

THE NICHOLS FAMILY

In 1908 C.P. Nichols moved his family from the farm (west) of Valley View to play a prominent part in the business life of this community. He left the farm after he had suffered four complete crop loses from green bug infestation, and severe wet weather. He went to work in a blacksmith shop and did double duty in a gin, Fred Miller the Public Ginner. The Nichols family lived at that time in what is known today as the Noble House.

All Mr. Nichols had to do to get to the gin was to walk across the road as the gin was located west of the railroad. Later the same year he bought the blacksmith shop from J.K. Shelley. The building burned and he rebuilt it except it was made much larger. Soon, Mr. Nichols was doing more than shoeing of horses and repairing of buggies to automotive mechanical work. This shop was located on the west side of the town square, which eventually became a garage as automobiles began to dominate the transportation picture. The old machine shop became Nichol Motor Company in 1925. When the present building was erected. The Chevrolet agency was obtained, at that time, and his son, Jimmie became his partner, a man and his boy, as the saying goes. Jimmie tells of the difficulty of obtaining money to erect the new garage. One bank in town loaned some money to start construction but that small sum was only a beginning, so when they ran out of money and went back to the bank for more, the bankers turned them down. His father just went across the street to the other bank, and they loaned them all the money that they needed to finish the job. The partnership continued until March of 1946, when the elder Nichols died at the age of 74 after living in Cooke County for 60 years.

Fire and death plagued the C.P. Nichols in the early twenties as they lost a daughter Wilma from tetanus, and the west side of the square burned and he lost the machine shop.

Captain Lee, founder of the town, deeded the waterworks to C.P. Nichols who it turn sold it to his son Jimmie. When his father died Jimmie bought out the other heir of his fathers estate. They were his two sisters, Sula and Belle.

Nichols Motor Co. has been Goodyear tire dealers in Valley View 65 years, and Texaco dealer for 46 years. The modern brick garage building is on the northwest side of the square. The motto is, "First in service—because we put service first."

Jimmie married Judy Dickson on June 30, 1933. She passed away April 23, 1971. They had two daughters, Joye Janye, and Jan. Joye Janye Hewett lives in Maryland, and Jan lives in Dallas.

while Mr. Martin and the older boys brought the household goods and stock by land and rail freight. They lived first in a rent house in town until they could get possession of their place, 1¼ miles east of town, which Mr. Martin named the "Crescent."

Bert, the youngest child, who was at that time, three years old, had been looking forward to moving to East Texas for his older brothers had told him about the joys of fishing. When the first spring rains came and Mrs. Martin's wash tubs filled up with water the Murphy girls (neighbors) gave Bert his first taste of fishing. They hooked some fat meat on a safety pin, tied it to a stick and he sat all day holding that stick in those tubs of water, no one could budge him.

Those wash tubs played another part in the Martin's life. After Mrs. Martin had finished her first washing-overalls and long underwear for 8 men-in Valley View's soft water; she told her husband she would never sign another deed to move. They stayed on their farm and Mrs. Martin once remarked that for 45 years they never sat down to the table with just the family-visitors and relatives were always welcomed as were the Watkins and Raleigh man who could always count on food for himself and his horses if he gave the children a piece of chewing gum. Mr. Martin died in 1921, and Mrs. Martin in 1946. The majority of the boys felt the same way about Valley View as their mother Henry and Fred lived out their lives here and David moved to West Texas but returned here where he lived until he died; Bert and Jack lived on their respective farms until they moved into town where they live now.



Joe E. Martin home 1¼ miles south east of Valley

THE EDD KNIGHT FAMILY

JOSEPH E. MARTINS

Joseph E. Martin moved his family from Garden City, Texas, to Valley View in the spring of 1909. His wife, Mary, the younger boys and the only girl, Pearl, took the first automobile stage in Texas from Garden City to Big Spring where they caught the train;

Edd Knight came to Valley View from Pikeville, Tennessee in 1909. He farmed on the Jim McCollum farm, south of town, and on April, 10, 1910 he was married to Miss Ida Pilkington, a native Valleyvian. They moved east of town and lived where Ida was born.

In 1919 Edd moved into town and built a "filling station", where the present Post Office is located.

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Edd and Ida Knight made in 1912

In 1923 they sold the station and put in a silent moving picture show. This was located above the stores on the south side. It wasn't long until the bank was robbed and burned and so was the picture show!

Edd was editor of the Valley View Voice at one time.

They lived in the house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Bundy, in 1928, and operated another service station there, later moving to Denison and Edd followed the Camp construction work, he went to Mineral Wells and helped build that Camp, then, to Tyler where he helped build another Camp, then they moved back to Denison, and worked at Perrin Field, until he retired at 70 years of age. They moved back 'home' to Valley View in 1965 and Edd passed away in 1966.

Their four children are: Ida Lee Sacco, who lives in Middletown, New York. Mildred Tannenbaum, of Miami, Florida. Frank Knight of Irving, and Bill Knight of Sherman.

BARBER SHOPS OF VALLEY VIEW

Morgan Browning came to Valley View in 1929, and worked with Willis Mallicote until 1938, when he purchased the shop and moved it to the west side, where he remained until his retirement in 1972. Mr. and Mrs. Browning came to Valley View from Thackerville, Oklahoma. Their two children and Opal Akin and Morgan Wayne Browning. Wayne lives in Tulsa, and Opal has lived most of her married life in Minn.

Ray Akin is retired and they are building a new home in Valley View on Church street.

Morgan recalls several of the early-day barbers, before his time, they are Josh Touchstone, John Connell, Brad Duncan, also Luther Brooks and a Mr. Burkett. Mallicote bought the shop on the east side from Preston Ward in the early 30's.

Morgan can remember when shaves were 15¢ and haircuts, 25¢ Marvin Mangrum was their shoe shine boy, he began at about six years of age.

At one time there were two shops, one in the center of the square and one on the south side. It was told that Capt. Lee told one of the barbers that he would pay him 5¢ for a shave but he couldn't stand to pay the price of 10¢ at that time.

When Browning retired, he sold the shop to James Duckworth of Gainesville, who moved his family here and they reside in the Charlie Roeder house, north part of town.



J.C. Mangrum, Preston Ward, M.C. Browning, Milton Pace, Norman Kile in chair, Roy Godwin in back of shop, Earl or Murl ward.

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In 1920, Valley View received its first electric power from Sanger Light and Power Company, which became a municipal plant, but was sold years after to the Texas Power and Light Company of Gainesville who serves this area now. In 1921, The Lone Star Gas Company began serving residents with natural gas for cooking and heating, and this service is still being furnished. The town's water system is privately owned by J.J. Nichols. This year 1972 was the first time in Valley View's history that there was a water shortage. The water level dropped so much that a new pipe had to be added, also a new 25 horsepower motor, and the pipes had to be enlarged. All is well at present.

After more than five years the town finally obtained a Federal Grant through The Farm Home Administration to put in a Disposal Plant. The land,

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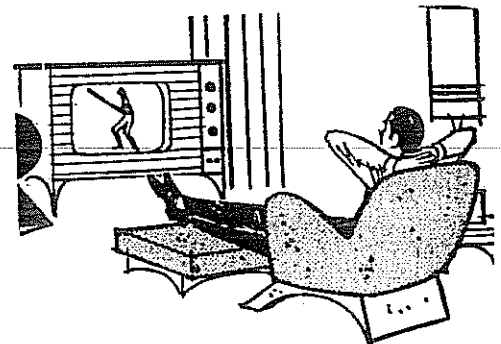
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about five or six acres, was donated by Owen D. Roane for the Disposal site. It is located about a mile south of Valley View near Spring Creek. All the citizens of Valley View are indebted to Mr. Roane for this gift.

Valley View is indeed blessed to have a sanitation department of sorts. Collection of waste, debris, or whatever is collected daily except on Sunday. The trash collection is hauled by truck to the east of town and is put in a landfill. Virgil Martin is head of this service. He is paid by subscription by the customers.

THE CALHOUNS

Gertie McCollum came to Cooke County with her family, the Lee McCollums when she was a little girl. She remembers the trek from Pink Hill to Valley View very vividly. The wagons filled with household goods had to stop many nights several times before they arrived at their farm southeast of Valley View. Gertie recalls at one farm house where they had spent the night, the owner suggested to her dad that he'd like to keep that little black haired girl. No, no, her father said, She is my little partner. Gertie started to school in Valley View when she was seven years old. That was the legal age for children to go to school at that time.

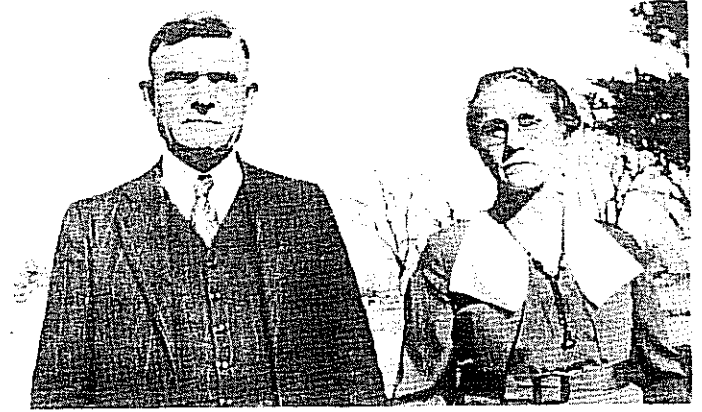
Gertie married Quinton Calhoun December 24, 1919, Quinton had just returned from serving overseas during World War I. His parents lived in Vernon, Texas. So, it was that Gertie and Quinton set up housekeeping in that town as Quinton had employment in the oil fields in that area. But they were back in Valley View in about a year's time as Gertie was expecting the arrival of her first child. After their son Leon was born the Calhoun's moved to her dad's farm upon the ridge. It could be said that the Calhouns sure moved around a lot for another move was in store for them, back to Valley View, and on to the Rio Grande Valley. They did not tarry long in the Valley, they didn't like it there, it was to low a climate. Soon they were back to Valley View and upon the ridge. This time they spent 17 years in one place. By this time they had five children. Leon, Ben, Glendean, Chester, Bill and Joan was welcomed into the family when the family moved back to Valley View for keeps.

On October 4, 1938 the Calhouns came home to stay, they moved into the little old house that was built on the farm. In 1940 they tore the old house down and erected a nice big house in its place.

Quinton passed away July 28, 1945 After Quinton's death Gertie and her sister Opal continued to live there.

All the Calhoun children are married. Only three of the children continue to live in the Valley View community, Chester, Bill, and Glendean Miller.

Gertie always loved the farm-close to nature-close to God. She and Opal are active members of the Baptist Church in Valley View. One little nice thing to remember about Gertie, as she passes this way, not many folks gets sick in these parts that doesn't get a "Get Thee Well Card" from her.



Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Myers

O.W. MYERS

O.W. Myers came to Valley View from Palestine, Texas in 1915; bringing his family to live in the old Lee house by the lake for many years.

Mr. Myers was in the business of making and bottling soda pop until 1916 when he built a cotton gin and continued in this business until 1925 when it burned. He then bought a farm and retired.

Children of Minnie and O.W. Myers are: Velma of Bridgeport, Texas; Charles C. of Valley View; O.W., Jr. of Rio Vista, Texas; W.H. of Los Angles, California; Ray of Alaska; Louise of Denton, Texas; Audrey of Fresno, California.

VALLEY VIEW By: E.M. Vanderslice

True enough Valley View was a town long before oxen and mules gave way to gasoline. In fact, it was laid off as a town site by the late Capt. L. W. Lee, long before the sound of a locomotive whistle had been heard in Cook County, but that history would hardly concern the reader of this day and time. Important today is the fact that it is a growing town situated near the southern edge of Cooke County in one of the best all around farming communities to be found in the Southwest.

It may truthfully be said that Valley View has had three births. First, when it was established as a trading post and Mill Site more than half a century ago. Second, in 1910 after the disastrous fire of the year before which swept out almost the entire business district. Valley View arose like Phoenix from the ashes and built again. Third, in 1925 after the series of fires and burglaries in which the town lost its principal business houses and suffered a loss of nearly half a million dollars. It was then the brains, money and, ingenuity of the business men of the town combined to make a bigger and better Valley View and made possible the story of the crushed undying faith of these people that can now be written.

The town is now in the midst of an improvement

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Chief among the projects recently completed are Highway Garage, brick structure 100 x 100 feet, Wilson building, 30 x 40 feet, Home Theater, 30 x 80 feet, First National Bank, 30 x 80 feet, Lowe Building, Main Street 50 x 55 feet, McCustion Building, 25 x 65 feet, Dave Lowe, 25 x 65, and J.W. Leazer, 60 x 65 feet, and numerous residences, besides three large warehouses, machine shop and filling station and grain elevator completed within the last few months. The town is fortunate in having three up-to-date cotton gins and two large grain elevators, in addition to three large grain storage houses.

Too bad the whole story cannot be told now, suffice to say, however, that in addition to the towns chief assets only a few of which we have had opportunity to mention, there are many other assets visible and invisible to which the Citizens here can point with pride. A school as good and well manned as any in the County, churches as good as the best backed by a moral atmosphere, second to none to be found anywhere. Clubs, lodges, and fraternal societies to the usual number found anywhere else and most of all a happy contented people.

The reason for all this progress and achievement is not hard to find behind it all there in the background, but there nevertheless is the Valley View spirit. The greatness of this little town does not lie in its many new buildings, its thousands in bank deposits, its beautiful homes, its splendid churches and schools, its park, its playgrounds or its throughfares. These are all effects of one great cause, the Valley View Spirit. It was this spirit that led the citizens of the district to go into the market and mortgage their futures that we might have good roads and good schools. It was this spirit that overcame almost insurmountable difficulties through all these years, defeated all opposition, defied all disasters and unafraid faces the future with confidence and determination to succeed. It is the Valley View Spirit, the controlling impulse of the entire citizenship that looks the future in the eye today and says, "come what will come what way, Valley View will carry on."

Contributed by Willie G. Brown

U.S. MAIL CONTRACTORS

In January 1966 Alan Ritchey started hauling mail on a Tulsa Oklahoma run. Charles Medlen and Carl Wilson Jr. were the drivers. In 1968, he started the Dallas to Topeka, Kansas run. First drivers were Tony Ortega, and Danny Devers.

Beginning August 15th he started a new route, 1400 miles one way, Dallas to Los Angeles, California. He has 5 new trucks, Kenworth trucks pulling two trailers. Beginning September 15th, 6 more trucks will be added to Oakland, California. They haul mail from 8 states, Ritchey is employing 15 drivers, from Valley View, Gainesville, Bridgeport, Bowie, Forestburg, and Dallas. When the Oakland run begins, he will hire 20 more drivers. Ritchey states that in 1973, they will run 4.5 to 5 million miles.

He says wherever he goes, Valley View is known for their contract mail service. In fact, they are one of the largest mail contractors in the nation. Ritchey and Glenn Sessums made the maiden voyage to Los Angeles. Alan says it is over 54 miles to the post office, in Los Angeles, after they enter the city.

RURAL MAIL SERVICE IN VALLEY VIEW

On January 11, 1969, upon the recommendation of Congressman Graham Purcell, Robert Windle was installed as Valley View's rural mail carrier.

Robert was born in Sanger, Texas, and lived there until he moved to Valley View. At the time of his appointment to the Valley View route, Robert was working in the Sanger Post Office, and had been there for over ten years. Robert is a graduate of Sanger High School, attended North Texas University, and served two years in the United States Army. He is a member of the Church of Christ.

While in Sanger Robert served as President of The Chamber of Commerce and was on the board of directors. He also served as cubmaster, was a director of the Cemetery Association, and Past Master of the Masonic Lodge.

Robert's wife, Nina, was born in Denton and is a graduate of Denton High School and Texas Woman's University. Nina is beginning her fourth year as the business teacher in the Valley View school system.

The Windles have three sons attending school in Valley View. Robert D. III (Bobby), age 15, is in the 9th grade, Jeffrey Allen, age 13, is in the 8th grade, and Danny Jon, age 9, is in the 4th grade.

"In January, 1969, when I began delivering mail on the Valley View route, Farm to Market Road #922 was under construction. We had a wet winter and the roads were almost impassable at times. One of my patrons, Jim Mundell, used his tractor to pull my pickup through about a mile of ruts so I could get off of high center."

On September 21, 1971, in ceremonies at the Valley View Post Office, Robert was presented a Special Achievement Award from the United States Postal Service. The award consisted of a superior service pin, a certificate, and a cash award of \$150. The award was for sustained, above average performance in his profession.

The Windles are proud to be a part of Valley View. "We feel this is a fine community with great potential. With full cooperation from its residents, the future of Valley View is unlimited."

THE BILL TERRY FAMILY

Bill and Edith Terry came to Valley View in the spring of 1928, a few nights before a torrential rain storm and lightning struck the First Baptist Church and burned it to the ground, he was working on the Ferdinand Hundt farm, north of town drilling a "dry-hole". Later that year they moved to the Wright place in south part of town, while he worked for Swift Gin.

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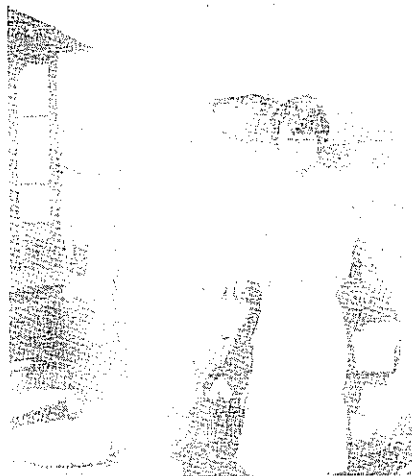
Their children are Mrs. Cecil Neu, (Kay La Faun) who resides in town with her husband and eight children: Terri, Carolyn, Lisa, Lori, Cathy, Susan, Pat, and Tina.

William E. (Bill) who resides with his wife Gladys in Gainesville, they have three children: Timmy, Tye and Traci

Jerry Lynn, with his wife Susie reside near Callisburg. Jerry has one daughter, Becky Lynn.



Wheat piled on the Valley View Square in 1953.



Bill and Edith Terry Taken in 1929

THE DICKESONS

C.F. Dickeson moved his family from Crowley, Texas to Valley View in August of 1932. He began negotiating for the W.E. Aston Gin located in the Lois Community near Valley View. He purchased the gin, and chose as his associate his son, Clarence.

The Clarence Dickesons family joined the C.F. Dickesons in Valley View March 4, 1942. They began a new kind of life. The thoughts of beginning a new business, meeting and making new friends was sometimes an agonizing experience for the Dickesons. However, it wasn't long until all the Dickesons were well acquainted with the people, and their associating with the people proved to be most pleasant, both socially and in business.

Father and son continued as business partners in the gin and cotton buying and selling until the elder Dickeson passed away in June of 1957. The rebuilt Lois Gin was sold to the Massey Gin Company of Pilot Point.

Clarence farmed the Hudspeth land in the Lois community for ten years. Soon, he turned his attention to buying grain for the Burrus Milling Company of Fort Worth for three years. Buying grain proved

fascinating for Clarence, and in 1946 he purchased his first elevator in Valley View. Then in 1963 he bought the second elevator in Valley View, for the purpose of buying and storing grain. He dealt mostly in wheat and maize. For the past four years, the elevators have been leased to Alan Ritchey.

There are many interesting facts that could be recalled about the wheat and maize increase and decline over the years in the Valley View area. For several reasons, one would be the Government Program that forced farmers to reduce their wheat land. The farmers complied with the law, but they began to fertilize the soil where wheat was planted hence, even more wheat was produced. In 1953, such a huge wheat crop was harvested that the elevators could not hold it, and the wheat was dumped on the ground on the square in Valley View, as high as the top of a house

Truly, there has been a great change in the way in which grains is moved to market today and the way of yesteryears. In the olden days the wheat was brought to market in wagons pulled by mules. Today the latest in pick up trucks, bobtailed trucks, and big trucks are used to carry the grain direct from the combines.

The price of wheat has fluctuated greatly through the years, too. The price ranged from \$240 a bushel during the World War days to a \$1.20 a bushel in recent years. For years soft wheat was raised in the Valley View community, because it was easier to thresh or combine. Perhaps it yielded more in bushels, so the farmer thought. The sowing of hard wheat has begun to be sown more frequently now because the farmers are getting a higher price for that kind of wheat or at least they are getting more calls for it from the great Milling Companies.

When cotton production was cut by Government decree the farmers began to plant maize to feed livestock and to have a money product to sell in the fall. In this area today, it is a big crop. The elevators are put to a good use in storing the maize.

Farming, ginning, buying and selling of grain and cotton were the first concern of Clarence, but, of course he must be listed as a community builder as well. He has served in the bank, the church, and participated, money wise, in all community projects.

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Clarence's first wife, Ollie, passed away in June of 1955. They had one daughter, Lois Nell who lives in the Bedford-Hurst area. Later he married Mildred McLarry of Fort Worth, and they continue to live in Valley View promoting many worthwhile activities.

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And bake it devilish brown
I'm a man who raises cotton
At just six-cents a pound.

March on to picking cotton
Strap on a duckin sack
With cotton burrs hitting at your face
And another one at your back.

Pick cotton on til dooms day
Til Gabriel's Trumpet sounds
The poor man's curse is cotton
At just six-cents a pound.

Bring out the ole jeans breeches
Never too late to mend
And put a patch, both broad and wide
Across the gabel end.

And write across the patch work
In letters big and round
I am a Man who raises cotton
At just six-cents a poind.

To man--The Farmer's Alliance
Just drudge with all your might
I've listened to all your speeches
And hoped you'd set things right.

But in spite of all your boasting
And turning tables round and round
To-day you're selling cotton
At just six-cents a pound.

By John Phillips

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THE FRANK J. TURNER FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Turner and family moved to Valley View from Lewisville in September 1927. They first were in business of the west side of the square, in the produce business. Later, they had a grocery store on the north side owned by Mr. Humphries, and later they were on the south side, in the grocery business, again.

They had 12 children, all the boys have lived in Valley View, at one time or another, they are: Virgil, Bill, Alson, Roy, Carl, Clem, and Frank. Their daughters are: Mrs. Stella Chaney, Mrs. Nancy Robinson, Gainesville, Mrs. Elta Salmon, Mrs. Vida Lancaster and Mrs. Maxine Clayton.

Mrs. Turner passed away in the Sanger Rest Home at the age of 94.

THE J.H. BUFFINGTON FAMILY

J.H. (Bunk) Buffington and his wife Gertrude moved to Valley View in 1941 from Paul's Valley, Oklahoma. Doris and Bobby came with them, their other son, J.H. (Sonny) was in the service, during World War II. Doris married John Wicker and resides in Gainesville. Bob and his family are living in Valley View, he is following his fathers footsteps, working for the section crew on the Santa Fe Railroad. They have seven children: Sherry, who is married Nancy, Bobbie, Ruth, Gerald and Darrel (twins) and Becky. Sherry is married to Virgil Aycox and they live at Garland.

Bunk retired in 1962 and Gertrude began working at the Denton State School, she worked 10 years and retired in 1971. Bunk passed away in 1970.

THE AL KUNTZ FAMILY

In May 1942, Mr. and Mrs. Al Kuntz, with six of their ten children moved to Valley View, from the Camp Howe area, north of Gainesville. These children were: John, Vicky, Mae, Al C., Liz and Gene. They reside on a farm 2 miles west of town, purchased from Cordie and Roy Davis.

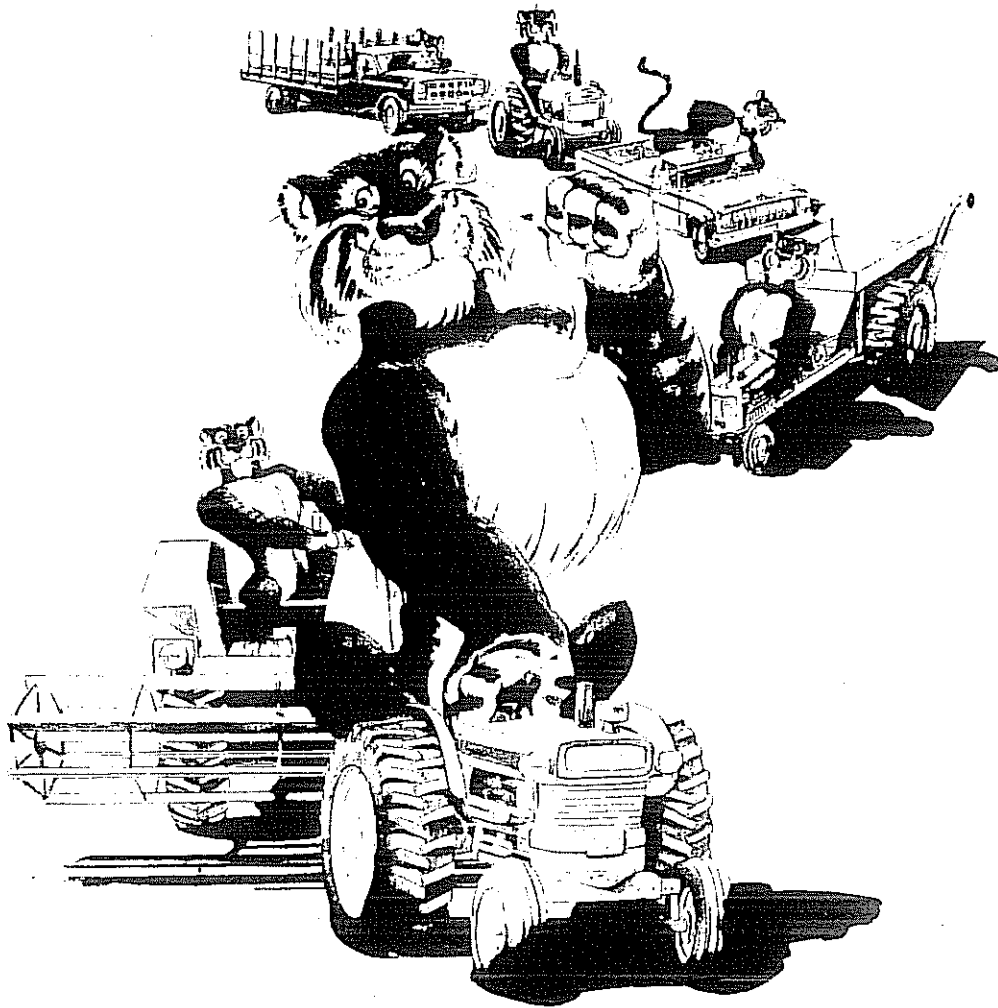
In December 1942, John joined the Navy and served in that capacity until 1945, when, the same month, his brother Al C. also joined the Navy and served three years, too.

In 1946 Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz purchased a home and Cafe in Valley View, from Mrs. Edna Stewart, across from the Valley View School. John rented the farm, until 1957 when he bought it from his father. He and his wife and son, Mark, still live there.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz operated the Cafe from 1946 until Mrs. Kuntz' sudden death on January 1, 1948. The Cafe was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Wilson.

On April 15, 1968 Mr. Kuntz passed away at the age of 84 years. The Kuntz property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Pruitt, who reside there now.

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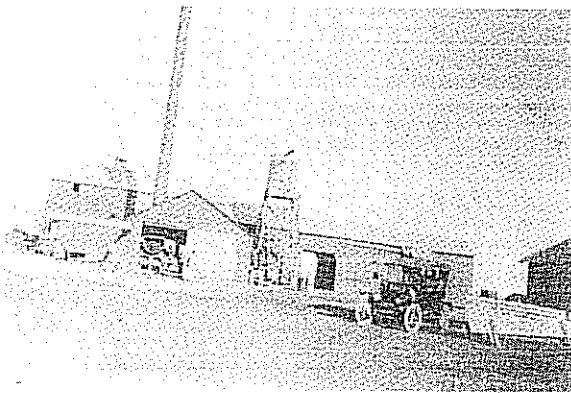
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Of the ten children, only two live in Valley View, they are: John and Mae, who is Mrs. Edd Hacker.

The other children are: Mrs. Hubert Bezenr, (Vic-ky) with her husband and four children, Houston, Tx. Mrs. Wayne Plumlee (Liz) with her husband and two children, La Habra, California. Al C. with his wife Mary Alice (Block) reside in Fort Worth, with their 8 children. Gene with his wife Daureen (Sockwell) and four children reside in Garland. Rose, who is Mrs. Frank Kuhn, with her husband and 3 children live on Rt. 2. Hulda, who is Mrs. Bob Hefner and one son reside in Alhambra, California. Louise, is Mrs. Jim Langston, with her husband and 2 children reside in Tulsa. Freida, who is Mrs. Claude Billingsley, with her husband and two sons reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



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END OF AN ERA

Old Gin Engine Whirs No More

E.W. Aston and an old friend parted company last week when a 20,000 pound diesel engine was replaced by compact electrical motors at the Swift and Company Cotton Gin in Valley View.

Aston and a co-worker, Charles C. Myers, reflected sadly as the huge, twin-piston engine was hoisted aboard a truck, bound for a Houston scrap heap.

Installed at the gin in 1929, the engine had powered the machinery there since, Aston was on the job when it was put into service; Myers has worked at the gin for the past 20 years.

The 120-horsepower engine could not keep up with modern ginning which necessitates the running of added cleaners, modern driers and larger stands in the gin's mechanisms.

"With the exception of a couple of times in its 31 years, it always started for me when we needed it," Aston lamented.

Electric motors ranging from 20 to 125 horsepower will be used to run the ever-increasing machinery of the modern gin.

The change to electric power has completed the cycle from steam to electricity for Aston. He started work at the gin in 1922 as a stoker on a boiler that

powered a 60-horsepower engine. With the exception of two years he has continued to work at the gin since.

Aston related many changes since he started his work nearly 40 years ago. The gin, then owned by his father, was one of three in Valley View and ginned from 2,500 to 3,000 bales a year instead of its present 1,200 average.

Also, Aston recalled, there were 22 gins in the county--all operating from September until March. The Valley View gin is one of two left in Cooke County and operates from September through November.

Myers, who said he "started messing with cotton in 1917," explained that in the old days every bit of the cotton was hand-picked and it was a long job. "We gin stalks and all now," he added, referring to mechanical pickers.

Both men recall the 40-cent cotton which came with World War I, and also the 4½-cent cotton of the early 1930's. Like the abandoned diesel, they had seen blackland cotton production undergo many changes.

Contributed by Chas. C. Myers

VALLEY VIEW GINS

The first cotton gin built in Valley View was located off Spring Creek, near the Newton property. It was owned by Uncle Billy Newton. There have been numerous gins since that time, as many as three at a time.

The present gin was built by Alan Ritchey. He and his bride, Charlene came here in 1963. She has been his helping hand, when someone couldn't work or had to work overtime, Charlene was there, to fill in. She kept her baby cradle in the office and during the rush season, she helped keep books.

Their four children are: Linda Dee 8, David Alan 7, Robby Dale 4, Tammra Diane 3.

Ritchey Gin has afforded employment to "half-of-Valley View." All the Ortega boys: Robert, David, Tony, Johnny, and Bill. Jerry Terry, Roger Shaw, Jodie Christian, Danny Devers, Billy Devers, Carroll Reiter, Danny Reiter, Eugene Reiter, David Kile, David Dugger, Calvin Dugger, Billy Ford, Jimmie Prescher and others.

Bookkeepers have been Mrs. Reuben Reiter, Mrs. John Rochelle, Joann Raschuber, Mrs. Don Hobbs, Mrs. Donna Montgomery, Mrs. Melvin Voth, Mrs. Johnny McCollum and Charlene.

Farmers came from miles around--Marietta, Okla. Myra, Muenster, Sivells Bend, Era, Sanger and other neighboring communities. The farmers have pitched in and helped run the gin, during a rush season. They gin an average of 2000 bales a year.

In 1965, the Alan Ritchey gin began buying wheat. In 1972, they bought 167,000 bushels. Other years, they average 125,000 bushels.

In 1918 there were three gins, operated by North Texas Gin Company, O.C. Myers and son and Ed Aston and sons and all cotton was brought to the square and sold.

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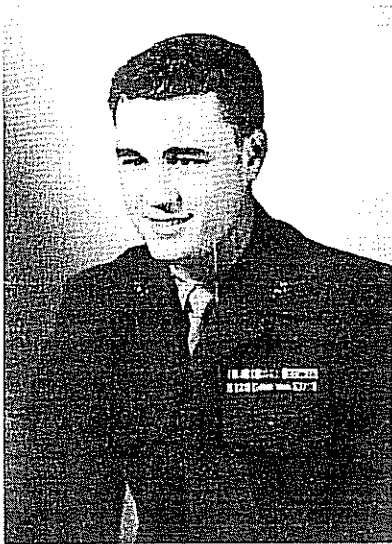
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A MEMORIAL, A REMEMBRANCE, AN APPRECIATION



The six boys from Valley View who so nobly gave their lives in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. We bow our heads in their memory, and offer a silent prayer, that they have not died in vain. For there's but one unfailing course—We win by Faith and NOT by FORCE.



Cpl. John C. Lowe First Marine Division Korean War Son of Mrs. Vera Lee Lowe and the late John Lowe.



F/O Orville Roane Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roane Air Force



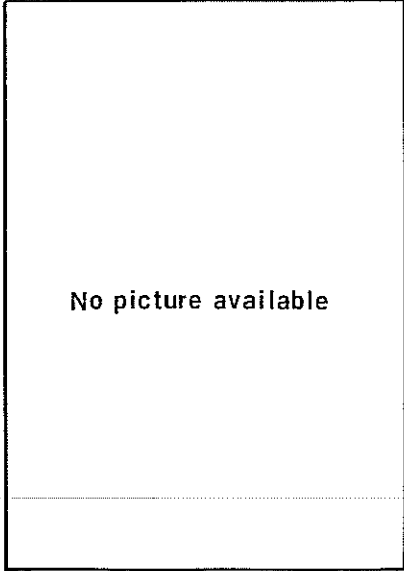
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THE WILLARD KEMPLIN FAMILY

Willard Kemplin lived in Valley View area from 1942 until his death in 1963. He died of a heart attack in Lubbock, Texas. He was born in Kentucky moved to Texas with his family when he was 15 years old. He never attended a graded school - country school were not graded then. He did all kinds of farm work. He was elected president of the first Corn Club of Cooke County. Willard attended the Gainesville Business College, however, choose to be a farmer.

He was married to Pearl Hemphill and they continued to farm and to milk cows. In lean times, he bought, sold, and shipped cattle and hogs for sometimes a profit and sometimes not. He and his partners ran a threshing machine every year, and also ran a hay baler. 'Them were the days'. He bought a farm at Wolf Ridge and struggled to pay the interest and taxes as the half dozen children arrived and grew up. Those children were Edith, Keith, Peery, Dr. John, Mildred, and Carl.

All the children graduated from Gainesville High School and also Junior College. Then came Camp Howe which took the farm, and we moved to Valley View in 1942, having bought the old Capt. Lee place. He continued to raise cattle and sheep.

Willard served with the Upper Red Soil and Conservation which included Cooke, Montague, and Grayson counties. He was a regent (trustee) for the Junior College. He was a member of Church of Christ, and helped build the present building.

Mrs. Kemplin, Keith, and Carl continue to live in the Valley View area.

SCHMITZ CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Schmitz moved to Valley View on June 12, 1937, from Muenster. Mrs. Schmitz started a cafe, where Millie's Beauty Shop is now located. She didn't think she knew a soul in the town. Her first customer was Bill Terry. He had boarded with her in Muenster. Next was Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Lowry, and then in walked Bro. W.H. Vall, the Methodist pastor, who had been the Schmitz's neighbor in Southmayd.

Mr. Schmitz built a machine shop and they moved to that location, Joe operated the shop, where his son A.J. operates one now. A.J. returned from Germany, in the Service in 1945 and his father passed away soon afterward, on November 11, 1945.

Mrs. Schmitz and A.J. have lived in the south part of town 20 years. Despite "Aunt Mary's" 82 years, she keeps house and seldom ever misses attending St. John Catholic Church, across the street from her home. When she came to Valley View she was the one and only Catholic in the community.

WILLIE BIERSCHENK

During World War II, the people who lived in the Air Base Area of Cooke County had to find another place to call home. The Willie Bierschenks were among this group. They came to Valley View De-

cember 3, 1943, having bought the farm where Carl Odneal lived at that time. Beside farming, they raised chickens and sold eggs. On December 11, 1950 Mr. Bierschenk passed away, and the family life style changed. The family entered the dairy business, and also, the Breeder Flock business.

The Bierschenks raised nine children, have 34 grand children, and 1 great grandchild. Only two boys, Billy and Edgar, and two daughters, Imelda and Jodie continue to live here.

Mrs. Bierschenk is President of the St. John's Altar Society of the Catholic Church. She recalls many firsts in the Church, among them are the following firsts: R.C. Hunter's daughter, Cathy was the first child baptized in the Church, The Willie Bierschenks acted in proxy for Cathy's mother; the first local child was her son, Kenneth; the first couple married was Beatrice Rauschuber and Joe Hess who moved to Muenster, but the local couple that remained in Valley View area was her daughter, Imelda, and Alvin Rauschuber.

Mrs. Bierschenk continues to live in Valley View and plays an active part in the community affairs.

G.M. BOYDSTON RECALL A TORNADO

A tragic tornado which swept through the Hemming community, fifteen miles south east of Gainesville, near the Denton county line, and near Valley View, on Saturday April 27, 1907. It killed seven persons and marked the beginning of the decline of the flourishing little village which at the height of its growth some 125 persons, had 2 stores, a gin, a school building and three churches. Killed in the tornado was the community physician Dr. John C. Riley 59, father of J.H. Riles of Gainesville; William R. Alexander, 16; Grover Beavers 14; Leona Nell Wells 10; Pettis and Painter Wilkins 8 and 4 years; and Oma Boydston, 6 years old. The only house left standing was the home of John Alexander St., which was on a hill about 500 yards south of the store.

Mr. Boydston recalls: "I can recall my parents telling of our family being moved into our new house just a short time before the cyclone and Dad told my Mother, We really put the nails in this building I think it will be here a long time unless a fire or tornado destroys it." He also remembers his parents, G.G. and Jeannie R. Boydston relate the sotry of The Hemming Cyclone which hit their small town on that Saturday afternoon. His Dad being employed at the mill, and could not leave his job, sent a brother-in-law Dayton Sullivan to the house to assist the family to a storm cellar near by. As they went to leave the house they discovered the doors could not be forced open due to extreme vacumn just seconds before the storm hit. The last thing my mother remembered was the house being picked up in the air.

G.G. Boydston and son G.M. operated a black smith and machine shop in Valley View from 1925 to 1932.

THE MANGRUMS

The Mangrums moved from Fannin County to Valley View. They came for the purpose of running a

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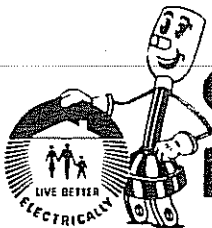
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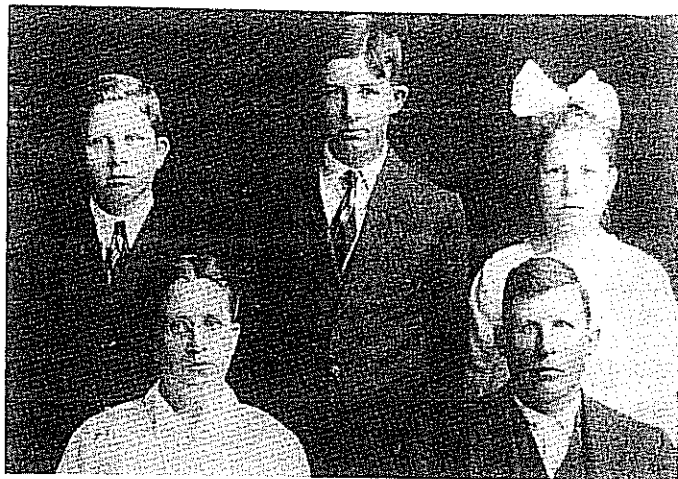
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flour mill and helping with a double gin for Mr. Ed Aston and Company. Mr. Mangrum was to be the miller. The gin and the flour mill was next to the railroad. However, Mr. Mangrum did not get to work very long at the flour mill as it was sold to Whaley Mills of Gainesville, Texas. Then with the aid of Mr. Joe Wilson, Mr. Mangrum ran a grist mill that was located about where the Church of Christ is now.

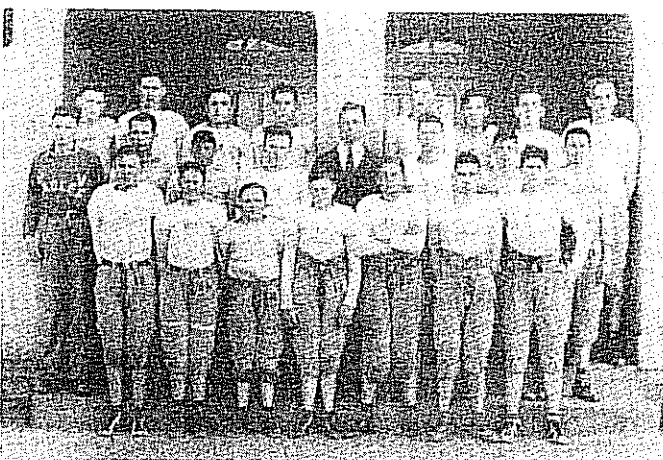
There was a large family of the Mangrums, and some of the boys were Paul, Darius, Marvin, J.C., Forrest, Fitzhugh, and Mable their sister. The boys worked at whatever job that was available. Paul recalled that he worked for Charlie McAteer's dad in a restaurant on the east side of the square. Soon the restaurant was sold and the McAteers built the Service Station where the Post Office is located now. Darius remembers that he helped build the Baptist Church. Marvin learned the tailor shop trade when he worked for Willis Mallicote. He is still interested in the tailor shop business as he has a shop in California. Darius lives in Downey, California. Paul lives in Grand Prairie, and hopes to visit Valley View during the Centennial Celebration October 28, 1972.



The Jeff Masten Children

Mrs. G.L. Niesler on July 9, 1899. They lived in the Lois community all of their married life except the first two years. They were the parents of three children George Masten born August 10, 1900 and died at the age of 59, 1959.

Raleigh Masten was born October 10, 1902. He and his family bought the Jeff Masten home place at Lois and lived there several years. Then they built a new home in Denton, Texas. Della Masten Hayes, Latham was born December 13, 1904 and died at the age of 45 in 1949.



First Row: Owen Roane, W.E. Hudspeth, Carl Spindle, W.B. Hudspeth, Doris Davis, Roy Simmons, Billy Joe Glasgow. Second Row: Jake McForlan (water boy), Odell Simmons, Merl Ward, Dan Flint, Jr., Louis B. Jones (Coach), Eggert Dickson, Earl Ward, Billy Bart Sparkman. Third Row: Jack McCollum, Dale Aughtry, R.C. Hunter, Henry Ray Wylie, Robert Solomon, Ben Schmidt, C.L. McCuiston, Jim Lowe.

T.J. (JEFF) MASTEN AND FAMILY

T.J. (Jeff) Masten was born in Missouri on January 3, 1872. He died on October 12, 1951. He came to Texas with his family the J.B. Masten at the age of either 7 or 10 years. They settled in the Era community. Mr. Masten was married to Mamie Virginia Niesler, she was born in North Carolina on March 19, 1880. She died November 20, 1935. She came with her family to Texas at an early age and they settled east of Gainesville in the Oak Valley community. They were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and

THE SAMUEL McCOLLUM FAMILY

The late Samuel Monroe McCollum and wife Sena (Enis) McCollum came to Cooke County from Fette, Alabama in 1894 settling on a farm 5½ miles south east of Valley View. The five children coming to Texas with their parents, only one survives, Mrs. Beulah Fay Martin who lives in Gainesville.

The farm is still in the family of the estate of C.W. and Vera Lee McCollum Sluder heirs. The heirs are Bessie (Sluder), Howard, Bertie (Sluder) Rush, and Sena Mae Sluder.

Bertie Sluder Rush attended Valley View High School. A school queens contest was held, and George Hudspeth nominated her and saw to it that she was the queen.

THOMAS A. CARSON FAMILY

Thomas A. Carson and Philo Boardman drove a team of mules through from Ohio to Texas in 1882. In 1883, Tom Carson bought the first part of the 160 acre farm, purchasing the balance in 1885.

From 1885 until 1903, Tom Carson rode the open range in Wilbarger County near Vernon, Texas - returning to Cooke County in 1903.

In 1905 he married Eva Fryer Dobson, a widow with three children: Ida Pilkerton (now Ida Mae Knight), Bessie Pilkerton (the former Mrs. Bill Davis, now

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deceased), and Herbert Dobson who now lives in Valley View with his sister, Ida Knight. To that marriage are five living Carson children. William Tommie of the Lois community, Pauline Hollingsworth of Denton, Ernest Leroy of Kinder, Louisiana, Johnny Lloyd of Fort Worth and Edward Floyd (Kit) Carson who lives on the old home place in the Elm Grove community.

Mrs. Eva Carson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reason Fryer, was born in Valley View in 1874 where the Community Center (old Presbyterian Church) now stands.

HIGHWAY 77 NOW 35

Valley View became the only town besides Gainesville in Cooke County located on U.S. Highway 77, which has run through the western part of town on the west side of the square since it was taken over by the State Highway Department.

The U.S. interregional highway 77 has been built through the town in a new location on the east side of the business district, paralleling the Santa Fe railroad tracks. It is an overpass, and Frontage roads had to be constructed along the side in order for most people to build business places, and to have exit roads to their homes.

FIRST WASHETERIA

Mr. Webster never heard of that word. It was a new-fangled type of help-your-self laundry when Willis Mallicote put one in, on the south east side of the square. It changed hands several times, with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Klinglesmith, Chaney Butts, Pete Potts all operated it before it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lewter, they later sold to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Norris of Gainesville.

Roy Clark put in a new modern steam laundry on the west side, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewter bought him out, then the Norris place folded up. Lewters operated this one 13-14 years before selling to John Roswell from Oklahoma. Roswell sold to Sherian and Gene Dyer, who did considerable repair work on the inside. Later they sold to her father, Frank Barthold, who owns and operates it at the present time, with four big dryers and numerous washers.

Floyd and Bertie Lewter came to Cooke County from Alvarado, first settling in the Hood community. Their son Joe and family reside there now. Their only daughter, Winell Scott of Gainesville, is teaching her tenth year at Valley View School. Floyd drove the school bus for ten years. He passed away May 23, 1971, after working for sometime with Cotton Johnson, south of town on a quarter horse ranch. Bertie worked for the Puckett Cafe and Bea Garrett cafe, too.

BEAUTY SHOPS

It is not definitely known when the first Beauty Shop was operated in Valley View, but to the best of our knowledge, Mrs. Preston Ward "did" hair in her home, at 10¢ a head, without any formal training. La-

ter, it became a state law to have all Beauty Shops outside the home. She, then operated her shop in an addition to her home.

A Mrs. Williams was a one-time operator here. Then Alma and Violet Montgomery, a sister-in-law team, operated a shop in their home, later they dissolved partnership and each had their own shop. Virgie Fennell opened a shop on the "square" for some time later moving to Era.

Maurine Stroud, operated a shop on south side and is still in business there, Mildred Shaw is on the West side. Mildred Cooley, also had a shop here and later at her home east of Valley View.

ICE HOUSES

About the first "ice-house" in Valley View was after the blizzard of 1889. The Lee Lake froze over enough to hold a horseback rider. Captain Lee had the Negroes to saw the ice on the Lake into squares and it was stored in cotton-seed hulls, in a pit, dug on the south side of the bank of the lake, which is still visible. This ice was used during the summer months.

Lewis Idell operated an ice house for approximately 20 years. Mrs. Idell was Mable Chancey, a native of Saint Jo, Montague County. Lewis hauled groceries for all the stores in Valley View, which was three, or four. They had three daughters, Ernestine, Estelle and Nancy. Estelle's husband, the late Cecil Stevens was a native of Spring Creek. Nancy and her husband Eugene, have three sons, they live on Route #1, Valley View. Ernestine has two children Claudette and Richard Moore, their father is the late Claud Moore, who worked for the Santa Fe railroad at one time.

Lewis Idell passed away on February 1936. Later years Mrs. Idell married Will Cline, and he is deceased, she is called Mrs. Idell about as often as Mrs. Cline. She resides in her home in the north part of town.

MINUTES OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MAY 23, 1963

Present for meeting were: Homer Stroud, Charlie Clark, W.B. Hudspeth, W.E. Hudspeth, Robert Martindale, Curtis Savalle, Rev. Strader Taylor, C.A. McFarlin.

An election was held, with the following results:
 Homer Stroud. 1st Chief
 W.B. Hudspeth. Asst. Chief
 Robert Martindale. 1st Hose
 Charlie Clark. 2nd Hose
 W.E. Hudspeth. Large Hose
 Curtis Saville. Plug and Intake Hose
 Robert Solomon. Electric and Gas and Notification
 C.A. McFarlin. Secretary-Treasurer
 Meeting night set for 3rd Thursday night of each month.

The group voted to send a note of thanks to George Jeffries for the pump for the truck.

Adjourned.

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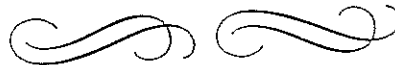


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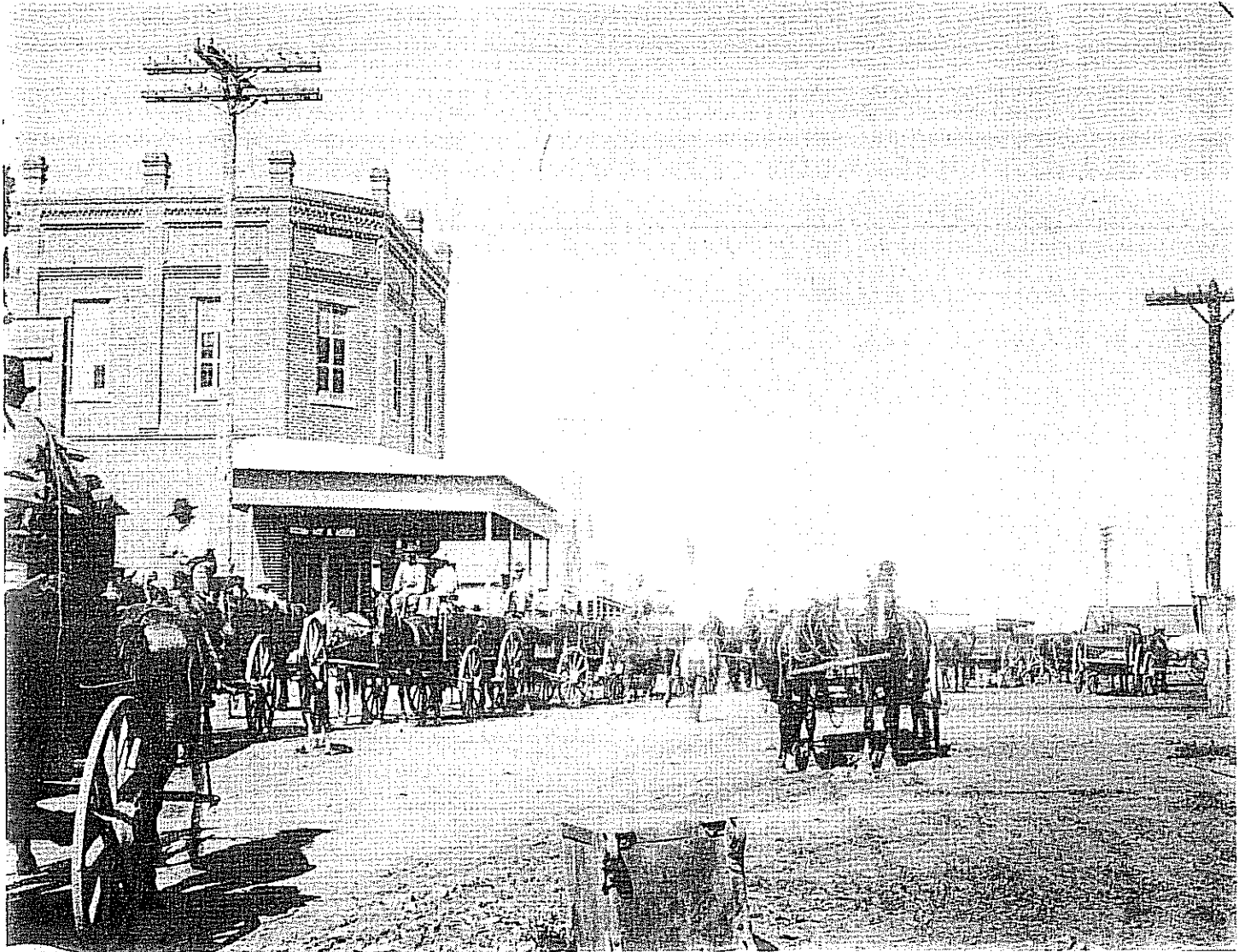
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It was here we were most happy and enjoyed both success and failures as others. The chief joy was that we spent our youth in Valley View and watched our boys and other children grow into responsible young men and women. Valley View afforded us a high degree of tranquility and peace of mind.



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Reflections of Angelina Flint

My first acquaintance with my husband's grandfather was in the year 1834. He was very old and very wealthy, his means reaching into millions. He had two sons, Meare and Samuel. Samuel was my husband's father. The old gentleman, thinking it was time to make his will drew up an instrument bequeathing his large fortune to his two sons. The will provided that the boys must graduate from the schools of Montreal, Canada and also stated that they must finish a course in Yale, Harvard and Oxford Universities, after which they were to take a trip to Egypt and the Holy Land. He said if his boys would go there and walk in the footprints of Christ, he would think them Holy boys. After the boys had finished their education, they started to carry out their father's wishes in regard to the trip. They got as far as Italy but there they received news that a plague had broken out and was carrying off people by the thousands so they postponed their trip and started back. On their return home they passed through England and stopped at one of the large English cities, where they saw a large number of people standing around a public building. They asked a bystander what was going on inside and he said that this was a court house and a man was being tried for poaching. They asked the bystander if they were allowed inside. "Oh yes" he said, "Anyone can go in who wishes to." "Will you guide us in?" Yes, he would guide them in and they went in and took seats. The boys looked over the court-room at the large crowd. They saw a woman sitting on one side of the room weeping bitterly, with four small children standing around her. It seemed that the jury had reason to offer why the sentence should not be passed upon him, now he had the privilege of speaking. He arose and told the court that he had worked hard to earn the money to pay his duty to the king. "When I had accumulated all I could," he said "I took it and paid my duty to the king. I had not one dollar left for myself and my family. Soon after my wife was taken down with typhoid fever and lay for six weeks between life and death. One morning I thought I would take my gun and see if I could kill a partridge to make her some soup with. I walked down the road and soon saw a pheasant light in a tree. I shot the bird and it fell in a mass of tangled foliage, flapping its wings and finally falling in the King's Park. I stepped up the park fence and looked everywhere for the keeper. I called two or three times and I neither saw nor heard anyone, so I stepped over the fence and picked up the bird. Before nightfall I was arrested for poaching in the King's Park. This is why I am on trial today." The judge made a few more remarks on the case and then said, "I will have to fine you thirty dollars or give you thirty days in jail." The woman shrieked. The man turned white and fell back in his chair and cried, "What will my poor wife and children do?" The Flint boys held a whispered consultation. The youngest brother took fifteen dollars out of his purse and handed it to the elder brother who took a like amount out of his purse. He then stepped to the prisoner and gave him the thirty dollars. Instantly there was a great commotion in the room. The guide said that such generosity in England had not been heard of. The boys gave the woman \$10

and to the children \$10 also and then left the room. The judge asked them if they had money enough to pay their way home. "That makes no difference," they replied. "We are acquainted with the captain of the vessel we sail on, and we can settle with him for our passage when we get home." When they arrived at home, they were met by their guardian, who proceeded to carry out the other provision of the will. The boys were now grown men and must choose a vocation in life. The elder brother gave the younger first choice. Samuel said he wanted to be a poor man's lawyer, so that he might plead cases like the one he saw in England. For with he went to Montreal where he studied law for two years and then he began his practice. I will now leave the story of my husband's father and take up the story of the elder brother, Meare. His choice of a vocation was that of ship-building. He went to Montreal and began his study in this line. He completed his first ship and launched it in the Atlantic Ocean, but was not satisfied with it. Although it was a good ship and brought a fabulous price when offered for sale, he was still disappointed. He built many ships that sold so fast as they were launched on the oceans, but he never made one that suited him. He allowed his business to rest quite a while and then announced one day that he would build one more ship and if that did not suit him he would never build another. He selected the best material that could be had, and secured the services of the best workmen in the world. He spent one year in the building of this ship and when it was completed and launched it was considered to be the finest and most elaborate piece of work ever launched on the Atlantic, Meare Flint was well pleased with this ship; so much that he decided to take his family for a trip around the world. The morning he set sail, he was given all military recognition, with booming of cannons and bands playing. The gathering watched the grand ship out of sight and that was the last ever seen of the elder brother and his family and his proud ship. It was never heard from again but it is supposed that she was overhauled by pirates and the crew killed or taken captive and vessel towed into some secret recess known only to the pirates themselves. Now, I will return to the younger brother. He took up the practice of law in New York and after a while moved to Ohio. He settled in Columbus and practiced at the place for two years and then was elected president of the University of Ohio. He held that position for about two years and the time grew near to elect a governor. His friends urged him to accept the nomination, but he refused for sometime knowing that the state was largely Republican, while he was a staunch Democrat. However, he was finally persuaded to accept the nomination and started out on his campaign. He first went to Cincinnati and while making a speech at that place he was informed of the serious illness of his wife and was told to return home at once if he expected to see his wife again alive. He at once threw up the nomination, saying he had three small children left in his care and his first duty was to them. His wife died soon after his return. His home was now broken up, and the funeral over and his business settled, he took his three small children to Chicago to place them in the home of a married daughter. He had two grown sons. The eldest one went to the nearest military post and enlisted for five years in the Texas and Mexico war. He served for three years, was in the battle of Mexico City and was honorably

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discharged to return home. Samuel Flint, after plac-

Angelina Flint's maiden name was Warner; her mother's maiden name was Wells, and her mother's maiden name was Curtis. She was a relative by marriage of Martha Curtis, George Washington's wife.

This story was dictated by Grandmother Flint in 1921 to her grandson, M.M Hart and he typed it.



Mrs. Flint 80 years old 1912



Top row, left to right: Eugene Miller, T.J. Carson, Billy Jack Wiley, Jimmie Stockton, Billy George Highfill, Harvey Dick Hammonds, John McCuiston, Freddie McCuiston, _____, Bobby Anderson. _____
Bottom row, left to right: Gertrude Rauschuber, Helen Riddles, _____McFarland, Jo Ann Flint, Peggy Myers, Betty Sue Sweitzer, _____Towery, Reubeline Wilson.
Center: Betty Lou Klingsmith, leader.

ing his three children in school in Chicago, continued the practice of law at that place for a few years. He moved to West Jefferson where he practiced law the remainder of his life. His son, Archibald, returned from the war in 1846. The next year, 1847, I was married to him. We moved to Missouri and our first land was land given him by the government for serving in the army. We lived in Missouri twenty-two years and came to Texas in 1870. We have been in Texas 46 years. Archibald Flint died in Valley View, Texas in 1881 at the age of 61.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FLINT FAMILY 1830-1972

Archibald Flint was born in Missouri in 1823, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Flint. Angelina Flint daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Warner, was born in New York City in 1830 where she resided until she was 12 years old. At that time she moved with her parents to Springfield, Missouri.

She attended school in New York for a few years. One cruel incident she told about I would like to relate. The long school house where she attended school had a huge fireplace occupying one end of the building. One of the pupils disobeyed the teacher and to punish her she made the girl stand in front of the fireplace where there was a raging fire, with arms outstretched until she collapsed and died. Of course, the teacher was discharged immediately and punished for this heinous crime.

Back to the story of the Flints, Archibald Flint and Angelina Warren were married in 1847, a year after he was honorably discharged from the Mexican War.

The Archibald Flints immediately moved to Carroll County, Missouri, after their marriage where they took up a claim to a grant of land given to him by the United States government for his service in the Mexican War. They lived there 22 years. In 1863 a train composed of 100 covered wagons attempted to cross the Plains, meeting with many reverses principally shortage of food and attacks from the Indians. The wagon train visited many places of interest, and Mr. and Mrs. Flint accompanied the party throughout the trip, later returning to Missouri for a while.

The couple moved to Texas in 1870, settling on a farm one mile west and ¼ mile north of Valley View. The farm is now owned by John Kuntz. Mr. Flint bought several hundred acres of land joining the farm where he first settled. He hoped to establish a town on part of it but this did not materialize.

Mr. and Mrs. Flint reared five children:

1. Laura Flint Stansberry
Daisy Stansberry Cunningham
Mattie Bell Cunningham Clover

Ivy Stansberry Segraves
Sam Frank Segraves

Frank Stansberry
Lennie Pearl Stansberry Smith
Laura Lee Stansberry Brookshire
Sam Frank Stansberry

Blanche Stansberry Hardin
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Betty Bell Culp
Flo Bell Cook

John Bray

3. John N. Flint
Arch Flint

Dan Flint, Sr.
Dan Flint, Jr.
Jo Ann Flint Forrester

Sam Flint
Florence Henry Flint

4. Libby Flint York
Libby York McCoy
One daughter

Nita York

Katie York
Son and daughter

Pearl York Hudspeth
Jeff Hudspeth
Bill Hudspeth
Ashley Hudspeth
Lucy Hudspeth Woods
Weldon Hudspeth

5. Lou Ella Flint Hart
Sam Hart (died in infancy)

Clarice Hart Muncy
Ruth Muncy Herron
Rada Muncy Hamilton
Patricia Lou Muncy

Ruby Hart Therwhanger
Thelma Therwhanger Stroman
Dorothy Therwhanger Bourne
H. Newton Therwhanger
Joyce Therwhanger Sweat
Wiley Therwhanger

Arch Hart

Rada Hart Anderson
Rebecca Anderson Allard
Frances Hart Anderson Solomon
Justine Anderson

Lee Hart

Miles M. Hart
Genele Hart Farwell



Archibald Flint

Archibald Flint died in Valley View in 1881 and after his death the land he owned was divided among his five children. Angelina Flint lived mostly by herself in Valley View except when a grandchild would spend some time with her. When she could no longer stay alone she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Nora (John) Bray, who gave her loving care as did all of the family. She was a staunch Christian and a member of the Church of Christ. She died in 1925 at the age of 95. She was buried in Fair View Cemetery in Gainesville. Her husband, Archibald, was also buried in Fair View Cemetery in 1881.

Since I am a member of the John Flint family by marriage, I will give a little history of his family.

John N. Flint and Florence Allen, daughter of Henry H. Allen and Patricia Phillips Allen, were married about 1883. To this union was born three sons, Arch, Dan, and Sam. Dan was born in 1886, the year the Santa Fe Railroad was built through Valley View. Arch was born in 1884 and Sam in 1888. They are all deceased. Their mother, Florence Flint, died at the age of 20 in 1888. She left three motherless boys. They lived with relatives and friends until their father re-married to a lady named Liza Hall. To this union four children were born, Mary, Carrie, Johnnie and Jack.

After John Flint's death at age 40 in 1902 and buried in Valley View Cemetery, Liza, his second wife, took her four children to Weet Texas to be near her people. The Flint boys remained in Valley View. Dan was 16 years of age and he lived for a while with

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his aunt, Nora Bray while working and attending school. Later the school interfered with his work and he devoted his time to his work. He did not have a formal education but was an avid reader and was considered a well read man always trying to stay informed on current issues.

Arch Flint married Jessie Tabor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Tabor of Valley View. Sam Flint married Edna Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Gregory of Era and they later were divorced. One son, Florence Henry, survives.

About 1907 Dan Flint went to Stratford, Texas to live out a claim. This was located across the line in Oklahoma. He came back to Valley View in 1908 and was married to Mary Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.K. Jones in 1909. They established a home in Dalhart and lived there several months, returning to Valley View in 1911. Mary Flint died in 1912.

In 1920 Dan Flint was married to Ferol Elkins, daughter of Thomas B. and Ella Tice Elkins in their home three miles east of Gainesville in a quiet ceremony with only a few relatives and close friends attending. Rev. Carl Clement was the officiating minister. In addition to the family of the home, other guests were Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Leazer, Mrs. Lottie Wilmuth, Mrs. Marie Ross, Gus Parish, Mrs. A.F. Jones, aunt of the bride; Geraldine Jones Lewis, Mrs. Nora Bray, aunt of the groom; Maude Ora Bray Bell, Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Davis and family of Glenn, Georgia; Miss Myrtle Elkins of Houston, Miss Corinne Self, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elkins, uncle and aunt of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Robb, Mrs. Nina Morrison Daniel, and Mrs. Zella Morrison Carmichael.

Dan and Ferol Flint established their home in Valley View on the site where Joe Bob Farrell now lives. They later bought the Furgason place and still later bought the place where Vera Lee Lowe lives which was built by Vernie Aston.

Dan Flint was a licensed funeral director and was associated with Newton Bros., J.W. and J.L. Leazer in the hardware, furniture, and funeral business for 35 years. He also worked for Huston Drug Store, Willock Grocery at Valley View and Teague Company of Gainesville for about four years.

His health failed in 1937 and knowing he could not work much more, he and his wife, Ferol, decided to establish a small dry goods store. Mrs. Charles Peery was a co-partner but sold her interest after two years. Mrs. Flint operated the store until 1952 when she sold and moved to Gainesville to be near her family.

Dan and Ferol Flint were parents of two children, Dan Flint, Jr., educated in Valley View schools and Cooke County Junior College where he was a graduate. He is also a graduate of Ed C. Smith Mortuary School in Dallas. Dan, Jr., has been serving in Cooke County as a licensed mortician for 26 years, and is now associated with Geo. J. Carrol & Son Funeral Home. Dan was married to Evelyn McKenzie of Dexter, daughter of A.J. and Bessie Tinsley McKenzie in 1949. To this union was born four children, Dan Flint II, 22; Nancy Flint Moore, 20; Mike Flint, deceased; and Pat Flint, 13.

Jo Ann Flint was educated in Valley View public schools, North Texas State University, and Baylor University. She was married to H.K. Forrester in 1950. They live in Waco and she is librarian in a Waco high school.

Dan Flint, Sr., joined the Methodist Church in 1912 and was very active in it as long as his health permitted. He was a steward in the church in Valley View and Gainesville for 35 years and had a burning desire to see the church go forward in the Lord's work. He was a semi-invalid for nine years but was always patient and had a pleasant word for every one. His Christian spirit was an inspiration to all who knew him, especially his family. He was always interested in the town and community where he lived and wanted to be a friend to all mankind. His earthly career was ended on May 27, 1947 and is buried in the Valley View Cemetery.

This story of Archibald and Angelina Flint and descendants is true to the best of my knowledge.

(Signed) Ferol Flint, wife of Dan Flint, Sr., deceased
September 1972
Gainesville, Texas

J. J. LEAZER

J.L. Leazer, a community leader and professional man moved to Valley View in 1915. A father and son team, J.W. and J.L. operated the Leazer Hardware Store and served the community as undertakers. J.W. passed away some 15 years later and J.L. bought the other interest but continued to carry the J.W. Leazer name. Progress waits for no one and soon undertakers were replaced by Funeral Directors, horse drawn hearses were replaced by motor driven hearses. Funerals were held in churches and funeral chapels instead of homes.

Mr. Leazer's hardware store served the farming and ranching interest in Valley View and southern Cooke County for some 30 years. During these years harness, single row farm equipment, horse drawn binders, ice boxes and tec. gave way to tractors, combines, electric refrigerators and other items too numerous to mention.

J.L. Leazer service to the Baptist Church can only be reported by the manner he served as Sunday School Superintendent and in many other departments. His wife, Edna also served the Church and community well. She passed away in 1938.

The Valley View Community progressed with workers and leaders like Mr. Leazer. Many young men were in his employ early in their business careers.

In 1938 he bought the Brooks Powell Funeral Home in Gainesville and was active in the Funeral Profession until about 1950.

In the middle 1940's he sold the hardware store to devote most of his time to the Funeral Home.

In 1941 J.L. Leazer married Mrs. Annie Bain. She had vast business experience working for the Teague Co. of Gainesville and she devoted this experience to their business interest. Mr. and Mrs. Leazer continued a sincere desire in the well being of Valley View and the Baptist Church, both of which he served for many years. His passing will be remembered by many who loved and respected him.



Jesse and 1st Studebaker Hearse taken day David Lowe was buried. Dan Jr. at wheel.

THE FIRST CAR STOPPED AT VALLEY VIEW

The first car in Cooke County stopped in Valley View. It went this way---Dr. C.T. Hughes had purchased a car for his son, Roy, then 15 years old. The car, with a lever across the drivers' lap for steering purposes had been owned by a McKinney banker who offered it for sale in a Dallas News advertisement.

D. Hughes went to McKinney, inspected the car and paid \$375 for it,---delivered in Gainesville. The McKinney banker employed two men to drive it to Gainesville. They left early of a morning and reached Valley View by nightfall, but could proceed no further. Anxious to fulfill their obligation, they hired a team of horses to bring the car to Gainesville, and aroused the Hughes household in the middle of the night to announce the delivery. This happened about 1903. The car was an Olds, and it is believed the car ended up on a junk pile at the Santa Fe round house.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN VALLEY VIEW THERE WAS-----

A Band, Their slogan was: "For fun and Noise, We are the Boys."

Some of the members were: Jim Wilmeth, John Connell, Sam Collier, Clay Newton, John Wilmeth, Ernest Fryer, Charles Waaten, Earl Smith, Purl Newton, Charles Ussery, Carl Newton, Bret Wooten, Ben Wiggins, and Earl Jones.



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There was a Livery Stable on the North side of the square.

S.E. Humphries served 30 years on the Valley View School Board.

In 1905, These young men were the promising business men of Valley View; John Hall, Jim Wilmeth, Sam Flint, Marion Haley, Jim Lane, Richard Spann, Henry Murphy, Henry Sebastian, Earn Newton, and Arch Flint.

Work is to begin Monday on piping gas to Valley View.

IN DAYS PAST

(From the files to The Sun, August 26, 1921)

A bale of loose cotton was strewn in all directions Wednesday morning when the team of mules belonging to Fred Brandt ran away with a load of picked cotton while it was being ginned at the Myers gin.

On August 25, 133 bales of cotton had been ginned in Valley View.

C.E. Weiseman had a bale to grade Strict Middling. This was the highest grade given to a bale of cotton in Cooke County this year.

September 12 is the date for school to start. The board has made arrangements to have nine months of school this year.

H.H. Allen, Mrs. Tom Brownlee, was one of the first trustees in the Valley View School.

The first school bus in Valley View was in 1925.

Charles Frank (Grandfather of Charles Frank) Newton was the first Sunday School Teacher.

In 1907 the Valley View School held its first Graduating Class.

In 1880 the first Masonic Lodge was organized.

The Square was built in 1919.

In 1903 Valley View had their first sidewalks.

In the fall of 1970 the Sewer Disposal System was started, not finished yet.

1971 direct dialing of telephones was started.

The Names of the Streets were solicited by the Loins Club, the numbers obtained by the Home Demonstration Club Members.

THOSE WHO DECIDED TO STAY

Many of the youth who grew up in the Valley View area and attended school here, after graduation went elsewhere to find employment, but this group continued to live and seek their fortune in this community.

Wilbour Barthold and Shirley (Chisam) were married, and have four children; Ricky, Vickie, Kim, and Terry. The Bartholds have just completed a new brick home west of town.

Mary Jane Bennie married William Stewart of Gainesville. They are the parents of two daughters, Debra and Cynthia.

Peggy Brewer, daughter of Joe (McCollum) Brewer.

R.C. Brownlee and his brother H.A. Brownlee.

H.D. Bryant and his sister Laura Bryant.

Bob Buffinton, and his wife Claudette (Moore) are at home with Nancy, Bobbie, twin boys, Gerald and Darell, and Virginia, Sherry (Aycox) is married.

Wanda (Martin) is the wife of Sherman Clifton. They are the parents of David, Danny, Janice, and Lisa.

Warren Dyer is the son of Gene and Sharion (Barthold) Dyer.

Louann Moody married Don Gillum and their first

child was born August 12, 1972. His name is Jeffery Charles.

L.O. Gregory married Beulah Fambrough and they have two married daughters, Dorothy and Margaret.

Jackie and Dewayne Harris live with their parents Yuyon and Joan (Caufield) on a farm.

Jack Highfill is married to Anna Grace (Klinglesmith) and they have two boys; Jack Wilson, and George Edgar.

Betty (Johnson) and her husband Clyde King live on a farm west of town. Betty works in the bank in Valley View.

Jane Mallicot lives at home with her parents, the E.L. Mallicots. Jane works in a Gainesville bank.

Denise and Thurman Jack Martin live with their parents, Thurman and Voncille (Vestal) Martin, on a farm southeast of town. Both youths are interested in 4-H work.

Larry Martindale and his wife Linda (Roeder) run a dairy, and have three little helpers, two boys and a girl.

Another couple that runs a dairy are Max Martindale and his wife Sherry (Joy). They, too, have some little helpers, two children.

Maurine (Hancock) is married to Homer Stroud. Maurine runs a beauty shop in Valley View.

Raymond Miller lives in Valley View but works in a photograph shop in Gainesville.

Norman Mills has a son Norman Jr. He is married to Bernice (Blair).

Loretta, Kay, Joe, Lee Ann, Jim Buck, Keela, and Gail call Sara Jack (Keel) Myers, "Mother" and Alvin Myers, "Dad"

Johnny McCollum and wife Diane (Miller) live on Lee St. and have one child.

5th St. is the address of Jimmy Ann (Hancock) and her husband Joyce Pace. Will Ann, Stanley, Clay, and Peggy Lee.

In 1972, there are many other who call Valley View home such as: The Curtis Wilkersons, Raymond Hogan and children, Billy Maughn and children, Elwin Millers and one daughter, Bill (Chisam) and husband Jo Bob Farrell and sons, Billy Bob and Robbie. Ronnie is married, the Robert Dyers, and the Joe Douglas Doughty and children.

Dale Calhoun lives with his parents on a farm. They are Evelyn (Johnson) and Chester Calhoun.

The Billy Mac Calhouns have recently completed a new home east of town. They have four children Butch, Brenda, Becky, and Brad.

The McFarlins, Rosie Lee (Keel) and Cecil live on Lee St. Cecil is Postmaster.

Lennis (Steadman) Medlin continues to live in the Valley View Area. Her daughter lives with her.

407 S. Frontage Rd. is home for the Eugene Millers and children.

The Charles Myers live on a farm. Pansy (Obuck) is one of the descendants of William Obuck, a town founder, they have three children: Mava, Peggy, and Charles.

Norman Newton is the son of Charles Frank Newton. He and his wife live in the old Newton home place.

Polly (Steadman) the wife of the late C.B. Potter has a new home in Valley View. The home is built on the site of her grandfathers, J.B. Harris old home.

Ewin Aston is married to Emma (Siegman) of

Gainesville, and they have two children; Lenora, and David.

Homer Baker retired after he married the former Bertha Lowery, and they make their home here.

Leroy Belze and family live on Hwy. 35 in a new brick home recently built.

Dennis and his brother Edgar Bierschenk and families made their home in and near Valley View.

The Rauschuber brothers, Alvin and Marvin married the Bierschenk sisters, Imelda and Jo. They with their families live on farms.

Mary Maughn is the wife of Loyd Walters. They have one child.

Billy, Mary's brother is married and has two children.

Jeff Hudspeth (deceased) and Willie (Aston) reared a fine family. They were the head of a family of one girl, Eula Pearl, and twin boys, W.E. and W.B.

W.E. Hudspeth and Velma (Box) have lived in Valley View all their married life, so far, the Hudspeths have three children, Warren, Don, and Cindy. The children are among the most outstanding kids in town. They have won many trophies and awards, the boys in F.F.A. with their livestock, and Cindy in 4-H work. The Hudspeths have a livestock business at Pilot Point, Texas.

W.B. Hudspeth and Mary (Chisam) have too made Valley View home, in fact, a new home is being built for them at the present time. Nancy and Bill help their parents in the feed and fertilizer business in Valley View.

Jerry Hudspeth and daughters, Janet, Mary and Susan live with their wife and mother Nelda (Chisam) Jerry farms while Nelda is Home Ec teacher in the Valley View High School. The girls enjoy being 4-H Club members.

Jack Martin with his wife Evelyn (McCollum) have retired and live in Valley View.

There maybe many more or perhaps their names appear in other stories in this book. But these are some of the home folks that will enjoy celebrating the 100th Centennial October 28th of 1972.

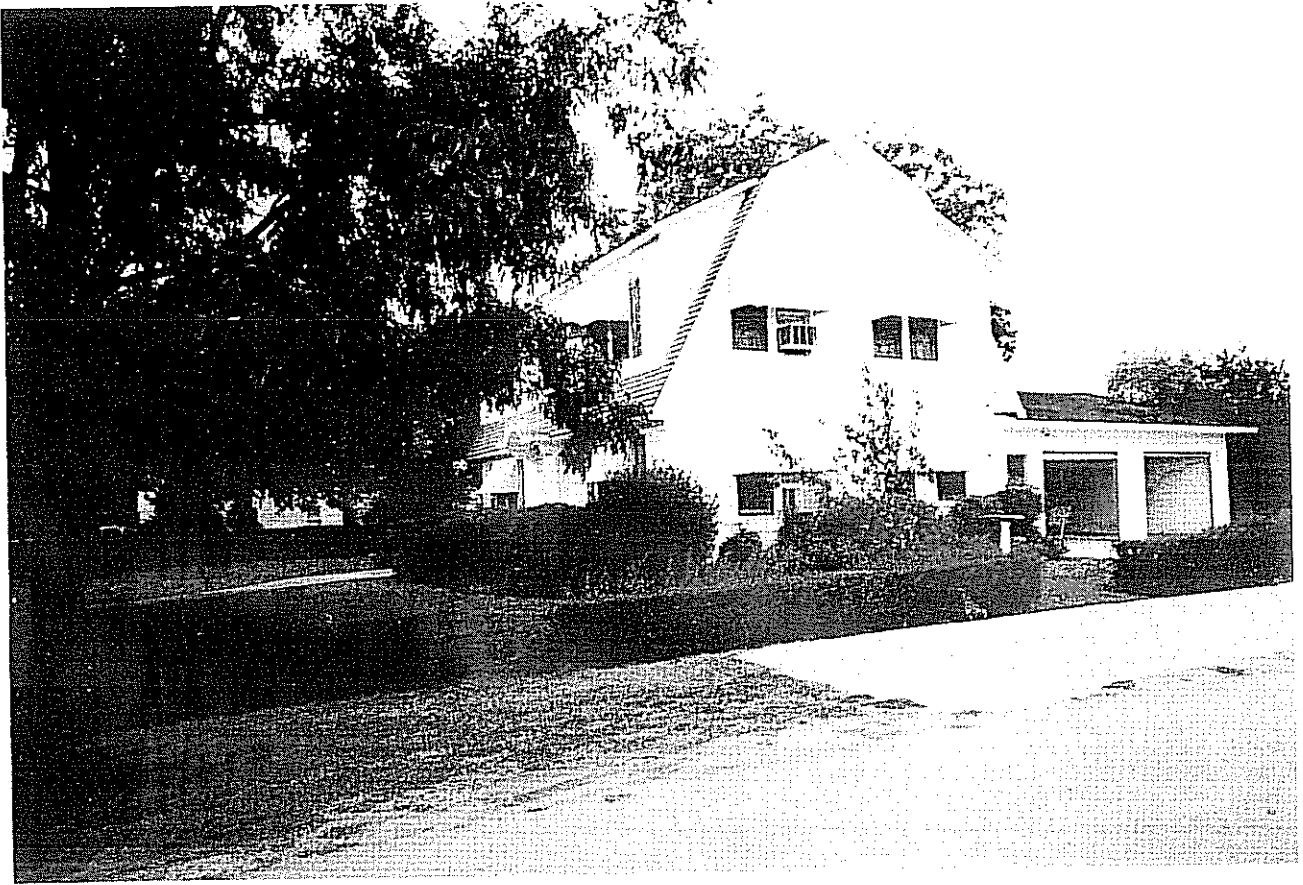
ORGANIZATION

The Valley View 4-H Club was organized in 1922 with Miss Berlie Bolton as County Home Demonstration Agent.

The 4-H Club was a school club with meetings held during the school hours till 1957 when it became a Community Club. Mrs. Yvonne (Allen) Jenkins the Assistant County Home Demonstration Agent helped to organize it.

The 4-H Club members have been active in all types of 4-H activities. There have been three Gold Star Girls and Boys from the club. They were: Clydene Roane now Mrs. Truman Wilkerson, Joe Dale Christian and Thurman J. Martin.

The members participate in the County Food Show, Share-The-Fun, Dress Revue, Horse Club and Shows, Method Demonstrations, Livestock Shows, and Record Books. Several in the club have gone as County winners to the District Shows. One has attended the State 4-H Horse Show as a District winner several years and one member has attended the State 4-H Roundup.



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The Valley View Chapter of the Young Homemakers of Texas was organized in 1963. First officers were President-Mrs. Lloyd R. (Dorothy) Smith, Vice-President-Mrs. Clyde (Betty) King, Secretary-Mrs. Douglas (Odelia) Doughty, Treasurer-Mrs. Truman (Clydent) Wilkerson, Reporter-Historian-Mrs. Robert (Mary) Martindale, and Advisor-Mrs. Curtis Joe (Tommye) Wilkerson.

The chapter has received recognition as the Outstanding Chapter in Area V and their scrapbook has received awards three times in Area V.

Past Presidents have been: Mmes. Thurman (Voncille) Martin, Jerry (Nelda) Hudspeth, Yuton (Joan) Harris, Douglas (Odelia) Doughty, and Jerry (Linda) Jackson.

The chapter has helped with many activities in the community such as the Mothers March, F.H.A. activities and farm sales. Also they have provided Christmas decorations at a home for the aged and collected toys and games for underprivileged children.

They have also recognized Little Sisters from the F.H.A. and some have been Patsy Luttmmer, Kaye Mann, Linda Davidson and Denise Martin.

Officers for 1971-1972 have been President-

The Valley View Boosters recorded its charter officer election October 1, 1970. Composed of service-Oriented Valley View Citizens, the charter groups aim and chief purpose was service to the community, through community and youth improvement. It proposed improvement in the quality of living for members of the community by providing them with dedicated leadership. This dedication has exemplified itself through the many worthwhile projects undertaken by the Boosters in the past two years.

Charter officers were Pete Pedersen, President; Jackie Pedersen, Vice-President; Eunice Wolf; Secretary and Elizabeth Hobbs, Treasurer.

Fund-raising projects for civic and school improvement are numerous in the group's History. However, their greatest effort was the provision and maintenance of The Eagle's Nest, a recreation facility for local young people, for almost two years. The formation of an annual scholarship, named The Vernon G. Hill Scholarship Award, further credits the Boosters as a group sincerely dedicated to civic and youth improvement.

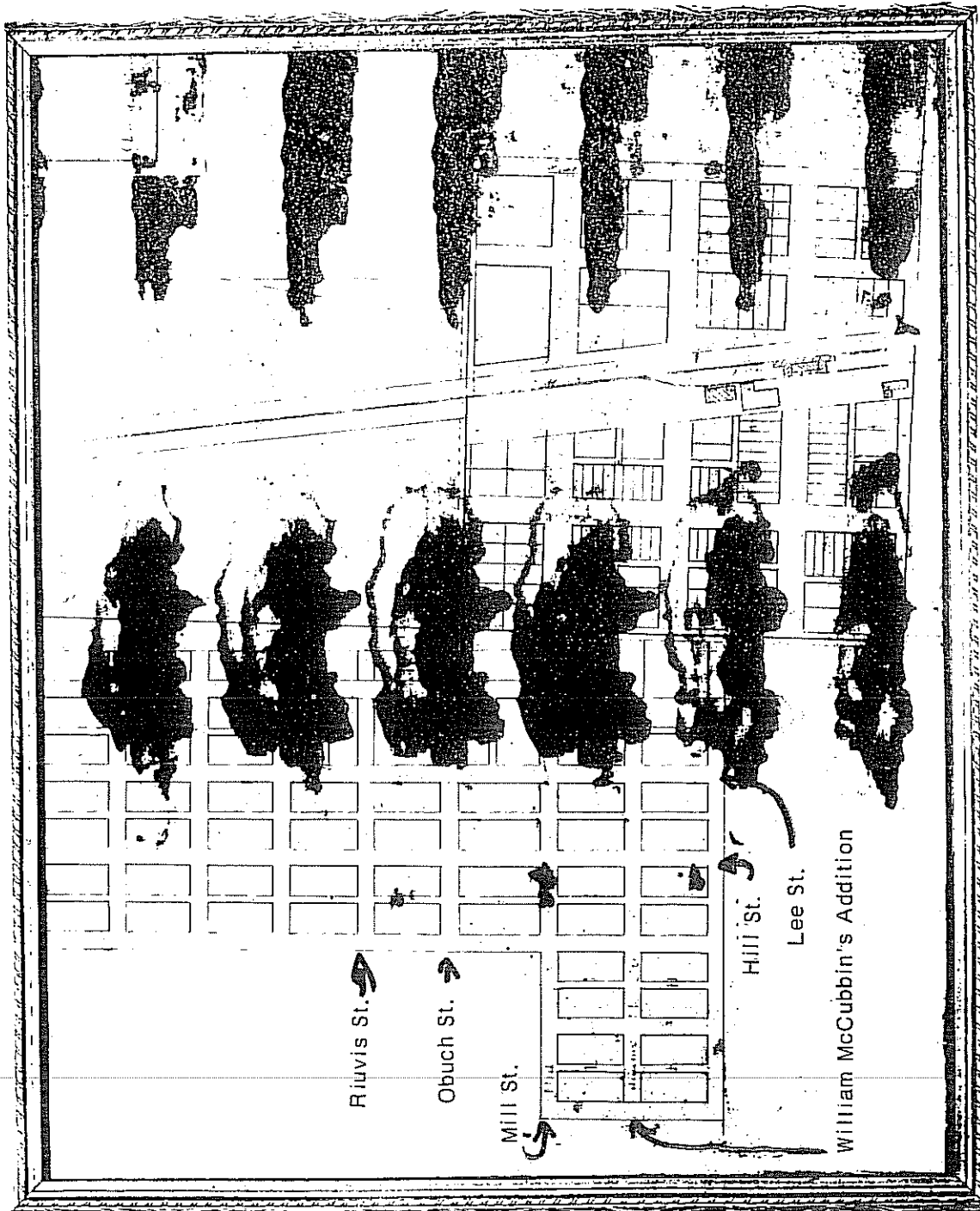
Stories

It was a well-known fact among the early day Valley Viewites that Sharkey Overshiner was a dyed-in-the-wool Methodist. One good member of an old time family remembers when Sharkey strayed off to the Baptist Church one Sunday night to a protracted meeting. The preacher was asking different persons to tell what they thought of the Lord, and what he had done to bless their lives. He pointed out Sharkey and said, "Young man, will you tell us about your Lord?" Sharkey said, "*****No, I am a Methodist."

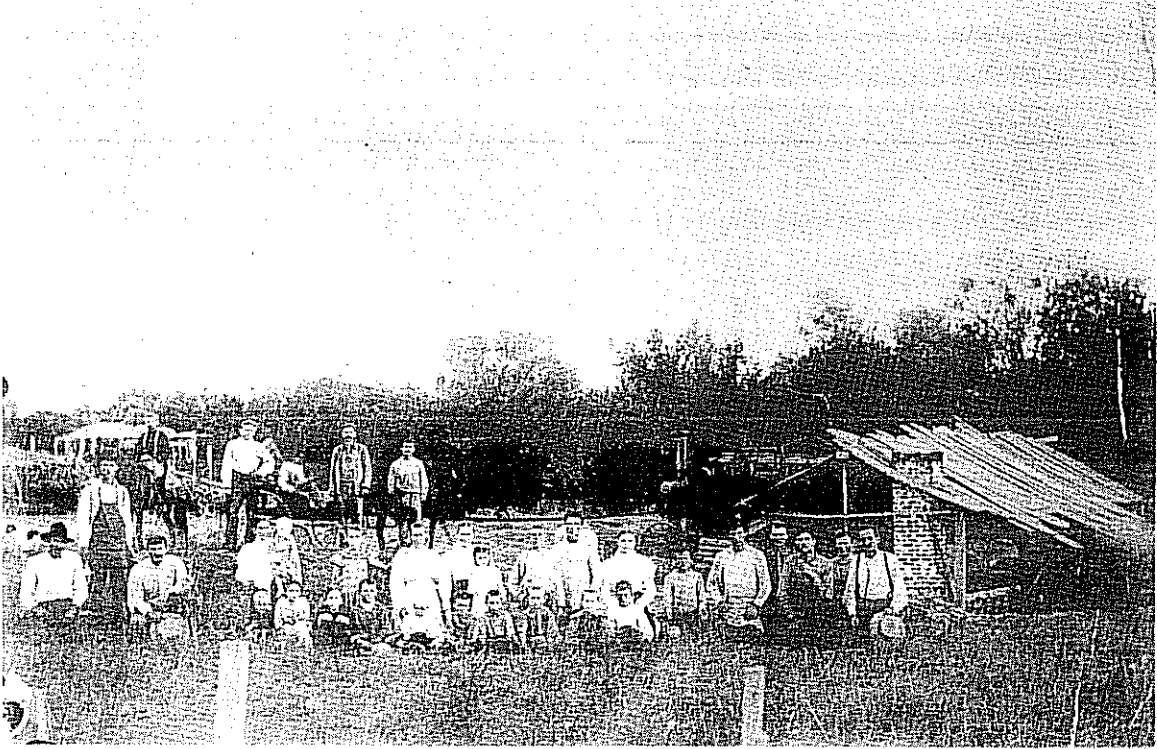
"4" Slinker vows that Jesse James came to Valley View years ago, to visit Capt. Lee. "4" says he can remember seeing him, he wore boots and a gun and was an old friend of the Captains, while they both lived in Missouri.

The first Santa Fe Railroad came to Valley View in 1887. Some of the early-day depot agents were: Geise, Edgar Menefee and C.L. Helms.

ORIGINAL MAP OF VALLEY VIEW



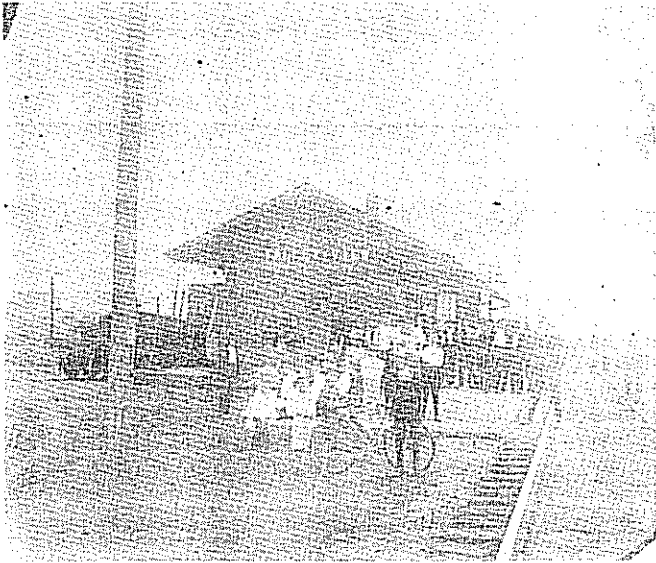
A PICTORIAL WALK THROUGH THE PAST



Fryers Sorgum Mill—1897



The first Lumber Co., Steve Humphries Mgr.



Meeting the train, a pastime



Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Harris Family



1913 Brass Radiator Ford



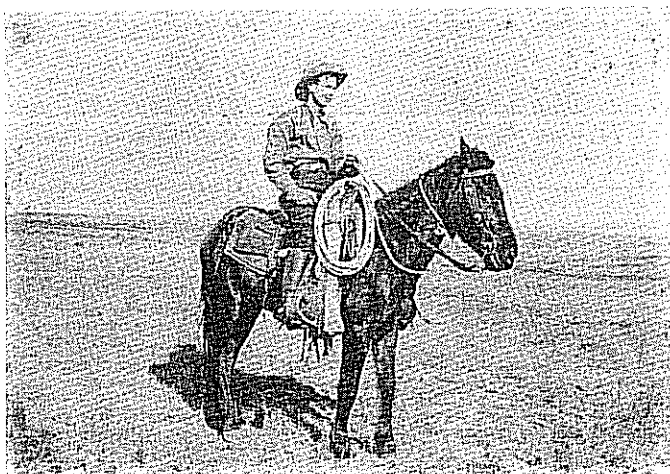
Luther McCollum—Sheriff of Cooke County for 6 years



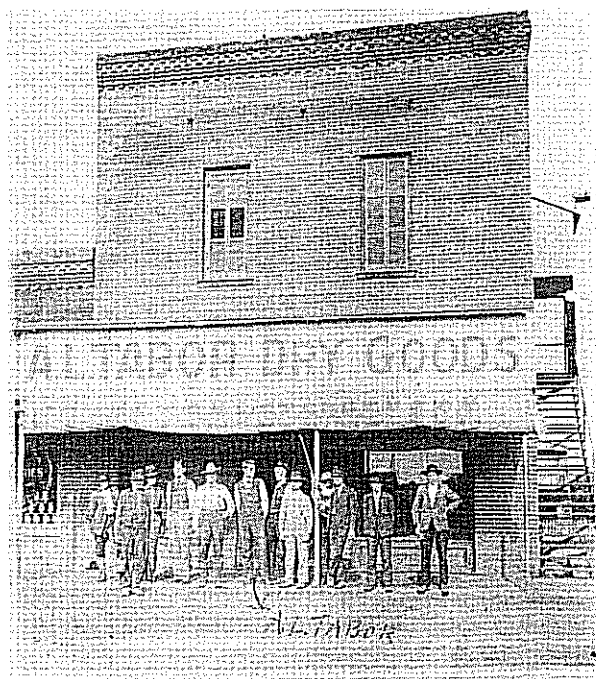
Hupmobile



Threshing machines being ready to go to harvest



Dan Flint Sr.



A.L. Tabor Dry Goods



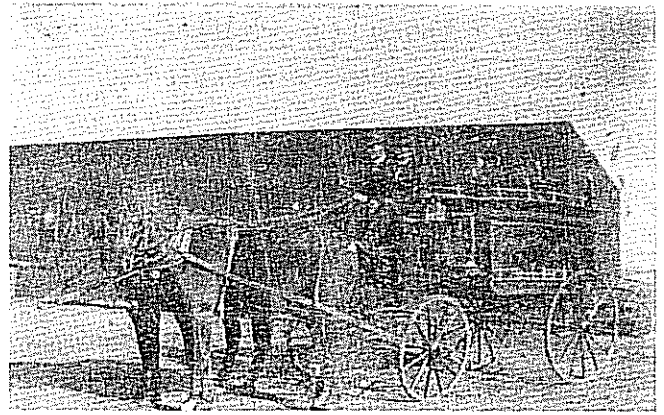
Jeff Hudspeth and twins, W.E. and W.B.



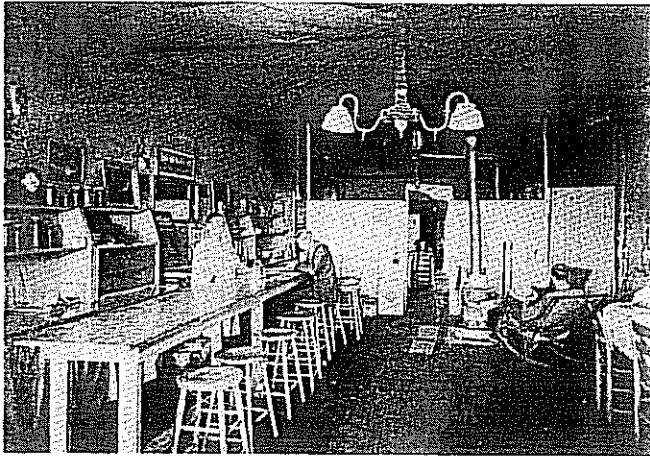
Jack and Bert Martin on top of haystack



Dan Flint Sr. & Grandfather H.H. Allen



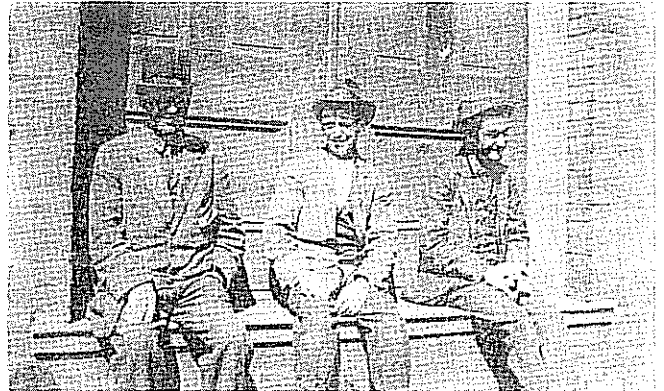
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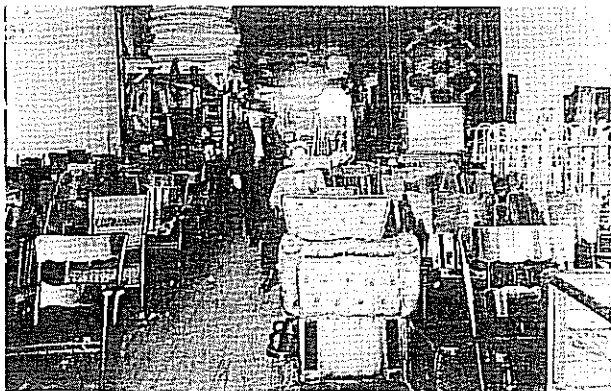
Brownlee Cafe



Steam Engine pulling plows—West of Lois Store



The Overshiner Boys



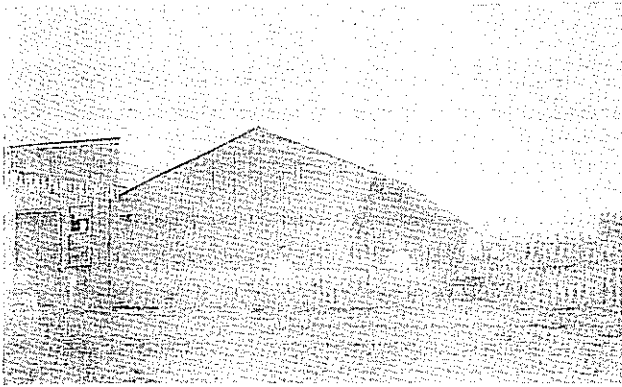
Frank Newton Store



Model T Ford 1924—Bert Martin



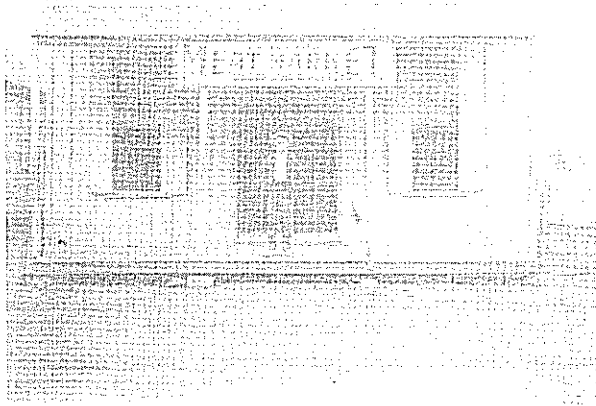
Keel Family



Early Scene



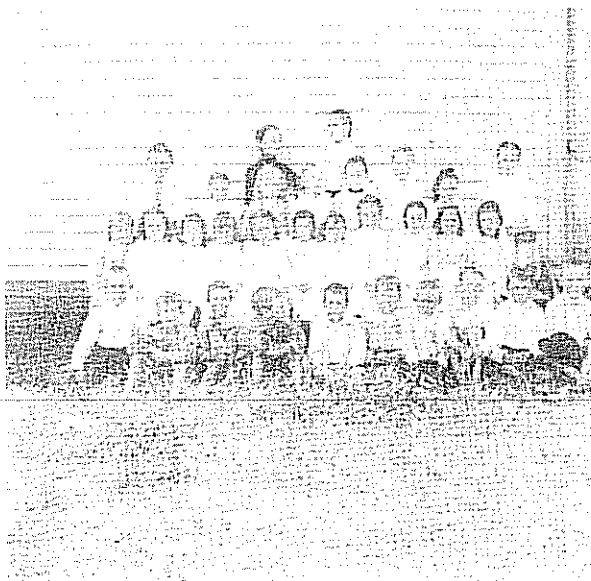
The mighty car salesman bench



Meat Market



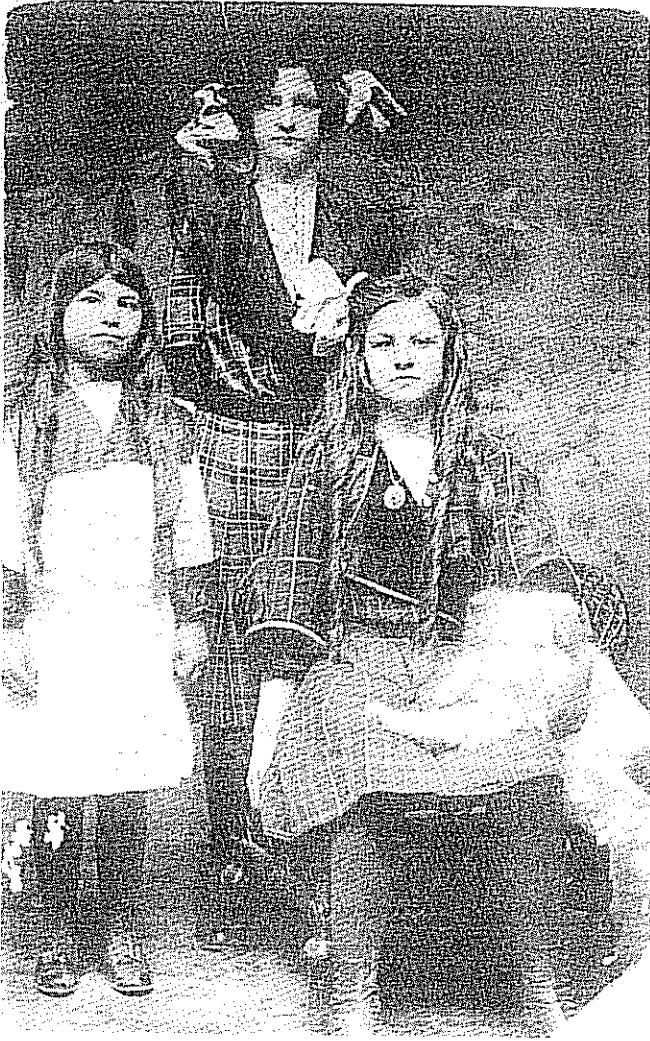
W.E. Hudspeth



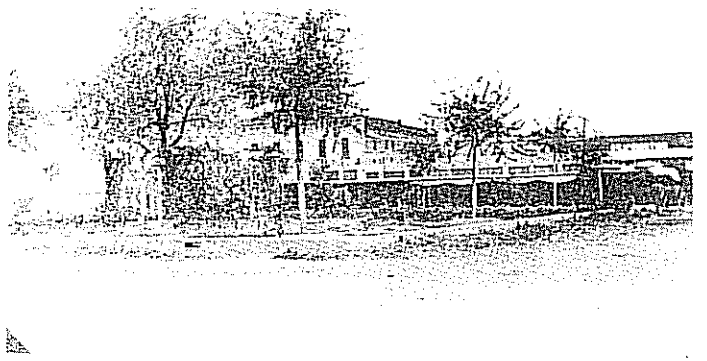
The Old Frame School house—First Grade



The Preston Jones Family



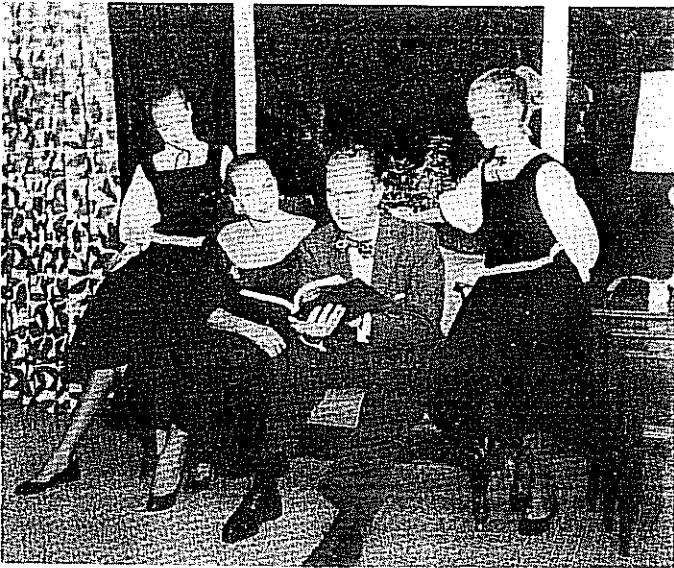
Mae, Bessie, and Bertie Sluder



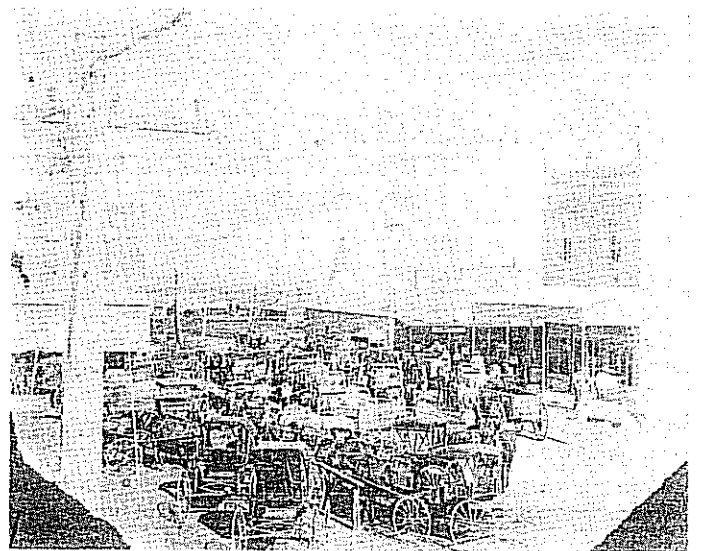
The square as landscaped by The Civic and Culture Club



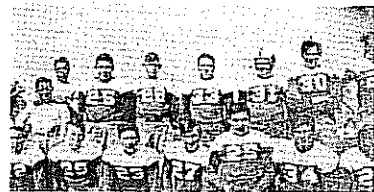
Vera Lee(Sebastian)Lowe and Inez Murrell in 1920



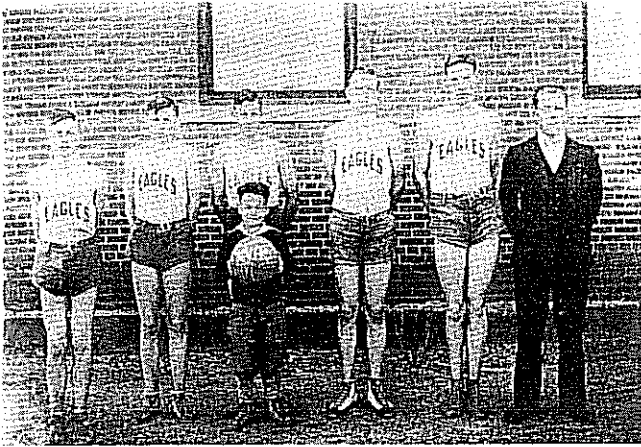
The Hal McCuiston Family



Buggies on Square



Football, Valley View



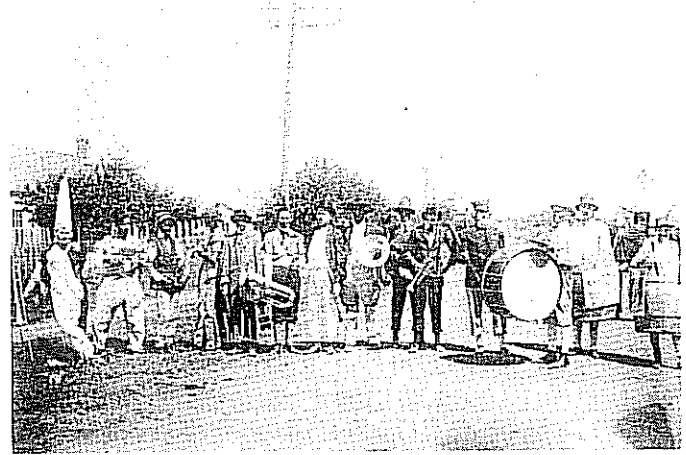
1931 Basketball Team (Dan Flint Jr., Mascot)



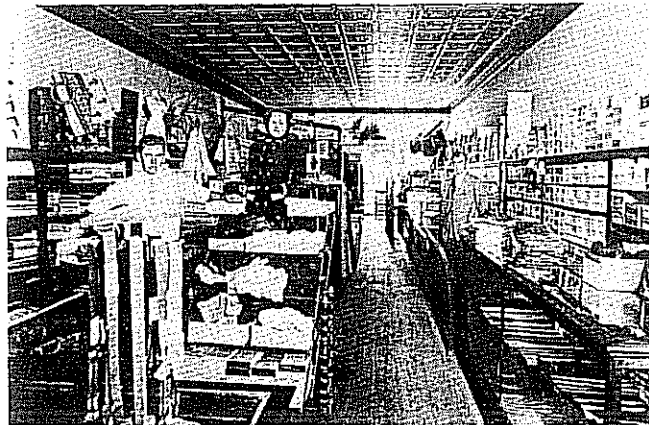
North Side of Square about 1914



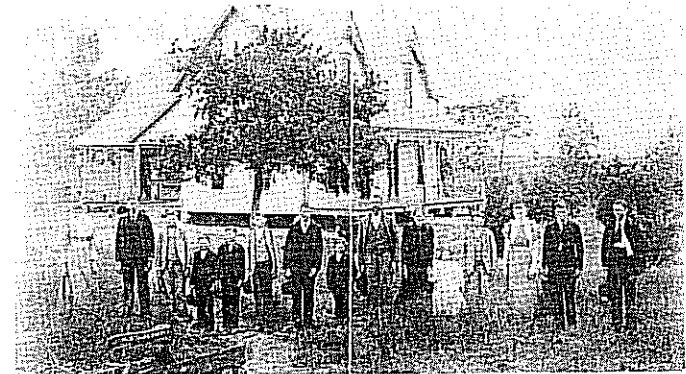
Building the square in 1920



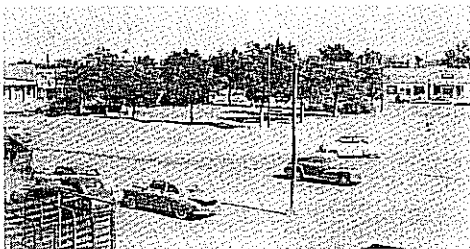
The Clown Band



Kavanaugh Dry Goods



J.B. Masten and Family—13 children



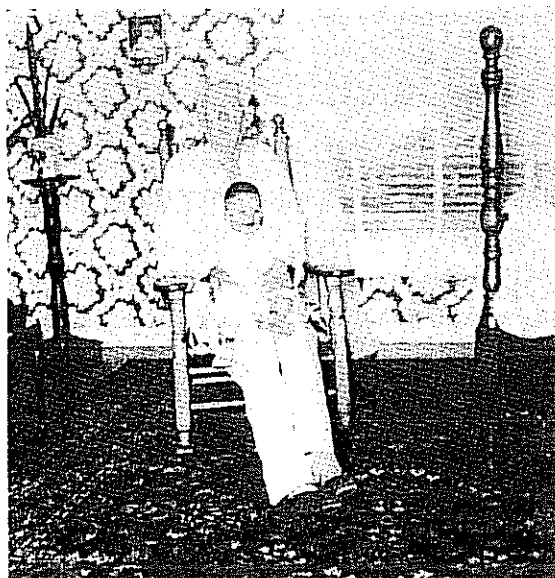
1953 St. Scene



The Crescent Farm House



The Fred Blackard's (Triplets) children—only set ever born in Valley View—Father was school Superintendent L. to R. Donna—Doug—Dianne Kirk—Other brother in background



Ed Aston and Warren Hudspeth



Ed Gimple and his Bass Horn



Jack Highfill—Warren Jones—Ted Steadman



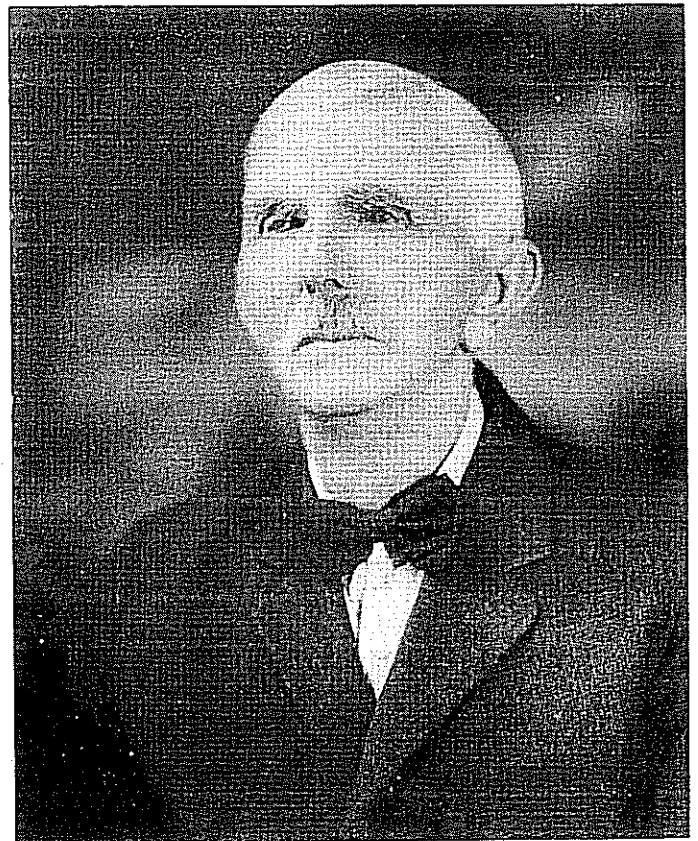
David McCollums Great Grandmother



Ector McCollum



1921 Valley View High School



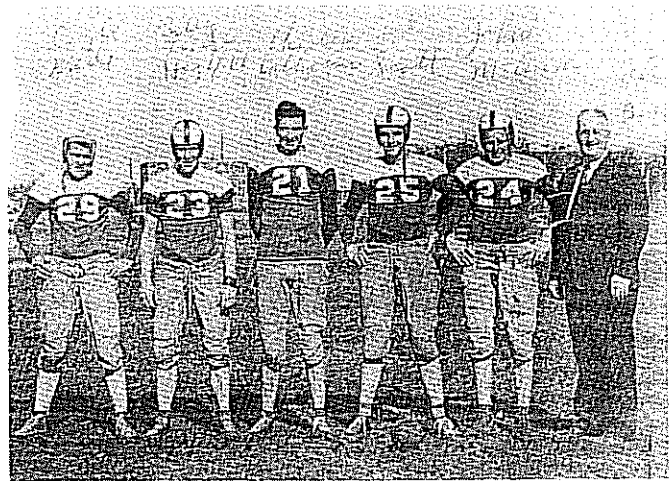
Issac Gregory, Uncle Ike, Ozro Gregory Grandfather
age 92 years



Bettie Jane Murphy & Family



R.G. McCuiston Family The 50th Anniversary



Doyle Wade, Billy George Highfill, Chester Calhoun,
Joe Scott, John McCuiston, A.AI Barnes. All
District 1945 - 1946



David McCollum about 5 months



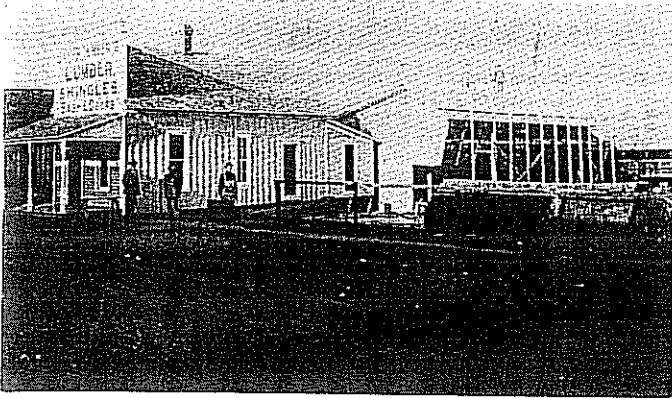
Dan Flint Jr. Ringbearer at Sam Rayburn and Metze
Jones wedding in Valley View



Butch and Billy McFarlin Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil
McFarlin (Valley View Postmaster)



David Martin Mrs. D.S. Martins Grandson



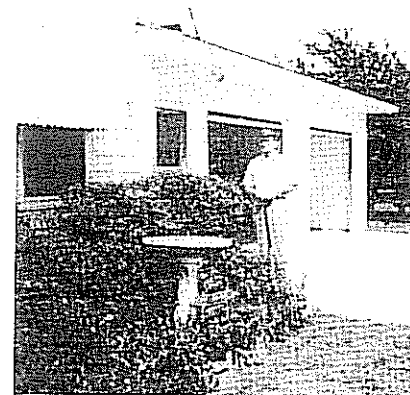
Doc McCuiston standing at corner of building



Brenda, Becky, Butch, and Brad Children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mac Calhoun of Valley View

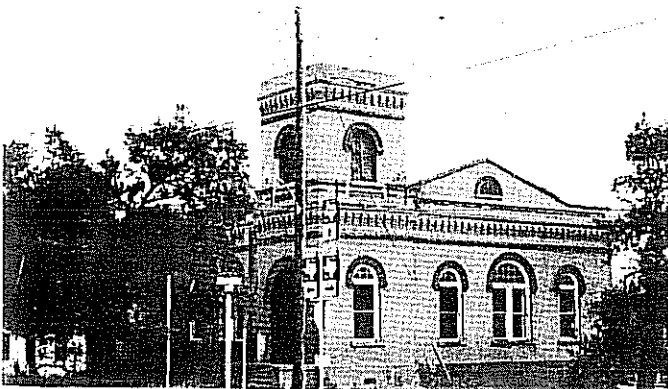


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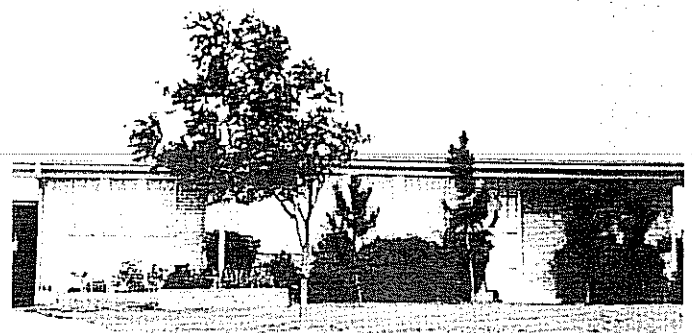


Bert Martin

HOMES OF VALLEY VIEW



Community House – Presbyterian Church



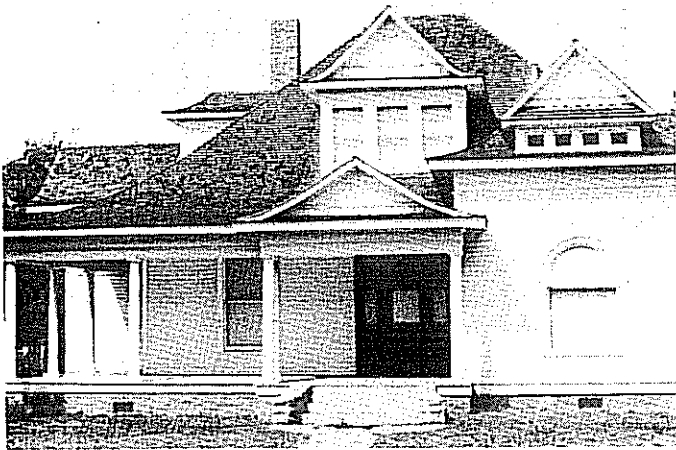
Robert Solomon



Mrs. David Martin—The oldest two-story in town



The Houston House



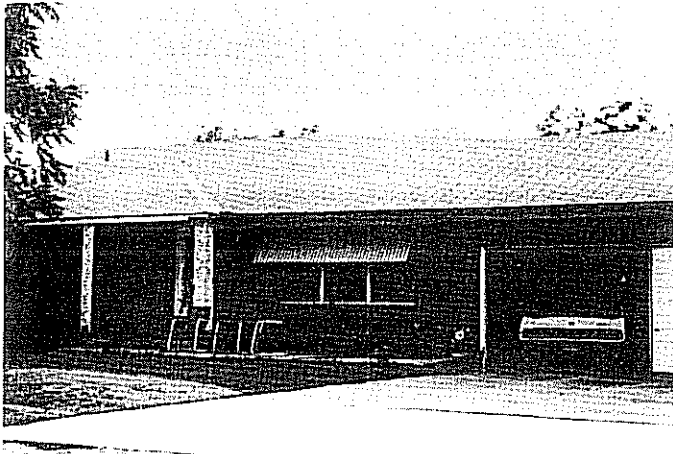
The Nichols House



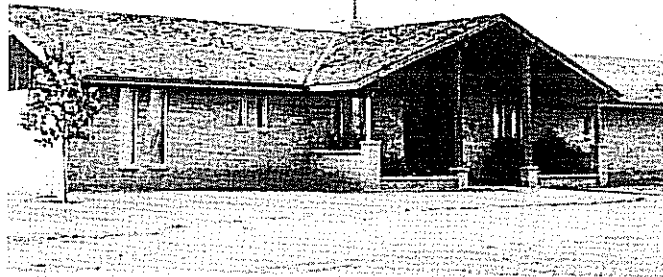
The Ralph Couch Home



The Jack Highfill Porch



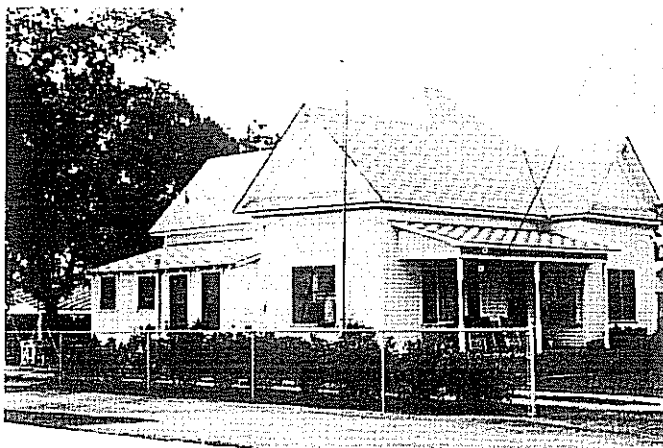
Ozro Gregory



Don Hobbs



Elwyn Miller Burkhead House



Everett Mallicote's old House

OLDER HOMES IN VALLEY VIEW



Keith Kemplin House



Doye Doty House—In the country

TAKE A LETTER

Dear Captain and Mrs. Lee,

Suprise, a letter from the people of Valley View; Isn't it nice to look back and to see what has taken place in your town for the last hundred years? Well, that is what this letter is all about.

Last evening sitting in the huge den of the beautiful modern home of R.E. Nesbitts, our attention was directed to the view of the valley. It was almost twilight, and the suns last lingering rays were casting misty shadows over the mass of trees that line the banks of Spring Creek. The lush green grass looked as if someone had just laid a new velvet carpet all over the valley. To think, Mrs. Lee, that this was the very same view that inspired you to say, "How beautiful is the valley, I name this town Valley View." Only elaspse of time and progress has changed the surrounding area. The lake is still where it was when your log cabin stood on its bank, except it is much larger now, and its stocked with fish. The rippling waves dash against a barge thats tied to a tree.

Nearby the lake is a barn and believe it or not, its painted white and its made of lumber, Captain, you'd like that.

The grounds are landscaped to perféction. There's many shade trees, shrubs, and lovely blooming flowers in neat flower beds all over the place. It was out of season for the pink roses that you adored so, Mrs. Lee, but I bet they were tucked some place in the garden.

Ah! That house Captain Lee, you'd be most happy that it is built of brick. You had changed your mind about houses of lumber in Valley View, they burn too easily, remember?

Please, don't worry, you two, your favorite spot for a home has fallen into good hands. The Nesbitts and their children Cheryl, Janet, and Mark must love that place as much as you did. Believe me, your old homesite is really a frontier, not the dreaded backtier you faced so long ago, Mrs. Lee.

We, in Valley View are indeed indebted to your foresight, and to have left us this heritage. As you very well know, that it is the spirit of a people that lies in its history. This story is history. So long, its been nice remembering you.

The Valley View People

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We have enjoyed being a part of Valley View

for 23 years.

Sloan and Christine Fortenberry

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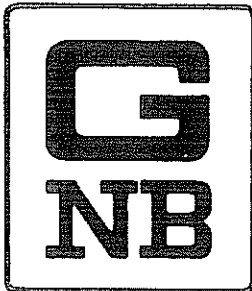


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