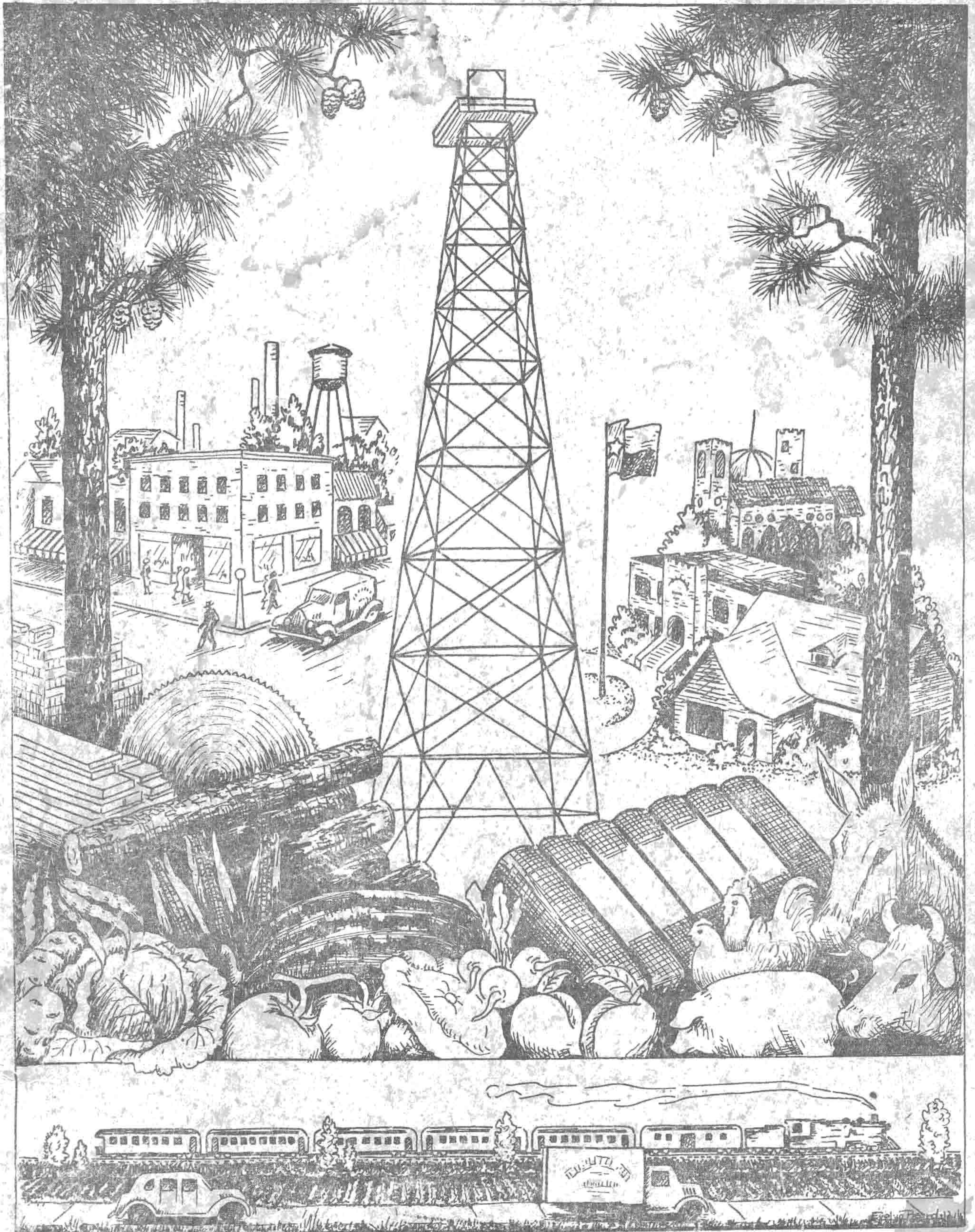


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Atlanta Was Plotted 67 Years Ago

Atlanta Issues First Bonds

The City Council in session, August 17, 1889, passed an ordinance issuing \$6,000.00 in bonds, to buy ground, build and improve building for female academy in city of Atlanta. Twelve \$500.00 bonds, bearing 6 per cent interest, payable at Third National Bank, St. Louis, Mo., with interest on September 1, 1890, and each succeeding year until paid. This ordinance was signed by G. O. Albright, Mayor; and G. W. Robinson, Secretary.

The contract for the new building was let to W. A. Stuckey for \$4750.00 on August 28, 1889. This building was erected on the present school site.

The male school was named the Atlanta Institute and the female school was known as the Female Seminary.

The male school was in a large frame building located just east of the Presbyterian church.

School Always Came First

The City Council in session, June 3, 1889, was presented a petition signed by a number of Atlanta women, asking the Council to build a 40x60, two-story building for the establishing of a female school in the City.

A. Miles, R. M. Harp and R. E. Boyles were appointed as a committee to solicit funds and see what could be done in the matter.

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School Salaries Paid Early Teachers

The City Council in session on August 8, 1889. Prof. Madden was offered \$1400.00 to teach the male department of the Atlanta grade school for eight months, with the agreement that he furnish two good assistant teachers.

Prof. Horsley was employed to teach the female school at a salary of \$125.00 per month for eight months.

Sixty-seven years ago the town-site for Atlanta, Cass county, Texas, was plotted on the new Texas & Pacific railroad, which was under construction through the county. This was in 1872.

The first survey for the railroad was made about a mile east of the present site, and what is called old Atlanta was started on that survey, and was located about two miles northeast of the present Atlanta and about one mile east of Queen City, on the Rev. Dodd farm. Several homes were built there. Dr. Salmon moved there and opened a drug store in connection with his medical service. Henry Ray Sr., opened a general mercantile business. Rev. Dodd named the new town Atlanta for Atlanta, Ga., the well known city of his native state.

Later the civil engineer of the railroad company decided to change the survey to another route to save expensive grading. The new route came through Captain P. R. Scott's farm and the railroad company decided to establish a town at this central point between Texarkana and Jefferson. The name Atlanta was adopted.

John A. D'Dell, who had the first nail driven after the town site was established, came with his parents from Georgia to Jefferson, Texas, in 1851. Mr. O'Dell bought a lot from P. R. Scott in June, 1873, and had the corn cut that was growing on the ground, preparatory to laying the foundation for the first business house, or house of any kind, erected in the new town site of Atlanta. The store was 20x35 feet, and made of rough boxing lumber; a typical country store.

All the first houses in Atlanta were boxed and the lumber in very few of them was dressed, except the floors. Joe McReynolds, Sr., and his son-in-law, Jim Hughes, built the second store in the town some twenty yards from the O'Dell store. T. R. A. Willis was employed as clerk in the O'Dell store. Mr. O'Dell later bought another lot on the corner where the Peck hotel building was and now the Masonic lodge hall, and built a better and larger building for his growing business.

The next business that came to Atlanta was A. Miles from Jefferson, who rented the first O'Dell store, and opened the first drug store here. Next in business here were Bob Lanier, John Law, J. D. Johnson, Charley Kelley, O. C. McClung, Waddie McClung, Joe Taylor, etc.

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Tax Levied For School Purposes

In the year of 1888, the City Council of Atlanta levied a tax of 35 cents on the one hundred dollar valuation for school purposes in the city.

At the same meeting, the Council levied a tax of one-fourth of one per cent for city purposes; also a 25 cent poll tax, on all male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except those exempt by law by the loss of one eye, one hand or one foot. Also a 15 cent tax was levied for a city sinking fund.

Early Business Houses In Atlanta

by Albert Pierce

Some of the first stores operated in Atlanta were:

J. A. O'Dell, J. W. Law, Captain P. R. Scott, Hughes & McReynolds, Howe & Allday, Jones & Christian, J. M. Murphy, McClung & Sons, C. R. Kelley, M. Jacobs, A. Walters, L. S. Baker, Balis & Willis, John Morris, R. H. Porter, Farmers Alliance Store, operated by Jim Fears, Ed Bailey, Pat Torrance, J. D. Johnson, John Willis, R. S. Allday, Wm. Henderson, Ruff Stone.

Mr. Gillispie was first postmaster in Atlanta.

Scott, Spell & Co., Scott & Hinkle, W. P. Scott, saloon; John Chamblee, saloon; Ed Edelstob, saloon; Gus Stevens, saloon; Mrs. Heard, first hotel; John Hardy, second hotel; Walter Allen, third hotel; R. A. Willis, fourth hotel; Peter Goodwin, colored, first restaurant; John Hardy, first livery stable; Abe Miles, livery stable; Wm.

Local Telephone Franchise Granted

An ordinance passed by the City Council in session, May 6, 1901, granted a contract to R. B. Walker and associates, the right to construct and operate a telephone exchange in the City of Atlanta, Cass County, Texas, setting out rules of setting poles, erecting wires, maintaining and operating methods. Rates were set at \$2.50 for business telephones, and \$2.00 for residence telephones. Construction of the exchange to start within 30 days.

H. F. O'Neal, Mayor.

J. B. O'Farrell, Sec.-Treas.

Aldermen: B. H. Singletary, A. Crossley, G. W. Willis, J. T. Chamblee and Chas. Carney.

Browning, livery stable; Porter & McWilliams, livery stable; Mr. Edleman, Joe Porter, George Dunklin, feed store; Mr. Bickham, hotel; Mrs. Hughes, hotel; Sam Lea.

Captain P. R. Scott operated the first bank in Atlanta, Texas.

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Atlanta Masonic Lodge Organized, 1876 Forty-Three Charter Members

The Atlanta Masonic Lodge A. F. & A. M., No. 463, received its charter on December 15, 1876, which was issued to S. J. Morriss, Worshipful Master; P. R. Scott, S. W.; J. C. Hardy, J. W.; A. Miles, Secretary.

The charter was signed by M. F. Mott, Grand Master; E. G. Bower, J. G. W.; and August Botts, Grand Treasurer.

Charter members A. F. & A. M. J. M. Adams, R. M. Blaydes, John Bricker, G. L. Brewer, R. J. Burson, J. L. Bentley, G. C. Barber, J. F. Christian; T. J. Daugherty, W. E. Griffin, E. M. Griffin, J. C. Hardy, Robert M. Huffines, M. L. Hinton, J. M. Larry, M. C. Liveley, R. D. Lumpkin, S. J. Morriss, Aquilla Miles, J. M. Maxcy, J. C. Maxcy, J. R. Moore, W. A. Miles, J. M. McReynolds, J. D. McReynolds, J. A. Pierce, P. S. Rush, P. R. Scott, Wm. Stevenson, R. F. Sloan, J. A. Singletary, Sr., H. P. Thomas, J. C. Ward, G. F. Wilks, B. P. Wood, T. R. A. Willis, J. A. Willis, D. Watson, W. M. Worthey, C. P. McKnight, T. S. McDuffie, L. L. Maroney, T. J. Nelson.

LIST OF Masters

The following is a list of Masters of Atlanta Lodge No. 463, A. F. & A. M., since its organization in 1876.

1877, S. J. Morriss; 1878, P. R. Scott; 1879, M. C. Liveley; 1880, J. M. Adams; 1881, M. C. Liveley; 1882, J. M. Adams; 1883, W. A. Miles; 1884, M. C. Liveley; 1885, L. A. Whatley; 1886, John T. Chamblee; 1887, G. O. Albright; 1888, W. B. Hutchins; 1889, S. E. Murff; 1890, B. F. Ellington; 1891, C. J. Johnson; 1892, S. P. Chappell; 1893, Ed F. Sheets; 1894, Russ Daniel; 1895, J. B. Hughes; 1896, W. F. Cameron; 1897, T. R. A. Willis; 1898, J. H. Walden; 1899, W. F. Cameron; 1900, W. F. Cameron; 1901, W. F. Cameron; 1902, Y. A. Matthews; 1903, Y. A. Matthews; 1904, C. B. Cross; 1905, C. B. Cross; 1906, W. F. Cameron; 1907, no record; 1908, A. Y. Matthews; 1909, A. Y. Matthews; 1910, W. C. Allen; 1911, B. H. Singletary; 1912, B. H. Singletary; 1913, R. B. Simmons; 1914,

R. B. Simmons; 1915, B. H. Singletary; 1916, J. W. Hanner; 1917, J. A. B. Jett; 1918, B. H. Singletary; 1919, J. B. Spivey; 1920, T. D. Whitehorn; 1921, V. A. Clements; 1922, N. P. Hanner; 1923, C. F. Goodman; 1924, D. O. Cameron; 1925, S. R. Davis; 1926, A. L. Bates; 1927, Tom N. Cope; 1928, Geo. H. Harper; 1929, Ben F. Ellington; 1930, Tom N. Cope; 1931, Ben A. Harper; 1932, James McCoy; 1933, James McCoy; 1934, James McCoy; 1935, James McCoy; 1936, James McCoy; 1937-38, J. B. Spivey.

Present Officers of A. F. & A. M. No. 463, 1938-39

J. B. Spivey, W. M.; J. B. Young S. W.; F. P. Watkins, J. W.; D. King, Treasurer; T. G. Johnson, Tiler.

ATLANTA ROYAL ARCH MASONS

The Atlanta Chapter, R. A. M., No. 385, received its charter December 3, 1919. The charter was issued to W. F. Cameron, Excellent High Chief; Clyde Turns, Excellent King; J. A. B. Jett, Excellent Scribe; J. W. Hanner, Captain of the Host; L. Mims, Principal Sojourner; Dr. A. Crossley, Royal Arch Chaplain; Bob Howe, Master 3rd Vale; A. Miles, Master 2nd Vale; Walter Blizzard, Master 1st Vale; Jim Morris, Guard; Floyd T. Mitchell, Treasurer; Dr. O. L. Smith, Secretary.

The charter was signed by; F. P. Marshall, GHP; O. O. Chrisman, Dep. GHP; John A. Atchison, G. King; J. A. Gartland, G. Scribe; W. W. Peavy, G. Treasurer; T. M. Bartley, G. Secretary.

Charter Members of the R. A. M. No. 385

Frank Bivins, W. W. Blizzard, W. F. Cameron, Dr. A. Crossly, W. L. Carwile, W. B. Figures, W. G. Granberry, Bob Howe, J. W. Hanner, J. A. B. Jett, L. Mims, Floyd T. Mitchell, Joe Murphy, A. M. McBurnette, I. E. Johnson, R. W. McCoy, H. P. McCoy, Jim Morriss, A. C. Smith, B. W. Swint, J. B. Spivey, J. E. Swint, Dr. O. L. Smith, Dr. J. C. Strawn, Clyde Turns.

Present Officers of the R. A. M. No. 385

T. N. Cope, Most Excellent High Priest; R. P. Cameron, Excellent King; H. V. Caver, Excellent Scribe; H. A. King, Treasurer; D. O. Cameron, Secretary; J. W. Hanner, Captain of the Host; J. B. Spivey, Royal Arch Captain; A. L. Bates, Principal Sojourner; A. O. Brabham, Master of 3rd Vale; Ben A. Harper, Master of 2nd Vale; G. H. Greene, Master of 1st Vale; T. E. Smith, Guard.

ATLANTA COUNCIL NO. 322 R. & S. M.

The Atlanta Council No. 322, R. & S. M., received their charter December 18th, 1920, and was issued to W. F. Cameron, T. I. M.; J. B. Spivey, R. I. D. M.; J. A. B. Jett, I. P. C. W., and was signed by Geo. G. White, M. I. G. M.; B. F. Brown, Rt. I. D. G. M.; J. D. Avis, I. G. P. C. W.; and T. M. Bartley, G. Secretary.

Present Officers of the R. & S. M. No. 322

J. B. Spivey, Thrice Illustrious Master; G. H. Chamblee, Illustrious Principal Conductor of Work; D. O. Cameron, Recorder; L. T. Roberts, Captain of the Guard; N. P. Hanner, Conductor of the Council.

The Masonic bodies of Atlanta, Texas, own one of the best equipped lodges in this part of the state, located upstairs, on the corner of E. Grand and Hiram streets.

Early Cass County Population Figures

By Bill Clements

Jefferson and Marion county was part of Cass, prior to the Civil War. But after 1860, the area split, Linden becoming the county seat of Cass and Jefferson the county seat of Marion.

The important village centers in the original Cass county in 1856 are indicated in the post offices of that year, which were: Alley's Mill, Cusseta, Jefferson, Forest Home, Hickory Hill, Linden, Smithland, Unionville and Point Monterey.

Early population figures, including the part of Marion until 1860, indicated a rapid growth and development of the young county. Census reports were:

1850—4,991, (1,902 slaves.)
1860—8,411, (3,475 slaves.)

1870—8,875.
1880—16,724.
1890—22,554.
1900—22,841.
1910—27,587, (9,952 negroes.)
Financial evaluation of the county was depressed tremendously by the Civil War. In the years following, there was a rapid rise in assessments, which were:
1870—\$761,809.
1881—\$1,612,881.
1913—\$6,783,135.

After establishment of the rail lines from Texarkana to Jefferson, about 1872, Atlanta quickly took the lead in population and has held the lead since that time. Queen City during the early years of the rail extension, was second in the county with Linden third. Comparative figures indicate Atlanta's lead:

	Queen City	Linden
Atlanta	672	414
1890—1,764	*	316
1900—1,301		329
1910—1,604	388	

* No figures quoted for this year.

First Grade Reader Used In Fifties

Will Lynn, of the Cass community, has an old Grigg & Elliott first reader, published in 1844, that was used by his father, Bill Lynn, back in the fifties. The reader was rebound with oil cloth, home-spun by his grand mother, Harriett Lynn. The cloth was made out of cotton and wool and called linsey.

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Early Cass County School Census

The Cass County School Census in 1875 was as follows: (age limits 6 to 18 years)

White males	1385
White females	1181
Colored males	746
Colored females	628
Grand total	3,940

The county was divided into five school districts.

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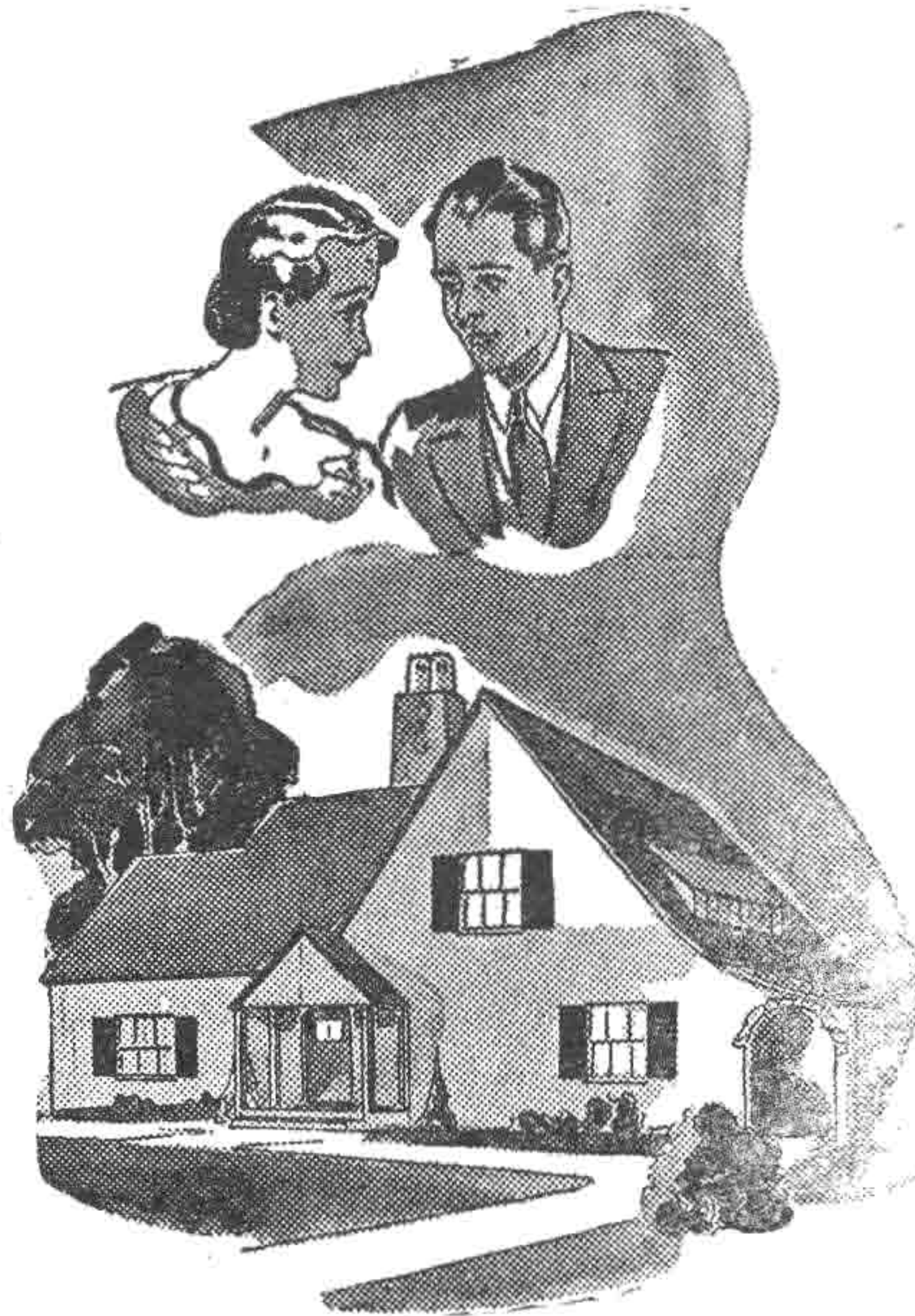
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During the year, 1923, some of our worthy citizens conceived the idea of organizing a Building and Loan Association. Through their efforts they made it possible for our city and community and its citizens to be on the Road of Home Ownership.

Our association received its first charter as a State Association in November, 1923. Immediately after receiving the Charter from the State, our association started serving this community in helping its citizens own their homes.

Mr. E. W. King served as president of the Atlanta Building & Loan Association until April, 1933, and at that time Mr. J. W. Harrell was elected as president, and he has served since then until the present time as our president.

Mr. V. A. Clements was elected as Secretary-Treasurer when the Atlanta Building & Loan Association was organized, and served until the year, 1935. During the latter part of 1935, V. S. Brabham was elected as Secretary-Treasurer, and is still serving in that capacity.

FEDERALIZED IN 1935

In October, 1935, the Atlanta Building & Loan Association was converted from a State Association to a Federal Association, and changed its name from the Atlanta Building & Loan Association to the Atlanta Federal Savings & Loan Association.

Since organization, our association has helped several hundred citizens of this community to buy, build, or refinance their homes, and to have debt free homes.

We grow when our city grows, and we are endeavoring to make our city more desirable to live in each day.



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V. S. Brabham.....Sec'y-Treasurer



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N. P. Hanner
Henry A. King
V. S. Brabham
J. W. Harrell

Atlanta Methodist Church History

Organized In 1873 Osgood Preacher

by E. W. King

The M. E. Church South, of Atlanta Texas, was first organized in 1873, with the Rev. J. Osgood preacher in charge. The services were held under a brush-arbor some where near the present site of the Ellington Memorial Hospital. The Rev. J. H. McLean, was the Presiding Elder.

The following Charter members participated in the organization: Mrs. Jane Richey, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Berry Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blaydes, Allie Blaydes, Si Blaydes, and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Odell.

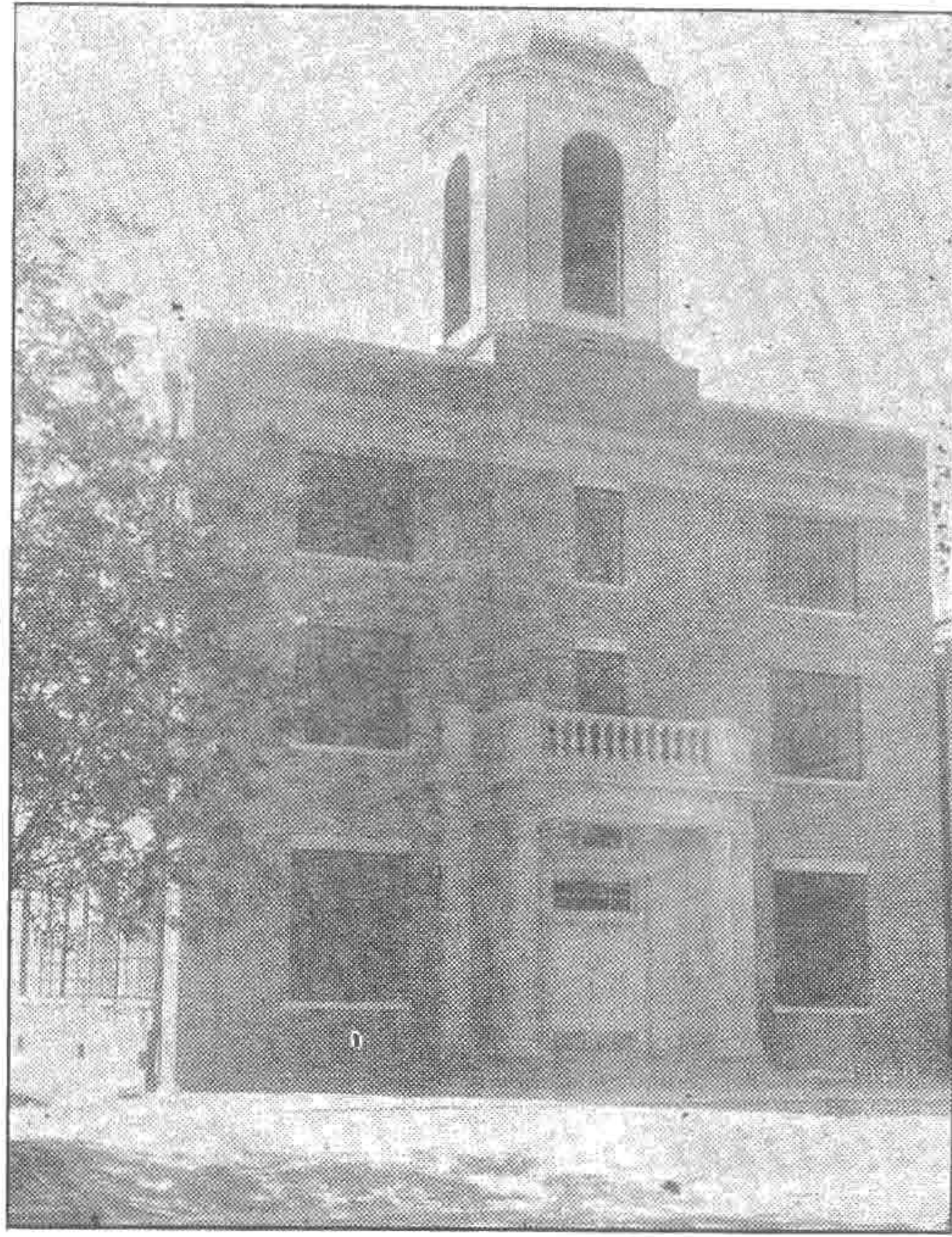
In 1875 the first building was erected on the present site, the Rev. T. J. Milam P. C., with T. R. A. Willis Sunday School Supt. The land acquired from P. R. Scott and wife, the deed dated January 27, 1877, and made to the trustees Berry Crawford, T. R. A. Willis, R. M. Blaydes, and their successors in office.

Fifteen years later, the first church building was sold to the negroes, and moved to a lot north on Louise Street and used by them for the colored M. E. Church South.

In that year, or 1890, a second and larger church building was erected to take care of the fast growing congregation, the Rev. W. A. Edwards was the preacher in charge. This second building was used twenty-seven years, or until 1917, when the present new and commodious building was commenced under the leadership of Rev. E. A. Maness, P. C., who served here faithfully for four years 1917 to 1920.

The church was dedicated February 13th, 1927, by Bishop Sam R. Hay, D. D. of Houston, Texas, Rev. E. A. Maness, who was then stationed at Childress, Texas, preached the Evening Sermon. There was an overflowing crowd at both services.

Annie Greene Willis Memorial Building



The Electric Organ in this church was presented to the church in 1934, by Mrs. L. F. Allday in memory of her husband, the late L. F. Allday, Sr., who was a faithful member of this church.

The Annie Greene-Willis Memorial Building was presented to the church in 1938 by Mrs. Meda Greene mother, and the Chimes thereon by L. W. Willis husband of Annie Willis, who was a faithful member and worker in the Sunday School. The building and the Chimes was presented to the church and dedicated November 1, 1938, by Bishop A. Frank Smith, D. D., at 11:00 a. m.

A beautiful program of Chimes, songs and music, together with the dedicatory sermon was rendered in an inspiring way.

This church from a very small beginning, has now become the leading church in the Texarkana District.

The preachers who have served the church from 1873 up to the present time, are as follows: Rev. J. Osgood, 1873, Mathew Leach, 1874, T. J. Milam, 1875, R. G. Sewell, 1876-77, Jas. Graham, 1878-79, W. R. Manning, 1880, L. L. Pucket, 1881, B. F. Hays, 1882-83, J. W. Horn, 1884, J. W. McKee, 1885-86, Richard Lane, 1887, J. E. Walker, 1888-89, S. A. Ashburn, 1891-92, T. J. Milam again 1893, H. O. Moore, 1894, A. A. Wagon, 1895-97, J. W. Johnson, 1898-99, J. T. Stafford, 1900, Chas. A. Tower, 1901-03, C. B. Cross, 1904-06, J. C. Jones, 1907-09, C. F. Smith, 1910-11, T. G. Whitten, 1912, E. W. Watson, 1913-14, C. T. Cummings, 1915-16, E. A. Maness, 1917-20, A. E. Rider, 1933-36, L. H. Mathison, 1937-38, and R. C. Goens, 1939-, the present pastor.

From the beginning up to 1894, the Atlanta Church was on the Atlanta circuit. It was changed to a station in 1894, the first pastor after it was a station was the Rev. A. A. Wagon.

Rev. E. G. Whitten built our present parsonage, to only live in it a few months. He resigned and moved to Dallas, Texas, and be-

Edgar W. King



came a conference evangelist in the North Texas Conference.

Some of the Presiding Elders of the Pittsburg-Texarkana District, the date is not complete on some of the first ones, we have as following: Rev. J. H. McLean, 1873, Richard Lane, 1879, Richard Lane again in 1884, T. P. Smith, 1897-98, John Adams, 1899-1901, J. W. Downs, 1902, J. T. Smith 1904-06, R. A. Burroughs, 1907-08, J. B. Sears, 1909-10, O. T. Hotchkiss, 1911-14, J. W. Bergin, 1915, W. H. Vanve 1916-19, Ed J. Morgan, 1920-22, A. T. Walker, 1923-26, L. L. Llyod, 1927-32, L. H. Mathison, 1931-34, H. I. Robinson, 1935-38, and L. W. Nichols, 1939-, our present P. E.

The name of the district was changed from Pittsburg to Texarkana in 1920 under the administration of Ed J. Morgan, P. E. and the head-quarters of the district moved to Texarkana. All of the above Presiding Elders have passed on to their reward, except W. H. Vance, A. T. Walker, L. H. Mathison, H. I. Robinson, and our present P. E., L. W. Nichols, the two

Atlanta First Methodist Church



former ones having recently superannuated.

The Sunday School Superintendents who have served the church since its beginning are: T. R. A. Willis, P. R. Scott, Flem Jackson, A. W. Steger, T. R. A. Willis, again, Joe McClung, Dr. A. Crossley, E. W. King, and J. E. Manning, the present Superintendent.

This Data was given to the church, during an all church program, in October, 1938, at the request of L. H. Mathison the pastor. I am indebted to the Texas Conference Journals, Mrs. E. P. Hughes, Shreveport, La., and Rev. W. S. Easterling Atlanta Texas, for much of this data.

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City Assessed Poll Tax In 1893

The City Council in session, May 2, 1893, passed an ordinance assessing a poll tax of one dollar on each male person living in the city subject to a State Poll tax.

At the same time a city ad valorem tax of 75 cents was passed; school 50 cents and bond and interest fund of 16 cents on the one hundred dollar valuation.

At a meeting of the City Council, September 4, 1893 Sam Deason was employed as night policeman in Atlanta.

The City Council in session July 2, 1894, elected Miss Onie McClung as an assistant teacher in the female school, at a salary of \$45.00 per month.

The office of City Street Commissioner was abolished at a meeting of the City Council, December 8th, 1894, and his duties given the City Marshal.

Miss Bettie Stevens was employed as assistant teacher in the city schools, November 3, 1890.

G. O. Albright resigned as mayor of Atlanta, November 6, 1890, when elected County Judge of Cass County.

The City Council in session, May 4, 1891, re-elected Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Looney, teachers of the female school at a salary of \$200.00 per month. Also re-elected Prof. M. G. Bates as principal of the male school at a salary of \$125.00 per month. Also made a contract with D. D. Dodd to make a map of the city for \$75.00.

The City Council in session May 7, 1891, set the tax rates as follows: School 50c; one-fourth of one per cent ad valorem, and 16c for bonded debt and sinking fund.

Present Hughes Springs City Officials

The following are the City officials of Hughes Springs, Texas, 1939-40:

Mayor: T. J. Harris.
City Marshal: Homer Wilson.
Aldermen: Dr. A. E. Starnes, W. N. McMillan, B. H. Hooton, Ed Watson and J. K. Crouch.

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Tom Foster Sr., First Linden Justice Peace

Thos. J. Foster, Sr., was the first Justice of the Peace at Linden, Texas.

The Commissioner's court of Cass county, at the May term, in 1852, approved the bond of Thos. J. Foster, Sr., for building the first court house in Linden, Cass county, Texas, which was a two-story frame building.

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The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, opened October 4th, 1876.

The City Council in session June 4, 1891, passed a hog law ordinance in the city.

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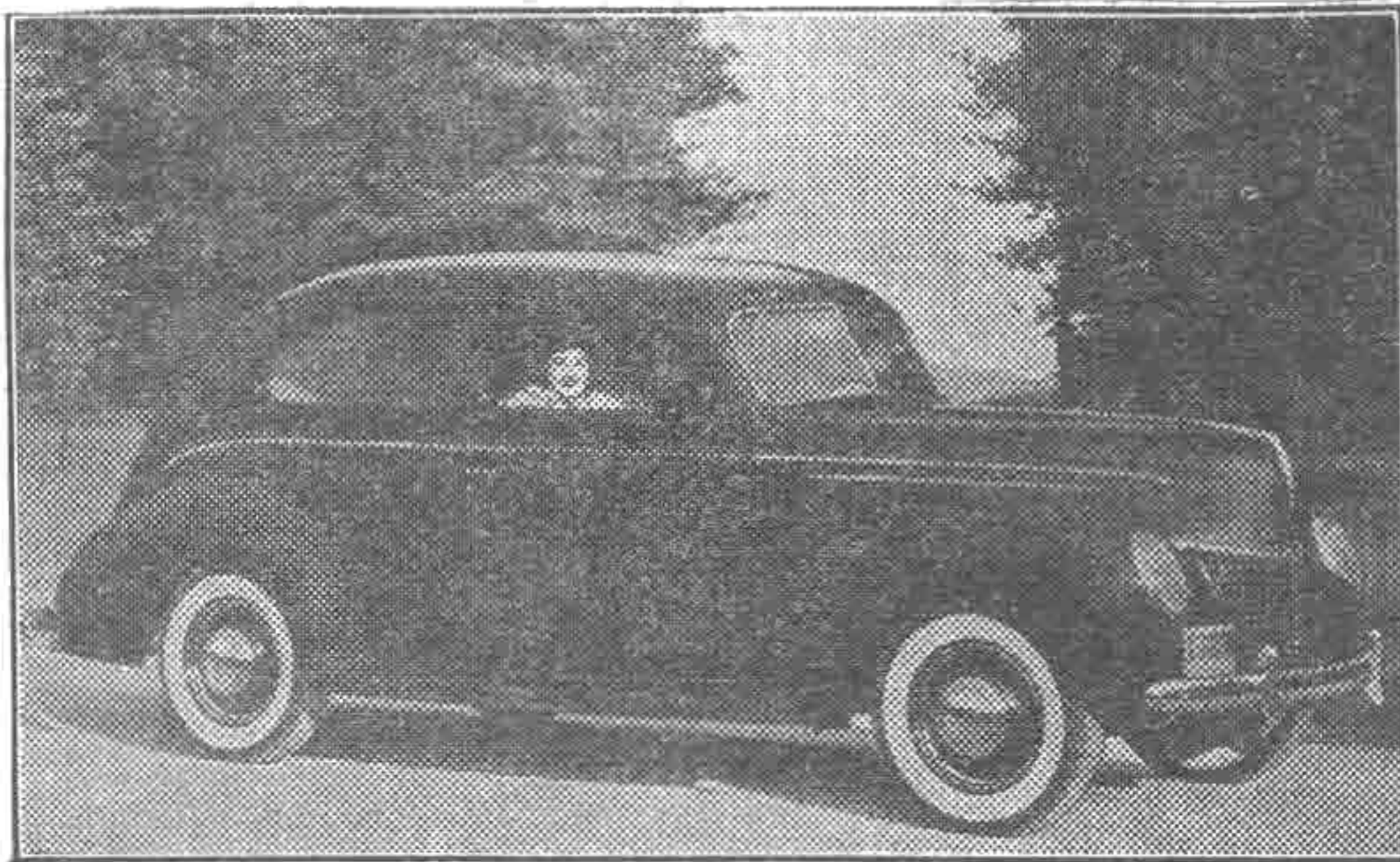
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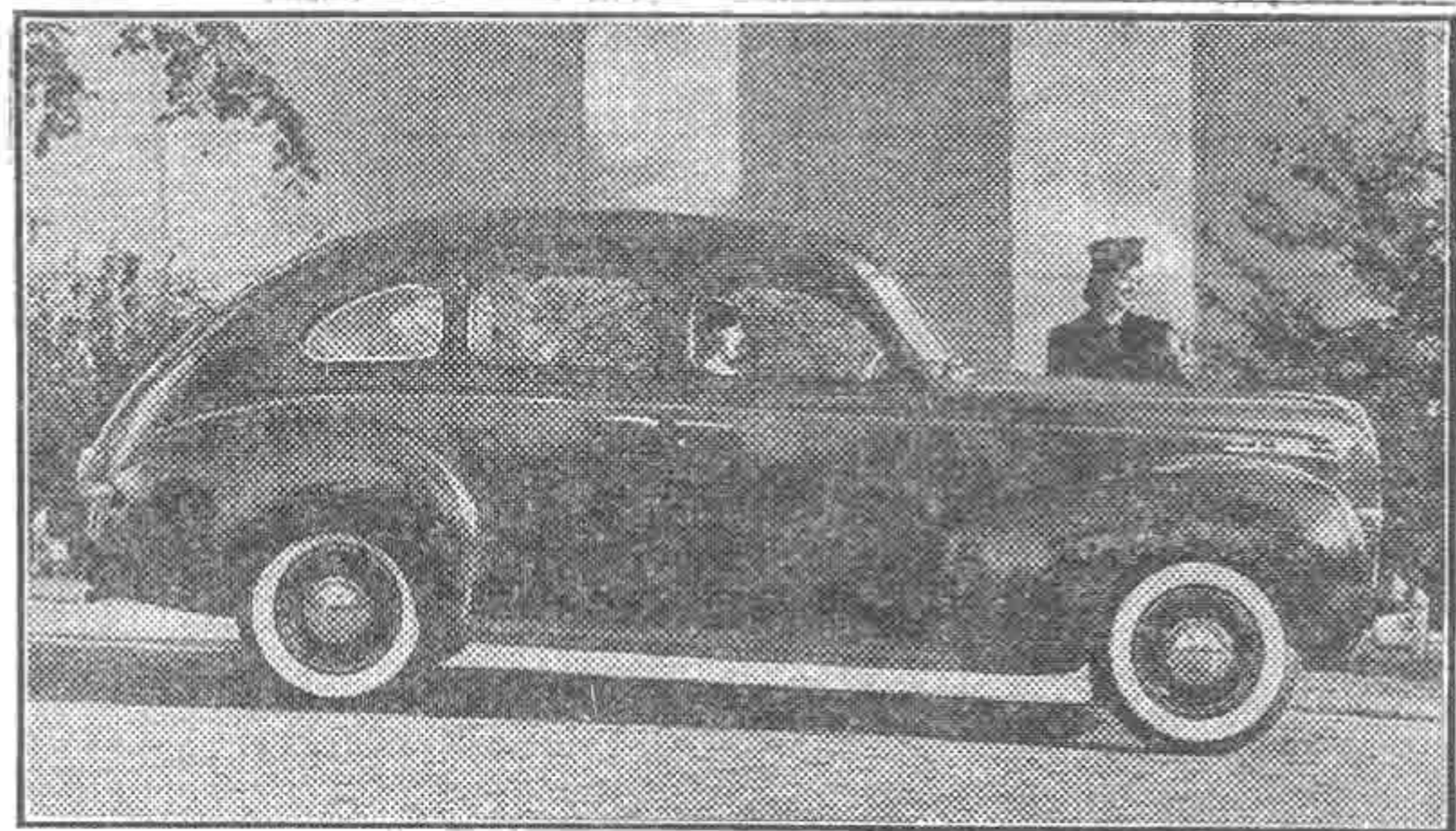
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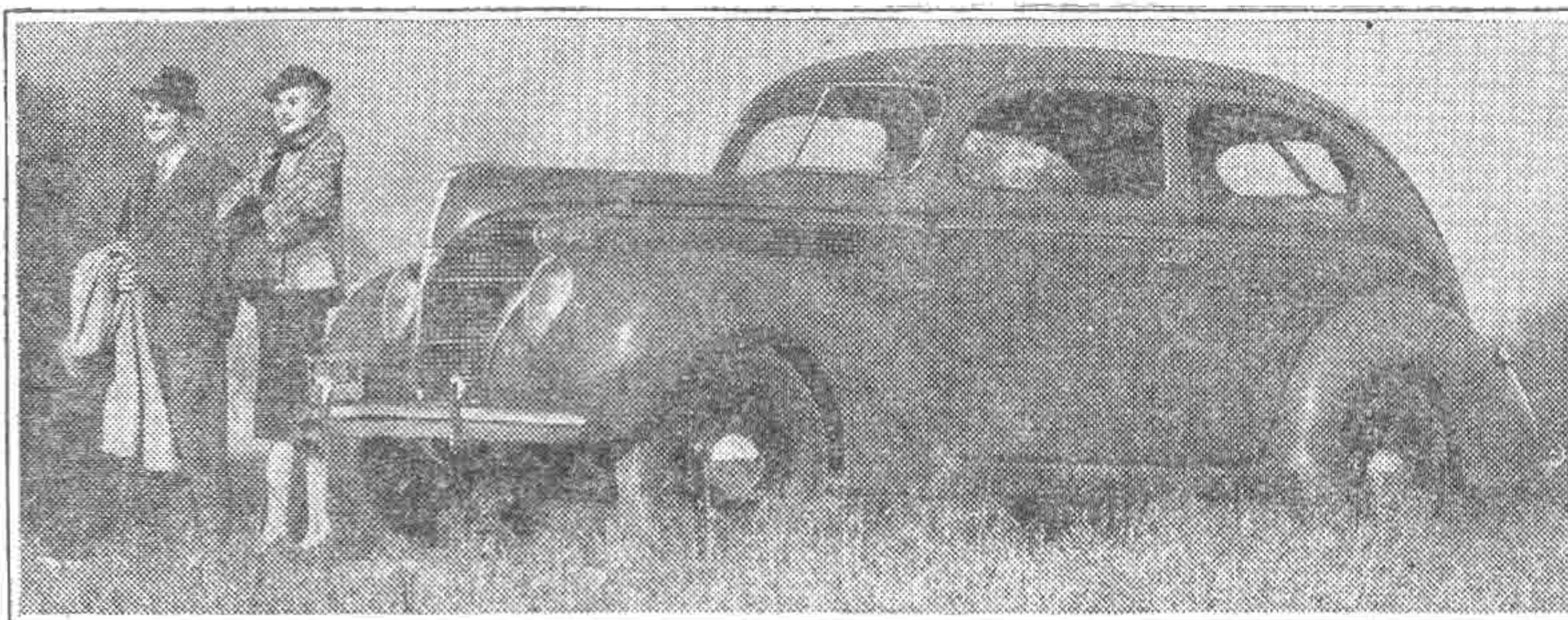
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History of Hickory Hill Before Civil War Name Changed Later to Avinger

By E. B. Cloninger

Hickory Hill post office was established at the old Patillo place on the Jefferson and Clarksville road a few years before the Civil war. Mr. Patillo was postmaster for many years.

Then Davis Hendrix had it moved to where the cattle guard in front of the A. M. Rhynes residence now stands. He was postmaster several years; then his brother, George Hendrix, was postmaster until it was moved to Avinger. Dr. Avinger became postmaster.

Old Hickory Hill boasted a school house, Presbyterian church, store and gravel yard. There were several residences and the road leading through it was much traveled.

Then, Jefferson was the third largest city in Texas, supplying much of Western Texas with necessities. It took a day to drive from Jefferson with an ox team.

The old Presbyterian cemetery was one of the oldest in this part of the state and is of historical interest.

Dave Hendrix was in love with Dick Patillo's sister. Dick opposed it and at one time stood behind a corner of the church while Davis stood behind a tree in front. Many shots were exchanged, but at the end, most of them were in the corner of the church and in the old pine tree.

During the Reconstruction days many Federal soldiers were stationed at Jefferson and adjacent camps.

Three of these soldiers were at Young's Chapel, 2 miles north of the present site of Avinger, nursing a sick comrade, who died. These three were accused of abusing some Southern women near Mt. Pleasant. Three Confederates hunted and found them just as they were lowering the dead comrade into the grave at Hickory Hill. Dr. Avinger, Jake Rhyne, Mr. Little and another man were assisting in the burial.

Without warning, and just at dusk, they commenced firing at the yankees. One was killed, one

jumped on his horse and escaped, and the other feigned death and fell into the grave upon his dead comrade.

The Confederates came up and at close range shot at his head. The bullet split the skin on his forehead and nose. He layed motionless until they left, then the citizens aided him in escaping.

At once, Davis Hendrix went to Jefferson and reported that Dr. Avinger, Jake Rhyne, Mr. Little and the other citizen did the shooting. At once they were arrested, carried to Jefferson and court martialled.

When near the conclusion of evidence, the soldier who had feigned death came rushing in with arms uplifted, and asked to be heard.

He told facts and said these men were doing a friendly deed during the shooting. His testimony saved their lives. The burial was concluded the next day and the dead soldier was buried in the same grave above the other corpse.

During the fight, several bullets passed over the head of Bud Rhyne, then a boy of 11 years, who was watching the burial.

Davis Hendrix, an old eccentric school teacher, became a meddlesome scalawag, reporting trival things, greatly exaggerated to the authorities at Jefferson.

Finally citizens got their guns loaded with small shot and called their dogs. They gave chase to Davis Hendrix. He ran to Grandmother Ann Eubanks for protection. She saw him coming and got her three daughters inside and barred the doors.

He ran into the hall and begged piteously to get in. The men came up, peppered him good with shot and told him if he gave them any more trouble, they would kill him.

Davis Hendrix courted Miss Elizabeth Patillo very ardently. She scorned him, but finally told him she would meet him on a dark night at a certain place. He came with 'buggy and horses to go to Jefferson to be married. Her brother, Zack Patillo had dressed in her best clothes and was crying when he reached the buggy. He hesitated to get in while several associates gathered around. Zack was wailing because he had to leave mother. Davis begged piteously until he began to suspect the deception. Then the associates began yelling and firing guns. The horses ran away, and bruised Davis very much. This was Davis' last love affair.

During 1876, the East Line and Red River railroad, a narrow gauge reached Avinger. The first train came snorting and puffing pine sparks high in the air, about mid-night. I was at my grandmother's boarding house near the track. It scared me much.

The next year it was built to Daingerfield and Hughes Springs was born in an old cotton patch, which surrounded a sweet gum thicket, sending mineral water from a gum spring.

At that time Sardis was quite a village with stores, a large school, Masonic hall, Presbyterian church, residences, etc.

As told me by my mother and cousin A. M. Rhyne.

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The Congress of the United States passed the Texas annexation bill in February 1845. A meeting held in Austin, July 4, 1845, voted for annexation to the United States. Texas became a part of the United States, February 16, 1846. J. Polkney Henderson was the first governor of Texas.

Concord-Sardis Early History

By E. B. Cloninger

In 1855, Peter Linberger and Spencer Shelton left what is now Belmont, N. C., and came to Bowie County, Texas.

The next year Spencer Shelton settled west of Cypress, in what is now the Rankin community.

Peter Linberger moved to a home, four miles west of Hickory Hill, now Avinger, Texas.

In 1856, Jake Rhyne and George Hedick came to Texas from North Carolina.

Rhyne settled east of Cypress, in what was first called Antioch community. George Hedick settled in Harris Chapel community.

In 1859, Bennie Morris and John Beaty came from North Carolina, and settled in the Concord community.

Sam Beaty lives on the same place his father then settled north of the new highway.

In 1860, John Cloninger and Perry Rhyne came from North Carolina and settled in the Concord community and reared a large families there.

In 1838, Allan Cox came from Alabama with several slaves and neighbors and stopped a few days one mile east of Cypress, eight miles East of Hughes Springs.

He saw so many black bears, deer and wild turkey, he decided to make this his home. He secured land, built houses, a horse-run gin, and a saw mill, etc. He reared his family there.

His son, Frank Cox, moved from there to Bell county in 1881.

Soon after Allan Cox sold out to Neeley Henderson and moved to Campbell, Texas. Uncle Neeley Henderson raised a large family at this same place and sold to Rev. Tom Watson. He lived and died there.

Today the old home belongs to the Mitchell heirs of Avinger, Texas.

Other settlers of this community were the Gilberts, Wallaces,

David Keasler, Donelsons, etc.

The early settlers around Sardis were Spencer Shelton, James Rankin, Stricklands, Dr. Purdon, Dr. W. S. Glass, Espeys, Harrison, Blantons, Goodsons, Walkers, Norwoods, Pilkintons, Womaeks, Cookers, Chandlers, etc.

Sardis had a large school house, store, water mill, and other things when Avinger was a pine forest, and Hughes Springs a cotton patch.

Sardis first had a large Presbyterian church. This became a Methodist church and now is a Baptist church.

At one time it had one of the best schools in Cass county.

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Prof. Bates Moved From Georgia in 1890

The City Council in session, June 2nd, 1890, offered a contract to Prof. and Mrs. M. G. Bates, Canton, Ga., calling for \$150.00 per month for eight months to come to Atlanta, Texas, and teach the male school.

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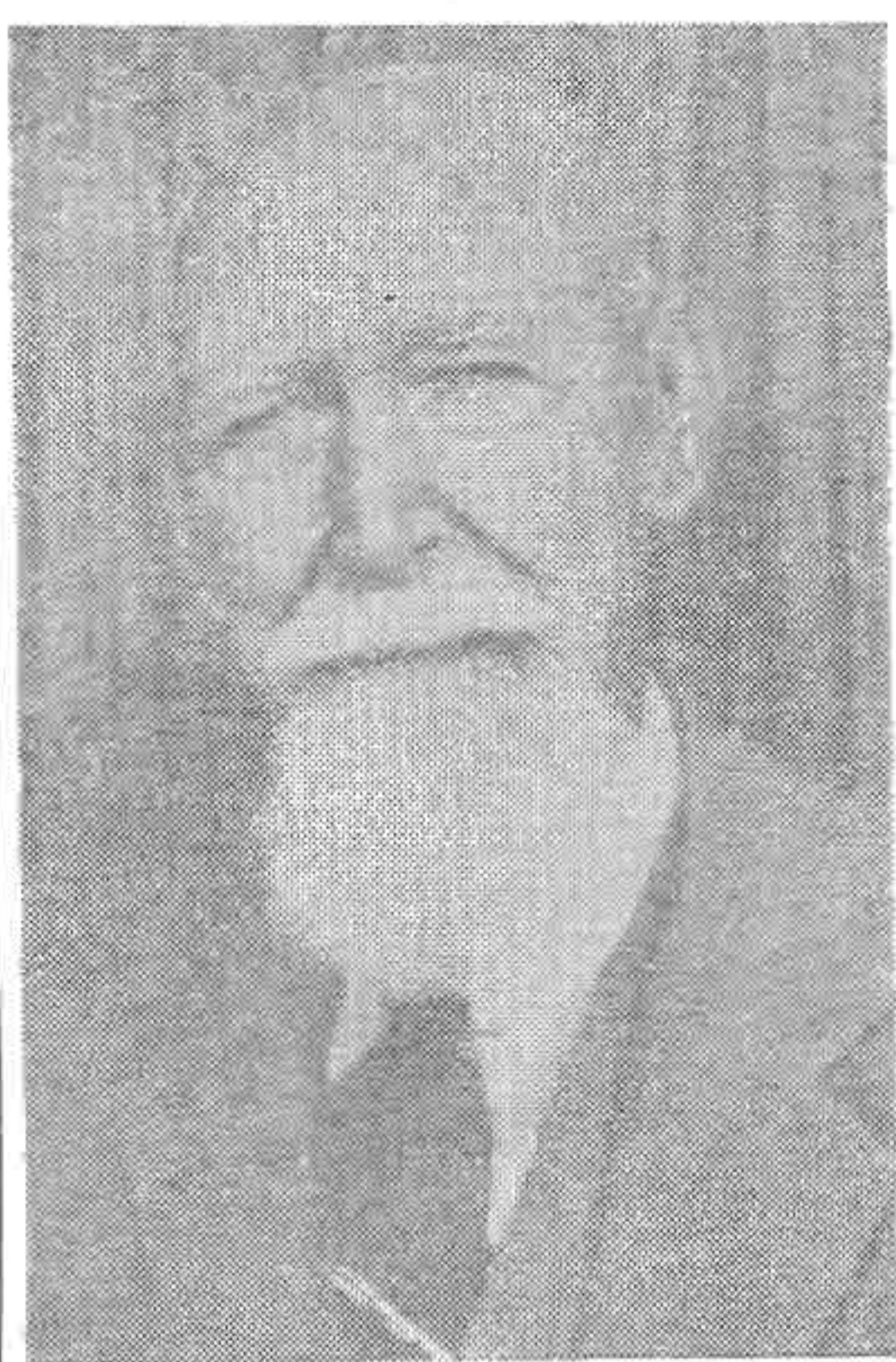
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Fifty-Nine Years as a Baptist Minister

Rev. G. K. Williams, 91,
Hughes Springs, Texas

Rev. G. K. Williams celebrated his 91st birthday on last December 6, 1938, and has been an active Baptist minister for 59 years, serving churches as their pastor, until he retired in October 1936, but has been, and is still preaching practically every Sunday by invitation; with invitations two months ahead of time.

He was licensed to preach at South Union Baptist church, 5 miles from Daingerfield, Texas, on Saturday before the first Sunday in July, 1880, and was ordained in August of the same year. He



started preaching at the South Union church, preaching his first sermon, using as his text "Prepare to Meet Thy God." As all of the churches had pastors, he preached the rest of the associational year at school houses; then he was called as pastor to three churches, one-fourth time each for the year; and the second year was called as pastor to four churches, one-fourth time each, making it full time, and continued with full time work for 56 years.

At the time of his retirement, he had been called to the pastorate of two churches for life at half time each. These were: New Prospect, nine miles north of Jefferson, on highway 8, and Lassater, eleven miles west of Jefferson on highway 49.

He states that he never had written or used sermons prepared by anyone, but always prayed before attempting to preach, that the Holy Spirit would help him to rightly interpret and apply the scriptures in a practical manner.

"I studied the great plan of salvation and tried to make it plain to the listener in a way that I could be understood by all reasonable people. I sincerely believe the spirit of God has been with me through these years and is still with me in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. I love the church and God's people and righteousness with all my heart and hate sin in all its forms."

"The people have always treated me nice. Only three times have I had to reprove anyone for misbehavior during services."

"It has always been my pleasure to assist young people in every way possible."

He has pastored at 23 different churches; baptized 3,000; held 2,000 funerals, and married 2,500 couples. Preached the funerals of 17 Baptist preachers; built eight church houses, helped to organize several churches; was moderator of the Salem Association for 17 years, and was moderator of the Enon Association for 3 years, and preached the introductory sermon for the association quite a number of times. Preached the dedication sermon for several new churches.

Was a messenger to the State Baptist Convention for many years. Was a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in New Orleans, La., and also in Washington, D. C.

Was pastor of the New Prospect church for 45 years; Bear Creek for 28 years, and at Avinger for 25 years.

Rev. Williams is a democrat, a Missionary Baptist and an ex-confederate soldier. He served in the Civil war for seven months with Co. H., 57th Ala. Regiment, Stewarts calvary division of the Tennessee army.

He states that he is still on the altar of Christ, and not asking the Lord for any more time, but praying daily that God give him grace and wisdom to glorify His name to win more souls for Him until his work is finished here on earth, and is taken to that rest, joy and peace, that awaits the faithful in Christ.

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Industrialization of Cass County

By Bill Clements

Before the World War, historians and writers still considered Cass county as a group of loosely connected communities, largely rural in population and highly agriculturalized.

This was partly true, but on the whole, largely mis-leading.

In the period between 1870-1910, Cass County was the scene of intensive railroad building, an area of huge forest reserves, and several attempts were made at serious development of natural resources.

In "Texas and Texans," by Frank W. Johnson, with revised editions by later historians, it is estimated that the forests of the county contained, in 1880, two and one-half billion feet of short leaf pine. In the '60s and '70s foundries were located in both the eastern and western part of the county. They later failed because of lack of coal for fuel and absence of rail transportation. More than fifty-two years ago, Queen City had an iron foundry for making hollow ware, plows and fencing material.

As late as 1914, only one-third of the county was under cultivation.

The Jefferson branch of the Texas and Pacific railroad was constructed through the east side of the county to Texarkana about 1872 and by 1876 the narrow gauge of the East Line and Red River railroad was built from Jefferson through the southwest corner and in 1884 was acquired by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad and changed to a standard gauge road.

By 1882 the St. Louis Southwestern was in operation from Texarkana across the extreme northwest corner of the county. In 1882 the stations on the Texas and Pacific were Atlanta, Queen City, Kildare, Hoxie and Alamo, and those on the East Line and Red River were Avinger and Hughes Springs. The county seat of Linden was then without railroad facilities. Atlanta, then as now, was the chief town.

In the late '90s, the Kansas City Southern railway was constructed along the eastern boundary of the county. The main station was Bloomburg. About 1904, the Jefferson and Northwestern built a line which has a branch to Linden.

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Latest Ore Mining In Cass County, 1921

The latest iron ore mining in Cass county was in 1921 by Pratt Bros., of New York, who spent over a hundred thousand dollars installing a roaster and rock crusher at Bowie Hill. Also a spur track was built from the Texas & Pacific railroad out to the plant. Several tons of iron ore was mined, crushed, roasted and shipped to eastern mills, after which the deal was abandoned.

The East Texas Iron Co., D. M. Barringer, Philadelphia, Pa., President, acquired the ore lands in eastern and central Cass county in fee, during 1913 to 1917, and shipped several car loads of this ore to furnaces in the east. Many men were employed by this company at this time, prospecting, locating and estimating the amount

of high grade ore in the county.

High freight rates, and the cost of coke and lime has been named the cause for the delay in mining the great ore beds of Cass county and East Texas.

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Cass County Has 4 Different Names

Cass county has been under four different names. It was known as Paschal county, under the Spanish reign, 1824 to 1836. Under the Republic of Texas, 1836 to 1846, it was known as a part of Red River county, which at that time embraced Red River, Cass, Bowie, Marion, Morris and Franklin territory.

When Texas was admitted to the Union in 1846, Cass county was named and embraced Marion and Bowie counties and Jefferson was the county seat until 1852, when Linden was made the county seat.

Marion and Bowie counties were cut off from Cass county during the fifties. The Legislature in session December 17, 1861, changed the name of Cass county to Davis county and was changed back to Cass county by an act of the Legislature, May 16, 1871.

Linden was made the county seat of Cass county early in 1852, and the first term of District court was held there, on the third Monday in September 1852, with Judge Denson in charge.

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Linden Town Site Bought of Ed Story

February 10, 1849, Edward W. Story and wife deeded 50 acres of land to Cass county for the Linden townsite and county seat purposes. The county paid him \$50 for the fifty acres of land. The bond for title for said land was filed June 30, 1848.

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J. K. Bivins and brother Frank H. Bivins, established a large sawmill there and the town was named in their honor. A Mr. Woodworth also erected sawmill there and the two firms operated a joint tram road out into the timber, hauling logs to their mills.

When Bivins was first started, they received their mail and freight at old Wayne-Hoxie, one mile south where D. Jones and John Davis each had a general store.

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Dr. Josh Morriss, was Atlanta's pioneer physician, moving here in 1875. Dr. R. L. McClung came soon afterwards. Dr. Hugh Currie came in 1878, and Dr. Cirgil Jeter a few years later.

Among the first lawyers taking up their home here were Attorney Rosser, Judge Eb Allday and Cuff Adams.

The first hotel in Atlanta was built by John Hardy in 1876; known later as the Matthews house and now as the Commercial hotel, owned by Mrs. Inez Boyken. Joseph McReynolds built a hotel on the corner where the Safeway Grocery store was. Mr. Hardy later had another hotel built south of Spell Hardware.

Joseph Porter built and ran the first livery stable on the lot now occupied by the modern \$85,000.00 government postoffice. A few years later W. S. Johnson had a brick stable built and operated for many years until the advent of automobiles displaced the horse and buggy days of the once modern livery stable.

Jim Maxey and son John owned the first blacksmith in Atlanta. The first shoe repair shop was operated by a Mr. Temple. Next in this work was a Mr. Petty. A Mr. Butler was initiative in the tinkering and mending business. He built the residence owned by Mr. J. M. Pepper, but it has been remodeled since.

Some of the other earlier settlers were Dr. and Mrs. Rush, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Singletary and Mr. and Mrs. Howe.

Banking was introduced in Atlanta by Ben F. Ellington, who operated a private bank for several years in the building now occupied by Freeman Cleaners.

Mrs. Bricker opened up and operated the first millinery business in the town. Her shop was located in the front of the J. M. Fletcher home, one of the first houses built in Atlanta, now the W. P. Wilker residence.

The city's first music instructor was Mrs. Dodd Coke. J. D. Johnson brought to Atlanta its first hardware store. Mr. Brewer was the first Texas & Pacific agent, and Mr. Lee was the first telegraph operator. The first depot was very small. Two brothers by the name of Chappel built and operated the first saw mill here. A kindergarten school was taught in 1879 by a Miss Herne. Miles Hines settled and built a home where Judge Hugh Carney now lives. The house having been remodeled and enlarged by the present owner. Other early comers were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griffin and Mr. Singletary, father of Ben Singletary; Mr. and Mrs. Meaks, and John Graham, who built the home now occupied by Mrs. H. A. O'Neal. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moore, Mr. Foreman, Mr. Jones, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Baker were other early merchants of the town.

Two "Fire bugs" invaded Atlanta in 1887 and for a time it seemed like the town would be wiped off the map.

J. B. O'Farrell was one of the early postmaster's of Atlanta, and spent the greater part of his life as a citizen of the town.

Fireworks Ordinance Passed In 1889

The City Council issued an ordinance prohibiting the shooting of fireworks in the fire limits of the city during Christmas in 1889.

Texas was recognized as an independent nation by the United States in 1837.

Bivins Camp Meeting Organized In 1899

At the close of the nineteenth century a great revival broke out at Bivins, Texas. Many people were saved and a great spiritual uplift followed, resulting in the organization of what is known as the Inter - Denominational Holiness Camp Meeting.

Rev. M. C. Coon was elected president; J. M. Hall, secretary. A plot of ground was bought from J. K. and Frank Bivins. Their lumber shed was seated and lighted. Thus the first Bivins camp meeting which was conducted by Rev. C. B. Jernigan and wife.

Later this improvised tabernacle was destroyed by fire in 1904. Another tabernacle was erected. Every year annual camp meetings have been conducted bringing into that community some of the best talent in the land as ministers, musicians and singers.

The camp meeting officers are elected annually. Rev. Mary Perdue served as secretary of this association for a period of years.

The present officers are: C. N. Bray, president; Mrs. T. E. White, secretary; directors: C. N. Bray, William Waites, Mrs. Jack Jones, C. A. White, Mrs. Gladys Harvey and Miss Evelyn Beard.

Trustees: J. F. Ramsey, C. A. White, C. N. Bray.

Camp meeting held last Sunday in July and first Sunday in August each year.

Many characters that we cannot soon forget were associated with this camp: M. C. Coon, Stockbridge, Uncle Billy Bray, Aunt Jones and Armstrong, (all deceased). These devoted christians have gone before and beckon us to follow on.

Bivins a Thriving Community Today

Bivins has three general stores and a large sawmill cutting several thousand feet of lumber per day, and is surrounded by a good farming and timbered country, fine schools, churches and a happy people.

Bivins school teaches nine grades. The teachers are Superintendent E. A. Blankenship, Mrs. E. A. Blankenship, W. H. Garrett, Edward Westbrooks, Loma Jordan, Mrs. Joe Murphy, Maxine Grogan, Evelyn Beard and Ozetta McGinnis. Trustees are: O. H. K. Handley, T. E. White, Jim Gholson, Raymond Westbrooks, R. C. Parker, W. L. Carlisle and G. H. Warren.

Early Atlanta City Officials

The following were City officials of Atlanta in 1890:

J. K. Oden, Mayor.
R. B. Baker, City Attorney.
G. W. Robinson, Sec.-Treas.
T. R. Walker, City Marshal.
Aldermen: A. Miles, J. D. Johnson, J. L. Porter, W. A. Scott and M. Jacobs.

City Officials

Elected May 4, 1891
R. R. Lockett, Mayor.
Frank Blaydes, City Attorney.
G. W. Robinson, Sec.-Treas.
W. P. Dyre, Collector.
R. E. Boyle, Street Commissioner.

T. R. Walker, City Marshal.
Aldermen: J. D. Johnson, J. L. Porter, M. Jacobs, W. A. Scott and J. T. Chamblee.

Linden Academy Organized In 1853

By Bill Clements

To the early families of Cass County, politics, religion and education were important topics of conversation—and they took them all seriously. A group of citizens took education seriously enough to petition the legislature to charter an academy as early as 1853.

Approval was granted on December 15, 1853 to a group of trustees and "an act to incorporate the Linden Male and Female academy and Masonic hall."

The trustees were "... to confine the operations of the same to the promotion of useful knowledge to the young, and the advancement of the sciences, and said institution shall be accessible alike to all, without regard to religious opinions."

The original trustees named were William Oliver, Thomas J.

Foster, John Ligon, Ebenezer Frazer, T. J. White, Anderson Ward, and H. J. Story.

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School Board Gives Resolution of Thanks

The Atlanta School Board unanimously tendered the following vote of thanks to Prof. Bernard Autrey, Principle and Mrs. Ellen Gillespie, Florence Sawyer, Mattie Johnson, Leona Moore, Leila Johnston and Mrs. Bernard Autrey, teachers and Mrs. J. W. Hughes, assistant, for the very able and efficient manner in which they conducted the Atlanta Grade school during the present free school term which closed March 29, 1889.

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McLeod Newest Town In County

Formerly Was Called Good Exchange

McLeod is the newest town in Cass County, coming with the advent of oil, and is located twelve miles southeast of Atlanta in the Cass county sector of the Rodessa oil field. It was formerly Good Exchange community.

This town has developed into one of the finest little towns in the county and boasts of one of the finest school plants in this section.

The school was built at a cost of \$140,000.00, consisting of grade school, high school, auditorium and cafeteria in the one building, erected in 1937. A school gym was erected in 1938 at a cost of \$14,000.00. Six thousand dollars has been spent on beautifying the school grounds.

Early last year a large negro brick school building with a combination gym-auditorium was constructed in the district at a cost of \$30,000.00, called Rambo.

The McLeod school is in a consolidated district, with a tax valuation of \$8,500,000.00.

The town consists of nine business houses and two churches, the Church of Christ, with a nice brick building, and a union church building erected in 1936 at a cost of \$5,000.00.

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McLeod Made Postoffice In 1937

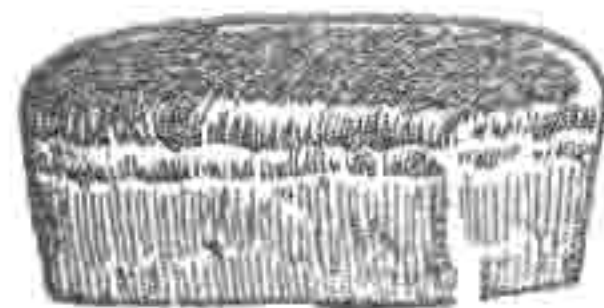
This office was established May 12, 1937, with Arthur I. Tolleson as postmaster, and is well serving this new oil town in Cass County, Texas.

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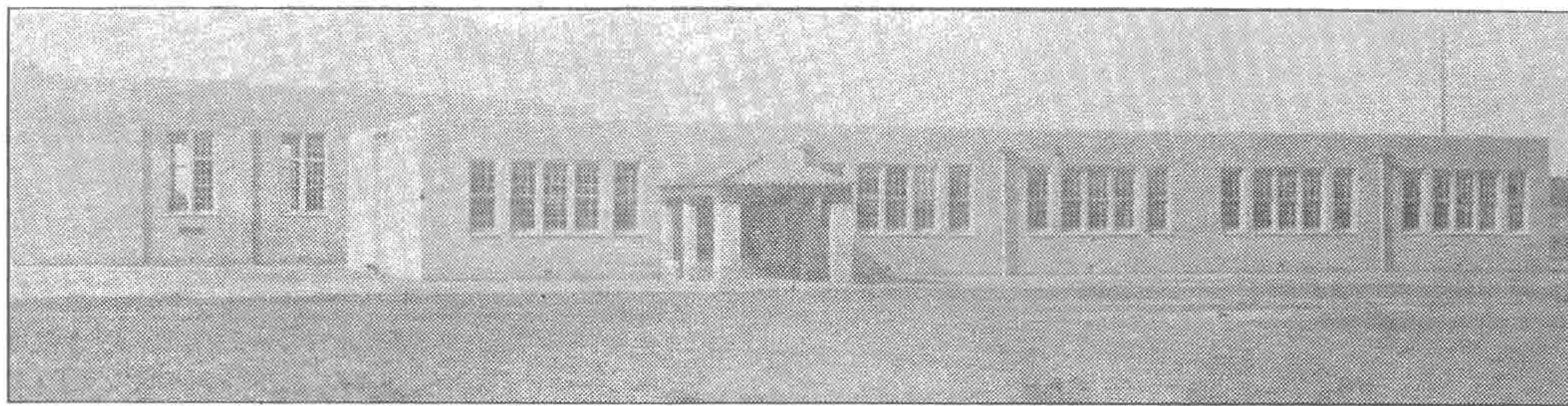


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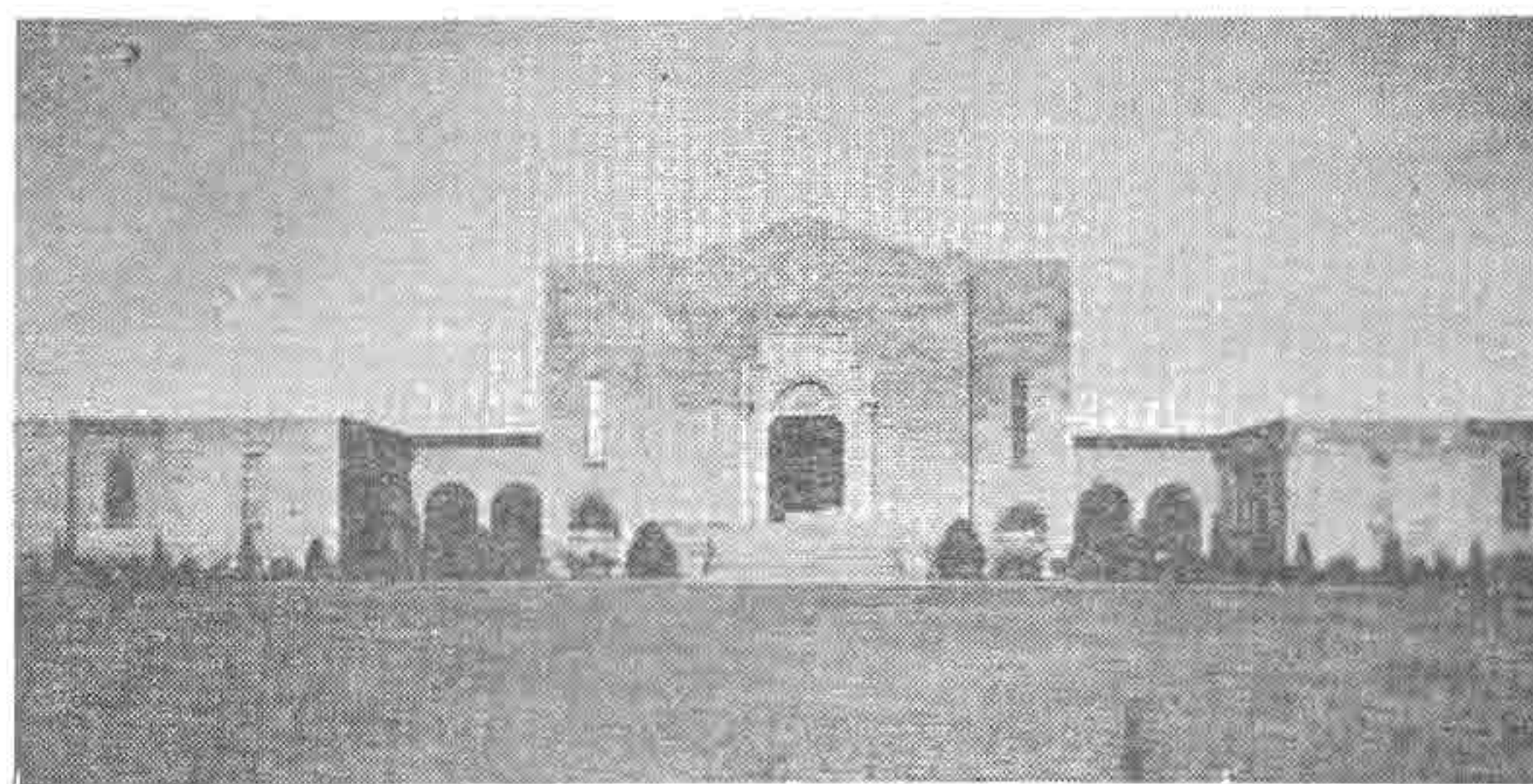


Superintendent



WM. A. BARBER, McLeod

Front View of McLeod School Auditorium



McLeod School Teachers, 1938-39

W. A. Barber, Superintendent; J. D. Betts, Principal; Harvey Patman, M. M. Reese, L. L. Brown, Cecil Grubbs, Annie Lou Shine, Mrs. Oreta Turner, Mabern D. Humphrey, Vocational; Sallie Kate Viard, Mrs. Christine Harper Yandell, Marjorie Paschall, Kathryn Hughes, Naomi Hampton and T. J. Russell, Jr.

The school has eleven grades.

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McLeod School District Trustees

J. A. Parish, J. H. Walker, J. B. McLeod, J. F. Hayes, V. L. Peacock, J. Turner Wall and V. R. Blizzard.

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Cass County Population Figures

Cass County ranks 48 with a population, estimated in 1938, of 32,120; with 951 square miles of territory. Population in 1930 census of 30,030, with 31.6 persons per square mile. 1920 population, 30,041; 1910, 27,577; 1900, 22,841; 1890, 22,554.

Characteristics of population in 1930 was; native white 19,387; foreign born white 19; Mexican 77; negroes 10,546. On farm, 24,970; non farm, rural, 5,060. Number of families, 6,632; and family home owners, 2,902.

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Manufacturing Plants, Cass County

There are 12 manufacturing establishments in Cass county, employing 390, and paying \$196,389.00 in wages per year. Value of products \$541,145.00.

Retail establishments in Cass county in 1935, were 225 stores, selling \$3,750,000.00 worth of merchandise, and employing 335 people.

Cass County Crop Acreage In 1935

Cass county farmers planted to corn in 1935, 56,197 acres and made 320,944 bushels. Had 217 acres in grain sorghums and gathered 1,694 bushels. Had 10,895 acres to hay and harvested 5,794 tons.

Cass county cotton production in 1938 was 20,649 bales and in 1937 was 33,051 bales.

Cass county farmers received from the government in 1938; For compliance with ACP, \$167,743.00, and for cotton adjustment payments \$230,875.94.

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Live Stock On Cass County Farms, 1935

The live stock situation in Cass county according to the 1935 census was: Horses and colts, 1,719; mules and colts, 6,607; cattle, 23,174; sheep, 61; hogs and pigs, 10,007.

Cass County Farms And Valuations

Farm 5,504. Farms operated by owners, 2,155; part owners, 239; tenants, 3,108.

Value of lands and building are \$6,787,548.00; land in farm acres, 455,111; average acres per farm, 82.7.

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Salem Association Organized In 1863

The Salem Baptist Association was organized in 1863, and covered all of Cass County and several adjoining counties and small section of Miller county, Ark., and a portion of Caddo parish, La.

The association covered so much territory that as the population increased other associations were formed from this association. Enon association was organized in 1872, covering the eastern half of Cass county.

The following churches are now in the Salem association, all in Cass county except the Lassater church which is in Marion county:

Liberty, Eugene Dickey, pastor; J. H. Beal, clerk, Avinger; 74 members; \$1,000 property.

Mill Creek, Eugene Dickey, pastor; Mrs. H. F. Fitts, clerk, Linden 80 members, property \$1,500.00.

Union Hill, G. F. Lee, pastor; R. R. Duck, clerk, Linden, 230 members, property \$1,250.00.

Bear Creek, Eugene Dickey, pastor; Tom Dalrymple, clerk; Linden, 180 members, property \$2,000.00.

Friendship, C. M. Chambers, pastor; Mrs. Ina Gibson, Hughes Springs, clerk; 75 members, property \$1,200.00.

Hopewell, C. M. Chambers, pastor; V. M. Whittington, Hughes Springs, clerk; 143 members, property \$1,500.00.

Cornett, J. W. Reeder, pastor; Mrs. Ocie Sharp, Naples, clerk; 114 members, property \$1,000.

Prewitts Lake, Harvey Wilson, pastor; Mrs. G. Hobbs, Avinger, clerk.

County Line, J. N. Campbell, pastor; Zelta Ham, Hughes Springs, clerk; 120 members, property \$1000.

Cross Roads, J. D. McClung, pastor; C. Nelson, Hughes Springs, clerk; 187 members; property \$1000.

Turkey Creek, J. N. Campbell, pastor; Sarah E. Parish, Avinger, clerk; 205 members, property \$2000.

Flat Creek, F. C. Strickland, pastor; Mrs. J. E. Hixson, Marietta, clerk; 124 members; property \$500.

Caves Springs, T. F. Glover, clerk; 130 members property \$1500.

Lassater, J. W. Reeder, pastor; Mrs. Ted Bennett, clerk; 121 members; property \$3,000.00.

Dalton, T. P. Lee, pastor; W. I. Simmons, Naples, clerk; 140 members; property \$800.00.

Bethel, J. W. Reeder, pastor; Beulah Kirkland, Linden, clerk; 110 members, property \$2,000.00.

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The Cloningers Get Together

History and reunion of one of Cass countys oldest families.

About 1770 Adam Klouinger and brother came from Southern Germany and settled at York, Pennsylvania. They fought in the American Revolution. Then came to Maryland, then to what is now Gaston, county, N. C., there the brother became very hot cradling wheat took a drink of cold water and died suddenly.

Adam Clouinger married Eve Rhyne then spelled Rein, to them were born 11 children. The oldest Aram Clouinger married Susannah Clemmer. To them were born 7 children. She died and Adam married again but had no children by the second marriage.

The oldest John Clouinger was born Nov. 15, 1804, 14 miles north of Charlotte, N. C. Married Levina Morris who died Sept. 8, 1861 Grandpa died April 2, 1898, and both are buried in Rankin cemetery six miles east of Hughes Springs.

Grandpa's brothers and sisters were: Mose Clouinger who had one child who married a McGehee.

A sister Polly Byrum died at Weatherford, Texas. She had three or four children.

Another sister Mrs. Susie Bell had eight children; died in North Carolina, 1888.

Mrs. Margueritte Lineberger died in North Carolina in 1884. She had seven children.

Mrs. Betsy Lineberger had three boys and three girls. She and husband are buried at Avinger, Texas.

Vina Rhyne married a first cousin of Jake Rhyne, they had four children. She died in Arkansas.

Valentine Clouinger called "Felty" had nine children in Arkansas. He was robbed by desperadoes at close of Civil War, shot through the jaw and tongue, died of gangrene and is buried in the National cemetery, Little Rock, Ark. His son recognized all seven of the murderers and hunted them down and killed all of them.

Grandpa John Clouinger's children, Margaret was born May 9, 1827, died October 28, 1928. Susan M. born February 15, 1829, married Jake Rhyne, buried at Avinger. Stacy Adline, born July 20, 1831, married Perry Rhyne, buried at Rankin cemetery. Mary, born May 2, 1834, died Dec. 9, 1842. Delphia, born Nov. 1, 1836, married Jake Rhyne, died, 96 years of age and is buried at Avinger. Amos Burl, born Feb. 7, 1839, died June 10, 1923, age 84. Sarah Elizabeth, born March 23, 1841, married James Rankin, died March 23, 1923. Moses Lee Roy, born Nov. 1844, married Nettie Eubanks, died Jan. 5, 1926. W. Benjamin, born Aug. 31, 1847, married Molly Singletary, died at age of 90.

Col. W. B. Aiken moved to what is now one mile east of Hughes Springs in 1844 and settled on a home of 800 acres. He had about 100 slaves. He built a large log house. After Civil War he moved to Paris, Texas.

My father Moses Lee Roy moved to the same home into the same house, Nov. 1885.

Five hundred Cloningers and their kin met at the Lee Clouinger spring October 2, 1938. They came from four states. The next reunion will be held at the same place Aug. 6, 1939. We expect 1,000 at this meeting.

The Cloningers, Rhynes, Rankins, Goodsons, Morrisses, Beatys, Linebergers, Hedicks and Abernathys came from Gustonia and Charlotte,

Cass County Couple Wed Sixty-Four Years



Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nelson, Linden, Texas, recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. Mr. Nelson is 88 and Mrs. Nelson is 81. Mr. Nelson was for over 50 years a leading merchant in Linden, retiring a few years ago due to his age. He always took an active part in civic and political circles of his town and county. They have six children living: Mrs. G. C. Riddle, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Ward Callahand, Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. E. H. Sheffield, Mrs. George Sheffield, Guy Nelson, Linden; and C. M. Nelson, Kildare, Texas. (Cut Courtesy of The Dallas News)

North Carolina. Many of their relatives who remained there became wealthy op-

Beginning Primary Elections In Texas

The first primary election under the Terrell election law, was held in 1906. Previous to this time all state and county officers were nominated in conventions. Each political party holding their separate conventions for the purpose of making out their ticket for the general election.

The democratic party in the first primary held in 1906 polled 294,106 votes for governor and over a million in 1938.

National committeeman John Nance Garner, Uvalde and Washington, D. C.

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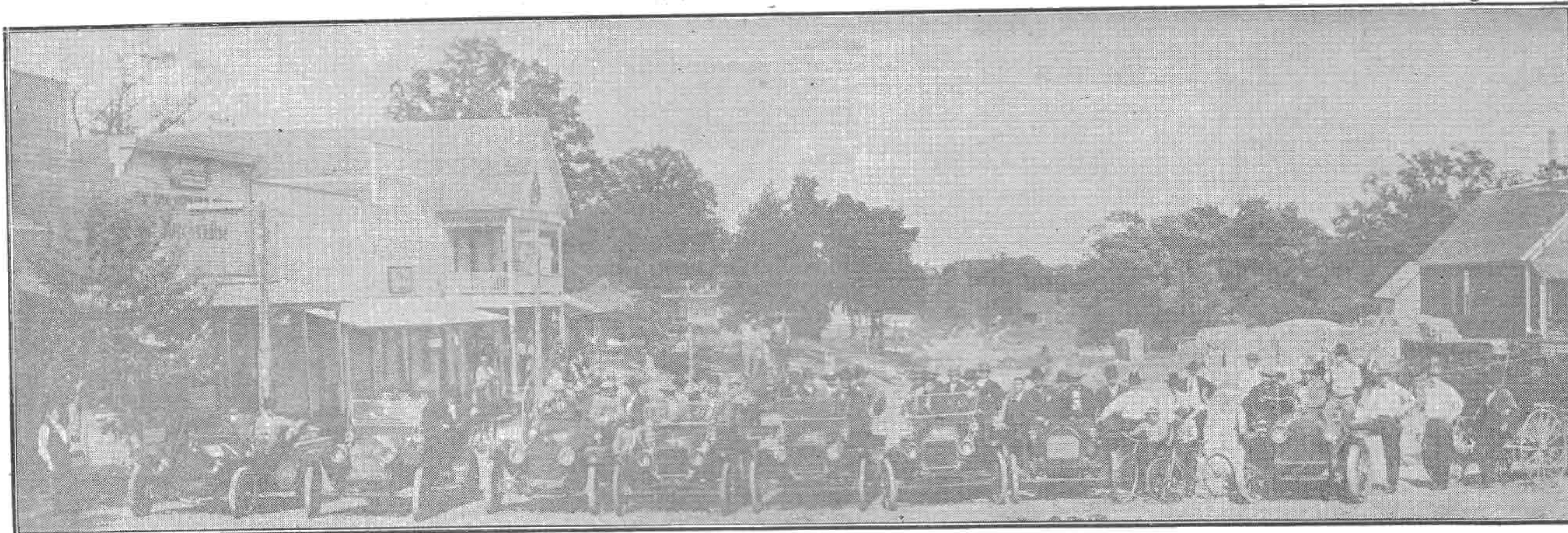
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First Good Roads Meeting Held In Cass County, May 1912, at Linden, Texas



(Looking east towards Atlanta) The above picture shows the first automobiles purchased in Cass County. Reading left to right: First, a 1910 Buick owned by Dr. R. L. Long the first automobile brought to Cass County; second, an E.M.F. Studebaker owned by J. B. Roberts; third, an E.M.F. Studebaker owned by J. J. Ellington Jr.; fourth, a 1911 Ford, owned by Frank Bivins; fifth, a 1912 Ford owned by J. M. Hutchins; sixth, a 1912 Ford owned by W. H. Erambert; seventh, a two-cylinder Brush, wood axle, owned by Sheriff W. C. Blalock; eighth, a Cadalac owned by the Texas Iron Association.

Cass Citizens Started Good Roads Talk

The first good roads meeting held in Cass county was in May, 1912, at Linden. This was soon after the advent of the automobile to this part of the state. The County Commissioners' Court entertained those attending the meeting with a banquet at the county farm. Sheriff Cooper Blalock, driving a two-cylinder, wooden axle, Liberty Brush car, was the only car in the tour that made the county farm hill in high gear.

The first car in the county was a Buick owned by Dr. R. L. Long, purchased in 1910.

The first garage in Cass county was operated by Chas. Goodman, now employed at the Atlanta post-office.

Jewel M. Hutchins operated the first gasoline station and also sold

auto accessories. His gas tank was a one gallon stroke Bowser. Gasoline sold for 10c per gallon, which he purchased from John Harvey, distributor for Pierce-Fordyce Association. Ford rear tires sold for \$28.00 each. Mr. Hutchins also operated the first service car in the county for hire.

Most of the early cars had kerosene lights for side and tail lights. Carbide and Prestolite for headlights. Most cars were equipped with rubber bulbs for horns. All cars except Fords operated with steering wheels on the right side of the car.

John J. Ellington Jr., operated the first automobile agency in Atlanta, selling the EMF Studebaker in 1911-12, and the Ford in 1913.

Chas. Goodman sold the Fords

in 1914.

Floyd Mitchell and Jewel Hutchins handled Fords in 1915.

These were all sub-agents thru the W. K. Henderson agency of Shreveport.

T. R. Richey secured the first direct Ford agency in 1916.

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Cass Post Offices Now In Marion Co.

These post offices were established in Cass county, but were cut off in the organization of Marion county when cut from Cass county in 1861:

Jefferson: This office was established in Bowie county on May 22, 1846, with William N. Bishop as postmaster. This office was changed into Cass county on January 26, 1847. This office was changed into Marion county, March 16, 1866 and is still in operation with H. C. Lemon, postmaster.

Centre: This office was established October 24, 1849, with William Moseley as postmaster. This office was discontinued June 25, 1852.

Smithland: This office was established on November 13, 1850, with Hezekiah Horner as postmaster. This office was change into Marion county. Was discontinued January 23, 1867. Now in Marion county.

Unionville: This office was established on February 8, 1851, with John B. Thompson as postmaster. This office was discontinued on November 5, 1866, and re-established on February 8, 1877. This office was discontinued on July 21, 1879.

Point Monterey, northeast corner of Marion county: This office was established August 16, 1851, with Norphlet Gupton as postmaster. This office was discontinued on January 23, 1867.

Alleys Mills: (northwest corner of Marion county) This office was established March 31, 1852 with Daniel N. Alley as postmaster. This office was changed into Marion county between Sept. 20, 1860, and Jan. 30, 1861. The name of this office was changed to Nash's Foundry, August 10, 1864. This office was discontinued May 23, 1868.

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Union Chapel Methodist Church

The Methodist Church at Union Chapel was organized 81 years ago with about nine members, viz: Mr. and Mrs. Y. H. Yates, "Aunt" Polly Bryan, Aaron Meyers, Mrs.

Harkey, Mrs. James Elliott, E. P. and Mary Bryan and Mrs. Nancy McCoy.

The first preacher was a converted Jew, by the name of Goldberg. Services were first held in a small log school house about one-half mile southwest of the present church building. The present building was erected in 1871 but has been remodeled several times.

This church has been a real foundation, in that, it has turned out ten real preachers from its

membership, to-wit: Rev. W. F. Bryan, Rev. W. F. Hardy, Rev. J. C. Hardy, Rev. Edwin Channell, Rev. Charley Washman, Rev. Tom W. Brabham, Rev. Joe Russell, Rev. Claude Harkey, Rev. O. F. Zimmerman and Rev. Walter Zimmerman, who are in different parts of the country serving the Master.

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HUGHES SPRINGS ORIGINALLY WAS CALLED CHALYBEATE SPRINGS

By Ellie Cloninger

The first I knew of Hughes Springs, it was called Chalybeate Springs and held that name until the railroad came in 1878 and soon a postoffice was established and since has been Hughes Springs. Mr. Edwards, a one-legged man from Avinger, was postmaster for many years. He kept the postoffice in the front of his residence and his wife kept boarders.

Rev. John H. McLean, who held many important places in Methodism, may be called the real founder of Hughes Springs. His mother was married four times, the last time to her brother-in-law, Reese Hughes. At that time she had two boys by her first marriage. They later became Judge and Congress-

man from Fort Worth, W. P. McLean. Rev. John H. McLean became one of the founders of Methodism in Texas.

The mother also became the mother of Elizabeth, Mary and Benjamin Hughes, as well as step-mother to her sisters children by Mr. Hughes first marriage. She died December 27, 1868, and is buried one mile east of Hughes Springs in the family graveyard beside the new highway.

In 1871, Rev. McLean was assigned presiding elder of the Jefferson district. There was no parsonage for presiding elder in the district and he was away from family some times eleven weeks on one round of the district.

The next I quote from his reminiscences:

"In the spring of 1872, I succeeded in getting some land just east of the Chalybeate spring in Hughes Springs and built a house upon it. This was strictly in the country at that time, no town or railroad at the springs then. It was two miles to the nearest neighbor, six to the nearest town, church, postoffice and doctor.

"We sometimes had neighborhood prayer meetings and as I had sold my hack, Mrs. McLean would ride behind me on Raven, my faithful saddle horse, to these and other meetings in the surrounding country. I resolved to develop an appointment at the spring and summoned the men of the neighborhood to build a brush arbor that we might hold a protracted meeting. We had a very successful meeting and organized a Methodist church of about fifty members. It was quite common then to work in the new converts by calling on them to pray and otherwise exercise in public. Some members of the community had been very wild and wicked had gone all the gaits. I called on the ringleader to lead in prayer and I shall never forget his first sentence:

"Lord I have been through scenes and unseens. Their coined words were very expressive. In this isolated place it was well Mrs. McLean was possessed of great fortitude in times of sickness and other strains upon her nerves. A family upon the eve of moving was quar-

tered temporarily in an outhouse about fifty steps away when suddenly, about one o'clock at night, a fierce encounter ensued between an intruder and a man occupying the outhouse. Mrs. McLean heard a wild scream from the wife of the occupant and a call for help. Her first thought was robbery and she hastened to the scene of action to relieve her friend where she found two men in a fierce grapple. An unreasonable father was trying to assert his authority over a married son to prevent his moving away and to compel him to return to the father money paid the son in the purchase of the land. She prevented bloodshed and restored order.

This first home in Hughes Springs is now the home of Dr. H. L. D. Jenkins and most of the original lumber is still in the home. Once when dining with me at Floyd, Texas, Dr. McLean told me he was chairman of the board to locate the Southwestern University. He tried every way to get a deed to fifty acres of land just west of this mineral spring upon which to build that great school, but Mr. Reese Hughes would neither give nor sell it and after trying for a whole year it went to Georgetown, Texas. Dr. McLean was regent of this University for 17 years.

Some of the settlers around Hughes Springs in these early times were H. D. McMillan who came here in 1869 and bought land of C. Callaway. In 1870 he killed a deer in what is now the business street of Hughes Springs.

Young Stevens lived south of Hughes Springs. T. H. Briggs and J. M. Niblett lived north. Chet Stacys father and J. M. Driver lived near. W. B. Aiken owned 800 acres one mile northeast of the springs. In 1844 he built the large log house now the home of Allie Cloninger. He had 100 slaves.

Reese Hughes came here from Mississippi before Aiken came. He had 300 slaves and much land. He cleared much land and built an iron furnace two miles east of the springs. He was operating it full blast when the Civil War started.

Many houses and some large stores were built around it on what is now the James Chism farm. Later the Confederate authorities took charge of it and prepared to make cannon and other war material. Just after Lee's surrender the Federals confiscated it and were in possession of it when fire destroyed most of the buildings. Later the United States government offered Hughes \$40,000 for damages done. He wanted more and parleyed until the offer was withdrawn. He received nothing.

W. B. Aiken was loyal to the South but said it would not win. During the war he raised and hid 300 bales of cotton. At its close he sold it at a great price and invested all in black land at \$1.00 per acre around Paris, Texas. He told me this himself. He died very wealthy and gave thousands of dollars to schools and churches.

Mr. Hughes, during the war, with his 300 slaves raised much cotton and bartered much of it for Confederate bonds which were worthless after Lee's surrender. He died penniless and is buried beside his two wives and children one mile east of Hughes Springs.

The East Line and Red River railroad, a narrow gauge, passed the spring about 1878. Soon many town lots were sold. In 1879 T. B. Keasler came from Avinger and Bud Henderson from Concord and built stores there. In 1880 a spring house and a large hotel were built. I attended school there in 1880. It was taught by Prof. Bob Fletcher and wife. He was a brother of John Fletcher, founder of the Citizens Journal. For a school building we used the Methodist church, a long box building standing where the Methodist Church South now stands

Of the one hundred students attending school then I can name less than a dozen now living. Of the persons then living within the present city limits not one lives there now.

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Atlanta Schools Consolidated

At a session of the City Council in session July 13, 1896, a resolution was passed, consolidating the male and female schools of Atlanta, Texas. Prof. and Mrs. M. V. Looney were elected to teach the school.

Prof. Florence was elected as assistant teacher.

Councilmen: A. Miles, R. S. Allday, and J. D. Johnson were appointed to draw up set of rules for the combined schools.

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There were 257 people in Cass county that made income tax returns in 1937.

City Council Elects Teachers

At a meeting of the City Council, June 13, 1898, the following school teachers were elected:

Prof. Florence, principal, \$100.00 per month.

Prof. Price, assistant principal, \$75.00 per month.

Miss Annie Davis, assistant teacher, \$50.00 per month.

Miss Bettie Stephens, Miss Birdie Lanier and Miss Annie Moores, assistant teachers at \$25.00 per month.

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Baptist granted permission by City Council to hold services in the male institute building while new church was being built. This request granted April 6, 1896.

In the city election held in April, 1896, R. S. Allday, J. D. Johnson and J. T. Chamblee were elected aldermen.

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LINDEN TOWNSITE SELECTED IN 1852 FIRST COURT HELD IN SAME YEAR

The townsite of Linden was selected in 1852, and the county seat of Cass County moved from Jefferson to near the center of the county to better serve all the people.

A contract was made with T. J. Foster Sr., one of the county's early settlers, to build a court house. He built a log pit where the lumber for building the court house was made by hand power. The court house was the first building in Linden. It was two-story, with all finished work done by hand. Court was held on the lower floor with four offices up-stairs.

The land for the county seat was purchased from Ed Storey, and the townsite was plotted around the court house as it now is. Lots were sold and business houses soon sprang up at the completion of the court house.

Judge Denson presided as the first district judge at the first court held in the county. Hatley Crow kept order as the first sheriff and Robert Watson was first district clerk. Jeff White was first county clerk and George Youree presided as first county judge. Mr. Poindexter was first county attorney and T. J. Foster Sr., was first chief justice of the peace.

Bob Graham and John Moore were the first to open places of business in Linden. John Ligon built the first hotel.

Dr Ligon came as the first physician and was soon followed by Dr. Phillips, who put in the first drug store.

The first newspaper was edited by the late Judge H. F. O'Neal and was called the Linden Times, about 1858.

Linden was incorporated in 1858 with John Stewart as mayor and John Meeks as city marshal.

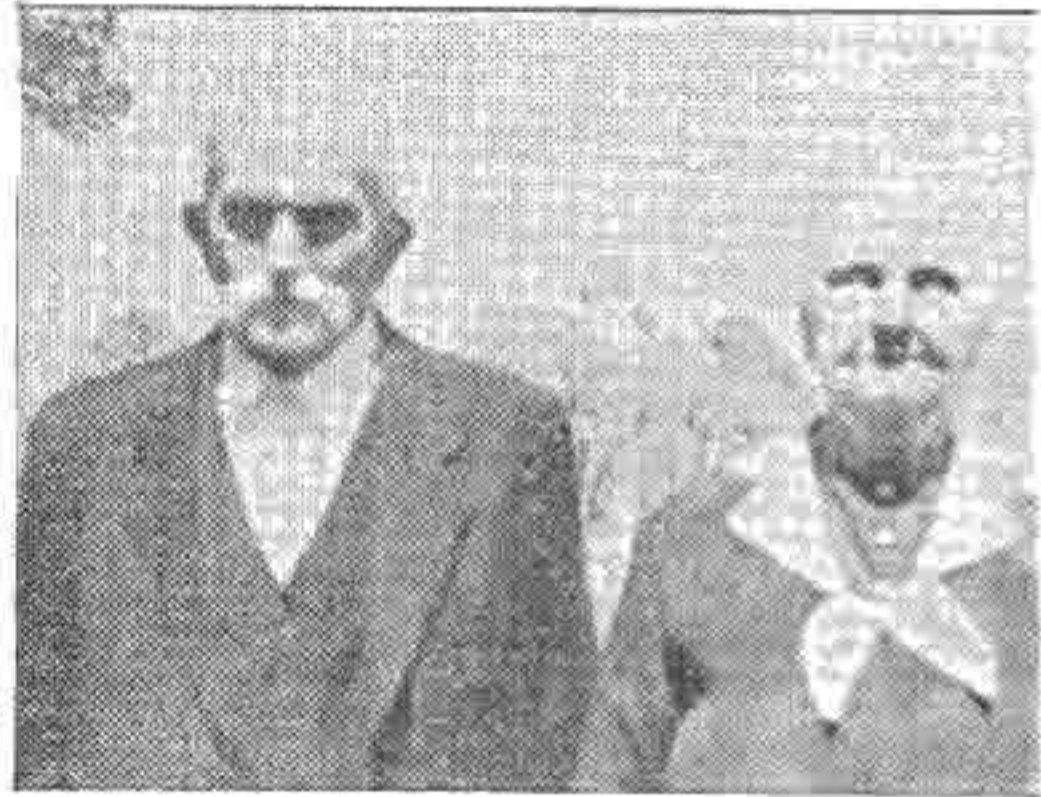
In 1859 the court house was put up and sold to the Baptists as a church house and plans made for the erection of a larger court house of brick which is enclosed in the present house. The old court house was moved to the Baptist church lot and was blown away in the cyclone of 1909. Nelson Porterfield was the first pastor of the Baptist church. William Hill was first pastor of the Methodist church. He

was killed in the Civil War.

The contract for the brick court house was let to Thos. Veal in 1859. He made and burned the brick on the branch in the south part of town. In 1860 he started work on the court house and only had it partially built when war broke out in 1861. The building was not completed until after the close of the Civil War.

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Turners Married Sixty-One Years



Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Turner

Mr. W. F. Turner and Miss Annett Haden Heldt were married November 11th, 1877 and have lived in the same community ever since.

Mr. Turner was born in Upshur county, Texas, September 30, 1854. He resided in Atlanta in 1874, when the town consisted of three store, and saw the first train run into the town over the Texas and Pacific railroad.

Mrs. Turner was born September 13th, 1859, in North Carolina, moved to Douglassville at the age of ten with her parents.

They have two sons and one daughter, Alfred and Ben Turner and Mrs. W. R. Bobo, who lives near them. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are enjoying good health.

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Early Iron Ore Furnaces In Cass Co.

The earliest reports of iron ore deposits in Cass County and Eastern Texas was in 1839, by Newell. Soon after the Declaration of Texas Independence.

The first iron furnace of which there is any record was the one built by J. S. Nash, about 1855. The location of which has been given in Cass county or possibly Marion county. One party gives its location just North of Barnes Hill, 3 miles from Avinger. Others say it was located on the Walter H. Gilbert tract in Marion county, which is more likely to be correct for Marion county used to be a part of Cass county.

The Nash furnace was operated throughout the Civil War, and was leased by the United States Government at the end of the war and ceased operation.

Several small furnaces and bloomeries were in operation about 1860. At an extra session of the legislature in 1881, a joint resolution was passed which points out that inexhaustible supplies of iron ore, together with several successful foundries existed in Cass and Marion counties, and invited the government of the Confederate State "to consider the property and importance of establishing a foundry and manufacture of ordinance and arms for the Confederate States. This was accepted and the Confederate Government took charge of an operated several of the existing furnaces and built others. After the war all of which finally fell into disuse.

Jefferson Early Capital of Cass

By Bill Clements

If a friend told you his grandfather lived in Jefferson at the time it was in Cass County, you would probably doubt his knowledge of the facts. But you would be wrong and history would bear your friend out.

History of the '60s shows that Cass County took in Marion county, the boundary reaching a mile and a half past Jefferson. Census reports included the historic "river port" and court was held in a Jefferson tavern before the building of a courthouse.

Cass County, once a part of Bowie County, was carved out by popular vote and "created" by the legislature, April 25, 1846. The newly created division was named for Lewis Cass, who the act says was "of the State of Michigan."

Both the name and boundaries

of Cass County were changed shortly after 1860. Jefferson was then within the new county of Marion, which was formed from part of Cass.

Shortly after secession, an act was introduced in the legislature for changing of the 15-year old name of Cass to Davis in honor of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America. In the same act, Buchanan County became Stephens County in honor of the vice-president. After the war, on May 16, 1871, the legislature restored the name Cass by a second act, former-president Davis being unpopular with the "Yankees."

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Harris First Rural Carrier

John T. Harris was carrier on the first rural mail route, established in Cass county, which was route one out of Hughes Springs,

Texas. This route was established and put in service on October 15, 1903.

Mr. Harris served this route as carrier for 30 years and 17 days, being retired November 1, 1933, on a pension account of the service limit of 30 years.

Mr. Harris is now 65 years of age and has spent 50 years in Cass County.

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Bivins Postoffice First Named Hoxie

The Bivins, Texas, postoffice was first established as Hoxie, on May 26, 1881, with William F. Cobb as postmaster. The name was later changed to Wayne on May 11, 1883 and to Bivens, November 20, 1889, and to Bivins on November 10, 1894. M. S. Ray is the present postmaster. This office is now served by two rural routes: No. One with Jack Jones as carrier and No. Two with Henry D. Ray, carrier.

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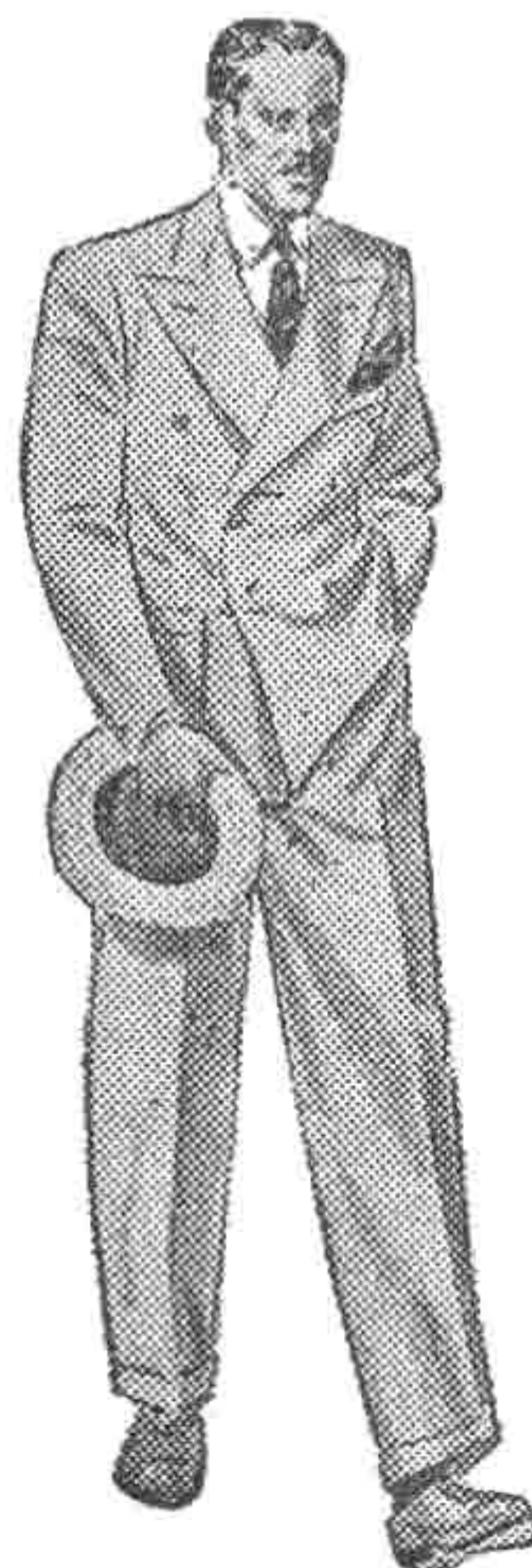
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Linden, Texas

Excerpts from Citizens Journal in 1903

Few news stories gleaned from The Citizens Journal, issue of July 23, 1903:

At this time there were only 13 school districts in Cass county, and boundaries were defined as follows

- No. 1, Justice Peace Precinct No 1, middle division.
- No. 2, Justice Precinct District 1, east division.
- No. 3 in Justice Precinct 8.
- No. 4 in Justice Precinct 2.
- No. 5 in Justice Precinct No. 3, south division.
- No. 6 in Justice Precinct No. 3, north division.

- No. 7 in Justice Precinct No. 6.
 - No. 8 in Justice Precinct 4, west division.
 - No. 9 in Justice Precinct No. 4, east division.
 - No. 10 in Justice Precinct No. 7 west division.
 - No. 1 in Justice Precinct No. 7 east division.
 - No. 12 in Justice Precinct No. 5.
 - No. 13 in Justice Precinct No. 1 west division.
- Pope Leo, XIII, is dead. Funeral will be held Sunday.

H. A. O'Neal, president; J. M. Fletcher, secretary; A. Miles, treasurer; F. M. Greene and R. S. All-day, selling committee, of the Cass County Truck Association. Reported a successful season, especially in Irish potatoes as well as fruits and vegetables.

An urgent call was made to all prohibitionists to meet at Queen City, Saturday August 1 to do some needed work along that line.

Fat hogs wanted by S. Q. Clements, will pay 5c gross and 6 1/2c dressed.

T. S. Brown has returned from the Territory and again cutting meat at S. Q. Clements market.

Miss Mamie and Master Robert Miles have returned from a visit in Shreveport.

Cass county lands selling from \$5.00 to \$25.00 per acre, owing to improvements.

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Citizens Journal Tales of 1898

The following advertisement headed column number one in the December 22, 1898 issue of the Citizens Journal. East Texas, the farmers paradise. Offers cheap homes to all. Cass county, her resources, soil, climate, water, products, schools, churches, etc. are the best.

Cussetta correspondent said: Have had snow, sleet and rain in abundance; roads bad and much cotton still in the fields. Larger acreage of wheat planted than last year and plenty of fine, fat hogs.

Hershel O'Neal came in this week from Southwestern University, at Georgetown, for the Christmas holidays.

Misses Birdie Lanier and Mentie Johnson, who are teaching in Marion county, are home for Christmas.

R. B. Baker and F. R. Blaydes have opened their law office here.

S. Kaleski and T. A. Miles are making special prices this week.

Marriages

Deason Childs: At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Childs, parents of the bride, near Atlanta, Wednesday evening, Dec. 21. Mr. S. T. Deason of Richmond, Texas, was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Childs, by Rev. W. A. Reagan.

Rev. W. B. Simmons reports having performed the marriage ceremony for the following couples: December 11: R. H. Pool and Miss Lena Nottingham of Arkansas. December 14: W. H. Jones and Miss Alice Clements of Bloomburg. December 21: J. L. Endsley and Miss Eller Sherman.

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Trustees Huffines School District

Trustees Huffines Consolidated District: U. D. Tolleson, H. F. Parker, J. E. Waites, J. B. Little, A. J. Squyres, J. A. Dees and J. E. Hardin.

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Atnalta Delphian Chapter Organized

By Mrs. Tilford Hughes
The Atnalta Delphian Chapter was organized December 15, 1938, with seventeen charter members.

The Delphian society is a national organization the purpose of which is embodied in its motto of higher education, personal improvement and social progress. It is the largest organization for adult education among the women of this country.

The course comprises a study of the broader development of history and the gradual growth of art, drama, and literature. In these is found the experiences of the human race.

No community, state or nation can expect to rise higher than the intelligence and ability of the average citizen. Those nations which are most advanced are those where education has flourished.

This then is the ultimate purpose of the Delphians: to bring about social progress in the future as a result of personal improvement of the individual through

higher education. This is expressed in the motto of all Delphian chapters, "Not what we have but what we share."

Upon becoming a member of a Delphian chapter each receives a set of nine volumes of literature together with a blue book and year book to serve as a guide. The course is so arranged as to cover three years study which is equivalent to one year's resident university work.

The course in which the Atnalta chapter has entered covers: Modern Trends for the first year; Creative Thinkers for the second and Modern Arts for the third.

The following members comprise the Atnalta chapter:

President, Mrs. M. G. Pitts; vice-president, Mrs. Guy Gullion; secretary, Mrs. Tilford Hughes; treasurer, Mrs. B. R. McLendon; reporter, Mrs. Jack Oakes; mentor, Mrs. Bob Howe; seminar board: Mrs. Wade Aday, Mrs. Henry R. King, Mrs. N. P. Hanner; committees: Mrs. G. H. Chamblee, Mrs. Byron Hefner.

Early Post Offices In Cass County

HUFFINES: Eight miles south of Atlanta, Texas. This office was established, March 17 1881, with James S. McConnell as postmaster. This office was discontinued, June 15, 1905, account of R. F. D. out of Atlanta, Texas.

HOXIE: Two miles south of Bivins, Texas, now known as Wayne Siding. This office was established May 26, 1881, with William F. Cobb as postmaster. The name of this office was changed to Wayne May 11, 1883. The name of this office was changed to Bivins, November 20, 1889. The name of this office was changed to Bivins, November 10, 1894, (and is still in operation.)

GALLOWAY: Eight miles north east of Linden, Texas. This office was established January 7, 1882, with William J. Galloway as postmaster. The name of this office was changed to Galloway November 6, 1883. The name of this office was changed to Milner January 17, 1891. This office was discontinued December 15, 1904.

CULBERSON: Ten miles southwest of Linden, Texas. This office was established February 13, 1883, with Isaac S. Lacy as post master. This office was discontinued May 31, 1904. Located at Jumbo Saw Mill.

JUMBO: One mile west of Bloomburg, Texas. This office was estab-

lished October 17, 1883, with George M. Hobby as postmaster. This office was discontinued November 11, 1884.

JONES CHAPEL: 8 miles west of Atlanta. This office was established April 21, 1886, with Frank A. Crawford as postmaster. This office was discontinued June 19, 1886 and changed to O'Farrell August 6, 1886.

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Increase in Value of Buildings

Texas school buildings were valued at \$9,166,550 in 1900, at \$72,824,694 in 1920, and at \$199,482,073 at the end of the last fiscal year. Tables showing experience and certification of school teachers of Texas are less adaptable to comparisons, but rapid progress has been made and there has been an accompanying upward trend of teachers' salaries from the level of \$260 per annum which existed in 1900.

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Textbooks

In addition to the increasing apportionments from the available school fund and the appropriations from the general fund of the state for rural aid or equalization, the state, beginning with the school year 1919-20, has supplied free text books. Throughout the entire period the average net payments per scholastic had amounted to \$1.22.

J. J. Hill Celebrates 71st Birthday

J. J. Hill, Bivins, Texas celebrated his 71st birthday, May 19th. He was born 1868 in Cass county, three miles west of Bivins, and has lived lived in this section of the county all his life. He operated a livery stable in Atlanta in 1891-92.

He was married to Miss Dora Waites on May 13th 1889, celebrated his 50th, wedding anniversary May 13, 1939. She was born June 22, 1869, in Alabama.

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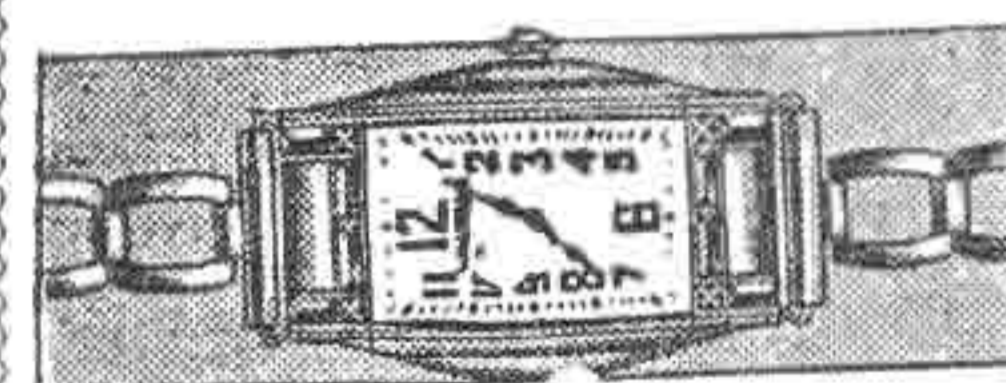
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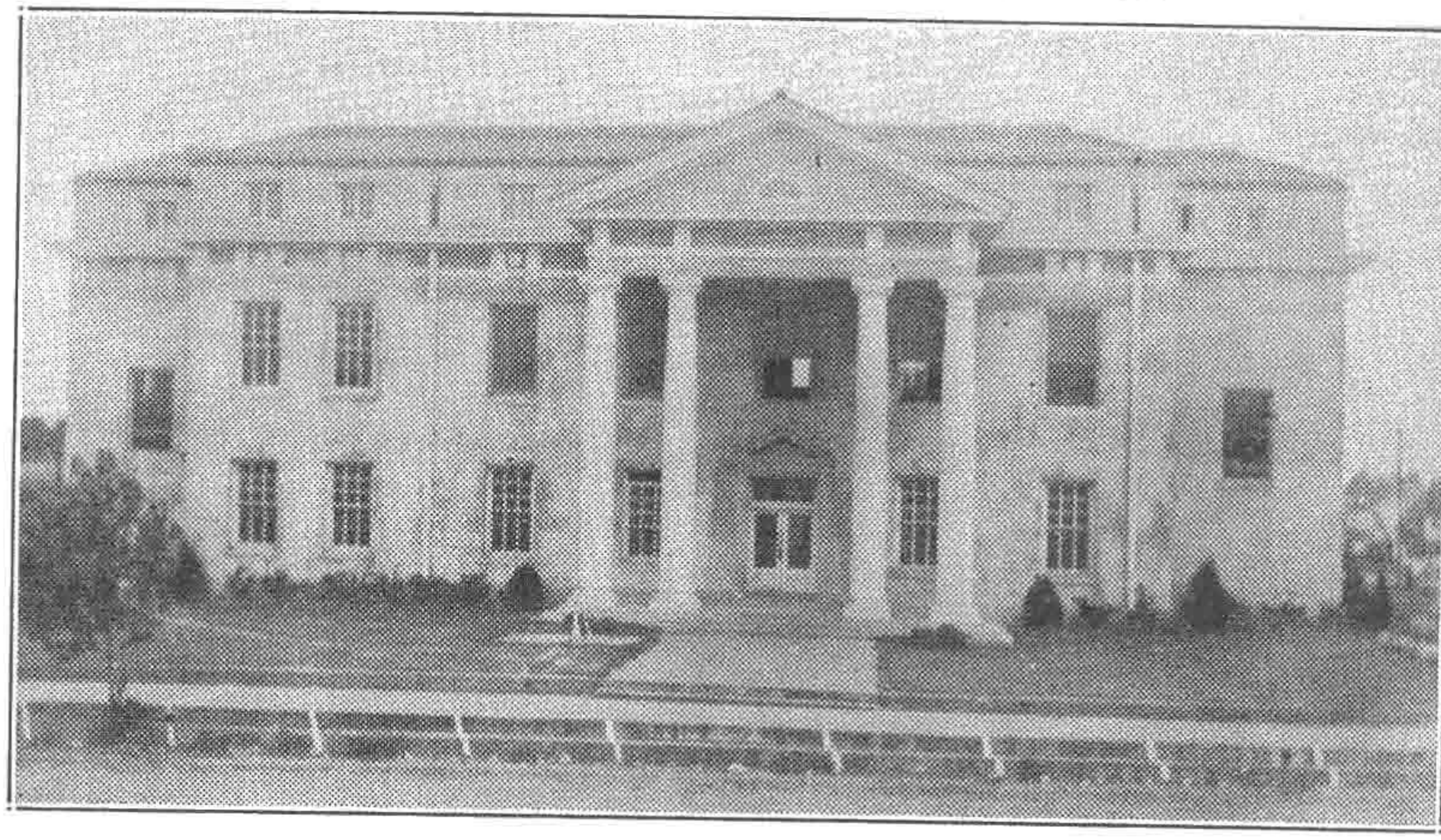
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Cass Is One of Texas' Leading Counties

Cass County in the upper East Texas timber region, created and organized in 1846 from Bowie county and named for Lewis Cass, advocate of Texas' annexation while Senator from Michigan.

Area, 951 square miles. Pop. 32,120. Pop. 33.7 to square mile. Tax val. 1938 \$19,403,850. Tol. val. \$29,950,000. Income, \$8,023,000 No. farms, 5,504. Crop land (a) 151,688. Mfr. val. \$541,145. Retail sales \$4,848,000. Auto reg. 1938 5,537. Income tax ret 257 person for 1937.

Situated on the border of Louisiana and Arkansas, this heavily timbered county has a level to undulating surface, broken in parts by low hills and valleys. Sulphur Fork of the Red River forms the northern boundary line. Altitude 250 to 400 feet; rainfall 43 inches; mean annual temperature about 65.4 degrees.

Resources: The county is in a diversified farming area, with gray loam, red sandy and alluvial soils. About one third of the land is in timber, including short leaf pine and various hardwoods that support numerous sawmills. There are 400 oil wells and deposits of gas, iron, lignite and clays. Oil production in 1938 was 8,756, 924 barrels.

Crops: The county grows about 25,000 to 40,000 bales of cotton, corn, potatoes, melons, all kinds of fruits and vegetables, bulk of which is sold commercially and the rest canned for home use. Improved farming practices are stopping erosion and rebuilding the soil. Crop value averages from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 annually.

Livestock: Cass county is in the northeast Texas region which is rapidly turning into a major dairying section. New farm to market roads, shade trees, year-round pasturing and ample water supply is advantageous for this industry. Nearness of milk processing plants is another factor in the dairying picture. Other livestock activities are raising of high quality beef cattle, hogs and poultry.

Like adjacent East Texas counties, Cass is a heaven for visitors on week ends, who enjoy the fishing on numerous streams and lakes.

Linden, pop. 1,200, county seat, is a truck shipping point and has a chair factory and several sawmills.

Atlanta, Pop. 3,050 is in the heart of a growing truck country and has a fine canning plant that buys farmers tomatoes, beans and other vegetables. It is located only ten miles from the Rodessa oil field, has a brick factory, wholesale houses and a modern hospital.

Hughes Springs, pop. 736, in the southwest part of the county, and ships cotton, sweet potatoes, lumber.

Avinger, pop. 600, serves the southwest section of Cass and northwest part of Marion counties.

Bloomburg, pop. 500, serves the east part of the county.

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Cass County, Texas 1939 Officers of

Kermit Wommack, County Judge
I. E. Lanier, County Auditor;
W. D. Allen, Sheriff; Gerald C. Ford, District Clerk; Parks E. McMichael, County Attorney; R. H. Harvey, District Judge, Linden, Texas; Weldon S. Glass, District Attorney, Texarkana, Texas; Joe J. Early, County Clerk; Tom W. Finley, Tax Assessor - Collector; Ruth Olive, County Treasurer; D. H. Boon, County Superintendent; Fred W. Barker, County Surveyor.

J. P.:—E. H. Sheffield, precinct No. 1; S. B. Foster, precinct. No. 2; W. J. Rountree, precinct. No. 3; D. W. Guyton, precinct No. 4; J. W. Walker, precinct No. 5; J. O. Logwood, precinct No. 6; E. Nelson precinct No. 7; R. C. Waldrop, precinct No. 8.

Constables: — George Bennett, precinct No. 1; Bill Wilson, precinct No. 2; Claude Roberts, precinct No. 3; R. E. Blalock, precinct No. 4; H. A. Parker, precinct No. 5; D. Jim Duke, precinct No. 6; J. B. Spivey, precinct No. 7;

Duece Pyland, precinct. No. 8.
Abe Mays, Rep. No. 2, Cass county, Atlanta. G. H. Harper, Rep. No. 3, Jefferson. E. Harold Beck, State Senator, Dist. No. 1, Texarkana. R. L. White County Agent. Rebecca Murry, Home Demonstration Agent.

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Atlanta Rotary Club Organized

The Longview Rotary Club assisted in organizing the Atlanta Club, under the leadership of Fred Stuckey. The Atlanta club organized the DeKalb Rotary Club in 1928 which club disbanded in 1933.

The local club organized the Linden, Texas club in 1937 which club is doing splendid work.

This club is now in the 128th District.

The club is organized and works under the aims and object plan.

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Huffines School Teachers, 1938-39

Teachers Huffines School 1938-39: Joe Bentley, Supt; Era Lou Fuller, R. V. McKinney, Stringer Womack, Clifford Rainey, Myrtle Bowman and Lavonia Allard. Teaching eleven grades.

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Early History of Kildare, Texas

Galloway and Moore Donated Land

The Texas & Pacific Railway was surveyed thru Kildare in fall of 1872 and built in 1873. Messrs. C. C. Calloway and E. C. Moore were operating a small sawmill and grist mill and established the first general merchandise business in the town. Ed Rand bought out Galloway and Moore in 1875. A. Miles and Theo Miles established the first drug store in Kildare in 1879 and a year later moved to Atlanta.

J. K. Heath was an early sawmill man in Kildare in 1898.

The Methodist church was organized and built in 1877.

The Baptist church was built about the same year with Rev. Henry Sheffield as first pastor.

The present merchants of Kildare are a live bunch and are doing a good business and welcome you to their city any time.

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1938-39 Teachers Kildare School

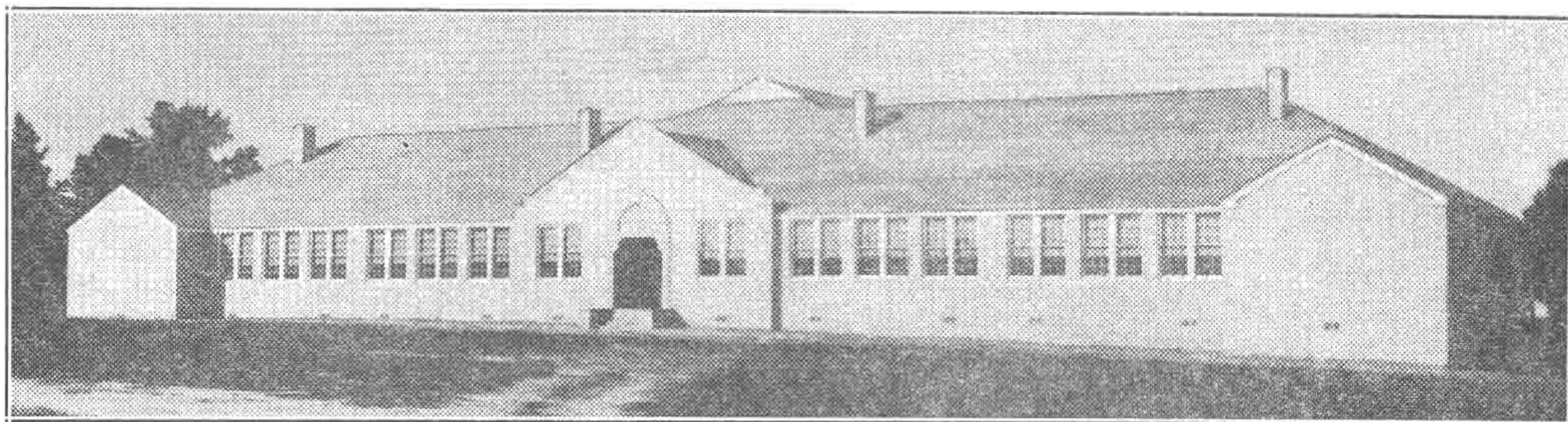
C. C. Alexander, Supt.; R. S. Beasley, J. R. Harvey, Ozie Wray, J. H. Seay, Orbin Taylor, Lafayette King, Mrs. Nora Bashaw, Mrs. Mattileen McCrary, Mrs. Waylon Nelson, Anabel Stamps, Bobbie Hill, Mrs. A. D. Cates. They teach eleven grades.

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Kildare Baptist Church Organized

The Baptist church at Kildare, Texas, was organized in the year 1877 and has been a blessing to the people of that community for these many years. Rev. J. P. Olive of Linden, Texas, is the present pastor. Deacons: C. W. Goodman, Tom Walker and J. J. Walker. Waylon Nelson is church clerk. The church has 85 members.

Modern Brick School Building of Kildare Independent School District, Built In 1937



James Bayou Lodge Superintendent Kildare No. 491

The James Bayou Lodge, 491, A. F. & A. M., Kildare, Texas, was chartered December 14, 1878 with S. J. Morris, Master; Robert McLeon, Senior Warden; D. C. Howard, Junior Warden.

Charter members were: S. J. Morris, D. C. Howard, E. Rand, S. J. Chester, Jasper Evins, J. P. Snelgrove, A. H. Gifford, J. K. Bivins, Rabb Lewis, H. Blinn, J. H. Hutchison, J. J. Stubbs, H. B. Hays, J. W. Goodman, J. C. Malcomb, Rabb McLean.

First officers of the lodge were: S. J. Morris, W. M.; Robert McLean S. W.; D. C. Howard, J. W.; H. Blinn, treasurer; E. Rand, secretary S. J. Chester, S. D.; Jasper Evins, J. D.; J. K. Bivins, S.S.; J. P. Snelgrove, J. S.; J. W. Goodman, Tiler.

1938 officers of the lodge were: V. S. Pruitt, W. M.; A. R. Huggins, S. W.; M. S. Ray, J. W.; R. G. Ramsey, secretary; W. E. Simmons, treasurer; H. F. McDuffie, S. D.; C. T. Mott, J. D.; H. T. Turner, Tiler.

Present membership of the lodge is thirty-one.

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Reforestation is one of the pressing problems in Texas today, and one that is receiving major attention from the Texas Forest Service.

Superintendent



C. C. ALEXANDER, Kildare

Trustees Kildare School District

Trustees for the Kildare Independent School District for 1939: Lex Whatley, G. W. Whatley, W. E. Simmons, J. J. Walker, R. C. Mason, C. R. Snelgrove and R. P. Moore.

Kildare Postoffice Established In 1874

This office was established June 24, 1874, with Clement C. Galloway as postmaster, and is still serving that town. C. M. Nelson is the present postmaster at Kildare.

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Atlanta was first settled in 1873; incorporated in 1880. The population in 1890 was 1,301; in 1910, 1,604; 1920, 1,469; 1930, 1,982; 1937, 3,500; 1939, 3,100. Altitude 264 feet. Atlanta was named after Atlanta, Georgia, by early settlers coming here from and near that city.

Lone Star Furnace Operated In 1891

The Lone Star furnace, at Jefferson, known as the Jefferson furnace, was built in 1889-91, and was blown in, using charcoal, on March 15, 1891. It had one stack, fifty feet high and 12 feet in diameter, and two Durham iron stoves. The product was hot blast foundry pig iron, and the capacity was about 13,500 tons per year. The plant closed down in 1893, and reopened in 1898 and ran successfully until 1904, when it again closed down.

It is reported that the furnace was again operated in 1907-11, and much ore was shipped there from Atlanta and Lassater. This was among one of the last iron ore furnaces to be operated in Texas.

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L. W. JAYNES KILDARE, TEXAS

The Citizens Journal Files, Aug. 15, 1907

Two days encampment at Stone Coal Bluff this week. The old Confederates having a grand time on their annual encampment.

This issue carried a wonderful address delivered by Mrs. Gertrude Curtright at the dedication of the Confederate Monument at Jefferson, Texas, on July 10, 1907.

The Northeast Texas Musical Convention will meet at Pleasant Hill, south of Huffines, first Saturday and Sunday in September, announced by J. S. McLeod.

List of grand jurors for the September term of district court at Linden: John E. Ellington, J. H. Snipes, J. W. Allday, George W. Coody, C. J. Johnson, T. B. Keasler, J. M. McDowell, B. A. Glass, E. W. King, J. M. Clements, W. H. Harris, D. R. Coulter, J. L. Thaggard, S. L. Rankin, J. W. Walton, J. L. Brooks.

First Methodist Church, Linden, Texas



Linden Methodists Organize in 1853

By S. L. Henderson

The Linden Methodist church came out of a revival held in 1852. The church was organized in 1853, with William Hill as pastor. The church building was located where the grade school now stands, with the pastor living at Kildare. It was a mission church.

The Linden charge then contained several preaching points. In 1859 a new church was built, located where the W. H. Robertson home is now located. This building was rebuilt in 1906. The pastor at this time lived in Douglassville.

In 1912-13 a parsonage was erected in Linden near the church and the pastor has since resided in Linden.

In 1926, the church was moved to its present location and a modern brick church was erected at a cost of \$13,500.00. In 1937 a brick parsonage was constructed.

The church now has a membership of 298, and still bears the name given it in 1854, that of the Linden charge. Rev. A. A. Rider is the pastor at present. The Linden charge in its early years raised less than a hundred dollars. In 1938 it raised \$4,244.00.

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Douglassville Post-Office Established

This office was established on July 8, 1854, with James A. Chappell as postmaster. This office was discontinued on November 5, 1866, and re-established April 29, 1867.

This office was changed into Davis county on April 29, 1867. This office was discontinued on February 1, 1871, and re-established on August 14, 1871; and was changed back into Cass county between August 14, 1871, and June 11, 1873 and is still in operation with Mrs. Mary Swint as postmaster.

Douglassville, Texas, has one rural route, established about 1906 as an every other day mail delivery, and few years later made a full time route. M. B. Swint is now in his 33rd year as carrier on this route.

Route No. 2 was established in 1907 as an every other day mail delivery, later being made a full time route with W. E. Swint as carrier. This route was consolidated with route 1 January 1, 1937, and Mr. Swint transferred to route out of Omaha, Texas.

Methodist Church History in County

By Sam L. Henderson

From a small beginning in the middle of the 18th Century to the present, the church has made a steady progress. At this time the following churches are active in the county.

Atlanta: property value \$15,000.00; membership 550; money raised in 1938 \$58,768.00.

Avinger Circuit

Avinger; property value \$9,500.00; membership 113.

Shiloh, property value \$1,000.00; membership 180.

Harris Chapel; property value \$1,500.00; membership 209.

Moore's Chapel; property value \$1,000.00; membership 55.

Total money raised in circuit in 1938 \$3,565.00.

Douglassville Circuit

Douglassville; property value \$7,500.00; membership 168.

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Cedar Grove; property value \$1,000.00; membership 37.

Midway; property value \$700.00; membership 58.

O'Farrell; property value \$1,500.00; membership 91.

Union Chapel; property value \$3,500.00; membership 154.

Total money raised in circuit in 1938 \$3,292.00.

Hughes Springs Circuit

Hughes Springs; property value \$9,000.00; membership 292.

Gardners Chapel; property value \$1,500.00; membership 70.

Walkers Chapel; property value \$1,000.00; membership 25.

Total amount raised in circuit in 1938 \$3,143.00

Linden Circuit

Linden; property value \$21,000.00; membership 298.

Wells Chapel; property value \$1,500.00; membership 83.

Pearl Hill; property value \$1,500.00; membership 77.

Total money raised in circuit in 1938 \$4,244.00.

Cornett; property value \$2,000.00; membership 136; money raised in 1938 \$409.00.

Kildare; property value \$500.00; membership 28; amount raised in 1938 \$245.00.

McLeod; property value—; membership—; money raised in 1938 \$500.00.

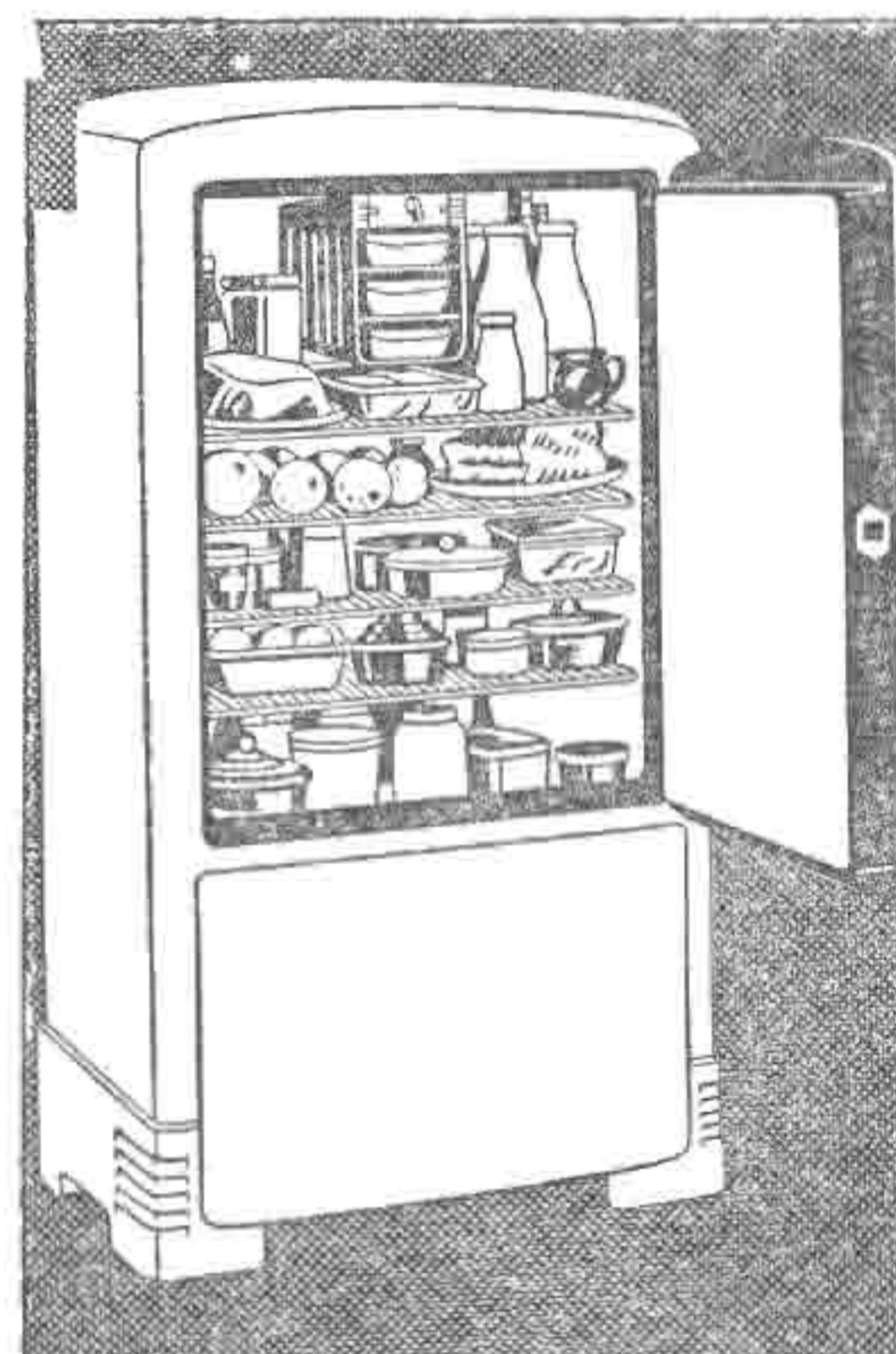
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First Steam Engine In Cass County

We understand that Mr. Tom Floyd, one of Cass county's earliest settlers, installed and operated the first steam engine in the county during the Civil War days. He bought and installed this engine and operated a grist and wheat mill down on a spring branch running through his farm, two miles west of Cussetta.

He later put in a cotton gin and operated it for many years. Wheat was brought to his mill for making it into flour for over fifty miles around in those days, spending the night there and standing in line to get their wheat ground.

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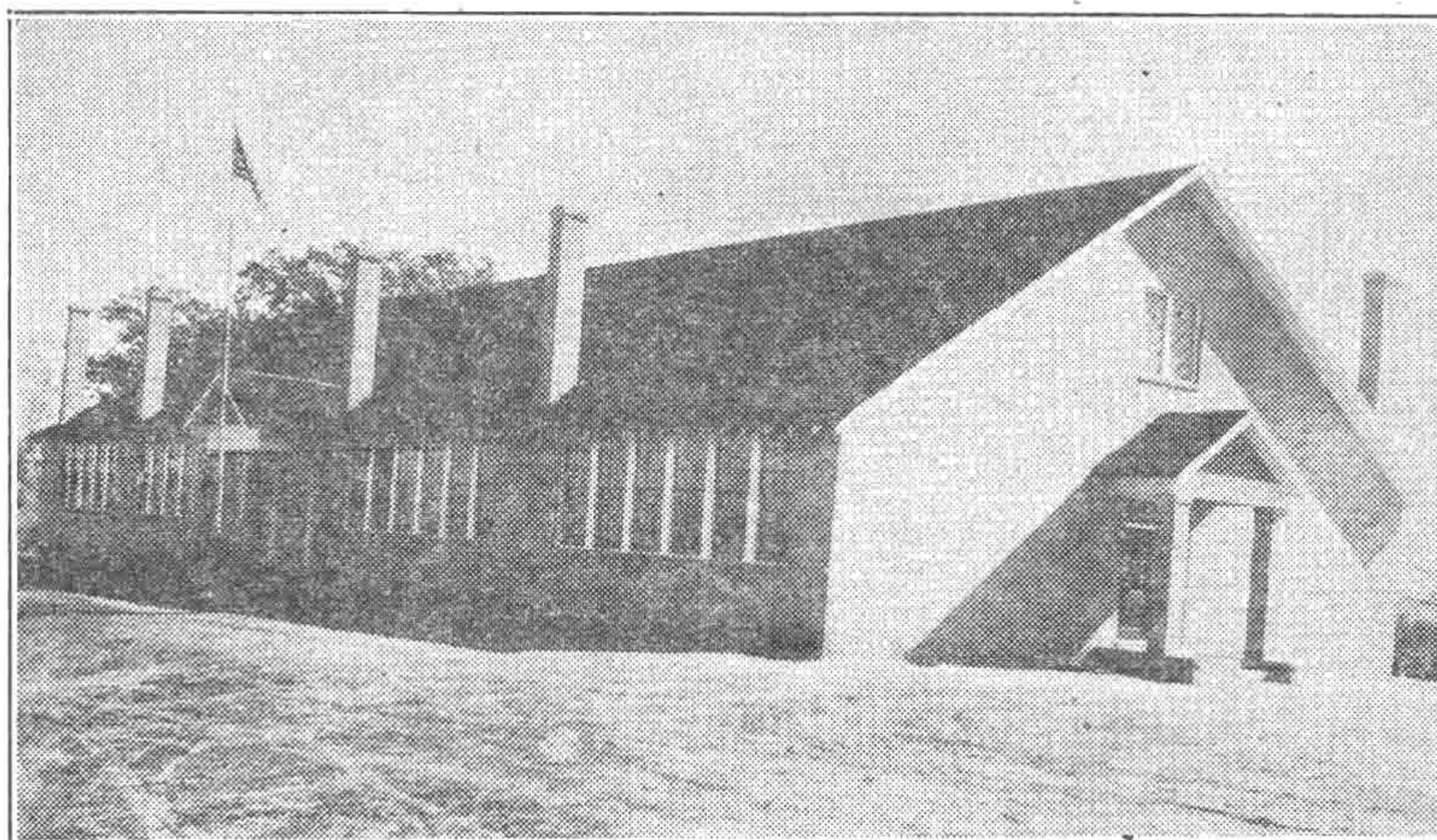
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DOUGLASSVILLE ON THE HILL;

In traveling Highway No. 59 through Cass county near the Sulphur River, a tourist passes through the community of Douglassville, located on top of a hill, being populated with an extraordinarily cultured people, mostly consisting of decendants of emigrants from Alabama and Georgia dating back to the first settler, who was a man by name of Petty, who settled about five miles north on the banks of Sulphur River, where he constructed and operated a ferry boat for many years, until killed in an altercation with a man by the name of Watson over a fee charged for crossing.

Mr. Petty settled here in 1853, erecting a home near his ferry, which building survived the floods and storms until 1936, when it burned to the ground. His ferry

Douglassville School Building



Douglassville School Teachers in 1938-39

The Douglassville, Texas, school has nice new school building, built only a few years ago, and teaches nine grades.

The following were the teachers for the 1938-39 year.

Teachers: Clarence Brown, principal; Lonnie Price, Mary Thomas, Una Bushart, Mrs. Inez McCall and Lillian Clark.

Trustess: Paul McCoy, H. S. Granberry and E. O. Carlow.

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June 6th, 1904, City of Atlanta rented to the W. C. T. Union, the City Hall for one day per month for holding their public meetings.

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The first bonds was voted on September 1, 1889 for six thousand dollars to build the first brick school building here, which was erected in 1896.

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was widely known throughout the state, as well as adjoining states, and has been mentioned in historical writings of Texas' development, the reason for its renown being the only place in Northeast Texas where a suitable crossing of the Sulphur River could be made, as was Carter's ferry, near Longview.

During the year 1857 several families emigrated to this community from Georgia, among whom mentioned were the families of Collier, Jackson, McCoy, Willis, and Douglass, followed soon thereafter by a party from Alabama consisting of the families named Crawford Heldt, Hunt, Heath and Brooks. John Douglass, one of the above Georgians, erected a home on the present town site, made from hewn logs, which home, later improved with "mill made lumber" covering the logs, is still standing in excellent state of repair, being now referred to as the "Wilson Home."

The Georgians and Alabamans, evidently, vied with each other in developing this community, each endeavoring to out-do the other in inducing emigrants from their respective states to settle here, which is indicated by the arrival in 1869 from Georgia by the families of L. D. Greene, Hardin, Alsup, McWhorter and other, later to be followed by the families of Snipes,

Swint, Wilson, Carlow, Webster, King and Prof. Granberry in 1870.

These latter arrivals found a flourishing school being conducted here by Josh Crawford who had erected a building and was teaching school on the site adjoining the present cemetery, just off the highway. Later Prof. Patton erected a three-story structure on the site of the present public school lot, where he conducted a large school system, with enrollment including pupils from other states, as well as a wide area in Texas. These pupils, among whom was the Hon. Judge Talbot, formerly Judge of the Federal District Court in Dallas, Texas, boarded with families living here at that time, while attending Prof. Patton's school.

The history of Douglassville is rich in romance and reminiscences of civil war days. Dr. A. C. Oliver organized Company D, 1 Texas Infantry, and a Mr. Curtright, father of the community sheriff, drilled volunteers through the thoroughfares of the community. Dr. Oliver was made 1st Lieutenant of his company; Andrew and Sam Carlow were assigned to company I, 32nd Texas Cavalry; James Carlow to company D, 1st Texas Infantry; Willis Carlow to company B, Morgan's Texas Cavalry and Wm. J. Hendricks to company K, 7th Confederate Army. James P. Swint, also active in the service, was captured by the "Yankees" and incarcerated at Chicago either for the duration of the war or released in an exchange of prisoners. Patrols were stationed along the roads near the town, as precautionary measures against surprise attacks.

A postoffice was established here some time prior to the outbreak of the war; a Mr. McFarlane serving as its first mail carrier, transporting the mail to and from Jefferson, where it was brought in collected by steam boats which docked at that point.

Three churches flourished with membership in 1859, the denominations comprising the Protestant Methodist, Methodist Episcopal Church South and Baptist. The two Methodist institutions subsequently merged.

Either a man by the name of Patton or Easley, both of whom were sons-in-law of Abram Chapel, owned and operated the first store in Douglassville, the second one being established by Major Williams at a later date. Dr. Heldt was the first practicing physician, with Dr. Cook the second. The community does not at the present time have a resident doctor, since Dr. Dallas retired from active service some years past.

Among the old settlers who spent their lives here were: Mr. and Mrs. Moody, grand parents of Sena

tor Morris Sheppard, the families of Grogard, Henderson, Howe, A. C. Smith, Dr. Clopton, Dr. Terhune, Ellington, Powell, Dunklin, Stone, Morriss, Judge Booty, of Tyler, and others, all of whom contributed to the social and educational development of this little community.

Douglassville, situated on a high elevation among the hills comprising the upper structure of the geologically defined Sabine Uplift, with its homes, churches, school business houses and its community house snugly arranged, covering the hill-top as though designed by a master architect, presents a picture of serenity, contentment and happiness, with harmony and peace prevailing, lending inspiration to the artist and poet in search of a present-day Eden. It is not surprising, therefore, to find these residents contented with their little community, having no aspirations to develop it to city proportions, but, rather, enjoying the natural environments of simplicity, serenity and sympathy among themselves, offering no encouragement to strangers to settle in their midst, but holding steadfastly to those principals handed down to them by their predecessors who first settled here.

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BLOOMBURG ESTABLISHED IN 1895; WAS TERMINAL OF K.C.S. RAILWAY

The town of Bloomburg, Texas, was founded in the summer of 1895, soon after the completion of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railway, now the K. C. S. Railway, to that point.

In September of that year, Jeff and Jim Patterson moved from Bright Star, Ark., and entered the mercantile business, the first in Bloomburg. Shortly after they came, L. B. Easters erected a store on the west side of the railroad and was also the first postmaster of Bloomburg, Texas.

At about the same time R. I. Brown and W. A. Smith began a mercantile business on the lot where the hotel now stands. Mr. Smith is still in business at Bloomburg, being the only one of the early merchants still there.

Bloomburg was the terminal of the railroad for more than a year,

before the building was resumed and the tracks laid on into Shreveport, La. The town was named for a stockholder by the name of Bloomburg, who lived in Holland.

G. W. Patterson moved to the town in 1898 and built the first cotton warehouse. The first drug store was built by R. Y. Bentley in March 1896. Dr. J. M. McDuff moved to the new town the same year. His daughter, Miss Estell McDuff, of Atlanta, Texas, was the first white child born in Bloomburg, and the townsite company gave her a lot as a present.

Bloomburg was incorporated in April 1911.

G. W. Fant published the first newspaper in Bloomburg, Texas, April 13, 1811, and operated for a few years as "The Times." A few years later R. P. West established "The Bloomburg Enterprise" which

was published for about three years.

J. J. Casey operated the first cotton gin in 1900.

The Methodist's held services in the school house in 1898, and later erected a frame church building where services were held until two years ago, when a nice brick building was built.

The Baptist church was organized and a building erected in 1906. A few years ago a nice brick building was erected.

The present City officials are: C. R. Simmons, Mayor. E. D. Simmons, Secretary. C. R. Shipp, W. R. Puckett, V. D. Glass Jr., J. T. Grogan, and C. W. Olds, Aldermen.

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Bloomburg Post Office Established

This office was established, March 17th, 1896, with Wiley J. Easters as postmaster, and is still in operation with Harvey L. Pettit as postmaster.

Clerks in office: Gerald Yates. Carriers: Ben D. Hogue, carrier, route No. 1. James A. Gunn, carrier route No. 2.

Retired carriers: R. W. Steed, retired July 10, 1932, after 30 years of service. He started as carrier of route 1 out of Cass and served this route until it was discontinued out of Cass and transferred to Bloomburg, Texas, in 1928, as route No. 3, and continued to carry the mail on this route until it was consolidated with route 1 out of Bloomburg, in July 1932.

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Bloomburg School Teachers in 1938-39

The Bloomburg school owns a nice building and teaches eleven grades with a nine months school year.

Teachers for the 1938-39 term: Homer Nicholas, supt.; R. F. McFatrige, Vocational; Homer Bowen, Cleo Chamblee, Mrs. Margaret Glass Steed, Agnes Antry, Mrs. C. C. Rainey, Martha Bressler, Anna Rose Hooten, Mrs. Norine Schumann.

The Trustees are: G. W. Harris, E. D. Simmons, C. A. Porterfield, F. D. Brimer, W. B. Anthony, W. R. Puckett and R. E. Brinkley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sharrer, Atlanta



Mr. Sharrer was born February 27th, 1857, in Warren county Kentucky, and married to Miss Hester C. Maxey, December 4th, 1878. Mrs. Sharrer was born March 24th, 1859.

They have three sons and one daughter: A. E. Sharrer, San Juan Texas; M. A. and J. S. Sharrer, Atlanta, Texas, and Mrs. J. P. Law, Omaha, Texas.

Mr. Sharrer joined the postal civil service August 16th, 1905, as a rural route carrier, on route number one out of Atlanta, serving the route 18 years 6 months and 10 days, being retired at the age of 77, February 26th, 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharrer celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary, December 4th, 1938.

Atlanta Eastern Star Organizes

Atlanta Chapter No. 151, Order of the Eastern Star, was chartered on October 12th, 1911, the Charter was signed by Edith Findlater as Grand Worthy Matron, and E. J. Hosey as Grand Worthy Patron and Cassie C. Leonard, Grand Secretary and was instituted by Miss Lena Bromberg.

The original officers as designated in the Charter were: Mrs. Onie Willis as First Worthy Matron; W. F. Cameron, First Worthy Patron; Mollie Cameron, Associate Matron, and their successors in office.

Since the institution of this Chapter, the following Worthy Matrons have served the Chapter:

Mrs. Ida Matthews; Mrs. Georgia Johnson; Mrs. Inie Pepper; Mrs. Mollie Cameron; Mrs. Lucy Mays; Mrs. Sallie Jett; Mrs. Verna Glass; Mrs. Willie Hanner; Mrs. Faye Rabb; Mrs. Jewel Cameron; Mrs. Minnie Lou McClung; Mrs. Mattie Spivey; Mrs. Daisy McClung; Mrs. Oma Chamblee; Mrs. Frances Joynes; Mrs. Ada Cameron; Mrs. Lizzie Roberts; Mrs. Zeta Howe; Mrs. Avice Law; Mrs. Vesta Clements; Mrs. Minnie Stuckey; Miss Helen Manning; Mrs. Minnie Johnson; Mrs. Dorothy Manning.

The following have served as Worthy Patrons:

Y. A. Matthews; A. Crosley; B. H. Singletary; D. O. Cameron; W. E. Rabb; J. W. Hanner; C. W. McClung; Tom N. Cope; J. B. Spivey; Geo. H. Harper; A. F. Roberts.

Since the institution of the Chapter, it has been visited by a number of Grand Worthy Matrons and other Grand Officers; has held a District School of Institution and has had several members to make notable progress in the counsels of Grand Chapter of the Order.

Membership is elective from the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and daughter's of Master Masons.

The local Chapter has established a custom of having a Christmas

party around Christmas each year to which persons not members of the Order are invited: it can also have a public installation of officers and conduct funerals of its deceased members where the public can gather some idea of the principals for which it stands. Among other virtues its members are admonished to practice are those of Fidelity, Constancy, Purity, Humility and Zeal.

During the life of the Atlanta Chapter, though the records are not complete, it would be safe to state 500 or more have been initiated into the Order, and at present has about 100 members. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays in each month.

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AVINGER ESTABLISHED IN 1876 NAMED AFTER DR. H. J. AVINGER

Avinger, Cass County, Texas, was named after one of the county's early settlers and physicians, Dr. H. J. Avinger, on whose farm the town was built. Dr. Avinger built and operated the first store in the town in 1876, on the completion of the Eastline and Red River railroad to that point. The first depot was constructed on the spot where the R. L. McCain store now is. The railroad at that time run through the heart of the business part of town.

This road was a narrow gauge, and was made a standard gauge road when the M. K. & T. Railway bought it in about 1900.

This community was first known as Old Hickory Hill, with the school located on the old highway, about one mile east of the present

town and was settled in the early forties.

The Methodist church was named "Young's Chapel." The Baptist church and Hickory Hill post-office was located one mile south at the old Patillo homestead.

Avinger has always been a good business town in a farming and lumber section of the county.

Avinger Post Office Established in 1848

This office was first established under the name of Hickory Hill, on May 17, 1848, with Thomas M. Kimball as postmaster. This office was discontinued November 5, 1866 and re-established on April 8, 1867.

This office was changed to Avinger on October 25, 1877, and is still in operation with Marshal Felker as postmaster and Mrs. Jessie Wray clerk in the office.

The Avinger postoffice has three rural route carriers, as follows:

Route No. 1: C. R. Young carrier for the past ten years. The route is 26 miles long.

Route No. 2 is 39 miles long, with C. F. Powell as carrier for the past 29 years.

Route No. 3 is 26 miles long with T. F. Steed as carrier for the past 20 years.

Avinger, Texas Independent Schools

The Avinger Independent School District owns a nice new school plant. It is a nine months school and teaches eleven grades.

Teachers for the 1938-39 year were: Edmond Aycock, Supt; D. L. Hatcher, E. W. Dickey, Mrs. Edry Johnson Caton, Maud Marie Simpson, Mrs. Genevieve Henderson Aycock and Leslie Powell.

Trustees: H. A. Rodgers, D. O. Lacey, David E. Mitchell, Howard Bridge, Albert Copperedge, Harmon Conner and Earnest Felker.

Avinger Churches and Directories

The Methodist church, Avinger, Texas, has a large congregation, with Rev. W. F. Stephens as pastor. H. C. Knowles, E. C. Henderson, C. F. Powell, M. L. Felker, J. C. Henderson and Mrs. John Lin-gold, stewards.

The Baptist church has a splendid congregation with Rev. J. R. Webb as pastor. A. V. Simpson, C. R. Young, Era Johnson, Turner Glover and W. D. Lacy, Deacons.

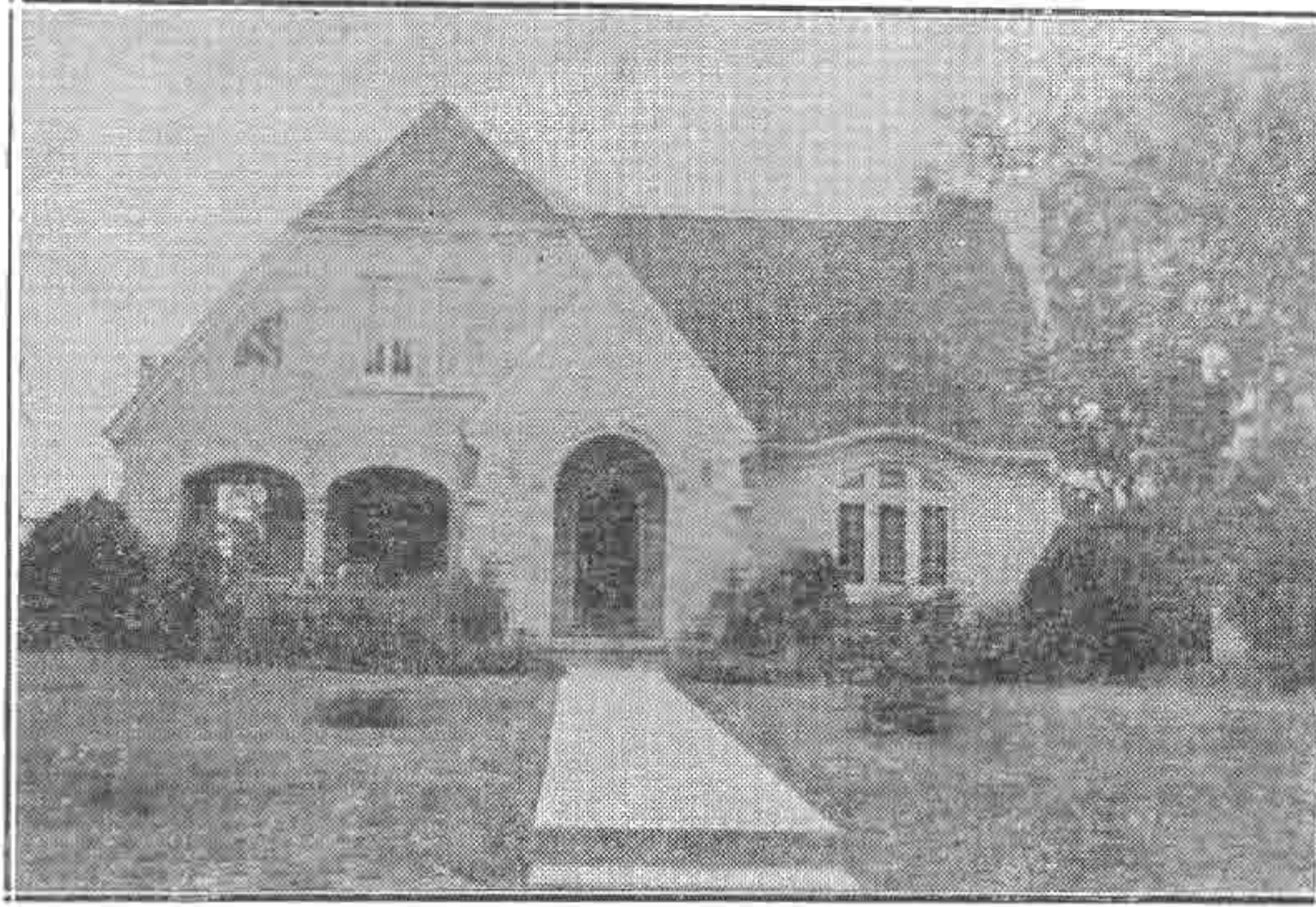
This church is a member of the Pittsburg Association.

Avinger is to be congratulated on still having several long time citizens in her midst: A. M. Rhyne is celebrating his 84th birthday this month, and moved to that section of the county with his parents at the age of five, and has been in business in Avinger for over fifty-years. J. R. McCain and D. R. Coulter, retired business men, and Mr. Wes Alsop, the black smith is still using the bellows.

ELECTRIC LIGHT FRANCHISE GRANTED

The City Council of Atlanta, Texas, in session, December 11th, 1902, granted a franchise to W. A. Boyton and associates to erect and maintain an electric light plant in the city. Construction to start within 90 days, and to have same in operation within five months from this date.

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Cass County Rural Electrification

by I. L. Griffin

Rural electrification in Cass county sponsored by Mrs. J. C. Morriss of Douglassville, Texas, and I. L. Griffin, of Bryans Mill, Texas, had its beginning in October 1935, when a letter was written to Rural Electrification Administration at Washington, D. C., asking how a community could go about securing rural electrification.

The Washington Office at once sent instructions in the form of bulletins explaining how to proceed. Much correspondence took place between the sponsors and the Washington Office during the first six months without much progress being made. In April 1936, several Bowie county communities joined in with Cass county and worked with us. But up until December 1936, very little satisfaction over project had been received. The sponsors then enlisted the aid of Senator Morris Sheppard and Congressman Wright Patman, and the Banks of Cass, Bowie, and Morris counties, and the office in Washington was convinced that these communities could support such a project.

Early in 1937 the Bowie-Cass Electric Co-operative formed with headquarters at Douglassville, and the project was turned over to the Morrison Engineering Company of Waco, Texas. This Company mapped the project and prepared all data relative to it to be presented to the Washington office for approval. Approval was made September 27, 1937, and a partial allotment of \$174,000 was made to begin construction of some 150 miles of line in Cass and Bowie counties to serve approximately 600 customers.

In the latter part of 1937, the first board of directors was set up. This board was composed of Harvey H. Simms of Bowie county as president, T. C. Lyster of Cass county as vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Morriss of Cass county as sec-treas R. Courtney and J. H. Langston, of Bowie county, and E. H. Harris and E. A. Coker of Cass county as Board members. On November 16, 1937, this Board of Directors let the contract to Glassell Construction Company of Shreveport, La., to construct approximately 150 miles of line in Cass and Bowie counties to serve some 600 customers. This line was energized on January 31, 1939, and is now serving about 400 customers. Houses are still being wired and customers are being added daily.

Communities in Morris and Titus counties have joined in on the project, and the Cass county and Bowie county part of the project is known as division "A." And the

Morris county and Titus county are known as division "D". There is also a division "C" that applies to Bowie and Cass counties in which is to be constructed 48 miles of extension lines that will be energized by June 1, 1939. Also 75 miles of line in new territory 38 miles of which is in Cass county in Cass, Bowie, Morris, and Titus counties has made application to join the project, and it is expected that it will be approved and an appropriation made by July 1. This will give Cass county considerably more mileage than either of the other counties.

When the lines already built and the ones in the process of construction are all completed, approximately 800 customers will receive service. Among these we find such customers as beacon lights for guiding airplanes at night, and one landing field for airplanes. If people, who can, will take advantage of this service, it will not be many years until electricity will be one of the cheapest things that we have in our rural communities. There is no reason why it should not reach every community in Cass county.

Rural Electrification in one of the greatest things that the Government ever did for the rural communities, and much credit should be given to the sponsors and the the Hon. Morris Sheppard, and the Hon. Wright Patman, for securing this service for our county.

Smyrna Church of Christ Organized

The Church of Christ at Smyrna was organized in 1896 by the late Rev. J. M. Copeland. Services were held for several years in the Stewart school building. The first church building was erected on the present church lot in 1913, which was destroyed by fire about nine years ago. The present church building was erected a year later.

They have around fifty members. The present elders are Dan Jones and Brents Copeland. The present deacons are Jewel Malone and Lon Kennedy.

There are six Church of Christ congregations in Cass county, viz: Smyrna, Atlanta, McLeod, Linden, Hughes Springs, and Union Hill.

On August 6, 1904, the City Attorney was instructed to bring suit at once to collect all delinquent taxes.

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