adding ivory lace appliques to the neckline and sleeves. Ivory lace was also



MRS. JOHN TY FLIPPIN
(nee Brandi Renee' Ross)

Portrait by R Photography

added to the hem of the gown. A double bow, decorated with ivory lace appliques, was used to attach the lace trimmed cathedral train. She wore a fingertip length veil on a headband of candlelight satin accented with ivory lace appliques. The bride carried a Colonial bouquet of ivory roses, baby's breath and natural greenery

enhanced with ivory and hunter green satin ribbons.

For the bridal traditions, the wedding gown was considered "something old", a pearl necklace and earrings given to the bride by her mother was "something new", and the wedding rings belonging to her paternal grandmother, Mary Ross Henderson

and her "late" grandfather, Paul Vaughn Ross, were tied into her bridal bouquet for "something borrowed". Her blue garter was "something blue".

Serving as maid of honor was Tamie Cocanougher of Goldthwaite, Texas. Bridesmaids were Tian Younger of Floydada, Angie Clark of Lockney, and Kara Reeves and Katy Williams, both of Plainview.

The bridesmaids wore a two-piece hunter green suit with a knee length flippy skirt. They carried three long stemmed ivory roses, baby's breath and natural greenery enhanced with ivory and hunter green satin ribbons.

Acting as best man was Stephen Bratton of Shallowater. Groomsmen and also serving as ushers were Michael Moore of San Antonio, Ron Flippin of Plainview, brother of the groom, Tyson Edwards of Floydada, and Trent Brandon Daniels of Lubbock. Paul Ross, brother of the bride, served as candlelighter and usher.

Presiding at the registrars table was Jaime Rucker of Gainsville, Texas.

The reception was held in the Wall Street Parlor in Floydada. Members of the house party included Kay Tinney, Barbara Edwards, Darla Keller, Crystal Sanders, JoLynn Dean, Reba Moore, Zahn Turner, Penny Golightly and Candy Thrasher.

The groom's parents were hosts for a rehearsal dinner at The Bridal House in Plainview. The bride's mother and Barbara Cocanougher were hostesses for a bridesmaid's luncheon at Sugarbaker's Cafe and Bakery in Lubbock. Other bridal courtesies included showers in the homes of Duffy Hinkle of Floydada and Wanda Hodges of Plainview, and a lingerie shower given by friends at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

After a wedding trip to Red River, New Mexico, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

Sams enjoy camp-out at Thousand Trails

by Darlynn Hambright
Dr. Keith Patzer was the trail-boss for Floydada Whirlwind Sams for the June campout at Thousand Trails at Lake Texoma.

Rigs leaving from the MAC on Thursday were: John Lyler, Mac McElyea, Harold Norrell, Hollin Payne, and Keith Patzer. Other rigs that were at Lake Texoma and joining the group were: Gordon Hambright, Robert McPherson, and Paul Westbrook.

Thursday night some of the member enjoyed playing table games.

Friday morning the Patzer provided coffee, cinnamon rolls, and vegetable pizza. Some of the group drove to Gainsville to shop at the factory outlet mall. That evening everyone dined at the Pelican Landing restaurant. After returning to the campsite, member enjoyed visiting and table games.

Saturday the group enjoyed coffee and refreshments with the Patzer. Later some of the group went to Gainsville for Depot Days and others traveled to Sherman and Denison. That afternoon the group surprised Darlynn Hambright by serving cake and ice cream in her honor for her birthday. A beautiful card was also presented to her. Music, fellowship, and games were enjoyed by everyone. Sunday the group returned home. We appreciate Ruth and June for their planning an enjoyable time. The Sams meet June 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Light-house Electric. Next campout in Grove, Oklahoma and Branson, Missouri.

*Admission is based on physician referral and determination that the illness is under study at St. Jude Hospital. No child has ever been turned away because of an inability to pay.

If you are interested in participating in the Bike-A-Thon and competing for great individual prizes, pick up a pledge form at the Floyd County Extension Office and be a part of the fun on Saturday, June 1st, at Light-house Electric Cooperative. For more information call 983-4912.

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DR. ALBERT SAYS GOODBYE—A reception was held at Cogdell Clinic in Floydada on Sunday, in honor of Dr. Albert (pictured fourth from the right). Albert is leaving Floydada and retiring from medicine to devote more time to his family and other business

ventures. Patients and friends passed through the clinic throughout the afternoon to say goodbye and express their appreciation for the time given to Floydada by Dr. Albert.

Staff Photo

"Wheels for Life" Bike-A-Thon Slated for June 1st

By Melissa Long, CEA,FCS
The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon has been set in Floydada for Saturday, June 1st at Lighthouse Electric Cooperative from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Floyd County 4-H will help sponsor the event with Gerri Summers and Melissa Long, co-chairing the event.

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY--Herschel Hammonds and Mary Corley celebrated their birthdays at the monthly birthday party at the Floydada Nursing Home.

Nursing home celebrates birthdays

By Lorilla Bradley
FLOYDADA - Thursday, May 16 was party time at the Rest Home with members of the City Park Church of Christ hosting.

The Hesperian photographer came for the picture-taking followed by everyone being ushered into the dining room. The honorees were seated at the "honor" table which was laid with a pink cloth and centered with a floral arrangement in shades of blue. Their places were marked with special cards and each wore a fresh flower, compliments of Williams Florist and Card Shop.

The poem was read and all joined in singing the Happy Birthday song. A delicious refreshment plate contained drizzled pound cake or angel food cake and a tangy fruit punch.

The next party will be Thursday, June 20, at 2:30 p.m. Please come to be with your friends and loved ones.

May is such a pleasant month...the winter storms are gone... Flowers are blooming everywhere and nothing should go wrong!

We greet our Mary Corley... She used to "ease our pain"... She nursed so many back to health with better times to gain.

Herschel Hammonds we salute... He counts from 1908... He ponders over all the years with many of them great!

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Floyd County Lifestyles



KALLIE ROGERS

Rogers to perform at Old Settlers Reunion

Kallie Rogers of Ralls, is scheduled to participate in the "Pickin and Grinnin'" at the Old Settlers reunion to be held at 6:00 p.m.

Kallie is a country performer that has sang at area jamborees and the Cactus Theatre in Lubbock.

She is the granddaughter of Frank and Helen Breed.

Floyd County Friends of the Library

Floyd County Friends of the Library and Barnes & Noble Bookstore will host a book signing and recipe tasting for Lubbock cookbook author Carole Curlee Saturday, May 25 from 1-4 p.m. at the First National Bank community room.

Mrs. Curlee has been cooking and collecting recipes since she was 12 years old. Her recipes and cooking tips have been featured in the Lubbock A-J. She is experienced in wedding consulting, church catering and has also been a consultant to several Lubbock restaurants and caterers. Her books have been distributed throughout the U.S. and in Russia, Japan, China, Denmark, Norway, and Spain. Carole will be autographing her two most recent cookbooks, "A Casually Catered Affair, or Who Forgot the Chocolate Cake," and "The Mexican Collection." Come and meet Carole and sample some of the recipes from her popular cookbooks. You may reserve autographed copies by calling 983-5769 or 983-3126.

American Cancer Society Floyd Unit elects new officers

The Floyd Unit of the American Cancer Society met in regular monthly session on Monday, May 13. Officers were elected for the new year to begin September 1, 1996. New officers will be Beth Faulkenberry, Chairperson; Martha Lotspeich, Recording Secretary; Glenda Wilson, Treasurer; Sharon Hinton, Breast Cancer Detection/Health Awareness Chairman; Mary Ann Rainer, Patient Services Chairman; Becky Ross and Tammy Shuping, Comprehensive School Health Education Chairmen; Melissa Long and Rebecca Davis, Tobacco/Smokeout Chairmen; Linda Matsler, Income Development Chairman; and Margie Fowler, Shirley Morton, and Doris McLain, Volunteer Involvement Chairmen.

Other Board Members are Shelly Smith, Laura Turner, Kay Zimmerman, Nancy Bishop, Martha Farris, Mita Chavarria, Kacky Jackson, Esterlene Ratliff, Denise Holcomb, Cesali Ericson, Betsy Dempsey, Yvonne Thaxton, Jo Lynn

Dean, Julie Ellison, Flora McNeill, Freida Simpson, Edna Beth Tye, Olivia Mercado, Sara Coursey, Keila Johnson, Sue Daniels, and Molly Stringer. Members of American Cancer Society local Boards of Directors are volunteers in the community who participate in fund-raising events and cancer awareness education. Anyone in the community who is interested in volunteering to serve on the Floyd Board should call Shirley Morton, 983-5541. The main fund-raising events of the Floyd Unit include the Christmas Brunch and the Spring residential and business Crusade.

Board members present at the May meeting sent a letter to U.S. Representative "Mac" Thornberry encouraging him to support Federal Drug Administration regulation of tobacco. The Board also expressed in the letter thanks to him for being one of only five of the Texas Congressional delegation who have not accepted Tobacco PAC money.

Lusk and Moore recite wedding vows

Keri Dee Lusk and Jason C. Moore were united in holy matrimony Saturday evening, May 18, 1996. The ceremony was held at 7:30 p.m. in the Quaker Avenue Church of Christ in Lubbock with Stuart Smith, from Turkey, Texas officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Raymond and Martha Sue Lusk of Lockney. She is the granddaughter of Wanda and Jack Jordan of Kerrville.

The bridegroom is the son of Monte Moore and the late Paulette Moore of Fort Worth, Texas.

Escorted down the aisle by her father, the bride wore a full length white satin gown with bodice and short sleeves trimmed in lace overlaid with white pearls. The four foot train was attached to the V-waistline and was accented with a bow.

The ceremony was performed with a background of a spiral candleholder and archway covered with garlands of blue and white flowers, votive candles and tulling. The pews were adorned with tulling with blue and gold bows and blue and white flowers. Votive candles and flowers accented the lobby and the sides of the church.

Kay Lynn Lusk, of Lubbock, sister of the bride was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Erin McEndree of Bryan, Tandi Mitchell of Austin, both friends of the bride, and Lauribeth House of Shallwater, cousin of the bride. The bridesmaids wore royal blue linen satin knee-length dresses with puffed sleeves, princess neckline, and straight skirt. They accented their attire with pearl necklaces and blue satin shoes.

Best man was Monte Moore, of Fort Worth, father of the groom.



MRS. JASON C. MOORE
(nee Keri Dee Lusk)

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Groomsman were Kenneth Hawley of Lubbock, Kirk Cowell of Houston, both friends of the groom, and Justin Osborn of Comanche, Texas, nephew of the groom. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with black cummer-

bunds and black bow ties. The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with a white cummerbund and white bow tie.

Flowergirls were Lauren and Callie St. John, of Amarillo, friends of the

bride. Ring bearer was Jacob Monds, of Van, Texas, nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Thad Lusk of Lockney, brother of the bride; Darryl McEndree of Bryan; Boyd Domingos of Fort Worth; and Carl Teague of Fort Worth.

Jana Wofford registered guests before the ceremony. Other attendants were honorary bridesmaids, Amanda Baldwin, Deborah Farr, and Karin Mullins. Honorary groomsman were Brook Reinohl, Mitch Reinohl and Jayson Lusk, brother of the bride.

Jason Curtis, Jennifer Tally, and Steve and Shawna Gomez provided music for the ceremony. Songs included "I Will Be There", "As For Me and My House", "How Beautiful", "If This Wall Could Speak", "Unity Candle Song", "Somewhere In The World Today", "The Wedding March", "Flesh of My Flesh", "Lord's Prayer" and "Jesus Is The Answer".

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of Quaker Avenue Church of Christ in Lubbock. The bride's table covered with a royal blue tablecloth covered with lace, held a three tier wedding cake over a water fountain surrounded by six satellite cakes. The white cake was trimmed with blue flowers on a basket weave with scallops. The top was a Precious Moment's bride and groom figurine. At the groom's table, was a German chocolate cake, topped with a Precious Moment's groom. Also on the groom's table was a cheese and fruit tree.

Following a trip to Branson, Missouri and Eureka Springs, Arkansas, the couple will be making their home in Lubbock.



Remember to stop by and visit us during our Centennial Birthday Party Friday from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Floyd County Hesperian!

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JONES

Greg and Channa Jones of Crosbyton, are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy. Pake Montgomery was born on May 19th.

He was welcomed into the world by big brother Coby and big sister Skylar.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Ruby Williams of Post. Paternal grandparents are Wayland and Margaret Jones of Floydada and great-grandmother, Frances McClure of Floydada.

MARTIN

Renee' and Virgil Allen Martin, of Pooleville, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Camille Martin, born March 8, 1996 at 3:32 p.m. at Harris Methodist Hospital in downtown Fort Worth.

Their daughter weighed 4 lbs. and 2 ozs., and was 17 inches long.

Katelyn has an older brother, Jake Allen Martin, who is 2 years old.

Grandparents are Carla Blankenship of Dallas, and Peggy Martin of Saginaw, formerly of Floydada. Grand aunt and uncle are June and Don Wasoa of Plainview.

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Tickets will be sold at the door only if seats are available.

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Floydada Senior Citizens

By Margarette Word
FLOYDADA - The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are 60 years or older this center is for you. If you plan to eat lunch please call 983-2032. This helps the cooks to know how much food to prepare.

Jim and I have been very busy these past few days because a grandson, Chase Carr, son of Charles and Ann Carr is graduating from Petersburg High School. We have attended the awards assembly, sports banquet, Baccalaureate and will attend commencement, Thursday, May 23. It is a very exciting time.

Remember this weekend is "Old Settlers" reunion. There will be an open house at the Floydada Historical Museum and also the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will be having their 100th birthday party on Friday. Then Saturday, lots of arts and crafts and a lot of other activities through out the day will take place. Should be a good time to renew friendships because a lot of out-of-town people will be in town.

R.G. Dunlap spent several days in Harlingen visiting his daughter, Becky. They spent time in Old Mexico and Padre Island.

Frances and Peck Badgett's daughter Anna and her husband Charlie Bursick of Cloud Croft, N.M. and two grandsons, Terry and Clint Morris and a friend Bobby Winters of Ft. Sumner, N.M. were all here last weekend.

We have a number of people who

are ill. They are Queen Annie Lawson at Methodist Hospital; Melvin Terrell at St. Mary's; Trueman Kirk at a Houston Hospital; Randall King still in the hospital; Eula Mae Cates has been transferred from Lockney to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, and Mac McNeill is still in Methodist.

Those that are home from the hospital are Madge West and Joyce Kimble.

Our sympathy to the family of Aldine Williams. His funeral was Monday, May 20.

Our sympathy to the family of Britt Britton. His services are pending.

Our sympathy to the family of John W. Grubbs. His funeral was Sunday, May 19.

"Thought for the Week" - It's not the hours you put in that count, but what you put in the hours.

Menu

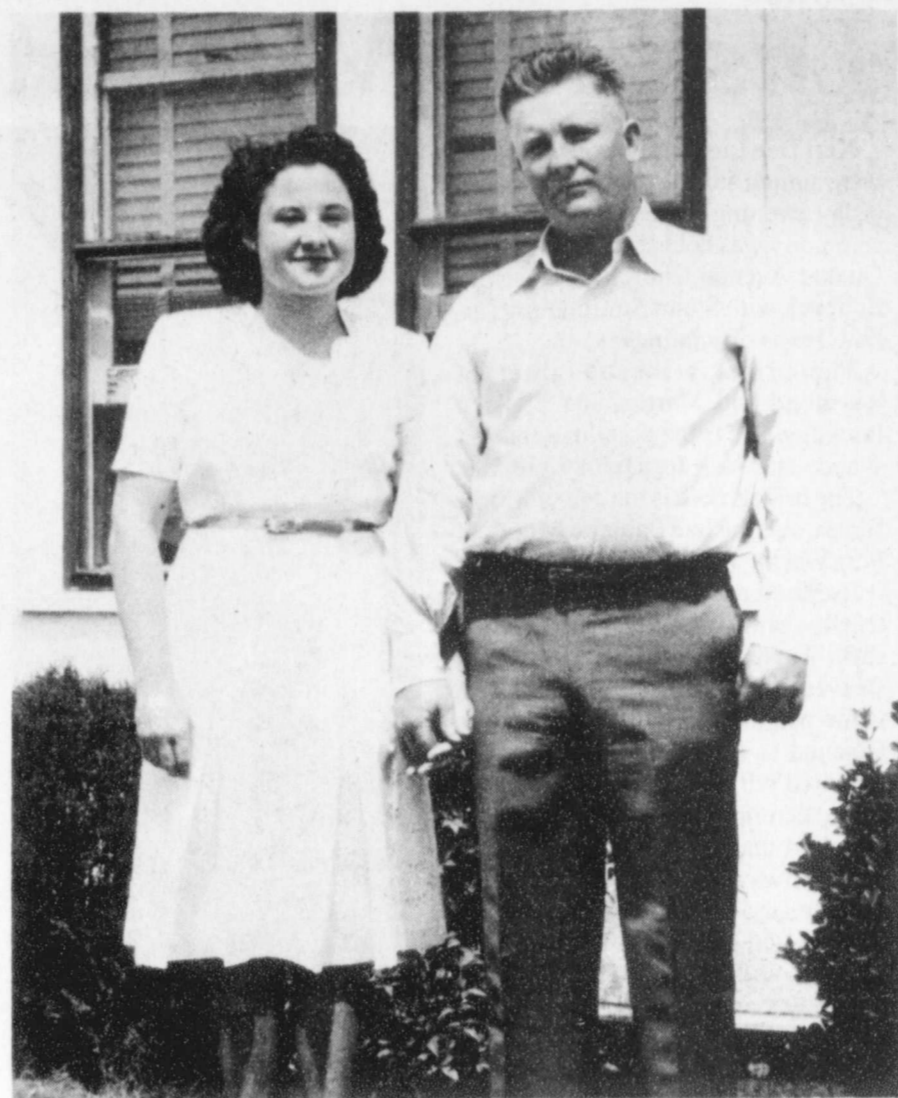
Monday, May 27: Baked ham, corn, okra, tossed salad/Ranch dressing, biscuit, peach cobbler

Tuesday, May 28: Salmon patty, blackeye peas, spinach, golden congealed salad, cornbread, sugar cookies

Wednesday, May 29: Roast beef, brown gravy, potatoes, zucchini, tossed salad, frosted cake, wheat roll

Thursday, May 30: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, white gravy, roll or cornbread, fruit crumble

Friday, May 31: Chicken fried steak, white gravy, corn, peas and carrots, hot roll, pineapple



MILLERS CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY --C.M. Miller and Dora Ethel Alkire were married Saturday, May 18, 1946, in Canyon. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, May 18, 1996. Their children, Jerry and Amanda Miller, Jimmy and June



McGaugh, and grandchild, Jay McGaugh were present at the celebration. Everyone met at the Sportsman in Quitaque. They enjoyed a buffet meal of chicken, ribs, and chicken fried steak. Dessert was a beautiful 50th Wedding Anniversary cake. Courtesy Photos

We Salute In Floydada

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thursday, May 23: Blake Kitchens, Sylvia Rendon, Tim Lipham, Sharri White

Friday, May 24: Bill Hall, Yadira Martinez, Nicole Odom

Saturday, May 25: Ninfa Luna, Robert Lockwood, Robert Lee Luna, Frances C. Gonzales

Sunday, May 26: Jake Graham, Janson Graham, Katy Crawford, Amy Abshier, Frances Hambright

Monday, May 27: Vikki Yeary, Cassie Martinez, Angelica Reyes

Tuesday, May 28: Mario Garcia,

Yolanda Cervera, Maria Rangel, Josephine Marie Luna, Linda Maria DeOchoa

Wednesday, May 29: Linda Irlis, Roland Hernandez, Letha Mulder, Michael Ramon Moreno

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, May 23: Jo Ann and Miguel Rangel

Monday, May 27: Mitch and Drew Ann Lloyd

Tuesday, May 28: Vince and Chantel Whitfill, John and Robbie Odom

Lockney Senior Citizens

By Gladys Ragle

LOCKNEY - We had a very nice crowd on Thursday, May 16, with 59 people attending and enjoying the fellowship with each other.

We wish to thank Johnny Mosley and his family for coming and especially Johnny for bringing us such a nice program. It was very touching. Come to see us again any time.

Thursday, May 16, was Elton Wylie's birthday and several of his relatives from out of town surprised him a noon at the Center to have lunch with him. Their niece, May Turner, also joined them and they all seemed to have a good time.

Arvie Newton had surgery Wednesday, the 15th, and he is home doing pretty good.

As of press time, Mr. Duvall was still in Methodist Hospital of Lubbock, undergoing tests.

Floydada receives visit from Texas Plains United

Texas Plains United enjoyed a Mystery Rally recently.

Only the host knew where they were going.

The first stop was at Olton for a delightful brunch at the Wild Plum.

Then on the Nazareth to see Saint Joseph Church and get its history.

Next stop was to Tulia on the Tulle Lake for a cookout. Then to the museum and to eat at the E.L. Camino also to Kenneth Wyatt Studio.

They came to Floydada on Friday so excited to find some grass, yes, it had been watered! Lunch on Saturday at the Lamplighter Hotel, in the afternoon the men visited Gene Lawsons shop to see the spray rigs which he and Rex are making, while the ladies enjoyed a tea party at Jo Davis' home.

15 trailers plus 2 more at the home were there, also several visitors. After devotional on Sunday, they went their separate ways to Lamesa, Shallowater, Slaton, and Lubbock.

Bill Glasscock was hoping to get out of Lockney Hospital on Monday. Bennie Mack Rose was in Lockney Hospital.

We pray for all the sick in our community.

Granny Taylor is spending some time in Plainview, with Sonny and Lois, until Arvie gets better.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom" - If you are trying to carve your way to the top, don't attempt to do so with cutting remarks.

Menu

Monday, May 27: Chicken strips

Tuesday, May 28: Salisbury steak

Wednesday, May 29: Chicken fried steak

Thursday, May 30: Chicken casserole

Friday, May 31: Beef tips



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Friday, May 24th
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Tuesday, May 28th
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 Cherry Cobbler
Wednesday, May 29th
 Beef Stroganoff
 German Choco Cake
Thursday, May 30th
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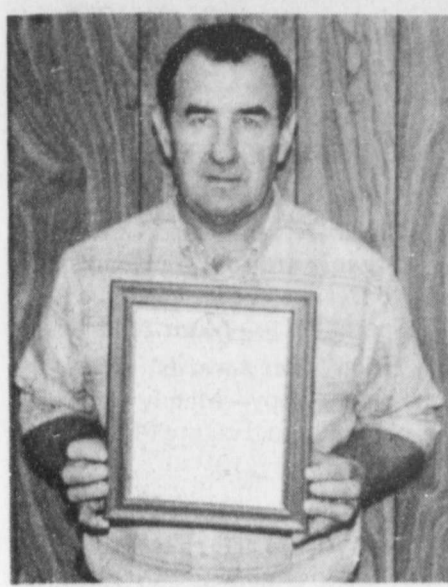
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Larry Benjamin recognized for 20 years as technician

Larry Benjamin, soil conservation technician with the Floyd County Natural Resources Conservation Service recently received recognition for the completion of 20 years with the service.

The recognition award was signed by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman and presented to Benjamin by Wes Oneth, Texas State Conservationist from Temple.

LARRY BENJAMIN

1996 Farm Bill Meeting

Floyd County will hold a producer meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23 at the Massie Activity Center to discuss the new Farm Bill (FAIR), payment, eligibility issues, and compliance requirements.

A meeting will also be held in Hale County at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview.

Conducting each meeting will be the County Executive Directors, Extension Service Directors, and Ag Credit Managers from both Floyd and Hale Counties.

All producers are encouraged to attend either or both of these meetings.

TCPB elects five new members for 1996-2002

In the fourth statewide election since the Texas Corn Producers Board became a statewide entity in 1990, five board members were elected or re-elected in elections held in March and April. Each person elected will serve a six year term, or until the year 2002.

Prior to the elections, the TCPB had divided the state into eight separate "voting regions" so that board members would more closely represent the corn interest of a particular region of the state, and so that all Texas corn producers would have representation on the Board. As there are 15 board seats on the TCPB, the voting regions are designed for each seat to represent 1/15th of the total corn production in Texas as reported by the Texas Crop Reporting Service. The Texas Department of Agriculture approved the voting region plan.

Winning the seat in Voting Region Two, which consists of Bailey, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmer and Hartley counties in the Panhandle was Bert Williams of Farwell.

Winning the seat in Voting Region Three, which consists of Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong, Donley, Briscoe, Collingsworth, Hall, Childress, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Wilbarger, Wichita, Clay, Montague, Foard, Archer, Baylor, Knox, King, Dickens, Crosby, Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Young, Jack, Wise, Throckmorton, Parker, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Gaines, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Hood, Somervell, Comanche, Mills, Brown, Coleman, Runnels, Glasscock, and Midland counties was Neal Burnett of Plainview.

Winning the seat in Voting Region Four which consists of Dallam county was Robert Young of Dalhart.

Winning the seat in Voting Region Five which consists of Sherman, Randall, Hansford, Moore, Potter and

Swisher counties was Dee Vaughan of Dumas.

Winning the seat open in Voting Region Seven, in the coastal bend area was David Foehner of Boling.

The five new board members were sworn in on May 15, 1996 during the TCPB's quarterly board meeting in San Antonio by Katie Dickie, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Over six thousand ballots were distributed. The voting period was from March 25, 1996 until April 22, 1996.

The next election will be in the spring of 1998. There will be five seats up for election at this time.

Early termination for CRP acreage now being offered

From Texas Agricultural Extension Service

An early termination program for farm acreage enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is being offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is drawing keen interest across the state. Additional incentives included in the 1996 federal farm bill make it important that farmers look carefully at this "early out" option before May 31, say economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The decision is especially critical for High Plains farmers who have in the CRP some 45,000 acres of land with a history of high yielding corn production, says Dr. Jackie Smith, professor and Extension Service agricultural economist.

"The most complicating factor in deciding whether to use the early out is uncertainty about the future of the CRP program," Smith said.

Producers who terminate their CRP contracts under this early out program can also sign up for and receive a transition payment under the 1996 Farm Bill, the extension economist noted. But to receive the transition payment for 1996, a producer must file by May 31 the request to terminate the CRP contract.

All landowners with a CRP contract that has a crop acreage base will be eligible to sign a production flexibility contract and receive transition payments for 1996.

"This means that for 1996 only, those who request the early out by May 31 will, if approved for termination, receive most of their 1996 CRP payment as well as their transition payment under the new Farm Bill," Smith said.



Floyd County Farm News

Hardin receives Business/Professional Award

Ronnie Hardin, President of the First National Bank of Lockney received the Business/Professional Award from the Region I Texas Conservation Awards Program last Tuesday night. The awards program and banquet was held at the Plainview Country Club. The Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District submitted the entry. Regional I covers 52 South Plains and Panhandle counties.

The District submitted Hardin for the award based on his work and that of the bank in assisting the Floyd County SWCD program. The bank has assisted in donations for the district to use as "matching funds" from the State of Texas. The bank and Hardin is very involved in agriculture loans and farm programs and realize the importance of conservation. State of the art equipment for the Natural Resources Conservation Service to use within the district's program was

secured from grants and much of this influence came from the bank.

Twenty-two people from Floyd County attended the awards banquet. Attending were Floyd County SWCD directors Leon Ferguson, Lindan Morris, J.O. Dawdy, Les Nixon, and Jon J. La Baume with the Floyd County Natural Resources Conservation Service and their wives. Dora Ross, District secretary and technical assistant attended as well. Attending from the Lockney First National Bank were Ronnie Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Glasson. Attending from the West Texas Bank in Floydada were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith and Morris Wilcox, First State Bank in Silverton.

Approximately 200 were in attendance with Speaker of the House Pete Laney and wife Nelda Laney being the Masters of Ceremonies.



CONSERVATION AWARD PRESENTED--Presenting Ronnie Hardin with the Business/Professional Individual Award at the Region I Conservation Awards Banquet was Dayton Elam of Seminole. Courtesy Photo

Install furrow dikes now to maximize precipitation

No one knows when the next rainfall will occur on the dry Texas High Plains; therefore, it makes good sense for area producers to keep furrow dikes installed in their fields to maximize precipitation benefits when it does rain again.

Furrow dikes are small mounds of soil mechanically installed in the furrow. Installation of these mounds of soil creates a small reservoir in front of each dam.

In most instances, area soil infiltration rates are adequate to absorb small amounts of rainfall with little runoff. However, when rainfall occurs in amounts exceeding soil infiltration rates, the furrow dikes hold the water in place until it can soak into the soil.

"Water is the limiting factor in crop production in this area," says Ken Carver, Assistant Manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock. "It must either be obtained from precipitation or by pumping ground water from the Ogallala Aquifer. Maxi-

mizing precipitation reduces the amount of withdrawal from the aquifer, reduces agricultural production costs associated with meeting crop water needs, and has the potential to significantly increase crop yields."

A three-year study at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock indicated an average annual runoff of 2.73 inches from land with varying degrees of slope.

Keeping rainfall on the field rather than allowing it to flow into ditches and/or playa basins provides additional water for crop use.

For every inch of water available above the basic water needs for plant development, cotton will yield 50 to 100 pounds of lint per acre; grain sorghum will yield 300 to 400 pounds of grain per acre; and wheat, two to three bushels per acre.

The potential crop yield increase resulting from two to three inches of additional water on cotton could increase production by 100 to 300

pounds of lint per acre, and grain sorghum production from 600 to 1,200 pounds per acre. Other crops grown in the area should have similar yield increases when furrow dikes are used to retain similar amounts of additional water.

Producers should also remember that furrow dikes are especially effective when used under a center pivot sprinkler system. The furrow dikes hold the irrigation water in place until it can soak into the root zone soil profile.

"Furrow dikes are the single most cost-effective conservation practice that High Plains producers can implement to increase crop yields and profits. Choosing not to use furrow dikes and subsequently pumping an amount of water from the Ogallala Aquifer equal to the average annual runoff of 2.73 inches will cost the producer from \$8 to \$12 per acre. In addition, the water pumped this year from the Ogallala Aquifer will not be available for use in future years," said Carver.



HARVESTING PRECIPITATION--Furrow dikes help producers take advantage of the free moisture provided by Mother Nature. When rainfall exceeds the soil infiltration rate, these small basins collect water and hold it in place until it can soak into the soil. Use of furrow dikes reduces the amount of ground water pumped from the Ogallala Aquifer, reduces production costs, and has the potential to increase crop yields. This will be particularly important if the current drought conditions extend through the summer months.

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ART WINNERS—These students were named winners in a recent art contest held at the Floydada High School. Students were judged on composition and skill demonstrated in the use of media and neatness. Shown here are: (back, l-r) Maria Gonzales, 2nd, Emilio Guzman, 1st, and Anna Whitfill, 3rd; (2nd row, l-r) 1st Honorable Mention Bobby Luna, 3rd Honorable Mention Linda Vargas and 4th Honorable Mention Katie Sanders; (front row) Alex Vellejo who won a ribbon for his work in pen. Whitfill also won 2nd Honorable Mention and Vargas and Guzman also earned ribbons. Forty-four students entered the art show and each student entered from 1-8 pieces of artwork. *Staff Photo*



ELS LAB WINNERS—Students from Lockney Elementary School ELS Lab who were recognized for their achievements were (front row, l-r) Ramon Ascencio, Kami Wilson, and Julia Robles; (middle row, l-r) Melisa Hernandez, Krystal Castillo and Rachel Vega; (back row, l-r) Angel Salazar, Chano Naranjo, Jorge Arce, Kevin Hernandez and Ramond Castillo. *Staff Photo*

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Maaske-Martinez honored by Marines

Marine Cpl. Ernestina Maaske-Martinez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador N. Martinez of Lockney, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Maaske-Martinez was recognized for her outstanding achievement while serving as activity coordinator with Marine Corps Security Force Company, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Maaske-Martinez was singled out for the award because of her superb initiative and contribution in helping the command fulfill its mission.

With a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Maaske-Martinez joins a select group of men and women who have demonstrated their outstanding ability to excel in serving on the Navy-Marine Corps team.

1995 Lockney annual receives awards

LOCKNEY—The 1995 edition of the Lockney High School annual, *The Roundup*, received a Mark of Distinction award from the Texas High School Press Association in competition for over-all excellence.

Lockney placed fifth in 1A to 4A schools. The first four places went to Dallas Hillcrest, Dallas Highland Park, Canyon Randall and Corpus Christi Flower Bluff.

"As a complete package this is a very good publication," said one of

the evaluators for the statewide competition. "Theme and photography are very strong. The cover design is striking and prepares the reader for what's to come."

Co-Editors, Mark Todd Terrell and Coby Marr, received a third place for Theme Development. Terrell also received a third place and an honorable mention for Photography. An honorable mention for Layout Design was awarded to Federico Cervantes.

Staff members for *The Roundup*

included Terrell, Marr, Cervantes, Nino Garcia, Tiffany Ellison, Juan Comacho, Margee Mann, Mary Lindsey Poole, Lee Anne Galloway, Shannon Veal, Michael Reynaga, Mandy Galloway and Gerardo Luna. Lisa Mosley served as Staff Advisor.

Earlier in the year the Panhandle Press Association presented the yearbook staff with the following awards:

First Place Awards:
Student Life Design - Coby Marr
Opening Design - Chris Guerrero

Sports Page Design - Gerardo Luna
Second Place Awards:
Cover Design - Chris Guerrero
Organization Design and Cover Page Design - Federico Cervantes
Sports Photo - Mark Todd Terrell
Third Place Awards:
Feature Copy - Mandy Galloway
News Photo, Feature Photo - Mark Todd Terrell
The Roundup received third place in sweepstakes at the PHSPA Conference in November

Henderson earns degree

Cadet Michael S. Henderson, a college sophomore at New Mexico Military Institute has been graduated from the college division with an Associate in Arts degree. Henderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill W. Weir of Floydada.

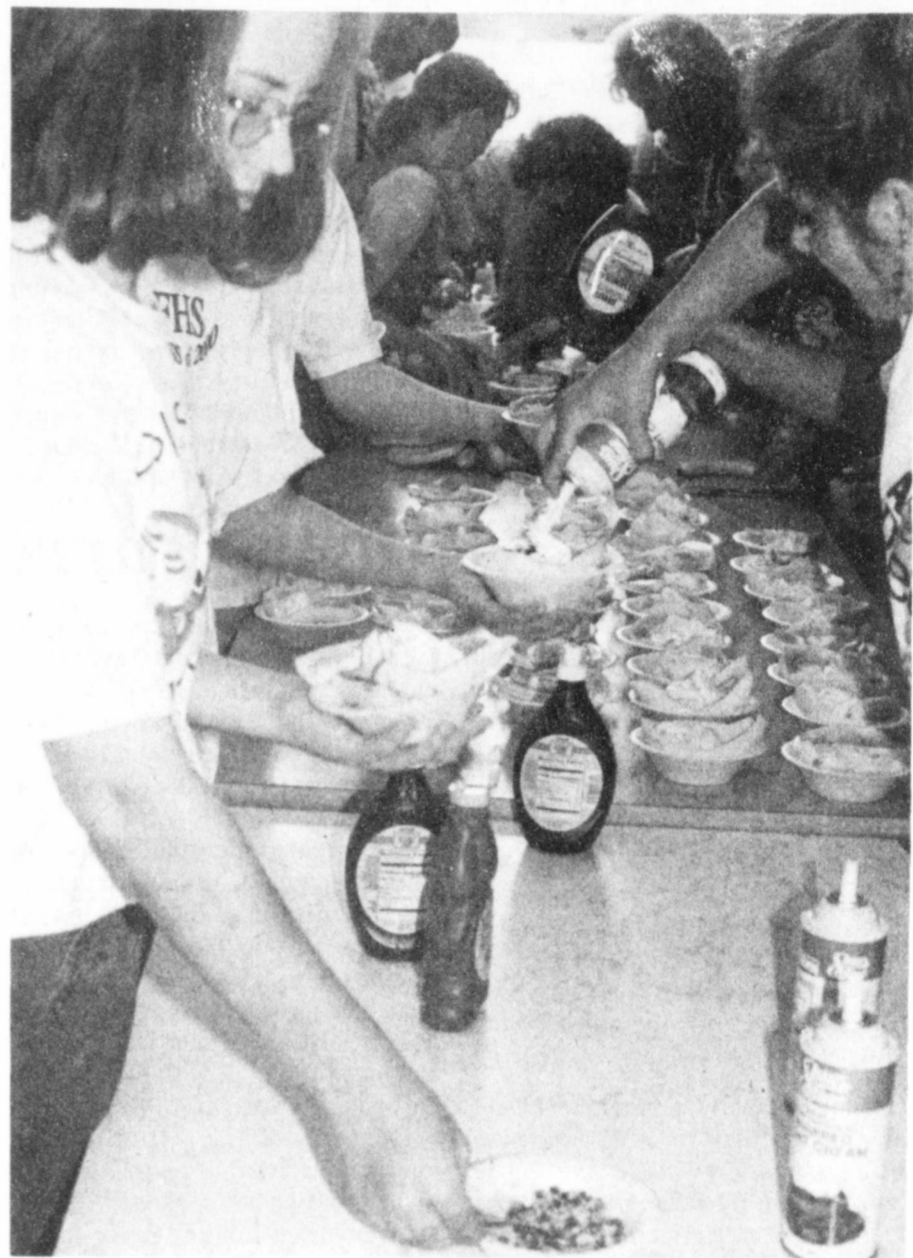
During May 11 ceremonies, a total of 128 cadets were graduated with their junior college diplomas, having completed all New Mexico state requirements for graduation.

LCU awards degree to Evelia Gonzales

LOCKNEY - Evelia Gonzales of Lockney, was one of 174 students who participated in graduation exercises at Lubbock Christian University this spring.

Gonzales graduated with a bachelor of science in interdisciplinary studies. She is the daughter of Antonio and Maria Elias, and wife of the late Rudy Gonzales.

She has been named to the Dean's List and the National Dean's List.



GREAT TASTING REWARDS—Floydada Junior High students were treated to banana splits, courtesy of American State Bank, for their hard work on the accelerated reading program during the year. The PTO served up the treats in the Junior High cafeteria.



AND THE WINNER IS—Monty Williams representing the First National Bank of Floydada, presented Clint Fyffe with a \$50.00 savings bond. Fyffe won the savings bond after his name was drawn from all the students participating in the reading program and earning more than 100 points.

LHS honor students named

Continued From Page 1
ion Show and Share-The-Fun Contest and 2nd in the State Record Book Contest.

Cynthia was named to Who's Who in Math, English, Science and 4-H. She earned the title of KCB/D/Dr. Pepper Student Athlete of the Week and USAA All-American Scholar in Math, English and Science.

Salutatorian Brady Marr has been involved in many activities during high school.

He played Varsity Basketball for three years and was part of the Bi-District Team in 1995-96.

He was part of the Varsity Tennis Team and Varsity Cross Country Team for four years and was a regional qualifier in both.

Brady ran varsity track and was a member of the Sweepstakes Band as a sophomore and junior.

He was a delegate to the American Legion Boys State and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was also a member and President of the National Honor Society.

Brady was student council representative for four years and class treasurer for two years.

He has been chosen as the one Most Likely To Succeed, and named to Who's Who in Tennis, Computer Science and Math.

He was the State qualifier in Jets competition and participated in Mrs. Aufill's Math/Science Team for four years.

On the Math/Science Team, Brady has earned several honors, including: 2nd in District Calculator (and 1st place team), 2nd in Regional Calculator (and 3rd place team), and 3rd at State Calculator.

Brady has also been part of the 1st

place team in District Computer Science and on the 2nd place team in Regional Computer Science. He was also part of the 2nd place team in District Math.
He was the state qualifier in TCEA computer programming.

Pray for Rain

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Anderson named Most Valuable Player

By Bill Gray

Five members of District 2-3A Champion Floydada have been named to the All-District Baseball first and second teams for 1996. The selections, picked by the district's coaches and based on the regular season's performances of the players,

are equally divided among the district's six members. Floydada, Littlefield, Dimmitt and Shallowater each had three players chosen to the first team. Muleshoe and Friona each are represented by two players.

Whirlwind Monty Anderson, who shared the first-team catcher position

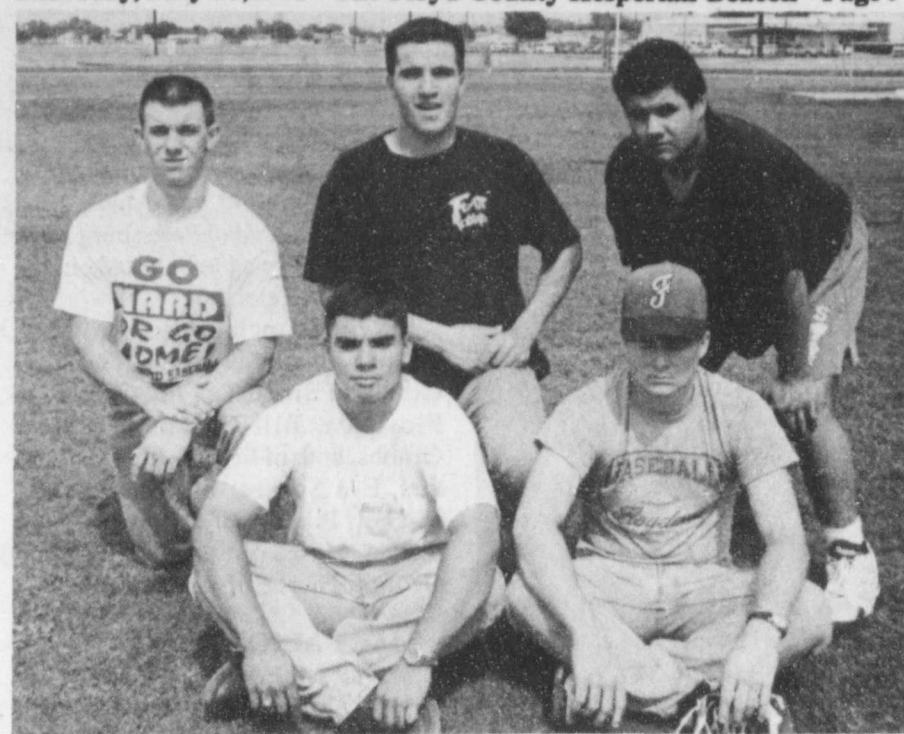
with Littlefield's Trey Ensor, was named as the Player of Year (Most Valuable Player). Anderson led all hitters in 2-3A with an outstanding .463 batting average. The talented junior had 34 RBIs, 3 home runs, 4 triples and 3 doubles. He also had a slugging percentage of .761 and a fielding percentage of .974.

Floydada's Tomas Barrientos, the honor team's shortstop, sported a .397 batting average, a .603 slugging percentage and a .914 fielding percentage. Also a junior, Barrientos committed only 8 errors in the 21-game schedule from his very active shortstop position.

Whirlwind senior Michael Mercado, named 1st team outfielder, batted .406, with 23 RBIs, 3 home runs and 4 doubles. Senior Neal Nelson, a repeater from 1995, was selected to the 2nd team outfield. Nelson batted .343 with 22 RBIs and 9 extra-base hits.

Junior Angel Aleman, one of the 2nd team's three pitching selections, had a record of 6-2 (3-1 in district play) with an overall ERA of 5.04. He led the Whirlwinds in innings pitched (50), games started (8), and strike outs (59). Aleman also batted .412 with 32 RBIs, 9 doubles and a home run.

Whirlwinds receiving Honorable Mention to the select team were Chad Hinkle, Joe Sanchez, Jesse Sanchez, Jason Henderson, Nick Williams, Blake Bramlett and Chris Enriquez.



ALL-DISTRICT PLAYERS -- Monte Anderson, Angel Aleman, Tomas Barrientos (back row); (front row) Michael Mercado and Neal Nelson.

Eagles soar past 'Winds

By Bill Gray

FLOYDADA - The Sanford-Fritch Eagles combined power hitting with the 3-hit pitching of Garrett Brown to take a 9-3 victory over Floydada in a one-game Class 3A bi-district playoff at Canyon's Conner Park on May 16. It was the second consecutive year for Brown to pitch the Eagles to a playoff win over the Whirlwinds.

The victory sends Sanford-Fritch to Lubbock's O'Banion Field for the area round of the playoffs against Graham, a 3-2 victory over Aledo last week. District 2-3A champion Floydada finished its 1996 baseball campaign at 17-5.

District 1-3A continued its mastery over 2-3A as Perryton defeated Muleshoe 6-3 to kick the Mules out in the bi-district round. It was the Rangers' first playoff win in the eight-year history of the program. Perryton (21-7-2) next meets Iowa Park (23-6) at 6:00 p.m. on May 23 at O'Banion Park in Lubbock.

The Whirlwinds opened with a couple of runs in the top of the first inning on Neal Nelson's 2-RBI single. Floydada left two men on base to end the threat. The Eagles countered with three runs in the bottom of the frame to take control. Although Brown walked seven Whirlwinds in the first three innings, the Eagle started settling down to hold Floydada to just three singles while earning the complete game victory.

Floydada starter Chad Hinkle gave up 3 hits and 3 earned runs before being relieved by Angel Aleman in the second inning. Aleman struck out 7 (the same as Garrett Brown), but gave up 6 earned runs and 10 hits in his five innings of work.

Sanford-Fritch needed only four batters to tie the score and five to gain the lead, which the Eagles never relinquished. Hinkle retired the first two batters he faced in the bottom of the first. The Eagles' Jimmy Price fouled off three two-strike pitches before drawing a walk. Dustin Roberts brought in Price with a home run to left center, and Brad Mooring added another round-tripper three pitches later.

A single by Jason McClellan and a double by Price led to another Fritch run in the second inning. The Whirlwinds loaded the bases in the top of the third, and scored on a base-on-balls. However, Brown managed to strike out Hinkle and Joe Sanchez to end the Floydada rally. The Eagles crossed the plate twice in the bottom

of the frame.

Singles by Michael Mercado in the sixth inning and Blake Bramlett in the top of the seventh were the final Floydada hits of the game and of the 1996 season. Brown aided his own cause by driving in Price, and Jason Adkins' 2-run homer moments later gave the Eagles their final margin of victory.

Coach David Kennedy was disappointed for several reasons. "First, we never want to be satisfied with losing," said the second-year Floydada coach. "Secondly, we didn't play as sharp as we are capable of playing. On the other hand, we have plenty to be proud of - we accomplished a lot this year. We won the district championship - which is a first for FHS in baseball. We had the best record (17-5) this baseball program has ever had."

The coach added, "I thought our kids were real scrappy. We never felt like we were out of the ball game. The difference was twofold. Number one, they didn't make any mistakes and we made several - especially base running. Number two, they really had a good day at the plate and we didn't." Summing up the season, Kennedy stated, "We improved every day in some facet of the game. Finally, we had lots of FUN!"

Bill's Notes

And, I have a feeling that "fun" is going to extend... big time... into next year. Most of these same Whirlwinds will be back a year from now (with some ample help from some up-coming underclassmen). Make no mistake about it...the "Winds are definitely on the baseball map. The new district alignment is going to be tough, but Floydada will be right there with the Denver Cities, Brownfields and Seminole!

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(Individual statistics)

Floydada	AB	R	H	RBI
Michael Mercado, cf	1	0	1	0
Monty Anderson, c	3	2	0	0
Tomas Barrientos, ss	3	0	0	0
Angel Aleman, rf/p	1	1	0	0
Nick Williams, pr	0	0	0	0
Blake Bramlett, dh	2	0	1	1
Neal Nelson, lf	4	0	1	2
Chad Hinkle, p/3b	4	0	0	0
Joe Sanchez, 2b	2	0	0	0
Jason Henderson, 1b	3	0	0	0
Jesse Sanchez, 3b/rf	0	0	0	0
Totals....	23	3	3	3

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hinkle L (4-1)	1.0	3	3	3	2	0
Aleman	5.0	10	6	6	1	7

1996 2-3A All-District Baseball Team

- 1st Team**
 P Aaron Clark, Jr., Littlefield
 Jason Nino, Jr., Dimmitt
 Monty Anderson, Jr., Floydada
 Trey Ensor, So., Littlefield
 Chris Shannon, Jr., Shallowater
2B Zeke Nino, Sr., Dimmitt
SS Aaron King, So., Friona
3B Tomas Barrientos, Jr., Floydada
OF Tony Ortiz, So., Shallowater
 Lance Looper, Sr., Friona
 Michael Mercado, Sr., Floydada
 Edward Olivas, Sr., Muleshoe
 Matt Martinez, So., Shallowater
 Davey McLelland, So., Littlefield
UT Alfredo Gonzales, Sr., Muleshoe
DH Luis Nino, Jr., Dimmitt
POY Monty Anderson, Jr., Floydada
- 2nd Team**
 P Angel Aleman, Jr., Floydada
 Cody Favor, Sr., Littlefield
 Moses Reyes, Sr., Friona
 Todd Jordan, Jr., Shallowater
1B Mitch McNeese, Fr., Littlefield
2B Layne Kemp, So., Muleshoe
SS Zack Matthew, So., Dimmitt
3B Rodney Alanis, So., Muleshoe
OF Rusty Workman, Jr., Shallowater
 Neal Nelson, Sr., Floydada
 Jarrod Redwine, Jr., Muleshoe
UT Peter Garza, Sr., Shallowater
DH Jesse Mendez, Jr., Friona

Little Dribblers in post-season play

FLOYDADA -- The post season team of third and fourth grade girls Little Dribblers from Floydada competed in the Ralls Tournament on April 19 and 20. The girls beat Lorenzo on Friday evening and defeated Post by four early Saturday morning.

An hour later, they played a fresh Ralls team for the championship. With 2 1/2 minutes to play in the third quarter, the team rebounded to come within two points of their opponents before losing by a slim margin.

Playing their final games in Slaton on May 10 and 11, three players fouled out playing a tough pressure defense against a larger player and the team was forced to play with only four players. In the face of adversity, the girls emerged with a one point victory over the Slaton team.

The team played three close,

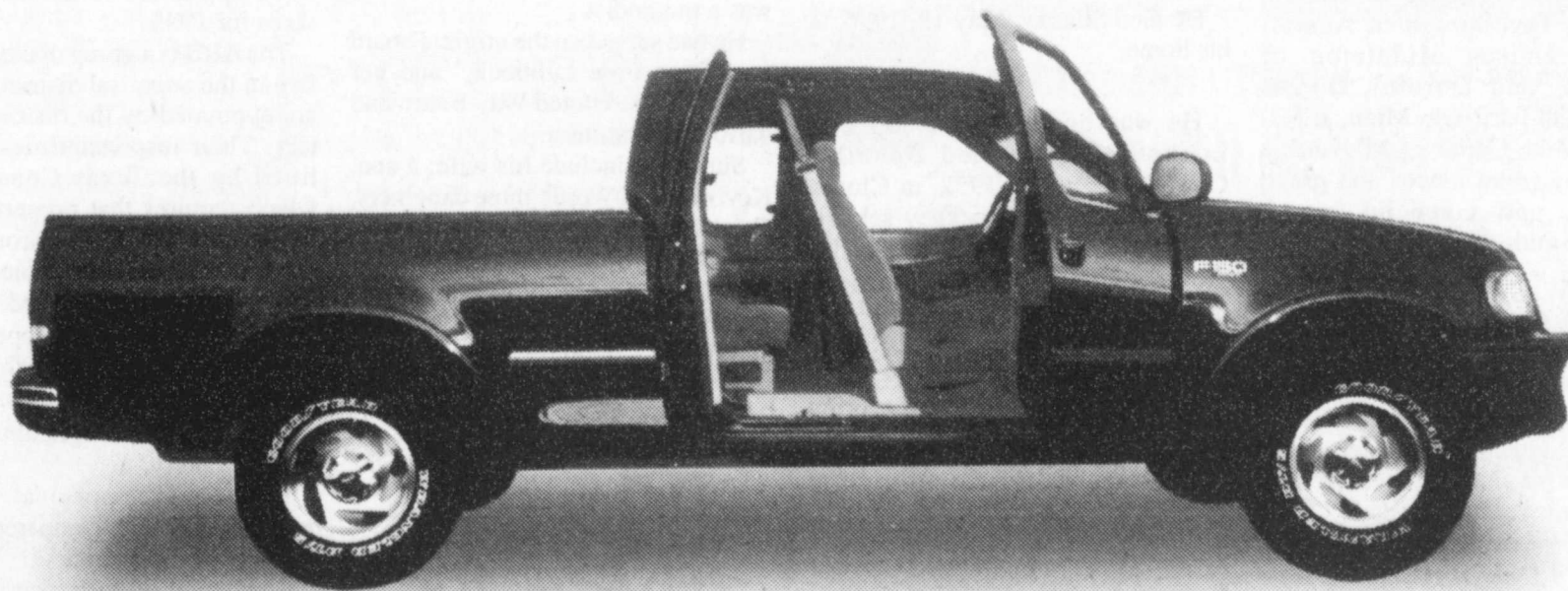


1996 FLOYDADA 3RD AND 4TH GRADE LITTLE DRIBBLERS TEAM

hard games in six hours on Saturday. They lost to Ralls by two points then beat Lockney by 10. A heart-

breaking one point loss to Slaton ended the season for the girls.

-- Courtesy Photo 5-23p



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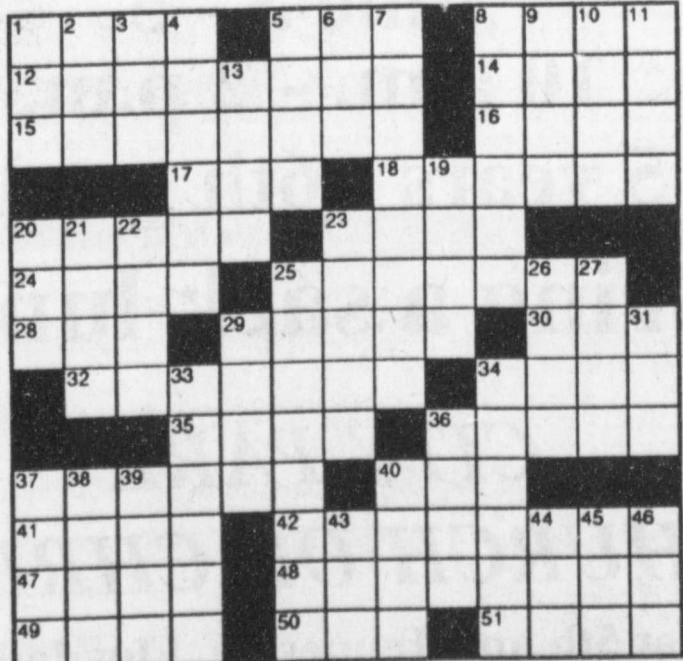
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Obituaries



BRITT BRITTON

Services for L.D. "Britt" Britton, 91, of Floydada were at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, 1996 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Clark Williams, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mr. Britton died Sunday, May 19, 1996 in Floydada Nursing Home in Floydada.

He was born February 11, 1905 in Miles, Texas. He graduated from Floydada High School in 1922 where he was a star on the Floydada football team. He was there when the name "Whirlwinds" was adopted; and attended Wayland Baptist. Mr. Britton married Ouida Bell July 22, 1928 in Silverton. She preceded him in death in 1974.

He worked for the City of Floydada on the first electrification, Rural Electrification (REA) which is now Lighthouse Electric. When he retired, he owned the Refrigeration Service Co. He was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years.

Mr. Britton served in World War II for 3 years, 2 months and 26 days. He served active duty in South Pacific Islands of New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Guam and Bougainville with U.S. Naval Reserve, 53rd Construction Battalion. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, past commander of American Legion; past president of Senior Citizens Board of Directors; served on South Plains Advisory Council for the Aging in Lubbock; member of Disabled American Veterans. He delivered Meals on Wheels; and was a past member of Texas Archeological Society.

He is survived by four nieces, Maxine Fry McCullough of Midland, Marilyn Fry Slough of Austin; Auralee Dumas Middleton of Rockport, and Dorothy Dumas Campbell of Faribault, Minn.; a foster son, Mike Carter of Midland; a number of grand nieces and grand nephews; and a special friend, Rebecca Smith of Floydada.

JOHN W. GRUBBS

Services for John W. Grubbs, 64, of Lockney were Sunday, May 19, 1996 at 2 p.m. at Moore-Rose-White Memorial Chapel in Floydada. The Rev. Mike Holster of First Baptist Church, Floydada, officiated the service. Burial was in Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Grubbs died Thursday, May 16, 1996 at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

Mr. Grubbs was born on June 12, 1931 to Raymond and Abbie Neal Grubbs. He attended Petersburg High School. He moved to Floydada in the 1950's from Petersburg.

Survivors include five brothers, Charles Grubbs of Alvin, Tx., R.H. Grubbs of Brady, Tx., Jim Grubbs, of Floydada, Bill Grubbs and Neal Grubbs, both of Vernon, Tx.; four sisters, Eva Spencer of Stuttgart, Ar., Mickey Pimlott of Arlington, Tx., Shirley Moses of Sun City, Ca., and Georgia Thorne of San Jose, Ca.

MARY ALICE JENKINS

Services for Mary Alice Jenkins, 95, of Savoy, Texas, were held Wednesday, May 22, 1996 at 4 p.m. in the Mullican-Little Funeral Chapel with Dr. Lowell Howard officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 23 in Floyd County Cemetery with arrangements by Mullican-Little Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jenkins died Monday, May 20, in Mullican Care Center.

She is survived by three daughters, Lila Taylor of Petersburg, Juanita Essary of Bells, and Norma Wheeler of Terrell, 15 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

GLADYS WIELAND MOORE

Funeral services for Gladys Moore were at 2 p.m. Monday, May 13, 1996 with the Rev. Andy Knight of Park Temple Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Grand View Memorial Park, Pasadena, Texas.

She was born March 4, 1925 in Marquez, Texas. She died in her home, May 10, 1996, in Pasadena.

She moved with her family to Floyd County in 1936.

Survivors include a daughter, Brenda Ratner, of Pasadena, Tx.; two sons, Jimmie Carter of Houston, Miss., and Gregory Carter of McAllen; eleven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Margaret Hill of Lakewood, Calif., Anna Bell Tumlinson of Pasadena, Tx. and Dorothy Cummings of Floydada.

CLAUDE QUISENBERRY

Graveside services for Claude T. "C.T." Quisenberry, 71, of Plainview were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, in Parklawn Memorial Gardens with Jay Henderson and Marion Gion of 11th and Amarillo Street Church of Christ in Plainview officiating.

Arrangements are under direction of Lemons Funeral Home. He died Sunday, May 19, 1996, at his home.

He was born Aug. 5, 1924, in Lockney. He married Bonnell Cowart on Nov. 9, 1952, in Clovis, N.M. He attended Lockney schools and was a U.S. Army veteran. He moved to Plainview and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the 11th and Amarillo Street Church of Christ.

He worked in construction, retiring in 1986.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Tracy Grissom of Abilene, Patty Quisenberry of Plainview and Kristy Williams of Lubbock; a brother Norman "Sparky" of Chickasha, Okla.; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and eight great-step-grandchildren.

ALDINE WILLIAMS

Services for Aldine Williams, 73, of Floydada were at 4 p.m. Monday, May 20, 1996 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Clark Williams, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Carr's Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mr. Williams died Friday, May 17, 1996 in High Plains Nursing Home in Hale Center.

He was born July 14, 1922, in Floyd County. He graduated from Floydada High School and attended Texas Tech University. Mr. Williams married Wanda Huckabee, May 27, 1948 in Lubbock. He was an insurance salesman and farmer.

Mr. Williams served as past president of the Lions and Rotary Club. He served on the City Council, the Old Settlers Committee, and the hospital board for 18 years. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Fire Department, and was President of the Methodist Men. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; one son, Dean Williams of Floydada; two daughters, Sara Hinsley and Linda Hinsley, both of Floydada; one sister, Mrs. J.T. Freeman of Amarillo; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Chad Hinsley, Todd Hinsley, Zach Nutt, Tim Lipham, Michael Hinsley, Kim Hinsley, Brandon Carroll, and Jimmy Brumfield.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church or the Hospice of the Plains.

JOHN WADDINGTON

Services for John K. Waddington, 61, of Lubbock were at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, 1996, at Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with Ted Dotts, chaplain at Methodist Hospital, officiating.

Masonic graveside rites were at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Waddington died Monday, May 20, 1996, at Methodist Hospital.

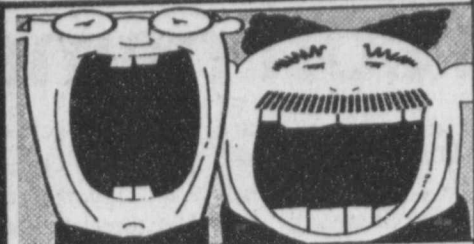
He was born April 27, 1935, in Floydada. He graduated from Lubbock high School and attended Texas Tech. He was a U.S. Army Reservist and a member of the Lubbock Ad Club, Mackenzie Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite. He was a master mason and Rotarian, and he was a former member of the Downtown Lions Club. He married DeeDee Baty on May 3, 1985, in Las Vegas, Nev. He was a Methodist.

He had served on the original board for "Drug Free Lubbock," and her served on the United Way Board and various committees.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Kevin of Fort Worth; three daughters, Carrie Martin of Denver, Colo., Tami Woods of Seymour and Brooke Brashear of Lubbock; a sister, Kathryn Marie Bradbury of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.



This Week's Announcements



FLOYDADA BASEBALL OPENING DAY

The public is invited to a Baseball Opening Day Ceremony, Thursday, May 30, at 7 p.m. at the baseball park in Floydada.

BIKE-A-THON SLATED

Join the fun at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon, Saturday, June 1st at Lighthouse Electric Cooperative from 9 a.m. until noon. Great individual prizes available! Pick up a registration form at the Floyd County Extension Office.

FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Floyd County Friends of the Library are collecting books for a used book sale to be held Saturday, June 8. Books may be left at Lowe's Pay-n-Save or Payne's Pharmacy or call 983-5769 or 983-3126 to have your donation picked up.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a Diabetic workshop every Monday evening in the cafeteria of the Methodist Hospital in Plainview at 7 p.m. There is no charge. The topic for the May 27th workshop will be "Ketoacidosis" by Helen Teeple, R.N.

HOMECOMING T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST

The 1996 Homecoming Committee is sponsoring a "logo" contest for the front of the '96 Homecoming t-shirts. Everyone is encouraged to participate! If you are interested, please contact Jeanine Helms at 983-2130 or 983-2021.

RURAL NURSE RESOURCE, INC.

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will have an American Red Cross community CPR/First Aid Class on June 1, 1996. The class will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be held at RNR's office and training center in the NE wing of the closed Caprock Hospital building located at 901 W. Crockett in Floydada. For more information or to sign up, call 983-8096.

RURAL NURSE RESOURCE, INC.

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will have a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Class. The CNA class will train individuals to care for patients in the Nursing Home, Hospice, Home Health, and private care setting. It is 6 weeks long and is limited to 12 students. The course starts on Saturday, June 1, 1996 with a Community CPR/First Aid Class. Registration began on May 2, and will last through May 24.

CNA classes will be held at the RNR office and training center in the NE wing of the closed Caprock Hospital building located at 901 W. Crockett in Floydada. To receive an application packet or for more information call RNR's office at 983-8096.

CITY OF LOCKNEY

The City of Lockney has announced that the drive-up window is now open for business.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

There will be free blood pressure checks, Saturday, May 25, at the Homestead Home Healthcare, at 208 South Main, Floydada.

MEMORIAL SERVICE NAMES NEEDED

Anyone who has had a relative who has died and not been mentioned in the obituaries in the Lubbock paper or this newspaper, should contact Flora McNeill, at 983-3911, so the name can be included in the Old Settlers memorial service.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons meet each Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. Anyone wanting the loving fellowship of men and women who can share their experience, strength and hope are welcome. Meetings are held in the County Extension Building, at the north end of the building. Anyone interested may call 983-3635 or 652-3546

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Free blood pressure clinic is held in the community room of the First National Bank in Floydada every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER AVAILABLE

Veterans Service Officer Ralph Jackson is available in the county courtroom on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Energas		
DATE	HIGH	LOW
May 15	106	70
May 16	102	73
May 17	101	76
May 18	100	73
May 19	106	75
May 20	88	74
May 21	91	63

County residents can protest property appraisals

Property owners in the Floyd County Appraisal District will have an opportunity "later this month," to protest proposed appraisals of their property for local taxes. The district's appraisal review board (ARB) will begin hearing taxpayer protests on June 11, 1996.

After the ARB concludes its hearings and approves final property appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to assess property taxes for 1996.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and who are appointed by the district's directors. Their responsibilities are outlined by the Texas Constitution, which requires that property be appraised equally and uniformly and that exemptions and productivity appraisal be properly granted.

Property owners may appeal before the ARB to protest any of the following appraisal office actions:

- * the appraised or agricultural value of the property;
- * unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to other property in the district;
- * inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- * denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- * denial of agricultural-use, open-

space or timber productivity appraisal;

* determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;

* identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;

* determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property;

* any other action of the appraisal office that adversely affects the property owner.

Shelia Faulkenberry, chief appraiser for the district, outlined the steps by which a property owner files a protest. First, the property owner must file a written notice of protest with the ARB. This must be filed by May 31, or within 30 days after the taxpayer is mailed a notice of appraisal value by the chief appraiser, whichever is later.

However, if the ARB sends a property owner a notice of any other kind of change in the appraisal records, or if the chief appraiser issues a notice for a property omitted in the prior year, the property owner has 30 days from the mailing date to file a pro-

test.

The sample appraisal notice illustrates key information for a property owner. Any property owner is encouraged to contact the appraisal district to discuss any question.

Faulkenberry added, "If you did not get a notice and want 1996 information about your property, please call the appraisal district at 806-983-5256. The general deadline for protesting to the ARB is May 31 for this year.

Here's what to look closely at on a NOTICE OF APPRAISED VALUE: Check current owner name and mailing address. Review the property legal description for any error. Agree or disagree with the proposed value on the land, building(s).

Check if correct exemptions granted; if not, apply with appraisal district.

File a written protest with the district by May 31 if disagree with some action.

Read other items on notice that are required by law about property taxes. Talk to district about any questions. Call (806) 983-5256.

Commissioners authorize signing of interlocal agreement

Floyd County Commissioners met in a called session on Tuesday, May 21, to consider several items.

A motion by Jon Jones with a second by Lennie Gilroy authorized County Judge Bill Hardin to sign an interlocal agreement with the City of Lockney and the City of Floydada for sharing a vehicle to transport prison probationers to Floyd County on work assignments. Each entity will pay an initial \$3000.00 towards the project and will be billed quarterly for a pro rated share of the expenses based on the number of miles each uses. All voted in favor.

Commissioners also authorized the judge to seek the advice of an attorney concerning an offer of a right of way easement from an attorney representing Raz Ware. Judge Hardin indicated there are legal questions involved in the offer which need to be addressed prior to consideration by the court. Motion for the action came from George Taylor and was seconded by Connie Bearden.

Following approval of the Juvenile Board for the Floyd County Sheriff's Department to transport juveniles, the court unanimously voted to adopt the recommendation of the Juvenile Board. Under recent legislation, both entities must authorize the department to transport juveniles. Motion was made by Bearden and seconded by Jones.

The court scheduled a session for Friday, May 24, at 11:00 a.m. to consider advertising for bids on a new base station and duplex for the inter city radio communications system. A new air conditioner for the building housing the equipment was also discussed.

One farm work contract, #1627, was approved for Warren Mitchell in Precinct 2 to have a pit dug an old improvements buried to return land to cultivation. Site of the work is 4 1/2 miles south of Lockney on FM 378 and 1 1/2 miles west.

PLEASE JOIN US
 May 29 - June 2, 1996
 Wednesday-Sunday
 Wednesday - Saturday 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Theme for Meeting
"ENCOUNTERING CHRIST"
 Grady Bryan preaching 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. except Saturday
Wednesday - Confrontation
 7:30 a.m. - Preparing for the Encounter - "Repent"
 8:00 p.m. - "Religions Encounter With Christ"
Thursday - Healing Hurts
 7:30 a.m. - "Jesus Touches People"
 8:00 p.m. - "Healing For Sinners"
Friday - A New Purpose
 7:30 a.m. - "From Tax Collector to Benevolent Giver"
 8:00 p.m. - "From Demons to Preacher"
Saturday - Encounters With Christ
 7:30 a.m. - "When Jesus Comes Home With You"
 Jared Mosley, speaking
 8:00 p.m. - "On The Road To Damascus"
 Clay Johnson, speaking
Sunday - Encountering Christ Today
 10:30 a.m. - "Understanding The Cross On The Way To Emmaus"
 1:30 p.m. - "I Want To Know Christ"

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FOR SALE -- 1993 Cheyenne GMC. Black, good condition. Call 983-3952.

5-30p

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6-6p

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Thelma Jones wish to express their love and appreciation for the beautiful services by Brother Farnsworth, Mike Holster, and Roberta Hardin. The food served in the home and the bountiful meal served to the family at the church was greatly appreciated by the family. The many cards and memorials given in memory of Thelma are appreciated. May God bless each one.

Clara Martin
Marie Tardy, Sisters
Nephews and Nieces

We would like to thank each of you for your prayers, care and concern for Gary through his illness and death. We also express our thanks for the comfort you have given each of us. May God bless each of you.

The Jarnagins
Shannon, Mandy, Sammie Kay
Joe Mack, Nancy and Glenn

The Classified Ad Deadline is Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.
All classified ads must be paid in advance.
Rates: 20¢ per word first insertion (\$2.50 minimum); 15¢ per word for additional insertions (\$1.50 minimum). Ads may be placed at the Lockney or Floydada Office.

CARDS OF THANKS

To the families and parents of Katya Vega Sudelema Saldena Mandi Wood Melissa Dunlap Alyssa Bennett Kimberly Bennett Erica Williams Amanda Green Kristy Hale Tara McCandless
I just wanted to "officially" thank you for allowing me to have this month and a half with your beautiful daughters, nieces, granddaughters, and sisters. I have had a great time with them and love each one of them very much. I am so proud of these girls and what they have accomplished in a short time. They endured 100+ temperatures to practice at City Park and never complained. They worked so hard to improve their skills.

You must be as proud of them as I am. These girls are Floydada's future and I hope you stay behind them as much in the future as you did for us this week. Thanks for the support and help and positive influence on these girls. To Amanda, Tara and Kristy--I can never thank you enough for myself and these girls for giving us your afternoons and weekends for us. You girls are truly remarkable and have made a major impression on seven little girls.

Betty Ann

5-23p

To the community of Floydada
All of the health care teams who participated in the May 5th Health Fair thank you for making it a success.

Lifestyle Chiropractic Clinic, David Z. Martin, D.C.; Floydada Police Department, Chief James Hale; WIC, Rita Green and Amanda Torres; Caprock Community Action Association, Josie Martinez; Cogdell Clinic, Bob Ericson, administrator; Crosbyton Clinic Hospital Home Health, Jane DeLeon, LVN; Total Home Health, Mary Cervantes, RN; Homestead Health Care Services, Terrese Guerra, RN; Rural Nurse Resources, Sharon Hinton, RN; Floydada Nursing Home, B.A. Hyatt, administrator; United Professional Companies, Inc.; Respiratory Therapy, Raylene Pruitt, CRTT; Hospice of Lubbock, Lee Battey, RN; Lanay Medical Supply, Jake Galvan, Mannatech Inc., Nutraceuticals, Bob and Sharon McIntire; National Farm Life Ins. Co., Lee Ward, agent; Highland Regional Diabetes Center, Gloria Valdez, RN, BSN Director; Texas Clown Association, Sue Daniels and Ethelen Vernon; Manuel Ochoa, Barker; Linda Beaty, LVN.

5-23p

CARDS OF THANKS

Highland Regional Diabetes Center would like to Thank the community of Floydada and all the agencies that participated in The Health Fair, Sunday, May 5, 1996. Thanks to all of you it was a huge success.

Staff:
Terry Weaver, RN BSN
Gloria Valdez, RN BSN
Rita Garnett, R.D. L.D., Director of Diabetes Program
Nibia Rodriguez, MD

5-23p

In the loss of John Grubbs, Thank you for all your kindness shown, Dr. Stewart and all the ladies at Mangold Memorial Hospital. Thank you Paul, Becky, and Placido of the EMS for helping me and Becky when we needed it. Thank you, Mike Holster, for a special service you gave for John. He loved people like you because like you said, "God made John to help us to take time to stop and be thankful." I know he did appreciate you and all the staff, residents and other good people that visited the Floydada Nursing Home. I called it the Holiday Inn for John.

Thanks,
Mary Poole

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Floydada
3 BEDROOM house for rent. 512 W. Jackson. 983-5934.

5-23p

Lockney
2 BEDROOM, one bath. \$250.00 per month. \$100 deposit. No pets. References required. 407 SW 2nd in Lockney. Call 293-4050.

5-23c

Other
FOR RENT -- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath house, in Providence community. \$375.00 per month plus deposit. Call Pat Thornton, Day, 293-4488 or Night, 296-2031.

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GARAGE SALES

Floydada
GARAGE SALE -- Friday, May 24, 9:00 a.m. until 7:23 W. Kentucky.

5-23p

GARAGE SALE -- 1209 S. 3rd. Friday 8-1. Furniture, clothes, baby things, misc.

5-23p

GARAGE SALES

Other
ESTATE/GARAGE SALE--2 miles east on FM Road 1318, 1/2 mile north. Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25, 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Antique farm equipment, 250 gallon butane tank, riding lawn mower, misc lawn equipment, 3-wheeler, furniture, dishes, and lots of misc. items. Please--no early sales

5-23p

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6-7p

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6-13c

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5-23c

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5-23p

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6-28p

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INSTRUCTIONAL

LIFEGUARDING CLASS--Monday thru Saturday, June 3rd to 8th. 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost of the class is \$75.00. This includes books, pool fees, and equipment used. Contact Dalene Burns at 983-6346.

5-30p

MISCELLANEOUS

CERAMICS, porcelain dolls, all kinds of crafts available at Velma's Gifts, 1122 S. Main, Floydada.

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FOR SALE -- Antique dining room suite, table & chairs, hutch & buffet. 652-2412 after 4 p.m.

5-23c

FOR SALE -- S-82 John Deere riding mower with grass catcher. Like new. 5 miles southeast of Floydada on F.M. 1958. Doyle Moore.

5-23p

FOR SALE--Pre-hung interior doors, small shower stall, large commercial size evaporative air conditioner, misc materials. See Walter Davis or call 806-364-5119.

5-30p

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5-30c

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5-23p

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5-23p

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6-7p

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5-23p

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5-23p

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6-20p

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There will be a Memorial Service after which there will be an election of Directors, a financial report and any other business that should come before the meeting.
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The City of Lockney is taking bids to tear down a house at 518 S.E. 4th (legal description - lot 1, Block F, N.B. Davis addition). Bids will be received until the close of business on May 31, 1996 at City Hall, 218 E. Locust, P. O. Box 387, Lockney, Texas 79241.
Published 5-23 and 5-30

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE OF GLADYS RUTH BADGETT, DECEASED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of GLADYS RUTH BADGETT were issued to JAMES BADGETT, on May 15, 1996, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that he now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the County below named, are hereby required to present the same to JAMES BADGETT, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the General Statutes of Limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. JAMES BADGETT's address is: 402 Chukar Drive, Victoria, TX. 77905.
Dated May 17, 1996.

Mickey Pachta, Attorney for the Independent Executor of the Estate of GLADYS RUTH BADGETT, Deceased, in Cause No. 5334, in the County Court, of Floyd County, Texas Sitting in Probate
Published 5-23.

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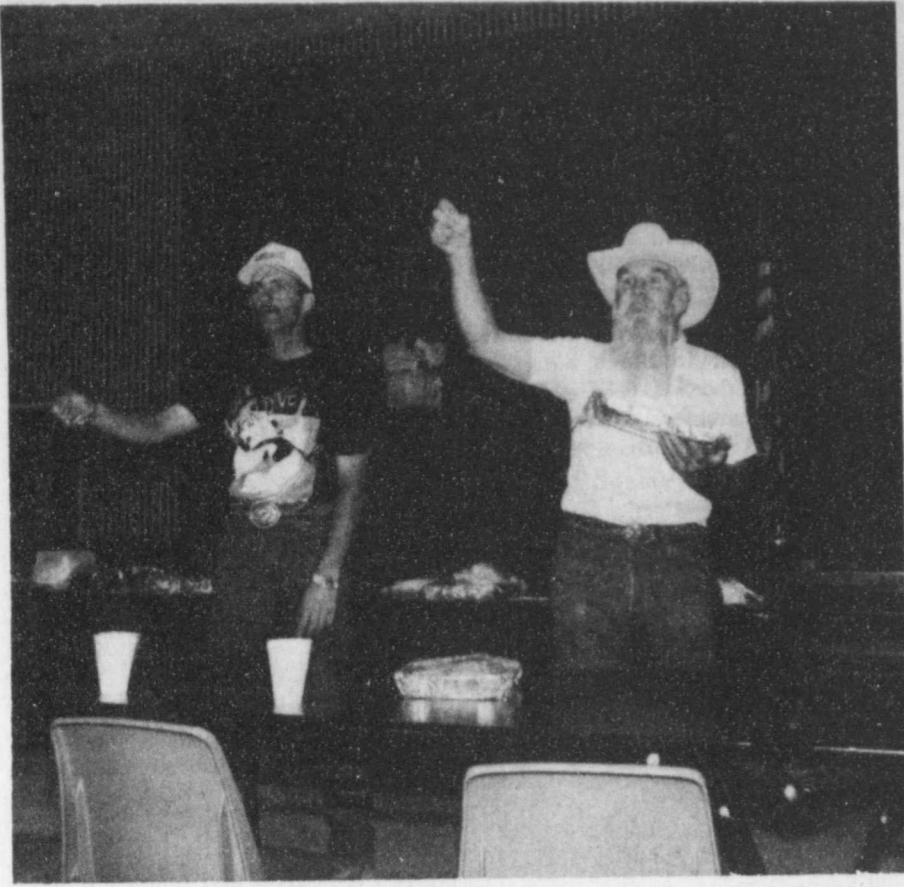
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SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER—(R-L) Lyndell Stapp and Donnie Bybee helped out Auctioneer Jimmy Kemp (background) at the annual Cub Scout/Little League Cake Auction in Lockney. The auction is held every year to raise money for the youth organizations. According to Cub Scout rules, any cake or dessert brought to the auction by a scout must be made by father and son. This year the auction raised \$3,450 and will be divided between the Cub Scouts and Little League. **Staff Photo**

CHD meets with UMC officials

Continued from Page 1

Courtney told the board UMC wants to keep the clinic headed in the right direction and is willing to work with CHD in any way possible to provide the quality of health care needed in Floydada.

He also said the clinic is very important to UMC as it is the second busiest in their system of nine clinics. "These clinics act as the front door to services at UMC," said Courtney. "Patients are treated in the clinic for anything that can be done there and referrals are made to UMC services for more difficult cases."

Board members offered to do what-

ever they could to assist in recruiting a physician.

Other business during the Tuesday morning session included the approval of minutes from the previous two meetings, payment of monthly bills, and election of officers for the coming year. The board approved the financial reports as presented and were pleased by the final figure negotiated in the settlement of legal expense claims against a former insurer. The first negotiations produced an offer of \$55,000.00 to settle the claim. Final negotiations settled on \$61,000.00 to be returned to CHD by the insurer.

Harmony FCE Club learns to manage pests

by Doris Snodgrass

The Harmony Floyd County Extension Club met May 13, at 2 p.m. in the club room in the Harmony Community Center.

The program was given first by Jim Bob Reynolds, they discussed managing insects and mites in and around the home and pests in the vegetable garden.

He gave us many useful hints helping central pests on the family animals as well as the house, yard and garden vegetable.

Vivian Curtis, president called the meetings to order and read opening exercise minutes of the last meeting.

The were read by Ruth Scott and were approved by the club members. Roll call was answered by "Pests that I want to get rid of."

Club committees gave reports and plans for our next meeting. Maye Williams directed aq game for recreation.

Meeting was adjourned. Delicious refreshments were served by Lucille Miller in absence of a sick club member Imelda Ramsey. Those present were Anna M. Hopper, Ruth Scott, Juanita Poole, Vivian Curtis, Arvie Schulz, Doris Snodgrass, Blanche Williams, Bennie Dulton, Karen Miller, Maye Williams, and the hostess Lucille Miller and Linda Ratcliff.

"FOCUS ON THE FAMILY" with Dr. James Dobson

QUESTION: Would you describe the physical changes that occur with the aging process.

DR. DOBSON: The decline in old age is not just a sudden deterioration of all systems at the same level and the same time. There is an order of deterioration under normal circumstances. That is, if there is not some disease factor that changes it. This is the normal process of aging.

The first thing to diminish is the perceptual or sensory contact with the outside world. The lens of the eye loses its ability to contract and focus. So we wear bifocals to give us both distance and close vision. Cataracts further damage clarity of vision in some cases.

The conduction of sound is lessened by a wearing away of the three little bones in the ear. So we don't hear quite as well as before. Higher pitches are the first to go; then we lose perception at the lower ranges of sound. The taste buds in the mouth and tongue atrophy, so nothing tastes quite as good as it did previously. There is not the joy in eating that we once had.

The sense of smell is diminished which also makes food less tasty because much of the satisfaction in eating is derived from its pleasant odor.

There is a dryness and hardening of the skin which decreases the sense of touch. So all five senses diminish and become less capable of detecting information and relaying it to the brain.

Later, we experience a change in motor activity—the ability to move efficiently. Lack of fingertip control is the first loss we notice, followed by less dexterity of the hand, then wrist, elbow and shoulder. The lessening of coordination moves from the extremities to the center of the body. That's why shaky writing of an older person reveals his or her age.

Next, changes take place in the



DR. DOBSON

Cardiovascular system. The fat in and around the heart forces it to work harder to accomplish the same purpose. When a person over exerts, it takes a longer time to return to his normal rate of circulation. A gradual stiffening of the arteries also adds to the cardiac strain. Cholesterol collects in the arteries and constricts the flow of blood which can lead to heart attacks, strokes and other Cardiovascular disorders.

Furthermore, the autonomic nervous system no longer regulates the body's processes as efficiently, which exacerbates such problems as poor circulation.

Reproductive activity ceases at about 45 years of age in women and 50 or 60 years in men. Life no longer trusts us with its most precious gift of procreation.

To summarize: These are the major areas of change that occur in the process of aging. First, we experience perceptual deterioration. Second, the body undergoes a motor deterioration, that is physical changes relating to movement. If life continues beyond that point, a decline in mental alertness must occur.

Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Dr. Dobson is brought to you courtesy of West College & 3rd Street Church of Christ, Lockney.

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
607 W. Lee St., Floydada
J.D. Young, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Evening Services 8:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Claude Porter, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Frank Duckworth, Evangelist
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada
Gene McCarty, Minister
Sunday:
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
(Summer 8:00 p.m.)

EVANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. G.A. Blocker
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Worship 2:00 p.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Floydada
Vance Mitchell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening
Evangelistic 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Night Service 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth Jr.
Pastor
Michael Holster
Music/Adm./Sr. Adults
Marlon Pritchard,
Students/Ed.
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Train. 5:45 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Children's Choirs 4:00 p.m.
Evening Meal 6:00 p.m.
R.A.'s & G.A.'s 6:45 p.m.
Preschool Choir 6:45 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 7:45 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lockney
Harold Abney, Pastor
Les Reed, Youth Minister
Kent Lloyd, Music Minister
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Discipleship
Training 6:00 p.m.
Kids of The King
Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Activities 7:00 p.m.
RA's and GA's 7:00 p.m.
Pre-School Choir 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.
3rd Saturdays:
Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
1st Tuesday and 3rd Mondays:
Baptist Women 3:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Reverend Ione Sedinger
Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Clark Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Tomnie Beck, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
UMY 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
United Methodist Women,
Hill Circle, 3rd Tues. 9:30 a.m.
Ruth Wesley Circle:
2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL
CME
Floydada
Rev. James Jenkins
Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
211 N. Main, Lockney
Interdenominational Church
Rev. Ted Samples, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
John Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:
Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

IGLESIA DEL REY JESUS
404 E. 6th St., Lockney
Lupe Banda, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Ed Hull, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Sunday: Congregational
Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday, Elder Don Martin
4th Sunday, Tom Taylor

PRIMER IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Pedro Villareal, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
G.A.'s 7:30 p.m.
Ambassadors 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Luncheon -
1st Sunday of Month;
Music Worship;
Last Sunday with evening service

PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
1st Wed. Organization Night

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Msgr. Tim Schwertner, Pastor
Wednesday:
Communion Service 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Ernest Stewart, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD TEMPLO GETSEMANI
308 Mississippi
Rev. Thomas G. Lopez
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic
Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Family Night 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Elbert Fadalan
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 7:30 p.m.
(Tuesday and Friday)
Phone: 983-5878

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Christian Training 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Lockney 652-2181
Gabriel W. Ortiz, Pastor
Olga L. Martinez, Youth Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO EVANGELICO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Natividad Luna, Pastor
515 E. Missouri, Floydada
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO LIBERTAD
203 SE 2nd, Lockney
652-1104
Pastor Juan A. Gutierrez
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO PODER DE LA ALABANZA PENTECOSTES
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
652-3704
Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY CHURCH
500 W. Houston Floydada
Interdenominational Church
Charlie Stice, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Arthur P. Bliese Pastor
Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

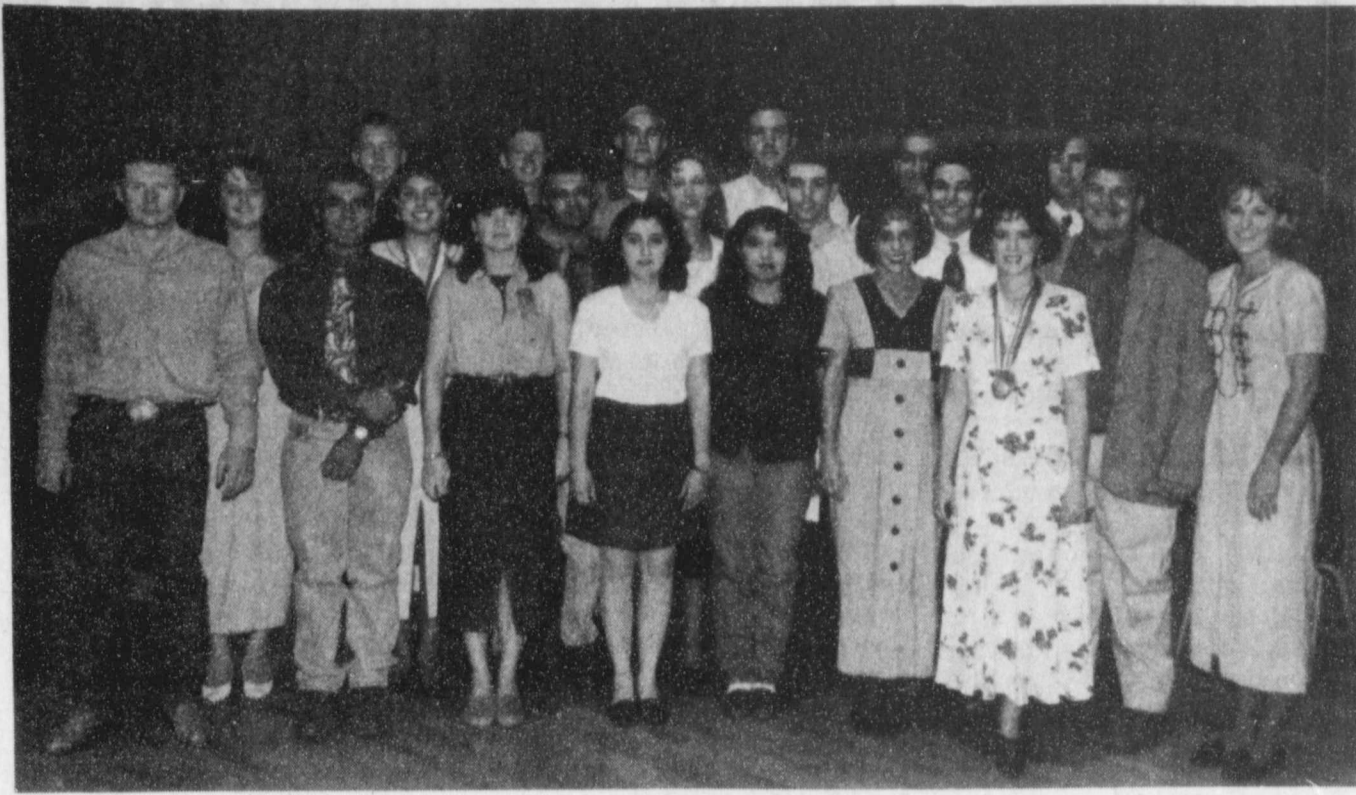
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Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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FHS students commended for achievements



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS—Among those receiving scholarships at the recent FHS assembly were: (front row l-r) Neal Nelson, Michael Mercado, Christie DuBois, Mary Salazar, Elisavet Mendoza, Lacy Golightly, Anna Whitfill, (middle row l-r) Amber

Womack, Jodie Villarreal, Aaron Johnston, Dana McCandless, Rance Barnett, Michael Molinar, Tim Rando, Missy Pernell, (back row l-r) Chad Guthrie, Jason Harrison, Zack Abshier, David Watson, Alex Vallejo, and Richard Powell. **Staff Photo**



WHO'S WHO -- Selected as Who's Who for 1996 at FHS were: (front row, l-r) Jodie Villarreal, Angie

Dean, Anna Whitfill, Michael Mercado, Lacy Golightly; (back row l-r) Zack Abshier, David Watson **Staff Photo**

FLOYDADA—Floydada High School recognized their outstanding students, May 15 and 16, at their annual awards assembly. The top 10 students, Who's Who, Class Favorites, Scholarship Winners and Mr. and Miss F.H.S. were named.

Academic recognition was given to the top 10 seniors. Jodie Villarreal was named the Valedictorian and Salutatorian was Anna Whitfill.

Number 3 academically was Angie Dean, followed by Zack Abshier, Lacy Golightly, Michael Mercado, Maria Gonzalez, Mary Salazar, Lyndi Probasco and Alex Vallejo.

The National Honor Society Outstanding Sophomore and Freshman was Mario Nunez and Royanne Mercado.

Class Favorites, voted on by the student body in each class, were: Seniors Adelina Watson and David Watson; Juniors Angie DeLaFuente and Emilio Guzman; Sophomores Jamie McGuire and Richard Casillas; and Freshmen Samantha McDade and Michael Black.

The winners of the Mr. and Miss F.H.S. which is chosen by the entire student body, were: Zack Abshier and Lacy Golightly. First Runners-up were Missy Pernell and Neal Nelson. Second runners-up were Lyndi Probasco and Ismael Vega.

Who's Who

The students named to Who's Who are seniors who are chosen by the faculty for their special qualities of good citizenship, scholastic effort, cooperation, dedication, school spirit and leadership.

The Who's Who honors were given to: Zack Abshier, Angie Dean, Lacy Golightly, Michael Mercado, Jodie Villarreal, David Watson and Anna Whitfill.

Zach Abshier is the son of Roland and Charla Adams. He was named to Who's Who because of his exceptional athletic ability which exemplifies his cooperation, dedication, school spirit and leadership, and because of his high academic standing. Zach has earned All-District honors in each sport as well as the Fighting Whirlwind Award for boys basketball and boys track during his Senior Year. He has advanced to Regional competition in track for the past two years and continued to State competition his junior year.

Angie Dean is the daughter of Bill and JoLynn Dean. She was named to Who's Who because of her high academic standing and her involvement in school and community activities.

She has been involved in Yearbook production for the last two years and serves as Quality Editor this year. Other honors include UIL competition and National Honor Society.

Lacy Golightly is the daughter of Dayne and Penny Golightly. She has been a Whirlwind Cheerleader for four years and head cheerleader during her Senior year. She is involved in FFA, basketball, track and student council. She earned the Fighting Whirlwind Award her Junior and Senior years. She has been Class Favorite.

Michael Mercado is the son of Sammy and Olivia Mercado. He has participated in football, baseball, student council and band for four years. In sports he has received All-District honors and the Fighting Whirlwind Award for baseball, served as Student Council President and has received many band honors. He has been in UIL competition, National Honor Society, the GT program and FFA and served on the Junior Board of Directors at FNB Lockney and served as president of 4-H this year.

Jodie Villarreal is the daughter of Billy Joe Villarreal and Rosa Villarreal. She has earned the title of Valedictorian and more information on Jodie can be found on the front page.

David Watson is the son of Dean and Brenda Watson. David was recognized for good citizenship, cooperation, dedication and leadership. He has been involved in FFA for his four years and has been a state qualifier in Dairy Cattle competition two times. He received a departmental award in Physical Education, Plant and Soil Sciences and Advanced Social Problems.

Anna Whitfill, is the daughter of Anthony and Anita Whitfill. She is the Salutatorian and more information on her can be found on the front page.

Scholarships

The names of the Scholarships and who they were presented to are:

A.E. Baker: Kayla Turner, \$500, and Shayla Turner, \$500;

An anonymous scholarship of \$500 was given to Michael Molinar; ATPE: Rance Barnett, \$250; Dorothy & T.L. Holland: Jason Harrison, \$120; Whirlwind Cheerleaders: Lacy Golightly, \$150; Bob & Nina Copeland: Zack Abshier, \$300. Helen Dunlap: Richard Powell,

\$200; Farm Bureau Award: Leigh Dawdy and Chad Harmon, Camp; Lora R. Farris: Alex Vallejo, \$350; FHA: Aaron Johnston, \$250; Floydada Fire Department: Chad Guthrie, \$400; Dwane Franklin: Christie DuBois, \$250;

Carolyn Sellers Fuqua: Amber Womack, \$350; Germania Farm Mutual Local Chapter 22: Dana McCandless, \$250; Higginbotham-Bartlett: Michael Mercado, \$150; 1990 Study Club: Jodie Villarreal, \$250; Band Boosters: Elisavet Mendoza, \$200; Mike Marble: Neal Nelson, \$100;

Russell Wood: Neal Nelson, \$100; Masonic Lodge Award: Anna Whitfill, \$150; and Michael Mercado, \$150; PTA: Mary Salazar, \$150; Floydada Rotary: David Watson, \$150; and Laci Christian, Camp; Zimmerman: Jodie Villarreal, \$200; Austin Williams, \$100;

1956 Study Club: Missy Pernell, \$400; and Anna Whitfill, \$400; Mary Anne Swepston: Mary Salazar, \$200; TSTA: Missy Pernell, \$200; Penny Womack: Lacy Golightly, \$500; Dorothy Word: Michael Molinar, \$200.

Lacy Golightly also received a \$150 scholarship from the Floydada Chamber of Commerce for representation throughout the year as Miss Floydada.

Jodie Villarreal was presented with an additional \$500 scholarship from the Hispanic Association of Women, a \$200 scholarship from the ex-students association of Texas Tech University; free tuition from Texas Tech which would amount to \$900 scholarship for 30 college hours; and if she chooses to go to South Plains College they will exempt \$800 from tuition and fees.

Michael Mercado earned a \$4000 scholarship which amounts to \$500 per semester for 4 years from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission.

Richard Powell earned a \$500 scholarship from High Bidders, Inc., who participate in junior marketing auctions such as the Houston Livestock and Rodeo.

Wayland Baptist University presented Tim Rando with the Ministers Dependent Scholarship, worth \$2,935 over four years; the Ethnic Missions Scholarship, worth \$1,755 over four years; Student Recruitment of \$250; and the Pioneer Scholarship worth \$3,900 over four years.

1996 Lockney High School seniors receive awards

LOCKNEY—Certificates of achievements, awards and scholarships were presented to Lockney seniors during their awards assembly, Friday, May 17, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lockney Gymnasium.

Named the Valedictorian was Cynthia Martin with a 98.26 grade point average. Salutatorian was Brady Marr with a 98.06 grade point average.

Named to the top 10% of the class and earning the UIL Scholar Awards were: Cynthia Martin, Brady Marr, Lee Anne Galloway, Randi Jo Henderson and Jarrod Clark.

The National Honor Society Members from the Senior Class were: Cynthia Martin, Brady Marr, Lee Anne Galloway, Randi Jo Henderson, Jarrod Clark, Leigha Wood, Tamarah Burson, Carlos Perales, Matilda Banda, Tikka Smith, Federico Cervantes, Michael Reynaga, Nicole Emert, Rowdy Boggs, Cody Hayes, Joshua Robnett and Kalpesh Patel.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Receiving scholarships were: Charles Ball Scholarship, of \$500 each was given to: Brady Marr, Lee Anne Galloway, Leigha Wood, Josh Robnett, Federico Cervantes Jr., Chelsea Patridge and Joe Marks;

El Progreso Study Club given to the Valedictorian Cynthia Martin; Lions Club Scholarship: Tamarah Burson, \$200; Rotary: Joe Marks and Josh Robnett, \$200; P.T.A.; Leigha Wood, \$500;

SportsMed: Tamarah Burson and Carlos Perales, \$250 each; Fina—Dallas Morning News Student Athletic Scholarship: Cynthia Martin, \$500;

Texas A&M College of Agriculture: Cynthia Martin, \$1,000; Elvin Lyon: Josh Robnett, \$100; Trustee Scholarship: Tikka Smith, \$2,000; Elaine Hardy: \$200 each to Leigha Wood and Chelsea Patridge;

West Texas A&M Residence Hall: \$600 to Brady Marr and \$200 to Jarrod Clark; Howard College Scholarship: \$1,700 to Chelsea Patridge; Texas Tech Academic Scholarship: \$500 to Randi Jo Henderson; Faculty Scholarship: Joe Marks;

4-H Gold Star: \$500 to Cynthia Martin; Lockney Coop: \$1,000 each to Cody Hayes and Josh Robnett;

Math/Science Team: \$250 each to Cynthia Martin, Brady Marr, Carlos Perales, Lee Anne Galloway and Federico Cervantes; Student Council Scholarships: \$300 to Chelsea Patridge.

WHO'S WHO

Named to Who's Who by the Lockney teachers were:

Math: Cynthia Martin and Brady Marr; Physics: Tikka Smith; Micro Computer Applications: Kim Cumbie; AP English: Lee Anne Galloway; AP History: Cynthia Martin;

Girls Basketball: Nicole Emert; Boys Basketball: Shannon Veal; Football: Rowdy Boggs; Track Male: Romualdo Chavira; Track Female: Randi Jo Henderson; Cross Country Male: Romualdo Chavira; Cross Country Female: Cynthia Martin;

Baseball: Carlos Perales; Boys Tennis: Brady Marr; Girls Tennis: Chelsea Patridge. Cheerleaders: Lee Anne Galloway and Chelsea Patridge;

Band: Leigha Wood; Spanish: Marissa Camacho; Drama: Lee Anne Galloway and Cody Hayes; Health: Adrian Rosales; Service: Lorenzo Arevalo;

Reading: Matilda Banda; Art: David Padilla; Government/Free Enterprise: Kim Cumbie and Marissa Camacho; Agriculture: Joe Marks;

English IV: Jarrod Clark and Kim Cumbie; Human Anatomy and Physiology: Kalpesh Patel and Cynthia Martin;

Computer Science: Brady Marr and Carlos Perales; Student Council: Chelsea Patridge; Library: Rosa Banda;

Best All Around Boy: Carlos Perales; Best All Around Girl: Chelsea Patridge; Valedictorian: Cynthia Martin; Salutatorian: Brady Marr.

ACADEMIC AND UIL AWARDS

Recognized for academic achievement and Literary Awards were:

Office Workers: Josh Robnett, Sara Duenas, Gracie Rodriguez, Tamarah Burson, Tikka Smith and Cory Garcia;

Most Valuable Player on the Baseball Team: Carlos Perales; History: Michael Reynaga; Math of Money: Regional winner of Stock Market game, Mike Hernandez and Christi Thompson. Highest Average: Cory Garcia;

Tech Prep Awards: Kim Cumbie, Christi Thompson and Shannon Veal;

Counselor's Office: Cory Garcia, Chelsea Patridge, Rowdy Boggs and Sandra Pyle;

Human Anatomy and Physiology: Lee Anne Galloway; Student Council: Chelsea Patridge, Cody Hayes, Tamarah Burson and Leigha Wood;

Chase Patridge, Cody Hayes, Tamarah Burson and Leigha Wood;

IFL: Cody Hayes; Prose: Cody Hayes; MCA "A" Average: Cody Hayes and Rowdy Boggs;

Band: Leigha Wood won the John Philip Sousa Award, Outstanding Section and All Region Band Member;

UIL Literary Criticism: Lee Anne Galloway (State); UIL Ready Writing: Leigha Wood;

UIL Number Sense: Cynthia Martin for District and Regional; UIL Calculator: Brady Marr (State), Lee Anne Galloway (Regional), Federico Cervantes (Regional), and Carlos Perales (Regional);

UIL Math: Brady Marr (District) and Carlos Perales (District); UIL Computer Science: Brady Marr (Regional) and Carlos Perales (Regional); UIL Computer Science I Class: Jarrod Clark;

Library: Kalpesh Patel, Joe Marks, Joshua Robnett, Rosa Banda, Federico Cervantes, Marissa Camacho, Randi Jo Henderson and Jarrod Clark.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Tandy Technology Scholars: Cynthia Martin and Brady Marr;

Scholarship to Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas: Cynthia Martin and Brady Marr;

Scholarship to Texas State Colleges and Universities: Cynthia Martin;

Principal's Award: Cynthia Martin;

Josie Taylor Longhorn Spirit Award: Shannon Veal, Randi Jo Henderson and Nicole Emert;

J.L. Martin Christian Athlete: Cynthia Martin and Jarrod Clark;

Fighting Heart Award: Chelsea Patridge and Carlos Perales;

C.L. Record Academic Award: Cynthia Martin and Brady Marr;

W.H. Hallmark Hustling Horn Award: Romualdo Chavira;

Life Management Skills Awards: Lorenzo Arevalo, Romualdo Chavira, Rosalinda Felan, Mike Hernandez, Esmeralda Martinez Cruz, Chris Mathis, David Padilla, Peggy Rendon, Alex Reyes and Gracie Rodriguez;

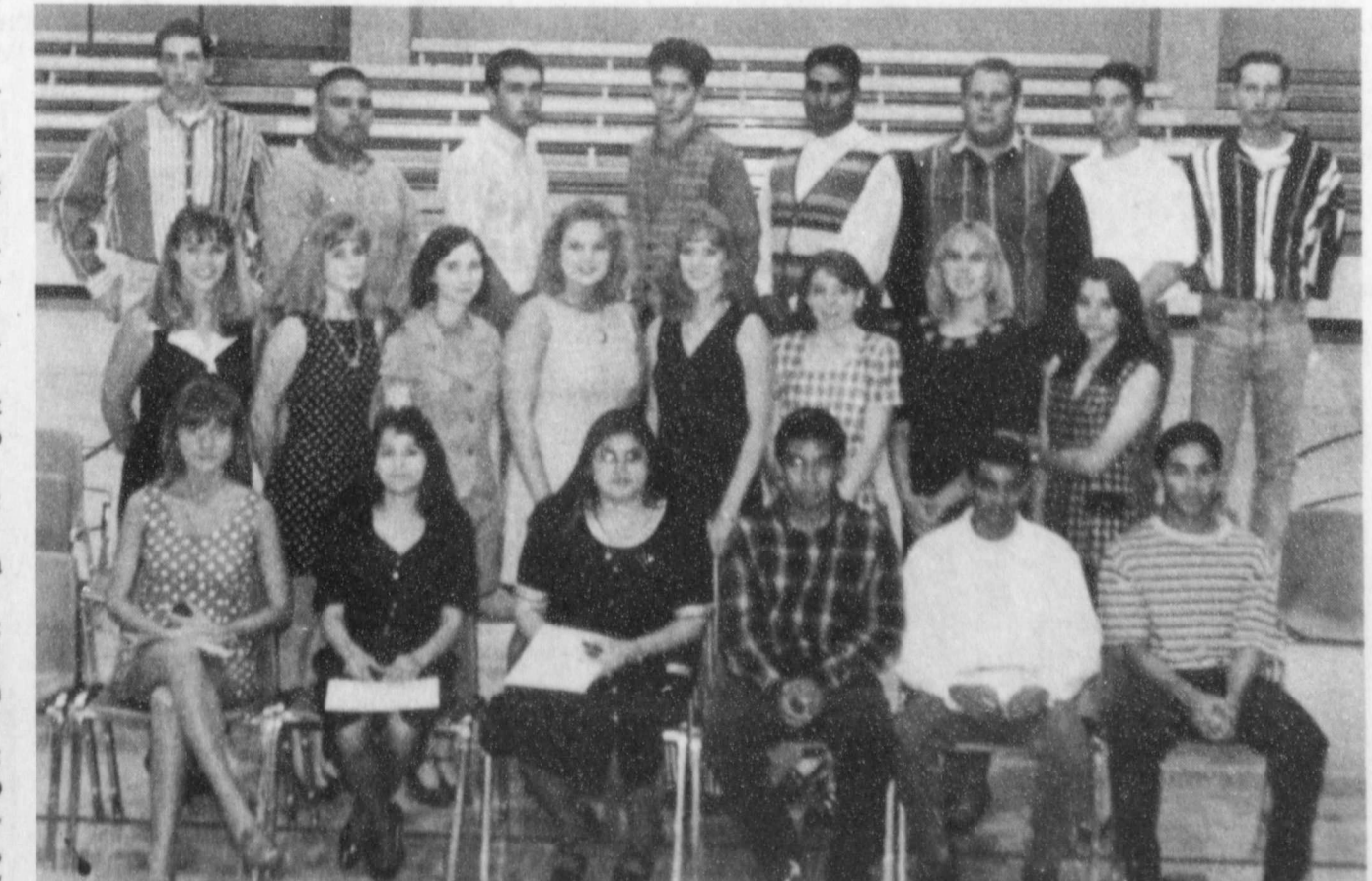
DAR Student: Lee Anne Galloway; and

Citizenship Girls: Cynthia Martin, Lee Ann Galloway, Chelsea Patridge and Tamarah Burson.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS—The LHS seniors who received scholarships during the awards assembly held on Friday, May 17, were (standing l to r) Joe Marks, Carlos Perales, Jarrod Clark, Josh

Robnett, Cody Hayes, Federico Cervantes, Jr., Brady Marr (seated l to r) Tamarah Burson, Cynthia Martin, Chelsea Patridge, Randi Jo Henderson, Tikka Smith, Lee Anne Galloway, and Leigha Wood. **Staff Photo**



WHO'S WHO FOR 1996 SENIORS—Lockney High School seniors Who's Who members were announced at the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom held May 4. Those named were (top row l to r) Shannon Veal, Lorenzo Arevalo, Joe Marks, Cody Hayes, Carlos Perales, Rowdy Boggs, Brady Marr, Jarrod Clark,

(middle row l to r) Chelsea Patridge, Cynthia Martin, Lee Anne Galloway, Tikka Smith, Randi Jo Henderson, Nicole Emert, Leigha Wood, Matilda Banda, (seated l to r) Kim Cumbie, Rosa Banda, Marissa Camacho, Adrian Rosales, Kalpesh Patel and Romualdo Chavira. **Staff Photo**



ACADEMIC TOP TEN -- Students named as the academic top ten in the FHS Class of '96 are: (front row, l-r) Lacy Golightly, Zack Abshier, Angie Dean, Anna

Whitfill, Jodie Villarreal, (back row, l-r) Alex Vallejo, Lyndi Probasco, Mary Salazar, Maria Gonzalez, Michael Mercado. Staff Photo



CLASS FAVORITES -- Students chosen as the class favorites for this year at FHS included: (l-r) Freshmen Samantha McDade and Michael Black; Senior

Lina DeLeon and David Watson; Junior Angie DeLaFuente and Emilio Guzman, Sophomore Jamie McGuire and Richard Casillas. Staff Photo

FHS recognizes students

FLOYDADA - Floydada High School recognized outstanding students during a Departmental Recognition Assembly, held in A.E. Baker Auditorium at Floydada High School, Wednesday, May 15, 1996.

Certificates of recognition were handed out by teachers in each department.

Those receiving recognition were:

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Ag 101 - Meredith Schacht, Katie Smith
Ag 102 - John Dunavant, Dane Sanders
Ag Metal - Dusty Jahay

Wildlife & Recreation - Francisco Maldonado
Ag Power & Technology - Jason Harrison

Equine Science - Tyson Whittle
Ag Mechanics - Jason Campbell
Home Maintenance & Improvement - Chad Guthrie

Personal Skills Development - Tiffany Hinkle
Energy & Environmental Technology - Stacey Lloyd

Plant & Soil Science - David Watson

ATHLETICS

Fighting Whirlwind Awards:
Football - Richard Powell
Girls Cross Country - Amanda Green

Boys Cross Country - Randy York
Girls Basketball - Lacy Golightly
Boys Basketball - Zack Abshier

Girls Track - Tara McCandless
Boys Track - Zack Abshier
Girls Golf - Anna Whitfill

Boys Golf - Justin Payne
Baseball - Michael Mercado
Girls Tennis - Angie Dean

Boys Tennis - Will Warren

BUSINESS

Accounting - Tammy Martinez
Keyboarding/Word Processing - Vickie Ochoa, George Perez

Micro-Computer Application - Aaron Kirk
Yearbook - Laci Christian, Lydia Mendoza

ENGLISH

English 1 - Elena Chairez, Royanne Mercado
English 2 - Aaron Kirk, Lisa Martinez, Jamie McGuire

English 3 - Laci Christian, Will Warren
English 4 - Rance Barnett, Christie DuBois, Maria Gonzales, Jesse Sanchez

British Literature - Lacy Golightly, Anna Whitfill
Psychology - Stacey Lloyd, Alex Vallejo

Advanced Social Problems - Richard Powell, David Watson

FINE ARTS

Art - Lisa Martinez, Anna Whitfill
Advanced Art - Maria Gonzalez, Emilio Guzman

Theatre Arts - Carmela Chavarria, Tony Powell
One Act Play - Cristina Chavarria, Shelby Romero

Band 1 - Jon Martinez
Band 2 - Justin Robinson
Band 3 - Chris Enriquez

Band 4 - Elisavet Mendoza

HOME ECONOMICS

Comprehensive Home Economics - Dane Nichols, Mandi Yeary
Apparel - Blake Bramlett, Melissa Enriquez

Parent and Child Development - Adelina DeLeon, Richard Powell
Food Science & Nutrition - Angie DeLaFuente, Jesse Sanchez

Individual & Family Living - Gabriela Cervera, Lydia Mendoza
Management - Veronica Cabrera, Emilio Guzman

MATH

Algebra I - Pedro Chairez, Royanne Mercado, Meredith Schacht
Algebra 1A - David Bishop, Tamisha Burks, Andrea Garcia

Algebra 1B - Teresa Juarez, Shelby Romero

Algebra 2 - Katie Smith, Tyson Whittle
Geometry - Crystal Driver, Lisa Martinez

Informal Geometry - Norma Gonzalez, Griselda Martinez
Pre-Calculus - Maria Gonzalez

HEALTH

Katie Smith, Shonda Smith

DRIVER EDUCATION

Erin Abshier, Royanne Mercado

P.E.

Tony Powell, Alex Riojas

SCIENCE

Biology 1 - Mary Jane Cisneros, Lance McHam, Royanne Mercado, Angela Rodriguez

AP Biology - Jodie Villarreal, Will Warren
Physical Science - Leigh Dawdy, Crystal Driver, Frances Ochoa, Shelby Romero

Chemistry I - Emilio Guzman, K.C. McDade
Chemistry 2 - Angie Dean
Physics - Anna Whitfill

SOCIAL STUDIES

U.S. Government - Joe Sanchez, Jodie Villarreal

Economics - Aaron Johnston, Michael Molinar
World History - April Gourdon, Shelby Romero

U.S. History - Balinda Escobedo, Lori Rodriguez
World Geography - Maria Gonzalez, Chad Turner

VOCATIONAL

Vocational Adjustment Class - Pat Pancardo
MOCT - Michael Molinar

STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Library - Christie DuBois
Office - Melissa Garcia

Lockney High underclassmen receive awards

LOCKNEY - The Lockney High School awards assembly for freshman, sophomore, and juniors, was held Friday, May 17, at 2 p.m. in the Lockney Gymnasium.

Recognition was given to outstanding academic achievers, UIL Literary winners, perfect attendance and special presentations. Awards were presented to the following:

MATH

Algebra 1-4A - Addy Hernandez, Norma Martinez, Priscilla Perales, Noemie Sepulveda

Algebra 1-4B - Ricardo Cruz and Lori Garcia

Geometry - Jennifer Cabello, Ryan Graves, Tobin Carthel, Brett McQuahae, Lindi Miller, Michelle Smith, Jeremy Stapp, Charles Vanzandt

Algebra I - Lacey Aston, Thad Lusk, Amber Martin

Algebra II - Highest Average - Stacy Bigham, Nathan Carthel, Adam Cummings

Pre-Calculus Class - Dewayne Jones, Mandy Galloway, Tim Mitchell, Johnnie Mosley

Computer Science Class - Dewayne Jones, Tim Mitchell, Johnnie Mosley

Math of Money, Regional winner of Stockmarket Game - Danny Vasquez, Emily Gutierrez, Shanna

Mathis
Highest Average - Shanna Mathis

SCIENCE

Physical Science - Brett McQuahae
Chemistry - Dewayne Jones
Human A&P - Jennifer Lynn - Baaush-Lomb Science Award, Johnnie Mosley

Biology I - Jennifer Cabello, Michelle Smith, Adam Cummings
AP Humanities - Mandy Galloway, Tim Mitchell, Kelli Clark, Adam Cummings, Stacy Bigham, Callie Wilson, Lindi Miller, Dana Martinez, Michelle Smith

English I - Most Improved - Jessie Arevalo, Ana Zavala

English II - Miguel Guerrero, Jennifer Cabello, Nathan Carthel, Charles Vanzandt, Eloisa Soliz

English III - Kimberly Martinez, Amy Anderson, Shanna Mathis

HOME ECONOMICS

Management - Gretchen Quebe
Comprehensive Home Economics - Lacey Aston, Kenzie Stapp, Tessa Stapp, Lindy Miller

Parent & Child Development - Shanna Mathis

LIBRARY

Joe Tambunga

UIL

Ready Writing - Kaci Mathis
Number Sense - Dewayne Jones - District, Regional and State; Rodolfo Cervantes - District and Regional

Math - Dewayne Jones - District and Regional

Computer Science - Dewayne Jones - District and Regional; Tim Mitchell - District and Regional

Literary Criticism - Adam Cummings, Johnnie Mosley

Debate - Jennifer Lynn, Janet Jones, Erin Schaeffer, Gretchen Quebe, Michelle Vargas, Kenzie Stapp, Tessa Stapp

Individual & Family Living - Amy Vega
Parent & Child Development Tech Prep Students - Tami Marble, Shanna Mathis

SPANISH

Spanish I - Eloisa Soliz, Michael Mondragon

COMPUTERS

Lockney ISD Tech Prep Students
MCA - Stacy Bigham, Noelia Balderas, Allison Mangold, Thad Lusk, Marc Wilson, Amy Davis, Frank Guerrero, Amber Waller, Lindi Miller, Cassidy Hill, Matthew Lerma, Tori Minick, Jolie Robnett, Patricia Reyes, April Ochoa, Rosemary Padilla, Veronica Villereal, Branda Covington, Abel Rosales, Ryon Smith, Daniel Banda

READING

TAAS Tutors - Charles Vanzandt, Jeff Archer, Simon Martinez, Anthony Poole, Nathan Carthel, Miguel Guerrero, Becky Lambert

Student Advisory Committee - Noemie Sepulveda, Mike Vargas, Rosemary Padilla, Amy Vega, Miguel Guerrero, Joann Encizo, Shanna Mathis

Most Books Read - Josh Gary, Becky Rodriguez

Outstanding Reader - Shanna Mathis

BAND

Outstanding Marcher - Kelli Clark
Outstanding Woodwind - Kaci Mathis

Outstanding Brass - Rodolfo Cervantes

Outstanding Percussion - Mandy Galloway

Outstanding Section - Kaci Mathis
Most Dedicated - Kaci Mathis

Regional Band Members - Kaci Mathis, Allison Mangold, Gloria Torrez, Janet Jones, Rodolfo Cervantes

LIBRARY

Joe Tambunga

UIL

Ready Writing - Kaci Mathis
Number Sense - Dewayne Jones - District, Regional and State; Rodolfo Cervantes - District and Regional

Math - Dewayne Jones - District and Regional

Computer Science - Dewayne Jones - District and Regional; Tim Mitchell - District and Regional

Literary Criticism - Adam Cummings, Johnnie Mosley

Debate - Jennifer Lynn, Janet Jones, Erin Schaeffer, Gretchen Quebe, Michelle Vargas, Kenzie Stapp, Tessa Stapp

ART

Outstanding Art Awards - Callie Wilson, Wesley Hunter and Gerardo Luna

JOURNALISM

Named as co-editors of the Informer - Erin Schaeffer and Rita Mann

OFFICE WORKERS

Jennifer Lynn, Nathan Amador, Kelli Clark

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Tori Minick, April Ochoa, Stacy Bigham, Rodolfo Cervantes

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

American Legion Boys State - In memory of Wilford Stoerner by Martin Stoerner and Cynthia Bybee, presented by Mr. Poole to Dewayne Jones

American Mathematics Competitions (PIN) - presented by James Poole to Dewayne Jones

National Nominees for Wendy's High School Heisman - to Tim Mitchell and Allison Mangold

W.H. Hallmark Hustling Horn Award - presented by James Poole to Kimberly Martinez

Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar - presented by Kelley McCormick to Tim Mitchell and Gretchen Quebe

Rotary Club - Camp Ryla - presented by Mr. Lusk to Kimberly Martinez and Amy Anderson.



MR. AND MISS FHS -- Zack Abshier and Lacy Golightly (middle) were named Mr. and Miss FHS during the recent awards ceremony. Runners up included: (left) 2nd runners up, Lyndi Probasco and Ismael Vega; and (right) 1st runners up, Missy Pernel and Neal Nelson. Staff Photo

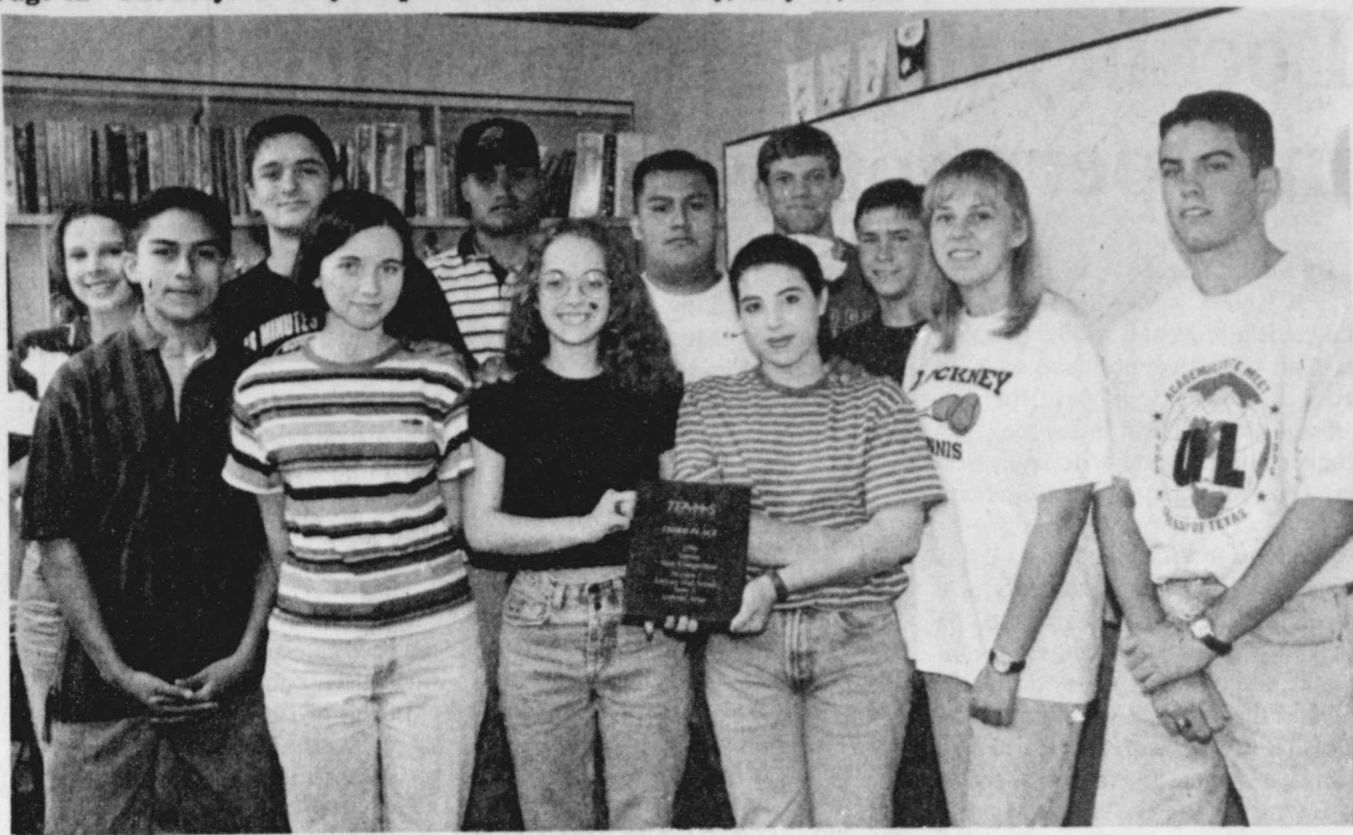
**Best Wishes to
Seniors '96
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LHS TOP FIVE--Lockney High School seniors who will graduate as the top five students on Friday evening will be (seated l to r) Valedictorian, Cynthia Martin, Randi Jo Henderson, Lee Anne Galloway; standing are Salutatorian Brady Marr, and Jarrod Clark. Staff Photo

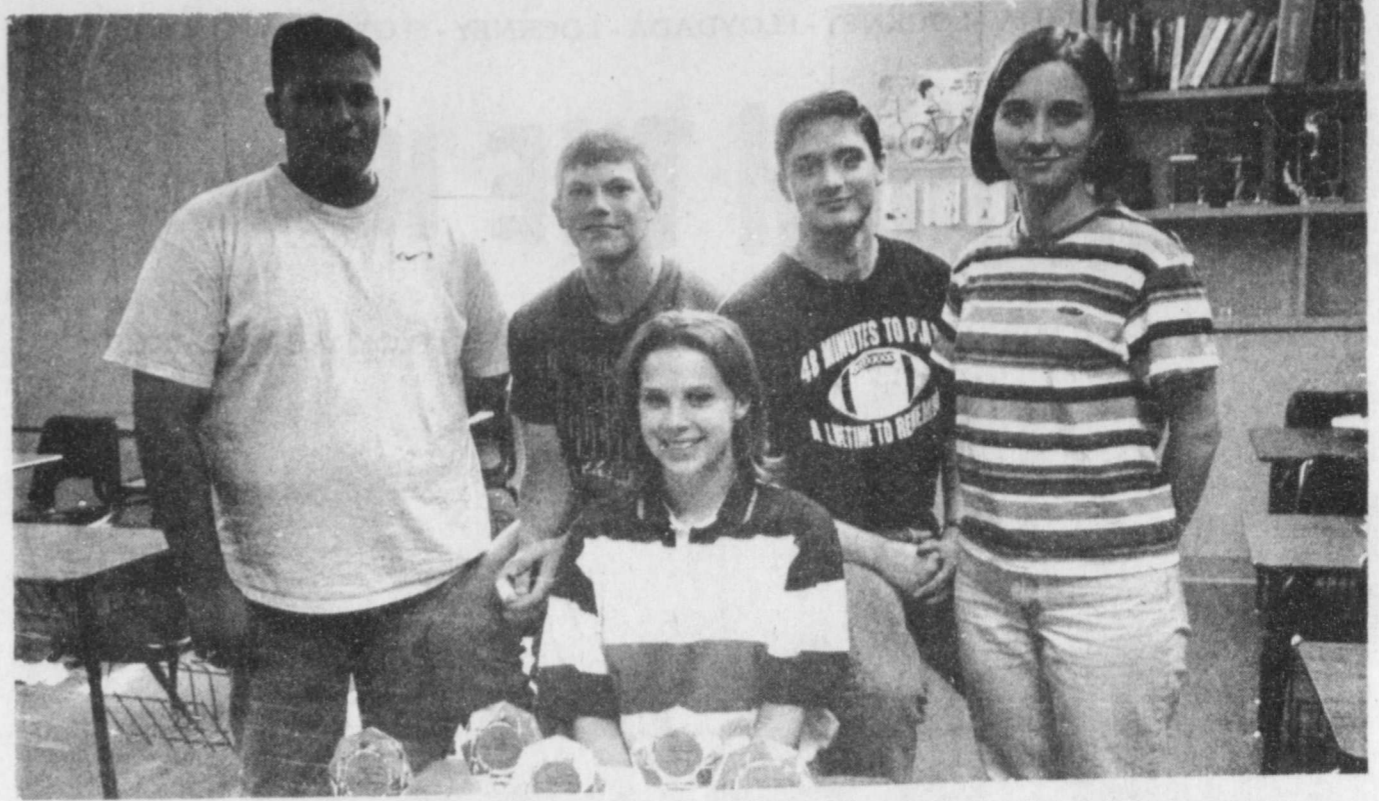


NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY GRADUATES--Those seniors from Lockney High School who will be graduating with honors as members of the National Honor Society will be (seated l to r) Matilda Banda, Nicole Emert, Cynthia Martin, Tamarah Burson, Randi Jo Henderson, Tikka Smith, Lee Anne Galloway, Leigha Wood; (standing l to r) Michael Reynaga, Carlos Perales, Jarrod Clark, Josh Robnett, Cody Hayes, Federico Cervantes, Jr., Brady Marr, Rowdy Boggs, and Kalpesh Patel. Staff Photo



LHS JETS TEAM--Members of the Lockney High School JETS Team that competed at WTAMU recently include (back row) Jennifer Lynn, Tim Mitchell, Carlos Perales, Fred Cervantes, Dewayne

Jones, Brett McQuahae, (front row) Rodolfo Cervantes, Lee Anne Galloway, Mandy Galloway, Kelli Clark, Leigha Wood, and Brady Marr. Not pictured is Jarrod Clark.



TESC WINNERS FROM LHS--Those winning in the Texas Engineering Skills Competition held recently are Federico Cervantes, Dewayne Jones, Tim Mitchell, Lee Anne Galloway, and Jennifer Lynn.

Lockney JETS Team places 3rd in state

LOCKNEY - The Lockney High School students participated in the TEAMS, (Tests of Engineering, Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) at WTA&M. The contest is sponsored by the JETS, (Junior Engineering Technical Society).

The Lockney Team placed first in regional competition and third in state competition. Members of the team included: Federico Cervantes, Lee Anne Galloway, Dewayne Jones, Brady Marr, Tim Mitchell, Carlos Perales, and Leigha Wood.

Team Members are given an opportunity to refine academic abilities and build problem solving skills by working cooperatively as group members. The exam requires higher-order thinking skills using knowledge of math,

chemistry, physics, biology, visual interpretation of information, computer applications, and reading analysis and interpretation.

A second team placed second at Regionals and included: Rodolfo Cervantes, Kelli Clark, Jarrod Clark, Mandy Galloway, Brett McQuahae, Jeremy Rodriguez, and Jennifer Lynn.

Approximately 800 students in Texas participated in TEAMS competition.

Sponsors of the team are LaDora Aull and Tonda Jolley.

The Lockney Team also participated in individual competition in biology, chemistry, physics, computer fundamentals, math, and English. Each student took three tests in the

TESC, Texas Engineering Skills Competition.

Individual winners included: Computer: Tim Mitchell - 1st, Dewayne Jones - 2nd; English: Lee Anne Galloway - 2nd, Jennifer Lynn - 3rd, Leigha Wood, 3rd; Math: Tim Mitchell - 1st, Federico Cervantes - 2nd, Kelli Clark - 3rd; Physics: Brady Marr - 2nd, Tim Mitchell - 3rd.

The Lockney Team placed first in the Regional TESC. At the State TESC held at Texas A&M University, the following individuals placed in the top five: Biology: Jennifer Lynn - 5th; Computer: Tim Mitchell - 5th; English: Lee Anne Galloway - 3rd; Math: Tim Mitchell - 1st, Dewayne Jones - 2nd.



WINDS PROJECT--Duncan Elementary students participated in the WINDS project to promote the importance of recycling. A junk museum was set up inside the cafeteria displaying the works of students. Models were made out of "trash" such as cardboard, Dixie cups, aluminum and paper, etc. See here are the

WINDS kids sitting in front of some of the displays at the museum: (back, l-r) Kristin Lackey, Cynthia Martinez, Taryn Rainwater, Gregory Vasquez; (front row, l-r) April Arevalo, Jackie Burns, Jarrod Kirk, Drew Bradley, and Jacob Reddy. Staff Photo

Several from Floyd County prepare to graduate from Wayland Baptist University

Pending final certification upon completion of final examinations, 173 Wayland Baptist University students are scheduled to graduate during commencement exercises Saturday afternoon.

Masters degrees are scheduled to be presented to 11 graduate students, while Baccalaureate degrees are scheduled to be presented to 147 undergraduate students. Another 15 students are scheduled to receive Associate degrees from the university.

Students scheduled to graduate Saturday upon final certification include the following: Denise Cates Calahan, of Floydada, with a B.A. in Multidisciplinary; Ofelia Ortegón, of Lockney, with a B.A. in Business Administration/Spanish; Brenda Barnes, of Lockney, with a B.S. in Human Services; Mary Ann C. Reyes, of Floydada, with a B.S. in Business Administration; Eric Lynn Stringer, of Floydada, with a B.S. in Business Administration; and

Jonathan Edward White, of Floydada, with a B.S. in Human Services.

A total of 71 Wayland Baptist University students, including three students from Floydada, were honored with 106 awards during the institution's annual Recognition Chapel. Students from Floydada winning awards were Kevin Helms, Wall Street Journal Award; Eric Stringer, Who's Who; and Jon White, Criminal Justice.

Have a safe and fun summer!

Congratulations

**1996 District Champions
Floydada Whirlwinds**



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 Rev. W. M. Adams, Pastor.
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 Ladies' Prayer Meeting every Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock.
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DISTRICT COURT.—Convenes at Floydada on the third Mondays after the first Mondays in February and August, and may continue in session two weeks.
COUNTY COURT.—Convenes the third Mondays in January, April, July, and October.
Conservators' Court.—Convenes at Floydada the second Mondays in February, May, August, and November.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAILS.

Amarillo mail arrives 12:00 a. m. and leaves 1:00 p. m., daily except Sunday.
 Matador mail (tri-weekly), Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, arrives 10:00 a. m. and leaves 1:00 p. m.
 Lubbock mail (bi-weekly), Tuesdays and Fridays, arrives 10:00 a. m. and leaves 1:00 p. m.
 Floydada Lodge Number 712 A. F. & A. M. meets in the Hall the first Saturday night on or after the full moon in each month at 6 o'clock p. m.
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HON. JOSEPH W. BAILEY.

He Writes a Letter to Mr. Senter Regarding Representation at Chicago.

(From the Fort Worth Gazette.)

The following private letter written by Congressman J. W. Bailey, is published by the Gazette because it is believed that the best interests of the Democratic party demand, that the facts and suggestions of serious import therein contained should be pressed upon the attention of the Democrats of Texas and of the South and West:

House of Representatives, U. S. Washington, D. C., Feb. 27, 1896
 Mr. E. G. Senter, Fort Worth, Texas:

My Dear Senter—The press reports that the Mississippi legislature has adopted resolutions in which they declare that the states which are relied on to elect the Democratic nominees for president and vice-president ought to possess a controlling voice in their nomination. The Mississippi silver men assure me that their state convention will instruct their delegates to the national convention to insist upon some basis of representation like that which I suggested in my letter to Clark Howell; provided they can be certain that other states will support them in that position. I have promised them to write to you and other friends in Texas with the view of ascertaining if you think a similar resolution can be adopted by our state convention. The Arkansas, Georgia, and South Carolina members of congress are confident that their states will readily adopt our suggestion, if it is understood that the friends of silver are to press it. I believe that we owe it to ourselves to propose and insist upon some plan which shows that we are willing to abide by the will of the Democratic party when fairly expressed, and that we are unwilling to permit these states which never vote our ticket to name the ticket for which we must vote.

The political situation here in the last two or three days is generally pronounced full of uncertainty, but to my mind it is clearer than it has been at any time during the last two years. The open and bitter breach in the senate between the Northern and Northwestern Republicans leaves scarcely any room to doubt that the delegations from at least eight and perhaps twelve, states will walk out of the next Republican convention. If this should happen; it is then almost a foregone conclusion that a split will occur in the Democratic convention; for if the silver men have majority in our convention, the gold men will bolt.

The truth is that the gold standard men of the North and East who claim to be Democrats absolutely hate the free silver Democrats of the South, and apply to us the epithets of "cranks" and "fanatics" very much more frequently than they do milder terms to gold standard Republicans. The Eastern press has

reached a point in its intense bitterness when it seldom speaks respectfully of any Democrat who dares to differ with it on the money question; and it deliberately endeavors to discredit and destroy the standing and influence of all Southern Democrats who advocate the free coinage of silver. Nor is this malignity confined to Eastern editors and newspaper correspondents; it permeates administration circles from the highest to the lowest.

During the last two years, Mr. Cleveland has not appointed any prominent silver Democrat to any important position; and no sensible man believes that this discrimination has been accidental. But if anybody has heretofore doubted the intention of the gold standard men to defy the decision of the Democratic convention, if it should be favorable to silver, that doubt must have been removed by the recent letter of Secretary Carlisle in reference to the senatorial situation in Kentucky. Mr. Cleveland has been nominated by a national Democratic convention three times, and neither time was he more fairly and more honestly the parties nominee for the presidency than Mr. Blackburn is the Democratic nominee for senator in Kentucky; and certainly if Mr. Carlisle would advise the gold standard recalcitrants in the Kentucky legislature to bolt the Democratic caucus nomination for senator, he would not hesitate to give the same advice in a presidential election.

We are not at liberty to suppose that Mr. Carlisle wrote the letter to the Democrats in Kentucky without deliberately counting its consequences, and he must have known that the inevitable result of gold standard men bolting the party's nomination of a silver man will be to provoke retaliation on the part of the silver men against gold standard nominees. I do not only believe that he knew that this would be the effect of his letter, but I also believe that he intended it to produce this effect.

I am now persuaded that it is the settled purpose of the president and his immediate friends to disrupt and reorganize the Democratic party. They probably believe that it will be a better party with the southern Democrats cut of it, and New York and New England muggumps and millionaires in it than it is to-day. The fact is that it has been a favorite project with Mr. Cleveland since he first entered public life to organize a party composed, as he phrases it, "of the best elements of both the Democratic and Republican parties;" and he seems to think that "the best elements" consist of those who possess the greatest wealth and enjoy the highest social station. He is probably as honest in his opinion as I am in mine and doubtless he seeks to promote the welfare of our country as sincerely as I do, but I know that when the Democratic party ceases to be the party of the masses, and becomes the party of the classes it will cease to deserve success.

If the silver men in the south are active and vigilant we are certain to carry every southern

state except West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and perhaps Kentucky. If we carry the other twelve southern states, they will be sufficient with those we carry in the west and middle west to give us a majority of the convention unless our adversaries resort to a system of frivolous contents, such as you suggest. To guard against this, it is the duty of our people in every state which we do carry to select men of such courage and wisdom as will render it impossible for the convention to be successfully dominated by the perpetration of fraud. Our delegates ought to be men who will keep the Chicago convention in session until election day before they will submit to having the platform and nominations forced upon Democratic states by means of fraud. If we send that kind of men to Chicago, there is no more danger of the gold standard nomination and platform than there is of Bob Ingersoll converting the Baptist church to his infidelity. We need earnestly to impress it upon our people that our delegates ought to be men who thoroughly understand the gravity of our situation, and who do not go to Chicago for a holiday or with the expectation of surrendering their principles. If you succeed in impressing this view upon our party you will increase the obligation which it already owes you.

I began this letter intending to write you only in reference to the question of representation in the national convention, and I have drifted into other matters until I have burdened you with a long letter. In conclusion, I beg to say that I shall not be surprised if great political changes occur this year, and I am uncertain what these changes will be, and whether they will be for good or evil; but there is one thing of which I am absolutely certain, and that is that whatever else may happen I intend to hold hard and fast to the great fundamental principles of Democracy.
 Very truly your friend,
 J. W. BAILEY

The citizens of Wichita Falls have called upon the Federal government to open up the Indian Territory to settlers. The Territory has long been the home of robbers and freebooters, and the settlers along the border are subject to depredations from the Indian Territory.

There are five candidates in the field for Congress to succeed J. V. Cockrell; viz, W. B. Plemons, of Amarillo; John H. Stephens, of Vernon; J. H. Calhoun, of Eastland; D. H. Holman, of Sycamore and Judge Bowman, of Sweet Water.

Are you interested in your county and your town? Are you ready to do all you can for them? How much have you done? Do you patronize your county paper

Ponder these questions. It is just as wrongful to sin by omission as it is by commission; by inaction as by action.

—The Floyd City school closed Thursday the 5th inst. A prize fund of \$27.50 was subscribed by the patrons and friends of the school to be awarded as the trustees and the teachers directed. After giving the matter much thought it was agreed to award them on the following plan: To the student doing the best work in Mr. Hall's room, advancement department, attendance, etc., being the test, a prize of six silver dollars was to be awarded; to the second best student, four silver dollars was to be awarded; and to the third best student student, a prize of two dollars fifty cents in silver was to be awarded. In Mrs. Pruitt's room the same kind and the same number of prizes were to be awarded on the same conditions and under the same restrictions as in Mr. Hall's room. In addition to the above Dr. R. C. Andrews offered a prize of \$2.50 to the student making the greatest advancement in Dole's American Citizen class in Mr Hall's room. At the close the following prizes were awarded: In Mr. Hall's room Miss Lena Anderson received the \$6.00 prize; Miss Emma Miller, the \$4.00 prize, and Claude Burrus, the \$2.50 prize. In Mrs. Pruitt's room Albert Hambleu received the \$6.00 prize; Blanche Terry, the \$4.00 prize; and Maude Duncan and Viola Harkey, the \$2.50 prize. In the class Dole's in American Citizen, Miss Allie Miller received the \$2.50 prize.

Lockney Items.

Lockney, Texas, March 19.
 Mr. Editor:
 Having that you are trying to start a paper at the county seat, I will give you a few dots from Lockney and surrounding country.
 I suppose all in the county know that we had a smart norther and snow on the night of the 17th.
 James A. Baker will start to Amarillo tomorrow for goods.
 Mr. Lagley will soon have some new burrs for his wind grist mill, and will soon be prepared to do grinding for the public.
 Candidates are getting to be plentiful now days Messrs. Frank Anderson and Emmet Henry were in town shopping to-day.
 The people around Lockney are considerably vexed with la grippe at present.
 School is progressing nicely with good attendance notwithstanding la grippe.
 We learn that the Grammer-Kyle Normal will move to Runningwater in the near future.
 We hear that Mr. D. P. Windsor has traded his Floyd county property for Mr. O'mellar's Hale county property at Runningwater and will move there soon.
 George Brewster and son are building force six miles northwest of Lockney on the Smith section.
 Mr. Mapes is putting up a windmill on the Dagley section southwest of town.
 Mr. Powers, of white Flat, Motley county, was in town shopping Thursday.
 Mr. Robert Lynn, of Craty county will build at Lockney in the near future. He has already bought land here.
 The blacksmith and wood shop at Lockney under the management of Messrs. Stephenson and Eary is doing a good business.
 Seed sweet potatoes are selling at 75 cts per bushel at Lockney.
 We hear that Esq. Allen Smith, of Floydada, will move to Lockney about the first of April.

Ans.

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SALUTORY.

Among the many occurrences of the present year of our Lord will be the intelligence to my friends that I am no longer engaged within the dingy walls of the school room, but am seated in the sanctum of a newspaper office busying myself thinking of pleasant things to write, or standing at the case serving the trade of a "printer's devil."

It was with some reluctance that I abandoned the noble and responsible work of a pedagogue and entered the journalistic field. Whilst thus pondering over the matter, the thought occurred to my mind that I was laboring in the same field where Froebel, Pestalozzi, Manp, and Baldwin labored for humanity, and won renown for themselves; but as I turned my thoughts and viewed the other field, I remembered where the genius of Franklin achieved so much for the advancement of science and for civil liberty; where Greeley won fame; where George D. Prentice's wit, humor, satire and incisiveness made the columns of the Louisville Journal ring; where Henry W. Grady did so much towards unitizing the frigid North and the sunny South; and where Henry Wattersox gained the sobriquet "Star-eyed God-dess." So after some deliberation, I chose the latter work. What will be the outcome of the new adventure my own energy, acquirements and constancy, and the future will answer.

Having been a "printer's devil" for a while and finding the work congenial, I have since had a great desire to become the editor of some wide-awake newspaper. To a partial extent this long cherished desire is at last gratified. Being sole owner and sole editor of this journal, not owned by any set of men, with no outside restraints on me whatever, and enjoying the freedom that every other person is entitled to in this free land of ours, I am in a position to do my duty as I understand it, letting my own conscience and knowledge be the judge of my actions. My blunders—even though I may sometimes blunder—my blunders—I hope that others may blunder as rarely—my blunders will be of the head and hot of the heart.

In this capacity as in all others in which I have served the public, I shall do my utmost to merit success and approbation feeling confident that I shall overcome all obstacles in my way and that my efforts will not prove fruitless and that "I will yet win the day God be willing."

I solicit the patronage of the public, which will be highly appreciated. I am, Sincerely,
CLAUDE V. HALL.

Elsewhere in this issue of the GAZETTE will be found the letter of Hon. Joseph W. Bailey, Congressman from fifth Texas district. This letter proposes for the consideration of the Texas democracy what the democracy of every state in the South and the West should gravely consider; that is, the representation from the states which we will have to rely on to elect the democratic ticket should have a controlling voice in the Democratic convention at Chicago. This plan is a just one and the democracy of the Northern and Eastern states cannot object to that which is proposed by J. W. Bailey and others. The South has never demanded anything but justice. Justice is all she still asks. Grant her this and she will be content. Her sister, the young and growing West, only asks justice. Neither of the two sections has ever sought, and do not still seek, advantage over the North and the East; nor has either ever demanded legislation detrimental to the North and the East. But the North and the East have for many decades made laws against the interest and the consent of the South and the West. It is time to call a halt. Let justice reign in every section of the Union.

The democracy of should heed this suggestion and act upon it promptly.

Hon. John W. Cranford, in a recent interview states that his name will be before the people of the fourth Texas Congressional district as a candidate. It is reported that "Old Dave," will also be in the race. Mr. Culbertson has been in congress for twenty-two successive years and been extremely popular. For a long time he could triumphantly say that he could show the boys that it is a long distance to Washington. But the never-ceasing wheels of time have been moving on, and some of "the boys" are where they can see the spires of the capital city and can almost behold all the city in her magnificence. John W. Cranford is pure and honest and his ability is appreciated throughout the state and should he and Old Dave both remain in the race, it will certainly be warm.

Hon. C. H. Yoakum, who represents the people of the third Texas district in Congress, gives it out that he will not stand for reelection, and that he prefers the practice of law to living a public life.

Mr. Yoakum is one of the ablest men in Congress and that body loses one of the most ardent champions of Free Silver and the cause of the people. He was district attorney in the 8th judicial district while the late Judge J. A. B. Putman presided; and, while serving in that capacity, he was a terror to lawbreakers. In 1892 he was

elect State senator, in which position he served till 1894, when he was elected to Congress to succeed Judge Kilgore.

Mr. W. M. Massie, our fellow-townsmen, is spoken of as a probable candidate for Representative from this district. Mr. Massie came to Floyd county in 1889 before the county was organized. He has served as county surveyor and has been, and is still, a successful real estate and livestock dealer at Floydada. Mr. Massie firmly believes that a great future awaits this country. He has had exhibits of Floyd and adjoining counties' products at the Dallas Fair for the past three years, and has returned each time well pleased with the showing the plains country made and more confirmed in his belief that this is a great country and that it has a great future. Mr. Massie is in a position to understand the needs of the people of this section.

Thousands of the populists are the greatest patriots of the land and have gone to the Populist party not because they favor the sub-treasury, Government ownership of railroads and telegraph and telephone lines, etc., but that they have lost faith in the Democratic party.

We admire the person who has convictions and has the moral courage to stand by them; but we dare not express our contempt for the person who has no opinion of his own, if he possesses a sound mind, and who cares for nothing save that he is on top.

Compromises and straddles on the great issues engaging the minds of the people belong to the defunct past. The living present demands that every party express itself through its platform in language easily understood and not capable of different constructions.

If the Democratic party does not keep her eyes open and fails to adopt a platform enunciating her time-worn principles, and heads her ticket with men who are democrats in name only, she may look for an overwhelming defeat, as she would deserve.

Words of abuse heaped upon President Cleveland, and vials of mighty wrath discharged at the Administration is not the course to pursue; but earnest, persistent work on the part of our countrymen is the true policy to correct existing evils.

When the Democracy of Texas turns herself loose the 6th of next June, Judge Rufus Hardy and his followers will say with a sigh and a look of depression. "What are we here for?"

We are informed that there are five candidates in the race for district judge of this the 50th judicial district. It seems that the udgeship of this district is a desirable position.

The loss of Greer county does not seem to weigh heavily on the minds of Texans. All seem glad that the suit is at last ended.

At Washington.

What is Going on at the Capital City.

The time is growing short, yet there is no announced Democratic candidate for president. Morrison is the only man who is allowing his friends to toy with his name. Matthews of Indiana is shying about and Vice-President Stevenson is viewing the situation with a critical eye.

Carlisle and Olney are being mentioned as administration candidates, but shrewd observers say if Mr. Cleveland deems it advisable to offer an administration he will offer himself. Just now he is devoting his efforts—and he is having his cabinet to do the same—toward attempting to fix things for the adoption of a gold platform.

He has even been led to believe that it is possible to prevent Georgia sending a free silver coinage delegation to Chicago. The Indianians tell him they can prevent it.

Carlisle is to fix Kentucky and Josiah Patterson has been delegated to get Tennessee in the gold line. That twenty-two Tennessee counties have acted the other way and non for gold would not indicate much success for Patterson. And Carlisle is not capturing Kentucky as fast as he thought. Carlisle is now practically bidding for Republican votes, but they are not going to him.

Indeed the free coinage Democrats are winning all along the line. Added to the victory of the one-convention people in Georgia come unbroken successes in Tennessee and beginning of victories which are sure to come along the line in Alabama.

The free coinage Democrats in congress are growing more encouraged each day. They see

success in sight, and propose to win in the Chicago convention notwithstanding the array of office holders working on the other side.

Speaking of politics, Senator Dave Hill, who has flopped over to gold and the administration side of nearly all things, is going to Chicago at the head of the New York delegation. Hill says he is not a caudare, but he evidently proposes to be the power in that convention.

Just what he is after is not known. The same old ambition is, however, harbored in his breast.

Encouraging Words.

Below we are pleased to publish contributions sent in by friends:

As you have entered the journalistic field,
Which has furrows many and deep,
A bountiful harvest we hope it will yield;
That you may early reap
Not only a sufficiency of wealth,
But golden opinions too;
And tame and ruddy health,
And friends both tried and true.
I. 2. R.

So you have launched on the sea of journalism. May your bark outride all financial storms and anchor safely in the bay of true success.

A Friend, R. P. R.

Things To Remember.

That the world was not made in a day; that anything worth winning is worth faithful, persistent effort; that most good things come to those who labor and wait. If we cannot accomplish what we desire in one way, there are perhaps other and easier ways it can be done. We should not be discouraged if first attempts do not succeed; but look carefully for the cause of failure and with added experience renew the effort with more certainty of success. Earnest workers, having the courage of their convictions and with love for and faith in their labor, will accomplish the best work.

Attention.

I will address the people on the political issues of the day at the following times and places, viz.:

- Seymour Wednesday April 1, 8 p. m.
- Benjamin Thursday " 2 " "
- Guthrie, Friday " 3 " "
- Dickens, Saturday " 4 " "
- Emma, Monday " 6 " "
- Floydada Tuesday " 7 " "
- Matador, Wednesday " 8 " "
- Paducah, Thursday " 9 " "
- Crowell, Friday " 10 " "

Everybody, especially the ladies are invited to attend. Will divide time with my opponents if they desire it.

John H Stephens,
Democratic candidate for Congress, 13th congressional District of Texas.

Hesperian Gazette.

FLOYDADA, TEXAS, MAR. 27, 1896

ANNOUNCEMENT

For Sheriff and tax collector.
R. P. REEVES.

Plant trees!
Grass is here.
Oats are being sown.
The March winds blow.
Fruit trees are beginning to bloom
Fsq. Allen Smith called on us this morning.
Mr. Carr gave us a pleasant call this week.

How do you like the HESPERIAN GAZETTE?

Hang your overcoat in the closet, spring is here.

Dr. Oldham left Thursday morning for his home at Albany.

T. A. Gowart of the Erick settlement, was in town Wednesday.

—Dr. Oldham, of Haskell, is stopping at the Liana this week.

—D. Y. Rainey has erected a windmill on his place northeast of town.

The Baptists will hold their next fifth Sunday meeting at the Erick school house.

R. S. Crawford, of Claude, was in town attending the meeting of the Masors this week.

Prof. W. B. Clark, of White Flat Motley county, was in town on business Wednesday.

Grandma Gardener, who has been quite sick at this place, is now up.

Rev. M. Morris, of Plainview, is here attending the gathering of Masons.

There has been a great deal of sickness of late, but no deaths have occurred.

Robert Lemmond of Lubbock was in town during the lectures at the Masonic Lodge.

J. H. F. Reed returned this week from Amarillo with freight for the merchants at this place.

Miss Dot Shafer, of the Plainview Herald, assisted us in getting out this week's issue of the GAZETTE.

Mrs. Hamblem has been suffering for some time from lagrippe and neuralgia, but is now improving.

A. C. Bowers shows the public through the columns of the GAZETTE that he is doing business at Floydada.

Dr. Andrews is kept quite busy now attending patients.

Jonn Day was in town a few days ago.

Silverton is well represented at this place by persons attending the lectures at the Masonic lodge.

—J. W. Bowers left last Monday for Amarillo, from which place he will bring freight for our merchants.

Sam L. Chalk, county surveyor of Motley county, and Mr. Meadows were in town two days this week.

—Rev. D. N. Poole was prevented from filling the pulpit at this place last Sunday by the cold weather.

Mr. Shortie Runnels, who has been absent from this place for quite a while, is in the city.

The plains has cast aside her wintry and uninviting appearance and has come out to show her coat of green grass.

Mrs. J. D. Burleson of the Lockney Christian College has been unable to perform her work in school on account of sickness.

Quite a prairie fire south west of town last Wednesday evening. It is reported that Mr. Harold lost 3 or 4 head of cattle from the fire.

In this issue appears the advertisement of R. C. Ware's large store at Plainview. Mr. Ware always has an eye to business; hence he advertises.

Rev. W. M. Adams, pastor of the M. E. church at Floydada, will preach at the school house next Sunday at 11 o'clock on the importance of the Epworth League.

Deputy Sheriff Anderson left Thursday morning for Childress where he will bring his sister from the east, who will spend some time visiting her brother.

W. T. Montgomery left last week for Abilene, from which place he brought Mr. McCaulley who will spend four or five days lecturing at the Masonic Lodge at this place.

—V. M. Mascie returned last Saturday after several weeks' absence visiting relatives in Parker county.

—When in town call to see us, and give us the news of your community—Shylock wanted a pound of flesh, but we want news to publish as well as subscriptions and advertisements.

A friend at Lockney kindly furnished us the news of that village. We hope to have correspondents from all portions of the county.

We will gladly publish communications from persons of any political faith. This is a free land and the GAZETTE wants all to have the privilege of expressing sentiments through its columns

The following persons from Silverton attended the lectures at the Masonic Lodge this week: G. M. Klutz, P. L. Crawford, J. R. Wright, Ed Crawford, A. J. Askey, Dr. G. F. McClenion, Jake McClenion, Minor Crawford and Rev. G. T. Barnes.

Rev. G. T. Barnes, formerly a resident of Floyd county but now of Silverton, Briscoe county, arrived Tuesday morning and will remain during the Masonic lectures.

—G. W. Evans, familiarly called by his many friends "Father Evans," was appointed commissioner of the 4th precinct to fill the unexpired term of R. P. Reeves, who resigned some time ago.

—Spring is almost here to gladden the hearts of farmers and stockmen. Preparations are being made for gardens, and many have planted Irish potatoes.

—Owing to the great amount of work we have had to do and our time being limited in getting out this issue, errors are unavoidable. After this our readers will have a more newsy and more neatly printed paper.

Eggs have been selling for 5 cents per dozen. They are now selling for 7 cents per dozen.

In this issue of the GAZETTE appears the announcement of Mr. R. P. Reeves as a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector. Mr. Reeves has had experience in this line and understands the duties incumbent upon a person serving in this capacity.

—If you find errors in this issue, please don't blame us, but kindly point them out and they will be promptly corrected. Remember that no one is infallible.

W. M. Mascie purchased a hundred and nine copies of the GAZETTE to send to parties owning land on the plains whom whom he represent as a real estate agent. Mr. Mascie is a man of push and energy and always advertises his business.

Uncle Dennis Rice, the promoter of the young and growing town of Runningwater, was in town last Thursday and gave us a pleasant call. He is traveling in the interest of Runningwater. He says that Runningwater will soon have a newspaper.

—We purchased the printing press and outfit belonging to the Espuela Land & Cattle Co. This is one of the best newspaper plants in this section, and we shall soon be prepared to furnish the public a bright, newsy paper, we are reasonable in our charges for space, and now is the opportunity for business men to advertise.

Teacher's Institute.

The Floyd County teachers Institute will meet at Lockney Friday and Saturday, April 24th and 25th-1896-

MORNING SESSION 9:30 SHARP-

Institutes—their importance and possibilities—R. E. L. Muncy and J. W. Pruitt.

Drawing—To what extent it should be taught in the Public Schools—J. D. Burleson and Miss Lula Beasley.

How can a teacher who has all grades keep the primaries busy while the more advanced are reciting—M. G. Bryant Miss Susie Anderson and Miss Ollie Beasley.

NOON.

Merits and Demerits of the Diagraming system—Mrs. J. D. Burleson, Mrs. J. W. Pruitt and Miss Fannie Wilson.

How to make U. S. History interesting to a class D. J. Thomas and Miss Cora Haney.

Methods in Arithmetic through Common Fractions—J. D. Burleson M. W. Whitlow.

SATURDAY.

Some common mistakes in teaching—D. J. Thomas, Mrs. J. D. Burleson and W. W. Nelson.

Algebra Factoring—J. W. Pruitt and M. G. Bryant.

Politics of our Presidents—Claude V. Hall and R. E. L. Muncy.

NOON

Difficulties incident to a Teacher's daily work How to overcome them—J. D. Burleson, Mrs. J. W. Pruitt and Miss Cora Haney.

What studies are most valuable in cultivating the reasoning faculties—Claude V. Hall and R. E. L. Muncy.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The object of the Institute is to bring our teachers together for interchange of ideas and experiences thus to raise the standard of our schools and improve our methods.

Every teacher in the county is considered a member of the Institute and is expected to attend the meeting and take part in the work.

Teachers from other counties are cordially invited to attend. Trustees and friends of education are invited to attend these meetings.

Most Respectfully,
ARTHUR J. DUNCAN,
Co. (Ex-officio) Supt. of Public Schools.

A. C. BOWERS,

The Popular Grocer.

A Complete Stock always on Hand.

GOODS AS CHEAP AS HE CHEAPEST

New Goods Coming in All the Time.

Before Purchasing Your Supplies,

Call and Price His Goods.

Under Masonic Hall-

Floydada, - - - Texas.

R. C. WARE,

General Merchant,

Plainview, Texas.

The War is over and Dry Goods are

Down to Bed Rock Prices. I Want Your

Trade and Propose to Make it Your In-

terest to Trade with Me.

Cotton is higher, but I am selling 20 yds.

of L L Domestic for \$1.00, either bleached

or unbleached. All the Staple and Fan-

cies Calico at 5 cts. This includes the Oil

Reds and Blues. Cotton Checks from 4

cents up.

I have a Full Line of Fine

Dress Goods, Shoes, Slip-

pers, laces and Every-

thing kept in a first Class

Dry goods Store.

Men's, Youth's and

Boy's Clothing Cheap-

er than ever.

All Goods Purchased from Me will be

delivered free of charge by mail hack.

COME AND TRY ME.

R. C. WARE,

Plainview, - - - Texas.

To The People of Floyd county I announce my self a candidate

for Sheriff and Tax collector of

Floyd county. I have lived on

the border of Texas for the last

17 years and in this county since

its organization. I think I under-

stand the duties of the office and

if elected will do my whole duty

without fear or favor. Yours Respt.

R. P. REEVES.

Floydada Texas.

—We are desirous of making

this the best newspaper on the

plains, and suggestions anyone

might offer will be cheerfully re-

ceived and considered.

The following is the result of

the special election Saturday the

7th inst. to decide whether intox-

ication could be sold in Floyd

county or not:

Num-ber.	Voting Precinct.	For Pro-hibition.	Against Prohibition.
1	Floyd City	24	14
2	Sand Hill	8	5
3	Lockney	48	4
4	Foster's	5	0
5	Sunset	8	1
6	Fairview	10	5
7	Bourland	6	3
8	Moore's	4	5
9	Fairmount	4	1
10	Starkey	10	6
	Totals	127	63

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CLAUDE V. HALL, Editor.

Office of Publication, in the Carter Building near Llano Hotel.

Published Every Friday at Floydada, Floyd County, Texas.

SUBSCRIPTION. - \$1.00 PER YEAR.

LAND COM. ANDREW J. BAKER

On Leasing and Purchasing Public Land.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 19, 1895, Mr. R. T. Miller, Floydada, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th in which you say that Mr. J. T. Fish made application to purchase section 16, block B3, certificate 1-227, E. S. & F., and that we have rejected the application because it was leased to the Matador Land & Cattle Co. in 1893, and then you ask, that inasmuch as this lease was made under the act of 1891, which permitted an actual settler to buy grazing land under a lease, settling upon it and making improvements of the value of one-hundred dollars within four months, could not he buy under that provision? You also couple with this question, the suggestion that the law favors actual settlement as you understand it.

In reply to which, in order to clear up the question in plain terms, so that you may not be misled in what follows herein, I beg to say, that the Attorney General's Office has construed the effect of the law of 1895 to be, that it is intended to be a complete code in itself, absolutely repealing all other laws. All questions, therefore, arising in the shape of new purchases or leases are controlled altogether by the provisions of the new act. This, therefore, you will understand, answers your question in the negative, as far as the Fish application is concerned. You are right, however, in your opinion that the law favors the actual settler, and so do I. But by reference to the very first section of the act of 1895, you will observe that the Commissioner is limited, in his powers to sell and lease, by the exceptions and limitations imposed by this act and the constitution. Under what conditions can a person buy lands under lease? This question is answered in section 18 of the act in the following language: "Any actual settler upon any of the lands mentioned in this act, being the head of a family, shall have the right to buy at any time not more than three additional sections of strictly pasture land, notwithstanding any leases thereof (this includes a lease under act of 1891), unless by some other actual settler, the head of a family leasing not more than three sections." Further down in the same section the limitation is increased by the use of the following language: "the settler exercising the preference right herein given to buy or lease within the enclosure of another, may so buy or lease any lands except a section on which there are improvements of the value of two-hundred dollars, or on which there is a permanent artificial water supply." It is also further limited in the same section by the following language: "Any agricultural land that may be leased by an actual settler shall be subject to sale." This last

OF THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE,

LOCKNEY, TEXAS.

Opened Monday September the 2nd, and will continue till Friday June the 12th, 1893.

The Only Ten Months' School in Floyd and Adjoining Counties.

THOROUGH. PRACTICAL. ECONOMICAL.

J. D. BURLESON } Faculty S. W. SMITH } Directors. SADIE BURLESON } O. W. SMITH }

The Lockney Christian College opened its first session in October, 1894, under the present management with sixteen students, and continued nine months, closing with an enrollment of forty-seven pupils. The present session has increased twofold and is steadily growing. The faculty are teachers of unquestioned ability and many years' experience, and are devoted to the profession of teaching.

To those who have sons and daughters to educate this school offers superior inducements. Teachers whose schools have closed and who desire to raise the grade of their certificates and to prepare themselves to do better teaching and to command a higher salary will do well to attend this school.

limitation is referred to because the Attorney General's Office has construed the law to be that no agricultural land under lease is subject to sale which is clearly the law, except as stated. An actual settler under these laws is construed by the courts and the Attorney General to be one who has applied for and has purchased a school section as an actual settler and as such is in fact an actual settler. So that you will see, that one's simply settling on a section without having previously purchased it as an actual settler is not in a condition under the law to disturb an existing lease. Your client not having found himself in a position to take advantage of the law and the statute, therefore with the lease contract could not obtain the land applied for.

Prior to my entrance upon the duties of Commissioner, the people had been educated up or down to the idea that the Commissioner of the Land Office was possessed with some sort of kingly or imperial powers, and that he could on general principles do any thing he pleased with the school lands and therefore had the right to make rules to suit himself, thus at his pleasure to override the law. The result was, that much complaint arose by reason of these arbitrary rules. I have, therefore, from the very beginning endeavored to reverse that course and to impress upon the minds of all persons interested the knowledge of the fact that I am a democrat charged with the duties of a public trust, which trust carried along with it the conditions which are prescribed in the law alone, and that I have no power to do any thing which the law did not clearly imply, therefore could not make rules or any ruling touching the rights of persons by which they might in any manner be affected in their rights injuriously, not consistent with the provisions of the act. Some time ago some fellow up at Claude sent a dispatch to the Dallas News, saying that under the ruling of Commissioner Baker, many persons are losing their homes on which valuable improvements had been made, by leasing the lands to foreign lessees or corporations and refusing to sell them to actual settlers. I do not know what induced him to make such a barefaced statement unless he had advised his client to wait until the ninety days' preference expired and then he could buy any and avoid the payment of the back interest, and having

waited too long, the land was leased before this Office knew it was in demand for actual settlement. No lease has ever been made in this Office knowingly when there was an application here to purchase. Leases in two or three cases have been so made by mistake and as soon as my attention was called to the mistake the leases were at once cancelled and the sale made to the applicant. The fellow who made that statement made it doubtless to mollify his client by placing the wrongdoing in the Commissioner, who is using every effort in his power to administer the law fairly. Besides the intimation that I would prefer to lease land to a non-resident or do any thing else partially under the law is false.

All persons in the west who have taken any notice of my public acts know that I have favored the settlement of the country. They know that I was author of the act of 1891; they know that I was particular when I was before the land committee of the last legislature to have inserted in the House bill the provision for the sale of agricultural lands, whether leased or not and yet this fellow instigated by the royal highness of the imp of darkness, and without the fear of God before his eyes, did not hesitate to throw mud on a faithful public officer and thus attempt to bring me into disrepute before the people. So sure was I, that the law provided for the sale of agricultural land under lease that I sold many sections, indeed continuing the sale of them for months, that I did not think to examine critically the law on that point till forced to do so by a gentleman in Childress county. To my astonishment, I found the provision had been left out. So important, however, was the question that I would not assume to adopt my own construction which necessarily would change the policy of every school law on the subject without being reinforced by the opinion of the Attorney General, who in a lengthy opinion concurred with my construction of the law.

Any man who has sense enough to keep out of the lunatic system would know, it was to my interest to do every thing, consistent with law, which I could possibly do to satisfy all persons having business with this Department, and it is absolutely contemptible for an up-start to attempt to satisfy any father a people who have already been educated to live on their prejudices. I hoped to live long enough

to witness the era when all men would not be regarded as mercenaries, and a faithful public officer elected by the people through their partiality, who has never in his life done a material wrong knowingly to any man, might be allowed the same consideration as every honest man accords to himself, that is, that while he is liable as all men are to make mistakes, is nevertheless honest in his intentions. It seems however that I shall never outlive these low-down malicious characters. Now, my dear sir, in answering your letter I have taken the liberty to write generally touching the law and especially with regard to my personal effort here, not with a view of boring you with it, but to ask you if you desire to do so, to publish this letter for the information of many others who may feel interested.

In re-reading your letter, I find that I omitted to answer your second question. One-half of section 8, block B3, certificate 1-728, lying immediately north of section 16 mentioned at the beginning of this letter, to which I presume you refer, is classified as watered grazing, and is under lease to the same company. The record here does not show which half is leased. If that can be determined by your client, I will sell the other half. Very respectfully, ANDREW J. BAKER.

PROHIBITION.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Order Declaring Result of Election, Wednesday March 18, A. D. 1896.

Prohibition Election } In Commission Returns Canvassed } In Commissioners Court of Floyd County, Texas, special session.

On this day came on to be canvassed the returns of an election held in Floyd County, Texas, on the 7th day of March, A. D., 1896, to determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited in said Floyd county, Texas, and it appearing to the Court that five copies of the court ordering said election were posted in said Floyd county according to law, and after opening the returns and counting the votes cast in said election at the various voting precincts in said county, the election returns being in due form of law and properly certified to by the officers holding said election, and it appearing to the Court that a majority of the votes cast at said election were for prohibition. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the result of said election be declared in favor of prohibition. And it is therefore ordered by this Court that the sale of intoxicating liquors be hereby absolutely prohibited within the limits of Floyd county, Texas, except for the purposes and under the regulations prescribed by law which are as follows to wit:

The sale of wines for sacramental purposes, and alcoholic stimulants as medicines in cases of actual sickness, but such stimulants shall only be sold upon the written prescription of a regular practicing physician, dated and signed by him, and certified on his honor that he, the physician, has personally examined the applicant, naming him, and that

he finds him actually sick and in need of the stimulant prescribed as medicine; PROVIDED that a physician who does not follow the profession of medicine as his principal and usual calling shall not be authorized to give the prescriptions provided for herein; AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that no person shall be permitted to sell more than once on the same prescription, nor shall any person be permitted to sell at all on the prescription of a physician not herein authorized to give it; nor on a prescription which is not dated, signed and certified as above required; PROVIDED, that every person setting such stimulants upon the prescription herein provided for shall cancel such prescription by indorsing thereon the word "cancelled" and file the same away.

This order to remain in full force and effect until such time as the qualified voters of said county may at a legal election, held for that purpose, by a majority vote, decide otherwise.

It is further ordered that the County Judges of Floyd county, Texas, give due notice according to law of the order of this Court declaring the result of said election and prohibiting the sale of such liquors.

The State of Texas, } County of Floyd, } I, Arthur B. Duncan, County Judge in and for Floyd County, Texas, do hereby certify the above and foregoing order of Court to be a true and correct copy of the order of the Commissioners' Court as entered of record on the 18th day of March, A. D. 1896, in Book 1, pages 366 & 367 of Commissioner's Court minutes of Floyd County, Texas, that on and after thirty days after date the above order shall be in full force and effect, of which all parties take due notice as required by law.

Given under my hand and seal of office at office in town of L. S. of Floyd City, this 18th day of March, A. D., 1896. Arthur B. Duncan, County Judge of Floyd County, Texas. ATTEST: R. T. Miller, County Clerk of Floyd County, Texas.

The Belle of 1776.

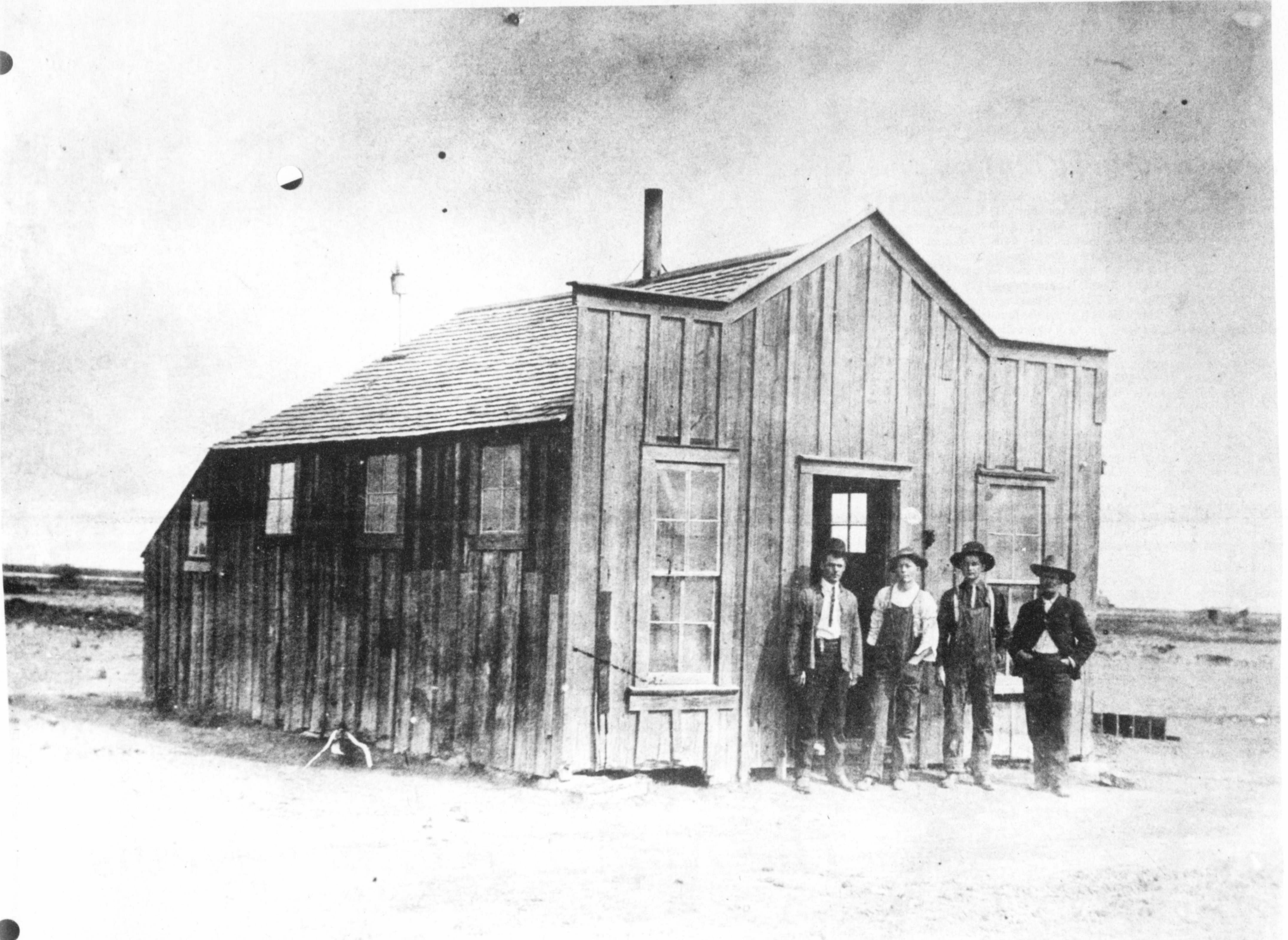
BY JAMES W. MCCARTHY.

I've a sweetheart fond and dear; You all know her well, She's my pride; I love her, too, More than I can tell. When a child I learned her name At the old red school, where I set the class in rows, And daily played the fool, She is just as dear to me Now as she was then; I remember how my heart would beat like sixty when Her name was even mentioned— My very soul would rise, And I in choicest language would laud her to the skies. She had lots of lovers then; They were quite the thing; Yet I ne'er felt jealous, Though she gave them all a "ring." She is the grandest of the grand; Her praise has oft been sung; But now her "tongue" is silent— Years ago my love was "hung." In dear old Philadelphia Lives my sweetheart fond and true; She's the lovely "belle" of liberty And you all know her, too. Gay Time may bring me others, But wherever I shall dwell, My heart of hearts will ever love THE INDEPENDENCE BELLS.

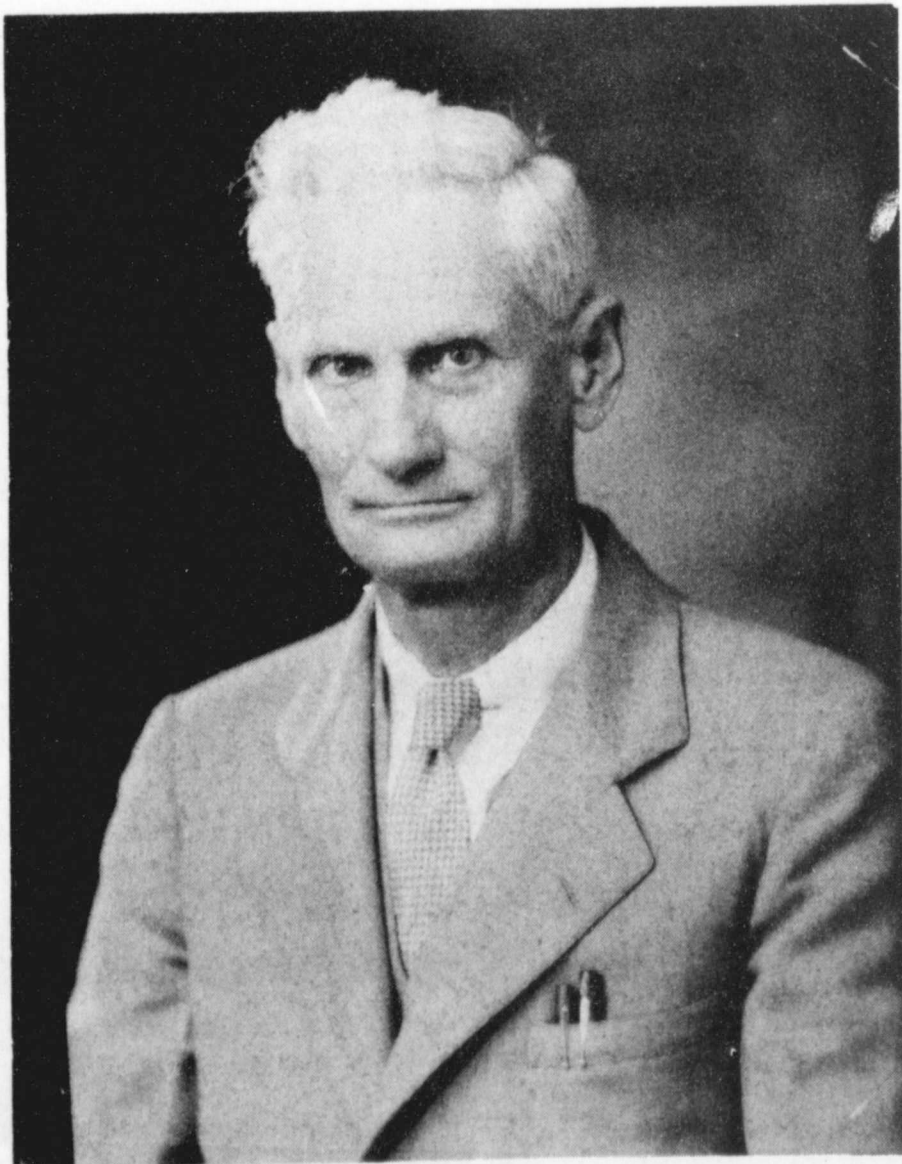
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A Guiding Light In The West — The First 100 Years —



THE FIRST HESPERIAN BUILDING



CLAUDE HALL
Founder of *The Hesperian*

By Juanita Stepp

A young man's interest in the adventures of Ulysses served as the inspiration for the name of what is now *The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon*.

Claude V. Hall, founder of the publication, grew to manhood as an only child, accompanied more often by literature than playmates. Hall is believed to have especially favored tales of the wanderings of Ulysses, a mythological traveler who was greatly impressed by a guiding star called Hesperus.

In truth, Hesperus is actually the planet Venus, also known as the evening star. Moving in orbit between the planet Mercury and our own earth, Venus is far more brilliant than any fixed star. This brilliance presents itself as a beacon of light in the western sky each evening.

A man of conviction and vision, Hall established the *Hesperian Gazette* in 1896. The name selection reflected his intention to provide a guiding light of truth and information here on the western prairie.

As men of vision often do, Hall moved on to greater adventures in education but the *Hesperian* remains as a source of enlightenment.

THE EARLY YEARS

Unfortunately, the early history of the *Floyd County Hesperian* is not precisely chronicled. Thanks to

Nancy Marble and the *Floyd County Historical Museum*, we are now in possession of a reprinted copy of the first *Hesperian* printed in March, 1896. Records before March, 1913, were lost in a fire which destroyed the sheet-iron building housing the newspaper operation.

The *Floyd County History Book* published in 1979 states the paper passed from Hall to Cree and Adair then to Pettitt and Guthrie. It was next owned by Tom P. Steen whose son Carl served as editor from 1906 to 1910.

1911 saw the editorship pass into the hands of a second son, Homer Steen. Golden Neighbors, daughter of Homer Steen, recalls the building housing the *Hesperian* being destroyed by fire in 1913.

Neighbors says the building was reconstructed almost identically on the same site on Missouri Street. The location currently belongs to Don Hardy but the building no longer exists.

In the true spirit of journalism, the *Hesperian* continued to be published during the 1913 rebuilding with the assistance of newspapers in Lockney and Matador, according to Neighbors. Steen continued to operate the paper until his retirement in 1962.

For more than fifty years, Steen duly reported on community events and took a strong stand on growth and improvement in the area under the

auspices of *The Hesperian Publishing Company*.

The museum history book lists the next editor as S. B. McBeath for several months before Wendell M. Tooley assumed ownership in 1962 and restored the name *Floyd County Hesperian* to the publication.

The *Floyd County Hesperian* and the *Hesperian Office Supply* businesses were moved to the north side of the square in late 1969. The move marked an end to the business at 212 S. Main where the *Hesperian* had been published for the past 41 years.

Blanco Offset Printing was formed as a corporation in 1965 with Tooley as president. Owners of several area newspapers were stockholders. Originally located at 212 South Main in Floydada, the offset press was moved to 111 E. Missouri in January, 1970. *Floyd County Newspapers* and Blanco Offset were joint purchasers of the Old Boren Building at that location. The *Floyd County Hesperian* occupied the front section of the building and Blanco Offset was housed in the rear of the location and each remains there today, 26 years later.

Jim Huggins, a part-time photographer and photo processor joined the *Hesperian* staff at this time. He held several positions with the paper over the years, both in Floydada and Lockney before moving to Blanco Offset in 1980. He now serves as

manager of the print shop.

After purchasing *The Lockney Beacon* by trading for the *Crosby County Review* in 1972, Tooley dubbed the sister publications *Floyd County Newspapers* and combined the circulation of the *Lockney Beacon* and the *Floyd County Hesperian*.

Twice weekly publication was instituted in September, 1972. Each paper retained its identity through individual front pages and separate sports pages. Subscribers to either newspaper received copies of both publications in their mail each week for many years.

Under Tooley's leadership, the newspapers worked diligently for the communities throughout his tenure.

Tooley purchased the *Tulia Herald* in 1973. Jim Bob Reynolds served as editor of the *Hesperian* until the sale of *Floyd County Newspapers* to Bluebonnet Media Corporation of Austin, a division of the Rust Group in June, 1979. A succession of publishers and editors followed under the supervision of corporate representative J. Tom Graham. These included John Carroll, Jim Huggins, Shelly Harris, Carolyn Fuqua, Wes Brown, David Cates, and Carolyn Redding.

The papers returned to once a week publication in July, 1980 while under the supervision of Harris.

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A Guiding Light In The West



HOMER STEEN
Owner/Editor 1911-1962

Nine newspapers served county during a century plus

Produced from old hand-fed presses and hand-set type to today's modern offset printing method, featuring computer composition, this county has been served by nine newspapers through the year. In fact, the number is a smooth 10 if one considers the "Lockney Edition" of *The Amarillo Daily News*, which rolled off the presses in 1912 and 1913.

Records indicate that the initial Floyd County newspaper productions were *The Texas Kicker* of Floydada and *The Daily Plains Review* of Della Plain. Both are believed to have operated in late 1890.

Then came *The Floyd County Times*, which was launched the following year in Floydada. Next was *The Mayshaw Zephyr*, which started in Mayshaw in 1892.

The Hesperian Gazette, forerunner

of *The Floyd County Hesperian*, hit the streets in Floydada and area on March 27, 1896...one century ago.

The name changed to *The Hesperian* in December 1900. The publication became *The Floyd County Hesperian* in 1908.

That same year, *The Lockney Beacon* was founded in the north portion of Floyd County.

South Plains had its first and only newspaper for a brief span, beginning in 1927: *The South Plains Sun*.

Basically, weekly newspapers have served this county, although *The Floyd County Hesperian* and *Lockney Beacon* were semi-weekly publications.

This newspaper became *The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon* on March 7, 1991. The two operated several years as sister publications prior to their actual merger.

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RECENT TIMES

Floyd County Newspapers was purchased by veteran journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner Roland Kenneth Towery and his wife Louise in November 1983. Towery served as Publisher of the newspapers until 1986.

Redding continued as editor and general manager until July, 1985. At that time, Alice Gilroy, Towery's daughter, who joined the staff in January, 1985, assumed the editorial post.

Towery purchased a 12 percent interest in Blanco Offset Printing in 1986. Gilroy was named publisher in December 1986 and Jim Bob Reynolds was appointed editor.

Reynolds was previously associated with *The Lockney Beacon* and

was owner of *The Crosbyton Review*. He resigned from the *Hesperian* in July, 1988 to accept the position of editor at *The Tulia Herald*. He has continued to be an invaluable friend and mentor to the staff of the *Hesperian* during the ensuing years.

Gilroy continued at the helm of both Floyd County publications following reorganization in 1988 as *The Caprock Sentinel Corporation*. Official titles in the 1990 Floyd County Centennial Edition were listed as: Ken Towery, Owner; Alice Gilroy, Publisher and Editor; Neta Marble, Associate Editor; Rosemary Gonzales, Production Manager; Juanita Stepp, Bookkeeper/Reporter; Tami Nielson, Typesetter; and Bill Gray, Sportswriter.

With encouragement from the

United States Postal Service, *The Floyd County Hesperian* and the *Lockney Beacon* were combined into a single county-wide newspaper, publishing the first combined edition on March 7, 1991.

Under the masthead of the *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon*, the newspaper endeavors to serve the county and distribute the news.

Currently, Towery and Caprock Sentinel Corporation remain owner of the *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon*. Gilroy is the publisher and editor. Marble serves as associate editor and Farm Editor.

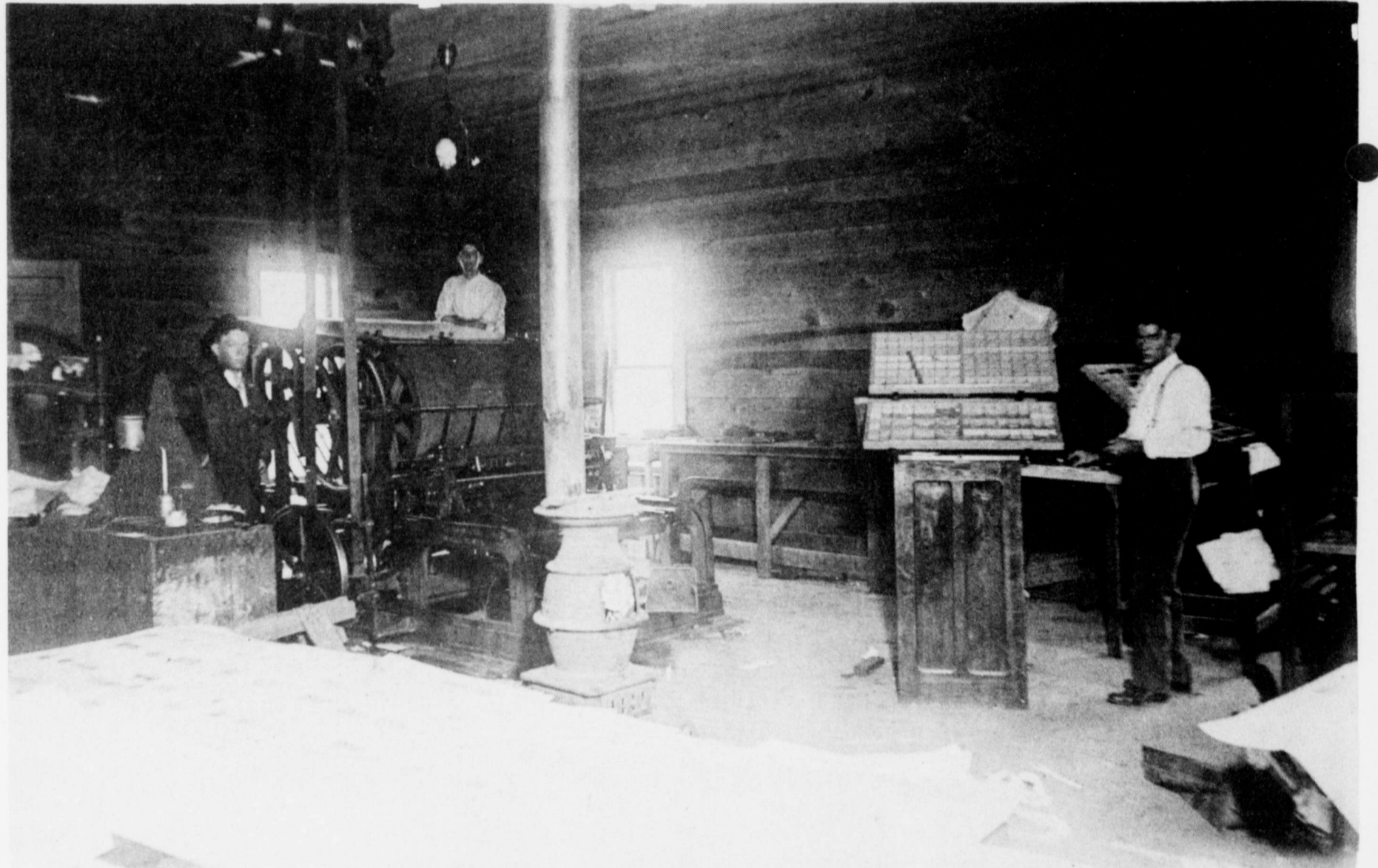
The list of employees is short, including Stepp, typesetters Duffy Hinkle and Jolene Cummings, part-time sportswriter Bill Gray, and jour-

nalism intern Cindy Perez.

In these days of uncertainty and economic pressures, the *Hesperian-Beacon* is grateful to count among its contributors a number of club and organization secretaries or reporters who deliver articles of interest to readers.

The *Hesperian-Beacon* is also fortunate in having local coaches and teachers who provide information related to sports and school activities. Similar assistance from the church community and local residents is greatly appreciated.

As the newspaper continues the journey into a second hundred years, it would be amiss if the most vital part of our existence were not mentioned. A newspaper is nothing without readers. Thank you, gentle readers, for 100 years of support and involvement.



INSIDE THE FIRST HESPERIAN BUILDING

CONGRATULATIONS From One Old Timer to Another

From

The Amarillo Globe-News

To

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

Congratulations to The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon on making it to 100, and into the newspaper world's very own (and somewhat exclusive) Century Club.

The Amarillo Globe-News and all your friends in the Panhandle Press Association throughout the High Plains join in wishing you a wonderful 100th Birthday. We know what it takes to make the grade. Hard work. Integrity. Honesty. Professionalism. That's what builds readership, and that builds long life. We are proud of you, and we are proud of your contributions to your community.



'I Remember, I Remember'

Prairie Fires Dreaded

1970 Reprint by Homer Steen

One without a compass would easily get lost on the boundless plain of Llano Estacado even as late as 1905. Likewise it did not take long for cow men, sheep men and settlers as well to realize how vulnerable this vast treeless region was to fire.

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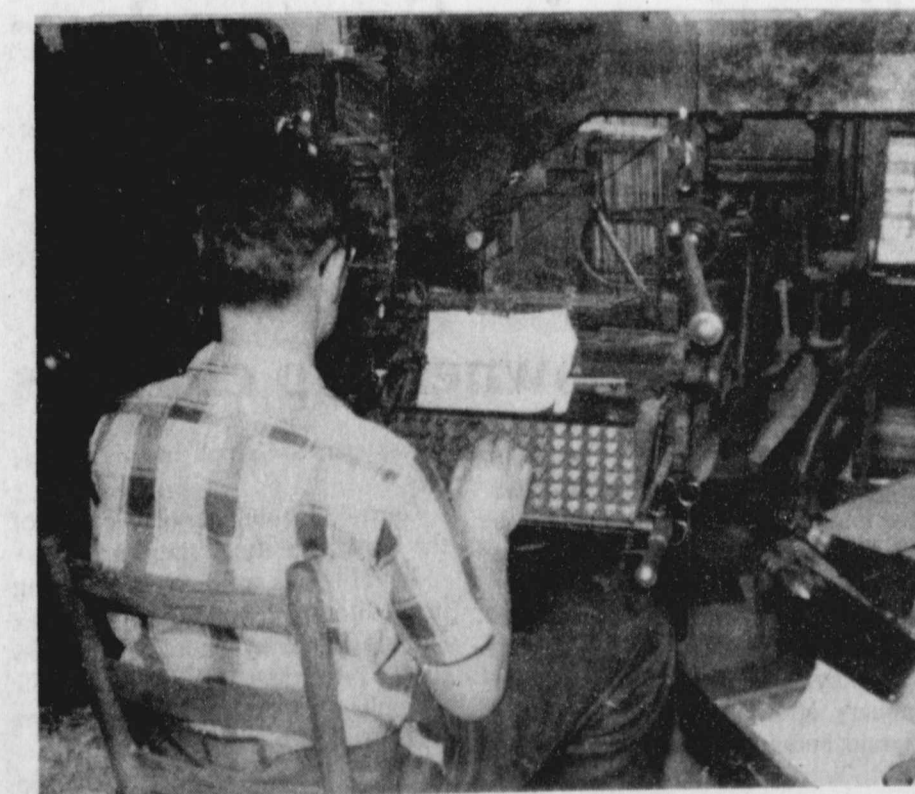
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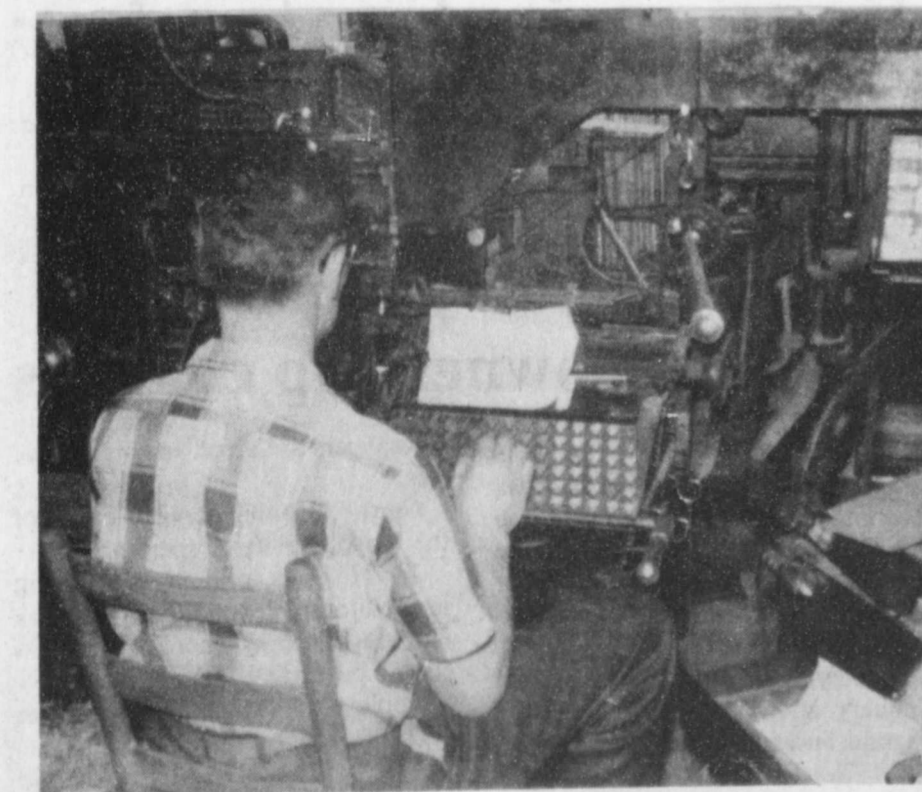
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Wolfe City
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Dear Editor:

I doubt if I can help you much. I remember the Hesperian office used to be about where Martin's Implement is now. Just south of it was a grocery store, run by a man named Griggs. He talked to himself a lot. A man asked him why he did this and he said he always liked to hear a smart man talk. That answered that question.

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It was, indeed, a newspaper. We had no Radio or TV and very few telephones. A little later on--on election nights he had a Black Board out in front with the return on it. This was an interesting event.

When it rained, the street was muddy. When it dried, it was rough.

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In 1918, the Flu came over the court house and schools. Everywhere was full of sick people. Doctors worked day and night. Many people died.

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I think we are living in a time when there has been more progress made thru science and otherwise since the beginning of civilization.

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Sincerely yours,
C.W. Payne

(Editor's Note: Mr. Payne told us he has been reading this paper since 1914 when it was \$1.00 for a year's subscription.)

Jack Cantrell recalls meeting Lyndon Johnson at the office

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Again, I remember lots of people and things that happened while I worked for the Floyd County Hesperian. It would take a book to cover all my fond memories.

Congratulations on the 100th anniversary and I wish I could be there on the 24th of May.

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gest industries—one of the most modern offset printing plants in West Texas—Blanco Offset Printing."

New desks were advertised at \$75.00 and up; flexback secretarial chairs for \$29.95; electric Smith Coronas for \$149.95; and a 3M Brand "Copy Mite" Copier for only \$225.00.



OFFSET PRINTING--(L-R) David Hoop and Kenneth Rimmer view one of the first newspapers to come off of the new offset printing machine in 1965. This is the current method of printing this newspaper.

Hesperian installs computer typesetter

September 10, 1972

An order has been placed by the Floyd County Hesperian for one of the most modern typesetters on the market. It is a Compuwriter, produced by the Compugraphic Corporation and is a computer typesetter

system.

At present the Hesperian "reader type" is set on a seven year-old set of Justowriter tape machines. The new Compuwriter will print eight different sizes of type. The Justowriters print only one.

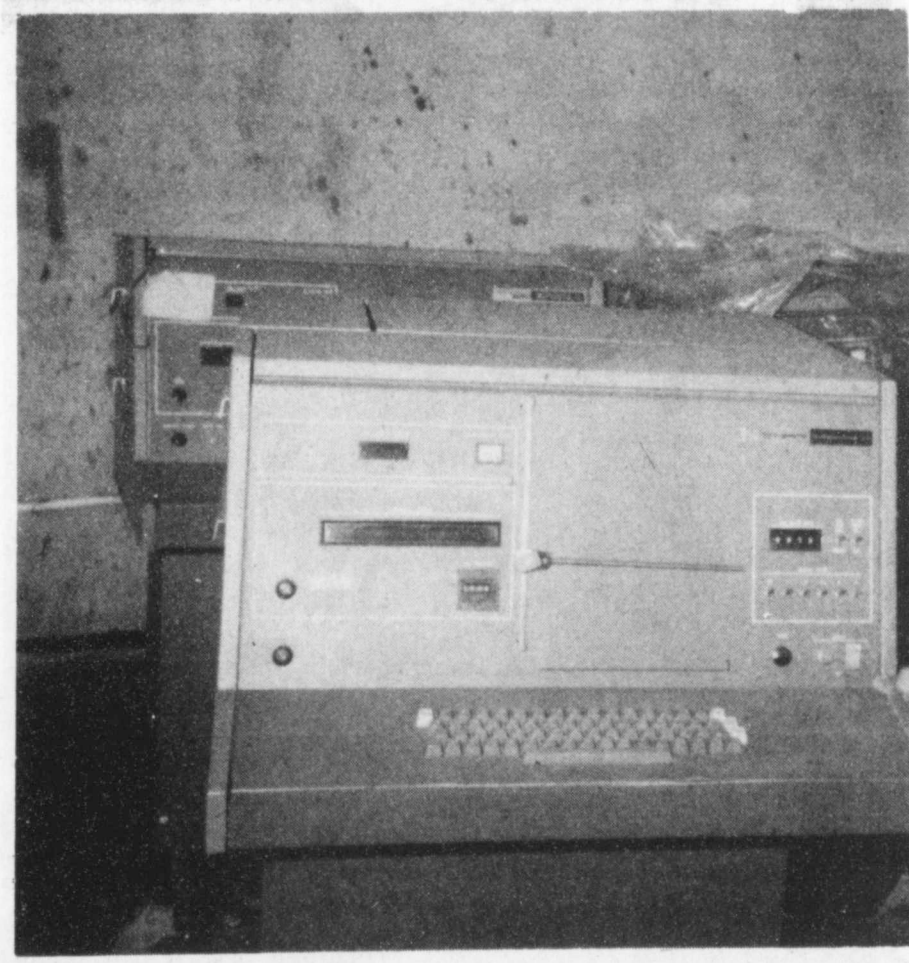
The new machine will set "reader type" just a little larger...and people with poor eyesight will probably enjoy this feature of the new typesetter.

Although the Compuwriter is much faster than the Justo-writers, it will still require an operator, and the Hesperian will still employ Gwen Cogdell, Sharron Huggins and Carolyn Fuqua...all who are very capable typists.

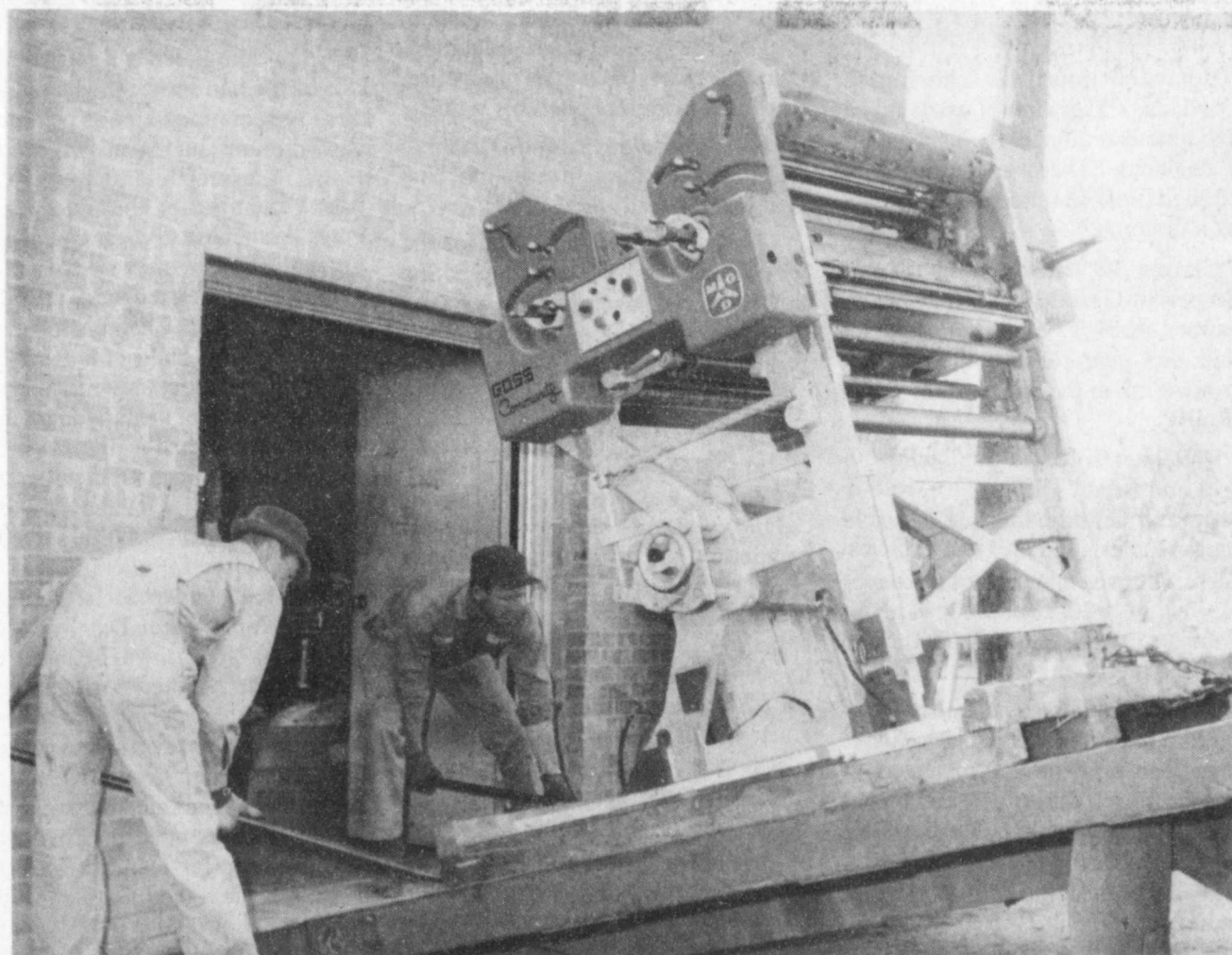
Blanco Offset gets new press

May 16, 1976

Blanco Offset Printing received another Goss press unit for its press Tuesday morning. The new unit brings the press capacity to 16 pages per section full size page or 32 pages tabloid size. It will also allow color runs on 12 page sections. The unit was ordered after Blanco's business increased to printing 19 newspapers per week. The goss machinist is Roger Flegle from Denmark, Wisconsin. Blanco pressman is Oscar Enriquez and Blanco manager is Art Ratzlaff.

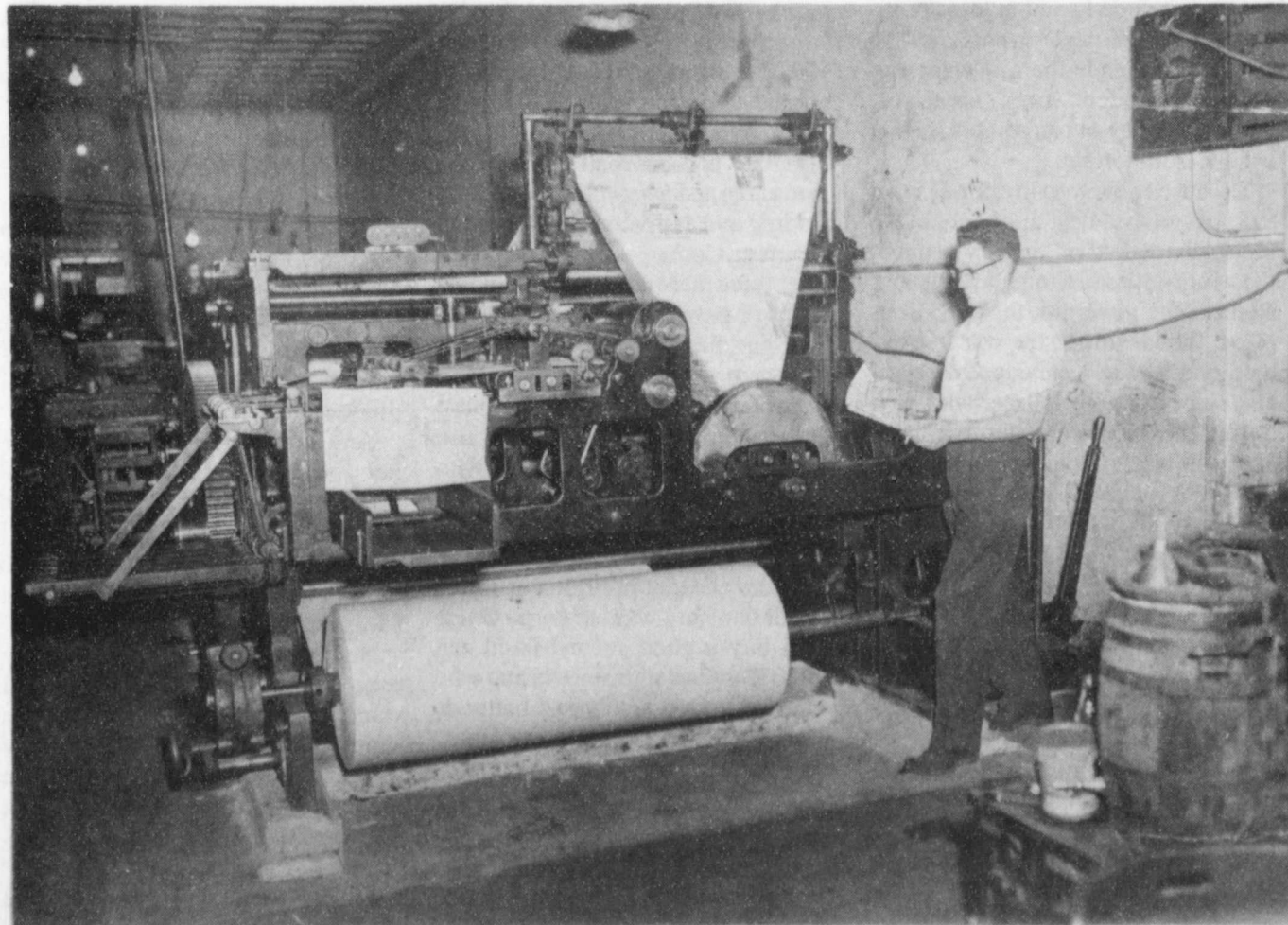


COMPUGRAPHIC MACHINE used in the 70's and early 80's before we advanced to computers.



MOVING PRESSES--This photograph was published in the January 22, 1970 edition of *The Floyd County Hesperian*. The pictures told the story of the hard la-

bor involved in moving our press units to their new location on the north side of the square (111 E. Missouri).



LETTER PRESS--Harold Huggins is seen checking out a paper just off the letter press. The letter press, in the 50's, was the forerunner to the current offset

printing presses. Huggins is the father of James Huggins, who is the current manager of Blanco Offset Printing.

Hesperian and Beacon begin twice weekly publication in September

July 27, 1972

Hesperian Publisher Wendell Tooley announced that he had traded the Crosbyton Review newspaper for the Lockney Beacon newspaper and will combine circulation of the Hesperian and Beacon.

Joe Hawkins was to take over as editor of the Beacon and move his family from Floydada to Lockney.

"We feel that we can now give our subscribers more county news with a Sunday and Thursday edition each week, and we will be able to give the

Floydada advertiser full coverage of Floyd County and this trade area with around 4,000 subscriber homes," Tooley added.

"Although circulation of The Beacon and Hesperian will be combined, each newspaper will have a different front page each edition, there will be separate sports pages in football season, and we will be careful to see that

each town retains its identity in the changeover," Tooley said.

Beginning with the Sunday edition of September 3, both newspaper began publishing on both Sundays and Thursdays.

Hesperian ownership changes

July 5, 1979

John Carroll, 31, of Del Rio has become the new publisher of the *Floyd County Hesperian* and the *Lockney Beacon*, former publisher and owner Wendell Tooley announced this week.

Tooley, who moved to Tulia in January after purchasing the Tulia Herald, announced the sale of the two

newspapers to Carroll and his associates.

Carroll also will serve as editor of the *Floyd County Hesperian*.

Jim Huggins, who has been filling in as editor in Floydada, will return as editor at Lockney where he has been for the past five years.

Tooley, has owned *The Hesperian* since 1962.

Carroll is a native of San Antonio and has been on the editorial staff of the *Del Rio News-Herald* for the past year.

Also involved in the new ownership of the newspapers are J. Tom Graham, publisher of the *Del Rio News-Herald*, and Austin businessmen Jack Crosby and Frank Kravosov.

Covingtons purchase office supply

January 2, 1977

A full page ad in the January 2, 1977 edition of the *Floyd County Hesperian* noted that Tanya and Jack Covington will purchase the Hesperian Office Supply, effective

January 3, from Wendell Tooley.

The new firm name will be Office and Art Supply Center.

It is located at 111 1/2 East Missouri in Floydada.

Stress and joys of newspaper publishing

By Wendell Tooley

Looking back to some 44 years of "newspapering" the greatest joys and some of the most "rewarding" stress came when I was editor-publisher of the Floyd County Hesperian....1963-1979.

Today my congratulations to the publishers and staff of The Hesperian-Beacon as they observe 100 years of publication. Although I purchased the Hesperian from a Sweetwater man by the name of Syl McBeath, I really succeeded the veteran newsman Homer Steen. After six months in Floydada, Syl decided he wanted to return to Sweetwater...I bought his down payment to Homer and took up his 12 year note to Homer.

Homer Steen and Matador newspaperman Doug Meador were my "country editor" heroes.

In summary...the joys of living and working in Floydada and all of Floyd County: Mackenzie Lake water, a new hospital, a new nursing home, a new grade school, a new airport, the Massie Activity Center.

My first editorial campaign was to get street signs named and up in west Floydada...then came the biggies, getting out of the old army barracks hospital, freeing the school children from temporary school rooms at Andrews Ward.

Although the people had approved bonds for the new grade school and hospital, a group of land owners and business people filed suit against the hospital and school boards, delaying their construction for a couple of years. (All this while construction costs were zooming higher and higher.)

Mary Tom and I lost a lot of sleep over Della Plains School, where she was a teacher. I went against the school board when it decided to zone the schools, whereby blacks and browns would be limited to attend what was known then as "black Della Plains."

My stinging editorial wasn't popu-

lar, of course, with the school board, but many people in the community began to shun us because of our stand.

The editorial led to a parent's march at Della Plains (with area TV cameras) and soon the school board surrendered to what was known then as the "Princeton Plan" (all colors of students went to every school in town according to the grade level).

The "school integration editorial" won first place in the Panhandle Press Convention newspaper contest and then the "best in the state" at the state convention in Austin.

We just sorta stumbled on to the Massie Activity Center. I had been editorializing for a youth center. One day I received a letter from some people in Pennsylvania. It was from some people I didn't even know, although I knew they were subscribers to The Hesperian. The letter was from Geraldine Massie Murray, W.A. "Best" Massie's sister. The letter said, "My husband and I are going to Scottsdale, Arizona for the winter, we'll stop over at Amarillo and would like to meet with you and your committee."

Actually, I didn't have a committee, so I rushed over to talk to my friend Clay Henry, at the bank. Clay agreed to go with me to meet the Murrays in the Amarillo Airport.

So, the Massie Activity Center was built for around \$100,000 in honor of Bert and Geraldine's parents.

Senator John Tower's wife, Lou, came and spoke at the big dedication dinner in the center.

Mackenzie Water

Although drought makes very little water available for the four sponsoring cities today, the people of Tulia, Floydada, Lockney and Silverton began to realize that the underground water wouldn't always be here in abundance. They decided to build Mackenzie Lake.

In fact, the first vote to build the lake dam failed to pass because the people of Tulia and Floydada voted against it. I suppose the people of Lockney and Silverton, who voted for the lake are still saying "I told you so."

And now it's hindsight...instead of costing \$8 million on the vote that failed, it probably finally cost almost twice that much.

The Fun Things

I enjoyed surprising our readers with an April Fool story each year. Two of the best: Dougherty farmer Ned Bradley shooting a bear and Mary Tom starring with Roy Rogers in a movie. Roy had just finished shooting a movie at Matador "T.J. and McIntosh." I had in my picture files a picture of Mary Tom and Roy shot at a press convention in Austin. The outline said, Mary Tom Tooley was starring in a movie with Roy Rogers called, "T.J. and Mary Tom".

A separate feature could be written about Ned Bradley...he was the famous Texas Tech dance band leader. I was privileged to sing in the Methodist Choir with Ned, who sat in the back bass row and often muttered comments about what was going on in the service. I visited Ned while he was in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, shortly before he died. He reached under the bed, took a drink of water from the fruit jar of water he kept there. Ned told me, I can't stand this Lubbock water, gotta have my good Dougherty well water."

Fun Football

One of my favorite joys of newspapering was running the sidelines, shooting action pictures. I really got "my money's worth" running the sidelines with Coach L.G. Wilson. He was something else...and certainly a winner. When I moved on to The Tulia Herald, I was glad to see L.G. move there. We retired at Tulia about the same time...he won over 200 games as head coach.

In comparison, I always thought Floydada was more of a football town than Tulia.

Two editorial campaigns I lost...supporting the school board in moving the football stadium to the high school.

My children were blessed to attend Floydada schools...two Whirlwinds and two Whirlwinds, who still enjoy playing a match of tennis every week or so. My best tennis buddy at Floy-

dada was Turner Hunter.

Mary Tom and I look back to many fond memories with our neighbors the Howard Gregorlys...and Charlie Spence before we moved to the country. Our children enjoyed the many animals Charlie penned on his acreage behind our lot.

The Bowling Alley

When we moved to Floydada, a thriving business on the north side of town was the bowling alley. However in a year or two it closed. About this time we had some farmers who were raising onions and potatoes, who wanted to expand that type of business.

Bill Brown, John Stapleton, Clay Henry and I flew down to the valley and contacted a company called Louisiana Strawberries. Although they weren't interested in marketing strawberries in Floyd County, they did agree to put in a packing shed for peppers and some other vegetables.

Floydada didn't have an industrial foundation as such, but the banker said he would loan Louisiana Strawberries \$45,000 to buy the bowling alley building and remodel it for a packing shed. However, the banker wanted someone to sign the note. Jimmy Willson and I signed the note...and were very fortunate that the packing company complied with the payout requirements.

John Reue

This special edition of The Hesperian would not be complete without tribute to long time Floydada Chamber of Commerce manager, John Reue. He came to Floydada as manager of Penneys, later put in his own retail store, then became Chamber manager.

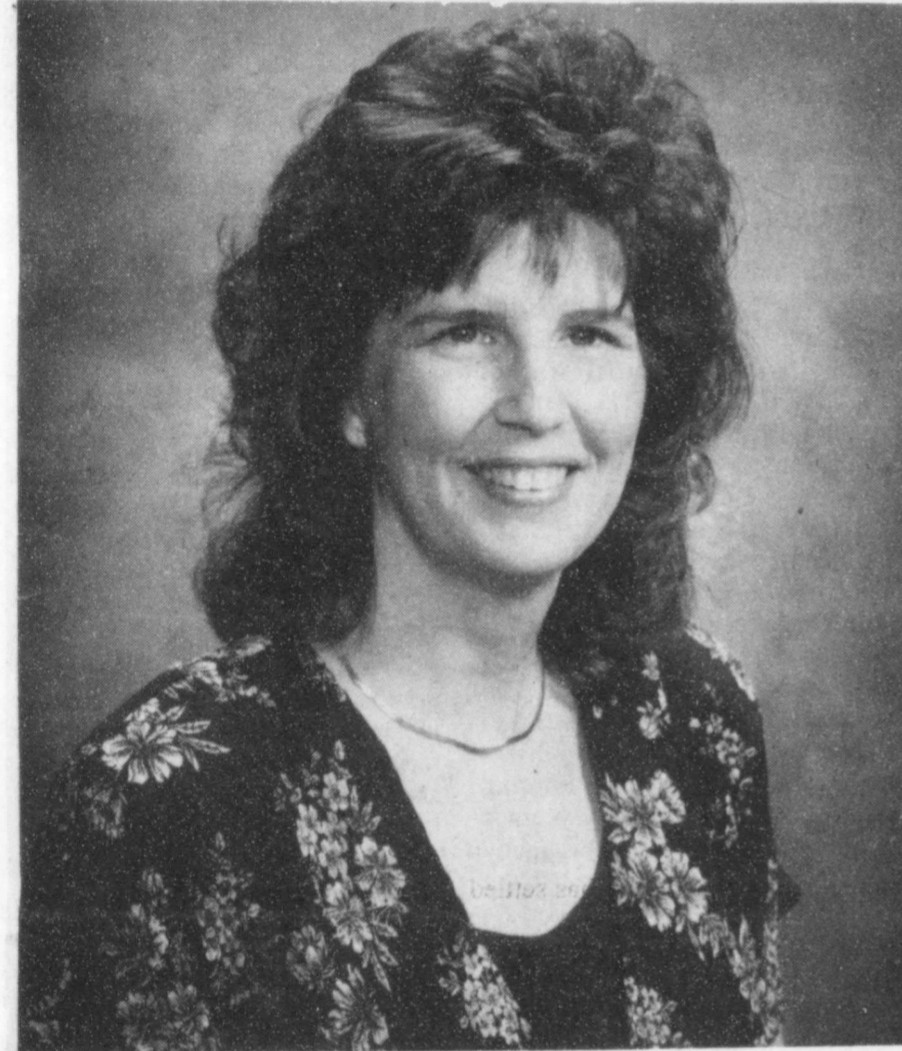
John was dedicated to the growth of Floydada and Floyd County. He helped his Chamber presidents put on a fantastic banquet every year...as many as 400 often attended.

John bowed out of this world at the weekly Rotary luncheon, where he died of a massive heart attack.

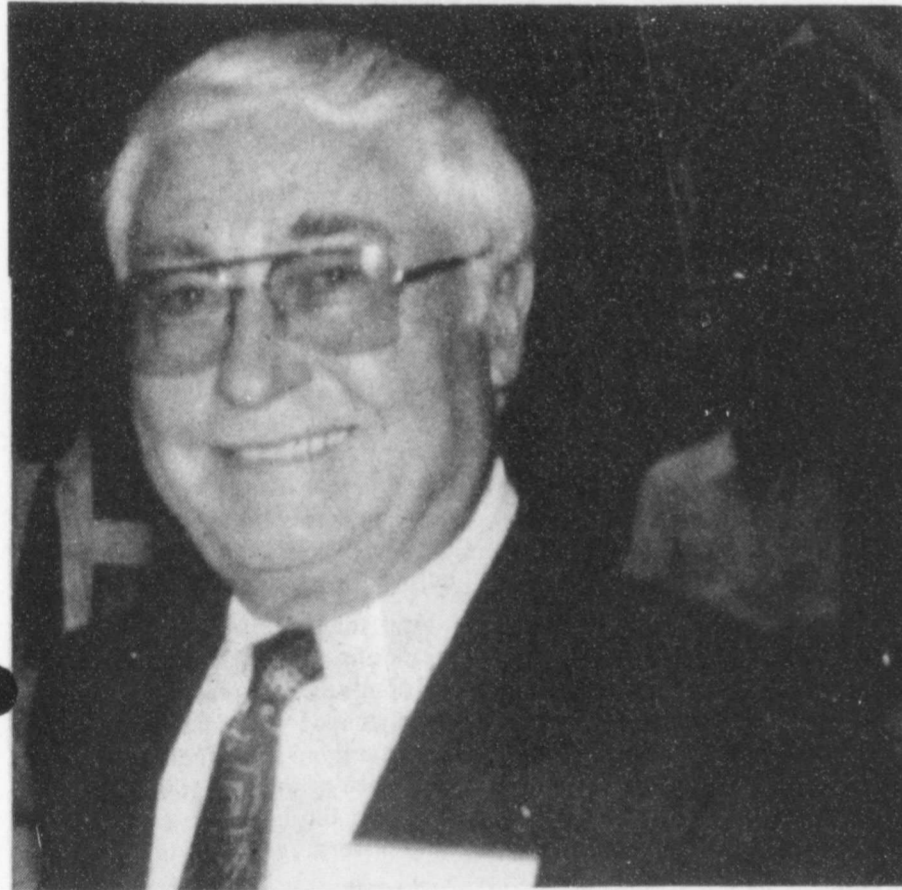
It was an awesome responsibility for Brother Floyd Bradley and me to go to junior high school and tell John's wife, Ella Babe.



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Owner 1962-1979

Bob Rafferty remembers Hesperian days

Editor of the Hesperian-Beacon:
In response to your notice of the Centennial Edition.

I worked for the Hesperian from 1940-43. I worked with Mr. Homer Steen, Publisher-Editor, Mr. McIntosh, Ken Rimmer, and also in my class of '43 Buster McIntosh and Wanda Switzer.

The big news at that time was Pearl Harbor and WW II.

I made a career of Printing, working in 105 different newspapers all over the country. I retired from the Houston Chronicle in 1987 as System Implementor, and now live in Lake Somerville with my wife, Leslie.

We fish and travel in our Pace Arrow Motor Home. All thanks to the Hesperian because I learned printing there.

Sincerely,
Bob (Jim Bob) Rafferty
Rt. 1, Box 608
Somerville, Texas 77879



CURRENT STAFF--The current staff of The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon and the ones who devoted hundreds of hours to this special edition are: (l-r) Cindy Perez, Alice Gilroy, Duffy Hinkle, Neta Marble, Juanita Stepp and Jolene Cummings.

Huggins remembers years at Hesperian

Dear Editor,
I worked at the Floyd County newspapers during the seventies, and I have (mostly) fond memories of that decade.

In January, 1970, Wendell Tooley hired me as a reporter and photographer for The Hesperian. I had no journalism education or newspaper experience except for a few months developing pictures for The Hesperian, but "The Boss Man" hired me anyway, saying I could "pick it up as I went"...so I did, I guess.

This was "way back when," before computer typesetting and composition. I typed my stories on a big old blue royal manual typewriter, and the newspaper type was set on the old strike on "Justowriter" machines--the kind where you punch a paper tape and feed the tape through another machine to justify the type. The photo outlines were set on a newfangled electric typewriter, but the typesetter had to figure out with a pencil and paper how to make the right-hand margins "come out even." Seems rather quaint now...

The Hesperian staff at that time also included Peggy Medley, Flois Reed, Carolyn Sellars Fuqua, Gwen Cogdell, and my sister Sharron. Lots of times on press days, we'd all gather around an old piano in the office and sing "I Believe in Miracles." Some-

times it took a miracle or two to get the paper out, as I recall.

Some of the other Floydada people and happenings that stick in my mind: County Livestock shows and banquets (the weather was always miserable); special editions for FFA Week every February; Martha Farris and the Floydada Girl Scouts;

Coach L.G. Wilson's "Cardiac Kids" -- the 1972 Whirlwinds who kept finding ways to win football games in the final seconds and went to the state quarterfinals after beating mighty Childress 13-10, scoring with 18 seconds left in the regional playoff; the building of the Massie Activity Center (major story).

In September of 1972, Tooley acquired the Lockney Beacon, and started publishing the combined papers twice a week, on Thursdays and Sundays. Even though the papers were combined, each retained its own identity with separate mastheads and different front pages. There were two different sports pages, because it made the fans extremely angry to read about "that other county team" in their paper. Of course, I knew about the rivalry between the towns, but I didn't realize the extent of the hard feelings some folks had about it. When I was going to school (Floydada High School, class of '61), we always wanted to beat the Longhorns (and

usually did, quite handily), but I didn't think it was such a big deal.

I found out when I moved to Lockney in 1974 to become editor of The Beacon, some of those Lockney folks took it seriously!

I felt that I had two strikes against me when I went to The Beacon -- I was from Floydada, and I had a hard act to follow because former Beacon editor Jim Reynolds was still strong in Lockneyites memories. It's a good thing Lockney folks decided to give me a chance, or I'd have been a "man without a city" later that year.

In the fall of '74, the Whirlwinds were ranked high in the state football polls and the Longhorns were big underdogs in what I believe was the first district game of the year, the "Floyd County Championship" in Lockney. Yep, Coach Jim Warren's 'Horns beat the Whirlwinds 13-7, knocking them out of the polls and out of the playoffs. After that, I learned that some Floydada folks took it seriously, too. The next year, the Whirlwinds beat the Longhorns 43-8 at Wester Field, and someone poured paint all over my nearly new beautiful red Ford Torino with the fake hood scoop and the racing stripe.

There were lots of folks without whom I'd never have made it at The Beacon. Some of the ones I remember are fellow employees Edith Coo-

per and Gayle Jackson; LHS Ag instructor, Elvin Lyon; Coaches Jim Warren and Marsha Sharp; band director Raymond Lusk; Mrs. Felicia Applewhite, who wrote many "old-timers" feature stories for The Beacon; Lockney merchants Claude Brown, Wilbur Mize, Thurman Davis and others; and my ping-pong playing buddies Gary Stennett and James Race. I'm sure I've forgotten someone really important, but these are some of the people who come to mind from those days at The Beacon.

Congratulations on 100 years of newspapering!

Sincerely,
Jim Huggins
(James in Floydada)

Hesperian to publish weekly

June 19, 1980

An announcement by Publisher Shelly Harris, states that beginning the first of July, both papers will be published weekly instead of twice weekly.

The first weekly edition would be July 3rd.

Can you go a week without making a mistake?

By Maria Brown

I was employed at the Hesperian, part time, for about three years. At the time I worked with Alice Gilroy, Juanita Stepp, Rosemary Gonzales, Neta Marble, Dee Leatherman and Jim Reynolds.

There were some crazy times, usually on Tuesdays. We had to have everything type set and proofread. Sometimes we had too much information and/or not enough. Then came Wednesday, we had to layout the copy to go to press, there was a deadline to meet.

Of course, there was usually new info coming in on Wednesday morning or a change of information. Therefore, we would hustle to get the job done. As strange as this may sound it was during this stressful time we would find silly things to laugh about. It was a way to "release" the tension, to keep from "losing it". On Fridays, if there was a mistake, the calls would come in. Alice the Peacemaker would take care of the complaints. I wanted to say to the caller, "Can you go a

week and not make a mistake?" Some of the callers were nice and then there were the other kind; mean, hateful and very rude.

During the Law Library Controversy we received "threatening" calls. At that time, I was doing bookkeeping, meaning I would have to set up front by the big glass window. Some days I wondered if I would be shot at or a brick would come through the window. Even through this time of threats we kept covering the story. I felt it was scary at the time but now we stand proud that the events were covered.

Now, I want to talk about the best part of the job. FOOD! There was always something good and fun to eat on all day. The last time I dropped by the Hesperian the first thing I noticed was the food. And there it was, something good and fattening.

I would like to take this time to "thank" all those that I worked with for the memories. May ya'll continue to do a good job!

Deadlines insure completion of assignments

By Alice Gilroy

I've spent so much time harassing everyone else to turn in their "remembrances" for this Centennial issue that I've waited until the last minute to put my own thoughts on paper.

I don't know why that would surprise me any. If it weren't for deadlines I wouldn't get anything done. Deadlines have become a very important part of my life.

I didn't train for this job in a "formal" journalism class, but in some ways I feel like I've been training for it all my life. In fact, I believe for as long as I stay in this business I will be receiving "on the job training" every day until I leave.

Each day is different. The only routine part of my job is making ad runs and checking with my "sources" at approximately the same time each week. That is where the routine stops. Very often the ad runs or the "sources" will supply me with a little information to send me off on another tangent that will end up to be anything other than "routine".

It is very much like police work—which is really what I "trained" for. I chose police work because I wanted to "help people". I wanted to keep the bullies from running over the little guy. I wanted the little guy to be able to fight back and win. Maybe that is the same reason I like newspaper work.

When I told my police chief I was leaving the department to go work at a newspaper, he said, "So you're laying down the sword and picking up the pen."

I moved here from Houston on January 1, 1985, and had no intention of staying. I was just going to learn "the ropes" and then move to Austin to be closer to my family.

I had already tried to change professions and gain employment at small papers in the Austin area. Believe it or not when they found out I was a policeman, and had no experience in the newspaper field, no one wanted to hire me.

Except for my dad (the famous *Lamplighter* and *Chow Dipper*, Ken Towery!). He owns this paper and he told me to come and learn the business (I love nepotism). Dad told me if I liked it I could venture out and try again at a different paper.

It didn't take long. I was hooked. I guess it was the newspaper ink in the family history. It was bred into me.

I didn't want the position as Editor when it was dropped into my lap. I did not feel qualified and I still don't. It is an awesome responsibility. I also had

some very big footsteps to follow in.

Besides wanting to live up to the smallest of my own father's expectations I also had to try and measure up to Homer Steen's fans.

I could not have survived the past 11 years without the guidance of my father, former Editor Jim Reynolds, and the overwhelming help of the staff I have worked with.

This is not just a job to the girls who spend their hours in this office. If it was just a job, they would have quit a long time ago—because the pay is terrible and the hours are way too long. The women who work here do it because they see the paper the same way I do—as a lifeblood to the community. They love the paper because they love the community.

They worry over the words like you worry over your family. We feel the pain of each heartbreaking story and rejoice over the baby announcements. Then we pass it on to you and let you do the same.

There are so many stories over the years that we have shared with you and you have shared with us. We would not have a paper without you—and not because of your subscriptions. It is your involvement that makes this a newspaper. (Of course, we love your subscriptions and ads. It does pay the bills.)

The stories I lost the most sleep over were probably the controversy over Dr. Swate and the group of naked Floydadans who crashed in Louisiana.

I used to think that those kind of stories would be easier if you worked at a big city newspaper because you don't know the people involved. To an extent, that may be true. On the other hand, I don't think you would be much of a newspaper man (or woman), if you could dismiss the consequences of what your words will be. If you are any type of newspaperman, or human being for that matter, there will be plenty of stories that will keep you up at night.

When I first interviewed Dr. Swate he told me of his past abortion work. He told me he wanted to start over again and put all that behind him and start fresh. He told me that the medical lawsuits over some abortions were the only skeletons in his past.

I worried a great deal the night before publication over whether to print the abortion problems in the story. I knew it could very possibly ruin his chances at ever starting over—at least in Floydada. I prayed a long time.

I chose to leave the abortion angle out. I wrote a nice story about a new

doctor.

I'm not sure, but I believe either on the same day as the paper was printed, or the very next day, I received a packet in the mail full of newspaper clippings. The clippings detailed a history of Swate that was completely different than the one I had been told.

I have no idea where the package came from, but I'm sure the Plainview Daily Herald was also the recipient of one too. Before the week was out The Herald had an in-depth story on Swate, which included his abortionist history, his numerous mal-practice lawsuits and problems with his past methadone clinics being closed by the DEA.

I was crushed and very angry. I was angry because I had been conned and crushed because I felt like I had let the community down.

I tried to fix it by doing our own story the next week. I took no pleasure in exposing him—or at least in helping with the exposure. However there was one thing I did take pleasure in—letting Swate know in great big headlines that he wouldn't get away with misleading me again.

The naked Floydadans was an easy story for people in San Antonio, New York and even Germany, to write about. It was not easy here.

News media converged on Floydada. Since the pastor of a local church was involved in the incident the rest of the church members became suspect. The pastor had been convinced that "God" had told him Floydada was going to be destroyed and he must leave immediately. He took 25 others with him (most of them family members), and fled to Florida. On the way "God" told the group to shed their clothes and throw away all of their belongings. They got rid of their cars and crammed into one car. After a police pursuit in Louisiana, they crashed into a tree. No one was hurt.

When the bizarre news hit the AP wire, cameras were set up in front of the church and at member's homes. The members were devastated about the "falling away" of their pastor and embarrassed over the scrutiny on their church.

The jokes wouldn't quit. Even Jay Leno had a few nights of jokes about the naked Floydadans. Leno brought out small naked dolls and tried to cram them in a car. It got a lot of laughs in the studio audience. It brought tears to many residents in Floydada.

To me it brought more sleepless nights and more prayers.

Of course I wrote about it, but not just about the incident in Louisiana. I wrote about the effect it was having on the families left behind. I was complimented by family members on the way this newspaper covered the story. It helped make up for those sleepless nights.

I have loved being part of these communities and doing my bit to promote Floyd County. At times it has felt like an uphill battle with both towns jealous of the coverage received by the other. Those feelings have mellowed over the years.

I'm very proud now of the people from all over the county who make up the Floyd County Friends. Not only should they be commended in the work they have undertaken to bring a multi-purpose arena to the county, but they should be thanked even more for what they have done to unite the two towns. I'm thankful the newspaper has been able to help in some of those areas.

I have a column written by Joe Murray taped on my wall. Murray writes for the Cox Newspapers. In

this column he was writing about the end of the Houston Post. He made some comments about small newspapers which I clipped to save.

"In a small town," said Murray, "a newspaper is a part of the town as much as its landmarks, in that it can exist nowhere else..."

"The town's newspaper is inseparable from the town. *The Lufkin Daily News*, where I live, can only be in Lufkin..."

"The business of the town's newspaper is the town, reporting on its births, its deaths and its marriages, its tragedies and its achievements."

"It points with pride and views with alarm; it leads in new directions, it follows the well-established paths; it pushes good people to the fore and exposes the bad for what they are; it celebrates and it mourns, day in and day out."

"It is simply the who, what, where, when, why and how of daily life, written down to be remembered..."

I want to thank everyone for letting me be a part of your daily life, and for allowing this newspaper the same courtesy for the past 100 years.



JIM REYNOLDS
Former Editor

Newspapering: More than a profession

By Jim Reynolds

Modern farming methods and equipment bear little resemblance to the horse-drawn plow.

That analogy is akin to comparing the old, hand-set type method and hand-fed printing presses with computerized typesetting and the offset printing technique.

Having spent virtually my entire life in the newspapering industry, I have experienced this transition in our grand industry known as "country newspapering." But the actual composition and printing of our product has changed no more than lifestyles in general, small towns in particular and newspapers' means of generating revenue.

One factor which has remained constant, in this man's opinion, is a theory presented some years ago by a friend: any town with a strong newspaper and a strong bank is a good community. Another constant is that operating a newspaper is a lifestyle rather than a profession because an editor and/or publisher must be totally integrated into the activities and betterment of his/her community. This includes covering all but one varsity football game in 39 years for newspapers which I owned or by which I was employed.

But, hey, this is beginning to sound pretty preachy so let's put away the soapbox and look at the transitions which have occurred since I began as a young "printer's devil" more than a few years ago. Back in those days, larger type (for headlines and advertisements) was hand-set and the body type was composed on Linotypes or intertypes. The metal fonts and slugs were grouped inside two- or four-page chases, which went into the printing press. The actual printing was done by hand inserting single sheets of newsprint into the press. A maximum of four pages could be printed at one time, compared with the 16 page capability of the speedy Blanco Offset press, which prints *The Hesperian-Beacon*.

State of the art computers are currently utilized to compose type, which is "built" into pages for printing. In those earlier days of hand-

setting type, who would have dared imagine the capabilities of these computerized systems?

NEWSPAPER FAMILY

Growing up in a newspapering family—my Dad, Willis Reynolds of Lockney, is a former partial owner of *The Tulia Herald* and *The Lockney Beacon*—I was exposed early-on to publications in Tulia and Lockney. Operating a Linotype (or was it an Intertype?) at night for Homer Steen was my first association with *The Hesperian*.

With the advent of the offset printing method, our's was among the first newspapers to make the conversion. We drove to Friona each week to print until seven individuals from this area founded Blanco Offset Printing in Floydada. In those early years, I saw the sun come up in the east many mornings while working through the night to get all those newspapers printed.

Offset printing obviously produced different printing and composition methods. With it came a "strike-on" method of typesetting. By far the most popular was the Justowriter, which gave way to the photo process. I felt that I had reached the mountain top when we purchased our first CompuGraphic equipment.

As great as that was, it failed to match computers.

Offset printing also opened the door for greater use of photography. This, from my standpoint, allowed newspapers to become even more personal by generously sprinkling their products with people's faces as well as their names.

PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT

In a nutshell, newspaper is somewhat of a family affair. Via newspapers in Tulia, Lockney, Floydada, Crosbyton, back to Lockney and Floydada and then back to Tulia, I was allowed to laugh with residents of the communities I was privileged to serve during good times and cry with citizens during tragic periods. My family said I became too personally involved—particularly when young or older people were involved.

I doubt it is possible to become too involved in communities we love!

What fond memories these years produced: trotting through rain and snow on the football sideline, stepping over - and occasionally in—animal manure at livestock shows, being at the bottom of stages when beauty queens were crowned, congratulating outstanding citizens being feted by their towns, seeing jobs being created, intently watching hail-bearing clouds which would destroy crops and decimate that year's economic conditions.

What a pleasure observing proud grandparents and parents, their eyes gleaming, bringing in those pictures for Valentine hearts. And occasionally, becoming a bit far out and writing an off-the-wall April Fool story.

How rewarding to observe youngsters making accomplishments in 4-H, Girl and Boy Scouts, and Little League. Then, in fewer years than one can imagine, seeing their offspring taking identical steps.

This is what rural communities are about. This is also what country newspapering is about...people, mostly friends and a few enemies sprinkled in.

After being inducted last year into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame and after having been honored with over 200 national, state and regional press awards, I'm still somewhat like a kid in a candy store entering the working areas of *The Hesperian-Beacon*. No doubt this is why I have thoroughly enjoyed having been allowed to play a small role in digging through files to comprise the 100-year history of this newspaper. I sincerely hope you enjoy reading the issue a fraction as much as I enjoyed working on it!

And, thanks, Floyd County, for the memories through the years. Given the opportunity, I would make a few changes but I wouldn't dare pass the opportunity to serve many, many terrific folks as their newspaper editor/publisher through the years. What a truly rewarding way of life!

Duffy Hinkle learns to make it fit while pasting up

By Duffy Hinkle

I came to work for *The Hesperian* on April 19, 1995, to work part-time, three days a week. I come in and type-set on Mondays and Tuesdays, and on Wednesdays, I help with paste up and getting the newspaper back to the printer. The section I am most responsible for is the Lifestyle/Society pages.

It's really funny how things work out sometimes. My sister, Dee Leatherman and I were working at her house, putting together a scrapbook for my daughter's graduation gift Dee was giving her. Dee Dee used to work for *The Hesperian* when she was in high school and also for a while after she married. She was cutting and pasting Pepper's scrapbook, and talked about how working at *The Hesperian* was beneficial in helping her in designing the book and putting it together. I commented to her, that I would someday love a chance to work there, that it seemed like a very interesting place. (Boy, was that an understatement!)

The next afternoon, Dee and I were back at her house working on the scrapbook, when the phone rang. It was Alice Gilroy. She was asking Dee if she would be interested in coming back to work at *The Hesperian*, since Rosemary Gonzales was leaving to go work for the Plainview Herald. Dee told them she was happy with what she was already doing, (the Floydada Livestock Barn), but that she had a sister, who had made the comment earlier that she would love to work at the newspaper office. Alice told her to send me in to talk to her about the job.

The next afternoon, I went in, and Alice hired me. I learned that day, to be careful of what you wish for! It may come true! It did come true for me, and I have enjoyed working at the paper immensely.

The first day was really eventful! If you remember, April 19, 1995 was the day of the Oklahoma City bombing at the Murrah Federal Building. Rosemary was training me on the computer, when Lennie Gilroy (Alice's husband) came in and asked if we had heard about the bombing.

We immediately turned on the television to CNN and listened and watched in a state of shock. I didn't learn much that day, we were so upset by the bombing, that we couldn't really concentrate on anything.

The next day went a little better, until around 3 o'clock that afternoon, when a horrible thunderstorm rolled in. The streets were flooded, and the wind was blowing fiercely. It hailed so much, that it looked like a snowstorm. I knew Chad had been caught out in it, during athletics, so I called home to make sure he was alright. Pepper was home, but he wasn't. Alice could tell I was worried, so she told me to go on home and make sure everyone was alright. By the time I checked on everyone and came back, it was really hard to concentrate...again. I was beginning to learn there would not be a normal day while I was working at the paper.

The next few days, things calmed down some, and Rosemary really worked hard at trying to prepare me for the day when she would leave for good. I came in every day, so that I could learn as much as possible before she would leave. I found I was really getting dependent on her and I was really nervous about being turned loose and having to be on my own. I was worrying for nothing, because when she left, everyone else came to my rescue. Alice, Juanita, Neta, and Cindy were very patient with me and tried to pick up where Rosemary left off, and teach me more about the newspaper business.

I'll never forget one Wednesday, when we were pasting up. I asked why they did something a certain way. They all laughed and said, "BECAUSE IT FITS!" I told them I needed something more solid to go on than that, that I needed to have a REASON for everything, or I would never fully understand it. They just laughed.

Well, I've been here over a year now, and I still don't have a REASON, for why we do certain things around here the way we do, but I just tell myself "BECAUSE IT FITS... THAT'S WHY!"

Marble details annual routine at paper

By Neta Marble

Working at the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon has been a pleasure. I started to work here in 1984 and the people I have worked with have been very special. I could not ask for any better employers than Ken and Louise Towery and their daughter Alice Gilroy.

It was reported to me that my husband Keith, told Alice that he thought I would come to work even if she didn't pay me. I'm not sure about that, the money makes up for the late hours and unusual schedules we keep.

I first came to work only on Tuesdays to compose ads for that weeks paper. At the time we typed on the old Compu-Graphic machines. You could not see what you typed and probably more than half of the time I had to go back and type it over because the size was not right and it did not fit. It was the same thing for headlines.

We were all excited when Mr. T called and told us that it was time to change over to computers. Then I had to worry that I might not learn how to use them. They have been great and we get so much more done in a shorter amount of time.

I feel that I am more informed on what goes on in our county because of the meetings I attend and the in-

formation I gather than I would be otherwise. Being out and about has also brought me in contact with many individuals that I would not have known other than by name. We have the nicest people here in Floyd County.

I guess the worst thing that stands out in my memory was the day I took pictures at the stock show in Lockney only to find, when we developed the film, that I did not have any pictures - try to explain that to the exhibitors mothers!

I have gradually moved from working one day a week to four. Mondays and Thursdays I am in Lockney and Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Floydada.

I primarily make up the ads for each weeks edition and put together the farm page. But we all do a little of everything - taking pictures, writing stories, answering the phone and the front, putting it all together on Wednesday's, and sometimes helping with mailout

The majority of my memories are good ones. It makes you feel good when you are at the grocery store and a small child tells his mother "there is the lady who took my picture at school today. She said it would be in

paper." For me that is one of the best parts - putting the kids pictures and stories in the paper.

I remember when a college student told me that his roommate from Dallas teased him about his small town newspaper. The student told him that his picture had been in the paper on many occasions throughout the years and then asked the roommate how many times he had his picture in the Dallas paper. He was told not at all and he didn't get teased about his local paper anymore.

It is a treat to go through the old papers and read about the things that have happened in Floyd County, the births and deaths, the events both large and small. We have found that the happenings of one year are similar to those of the next.

The first editions of the paper in January are usually small as it takes a while to gather up steam again. From then on we go from one special event to another.

Our year begins with the first baby of the year, then comes the stock shows - all those pictures and results of all the kids and their animals. The next biggy is the Valentine edition with all the cute grandkids (personally, this is my favorite).

March brings elections and chamber banquets. Sometimes we get a bit of a breather before we get to the end of school and all the activities which includes the senior page edition. Next comes Old Settlers in Floydada.

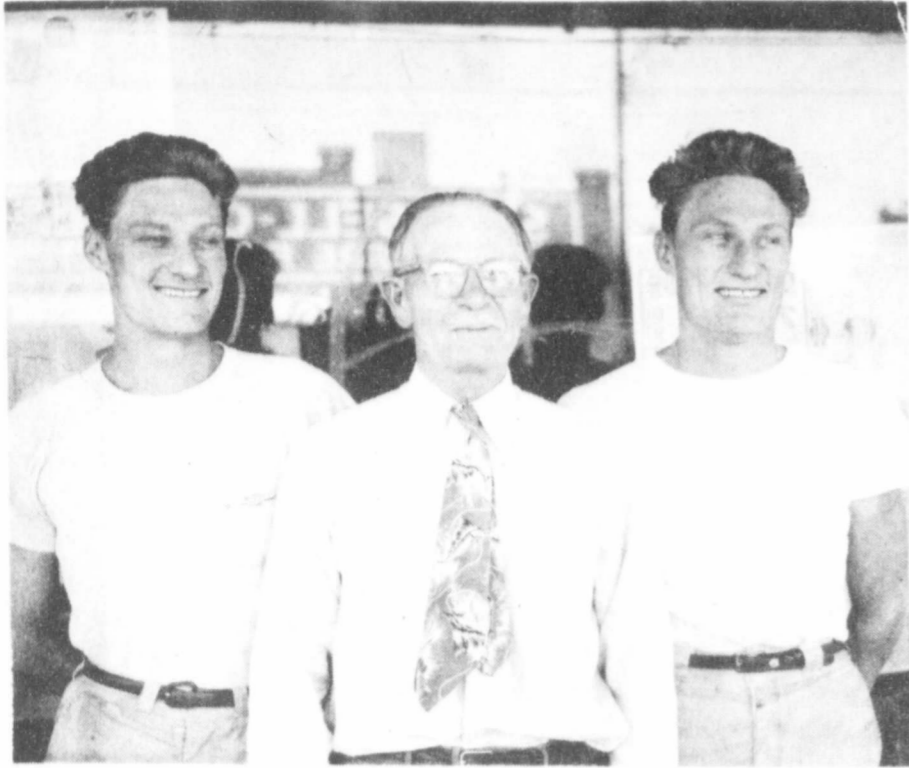
I was told that the summers were slow but I haven't found that to be so, there is always something going on. The end of summer brings Old Fashioned Saturday in Lockney and the Floyd County Fair. School starts and we go back to covering school news, and, every four years, Homecoming.

In October we have Punkin Days in Floydada and the Halloween Carnival. At the beginning of December we are looking at our huge Christmas edition with all the letters to Santa and stories as well as the business ads wishing customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.

In the last edition we do our year end update covering the major events of the year. January of the next year comes and we start all over again.

Many things have happened to our county and its people in the eight years I have worked here. I am glad that we have a newspaper that has put our history down in black and white for the last one hundred years and that I have been a small part of it.

Journalism from a younger point of view



STEEN AND SONS--Homer Steen (center) stands with twin sons, Phil and Maurice Steen.

Newspaper work is an exceptional experience

By Juanita Stepp

The last twelve years have been a real experience. The memories I carry with me are for the most part good ones. Since my first day, July 31, 1984, the people I have been associated with have been truly exceptional.

Co-workers through the years have been a dedicated and caring group of people. We have shared good and bad, being fortunate there was a lot more good than bad both in our personal lives and at work.

I credit my first editor, Carolyn Redding, for her willingness to take a chance and hire someone inexperienced in the newspaper field. I took my first stumbling steps as a journalist under her direction, learning to write stories, do interviews, and work in the darkroom.

Rosemary Gonzales tried to guide me through learning the ropes here. She taught me about circulation and paste-up and tried to set a good example for dealing with the public. Dee Williams taught me the basics of handling classifieds.

Neta Marble has been my friend and sounding board as we both learned our jobs. We have shared duties and space with several others, including Pam Armstrong, Kathy Mulder, Maria Brown, Virginia Stringer, Athena Towery, Sabrina Stepp, Tami Nielson, Bill Gray, Duffy Hinkle, and Jolene Cummings.

A continued show of faith came from Ken and Louise Towery, owners of the Hesperian at the time I was hired. They allowed me to stay. They have given me the chance to expand my knowledge, experience and work skills throughout my tenure here.

It seems in many ways that we are a family. Working as closely together and sharing as much time as we do, most of us spend more time with each other than we do at home. We have accompanied each other through births, deaths, and rearing children.

Some of us are now into grandchildren. Mr. T's office sometimes becomes the child care room when one of us comes to work accompanied by a child.

Special recognition and thanks has to go to our husbands. Each has been patient and forbearing beyond expectations. They have endured many nights of preparing their own meals and spending evenings alone. They often find themselves recruited to assist in some endeavor related to the newspaper. Thanks, Joe, and I love you.

The newspaper staff has been a part of Alice's life since 1985, before Gilroy replaced Towery as her last name. We have shared -taken over her life as she and Lennie married and began their life together. We were there when Brandon was born and are there now as they renovate their new (old) house.

Each of us were the beneficiaries of an extended period during which Jim Reynolds tried to stuff our brains with his expertise in the journalistic arts. We learned a lot, but no where near all he knows. With his assistance, we are observing our 100th year as a publication.

Students who have graced our establishment include Cindy Perez, Dee Williams, and Rebecca Redding. Cindy is with us still. Despite having us as an example, she is pursuing a degree in journalism.

Sometimes feel that the ladies here have another chance at mothering by having Cindy around. I do sympathize with her, though. Imagine having not just one mother (her own), but three or four additional nosy moms. I think her prospective boyfriends are more nervous about passing muster with "The Newspaper Mommies" than with her family!

A great portion of my work, covering public meetings, has brought me into contact with many fine people who work daily to promote this county and the communities in it. I have the utmost respect for what they do as individuals, business people, and board members.

Recently, a gentleman I was interviewing said he thought I knew more about what was going on than some board members because I have covered the meetings longer than most board members have served. (Talk about making someone feel old. I've outlasted entire boards!)

I responded, "I do know one thing, I would not want to be a board member." Reporting meetings and the decisions made by board members is one thing. Being responsible for making those decisions is quite another. I have developed a great respect for those willing to serve in that capacity.

Hesperian owner Ken Towery has defended my integrity as a reporter on more than one occasion. He has also given me the freedom to write what I observe without censoring my perception of the events or trying to slant my views to match his own.

By Cindy Perez

I began working for The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon the summer before my junior year of high school in 1992. I had taken journalism the semester before, but in high school, journalism consisted of putting the school yearbook together.

I had never even been to the newspaper office before I started working there. I had no idea who worked there or even where the newspaper office was located. The only person I recognized was Neta Marble because she was the "paper lady" who took my picture at school every time it came out in the newspaper.

I thought that if I got a job I could help my parents pay for my cheerleader bill at school, and have a little spending money for myself.

That summer, however, I would fall in love with "newspapering" and everything about it.

My first week was strange. I waited outside the newspaper office in Lockney until about 8:45 when "Mrs. Marble" drove up. (I thought this office was like any normal office and opened at 8 a.m. and closed up at exactly 5 p.m. I was WRONG!)

I got a quick tour around The Beacon office. The one room office that we had at that time which was located behind Main Street Pizza in Lockney.

Anyway, she put me to typesetting, which is what I was hired to do. I typed all morning until noon. Then I asked what they did for lunch. Mrs. Marble said, "We eat for an hour so go home and enjoy it...and please call me NETA!"

Within the next couple of days I met some more of the staff. Juanita Stepp, who was always so busy typing on one sort of story or publication that she had gone to, Tami Nielson was either on the phone taking a classified ad or gone for lunch helping her husband Jon during the lunch rush at Nielson's. I had already met Alice and I never really quite understood what it was that she did. And Neta who sat behind her computer all day long on Tuesday making display ads.

During that week I went to the courthouse, the police department, and the regular weekly ad runs. I learned the ropes and saw what each one of these ladies does to put the newspaper together every week. I had no idea how much work they do to get this paper out each week.

For the next couple of weeks I followed Rosemary Gonzales around. She was the one who had

been there the longest and the one who taught me a lot of what I know now. She was the one who sacrificed what she was typing to give me something to do.

That summer came to an end and I had to admit that I had a lot of fun learning everything about the paper. Throughout the next year, I became very involved in the yearbook staff at LHS, and I began thinking how much I did enjoy working at the paper. So I called Alice back and she was so excited to have me come back for another summer of work.

The next summer I learned some more. And after bothering everyone all the time, I found more things to do. Juanita taught me about the billing and how to do classifieds and I had to do the inevitable "MAILOUT." I worked the front counter a lot more. I was often seen doing Alice's ad-runs and took an occasional picture or two.

I bothered the heck out of all the ladies at the paper for another three months, only this time I didn't leave. I continued to work at the paper throughout my senior year, and not only did I keep a part-time job during my senior year, but I adopted five mothers who care about me like my own mother does.

During the closing months of my senior year I accidentally let it leak that I was interested in studying journalism in college. That was my mis-

take. It was all over from then on. My five adopted mommies were going to do everything they could to get me to college and keep me there!

May 27, 1994 came and so did the time for me to graduate, which I did with honors.

I went off to college at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Throughout my first year, I had all the trials and the tribulations that any freshman has to go through their first year at college.

I finished my first year at school and returned to the paper for the summer of 1995. Rosemary had already left to work at The Plainview Daily Herald and I learned a lot more about how the paper works. I became a sort of teacher for Duffy Hinkle and Jolene Cummings who were just starting out. I could sympathize with them. I knew how they felt.

Juanita became my best friend at work. She taught me more that summer than I learned the whole two years before. She set me loose and let me make my own mistakes and was there to help me correct them. All the while giving me wonderful advice on shortcuts and "paper skills" and general life advice that I still remember and use today.

They don't know it but all the ladies at the paper could be teachers. They have taught me everything I know. I have a special bond between

myself and my mommies at the paper. In a way, they have all taught me more than any of my professors at college have. With them I've learned to handle the "real-life" situations instead of the scenario. With them I've learned about consequences and open meeting laws. I will never again be taught all those basic things and will never again have the first experiences with "newspapering" I have had here in Floyd County and at the Hesperian.

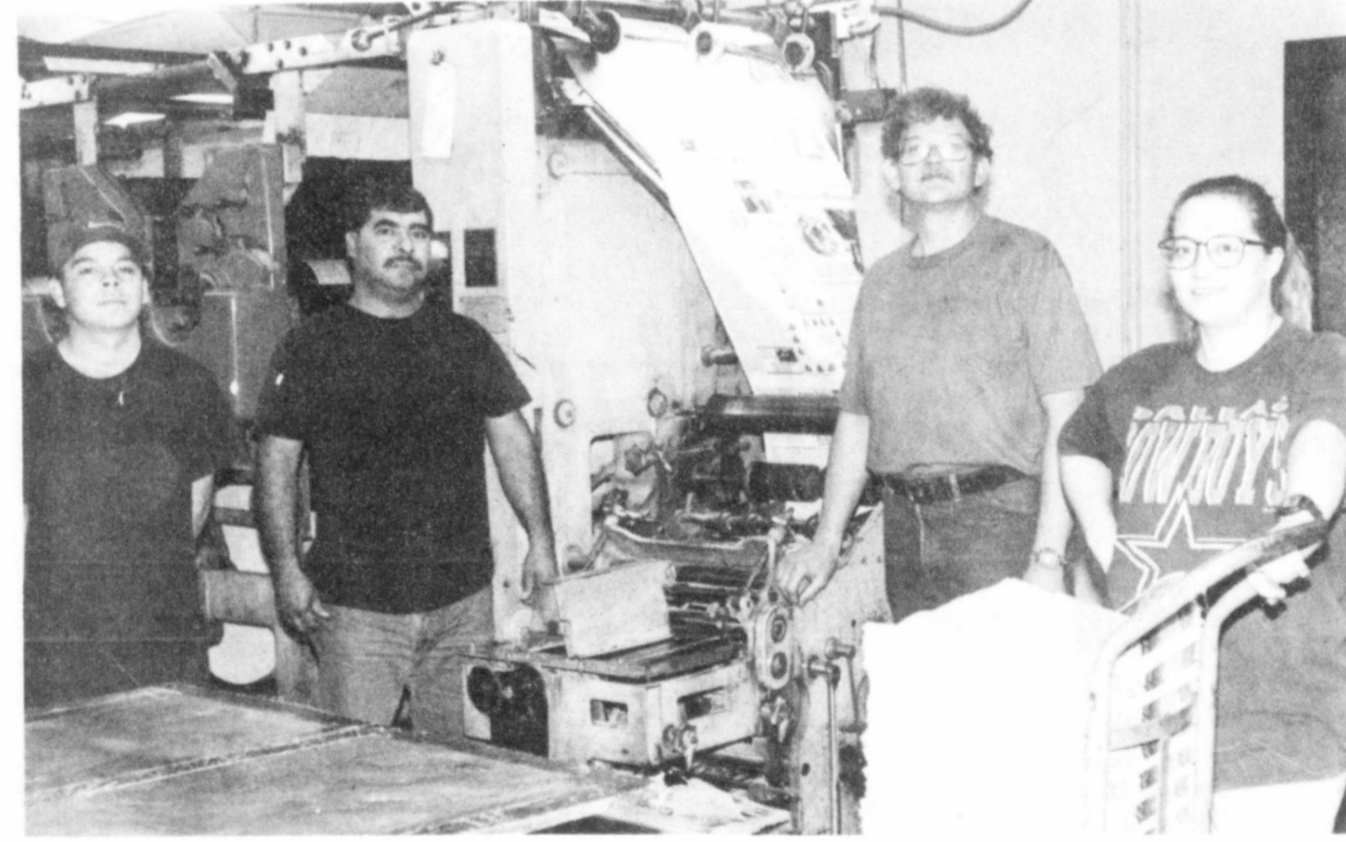
It is more evident when I am at school. I often find myself calling the newspaper to talk about personal matters or matters of school and then ask all my mommies to help. Each one has given me wonderful advice and such support that I don't think that I would be where I am right now if it weren't for them.

They have each taught me something very special. I know that when I get down or need a kind word I can turn to them and they will be there. (Except on Tuesday or Wednesday!) I have learned to reach for every goal that I have and I know with their love and support I can achieve all my dreams and make them come true.

I still keep in very close touch with my "mommies" and every break I come home to work. Whether it be the summer or Easter break, each day I can I go home and work for the Hesperian, I do. I wouldn't have it any other way.



CINDY PEREZ sits at the Macintosh Quadra 610 computer composing copy for this issue. The office also uses Macintosh Quadra 605 and SE's. All copy and ad layout is now done on computers.



CURRENT BLANCO CREW--(L-R) George Stepp. Blanco now prints 12 area newspapers. Garcia, Juan Martinez, James Huggins and Sabrina

Shirey recalls her mother's paper experience here

Dear Editor,
My mother, Artie Newell worked for The Hesperian for many years.

I remember her laughing at herself for making a mistake in a news story. She said a man came into *The Hesperian* and told her about some out of town visitor. She couldn't think of his name. She said she remembered his wife and children but still couldn't remember his name.

She said she thought she would use a concept she had used before. So she asked him how to spell his last name. He told her it was Smith.

I don't know if Mr. Smith still lives in Floydada, but he will remember it if he does.

Yours truly,
Betty Shirey



CURRENT BUILDING HOUSING THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN-BEACON AT 111 E. MISSOURI.



BLANCO CREW IN THE 80'S--(L-R) James Huggins, Juan Martinez and Terry Reeves keep the presses rolling for 15 area newspapers in the 80's. In year's past Blanco has printed approximately 20 area papers. Reeves began work at Blanco in 1972 and was pressman and manager from 1980-1987. Huggins started at Blanco in 1980 and was promoted to manager in 1987. Martinez began in 1980 and is still the press man with Blanco.

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A Journey Through The Decades

And how we've reported it

Arthur B. Duncan one of first Floyd County men to make the news

By Jim Reynolds

"Judge Arthur B. Duncan, whose death in 1931 wrote finish to a half-century of service to Floyd County, was not only the first citizen of the county during his many years here, but was also its first settler," stated an article in the May 28, 1940, issue of The Floyd County Hesperian. "He and his family built the first home in the county, and were pioneer settlers for two years before any others came upon the scene."

From the beginning, Arthur B. Duncan "had a prominent part in all affairs of the county."

After this county was attached to Crosby County for land and judicial purposes, Duncan was appointed as justice of the peace for Floyd County. He filled his position until his election as county judge when Floyd County was founded in 1890.

"Because of numerous legal disputes that came up with reference to land matters, he provided himself with the Revised Statutes of Texas and a copy of the Acts of the Texas Legislature. His own experience as a land litigant, coupled with his duties as justice of the peace, entailed upon him the duty of consulting the Statutory Laws of Texas and in this way he soon formed a fondness for the study of law, which knowledge served him well in the different offices which he later filled," according to the 1940 article.

"On account of these land litiga-

tions which arose between the settlers and the large ranch interests, all the early settlers, except Mr. Duncan, wearied of the strife and compromised by relinquishing their claims for a small consideration."

First White Child

The year 1886, which marked the exodus of these same settlers from the canyon settlement, also was marked by an influx of newcomers.

That year Maud Eudora, first daughter of Judge and Mrs. Duncan, was born. She was proclaimed to be the first white girl born in this county.

The winter of 1887-88 was "extremely cold and thousands of cattle and a few antelope froze to death. Mustang horses were troublesome and would often get with the gentle horses and lure them away. But perhaps the greatest menace of the early settlers was the fear of prairie fires."

Those first years in Blanco Canyon were the hardest for the newcomers, "but as each problem of life was solved, the settlers learned better to adapt themselves and their experiences lessened the labor and suffering for latter home seekers who could now profit by the experience of those preceding them."

When this county was organized, Duncan was honored with election as county judge, a position he held for nine successive terms. After retiring for a number of years, he was again elected in 1912. His salary was \$28 the first month, was raised to \$35 the

ensuing month and was finally elevated to \$40 per month.

After being elected judge, he and his family began preparation to move to the new settlement of Floydada, quite a change from their Blanco Canyon dwelling.

"Only a very few people made up the new settlement," according to The Hesperian article. "These were obliged at first to carry water from the public well. Accommodations were few and living was high, as all supplies must be shipped from Amarillo or Childress and it took six or seven days to make a trip to either place, even when the weather was favorable. Western wind storms were a sore trial to many newcomers and in 1892 came an awful visitation of grasshoppers. These afflictions, together with repeated dry years, caused many settlers to move elsewhere."

Floyd County's first effort to build a courthouse resulted in two commissioners voting for and two against the proposition. The county judge cast the deciding vote. It was a wooden structure costing \$10,000. Later a small jail was added.

"By 1987," this newspaper recounted, "practically all the school lands in Floyd County had been filed on by settlers and a new epoch in the history of this county was begun. The construction of the Fort Worth and Denver Railway to Amarillo swelled the tide of immigration, new improvements were brought in and living became more pleasant."

Give Old Buck Credit

As Judge Duncan was honored with repeated re-election, "it was conceded by some that 'Old Buck' was responsible for his good luck. Old Buck was the family's gray horse and a very familiar figure in the early politics of Floyd County. To assist early Floyd Settlers, Judge Duncan experimented with the growing of fruits, grains and vegetables, thoughtfully searching for the products most suitable to the soil and climatic conditions of the locality. Every one who lived here at that early day can remember the judge's office with its display of fine farm products."

In addition to his duties as judge, Duncan served as superintendent of the public schools, presiding at institutes held over the county, visiting rural schools and supplying the early needs for education in this county.

He also served as a "marrying parson," and it was nothing unusual for him to drive or ride many miles through the snow to administer the rites of matrimony.

For many years, he was engaged in the real estate and abstract business, having compiled what is considered to be one of the most complete sets of abstract records in the Panhandle. He also served in the capacity of attorney in examining and perfecting titles and was at one time vice president of First National Bank of Floydada.

Duncan was president of the Floydada school board from 1906 to 1912. He resigned that position when elected to another term as judge.

"The progressive spirit of this dauntless pioneer is indicated by the



MAUD and ARTHUR B. DUNCAN

fact that he was the first man to purchase a typewriter and bring it to Floyd County, and he was the first to buy and bring into the county registered Jersey cattle. He also bought and had shipped from Missouri the first registered Poland China hogs for foundation stock," according to the newspaper article. "He also brought the first fine chickens from New York state and the first thoroughbred turkeys from the state of Pennsylvania."

"He is credited with having set out the first fruit trees in the county and the first to put out trees on the middle square in Floydada. With his untiring efforts to render aid to every enterprise which meant greater wealth and comfort to the county, it is an evident fact

that Judge Duncan was a real benefactor to Floyd County.

"From those early days of the dug-out and covered wagon, he was able to watch the steady growth of the country and from the bareness of the Plains he has seen towns rise up with fine homes, schools and churches, and their accompanying advantages. At the time of his death in 1931 he owned extensive farm lands and city property in Floyd County. At all times he kept in close touch with state and local affairs and to the end he never lost that quality that keeps men eternally young -- an eager curiosity to learn and an earnest desire to improve himself and his opportunities for serving those about him."

McLain remembers first county school

By Jim Reynolds

Miss Emma Lewis, a 22-year-old Quaker woman from Estacado in Crosby County was hired as the first teacher of a Floyd County school. The county had 15 young people of school age, and the initial educational facility was founded at Della Plains.

The teacher was paid \$30 per month and taught three months. With only \$60 in state assistance available, parents "had to make up one month's pay."

This information came from an article by J.S. McLain, the last surviving student to attend Floyd County's first school. He was asked by The Floyd County Hesperian for his remembrances of the first school. His memories appeared in the April 6, 1934, issue.

It was in the fall of 1888 that the school at Della Plains was founded. Three trustees were selected: A.V. (Aim) McCracken, T.J. (Tom) Braidfoot and J.B. (Jim) McLain. The building was prepared by J.R. McLain, one of the Della Plains promoters.

J.S. McLain said Miss Lewis moved with her parents from 30 miles west of Des Moines, Iowa, to Crosby County in 1882. "My memories of her as a teacher and Christian young lady are excellent." She moved from this area in 1890, married and became the mother of nine offspring, who were reared on a farm near Star, Idaho.

McLain said students of the first school were: Luke Wilson, the only child in his family; Sadie and Johnnie Vanwindle and their brother, Cuffin, a part time student; Bryant Turner, whose home at that time was in Motley County; Lillie and Annie White, whose father was Della Plains' first

blacksmith; Sidney McCracken, a nephew of trustee A.V. McCracken; Lonnie McCracken, son of the trustee; Harry and Fred Braidfoot, sons of the Braidfoot mentioned above, along with their sisters, Gaudie and Gertrude; and Della and J.S. McLain.

Mr. McLain was a longtime resident of the Sand Hill Community.

W.M. Massie of Floydada taught the second school in this county in 1939. It also was located at Della Plains.

"We had 20 scholastics that year and many more pupils than that but I can now think of but two living in Floyd County," McLain recalled. He also attended the first school at Sand Hill in 1892.

In the beginning...

An Arkansas native, McLain said he was five years old when his parents loaded their possessions and two children (at that time) into a wagon hitched to two white mules and started for Texas. After stops in Johnson and Baylor counties, they reached Floyd County on Nov. 1, 1887.

"At this time near the center of the county was a town named Della Plains, named for my oldest sister, Della. This town existed mainly in the minds of a few people," he recalled in the 1934 article.

"Although there actually was a well windmill and part of a shell of a store building, yet no human inhabitant. In this course we camped until my father got us a dugout ready to move into."

"This was somewhat a frontier country at that time. Few trails or roads traveled by man. Only one fence near, that the west line of the Matador Ranch which then ran just east of us. My father located on a section some

six miles north of where Floydada was located some 2 1/2 years later. Part of our early stay here our nearest neighbor was 12 to 15 miles away.

"Quite a few mustang horses. Pretty animals, nearly all blacks and bays with long mane and tail. These were about the wildest animals that I ever saw. Seldom could get near them, even when grazing in lakes which they often did in early spring and dry times they would leave one on a high place watching. At first sight of man, he would raise head and tail into the air, snort and away went the bunch. Antelope were plentiful. We half lived on their meat for a while. When you came near a bunch of them they most always passed in front of you to the opposite side. Had quite a few other animals but I started in to tell about people not wild animals.

"Soon a few other people moved in and we had a little settlement and as you would judge from our reunions a part of the social life was the square dance.

"We soon had a Sunday School which was attended by nearly everybody in reach. Cowboys came 15 or more miles nearly every Sunday and stayed in and behaved much better than many of our young men today. Also Rev. Stegall, an old time Methodist circuit rider, came around and preached for us. Then Anson Cox, a Quaker preacher from Estacado, preached for us and any others who happened along. Many times they preached in our dugout.

"Estacado was then the county seat of Crosby County as well as of Floyd and about eight other counties which were attached to Crosby for judicial purposes."

Floyd County Trivia:

Answers to questions you never had

By Jim Reynolds

Can you identify the man for whom Floyd County was named?

Research reveals this county was named for Dolphin Floyd, one of the Texas soldiers who went from Gonzales to San Antonio, and who died an Alamo martyr.

Here are some other county facts:

*Under the Texas School Land Act of 1874, settlers were permitted to hold four sections of land classified as agriculture, or they could hold eight sections if classified as grazing land. Since it was easy to prove on the tes-

timony of solid citizens that land on the high Llano Estacado would not produce any staple crop, and since this part of the state was still on the map at that time as the Great American Desert, cattlemen and ranchers had no difficulty at all in buying all the land they wanted for one dollar an acre.

*Homestead land was available in various parts of the county. Small nesters or settlers could claim this land by proving they owned no other land and by living on the land for three years. The head of a family

could obtain 160 acres; a single man could claim 80 acres. By 1892, all homestead land in this county had been taken up.

*A booklet sent out by Tom P. Steen and Company in the early 1900's proclaimed "Floyd County has more farmers than any other county of the Middle Plains." His advertisement listed a variety of fruits, vegetables and grains that could be produced in this county, but no mention was made of cotton.

*For the most part, this county was

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Floyd County Trivia: Answers to all the questions you never had

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settled by "nesters," small farmers and cattlemen, rather than large ranch owners.

*Floyd County was created in August 1876 out of Young and Bexar county territories. It is the most eastern of the Llano Estacado counties, or the Central Plains. The county consists of 996 square miles, being 30 miles wide from east to west and 35 miles long from north to south.

*Initially, this county was under the jurisdiction of Jack County, but in 1881 Floyd County was incorporated into the Donley County Land District. Any settler who wished to file a claim in this county was forced to travel to Clarendon, the Donley County seat. This was difficult since there were no roads of any nature.

*In 1886, this county was attached

to Crosby County for land and judicial purposes. This allowed for greater ease in filing claims.

*When this county was organized in 1890, the U.S. census indicated a population of 529 persons. Only three residents were indicated in the 1880 census.

*Della Plain made repeated efforts to get the county organized after its founding in 1887. Confident that only an election was needed to organize Floyd County and have Della Plain declared the county seat, vigorous efforts were made to secure 150 names of legal voters on a petition to be presented to the Crosby County Commissioners Court to call the election. At that time, women were not eligible voters.

Claims of fraud were made by both Della Plain and Floydada. The former

town was accused of having included the names of transients and even names of dogs and donkeys bearing the surnames of their owners to complete the petition list bearing 150 names which was presented to the Crosby County Commissioners during that group's meeting of April 14, 1890, at Estacado, the Crosby County seat.

The Crosby governing body unanimously approved the election to organize Floyd County and created four election precincts: Precinct No. 1, Lockney, J.F. Lockney, presiding judge; Precinct No. 2, Della Plains, John Ewing, presiding judge; Precinct No. 3, the Arthur B. Duncan dugout in Blanco Canyon, J.T. Thomas presiding; and Precinct No. 4, the dugout of W.A. Merrill on Running Water Draw in Sand Hill Community,

W.A. Merrill, presiding officer.

Initial Officials Elected By Jim Reynolds

*Election results were a bitter blow to Della Plain. Floydada was chosen as the county seat, as the claims of voting irregularities became even more bitter.

*Floyd County was officially organized on May 28, 1890, with the following officers elected:

Arthur B. Duncan, county judge
John C. Hendrix, county attorney
R.T. Miller, county and district clerk
Dan Jenkins, sheriff and tax collector
E.E. Keeley, county treasurer
L.C. Darby, tax assessor
W.M. Massie, county surveyor
C.F. Ramsey, T.B. Michael, W.R.

Vanderveer and B.P. Merrell, commissioners.

*Several small towns sprang up along the railroads during the early 1920s. Among these were Dougherty, South Plains, Sterley, Barwise and others.

*Floydada which was begun when the county was organized, and Lockney continued as the two largest towns. Lockney was started in the summer of 1889 on homestead land about seven miles north and west of Della Plain. In 1894, J.A. Baker gave land for a new townsite and school, which was about a mile west of the Old Lockney.

*Della Plain began to dwindle after its defeat as the county seat. Floyd County's first town was settled in 1886 when cattle were shipped there for grazing. Della Plains was within one

mile of the exact center of Floyd County. Pioneers said this townsite was "30 miles to water, 50 miles to wood and six miles to Hell."

*Another small town now delegated to the past was Mayshaw. It was named for the wife of A.J. Shaw of Gatesburg, Illinois, who headed the town's organization. However, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw never lived in Floyd County.

Floyd County residents vote for prohibition

By Jim Reynolds

With only one of 10 voting boxes opposed, Floyd County voters favored prohibition by a 127-43 plurality during a Saturday, March 7, 1896, election.

Following is the vote by boxes:

Voting Precinct	For Pro.	Against Pro.
Floyd City	24	14
Sand Hill	8	5
Lockney	48	4
Foster's	5	0
Sunset	8	1
Fairview	10	5
Bourland	6	3
Moore's	4	5
Fairmont	4	1
Starkey	10	6
Totals	127	43

Whiskey barrel influences vote in selection of county seat

By Jim Reynolds
August 28, 1886

Has politics changed drastically through the years?

Tales of Duvall County "voting irregularities", which allowed Lyndon B. Johnson to defeat Coke Stevenson for the U.S. Senate, have been heard by most Texans. This launched Johnson's political career which eventually led to the presidency.

In 1982, charges were leveled that possibly "several thousand" persons who voted in the Republican Primary in May switched to the Democratic runoff, during which Kent Hance lost the Demo nomination to Lloyd Doggett for U.S. Senate by fewer than 1,400 votes. This practice, of course, is against the law of the land.

But "dirty politics" is nothing new to the Lone Star State.

Floyd County Seat Election Influenced

Enterprising landowners, reportedly from St. Louis, Mo., were instrumental in determining the Floyd County seat, according to a late aunt of Tillman Reeves of Crosbyton.

Gertrude Braidfoot Arnold, a well-known Silverton author, poet, school teacher and music instructor prior to her death at the age of 86, remembered to her nephew how her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.J. (Tom) Braidfoot brought their four offspring to Della Plain in 1886 from Seymour.

Braidfoot, whose forefathers arrived in the U.S. from Scotland, had ridden horseback to the plains and liked the barren land. Returning to Seymour, he persuaded a friend, J.R. (Jim) McLain, to join him in the "new land".

Realizing that the area would become an organized county, Braidfoot's dream was for Della Plain to become the county seat. Knowing that his financial resources would be overtaxed, Braidfoot formed a partnership with J.R. McLain. This partnership was terminated, but others were later brought into the venture. Braidfoot's elderly and ailing mother was opposed to the move. "You just want to start a cemetery on the plains," she argued. Despite her protests, she moved with her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren to the plains.

True to her fears, Annie Braidfoot

lived only "a matter of months" and was the first person buried in Della Plain Cemetery.

Three Plains Towns

When Tom Braidfoot headed west driving "40 head of Shorthorn-Durham cattle" only three towns existed on the plains: Estacado (Crosby County), Della Plain and Mobeetie in the Panhandle.

At that time, 10 counties were attached to Crosby County. Residents of Floyd and the other neighboring counties "had to go to Crosby County for their judicial business". Estacado was the county seat.

About this time, Crosby and Floyd counties "became bitter enemies". Their differences presumably centered around Estacado.

"Maybe Floyd County was just jealous because it wanted its own county seat," Reeves theorizes.

His mother Guadalupe Braidfoot (Reeves), recalls her family driving a horse-drawn buckboard to Estacado—"once a month, I think," Reeves says—for their mail. The round-trip of over 60 miles required that the family stay overnight at Estacado before beginning the return trip home.

'Not A Fence One'

"There was not a fence one" and "they saw antelope grazing along the way." Reeves remembers his mother relating to her offspring.

Agriculture consisted solely of live-stock, with no land in cultivation.

Floyd and Briscoe counties had few, if any, families living outside of Della Plain, which was six miles northeast of the present Floydada.

"Della Plain was it," as far as Floyd County towns. Already boasting of some 200 residents, Della Plain citizens felt the town would continue its growth after becoming the county seat.

"Della Plain" became an early agricultural center for the region and was soon the site of a school, church, post office, stores and a newspaper," according to Reeves.

"They just knew Della Plain would be the county seat," he says. "There was no other place for it to be".

By 1890, residents were ready for that county seat.

But even the best-laid plans can go awry, as Della Plain residents were to learn.

Apparently no permanent structures existed in Floydada; just a single windmill.

Drink And Vote!

But on "election day" a sign appeared atop that Floydada windmill: "Drink and vote". Two wooden barrels rested beside the windmill.

Gertrude Braidfoot (Arnold), who was in her mid-20's at that time, told her nephew that she didn't have first-hand knowledge, but rumors had it that one barrel contained water...and the other whiskey!

The enterprising landowners -- the St. Louis men who owned "15 or so acres" in and adjacent to the present Floydada township -- were here and sponsored the "drink and vote" festivities "which must have gone on all day."

Since voter registration was unheard of in those days, Reeves was told by relatives that "cowboys came from everywhere -- word of mouth traveled fast."

Visiting Voters

In the opinion of the 200 or so stunned Della Plain residents, who were outvoted on the county seat location, it was obvious that not all the

cowboys who voted that day resided within the Floyd County boundaries!

The St. Louis men reportedly also owned land in Lubbock County land (which at that time had no county seat), but they supposedly were less enthusiastic about that county because they realized the center of the county (where the county seat was destined to be located) would be "too near Yellowhouse Canyon".

With its visions of becoming the Floyd County seat gone, "Della Plain just folded up". Floydada, the site of little more than a windmill and two full wooden barrels on election day, began to develop.

"Pretty quick" after the election, the Braidfoot family changed its address to Briscoe County. Mrs. Braidfoot named the town of Silverton, and the family were residents there when Silverton was chosen as the Briscoe county seat.

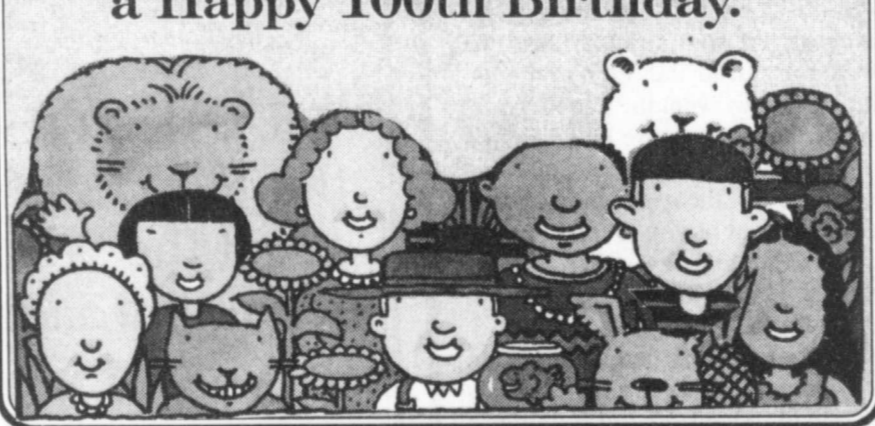
Floydada Develops

By contrast, Floydada began to develop following the election.


In the May 28, 1940, issue of The Floyd County Hesperian, J.J. (Uncle Jay) Day relates the story of the first Floydada Business house.

"There were five barrels of whiskey here before there was any place to put it other than the wide open prair-

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After moving to this county in 1890, Mr. and Mrs. George Brewster established "one of the leading hotels in this section of the country. Stage drivers and traveling men of the pioneer days often spoke words of praise of the hospitality and good cooking found at the Brewster House," according to a Floyd County Hesperian article.

The Brewsters opened this hotel for 33 years. He also owned a general merchandise store and, at one time, a drug store.

"He dealt in real estate. He was broad minded, contributed liberally to all public enterprises, beginning with the Lockney Christian College and closing with the Santa Fe Railway," said Mayor T.Z. Reed.

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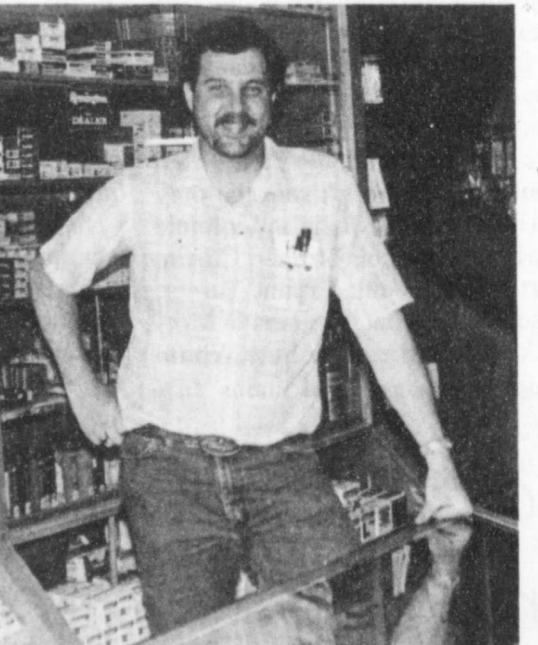
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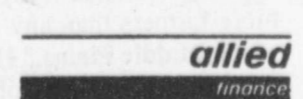



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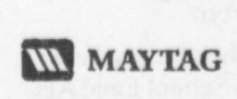
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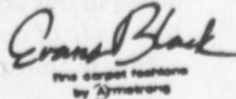


















Bakers travel seventeen days by wagon to found Lockney

August 9, 1984
(Editor's Note: After the death of her 94 year old brother, France Baker, Mary Baker Phillips submitted a history of the Baker family, in Lockney.)

Jim and Alice Baker, as they were later affectionately known, moved to Floyd County July 17, 1890, following the organization of Floyd County in May. Pioneers in the development of the county, they were also the founders of the town of Lockney. The family group included their two daughters, Meda (Mrs. L.M. Honea), and Genella (Mrs. J.A. Deavenport), their infant son, France, and Norton Baker, Jim's 17-year old brother. They travelled 17 days by covered wagons to reach their section, located five miles south of present day Lockney.

The move to the Panhandle of Texas was triggered by a visit Mr. Baker made the previous summer to Wichita Falls. His daughter, Genella, (Nell) wrote the following account of his trip.

"In the summer of 1889, Papa drove his team of mules and wagon to Wichita Falls. While there he earned \$5 a day for himself and team working the wheat harvest. When harvesting ended he followed the Fort Worth and Denver Railway - his road map - to Amarillo. En route he came to a small settlement called Lockney, named after a Mr. Lockney. Papa filed on 640 acres of land four miles south of Lockney, and then returned to Hamilton County.

"In the spring of 1890 he served as Tax Assessor Hamilton County. Preparations were also made to move his family to the Plains.

"It was the first part of July when we began the trip, traveling in two covered wagons. One wagon was fixed with a bed in one end for the family and carried our essentials for the trip. The other wagon was loaded with furniture, plows, tools and feed for the horses and two mules. Papa's brother, Norton, drove a team of horses with one of the wagons. We went by Mama's home in Eastland County to visit with her and her family.

"On this trip we met another family, a Mr. and Mrs. Hall, and their son Claude, who also were traveling toward Floydada. Later, Claude published the first newspaper in Floydada, known as the Hesperian.

"Our journey to Floyd County took 17 days. After spending the night in Floydada we traveled the remaining 12 miles to Old Lockney, where we received our first mail from home. Mr. Davis, the postmaster, at Old Lockney, lived with his family in a three-room house. He kept a few groceries and had the Post Office in one room. They lived in the other two

rooms, or fences between settlers' homes -- just grass and sky as far as one could see. Roads were staked on the grass to travel by until a path was worn down. One night Papa got lost while returning from Floydada, so he plowed a furrow with a walking plow for about eight miles to our new home, turning the grass sod one way so that if he or anyone else got lost after dark, he could follow the furrow

merchandise was purchased in Amarillo, then he opened the store for business April 24, 1894. Hence the slogan, "Baker's Store since '94."

"In time," Nell continued, "Papa owned several wagons and teams. From the time France was five years old, Papa began to take him on trips to Amarillo during the summer. France would drive a gentle team with

mule up to the wagon, climb in, pick up a bride, jump on the horse's back and hold on to his mane, reach up to put the bridle over his head and ears, reach down and put the bit into the horse's mouth, climb back and jump into the wagon to get the heavy collar, place it around his neck, then jump to the ground, fasten the buckle of the collar, fasten the tugs to the singletree, throw the lines in the wagon, climb in, take the lines in his hands and drive off. I think our little boys now would like this."

The new Lockney townsite a reality, plans for a school teaching Bible College surfaced. Inquiries were made for a lumber yard that would sell lumber on credit for the settlers' project. A lumber yard in Gainsville agreed to sell lumber to Jim Baker, alone, but would not "deal with a committee." Based on that agreement, the lumber was shipped to Estellene by train and freighted to Lockney. The building was completed and Lockney Christian College opened in 1895. During its 16 years of existence it drew students from Texas New Mexico, Tennessee, and Florida. Many students later became outstanding teachers, bankers, preachers, doctors, lawyers, and scientists.

Another family milestone which gave France a great deal of happiness was the placing of a historical marker by the Texas State Historical Commission on the front of the Baker Store in 1971, recognizing and honoring his parents.

The marker reads:

"THE J.A. BAKER STORE OPENED 1894, ONE OF THE TEXAS SOUTH PLAINS' OLDEST MERCANTILE HOUSES STILL OWNED BY FOUNDING FAMILY. JAMES ARTEMAS BAKER (1859-1917), FOUNDER OF THIS STORE AND TOWN OF LOCKNEY, WAS BORN NEAR DALLAS AND LIVED IN HAMILTON FROM 1879 TO JULY 1890, WHEN HE MOVED HERE. ACTING POSTMASTER IN 1893, AND SERVING BY APPOINTMENT 1894-1901. HE FREIGHTED AND WITH THE HELP OF HIS WIFE ALICE, RAN THIS STORE, SELLING SUNDRIES, DRY GOODS, GROCERIES. TOWN ALSO RELIED ON BAKER STORE SAFE FOR BANKING IN THE EARLY DAYS. AFTER FRAME BUILDING BURNED, THIS STRUCTURE WAS ERECTED 1914."



BAKER STORE IN LOCKNEY -- Members of the Baker Family and the employees who worked at Baker Mercantile sometime around 1925 were: Alice Baker, John Stalcup, Otis Harris, Herman Coleman, Dorsey Baker, Dimple McGavock, Treney Brewster, Artie Baker, unidentified, and possibly Robin Balser.

rooms. He told Papa that he could set his covered wagon bed inside the yard near the windmill, and loaned him a cow so that there would be milk for his family. Mama and we three children lived in the covered wagon bed in Mr. David's yard while Papa and Uncle Norton hauled the lumber from Amarillo, 120 miles away, to build our first home on the section of land that Papa had filed on.

"There were no trees, creeks, hills,

home from Floydada, placing a lantern on the wagon tongue--keeping it straddled the furrow.

"Later, when we moved to the Davis Place in Old Lockney, Mama took the post office job, and with the store work, she had little free time."

"The family lived on the farm for four years before moving to the present location of Lockney. In his later years when he was engrossed in his collections of relics of the early years of farming and ranching of the South Plains, France gave explicit explanations of the origin of each item in his collections. One of his most cherished possessions was the surveyors tape which, he explained, that "Papa permitted me to hold when he was surveying the property and laying out the streets on his land for the new townsite of Lockney in 1894."

"He named most of the streets for trees and later planted trees lining each side of the walkway."

An account of the new townsite was also provided by Nell in her family history. It includes the following:

"Papa inherited some money from his father's estate and bought 160 acres of land a mile west of the Old Lockney Post Office. He gave 10 acres for the new townsite. He hauled lumber from Amarillo and erected a new building for the Post Office and store. In 1894, he was appointed postmaster for Lockney and held this appointment for seven years. Various

a loaded wagon and follow Papa. Later, Norton would go with Papa. Papa took one of the boys with him for years.

"It amuses me even now to remember those little boys harnessing their teams. They would lead the horse or

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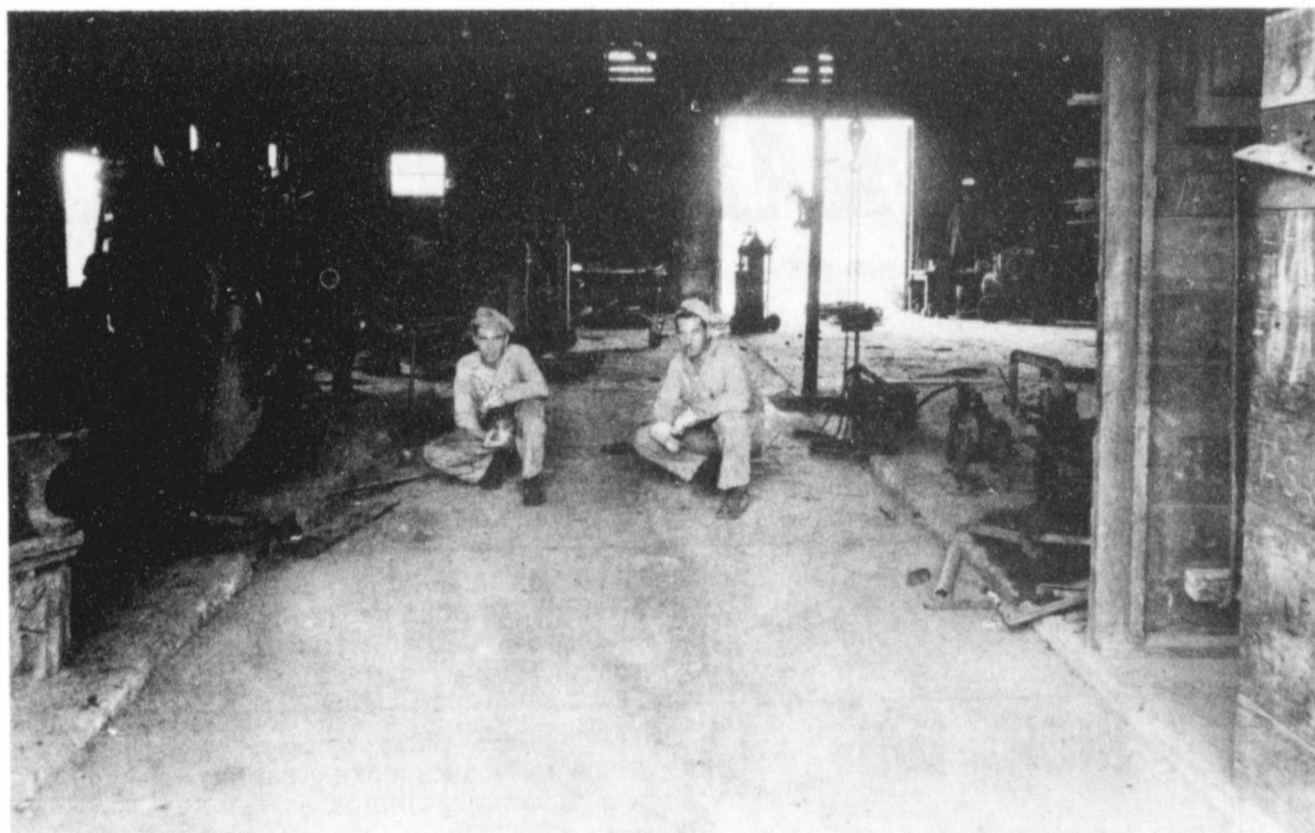


Photo of Gene and Floyd Lawson in previous building, approximately 1946



Photo of Portable welder in approximately 1950

Lawson Brothers Blacksmith and Welding was founded in 1945 when Floyd and Gene Lawson purchased a welding and blacksmith shop from Jack Lackey who had operated it during World War II. The original business dates back to the early 1920's when John Enoch operated a blacksmith, welding and machine shop at 119 Wall Street. In 1931 the business was relocated to 503 East Missouri and a new wooden frame and tin building was constructed to provide more room and better facilities.

In addition to the blacksmithing equipment, the shop included lathes, milling machines, disc rollers and electric welders. All of the equipment was powered by a single electric motor that drove a line shaft with flat belts. During the 1930's this was one of the best-equipped blacksmith and machine shops in the area.

In 1964 the wooden-framed tin building was moved

to the lot due east, and the present building was built. During the late 1960s, blacksmithing was phased out due to high energy cost and the lack of skilled blacksmiths.

The business operated as a partnership from 1945 until 1978 when Floyd Lawson retired and Gene Lawson purchased the remainder of the business and changed the name to Lawson Farm Supply.

Gene Lawson is still active in the business after more than fifty years. Rex Lawson manages the business today.

The firm currently manufactures and sells Lawson Spot Sprayers as well as selling Bush Hog Shredders, Lilliston Rolling Cultivators, Yeatter Rotary Hoes, and Roll-A-Cone products. Other services include farm equipment repair, welding, hard-surfacing and machine work.

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Mental and physical toughness were common traits of early pioneers

1890's
Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Shipley shared a common trait with early pioneers: mental and physical toughness.

After arriving in this county in 1890 from Collin County, they settled 15 miles southeast of Floydada. This was the site of their first West Texas residence: a dugout.

The first frame house the family erected was five miles southeast of Floydada. It was later destroyed by fire, but Shipley and his sons hauled lumber from Childress to rebuild.

Interviewed at age 87, Mrs. Shipley shared early-day memories.

Medical Improvisions
"When any of the family became sick we used our old standby, turpentine and senna tea," she related. "One day I became ill and there wasn't a doctor in a hundred miles. By chance, Mrs. Fannie Dawson, who lived five miles away, came to see me and rode over in a wagon.

"When she came up I told her what was wrong and asked her if she could stay and help me. She replied that we would make it fine. She was the only doctor I had, and the next day Mrs. (Roy) Curry (a daughter) came into this world."

Among Mrs. Shipley's other memories of early-day Floyd County life:

* "One day I was going to A.M. Bourland's for the mail, riding my favorite mount, which was a wild mustang captured after we landed here. I had my baby daughter Hallie in front of me. The horse got scared and ran away. I could not check him so I threw Hallie into high grass and then I jumped. The other children tease Hallie until yet and tell her they knew something was wrong with her, and they guess that is it. I always rode side-saddle."

* "We had a Norwegian boy who worked for us by the name of Pete

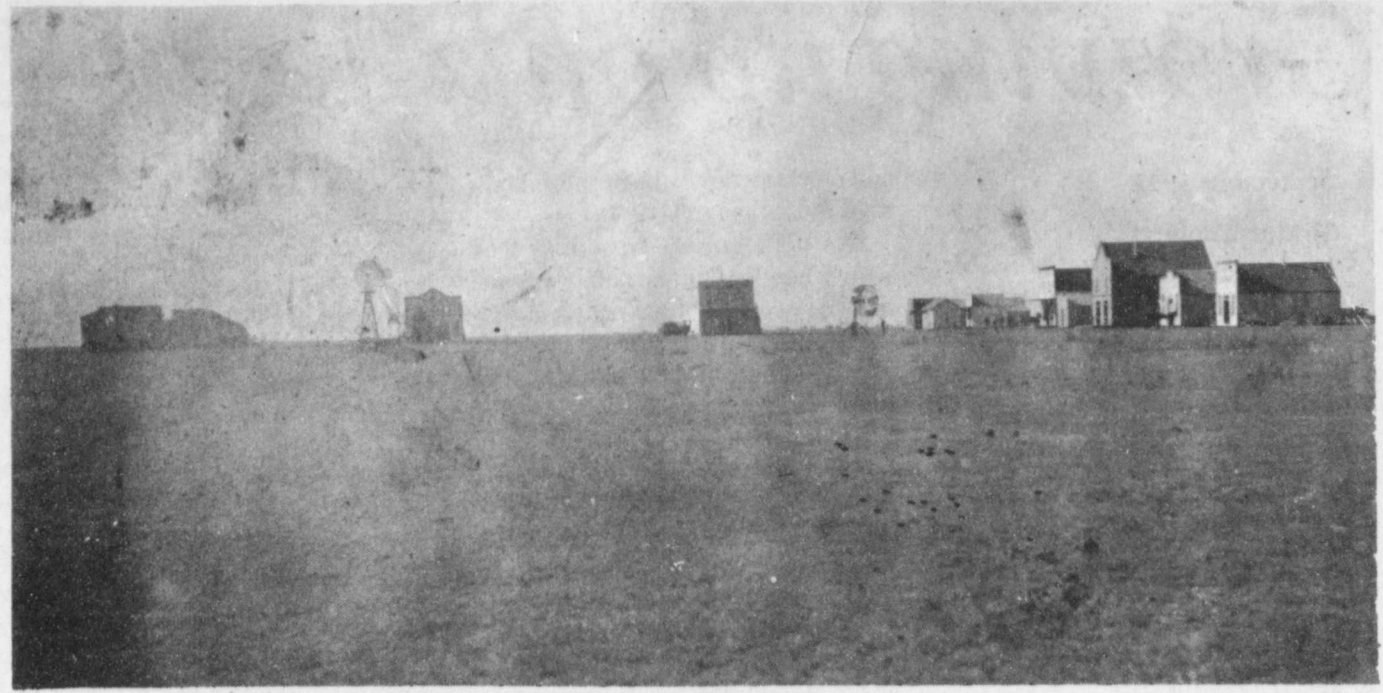
Peterson. While he was in our employ he married. One of our boys complimented his wedding suit and he replied, "It should be good; it cost \$7.50 in Abilene."

* "One year when the children were going to school in a half dugout and Will Berry was teacher, John thought it would be funny to put a box of cartridges in the stove. When they began to pop, Mr. Berry went out the window and took frame and all with him. Mr. Shipley would always laugh when this incident was related. The next year our oldest son, Dan, taught the school."

Both born in East Tennessee, The Shipleys married in 1873. They moved in 1876 to Dallas County, where they resided a short time before going to Collin Co.

They became parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy.

W.A. Shipley, a rancher, died in 1925.



FLOYD CITY - 1891



FIRST HOUSE -- This photo is believed to be of the inside of the first house built in Floydada in 1890. Left to right are J. D. Starks, Mrs. J. D. Starks, and Ruth Starks.

Ella B. Starks first to own Floydada house

1890

Ella B. Starks, who came to Floydada as a young bride on April 16, 1890, is reputed to have been the first homemaker to own a residence in the city of Floydada. She arrived "just a few days before the county was organized."

The former Ella Harrison's brother, J.L. Harrison, drove the first bunch of cattle to the fabled Matador Ranch.

Harrison and his bride moved to the Matador Ranch, but the young woman was lonely. This prompted Harrison to make a trip to Hallettsville to bring his sister, Ella, to the ranch.

Here, she met J.D. Starks, who was working on the ranch.

She recalled during an interview for this newspaper: "My brother quit the Matador Ranch in 1888 and went to Clayton, New Mexico, to manage the Home Land Cattle Co. I again went to keep his wife company and I stayed 13 months.

"At that time, H.H. Campbell was manager of the Matador Ranch. He and my brother were great friends and sometime during the year of 1889 he and his wife paid us a visit. I returned home with them, and Mr. Starks and I were married at Childress on Aug. 28, 1889. We lived at Childress one year and moved to Floydada."

J.D. Starks was an early-day Floydada postmaster. His wife assisted him at the post office for many years.

Smith remembers nearly a century

March 14, 1996

By Alice Gilroy

At the age of 99, Rebecca Smith has a lot to be thankful for, but it may surprise some to know what those things are.

Like many of us, she counts herself fortunate to have the many friends she has and she misses the family who all live so far away. But when she is asked what have been the highlights of her life, she smiles and says, "I loved the separator (for cream), the windmill, the ice box and the Ford Touring car."

Rebecca Floyd was born March 7, 1897 in Oklahoma Territory, before it was a state. Her parents were farmers and she worked alongside her five sisters and six brothers in all the jobs required to run that farm.

"Us girls worked just like men," said Rebecca.

January 1917, she married Warren Hamilton ("Ham") Smith and they immediately moved to Floyd County.

"We moved to a farm S.W. of Floydada and stayed there for 19 years," said Rebecca. "Both of my children were born there. Mary Catherine was born in 1919 and Warren Hamilton Jr., was born in 1921."

Both of the Smith children were delivered by Cesarean birth and Rebecca says she is very fortunate to have survived the birth. "I wonder how I lived through that, but I did," she says.

According to Rebecca Dr.

"George" came to her home to deliver both her children and both times he called another doctor, Dr. Lon Smith, for help. "Dr. Lon would come out in his horse and buggy to help because he had more experience with difficult births."

There were no babysitters or day care to help with tending the children. When it was harvest time Rebecca was needed in the fields. "I would take my children in an old quilt and put them under the wagon. They would sit there and play in the dirt until I came and got them."

"They would have so much fun and be so filthy. I would bring them home and try to get the dirt off them as best as I could. You didn't bathe everyday then—only two or three times a week if you were really lucky."

Rebecca and Ham's day would start at 4:00 a.m. every morning. "We would tend to the hogs, chickens and cows. I would do the milking twice a day—I still have an ugly toenail from a cow stepping on it."

"I could set my bucket and stool down and have that cow milked before he could say 'Jack Robertson'."

"Every day I would milk 4-6 cows, set aside some milk for the family and run the other through the separator. When we got that separator I thought it was the greatest thing in my life. The cream was wonderful. I would keep some every day and give the rest to the hogs with a little grain. They loved it and got so fat! Every winter we would butcher 4 or 5 hogs.

It sure was good with red gravy and biscuits.

"If I had to work in the fields I would leave the field earlier to get to cooking. During harvest we couldn't have baked or stewed food so I would have to fry everything."

"When the kids started school Ham would do the morning milking and I would feed the children and get them off to school. They would walk 2 miles to school every day until we finally got a little pony for them to ride to school. During very cold weather I would bundle them up and take them in the buggy. I was very proud of that buggy. We used it until we wore it out."

"Then I got a Ford Touring car and I was so happy I didn't know what to do. It had four doors and no glass on the windows—just in front. When the weather got bad (and we had some very bad weather) we would stop and put something over the doors to keep out the weather."

The Touring Car was not the only luxury that stands out in Rebecca's mind. She says the windmill was a big help but Rebecca thought it was also wonderful to get water into the house instead of having to haul it in.

Her ice box was another grand luxury that finally came to the Smith's home. Not a refrigerator—An Ice Box. "The ice would be delivered to your house in 100 lb. blocks," said Rebecca. "At first we would wrap it in a canvas with the items you wanted to keep cold. The water would run all over the floor—but I didn't care. I was glad to get the ice."

"Then we got a box (or a freezer) and we could put the block of ice in it. It would last a whole day and a half—maybe longer. Because of the ice we were able to have tea at lunch and the kids got cold milk. They loved that."

Rebecca attributes her long life to clean living. "I never smoked or dipped snuff," said Rebecca. "My mom used to dip snuff, but then one day on the way to church she got very sick. Mom said, 'The good Lord don't want me to have this,' so she threw it away!"

After 19 years at their first homestead Rebecca and Ham moved to another farm in the Blanco community. They farmed this place for another 19 years, before Ham retired and they moved to town.

Twenty-two years ago Ham passed away and Rebecca has lived alone in her apartment since that time. She still lives there alone.

25 cent hair cuts offered by barber

T.E. Brow of South Side Barber Shop offered a 25 cent special on hair cuts in an advertisement appearing in a June 1917 Hesperian advertisement.

"In order to introduce ourselves to the barber patrons of Floydada," the advertisement stated, "we are making a specialty of haircutting at 25 cents, specializing in this line for children. Satisfaction guaranteed."

15 rural schools receive funds

Fifteen rural schools of Floyd County will get a total of \$4,950 aid from the State Million Dollar Appropriation during the 1918 school, according to information received from County School Superintendent Thompson for a Jan. 17, 1918, article in *The Hesperian*.

"The only requirement is that the schools to receive the appropriations meet the minimum requirements of the Department of Education," the news article stated. "When this is done, the department informs Judge Thompson, who is to notify them for an inspector to make the rounds. All requirements have been met already and the judge is notifying the depart-

ment this week."

This year's appropriation reaches more schools than either of the previous two years. The total of the three years will be in excess of \$11,000.

Following is the list of schools to receive the state aid in 1918:

- No. 4, Pleasant Hill, \$150; No. 5, Fairview, \$450; No. 6, Starkey, \$100; No. 10, Harmony, \$250; No. 11, Lakeview, \$300; No. 26, Campbell, \$400; No. 13, Center, \$400; No. 23, Allmon, \$400; No. 19, Baker, \$350; No. 2, Pleasant Valley, \$500; No. 7, Meteor, \$350; No. 9, Sandhill, \$500; No. 16, McCoy, \$300; No. 17, Roseland, \$200; and No. 32, Newland, \$300.

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Growing up on a Texas Land Development Farm

September 1991

(Editor's note:

This story was sent to us by Mr. James Race, Farm Bureau manager in Weatherford.

For those of you who have lost touch with George Tate, he is living in Weatherford, Texas.

He graduated from Lockney High School in 1929. Tate said, "I graduated the same year as that much loved Floyd County person, Margaret Collier. As a matter of fact, her family and mine came over on the same box car to our TLD farms.

Tate went on to attend Texas Tech and graduated in 1937. He was the very first Red Raider Rider in 1936.

He is now retired, at 80 years old, and continues to help his daughter with her ranching business.

By George Tate

Texas Land and Development Company was the brainchild of Milton Day Henderson and Dr. Frederick Stuart Pearson, a surveyor and engineer who first crossed the plains in 1886.

After the first irrigated well-the Slaton well west of Plainview-was proven in 1911 much interest developed in irrigated farming. Henderson believed farms would sell more readily if they were already developed. Of course this would take money and Dr. Pearson knew where to get it. He had the reputation of being able to carry through an enterprise and knew there were wealthy men in England looking for investments. He traveled there and presented them with his plan to develop an area around Plainview

and reaching down the proposed railroad to Lockney.

His plan briefly was this: they would buy land in the shallow water belt for twenty dollars per acre, they would erect a house, barn, chicken house, fence the eighty or one hundred-sixty acre blocks, drill an irrigation well, install an eight inch pump with an engine to power it, break out twenty acres and sow it to alfalfa, and then sell the unit for one hundred twenty-five dollars per acre.

The TLD was formed and in 1913 60,000 acres was purchased. The company immediately put full page ads in all mid-west and eastern newspapers, telling readers that their future lay in this area where there was an inexhaustible supply of pure, clean water, good climate, towns, churches, schools and all for a little down and long terms.

My parents were living in north-western Oklahoma where they had cistern water and had lived out a homestead in the Big Pasture near Davidson, Oklahoma with gyp water, so this ad about lots of clear, pure water really looked like what they wanted. They had been reared in Arkansas Ozarks where clean, cool mountain streams were everywhere, and they longed for good water.

Late in 1913 Dad came to Plainview and selected eighty acres one and one-half miles west of the present Aiken Baptist Church. Meteor school house stood there at that time and Floco was what is now Aiken. Later, the name for both was changed to Aiken.

The ordinary four-room house, what later was always called the TLD house, went with the deal, but for the three hundred-eighty dollars more you could get a two-story, six room

house, with a dormer window, an enclosed well house supporting, an overhead water tank and a board walk leading one hundred feet to an out-house. Dad took this deal as well as paying extra for a buggy shed that was later used to house our first car, a 1917 Model T Ford.

The contract was made in the fall of 1913 and the house and improvements were supposed to be finished by February 1, 1914. We left our home in Okeene, Oklahoma in early February. Dad rode in the immigrant car which was a railroad boxcar with household goods, farm machinery and horses. Mother, my older brother and sister, Carman and Alleene and I, rode in the passenger car.

In three days we were switched onto the unloading dock at Aiken. The box car was unloaded, we hitched up the horses and drove the two miles to our new home—only to find the house half-finished! Luckily the barn was completed so we moved into a granary, in one end of the barn. As space was limited, Carman and I were quartered in one of the horse stalls.

As we lived in the barn for three weeks I grew very fond of Old Grace, our buggy mare. Dad had owned Grace since he was a boy, had driven her when he courted Mother so she really was a family member. I felt so safe at night when I was trying to go to sleep and she would reach over from the next horse-stall and give me a friendly nudge. Of course, she was begging for something to eat, but in my mind she was telling me good night and that she would watch over me.

Sister Ruth was born in January of 1917 and on a warm July Sunday of that year, I heard Mother say to Dad, "Let's don't drive the car to church

today. Hook up old Grace to the surrey so that all the children can say they have ridden behind our faithful horse." Needless to say we went to church in grand style.

TLD built many homes, but I traveled through the Aiken community in 1985 and our house was one of the very few original houses still there. Many have been moved to Plainview or Lockney and to one who was reared in one they are always recognizable as a TLD house.

Our house is now occupied by a member of the Cox family who has kept the house in excellent condition and farm the land beautifully.

As I remember, 1914-1915 were the banner years for TLD. Prospective land buyers would come in on the train, every car in Plainview would be pressed into service and 20 to 30 car loads of people, called an "excursion party" would tour the county, stopping at selected farms where the salesmen would talk about all the good points of the country. They took special care not to ever let the prospective buyers talk to any old-times and as the excursions always took place in the lush growing season, the prospects never heard about the dust storms, blizzards or droughts.

Finally the excursion stopped by the TLD's "demonstration farm" on the east side of Plainview for a barbecue. You can't imagine how many people came from far-away states and bought land. We had neighbors from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri.

As the land was bought with only a down payment, many of the buyers lasted only a few years and then the farm was sold again or rented.

In my father's case, he rented two quarter sections nearby and raised wheat until the drought and depression of the thirties put him back to the original eighty acres. Others that stayed were the McLaughlins, Hartmans and Whites, but they turned their TLD land back and bought larger acreages of dry land and were successful in raising wheat.

Across the road from our farm, Dr. Pearson had two sections of personal land. He improved it with big barns, shops and out-buildings. He pumped water with ten-inch pumps powered by big belt-driven Vinn 60 engines.

He employed forty hired hands and had 40 teams of big mules. The hands were mostly single and stayed in bunk houses. A half section was planted in alfalfa. One quarter of alfalfa was used to provide mule feed, the other

quarter was cross fenced into five and ten acre blocks and hog houses were built all over it.

Hard times hit TLD in 1916. England, which was the source of their capital, was drawn into World War-I, people were turning the land back, and to cap it all Dr. Pearson lost his life when on a return trip from England a German U-Boat sank the Lusitania in 1917. This drew the United States into the war and as the payday dried up on the Pearson sections, the hands left - many joined the army.

All the livestock and machinery were sold to satisfy the creditors and the Pearson section, which had been the mainstay of the Aiken community with a large payroll, its private telephone line and two baseball teams lay in shambles.

In 1919 "Uncle" Toby Smith came to the plains with some "Ranger Boom" oil money and bought the Pearson sections. He operated with renters for about twenty years. Some I remember were the Morrisons, Mullins, Dormans, Hawkins and Zimmermans.

My dad rented a quarter section from Mr. Smith and occasionally my parents would visit Mr. and Mrs. Smith who lived at the main headquarters. Oh! what fun sister Ruth and I had wandering through all the old buildings and finally ending up at the high mule barn. Here each large double stall still had the names of the team that belonged there on a board above the stall gate. You could walk along and read the names, Jack and Pete, Sleepy and Kate, Bill and Bod and many others, and dream of all the activity of days gone by.

In looking back, I think the big flaw in the TLD plan was that there was no

cash crop to make the land payments. Dr. Pearson tried to make hogs his cash crop and my father did very well with hogs as well as milking cows and selling cream; both hogs and cows living on green alfalfa or hay, but it was hard.

Many farms lay abandoned and idle for several years after World War I. Then TLD discovered cotton and cotton would bring in cash. Word was sent to East Texas, where cotton had long been raised and was now infested by boll weevils, that cotton farmers were needed on the plains.

They came and were given the red carpet treatment; soon all the TLD farms were again occupied and sending a steady flow of cotton to the newly built gins.

My dad stayed with wheat until the late twenties when he turned to cotton. But as fate would have it, the Depression had struck and to even clear ten dollars a bale, my sister Ruth and I had to pull our entire 1934 cotton crop. As knee pads and a cotton sack did not fit into my idea of a good life, I left the farm in 1935. In 1939 I was fortunate enough to get a job with a Ft. Worth architect, Wyatt C. Hedrick, looking after his ranches and cattle scattered over Central and West Texas.

Another generation should not go unnoticed and I am speaking of such neighbor boys as Charlie Elam, Marvin Glenn Marshall, Bill Clark and others who, on reaching young manhood in the thirties, with the dust bowl at its worst and the depression at its lowest point, did not seek a city job or move to another part of the country, but dug in and with a lot of determination and hard work made a success of farming on the Plains.

Citizens demand Sunday closings

Petitions bearing 210 names, including "many of the more prominent people of the town, many of them mothers of boys and a number of prominent business and professional men," have been prepared for presentation to elected officials of Floydada and Floyd County. The petitions seek Sunday closings of business establishments, according to a 1918 item appearing in this newspaper.

The petitions which were shown to *The Hesperian* management for publicity, state the citizens "most respectfully call attention to the deplorable conditions existing in our midst, more especially such on Sundays."

The news article said: "The *Hesperian* is not publishing the full text of the petition because the editor considers a portion of its contents li-

belous."

The petition was worded in part: "You are hereby earnestly requested to enforce the law, especially the Sunday law, put the lid on and help elevate the citizenship, and add to the moral upbuilding and standing of our town, county, etc." It finishes with the call: "Do your duty as officers and we pledge you our undivided support."

The newspaper article added: "It is said in unofficial quarters that the re-

sult of the petition will likely be a very tight Sunday lid. The only business houses which will be affected by the closing law enforcement, however, will be the garages.

"There is no statute to prevent the drug stores or cafes keeping their places of business open the year round. These three classes of business houses are supposed to be the only ones to which the petitions have reference."

Canning demonstrations presented by home demonstration agent

A series of four home canning demonstrations was presented June 16 and 17, 1919, by Miss Jessie L. York, county home demonstration agent.

She was assisted by Mrs. Dora R. Barnes of Colge Station, emergency district home demonstration agent.

Sessions were conducted in Floydada, Lakeview, Lockney and Lone Star.

According to an article in this newspaper, "The demonstrations will show methods of steam pressure canning and should prove of unusual interest to women who are planning to can fruit and vegetables in the season soon to open."

County Agricultural agent recommended for Floyd

R.O. Tackett, Lubbock County agricultural agent, and R.E. Carper, superintendent of the Lubbock Experiment Station, met May 14, 1918, with the Floyd County Commissioners Court to recommend and point-out the advantages of having an agricultural agent in this county.

"Special instances of the value of the county agent were recited during the short conference," according to a *Hesperian* article. "The court has the matter under advisement."

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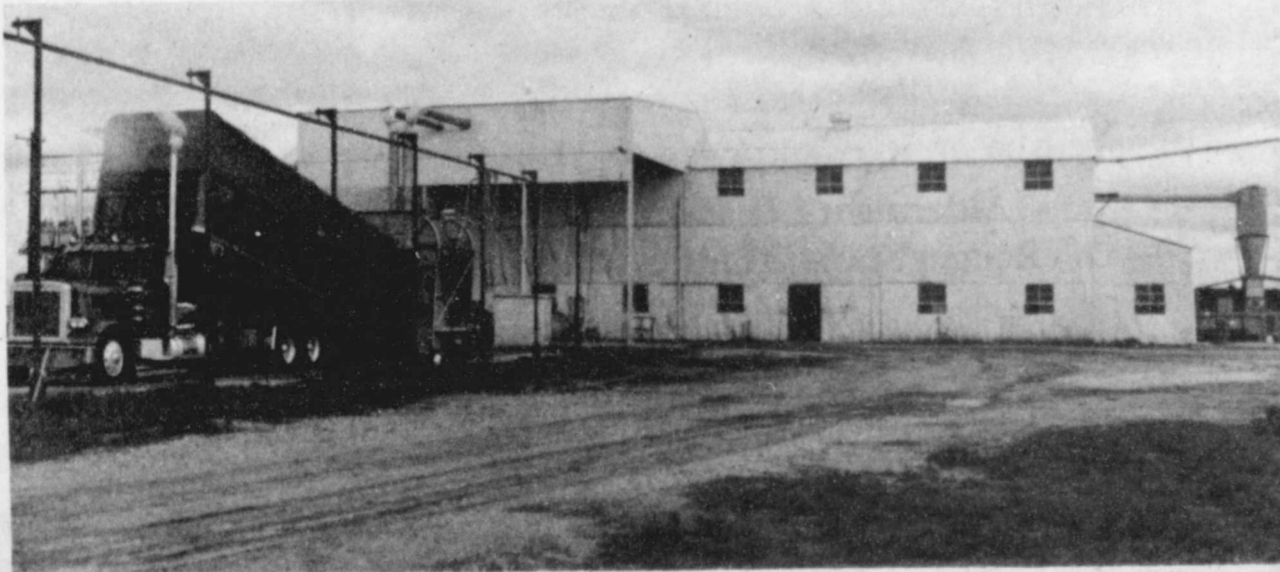
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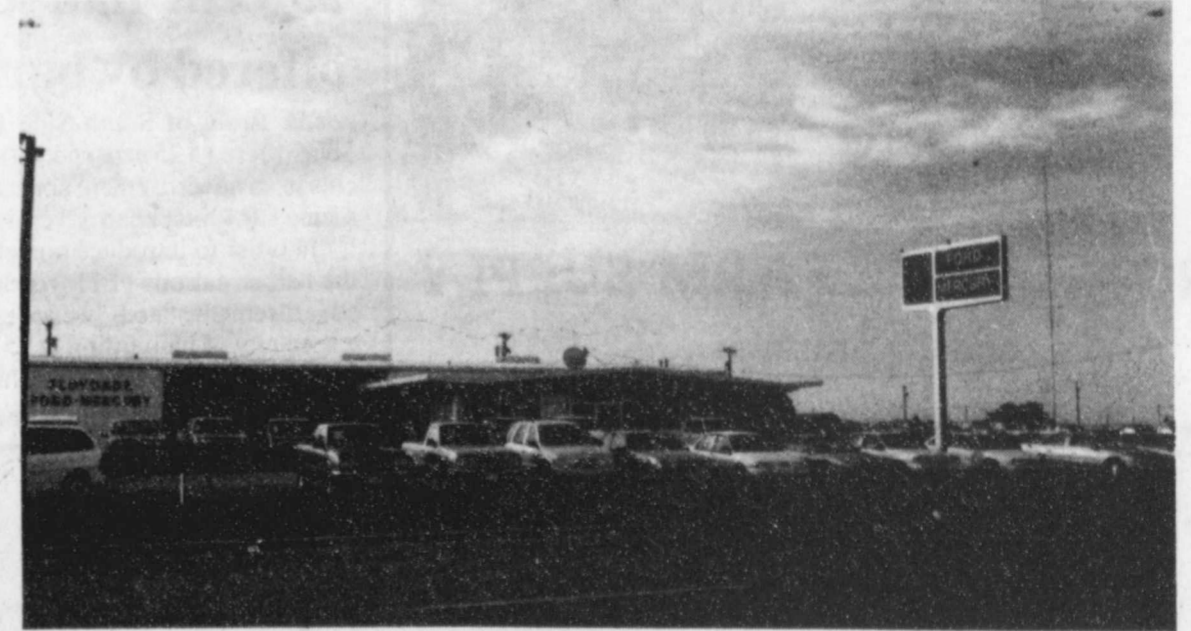
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Judge McGeehee dug first Floyd County irrigation well

1911
By Jim Reynolds
Judge Wm. McGeehee, a pioneer citizen and county official, was the first person to possess an irrigation well in Floyd County, according to Floyd County Hesperian records. "McGeehee started irrigating about 1911. His first venture, like many of the others, was moderately successful."

Records indicate that the first well for commercial irrigation was drilled in 1910 at Hurley, northwest of Muleshoe. It "proved very successful." In 1911 there was a well drilled at Hereford and at about the same time a well was dug on the E.H. Perry farm, six miles southwest of Plainview.

George E. Green, who pioneered the development of irrigation in this section, entered the field about this time and drilled several wells in the Plainview area.

"Perhaps the most interesting and doubtless the most profitable development in the Panhandle-Plains in the past half-century is that of shallow water irrigation," stated an article appearing in this newspaper in 1940. "From a single experimental well drilled in Bailey County in 1910, irrigation has advanced until at present hundreds of wells provide rain when and where wanted on thousands of acres in this area."

Development Company
Approximately a dozen individual wells were in operation in this section prior to the Texas Land and Development Co. in Southwest Hale and northwest Floyd County in 1912. This company, a land and property development syndicate, put down its first Floyd County well in 1913.

"Dr. F.S. Pearson, promoter of the project, interested a number of capitalists in the venture and in rapid succession a total of 64 wells were drilled

in the district. Dr. Pearson's career was ended on May 7, 1915, when he was a passenger on Lusitania, which was torpedoed and sunk by a German U boat off the Irish coast."

TL&D spent approximately \$1.5 million dollars on improvements alone. "Adequate sums were expended on quarter section plots to build houses, barns and make improvements. Distillate and oil-burning engines were installed for power on every well. These were bought with the thoughts of their lasting for at least 15 years and in this manner eliminate later expense for power units."

The Texas Land and Development Co. completed its last irrigation well in the spring of 1917.

Uncle Hank Smith Digs Well By Hand

Several claims have been made concerning the first well dug on the South Plains of Texas, but "the one dug at Estacado for the Quaker settlement in 1879 by H.C. (Uncle Hank) Smith was the first," according to The Hesperian.

Copies of the contract between Paris Cox, head of the Quakers, and Smith were held by family members.

"This well was a dug well, approximately 75 feet deep and although its flow was not as great as deeper wells which were dug later, it furnished sufficient water for the Quakers for several years," according to an article in this newspaper.

"This well was the only one on the Plains until 1882 or 1883 when Bob Lynn, the first well driller in this section, came to Estacado and put down two or three deeper wells for the Quakers. These were the first windmills on the Plains. Lynn also dug several wells for the Matador Ranch and the first well on the Floydada townsite on the south side of the square."



FLOYDADA PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY

Ninth annual Floyd County Fair held

1912
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The Ninth Annual Floyd County Fair proved, as predicted, to be far and away, the biggest event of its kind ever staged in Floydada. Attendance figures cannot be verified, but conservatively estimated, probably ran as high as ten thousand people for the three days. Friday was the largest day in point of attendance. Six thousand people were on the grounds that day.

The program, as given out each day, was strictly adhered to, and carried out without a hitch. Harmony and good feeling prevailed throughout.

The exhibits for all departments began arriving Wednesday afternoon. By four o'clock of Thursday, last hour of entry, the largest display of agricultural and horticultural products every shown here, filled every available space, the ladies department, including fine arts, textile and culinary exhibits also being full. The Livestock

exhibit had probably twice as many entries as any previous year. The Poultry department was hardly so well filled. What entries were made were good however.

In a short speech at 11 a.m., Thursday, Col. W.M. Massie formally opened the Fair and gave welcome to the visitors. He was introduced by J. D. Price, chairman of the executive committee.

An event that will long be remembered by the little folks was the Doll Parade in the afternoon of the first day. More than a hundred children with dolls in arms and conveyances were in this parade, which was in charge of Mrs. C.H. Featherston and Miss Windsor. Winners in this event are given under the prize awards list.

Baseball games, exhibitions by Mollie Bailey's Show, Hart's Wild West Show, Snake shows, and the Virginia Minstrels on the last evening, with other concessions on the midway completed the entertainment features of the occasion.

Motion picture and vaudeville show awaited

October 31, 1912
(Reprinted in Floydada celebrates Jubilee Year, May 24, 1984)

The old garage on West California Street is being arranged in the most up to date manner, preparatory for a motion picture show in vaudeville. The show will be under the manage-

ment of Mr. J. F. Denton. In a talk with the representative of the Hesperian, Mr. Denton stated that the show would be operated three nights in the week or possibly every night, with motion pictures in vaudeville each night. He also stated that he expected the show to be running in a few days.

Plans completed for new show

November 28, 1912
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The way of the picture show heretofore in Floydada has been hard, -- or at least unremunerative seemingly, from the efforts put into them and the early evacuation by the founders of the field of endeavor. However, John H. Reagan, the popular garage man, has completed plans whereby an electrically lighted show will be furnished to the public three times each week from this date, on Tuesday, Fridays, and Saturdays. He has hitched a four-cylinder motor to a dynamo with

ample power to produce a steady light, and a trial before some 50 friends Tuesday night developed the fact that the darkest indoor scenes could be shown successfully on the screen. E.E. Boothe operated the machine.

Fletcher Haines, Oliver Allen, R.L. Henry, and Dr. R.A. Childers, will form the Company, besides Mr. Reagan, each serving in his own peculiar line, a fireman, engineer, usher and other high-salaried officials being needed. We have not learned who will "get the gits."

On the square, look for their circulars.

The Presbyterian Academy operated for 2 and 1/2 years

1940 paper
As a reminder of the boom years of 1909 and 1910 and the ideals of the citizens, facilities which housed the old Presbyterian Academy stood east of Floydada for a number of years.

"Boys and girls who are now men and women once romped and played there and some of the parents are still living who bought their homes to be near a good school to educate their children," stated a May 28, 1940, article in this newspaper.

It continued, "Just who thought of the idea to build this school no one seems to know, but in 1909 it was discussed by the majority."

In the year 1910 the proposition was offered to the Southern Presbytery. The president of Austin College was sent to Floydada to investigate the

proposition. After spending several days here, he recommended acceptance of the proposition.

Actual work was begun in 1910 on the 22-acre tract, which was donated by Dr. R.A. Childers and Jno. N. Farris. W.T. (Billie) Montgomery offered to donate a tract of land northwest of the actual site but due to a defect in the title, that offer was turned down.

Construction started in August 1910 and was completed 10 months later.

The first school opened in September 1911 with the superintendent and two other teachers comprising the faculty.

During the second and third years, the school boasted strong football and basketball teams.

The Presbyterian Academy continued 2 1/2 years.

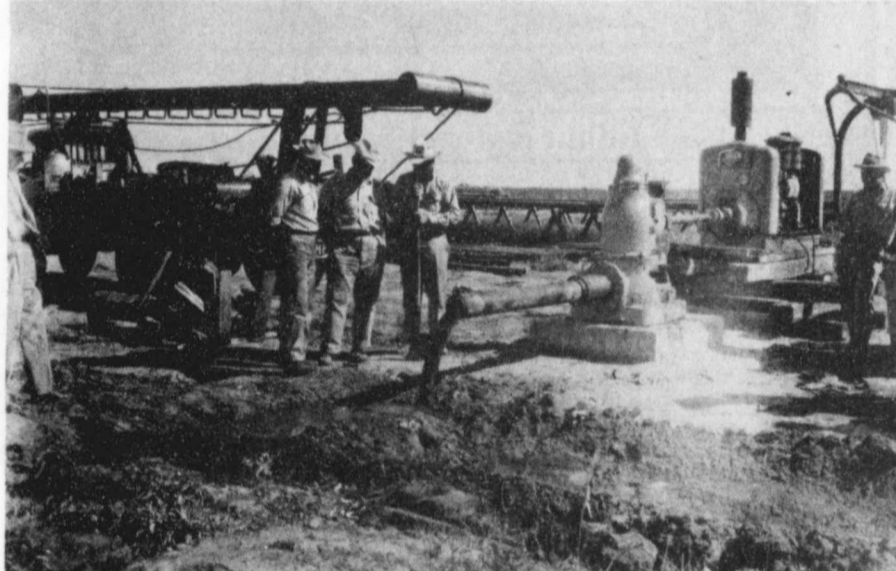
Eggs, butter, and milk pays the bills

January 2, 1913

An excellent example of thrifty poultry raising and dairying on a small scale is Mrs. John L. West, southwest of Floydada, who began the year with 32 hens and four cows, and from a record kept of the production of these she finds that she had paid the grocery, dry goods and all other bills including black-smithing, and excepting hardware, that have been incurred during the year on their

farm -- and has money left.

This at first seems rather extraordinary, but The Hesperian ventures that there are others who have probably done as well, if they were known or had kept an account of their sales from this source. In this proper run of a farm the expense of keeping up these fowls and the cows is not near so great as a person would at first think, the main item being to properly care for them and give them the best feeds.



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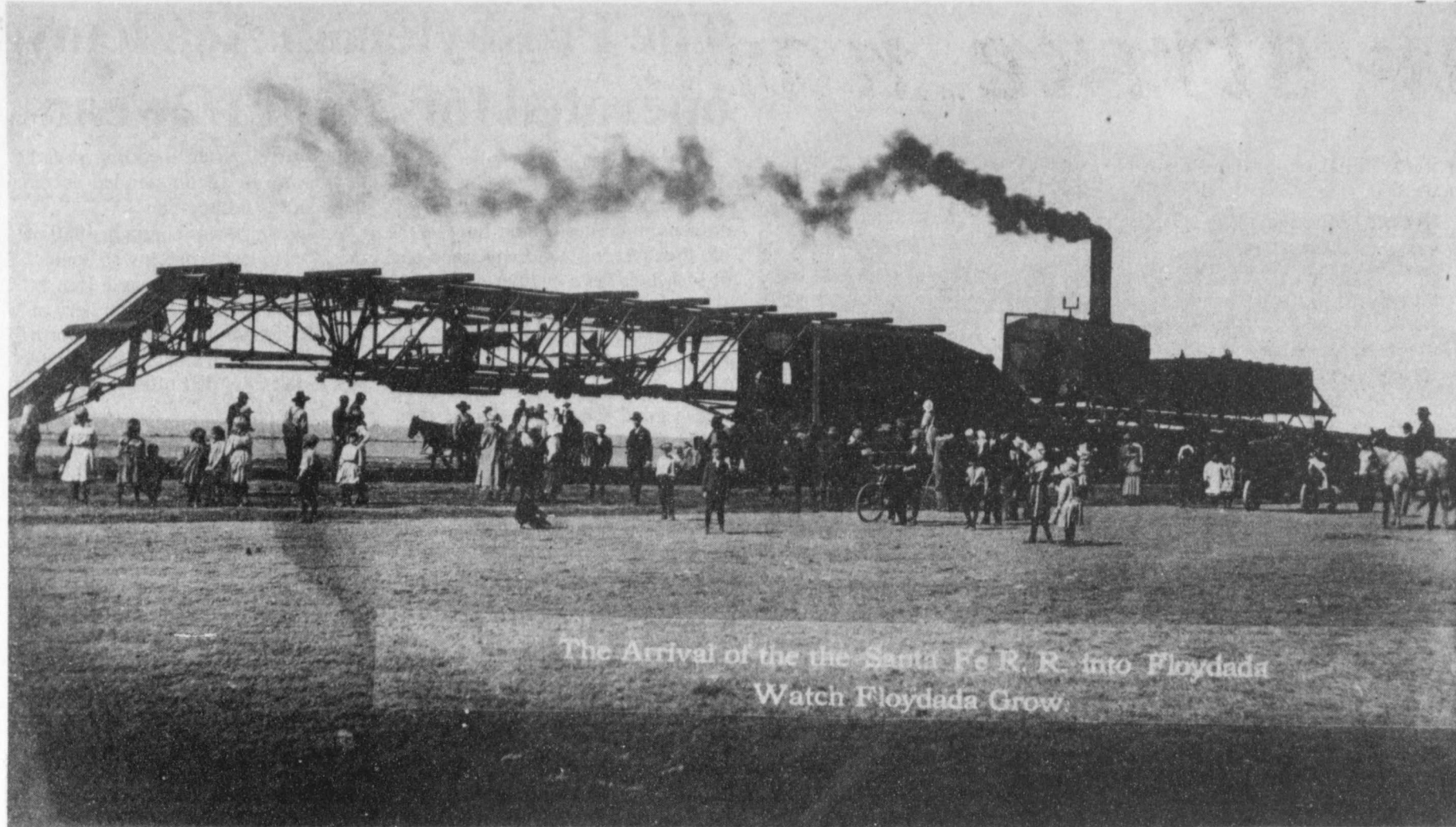
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Large crowd comes out Friday to see Santa Fe demonstration train

December 19, 1912
(Reprinted in Floydada celebrates Jubilee Year, May 24, 1984)
In charge of Agricultural Demonstrator, H.M. Bainer, of Amarillo, the Santa Fe demonstration train, reached Floydada last Friday morning at 9:30 and was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of farmers, hog raisers, dairy men and poultry raisers, who listened

very attentively to the practical talks of the various experts, among them H.E. Singleton, of McKinney, hog specialist, L.L. Johnson, poultry lecturer and Mr. Bineer, on the dairy cow and the silo. The demonstration included a car of chickens, ducks, turkeys, a car of hogs of various breeds, dairy cows, model silo, etc., the best dairying cow on the Taft Ranch in

South Texas, being used on this trip.

During the talks and the inspection of the various departments belonging to the successful farm the business men as well as the farmers gained some excellent ideas, and judging by the interest taken as well as the practical presentation of the various subjects this trip in Floyd County, will

be of great value as a tonnage builder and as developer of this section. While this train had been on the road for over a month, all the livestock and poultry were in excellent condition, due to their intelligent care.

From Floydada the train went to Lockney, where an enthusiastic hearing was given the demonstrators.

Red brick streets: Early day panhandle tradition

A landmark feature of more than a few Panhandle communities was--or is--red-brick streets. Lockney and Floydada were among the first.

"We started our paving work in Lockney back in the teens," H.B. Jordan of Amarillo remembered in a newspaper article. "I was working for my father, who founded the company," which was based in Plainview. He was foreman of many of the projects.

The brick streets had a definite advantage over those designed from other materials in the founding years of this region.

"Back in the 1920s towns still had wagons pulled by horses and mules, and the wagon wheels had rims of steel that cut into the concrete and asphalt," Jordan said.

Available equipment made the street-bricking process slower than in this era.

"It took about one month to complete the grading, leveling and bricking of a block," Jordan recalled. "That was because of the primitive equipment we had to work with at that time. It took a lot of shovel work. The steam-powered equipment was not like what we are using today, and it took more physical work from the men."

As for actual bricking, two of the country's top brickers worked for Jordan. When Mark McCoy and Charlie Gray bricked a street, it took about a day and a half or two days to complete a block.

"McCoy had a good eye, and Gray was fast," Jordan said. Both men were originally from Georgia.

Area residents who were around during the construction remember the speed with which the two brickers could pave.

A 1926 article in *The Childress Index* quotes one onlooker as saying there was a steady "click, click, click" as Gray slapped brick after brick against each other and into the red earth. "It took four men to keep Gray supplied with bricks as he laid them in the ground," Jordan said.

The pair also were talented when it came to breaking a brick in half to make it fit along the curbing.

"They could pick a brick up, size it by their eyes and then hit it in the right place to make a clean, even cut that would fit," the contractor said. "I tried to duplicate how they did it and wound up destroying many bricks."

Hesperian founder was history teacher

1896
Claude V. Hall, who founded The Hesperian in 1896, later served as head of the History Department of East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce.



Covered wagons were first mode of travel

History of transportation in Floyd County, like that of all West Texas, parallels the development of a new country. First means of transportation was by covered wagon, wagon train, horseback and by foot. This has been transformed into high-speed vehicles, trains and even planes.

The early covered wagons were sometimes drawn by horses and mules, but more often by burly oxen. Early freighters who traveled overland by wagon train frequently utilized eight-mule teams.

According to The Hesperian's files, the first stage line in this section was a freight line which would also carry

passengers when not too heavily loaded.

Established in 1921, the first stage line of significance was a through line from Dallas to Lubbock via Floydada.

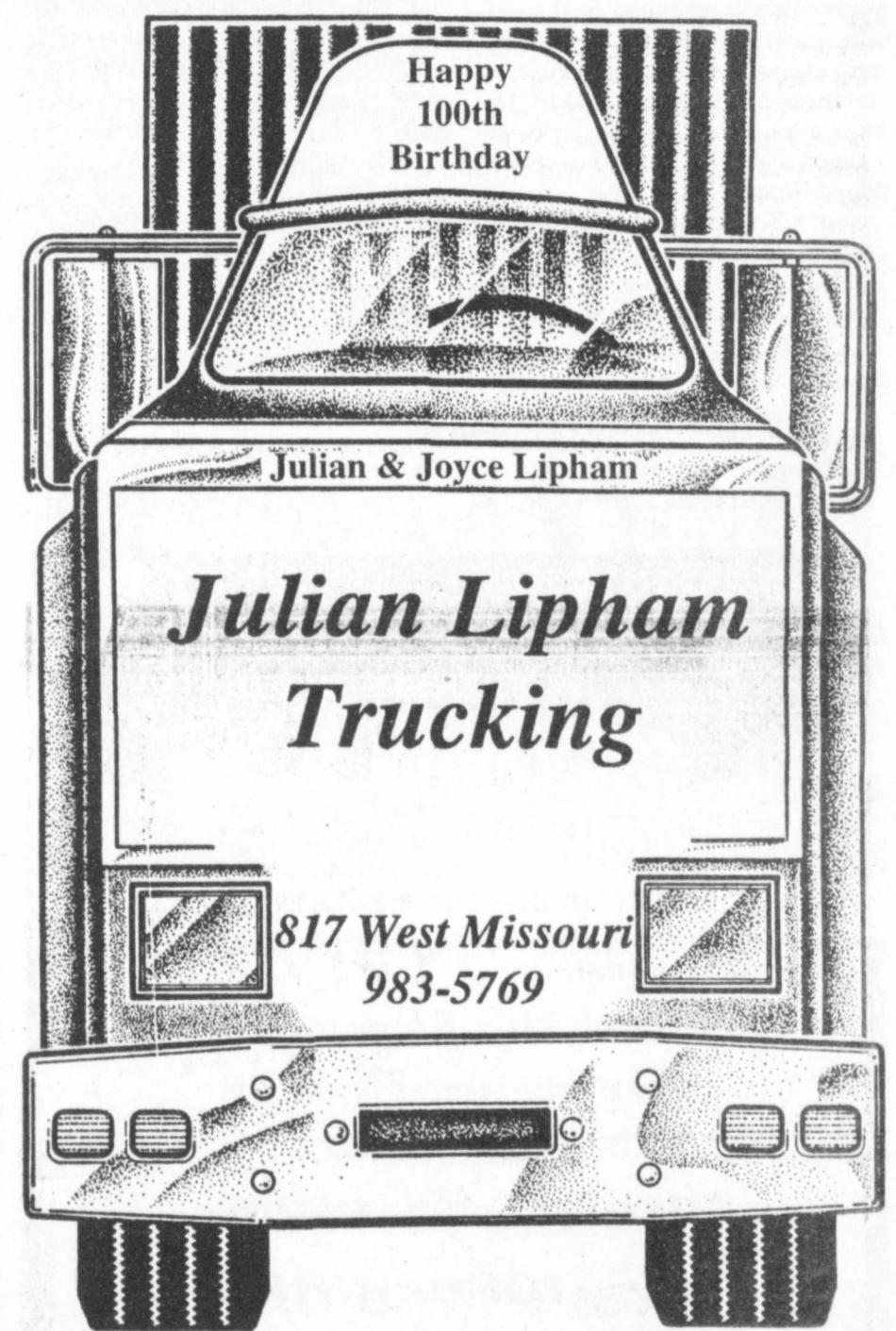
Among the old trail drivers who freighted by wagon train through their territory were the renowned Arthur B. Duncan and Hank Smith.

Transportation advanced with the coming of the Santa Fe Railroad in 1910. A branch line from Plainview to Floydada via Lockney was later purchased by Santa Fe. Obtaining right-of-way was the major obstacle in erecting a new line.

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ened out, and actual work, *The Hesperian* was informed, will begin some time during the earlier part of next week. "Numerous vexatious delays have been occasioned during the past several weeks, but these matters have been threshed out.

"The contractors have available practically all material that will be required to fill their contract, it was said."

However, delays continued several more months before the project actually got underway.

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Perils of war strike nation in 1917

Jack Close was among the first of Floyd County's young men to learn first hand the perils of war. But he was not alone, as those on the war front and the home front suffered together following this nation's entry into World War I.

Close, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Close, who was in the initial draft to leave Floydada in September 1917, was also the first Floyd County man to return to the states after seeing action in France. He was gassed on April 6, 1918, "with a number of other men in the same area and had been in the

hospital in France since that time" until his return on July 14 of that year to Ellis Island, New York.

Enroute home, Close's ship was attacked by three submarines. One of the German submarines was sunk.

914 Register for Draft

"Nine hundred and fourteen men in Floyd County 21 years of age and over and under 31 registered under the Selective Draft Act on Tuesday," according to a June 7, 1917, article appearing in The Floyd County Hesperian. This registration number "comprised practically 30 per cent

greater registration than was estimated."

Guesses made soon after the draft became law were that this county would "furnish probably 550 men within the age limit."

According to the newspaper article, "Reports from all over the county reveals that the registry passed off with no friction whatever. Registration Day was observed generally as a holiday over Floyd County. Most of the business houses at Floydada and Lockney were closed and many of the persons who registered early in the

day took advantage of the holiday to spend the time in recreation."

Information reached by The Hesperian caused the following observation: "It now appears certain that the War Department will draw all the numbers covering the entire registration of 10,000,000 men in the United States, and that these men will be called before the exemption boards in the order in which their numbers are drawn. This will mean that every man in Floyd County who registered will have his number drawn and that he will know as soon as it is made pub-

lic in just what order he may be expected to report to the County Board.

"Just as soon as the War Department completes the drawing and makes it public, The Hesperian will publish it in its entirety in such a shape as to show at a glance the consecutive order in which they are drawn, so that any registered man can pick out his number -- that is, the number that has been assigned to him on the registration lists, and then tell instantly what number in the drawing his registered number represents.

"By preserving the issue of The Hesperian of July 12 (1917), containing the serial registration numbers and the issue that will contain the results

of the drawing you will have a complete record of every registered man in the county and the order in which each will be called."

First Quota: 66 Men

Floyd County will furnish under the draft's first quota 66 men for the military. Following are the quotas, based on population, for this area:

County	Population	No. to Draft
Floyd	9,883	66
Crosby	7,665	58
Hale	12,039	80
Motley	4,390	30
Swisher	4,582	31
Briscoe	2,854	19
Dickens	5,944	30
Lubbock	11,792	79

World War I Floyd County Casualties

Sad news concerning the war was a frequent visitor to the folks back home.

Caleb McDermitt was killed by machine gun fire in France on Oct. 9, 1918. His death occurred "while the U.S. troops were making a charge" near St. Elienne. He was the son of F.J. McDermitt of the McCoy Community.

The soldier had been married one week when he marched off to war the previous spring.

Floydada's American Legion Post was named in honor of McDermitt.

Paul Foster was a prisoner of war in a POW camp in Darmstadt, Germany, according to the Sept. 19, 1918, issue of this newspaper.

The Oct. 3, 1918, issue stated: "237 boys have been sent to war by the local draft board." In the same issue, the public was requested to support the Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.

"Present indications are that a number of Floyd County boys who have been serving in France will return home by Christmas or shortly thereafter," according to the Nov. 28, 1918, Hesperian. "These men are those, however, who are wounded or convalescent in hospitals. The War Department statement was to the effect that all wounded would be returned to America within a period of two months."

However, it appears that the bulk of uninjured soldiers will be retained

in France for the present. The Ninetieth Division has been officially designated as one of the divisions which will form part of the "army of the occupation."

This newspaper reported, "The War Department is at present practically 30 days behind in reports of casualties seems to be indicated by the fact that some 'nearest of kin' are just now being notified of wounds and deaths among the troops who were in the big operations which began on October 8th (1918)."

National Memorial Day

President Woodrow Wilson designated May 30, 1918, National Memorial Day: "As a day of public humility, prayer and fasting. The people of the nation are asked to gather that day in their places of worship and pray for the victory of the American armies which will bring a peace founded upon mercy, justice and good will."

Floydada Mayor W.L. Boerner joined with officials throughout the nation in declaring the previous October 24 (1917) as "Liberty Day, when every community in the nation is called upon to do its part toward forwarding the Second Liberty Loan."

Floyd County oversubscribed its quota of the Second Red Cross War Fund, which was concluded in May 1918.

The Floydada region collected

\$10,120.65, which was more than twice its quota of \$4,694. Northern portion of the county also exceeded its goal, although tabulations in that area had not been completed when this newspaper's May 30, 1918, article was prepared.

Following are subscriptions for the Red Cross effort from schools in the Floydada region:

District	Quota	Subscription
Pleasant Hill	\$127.05	\$174.50
Fairview	264.55	338.55
Starkey	149.65	299.70
Sand Hill	318.00	502.35
Harmony	123.40	279.00
Lakeview	249.00	452.60
Center	163.80	294.00
McCoy	150.85	380.00

Mayview	135.65	145.15
Baker	246.55	517.50
Antelope	204.20	268.25
Blanco	122.95	162.95
Allmon	158.25	189.25
Campbell	161.05	349.50
Hillcrest	189.35	255.00
Newland	109.90	184.35
Floydada	1,825.80	5,328.00

Totals \$4,694.00 \$10,120.65

This newspaper carried military-related photos on page one of virtually every 1918 issue.

Sugar was rationed nationally. Certificates were issued which allowed each citizen to purchase two pounds of sugar per month.

Letters From Soldiers

Letters from servicemen frequently were shared by relatives with others via printing in The Hesperian. One of the most vivid was this letter written October 19, 1918, "somewhere in France" by Corporal Arryl Martin of Co. B, 144th infantry. It was written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin just after his 36th Division "came out of the big battles along the Meuse River in which they were engaged 14 days and in which the German Army received the staggering blows which were the immediate cause of the armistice."

Although his battalion sustained heavy losses, Cpl. Martin was uninjured.

His letter:
"Dear Mother and Dad:
"I have been very well pleased yesterday and today for several reasons. First, because I received two letters from you yesterday and one today. Something I need not speak of, for I am always glad to hear from you, and stand with my mouth, eyes and ears open when we get mail and when it is called out, and I hear my name called I almost go crazy.

"Another reason I am happy is because we were relieved from the front last night and I came out untouched but sorry to say some of our boys had the misfortune to get killed and some were wounded badly. Sincerely hope they will come out all OK.

"A person cannot realize what it is to be under shell fire until they are there and see and feel it, and see their good friends and comrades fall here and yonder, on account of machine gun and artillery fire. Our anxiety and hopes have been fulfilled in every part. We walked out and faced the worst artillery fire, so some Marines say, that they had ever seen, and they also said they quit the field on account of shell fire not near so bad as that was.

"But our boys faced it and walked out like veterans and not one of them faltered or acted like they wanted to stop, but kept going and gained our objectives, with the loss of two men

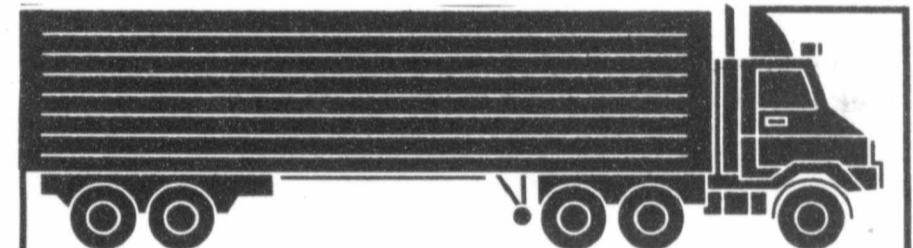
killed and several wounded. That was the afternoon of the 8th of October and we have been going every day since, although we have driven the Dutch back something like 25 miles up to date.

"Last Sunday we had a very warm reception from the Dutch with machine gun and artillery fire causing many casualties but we gained our objectives and stopped with exchanging our compliments to 'Fritzie' with a heavy rifle fire. We also gained very rich citations and compliments from such men as Generals Goch and Garaud, commending us for our bravery and coolness in battle, something that is no little thing but something to be proud of. Believe me, we are proud of it, all resulting from the prayers of our dear mothers and loved ones at home.

"We are rapidly progressing and when we do get back to dear old America again, we will bow down in humble thankfulness to our dear people and country for their constant help to us while in this awful thing called war.

"I received a letter from Hoyle Dunaway yesterday and was very glad to hear from him. I had heard that he had been killed but glad to hear different. He is well and fine, working hard he says. Heard from H. and Jewel also Eli today.

"Now, just a line as to where we are, I can't tell you exactly where we are, but if you remember the little country Germany overrun and came into France and have held since 1914,
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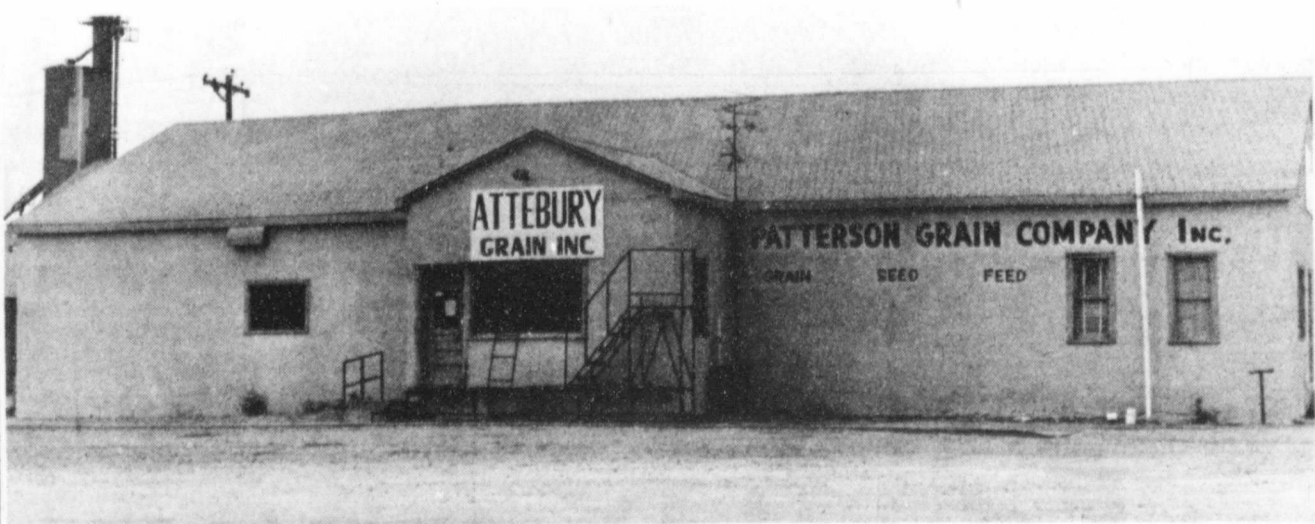
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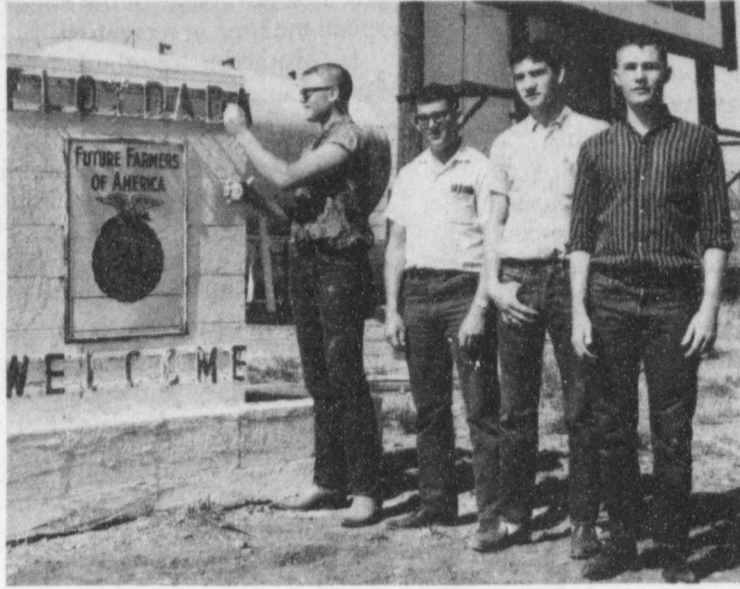
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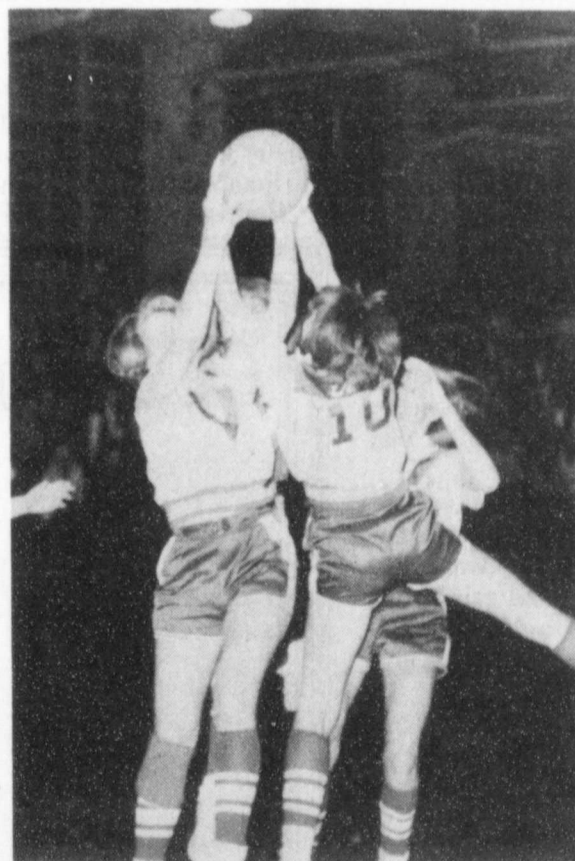


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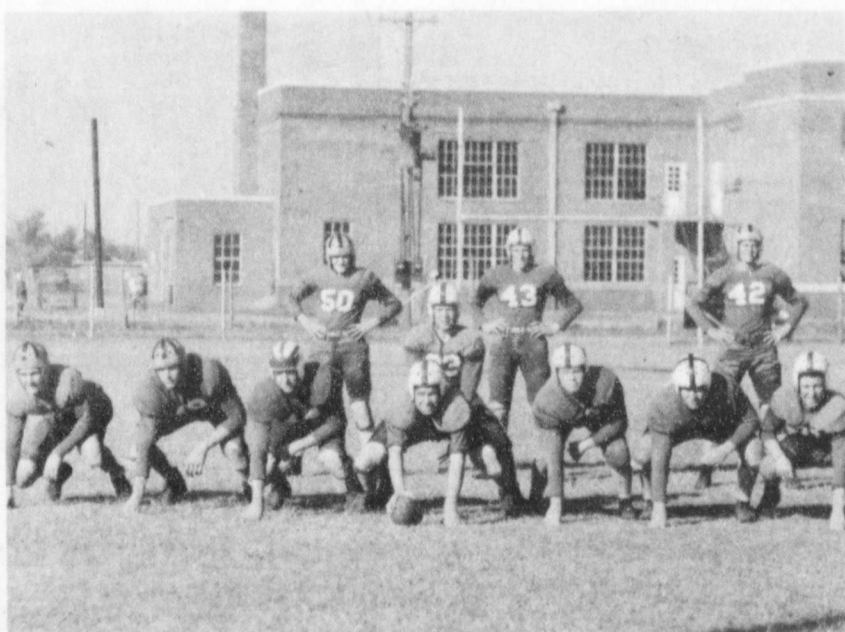
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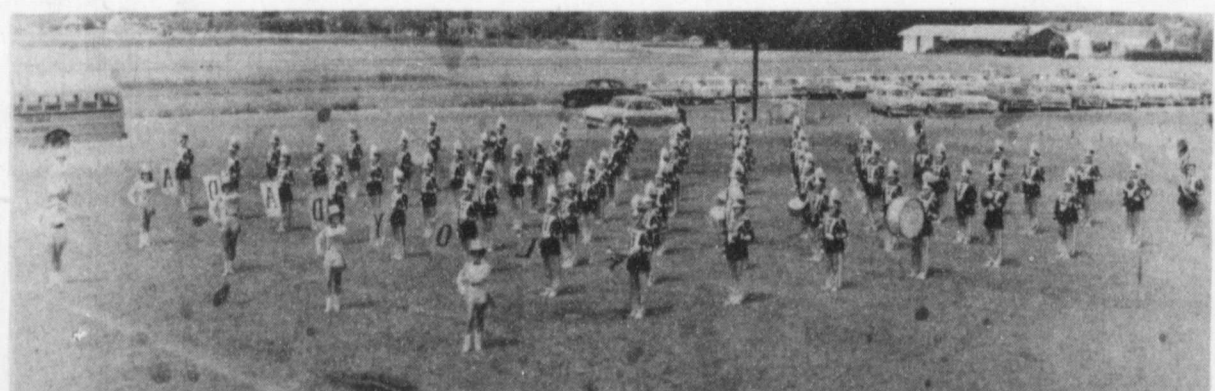
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Football



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Letters From Soldiers

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but thankful to say they are retreating as fast as possible.

"We are looking forward to the day when Germany will be no more and peace will reign supreme unhindered by any one or anything. I must close for this time but will write again soon. With love, your son.

"Corp. Arryl L. Martin
"Co. B, 144th Infantry

"P.S. I am sending you a Christmas package coupon. You asked me what I would like most. Of course I would like very many things but a fruit-cake is about as good as anything I can think of at present."

American Legion Post named in honor of WWI casualty

1918

McDermott American Legion Post #118 in Floydada was named in honor of a Floyd County soldier who was killed in October 1918 while serving in France during World War I. Caleb McDermott of the McCoy Community died on Oct. 9, 1918.

He was married one week before leaving home for military service in France.

The McDermott Post Charter was

signed and sent to national headquarters on Dec. 9, 1919.

Early meetings were held in the courthouse. The Barrow building, located at the northwest corner of the square, was later rented as the meeting site.

The American Legion hall in Floydada was constructed in 1924 and occupied in 1925.

McDermott Post sponsored rodeos and other entertainment to finance its building.



LOCKNEY AROUND 1908



JULY 3RD SCHOOL FAIR IN FLOYDADA - 1918

First Texas governor impeached in 1917

James E. Ferguson became the first Texas governor to be impeached. Following two weeks of proceedings, he was impeached on Saturday, Sept. 2, 1917, by the Senate, which sustained 10 of 21 charges preferred by the House.

"The situation was a dramatic one, though it had been apparent for a day or more on the floor of the legislative halls that the governor would be impeached," The Hesperian explained in its Sept. 27, 1917, issue.

The largest vote for impeachment came on the Canyon City Normal fund charge. The Senate stood 27 to 4 on this charge.

Governor Ferguson closed the argument in his own behalf, addressing the Senate for two hours and 20 minutes.

"This is the first time in the history of the state that a governor has been impeached, and the second time in the history of the United States," according to this newspaper. "William Sulzer, former governor of New York, was the first."

The Monday following its impeachment action, the Texas Senate "in a majority vote declared the governor disqualified from ever holding office in this state again."

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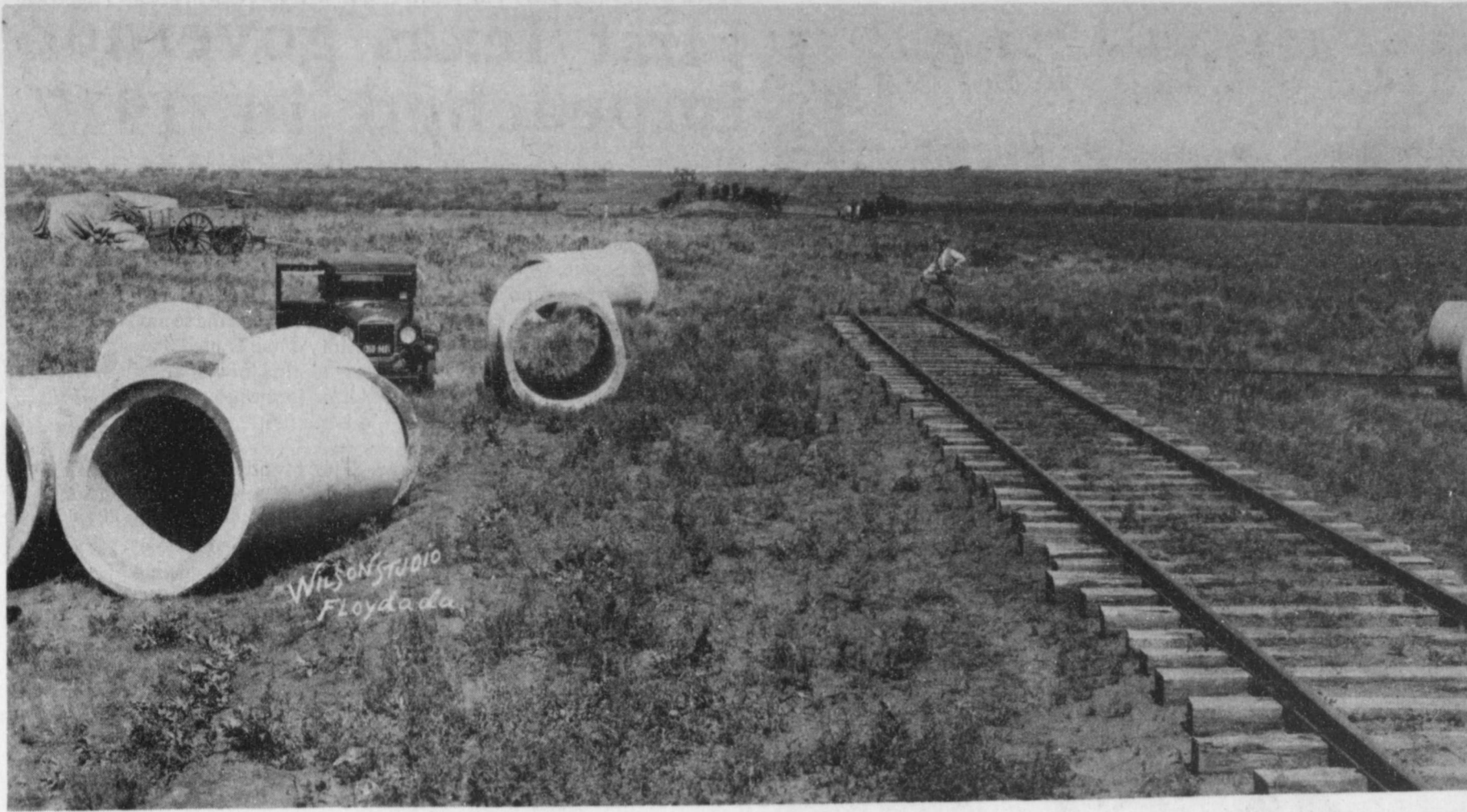
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QA&P links Floydada with east and north

1928
With the arrival of the first passenger train of the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway on Monday, Oct. 1, 1928, Floydada received "quick, direct connections east and north for the first time in history."

The train made connection at Oklahoma City with the Frisco's fast train, "The Hot Shot," which traveled from Oklahoma City to St. Louis and Chicago. The Hesperian stated "this gives fast service to two of the greatest

manufacturing and distributing centers in America. This means a great saving in time on passenger, express and mail service to these centers, as well as to Oklahoma City, and makes Floydada as easily accessible from these centers of manufacturing and distribution as any city or town in the Panhandle-Plains area."

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Plainsman carries 700 on maiden voyage

1928
Christened "The Plainsman," the new train carried 700 passengers on her maiden voyage. Five thousand visitors were on hand to bid her welcome.

The following excerpt from the Oct. 4, 1928, issue of The Floyd County Hesperian recaptures festivi-

ties when the new train arrived in Floydada:

"Plainview, Lockney, Lubbock, Ralls, Crosbyton, Idalou, Quitaque, Lorenzo, Amarillo and other cities of the Plains and Panhandle had delegations, who came in caravans of automobiles. The Plainview delegation, in particular, was large and well-orga-

nized and aided greatly in the events of the afternoon.

"Judge L.S. Kinder headed the Plainview delegation, which numbered in excess of 250 persons and included one of the bands for which the city is noted.

"A beautiful day added to the enjoyment of the event for everybody concerned, including local residents.

"When the ten-coach train pulled by a double header engine and piloted by Roadmaster Wylie, pulled into the

station, the blare of the bands and the yells of the crowd made a deafening noise of welcome for the excursionists.

"As the excursionists alighted, they were greeted with a picnic lunch, prepared in large quantities by the 1922 Study Club. Sandwiches, coffee, cookies, fruit and pie were served each passenger as they stepped off the train. Following them came hundreds of other visitors who shared in the eats.

Noisy ceremonies welcome committee

1928
"Brief ceremonies marked the historical event. Noisy band and pep squad demonstrations preceded the formal welcome to Floydada, extended by E.C. Nelson, chairman of the right-of-way finance committee for the new line.

"The inauguration of passenger service over the Quanah route marks

the beginning of a new day for this section," he told the 5,000 visitors. Among other things he spoke of the pleasure with which local business interests had dealt with the railroad officials in the construction of the lines. They have everything they promised us they would do and more," he declared.

Railroad aids in wheat production

With the coming of railroad lines, Floyd County developed as a wheat producing area.

In 1928, both the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway and the Fort Worth & Denver Railway moved into the county. The QA&P extended its line from McBain, giving Floydada its first direct connection to the north and east. Fort Worth & Denver Railway

served the towns of South Plains, Sterley and Lockney.

Next came bus service. Texas, New Mexico & Oklahoma (TNM&O) and McMakin Trailways began operating regular schedules. They offered both passenger and freight services.

Several common carrier motor freight lines also operated in this county.



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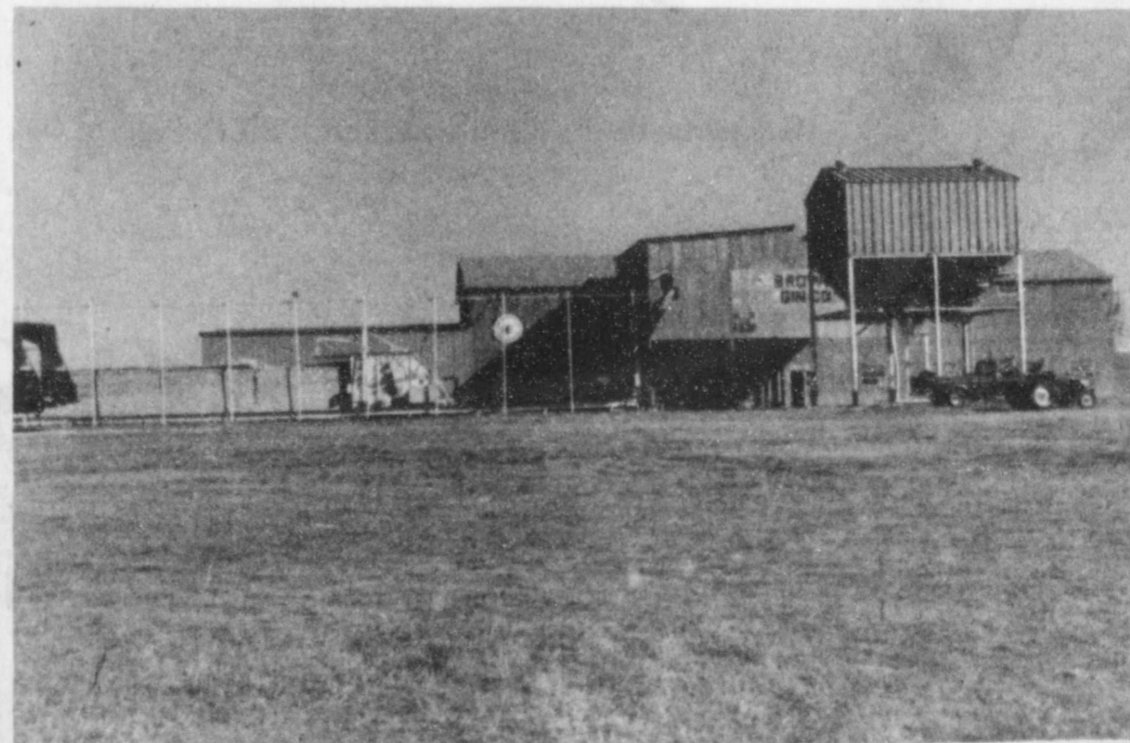
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Floyd town made spirited bid for Texas Tech in 1923

(1923)
By Jim Reynolds
The Texas Tech University Raiders and Lady Raiders, based in Floydada, both qualified for the NCAA basketball Sweet Sixteen in 1995!

That statement is true, except that the university is located in Lubbock. But Floydada could have become the Texas Tech University home had a spirited push been successful in 1923. "Floydada at Tech Jubilee! 225 From Floydada and Lockney On Special" barked the headline of April 5, 1923, issue of The Hesperian. This started an intense effort spanning several months to have the new school located in Floydada. "Floyd County Special Biggest From South Plains, Makes Big Impression At Metropolis," stated the sub-head. The actual number from both towns was 300.

First paragraph of the article: "The celebration in Amarillo yesterday for the passage of the bill creating the Texas Technological College was a tremendous success in numbers, enthusiasm and colorful demonstrations and the Floydada Special, which carried two hundred and fifty-five persons, was the largest delegation pulled to Amarillo from the South Plains section. The Floydada contingent on the train was larger than either the Lubbock or Plainview delegation, and this number was swelled by more than forty businessmen from Lockney, who, with their band, boarded the train at Lockney and added greatly to the pep and enthusiasm of the crowd enroute as well as during the parade in Amarillo."

Floydada High School Band and Lockney Concert Band added zest,

and the Floydada Quartette (E.S. Randerson, A.N. Gamble, E.G. Wood and R.T. Stribling) "entertained large crowds wherever the delegation stopped long enough to give an opportunity."

Eight banners carried in the parade "featured Floyd County as the banner production county of the plains in cotton, wheat and other agricultural products as well as of hogs and other livestock."

Impressive Group
"Floyd County's delegation made a good impression in this parade. The Lockney contingent led with their band, the entire delegation being clad in blue overalls carried the slogan across their breasts, 'Floyd County, the Champion Agricultural County of the Plains.' Arthur Barker, their parade manager, did some clown stuff that convulsed the crowds with laughter. Floydada's part of the contingent featured about 150 students from the high school with business and professional men and farmers filling out the ranks." Floydada High School Principal J.C. Wester led the Floydada section of the parade and was yell leader for the high school students.

Texas Lt. Gov. T.W. Davidson was the keynote speaker for the Amarillo gathering. Following an 8 p.m. rally on April 12, 1923, in the courthouse "for the purpose of forwarding the interests of Floydada for the location of the Texas Technological College," application was soon made for Floydada to become home to the new college. Col. W.M. Massie, chairman of the committee, and Maury Hopkins, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce,

were in Austin on April 19, 1923, "to file the application and brief." However, when more time was allowed the revised brief and application were actually filed Monday, April 23, by Judge A.P. McKinnon.

"Two thousand and 23 acres of land lying in a body beginning in the western corporate limits of Floydada and westward are offered for the site," according to an April 19, 1923, article appearing in this newspaper. "The land adjoins a part of the best residential section of Floydada and is considered as complying strictly with the enacting law which made proximity to the business section of the community one of the requirements."

37 Bids Received
Thirty-seven towns made offers. The Texas Technological College Locating Committee announced in April that all sites would be inspected during 26 days.

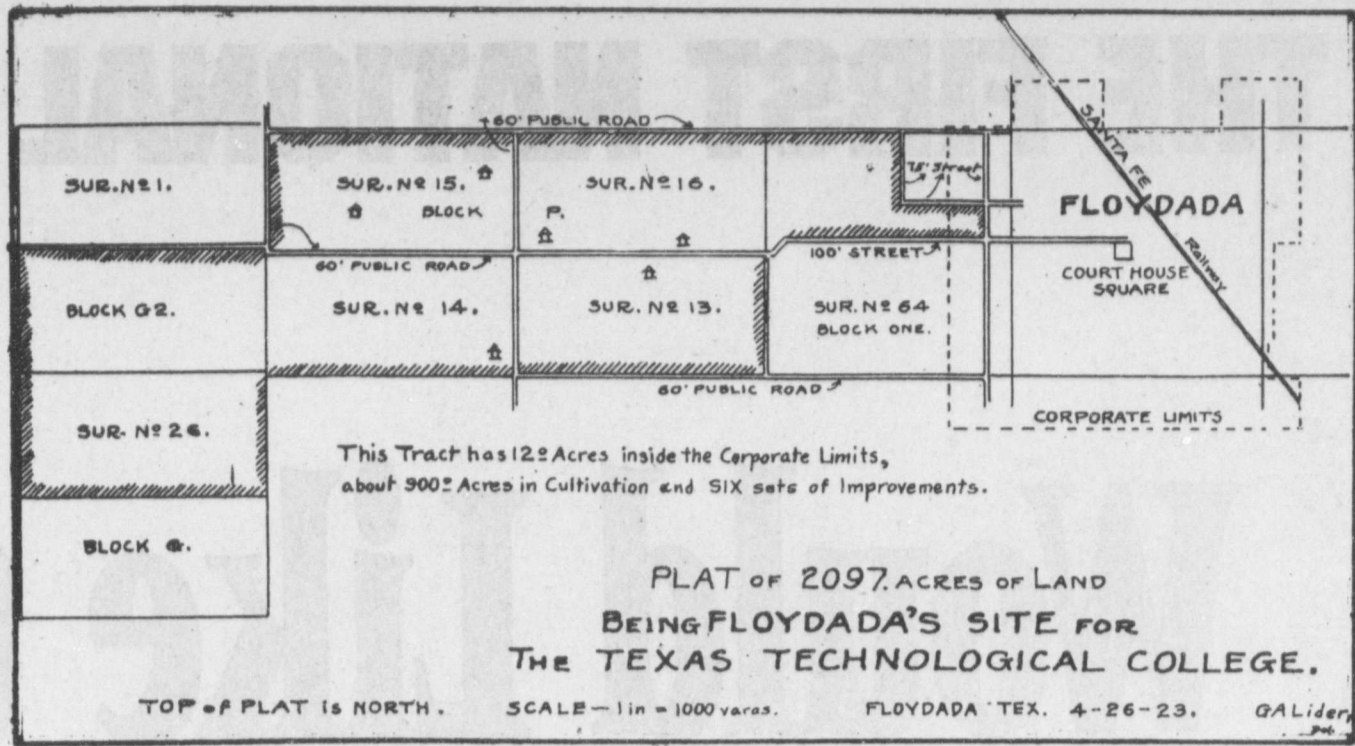
Among those bidding for the school were: Boerne, Lampasas, Brady, Menard, Brownwood, Coleman, Ballinger, Paint Rock, Miles, Midland, San Angelo, Slaton, Big Spring, Colorado, Sweetwater, Abilene, Buffalo Gap, Clyde, Cisco, Seymour, Munday, Haskell, Stamford, Snyder, Post, Wilson, Lubbock, Crosbyton, Spur, Floydada, Plainview, Tulia, Amarillo, Claude, Memphis, Quanah and Vernon.

Members of the locating committee included: S.B. Crowell, chairman, State Board of Control; Dr. William S. Sutton, acting president, University of Texas; Dr. W.B. Bizzell, president, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; S.M.N. Marrs, state superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. F.M. Bralley, president, College of Industrial Arts, Denton; and W.R. Nabours, secretary of the locating board.

The Hesperian announced a "Tech Rally" for 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 1923, at the district courtroom. "People of the entire county are asked to be represented in formulating final plans for entertainment of Tech locating board on Thursday, Aug. 2," the article stated. The story alluded to "the last card in Tech fight" and added that "the local committee has spared neither time nor expense in presenting Floydada's claims."

When the six-man locating committee arrived on Aug. 2, the main order of business was inspection of the site being offered in Floydada.

"Electing to take their chances at impressing the locating board with the value of the site offered by Floydada for the location of the Texas Technological College, by the absence of elaborate entertainments and tremendous crowds, the local committee will have as their guests the Texas Technological College Locating Board, newspaper men representing a half



PROPOSED PLANS FOR TEXAS TECH IN FLOYDADA

dozen daily newspapers of the state at a luncheon which is dissimilar in many respects to any the board has so far enjoyed in their rounds of site inspecting," according to this newspaper. "The luncheon is spread at the Commercial Hotel and consists, in its entirety, of food produced on Floyd County farms and ranches. Only the flavors coffee and tea were not produced in this county. In variety and abundance, it is declared, the spread cannot be excelled at this season of the year anywhere in the world."

Twelve local businessmen departed Aug. 1, in six cars for Spur, where they spent the night before meeting the selection committee members and accompanying them to Floydada the following day.

Decision Announced August 8, in Ft. Worth

Lubbock was the bride and Floydada was among 36 bridesmaids when the college's location was announced by the selection group during its Aug. 9, 1923, meeting in Ft. Worth.

According to this newspaper, "When the news that Lubbock had been named as the location for the school reached people in Lubbock, all business activities were abandoned and the whole town spent the afternoon in celebrating the event. It was a most tumultuous celebration, advisories received in Floydada last night, indicated, rivaling the Armistice Day Celebration in noisiness and jubilation."

Upon receiving the news, Floydada Chamber of Commerce immediately sent a congratulatory telegram to its Lubbock counterparts. "We are deeply gratified the school has been located on the plains and are happy to congratulate you," the telegram stated in part.

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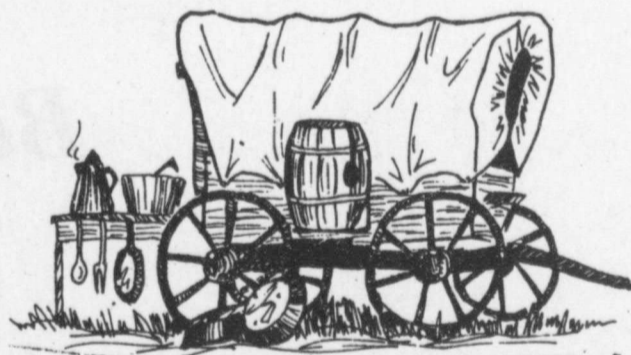
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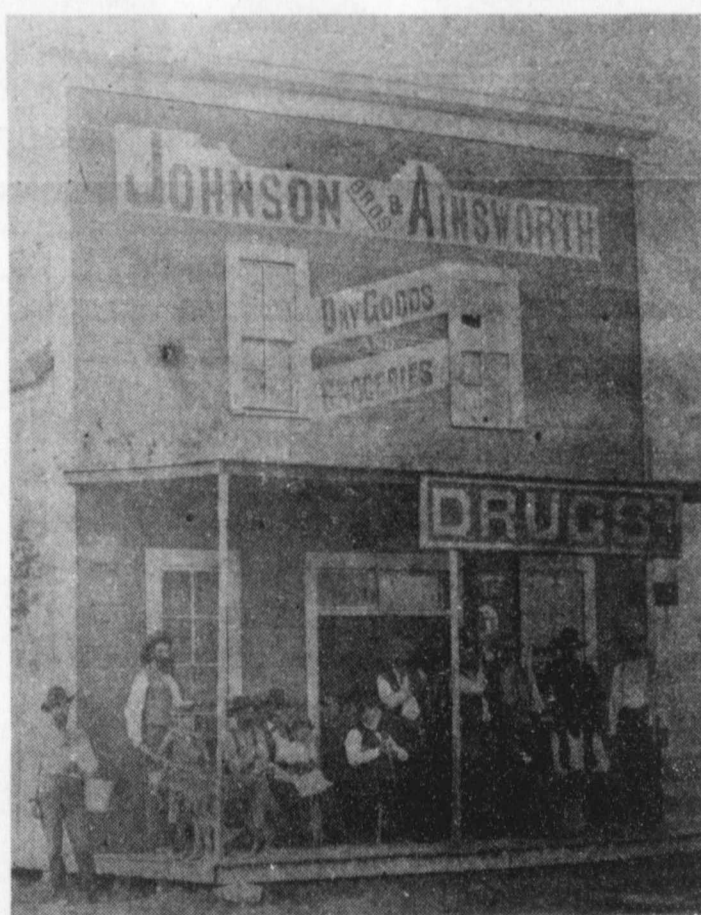
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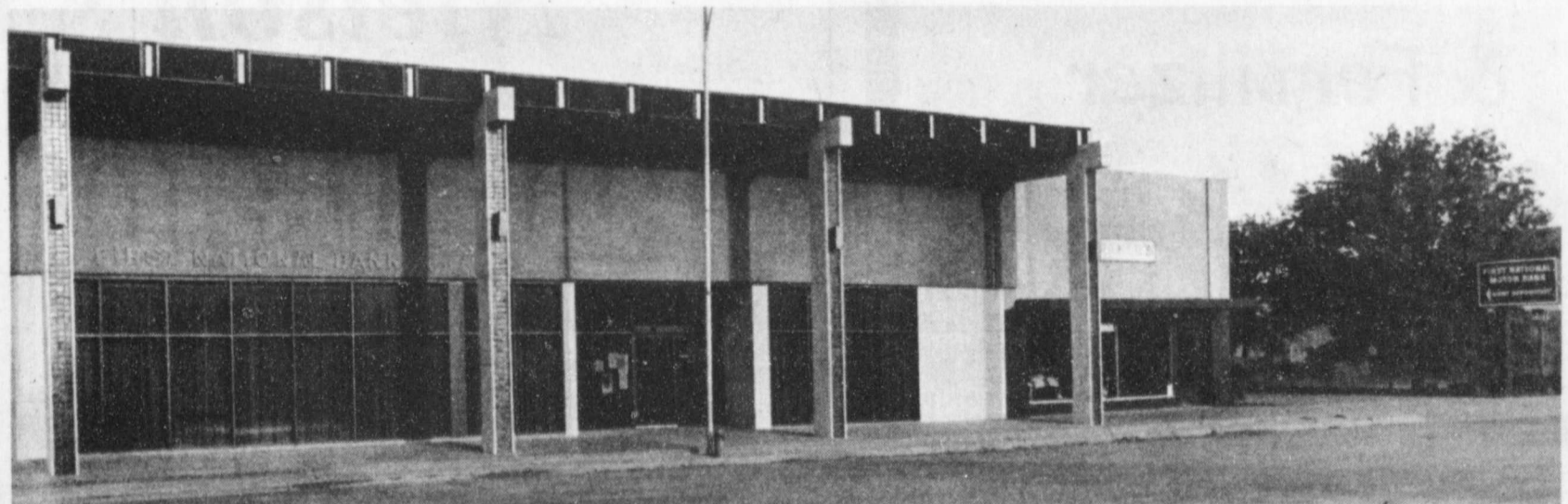
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South Plains starts with 1927 building boom

(1927)
South Plains started with a boom! First issue of South Plains Sun on July 15, 1927, reported a grand opening and double-header auction sale July 22-23. The town was developed by A.B. Brown, president of First National Bank of Lockney and J.S. Edwards, prominent town builder of Slaton.

The newspaper's first edition told that the first brick and tile building "is practically complete." 10 brick buildings are planned as part of a "boom"; that J.B. Jarnagin will open a grocery store, Barton Thornton and Gilbert Bean are to erect a grain elevator; water and electricity is assured

by developers, with "actual construction to start at once on plant"; W.P. Fewell has leased one of the new brick buildings to house his general merchandise store; the contract has been let for the first bank building; lumber yards and other businesses are certain; Mrs. Homer Harper will erect a brick filling station; E.D. Smallin has a contract to construct five buildings and Edwards will erect two brick structures.

"Besides South Plains being located in the rich farming belt, the town is within five miles of what will soon be the scenic wonder of Texas: a beautiful creek supplied by springs with a continuous supply of water

clear as crystal and leading from the Plains to the tunnels." The townsite is part of the "famous old F Ranch."

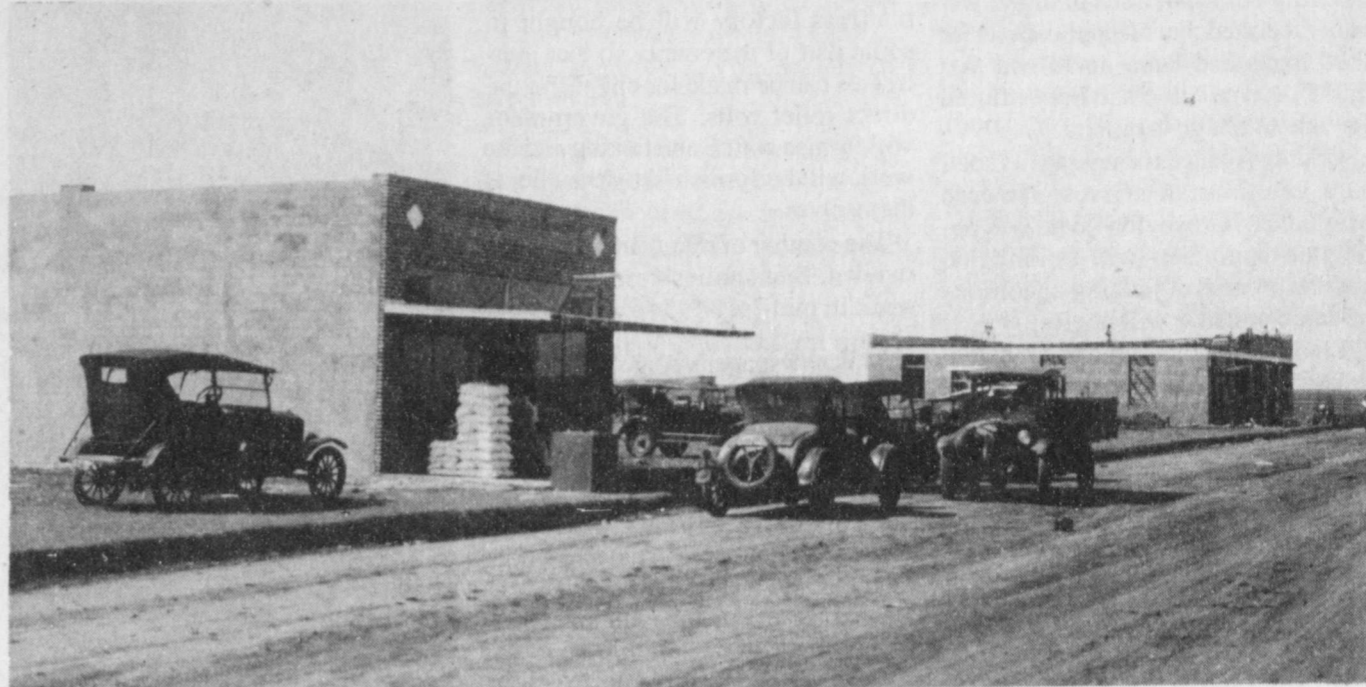
Two oil tests are underway in Floyd County, and "a deep test will be made here (South Plains) just as soon as a block of acreage is secured."

Harley Sadler Show provides treat in summer

1930's
Record-breaking crowds seemed to prevail on opening night of the famed Harley Sadler Show during its one-week visit to Floydada and other area towns each summer. Sadler's company was reputed to be "the most successful tent show in America." Opening performance here in 1934 featured "Marten of the Movies," with a 30-minute musical overture by the orchestra and eight acts of "big-time vaudeville" interspersed between acts of the play.

Sadler was normally seen in comedy characterizations "that have made him famous," and Billie Sadler played lead roles in the plays.

Boxed candy, complete with prizes, was sold at intermission.



SOUTH PLAINS IN 1927 - BRICK BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Gradual resumption of bank functions reported

March 9, 1933
The First National Bank of this city and the banks of the West Texas area, caught in the general order last Thursday night (March 2) closing all banking institutions of the country in a temporary holiday proclaimed by the president and secretary of the treasury, were gradually resuming their functions this week under restricted rules promulgated by the comptroller of the currency," according to the lead article in the March 9, 1933, issue of The Hesperian.

In anticipation of action today of the national Congress looking toward an early reopening of all banks, "the local bank was beating time," the story slated.

"While cash was being received into the bank subject to the orders of customers, no checking accounts were being opened. All funds in the bank were impounded by the presidential order at the time of the closing. Banks over this area protested the closing order, first made by Governor Ferguson and State Banking Commis-

sioner Shaw and later extended and broadened by the national authorities.

While business in this area had "leveled away and was moving along," this newspaper explained, "acute conditions in the eastern banking centers, where withdrawals from large banks by the millions in currency and billion were being made, cause the decision to impound all banking funds to protect the circulating medium."

"Although business was slowed up in this section by the order of the president, principally on account of a lack of change, not a great deal of inconvenience has been occasioned and no suffering has resulted. Checks generally are being accepted in good faith, although it is not known what percentage of the bank deposits will be tied up indefinitely."

Cream and produce checks were accumulating in local retail establishments, "but apparently there is no indication of a complete tieup in business activities unless banks remain closed for another week or more."

Drought relief funds coming to Floyd County

Texas Relief Commission has furnished the Legislature with information which reveals that "241 of the 254 Texas counties have been placed in the emergency area where federal officials recognize the situation as being acute," according to an article appearing in this newspaper's Sept. 6, 1934 issue.

This report shows the expenditure of \$54,612,622 from all sources for relief in Texas for the period from Sept. 1, 1933, to Aug. 31, 1934. "It estimates that \$44,390,000 in relief funds will be necessary to care for the distressed in our state until May 1 of next year."

On the drought situation the same report shows that surveys in 100 counties reveal 50,000 farm families hauling water for domestic purposes, six corporate municipalities with exhausted local water supplies and 20 more with less than a 30-day supply on hand.

Leghorn laying hard boiled eggs

June 14, 1934
By Jim Reynolds
Mrs. G.R. May initially found her own family leery to believe that one of her white Leghorn hens was laying hard-boiled eggs in the scorching summer of 1934. In six or seven days "the hen laid five of the hard-boiled eggs up to Monday night," this newspaper reported.

"Only after the hen laid an egg in the shade and it was gathered while yet fresh: Mrs. May's family believed the hard-boiled egg story was not merely a joke. A son declared "it oughtn't to be put in the paper, because nobody would believe it."

Incidentally, the temperature on June 11, 1934, reached 106 1/2 degrees.

Agent discovers illicit liquor haul

1934
By Jim Reynolds
The largest haul of illicit liquor found in Floyd County (to that date) was confiscated by a raiding party in the extreme eastern part of the county on Dec. 6, 1934. One thousand, 482 1/2 gallons of alcohol were taken by the group head by federal agent Sam Tibbets.

Two cars and a trailer, each loaded with liquor, were impounded. Two women and a man were arrested and another man was being sought.

Commodity prices up

The Hesperian pointed out that "two remarkable paradoxes have marked the period of paralyzed banking facilities. The first of these is the unanimous expression of confidence and belief that the period definitely marks a turn

in the business of the nation toward better times, and the other is the upward swing of commodity prices, especially that of grains and livestock.

The Floydada bank was making change, "although it is not permitted

to allow any currency to be exchanged for checks. In a day or two it is hoped to have relief for the movement of foods and feeds freely. Lack of clearing facilities at various points has made this a difficult matter of solution."

New start possible for 86 people in Floyd County

Oct. 4, 1934
By Jim Reynolds
Federal assistance in 1934 enabled many people to start over after being ravaged by the Great Depression.

"Eighty-six Floyd County farm people, who have been scaled down by the depression, are in line to get a new start, with a home and plot of land furnished by the government under the terms of the government rehabilitation program, Clifford Rhoades, county administrator, announced Wednesday afternoon,"

stated the lead article in the Oct. 4, 1934, issue of The Hesperian.

T.K. Brannon, a rural rehabilitation supervisor, will be in this county two or three days each week, checking over houses and plots of ground now listed for rehabilitation purposes and getting contracts and leases and estimates on repairs. He will submit estimates to the Relief Commission at Austin.

"These 86 farmers, who want to get back on the farm, can produce food for their families and livestock on the

government retired land allotted to them but will have to pay for their capital goods of tools, teams, chickens and hogs in work," Rhoades explained.

"As a result of the rehabilitation survey made some time ago we have 38 houses and plots of government retired land on which these 86 persons will be given a new start in life."

Property for the program has been rented to the government for the coming year. The owner has been or will be paid for the property.

Infantile paralysis claims lives in 1934

Oct. 25, 1934
By Jim Reynolds
Five cases of "polio myelitis or infantile paralysis" were definitely diagnosed in this county during a late 1934 siege, according to Dr. V. Andrews, county health officer. All five reside in the Cedar Hill vicinity.

Two members of one family died of the illness. Those who contacted

the illness, from three different families, were school age or under.

Parents were advised to keep their children isolated as much as possible, especially those residing in the Cedar area. Infantile paralysis is infections but not highly contagious, doctors believe.

"There has been no serum found for infantile paralysis as yet," Dr. Andrews said.

1934 dust storm reported to be 300 miles wide

Sept. 6, 1934
By Jim Reynolds
No damage was done, "except to fill the housewives' houses full of dust that sifted through the openings," in this county by a Sunday, Sept. 2, 1934, dust storm which was indicated by reports to have been 300 miles wide.

"Reports from as far west as House, N.M., indicate the storm hit with as much force as in the plains area, and as far east as Childress, news reports indicate the storm hit there about the same time as Floydada, 6 o'clock," according to a news story appearing in this newspaper.

The duster blew in from the north.

Dorrell plants beans

Feb. 14, 1935
By Jim Reynolds
"It looks like we've got to get away from cotton, at least for the present," L.H. Dorrell, who farms four miles east of Floydada, told The Hesperian for an article appearing in the Feb. 14, 1935, issue. He plans to plant 125 acres of pinto beans, which could in-

clude a few acres of lima beans.

L.A. Marshall, a former Floydada grain dealer who spent two recent years in the bean producing area around Roy, N.M., declares that pinto will "equal or exceed any of the present crops being raised in Floyd County in productivity and possibilities for profit."

Wind erosion prevention funds allocated for county

March 12, 1936
Funds for preventing wind erosion in this county have been allocated, according to the March 12, 1936 issue. County Agent D.F. Bredthauer's, assisted by the County Farm Associa-


tion, is "rapidly forming an emergency wind erosion organization." Funds will be distributed at the rate of 20 cents an acre for fall tillage. Sixty per cent of the funds will be paid when applications are approved.

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Drought relief leads to cattle slaughter

(compiled from various 1934-35 issues)

By Jim Reynolds

A drought relief project by the federal government led to the slaughter of thousands of cattle in Floyd and neighboring counties during 1934. The July 26, 1934, issue of this newspaper reported that 60 applications for feed loans had been made and that 5,375 head of cattle had been offered for sale to the government.

County Agent Lindsey said as soon as a veterinarian arrives, Howard Mayfield of Crosbyton--who was appointed appraiser--will be notified and the process of judging conditions of value of cattle will begin.

Lindsey said that some of the cattle, regardless of whether they are diseased, will be shot on the spot. When animals are shot, their owners may use the meat for table purposes and are paid for it as well.

The newspaper's July 29, 1934, issue stated that 127 animals were slain on the first day's work of thinning out cattle in the county.

"The idea of permitting their cattle to be shot down in cold blood did not appeal to some of the owners. One rancher, who did not relish the idea, had to resort to this means when he found out he could not borrow money for feed unless the mortgage holder signed a waiver. When the mortgage holder refused to sign the waiver, all that was left for the owner, who had a tender heart for his cattle, was to stand by and see his animals killed in order to keep them from dying from want of feed." The Hesperian reported.

The first day's work centered in the Starkey and McCoy communities, considered the driest areas.

"Naturally the percentage of cattle killed in relation to the number of cattle passed seems appalling," an official said. "But a great number of the cattle killed Friday were small calves which could not stand the shipping process. From here the cattle will be shipped to Ft. Worth, Kansas City or Chicago to be canned for distribution among relief roll clients throughout the nation."

The benefit payment sale is: \$3 for calves, \$5 for yearlings, \$6 for two-year-olds and over. The purchase payment scale is: \$1-5 for calves, \$5-10 for yearlings, \$6-14 for cattle two years old and over.

This county was declared an emergency drought relief area, which enabled livestock owners to secure loans for stock feed.

The July 26, 1934, issue of this newspaper reported there are 316 hog contract signers in the county and payments on these contracts will total approximately \$40,000. Additional

swine was sold after that date. One hundred and 54 hog reduction contracts for 1935 were signed early that year.

Direct relief rolls

In another economic move, the federal government announced that a mattress factory will be bought in some part of the county so that mattresses can be made for clients on the direct relief rolls. The government will furnish cotton and ticking and the work will be furnished by the clients themselves.

The number of relief clients rapidly swelled. Ten families were added one week in mid-July 1934.

This newspaper's Aug. 2, 1934, issue revealed that 10 carloads of cattle from this county purchased by the government would be shipped that day from the Floydada pens to Kansas City. The animals would be slaughtered and their meat canned in Kansas City.

Because of an inadequate water supply, cattle in the South Plains pen may be shipped next week.

By Aug. 2, applications for about 5,550 cattle to be sold had been received from this county. Officials are providing feed for the cattle until they can be shipped.

Seventeen families in the Harmony area joined in a massive canning and storing project for winter of 30 calves and yearlings condemned by representatives of the federal government. A large concrete cellar on the R.B. Gary Lakeside Farm was used for storage of beef as it was killed and skinned. Carcasses were hung on racks in the cellar, with 1,800 pounds of ice for cooling the first day and 1,500 pounds the second. Eight hundred cans of beef were stored for the 17 families.

The estimated cash outlay cost per family is 70 cents.

"Twenty-six Carloads Cattle Shipped Since Buying Program Begun," stated a headline in the Aug. 9, 1934, issue of The Hesperian. As of Aug. 7, 1,494 cattle had been sold. This included 115 cows purchased by the government for milking purposes by relief roll clients who milk these cows at the QA&P stock pens and use the milk for their own purposes.

The number of cattle purchased by the government had risen to 3,997 by Sept. 6, 1934.

Plans were revealed in mid-November for the purchase of an additional 500 cattle. This included mature cows which would be more difficult to winter. No calves or steers are included in this phase.



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Local ag production totals \$1,251,484

Dec. 26, 1935
Floyd farmers sold \$1,251,484 worth of farm products during the year 1935.

TV set works

Sept. 6, 1934
Philo Farnsworth, a 27-year-old television set inventor, gazed proudly at a cathode tube bearing a distinct image of film actress Joan Crawford, shown in a photo in the Sept. 6, 1934, issue of this newspaper. The picture of Crawford was transmitted from a picture in an adjoining room. The demonstration took place at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

Earthquake felt in Floyd County

1936
For one of the few times in history, county residents felt an earthquake on June 25, 1936.

County slices debt despite depression

March 12, 1936
Despite a heavy relief load due to the Great Depression and the high cost of right-of-way for new roads, the county indebtedness declined \$1,500 during fiscal year 1935, according to a report in this newspaper.

In this our 36th year we are thankful to all of you for whom we have worked. May God give us many years to serve you in the future.



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Rural electrification arrived in 1939

1939
One throw of a switch at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 1939, sent electric current coursing 175 miles of lines in Floyd and Hale counties as rural electricity came to this area.

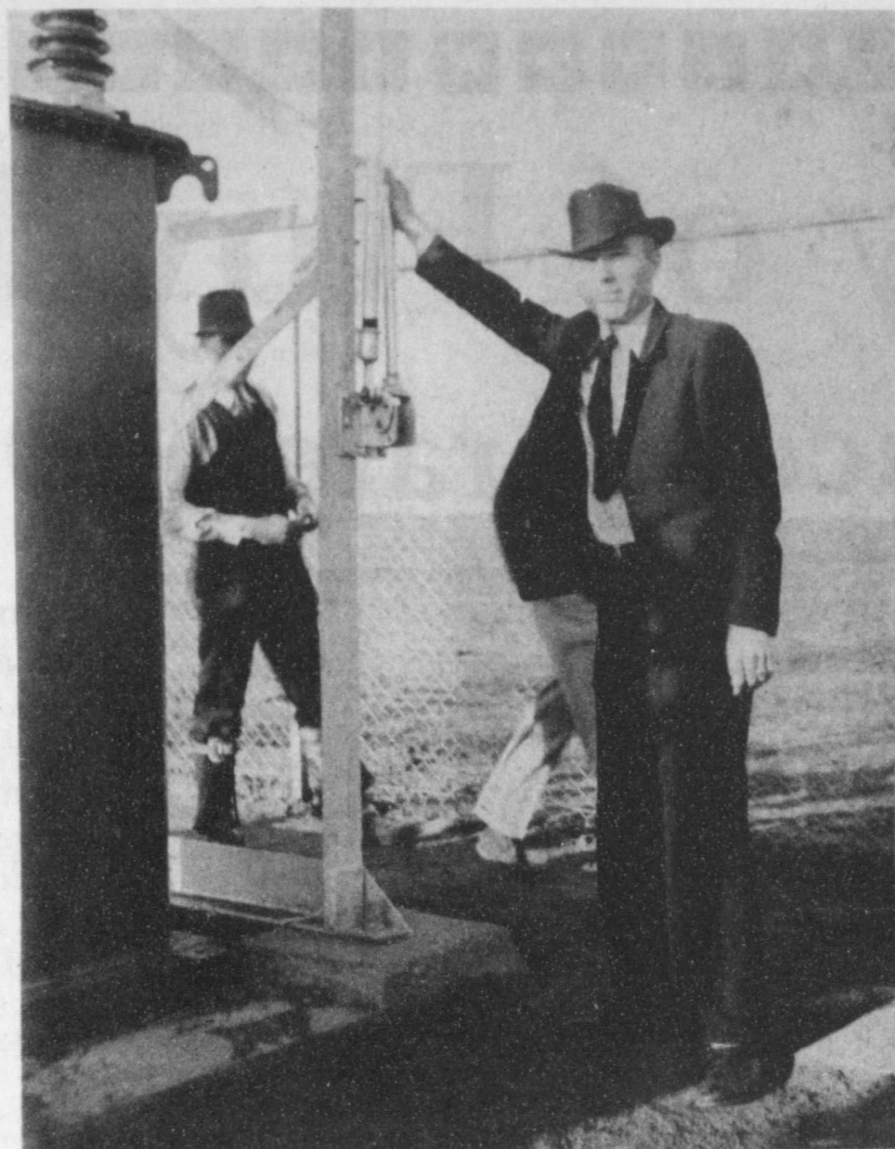
L.W. Chapman, superintendent of Floyd County Rural Electric Co-op, pulled the switch. The main switch was located at the Petersburg sub-station, located 1 1/2 miles east of Petersburg.

First members of the co-op to ac-

tually put the electricity to use were Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Rambeau, Hale County residents who live north of the sub-station.

Lights came on in the Rambeau house as soon as L.D. Britton, co-op lineman, climbed the transformer pole and threw the fuse switch to afford the first member on the line light and power.

Britton and Bill Fowler then spent an hour throwing other fuse switches on the line toward the C.R. Barnard residence.



THROWING THE SWITCH ON ELECTRICITY

Arrival of electric service tumbles some from beds

"Mr. Barnard was badly in need of power to begin his irrigation," according to The Floyd County Hesperian. "The motor and wiring were inspected as soon as the crew was on hand and before 9:30 the Barnard electric pump was throwing a full pipe of water onto a wheat field. This was the first irrigation well operated from the co-op line."

Britton, Fowler and Chapman spent the remainder of the night up until 4 a.m. going from house to house on the line throwing fuse switches and giving rural residences electricity for the first time.

"It was not unusual to light up an entire house, the yard and barn by throwing the fuse switch and bringing the entire family tumbling from their beds in the small hours of the morning, but such an interruption of sleep was in most cases welcomed with joy," according to this newspaper's article.

Over 200 houses were receiving power and 16 irrigation wells were in

operation after one week of operation.

An additional 175 or 200 miles of line were already approved at that time, reaching into other sections of Floyd County as well as into Crosby and Hale counties. This additional line will serve approximately 400 more farm houses.

The Aiken sub-station is to be under construction within a short time, official said. This sub-station will accommodate about 100 additional residences and irrigation wells.

"Energization took place as soon as it did only through the hearty cooperation of the members and land owners over the county," Chapman said.

On Feb. 1, 1940, the cooperative started an 86-mile extension into Crosby County.

Amateur nights in 1936

March 12, 1936
The Palace Theatre and The Hesperian sponsored a series of amateur talent entertainment nights in 1936.

Three diesel engines provide power to Floydada patrons

Three 300 horse power Worthington diesel engines drive the generators which are providing electricity for Floydada patrons. The power plant, regarded as one of the most modern in West Texas, was recently completed at a cost of approximately \$160,000.

Financed by a city bond issue, in addition to a grant and loan from the U.S. Public Works Administration, the plant was built by W.R. Ponder, construction engineer for the A.M.

Locke Construction Co.

Foundation work for the building to house machinery started on Tuesday, May 2, 1939. The structure was 30x65 feet.

The trio of engines were directly connected to the distribution system, with General Electric 200 OW and 250 EVA generators.

Fifteen to 20 men were employed on the work during early construction of the building.

30,000 attend reunion at Hank Smith Memorial Park

Aug. 23, 1934

Crowds, estimated between 30,000 and 35,000 persons, made their annual pilgrimage to the Hank Smith Memorial Park southeast of Floydada

on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 16-17, to share in the commemoration of the early days of West Texas.

"The crowds this year were as large as the crowds in 1929," said R.B. Smith, son of Hank Smith.

Residents entertained by Burnette

1939
Cowboy comedian Smiley Burnette visited the Palace Theater in Floydada on Saturday night, Feb. 18, 1939. The rotund 230-pounder, whose voice "endears him to the youngsters, especially," appeared at 11:30 p.m.

Admission to the midnight show was 15 cents for youngsters and 30 cents for adults.

The "froggie-voiced comedian" played some of the many instruments he has used as "the one-man band" for the musical score in many Gene Autry western movies.

Burnette, whose father and mother were both preachers, started riding steeds at the age of 12. He appeared for several years on the Grand Ole Opry.

754 students in 1934

Sept. 6, 1934


Seven hundred and 54 students enrolled in Floydada schools during the first week of the 1934-35 school year.

Governor speaks here

1936

The Hesperian featured articles throughout the year of 1936 about Texas' Centennial. A celebration commemorating the state's birthday was held at the Old Settlers Reunion,

which featured an address by the state's governor, James V. Alred, who was the first governor to visit since Oscar B. Colquitt. The event marked the county's forty-sixth birthday.




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Floydada City Hall, 1964



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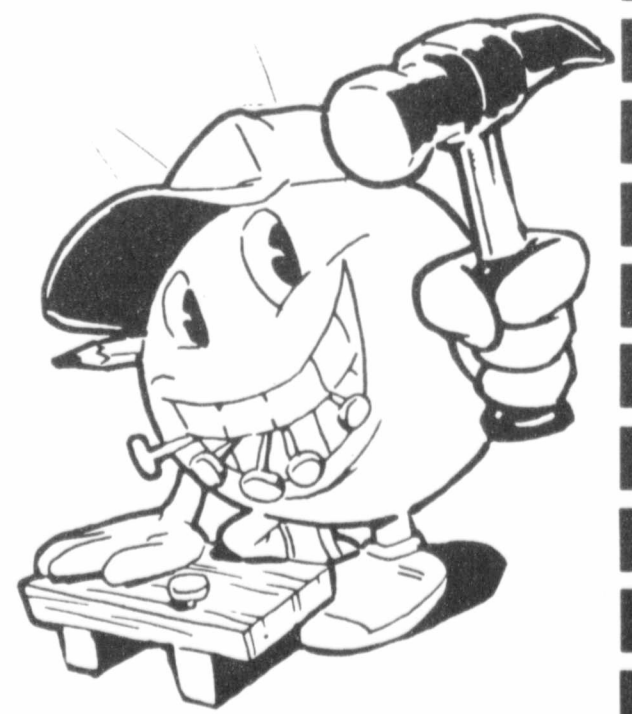


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Governor O'Daniel visits in 1940

(1940)
By Jim Reynolds
"The entire party was friendly and all the formality which is generally associated with a governor's visit was absent," stated a front page article in The Floyd County Hesperian following the Friday, Sept. 13, 1940, visit to Floydada by Texas Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, his wife and son, and several associates.

Gov. O'Daniel came here "expressly to visit Judge Tom W. Deen, freshman legislator-elect from the 120th District. This was part of a Panhandle-South Plains swing of "get-acquainted visits" with four future state representatives. The visits were Hop Halsey at Lubbock, Deen at Floydada, Paul Eubank at Matador and Marshall Formby at Dickens.

The whirlwind tour to visit freshmen representatives in their home towns was described by the governor's office as "a novelty in the affairs of the state. The express purpose is to get personalities out of the way so that the legislators can get down to business when they get to Austin next January."

The Hesperian's Sept. 20, 1940, news coverage stated: "The governor's party, riding in two cars, arrived in front of the Deen home exactly at 10:10. O'Daniel was the first to step from the car and greet bystanders. Deen and his wife met the Governor and Mrs. O'Daniel at the curb and a real old time western handshaking took place. Gov. O'Daniel then introduced his son, Pat, to Mr. and Mrs. Deen.

"Gov. O'Daniel, Mrs. O'Daniel and Pat obligingly posed for photographs with Mr. and Mrs. Deen in front of the Deen home" on North Main Street. Mrs. Arthur B. Duncan also appeared in photographs with the group.

The newspaper article stated, "The photographer (Bill Hams), having heard how newspapermen were out of favor with O'Daniel, trembling asked for the pose but found the governor and his family as gracious, and possibly more so, as the average citizen.

"Texas' first family visited some 26 minutes with the Deens when Mayor Glad Snodgrass dropped by and persuaded O'Daniel to make a short talk to Floyd County citizens from the courthouse steps. The mayor then left to announce the speaking to the town.

"While the governor was visiting with the Deens, a considerable crowd had gathered around the residence in the hope of getting a glimpse of the governor or even getting to speak to him and shake his hand."

At the Deen residence, "the governor mingled with the crowd, shaking hands and passing the time of day in quite the ordinary way. Many in the crowd were undoubtedly strong supporters of the governor and not all were eligible for pensions, as the ages ranged above and below to six to sixty margin."

Although the head of state was accompanied by several highway patrolmen, "no uniforms or pistols were in evidence. The entire party was friendly. The governor chattered with

individuals in the crowd for some 10 minutes and then he and his family drove to the courthouse where he delivered a 10 minute pep talk to some 600 people who had gathered on the lawn to see and hear the governor."

Advance information requested that "no ceremonies or meetings be held in his behalf, due to the tight schedule which required him to reach Matador by noon. He relented and addressed the Floyd gathering after the personal invitation from Mayor Snodgrass and others.

"He looks and talks just like I reckoned he would," seemed to be the average comment on the governor, this newspaper reported.

Electric meters installed in 1940

Installation of meters for both residential and commercial consumers was in full swing by mid-January 1940 as engineers completed preparations to place Floydada's new \$160,000 municipal light and power plant on a 24-hour production basis to serve city patrons.

"More than 100 meters have already been installed," according to a Jan. 18, 1940, news article appearing in The Hesperian, "as linemen work steadily" to complete the distribution system for the municipal plant.

"The three huge dynamos (engines), which have been 'warming up' for more than two weeks, are now humming steadily," the article stated.

Mayor Glad Snodgrass was the first patron to receive electric power from the new plant. Meters were installed and tied on Jan. 12 at the Snodgrass store. A number of business establishments had been tied on to the city distribution system before that week ended.

City engineer J.L. Puckett and lineman L.D. Britton "have been supervising the huge task of placing the system in operation. With a big squad of linemen on the job, work has been going forward rapidly.

"Most of the alley and street intersection lights throughout the residential district were turned on more than a week ago, and new poles and lamps for the city's 'White Way' in the business district are being set up and tied on to the city distribution system this week," this newspaper reported.

County cannery opens July 9, 1942

A county canning plant opened July 6 in Lockney with Sallie Griffith appointed as supervisor. The county pays rent, utility bills and supervision costs.



O'DANIEL SPEAKS TO COUNTY RESIDENTS FROM COURTHOUSE STEPS



CROWD GATHERS TO SEE GOVERNOR LEE O'DANIEL

3,200 employee hours used in 1940 special edition

Thirty-two hundred employee hours were utilized in publication of the 44-page golden anniversary edition of The Floyd County Hesperian, which celebrated this county's 50th anniversary.

In addition, the May 28, 1940, issue required 4,000 pounds of newsprint, 100 pounds of new ink and the efforts of 12 people.

Infantile paralysis chapter founded

Feb. 24, 1944

The Feb. 24, 1944, Hesperian issue told that a National Infantile Paralysis Foundation Chapter had been organized in this county. The crippling and potentially fatal disease had become highly dreaded throughout the nation.

In February 1945, the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department launched an iron lung fund drive. After its purchase, the iron lung was available for use by victims of polio.

Gone With the Wind draws record crowds

"Gone With the Wind", one of the all-time favorite movies, attracted crowds to The Palace Theatre in Floydada for showings in April and May 1940.

Allen hen lays record number of eggs in 2 years

1940's

A Rhode Island Red hen owned by Oliver Allen of Floydada was featured in *The Farmer Stockman* after laying 615 eggs in two years. She produced a first-year record of 344 eggs.

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43 inches of rainfall recorded in 1941

Buoyed by early-year wintry storms and summer flooding, records from this newspaper indicate that 1941 was the wettest year in Floyd County annals...at least since official weather records were instigated in 1925. Hard to believe in the midst of this extremely dry era, the skies dumped 43.03 inches of moisture that year.

Records revealed 31.36 inches made 1957 the second wettest year among the above mentioned period.

Ironically, the year before 1956, was the most arid with only 8.45 inches. Others wearing "very dry" tags were: 1954, 10.56"; 1948, 11.98"; 1970, 13.25"; 1953, 13.24"; and 1945, 14.08".

A case of sub-par moisture years coming in streaks could be made by looking at the six-year period from 1951 through 1956: 18.12", 13.25", 13.24", 10.56", 22.04", and 8.45". Only 1955 produced an average or greater amount of moisture during the

Surprise February blizzard leaves area snow bound

"Blocked highways, stranded motorists and freak incidents feature worst Plains blizzard in years," the Feb. 22, 1940 *Hesperian* issue told readers. "Swept by one of the worst blizzards in years last Friday and Saturday (Feb. 16-17), the Plains area was storm bound for more than three days as drifted snow blocked all highway and railroads in this section, stranding hundreds of travelers and virtually halting all communications.

Snowfall was estimated at between six and seven inches. "Whipped by 40-mile-an-hour gales, the heavy snow was blown in deep drifts across roads and highways. Hundreds of travelers, caught unawares by the suddenness of the storm, were forced to leave their cars and seek refuge in farm homes along their route," the newspaper stated.

"Luckily the temperature dropped to only 21 degrees. Livestock losses were not heavy, except for hundreds of fattening hogs smothered to death.

The May 22, 1941 issue of *The Hesperian* preserves history by explaining: "Rains Tuesday and yesterday battered wheat and covered recently planted cotton. Rains came on a cold wave from the northwest."

Will Bond was swept to his death trying to help evacuate a house at 509 W. 5th St. in Plainview. The 30-year-old is survived by his wife and two small children.

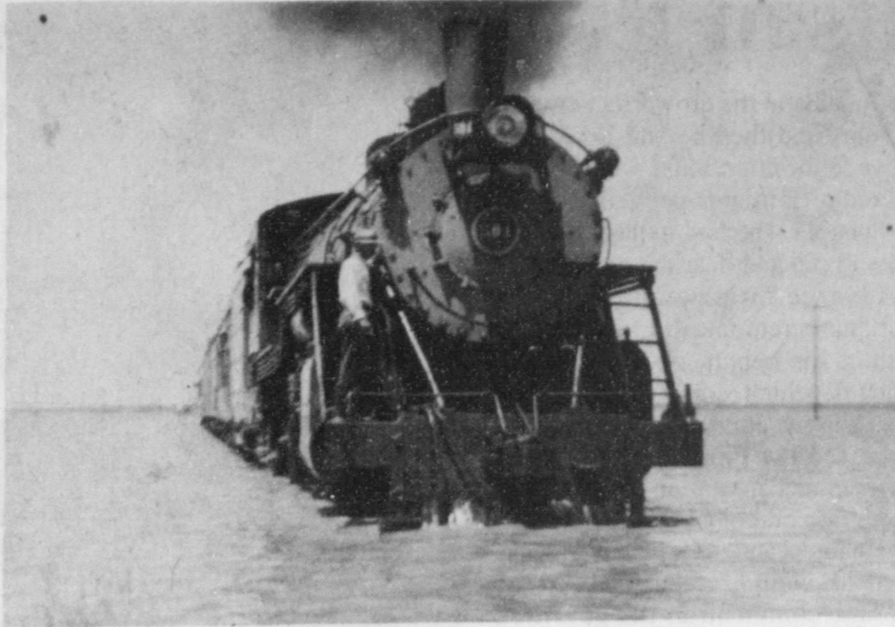
This newspaper chronicled how roads and bridges were washed out. The largest single item of destruction on roadways locally was on the Blanco bridge on the Petersburg road. The heavy steel and timber, as well as concrete piers which supported them, were washed downstream several hundred feet by the flash floods. The storm also took out the recently built PWA bridge on the Sand Hill and Lockney road. Mail service on rural routes was "seriously disrupted for three weeks or more."

"All local hotel facilities were overtaxed Friday and Saturday nights by motorists stranded here by the storm. The county courthouse, living quarters at the jail, fire station and other public buildings were used to house the crowds.

"Only one school bus completed its route Friday. More than 100 school children from rural districts were forced to remain in Floydada until Sunday. Local homes were opened to stranded students. More than 50 cars were counted within a mile of town on the Floydada-Matador highway Friday afternoon, stalled in snowdrifts. Hundreds of others were scattered over highways throughout the county."

A passenger train, marooned by snow drifts since Saturday "in a cut in the caprock between Floydada and Roaring Springs, was released Wednesday morning when snow plows finally cleared the tracks."

Blizzards also struck April 5 and 11, 1940.



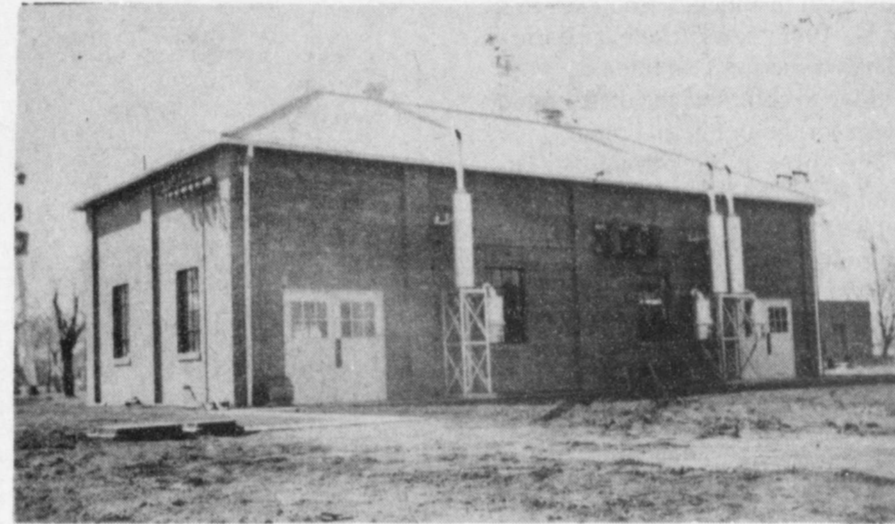
TRAIN STRANDED ON TRACK NORTHEAST OF LOCKNEY IN 1941

Dunn's daughter is child of the storm

1940 weather
"A veritable children of the storm," is what this newspaper called the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Dunn of Mt. Blanco. Mrs. Dunn was brought through snow in a Model A. Ford, drawn by a span of mules. She was "18 miles from Floydada and the nearest doctor, in a snowstorm, when she realized that her child would arrive soon."

Roads were blocked by snow so deep that no car could hope to pass. Neighbor Wesley Hay offered his Model A Ford and Ralph Warren, and another neighbor, contributed the mules.

The men took turns leading the team and breaking a trail for 4 1/2 hours before the caravan reached Floydada. The group was 14 hours ahead of the stork.



FLOYDADA LIGHT PLANT IN 1940



DESTROYED -- In March 1949, the Floyd County Courthouse, built in 1912 of pressed brick with reinforced concrete floors and stairways with marble treads, was burned beyond repair as contractors worked to replace a metal dome topped by four clock faces and reroof the building. Temporary quarters were set up in the Ag building and a hurriedly constructed frame structure until rebuilding was complete in March 1951.

Aunt Jemima cooks pancakes in Floydada

"Aunt Jemima" appeared in person Saturday, Dec. 13, 1941, at Piggly Wiggly in Floydada.

She "cooked and served my own secret recipe pancakes and buckwheat cakes for all you good folks."

County buys 407 acre site for airfield

March 23, 1944
This county has purchased an airfield site adjacent to Highway 70 between Floydada and Lockney. The plot consists of 407 acres.

Millions of grasshoppers poisoned

May 28, 1942
"Millions of descendants of last fall's flight of migratory grasshoppers are being fed poison bait in Floyd County by the ton," according to reports from the poison bait station, this newspaper reported in its May 28, 1942, issue which outlined the massive project.

Gordon said the crew had mixed

and delivered more than 400,000 pounds of the poison bait since the station was opened three weeks earlier.

"Spreading the poison with mechanical spreaders has made it possible to cover hundreds of acres daily by use of machines," the article related. "Poisoning has been under way in all sections of the county."

Voters must pay poll tax

Jan. 15, 1942
Geo. B. Marshall, county tax assessor-collector, reminded citizens in the Jan. 15, 1942, issue of *The Hesperian*

that poll taxes must be paid before the end of January by persons wishing to vote in 1942 primary and general elections.

Beware of flying fish around lake

May 14, 1942
By Jim Reynolds
Winds in 1996 are reminiscent of those in 1942...and most years on the Texas High Plains!

R.B. Gary had a "believe it or not" fish story appearing in the May 14, 1942, issue of *The Hesperian* which

had neighbors abuzz. Gary discovered "a number of nice catfish weighing over a pound on dry land at least 30 feet from a basin of water." He explained that "the fish were deposited there when the recent very high wind blew the water right out of the lake."

Confederate veteran celebrates 95th

Feb. 1942
Col. Thos. Montgomery, veteran of the Confederacy and a longtime Floyd County rancher and businessman, was honored Feb. 18, 1942, on his 95th birthday.

Born as an Alabama mountain boy, Montgomery, along with his brothers, uncles and cousins, went to war in the

early 1860's and fought with the Army of Tennessee as Confederate soldiers until the Civil War's end in 1865. He served under his father-in-law.

Montgomery owned and operated the TM Bar Ranch in Floyd and Crosby counties since the early 1890s. He was chairman of the board of First National Bank in Floydada.

Governor Stevenson pays brief visit

Feb. 10, 1944
Gov. Coke R. Stevenson paid a brief visit to Floydada on Feb. 11, 1944. He addressed business persons

and farmers at Rotary Club luncheon. Stevenson was described by this newspaper as a "western rancher-type listener." He resides in Junction.

Roosevelt gets largest ever county vote

Roosevelt received his largest vote ever in this county on Nov. 7, 1944, as he was elected to a fourth term as president. He received 75 percent of

the votes cast. Eighty-five percent of eligible Floyd voters cast ballots in the 1944 general election.

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World War II shapes history

By Jim Reynolds

Shock, disbelief, anguish, fear! All these feelings prevailed among Floyd County residents and people across the nation when Japanese forces reigned death and destruction on Pearl Harbor on what had been a peaceful Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, 1941. The calculated attack on the Hawaiian Island military installation sparked United States involvement in World War II, one of the most devastating periods in the proud nation's history.

"War in Pacific is Declared; Floyd Boys in Area," stated The Floyd County Hesperian's headline in its Thursday, Dec. 11, 1941, issue. The sub-head: "Jap Air, Navy Forces Strike Quick At Island Possessions; Congress Declares War."

The ensuing article explained: "Japanese air and naval forces in the Pacific Sunday afternoon struck quickly and hard against American possessions in Hawaiian and the Philippine Islands to set off the spark that killed hundreds of American soldiers and seamen and brought on a declaration of war against the Japanese by the U.S. Congress on Monday."

"A score or more of Floyd County boys are in various armed contingents into the Pacific, and many Floyd County homes are waiting to hear early casualty lists, but hopes no news is good news."

"Among the Floyd County youth known to be somewhere in the Pacific are R.A. People, with the Navy several years; Jerry Porter, nephew of Mrs. Edgar McCarty, believed to have been on the ship West Virginia, reported sunk early in the week; Tommy and Revis Stanford, sons of Mrs. Ted Glover; Harold and George Tubbs, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tubbs, stationed in the U.S. Army and Navy (George, somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands, and Harold, somewhere on the Pacific); G.N. Shirey Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Lotspeich of Dougherty, somewhere in the Philippines; and numerous others."

"This morning, formal declarations of war against the United States were made by Germany and Italy, to add two more nations against which this country is now at war in name as well as in fact."

"Declaration of war was made at 7 o'clock this morning (our time) by Hitler, following a similar step by Italy."

That horrible war, which involved

every citizen in some manner, continued until 1945. V-J (Victory in Japan) Day was declared on Aug. 18 of that year.

Following are articles from this newspaper's files which allow us to revisit those trying times.

Patriotic Fervor

The Dec. 18, '41, issue of this newspaper bore the headline: "Upsurge of Patriotic Fervor Seen."

Young men volunteered for military service, the sale of defense bonds and savings stamps mushroomed and the Red Cross made preliminary plans for its War Relief Fund with a \$1,900 quota for this country.

"First steps toward the organization of an aircraft warning service in Floyd County" was made at the insistence of Texas Gov. Coke Stevenson. Twelve volunteer air warning stations were contemplated in the county by the Army, which revealed locations and chief observers.

A front page letter from Gov. Stevenson appeared on this newspaper's Christmas issue. "This hour is too solemn for ordinary Christmas greetings," he stated.

"Once again our nation is plunged into cruel war. Trials and tribulations stare us in the face. But we are a brave people; Christian endeavor fortifies us. We will win the victory by the forces within us."

"Let us therefore lift our eyes to the star of Bethlehem, eternal symbol of love and peace, and pray earnestly for strength and wisdom for the triumph of right and justice and for the relief of distressed peoples in every land. On earth peace, good will toward men."

The government's tire rationing program was announced in the Jan. 1, 1942, issue. New auto, truck and motorcycle tires, tubes and castings were rationed.

Auto dealers were notified that, effective Jan. 15, the sale of new automobiles would be stopped. The decree "prohibits dealers from selling, leasing, trading, delivering or shipping or transferring 1942 models or any such used vehicle that has less than 1,000 miles." The possibility existed, according to the article, that "cars may have to be commandeered for the pursuit of the war."

The war prompted several county churches to conduct religious revivals Jan. 25-Feb. 1, 1942.

"Monday, Feb. 16, will be registration day for all male persons in the United States between the ages of 20 and 44, inclusive, and not previously registered for military service," according to information in the Feb. 12, '42, issue.

Plans were announced two weeks later for sugar rationing. Ration cards would be issued.

"Plant for Victory" was the 1942 slogan as "farmers expect to produce the maximum of high-energy foods." Milk, meats, eggs and vegetables were first on the list of "victory foods," needed for "American Fliers, Marines, soldiers and sailors; for home civilian work; food from U.S. farms is needed by allies across both of the oceans and finally, stockpiles of food are needed so that hungry people of other countries can be fed the very minute they are released from totalitarian enslavement."

Every farmer in the county was visited in the fall of 1944 "to sign-up and to determine how he could help out."

The government urges each of 48,000,000 employed persons in the U.S. to "participate in the war effort through the systematic purchase of Defense Savings Bonds."

Local men made arrangements for early call to the armed forces.

Staff Sgt. W.C. Baggett, a Floyd County native who had been in air service four years and was stationed at air bases in Hawaii all of that time, was crushed and killed Feb. 4, 1942, when a landing bomber struck him.

Blackouts announced

V.L. Elliott, named in March 1942 as air raid warden for this county, said he had been warned the county "must be made ready for a blackout sometime soon. The blackout will be an area-wide dousing of night lights." Floydada, Lockney, Sterley, South Plains and Dougherty are to be darkened for the people, and 11 other counties will be blacked out at the same time. "Defense councils must be organized in every community, air raid wardens for every two blocks must be named for Floydada and Lockney and business houses must arrange for outside night switches on stores where lights are maintained throughout the night."

A tractor tire shortage looms, according to the April 2, 1942, issue.

"A tremendous parade and rally" Monday morning, April 6, marked the



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county's appreciation of its military men on Army Day. Two hundred and 38 county men were known at that time to be in military service. "They are on land and sea, in the air, on the farm islands of the Pacific, in Australia and Europe, North and South America and in Asia," according to the newspaper.

Effective April 9, 1942, "all construction which is not essential, directly or indirectly to the successful prosecution of the war must not be started." The freeze allowed residential construction under \$500 and less than \$1000 for agricultural construction.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Starkey are parents of nine sons who have registered for service in the U.S. military forces, according to the April 23 issue.

Ceiling prices went into effect May 18 on hundreds of cost-of-living commodities. This involved retail sales on virtually all products.

Lt. Wilbert P. Matthews was one of six men killed Sunday, May 3, in the crash of a bomber near Spokane, Wash.

The May 7, 1942, issue revealed that 8,053 persons registered for the war ration book number one Monday and Tuesday and registration contin-

ued. "At every registration station all over the county the first war rationing sign-up program in history has gone off very smoothly," said Clarence Guffee, county school superintendent. Registration was at designated schools.

Twenty-one registrants from the county were ordered to report for military duty on May 15, 1942, at the American Legion Hall. Due to heavy volunteerism, this was the first call made by the local draft board since February.

Naval Flying Cadet Sidney Douglas Harper, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Harper of Baker, was killed May 16, 1942, at the Naval Reserve Aviation Training Base near Grand Prairie in a fall from a training plane during a routine flight.

Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Lotspeich received word May 25, that their son, G.W. (Gene) Lotspeich, is reported missing in action. He was serving in the Medical Corps in Philippine Islands at the time Corregedor surrendered May 7 and is thought to be a prisoner of war.

Giant Collection of Scrap Rubber Here
Floyd County could have at least 50

tons of scrap rubber "lying about barns, in garages, in fence corners and in backyards, doing nobody any earthly good, while official Washington is talking seriously of a gasoline rationing program because the stock of rubber in the nation's stockpile is dwindling and rubber is not moving to market through regular junk channels," stated a story in the June 11, 1942, issue.

Rumors indicate government agencies plan to undertake leasing buildings throughout the country in which to store tires and that commandeering of privately-owned tires will be undertaken if the situation becomes worse.

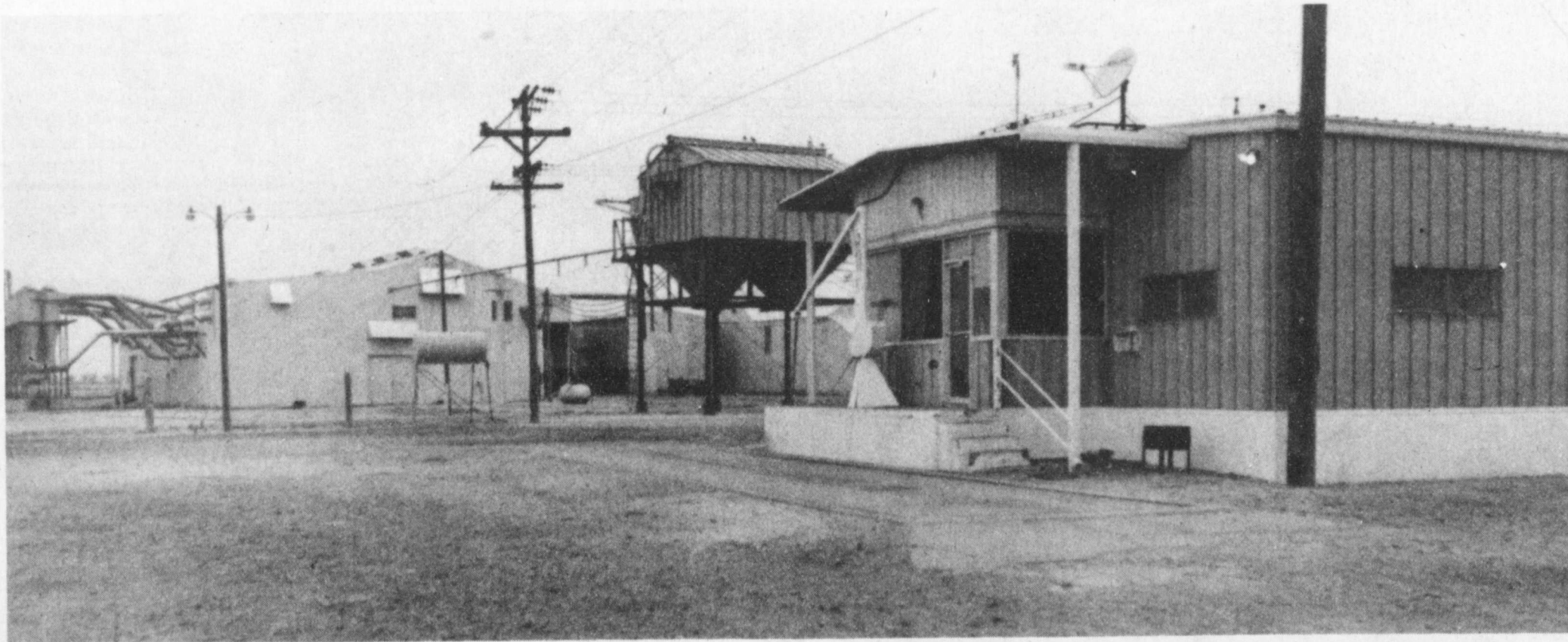
Thirteen county men left June 11, 1942, for military service.

James Walter Harrison is one of 26 Floyd and Hale County men who were members of the 131st Field Artillery, serving in Java at the time of final capitulation of United Nations forces there. He was presumed held captive of the Japanese somewhere in the Pacific southwest.

Names of 100 men serving in various military branches have been submitted by mid-summer 1942.

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WW II shapes history

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O.L. Stansell of Floydada, A.H. Kreis of Dougherty, Arthur P. Barker of Lockney and Joe W. Jennings of Aiken were appointed in July to the War Price and Rationing Board in this county. Named earlier were W. Edd Brown and J.W. Lanier of Floydada and G.A. Barton of Lockney.

V-Mail was inaugurated in July '42 for writing military personnel serving abroad. This consists of one sheet of paper and an envelope to reduce weight and bulk of mail to the armed forces.

The county draft board sent 36 men for induction in August '42.

Military funeral services were held Sunday, Aug. 2, 1942, for the county's fourth known World War II casualty, Technical Sgt. Raymond Winford Hamm, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Hamm of Sand Hill.

OPA will refuse tires to eligible persons deemed to be "speedsters."

The Sept. 3, 1942, issue carried a front page photo of Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who had been designated as commanding general of American forces in the European Theatre.

An August '42 metal drive netted 193 tons in the county.

70 Called In Month

"With 400 Floyd County men accounted for as bearing arms for the nation against the Axis, the county is still pouring men into the camps at the rate of 10 or more a week with the possibility of at least 70 entering the military in the month of September," according to the Sept. 17, '42, issue. Officials predict the county will have 600 men in military service by 1943.

Farm machinery rationing was announced in September '42.

The public was informed messages to prisoners of war in the Pacific Theatre should be filed with the American Red Cross.

Floydada High School Band held its first victory concert on Oct. 15.

The Floyd County gas rationing board, announced Oct. 22, '42, consists of M.H. Martin, Joe H. Smith, W.F. Weatherbee, Frank Perkins and John H. Reagan.

The Nov. 26, '42, issue bore a story with a Dallas dateline which stated: "Home front morale in the southwest was put to test increasingly in the last week. But gasoline mileage rationing, coffee rationing, milk and meat shortages and serious prospects of butter and other commodity shortages are not as bad as some of the discomforts and restrictions we may have to undergo to win the war," says the office of War Information. "Discomforts", restrictions and even severe dislocation of business are necessary to the realization of our war aim -- the destruction of those forces that threaten the very foundations of civilization, our homes and schools."

The public was requested not to erect outdoor lights and other decorations for Christmas '42.

Hester West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. L. West, who served as a missionary to China for seven years, was transferred out of the war zone.

Eighteen-year-olds registered in December '42 and are subject to early calls for military service. Anticipating a heavy call in March '43, the draft board examined the prospect of call-

ing married men with no children.

Seaman 3/C James Weldon Standefer aided in the capture of an 18-man German submarine crew off the coast of Savannah, Ga.

Registration for the point food rationing program began Feb. 25, 1943. In March, a meat rationing program was outlined. Moves were made to prevent black market meat from being sold.

Training centers were announced in the March 18, '43, issue for men to be assigned to war-essential crop production jobs in Texas and New Mexico.

Revenge Outlined

On Dec., 1941, Bert Lee Jr., a Floyd native, withered in agony for 20 minutes at Hickman Field, Hawaii, with his blood spilling from a machine gun bullet wound inflicted by a strafing Japanese war plane. In a 20-minute period before he was found and in the subsequent two months he spent in hospitals, Lee dreamed that one day he would "be in a position to deal out larger and more lethal doses of the same medicine to the Japs."

The highly decorated veteran earned the distinguished Flying Cross for more than 50 missions over enemy territory, four citations were received as members of the much decorated 19th bombardment group in the Pacific, a medal for participation in the Coral Sea battle as a member of the 435th Bomb Squadron and the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon and Defense Ribbon.

Farm machinery quotas were lifted in June '43 but buyers were required to obtain a certificate after finding needed equipment.

Tire shortage was imminent, citizens were warned in July '43, but two months later announcements were made that synthetic rubber would soon whip the tire problem.

Before a flat-draped altar in First Baptist Church, friends by the hundreds and relatives of Lt. Charles Leroy Cates paid tribute to the soldier on June 7. Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Cates learned July 20 their son had been killed in action. The co-pilot of a bomber went down over a Libyan airport.

Bobbie M. Muncy is the first woman from this country to serve in the WAVES. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Muncy.

Headline of the Sept. 13, '43, issue: "War Bond Rally Wednesday."

Services were held Sunday, Oct. 24, '43, for Raymond Vernon True, who died when the USS Plymouth was sunk Aug. 5, 1943. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.I. True of Fairmont.

"News of Our Men and Women in Uniform" is the title of a front page feature appearing in each issue of this newspaper. It bears the latest updates of county military personnel.



NATIONAL GUARD MARCHING IN OLD SETTLERS PARADE - MAY 28, 1941

829 from county serve in military

According to the April 20, 1944, issue of The Hesperian, the military honor roll listed names of 829 individuals who were serving in the military.

County women continue to make surgical and wound dressings for the war effort.

Due to the war, a manpower shortage was critical as grain harvest began in 1944. County Agent, Leon Ranson, issued an urgent plea for men, women, boys and girls to work on farms.

Mrs. Milton Jetton is the proud holder of papers representing the presidential citation for which her heroic husband some day will be presented a bronze medal, according to the June 29, 1944, issue. A seaman
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Bomber crash claims lives of nine aviators

March 30, 1944

Physical evidence of World War II struck home to area residents on March 26, 1944.

"Floydada and Floyd County people are just beginning to regain their poise this mid-week following the crash-explosion of an Army Air Corps bomber Sunday night, 2 1/2 miles west of Floydada, and the violent deaths of its crew members, either nine or 10 men, after a losing fight with the elements," according to the March 30, 1944, issue of The Floyd County Hesperian.

The plane was officially listed as a B-24 Liberator bomber on a routine training cruise from Peterson field at Colorado Springs, Co.

"Seen by scores and heard by hundreds as the gallant young aviators struggled to save their plane," this newspaper reported, "the huge machine apparently developed engine trouble in the vicinity of Floydada, lost a 30-foot wing tip 1 1/2 miles

west of Floydada on the farm operated by B.C. Hindsley and plunged to the ground violently within seconds on the Lee Trice farm, 2 1/2 miles west of town."

Results of an investigation by the air corps is not due to be made public, the article stated.

It added: "Local opinion is agreed that the violent explosion which scattered plane parts and dismembered bodies over some 50 acres of ground and sliced out a 100-foot slit four feet deep in the earth, occurred after the plane had plummeted to the ground. A lighter explosion, according to some viewers in the open, occurred while the plane was still in the air."

Maddie Summons Aid

Bert Massie, who lives within two miles of the accident scene, heard the unusual noise of the plane while watching as it maneuvered in the air. His first thought as it struck the earth was to summon medical aid. Later, Massie and his father, W.M. Massie,

went to view possible grass fire damage from the flares dropped by the aviators. They found only negligible grass loss.

W.M. Dyer, member of a local flying club with some experience in the air, estimated the height of the plane when he first saw it at 700 to 900 feet. He looked on as the huge bomber took its fatal plunge. Others thought the plane barely missed the high voltage lines over the northwest part of Floydada. Hindsley saw the plane strike the ground and explode. On request, he guarded the 30-foot wing tip which fell in a shallow lake 100 yards west of his barn.

Floydada night police officer Roy Wood, placed the crash time at 9:10 p.m. He initially believed he had seen a house burst into flames until he

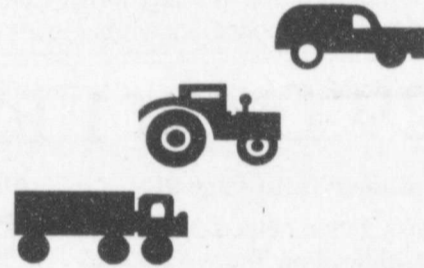
heard the roar some seconds after the fire flared up.

"Hundreds of people, possibly thousands, who were aware of the crash almost as it happened had the same idea -- to rush to the scene and render what aid they could," the newspaper article stated. "Quickly they were in a traffic jam that extended almost from the city limits to and surrounding the Trice farm. Help was found to be impossible. Volunteers aided in maintaining a semblance of order for the brief period it took Company G of the State Guard to organize and take over."

"Capt. T.P. Collins and Lt. Harry Morkel were early on the scene and sized up the need for control of the crowd and patrol of the grounds. Capt.
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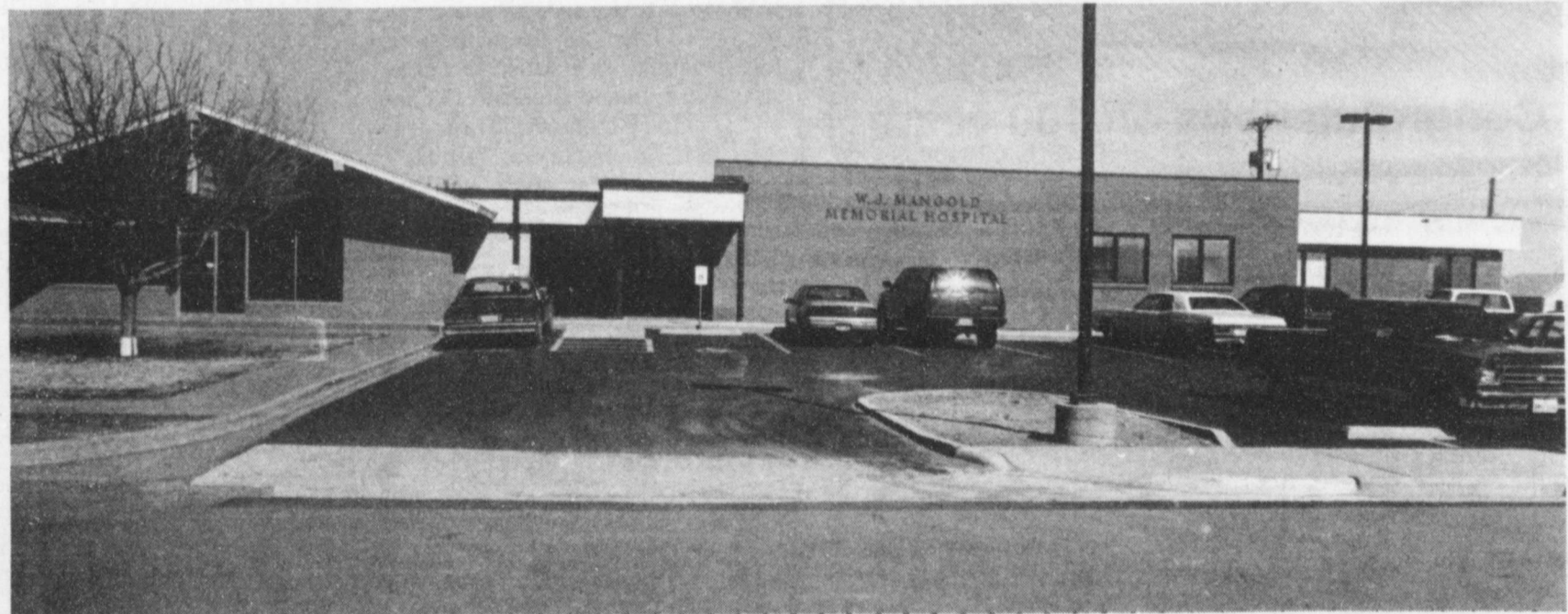
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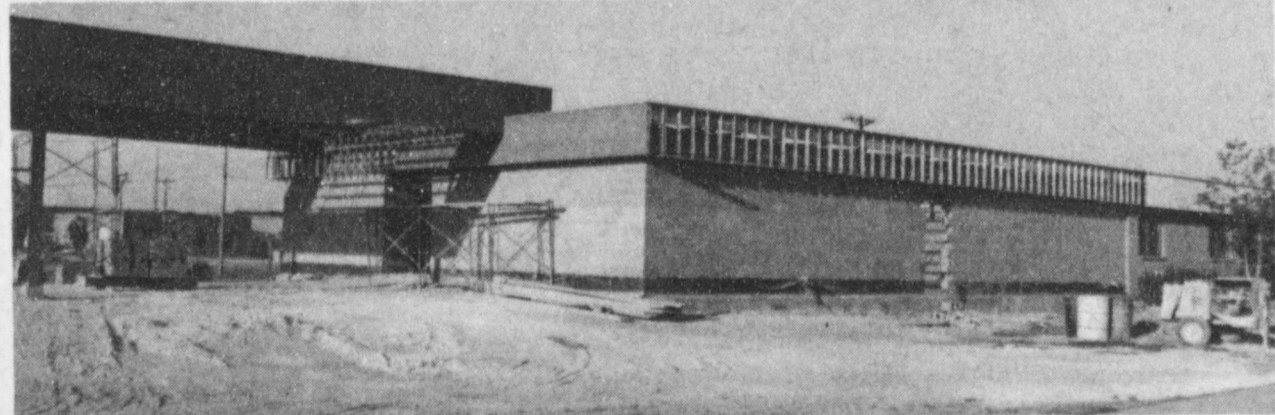
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Bomber crash claims lives of nine aviators

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Collins notified South Plains Army Air Field, from whence crews and men came over Monday morning to take charge. By late Tuesday the grounds had been cleared."

Only announcement made by the army was contained in a two-paragraph news release from Colorado Springs, which listed names of the nine victims.

They were: Second Lt. Leslie A. Porter Jr., Oakland, N.J.; Second Lt. Donald Novak, Throop, Pa.; Second

Lt. James A. Garvey, New York; Second Lt. Frank P. Sziguth, Allentown, Pa.; Sgt. Pedro S. Messa, Houston; Sgt. Joseph M. Miller, Chicago; Sgt. Harvie S. Vance, Kernersville, N.C.; and Sgt. George L. Thomas, Cochranville, Ore.

"As late as Tuesday curious people from a wide radius were still attempting to view the scene of the crash, but were turned away by the guards, while salvage crews cleaned up the broken bits of plane and bodies of men," the newspaper stated.

Bond purchases one part of war efforts by citizens

The Battle of the Fourth War Loan in Floyd County was won as J.M. Wilson announced it totaled \$92,639.50. Wilson, chairman of the U.S. Treasury War Finance Committee, estimated that final totals for the country would show about \$250,000 in E. War Bonds and about \$115,000 of other types of bonds. This was announced in the Feb. 10, 1944, issue.

Over 4,000 pounds of paper was collected for the war effort in February 1944. With shell containers made from waste paper, over 85,000 rounds were fired at the Nazis in 10 hours, according to this newspaper.

Mrs. Elsie M. Henderson of Floydada received in February 1944 the Distinguished Flying Cross won by her husband, Lt. Charlie P. Henderson, for the part he played in heroic attack on the Ploesti Oil Fields of Rumania. The presentation was made at Lubbock Air Base, where Lt. Henderson, -- who is missing in action -- took his training.

Nineteen men filled the county draft call for March 1944.

The March 16, 1944, issue of this newspaper bore a front page picture of a U.S. anti-tank platoon of the 7th Infantry Division 'fighting face-to-

face with Tojo's gunners" and "smashing Jap pill boxes on Kwajalein."

Shirley W. Irwin of Floydada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irwin, who finished bomber pilot training at Ellington Field, Houston, was among Texans from the four corners of the Lone Star State on March 13, 1944, who helped to swell the record-breaking total of combat pilots who received their wings in simultaneous graduation ceremonies at the 11 Southwestern advanced flying schools of the AAP Training Command.

Due to the war, the 1944 State Fair of Texas was canceled.

Nine aviators lost their lives in a Sunday, March 26, plane crash, 2 1/2 miles west of Floydada

Lt. Melvin Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Alexander of Floydada, whose death from battle wounds in the Marshalls occurred on March 10, 1944, was memorialized in a solemn ceremony April 2, First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Victoria Asher was informed that her son, Lt. James Asher, perished March 24, 1944, in an airplane crash in French Morocco.



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History of the USS Floyd County

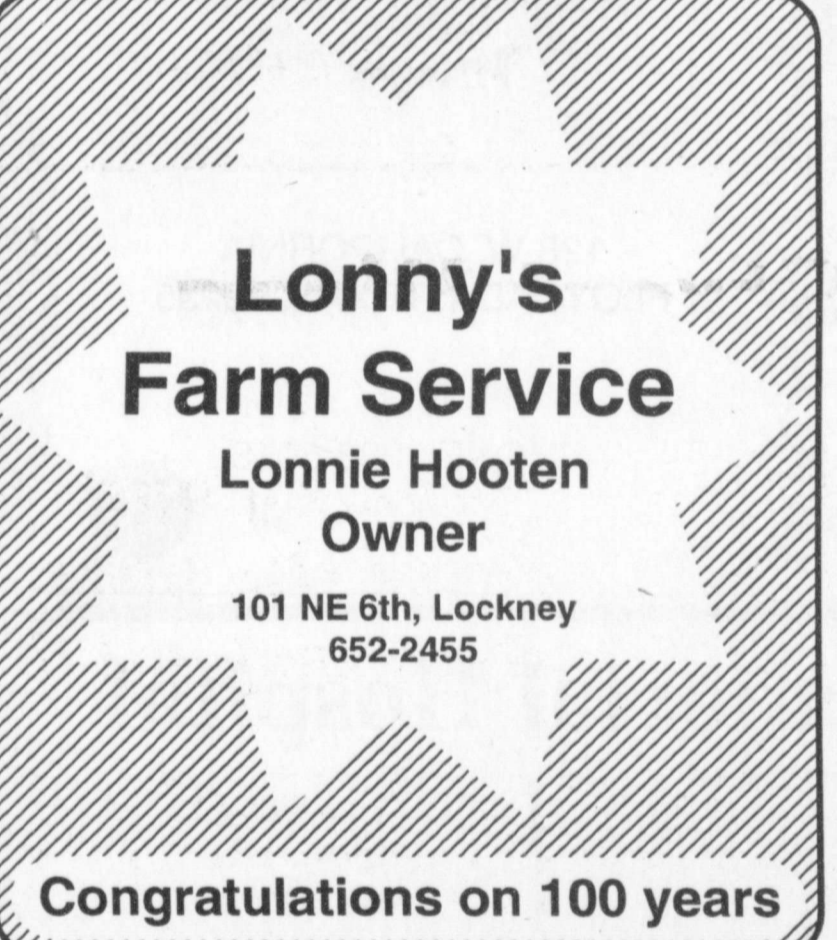
The keel of this LST #762 was laid June 24, 1944 in Ambridge, PA. It was launched Aug. 11, 1944 and commissioned Sept. 5, 1944. Lt. Franklin J. Ewers was in command. It was assigned to the Asiatic Pacific Theatre and participated in the assault and occupation of Okinawa Gunto in April 1945. After the war she performed occupation duty in Far East until mid Nov. 1945. She was de-commissioned in 1946 and reactivated Nov. 3, 1950 for service in the Korean War. July 1, 1955 she was re-designated Floyd County after counties in Texas, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky and Virginia. Royace Maddox, formerly of Floyd County and the uncle of Anne Reddy, of Floydada, represented the County at the commissioning services naming the LST the USS Floyd County. The ship earned one Battlestar for service in WWII, one Battlestar for service in Korea and three Battlestars for Meritorious Unit Commendations in Vietnam. It was de-commissioned September 3, 1969 and struck from the Navy list.

Good news mixed with bad news

Reunions seldom occur in Uncle Sam's Army, but that is exactly what happened to Lt. John H. Chapman and his brother, Cpl. James R. Chapman, who in late November met "somewhere in Africa." Harold had no idea his brother was in that area. Brothers T/Sgt. J.S. Hale Jr. and Pfc. Wayland Hale met in the Dutch East Indies.

Pfc. Phillip G. Taylor Jr. was killed Nov. 16, 1944, in France. The infantryman wrote his wife from the front lines on the day before indicating that he was in combat. He had been in the military 10 months.

Geo. G. Smalley, was killed in action in Oct. 14, 1944, near Aachen, Continued on Page 11F



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829 from Floyd County serving in the military

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first class, Jetton helped establish the first beachhead on Tarawa after several previous efforts had failed.

Sgt. J.B. White, an infantryman, was killed June 14, 1944, in France, according to information received by his wife, Ira Bell. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Terrell.

Also killed in France, was First Lt. Williams Lester Jameson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jameson. He died June 24, 1944.

Sgt. Oliver Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Alexander of Lakeview, was killed June 22 in action in France.

Yet another man killed in France was Sgt. Edmond Breeland, 24, son of Mrs. Grace Tannery and brother of Mrs. A.C. Emert. He died July 11. Funeral services were held here

Aug. 24, 1944, for Flight Officer Harold Dale Strickland, who was killed the previous Friday morning in a B-26 transport plane crash at Nashville, Tenn. He is the son of Mrs. G.R. Strickland.

The list of tragedies continues as news was received that James E. Roy was killed Aug. 12, in Italy. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Roy.

E.W. Henderson learned before the Aug. 25, 1944, military death of his son that Capt. Oliver W. Henderson was a military hero. Capt. Henderson has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross. He served as lead pilot of B-24 formations on many missions.

Flight Officer Thomas R. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Wright of Floydada and husband of the former Norma Harris, was one of four air-

men who lived for more than a month on the wings of their plane after it crashed in one of New Guinea's most dense swamps.

Christmas packages to overseas military personnel must be shipped between Sept. 15, and Oct. 15 in 1944.

Word was received almost weekly of military men from this county or with ties to the county being injured in duty. Among those hurt in the fall of 1944 were S/Sgt. Oliver K. Emert, Pfc. Warren E. Goodgoin, Charles Ray, Edgar Duncan, Pvt. James Thurman Bishop and others. Information also is frequent on war-related decorations and promotions.

Marine Roy E. Baker was killed in the South Pacific. He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marley.

War Department notified Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Dougherty of Dougherty that their son, Lt. Sam A. Dougherty, has been missing in action over France since Sept. 27, 1944.

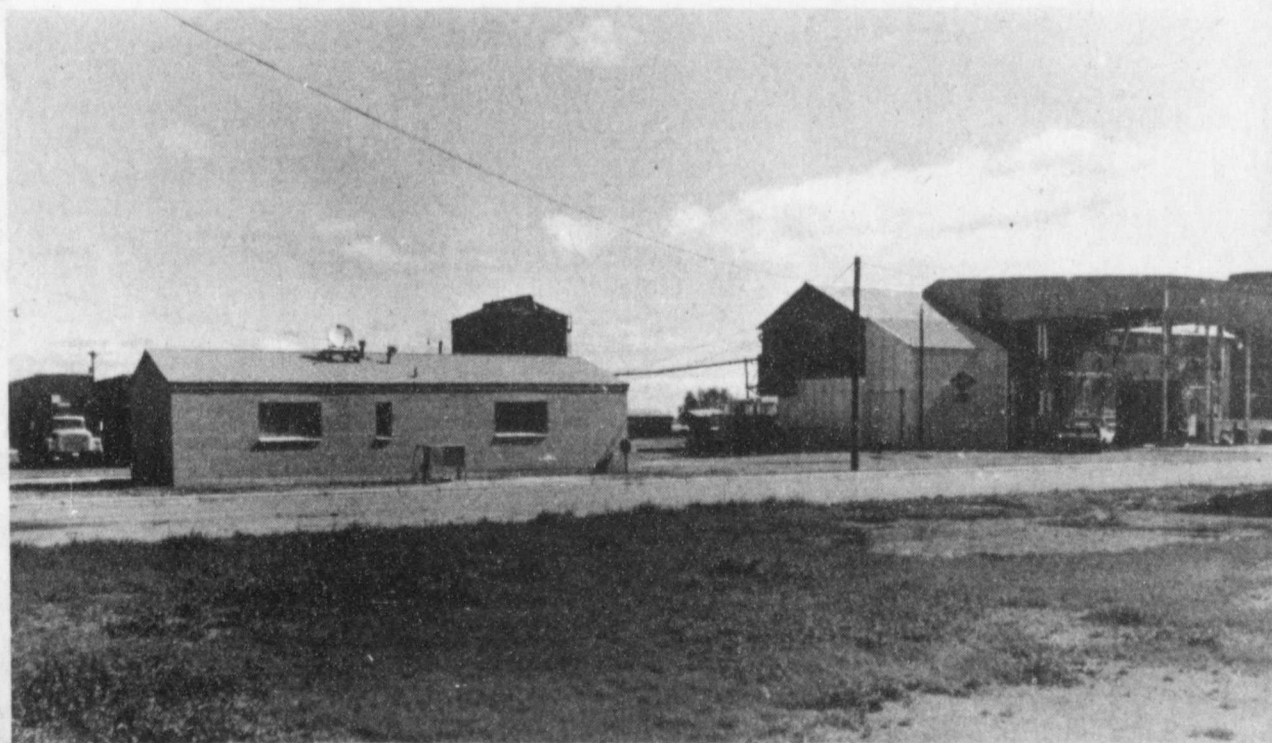
Pvt. Charles E. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Jones, has been awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. He was killed July 5, 1944, in France while serving with the 79th Infantry Division.

Pfc. Phillip G. Taylor Jr. of Floydada was killed Nov. 16 in France. He was one of three brothers who left Floydada on Feb. 12 for military service.

The sixth War Loan Campaign kickoff on Nov. 29, 1944, featured a group of returned war heroes and the school band. The "G.I. Jamboree" visited 200 towns.

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Good news and bad news reported by local newspaper

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Germany. Military drafts continue monthly as the country enters 1945. Some men are being discharged and returning home.

Second Lt. Richard I. Tubbs, only son of Judge and Mrs. G.C. Tubbs, was killed Jan. 29, 1945, in a plane crash off Leyte, Philippine Islands.

After months of waiting, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Lotspeich have heard from their son, Gene, who has been a

prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Java in 1942.

Lt. Jimmie Smyth, was a member of the "Fabled Fifteen," which Commander Davis D. McCampbell, the Navy's top-scoring pilot, called "the finest aerial fighting team ever assembled." Smyth piloted one of the Avenger torpedo planes for the Fabled Fifteen, which broke many records during its tour of duty aboard the Essex. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O.Z. Smyth and husband of Florence Smyth, all of Floydada.

War Department sends news of local boy's fates

Floyd Jarnagin, son of South Plains Postmaster and Mrs. J. Jarnigan, was reported missing in action Jan. 25, 1945. He was serving with the American armies on the Western front. Mr. and Mrs. Jarnagin have four sons in the military: Floyd, John Marlin, Roy B. and Glenn. Floyd Jarnagin was liberated April 23 as a prisoner of war in Germany.

Pfc. Benjamin F. Galloway raced the War Department and won in getting information to his wife that the infantryman was injured Feb. 6, 1945, in Germany.

At least nine Floyd County men are serving on Iwo Jima, according to the March 1, 1945, issue of this newspaper. They were Harold Bertrand, Willie Holt, Edward Wester, Bud DuBois, George and Fred Cardinal, Tresman Glover, Ham Smith Jr. and Garland Wilkinson. "If all of the three divisions and some 40,000 Japs are on the island, there isn't enough room for all. Somebody has to move out and the Marines say it is not going to be them," the article states.

David Lane Kirk is convalescing in a hospital following wounds on the Western front.

Private (now corporal) Oatis R. (Tommy) McIntosh received the bronze star and a citation from the commanding officer of the 77th Division, for his "strong courage and devotion to duty. For 23 days in the operations against the Japs at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., Tommy served as a litter bearer and ably assisted the technicians in caring for the wounded," the citation pointed out.

Lt. Wm. Lester Jameson was killed on night patrol when his party was

ambushed and a terrific fight followed, according to news received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Jameson. He died June 24, 1944, shortly after the invasion of France, but details of his death were not received until 1945.

Harold Berry was seriously wounded in Feb. in the Luzon battle.

Pvt. Weldon Mike (Red) Graham, 20, was killed Feb. 27, 1945, in Germany. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Graham was one of many infantrymen rushed to battle lines from training camps in Britain and America to stem the Belgian push of the Nazis.

Pfc. John A. Duncan, son of Mrs. Beatrice Duncan, was killed Feb. 25, 1945, in France.

Cpl. Leroy B. Burns was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in April, 1945 for "meritorious service in support of combat operations on the Fifth Army front in Italy."

Pfc. Herbert H. Morrison was fatally wounded April 1, 1945, in action in Pacific Theatre. He is survived by wife, father, four brothers and three sisters.

Used clothing is being collected for war refugees.

Norman Stanford Goen, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Goen and husband of former Margaret Faye Hale, was killed April 10, 1945 in Germany.

When Pfc. John D. Cantrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Cantrell, knocked on the door of the family home April 25, 1945, and asked "is this where the Cantrells live?" it was the first information the parents had that their son was not still in the battle lines in Germany. He was injured three times.

World War II casualties were honored at the Old Settlers Reunion in 1945.



Veteran recounts years as Japanese prisoner of war

July 19, 1984
By Cindy Smith

Friday, July 20, has been designated as National P.O.W./M.I.A. Day. Ken Towery, owner and publisher of the Lockney Beacon and Floyd County Hesperian, reluctantly gave a personal interview concerning his unforgettable experiences.

In April of 1942, Bataan had fallen to the Japanese and soldiers who were not captured, fled joining the Americans on Corregidor, an island which had symbolized American strength in the Philippines. Corregidor is located approximately three miles south of Bataan, guarding the mouth of Manila Bay. For one more month of enemy pressure, of starvation and disease, of blockade and bombardment, American troops on Corregidor were so weak that they could barely fight.

The Japanese overwhelmed the island and had reduced American firepower to one heavy twelve inch mortar and scattered light artillery. The blockaded island could promise no relief and as a last resort, the American High Command made the decision to surrender the island on May 6, 1942. The odds were stacked in Japan's favor; they already controlled

the entire Far East, Asia, and most of the Philippines that was of any military value.

Remaining members of the 60th Coast Artillery division, which included nineteen year old private Ken Towery, and the rest of the Luzon Force stationed in Corregidor were notified at 10:00 a.m. in their foxholes that a cease-fire had been arranged.

Towery reported, "We had to stack our arms and what little rations and ammunition were left. The island devastated by shellfire, was littered with debris and the dead. For three weeks we were put in concentrated areas and instructed to clean up and bury the Japanese dead first. We loaded the American supplies onto Japanese ships, then returned to the task of burning our dead in a massive funeral pyre."

The Japanese shipped the captives to Manila, marching the Americans and filipinos proudly through town

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V-J Day hails end of War

"Floyd County People Hail V-J Day" blared the headline of the Aug. 16, 1945, Hesperian issue. Jubilation broke out across the nation.

Opening paragraphs of this newspaper's story stated:

"Floydada and Floyd County people this morning began to pick up the threads of their interrupted affairs and places of business resumed their activities after a complete close-down Wednesday following the announcement late Tuesday, (Aug. 14, 1945) that the war had come to an end."

"With the exception of federal offices, personnel of which has a two-day holiday by executive order, business returned to the usual speed and industry in shops, on farms and in the other channels of trade was being resumed this morning."

"Reports of loosening of federal controls was spearheaded by the report that gasoline rationing had come to an end, the promise that tires would be available early and that war-time restrictions on the free movement of labor had been canceled."

War time was abolished Sept. 30, 1945. Clocks were turned back an hour. As a war measure the clocks were advanced an hour on Jan. 20, 1942.

Lt. J.A. Oden Jr., a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Bataan in May 1942, was freed by American liberating forces.

Pfc. Floyd Horton, a Bataan hero who survived the "death march" and was a Japanese POW 3 1/2 years, has also been liberated.

Family members were notified at the war's conclusion that Edrow (Red) Singletary died May 22, 1942, in a Japanese prisoner of war camp on the Philippine Islands of Malaria.

Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Stubbs have been notified that the U.S. Navy "is forced to the conclusion that their son, Kenneth Gordon Stubbs, is deceased." He had been classified as missing in action since Oct. 25, 1944.

S/Sgt. Douglas Pitts received two Bronze Stars and was twice awarded the Purple Heart.

This country's first GI farm loan was negotiated in September 1945. Leo G. Williams received the loan.

The Hesperian has articles in each issue about military personnel returning home to former jobs or accepting other business positions. They found "civilian clothing scarce."

A prayer for Thanksgiving by Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Luther D. Miller, chief of chaplains USA appeared in the Nov. 22, 1945, issue of this newspaper.

"Housing Shortage Makes Building Boom In Year-End," the Jan. 3, 1945, issue of this newspaper stated in its lead paragraph. With the war ended and war participants returning home, the need for housing drastically increased. New businesses were also started as the nation ended one of its most trying periods...World War II!



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Escaped German POW recaptured by county sheriff

A German prisoner of war, Otta Ammershach, 30, was picked up May 9, 1945, in Floydada by Sheriff Lee Howard and Deputy H.E. Whitaker. He escaped from a work detail of the Chickasha, Okla., branch war prisoner camp.

A B-29 pilot, Lt. Ray Ramsey, is missing in action in the Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Ramsey of Harmony.

Pvt. Delvin F. Smith, who had been a prisoner of war in Germany since November 1944, was liberated the following April 16.

First Lt. Lonnie A. Doyle, a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot who participated in the Eighth Air Force bombing of German airdromes before the breakthrough on the Rhine, described one bombing of the Luftwaffe Field at Steenwijk, Holland, as "a beautiful job." The son of Rev. L.A. Doyle won the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Finley have been notified of the death of a son, Otto, in the Pacific warfare. Another son, Grant, is on furlough and has been visiting his parents and a third son, Leonard, is with the army somewhere in Germany.

A former Dougherty man, Sgt. John E. Chancellor, was a casualty in the Luzon Island campaign.

S/Sgt. Harold O. Pitts died somewhere in the Philippines on May 19, 1945. He is a son of a pioneer real estate dealer of Floydada.

Pharmacist Mate 2/C Arnold Helms, who had previously been reported as a prisoner of war, was officially listed as deceased in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer D. Helms. His ship bore no identification of having prisoners aboard and was sunk on Oct. 24, 1944, when a Japanese convoy was destroyed by American forces. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese when the Philippine Islands were captured in February 1942.

Sgt. Ernest S. Worsham was killed May 30, 1945, in a motor vehicle accident in Germany.

Chaplain R.Y. Bradford was awarded the Bronze Star Metal in a Luxembourg ceremony.

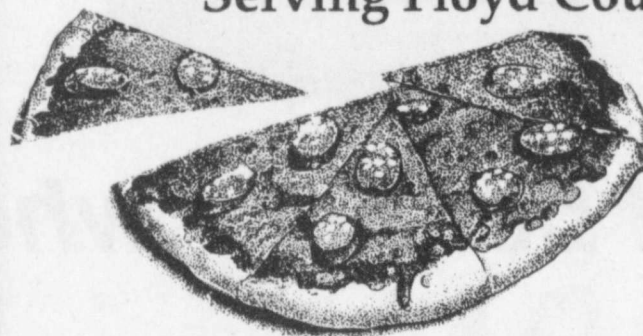
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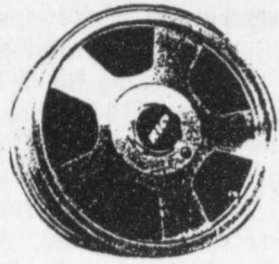


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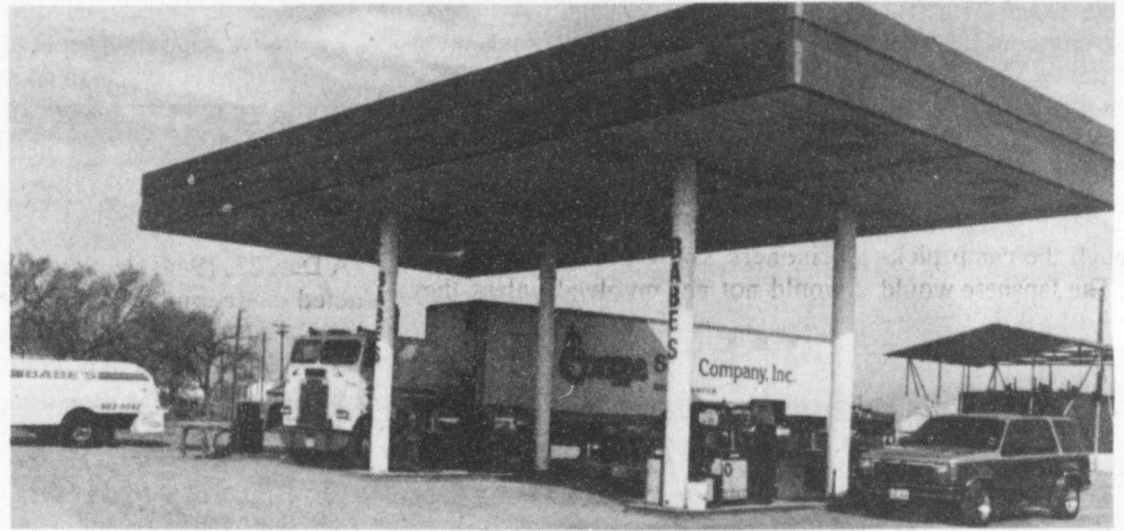
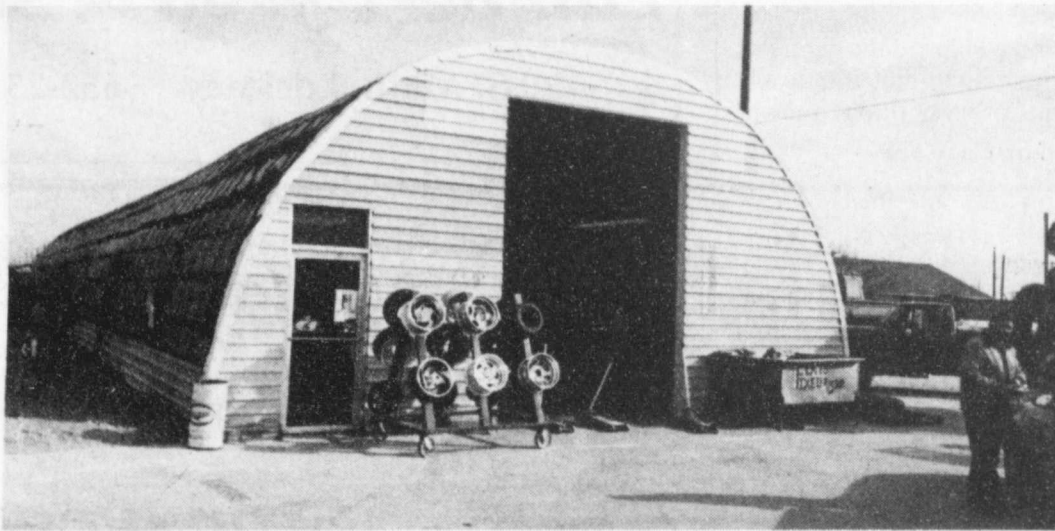
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Babe Jones, owner of Babe's Service Center, Inc., poses here with his trophies in front of his racing car the "SS Bellaire." Jones raced from 1961-66 with his friends and helpers, L.B. Stewart, Billie Marquis,

Jimmy Marquis and Eddie Polvadore. He received racing trophies from San Angelo, Hobbs, Quanah, Amarillo, Wichita Falls, and Altus, Oklahoma. Courtesy Photo



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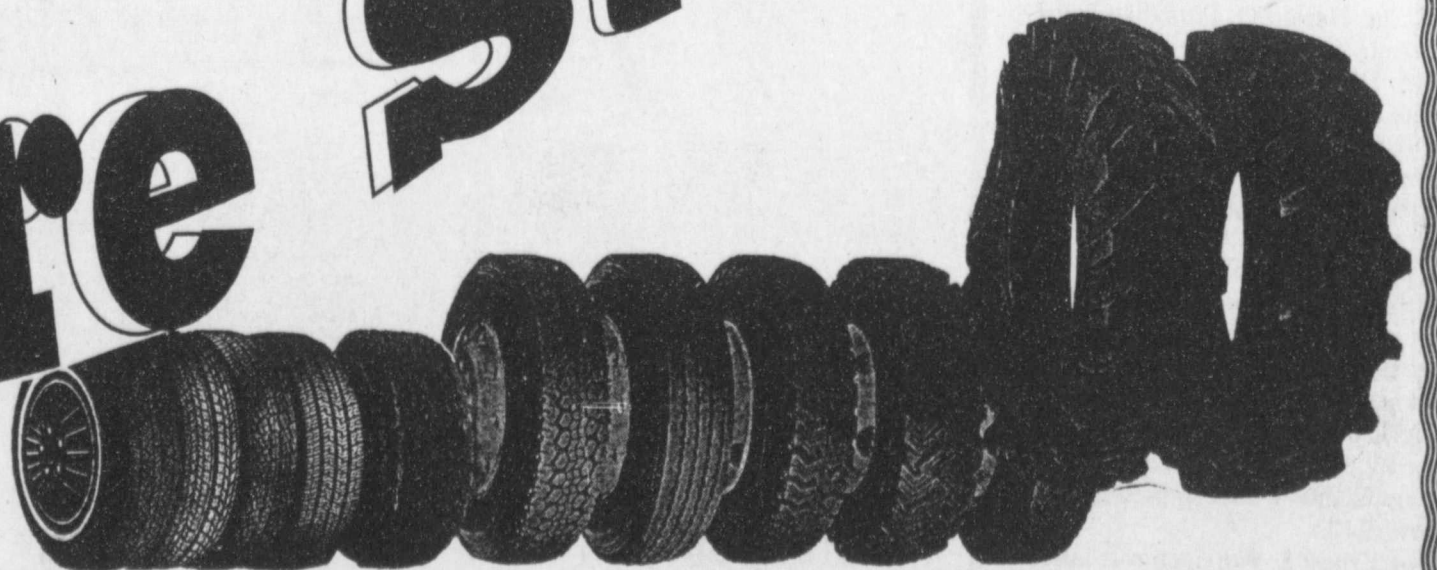


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Veteran recounts years as Japanese prisoner of war

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as an example of Japanese prowess and victory, also as an unspoken warning to the natives. The prisoners were then packed into railcars and sent to Cabana Tuan on Luzon, the main island of the Philippines.

In October, 1500 men, Towery included, were shipped to Manchuria, where they established a base camp and were joined by 100 men from Singapore. The camp, known as Shen Yang in Chinese, was located 200 miles from the Siberian border. When Towery and other prisoners were captured at Corregidor, they were in a tropical climate and wore summer clothing, many were in shorts and were barefooted. Towery relates that "when they arrived at Shen Yang, the ground was already frozen. It was difficult for the men to adjust to the climate transition."

"The Japanese did not treat prisoners well," Towery admitted. According to the Military History Department of the Army, the cruelty and callousness of the Japanese soldier's training, instinct, and experience stifled the Western virtues of mercy and understanding. Cruelty and indifference to suffering were strongly rooted in the Japanese character. Human life was expendable in a land that was overcrowded with no relief in sight. Also, the fact that the men of the Luzon Force had allowed themselves to be taken prisoner increased the severity of their treatment. For the Japanese, to become a prisoner was the ultimate disgrace. Death in action, or if necessary by suicide, was preferred to surrender.

"Their meager diet and malnutrition," explained Towery, "led to the majority of deaths, combined with dysentery, Beri-Beri, jaundice, and malaria. In the camp in China, their diet consisted of a grain (similar to milo) which was boiled until it attained a greyish blue color. This was consumed in the form of soup three times a day."

One building housed the dying and dead. Towery spent the winter in this "hospital"; "this confinement intended to save the guards the trouble of weeding through the camp picking up the dead. The Japanese would walk through the building every morning and drag out those who had died during the night. Miraculously,

Towery survived the "death house" and began to improve. After he showed improvement for over a month, he was transferred to another barrack. Before the transfer, at the "hospital", Towery weighed at 87 pounds. Towery normally weighs around 160 pounds. 37 percent of the P.O.W.'s died in Japanese camps compared to 2 percent in the German camps.

The following spring, a new camp commander arrived and allotted the men soybeans every third day and conditions changed somewhat.

The prisoners worked in factories, erecting buildings, railroads, and unloaded pig iron. They performed "coolie" labor. Towery labored in a factory manufacturing ball bearings, lathes, and drill presses. The Japanese endeavored to separate the Chinese civilian workers from the prisoners. However, Towery developed a close relationship with a Chinese guard, who, although he was free, suffered under Japanese occupation. This guard helped Towery with black market operations. All Americans were searched upon leaving the factory; however, Towery and his friends would secretly transfer ball bearings to the guard, who in turn would trade them in town for an egg or other commodities. The men had a pre-arranged hiding place in a sawdust pile and the booty would be hid underneath. This guard would tell the prisoners news of the outside world, but it was very sketchy. However, after spending over three and a half years in captivity, Towery and the other prisoners began to realize that the Americans were making headway in the war.

"B 29's on bombing missions often flew overhead. We knew that they had to be based somewhere in the Pacific. There was an airplane factory close to the one where we worked, and one day the planes missed their target and killed nineteen P.O.W.'s and wounded 35. At least we knew that the tide had turned," explained Towery.

The Chinese guard told the prisoners that Russia had finally joined the war effort (they had been on the other side when Towery was captured). The prisoners knew that the Russians would not get involved unless they were assured of a victory.

As a result of the Yalta Conference, Russia was given all the territory

above the 38th parallel, and it was a Russian delegation that liberated the Allied P.O.W.'s. "A pompous Russian General stood before the exhilarated P.O.W.'s and announced, "America fought Japan for four years without success. Russia entered the war ten days ago and already we are victorious." Towery said, "In the beginning there was a feeling of camaraderie between the Russians and Americans, but that quickly soured. The Russians were only interested in occupying territory. Fights were constantly breaking out. The Russians would only allow one airplane carrier a day to pick up the American sick and refused to give Americans any fuel. On one occasion, a drunk Russian shot the landing gear off on a plane, disabling it. A plane had to fly in with another set of landing gears in order to repair it."

On the coast of China, Towery was instructed to board a hospital ship bound for Okinawa. He remembers walking up the gang-plank, and at the top sat a nurse processing orders. Towery said that "I had not seen a woman in nearly four years and had been so isolated I was not really prepared to face reality." When she asked for his name, rank and serial number - he was at a loss for words and could not remember. The government kept the P.O.W.'s in the hospital and fed them for a few months so "we would not scare the natives."

The Americans finally reached San Francisco where they were hospitalized, then transferred to trains. Towery, who rode the train to San Antonio, related that Americans stood along the tracks waving and displaying flags. "They treated us like we were heroes, like we had done something." Towery closed his eyes as though he was trying to wipe the memories away. "They called us heroes and we weren't - but it was good to be home."

Consolidation vote held for seven schools

A Dec. 23, 1944, election was conducted to determine whether seven school districts in north and west portions of the county would be consolidated.

The election set in motion the consolidation of Irick, Ramsey, Aiken, Pleasant Valley, Sterley and Prairie Chapel common school districts and Lockney Independent School District.

Roosevelt's death leaves residents in profound shock

Floyd County residents were in "profound shock" after learning of the April 5, 1945 death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in Warm Springs, Ga. A gigantic memorial service, forced inside by inclement weather, was held in the district courtroom.



OUR GANG --Vernon Parker posed with his crew, Bomber in 1943. Parker, of Floydada, is now deceased. known as "Our Gang," in front of the group's B-17 -- Courtesy Photo

Memphis Belle crew led by Parker

December 5, 1991
By Tiffany Gentry

When U.S. Air Force Captain Vernon Parker took over the crew of the Memphis Belle, he had no idea he would pilot the World War II bomber during the filming of a major motion picture.

The movie, released shortly after Parker returned home from the war, was just one of the many highlights in his career in the United States Air Force.

His time served in World War II was filled with intense pressure and the constant battle to conquer life-threatening situations, mixed with a little excitement, travel and prestige. Some events brought glory and victory - others brought sorrow.

Take W.L.C. Jones, Parker's roommate and close friend during one period in the war.

"He was shot down while flying a mission and taken prisoner by the

Germans," Parker said. "He remained a POW until the end of the war." "You didn't make too many friends in the war," he said. "When one of them died, you were sorry you let

yourself get so attached." When the war ended, Parker spent 20 years in the Air Force Reserves before retiring from the armed forces

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Parker leads Memphis Belle crew

Continued from Page 13F in 1963.

At that time, Parker settled with his wife and two children in Floydada, where he opened a photography studio. He is retired today.

Parker's war days began long before his involvement with the Memphis Belle. Prior to commanding the Belle, the 25-year-old fighter pilot enlisted as a volunteer for Great Britain's Royal Air Force in 1940 and served there until the United States entered the war.

A member of the 121 American Eagle Squadron, he flew two types of fighter planes - hurricanes and spitfires.

When the U.S. entered the war in November of 1942, the Americans enlisted in the RAF were transferred to the U.S. Air Force. Most of the men, according to Parker, were given honorable discharges, but Parker had to stay.

"The U.S. didn't have any fighters at the time," Parker said. "The crews didn't have any combat experience, just ordinary training. So they kept me over there as a combat tactic instructor."

As an instructor stationed at the Dyersburg Air Force Base, Tennessee, Parker acted as a mentor, flying with first time crews and handing down instructions.

Training as a pilot meant teaching perfect precision and how to make split second decisions while in the air.

"A pilot requires much more training than a gunner," Parker said of his important job. "You wanted the pilots to make it back from their missions with as little damage to the aircraft as possible."

Parker said the average plane endured only three to four missions. More startling was the fact that the average life span of a fighter pilot in the war was only 47 days.

"That means 85 percent of the RAF

fighters died," he said. "Only three of us survived out of my squadron."

On bomb raids, planes were in the air for nine and a half hours a day. "You had to learn to live with the fact that every minute your life was on the line," Parker said. "My longest mission was 11 hours."

Most of Parker's 25 missions were flown over Germany. Others were in Holland, Belgium, France and Norway.

Parker is known for his development of a World War II flight maneuver which fellow U.S. bombers called the "Parker Two-Step." Credited for its impressive success in air combat, he went on to train 50 to 60 crews in the maneuver.

Parker's involvement with the Memphis Belle came during his time served as a USAF pilot.

"I was assigned to pilot several different crews," he said. "I wasn't a permanent part of any certain crew for very long."

When a B-17 crew suffered casualties during its missions, a new pilot or gunner would be assigned to that crew to fill the empty spot. "That's how I joined the Memphis Belle," Parker said.

The Belle has an interesting story behind how it got its name.

"Captain Morgan, the first pilot of the Memphis Belle, met a girl from Memphis while in training. When he was sent overseas, he named his B-17 after her," Parker said.

Parker was fortunate enough to be piloting the Belle during the making of the movie, *The Memphis Belle*, in 1943.

"We had made two or three short bomb runs in the war with the Belle. Then we started making the movie," he said.

Directed by William Wilder, the movie was filmed in a actual combat, with photographers accompanying crews on the missions. Parker said it

took three months to film.

"The movie was made from authentic scenes, he said. "The clips from different missions were amassed and made into one film."

Parker said the film was originally intended to be used only for training purposes. But after the movie producers saw that the film had the potential to be a successful movie, it was released for public viewing. Profits went toward war bond funding.

"The world premier was in Memphis, of course," he said. "The crew got to attend the first showing, compliments of Paramount Pictures."

Parker said there were three airplanes in the running for the movie. The Belle was chosen because it had the authenticity of having the same crew (except for the pilot) from the beginning of the war to the end.

The film, remade a few years ago, was directed and produced by Wilder's daughter. It focused on the last bomb run made by the Memphis Belle called the "milk run."

Parker said the combat scenes were actual clips taken from the first film.

"The war scenes were accurate, but the story line was a little far-fetched," he said.

"I thought they went to extremes on several things," Parker added. "Actually, there was complete radio silence in the air. All correspondence was kept to a minimum - there was no screaming, music, or joke-telling over the radio, which was what the movie portrayed."

Parker also said while the movie made the crew members of the Belle appear to be great heroes, there was no outward praise or hype.

"We were just doing our jobs," he said. "We didn't get hysterical in the midst of a mission. We saved that for when we landed and realized what we had just done."

The Memphis Belle was restored to its original combat condition for the second movie. Parker said today one can find the Belle on display in a Memphis, Tennessee, amusement park where it is the main attraction.

Parker received several prestigious awards for his expertise and heroism displayed during the war. In 1951 he was awarded the Bronze Star for World War II surveillance operations in Japan. He explained that a pilot can be awarded the Bronze Star after flying a certain number of missions.

Parker also received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He was the only American to have ever piloted both a combat tour and a fighter tour.

Parker holds many memories of his days as a fighter pilot in World War II. During that time, he learned a lot about life.

"Serving in the armed forces taught me to respect my life," he said. "It taught me to just be thankful for what I've got."



HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE --As people relaxed from the tension and stress of the war years, movie entertainment provided a welcome outlet for emotions and energy in the 1950's. Crowds lined local sidewalks in

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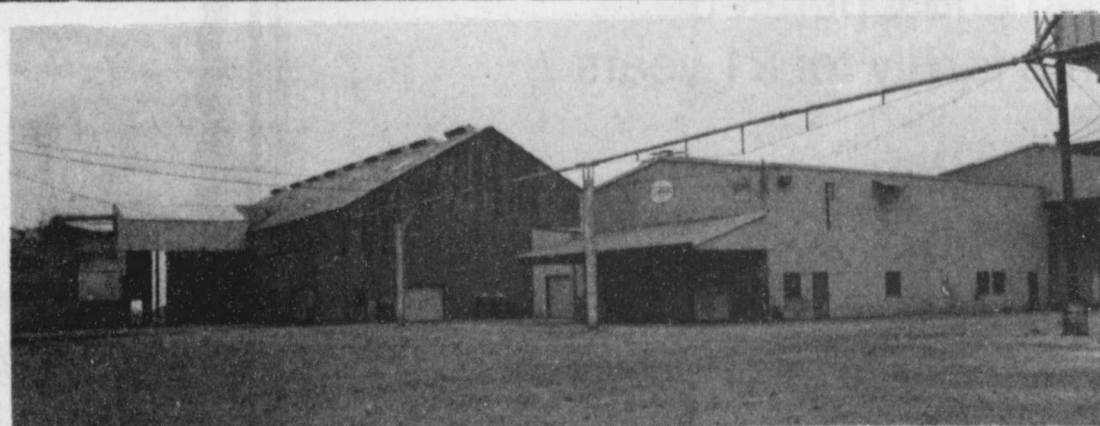
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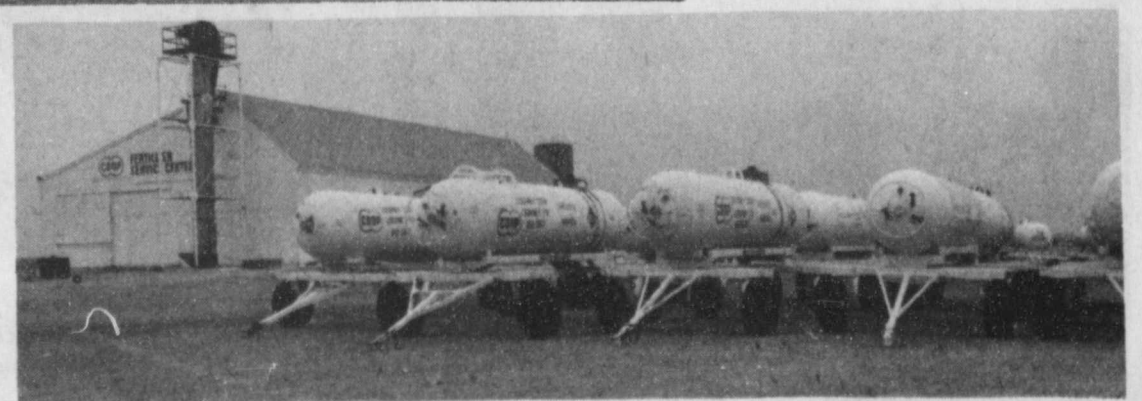
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J.S. HALE LOOKS AT DESTRUCTIVE PATH OF UNKNOWN OBJECT

Flying saucers ?

Path through canyon trees unexplained

1958
What was IT? That question filled the minds of county and area residents in late 1958 and early 1959.

"The reports of the strange lights that played around the rim of Blanco Canyon at the TM Bar Ranch on the morning of November 21, (1958) and the weird object that sailed swiftly and silently over the J.S. Hale place on the south side of the canyon in the same early morning hours, still have local people by the ears," slated an article in the February 12, 1959, Hesperian issue.

"Speculation on what 'it' was, how 'it' got there and by what power 'it' may have been propelled is still going the rounds."

The Hesperian got into the spirit of the thing, and reporter-photographer Kenneth Rimmer spent a couple of hours prowling around in the canyon between the TM Bar headquarters where the Q.D. Williams family live and the J.S. Hale place across the canyon on the hill southwest from them. Rimmer produced photos as "added evidence that something strange occurred. At least they are evidence that some mighty force was at work some time recently in Blanco Canyon."

In his article, Rimmer stated: "That Reese Air Force Base made an investigation of the phenomenon following the report is an established fact. Q.D. Williams, who was a brush pilot on one of the big ranches in the vicinity of Vernon before he took over the management of the TM Bar Ranch and moved his family there, said the Air Force had a crew of investigators at the ranch Saturday after the strange occurrence in the early morning hours of Friday."

"The 'visit' was really more than just an 'investigating crew.' It was an official maneuver with a guard thrown around the place.

"Williams was quizzed about what he saw. He said he told the Air Force officers that the 'light' or whatever it was traveled at an estimated rate of 2,000 miles per hour from the 'hill' where it was first sighted past a check point to the southwest.

The Williamses awakened the Roy Fawver and the J.S. Hale families the morning of the strange occurrence.

Fawver got into his pickup and "made a run" for the point where the strange object was seen. When he arrived, "it took off west at rapid speed, just as though the object knew someone was coming too close."

Hale, who "prodded around" in the canyon with Rimmer on his January visit, gave an angle the newsman had not heard previously.

"Not only did the 'lights' or 'space ship' or whatever it was play around toward his place, it actually sailed over him as he lay on the ground under the fence near his irrigation well," according to this newspaper's article.

"It was the worst scare of my life," said the former airman, who added he never had such a "queer feeling" in his experience.

Rimmer reported, "When the Williams called the Hales, J.S. got up and saw the strange object from his doorway. 'Mrs. Hale was sick in bed but I called her to the door. I wanted her to see the strange object. I could hardly believe what I saw,' he said.

"Getting to the pictures: Note the big trees' trunks where the cottonwood giants lie bowled over, and the 'swath' cut, clearly visible, through the tree in the upper picture.

"Hale was the first to see the pattern of the swath cut through the trees. The autumn was one of remarkable little wind, and it is doubtful that the trees were bowled over by an act of

nature.
"When J.S. first saw the fallen trees and the path cut through the big limbs he noted that the breaks were fresh. He confidently expected to find a plane a few hundred yards up the creek from the scene.

"It appeared that a low-flying bomber or some such had cut too close to the ground and had sheared off the big tree growth. However, there was no plane wreckage anywhere near the scene and no report of a missing plane from any nearby (air) fields.

"Could the strange visitor have cut the path through the valley of the canyon? How could it have happened?"

"It seems quite apparent that a thing like that could not have happened but

there is the evidence that something did happen. Like the lights that played around the hills in a fixed pattern for 30 minutes and then 'took off.'

"The Williams' and the Hales have been reticent about the occurrence. They have been leery of exaggeration that might get into the reports. They recall the Levelland officers who a year ago saw something similar in Hockley County were the victims of considerable skepticism. However, the experience they had is one you can't keep from telling somebody about.

"And the giant pattern sheared through the trees on the bed of the canyon valley is in the same category. It could not have taken place. But there it is!"

Former resident viewed "What is it"

"People may think I'm a scatter-brained old fuddy-duddy, but I know I saw something I can't explain, and I haven't come up with a suitable answer yet," Lubbockite Ruth Ford said after viewing what appeared to be a giant cigar which hovered near an empty New Mexico highway on Feb. 6, 1967. The former Floyd County resident viewed the object just before noon between Deming and Las Cruces.

She described it as being a "grass-green, long cigar with a row of shiny windows and two small propellers atop each end." A second identical object soon joined the first.

Miss Ford sent detailed descriptions and drawings to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University. Dr. Hynek has been appointed by the federal government to study sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Lockney man spots unique object in sky

1953
Although he won't say it was a "flying saucer," Will McDonald spotted something in the sky Thursday morning, Jan. 8, 1953, that left him baffled for an explanation. The well-known Lockneyite was enroute to work about 7:30 when he saw a round orange colored object to the northeast of that town, traveling southwest at a high rate of speed.

Wishing to get a better look as the object came nearer, McDonald

stopped his car and stepped out. The object grew larger as it came nearer and then receded into the distance but before it went out of sight, it broke into three objects, resembling softballs, with one turning off to the right, another veering to the left, and the third proceeding straight ahead.

It was merely a matter of seconds until the object had traversed the sky and disappeared. It left no trail of smoke or fire and made no sound, McDonald said.

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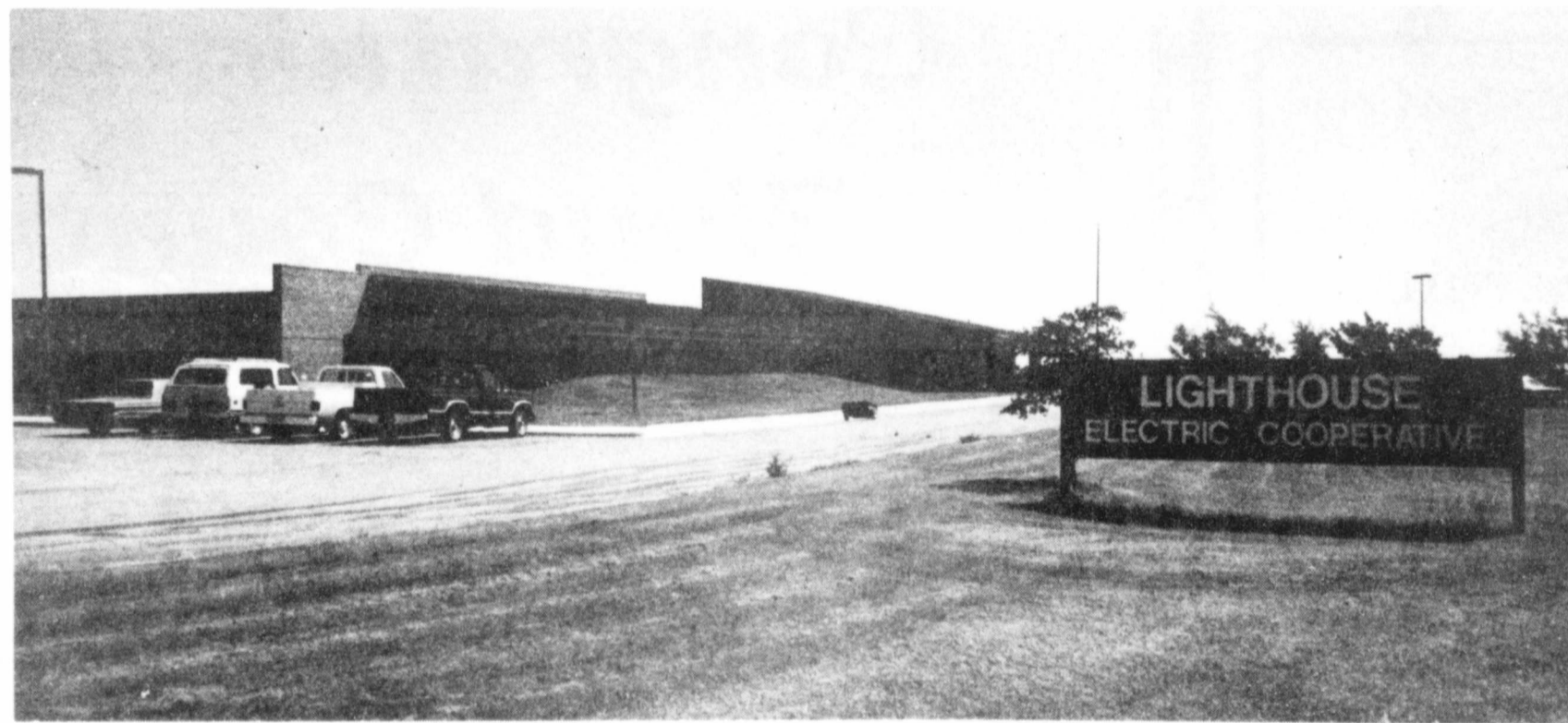


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Floydada begins new sanitation system

October 14, 1971
Two new sanitation trucks and hundred of containers are the components in a new garbage system being put into operation in Floydada.

The City has placed some of the containers, starting in the northeast part of town, and is working to clear the alleys to place the containers in other parts of the city.

A statement was issued by the City on the new system:

The City of Floydada is very happy to announce the arrival of our new front-loading sanitation trucks and a partial delivery on our new sanitation containers. The City began a study in 1969 because of the increasing cost of the sanitation service. After a very extensive study of our present sanitation system and a cost comparison of the new sanitation system now being installed, a substantial amount of money could be saved over a period of years.

This new system will be installed at no extra cost to the citizens.

Our present system consists of

seven employees where the new system will only need two employees in full operation.

The following is an explanation of the cost and savings of the system:

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Annual Savings On Labor	\$23,000.00
15 years life expectancy of system at \$23,000 per year savings	\$345,000.00
Less cost of containers	\$76,860.00
Net savings over 15 years	\$268,140.00



SANITATION SYSTEM REPLACED -- The City of Floydada replaced this sanitation pickup system with the new and improved containerized system in 1971.

-- File Photo

Alma Holmes ends radio career

September 9, 1971
The final broadcast of "Listen Ladies" on KFLD Radio Tuesday marked the end of some 26 years in the radio business for Alma Holmes, manager and part owner of the local station who "gave up the reins" that day.

Alma and her late husband Ed Holmes started in radio in 1945 at KVOP in Plainview with a family show featuring the Holmeses and their five children. They brought radio to Floydada in April of 1951 when they opened KFLD. B.A. Roberson and Marshall Formby were other partners in the KFLD venture. Mrs. Holmes took over the managership of the station in 1960. Holmes was killed in September, 1954.

The Holmes children who were featured, with their parents, on the early

broadcasts include Chuck, of Floydada, and four daughters, all married now: Dorothy McGinnis of Kansas City, Buena Dallas of Dallas, Sara Teague of Duncanville, and Nancy Willson of Lubbock.



ALMA HOLMES

More paving and police protection

November 11, 1971
By Wendell Tooley
More paving and more police protection for the citizens of Floydada highlighted the regular monthly meeting of the Floydada City Council when it met Monday night.

Police Protection
Chairman of the Floydada retail trade committee Bill Hale met with the council and asked for more police protection for Floydada business firms as there has been a considerable amount of burglary lately.

manager to initiate a program for increased police protection from the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. seven nights a week. A policeman will be patrolling the downtown area of Floydada, and other outlying areas.

These policemen will be on duty at all times, no coffee breaks, snacks or meals will be eaten in the police car. Should one policeman encounter trouble, he will contact city police dispatcher for aid, while other patrolling policeman continues to keep his area under surveillance.

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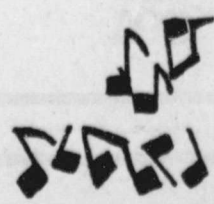
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Final rites for Harry S. Truman

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Floyd County post offices and federal offices will be closed today, for a day of mourning and the American flag will fly at half mast for 30 days.

President Truman led the United States out of World War II and into the cold war to contain Communism.

Mrs. Truman and the Trumans' daughter, Margaret Truman Daniel, will receive the personal condolences

of President and Mrs. Nixon, who will fly into Independence to lay a wreath at the catafalque in the Truman Library.

Former President Lyndon B. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson will also be present at the ceremonies today.

The illness that beset Truman in recent weeks finally overcame his will to live and his stamina. He had lingered near death, rallying from time to time, since he entered the hospital three weeks earlier and died at 7:50 a.m. CST Tuesday in unconsciousness....

Dougherty School is damaged by explosion

May 18, 1972
In this edition, Peggy Medley, reported that an explosion at 12:55 p.m., Friday, May 12, injured nine students in a reading room at the Dougherty School.

According to the story, engineers from the Pioneer Natural Gas Company, in Amarillo, believed gas leaked from underground lines, collected under the reading room and ignited. They surmised that a pilot light in a wall heater, thermostatically controlled, may have ignited the escaping gas, or there is the possibility that when a light switch was flipped on in the room, it could have caused the blast.

By the time this edition hit the streets, eight of the nine injured children had returned home.

Most seriously injured, Kristi Ward, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ward, remained in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. She was showing improvement and out of intensive care. Kristi suffered head injuries.

Students hospitalized at Caprock with bruises and abrasions and already dismissed were listed as: Beverly Vickers, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vickers; Mary Ann Guzman, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Guzman; Irma and Maria Huerta, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Amato Huerta; Leroy Martinez, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ismael Martinez; and Tommy Galvan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Galvan.

Dave Townsend, teacher and school principal, told *The Hesperian*, if the blast had been two minutes later it would have caught the entire fifth and sixth grade classes in the room. Townsend, who was standing in the doorway of the room when the blast occurred, was hurled ten feet into the hall against another teacher. Neither was hurt, however, his greatest concern was getting to the injured.

Townsend said there was little hysteria from the youngsters in the confusion and teachers said those uninjured filed out of the building in a very orderly manner, while others assisted in removing the injured from the classroom....

The explosion caught 5th and 6th grade students during a break after a film showing in the school auditorium. Those injured were the ones who had already entered the classroom. Students from the first through the fourth grades were still in the auditorium, possibly minimizing the number injured. They said they felt the building "shake" and knew it was an explosion of some sort. The youngsters were guided from the building by Mrs. David Townsend, who teaches the first and second grades and Billy Joe Cross, who teaches grades two and three.

One of the youngsters in the classroom said he heard a loud "boom" and felt the floor rise.

Evidence at the scene indicated the flooring rose and splintered, and boards entangled in overturned desks. An odor of charred wood was

SAC bomb crews practice low level runs over Lockney

December 23, 1971
The Strategic Air Command will send B-52 and FB-111 bombers on low-level practice bombing missions against simulated targets near here, beginning next month and continuing through July 1972, the Air Force announced Wednesday.

Radar bomb scoring equipment at Air Force facilities near Lockney will use radar and radio equipment to measure accuracy of the simulated bomb drops.

For six months, SAC B-52 Stratofortresses and FB-111s will fly

training missions at subsonic speeds along the centerline of a 10-mile wide corridor at 500 to 1,500 feet above the ground. The aircraft do not carry bombs on these training flights.

The first simulated runs is set for Jan. 27.

Approximately 22 Air Force personnel, apparently from Reese Air Force Base at Lubbock, will man the Lockney site. These are radar and electronic technicians, plus personnel needed to maintain the facility and furnish other supplies, the Air Force said.

Floydada receives \$120,000 clinic gift

Dec. 30, 1971
Board members were all smiles Monday night as they accepted a check for \$120,000 to build a new clinic next to the Caprock Hospital in Floydada.

The gift was presented by District Attorney George Miller on behalf of the Martha Ann Cogdell Hospital Trust. Floydada rancher D.M. Cogdell Jr. had earlier presented the check to Miller...

Plans are being completed on the clinic and the board members along with local doctors are working with an architect in building and designing the clinic building which will of-

ficiate four doctors.

March 23, 1972

A ground breaking ceremony picture was featured in this edition. In the photo were Caprock directors Andrew McCulley and Bill Daniel, hospital administrator Robert Williams, directors Bill Cagle and Jay S. Hale Jr., and Bill Averitt, contractor. The structure is scheduled to be completed July 20.

December 7, 1972
Pictures of the dedication ceremony of Cogdell Clinic were included in this edition. The ceremony was held December 3, 1972.

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Floyd County Museum acquires deed to Surginer Building

January 20, 1972

After months of legal red tape the Floyd County Museum has acquired the deed of the Surginer building which will house many mementoes of early day pioneers.

The two story building, known in the early days as a Surginer Hardware Store, was donated for a Floyd County Museum by a son of the late Carr Surginer, Leslie of Washington, D.C., a sister of Carr Surginer, Mrs. Rachael Ivy of Graham, and a nephew, Garner Surginer of Corpus Christi.

Plans for the remodeling have been drawn up by Ted Bell and Eli Neff of Floydada Joe Parrish and Dee Copeland of Lockney.

Housed on the inside will be a replica of the old Thomas Montgomery ranch home and antiques which are being loaned or given the museum by individuals and families. The Historical Society of Floydada High School will fill a booth with antique toys. Items form the families of Homer Steen, Ulmer White, Earl Pierce and the Surginer's have been donated, as well as many others.

The museum committee is asking each civic organization to take a booth when the building is completed, and fill it with antiques. Dedication services and open house are planned Old Settlers Day, Saturday, May 27, 1972.



ELECTION BOARD -- A long standing tradition at the Hesperian was the election night totals being posted on a board outside the office. The tradition

was revived in the November General Elections of the late 1980's.

-- File Photo

Floyd County elects Nixon, Tower, Briscoe, James, and Cates

November 9, 1972

A little over 3,000 Floyd County voters went to the polls Tuesday and joined the nation re-electing President Nixon, joined the state in electing Dolph Briscoe governor, John Tower U.S. Senator, and Jesse James as state treasurer.

Floyd voters also joined this state representative district in electing Phil Cates. The final count for the district was Cates 12,948 and Tom Christian 11,476.

This makes the third general election in the last four that Floyd voters have voted Republican for the President. In 1960 they voted for Nixon over Kennedy, in 1964 they voted for Johnson over Goldwater, in 1968 they voted for Nixon over Humphrey.

Floyd County cotton forecasting 90,000 bales

August 10, 1972

Plains Cotton Growers Inc., predict this year's South Plains cotton crop to be the best in seven years, and 90,000 bales for Floyd County. This compares with some 51,100 bales ginned in the county last year.

Good cotton prices of 24¢-25¢ per lb. were predicted.

MAC construction to begin

February 10, 1972

The first meeting of the Massie Activity Center board of directors was held in the bank community room Monday night with 15 of the 18 member board present.

President of the Board, Wendell Tooley, reported that construction would begin on the Center in a little over a week by Plains Builders Inc., of Lubbock.

WELCOME HOME GERALDINE

October 5, 1972

Today, the Floydada community welcomes home one of its own...Laura Geraldine Massie Murray and her husband William Lynch

Banks reach all time deposit high

January 7, 1973

Floyd County banks set an all time high in deposits according to the December 29, 1972 state bank call.

"Although we have reached higher bank deposits records within the first 15 days of a new year, this is the best for this date ever," was a statement by both Clay Henry of the Floydada bank and Gene Collins of the Lockney bank.

The two banks showed over four million dollars increase in deposits and almost five million dollar in-

crease in loans over the same date in 1971.

The First National Bank in Lockney showed an increase in deposits from \$8,409,571.66 to \$9,771,903.87. The Lockney Bank also showed an increase in loans from \$2,679,047.53 to \$4,659,531.19.

The Floydada First National Bank showed an increase in deposits from \$13,105,990.84 to \$15,998,125.00. The bank reports show an increase in loans from \$4,322,313.08 to \$7,093,533.00.

Nixon frees grain land

January 14, 1973

The Nixon administration, under pressure to reduce food prices, paved the way for a big increase in 1973 wheat production by eliminating requirements that farmers keep part of their land idle.

The Agriculture Department which announced the surprise move, said also that livestock will be allowed to graze on land taken from production under 1973 wheat and feed grain

Self employed in Floyd County number 1,013

April 29, 1973

According to the Department of Commerce no less than 1,013 residents of Floyd County make their living from their own businesses or professions.

In terms of the number of people in the local area who are employed, it means that 28.6 percent are self-

employed.

Officials said the order will free nearly 15 million acres from the wheat program alone which can be used now for other crops, forage or spring wheat.

Tom Moore of the Floyd County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service said the order would release about 37,000 acres from the wheat set-aside program in Floyd County, for farmers to use as they see fit.

County number 1,013

That is above the ratio reported for many areas of the country. The average in the U.S. is 7.7 percent and, in the West South Central States, 9.5 percent.

The number of retail establishments in operation in Floyd County is listed as 145 in the latest government count.

Over 3,000 attend Mackenzie ground breaking

Mackenzie bids opened

June 29, 1972

The Board of Directors for the Lake Mackenzie Water Authority met to open bids for the dam.

Gilvin-Terrell Inc., of Amarillo, was low bidder with \$2,636,390; some \$200,000 over the money estimated needed for the building of the dam.

Highest bidder was H.B. Zachary Company, of San Antonio, \$3,602,5000. Six companies bid on the project. The low bidder estimated the project would take 320 working days.

September 28, 1972

An attendance of over 300 accentu-

ated the Kick-off of the Mackenzie Dam construction project Saturday afternoon, September 23.

Most of the crowd was made up of officials and residents of Tulia, Lockney, Silvertown and Floydada. The dam will serve these four cities with water in the future.

Officials said the earthen dam should be completed in an estimated 265 working days.

Clayton Keller, project manager, estimated it will take 18 months until final completion of the dam. At completion, the dam will span the canyon, standing 168 feet high, with a base width of 1,000 feet.

Lockney hospital district formed

January 25, 1973

A group of interested citizens met in the Lockney First National Bank Tuesday, January 23, to hear a report on the present condition of the hospital and to initiate plans to enable the hospital to continue to operate.

After consideration of the possibilities by which the hospital could continue to serve the community, the group voted to support the formation of a hospital district, to be called the Lockney General Hospital District.

Taking action on legal advice obtained, a steering committee was elected by secret ballot. The committee, composed of Hubert Frizzell, Erwin Boyd, Gene Collins, Claude Brown, Conrad Henderson, with L.N. Johnson as alternate, will confer with a lawyer in drawing up a bill to be passed by the legislature to authorize an election to set up the hospital district.

It was thought by those present at the meeting that a hospital district could be formed of Precinct 2 of Floyd County to maintain the cost of operating the Lockney Hospital. Dr. W. J. Mangold who has owned and operated the hospital for the past 21 years has said he will give the hospital to such a district.

April 29, 1973

H.E. Frizzell, chairman of the hospital steering committee at Lockney, has been advised by Senator Jack Hightower and Representative Phil Cates that the bill establishing Lockney General Hospital District with boundaries coinciding with those of Commissioner's Precinct No. 2 was passed by both Senate and house, and was signed by Governor Briscoe April 26, 1973.

The next procedural step will be the appointment by the Commissioners Court of a temporary board of directors, which board will call an election of the qualified property taxpaying

July 5, 1973

All qualified voters of Pct. #2 are urged to get out this Saturday, July 7, to decide the fate of the proposed Lockney Hospital District.

Voters will be asked to approve a \$110,000 bond issuance to finance acquisition of the building and property and the retirement of a loan against the hospital. A simple majority is all that is needed to express the will of the voters.

If the hospital district and bond issue questions should be approved, property owners will be taxed according to current county tax rolls for Floyd County. It is expected that nearly \$100,000 would be raised yearly figuring 75 cents per \$100 tax valuation.

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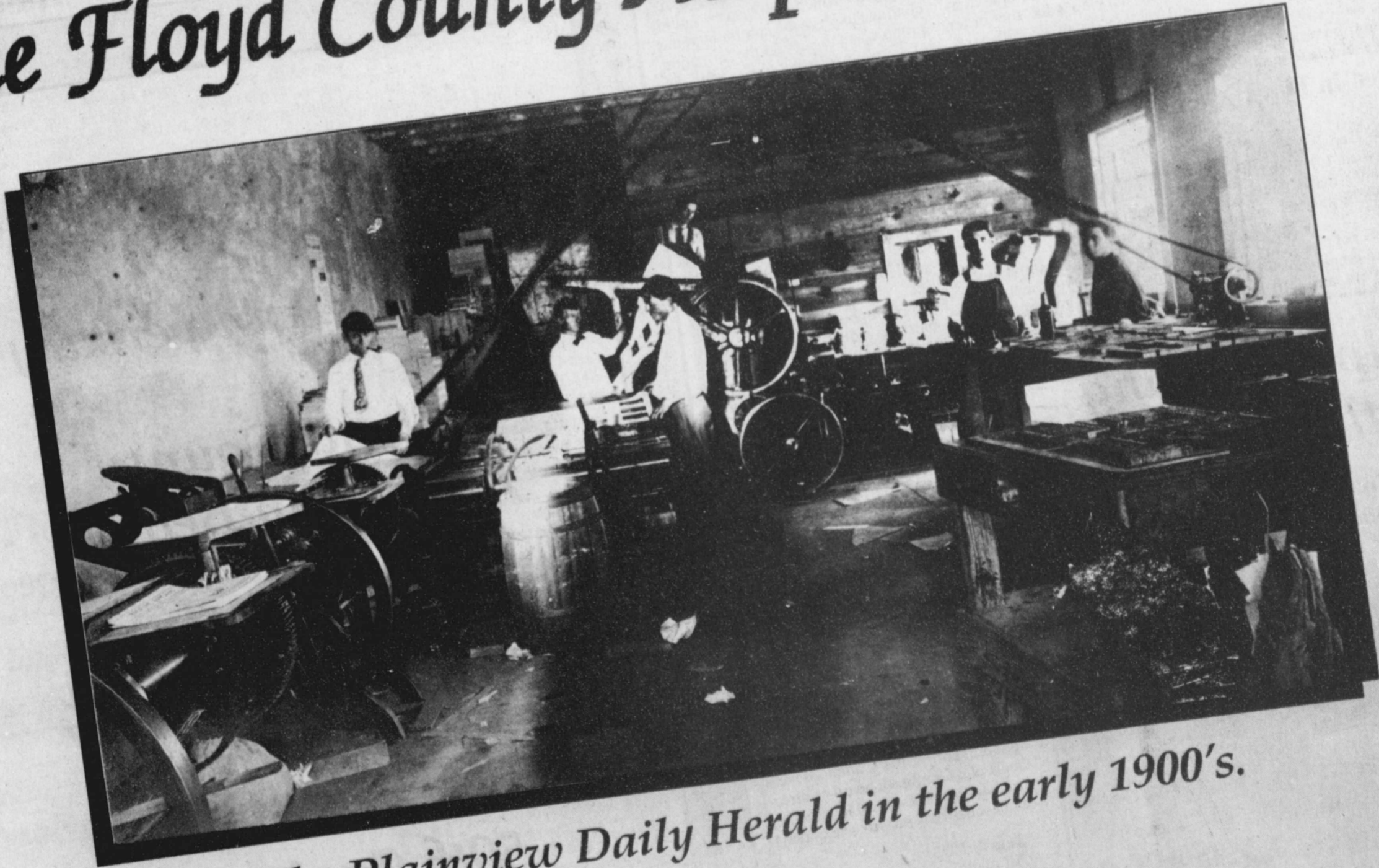
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Vietnam Disappointment

Editorial
January 4, 1973
 The resumption of the heavy bombing of northerly targets in Vietnam and the breakdown of negotiations so hopefully conducted by Henry Kissinger, plus Mr. Kissinger's striking change of tone in describing Hanoi's attitude, is a disappointment. Critics are claiming intentional election-time deception by the President and Mr. Kissinger but the truth is the President and Kissinger at one time were very close to an agreement with North Vietnam. Unfortunately, they must plead guilty to some degree, in allowing President Thieu of South Vietnam to sabotage an agreement tentatively worked out with Hanoi. Thieu accomplished this by objecting to any cease-

fire agreement which failed to specify that Saigon's was the rightful authority in areas in South Vietnam controlled by the enemy.

Though one can sympathize with Thieu's position, his desire to have Saigon's authority reestablished in enemy-held areas of his country, the military and political facts of today do not fit this hope. And one can hardly expect the enemy to grant in a cease-fire agreement what has not been won on the field.

Perhaps the renewed heavy bombing and continuing squeeze caused by the U.S. naval blockade will bring Hanoi to these terms in the end, but this is questionable. Meanwhile Washington must share the blame for the breakdown in negotiations.

Best April fool joke in the Hesperian

Dougherty man shoots huge black bear near the caprock

April 1, 1973
 Early Saturday morning the Robert Ward family was awakened by their dogs barking and the bawling of cattle near the barns. Ward slipped on his clothes, peered out the backdoor and saw all the cattle backed into a corner of the lot and could see his dogs having all sorts of fits right in front of the barn door. Thinking it was probably a skunk...or maybe a coyote, he ran down to the barn...started to look in the barn door when he came face to face with a huge black bear charging right out of the barn. He knocked Ward down as he headed out of the barn and then climbed the corral fence...headed east toward the Caprock. Ward's dogs were in hot pursuit of the bear...but not too close. Ward picked himself up...discovered that one arm had received a long sc.atch...then headed for the house to get his 30-06 rifle. In the meantime the bear had just about made it over into the Caprock breaks. Ward jumped in his pickup, drove to the edge of the cap, then took after the dogs and the bear on foot. About a mile down the Caprock the bear cut into a small draw, stopped and turned on the dogs. In the meantime Mrs. Ward had got on the phone and called neighbors for

help. Ralph Johnston was stopped as he came down the road in his pickup...nearby neighbors Ned Bradley and Henry Hinton, who were farming nearby also took off on the bear chase.

In the meantime Ward had closed in on the bear, wounded him with the first shot. At this point the bear charged Ward and the dogs. Ward steadied himself against a rock, took careful aim and felled the bear about seven foot away with a shot right through the heart.

It was surmised that the bear had come up out of the caprock breaks hoping to find a young calf for breakfast.

One of the more honest by-standers of the group gathered around the dead bear...Henry Hinton, a Methodist, took out his tape measure he always carries in his pocket and declared the bear to be over seven feet tall, and estimated the weight to be 800 pounds.

Later Saturday Floyd County old timers said that this was possibly the only bear ever killed in this area. Hesperian readers on Sunday...remarked that it was one of the best April Fool stories they ever heard!

(Editors Note: According to James Huggins, who helped concoct this story, the story was so believable the AP wire picked it up and ran it nationally.)

Fire destroys 3400 hens and house at Carmack's

February 11, 1973
 Floydada firemen continued to stay busy with a chicken house fire in the southern edge of Floydada Friday afternoon that totally destroyed the house and some 3400 hens.

The firemen were able to save the adjoining house and hens with their promptness in getting to the fire...

Carmack said he had heaters inside the house that may have caused the fire.

Opinions About Watergate

May 3, 1973

A Hesperian reporter interviewed several Floyd County people Tuesday morning after the President's TV talk Monday night about the Watergate situation.

Some of their comments are printed here:

FLORA MCNEILL: "The President is more involved than he wants the public to know, but he is brave to take the blame".

BOB ALLDREDGE: "I listened to the President on my radio on the tractor, and it was hard to hear some of the speech, but I felt that most people didn't realize the President was knowledgeable of the facts until lately."

MRS. JERRY NEELEY: "I think the President was sincere in what he said. I feel this Watergate thing has turned into a game, and we should all be more concerned in unifying America and the important things of this country."

KEN BISHOP: "The President was telling it like it is...the buck stops here...he could have cut his talk off here without the flag waving in the rest of the talk...there may still be more to be uncovered about Watergate...it was long overdue."

JEAN MCGAUGH: "I think it took a lot of courage for the President to take the blame...I don't know whether the President was personally involved...he seemed to avoid a lot of details of Watergate...should have been more specific...there seems to be some unanswered questions."

MRS. CLAUDE RING: "I really don't have much interest in politics, just hope they can get this mess straightened out and keep on working for peace."

MRS. NED BRADLEY: "Possibly the President took too many people for granted...he was misinformed...too many ambitious people at the top...the law should take its course now. Maybe the President waited a little long to do something

about Watergate due to misplaced confidence...I don't think the President was personally involved."

MENARD FIELD: "I believe the President was right in saying he was guilty and responsible for the Watergate Case, not directly but indirectly as his men are involved. He was honest enough to own up to it and I thought his speech was touching. Indications are that he is doing his utmost to correct the situation and he is man enough not to 'pass the buck'. As he said he assumed the responsibility when he went into office and he didn't duck any issues and seemed to be honest in what he said."

MRS. DORRIS JONES: "I found the President's speech more impressive than usual. I think what he did needed to be done, meaning, to bring the Watergate Case out in the open, but I wouldn't want to pass judgment."

MRS. LARRY GUTHRIE: "I'm behind the President all the way."

JIM CONNER: "He didn't tell us anything that we didn't already know."

EARLE EDWARDS: "I think he laid the cards on the table. I don't believe the President is involved and he sounded very sincere in his talk."

RICHARD THOMAS: "I think Mr. Nixon handled the situation the best possible way--I think he is honest in what he said. Of course he must take the blame, just like a pilot must be responsible for his plane and crew."

MILTON WEEMS: "What it boils down to is simply stealing and getting caught."

T.L. HOLLAND: "I thought it was a weak speech...didn't say much, mostly a cover up."

MRS. ART RATZLAFF: "Although we should be loyal to our President, I have my doubts of whether he spoke in all innocence. I think he would be aware of some of the doings in the Watergate case."

Final rites for Lyndon Johnson

January 25, 1973
 Lyndon B. Johnson, the tall Texan whose dreams of a "Great Society" to end poverty and social injustice were shattered by the Vietnam War, died Monday (January 22, 1973) of a heart attack. The nation's 36th President was 64.

His death came just days before an expected end to the war Johnson escalated into a major conflict that divided the nation he hoped to unite.

Johnson was stricken at his LBJ Ranch in his beloved Texas Hill

Country where he grew up. He was flown in a private plane 80 miles to Brooke Army Medical Hospital in San Antonio and pronounced dead on arrival at 4:30 p.m. CST.

Johnson was thrust into the presidency on Nov. 22, 1963, by the assassination of in Dallas of John F. Kennedy....

Johnson, the nation's 36th president, died of what doctors described as "severe coronary artery disease." He had been wracked by heart problems since the 1950's.

United Transport Company leaving Floydada location

March 15, 1973
 According to a report from United Transport they will begin moving out of Floydada August 1, 1974. Automobiles that would have come here for delivery will come to Amarillo and United Transport families will be moving to Amarillo.

The move was not United's choice, but was caused by a change of scheduling trains by the Frisco Railroad Company, who has decided to meet Santa Fe lines at Avard, Oklahoma instead of Floydada.

The change affects some 40 families who now live in Floydada, and payroll estimated at over \$750,000. It means a layoff of four or five worker at both the Santa Fe and QA & P depots here also.

QA&P will be leaving some 12 acres of paved area and unloading facilities that it owns in Floydada. The offices and truck headquarters on the Silverton Highway are owned by United.

A Hesperian reporter interviewed a Santa Fe official who said that Santa Fe would continue to send freight trains in to Floydada as the business required.

It was thought by the local QA&P agent that Frisco will also continue train service into Floydada.

It is anticipated that both companies will maintain depots and agents here.

At present two trains come into Floydada each day....

Floydada area grain elevator and cotton businessmen are concerned that the downtrend in train schedules will some day lead to a complete removal of the tracks and cancella-

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Nixon Resigns

Sunday, August 11, 1974
 President Nixon resigned Thursday night, saying he did so to heal the wounds of Watergate and to give America "a full-time President" in Gerald R. Ford.

He urged Americans to rally behind Ford...

Nixon said he would have preferred to fight the virtually certain impeachment that awaited him in Congress, "no matter the personal agony that would have been involved."

But he said the interests of the nation demanded that he step down, to end the diversions of scandal that preoccupied the White House, and the impeachment process that kept Congress from other duties...

Nixon noted that Watergate was implicit in much of what he said, but he acknowledged no misdeeds, say-

ing only that some of his judgments had been wrong—and that he made them "in what I believed at the time to be in the best interests of the nation."

Nixon made no specific reference to the three articles of impeachment sent to the House of Representatives 10 days earlier by the Judiciary Committee.

They charged Nixon with obstructing justice in the Watergate cover-up, abusing the powers of his office and refusing to obey congressional demands for impeachment evidence...

The President said his family opposed resignation, that it was abhorrent for him to quit, but that for the sake of the nation, it had to be done...

In Ford, America will have for the first time a president by appointment, not election.

Cattle feedlot to be discussed

March 4, 1973
 A public meeting was held at the Massie Activity Center to find out if there was sufficient interest and resources to construct a cattle feedlot in this community.

Accountants from Lubbock were on hand to discuss the economics of cattle feedlots...


Sam Thomas, manager of the Agriculture department of SPS said, "A

20,000 head feed yard should yield about 36,600 head of fat animals per year. If the animals were sold at an average price of \$396 per head, the contribution to total business from a new feed yard would look something like this: \$396 X 36,600 X 2.25 = \$32,610,600.

In a later edition it was reported that a steering committee had been appointed to pursue the project.

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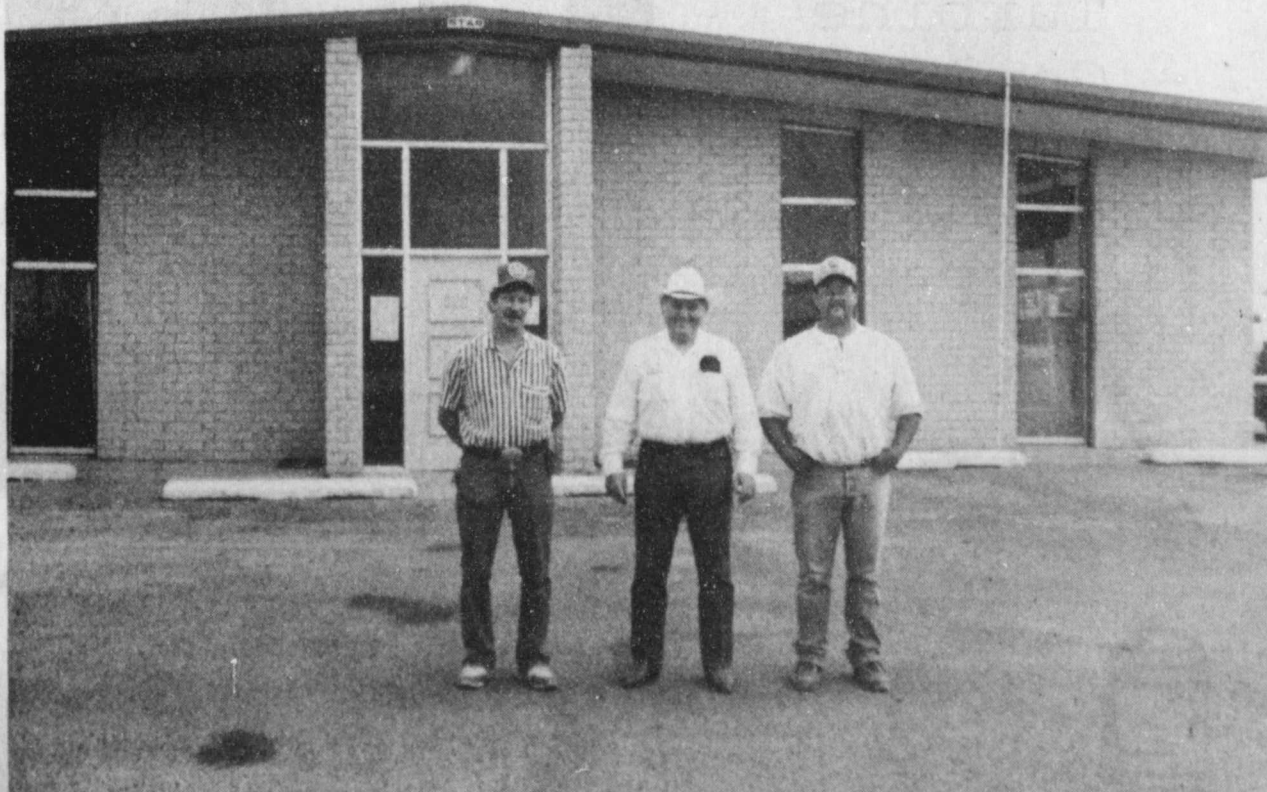
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Food Stamp program becomes effective in Floyd County August 1

June 17, 1973
The Food Stamp Program is to begin in Floyd County in August. The program will replace the existing commodities which will continue through June and July. County Judge J.K. Holmes said the Food Stamp Program will eliminate four part-time employees which have been paid by Floyd County.

At present 440 people in Floyd County are eligible to receive commodities.

A person is normally certified for food stamps for three months, although if he is aged, he can receive certification for as long as a year.

Food stamps are coupons that eligible households may purchase to increase their food purchasing power. Households pay less than one-third of their total net income for the food stamps, and then bonus stamps are issued to make up the difference between what a household can pay and what is needed for an adequate diet.

For example if income per month to a household of four is from \$130 to \$139.99, then \$34 worth of stamps purchased would be worth \$112 of food stamps, a bonus of \$78. In a family of four if the income per month is from \$270 to \$289.99, \$77 worth of stamps could purchase food worth \$112.

County joins nation for Carter

November 4, 1976
While the people of the United States gave Jimmy Carter a 51% popular vote of approval for President, the people of Floyd County gave him a little over 58% in one of the biggest voter turn-outs ever seen in the this county.

Almost 100% of the qualified votes

in Goodnight, Allman, and other smaller voter boxes voted. One election veteran stated Tuesday night that it was back when Dwight D. Eisenhower first ran for president when a similar amount of Floyd people took time to vote.

Mr. Carter received 1991 votes Mr. Ford 1402.

Gasohol prepared in Floyd County

October 21, 1979
Floydada this week will become the second city in Texas from which the controversial alternate fuel, dubbed, "gasahol," is distributed.

Swift Distributors Co., of Floydada, last week received its first shipment, 20,000 gallons, of 200-proof ethanol made from Midwest corn.

Sales to customers in Floydada should begin Wednesday or Thursday. The fuel will be marketed at the Floydada Travel Center on Houston Street.

Swiftly will eventually sell the purified alcohol to other gasoline retailers in the area for mixing with their own gasoline.

The tank car sitting on the tracks beside the travel center is the first car of alcohol in Floyd County, and possibly the first in the state of Texas to be shipped by rail car.

The ethanol in Floyd County will be stored in a 31,000-gallon tank prior to being mixed with unleaded gas at the travel center. The mixture will consist of 90 percent gas and 10 percent alcohol.

City lets sub-station contract

May 17, 1979
Floydada City Council voted Tuesday night to accept the bid of an Amarillo firm, McKinley Sales, to supply material for sub-station which is to be erected in order that the city may purchase coal produced power from Southwestern Public Service

Co. The bid was for \$191,375. The contract is for material only. The projected system would handle up to "twice the present load" - present peak load in 4400 KW-without using the city generating plant to produce electricity.



This is how it's done... Setting irrigation tubes to water the maize

1979 Weather stories recalled

May 24, 1979
It was reported in this edition that 9.9 inches fell in parts of Floyd County, Monday, May 21.

June 28, 1979
Winds up to 70 mph, dust, rain and hail passed through Floyd County damaging an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 acres of crops.

Farmers in the northern part of the county were using words like "slicked-off", "table-topped," and "wiped out" to describe their cotton,

much of which already had been replanted twice. This time, they're expected to replant with soybeans, grain sorghum, or sunflowers.

August 9, 1979
Predicting that more than 75 percent of the farmers in Floyd County would suffer losses from bad weather and crop disease, Floyd County Judge Choise Smith, this week, asked Gov. Bill Clements to declare Floyd County a crop disaster area.




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Ice damage figures are highest in Lighthouse Electric history

February 10, 1980

Damage to Lighthouse Electric Cooperative equipment during the recent ice storm was the highest in the 41-year history of the cooperative, Lighthouse Electric general manager Alton Higginbotham confirmed Friday.

More than 600 of the cooperative's poles were down as a result of ice accumulations in late January and early February. In addition to replacing poles and rebuilding line where poles were broken, Lighthouse crews had to replace or repair transformers

and other equipment and fix cross-arms and line breaks in many locations where poles were left standing. The cooperative "lost" about 300 poles in 1978 when a similar storm hit near Silverton.

Higginbotham estimated the recent Lighthouse damage at \$250,000.

Heaviest damage to Lighthouse equipment occurred in Floyd, Hale, Crosby and Dickens counties....

Several customers were without electricity for several days. Full service should be restored in a week to 10 days.



DR. W. J. MANGOLD

Mangold delivers 5000th infant

November 14, 1985

On Thursday, November 7, a milestone in the career of Dr. W.J. Mangold was noted by the hospital nursing staff when Dr. Mangold delivered his 5000th baby at Lockney General Hospital.

The baby, a boy, was born to Saul and Sylvia Rodriguez of Lockney. To

make the occasion more special, Sylvia is employed at the hospital in Central Supply. Even more special is the fact that Dr. Mangold had delivered Sylvia in September of 1955.

Dr. W.J. Mangold began his practice in Lockney in December of 1951. He delivered his first baby, a boy in Lockney on January 14, 1952, to

Bobbie Jean Wright.

"It's special to deliver babies for those I had delivered years before," said Dr. Mangold. "I really like the ob's and I also like the new addition of fathers to the delivery room. If they have had the childbirth classes, we let them go into the delivery room here for normal deliveries.

County jail has open house

May 22, 1980

Floyd County's newest facility, the Floyd County Jail, will hold an Open House on Old Settler's Day...

In 1977 when the Jail Standards went into effect the Floyd County Building was short on all counts. The county was given a time limit to modernize the jail. Rather than float a bond or operate in the red, the Commissioners pledged the county revenue sharing money they had on hand

and went about re-constructing the jail at a minimum cost to the taxpayers.

Total construction cost was \$225,531. The old building was 4636 sq. ft. The addition of the stairwell enlarged the building to 5272 sq. ft. at a cost of \$42 per square foot. Actual cost to Floyd County taxpayers was reduced to \$37 per square foot because of the \$29,230 matching funds grant for the life safety equipment.

Last train out on QA&P

April 2, 1981

The last train of the QA&P has rolled out of Floydada. The office is now closed.

The line was extended to Floydada in 1928. The tracks were filled with people when that first train came in on October 1, 1928.

The line had begun in 1902 and initially ran from the end of the Frisco Lines at the Red River to the gypsum plant at Acme.

In 1909 the line was extended to Paducah and finally on to Floydada.

The Quanah Acme & Pacific, named after the famous half-breed Comanche Chief, Quanah Parker, was owned by the Frisco Lines.

As late as the early 1970's two trains went through Floydada each day, going each direction. They were called the Q.S.F. (San Francisco) and the Q.L.A. (Los Angeles).

United Transport, a distributing operation for automobiles, shipped in

thousands of cars by rail, unloaded them and then sent them on by truck to the dealers.

In August of 1974 United Transport moved from Floydada to Amarillo and took delivery of their cars there. The change affected 40 families in Floydada and a payroll of over \$750,000.

It also affected Quanah where some 35 trainmen had to be moved. The east and west trains were stopped and the QA&P has only been running when it was needed for freight.

Two grain elevators at Dougherty and one at Booth Spur will be affected by the cease of operations.

Also this past week officials of the Santa Fe railway announced that the Santa Fe depot will be closing in Floydada and also in Lockney.

The Santa Fe officials say that they expect their company to purchase the Frisco railway in Floydada.

Mackenzie Water now a reality

July 23, 1981

Floydada, Lockney, Tulia and Silverton will have water via the Mackenzie Lake project which received approval of \$14,731,000 in government loan on Tuesday.

The Farmer Loan Administration approved a loan for \$7,363,000 at 5 percent interest for 40 years.

The Texas Development of Water Resources Board also granted the Mackenzie project \$7,368,000 for the purchase of bonds at a rate of 5.6 percent for 30 years.

Mackenzie officials said \$11,326,000 will be spent on the

transmission phase of the project which will take water from the reservoir to a million gallon tank at Rock Creek.

Neil Taylor, manager of the water project, said \$3,405,000 will be spent on the supply phase of project which will take raw water and treat it at the plant with the use of 24 inch pipes that run from Rock Creek to the reservoir for approximately seven miles.

The four million gallon per day treatment plant is tentatively scheduled for construction at the base of the dam to utilize workers at both facilities.

Floyd County goes for Ronald Reagan

November 6, 1980

An astounding 73% of the eligible voters in Floyd County turned out for the election Tuesday.

Reagan carried 57% of the county with 2043 votes, Carter had 1477 votes, Anderson had 24 and Clark had 12.

The only precincts to favor Carter were Northwest Floydada, McCoy and Northeast Floydada.

Caprock Hospital leased to firm for management

September 3, 1981

Caprock Hospital has been leased to a management firm and a new doctor will begin practice; both events are to take place October 1.

Hospital board president Aldine Williams, announced Tuesday that the management firm of Dan Powers, Brownfield, will assume full management responsibilities of the hospital on a five year lease. Powers has been acting as consultant for the hospital board during the last six months.

Joe Rice, Lubbock, will replace Nell McClung as administrator. Nell will continue at the hospital in a similar capacity.

Lockney Coop's Sterley grain elevator collapses

March 10, 1983

No one was injured when a storage tank at the Sterley Elevator collapsed about 3:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. A falling wall of the tank knocked down a power line and power was out in the surrounding area for about one hour.

As a result of the collapse, 24 million pounds of corn poured onto the ground. Cleanup has begun and is expected to last about 2 weeks.

According to Gail Kring, manager of Lockney Coops, estimated damage to the tank is between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Kring said that the suspected cause of the collapse was that the foundation gave way under the tank due to extended wet weather having weakened the foundation, causing a pressure wall to pull away from the foundation.

Open house honors Lockney Cogdell Clinic

April 9, 1981

More than 150 guests from Floydada, Silverton, Kress, Lubbock, Plainview, Crosbyton, Aiken and Lockney attended the open house for Lockney Hospital's Cogdell Clinic.

The hospital had purchased new equipment through a \$150,000 contribution from the Martha Ann Cogdell Hospital Trust Fund.

New items of medical equipment bought through the Memorial Fund and Equipment Fund were on display. They included a wheel chair, carrier, Gomco machine, suction machine and stand, 16 blood pressure cuffs for patient rooms, and I.V. and flow pump at a total cost of \$4,166.91.

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Floyd County canneries investigated

March 4, 1982

A suspected case of botulism reported by a Plainview doctor brought the Floyd County canneries to the attention of both state and federal health officials this past week.

The elderly patient, hospitalized in Plainview, was later proved not to be suffering from food poisoning but rather from a drug reaction.

However, Ralph Godfrey, investigator with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, had already inspected the Lockney Cannery and placed an embargo on cans of hot sauce prepared at that cannery. Godfrey was brought into the matter because products from the cannery were taken across the state line into Oklahoma.

"We didn't know the canneries were here," Godfrey said. "There has never been a health inspection."

Commissioners accompanied inspectors to the Floydada cannery and were told that the Floydada cannery was also "deviating from good manufacturing practices."

No action was taken at this time because the canneries were not running, but when the canneries do open they will be inspected again and if the conditions are the same the investigators will take action.

The pressure cookers used in the county canneries, which have been used for an estimated 50 years, and are thought to be the only county owned and operated manufacturers in the state, using a direct heat method for processing rather than the steam processing considered safe by the health department.

Commissioners estimate that 10,000 cans of food were processed at the two canneries the past season. The one in Lockney will process twice as much as the one in Floydada.

The plants are set up so that people can bring in their own vegetables and can them themselves for a fee. Cost of the cans is 17 cents apiece.

Then there is a plan where the managers of the cannery will process the food on halves for people. Generally the half retained by the managers is sold and the money is kept by the managers as part of their compensation for the work.

COMMISSIONERS STUDY ALTERNATIVES April 15, 1982

Floyd County Commissioner's Court took on the atmosphere of the "big cities" Monday as two television news crews set up tri-pods and cameras amid citizens who were filing in and being seated.

County Judge Choise Smith informed the citizens that the court had received word that there was a possibility the canneries could be operated on a "community cannery" basis.

The canneries are threatened with not opening as scheduled in July because the facilities do not meet state and federal health requirements.

A cost of \$150,000 has been estimated necessary to upgrade the health standards required for commercial canning.

The lesser requirement for a community cannery designation, for one cannery, could be within the county budget Smith indicated.

No canned goods could be sold through the canneries as has been done in the past.

The approximately 20 county citizens brought with them petitions bearing over 800 signatures asking the Commissioners Court to keep the two canneries open.

The two canneries processed more than 50,000 cans last year in a five-month-long season. The Lockney Cannery does at least twice as much business as the one at Floydada.

On days of heavy usage over 700 cans have been processed per day.

Upgrading Cost Discussed May 6, 1982

Texas A&M Extension Department food specialist Dr. Al B. Wagner told the Commissioners court that the cost to upgrade the equipment at the two Floyd County canneries, for commercial use, would be 50 or 60 thousand dollars each.

To upgrade to community canneries the cost would be \$570 each, not including labor.

November 11, 1982

The Floyd County Commissioners Court decides to advertise for bids to sell the Floydada cannery.

Lockney Cannery Opens August 11, 1983

The Floyd County Cannery in Lockney opened its doors July 5 and is now in full operation.

Since opening in July, more than 3,000 cans of corn have been processed at the cannery, with 300 cans of peas and 225 cans of soup also being processed.

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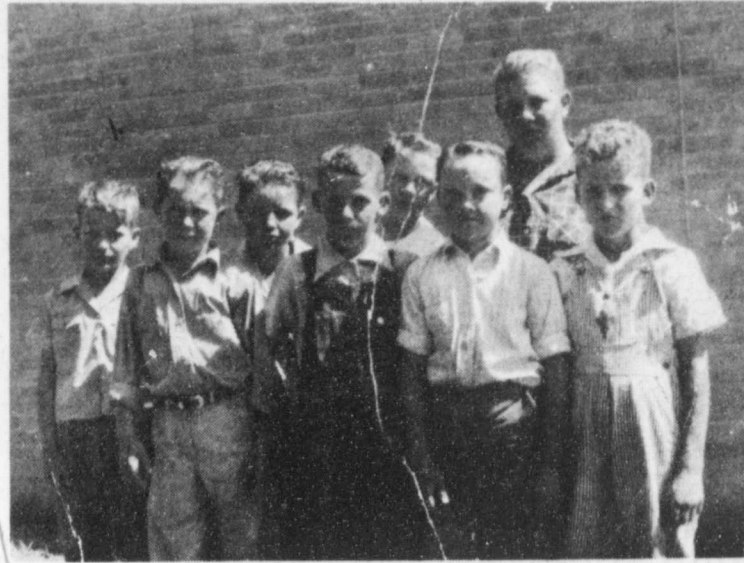
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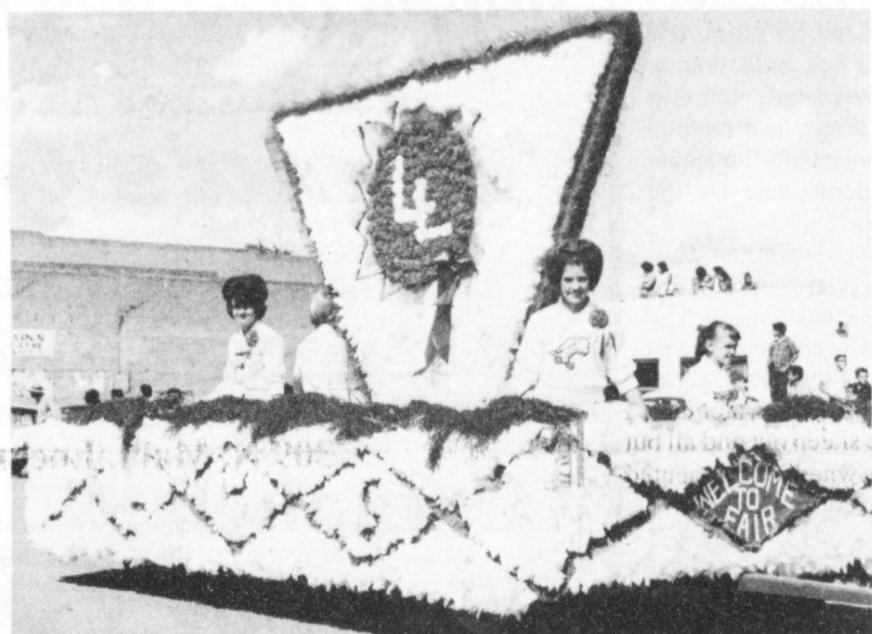
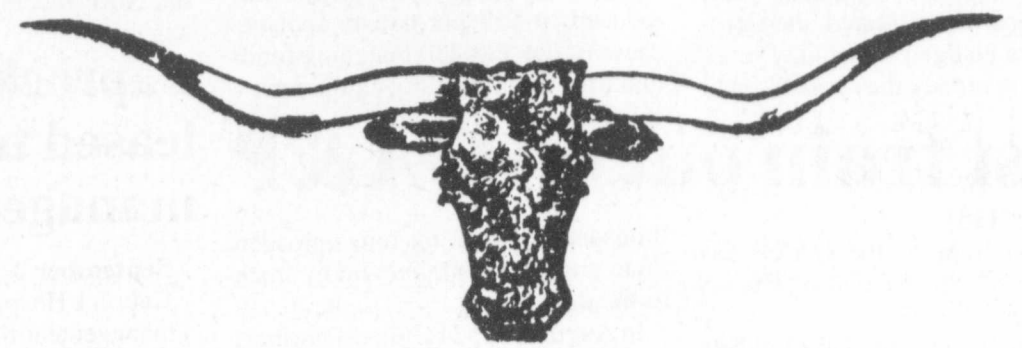


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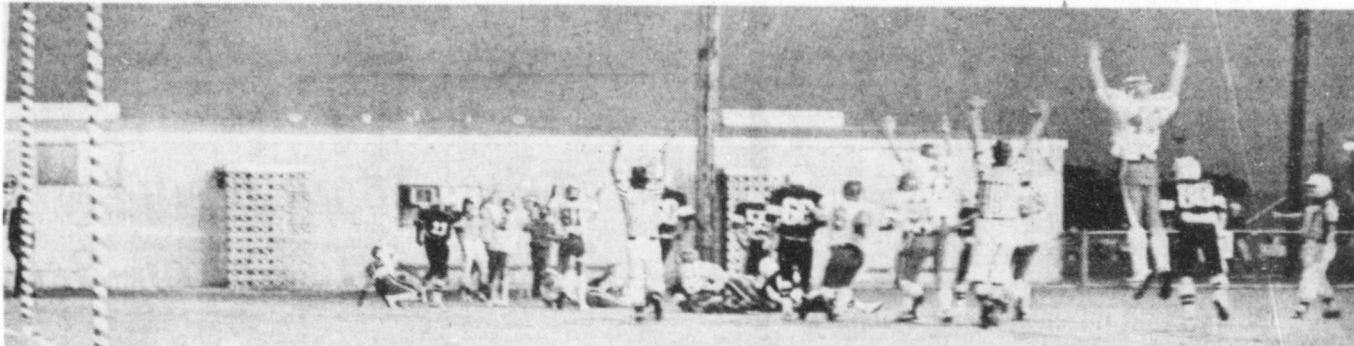
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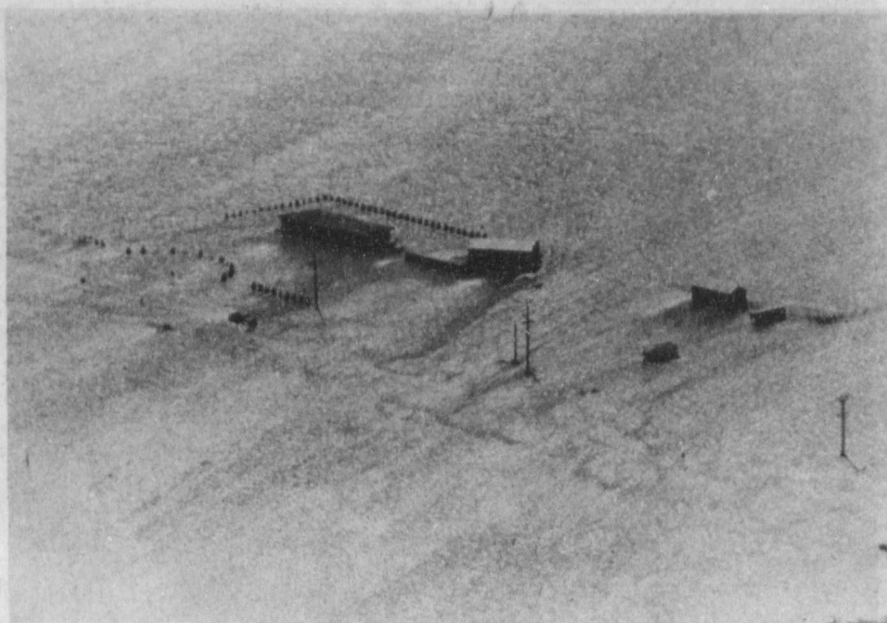
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Lockney Independent School District

House Bill 72 changes explained

October 4, 1984
A public meeting at Duncan Elementary School, September 22, drew an excellent response from parents. Facts were presented on House Bill 72 as they pertain to the local school system to a gathering of approximately 100 people. The foremost item presented at this meeting was the average daily attendance count. Money from state and federal sources is apportioned based on the ADA count in each school district.... FISD will no longer have social

promotions. All students must make a subject grade of 70 in order to advance... A statewide school calendar will go into effect with the 1985-86 school year. No school in Texas will begin the fall term before September 1 in 1985. Beginning with the 1985-86 school year, kindergarten, first and second grade classes will have one teacher for every 22 students. In the 1988-89 school year this ratio will be instituted in the third and fourth grades was well.



TRAIN TRAVELS ON FLOODED TRACKS BETWEEN LOCKNEY AND STERLEY IN 1941

Commissioners impose new taxes on vehicles

May 17, 1984
A source of controversy in Commissioner's Court Monday, May 14, was a resolution implementing a new tax in Floyd County. The resolution was passed with Choise Smith, Jack Lackey and Sam Spence voting for the measure and Bob Jar-

rett voting against it with Thomas Warren abstaining. The resolution reads, "Each vehicle in Floyd County will be charged an additional fee of \$5.00 for registering a vehicle in the state with the proceeds being deposited in the County Road and Bridge Funds.

Hispanics file civil rights lawsuit

December 27, 1984
A class action lawsuit was filed December 21, in United States District Court in Lubbock against the City of Floydada.

Plaintiffs in the suit, Francisco Morales, Angelita Cortinas, Higinio Villareal and Alberto Juarez, have also named Mayor Parnell Powell and five city councilmen, Gary Carthel, Don Green, Wayne Russell, Frank Breed and Leroy Burns as defendants in the suit.

The suit alleges that election of at-large councilmen is unconstitutional under the 14th and 15th amendments and that such elections are a violation of the voting rights act.

The suit asks U.S. District Judge Albert O. Woodward to order the replacement of the present at-large system with a single member district. The plaintiffs claim that at-large elections dilute or cancel Mexican-

American voting strength. The lawsuit was instigated after members of the Floydada Chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens appeared at the November 13 City Council meeting and issued an ultimatum to establish single member districts by November 30 or face a lawsuit. Floydada city officials requested information from state officials regarding the applicability of federal law in this instance since the city has a population of under 5,000 and is governed by Texas General Law. State authorities notified the city, in a letter received on December 6, that "as a general law city operating under Chapter 1-10 with no city charter, there is no state law authorizing implementation of single member districts. Therefore, you may not have single member districts."

Blacksmith shop dedicated as historical site

April 5, 1984
Dedication services of the original location of the Burn's Blacksmith Shop will be held April 13 at the Lockney City Hall, the location of the original shop. The Burn's Blacksmith Shop was established in 1900 by J.E. Burns. It

was the first blacksmithing shop opened in Lockney. It was later expanded and moved across the street to the east. The shop operated for 35 years and at times employed as many as 12 smithies at one time.

64 students affected by no pass no play

October 24, 1985
At the end of the 1st six weeks of school there are some 64 Lockney High School and Junior High students who are directly affected by the State's new "no-pass no-play" rule. According to the State no-pass, no-

play rule, these 64 students will be ineligible for extra-curricular activities for the next six weeks. They will also be barred from any practice sessions and will only be able to resume extra-curricular activities, if, after the end of the next six weeks they are making a 70 or above in all classes.

County ravaged by flood conditions

October 9, 1986
The county was bombarded last week with rain measurements which reached as much as a reported 12 inches in Lockney and approximately 11 inches in a 24-hour period at South Plains. Barwise reportedly received 9 inches. Bulk of the moisture came Thursday and in the early morning hours Friday. According to one report, "selected spots had probably 50 percent damage to cropland," due to hail on Wednesday. The storm did leave destruction in its path around Petersburg. Apparently the same cloud passed south of Floydada and on to the east, leaving crop damage in its path. Both cotton and grain sorghum were damaged by this cloud. Some cotton was observed stringing from bolls and grain was shattered from heads. Hail, which started about 9 p.m. south of Floydada, "lasted about 30 minutes." "Baseball size hail" fell on land north of South Plains.

Pumpkins Lost
Mack Hickerson had to cancel contracts on about "42 semi-loads of pumpkins" because of the damage caused from rain and hail. "I had 200 acres of pumpkins, which is about three million pounds of marketable pumpkins, sold and going to market from Floyd County all ruined." Hickerson estimates about 1 1/2 inches of rain fell on the pumpkins in the South Plains area and about 12 1/2 inches fell in Lockney area. "Baseball size hail ruined some of them."

First Hail, Then Floods
In this county, it was a case of "first the hail and then the rain." Basically, the Wednesday hail struck in southern portions of the county, and Thursday's moisture was primarily heavier in the north. South Plains caught both blasts. On Thursday, the clouds—aftermath of Hurricane Paine—continued, dropping some moisture throughout the county and excessive moisture in certain areas. Heaviest amounts appeared—during a Friday morning plane tour of the county—to have been from Lockney to South Plains and around Barwise. Six Floyd County roads were blocked by water. The South Plains community was literally a land of lakes, with water standing in town as well as surrounding areas. Farm roads entering South Plains from any direction were under water. More than one report of 11 inches in that community was received. This spanned a 24-hour period ending early Friday morning. Lockney was also inundated, with several highways, roads and city

streets being covered with water by late Thursday afternoon. Some residences and buildings were entered by water. Comparisons to 1941 have been heard, particularly from Lockney and South Plains residents. Some persons remembered when various lakes "ran together" in 1941, a situation which was reenacted last week. At least one individual believes the '86 moisture was heavier than '41, which has long been remembered as an extremely "wet year". Herman Graham, at Muncy Elevator, reported only 4 and three tenths inches at his location, however water ran from north of Muncy to the lake which spans Highway 70 and as of early this week, Highway 70 remains closed to through traffic from Lockney to Muncy. Graham reported that he does not remember the water ever being on the highway since he moved to Muncy in 1959. Graham estimated the water was 2 feet deep on the highway. East of Lockney, on highway 135, where the Workman's reside, houses were nearly under water. Mrs. Workman reported that their cellar is presently filled with water. One of the hardest hit Lockney area farmers was Bruce Williams, who in addition to having much of his farm land flooded by rain water, lost his entire herd of sheep. "I spent all day Thursday trying to move the sheep but there was so much water that I could not get the sheep out and all but one of them drowned," commented Williams. Williams also went out in a boat to the area and found his sheep dog, a Great Pyrenees, literally hanging by her head in one of the trees under which the sheep had gathered. She was saved. The South Plains office of the Lockney Cooperatives reported that Friday morning there were about 18 inches of water standing inside the gin building and the 22 foot deep press pit below the gin was also full. Reports from most of the residents and farmers in the south portion of the South Plains community blamed the railroad for the standing water. There are no bridges under the railway that runs through the community, there are only two small culverts and they were not carrying the water fast enough to drain the flood waters off of the saturated land.

FISD converting to single member districts
March 13, 1986
Realizing the "strong possibility" of the Floydada school district facing a lawsuit to compel a single member district election system for trustees, the school board voted Monday night to convert from at-large to single member district status.

Commissioners, Cave and Miller battle over law books

1986-87
In May 1986, David Cave of Spur, was elected to the position of judge of the 110th Judicial District. He is to succeed George Miller. A difference of only 161 votes separated the two contestants in the four county race and ended a bitterly fought race between the two.

The change in the office also brought about a five month controversy reported in this newspaper. When Miller was vacating his office in October, 1986, a dispute arose over the rightful ownership of law books Miller was moving out of his office. County Commissioner Jack Lackey filed suit against Miller. Lackey was ultimately joined in the suit by the Commissioner's Court. In the February 26, 1987 issue, *The Hesperian* reported, "the dispute over ownership of the law books is settled. Miller released any claim to any and all law books and the Commissioner's Court released Miller from any demands or 'causes of action.'"

CAVE ABOLISHES COUNTY AUDITOR POSITION
In the November 20, 1986 issue, another political storm, associated with Judge Cave erupted when after taking office he abolished the office of county auditor and terminated the current office holder, Bobbie Hamilton. In the next week's edition, *The Hesperian* told of a civil suit filed by Commissioner Jack Lackey against

Hamilton. This suit led to a temporary restraining order, signed by Judge Cave, being issued to Hamilton and demanding that she turn over copies of information, concerning Lackey, which she would be presenting to the grand jury the following day. Cave said, "It appeared to the court that Lackey would suffer irreparable damage if a restraining order is not entered." Facing contempt of court, Hamilton turned over copies of her information to Lackey's attorney. The injunction against Hamilton read: "Your plaintiff (Lackey) would show the Court that, apparently the said Bobbie Hamilton has gathered information in her capacity as Floyd County Auditor and is alleging some form of impropriety as the part of her business as the auditor of Floyd County."

The December 4, 1986 edition covered a civil suit by Lackey against Hamilton in extensive detail. The suit was filed by Lackey in an attempt to find out what type of information Hamilton would present to the grand jury.

Over 20 points were addressed in areas that Hamilton considered irregular. The February 5, 1987 issue of *The Hesperian* reported that Lackey, Commissioner of Pct. #4, had tendered his resignation to the Floyd County Commissioners Court. No formal charges were ever made against Lackey.

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Voting district lawsuit has reached settlement

February 27, 1986

A long awaited decision in the voting district lawsuit facing the City of Floydada has been reached. In a compromise settlement, the City of Floydada will begin electing city council members by district at the next election, which is as yet unscheduled.

The city council size will increase from the current five member panel to a six member panel as proposed in the order signed by United States District Judge Halbert O. Woodward in Lubbock on February 18. The order settles a December 1984 federal suit challenging the at-large system of election in Floydada in favor of single member district elections.

Judge Woodward's order states that Floydada denies intentionally

discriminating against minorities. The order does point out that evidence exists to suggest that at-large elections may dilute minority voting strength. Under a 1982 amendment to the Voting Rights Act, the plaintiffs are required only to show that discrimination is the effect of an at-large system, not that intentional discrimination has occurred.

Floydada is apparently the second smallest Texas city to go to single member districts. Floydada has a population of 4195 people Taft, a city of 3500, is the smallest city to go to a single member district system according to Rolando Rios, attorney for the Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project in San Antonio. SVREP provided research assistance to the plaintiffs in the Floydada lawsuit.

Former Floydada resident carries Jessica McClure to ambulance

October 29, 1987

A collective sigh was breathed Friday night, October 23, across West Texas as news spread that 18-month-old Jessica McClure had been removed from an abandoned water well in Midland. This ended a 58 1/2 hour ordeal that captured attention throughout the United States and in some foreign countries.

A famous picture of Jessica McClure being carried to a waiting ambulance was featured in this issue of The Hesperian, courtesy of Scott Shaw of the Odessa American.

Carrying McClure was a former Floydada resident, and Midland fireman, Bill Queen. He is the son of Evalene Boyd of Floydada and L.W. Queen of Midland. He has about 30 relatives in Floydada community.

When McClure was pulled from the well, cheers rose from football stadiums across the South Plains when the good news was announced.

Her tiny body was wrapped in towels and tape as Midland paramedic Robert O'Donnell yanked Jes-

sica from her entombment 22 feet below the surface. Queen carried the infant, who blinked at the bright lights surrounding her, to the ambulance.

Queen had been placed on standby because of his mine and cave experience. However, the rescue shaft, drilled parallel to the hole which held Jessica captive, was too small for him to enter.

Janet Courtrol, the former Janet Watts, of the Barwise community, rocked the celebrity, Jessica McClure, to sleep in the ICU unit of Midland Memorial Hospital. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. (Red) Watts.

In Floydada, 267 individuals have signed sheets which The Hesperian will be mailing with a giant card to Jessica. In addition, \$45.69 was donated to the youngster.

Approximately 500 Lockney residents signed sheets, bringing the number of Floyd County persons wishing Jessica well to over 750.



END OF ORDEAL--Wide-eyed Jessica McClure is whisked away to a waiting ambulance by Bill Queen, a Midland Fire Department paramedic and a former Floydada resident.

Photo Courtesy of Scott Shaw of The Odessa American

Family of county namesake to attend dedication

June 19, 1986

Dolphin Ward Floyd never entered the county which was later to bear his name, but the Alamo veteran obviously would be proud when a Texas Historical marker honoring him is erected this Saturday on the Floyd County Courthouse lawn.

The marker dedication ceremony will have as special guests members of the Floyd family.

Floydada was selected as site for the third annual reunion of the entire Floyd clan in order that they might participate in the marker dedication.

Dolphin Ward Floyd was one of 32 Gonzales men who responded to Lt. Col William B. Travis' letter for help at the besieged Alamo. According to historians, these were the lone volunteers.

Floyd and the other Gonzales volunteers were killed, along with Travis and his men. Floyd was only 32 years old at the time.

County cannery auction slated

November 28, 1985

A proposal by Gregg and Fortenberry Auction services was accepted for the disposal of the Floyd County Cannery and its contents during a special session of the Commissioner's Court.

The proposal calls for a public auction of the cannery inventory and its building on December 7, 1985.

The cannery, in Lockney, was built in the 1930's as a project of the Works Progress Administration. It will close at the end of November.

The increased cost of cans and the cost of keeping it open, among other factors have brought about the closing.

The last cannery of this era in Texas was built so that people in the community would have a convenient and inexpensive place to preserve their homegrown food.

Two army barracks were connected and used for the building. Some of the equipment is the original equipment placed in the building at that time.

During the busy canning season as many as 2000 cans could be processed.

Eunice "Pete" Hulcy and Daisy Dipprey, were employed by the county to work in the cannery. Sally Griffith was also well known for her help at the cannery.

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CRP inquires received

January 29, 1987

Jon LaBaume, district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, expects a significant number of bids during the next CRP signing period, Feb. 9-27.

CRP is a 10-year land retirement program offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Five-year crop history and production and soil type have been the basis for determining eligibility for the previous three bidding periods, which were in March, April and August of last year.

This county had 473,322 acres in cultivation as of Sept. 1, 1986. The division between non-irrigated and irrigated was "pretty even"; 259,000 irrigated acres and 214,000 dryland acres.

Nineteen percent of this county's cropland is categorized as erodible soil under the new CRP standards.

Highest bids accepted for Area I land in the three previous signing periods has been \$40 per acre per year. Area I has a "huge area" which spans 50 West Texas counties.

A cost-sharing program is now available to "get grass established" on CRP land, with a maximum of \$55 per acre.

March 26, 1987

The total number of Floyd County acres now assigned to the CRP program is 45,615 acres or about 9.125 percent of the county's approximately 495,000 total acres or cropland. Two hundred and six plots have been accepted into the program.

Marker dedication held

September 3, 1987

A twin marker dedication was held for the Camp Resolution site, Sunday, August 30, five miles south of Quitaque, 16 miles northeast of South Plains in the extreme northeast corner of Floyd County, adjacent to Farm Road 1065. This is near both the Quitaque Creeks and Los Lingos Creek and near both the Briscoe and Motley county lines.

The 4th Cavalry Regiment, dressed in 1870's model Cavalry uniforms, opened the ceremony by riding to the area in columns of two, displaying the colors and leading the riderless horse (in memory of the soldiers slain near the site.)

The marker pays tribute to the men who tried and failed to set up a trade route between Austin and Santa Fe.

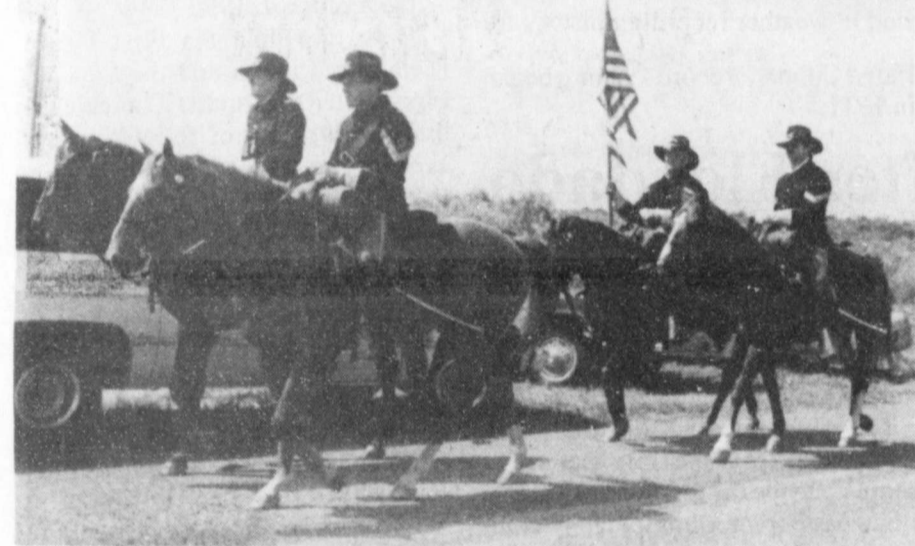
August 30, 1841 five members of a military escort of the Texas Santa Fe expedition were killed by Kiowa Indians while scouting for the expedition camped at "Camp Resolution."

According to Marisue Potts, representative of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, "Fifty odd mer-

chants, pioneers, and their military escort of 270 departed from the Austin area June 19, 1841 facing hardships, starvation, privations and death. Thirty-five men died before August when camp was set up along the confluence of the Los Lingos and Quitaque creeks at a place to be named Camp Resolution. It was so named because of the men's decision to make a "resolute stand" at that spot and send a party of approximately 100 men to New Mexico for help.

While the remaining men waited, a scouting party was ambushed, scalped and mutilated by 150 Kiowas 2 1/2 miles east of the markers location.

On September 18th a "rescue party" arrived to lead them to New Mexico. However they were captured by the Mexican government and imprisoned in Santa Fe. They were then marched 2,000 miles to Mexico City where they endured terrible hardships. Eventually the men who survived were released and sent to their homelands."



CAMP RESOLUTION--Members of the 4th Cavalry Regiment displayed the Colors and a riderless horse at the historical marker dedication at Camp Resolution ceremonies, Aug. 30, 1987.

Punkin Day debuts in 1987

October 7, 1987

In anticipation of making Floyd County "Pumpkin Capital U.S.A." and celebrating it every year, the Floydada Chamber of Commerce will have their very first "Punkin Day" on Friday, October 30.

Among the activities planned were

the best costume; biggest and smallest pumpkin, prettiest corn and ugliest gourd and best painted and carved pumpkin.

(Editor's Note: There was approximately 1 1/2 weeks to plan the first Punkin Days, however it was a big success. The rest is History!)



B.A. ROBERTSON

Pumpkin pioneer B. A. (Slim) Robertson dies

July 27, 1989

The courtly gentleman deemed responsible for the beginning of Floydada's pumpkin mania, B.A. "Slim" Robertson, died Tuesday morning, July 25 at 8:50 a.m. at Caprock Hospital. Robertson, a resident of Floydada for 64 years, was 85 years old.

Robertson will be remembered by Floyd County citizens as the man who pioneered commercial production of the pumpkin as a commodity in this county, nearly 32 years ago leading to the celebration of the Punkin Days Festival each October. According to a headline in a 1987 Dallas Morning News story, "Pumpkins Put Floydada

On The Map."

In a feature article in the Oct. 29, 1987 issue of The Hesperian, Robertson said, "The first ones (pumpkins) I planted were north of Barwise on Boyd land. I think I planted 10 acres that first year." He worked that plot for 23 years, continually producing pumpkins.

As the volume of customers grew, so did his acreage.

Robertson, who was affectionately dubbed "The Pumpkin Man," was so well known for his pumpkins that several years ago an out of town letter addressed to "The Pumpkin Patch Southwest of Floydada, Texas" arrived without a question or delay at his door.

Rural rail transportation fighting to save railroad

September 28, 1989

County Commissioner Connie Bearden, the Floydada representative on the South Plains Rural Rail Transportation District, voted Thursday, along with all the other members to pursue the purchase of Santa Fe Railway's financially troubled Lubbock cluster.

The railroad district - made up of representatives of eight South Plains counties - was formed two years ago. It has no taxing authority but can issue revenue bonds or seek donation to raise money.

To gain bargaining power, the District has hired a Dallas based fi-

nancial investor to help prepare an offer and try to sell up to \$2 million in revenue bonds to interested shippers to pay for track rehabilitation.

The 224 mile cluster includes lines from Lubbock to Brownfield-Seagraves, Levelland-Whiteface, Floydada, Crosbyton and Lamesa.

Santa Fe, which is struggling with \$1.4 billion in debt and a \$1 billion in litigation, has had the cluster on the market for two years.

The railroad lost approximately \$4.8 million on the cluster last year.

\$5.3 million in rehabilitation is needed to improve the lines to allow for 25 mph traffic.

South Plains School closes

June 23, 1988

South Plains School concluded its existence May 31. It was the last rural school in Floyd County and one of only seven in Texas.

Opened in 1895 as Sunset School, district number eight the educational

institution which was moved in 1929 to the new town of South Plains had a lengthy and proud heritage.

Fewer persons living on the land - and the accompanying enrollment decline - plus more rigid state requirements led to the inevitable: closing of the beloved South Plains School.

Local prison site discussed

April 23, 1987

This edition of the paper featured an in-depth story on the first meeting held to discuss Floydada's future bid for a minimum security prison.

The drive for the prison was led by Bill Hale, president of the Floydada Development Company. His hard work on this project led to an Extra Mile Award from the Floydada Chamber of Commerce.

The first meeting addressed citizens concerns and answered questions from the floor. Endorsements for the prison were received by the city and the Chamber of Commerce.

"We are looking at a minimum security prison the size of approximately 500 inmates originally with

short term growth to 1,000. Because of the intense competition the minimum financial incentive that can be offered will be free land site and utilities established to the edge of the site at no cost.

The Hesperian was to print a survey asking for citizens to vote for or against the proposed prison. The newspaper also tallied the votes.

In the May 7, 1987 edition of the paper reported 212 people voted, with 160 people being for the prison and 52 voting against.

Many months of hard work was put into the effort and in the October 29, 1987 edition the paper reported Floydada had not been chosen as a site for the prison.

Dougherty School era closes

May 28, 1987

This edition featured an in-depth history of the Dougherty school.

The school was scheduled to close its doors for the last time, May 29, 1987.

The history of the school spanned

over half a century.

"Forced" was a word frequently used by Doughertyites to explain their school's light. Additional state mandates were met for several years, but even more stipulations have finally forced the school's closing.

Lockney Seniors form organization

February 5, 1987

Lockney Senior Citizens organization got off the ground and airborne last Thursday.

Discussion was held about a permanent center and activities.

Jim Reynolds, editor of The Lockney Beacon devoted a considerable amount of print space to the Senior Citizens efforts. In fact, the work done by The Beacon on the behalf of the organization led to The Lockney Beacon winning the Panhandle Press Association's Award for Community Service.

August 6, 1987

Lockney Beacon

Lockney Senior Citizens gathered in their new building last Friday evening to celebrate the July birthdays of its members. This is the first official activity that has been held in the new building.

There were about 80 members in attendance.

Card tables have arrived at the center. With stamps, members have purchased a wall clock, a mirror for the men's restroom, and a set of large stainless steel mixing bowls for the kitchen.

Lamplighter Inn now wears historical marker

May 28, 1987

Forty-two descendants of the Moorehead and Daily families joined friends and well wisher on Saturday to help dedicated the Sesquicentennial Historical Marker to the old Commercial Hotel (now Lamplighter Inn).

Unveiling of the marker was done by Dorothy Hotchkiss, granddaughter of W.P. Daily, who along with husband, Johnny Hotchkiss, are current owners of The Lamplighter Inn.

The marker reads as follows: Commercial Hotel; Alabama native William P. Daily (1865-1941) and his family arrived in Floyd County in 1911, settling briefly in the Muncy community (5 mi. N). After moving to Floydada to open a feed, coal, and wagon yard, Daily recognized the need for a hotel here. Construction began in 1912, and the hotel opened in January 1913, with 21 guest rooms. Catering mostly to traveling salesmen, Daily transported them from the railroad station in a horse-drawn buggy, and allowed them to display their wares in the hotel lobby. The

hotel was renamed The Lamplighter Inn in 1964."

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Desert Storm assault began during banquet

February 23, 1991

The onset of fighting in the Middle East and the Persian Gulf coincidentally came at the time Posting of the Colors was taking place for the 43rd annual Floydada Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Local native son, Major General Robert Dempsey of the U. S. Air Force was guest speaker for the evening.

A patriotic red, white, and blue

color scheme enhanced the evening and few were left with dry eyes before it ended. The Community Band performed a series of patriotic tunes and the National Anthem was sung by those gathered.

Veterans were recognized as songs associated with each branch of the military service played. The singing of America The Beautiful ended the evening.

Floyd County families send members to Gulf

1990

Several Floyd County residents were called upon to serve in Operation Desert Storm in the Middle East. Among those known to be stationed in that area were:

Abel Ballejo, Ken Bishop, Anthony Brocato, James Burns, Jason Carthel, Derek Cheek, Laron Cheek, Isreal Cuellar, James Fannon, Ronald Ferguson, Adolfo Garcia, Russell Graves, Jeff Griffith, Clay Hamilton, Jeffrey Todd Hodges, Henry Howard, Jayme Jones, Shawn Moore, Joseph Cory Mulder, James Owens, Efen Perez, JJ Perez, Kelly Reed, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Chuck Rowley,

Jennifer Kinslow Sheehan, John Paul Vergara, Shannon Vinson, Tracy Warren, and Kenneth Young.

These military people were called upon to continue using their training and skill as the operation escalated into Desert Storm. The original assault on Iraq began on February 23 according to military press releases.

The Hesperian-Beacon published a weekly list of those known to be involved in the effort.

Other supportive local events included Yellow Ribbon drives, mailing care packages from home to loved ones in the Middle East, and many prayer vigils.

Desert Storm hosts local military

August 23, 1990

Several military personnel from the Floyd County area are now serving in Operation Desert Shield in the Middle East. At home, local support for the troops has been shown by

the displaying of red, white and blue ribbons in honor of those serving in the Persian Gulf and Middle East. The ribbons can be seen on flag poles, homes and the Ribbon Tree at the Floyd County Courthouse.

Terrell Family loses member

March 7, 1991

U. S. Army PFC. Corey Winkle, nephew of Helen Terrell of Floydada and grandson of former Floydada

residents Frank and Pauline Webb, was killed in a noncombat grenade accident during Operation Desert Storm.

Amerail buys local spur

April 5, 1990

According to the April 5 issue of the Hesperian, the Floydada Spur of the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe Railroad Co. was purchased by Amerail, an Illinois-based subsidiary of TEMCO Corporation. A company spokesman said the spur would continue to operate as the Floydada &

Plainview Railroad.

Floyd County Commissioner for Precinct #1 Connie Bearden credited the formation of an area association of parties interested in purchasing the line with attracting a buyer. He said until interest was shown, no one was interested in buying the line.

Landfill delimita continues

1990

A small item in the January 4 issue notified county residents that the Dougherty dump ground would be closed as of January 15 by order of the Floyd County Commissioners Court. This will mean that residents of the southeast part of the county will be disposing of their trash at the Floydada Municipal Landfill.

The Floydada landfill continued to be involved in the on-going process of expanding the facility and has

encountered numerous setbacks in the pursuit. A combination of state and federal restrictions blocks the project at regular intervals as the cost escalates on a monthly basis.

A joint work session between the county, the City of Lockney and the City of Floydada produced the conclusion that county wide cooperation would be necessary in order to solve the landfill problems of Floyd County and both cities.

CHD confronts financial woes

1990

1990 marked the year citizens of Floydada and Caprock Hospital District finally came to grips with lingering problems involving Caprock Hospital in Floydada. Plagued by lingering problems and a long history of mismanagement, the facility had gone deeply in debt and directors voted for a 14 cent increase (more

than 70 percent) in ad valorem property taxes to make up the shortfall and undertake other improvements deemed necessary.

Following a long and heated campaign for a rollback by citizens opposed to the tax hike, CHD voters gave overwhelming approval to the increase by vetoing a tax roll back by a vote of 1125 to 271.

Old Fashioned Saturday revived

A Hundred Years Later


1990

First held in 1990 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the county, Lockney's Old Fashioned Saturday is still going strong five years later. Games, food and merchandise booths as well as downtown businesses are

open to resemble the long ago weekly Saturday traffic from those living in rural areas. Music and dancing also featured. Those attending truly enjoy the friendly and festive atmosphere of the small town turned out to celebrate Saturdays.

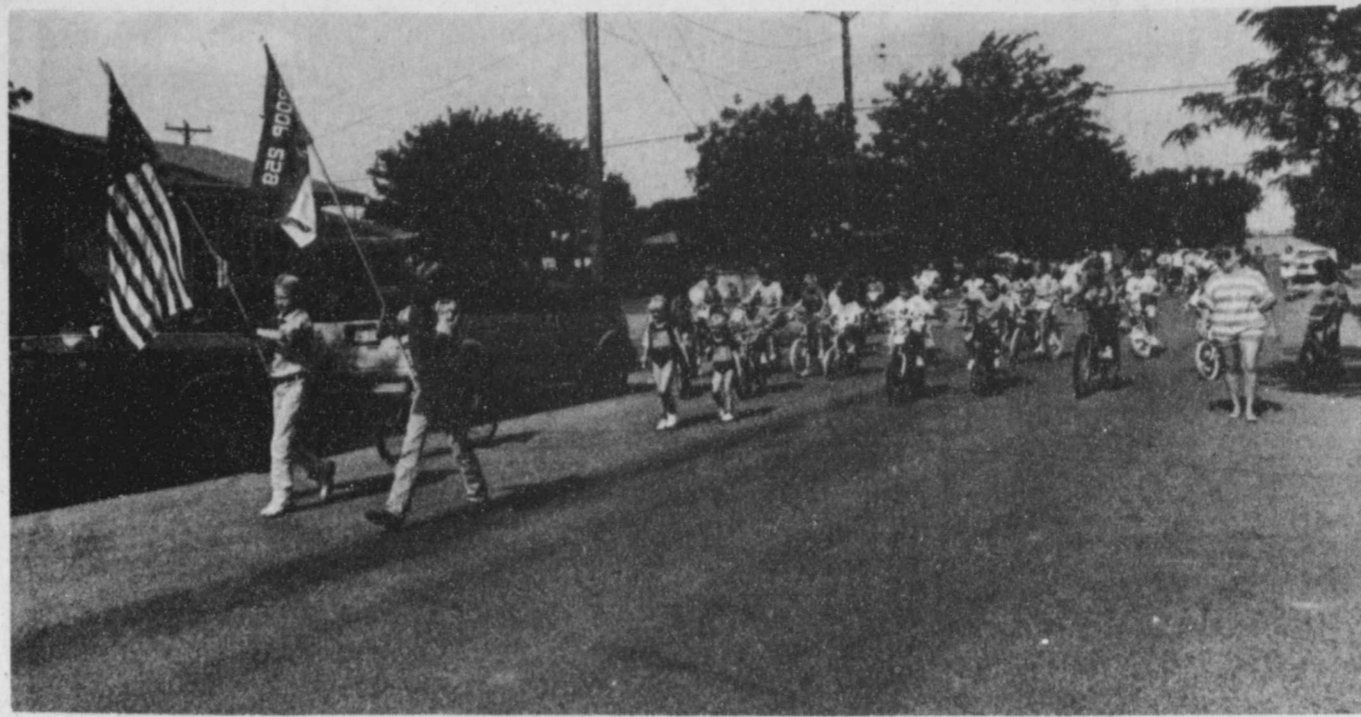
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LOCKNEY CHILDREN CELEBRATE 4TH--The Lockney youngsters have started a bike parade which they enjoy every 4th of July complete with patriotic bikes and flags carried by Boy Scouts. Parents march

beside the riders and the police department heads the parade with patriotic music playing over the loud speakers.

Staff Photo

District Attorney and District Judge spend year in turmoil and in court

1990:

A dispute between 110th District Judge David Cave and the District Attorney, Becky McPherson erupted in June. He demanded an accounting of funds received by the DA's office for services as County Attorney Pro Tem, and in July, appointed an outside auditor to provide it.

Legal council for the DA and the local Commissioners Court stated that the believed the judge did not have the authority to appoint a special auditor to audit a single office, but said in the interest of clearing up any misunderstandings, records would be released to the auditors.

Auditors requested a meeting with

McPherson on July 17 which she reportedly did not make due to obligations in court. On July 16, Cave ordered her to appear on July 19 in a contempt hearing for not turning over the records requested. He stated that he would hear the contempt procedure.

McPherson filed a motion to request that Cave be removed and the contempt charge heard by an impartial judge. This motion was granted after a hearing before 121st District Judge Ray Anderson on July 20.

This was followed by a series of events including appointment of special prosecutors to handle cases in the DA's office as Cave maintained the

DA had forfeited her ability to prosecute cases by accepting another public office (County Attorney Pro Tem). Cave also seized a tape recording of an executive session discussion in Commissioners Court concerning using McPherson as county attorney on a case basis.

An announcement on September 20 informed those concerned that the audit was complete. The audit was taken under consideration by Judge McCoy and no disposition of the information had been made by year's end.

Judge Bill McCoy in October declined to hear any further proceedings on the contempt charges.

County Redistricts

1990

Floyd County began the task of redistricting voting precincts in July. The action came following results of the 1990 census count. Redistricting was necessary due to total population and distribution of minority voting strength. The county is now more than 40% minority population.

The cost of redistricting was placed at approximately \$3000. A committee comprised of: Fidel Martinez, Jeff Johnson, Kelton Shaw, John Campbell, Jessie Garza, Alex Wall, and Margaret Herrera was appointed to investigate different options for districting.

New districts were adopted on August 29 based on a total county population of 8497 and ethnic populations of 4759 Anglo, 3381 Hispanic, 313 Black, 12 Asian and 19 "other."

Four redrawn Commissioners Voting Precincts were created. Precinct 1 will be 21% minority with a population of 2,132. Precinct 2 will be 31% minority with a population of 2,099. Precinct 3 will have a population of 2,128 and be 68% minority. Precinct 4 will be 56% minority with a population of 2,138.

Centennial celebrated

1990

The Floyd County Hesperian and The Lockney Beacon began the year preparing for a 100th anniversary issue honoring Floyd County. A series of articles requested photos, remembrances and information for use in the special issue.

A lot of hard work and many hours of cussing and discussing culminated in May with publication of the 216 page Floyd County Centennial issue.

This event coincided with the main celebration of the 100th anniversary of Floyd County during the annual Old Settlers Reunion the last weekend in May.

Methodist Church celebrates 100 years

November 4, 1990

Both the Floydada First United Methodist Church and the Lockney First United Methodist Church celebrated 100 years of fellowship and existence in late October.

Lockney First Baptist is 100

July 26, 1990

The July 26, 1990 issue of the Beacon reported the celebration of a 100th anniversary of the founding of the Lockney First Baptist Church.

Bumper crop is a surprise

December, 1990

South Plains farmers and ginners were surprised to learn they had a good crop. The area reported a bumper crop of an estimated 163,686 bales of cotton. The harvest was completed in record time due to perfect weather conditions. Increased acreage planted in cotton and larger than expected yields were noted as the main reasons for such a good result.

Texas plains are plagued by drought

February 8, 1990

A February 8, 1990 Farm Page headline read "County needs two to eight inches." This heralded an extended period during which rain was

scarce and moisture levels fell with each successive month.

This drought situation continues as we prepare to publish this special edition. According to area sources,

this period represents the driest period in weather recording history for

Floyd County. Record keeping began in 1911.

Nuclear detonation named after Floydada

August 15, 1991

Floydada may be a small town but it's named will be remembered in a big way after Thursday's underground nuclear test in Nevada. Floydada has been designated as the code name of that explosion.

A Department of Energy news release states that the nuclear test has a yield between 20 and 150 kilotons and has been scheduled for 9 a.m., Thursday, at the U.S. Department of Energy's Nevada test site (about 80 miles northwest of Las Vegas).

Jim Boyer, a spokesman for the DOE explained that the name of the tests are picked by laboratories under contract with DOE.

"There are two laboratories that put these tests together," said Boyer. "They are part of the University of

California and under contract with the DOE. They are also the ones who pick the names.

The Los Alamos lab in New Mexico started selecting small communities in Texas. Most of the names have been chosen from West Texas and Southwestern Texas. The most recent one was named after Bexar County."

"The old military style alphabet used to be used to name the tests; such as ABEL, BAKER, CHARLIE and DOG. We ran out of alphabet real quick and the labs came up with the idea of naming them in categories.

"At one time the test were named after cheeses and then they started

By The Way debuts

January 4, 1990

Alice Gilroy's By the Way Column debuted in the January 4, 1990 issue of the Floyd County Hesperian. Readers never know if, in her infinite wisdom, Publisher and Editor Gilroy will embarrass anybody (herself included) for a laugh or stand tall on her soap box. Some weeks, she does both.

Doucette purchases FNB in Lockney

January 18, 1990

James (Jim) Doucette of Lockney, purchased the First National Bank in Lockney on January 17. This returned ownership of the facility to the local level from the Ford Bank Group, Inc.

First Baptist is 100 years old

August 15, 1991

The First Baptist Church in

Building makes way for downtown park

October 10, 1990

A new park was in the making in Lockney. A building was demolished at Main & Locust to make way for a small downtown park area. The park will also provide a home for a proposed Wall of Pride, a tile creation depicting the people and place known as Lockney. The wall is a project of LHS art teacher Lisa Mosley.

Former editor dies

October 25, 1990

Former Lockney Beacon owner Edgar R. Hays, 79, of Nocona, died Sunday, October 14, 1990. He was the owner and operator of the Lockney Beacon from 1942-1962.

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Caprock Hospital goes through changes in '91

January 3 1991

Leroy Schaffner announced his intention to leave Caprock Hospital to accept a similar position in Seymour. His resignation became effective on January 4, 1991.

Among parting suggestions for CHD, Schaffner included Lockney and Floydada working together to keep both hospitals viable. He indicated CHD and Lockney General Hospital District might consider having enabling legislation rewritten to allow combining into one district, utilizing one administrator, one director of nursing and one board of directors to operate the two facilities.

The February 14 issue announced Terry Keltz had been tapped to serve as Caprock Hospital administrator. He will supervise the local facility while under contract to Methodist Hospital of Lubbock, the consultant for CHD.

CHD will partially reimburse Methodist for his services. Keltz stated his first priorities need to be recruiting doctors to live and work in Floydada and practicing good financial management over the hospital and its assets.

An article in the May 1, 1991 issue of the *Hesperian-Beacon* detailed a plan by Caprock Hospital District for requesting special state legislation amending the enabling legislation of the hospital district. The plan is part of attempts to get a handle on financial difficulties which could force the medical facility to close.

Legislation authorizing the district to borrow money and applications for various grants were among the means being pursued by board members to avoid closing the hospital. Consultants from Methodist Hospital of Lubbock suggested terminating 12 employees to cut costs.

With due and past due debts of more than \$278,000.00, Methodist

Hospital consultants recommended that the district halt employee health insurance benefits and suspend workers comp insurance coverage to conserve funds. This might make it possible to survive until the next budget year which would begin on October 1, 1991.

A week later, temporary closing of the hospital was announced due to the inability to secure a loan for funding current operating expenses.

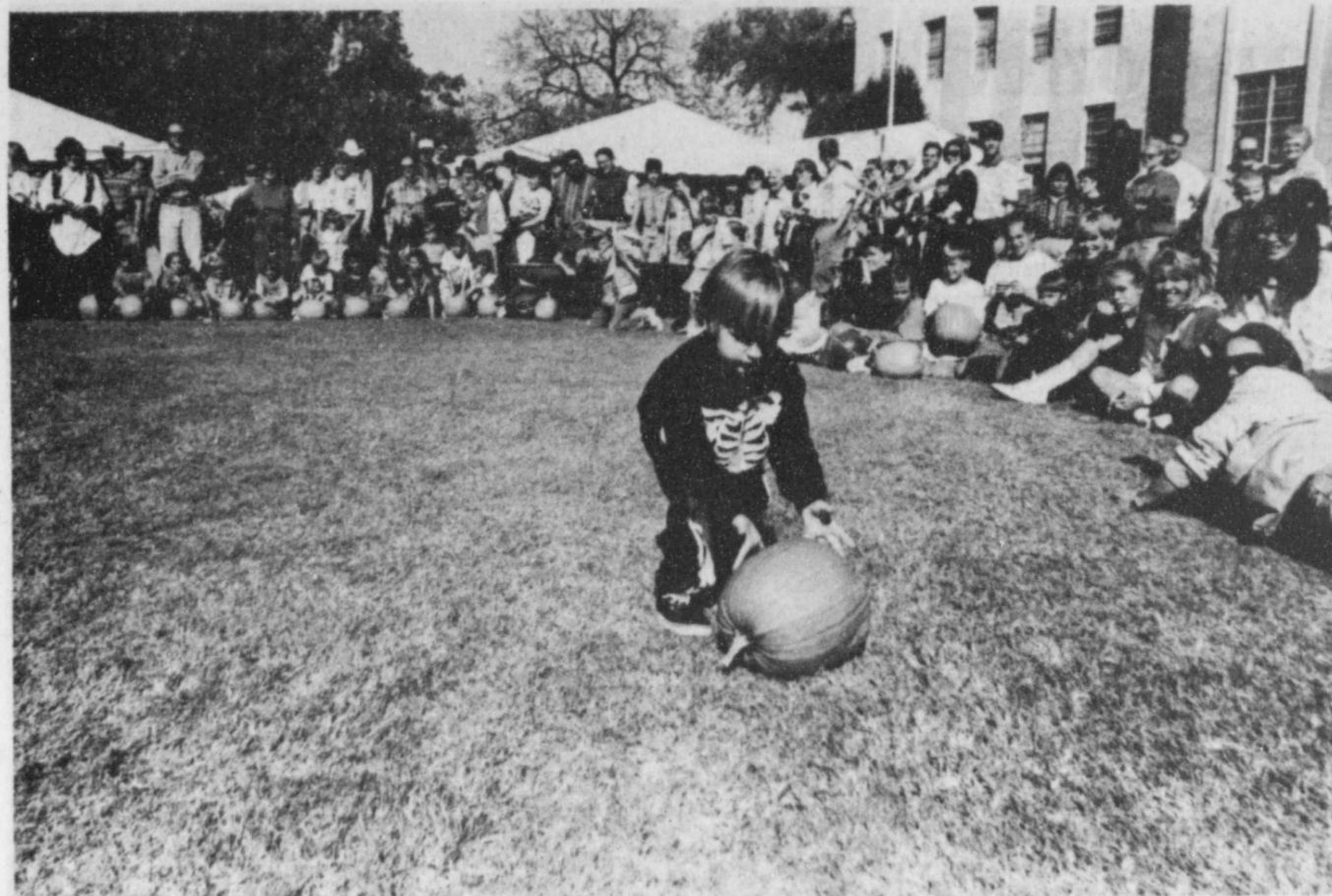
The ambulance service was offered to the City of Floydada or Floyd County for continued operation. The city declined as did the county. A

fund drive for ambulance operating expenses was begun. (The various entities concerned with retaining ambulance service eventually formed an EMS Board and this board was supervising the operation of the ambulance by the fall of 1991.)

Cogdell Clinic was offered to Dr. Andy Hale and Dr. Jack Jordan for operation with them paying their own expenses. CHD would charge no rent. (This offer was rejected by both physicians. Dr. Jordan now practices in Hale Center and Dr. Hale has a practice in Lubbock.)

According to hospital administrator Keltz, the district is taking the position it will reopen the hospital in 6 months. Methodist Hospital continues to say it will assist the district in any way possible.

Local supporters rallied to support CHD by forming Friends of Caprock Hospital in July. The organization will be dedicated to seeing that the hospital is renovated, re-equipped and reopened. Organizers included Laura Farris, Bud Crump, Edd Henderson Jr., Nick Long, Clar Schacht, Dede Covington, Bill Harbin, Adolfo Garcia, Travis Jones, Judy Beedy, Susan Green, Sheree Cannon, and Trena Simpson.



THOUSANDS ENJOY PUNKIN DAYS--In 1992 Punkin Day organizers estimated a total of about 5,000 Punkin Day revelers were in and around the Floyd County Courthouse Square on October 31. The Floyd County Historical Museum registered 466 visitors

from a vast array of locations. This youngster enjoyed the warm sunshine and the encouragement from those on the sidelines as he attempted to be the first one across the finish line with his pumpkin.

Staff Photo

Lockney City Council approves single member voting districts

July 8, 1993

After meeting in an executive session, Wednesday, July 1, Lockney City Councilmen emerged with a compromise settlement in the lawsuit filed against the city and their At-Large voting system. The settlement creates 5 single member districts with the mayor being elected at-large.

The plaintiff, Joe. S. Perez, of Lockney, had filed the suit, against the city, contending that the At-Large plurality elections were unconstitutional because it discriminated against minorities by diluting their voting strength.

In the compromise agreement the city still contends that the electoral system had not denied the plaintiff of his civil rights or diluted the voting strength of the plaintiff, however both the city and the plaintiff wanted to "avoid expensive and protracted litigation in the matter" so a compromise was reached.

Both parties agreed that the number of council members would remain at five council members and a mayor.

The city will be divided into five single member districts and the mayor shall be elected at-large by plurality vote.

According to the settlement agreement, "resident voters for each single member district shall be entitled to elect one member of the city council. A candidate for a single member district does not have to be a resident of the single member district he or she seeks to represent at the time of filing for the position; however, said candidate must reside within the City of Lockney."

Lockney citizens light up Main Street for holidays

October 17, 1991

Lockney citizens are currently involved in Lighting up Main Street for the holiday season. A fund raising campaign has been started to provide lighted Christmas decorations for light standards all along Main Street according to organizer Vera Jo Bybee.

Postal rates rise

January 31, 1991

According to the January 31, 1991 issue, postal rates were due to increase as of February 3. The cost of mailing a letter was scheduled to go from 25 cents to 29 cents per ounce and post cards were slated to raise from 15 cents to 19 cents. Second and third class rates also increased.

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911 system initiated in Floyd County

February 14, 1991

According to the February 14, 1991 issue of this newspaper, a local 911 emergency system should be in place and operating by August 1 for Floyd County. The system is to be developed and administered by South Plains Area Governments (SPAG). Funding will come from the 911 fees collected on monthly telephone bills and from grants.

City rejects SPS bid

February 21, 1991

The February 21, 1991 issue of the *Hesperian* reported that Floydada's City Council rejected yet another offer from Southwestern Public Service to purchase the local electrical power generating facility. SPS proposed a buyout for \$2 million.

Council members cited local ownership and the ability to insure lower rates for local electric customers as justification for retaining the facility which is currently used only in an emergency situation or to supplement the power purchased from SPS.

Time capsule buried for centennial

A time capsule project begun a year ago in honor of the County Centennial was buried at southeast corner of courthouse according to the May 30, 1991 issue of the *Hesperian-Beacon*. The capsule was sealed in concrete and plans are for it to be retrieved in 25 years. A previous capsule buried at 75th anniversary of the county leaked and the contents were a soupy mess when it was retrieved last year at the time of the county centennial.

Newspaper changes name

March 7, 1991

Due to postal regulations, the separate publication of the Lockney Beacon and The Floyd County Hesperian has been discontinued. A joint publication named the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will be delivered to readers beginning with the March 7 issue of the newspaper.

Voting boxes reduced

November 28, 1991

Floyd County Commissioners approved reducing the voting locations in the county from sixteen to eleven on November 21, 1991. Locations to be dropped included: #3 Allmon, #4 Sandhill, #8 Lone Star, #13 Baker, and #22 McCoy.

Minimum wage increases

April 1991

The new \$4.25 federal minimum wage went into effect on April 1, 1991.

High winds wreck havoc in Floyd County

June 13, 1991

High winds, a large squall of blowing dust and tornadoes rolled into Floyd County Wednesday evening about 7 p.m. as a severe storm struck with no warning. Lockney immediately lost electric power and Floydada followed at 7:40.

The National Weather Service stated there were no tornadic winds in the cloud that descended on the county, but storm spotters reported two tornadoes near Harmony Community.

Damage consistent with a tornado remained after the storm passed. East of Lockney a farmer lost a large barn & outbuildings, south of town a barn roof was blown off, and north of Providence, Crume Gin lost a barracks building and a burr house. Several roofs were blown off in Floydada.

Matters were complicated by the blowing dust preceding the storm and

a fire east of Cedar Hill. Fire departments from both communities responded and quickly handled the pasture fire.

Many electric transmission lines and poles were damaged, causing the loss of power. Emergency communications were hampered when the emergency generator at the Sheriff's department did not come on automatically. A delayed tornado warning was issued by the National Weather Service after 8 p.m. Law enforcement and fire officials sounded the warning by driving the streets of Lockney and Floydada with sirens blasting since traditional warning sirens depend on electricity to function.

The roof of Cogdell Clinic in Floydada caved in and interior damage was severe when rain followed the winds. Amounts falling in the county ranged from .45" in Floydada to 3" in Lockney.

Landfill woes continue

January 10, 1991

Lockney City Council ordered the closing of the local landfill by January 19. The city has contracted with Triple C Sanitation of Idalou to pickup and haul dumpster trash to Plainview for disposal.

Lockney has requesting the use of the Floydada Municipal Landfill for other items Lockney citizens wish to dispose of. Floydada City Council requested workshop on January 16 before agreeing to allow Lockney to use the city landfill.

Suggestion was made at the workshop by Lockney Mayor Kenneth Wofford that Floydada negotiate with Floyd County for money the county pays Lockney, \$2000 per year. As long as both cities maintained landfills, the county paid each that amount and dug trash burial pits at each landfill.

The March 28, 1991 issue reported the fate of that suggestion. Floyd County rejected transferring Lock-

ney landfill contributions to Floydada at this time. The Floyd County Commissioners Court also indicated that future county budgets might contain no expenditures for the Floydada Landfill as well.

FNB turns 100


November 8, 1990

The first National Bank of Floydada held a celebratory party in honor of the 100th anniversary of its founding. Special guests were present for a historical marker dedication on Sunday, November 4, 1990.

Lockney newspaper office moves again

1991

The Lockney office of the *Hesperian-Beacon* moved from 211 North Main Street to 102 W. Bryant in 1991.



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Rail line abandoned

September 3, 1992

The Floydada and Plainview Railroad has given notice that it intended to file an abandonment petition on or about September 1 with the Interstate Commerce Commission. The line to be abandoned is the 23 mile stretch between Plainview and Floydada. The line is owned by American Railway Corporation, a subsidiary of TEMCO, owned by Bruce Borland. The company cites low usage (17

cars in 1991 and 32 in the first 6 months of 1992) and high expenses as the cause of the abandonment. Indication was given that local shippers and growers could agree to subsidize the line in order to keep it operating or that local interests might be able to purchase the line and operate it on their own.

Local users of the line expressed the opinion that this was not feasible.

Lottery sales begin

June 11, 1992

Five retailers in Floyd County offer lottery tickets for sale now that the Texas Lottery is in place. Over 35,000 scratch-off tickets have been sold by the five since May 29. Hale's Department Store in Floydada reported selling 2,429. Floydada Allsup's has sold 5,735 and Friends

Convenience Store has sold 9,300. Lockney Allsup's has sold approximately 20,000 tickets.

Local retailers have paid out about \$8,000 to winners, with the largest winning tickets for \$100.00. At least a dozen have qualified for the \$1 million dollar drawings.

LGHD to get funds from Texas Department of Human Services

March 26, 1992

The Texas Department of Human Services is sending Lockney General Hospital District \$216,849 in disproportionate share funds to assist in meeting the district's expenses for

treating indigent patients. According to administrator Jeff Reece, the hospital earns 32 percent of its revenues from Medicaid which pays only 55-60 cents per dollar of the cost of treatment.

Citizens decorate rooms at the Lockney hospital

August 6, 1992

The First National Bank in Lockney has made a donation of \$6,700.00 to the Lockney General Hospital Decorate a Room Project. That is the amount it will cost to decorate a private room in the new construction

project. This amount will purchase a hospital bed, furniture, trays, light fixtures, floor coverings, draperies and all the normal medical equipment a room contains according to hospital officials.

All donations in any amount toward the project will be accepted, used and greatly appreciated said board president Claude Brown. A semi-private room costs \$11,000 to decorate and a birthing room will run about \$12,700 according to hospital administrator Jeff Reece.

Arrival of a \$100,000 donation from the Martha Ann Cogdell Hospital Trust was announced by the hospital on September 24. The funds will be utilized to provide furnishings and equipment for the new facilities under construction at Lockney General Hospital.

County bale count complete

March 19, 1992

1991 shows Floyd County generating 147,717 bales of cotton. This compares with 163,686 in 1990 and 58,161 in 1989. The 1988 bale total was 182,303.

Cotton suffers from abundant rainfall

June 11, 1992

Floyd County ASCS agent Bob Lotspeich estimates Floyd County cotton farmers have lost from 150,000 to 160,000 of the 180,000 acres planted in cotton due to rains which have been virtually daily since May 20. Wheat has also suffered, but not as deeply. Habitat areas under water will affect the number of pheasants and quail available to hunters as nesting will not produce many chicks.

The unusual weather is blamed on the El Nino phenomena which blows in from the Pacific Ocean at irregular intervals. Farmers are planning to replant when they can re-enter the fields and hope the year will not be a total loss.

Rails to Trails to cross Floyd County

July 16, 1992

Sixty five miles of abandoned railroad right of way will be turned into the Caprock Canyons State Park Trailway. The new trail will be developed in Floyd, Briscoe and Hall Counties. It will provide opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback trail enthusiasts.

It will begin in South Plains and move through Quitaque and Turkey, passing near Caprock Canyons State Park and ending in Estelline. A unique feature of the trail is the passage through a 1000 foot abandoned railroad tunnel listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of only two such tunnels still in existence in Texas.

Rattlesnakes found in Floydada yard

June 18, 1992

A yard crew working in Jane McCulley's yard at 816 W. Kentucky discovered a rattlesnake in the alley behind her house. McCulley called the newspaper to alert people after the workmen told her they have killed 3 of the snakes in town. It is believed that the snakes are moving out of flooded areas.

General Election turnout is large

November 5, 1992

Sixty four percent or 3082 voters cast ballots in Floyd County in the November 3 General Election. President George Bush, on the Republican ticket, received the majority of votes from Floyd County voters, 1676, even though he did not win the national election. Democrat Bill Clinton got 947 and Independent Ross Perot had 385.

Agro Rescue school slated

August 20, 1992

The Floydada Fire Department hosted the 9th annual Agro Rescue School at the training field southeast of Floydada on August 15. Some 285 fire fighters and emergency rescue personnel attended the courses offered in rappelling, grain rescue, pesticide challenge, and farm equipment accident rescue.



THANK-YOU--Kyle Brock (right), president of the Floyd County Fair Board presented Lisa Mosley with a dozen red long stem roses in appreciation for her hard work on the Wall of Pride, during the Saturday, September 18, 1993 dedication ceremony.

Taylor monument unveiled

June 17, 1993

A dedication ceremony for the unveiling of the Annie Taylor monument will be held at the Annie Taylor Park, June 19. Taylor died May 28, 1992 at the age of 90. Her death came three weeks before the dedication of a stone monument in her honor at the Annie Taylor Park. The ceremony was postponed at that time and will now be held this Saturday.

A revered member of the community, Annie Marie Franklin Taylor was the first black teacher in Floydada and taught in the North Ward School in northeast Floydada from its beginning January of 1926 through the conversion to Della Plains, until the school was closed in 1967. Taylor taught five more years at Floydada Junior High and retired in 1972 after a 45 year career.

Annie (Franklin) Taylor was born in Washington, Texas, September 26, 1901, to Scott Franklin and Mattie (Wells) Franklin. She left Washington County in 1926 to come and teach school in Floydada. She arrived by train from Brenham, Texas.

Annie boarded at the City Hotel for one month and met her future husband, Charlie Taylor, while staying at the hotel. They married Feb. 20, 1926 in the school building.

Charlie Taylor cooked at the City Hotel, the Floydada Hospital, and took care of Colonel Thomas Montgomery. He also worked at Piggy Wiggly and the Palace Theater.

The North Ward School opened its doors the first Monday in January, 1926 for black children with Annie Franklin as teacher. The school was a one-room building near the lake in northeast Floydada. In 1946-1947 the enrollment had increased to fifty students and the second teacher was hired. Other teachers were hired as the enrollment increased.

In 1959 a new site and school building was erected. This school was closed in 1967 because of integration and Annie then taught 5 years at Floydada High School.

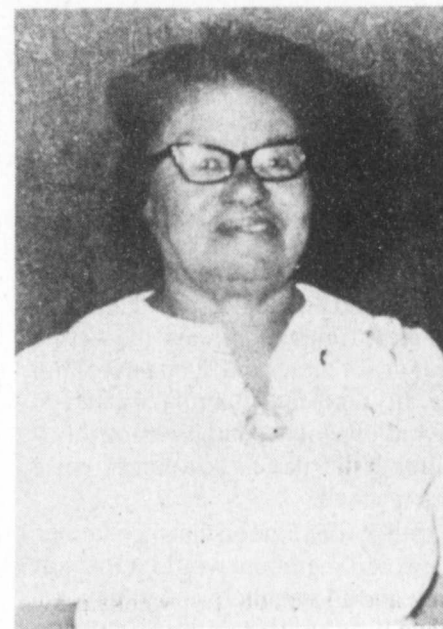
FIRST BLACK STUDENT AT WAYLAND BAPTIST

In the summers, Annie attended college earning a Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degree from Prairie View A&M College. In the summer of 1951 she became the first black student enrolled at Wayland College. With the admittance of Taylor, the college became one of the first private schools in Texas and the first non-seminary school in the Southern Baptist Convention to admit blacks.

Wayland accepted 48-year-old Taylor after she requested admittance to receive accreditation from the Texas Education Agency to receive a new contract to teach elementary students at Della Plains.

In a January 1982 interview with the Plainview Herald, Taylor said, "I had majored in education and needed some elementary education courses so I could continue teaching 5th and 6th grade reading, so I made an application at Plainview since it was close. Otherwise, I would have had to go back to Prairie View A&M near Houston."

A Time article stated, "Wayland has received inquiries from Negroes



ANNIE TAYLOR

before, but not until Miss Annie sent a transcript of her record did the college find one who was academically qualified. Like other Southern colleges, Wayland might well have waited until the courts ordered an end to racial restrictions. But one day before the Spring term ended, Wayland's president, Dr. J.W. "Bill" Marshall, called faculty and students away from final exams, asked them to vote on Miss Annie's application. No faculty members, and only nine out of 274 students, had any objection.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

West Texas State University awarded her The Texas Panhandle Award for Distinguished Service in 1977. She was selected Teacher of the Year in 1962 by the 1956 Study Club.

She was also a member of the Texas State Teacher's Association, the National Education Association, the Spirit of Sharing Organization in Floydada, and served on the Floyd County Day Care Board and the Floydada Senior Citizens Board.

She had been a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir and serving as financial secretary.

Charlie and Annie Taylor had five children. The oldest child, Espernola, was born July 19, 1927. She was the fifth black child born in Floyd County. Espernola Taylor Fort now resides in Wichita, Kansas.

Other children are Iva Jewell Bonner, of Floydada, Charles, of Lubbock, and Joyce Marie Jels, of Houston. A second son, Franklin preceded his mother in death.

Wall of Pride dedicated to the Lockney citizens

September 23, 1993

Lisa Mosley had high hopes when she began the Wall of Pride. The project she anticipated completing in about nine months ultimately consumed two years of her life and the lives of her family and art students as well. The wall records the history and present of Lockney in individual ceramic tiles.

For the past two years, people have

been painting tiles to depict something of themselves and their lives for inclusion in the wall. Funded by a \$2,000 grant from Kansas State University, provided by the Ford Foundation, each tile design had to have good composition and be of importance to the area.

The wall was dedicated to the citizens of Lockney, past, present, and future.

Caprock Hospital is debt free after 27 years

January 9, 1992

According to Caprock Hospital District Administrator Terry Keltz, the district is debt free for the first time since 1965. Increased tax revenues were used to pay debts and to begin renovations necessary to re-employ new physicians and reopen the

hospital. Methodist Hospital in Lubbock continues to function as a consultant to the district and has written off not only \$8,000 in medical fees owed them but an additional \$44,844 in management and consulting fees. They also paid the administrators salary for the past year.

Keltz resigns as administrator

August 27, 1992

Less than a week after pledging to remain on the job "for the duration until the hospital is open," Caprock Hospital District administrator Terry Keltz resigned to accept a position in Lubbock as administrator for a multi-specialty physicians group. He stated, "In view of the prospective longevity and stability of the position, I feel it is in the best interest for my career to accept the position." The

resignation was to be effective September 15.

CHD Board members will continue to try and reopen the hospital. Methodist Hospital in Lubbock has agreed to supply an interim administrator. They have also recommended the formation of a rural health care facility and a home health agency to supplement the clinic practice and provide more readily available health care for CHD residents.

Bank deposits increase

January 14, 1993

Floyd County banks boasted an increase in deposits at the end of 1992. First National in Floydada displayed an increase of 4.37 percent or \$2,538,407.00, to a year end total of \$60,499,682.00.

Year end deposits at Lockney's

First National were \$34,240,860.00, a 7.06 percent increase over last year's \$31,982,839.00.

The presidents of both banks attributed the increases to agricultural deposits and a surprisingly good second crop.

Graves wins prize for her choice of Lockney slogan

March 11, 1993

Tina Graves received a fifty dollar savings bond for her winning slogan in a Lockney Chamber of Commerce contest. "Just A Little Spot, But We

Care A Lot" will be added to the sign on the highway welcoming travelers to Lockney. The new slogan was announced at the annual chamber banquet last Saturday.

W.J. Mangold new name for Lockney Hospital

March 25, 1993

Lockney General Hospital will be sporting a new name and a new look when it opens its doors to the public on April 3. In honor of Dr. W. J. Mangold's 41 years of service to the

area, the new facility will be christened the W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital. Tours, refreshments, demonstrations, door prizes and health screenings will be part of the afternoon event.

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New Floydada landfill permit may be worthless

May 27, 1993
New landfill permit may be worthless following ruling by federal courts. Courts have ruled that the EPA may not grant exemptions from regulations it passes.
City of Floydada sought bids for trash hauling as existing facility would not be able to accept waste for disposal after August 31, 1993. Beginning September 1, Waste Management of Lubbock will be collect-

ing Floydada dumpster trash and hauling it to Lubbock for disposal.
In October, further court rulings lead to a halt on implementation of "overly stringent EPA regulations" and discussion in Floydada turned to the possibility of reopening the municipal landfill.

In late December, the reopening of the landfill was scheduled for mid-January.

Travelers draw national attention

August 26, 1993
Twenty local residents attracted national attention on Thursday, August 19, when they crashed into a tree in Vinton, Louisiana while being pursued by police. All 20 were crammed into a 1990 Pontiac and all were completely nude. Five emerged from the trunk and three of the women were pregnant. Ages ranged from 1 to 63.

The police chief in Vinton was quoted as saying, "They said they had thrown away all their clothing because it was possessed by the devil."

They also discarded all their other belongings including paperwork on the car."

The journey of the group, mostly members of one Floydada family, began after Danny Rodriguez apparently had a vision and convinced others, including his brother Reverend Sammy Rodriguez, that Floydada was going to be destroyed. They set out in four vehicles to go to Wauchula, Florida. No one knows exactly what happened from that point until the crash.

Sheriff Fred Cardinal steps down after 16 years

January 7, 1993
Floyd County Sheriff Fred Cardinal retired from his office with the end of the year. After serving the county

for 16 years, Cardinal chose not to seek re-election last year. He has now turned the reins of office over to Charlie Overstreet, elected in the November General Election.

CHD plows through 1993

January 21, 1993
Caprock Hospital District's Board of Directors has appointed Ronald Ammons to the head administrative post. Ammons arrived on the job in February.

The district continued with renovations to the hospital as efforts continued for recruiting new physicians.

On March 18, the *Hesperian-Beacon* reported that a contract had been signed affiliating the district with St. Mary of The Plains Hospital in Lubbock. St. Mary's will be assisting in recruiting a new physician and will provide an interim physician to work at the clinic and build a practice for the facility.

Dr. Antoine Albert came to the clinic on April 19. The family practitioner proved to be very popular with patients and clinic visits increased over the next few months. He joined Dr. Victor Hoang in the clinic. Dr. Mira Tomasevic arrived in Floydada to complete the three physician complement of the clinic in late April.

Hoang left the clinic practice in June.

Board members voted June 22 to seek designation as a Rural Health Care Facility to enhance the local health care provided and increase revenues.

August 28 was the first tentative date set for the reopening of Caprock Hospital. This was later revised to October 1 and delayed again due to the unexpected death of board member Jerry Thompson.

Late October brought the resignation of Dr. Tomasevic and the employment of Dr. Tommy Swate, an OB-GYN and general practice physician. An opening date for the hospital was then set for January 9.

Dr. Albert abruptly departed the clinic on December 6 following "a personal conflict" between the two physicians according to Board President Fred Thayer.

On December 7, the board terminated the contract of Dr. Swate citing a breach of contract on his part.

On December 20, A lawsuit was filed in the Southern District Federal Court in Houston by Swate. Named as defendants were board members Fred Thayer, Kenneth Pitts, Tom Farris, Joy Assiter, and Carmel Eastham, St. Mary President Charley Trimble and Vice President Richard Pope.

After Thayer denied Swate's request to make a statement during a regular session on December 21, board member Tom Farris made a motion to "Abandon all efforts to reopen the hospital." The motion also instructed hospital administrator Ronny Ammons to make the appropriate staff reductions and secure all property belonging to the district.

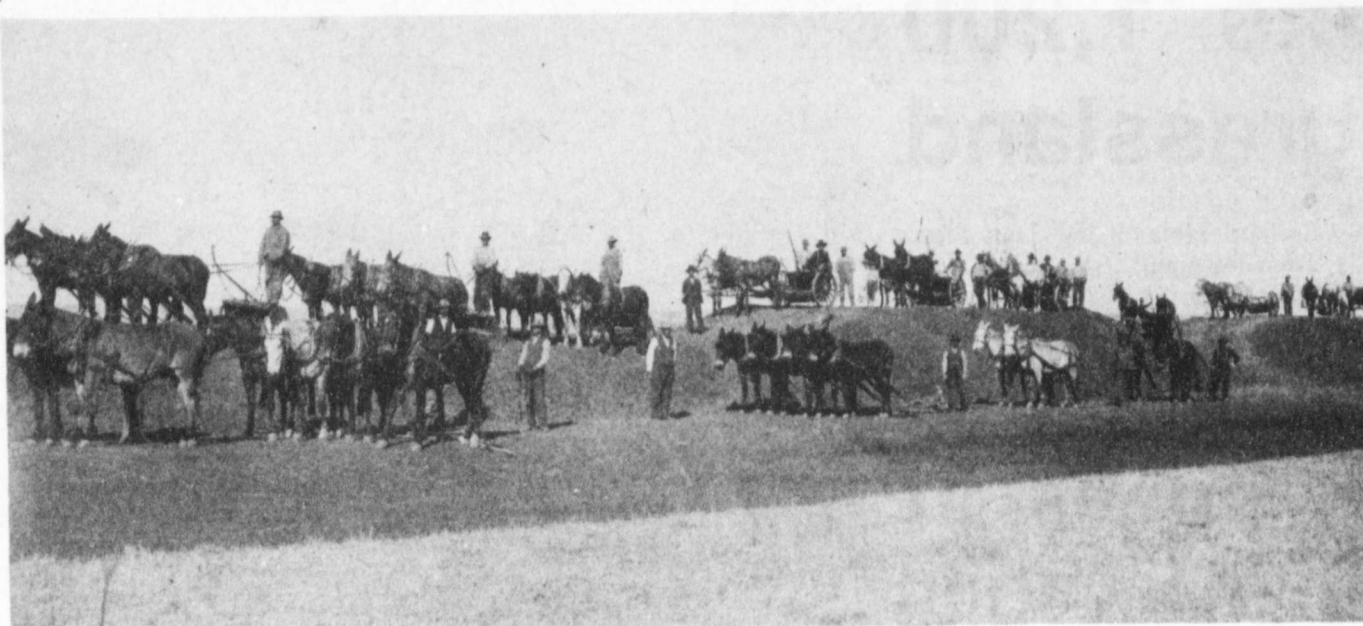
The motion was seconded by Joy Assiter.

Ammons indicated that more than a million dollars and several months had been spent in the effort to reopen the hospital and that it was so close to a reality that it would be devastating to halt the process now, both for the community and the employees.

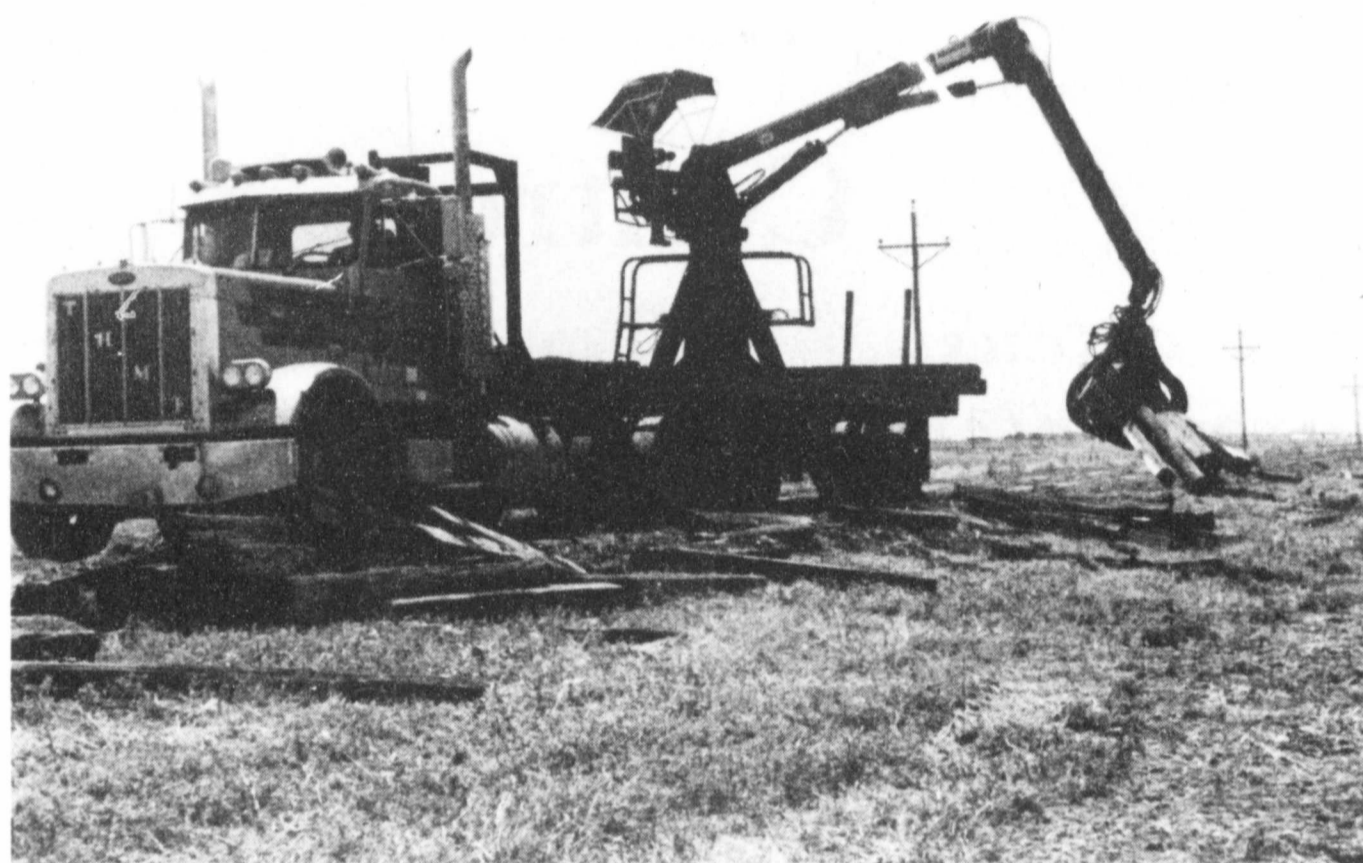
When a vote was called, Farris, Assiter, Thayer and Carmel Eastham voted in favor. Kenneth Pitts provided the only dissenting vote.

A preliminary hearing in Houston on December 20, resulted in U. S. District Judge Melinda Harmon denying a request from Swate for a temporary restraining order against Caprock Hospital District. She set a hearing on January 5 to determine if an injunction would be issued.

According to CHD attorney Tom Rinney, an injunction would result in the clinic reopening with Swate as physician and the necessary support staff to allow the clinic to function. It would not affect the board's decision not to open the hospital.



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Lake Mackenzie water level is low

May 5, 1994
The water level at Mackenzie Lake on April 10 was 81.4 feet. By comparison, the level on January 25, 1993, was 90 feet. The highest recorded level at the lake was 115 feet in 1986.

Although the level is low there is no anticipation of water allocations being curtailed according to retiring manager John Simpson. He estimated a three year supply of water on hand and said there was no need for alarm.

October 27, 1994
As of October 18, Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority has reduced the allotment to Floydada from the maximum of 728,000 gallons per day to a maximum of 308,000 gallons per day. This is a sixty percent reduction. Further reductions can be expected if the level of the lake continues to fall.

City wells will be utilized to supplement the Mackenzie water. City Manager Gary Brown stated that additional wells will have to be drilled if the city is to supply all the water Floydada needs. "Current city wells cannot supply enough water to meet the needs of Floydada residents if we lose all Mackenzie water."

November 10, 1994
Mackenzie Water Authority has initiated measures to pursue a combination of avenues in trying to solve the current water crisis existing for Floydada, Lockney, Tulia and Silverton, the four cities served by the water project.

Unrestrained usage, CRP land interfering with runoff, upstream dams, and annually decreasing rainfall are blamed for the present emergency. Purchasing water from another water authority and drilling additional wells will first be explored.

Railroad era closes in Floyd County

June 16, 1994
By Alice Gilroy

An era is coming to a close with the final abandonment of the railroad line connecting Plainview, Aiken, Lockney and Floydada. For weeks crews have been spotted pulling up the former Llano Estacado Railroad Company tracks along Hwy. 70.

Like all towns in West Texas, Floydada transportation started with the horse and the covered wagon. The development of the "Ironhorse" revolutionized travel and shipping in the early days of United States History, coming to Floyd County in 1909. The Llano Estacado Railroad connected Plainview and Floydada. The Llano Estacado began with a group of local citizens determined to help the area grow.

Temporary officers and directors formulated a \$200,000.00 capital stock plan for the sale of 2000 shares at \$100.00 each. Included in this group were: W.M. Massie who served as President, General Manager and a director; R.C. Andrews, Vice President and director; A.D. White, Secretary and director; W.T. Montgomery, Treasurer and director; R.A. Childers, General Solicitor and director; and directors Thos. L. Price, C. Surginer, W.W. Nelson, and E.C. Henry. All were Floydada residents with the exception of Price whose residence was listed as Jefferson City, Missouri.

According to information gleaned from the files of the Floyd County Historical Museum, other original stockholders included J.S. Pickel, G.T. Riley, Daff Griffith, J.E. Burns, T.M. Moore, J.A. Nall, J.L. Dagley, S.K. Hamilton, W.L. Smith, W.A. Potts, T.J. Marshall, J.E. Huckabay, Nathan E. Waller, Bob Kropp, C.M. Bell, W.N. Allen, J.R. Vandergriff, R.L. Reeves, P.M. McDonald, Randolph Bros., J.W. Carroll, W.E. Broyles, W.S. McNeil, R.A. Stalcup, and W.C. Parkinson. The company grew to a total of 230 stockholders scattered from Floydada to Lockney and on to Plainview. Each owned at least one share. The largest stockholder was W.M. Massie who held

210 shares.

The Llano Estacado was bought in 1910 by the Santa Fe Railroad. When the railway company announced their intention to abandon the line, a South Plains group decided to come to the rescue. The concerned businessmen and farm producers formed the South Plains Rural Rail Association in August of 1989.

The association consisted of one representative from each of five counties. Floyd County Precinct 1 Commissioner Connie Bearden represented Floyd County. Other counties represented included Crosby, Dawson, and Hockley. The purpose of the organization was to secure backing to purchase the rail line and/or renovate it to keep it operating.

These organizers believed it was their interest in the line that ultimately attracted a buyer. "In my opinion, the forming of the South Plains Rural Rail Association is what attracted a buyer and operator," said Bearden in an April 5, 1990 interview with the *Floyd County Hesperian*. "Up until that time there had been no interest shown in buying the line. In the first meeting we had, with shippers and bankers, we got enough pledges (\$80,000-\$90,000) to buy bonds to rehabilitate the line."

The group raised funds for their project from local banks, businesses and producers. This enabled them to work with lawyers, consultants and agents to try and keep the line open and serving the area.

Local rehabilitation of the line was not necessary because the Floydada Spur was sold to AMERAIL, an Illinois-based subsidiary of the TEMCO Corporation in April of 1990. "The 27-mile Floydada line will continue to operate as the Floydada and Plainview Railroad," said Richard C. McClure, president of AMERAIL in the April 5th Edition of the *Floyd County Hesperian*.

Local producers and residents of the county were pleased to see the newly painted and brightly colored red, white and blue engine operating along Floyd County lines. The pleasure was short lived, however and all along the Plainview-Floydada line, the tracks are now being removed.

Longtime Floydada resident, Will Martin, remembered the coming of the railroad in a March 23, 1989 story printed in the *Floyd County Hesperian*. He shared his memories, saying, "I remember my mother telling me about the time the first train came to town."

"There was a big crowd on hand for these times. There were speeches, forecasting what a neat place the railroad would make Floydada, etc. The train men took all the school kids to Lockney and back but doggone it, I was too small to take a ride."

"I have a great liking for the old steam train. Ever since I was large

enough to see one run down the track, I liked to see them trail smoke behind when going toward the wind and seeing them blow steam to clean out the pipes. It was wonderful to hear that loud whistle when the train came up to a road crossing, and when the engine was switching in the yards, we could hear that old brass bell ring."

"The depot was first located across Price Street on the north next to what we used to call the depot lake. In 1913 we had two or more weeks of rain and the depot was surrounded by water...the wagons had quite a time carrying freight to and from the depot."

"In the early days, the section crews went to work on hand cars," recalled Martin. "There were usually five men in all, with two of them on each end of a long lever pumping up and down to propel the car along the tracks. The foreman sat between the two men in front. I always thought he was lazy."

Martin remembered the automobiles being unloaded from boxcars and the grain coming to and from the elevators along the track. "Most of the businesses also had coal shipped in to sell to most everybody for fuel to heat and cook with," said Martin. "They would hire people to unload cars of coal and other things had to be loaded onto cars to be shipped out of town. Indirectly, the early railroad gave lots of people employment."

"The first trains spent the night in Floydada and went to Plainview about eight each morning. They would pick up and leave freight as they went through Lockney. They would leave Plainview, come back through Lockney and reach Floydada about 2:30 or 3:00. It was a mixed train, freight with baggage and passenger cars combined."

Martin also remembered an unusual event on the railway in the "early 1920's or late teen's."

"It seems that on a fairly windy afternoon; a train was switching in the yards in Plainview. The engine bumped a car to the east. A brakeman had failed to direct the car to a branch track and it just kept coming on down the main line. None of the train crew noticed the runaway car."

"As the wind was pretty high and Plainview is several feet higher in elevation than Floydada, the car was gaining speed. Someone saw the car as it passed Lockney. A brakeman met the car at about Muncy and stopped it by the time it reached the yards in Floydada. That sure was a brave man. The car had been going an estimated 50 m.p.h. when he caught it. I don't know if Santa Fe kept a record, but they should have."

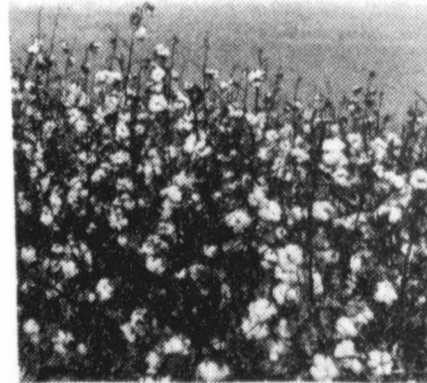
In that old railroad story Martin expressed his sorrow at other lines begin abandoned around the county and was hoping that the railroad history was not coming to a close.

"I hear that they are trying hard to do away with the branch line and other lines in this part of the country," said Martin. "I was born before railroad came into Floyd County and surely I won't live to see them all gone."

Sadly that statement has proven true for Martin and others. A new generation has begun which will have no memories whatsoever of the railroad lines in this part of West Texas.

County cotton count is low

February 18, 1993
Total bale count for 1992 in Floyd County was 17,847, a dramatic decrease from the 147,717 bales processed in 1991. Of the fourteen gins in the county, six did not open for the 1992 season.



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Fire claims 1,200 acres of grassland

November 24, 1994

Fires fueled by 40 mile an hour winds burned more than 1,200 acres of CRP grassland along Highway 207 about 6 miles north of Floydada on November 17. The fires at one point threatened the homes of Joe

Richard Noland and Tom Pierce Thursday night.

Floydada Fire Chief Bobby Welborn indicated the fire which ignited at several spots along 207 may have been caused by someone driving with a flat tire and throwing off sparks.

Landfill re-opens at new expanded location

April 7, 1994

After six years of hard work, the Floydada Municipal Landfill reopened in the expanded location. Unloading will be supervised, and all items must be sorted and placed in the

appropriate areas.

A grand opening ceremony was held on April 22. Originally scheduled for the landfill, the event was held at Lighthouse Electric's Community Room due to rain.

Cotton sets record despite drought

December 29, 1994

Ginners in Floyd County reported record crops despite drought conditions. Dryland cotton did not do well,

but irrigated lands produced abundantly. The total processed for 1994 was 198, 153 bales. This topped the 1993 bumper crop by nearly 3,000 bales.

Meeting set to discuss multi-purpose center

February 2, 1995

Tuesday, January 31, a meeting to discuss the possibility of building a multi-purpose center was held at Lighthouse Electric. A professional grant writer informed those attending that grant funds for such projects are available and need only to be asked for in the proper manner.

He urged the group to establish a foundation in Floyd County to pursue and fund special projects such as a multi-purpose center. Suggestions

for beginning the project were made and tips on making the foundation financially independent and self-sustaining were discussed.

Floyd County residents attending the meeting agreed to meet again on March 21 for an organizational session. This session resulted in formation of a county foundation and the election of officers: Nick Long, president; Dora Ross and Shawnda Foster, vice presidents; Ginger Mathis, secretary; and Cheryl Dawdy, treasurer.

New City Hall and EMS building open to public

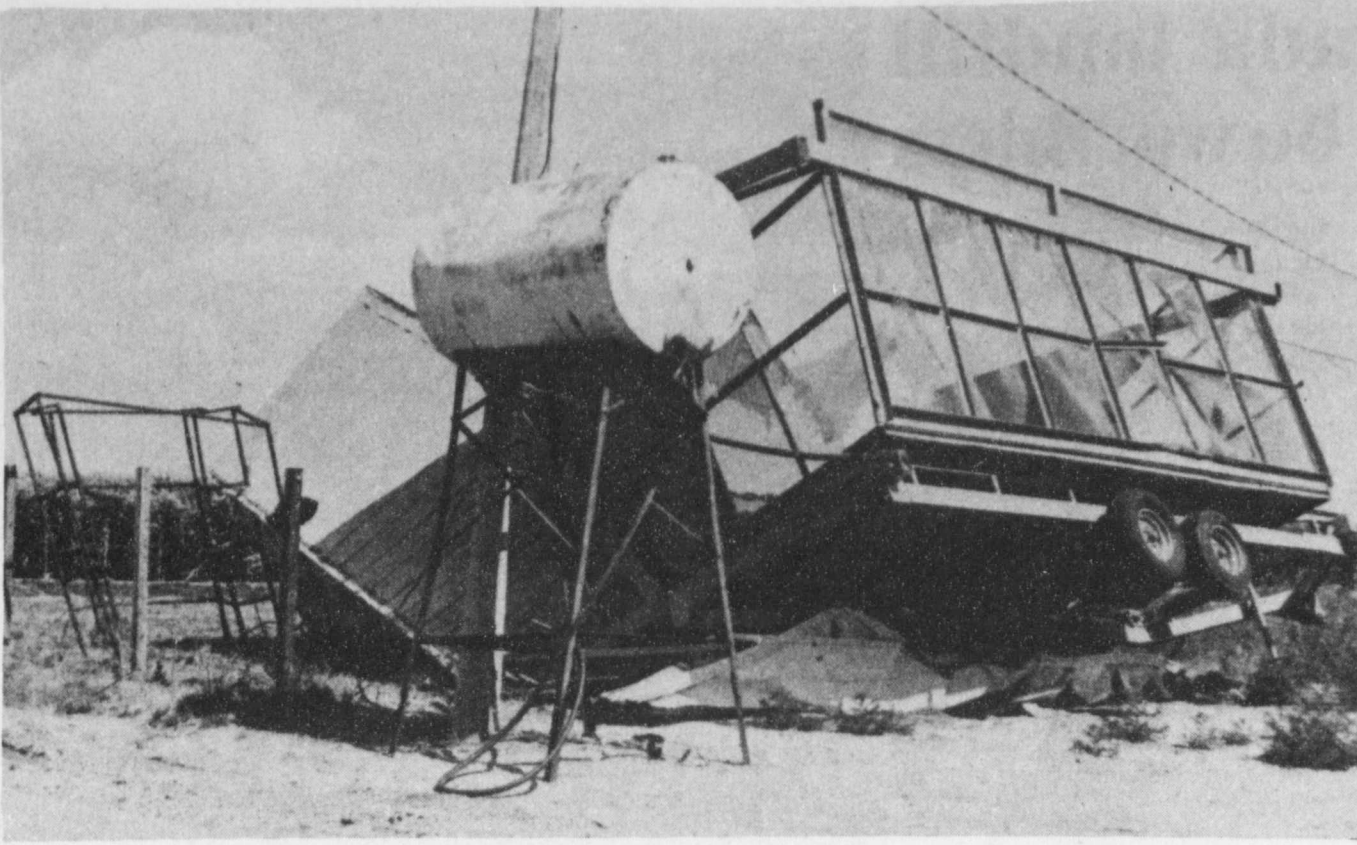
May 11, 1995

The City of Floydada and the Floydada EMS join forces to show off their new buildings to the public at an open house on May 16. Although the buildings have been in use for several weeks, employees have completed the last finishing touches and both are

ready to open the doors for business.

The expanded and renovated City Hall has been in the works for several months with the city doing all of the work they could to cut costs.

The EMS building was constructed with \$60,000 from Caprock Hospital District.



PROPERTY DESTROYED--This trailer was destroyed by a July 7, 1994 storm. Staff Photo

Tornado causes property damage

July 7, 1994

A strong windstorm brought high winds, dirt, small hail and slight rain to Floyd County on July 1. Weldon Pruitt at Sandhill credits a tornado for destroying his barn and equipment. "I lost everything," said Pruitt.

On July 9, another windstorm, clocked at 88 miles per hour by Mitch Probasco at the Floydada Airport, damaged several buildings and roofs in the Floydada area. Lightning damage to transformers was reported in Lockney and fences and trees throughout the county were damaged.

Hail and rainfall was scattered with amounts ranging from an inch at Dougherty to more than 3 inches north of Floydada.

Controversy follows Dr. Swate

January 13, 1994

A detailed account of past history concerning Dr. Tommy Swate (also a lawyer) was printed in this issue. The article dealt with his previous abortion clinic operations, his conflicts with the Drug Enforcement Agency over his methadone clinics, and assault charges as well as the suspension of his license and the fact that he was placed on medical probation in 1992 for five years.

The same issue carried the news that the civil suit Swate filed against CHD Board President Fred Thayer had been dropped on December 30, 1993. Swate was unavailable for comment.

An additional lawsuit was filed against CHD by former purchasing agent for the district. Derek Glenn Walls petitioned the 110th District Court in Floydada to injoin CHD from closing the hospital and asked the court to make the board comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Legislative Act that created the district. A hearing was scheduled for January 14.

A hearing on a previous request by Swate for an injunction in the Houston courts was also postponed due to current and past bankruptcy cases

under court supervision in Houston at this time. The case must be reviewed by the bankruptcy trustee before any further legal action concerning Swate can be taken.

On January 18, Board President Fred Thayer resigned his office, remaining a member of the CHD Board. Tom Farris was elected president to replace Thayer. Thayer cited time requirements necessary for dealing with legal and business matters of the board as his reason for stepping down from the presidency.

The January 14 hearing was postponed due to other commitments on the part of the CHD attorney Tom Riney. Rescheduled for the 20th, the hearing was postponed after 110th District Judge Randy Hollums recused himself from the case after Swate, acting as attorney for Walls, objected to his relationship with members of the CHD board.

A visiting judge was called in and convened the hearing at 2:30 p.m. on the 20th. Swate then objected to his appointment giving no reason except, "We're entitled to it."

On April 19, CHD board members "reauthorized" the actions taken at the December 21, 1993 meeting. Riney told the board this would make

anything which might be construed as incorrect into a correct action. He added that taking the action would not mean any admission of wrongdoing.

A jury trial in the case was scheduled for April 25 in the Floyd County District Courtroom but Riney informed the editor of the newspaper that an out of court settlement had been reached on April 21. According to Riney, Walls will receive \$4,500, and the Hospital district will be released from all claims and would include attorney fees and court costs paid by Walls.

Ronny Ammons' contract as administrator was terminated with six months severance pay on May 4. On May 13, board members contracted with Dr. Antoine Albert for his services in the clinic. Albert signed a two year contract beginning May 19, 1994 at an hourly rate of pay stated at \$125.00 per hour.

A nurse practitioner joined the clinic staff in mid-June and a settle-

ment was announced in the Swate lawsuit. The announced settlement involved the payment of \$28,333 to the bankruptcy court and ended all litigation.

In August, the district cut the tax rate from 41.958 cents per \$100.00 valuation to 30 cents. Board President Farris indicated that no efforts would be made to reopen the hospital within the next 12 month period. No efforts will be made to recruit a physician until Albert has built up the practice to warrant an additional doctor.

In early December, several firms presented proposals for recruiting physicians for the district.

The final board meeting of 1994 saw the board discussing the ultimate fate of the hospital building itself. No action was taken on the matter and no action was taken on the issue of three still pending lawsuits, Swate Vs. Caprock Hospital District, Caprock Hospital district vs. Swate, and Walls vs. Swate.

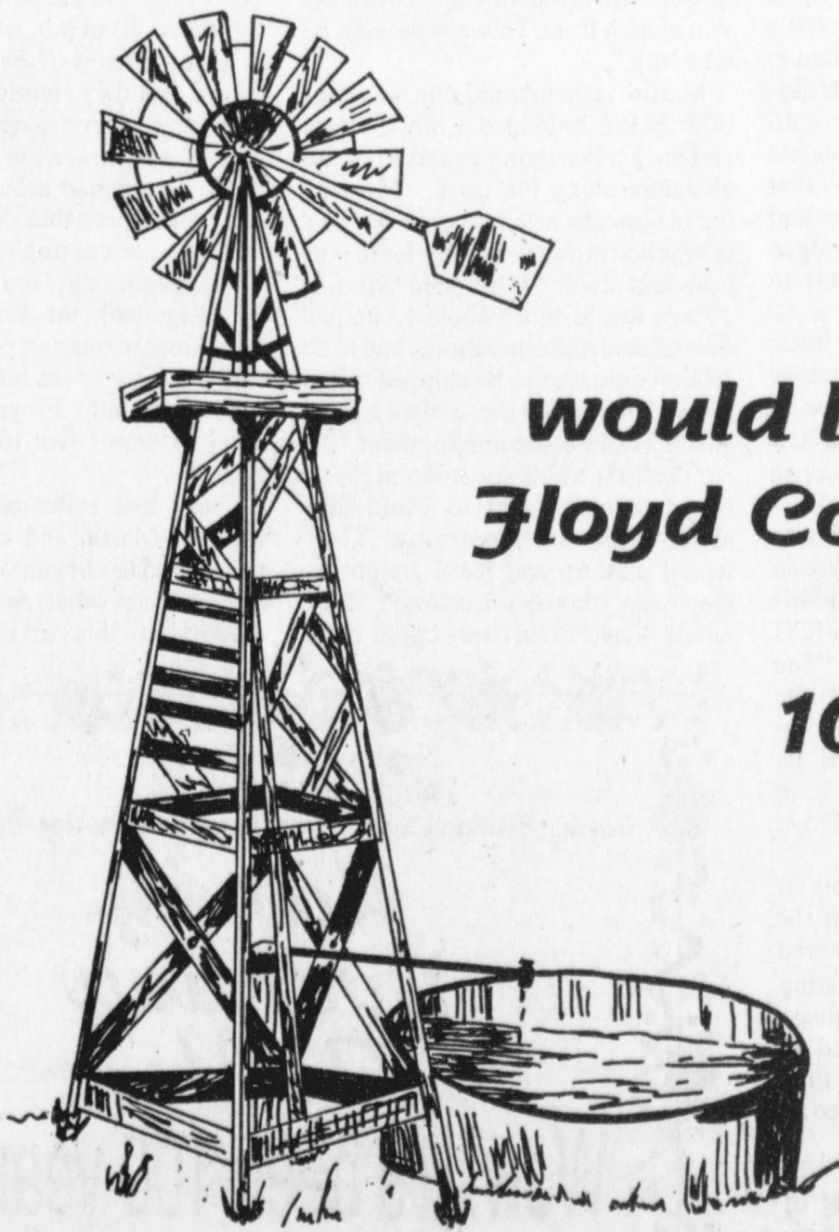
Hesperian-Beacon moves Lockney location to the former cable office

May 25, 1995

The Lockney Office of the Hesperian-Beacon moved from East

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The Beginning Of Our Next 100

CHD approves affiliation with UMC

On June 22, CHD approved an interlocal agreement with Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and University Medical Center in Lubbock for operation of Cogdell Clinic. UMC assumed operation of the clinic on June 5 as part of a five year agreement, accepting financial responsibility for the clinic operation and agreeing to pay \$24,000.00 per year in lease payments.

Indigent health care was not part of the agreement and will remain the responsibility of Caprock Hospital District.

July 18 saw the board agree to rent the East wing of the hospital building to Floyd County Day Care for

\$300.00 per month. Board members also agreed to boost funding for Floydada EMS from \$22,000 per year to \$60,000.

In August, CHD board members were not in agreement as the board voted to lower the tax rate again. The decrease this time was 41 percent (from an effective tax rate of 27.76 cents per \$100 to 17.5 cents per \$100 valuation).

In October, Dr. Salmon Ahmad joined the staff at Cogdell Clinic. Clinic hours were extended until 7 p.m. in the evening on week days and it will be open from 9 to 1 on Saturdays.

State benefits from county lottery players

August 10, 1995

Between the beginning of the Texas Lottery on May 29, 1992, and July 29, 1995, Floyd County residents have

contributed \$2,617,317.00 to the state treasury through the purchase of lottery tickets.

Extended calling is approved for Floydada

November 2, 1995

Floydada residents will be able to call Lockney, Plainview, and Lubbock toll free by early March of 1996

after successfully pursuing an extended local calling package. The cost will be \$3.50 per line for residential phone customers and \$7.00 per line for business telephone lines.

Floyd County Library raising funds for new free standing site

August 3, 1995

A fund raising drive is now underway to solicit donations and memorials toward the expected cost of building a new modern library across the

street from the County Courthouse on the east side. Grant funds are also being sought for the project. Donations can be made to a savings account for the building fund at FNB Floydada.

Annual Christmas Dinner project serves 400 people

December 28, 1995

From a small beginning effort in 1990, Studie Cochran of Floydada has expanded her annual Christmas meal to feed 400 this year including local shut-ins and elderly. Meals also went to Lockney, Petersburg, Matador, Ralls and the Ronald McDonald Houses in Lubbock and Amarillo.

The idea to extend the bounty of her table to a few who were not as fortunate was meant to show her children that helping others is a blessing. It seems to have taken on a life of its own.

Organizers, contributors, and volunteers plan for the Christmas Holiday for several weeks in advance. The food is donated and volunteers deliver the meals. Much of the work is done in the days preceding Christmas Day.

While others are sleeping late or gathering around the Christmas Tree, by 6 a.m., Cochran and her cohorts are gathered at the First United Methodist Church and working diligently on final touches on Christmas dinner.



SCREENING HISTORY--After dirt was scooped up into buckets, archeologists would gently sift the dirt through a screen looking for evidence of Coronado.

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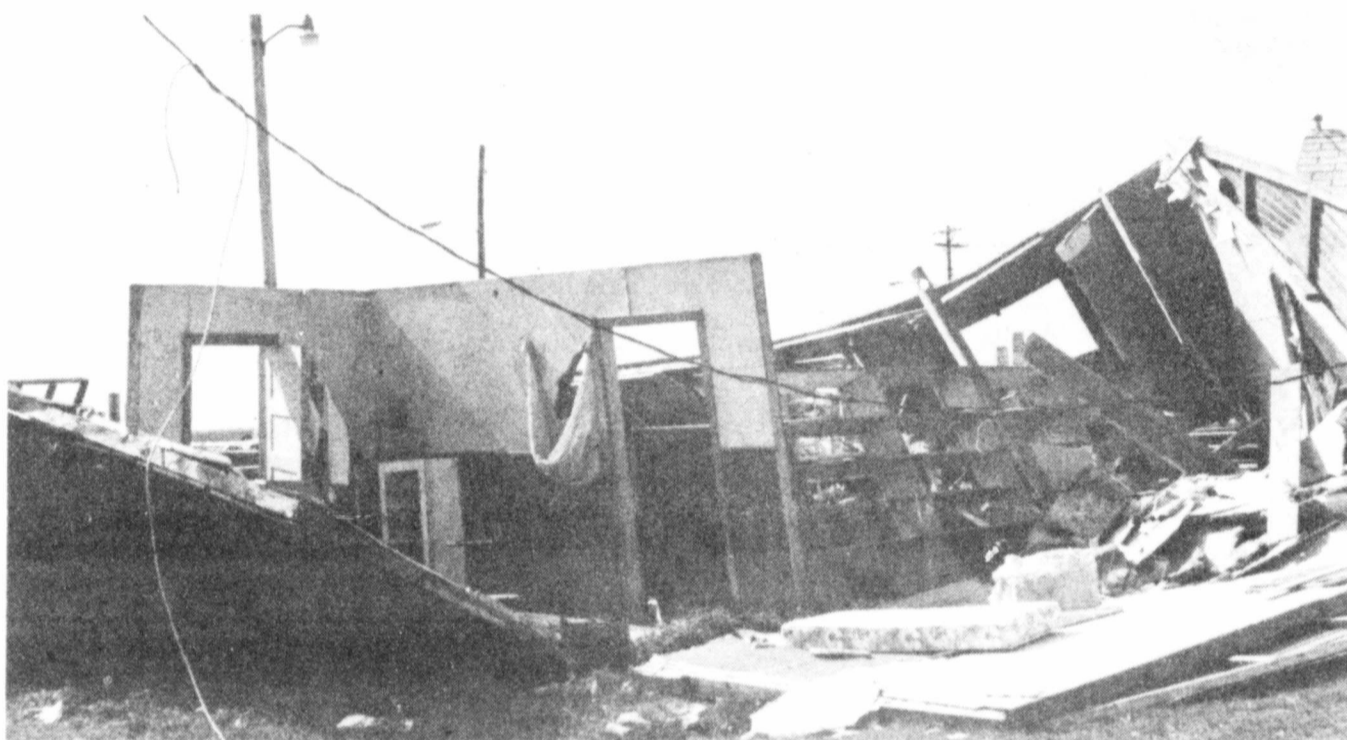
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TORNADO DESTROYS HOME--The tornado that moved through Floyd County Monday, June 5, demolished the home of George and Norma Orozco, 9 1/2 miles east of Floydada. The Orozco's were in Floydada at the time of the storm. No one was injured. Staff Photo



RUBEN'S DRIVE-IN SUCCUMBS TO WINDS--High winds driving through Floydada late Friday night, June 3, and Saturday morning, June 4, 1995, took off the roof of Ruben's Drive-Inn, 600 E. Houston, and collapsed the walls.

Severe weather wreaks havoc in Floyd county

June 8, 1995

Floyd County joined other South Plains communities in assessing the damage from a weekend of storms. Strong straight line winds ripped through Floydada on June 2 causing extensive property damage within the city of Floydada. Monday, June 5, a tornado near Dougherty cut a path of destruction up to a mile wide in some places.

The path could be traced by ripped up trees, torn up roofs, broken windows, and hundreds of downed power poles. Lighthouse Electric lost 39 transmission poles and 200 distribution poles.

SPS reported 18 major cross country transmission poles broken. A crew of fifty linemen were called in for several days to repair the damage.

The tornado was first spotted 3 miles west of South Plains, but reentered the storm cloud and touched ground just north of Highway 70 eight miles east of Floydada. From that point on, the tornado stayed on or just off the ground for 10-12 miles, moving into Dickens County at about 15 mph. what appeared to be four twisters merged into one making the storm path wide.

One home was totally destroyed, but no injuries were reported due to the storm.

Going, Going, Gone!

September 28, 1995

After nearly 80 years, the old water tower at City Hall will no longer be a landmark to those near Floydada. With too many EPA regulations and rising maintenance costs, the tower was removed for about a tenth of the cost of needed repairs.

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Historical find proves presence of Coronado

September 7, 1995
By Alice Gilroy

The dogged determination of local historians and amateur and professional archeologists has brought enough attention to archeological finds in Floyd County to warrant a shovel survey of Blanco Canyon this past weekend.

Approximately 35 archeologists and students from around Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Kansas, converged in a part of Blanco Canyon for a four day dig. The archeologists had hopes of recovering more evidence that the 1541 expedition of Spanish explorer Francisco V. de Coronado came through Blanco Canyon, in Floyd County, and camped in this area. What they found convinced them to come back.

The chain of events leading to this current archeological dig began with a chain mail gauntlet (three fingered glove), which was found by Burl Daniel in the 1960's. The find was later recorded in a Feb. 17, 1966 story in the Floyd County Hesperian.

Daniel kept the gauntlet in his possession and moved from Floyd County taking the gauntlet with him. In 1963, another Floydadan, J.S. Hale Jr., found what was believed to

be a piece of a chain mail vest in a gully feeding south to White River (Blanco Canyon). This vest was also possibly associated with the Coronado expedition. This vest was later stolen during a move to a new home in 1965 and has never been recovered.

Then in a June 4, 1991 story in the Plainview Daily Herald, Nancy Marble, a board member of the Floyd County Historical Museum, noticed a story on four historians who were

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"We would like to congratulate the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon on their 100th Anniversary"

Historical finds prove presence of Coronado

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 taking an aerial tour of the area in an effort to nail down the route of Coronado across the Staked Plains.

The archeologist featured in the story were: Dr. Waldo R. Wedel, retired curator of the Smithsonian Institution, his son Waldo Wedel, a computer specialist; Don Blakeslee, associate professor of archeology at Wichita State University; and Dr. Jack Hughes, retired curator of the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

All the men were members of the recently formed Coronado Trail Association.

After reading the story, Marble remembered the 1966 story of the chain mail glove in the Floyd County Hesperian. She began immediately trying to locate Mr. Daniel who was now living in New Mexico. On June 25, 1991 the gauntlet was in the possession of the Floyd County Historical Museum.

Later in 1991, a local archeology enthusiast, Jimmy Owens, found two other objects in the same area; both of them crossbow projectile points, one of iron and one of copper.

The copper point is a material and construction which is identical to crossbow bolts (dart points) recovered archeologically at Hawikuh, Santiago Pueblo, and Pecos Pueblo, all places visited by the Coronado expedition.

The gauntlet and other finds peaked the interest of archeologist Donald J. Blakeslee, who returned to the area later in 1991 and studied the items which had been found. He decided then that a shovel survey was in order and organized the group which arrived on the Labor Day weekend.

Blakeslee believes that the traditional view of Coronado's expedition making their "barranca", or summer home, in the Caprock Canyons (part of the Palo Duro Canyons) is wrong.

Blakeslee wants to prove his theory that the Coronado campsite was along Blanco Canyon, south of Floydada. Coronado led more than 1,000 on the three year trek, including soldiers, Indians, missionaries, women and children.

"This is a perfect spot for a long stay," said Blakeslee at the dig on Sunday. "These canyon walls were a perfect fence for their 5000 head of livestock, but it was not too deep to easily send out scouting parties from their group. Water was also abundant in this area during that time period, as were the bison on top."

The group of archeologist set their task to a mere 100 acres for their week-end long dig. "We are only surveying two small sections of the canyon," said Blakeslee. "It is hard work. We are trying to find occupation that was here for two weeks out of the last 1,200 years."

Occasional historical finds do not in and of themselves prove that Coronado's expedition camped in Blanco Canyon. It is possible that Indians, or someone else, dropped the pieces after they were stolen from another location.

It is up to the archeologist to prove that the finds are not isolated incidents. One way they do this is by locating more than one piece of the same time period and close to each other. On Sunday afternoon Blakeslee said, "I will be happy if we find one more copper point - in place."

Excitement built over the weekend dig as more and more evidence was surfaced. Besides a 9,000 year old spear point (also known as a Plainview point) other found pieces dating to the 1500's were pottery shards, a four bladed stone knife, and a metal trade awl (straight needle). Owens also found bits of Spanish horseshoe and Spanish nails.

However one of the biggest finds, and the one which Blakeslee was looking for, came from another archeology enthusiast, Ray Macha, of Providence.

Searching with Owens, in the same general location of other significant finds, Macha came across a copper arrow point from a bolt (the arrow fired from a crossbow). "Coronado was the only expedition known to be out here with crossbows," said Macha. "Jimmy Owens is the only other person who has ever found one of these points. This point along with the two Owens found, supports the theory that they are not just random finds."

These finds weren't even needed to further convince Floydada archeologist Jim Word that the Floydada Country Club site once served as Coronado's headquarters.

In an earlier interview with the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, Word said, "The Country Club site was apparently where Coronado's headquarters was located."

At the Country Club site, Word found a fika that he believes is

Coronado's trip. The fika is a symbolic figure of a fist with a thumb through the index and middle finger, and was used to ward off evil spirits.

Extensive fragments of pottery believed to be from the Pueblo period of the 1540's have also been located in the past seven years.

Word surmises that the pottery pieces can be explained by an account in one of Coronado's journals of a severe hail storm that occurred during an encampment.

"Apparently he spent the night and was hailed out down in the canyon," Word said. "That's why we find all the broken pottery and stuff. The horses stampeded but they couldn't get out of the canyon because there wasn't any easy way out, so they didn't lose them. But all the pottery they had accumulated from the Pueblo area was destroyed."

Archeologist Richard Flint wrote of these pottery finds in a paper presented to the Gran Quivira Conference in New Mexico, in 1994. Flint, who also supports the theory of Coronado camping in Blanco Canyon, said, "Rio Grande Glazeware sherds (particularly Glaze E) are found in relative abundance in Blanco Canyon..."

"Also, from the nearly Floydada Country Club site have been recovered a couple of red-painted, grog-tempered sherds," identified as possible originating from Mexico and present with the Coronado expedition.

Flint concluded, "I think that Blanco Canyon may very well be Coronado's first barranca and the Montgomery location or the Floydada Country Club site or some other yet unknown nearby Garza complex site may be the first Teyas village."

"We are going to have to raise more money to pay for a more thorough excavation of this area," said Blakeslee. "A week-end summer dig is not enough. These people are all volunteering their time and they have to get back to work after the Labor Day holiday."

The weekend finds have convinced the archeologists to keep looking. As a result of the past evidence and the more recent finds, Blakeslee now feels future funding for more excavation should be easier to obtain and we should be hearing a lot more about exciting new discoveries in the area.

"We found enough evidence to be sure that Blanco Canyon is one of Coronado's campsites, although we do not know yet which one," said Blakeslee. "We shall return."

In an effort to keep the surrounding areas of the finds undisturbed organizers have requested that the locations of these digs not be published.

"We want to emphasize to people," said one of the out-of-state archeologists, "that we are conducting this dig to record history and then to leave the history there. We are not here to take it away."

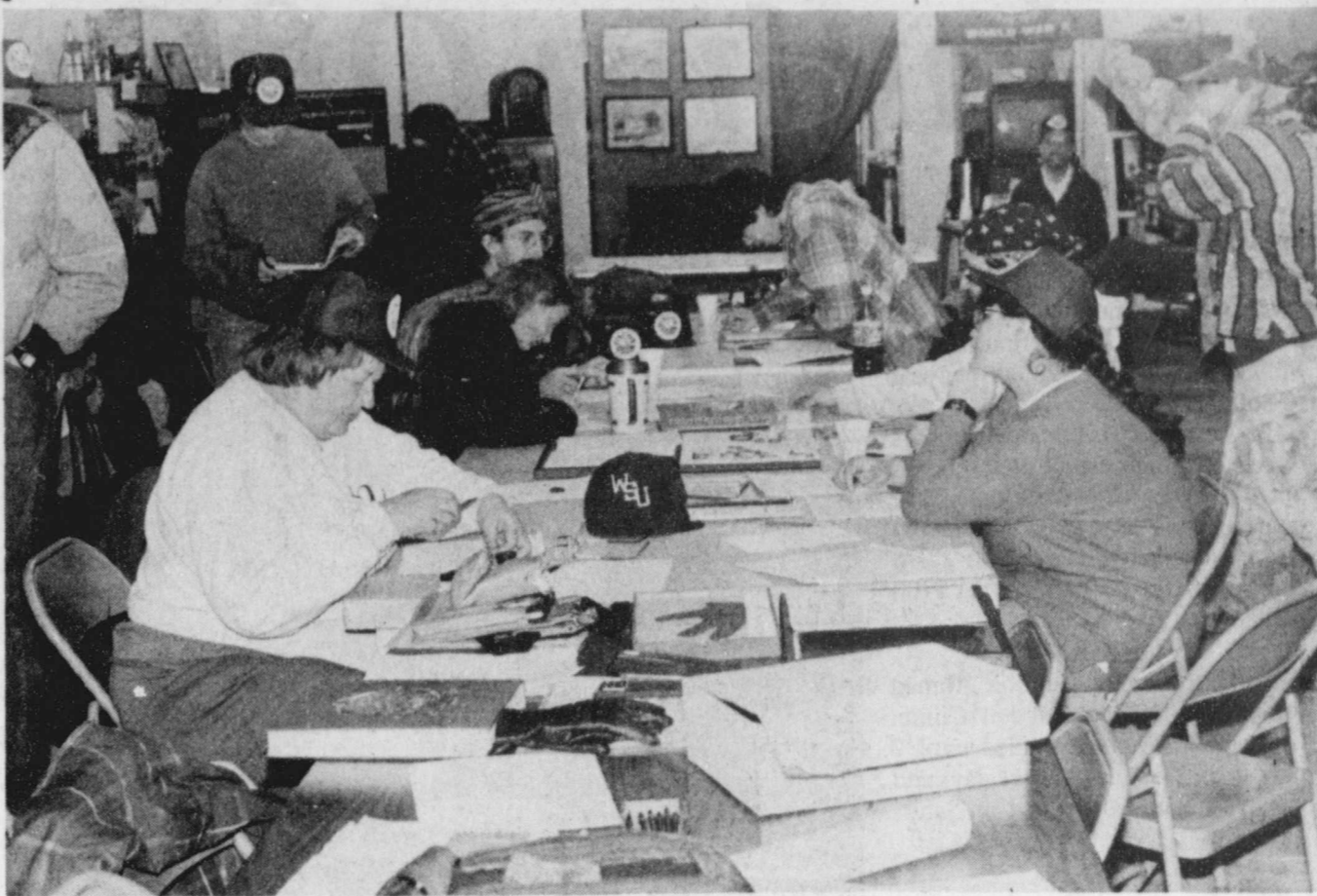
January 11, 1996

Dr. Don Blakeslee returned to the Blanco Canyon dig site of a probable Coronado campsite. He brought with him 10 students to continue the research and survey of the area. Freezing temperatures have given the group a taste of Old Man Winter on the Texas Plains.

Floydada to assist with Coronado grant application

April 25, 1996

The City of Floydada has agreed to assist the Floyd County Historical Museum in making application for a 4 to 1 match grant which could give the area \$100,000.00 to use toward the Coronado Dig Site in Blanco Canyon and improvements to the museum for housing the artifacts coming from the dig.



ARCHEOLOGISTS RECORD HISTORY--Several visiting archeologists and archeology students visited the Coronado site and the Floyd County Museum the first week in April to work as a group cataloguing artifacts found at the Blanco Canyon dig believed to be the site of a camp made by Coronado in 1541.

Floyd County Friends work toward obtaining a Multi-purpose Center

February 1, 1996

The Floyd County Friends have received the 501 C3 permit which qualifies them as a tax exempt organization for the Internal Revenue Service and makes donations eligible for tax deductible status. This has provided an impetus to the project and a March 30 Gala is being planned as the first major fund raising effort. The \$25.00 price of a ticket will go toward the building fund and the ultimate goal of a multicolored-purpose center in Floyd County.

MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER SITE SELECTED

March 28, 1996

The Floyd County Friends have announced the selection of a site for the proposed multi-purpose center. It is to be located in the Muncy Community on the west side of Highway 70 and the south side of FM 786.

According to Floyd County Friends President Nick Long, an option agreement has been signed with land owners R.C. and Louise Fawver for a 10-15 acre site. No funds have been expended at this time. Payment for the land will be made after a grant is obtained and the proposed project becomes a reality.

At present, the organization has \$3,000.00 in cash and pledges of \$23,000.00. The group hopes to raise about \$6,000.00 by hosting a \$25.00 per person gala on March 30.

GALA EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

April 4, 1996

The expected addition of about \$6,000.00 to the coffers of Floyd County Friends was exceeded by more than double that amount as a result of the first official fund raiser for the proposed multicolored-purpose center. More than \$15,000.00 was realized from the special evening of entertainment, good food, and auctions.

The bidders auction yielded \$5,460.00 and the silent auction added another \$4,360.00. Ticket sales put an additional \$5,000.00 in the hopper for the center. This gives

the group more than \$19,000 in cash plus \$30,000.00 in pledges. The 10 acres of land and in-kind services are above that total.

LANEY MEETS WITH FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS

April 11, 1996

Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney met with Floyd County Friends to present a gavel used in the house to the high bidder who purchased it at the recent gala. He handed over the wooden mallet to Warren Mathis at a noon luncheon on April 8.

Laney pledged to support the local project to obtain a multicolored-purpose center for Floyd County in whatever way he could be of service.

Mangold Memorial plans additional construction

February 29, 1996

Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney has announced a construction and renovation project totaling more than \$1,175,000.00. In addition to the cost of constructing an additional 3,385 square feet of building, the district will be paying \$12,500.00 for asbestos removal in areas to be remodeled.

9,402 square feet will be remodeled during the project according to hospital administrator Robin Satter-

white. A new emergency room and additional clinic space will provide ample room for additional physicians in the future. The old hospital areas will be converted into office space said Satterwhite.

Satterwhite also stated, "The hospital has the reserves to pay for all of this without incurring debt. It will be paid for through standard hospital operations, state appropriations, and tax money."

A ground breaking has been set for March 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Power loss causes "Black Tuesday"

April 18, 1996

A massive power outage left nearly a million people in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas without power for several hours on Tuesday, April 18. Equipment failure at the SPS Tolk Station in Muleshoe is credited for the power interruption.

Modern conveniences took the day off beginning at approximately 10:25 a.m. and brought most retail establishments to a standstill with electric doors not functioning and electronic scanners on the blink.

City of Floydada customers regained power at about 12:15 for a brief period before a generator blew a radiator and the resulting drain on the system tripped the emergency shut down system which worked perfectly according to City Manager Gary Brown. Without power to provide the compressed air needed for powering up the generators, the city generating facility could not be

placed back on line.

By 4:30 p.m. power was restored throughout the area.

Lockney seeks extended calling

February 22, 1996

Petitions have been filed with the Public Utilities Commission requesting that the City of Lockney be included in the toll free calling area for Plainview and Lubbock. Calls to Floydada will become toll free when Floydada obtains the extended calling option in March.

Police cars now have video cameras

March 28, 1996

Floydada police vehicles now have the use of a dash mounted video camera to record stops made by officers. The camera will provide documentation not only of the actions and words of the person stopped, but will also provide a record of the actions and words of the patrolman.

Cameras can be removed and carried to a crime scene in order to record evidence if needed.

Right to Carry law effective

January 1, 1996

As of January 1, Texas residents who pass the application process and complete the required training course can receive a license to carry a concealed handgun. The process is lengthy and expensive. Applicants will be paying for the course, the gun, and the license.

Instructors can set their own rate for the course, but most charge about \$150.00. Handgun prices vary, but the four year license fee is \$140.00. (Indigents can get a license for half price.)

Local bank deposits drop

January 4, 1996

A decline in deposits at both Floyd County banks was a reflection of decreased agricultural income according to local bankers.

At the close of business on December 31, 1995, FNB Floydada recorded deposits in the amount of \$65,368,063.92, a drop of \$7,217,917.16 from 1994. Loans had increased by \$4,663,314.04 to \$23,176,756.44.

FNB Lockney December 31 deposits were \$63,704,953.72., including the deposits of the Floydada Branch, the Olton Branch, and the Paducah Branch. Loan totals were \$19,162,196.94. The totals do not compare with the previous year as Paducah was not a part of the totals in 1994.

Hundreds of cranes killed by cold front

January 25, 1996


A brutal cold front that swept through the area on Wednesday, January 24 caused the death of several hundred Sandhill Cranes nesting in the South Plains area. The extremely fast moving front hit the county late Wednesday, taking temperatures from 71 degrees at noon to 9 degrees at dark. Birds were frozen in the lake and died from exposure.

County building permits total more than \$2.5 million

January 4, 1996


Building permits issued in Lockney in 1995 totaled \$690,600.00. Floydada building permits for the same period were calculated at \$1,953,575.00.

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Volunteer firemen set new record fighting fires

Floyd County Volunteer Fire Departments, which includes Lockney, Floydada and Dougherty, set a fire fighting record Tuesday night by answering 22 fire calls between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and midnight.

The fires were caused by lightning strikes preceding a thunderstorm that moved through the area. In one case the firemen were helped out by the rain and in others the volunteers battled the blazes with water hauled to the site.

Firemen were first called to assist in fighting a fire in Crosby County, seven miles south of Dougherty. Fires then broke out in several locations, including several fires northeast of Floydada, which broke up the fire

teams and spread them very thin.

In the Dougherty area, fire trucks arrived from Roaring Springs, Dickens, McAadoo, Crosbyton, Lockney, Floydada, Dougherty and Motley County.

One Dougherty resident said, "I could see three different fires from my back door. After dark, the glow from the fires made it appear as if the earth was on fire."

Several people around the county witnessed lightning striking the ground. "You could see the lightning hit the ground and then you saw the smoke and fire," said one witness.

The City of Floydada and Lockney reported a trace of rainfall.

Drought situation is affecting Ogallala Aquifer recharge rate

May 9, 1996

Texas Tech Journalism student Kori Kellison contributed an article in this issue concerning the condition of the Ogallala Aquifer. The aquifer is the major source of ground water for this area.

The Ogallala Aquifer underlies the High Plains of Texas and provides water for many functions carried out in the area. The lack of rainfall and

extensive use of water from the aquifer is causing a shortfall in the annual recharge rate, according to the groundwater districts in the high plains area.

The depletion rate of the Ogallala Aquifer is exceeding the recharge. The area is also in an extended drought situation that will not improve these conditions.

ASB holds grand opening

March 7, 1996

American State Bank will host a ribbon cutting for the Floydada Branch of the banking facility at 217 W. California on March 13 at 2:00 p.m. In addition to the two newest branch locations, Floydada and Lit-

tlefield, ASB operates five branches in Lubbock, and branches in Plainview, Brownfield, Levelland, and Snyder. There are also 26 TILLIE Automatic Teller Machine locations providing free banking services and cash availability across the area.

Hesperian celebrates 100 years

March 21, 1996

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon celebrates its 100th anniversary this year on March 27. The first issue

of the paper was published on March 27, 1896. Plans for celebration will be delayed until the week of Old Settlers in May.

Dr. Swate on probation again

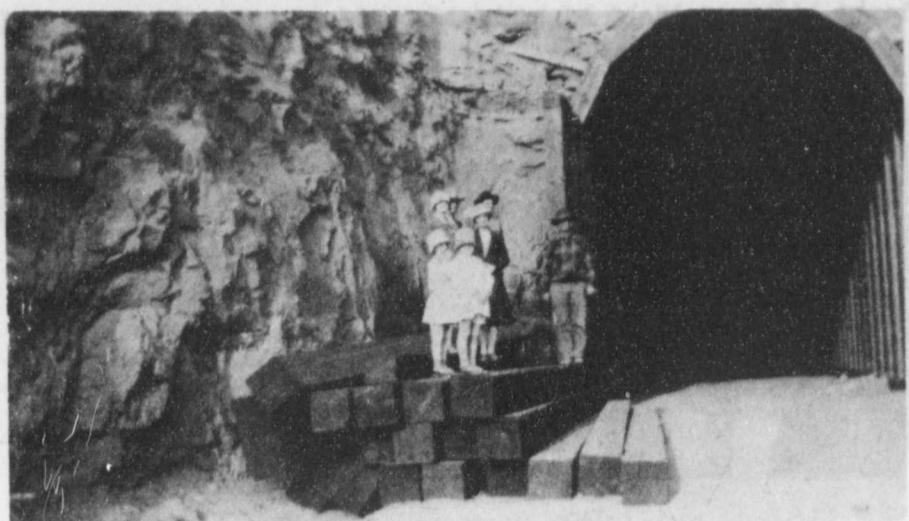
May 2, 1996

Dr. Tommy Swate, who left Floydada amid a storm of controversy in 1993, was placed on 10 years probation by the Texas Board of Medical Examiners on March 2. The board originally suspended his license then stayed the suspension and placed him on probation.

An April 27 story in the *Odessa American* said the board action was

"due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, disciplinary action taken by another state and professional failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner."

According to the news story, Swate was cited for lying on an application to practice medicine in Louisiana and professional failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner.



BURLINGTON LINE--This 1927 photo of the Floyd County/Quitaque tunnel shows the tunnel before the Burlington line was laid.

Gulf War vet welcomed home with prayers for peace

April 11, 1991
(As servicemen returned from the Gulf War the Hesperian-Beacon ran a series of stories on the experiences of these young men. Sgt. James Burns was the first feature the newspaper presented.)

Sgt. James Burns returned to his Floydada hometown last week to a happy family and a grateful Floydada community. Burns, a service member of the 24th Infantry, was deployed to Saudi Arabia August 25, 1990.

"Our division was the first heavy mechanized force to hit the ground," said Burns. "I believe when the 24th hit the ground, it stopped the Iraqi's aggression. They knew Bush wasn't playing games then."

Being the first to hit the ground, Burns was also one of the longest to stay in Saudi Arabia. The waiting and the heat were, to Burns, the hardest things to bear.

"It got frustrating waiting, especially through the holidays," said Burns, "and it was so hot during the day. I never got used to it. It would get up to 130 degrees during the day."

"It started getting cool at the end of November and I starting worrying that if we waited to long to move into Iraq it would get hot again. I didn't want to fight in that heat."

Burns said that it is surprising how much moisture there is in the desert. "It would get down to freezing some nights and the sleeping bags would be wet from the dew in the mornings."

Active in the army for 4 1/2 years, this is the first combat that Burns has ever seen. The morning of February 22nd, Burns crossed over into Iraq, as part of the Advanced Guard of the 3-15 Infantry Task Force.

"Our first objective," said Burns, "was to capture an airfield in southern Iraq. We attacked February 25."

This is where I saw most of my fighting, and even then we didn't see them until they surrendered."

Six hundred prisoners were captured at the airfield and 20 helicopters and high performance aircraft were taken.

After the battle the task force continued into Iraq. "We were up front with the armor and infantry vehicles," said Burns.

"We were the left hook pass that people heard Gen. Schwarzkopf explain. Our job was to slam the door on the back of The Republican Guard. They (Republican Guard) were not as elite as Hussein said. They turned tail and ran," laughed Burns.

Though the infantry was advancing before anyone else they saw little fighting. "We saw a lot of surrendering," said Burns.

"There were so many surrendering all the way that we couldn't stop to take them. We would just take their weapons and leave the prisoners for the follow up support elements behind us to pick up."

"They (the Iraqis) acted happy to see us. They were tired of fighting and most of them didn't want to be there. The Republican Guard were the only soldiers that were taken care of by Hussein," said Burns.

The special task force advanced all the way to about 25-30 miles outside

of Basra before stopping. In a division of almost 26,000, Burns said that eight people were killed.

Asked how he dealt with the fear of dieing, Burns said simply, "I just left it in the Lord's hands. I was in Saudi Arabia long enough that I had time to think things over. I got prepared to go out and do my job. I figured if I die, I die."

"I was not really scared once we went into combat. The only night I got scared was when Iraq was ranging us with artillery. They were trying to find us with artillery in the dark. We never knew where it was coming from but you could feel the explosion shaking the ground."

Born in Lockney, 24 year old Burns was raised in Floydada. He is the son of Clara Vickers and John Burns. He and his wife, Teresa Ann (also a Floydada native) have been married for four years and have no children.

The couple grew up together as next door neighbors. "We were childhood enemies," laughs Teresa, "before we became sweethearts."

"Everybody's prayers got me through this," said Teresa. "I never got tired of people asking about him. We wrote each other every day and the letters would take 2 or 3 weeks to get here."

Knowing he was part of the 24th Infantry Teresa was able to follow her husbands movements (after the invasion) by TV reports. "I stayed by the TV constantly."

Teresa stayed with her parents, Pat and Dewane Franklin, and babysat her sister's children to stay busy. In approximately two weeks, Teresa will return with her husband to Ft. Stewart, Georgia, where he is stationed.

"It is hard for me to put into words what the experience has done to me," said Burns. "Some people take America for granted, but until they've experienced something like this they don't know what it is like to be an American."

"All the support we got over there made me proud to be an American. It was a good feeling to know people were behind us. I'm sorry Vietnam vets didn't get that support during the Vietnam war. However, the Vietnam vets who came back from Saudi Arabia got the welcome they deserved. It made them feel a lot better."

Asked if he was one of the lucky soldiers that received a Floyd County newspaper, Burns smiled and said yes. "I enjoyed reading about the support we were getting and I liked the way ya'll put all the names of the servicemen and women serving in Saudi Arabia in the paper."

"I want to tell my wife and the people in Floydada - thanks for your support and prayers that they gave all of us. Please continue to remember the ones that are still over there, the ones that have died and the families left behind."

Railroad tunnel's future lies in Rails to Trails

As of May 28, 1992, the railway which runs from Estelline to Lubbock and from Sterley to Plainview was officially abandoned by the Burlington Northern Railroad. The tracks are already being removed in the canyon between Quitaque and South Plains, which will also officially close any rail traffic through Floyd County's tunnel. The tunnel now looks forward to it's historical future as part of the Rails To Trails

The 790-foot "Quitaque Tunnel," completed in 1928, chronicled the nation's love affair with railroads. The mystique continued for decades as the fabled tunnel became site of family picnics, class reunions and sight-seeing.

This facility was once regarded as the only operating railroad tunnel in Texas which was placed in the "National Register of Historic Places."

The South Plains track from Quitaque to Lubbock was constructed in 1927-28 and a contract crew created the 790-foot tunnel (later scaled down to 582 feet) and another smaller tunnel which has since been daylighted.

Many farmers and their mule teams worked at construction jobs while the line, destined to become one of the most profitable ventures in the system, was being laid. Actual track-laying was done by a Chinese work gang.

The tunnels were produced by two crews boring through from each side and with barely enough space for a man to crawl. Calculation was such that the two crews came within bare inches of each other. Then the area was dug out to proper proportions for a train's passage.

"The tunnel area curves as naturally as the creek widening around the hill through which it goes," according to an earlier article in this newspaper. "A curve leads to the tunnel, a curve accents the dramatic ride inside and a third curve leads to a deep cut which once was a second tunnel."

Although easier routes existed for rails from Quitaque to Lubbock, old timers believe the one twisted through springed valleys and across

trickling streams was chosen as an excursion route to tempt settlers.

Grey Mule was one of the stops. There were other settlements of sections houses along the route, accessible only by the tracks which furnished livelihood and the way to entertainment.

Wild plum thickets in the area drew families for annual picking parties to furnish jelly for the winter. A ways up one little creek from the tracks was an apple orchard which puzzled all but didn't daunt appreciation of its harvest.

During the 1930s and 1940s, the tunnel was a prime location for school outings — for Lubbock and Plainview youngsters, as well as those from small communities — as long as "the doodle bug" carried passengers.

Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railway Co. was chartered on March 6, 1927. The main route was completed in 1928 with branches from Plainview to Dimmitt and from Sterley to Silverton.

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The South Plains line proved so successful it weathered for years the cost and inconvenience of tunnel cave-ins — "including the 1957 rain season collapsing the short 390-foot second tunnel and three major tunnel wrecks." After the last, in 1973, the tunnel was shortened to 582 feet and the line closed about 18 months to allow upgrading of the area including heavier rail. Lubbock traffic was re-routed by way of Plainview.

Although many railway tracks have been removed throughout West Texas, the tunnel has endured to keep alive memories of the railroading past.



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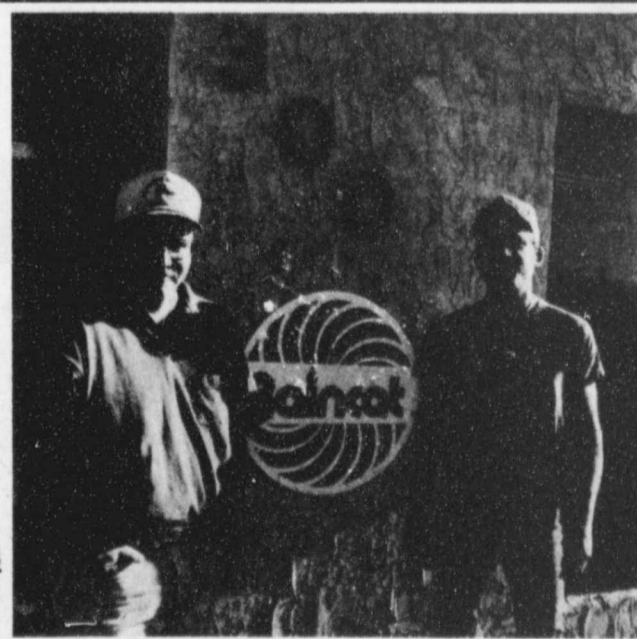
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