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# Quitaque Business Review

## Your Clothes Are In Good Hands At Quitaque Cleaners



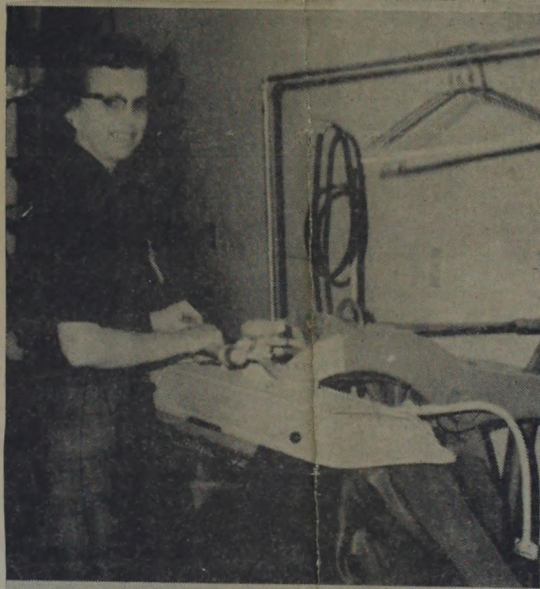
An important service is rendered by this business. Clothes and other material, representing hundreds of dollars in cost, pass through this plant each week. The people who operate the cleaning plant are experienced in all cleaning methods and take extreme care to assure patrons satisfactory service. Pictured in the background is Ruth, (Mrs. James Brunson), owner, and in the foreground, Lockwood, (Mrs. Leon McCracken), one of the two full-time employees. Other employee is Wanda (Mrs. Ray) Payne.

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## Manager and Operator



In addition to her responsibility as manager, Mrs. Brunson performs many duties about the cleaning plant, but she specializes in alterations. In spite of their many duties Mr. and Mrs. Brunson still find time to devote to their church, their community, and their family of four children, all of whom are in the Quitaque schools.

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Of all types of business endeavors perhaps none is more appreciated by the public than the dry cleaning establishments. Clothes whose values will run into the thousands of dollars pass through each of these businesses each week.

The Quitaque Cleaners has been an institution in Quitaque for over thirty years. Although it has been owned and operated by different people through the years, this cleaners has continued to carry on the same fine service.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brunson, who purchased the business in 1961 from Jack Holcomb, continue to carry on the tradition of efficient, economical cleaning service that has made this cleaners an outstanding business in Quitaque in regards to community service.

Although the management is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Brunson, Mrs. Brunson shares the operation of the shop with two other employees, Lockwood Mrs. Leon McCracken, and Wanda, (Mrs. Ray) Payne. Mrs. McCracken is in charge of the cleaning, while Mrs. Payne does the pressing and alterations. Ruth (Mrs. Brunson) takes care of many du-

ties, but more or less specializes in alterations.

When he can find a little time from his many duties, James Brunson may lend a helping hand. He has been City Secretary since 1958. His duties with the city also require him to serve as water superintendent and tax assessor-collector. He is past president of the Caprock Water and Sewage Association and is now serving as vice-president of this association, which is comprised of 14 cities, including Spur north to Tulla and from Quitaque west to Muleshoe. Brunson was president in 1961-62, and previous to this was secretary of the association.

In addition to their regular duties the Brunsons have found time to serve their church and community in various ways. Brunson is assistant Scoutmaster and Scout Executive. He is an active member of the Lions Club, and is presently serving as one of the directors of this club. Mr. and Mrs. Brunson are active members of the Church of Christ.

Neither are new to Quitaque. Mrs. Brunson is a graduate of Flomot High School, while James parents

moved to Quitaque in 1925. Although he later moved away—he graduated from high school in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma—James has been a resident of the Quitaque area since 1939.

James farmed near here until 1941, when he entered the Navy. He later served on a transport, the USS Hermitage, and saw 17 months of duty in the South Pacific and 19 months in the Atlantic.

He returned to Quitaque and farmed for a number of years, during which time he served as substitute mail carrier. In 1958 he gave up his farming activities when appointed city secretary.

The Brunsons have four children; Patricia, 14, is in Junior High, David, 12 is an intermediate and active in the Boy Scouts and the Little League; Perry, 10, is in the Elementary School and is also active in the Cub Scouts and the Little League, and Mary 6, is in the first grade.

A fifth member of the family is "Smoky", a Boston Terrier, who has managed to achieve an important position in the family circle, and who takes in the various fishing trips the family makes during the summer season.

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