

**Hughes Springs Independent Schools**

The Hughes Springs Independent Schools have a nice high school and grade school building, teaching eleven grades, and a nine month school term.

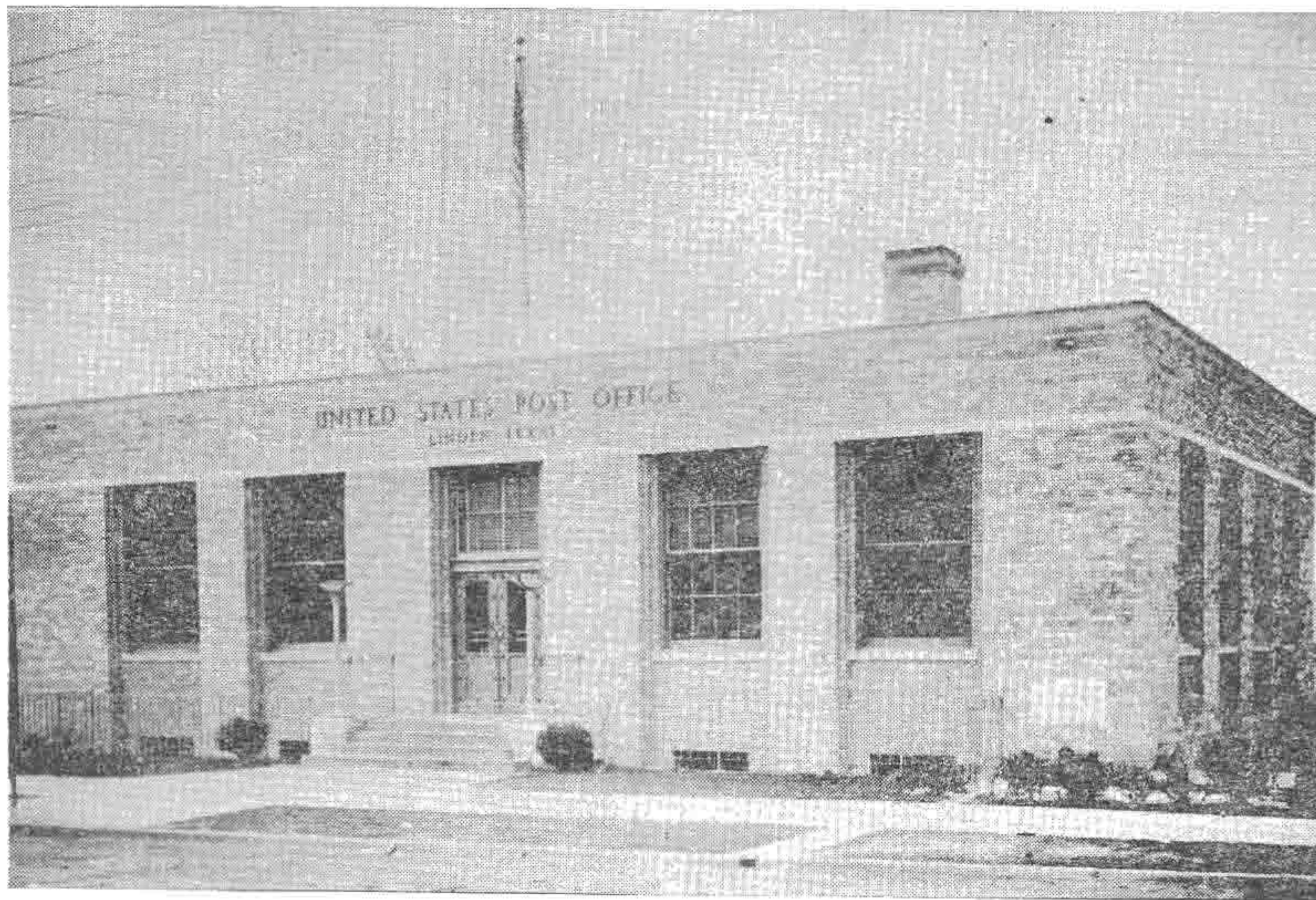
Teachers for the 1938-39 term: R. M. Hanes, supt.; Leita Reeder, R. G. Mason, Mrs. R. G. Mason, W. C. Durham, Lola Dees, Eunice Marie Huffhines, William Holsonbake, Mrs. W. C. Durham, Stacy Newman, Alice Crump, Mary Long and Nena B. Hooton.

Trustees: L. P. Shrum, O. R. Taylor, Sam Hull, Lawrence Parrish, Erman Martin, Jones Nelson, and Paul Hall.

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The area of Texas is 262,398 square miles of land and 3,498 square miles of water surface.

**New Government Post Office Building, Linden, Texas**



The Linden post office was established May 25, 1852, with Ward Taylor, Jr., postmaster.

This office was changed into Davis county, August 6, 1866, and changed back into Cass county on June 12, 1873.

The present postmaster is Ralph Ford.

Clerks: N. L. Stanley, H. H. (Pug) Hoyt, Fred F. Hall, sub.

H. B. Daniel, fireman-janitor. D. M. Whitenberg, assistant janitor.

Rural Carriers: M. L. Yandell, carrier route 1; J. S. Penny, Route 2; W. S. Kasling, Route 3; E. E. Wommack and J. L. Ford, substitute carriers.

Retired Linden carriers: G. W. Beasley, 63, retired due to total disability, Sept. 1, 1935, after

carrying the mail on Linden Route three 28 years and 15 days.

W. T. Stanford, age 69, retired due to age limit May 15, 1938, after carrying the mail on Linden route one for 21 years.

County agent R. L. White and county home demonstration agent, Miss Rebecca Murray, have their offices in the basement of the post office building.

ready to build her new building. Likely it would be difficult to find another church eighty-four years old that has had only two buildings and spent as little money on buildings as the Linden congregation. It may be that they owe a nice and adequate one to their ancestors and glorious heritage—at least they propose to build it.

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**Cotton Ginners and Seed Buyers and Cotton Buyers**

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**C. B. FANT**  
LANIER, TEXAS

**LANIER NAMED AFTER TOWN IN GEORGIA; ESTABLISHED IN 1873**

The Lanier, Texas, postoffice was established in 1873, and was located on Mill creek, some three miles south of the present town of Lanier. E. C. Northern & McGarity operated a saw mill at the place which was later a gin. They sold their interest to Wm. Northern in 1874.

In 1879, E. W. Fant was made postmaster, who was running a general store near the present site of Lanier.

The Jefferson and Northwestern Railroad was built from Jefferson to Lanier and Linden in 1903.

Friendship Baptist church was organized at this place May 11, 1875, with Elders D. Simmons, J. A. Singletary, Henry Sheffield and J. L. Whittle sitting as Presbytery. J. M. Caves was the pastor and E. W. Fant, church clerk.

Lanier is a busy place with a general store, filling station, gin, good school, and church, located on the J. & N. W. Ry, and Highway No. 8.

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**Opportunities Are Many in Cass County**

J. R. Hutchins, living on a 68 acre farm six miles southeast of Atlanta, has made a success of farming and berry raising. He started in the strawberry business twelve years ago by putting out one acre, and has increased the acreage each year until now he has 10 acres to strawberries. Two years ago he put out a few Young berries and now has two acres, and plans on increasing his acreage of both next year.

He reports the sale of 2,400 crates of strawberries and 3,420 gallons of strawberries this season. Besides growing berries, he still raises a few acres of cotton, corn, feed and ribbon cane.

Three years ago he and Mrs. Hutchins built themselves a nice new and modern home with the latest conveniences and are enjoying life on a real Cass county farm.

**Linden Baptist Church History**

Rev. Jesse G. Cooke

It is a fairly established fact that the First Baptist Church of Linden, Texas, was organized in 1855. It is a matter of record that Thomas Jefferson Foster, Sr. bought the first Court House ever to be constructed in Linden, in 1859, and moved it to the present church site, giving it to the Baptist congregation and the Masons. That building was used jointly as a church and Masonic Lodge until it was destroyed by the "cyclone of 1908." Rev. Nelson Porterfield was the first pastor the church ever had. And he served the church well after 1860. The present pastor, Rev. Jesse G. Cooke, has in his possession copies of two minutes of church conferences held June 7, and December 22, 1860. At one of these conferences it is mentioned that the church had been seeking to establish correspondence with other Baptist churches in this section of the country. They succeeded, so this minute says, in finding only three other churches in this section — Antioch, Macedonia and Floyd Hill. Correspondence was established with these churches.

There are no Charter members of the church living now. It is not certain just who constituted the charter membership—but two families of which we are certain were charter members. The Fosters and Storys. There were evidently other families, but their names are not known. Let it be remembered that all records of the church were destroyed in the storm in 1908. The records the church now has are fragments that have been gleaned from hither and yon in more recent days.

The original building, an ancient land mark and relic of Cass county being destroyed by the storm, the present edifice was constructed in 1908. This building, long since has been outgrown and entirely inadequate to meet the present complex and ever enlarging needs of the congregation which now numbers about four hundred souls. The church voted unanimously on Sunday morning, May 28, 1939, to start building up a fund "In Trust" and to construct a new auditorium and remodel the old one for education building as soon as sufficient funds are made available. Many think by September of this year (1939) and certainly not later than March 1, 1940, the church will be

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Phone 76, Linden, Texas

## Directory of White Schools in 1938-39

Explanation—First, name of town or community; second name of teachers; third, trustees and fourth address.

Mill Creek, teachers: Cornelius Sheffield, Ida Mae Fant, Mrs. Lois Daniel, Mrs. Margaret Lovelace; trustees, J. H. Fuller, H. F. Pitts, J. T. Burleson; Linden, Texas.

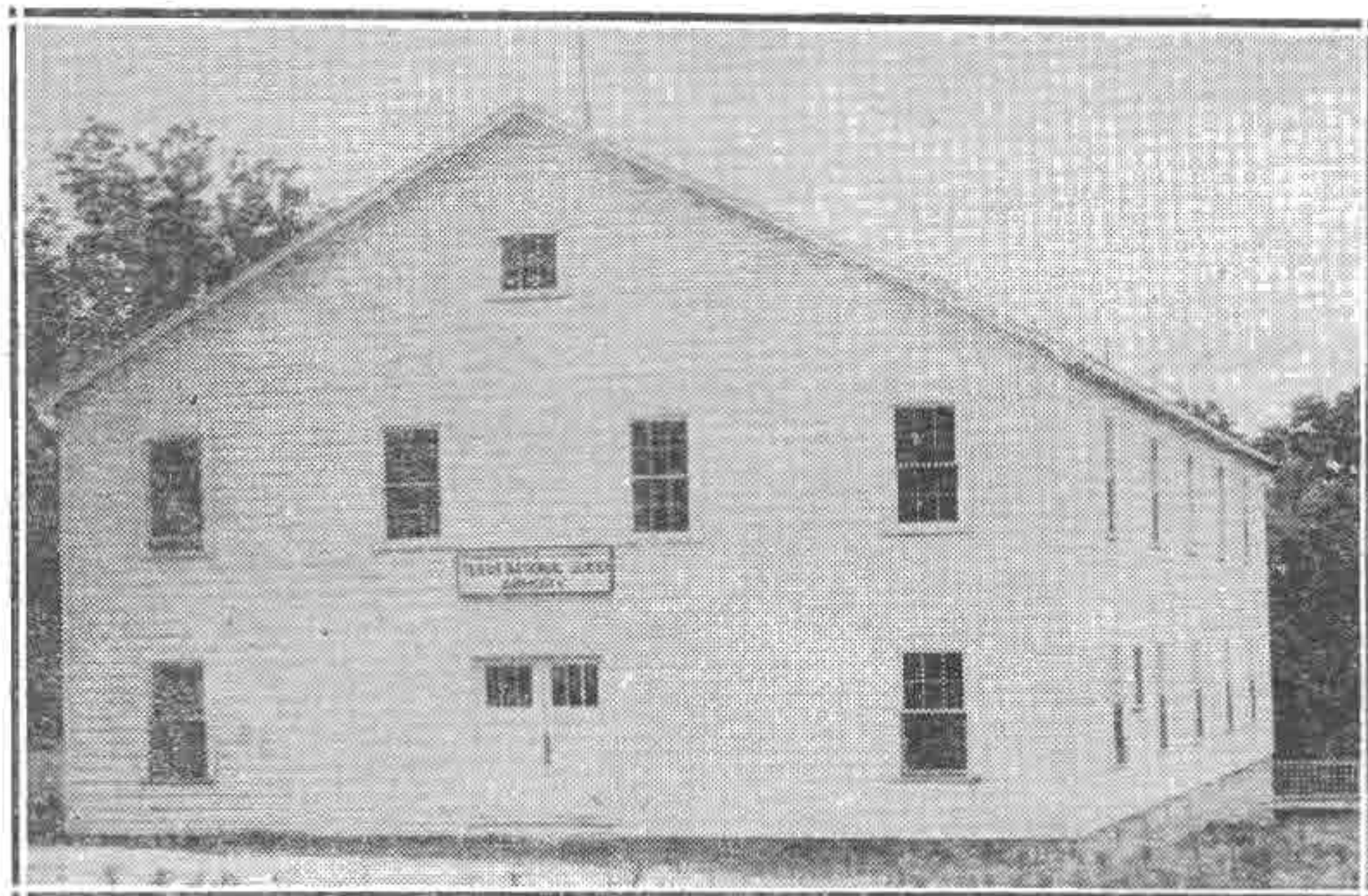
Violet Hill, teachers: Willard McKinney, Mrs. Maudie Whittington; Trustees; J. N. McCain, J. W. Bolton, J. E. Hooten; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Sardis, teachers: John Shaddix, Mary Lou French; Trustees; E. T. Strickland, R. J. Rankin, W. T. Shelton; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Cusseta: no white school; Trustees: Luna Swint, W. A. Brabham, H. O. Jackson; Marietta, Texas.

Union Chapel, teachers: Mrs. Novelle Moore, Susie Robertson; Trus-

## Atlanta National Guard Armory



tees; J. H. Robinson, Alva Draper, J. C. Frost; Bryans Mill, Texas.

O'Farrell, teachers: Reed Beasley, Mrs. Annie McCain, Mrs. Melvin Betts; Trustees; L. V. Pate, H. T. Washington, D. M. Lester, Atlanta, Texas.

Blalock, teachers: Houston Garrison, Mrs. Houston Garrison; Trustees; M. C. Manley, Roy Fincher, W. S. Harwell; Queen City, Texas.

Cass, teachers: S. D. Nichols, Mrs. Lola Miers, Mrs. James Holcomb, Mary Powell; Trustees; C. A. Stanley, T. E. Wilbanks, J. C. Wilbanks; Bloomburg, Texas.

Liberty Grove, teachers: Pansy Ruth Cowgill, Ruby Gunn; Trustees; Truman Waters, Lewis Cauley, A. M. Steger; Atlanta, Texas.

Spencers Chapel, teachers: Josie Watson; Trustees: W. E. Moore, Cub Moore, P. H. Harvey; Queen City, Texas.

Bear Creek, teachers: R. C. Wood, Mrs. R. C. Wood, Mrs. Vance Surratt, Carl Wells; Trustees; M. M. Hodge, Sylvester Kessler, C. D. Glover; Linden, Texas.

Springdale, teachers: R. Q. Long, Ruby Cloninger, Grace McConnell; Trustees: R. M. Graves, W. W. Westmoreland, Coy Thomas; Queen City, Texas.

Arnold: no white school; Trustees: R. P. Herron, J. B. Steed, Lonnie Cagle; Atlanta, Texas.

Harmony: no white school; Trustees: H. F. Caver, A. W. Teel, Joe Frazier; Atlanta, Texas.

Center Point, teachers: W. W. Cooper, Claudine Staggers, Ovis Nelson; Trustees: T. C. Lyster, Edgar Pressley, M. G. Glover; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Cave Springs, teachers: A. D. Fuller, Mrs. Edna Clinkscale; Trustees: A. A. Wells, A. W. Latham, L. M. Cloninger; Linden, Texas.

Rocky Point, teachers: E. W. Tolbert, Mary Wommack, Annie Lou Wommack; Trustees: W. H. Roberts, T. L. Henderson, Will Knighton; Naples, Texas.

Warm Springs, teachers: Blewett Cotton, Mrs. Elmer Hawthorne, Bernard Boon, Mrs. S. B. Culpepper; Trustees: Charlie Powell, Bernard Powell, W. S. Surratt, R. M. Surratt, D. D. Foreman, G. A. Barron; Linden, Texas.

Union Hill, teachers: Grady Glover, Mrs. Grady Glover; Trustees: T. C. Young, N. Whittington, B. S. Tolleson; Linden, Texas.

Concord, teachers: J. M. Bullard, Mrs. Audrey Bullard; Trustees: J. E. Morgan, M. M. Watson, E. G. Ray; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Holly Springs, teachers: Bun Hall, Mrs. Maxine Newby; Trustees: B. B. Hall, W. C. Capps, Frank Abernathy; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Cross Roads, teachers: J. Wilmot Fite, L. J. Fite, Lorene Nevelle, Myrle Porter; Trustees: Will Rowe, E. G. Smith, A. R. Vestal; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Turkey Creek, teachers: H. H. Price, Mrs. H. H. Price; Trustees: Ellis Lineberger, Herbert Byrd, Elton Biddy; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Lone Oak, teachers: Mrs. Has-

kell Henson; Trustees: W. B. Cromer, C. I. Sosbee, H. M. Harkey; Naples, Texas.

Knights Bluff, teachers: Mrs. Katye Carroll; Trustees: W. C. McCasland, A. P. Talley, O. H. Kruse; Queen City, Texas.

New Colony, teachers: J. E. Grubbs, Mrs. J. E. Grubbs; Trustees: B. B. Latham, Lewis Ham, Otha Hamilton; Linden, Texas.

Alamance teachers: J. K. Hileman, Mrs. J. K. Hileman, Clara Teague; Trustees: A. Wall, W. W. Carlisle, A. L. Endsley; Atlanta, Texas.

Smyrna, teachers: Truman Hobbs, Mrs. Mildred Gibson, Marion Betts, Mrs. Carrie Echols, Yvonne Frost, Mattie McConnell; Trustees: Noah Endsley, Haywood Glass, H. B. Johnson, W. E. Glass, J. J. Harrington, Walter Chamblee, John Taylor; Atlanta, Texas.

Laney, teachers: Durwood Gunn, Mrs. C. R. McPherson; Trustees: Bob Wommack, T. J. Whitfield, R. J. Hampton; Linden, Texas.

Cornett, teachers: Tom Walker, Bessie Sullivan, Mrs. Louise McGee; Trustees: C. B. Hampton, C. D. Betts, J. B. Anthony; Naples, Texas.

Red Hill, teachers: Mrs. Reed Beasley, Ila Mae Betts, Mrs. Fairre Allen; Trustees: C. J. Stephens, T. J. Surratt, O. A. Hatcher; Linden, Texas.

Midway, teachers: Eleaine Rogers, Mrs. Jack Wall; Trustees: T. R. Lester, Henry Clayton, R. L. (Lee) Gage; Atlanta, Texas.

Almira, teachers: Melvin Betts, Beulah Kirkland; Trustees: W. N. Carwile, S. L. Fuller, C. D. Penny; Linden, Texas.

Oak Grove, teachers: Walter Floyd, Mrs. Walter Floyd, Ruby Harper, Luther Dalrymple; Atlanta, Texas.

Lanier, teachers: Pauline Wood; Trustees: Thomas Fant, Fred Barker, Fred Hall; Linden, Texas.

Forest Hill, teachers: Woodie Shelton; Trustees: W. A. Allen, C. L. Farmer, J. C. Stone; Douglassville, Texas.

Goodson, teachers: Mrs. Ina Gibson; Trustees: E. C. Lloyd, Robert Goodson; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Pruitt Lake, teachers: J. Horace McCord, Mrs. Lorene Baughman; Trustees: J. S. Hill, Raymond Hobbs, E. D. Redfern; Avinger, Texas.

Shiloh, teachers: W. T. Glover, Mrs. W. T. Glover; Mrs. W. T. Glover; Trustees: R. E. Todd, Junior Knight, A. D. Pruitt; Jefferson, Texas.

Rock Springs, teachers: Paul Haines, Mrs. John Moses; Trustees: M. M. Griffin, J. C. Coates, B. W. Ferguson; Bloomburg, Texas.

Flat Creek, teachers: J. A. Penny, Mrs. J. A. Penny; Trustees: D. E. Wynineger, J. B. Graves, F. H. Maulden; Marietta, Texas.

Antioch, teachers: Graham Maness, Mrs. Beatrice Hill; Trustees: C. D. Harden, C. W. Hill, J. J. Gorman; Queen City, Texas.

Courtland, teachers: Raymond Farmer, Mrs. Eva Farmer, Mrs.

## Lieut. W. E. Rabb



## Atlanta Guard Unit Organized in 1921

The National Guard Company in Atlanta was organized by Captain Ed Rabb in the year 1921. Upon Federal Inspection, the unit was received into the service and designated as Regimental Headquarters, 144th. Infantry, on December 14, 1921. The following year, the company was changed to a Rifle Company and designated as Co. "A", of the same Regiment, and continued as such for the next several years.

About ten years ago, the local unit was changed back to a Headquarters Company, and it has continued as such until the present time.

Each year the company has attended a summer camp of instruction, and always earned a satisfactory rating. The boys were called out for "emergency" service at the New London School disaster two year ago, and again, on the occasion of the recent explosion in Atlanta.

Some of the early Lieutenants were: Ed Hughes, Roy McWhorter, B. F. Ellington, and Royce Wood. The present Lieutenant, Sam Mays, is the senior Officer of his rank in Texas. The Commanding Officer of the local National Guard Company, Captain Rabb, has had continuous service as the Company Commander since the unit was organized.

Present Non-Commissioned Officers are, Staff Sgt. Kelly Arnold 1st. Sgt. Leo Moseley, and the following duty Sergeants: and section

Eva Ellen Mason; Trustees: R. A. Busbee, R. L. Wise, E. W. Porter; Queen City, Texas.

Leek Creek, no white school; Trustees: G. W. Glosson, Solomon Mitchell, Ben T. Terry; Bivins, Texas.

Center Hill, teachers: James Grubbs, Mary Lou Westbrook; Trustees: W. E. Simmons, J. R. Shelton, Elmer Washington; Bivins, Texas.

Hebron, teachers: Morris Upchurch, Mrs. Lanelle Pritchard, Mrs. Morris Upchurch; Trustees: A. D. Chamblee, M. H. Brown, Joe Clayton; Queen City, Texas.

County Line, teachers: C. F. Walden, Mrs. C. F. Walden; Trustees: L. C. Ayers, H. J. Wilson, J. H. Beal; Avinger, Texas.

Mount Zion: Trustees: I. R. Lemmon, P. S. McCann, J. M. Lemmon; Jefferson, Texas.

Chiefs: Bennie Jett, Ray O'Kelly, Jay Arnold, James McCoy, Marvin Hogan, Emmett Jett, Bill Rosser.

More than four hundred young men of this vicinity have had service and training in the organization, and the unit has made contributions to the Regular Army, U. S. Navy, and Marine Corps, besides preparing many young men for A. and M. College.

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## Early Sawmill Near Marietta Cass County

One of the earliest sawmills in Cass county was said to have been operated by a Mr. Whittle in the Flat Creek community, few miles southeast of present Marietta.

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City Council in session December 7, 1903, instructed City Marshal S. T. Deason to erect horse-racks in different sections of the business part of town.

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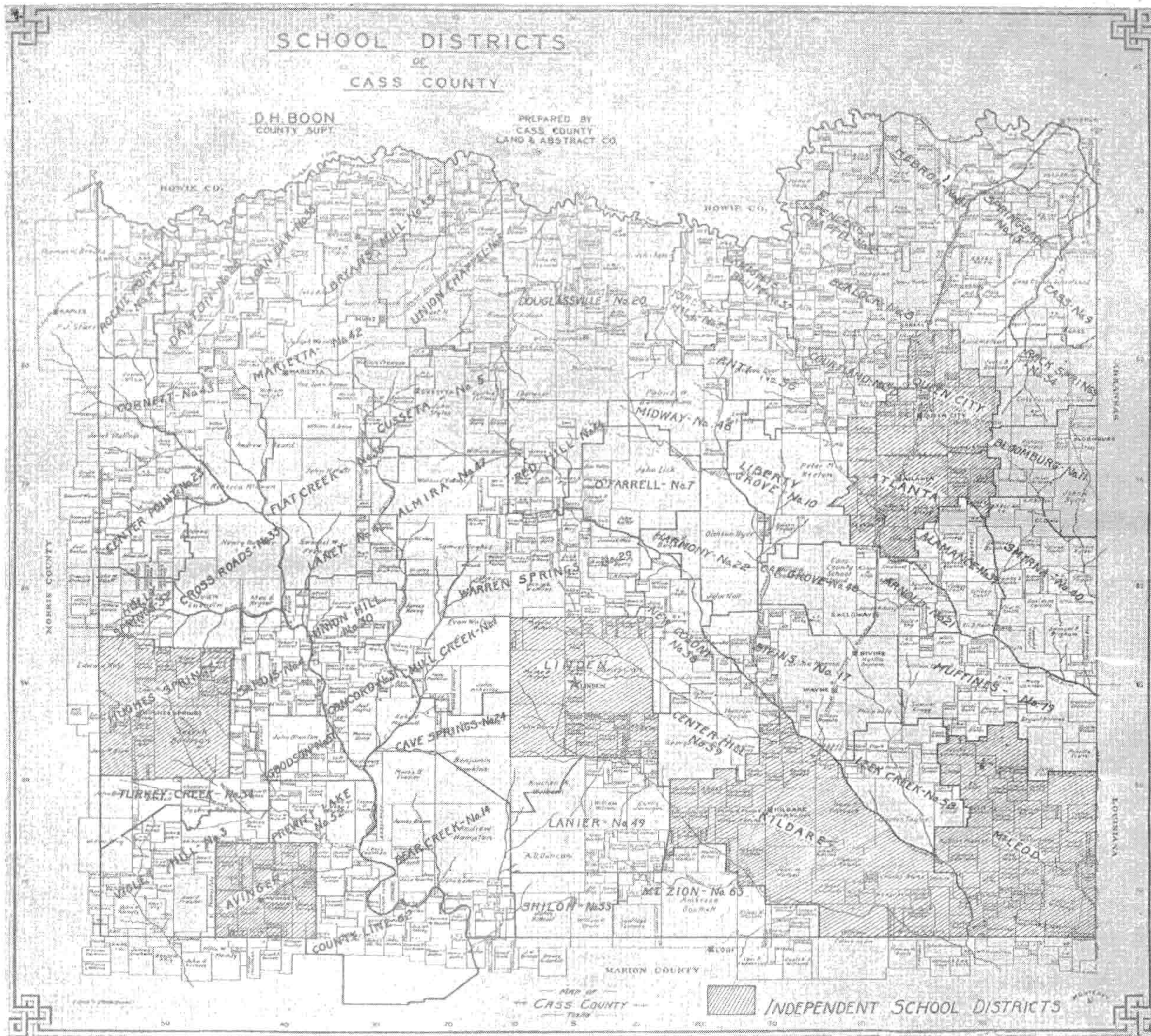
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Proprietor

Map of School Districts In Cass County In 1938



**CASS COUNTY COLORED TEACHERS FOR THE TERM 1938-39**

Explanation—First, name of town or community; second, teachers and third, address.

Mt. Moriah; teachers: T. B. Brigman, Eva Brigman, Jessie Northcutt; Linden, Texas.

Pleasant Valley; teachers: Sallie Mae Rosborough; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Floyd Valley; teachers: C. A. Washington, Bessie Washington, Inez Warren, Colee Casteel, Cutelia Sneed; Marietta, Texas.

Spring Hill; teachers: H. E. Minter, Annie Mae Douglass, Achsah Carter; Bryans Mill, Texas.

Bloomburg; teachers: K. S. E. Henry, Mayme Henry, O. L. Mothershed; Bloomburg, Texas.

Rosenwald; teachers: O. B. Allen, Elgie Allen, Maggie Brown, Velva Lee Warren, Mattie Butts, Phyllis Lampkin; Queen City, Texas.

Saint Mary; teachers: Virginia Singleton; Bivins, Texas.

Panhandle; teachers: P. H. Jenkins, Winford Waring, Pinkie Johns, Florence Mitchell; Douglassville, Texas.

Harmony; teachers: William Baldwin, Eddie M. Brigman, Willie Bowser, Johnnie Peppers, Leora Bowser; Atlanta, Texas.

Mount Olive; teachers: I. B. Buford, I. B. Carter, Lulivia Stephans; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Unionville; teachers: William Rand, Jewel Rand, Katie Rand; Naples, Texas.

Celeste; teachers: Matie Dean; Naples, Texas.

Pleasant Hill; teachers: Joe Tyner, Georgia Braxton, Blanche Brigman, Cemmie L. Pruitt; Linden, Texas.

New Zion; teachers: Zilphia Adams; Bryans Mill, Texas.

Union Chapel; teachers: Relae L. Bonner; Naples, Texas.

Bethlehem; teachers: J. J. Yates, Alma O. Yates, P. H. Johnson, U. L. Watkins, Lovie Watkins, Otha F. Spence, Viola Moore; Marietta, Texas.

Gethsemane; teachers: McNoble Harper, Maxine Hill, Leola McAfee, Axores Dotson; Naples, Texas.

Gum Springs; teachers: Mollie Stanley, Hattie Stanley; Douglass-

ville, Texas.

Rock Springs; teachers: B. C. Northcutt, Mollie Henderson; Marietta, Texas.

Fairview; teachers: Samuel Hennington, Annabel Rand, Pauline Watson, J. F. Wade, Willie G. Hurd, Allie Stanley, Jessie Stephan, Willie Hodge, James Peppers; Linden, Texas.

Beulah; teachers: C. A. Smith, Jerrie Smith, G. B. Oliver, Estelle Ball, Katye Harper; Queen City, Texas.

Leek Creek; teachers: W. S. Mitchell, Gilbert Stevens, Trula Kendrick, Claudie B. Lavert; Bivins, Texas.

Mount Zion; teachers: L. V. Richardson, Johnnie Richardson, Leola Coleman, Rebecca Bush; Queen City, Texas.

Ebenezer; W. E. Williams, Roy L. Harrison, Carrie Harrison, Jessie Edmond; Jefferson, Texas.

**Independent Districts**

Atlanta; teachers: J. W. Pruitt, Principal, Belzora Pruitt, Irene Winkley, Lonah Byrd, Leola Parker; Atlanta, Texas.

Avinger; teachers: Columbus Mathis, Jodie Kelley, Marie Nickleberry, Tryphenia Lynwood; Avinger, Texas.

Hughes Springs; teachers: A.

Lester, Sylvester Traylor, Ruth White, Vallie Allen; Hughes Springs, Texas.

Linden; teachers: F. F. Fisher, Mrs. F. F. Fisher, Laura Woodward, Sophra Stanley, Clarice Young; Linden, Texas.

Kildare; teachers: W. H. Harrison, Alma Harrison, Walter O. Pepper, Genevieve Allen, Opal Rambo, Aquilla Bell, Olivia Cole, Ina V. Pruitt, Verbie R. Rand, Kildare, Texas.

Queen City; teachers: C. H. R. Kirkwood, Lillie Grundy, Fannie Webster; Queen City, Texas.

McLeod; teachers: I. W. Owen, Sallie Kate Viard, McNoble Harper, Magnolia Waring, Audrey Mae Barrett, Fannie Lee Johnson, Mae D. Harmon; McLeod, Texas.

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**Douglassville Church**

Oh beautiful Church on Douglassville town,  
You are setting so high on a hill.  
What do you see when you look down?  
"I pray not" your members are still,  
Your towers point upward, the way to heaven  
But who is willing to view,

And get the message you are teaching?

And refresh themselves anew.  
Your steps, long and high, are inviting,

Sure! You beckon us come,  
For inside your alters are Sacred  
Where so many have found the way Home.

Then every Sunday morning,  
your bells rings out  
With tones so clear,

Methinks it speaks these words to us,

"The people should worship here."

But you can look down into the valley

And can see the homes of the poor—

Maybe not for the worldly goods,  
But because they enter not your door.

May we, who are Thy hands,  
Thy feet, and Thy tongue to speak,

Look down in the valley with you,

And draw to you, the ones that are weak.

Shine on! Ring on! O. Church on the hill,

Until you speak the message to all of Douglassville.

—Mrs. J. F. Everett.

**Five Generation of Griffins**



Sitting W. T. Griffin, age 89, standing from left to right; Mrs. Mamie Higdon, 36, grand daughter She is holding little Martha Sue Haggard, 2½ year old great grand daughter; Mrs. Zuma Blackwell, 60, daughter, and Mrs. Alouise Haggard, 17, grand daughter. Show-

ing five generations in the picture. Mr. Griffin has lived 83 years of his 89 in the O'Farrell community, ten miles west of Atlanta. Mr. Griffin is still enjoying fairly good health, except his eyesight and hearing is failing him. He recently celebrated his 89th birthday.

**HUGHES SPRINGS STARTED IN 1877 NAMED AFTER REESE HUGHES**

Hughes Springs, Cass County, Texas, was established in 1877, with the coming of the Three "S" Railroad, and derived its name after Reese Hughes, a large landowner of that section, and the mineral springs from which a perpetual stream of crystal clear water ever flows.

A Mr. Allen opened the first place of business soon after. In 1879, the late T. B. Keasler opened a general mercantile business which has grown with the times, and is now known as the T. B. Keasler & Company, one of the largest and most successful in Cass county.

Others soon entered the business world of the new town, among them S. D. Henderson, Dr. W. S. Glass, who opened the first drug store, Mack Fletcher and others. A large hotel was built and people came for hundreds of miles to spend the week-ends and drink the mineral water from the springs.

Churches and schools were soon organized and have been doing a fine work since. Today the town has a fine school system, fully accredited with the State Board of Education, and has excellent grade and high school buildings, with a large enrollment.

The town has enjoyed a steady growth, building for permanency, and has all the modern conveniences: electric lights and power, natural gas and its own water system.

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**Cass County Health Unit Organizes**

In July, 1938, after several months of investigation, the Commissioners Court of Cass county passed order establishing a County Health Unit and appropriated funds to run the Unit from September 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939. This appropriation was matched by the State Health Department and on September 1, 1938, the Health Unit became an official agency in Cass county. The director, Dr. Fred K. Laurentz, was sent by the State Health Department, approved by the Commissioners Court and employed. The Cochran Building on the Jefferson highway was rented by the county for an office for the Unit. The director immediately began the progress of choosing the balance of the personnel with the result that Miss Jessie Judd of the Ft. Worth Health Unit was assigned as Sanitary Engineer, and Miss Cora Marett, of Linden was employed as clerk.

Upon the arrival of the personnel a quick survey was made to ascertain the immediate health needs of the county and a health program was outlined and work started.

On January 1, 1939, a colored doctor and nurse from the State Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, Dr. Connie Yerwood and Helen Wolbert, were assigned to the county by the State, and without cost to the county, to conduct a negro school health program which has taken five months to complete.

On March 1, Miss Nora E. Carltan, State Itinerant Nurse, was assigned by the State Health Department to work in the county in

order that the Health Program for the year might be completed with dispatch.

At it's April meeting the Com-

missioners Court passed an order continuing the Health Unit until June 30, 1940, and appropriated funds for this purpose.

Cass county offers many opportunities to truck, fruit and dairy minded people, as well as in other lines.

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- BARNEY McDANIEL.....Assistant Cashier
- F. W. MOORE.....Bookkeeper
- L. D. KEASLER.....Director
- J. W. REEDER.....Director
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# History of Linden American Legion

On June 10, 1919, the Hon. Wright Patman addressed a letter to Col. Henry D. Lindsey, New York City, N. Y., requesting information concerning the organization of an American Legion Post, at Linden, Texas. On June 23, Col. Lindsey referred this correspondence to the then Department Commander of the American Legion, Department of Texas, Gen. Claude V. Birkhead, of San Antonio, and on December 20, 1919 the original charter was granted with: Wright Patman, Past Commander; O. G. Hines, Post Adjutant; Ernest Hamilton, Vice-Commander; Nay Barker, Post Finance Officer; Art Bennett, Post Historian; J. E. Swint, Executive Committee; A. R. Huggins, Executive Committee; J. E. Manning, Executive Committee; J. E. Nelson, Executive Committee; Members were: B. F. Snellgrove, Elmer Steger, Ulric Browning, G. E. Jarratt, E. M. Barker.

The Post to be named Gordie Amox Post No. 105, the Post being named after one of the first Cass county boys to die from wounds received in battle in France.

The original charter was cancelled by request of the Department on October 7, 1928, and no Post of the American Legion existed in Linden from that date until October 18, 1932, when Post was reorganized and a new charter was granted. Meetings of the Post were held in the District Court Room until the summer of 1933 when a move was started by Bob Goodman to build a permanent home for the Post. With the full co-operation of the public, to whom we are deeply indebted, we were able to erect the present building, located on Highway 8, within the city limits of Linden. The Post, during this period of time sponsored the organization of the American Legion Auxiliary, and various other civic and helpful enterprises.

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# Church of Nazarene Organized in 1937



MRS. CORA WESTBROOK

Was organized in Atlanta in April of 1937, by the District Superintendent, Rev. I. C. Mathis, with twelve members. The new church worshiped in the Grace Methodist Church through the courtesy of the board of trustees of that church.

The present pastor came to pastor the church in October of the same year, and having no parsonage, we set to work at once and built a nice five room modern house, which was completed in January 1938. Then the seventh day of September of the same year we started our new church building. And on the sixth day of November we had our first service with the Rev. Lee Hamric in a revival. At the time of this writing we have a membership of 32 and around 45 enrolled in Sunday School. Our record attendance is 74 in Sunday School.

Trustees: J. F. Baker, C. H. Westbrook, T. L. Cheek.

Stewarts: Rev. Percy Hoffpauir, Mrs. R. T. Pines, Mrs. J. Burson, Mrs. J. F. Baker

Rev. Mrs. Cora Westbrook, pastor.

# 1st Dist. Commander



W. E. RABB

# Legion Hall



LINDEN, TEXAS

# History American Legion Auxiliary

Gordie Amox Unit No. 105 was organized August 15th, 1937, by Mrs. Kate Watkins, State Vice-President, with forty-one members, thirty-four seniors and seven juniors.

On September 15th, 1937, the incoming officers were installed by Edward Procter, Unit of Jefferson, assisted by Mrs. Kate Watkins. Committees have been appointed to fix the places as outlined in the Lone Star.

Officers: President, Mrs. Bennye Ford; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Christine Yandell; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Lucile Shelton; Chaplain, Mrs. Hattye Taylor; Historian, Mrs. Ruth Davis Sergeant at Arms, Mrs. Gladys Nelson; Sec.-Trea., Mrs. Lola Faye Wilson.

The Unit has been busy and done much good in rehabilitation work, and assisting soldiers widows and children. They have taken an active interest in every phase of the Legion work.

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# Uncle Ned Harrison Old Settler in County

C. E. (Uncle Ned) Harrison, was born in Calhoun county, Ark., Aug. 8, 1858. Moved to Cass county with his parents at the age of 1 1/2 years. Settled one mile west of Bryans Mill and has lived within five miles of place of settlement ever since, or 79 years, 4 months in Cass county.

At present he lives on his farm four miles west of Bryans Mill on rural route one and is still able to do some work and can remember and give a very clear account of several very interesting things that happened before the close of the Civil War. One thing of interest in particular is the account of his father coming home on furlough during the war. Can tell of interesting things that happened in Cass county long before you and I were born.

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Government cotton allotment acres for 1939 in Cass county was 59,125 acres.

# Cass County Forest Scene



# Residence of R. S. Allday, Atlanta



# World War Facts as to Cass County

In looking over our Soldier Edition issued June 5th, 1919, soon after the close of the World War we find that 869 Cass county boys answered to the call of the selected draft, 285 of them being colored. This call was made in the early fall of 1917, and number 258 was the first man called in every county in every state of the union. No. 1-258 in Cass county was T. H. Brigman, colored, out on route 4, from Atlanta.

There were 91 whites and one colored of Cass county boys that volunteered and entered the service back in 1915-16, before this country entered the war.

Commissions won in the world war service by Cass county boys were: First Lieutenants, six; Second Lieutenants, five; Captains, one.

Killed in action in France from Cass county were: 7 whites; died in the service 16 whites; died in service in France, 3 colored; died in training camps, 8 colored; wounded in action in France, 36 whites and 4 colored.

The people at home in Cass county did their part in going over the top in the matter of Liberty Loan drives.

The first Liberty Loan was called in June 1917, calling for two billions of dollars, and three billion was raised in the money centers. \$29,700 was raised in this county without any organization.

The second call was made in October 1917 for three billion and over four billion was raised. \$142,000 in Cass county.

The third call was made in April 1918 for three billion and over four billion was raised. \$567,800 was

# County Judge



KERMIT WOMMACK

raised in Cass county, double its quota.

The fourth call was made in September 1918, for six billion and near seven billion was raised. \$461,800 was raised in Cass county.

The fifth or Victory Loan went over the top as all the rest. Cass county citizens raising \$164,900.

Cass countians bought \$232,508 in war saving and thrift stamps of the 1918 issues.

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# City Officials Serving in 1939

Following are the city officials of Atlanta, Texas in 1939: G. H. Chamblee, mayor; E. C. McKinnon, secretary-treasurer, assessor-collector; W. E. Rabb, city attorney; D. W. Boren, city engineer; Dr. E. W. Grumbles, health officer; M. H. Glass, mayor pro-

# Cass County a Great Timber Region

Cass county has been among the greatest timber producing counties in the state. For more than 50 years the lumber mills have been operating, and it has provided a steady income for the timber owners. At one time it was very heavy to the original virgin timber and it was as fine as could be found anywhere in the state, and while the original timber has long since been cut, it has produced a fine grade of second growth through the years.

It is true, however, a large part of the timber in this east Texas county is small but its growth is like interest on money; it does its work day and night and every day in the year and while it may be true it does not produce a money crop every year, but over a period of years the returns are sufficient to the owners of the timber to properly look after it as they would any other crop.

We have been reliably informed that there is around 300,000 acres in timber lands in Cass county of which about 125,000 acres is in what is known as forest timber and the balance is in old field pine. It is estimated there is from 150,000,000 to 175,000,000 feet of merchantable forest timber and 100,000,000 to 125,000,000 feet of merchantable old field pine. There is also some very nice hardwood left in the county estimated at 75,000,000 feet.

Since the forest department is making a drive to conserve the forest and have their regular fire marshals to prevent big fires, we believe the timber owners and the people in general should give them their very best cooperation to prevent forest fires as forest fires have cost the timber owners great sums of money and if our wheat or cotton crops were in danger of fire, we would give them every protection possible and likewise we believe the forest should have the same protection.

tem; Homer Carter, city and fire marshal.... K. R. Blythe and Lee Jett, night marshals.

Aldermen: M. H. Glass, T. J. Nelson, T. A. Howe, Boyd Johnson, Bill Hughes,

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# ATLANTA IS HEADQUARTERS FOR DISTRICT 19, STATE HIGHWAY DEPT.

Atlanta has a distinct advantage in possessing the headquarters for District Number 19 of the State Highway Department. Far sighted Atlanta citizens realized this fact back in 1930, when it was rumored that the Highway Commission planned to create several new districts, one of which would have its headquarters in the vicinity of Cass County, and offered the Commission a 20.19 acres tract of land on Highway 77 east of town. Originally the tract was a naturally beautiful location with three more or less dilapidated buildings. The City of Atlanta built a modern two story brick office building and gave it along with the grounds to the State. Since that time the Highway Commission has repaid Atlanta its original expenditure and has added many improvements to the property as originally received. At present these investments total approximately \$50,000 and the headquarters as they now stand consist of the office building main shop building, storage building, paint shop, lumber shed and a soils laboratory.

When District Number 19, which is composed of Cass, Bowie, Marion, Upshur, Morris, Camp, Titus, Harrison, and Panola Counties was first organized in April 1931, the headquarters were located in what is now known as the Perry Brothers store building, where it remained until September, 1932. At that time Mr. W. D. Dockery was District Engineer in charge, which position he held until 1934 when he was succeeded by Mr. Stuart C. McCarty who is still serving as Engineer in charge.

Along with the other improvements, the grounds have been landscaped and have become a show place for citizens from all of East Texas. On Sunday afternoons there are numbers of out-of-town visitors who have driven over to admire and enjoy the beauty of the place. In fact, many people claim that the Atlanta Headquarters are the most beautiful of all of the 25 District Headquarters which are located at strategic points throughout the entire state.

However, not only does Atlanta

enjoy the beauty of the Department's ground and the advantages the Headquarters offer Atlanta business men from a financial standpoint, but Cass County itself realizes the purpose for which the District was created, namely that of constructing new highways or improving the old highways, and that of maintaining those highways already in existence.

Cass County now has two North to South and two East to West State Highways across the county. Highway 47 from Texarkana to Atlanta and Highway 300 from Atlanta south through Bivins to Smith land connect Texarkana and points east with Atlanta and the Caddo Lake area. Highway 300 was just recently added to the State Highway system and will receive an asphalt surface this summer. Highway No. 8 or U. S. Highway 59 is the other important North to South Highway passing through Douglassville and Linden into the Cass-Marion oil field.

Highway 77 begins at the Louisiana State Line and passes through Atlanta and Douglassville to connect with U. S. Highway 67 at Naples. This road is used as a route between the Rodessa and Titus County oil fields and as a route between Shreveport and Dallas. The State plans to place a new asphalt surface between Atlanta and Douglassville this summer and has provided \$80,000.00 to be used in reconstructing a section west of Douglassville. This highway is one of the oldest in Cass County and its hills and curves and narrow bridges present many hazards to traffic. It is hoped that with the citizens cooperation that this highway may be improved and made safe for the public.

The second East to West road is Highway 47 extending from Atlanta to Hughes Springs. This road provides another route to Dallas and since it has been recently surfaced provides a superior route to Mt. Pleasant. It connects with Highway 49 at Hughes Springs and with the Daingerfield State Park just beyond. An attractive roadside park has also been developed recently between Atlanta and Linden. A section of Highway 49 between Hughes Springs and Lassater in Marion County has recently been completed and an attractive roadside park developed just west of Avinger.

Two years ago there still remained 40 miles of earth roads in Cass County but these have been surfaced and now all of the State Highways in the County are all-weather roads.

Cass County has within its borders 140 miles of State Highways which have been constructed during the past 16 years, at an estimated cost of more than two and one half million dollars. Approximately fifty thousand dollars is required each year for maintaining these highways.

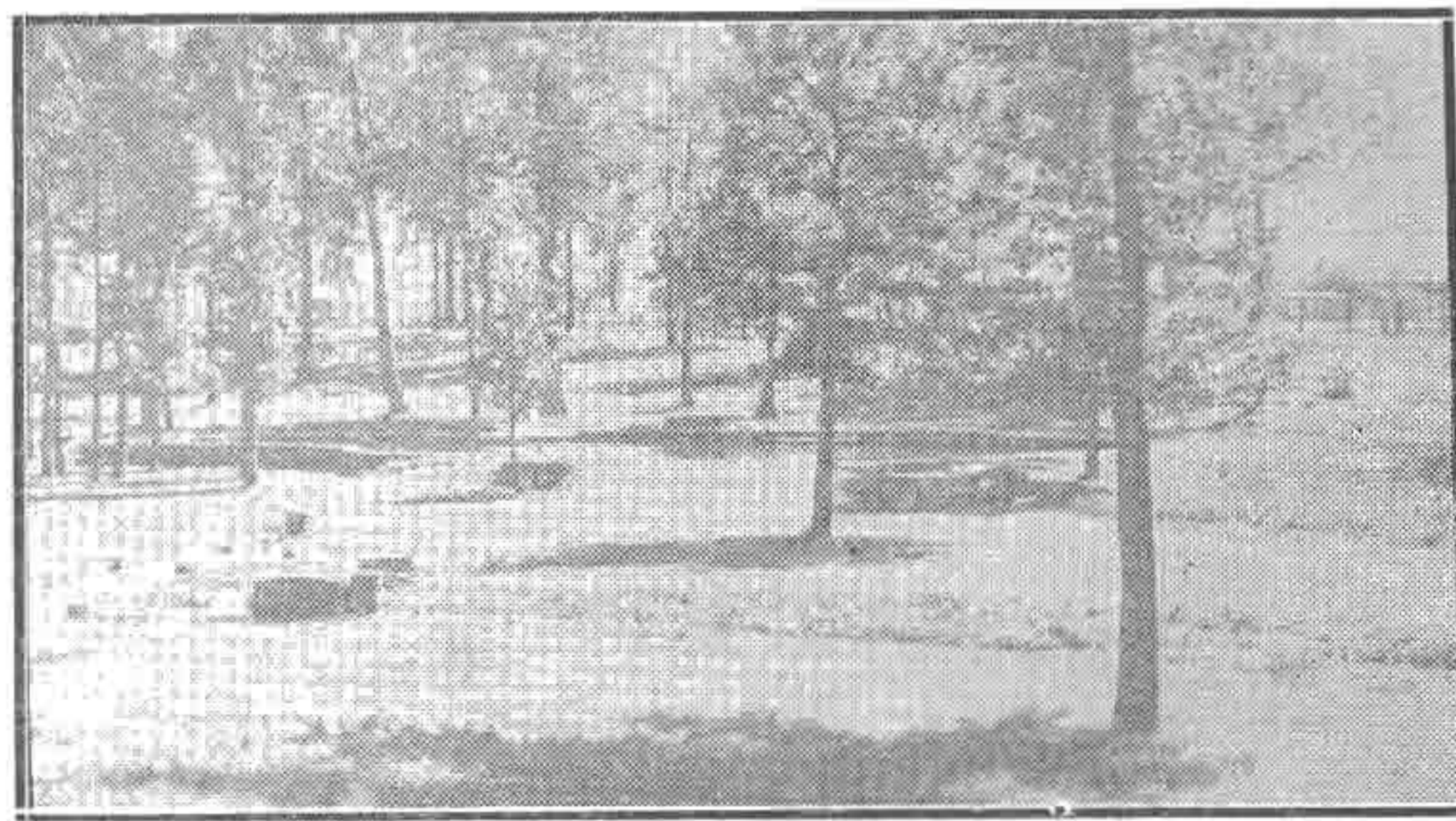
To take care of the increasing demand for better highways the District is divided into four residencies for the purpose of highway construction and into six sections for the purpose of highway maintenance. Cass County has the residency office for Cass and Bowie Counties, located in the District Headquarters Office at Atlanta, and it also has a section warehouse located in Linden.

There are more than eighty employees at the present time working for the State Highway Department and making their homes in Cass County.

## Office Building Highway Dept., Atlanta



## Park Scene, Highway Department, Atlanta



## Entrance to Atlanta Highway Department



## Condition of Bonds Outstanding, and Sinking Fund, Cass County, as of June 1, 1939

Road District	Justice of Peace No.	Amount Bonds Outstanding	Cash in Sinking Fund	Securities Owned
No. 2	2	6,000.00	376.50	—
No. 3	3	35,000.00	1,370.44	—
No. 7	7	93,500.00	12,709.11	21,000.00
No. 8	6	40,000.00	2,189.05	—
No. 12	4-West	12,000.00	6,190.44	5,000.00
No. 15	8	8,000.00	7,349.61	—
No. 18	5	18,000.00	5,470.45	17,000.00
No. 19	2-North	23,000.00	3,144.50	—
No. 1-A	1-SE	89,000.00	15,724.26	—
No. 7-A	5 & 7	316,000.00	48,588.14	10,000.00
No. 16	4-East	20,000.00	8,352.49	2,000.00

All of these employees appreciate and enjoy the privilege of working and living in the County and request the cooperation of all citizens in helping them to continually add to the usefulness, safety and beauty of the Highway system in this area.

## Atlanta Independent School System

The Atlanta Independent School District has one of the largest school plants in this section of the state, with credits of affiliation and a fully graded nine month school year.

Teaching force for 1938-39 term:

Geo. D. Pruitt, Supt.; P. F. Allen, Principal; James W. Coney, Margaret Daniels, Nat Hays, Margaret Harkness, Rose Hall, Velma Lee Huggins, Helen Manning, Ruth McClung, Mrs. Mildred McClung, Elliott W. Phares, Ola Belle Robertson, Margaret Rainey, Omie L. Simple, Guy Stevens, Lula Mae Thomas, Helen Anders, Jo Lee Tittle, Kitty Teasley, M. P. Tomberlain, Fannie Warren, Virginia White, Elizabeth Salmon, Hannah Nabors, Mrs. Bryon Hefner, Private Music.

Trustees: A. O. Brabham, President; Henry R. King, Secretary; A. L. Bates, Norman L. Smith, O. J. Stephens, R. S. Allday, and J. W. Harrell.

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## History of Atlanta Presbyterians

The First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Texas, was organized as a Cumberland Presbyterian Church, September 3, 1871, with 15 members.

The first Elders were Josiah Massey, Henry L. Ray, George C. Barber, P. G. Murph and Geo. W. Wilmoth.

The first pastor was Jacob W. Blanton, and others as follows; Y. L. McLemore, Geo. H. Salmon, W. B. Allen, Rev. Hollingsworth, E. H. Keasler, J. R. Crawford, M. M. Morphis, I. L. Gamewell, J. S. Weaver, I. L. Gamewell, G. M. Oakley, F. S. Mitchell, E. H. Keasler, W. B. Allen, J. A. Hornbeak, W. B. Preston, R. D. Wear, W. E. Barrington, W. C. Carter, C. Kilboarn, J. J. Ramsey, and E. P. Smith, the present pastor.

The officers at the present time are: Elders, Guy Hughes, Ed. Keasler, W. C. Keasler and M. H. Glass. Deacons, W. L. Cook, Bill Hughes, Clyde Glass and Mrs. John Hughes.

According to records, the present church building is the first and only church building in Atlanta, since the organization in 1871.

The present church was built in 1885.

The oldest person that was ever a member of this church, and living at this time is Mrs. P. G. Murph, of Atlanta, Texas, age 86.

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### Bryans Mill Post Office Established

This office was established May 19, 1879, with Thomas W. Stewart as postmaster and is still in operation with C. B. Stringer as postmaster.

Carriers are. No. 1, Alonzo Harrison, carrier since October 6, 1922. The first carrier on this route was C. H. King, now of Atlanta, Texas. He was followed by Jack Purifoy, who carried the mail for several years before being transferred as carrier on a Naples, Texas, route October 6, 1922. This route is now 34 miles long.

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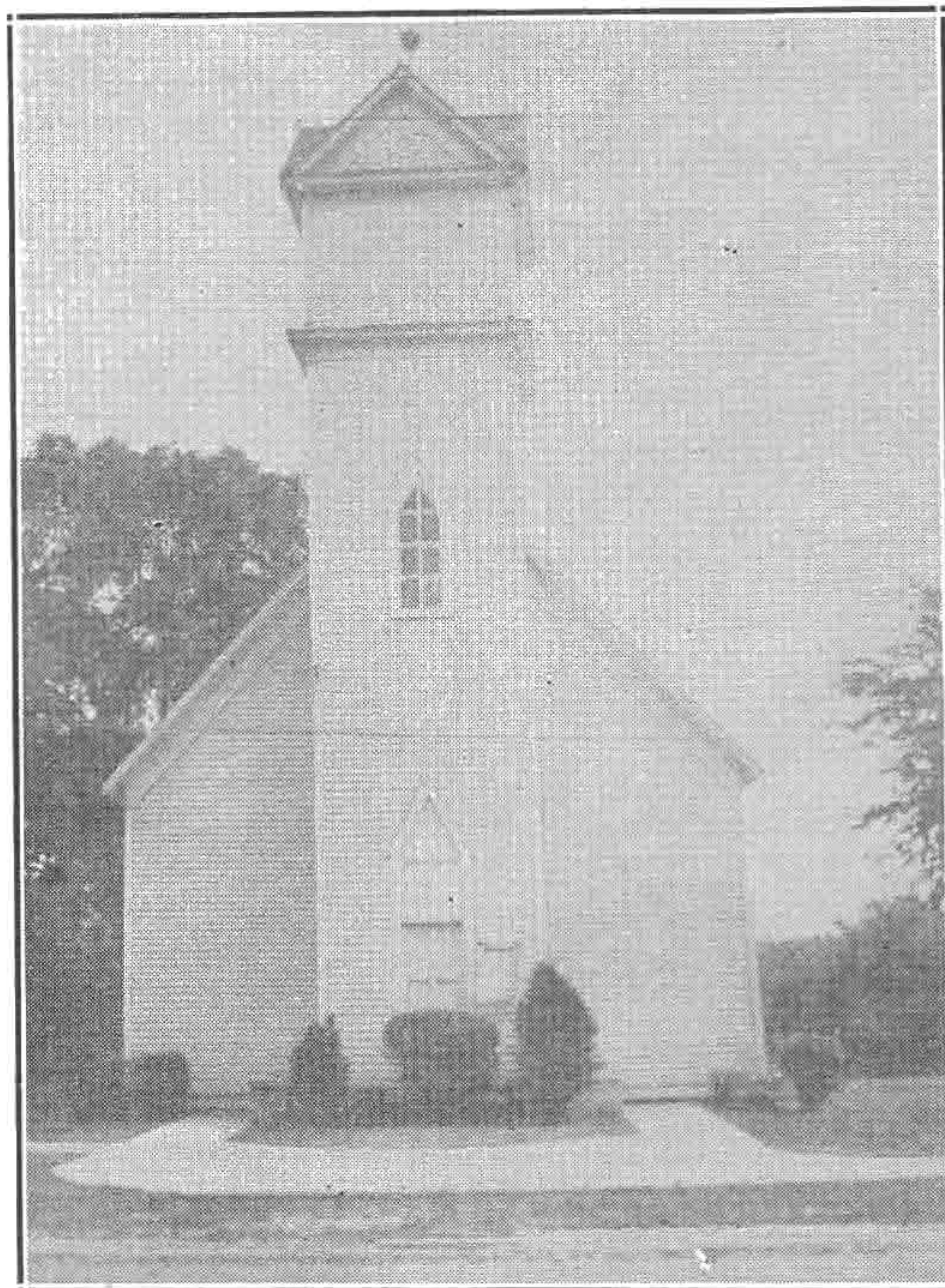
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## First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta



## Rev. E. P. Smith



## Boy Scouts History In Atlanta, Texas

Scouting in its complete working set-up was begun in 1933, with Mr. George R. Urquhart, one of the high school teachers, as Scout Master. It was he who obtained the first national charter for the present set-up, with Mr. George D. Holland, Mr. M. E. Irby, Supt. of School, and Mr. H. H. Ramsey, Manager of Southwestern Gas & Electric Company, on the advisory board, and the local high school as sponsor.

Troop No. 41, was given as the Atlanta troop number under which name it still functions. Mr. Urquhart lead the troop for one year and at the end of the year was elected to teach in the Beaumont school, leaving the Scout Masters place vacant. The Scouts then asked Judge Ed Rabb to assume the leadership, which he did in a very creditable manner, until business duties that called him out of town so much that he was forced to give it up.

Mr. Orval Harden, was then selected as Scout Master, which place he held until May 1938.

Under his leadership a full troop was organized and the work carried on according to the National

Regulations, during which time the Atlanta troop attended summer camps at the Boy Scout camp, Pioneer, near Mena, Ark. Took part in the first Boy Scout Circus at the Council Headquarters in Texarkana, and two circuses since that time.

Many of the boys have attained the high rank of Life Scout, and Star Scout.

During the time that Mr. Harden was Scout Master, the Atlanta Rotary Club assumed the sponsorship of the troop and saw that everything was done for the up-building of the troop possible, keepink in mind first, character building on the part of the individual boy.

In the summer of 1937, one of the boys, Jack Gibbs, was chosen to go to the National Scout Jamboree in Washington, D. C., the largest meeting of Scouts since the organization began many years ago in England. Dr. Joe. D. Nichols, a member of the Regional Staff of Physicians, also made this trip.

Since the beginning of Scouting in Atlanta in 1933 nearly one hundred boys have profited by training in all phases of Scout work.

At the present time Mr. Hugh Knowles is the Scout Master. Under his leadership Scouting has advanced to new heights. For one thing he and the Scouts have erected a nice new cabin known as "Camp Fouche" on the J. D. Fouche farm about 2 and one-half miles west of Atlanta. The location was donated to the troop by Mr. J. D. Fouche, hence the name Camp Fouche. Many details of this building have been worked out by the advanced scouts, but the real leadership is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Knowles. This building was started with out funds of any kind, but owing to the generosity of the Merchants and business men of Atlanta a movement that Every boy scout in Atlanta takes pride in is nearly completed.

The generosity of the sponsor, The Atlanta Rotary Club, has made Scouting possible in Atlanta, and for such favors every Scout is grateful.

## Cass County Farm Security Program

The Farm Security Administration, now a branch of the Department of Agriculture, was first known in the years of 1934 and 1935 as Texas Rural Communities; in the fall of 1936 Texas Rural Communities was absorbed by the Resettlement Administration, a Federal Agency, and in the fall of 1937 the name was changed to Farm Security Administration and made a part of the Department of Agriculture.

The purpose of this program at its beginning and at the present,

although the procedure and methods of work has changed from time to time, was to re-establish "farmers", who, through no fault of their own, had become unable to secure aid from private lending agencies to continue farming and as a result thereof, were placed on direct relief and in nearly every case moved off of the farm and into town. By absorbing these farmers who were on direct relief and placing them back on the farm, the Farm Security Administration gave these people an opportunity of becoming self-supporting and consequently they were taken off of direct relief.

Our program works on a three point theory as follows:

1. Production and conservation of a year around supply of food for the entire family. This consists of plant foods and livestock products.
2. Production and conservation of a year around supply of feed to properly feed all livestock necessary on a farm.
3. Sufficient cash crops to take care of all indebtedness.

To carry out the above mentioned practices we assist the farmers in making Farm and Home Plans a year in advance, budgets of estimated income and expense, records of all income and expense, better methods of farming and in any other way that we might be of assistance to the entire family.

The County Personnel of the Farm Security Administration is as follows:

- N. S. Ward, Rural Supervisor.
- Miss Bessie Viles, Home Supervisor.
- Miss Thelma Slyburn, Assistant Home Supervisor.
- N. P. Brown, Assistant Rural Supervisor.
- Ivy S. Price, Assistant Rural Supervisor.
- W. B. Harris, Jr., Clerk-Stenographer.
- Miss Nova Baker, Clerk-Stenographer.
- Eddie W. Hogan, Office Mgr. and Contact man.

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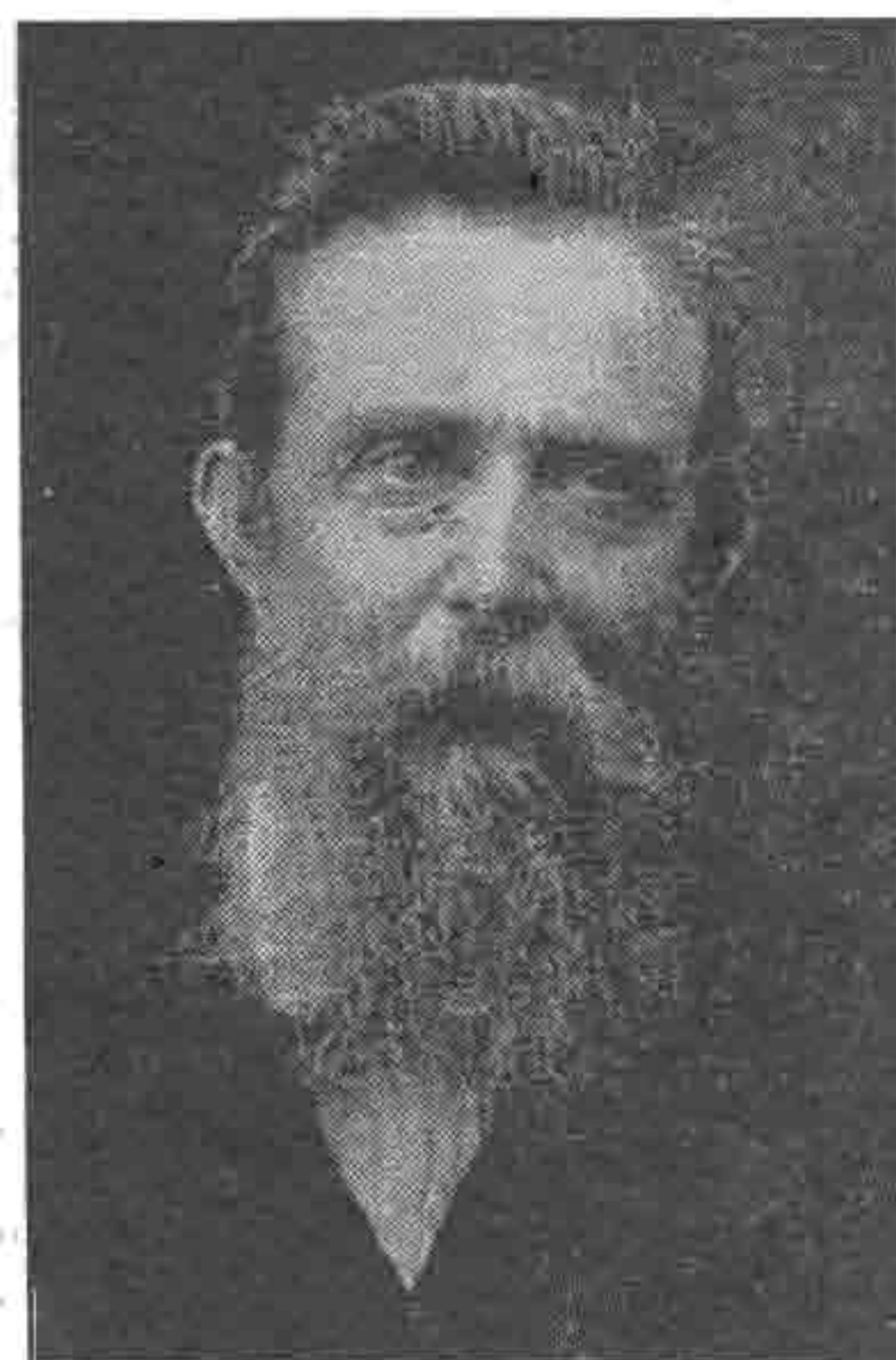
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### Sixty Years Ago

John M. Fletcher, county treasurer of Cass county, seeing the need of a democratic newspaper in the county, proceeded to organize a stock company, composed of some twenty leading citizens of the democratic party in the county, and established The Citizens Journal at Linden, Texas, and issued the first paper the last week in March, 1879.

This paper was published in Linden, Texas, until late fall of 1882 when it was moved to Atlanta, Texas, where it has been published continuously ever since.

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### An Unusual Record

The Citizens Journal is celebrating its sixtieth birthday, and has only been in the hands of two men, that of the founder, John M. Fletcher, 1879 to 1914, and the present editor, J. W. Harrell, October, 1914. Mr. Harrell is still in charge completing a quarter of century of continuous service.

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### Cass County Always Among First

Cass county was among the first to have a rural route established in its confines. The first free rural delivery mail route in Cass county was established out of Hughes Springs, Texas, October 15, 1903, just three years after the first route was established south of the Mason and Dixon line.

J. Tom Harris, Hughes Springs, was appointed carrier of this route and made his first trip October 15, 1903, and made a wonderful record. He was retired on a monthly pension after reaching the age of 65, and resides at Hughes Springs at the present time.

Routes two and three followed within six months; route one out of Atlanta in 1904; and others here and at Linden and Queen City shortly thereafter.

The first rural route in Texas was established out of Hillsboro in 1900.

### Miss Evelyn Beard



The cover design of this anniversary number of The Citizens Journal was reproduced from a pen and ink drawing done by Miss Evelyn Beard, of Bivins. Miss Beard graduates from Texas State College for Women in August, completing her degree in Art Education. For the last three years she has taught in the Bivins school.

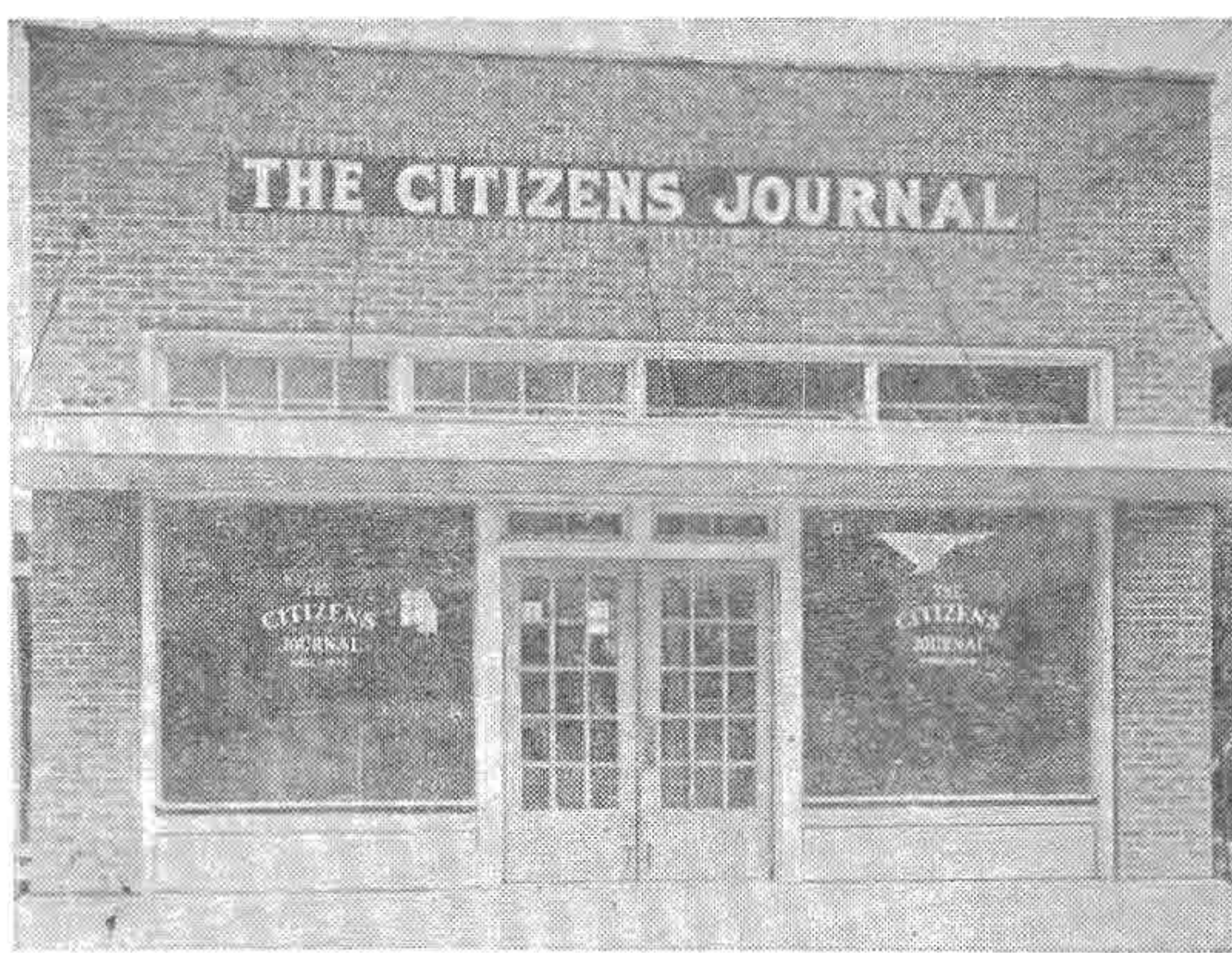
Miss Beard's pen and ink drawings have won both state and local awards. She designed this pen and ink cover to show economic and social progress, improved farm products and live stock, the leading industries and modern means of transportation in Cass county.

### Beech Creek Church Organized in 1864

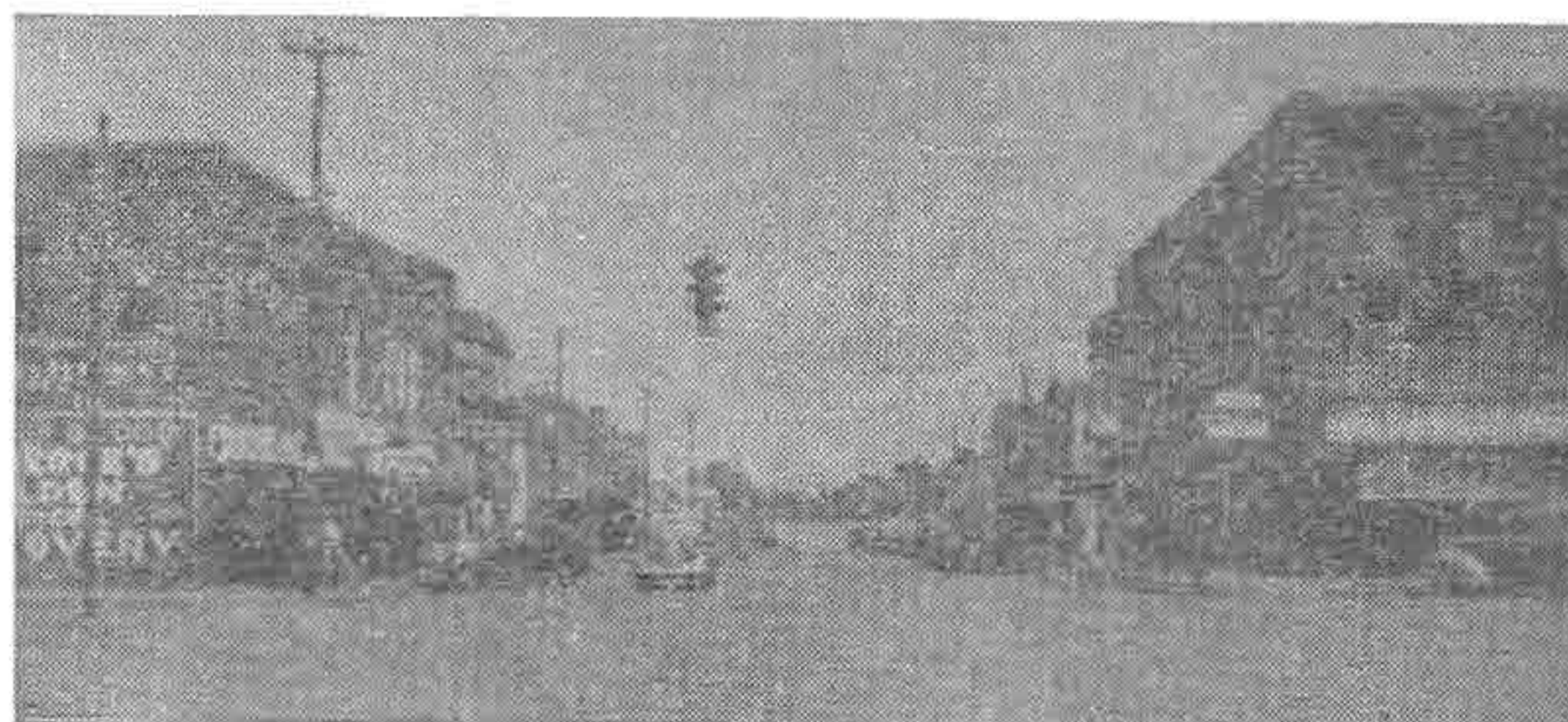
The Beech Creek, Primitive Baptist Church, three miles east of Atlanta, Texas, was organized in 1864. Rev. Tommie Long was its first pastor. Rev. Jimmie Griffin, second pastor.

Rev. J. H. Williams, served the church as pastor from 1868 to 1900.

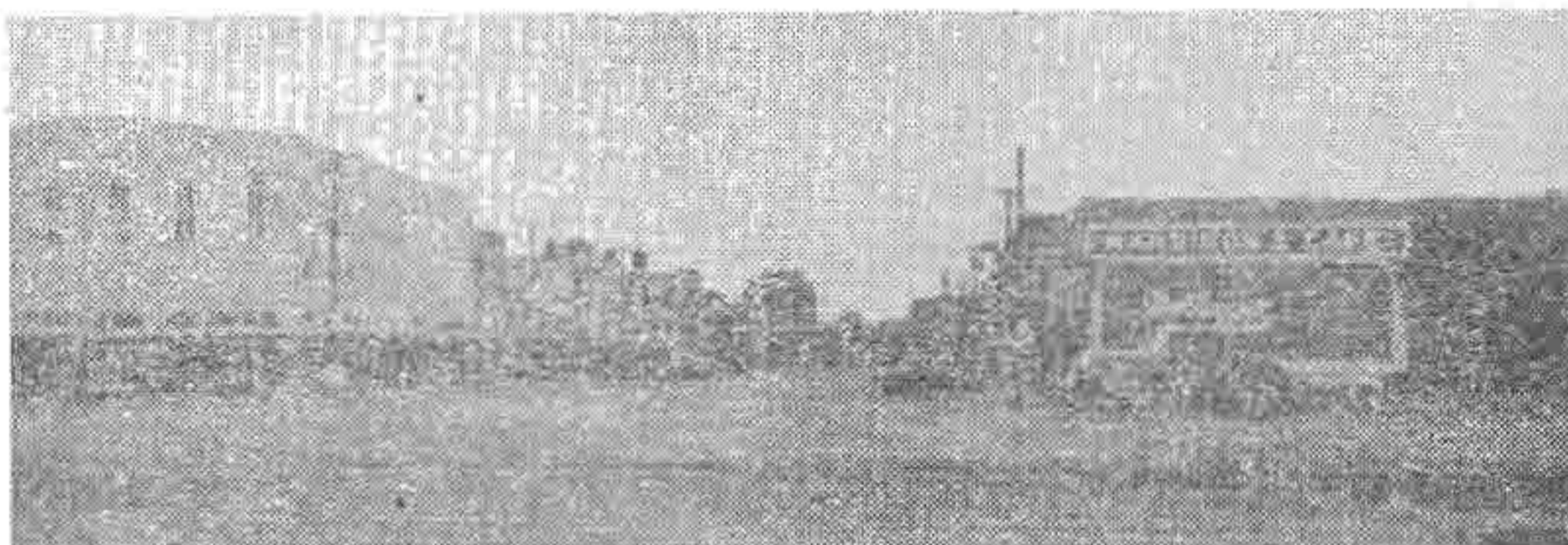
### Citizens Journal Building, Erected in 1936



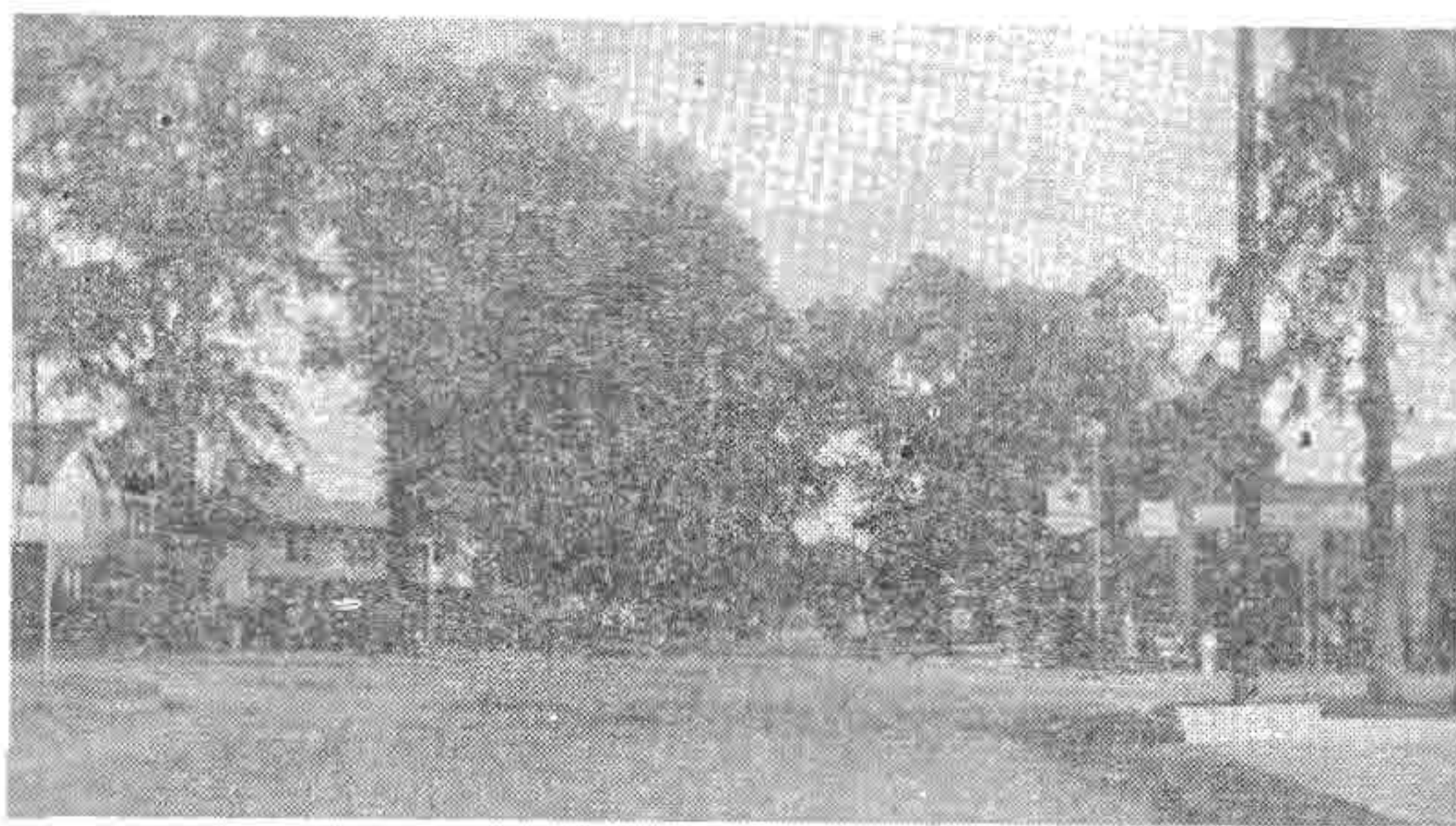
### Hiram Street, looking East from Railroad



### Main Street, looking East from Railroad



### Louise Street, looking North from Main



### FINANCIAL CONDITION OF CASS COUNTY BANKS

LIABILITIES	
Atlanta National Bank .....	\$1,462,549.29
First National Bank, Atlanta.....	1,015,737.68
First National Bank, Linden.....	718,633.74
Bloomburg State Bank .....	166,587.51
First National Bank, Hughes Springs.....	793,141.09
First State Bank, Avinger .....	111,091.99
TOTAL.....	\$4,267,741.30
DEPOSITS	
Atlanta National Bank .....	\$1,310,411.45
First National Bank, Atlanta .....	912,789.98
First National Bank, Linden.....	658,986.06
Bloomburg State Bank .....	113,347.10
First National Bank, Hughes Springs.....	643,025.65
First State Bank, Avinger.....	70,750.34
TOTAL.....	\$3,709,310.58

We herewith give the financial condition of the six banks in Cass County, as made to the Comptroller at the close of business, March 29, 1939. The deposits in these banks speak for the financial condition of the county as a whole. Come to Cass County and be happy.

## Best Paved Town Its Size in Texas

Atlanta, Texas, is one of the best paved towns its size in the southwest. The city has around six miles of street paving, with several more streets being added to the paving project now going forward.

The main business part of town is paved with cement, and all the main streets and others are paved with gravel base and bituminous topping. Other streets are now being listed for pavement in a WPA project.

Under an extensive water sewer project nearing completion the city water and sewer systems are being extended to all parts of town. The old system contained three miles of mains and five miles is being added, making a total of eight miles of 6 and 8 inch mains. This mileage is supplanted by several miles of one, two, three and four inch galvanized pipe.

There was two miles of sewer in the old system, and over twelve miles is being added in the new project, which goes to all sections of the town, and connected with a large pumping plant two miles south of town.

The new addition to the water and sewer system has been put in at a cost of better than \$150,000.00, and over \$100,000.00 has been spent on street paving in the past two years.

The next city wide project will be a side walk paving campaign.

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### Public Park Being Established at Old U.C.V. Camp Grounds

Grants and concession have been secured to build a county park on the old Stonewall Jackson Camp No. 91, camp grounds at Stone Coal Bluff on Sulphur River, mile and half east of McCartney bridge, on highway 47.

Several acres of land has been donated by Congressman Wright Patman, and the Southland Life Insurance Company, Dallas, Texas, at this point for the park site. A \$20,000.00 WPA grant project has been secured to build the park; surveys are made and work order is expected to be issued right away, and work started. This includes the construction of a good road from the highway out to the park.

This spot is an ideal camp ground for outings, fishing and hunting, and was used for that purpose for around 50 years by the members and friends of Stonewall Jackson Camp No. 91, United States Confederate Veterans of the civil war of 1861-65. They held a three day encampment during the light of the moon in August each year at Stone Coal Bluff.

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### Atlanta Parent Teachers Active

The Parent-Teachers Association of Atlanta, Texas, has been very active in school work for over 25 years. Always sponsoring things worth while to help advance the Atlanta schools.

Their efforts have always been rewarded in raising money for the improvement of the school buildings and grounds, and play ground equipment.

The P. T. A.'s are always found on the firing line—sponsoring plays, setting out shrubbery around the school buildings and on the grounds, etc., and working with the superintendent and teachers for a better school. Their belief is "Nothing too good for the Atlanta schools."



# Mount of Blessings Started in 1923

by Mary Ellen Perdue

In the summer of 1923, a number of citizens of Atlanta, Texas, felt that an old fashioned camp meeting should be established in or near this city.

This feeling was put into action by Rev. Mary Ellen Perdue, assisted by J. R. Ramsey, with the cooperation of many others.

This, an inter-denominational camp was organized and was fittingly named "The Mount of Blessings, Holiness Association."

Rev. J. W. Land was elected president, Mr. J. F. Ramsey, vice-president, Rev. Mary E. Perdue, secretary, Mrs. Arrie Edwards, treasurer.

The first board of managers were: Mr. Joe Warren, Sr., Mrs. Annie Cobb, Mr. J. R. Manning, Rev. B. F. Griffin and Mr. R. A. Simpson.

A suitable board of trustees were elected after much prayer. An acre of land, overlooking this city from that beautiful hill-top on the north-west side was purchased. A spacious Tabernacle was erected, seated and the lighting of same was in Tabernacle, the cost of the ground, and the lightening of same was in the neighborhood of two-thousand dollars. This was purely a "Faith" project since there was no money in sight.

The first encampment was in August, the summer of 1923. The evangelist was Rev. Robert A. Young, a young Methodist minister, who was entertained in the home of Mr. J. A. Cobb.

The success of this meeting went far beyond the expectation of all. Not only was the Long Altar filled with earnest patient seekers, and many led into a radiant christian experience. But all indebtedness was cared for as well. Then as now the city of Atlanta and the surrounding communities stands behind this Mount of Blessings's.

By the second year more acreage was bought, several cottages and dining rooms built. A preachers home was erected by Mrs. F. M. Greene. A ladies' dormitory was built, and from time to time other improvements were added.

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# Roadside Park Between Atlanta and Linden Sam L. Henderson



Rev. M. E. Perdue



## History of Linden Land Deeded, 1846

By Sam L. Henderson

In the year of 1846, Mr. Ed Storey, a pioneer citizen of Cass County deeded to the town, a tract of 50 acres of land. This land extended in equal distance in each direction from the center of the square or the center of the Court House. The town was named, at suggestion of a Tennessean, who lived in the town, after Linden, Tennessee.

In 1854 the County seat was located in Linden and the first court house erected. In 1858 the construction of a brick court house was begun. After the establishing of Linden as the County seat, the town gradually grew. For a long time Linden was the center of education in Cass county. The first churches were built in Linden about the year of 1853.

In 1889 the city was first incorporated, the area of the city being one square mile.

In the year of 1911 the town was re-incorporated and the area increased to its present size. The city at this time being 7480 varas square.

The city operated for a long time under the Aldermanic form of Government. In the year of 1931, the form of government was changed to the commission form. Linden has never voted a tax bond for any purpose, and notwithstanding this fact, the city today boasts of every modern convenience, fully equipped electric power, natural gas service and a complete water and sewer system. The water and sewer system are owned by the city.

The population of the city is twelve hundred. The school system of Linden the last few years has made great progress and is now a fully accredited high school, with 27 1-2 units of credit. For fifty years Linden has been an outstanding educational center, but at no time in her history has her schools been equal to the present day. Mr. C. E. Farmer, the present Superintendent has proven himself to be a school man of vision, of rare talent and ability. The school today is caring for about 700 pupils and is drawing its pupils from a wide area.

New and modern improvements have been and are being made. Linden boasts of one of the finest of citizenships; splendid church buildings with wide awake and alert memberships. A city known far and wide for her hospitality and progressive business men. Two splendid highways cross in her midst. Bus service, motor freight and rail service. A new Federal post office building; two hotels, the Jackson and the George. Mrs. Mattie Jackson is the owner and operator of the Jackson hotel, and Mr. R. P. Fant is the owner and operator of the George hotel; two



modern and up-to-date cotton gins and a large lumbering mill. Just north of the city limits the Mephan Corporation is in full operation, working about 150 men. This is Linden's newest and most prized business institutions. Linden is also the home of the Cass County Fair and C. C. Camp N. 1814. The professional men of Linden are outstanding in their ability and success.

Located in Linden is also the beautiful American Legion Hall. The Rotary Club of Linden is active, wide awake and rendering a great service. Linden has an active and efficient Chamber of Commerce, with W. D. Berry as the hard working and efficient secretary. This institution under the

leadership of its president and Board of Directors has rendered a great service to Linden and its trade territory. Mr. E. B. Bennett is its President at this time. In the heart of Linden is the County Court House and new County office building, both of these being the finest character in architecture and design. The new office building was built by the present Court. Judge Kermit Wommack is County Judge and head of the court.

The present city officials are C. R. Newland, Mayor; W. C. Blalock and S. L. Henderson Commissioners; W. D. Berry, secretary, and Frank Shew, marshal.

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## J. B. Morgan, 68 Years in Cass County

J. B. Morgan was born Nov. 7, 1858 near Fayetteville, Ark. Moved with parents to Bowie county in 1865, and then to Cass county in 1871. Settled two miles east of Bryans Mill where he has lived on same place ever since. Has lived in Cass county what he thinks is the best and only county in the world.

He is very interesting to talk with and tells lots of interesting things in the old days of Cass county, especially the murder of a woman called Diamond Bessie by a Rothchild in 1872.

He has been a Master Mason since 1891, being made a Master Mason at old Cussetta Lodge No. 192, located at White Sulphur Springs. He will challenge any man over 80 years old to a checker game.

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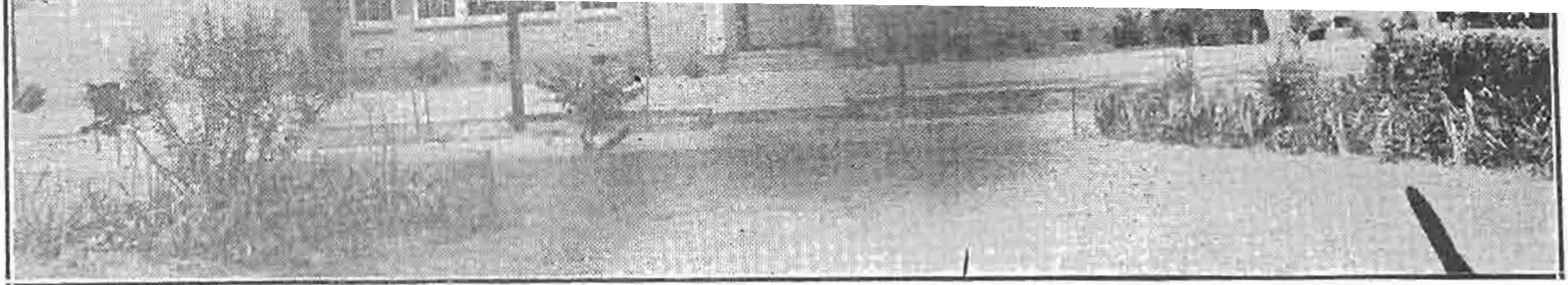
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ing city and surrounding community. The County Board started a program of limiting the grades in the home district and transporting the high school students to an affiliated school. Seven busses were required to transport the transferred students into Atlanta. A new gymnasium was erected in 1932 and filled a great need that had arisen with the new athletic program that was being sponsored by the State Department of Education. The music program was being expanded which called for additional space. The Rotary Club of the City sponsored and built the very beautiful and modern Arts

Building. The teaching force was increased from 20 to 29 to meet the demand. Mr. Nat Hays was employed by the board on a salary that band instruction could be given free. New uniforms and instruments were purchased during the year and the State Department of Education granted one unit of affiliation. Mr. Hays opened a skating rink in the gym and raised about \$1,000.00 to pay on the uniforms and instruments. The curriculum was expanded to meet the rising demand and at the end of the year eight additional credits of affiliation were granted bringing the total to 37.

In 1938 Mrs. T. P. Trice and her mother, Mrs. Frank Bivins gave the school five acres of land to build a new athletic field. Before work was started the city saw the need of a new baseball park and bought additional land adjoining the football field for this purpose. A bond was voted and with a W. P. A. grant the Bivins-Trice Stadium, the most beautiful and modern in this section was completed. The football field is lighted for night playing but the baseball field is not. The sincere thanks of the entire city go to Mrs. Bivins and Mrs. Trice for their contribution to such a worthy cause. This field will be a monument to their memory for many years to come.

The enrollment for 1938-39 had started dropping because the oil people were moving to new fields and the faculty was cut, but the work kept up to par. An additional unit in band was granted. Atlanta was the eighth school in the state to get this second unit. At Dallas and Fort Worth, the Atlanta band was acclaimed the best dressed and drilled band in the parades. Miss Lula Mae Thomas, the Business Administration teacher made an attempt at Consumer-ship, a course that had never been taught in Texas. It is an excellent course and when the Deputy State Superintendent visited the school he granted affiliation. This gives



### Superintendent



G. D. PRUITT

Atlanta the honor of being the first school in Texas to be given affiliation in this course. A unit was granted in applied music which brings the total, at the end of the 1938-39 term to 39 1-2 units. Atlanta school ranks first in organization in District No.7. This is an excellent record and one that the entire citizenship is proud of. The graduating class of 1939 was the largest in the history of the school. Seventy-five boys and girls were graduated. Aside from the regular work, the school has made an enviable record in football, track, debate, both boys and girls, one act play, declamation and speech. This past year it won the district from

### Principal



P. F. ALLEN

Texarkana. Miss Ruth McClung coached debate and Miss Leita Reeder speech and Guy Stevens the athletics.

G. D. Pruitt resigned in March of this year to accept the superintendency of the Timpson school and Mr. D. T. Smith of Gladewater will succeed him.

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### Linden Independent School District

The Linden Independent School District owns fine high school and grade buildings, and teach eleven grades with nine months term.

Teachers for the 1938-39 term were: C. E. Farmer, Supt.; G. B. Wilson, Principal; Mary Snipes, Mrs. G. B. Wilson, Mrs. Tom Finley, Mrs. Alice Riley Boling, Kathryn Taylor Mrs. W. D. Berry, Min-

nie Merle Thompson, Huleen Brabham, James A. French, Mrs. John Taylor, Gerald Ford, Florence Teague, Wilma Fant and Morris Farrow.

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# Brief History of Linden Masons

Linden Lodge No. 192, A. F. & A. M., now located at Linden, Texas, was originally Cusseta Lodge, No. 192 A. F. & A. M., located at Cusseta, Texas.

The original Charter granting the Cusseta Lodge authority to work was granted at the Twentieth of Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas assembled in the city of Palestine, Texas, on the 21st day of January A. D. 1857. The Charter was granted to and issued in the name of William Lambert, Worshipful Master; J. J. McClosky, Senior Warden; and William J. Henderson, Junior Warden, these being the first officers of the Cusseta Lodge.

The original Charter was accidentally mutilated in some way and a duplicate Charter was issued Cusseta Lodge No. 192, A. F. & A. M. by a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Texas on June 12, 1857.

Some time prior the Lodge was moved from Linden and the name remained Cusseta Lodge. At the Grand Lodge meeting in 1901, the name of the Lodge was changed to Linden Lodge No. 191, A. F. & A. M.

The first Lodge Room occupied by the Masonic Lodge in Linden was the second story of the Baptist church which, according to information we have, was originally the Cass County court house. The Lodge continued in the church building until it was destroyed by the cyclone of May, 1908.

So far as we have been able to determine the only records of the Lodge salvaged after the storm are as follows: the charter, which was and is now kept in a metal container; an old minute book containing minutes of the Lodge as far back as June, 1901; and a dues ledger opened in 1902. Because of the fact that all records prior to 1901 were destroyed, with the exception of the duplicate charter, we are unable to give a list of the members of the Cusseta Lodge at the time the charter was granted other than the officers named in the Charter and hereinabove set forth.

After the cyclone, which was on May 13, 1908, the Lodge met at various places until June, 1909.

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## Fifty Years In the School Room; Early Memories of Cass County Schools

Dear Editor:

At your own request I am ransacking memory's walls and will try to give you a few pictures I find there.

I was born near Hughes Creek, where Watson Perser now lives, 3 miles northeast of Hickory Hill, Texas, and lived there until I was 14 years old.

I walked the 3 miles to school taught in a rent school house in a rent school house. My school I had to attend.

Very little degree work was done during this period, and meetings were not held every month. At a meeting held on April 3, 1909, a committee was appointed to rent a second story room in the old livery stable and fix it for a Lodge Room. This arrangement was made and the first meeting was held at such place on June 5, 1909.

On July 5, 1913, a committee was appointed for the purpose of buying or building a Hall for the Lodge as its permanent meeting place. As a result the Lodge obtained the right to construct a second story on the brick building erected by J. E. A. Banger. This building was finished and the Lodge moved into its present quarters during the year 1914.

The following have served in the capacity of Worshipful Master since the year 1901:

- W. A. Bryan, 5 years; E. E. Brougner, 1 year; I. E. Lanier, 8 years; L. C. Weaver, 3 years; S. H. Vance, 2 years; W. C. Blalock, 1 year; L. L. Harper, 1 year; J. J. Eller, 1 year; C. H. Hefner, 1 year; S. E. Ellington, 1 year; C. F. Kluge, 1 year; N. H. Moulton, 1 year; H. C. Grubbs, 3 years; B. S. Cameron, 1 year; B. F. Whitworth, 2 years; R. H. Harvey, 1 year; E. S. Cochran, 1 year; Eugene Stone, 2 years; W. A. Barber, 1 year.

The following have served as secretary:

- J. T. Henderson, 3 years; W. A. Bryan, 1 year; C. A. Kessler, 2 years; L. C. Weaver, 4 years; I. E. Lanier, 3 years; C. H. Finley, 2 years; C. H. Hefner, 2 years; R. H. Harvey, 1 year; A. C. Nelson, 7 years; S. E. Ellington, 2 years; H. C. Grubbs, 3 years; B. F. Whitworth, 5 years; J. D. Betts, 2 years.

R. B. Morris has served as Tiler for the past 20 years.

The following are the present officers of the Lodge:

- H. C. Grubbs, Worshipful Master; G. C. Ford, Senior Warden; Jay Kirkland, Junior Warden; J. D. Betts, Secretary; B. F. Whitworth, Treasurer; John R. Taylor, Senior Deacon; James Connor Henderson, Junior Deacon; R. B. Morris, Tiler.

According to the report made to the Grand Lodge of Texas in June, 1938, the Lodge had a membership of 54, but the membership at the present is 60.

## E. B. Cloninger



## H. L. D. Jenkins Builds New Hospital

This new hospital was built to take the place of the old one that recently burned. Its modern throughout and looks more like a fine home than a hospital. Has twelve rooms, including operating room, diagnosing, laboratory with full equipment, four beds of latest type, etc.

The citizens and friends gave venetian blinds, rugs, armchairs, smoking stands, lamps, settees and the like for the new hospital and for their friendship to Dr. Jenkins over the 36 years he has been practicing medicine in that community.

especially for Lawton and Ozark beauty blackberries and Austin dewberries, boysenberries, etc. We persimmon and try to kill them and get a rare plant.



## History of Linden C. C. C. Camp

By Sam L. Henderson

The Civilian Conservation Corps, first of the national recovery organizations set up by President Roosevelt following his inauguration on March 4, 1933, has now been in operation on a nationwide basis for more than six years. Launched on April 5, 1933, as a move to alleviate distress caused by unemployment through establishment of a great chain of camps where young men would work on forest and park conservation projects, the CCC won instant approval from the public and the press.

At the time the CCC was initiated, the sponsors of this new venture in social relief stated that its major objectives were to give jobs to hundreds of thousands of discouraged and undernourished young men, idle through no fault of their own, to build up these young men physically and spiritually and to start the nation on a sound conservation progress which would conserve and expand our timbered resources, increase recreational opportunities and reduce the annual toll taken by forest fire, disease, pests, soil erosion and floods.

The history of Cass County's own CCC Camp at Linden, Texas, is characteristic of the growth of the entire CCC organization from

the early days when few understood exactly what was expected of them to the highly efficient Corps of today.

Company 1814 was organized on June 6, 1933, at Fort Logan, Colorado, the advance group consisting of Captain J. J. Kelly, Lt. J. M. Cassidy, four enlisted men and four enrollees. Amid letters, bulletins, orders, instructions, memoranda, etc., which came from Washington with sickening rapidity, the first camp site was located high up in the mountains in a beautiful grass area at an elevation of 8700 feet.

Three days after organization of the Company, 167 Oklahoma enrollees were received and they began the usual work of a forestry camp.

On December 1, 1933, the camp was transferred to Groveton, Texas, where it remained as a forestry camp until April 1934, when it was again transferred to Austin, Texas to maintain and beautify Zilker park. In October of 1934 the company was ordered back to Groveton, Texas.

On June 4, 1937, the camp was transferred to Linden, Texas. Since being in Linden, CCC Company 1814 has made remarkable progress in every department. The camp grounds have been landscaped and beautiful flowers and grass are now flourishing on what used to be a common sand hill. The camp buildings have been ceiled with beautiful pine lumber. A

## Doulassville Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 191

The Masonic Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 191 was chartered on January 23rd, 1857. This lodge was formerly known as Havana Lodge and located 6 miles east of Doulassville near Anti, on the farm now owned by W. F. Turner, where the Havana postoffice was located.

The following are pastmasters of the Doulassville lodge: W. G. Granberry, H. P. McCoy, R. F. Williams, Arthur Thompson, I. M. Johnson and H. S. Granberry. The lodge meets second Saturday night in each month.

Present officers are: W. G. Granberry, W. M.; Arthur Thompson, S. W.; H. T. McCoy, J. D.; J. E. Swint, Sec.; S. B. Willis, Treas.; R. F. Williams, S. S.; I. M. Johnson, J. S.; and L. B. McCoy, Tiler.

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# History of Cass County Schools

By an act of the Legislature, Cass County was formed in 1846. This same year, the Commissioners Court appointed locaters to locate the common school lands of Texas.

## School Administration—

The earliest records of school administration was in 1849, when it was shown that the County School Commissioners had acted on locating the four leagues of state school land.

The earliest schools did not have trustees. Prominent citizens of the community assumed the responsibility, however, judges were appointed by the court to hold elections for school trustees, and trustees were elected for the five districts in 1873. Appearing on the list of the first county trustees in District 1 was the name of Daniel Boon, grand father of our County Superintendent, D. H. Boon.

By an act of the Legislature on May 22, 1873, the County Judge acted as County Superintendent. The records show that a County Board of School Trustees transacted all school business until 1880.

The County Judge and the Commissioners Court attended to school matters until the appointment of a County Superintendent. The County Judge approved the vouchers issued by school districts and the County Treasurer paid in cash the amount of the vouchers. Monthly reports and term reports were required as they are today.

Vol. III, page 259 of the Minutes of the Commissioners Court shows that the Commissioners Court met on Monday August 12, 1907, and appointed Mr. M. G. Bates, now deceased, as the first County Superintendent of Public Instruction in Cass County. This Court was composed of: V. D. Glass, County Judge; J. P. Fant, H. C. Abernathy, H. O. Greene and R. R. Cobb, Commissioners.

The next County Superintendent, who then was elected by the people, was Mr. Drew Porter, of Marietta. Mr. Porter served from 1912 until October 1914. He resigned and at this time the Commissioners Court appointed Mr. Hicks Harvey, now Judge of District 7. He served until 1919. J. B. McClung was then elected as County Superintendent and served until 1923. Mr. McClung is now in the State Department of Agriculture at Austin. Mr. J. L. Lovelace was next elected County Superintendent and served for four years. Mr. Lovelace resides in Linden at present. In 1927, Mr. W. A. Barber was elected and served until 1931. Mr. Barber is Superintendent of Schools at McLeod. Mr. Mabern Humphrey served then from 1931-1935. Mr. Humphrey is serving as Voc. Agriculture Instructor at McLeod. In 1935, D. H. Boon was elected County Superintendent and is serving at the present time.

The County Board of Education was created by an act of the Legislature. A board for Cass County was appointed by the Commissioners Court on June 26, 1911, and composed of the following men: L. C. Weaver, A. M. Wommack, B. D. Long, John D. Bryant, and D. P. Duncan. One of these members, Mr. Wommack, is on the present Board and has served almost continuously since 1911. At first the Board met quarterly but since demands have increased, the Board meets twice monthly. The present Board is composed of these outstanding men: T. A. Dalrymple of Linden, A. A. Burkhalter of Queen City, H. H. Ramsey of Atlanta, A. M. Wommack of Marietta, and L. L. Harper of Linden. The County Superintendent serves as Secretary to this Board and

minutes are kept of each meeting.

An act providing counties to add a Supervisor was created through the State Legislature, so in 1928 Cass County added supervision: Mr. J. L. Lovelace was appointed by the County Board of Education and served five years. Mrs. Otha King Miles of Atlanta served next, and at present Mrs. Mary M. Pierce is Supervisor of Schools.

The County Superintendent has an Assistant-Superintendent and an office secretary. These positions are filled by Miss Lillian Nelson and Morris Ed Baker.

The duties of the County Superintendent have increased greatly since the days of the first County Superintendent. We now have such issues as: high school tuition, bus transportation, teacher retirement, visual aid, free text-books, state aid circulating library, and many other issues too numerous to mention.

The visual aid program and the library-on-wheels have been added by Mr. Boon during his administration. Both of these progressive movements have received state-wide approval and brought much favorable publicity to Cass County.

The present educational system recently moved its offices from the third floor of the Courthouse to the new Cass County office building, located on the southeast corner of the square.

## Earlier Schools—

By searching the records and interviewing many of our oldest citizens, we find that a school was taught at Douglassville in 1851. There was a school taught at Old Hammond near Antioch about that time. In 1856, Miss Sarah Ball, a Canadian came to Douglassville and taught school in a log house built of blackjack. Two buildings were later erected, one for the boys and one for the girls. The school was supported by private subscription but there was no record of salaries paid. Subscription schools were being established rapidly as the scholastics throughout the county increased. Linden had a subscription school as early as 1854.

Public free schools were established in the early seventies, however, subscription schools were continued for many years. In 1873 a public free school was established at Linden. Sardis had a free school as early as 1872. Round Mountain had a free school taught by W. T. Fletcher in 1873. Atlanta's first school house was built in 1874.

The first record of building a school through district school funds was in August 1872. The Board of School Directors ordered that sealed proposals be received at the Sheriff's office in the Courthouse in Linden the building of seven public school houses three in Beat No. 3, two in Beat No. 1, and two in Beat No. 3.

In 1873, the Board allowed \$164.13 to the trustees of School Dist. No. 4 for the purpose of paying for land and material for building a school house to be known as Shady Mount School. The records show similar grants were made for the other buildings.

A Board of School Examiners was appointed by the Commissioners Court in August 1867. This Board was composed of: Geo. T. Vaughn, Geo. H. Patman, Hardy F. O'Neal, J. C. G. R. Pattens and F. M. Henry. It was the task of these men to examine all applicants who might apply to said Board and who desired to become teachers of any of the free public schools of the county. A fee of \$3 was charged each applicant for this service.

## School Districts Formed—

The earlier schools were formed in a rather odd way. A few good citizens would feel the need for a

school and would contact the parents who had children that might attend. A subscription rate of \$1.50 per month enabled a child to attend school. A teacher was then obtained and a log cabin was erected or an old building was rented for the purpose. Then again, an energetic and unemployed teacher would go into a community and get subscriptions and establish a school himself.

These earlier schools were not in certain districts. There were five beats in the county and as many schools were established in any one beat as the need for same was felt. In these early days the community plan for providing schools was used and was continued to be called school communities long after districts were formed.

School communities were created all over the county. Many school communities named their school for some prominent man who resided near the school.

The County Board of School Directors, at a general meeting in June 1873, divided the county into five school districts, numbered according to the five Justice Precincts. These school districts could be divided into sub-districts as might be thought practical and for the convenience of the scholastic population.

Thus we have the beginning of the district system. This system continues today as the basis of our free school organization.

In June 1903 it was ordered by the Court that sub-division of the five school districts be made into thirteen school districts. The Court at this time was composed of: W. F. Fant, County Judge; A. J. Nelson, S. L. Eason, W. D. Stone, and B. H. Singletary, County Commissioner.

In February 1908 citizens of School District No. 3 petitioned the Commissioners Court to divide it, and this common school District No. 14 was created and known as Bear Creek. Springdale was created in 1909, and in May 1909 Wiggins Common School District No. 16 was taken out of District No. 12. Larger districts continued to be cut into smaller districts, until now there are fifty-five common school districts in Cass county and seven Independent Districts. They are as follows:

### Common School Districts:

Mill Creek 1, Violet Hill 3, Sardis 4, Cusseta 5, Union Chapel 6, O'Farrell 7, Blalock 8, Cass 9, Liberty Grove 10, Bloomburg 11, Spencers Chapel 12, Bear Creek 14, Springdale 15, Bivins 17, Huffines 19, Douglassville 20, Arnold 21, Harmony 22, Center Point 23, Cave Springs 24, Rocky Point 27, Dalton 28, Warren Springs 29, Union Hill 30, Concord 31, Holly Springs 32, Cross Roads 33, Turkey Creek 34, Bryans Mill 35, Lone Oak 36, Knights Bluff 37, New Colony 38, Alamance 39, Smyrna 40, Laney 41, Marietta 42, Cornett 43, Red Hill 44, Midway 46, Almira 47, Oak Grove 48, Lainer 49, Forest Hill 50, Goodson 51, Pruitt Lake 52, Shiloh 53, Rock Springs 54, Flat Creek 55, Antioch 56, Courtland 57, Leek Creek 58, Center Hill 59, Hebron 61, County Line 62, Mount Zion 63.

### Independent Districts:

Atlanta, Avinger, Hughes Springs, Kildare, Queen City, Linden, McLeod.

### School Financing—

As has formerly been stated, schools in Cass county were first financed through subscription. The usual rate was \$1.50 per scholastic for a period of four to five months. The people of a school community would erect a building or aid by public subscription in securing one.

A free general system of education was provided by the State of Texas in the Constitution of the Republic in 1836. The Constitution

of 1845 provided also for free public schools throughout the state, however, the free school system did not develop in Cass county for many years. The Constitution of 1869 was more determined to provide for a system of education in Texas. It was then in the early seventies that free school systems began to develop effectively in Texas and in Cass county.

An ad valorem tax was ordered by the Board for the scholastic year commencing September 1873 of 25c upon each \$100.00 worth of taxable property for the purpose of building and repairing school houses. This tax was levied in obedience to an act of the Legislature passed May 22, 1873.

The Board of School Directors ordered a tax of one-fourth of one per cent be levied upon all the taxable property in each school district in Cass county in accordance with amendments of the School Law passed by the 2nd Session of the 14th Legislature in March 1875.

In the early seventies, the Board of School Directors began to defray expenses of erecting school houses in the five districts of the public school fund for that district. The amount of the taxable property in 1874 was \$1,219,948, and there were 3,749 scholastics in the county.

In 1910, the Commissioners Court met to count the tabulated returns of elections held by some Common School Districts to determine whether or not they would tax themselves at the rate of 50c on \$100.00 valuation of taxable property for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund. This fund is known today as the local maintenance tax. The majority of the schools have a \$1.00 tax now.

As the funds for free schools begun to grow, educational development moved forward and today with state aid, free bus transportation, high school tuition, free text-books, visual education, a county circulating library and other facilities provided, Cass county rates with the best counties in the state in her progressiveness, her scholastic achievement and financial system.

## Facts on Cass County School System Today—

In reviewing the school systems of Cass county, it is interesting to note a portion of the statistical data which one can compile in our own set-up.

This year Cass county had six one teacher schools, twenty-one: two teacher schools; ten: three teacher schools; six: four teacher schools; and one: five teacher school.

The remaining schools had six or more teachers.

There are seven independent districts. There are eight affiliated 4 year high schools in Cass county: Kildare, Atlanta, Avinger, Bloomburg, Hughes Springs, Huffines, Linden, and McLeod. There are three junior high affiliated schools: Douglassville, Marietta, and Queen City. There are twenty-two standardized schools: Alamance, Almira, Bear Creek, Bivins, Bryans Mill, Center Hill, Center Point, Concord, Cornett, County Line, Douglassville, Liberty Grove, Lone Oak, Marietta, New Colony, O'Farrell, Red Hill, Sardis, Union Chapel, Smyrna, Warren Springs, and Violet Hill. Cass county has 31 colored schools. In the rural schools for 1939-40 there was a total of 147 white teachers employed and in the independent districts there were 94 teachers. Cass county had 124 negro teachers.

Cass county has about 945 square miles and the scholastic enrollment for this year was 9,771, including both white and colored.

There were thirty-eight school busses operated in the rural schools

in Cass county this past term; Twenty-eight for white children, and ten for colored. These busses transported 3,375 children.

The school program has grown until at the present time the monthly pay roll for white teachers amounts to approximately \$16,000. In the common school districts, and the colored teachers salaries are approximately \$8,500.

Former Judge Sam L. Henderson tells us that the state pays back into Cass county for school purposes alone five times as many dollars as Cass county pays into the state for all purposes.

## Interesting Reminiscences

In 1874, the Board of School Trustees recommended that when a school numbered forty pupils or more that the trustees employ an additional teacher.

In 1873, the Board paid Mr. J. H. Granberry for the rent of a school house.

The first bus in the county ran at Marietta for White Sulphur Springs. The driver was paid by local tax.

The school desks in the early days were benches made by splitting logs in halves and boring holes in the round side placing pegs in them for legs.

Mr. John Banger came to Linden from Mississippi in 1877. Mr. Banger said that he came to Texas to keep from going to school. Here he began a vocation that of printing and has remained in our town practically every since.

On interviewing Mr. Taylor Ellington, now 86, the writer asked: Did you remember any particular incident of interest while attending school. Did you ever get a whipping or any special event happen? He raised his head, laughed loudly and said: "We all got whippings in those days."

Mr. L. L. Harper related interesting events on his early teaching days. He said he taught from sun-up until sun-down. At one time he had ninety-five pupils and he said he taught them, too. In 1895 Mr. Harper taught at Lumpkin. He received \$40.00 as salary for two months in the summer and three months in the winter.

An interesting advertisement that appeared in the Linden Standard of May 1889.

### Linden High School

M. V. Looney

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Intermediate .....	\$3.00
Advanced .....	\$4.00
Contingent Fee.....	50c
Board and room in best families	\$10.00 to \$12.00.

Mr. C. H. Nelson tells us a subscription school was taught in Linden in the old Methodist Church in 1887. This church was destroyed in the cyclone of 1908.

Old settlers tell us that the best school lunch a fellow had in the early days was a glass of sorghum molasses, 5 or 6 big biscuits and a sweet potato placed in a tin bucket, Nail holes were driven in the bucket lid for ventilation.

These former school pupils and teachers can relate many interesting events. The writer recalls that one aged woman told her that she received a calico dress for having spelled every word in the Webster's Dictionary.

Boys and girls in those days went barefooted with sore toes wrapped; they chewed gum in school, scattered black pepper so their class mates would sneeze, had nigger shooters and accidentally shot out window panes. Oh! Well! Boys will always be boys and girls will always be girls. Three cheers for our dear old pioneering grandparents whose memory we cherish and about whom we enjoy reading. May their efforts always be precious to the coming generations.

### Hughes Springs Post Office Established

The Hughes Springs, Texas post office was established October 30, 1878, with John F. Jones as postmaster. The present postmaster is B. J. McMillan.

The Rural carriers are: Ennis W. Turner, carrier Route No. 1, and Thos. E. Keasler, carrier of Route No. 2.

The retired carrier of this office is: J. T. Harris, age 65, retired November 1, 1933, after 30 years and 17 days service as carrier on route No. 1, the first rural route ever established in Cass county, Texas.

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### Fifty Years In the School Room; Early Memories of Cass County Schools

Dear Editor:

At your own request I am ransacking memory's walls and will try to give you a few pictures I find there.

I was born near Hughes Creek, where Watson Perser now lives, 3 miles northeast of Hickory Hill, now Avinger, Texas, and lived there until I was 14 years old.

Sister Ora and I walked the 3 miles to our first school taught by Mrs. Mollie Bruce in a rent house in northeast Avinger. My first three months of school I had no book nor chart except Websters old Blue Back Speller. We recited about six lessons per day of about 40 words per lesson. These words were in vertical order and arranged alphabetically, ba, ca, da, etc.

Any time that we could not pronounce the word at our study benches we put one finger just below the word and trotted up to the teacher regardless of how busy she was. She spelled and pronounced the word and we trotted back to our seats.

I usually had each lesson partly memorized and could spell it with out liking on the book. Think what this routine for a beginner 3 months meant. Mrs. Bruce's daughter Eva was my only classmate.

The fourth month we got McGuffey's First Reader, and lessons in it alternated with lessons from the Blue Back. One thing I distinctly remember was the Tilden-Hays controversy about the presidency. Part of the community declaring Tilden was president, part said Hays. It spread to the school and the dispute became so hot that blows and hair-pulling resulted. Captain D. T. Hearn came over and made a talk saying that Hays had stolen the office from Tilden and we could not help ourselves.

With my mother's help at night I learned almost as much at home as I learned at school. So the next spring I stayed with Aunt Jane Keasler at Hughes Springs and went to school to Prof. Bob Fletcher and wife. He was a brother to Mr. John Fletcher, founder of the Citizens Journal. They kept a record of head marks, etc., and gave reward of merit cards to winners. We worked very hard to get them. All schools then were organized and run without a uniform system. Any teacher who could secure an old boxed house and get together twenty or more pupils could organize a public school.

He would recommend three men who were appointed trustees by the county judge. The state apportionment was from \$3 to \$5 per pupil. Salaries ran from \$25 to \$60. The teacher often boarded among the families a week at each home. The public school was usually followed by a few months pay school. Strict discipline was maintained and individuality encouraged much more than now.

Under the old community system many pupils were not enrolled and

#### E. B. Cloninger



the teacher had to teach them without compensation. Again some communities stuffed the enrollment and received pay for blanks. In 1889-90 I attended Central College at Sulphur Springs. It was a Methodist school and was then the only college in northeast Texas. It educated many teachers and preachers. Among them two became bishops in the Methodist church. I won a scholarship medal there two years. Next I studied the full course as taught at Sam Houston Teachers College, attended Baylor University three summers and took a business course at Bureson College.

I taught three years in Collin county, three in Hunt, three in Hopkins, three in Morris, one in Marion and a lifetime in Cass. Work in different counties varied very much then. In many counties the county judge was also ex-officio county superintendent.

Some counties were under the district system with a county superintendent. Their schools were much better. Some were under the community system. Some were partly both. Cass county was one of the latter. Judge W. A. Callaway asked me to come back from Collin county in 1899 and teach the Linden school. I preached the advantages of the district system over the old community system which made me unpopular but finally it came.

Our educators and lawmakers could help us much by studying the schools and laws of North Carolina. Every high school should have some kind of technical training to fit its graduates for the work of that section. Texas has such a variety of topography, seasons, etc., this training would vary very much. Too much training for white collar jobs and athletics leads to too much costly unemployment. It also leads to overlooking the best offers of nature and environment give us. We have a berry paradise

### H. L. D. Jenkins Builds New Hospital

This new hospital was built to take the place of the old one that recently burned. Its modern throughout and looks more like a fine home than a hospital. Has twelve rooms, including operating room, diagnosing, laboratory with full equipment, four beds of latest type, etc.

The citizens and friends gave venetian blinds, rugs, armchairs, smoking stands, lamps, settees and the like for the new hospital and for their friendship to Dr. Jenkins over the 36 years he has been practicing medicine in that community.

especially for Lawton and Ozark beauty blackberries and Austin dew berries, boysenberries, etc. We curse the persimmon and try to kill them when we could graft big luscious ones to them and get a rare fruit. We hate sassafras plants but pay out much money to lose some fat. Sassafras tea would do the job. We buy hay from a distance when our creek bottoms and swamps sodded properly to grasses and clover would supply all our wants and much to sell.

We grow scrub stock at a loss when thoroughbreds would pay a profit. The lowly sweet potato has unlimited possibilities yet we waited for a negro teacher to show us these possibilities and did not follow up. We burn millions of cubic feet of gas as waste when it should melt our iron ore.

I have given you a little of my past and a peep of dreams for the future.

ELLIE B. CLONINGER

### Douglassville Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 191

The Masonic Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 191 was chartered on January 23rd, 1857. This lodge was formerly known as Havana Lodge and located 6 miles east of Douglassville near Antli, on the farm now owned by W. F. Turner, where the Havana postoffice was located.

The following are pastmasters of the Douglassville lodge: W. G. Granberry, H. P. McCoy, R. F. Williams, Arthur Thompson, I. M. Johnson and H. S. Granberry. The lodge meets second Saturday night in each month.

Present officers are: W. G. Granberry, W. M.; Arthur Thompson, S. W.; H. T. McCoy, J. D.; J. E. Swint, Sec.; S. B. Willis, Treas.; R. F. Williams, S. S.; I. M. Johnson, J. S.; and L. B. McCoy, Tiler.

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It is not the idea to impress the public on how big we have grown in these years, but to acquaint the public with the fact that through the unbounded faith of the management of this business in Atlanta and Cass County, that it has been the policy of the firm to re-invest the profits of the business in this city whose citizens made it possible for this firm to prosper.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our many friends and customers for their generous patronage and solicit a continuance of same, promising to give even better service in the future than in the past.

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# Cass County Circulating Library

The Cass County Circulating Library was started in 1930 with 400 volumes. The funds for financing the library system were raised by assessing each member school \$5.00 per teacher. This means of purchasing books and promoting the circulating library has continued each year until now the library contains something over 7500 volumes.

In January 1936 the library started on wheels. The truck visited member schools once each two weeks. Fifteen books were allowed each teacher.

Under the aid of the WPA librarians were placed in schools with three of four teachers. This project has proved very successful and helpful. The principals of the schools assisted by the librarians, have converted old junk rooms into attractive and sanitary work shops, and book rooms. These librarians issue books to students, mend worn books and otherwise aid in library work.

The library on wheels has been a great median for arousing the reading interest of students throughout the schools of the county.

This summer new books will be added. Old books are being mended and as the program looks now, the circulating library will prove still more successful this coming term. The truck now serves a two-fold purpose for in the library truck the Visual Aid equipment is installed. While teachers are selecting books, the operator is setting up the machine in one of the classrooms or auditorium. A picture show is available to every child in the school. The scheduled visitation day of the library truck, is eagerly looked forward to by every Cass county school child. Lewis Thomas is driver and operator of the projector.

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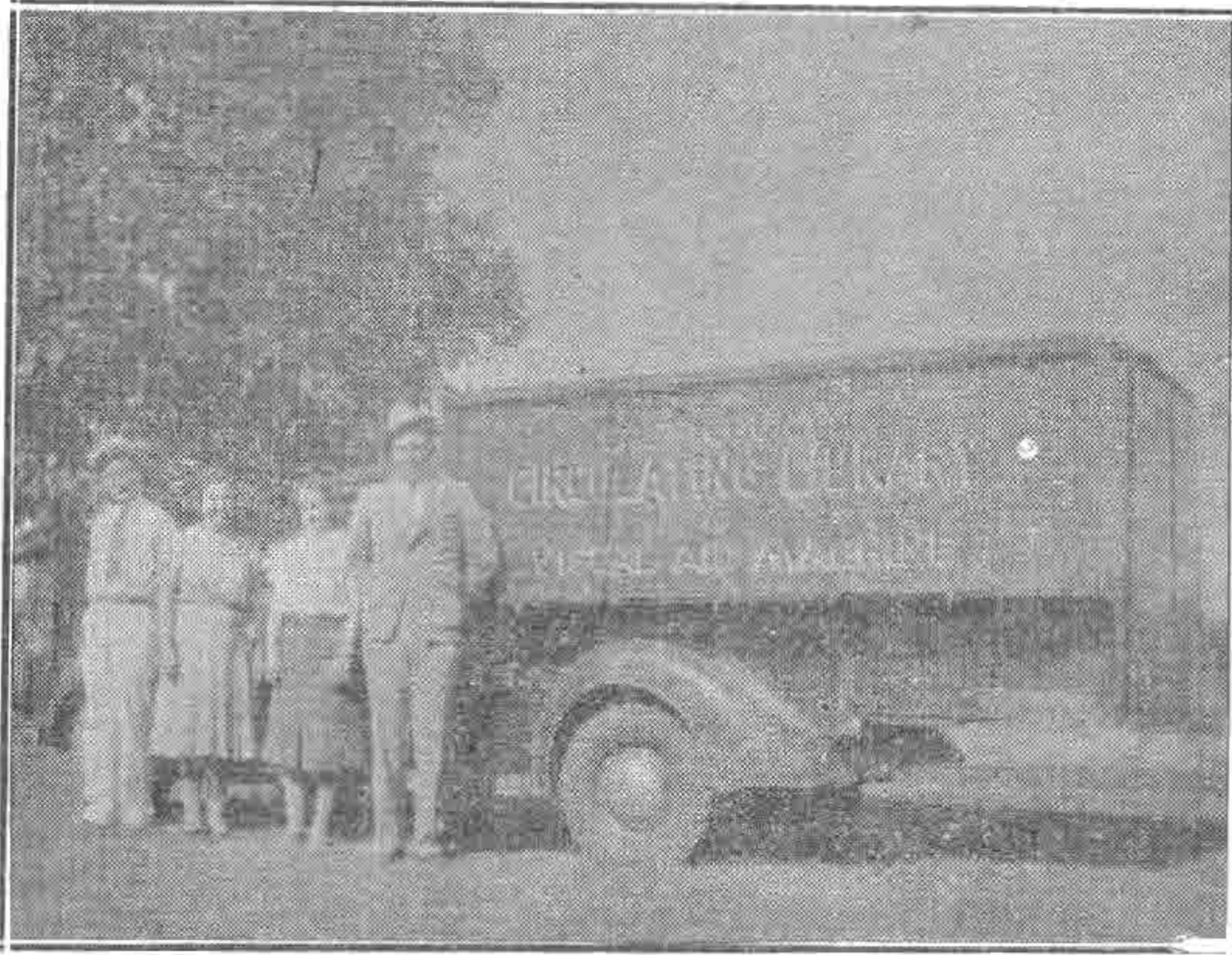
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# Cass County Circulating Library Truck



(Left to Right) L. W. Thomas, truck driver and picture machine operator; Mary M. Pierce, Supervisor; Vera Green, Librarian; D. H. Boon.

# County Agent Work Started in 1907

Mr. Ike Lainer, now of Texarkana held the first County appointment of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 1907 and the work has since grown and is known as County Agent Work. The work now as compared to those early days is chiefly characterized by the fact that in the early days reports went direct to Washington, D. C. and the State Colleges had nothing to do with them. Now the State College run them as an extension service in Agriculture, co-operating with the United States Department of Agriculture. The County Agent now is a employee of Texas A. and M. College, but at the same time is educational agent and local land use planning co-ordinator for the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Four County Agents represented the early days in Cass County, starting with Mr. Lanier and ending with R. H. Early. After these days the county agent work reported and was controlled by A. and M. College. Mr. J. M. Martin continued the same type of work, in saving soil and moisture by terracing, fruit tree introduction, better seed, seed treating, chicken husbandry, community gatherings. Mr. Martin took over right after the war and was succeeded by Lee Littlepage, who did much the same type of work. Cass County stood second in all of Texas in per cent of improvement in farm work in a contest one year during the stay of Mr. Littlepage. Mac Jaynes who succeeded him organized and started the AAA crop surplus programs from 1933 and in turn was succeeded by Mr. Roy King, who continued that type of work in addition to his regular duties. Mr. King was succeeded by R. L. White who inaugurated the last phase of extension work. The crop control work was removed from the Extension Service and administered by the Washington officials through the county and local committees, and the county agent, after the Mt. Weather agreement, between the land grant colleges and the Department of Agriculture gave the county agent the most important assignment yet placed on him. The county agent now acts as co-ordinator and educational center for the Department of Agriculture and still teaches agriculture through group meeting and the demonstration.

Perhaps the newest part of county agent work is to point out new direction for farm lands in the county. In Cass the new turn is to bermuda and carpet grass, plus

# Cass County Agent



R. L. WHITE

summer and winter clover, to fruit trees, to timber, and to livestock. The setting up and visiting these demonstration is the principal method of education of adult farmers now employed.

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# H. D. Work in Cass County

1939 marks the 25th year of the cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics in the United States, as provided for by the Smith-Lever Act passed by Congress in 1914. This movement is a unique nation-wide system of adult education for farm people.

Cass county was among the earlier counties to put on a Home Demonstration Agent whose part of the Extension program is concerned with helping farm women and girls attain in their homes and communities a greater measure of health, convenience, comfort, beauty, and satisfying relationship.

Mrs. Jim Jett was the first home demonstration agent appointed in 1919 and serving until 1925. Following her was Miss Lena Ray who served as agent for five years; next was Miss Willie Terrell, who served seven years, and the present agent is Miss Rebecca Murray.

Through the efforts of these Home Demonstration Agents working with the womens home demonstration clubs and 4-H club girls, the diets, styles, homes, and general living standards have been improved.

Mrs. Harvey Patman of McLeod is the present Cass county council chairman. There are thirteen organized womens home demonstration clubs with an enrollment of 350 women and thirteen 4-H clubs with an enrollment of 292 girls.

These women and girls are working on improving the orchard, yards, living rooms, and growing,

# Cass H. D. Agent



MISS REBECCA MURRAY

preserving and serving a standard diet to their families.

The women and girls put out 30,000 strawberry plants this spring.

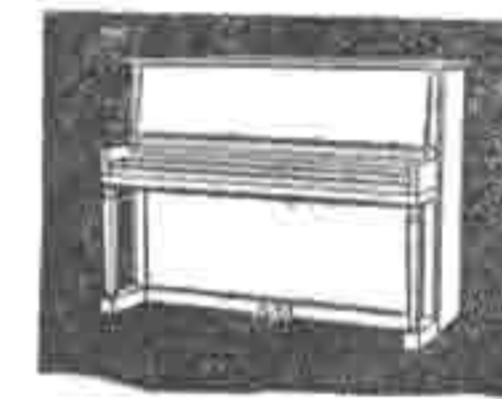
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# Minutes of Cusseta Lodge No. 192

The Cusseta Lodge No. 192, opened in due form in the 1st degree, March 6th, A. D. 1864, A. L. 5864, with the following officers present and presiding. A. G. Betts, W. M.; W. W. Henderson, S. W.; R. I. Floyd, J. W.; J. A. Bryan, S. D.; J. J. Wadsworth, J. D.; B. M. Morriss, Sec., and James Brown, Tiler.

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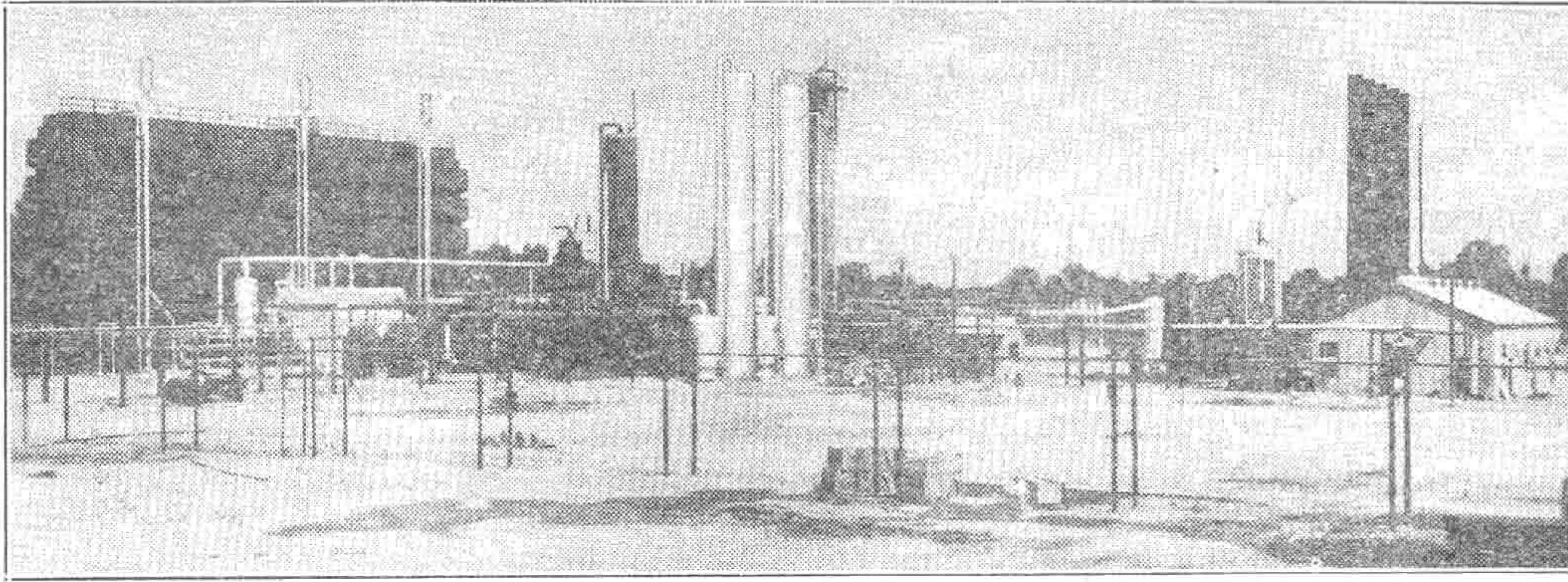
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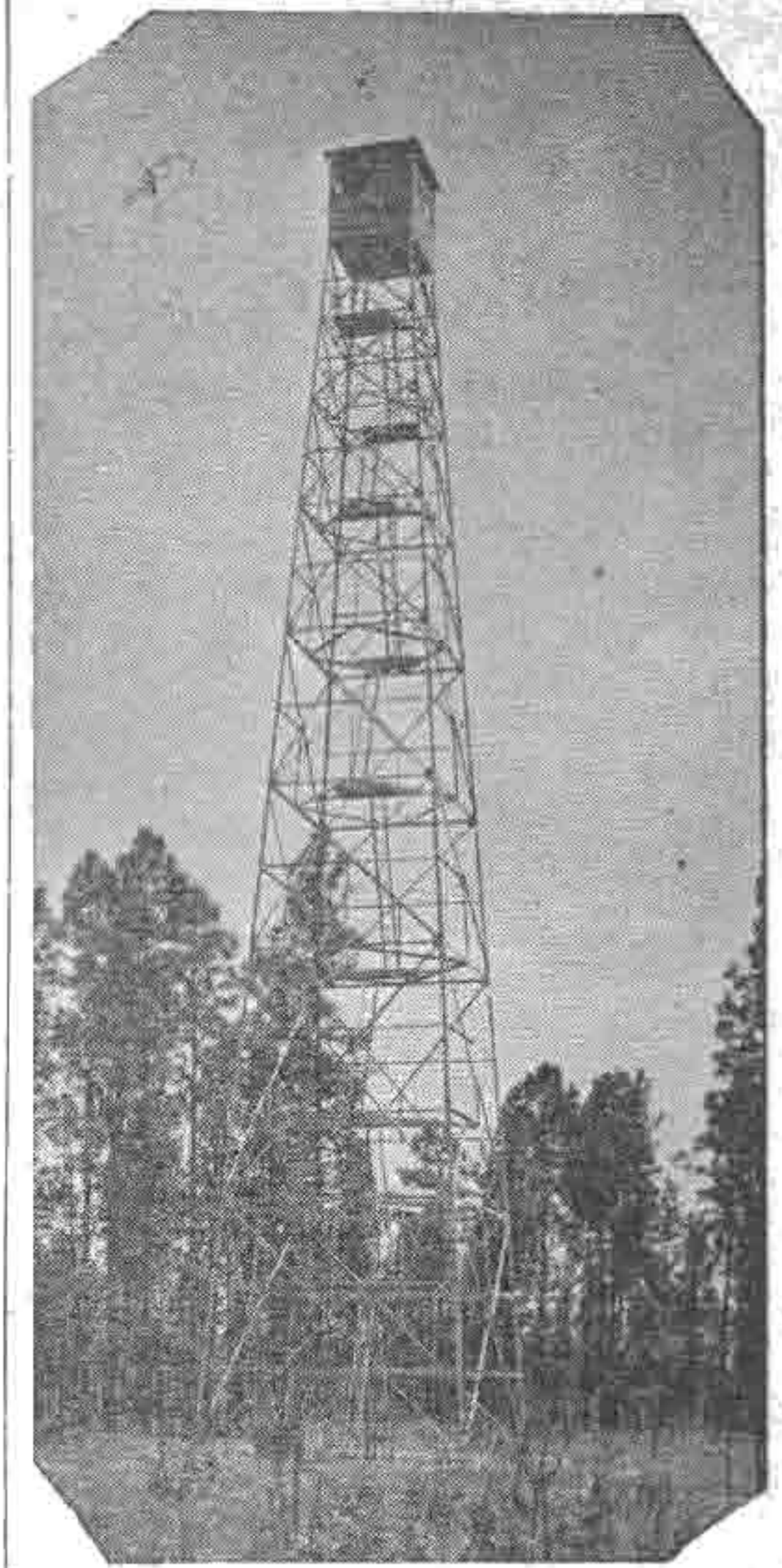
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### Phillips Petroleum Company Refinery at "66" City in Cass County



### Forest Look Out Towers in Cass Co.



Kildare tower (No. 56)—located 1-2 mile north of Kildare.

Union Hill tower (No. 57)—located 9 miles northeast of Hughes Springs.

Douglassville tower (No. 58)—located 6 miles northeast of Douglassville.

The public is invited to visit and climb these towers. The view from them over the surrounding country is beautiful and the men in charge will gladly explain the protection system. There are, in all, 70 of these towers operated by the Texas Forest Service in the East Texas timber region. The CCC camp at Linden, whose forestry field work is administered by the Service, has worked on many forest protection improvements such as building fire lane roads into isolated areas, erected towers and telephone lines and in addition spent considerable time fighting fires.

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### Large Iron Ore Deposits In Cass Co.

For many years the existence of large deposits of iron ore in Cass county and East Texas has been known. As early as 1855 smelting operations were carried on in this region, with char-coal and later with coke. The last operation was discontinued about 1919. Many surveys and reports have since been made, which estimate the East Texas deposits around 200,000,000 tons of high grade ore.

The smelting of this ore has been hampered by the high cost of the blast furnace system and freight rates, etc. But, now with the advent of the new Madaras system, using natural gas for smelting iron ore, a new day seems to be opening for Cass county and this section of the state. Funds have already been subscribed for the construction of the first unit of the Madaras system in East Texas, which is proposed to smelt the East Texas iron at one-fourth the cost of the old system.

The recently completed Mephams mud plant in Texarkana is taking 200 tons of Cass county iron ore from the Surratt pit near Linden, and making it into oil well mud for use in the deep oil fields of the Southwest and California. This ore is being trucked to Atlanta and loaded into cars for shipment over the Texas and Pacific railroad to the main plant at Texarkana. This company plant is now in active operation, employing around one hundred men in the Cass county mining operations.

### Rodessa Oil Field Brought In, July '36

The Rodessa or Tri-State oil field is nearing the 100 million barrel mark in the three years it has been producing. The discovery well Norton-Young No. 1 brought in July 7th, 1936.

The first well in the Cass county sector of the field was the Norton-Lizzie Haywood, P. Evans survey was brought in December 26, 1936. There is around 1100 oil and gas wells in this field.

Cass county has 346 producing oil wells, which have produced 25,400,000 estimated barrels of oil.

Marion county has 139 producing oil wells, which have produced 5,108,500 estimated barrels of oil.

Cass county has 16 gas wells, which have produced 17,312,909,000 cubic feet of gas.

Marion county has 11 gas wells which have produced 8,865,388,000 cubic feet of gas.

### Arkansas Sector of the Tri-State Oil Field—

There is a total of 113 wells in the Miller county sector of the Rodessa oil field, of which produced a total of 4,122,298 barrels of oil to May 1st, 1939.

Of the 113 wells 8 are classed as gas wells due to excessive gas-oil ratios.

### Louisiana, Rodessa Sector—

Has 428 producing oil wells, which have produced 61,498,413 barrels of oil.

The entire Tri-State field is nearing the 100 million barrel production of oil.

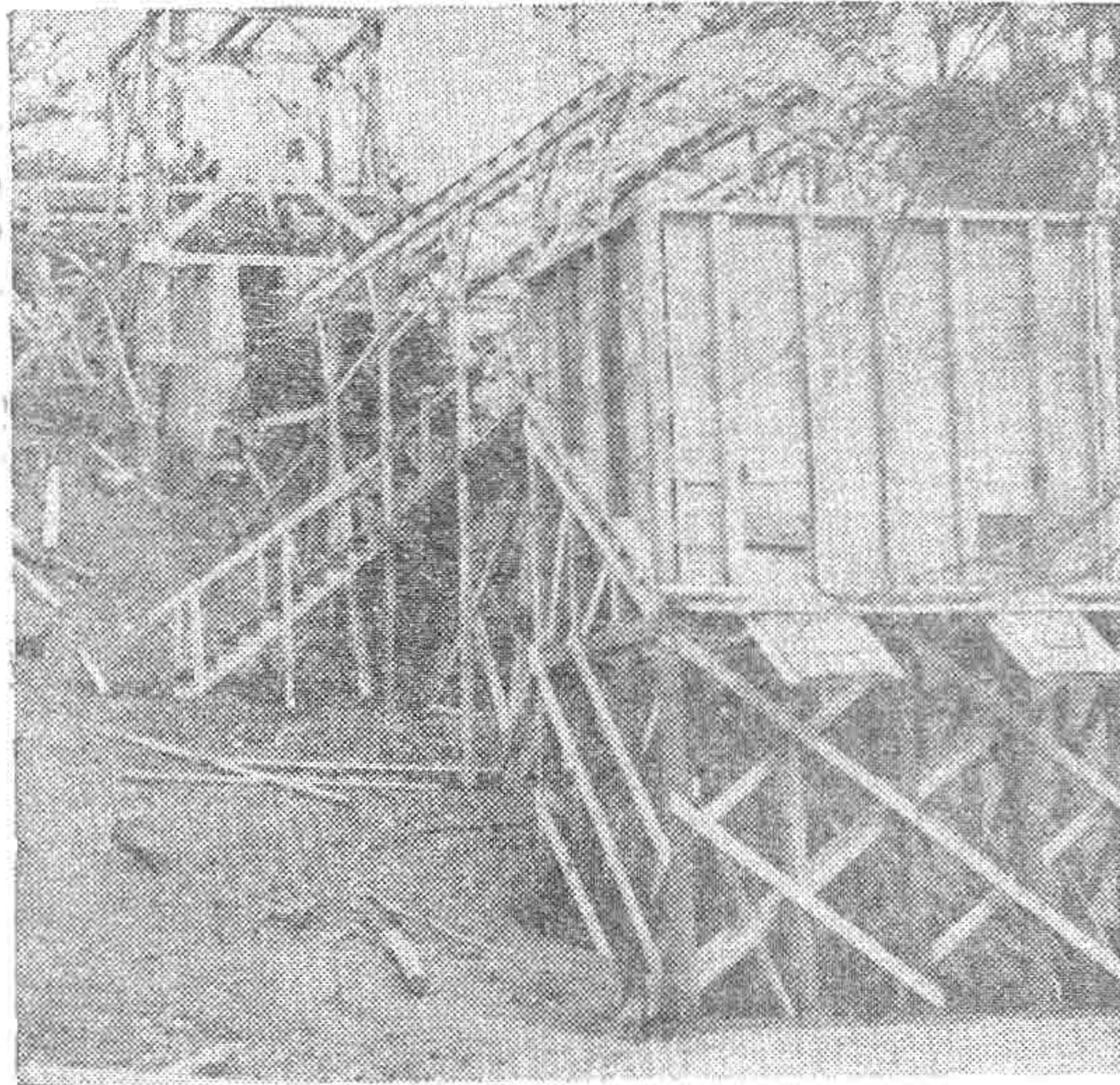
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### Sets S. S. Record



Alderman, Marshall G. (Bill) Hughes, 36 years old, first started to going to Sunday School at the age of five, and liked it so well he has not missed a Sunday since. It makes no difference how he

### Mephams Co. Ore Crusher at Surratt's Hill



MISS RUTH LEMMON

### Miss Ruth Lemmon Cass County's Oldest Native

Miss Ruth Lemmons, recently celebrated her 90th birthday at her home in the Mt. Zion community, in the southern part of the county. She resides alone on her farm, half mile from where was born, April 14th 1849.

She's Cass county's oldest native born, and is enjoying extra good health for one of her age. Lives alone on the farm where she was reared, doing all her household work, drawing water from the old well in the yard same as she has done since a young girl.

Relatives have tried to get her to come and live with them, but she declines, by saying she don't want anyone fussing over her and getting in the way.

She has seen Cass county grow from a wilderness to one of the best developed counties in the state. Her father, Isaac Lemmons, moved to that community from Missouri in 1836, and went to the Mexican war after moving to Cass county.

She and one sister, Mrs. Era Harwell, of Idabell, Okla., is all that remains of a family of three brothers and six sisters.

feels, or where he is at—he attends Sunday School. He recently attended Sunday School for his 1655th consecutive time. "Bill" is in the drug business, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Atlanta City Council, and an enthusiastic fisherman.

### East Texas Youths Collect Relics

What is believed to be two of the largest private relic collections in the United States is owned by Atlanta boys whose ambition to be geologists and good hunters has kept them in the woods of Cass and surrounding counties for almost a fourth of their time during high school years. The boys are Irwin B. Price, and Daverne Davis, sons of, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Price, Mr. and Mrs. David Davis, of Atlanta, Texas.

They have in their possession over several thousand arrow heads and spears, with many specimens of pottery, including bowls, pots, water bottles and other utensils used by the different tribes of the Caddo Indians before Texas became a part of the United States.

They prize a collection of eight pipes found in Indian graves and former living quarters, a gaming dish, beads, plummet, knives, axes, celts, bone and shell implements and an extremely valuable ceremonial stone. The stone, which was worn around the neck by Indians, was believed to bring good luck. For every man that was killed by the Indian possessing such a stone, he cut a small notch in the small round necklace piece. The stone has 11 notches.

A majority of their collection, however, dates back before the age of the white man, and some relics are believed to be over a thousand years old.

Young Price's most prized possession is a shark's tooth which was found 3,000 feet under the surface of the earth. He also has a small rock which was found as far beneath the ground, with the imprint of a small piece of Peruvian fern in its center. Price has other fern imprints in rock formations, some of which were brought up in oil-well cores. Several of the imprints he believes, date back millions of years.

The front room of the Price home on Louise street here is packed full of exhibits of his arrows and prehistoric man made tools. On the walls of the rustically decorated room hang fancy shaped boards upon which are tacked thousands of arrows and spears.

In a glass faced cabinet in one end of the room are his most prized pieces—three Indian skulls, the ceremonial stone, several small comet cores, extremely peculiar mineral deposits found far beneath the earth and the more valuable tomahawks and spears.

Every piece of the collections, which totals several thousand, is labeled and recorded, so that any question about the piece can be answered in a few seconds.



## Cass County Fair Wins High Award

By W. D. Berry

This is one of Cass County's best most profitable and largest institutions. It is county wide in its scope.

The fair was organized and built to its present proportions by Cass County money and labor. The institution is non-profit sharing. All its earnings going into improvements. It now represents an investment of several thousand dollars.

"From a small acorn big oak's grow," and so it is with the Cass County Fair. From a small beginning on the streets of Linden in 1918, it has grown to be one of the outstanding County Fairs of Texas. Through 21 years, the Fair has opened its doors each year on schedule time. Today her exhibits

of Agricultural products, live stock poultry, and home demonstration products are unsurpassed by any exhibit anywhere. The influence of the fair upon the citizenship of the county cannot be measured in dollars and cents. As a result of the interest in these fair exhibits, the people of Cass county have made great progress in the improvement of live stock and agricultural products. To the County and Home Demonstration Agents and to the untiring and sacrificial efforts and labors of the community and individual exhibitors must go the credit for the building and successful operation of the fair.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the Fair was the winning of 2nd State prize of \$1250.00 offered by the Dallas News in a State-wide contest for the county making the most agricultural progress for a period of five years. The work done in the state was so outstanding that in three years the goal was reached, the contest called off and Cass county awarded 2nd place in Texas, a \$1250.00 award. The County Agent's with their club work figured largely in this success and achievement.

The Board of Directors and officials of the Fair serve without pay. Numbered among this group are some of the outstanding business and professional men and women of Linden and Cass County. Dr. C. E. Davis, of Linden, is president of the Fair Association and has been since its organization. No institution ever had a more liberal, sacrificing, hard working official than is Dr. Davis. To him must also go great credit for the success attained.

W. D. Berry is manager and secretary. He assures the public that beginning September 26 to 30th inclusive, the Cass County Fair will make its biggest and best show in every department.

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## W. F. Cobb, Pioneer Settler in Cass Co.

by Mrs. Viola Cobb Bivins

Pioneers to Texas from Tennessee, and an early subscriber to the Citizens Journal of Atlanta, Texas.

East Texas Pioneers and water that has gone under the bridge around the Rodessa area and Good Exchange community in the past ninety years.

At the age of 22, W. F. Cobb, and Susan Virginia Darden, his bride stopped in a covered wagon out of a large caravan of gold hunters bound for California in the year 1849. The spring rain had made travel impossible as they reached the edge of Texas: so three of the vehicles struck camp and proceeded to construct their rude habitations. Father and two in-laws with their brides, however, the later soon got cold feet and returned to sunny Tennessee and left father to grapple with bear and other wild beasts of the forest which teemed in profusion—all kinds of game was plentiful there then.

We are indeed thankful that we had adventurous forbearers and that we are a native of Texas, the greatest of the 48 in the galaxy.

The first twenty years in Texas, schools was the problem, and father sent the two older, who were girls to Harrison county, and boarded them through the school terms. Neighbors were few and far between in this early day—seven miles to the nearest, Robinsons and Herings the first. (also the Reeves's.)

The community was obsessed with an outlaw, Cullen Baker, "the raw-head and bloody-bones"

of my earliest recollection. Then the war between the States took all the men—left an eight year old brother to plow and farm the land, but God in his providence takes care of the helpless. After the four years of war between brothers, many good citizens had refueged from the seat of war in other states and the school community was organized in 1869—20 years—all schools were private and of short duration before this, and from the first school opened in a tenement house on father's plantation till an adequate building in a more favorable location was forthcoming.

Father was a good community builder—lived in that vicinity 30 years, serving the community with cotton gin and grist mill, store and postoffice (Star Route) named for his baby girl Viola—now ye humble scribe.

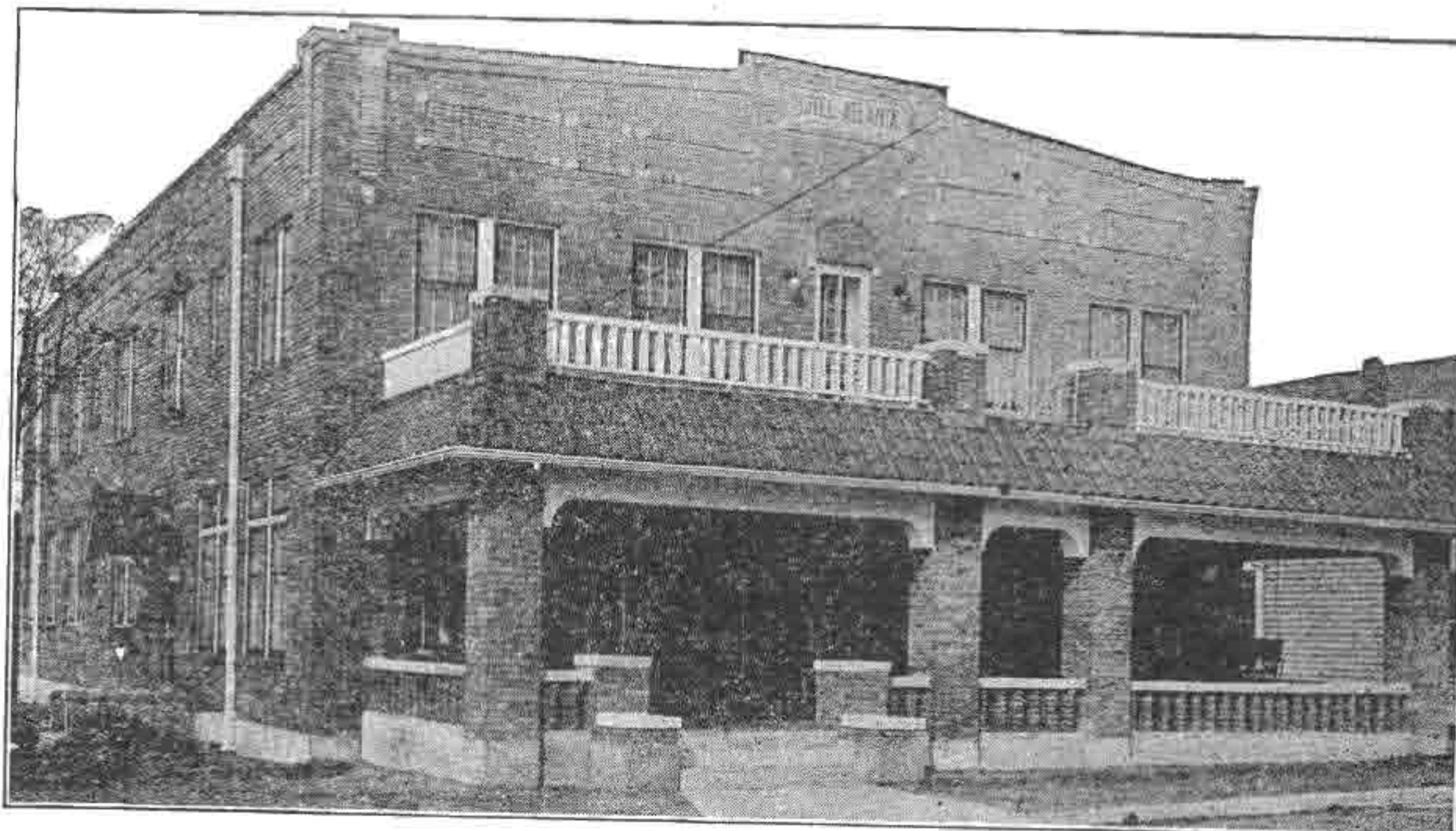
Jefferson was the market place—not much literature read in those days but the Jimplecute published by Ward came to my father as long as he lived and The Citizens Journal from its organization. No, the country was not flooded with all kinds of reading matter as now—we rural belles were lucky to get "Godie's Lady Book" every spring to see how to make our new clothes.

In connection with the school facilities a church and Sunday School was a great asset—this was in circuit rider days and was called "Good Exchange" from the cabin school room.

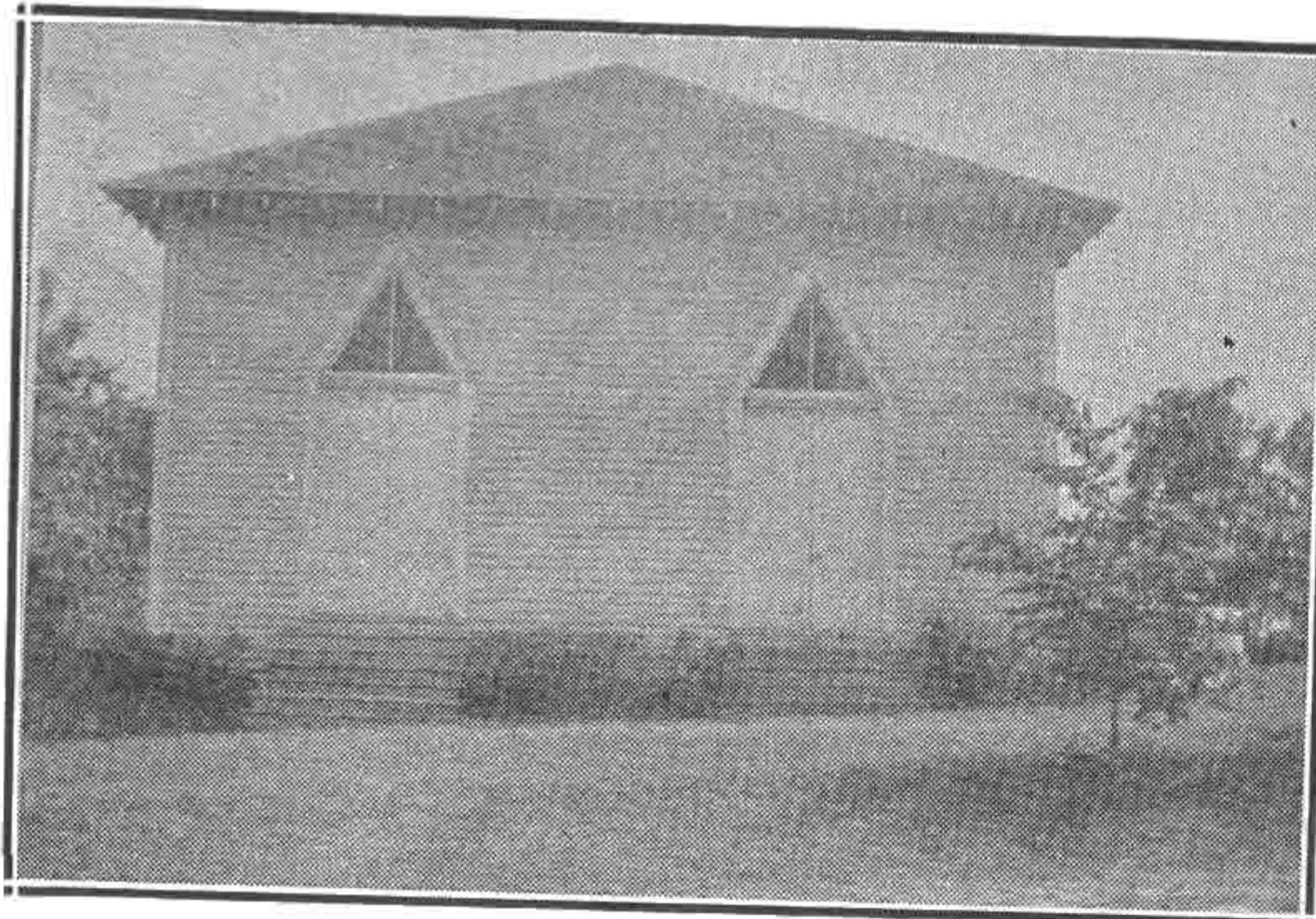
Father moved with civilization as J. Gould came with his railroad through the gateway, Texarkana. He bought valuable property on the T. & P. Railroad, bought out R. S. Allday's store. Mr. Allday moved to Atlanta in its early development and ve scribe boarded in the Allday home and attended her last school in 1882.

After father was left alone again he lived part of his time with brother Jim, but spent the last winter of his life with me in Longview and June, 1913, was called to his eternal home and is buried by his wife at Bivins Texas.

## Hotel Atlanta



## Christian Church Building, Atlanta



## Old Cass County Home Still in Use

Mr. W. O. Bryan, one of Cass countys early settlers, bought a section of land in the northwest part of the county and settled in it in 1856. Moving from Linden, and built two 18X18 foot rooms with wide hall in between.

These rooms stand today enclosed in a much larger and recently remodeled residence known as the A. J. Bryan home. He was the son of the founder and was a long time time subscriber to the Citizens Journal.

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# BRYANS MILL SETTLED IN 1873 T. W. STEWART FIRST POSTMASTER

Bryans Mill located in Northwest part of Cass county, was settled in 1873, when W. C. Bryan and W. S. Stewart moved there and built and operated a saw mill, and in 1875 built the first cotton gin in that section of the county. They applied to the government for a postoffice to be established and to be named "Bryan-Stewart Mill," but as T. W. Stewart was named first postmaster, the government named it Bryans Mill.

Whatley and Bell established the first business in the town, selling groceries and liquors, and the place was called Alta Vigor for a short time before receiving its present name.

The first mercantile business in Bryans Mill was established by Bryan-Stewart and Co., composed

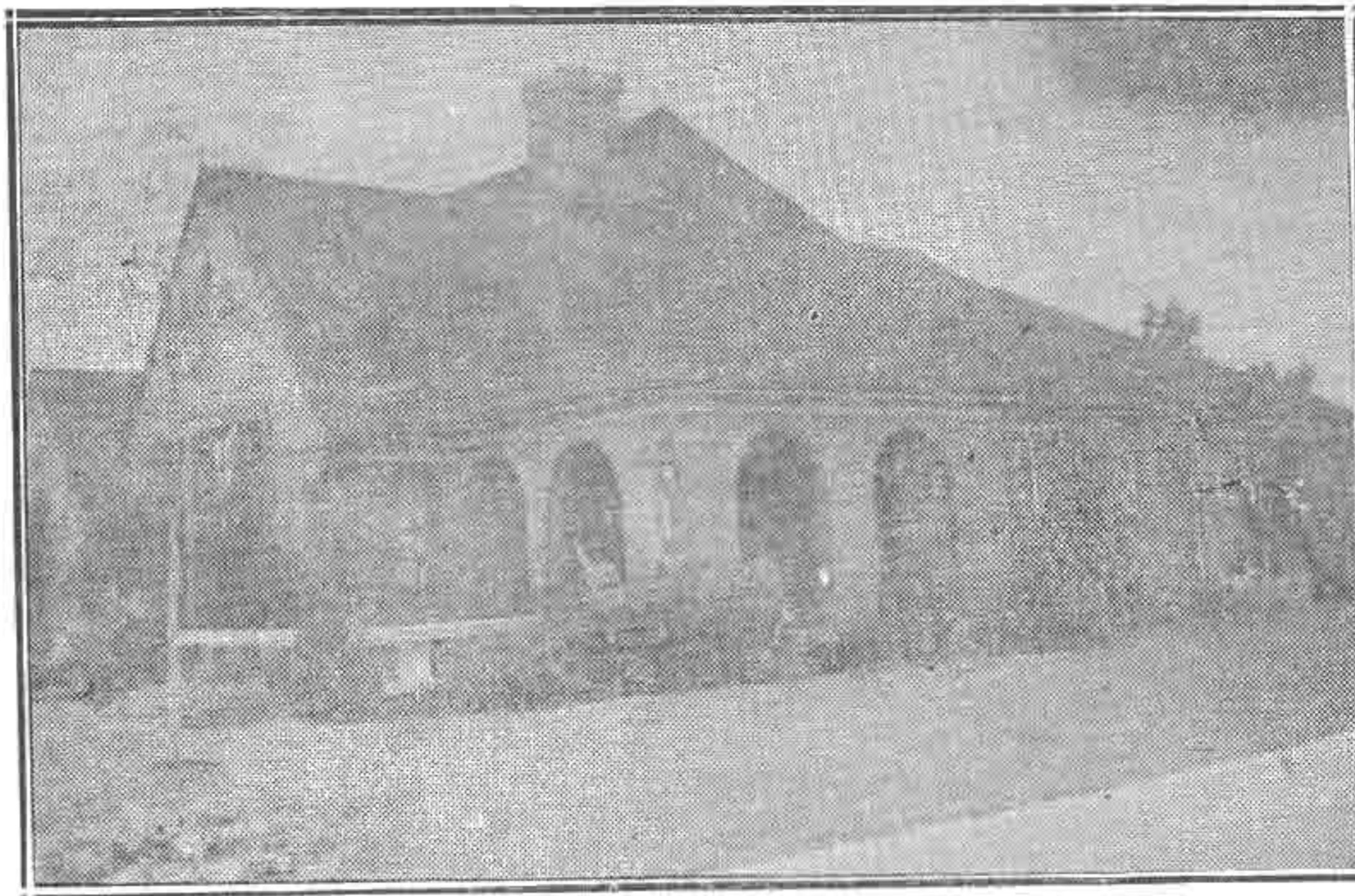
of W. C. Bryan, W. S. Stewart, A. J. Bryan and T. F. Bentley, brother in laws, handling a line of general merchandise. The Farmers Alliance and Henry Whetstone later put in stocks of merchandise.

The old Pleasant Hill school and church was located about three-quarters of a mile east of the present town, and was organized during the Civil War days. The first person buried there was a Confederate soldier who died while visiting or passing through the community. The Baptist church of Bryans Mill is still named "Pleasant Hill," but was moved to the town about 55 years ago, where church and school was held in the same building till 1907, when a church building was erected. This burned in 1937, and a fine new building erected in 1938. The school was moved to the west side of town and a modern school building erected in 1914.

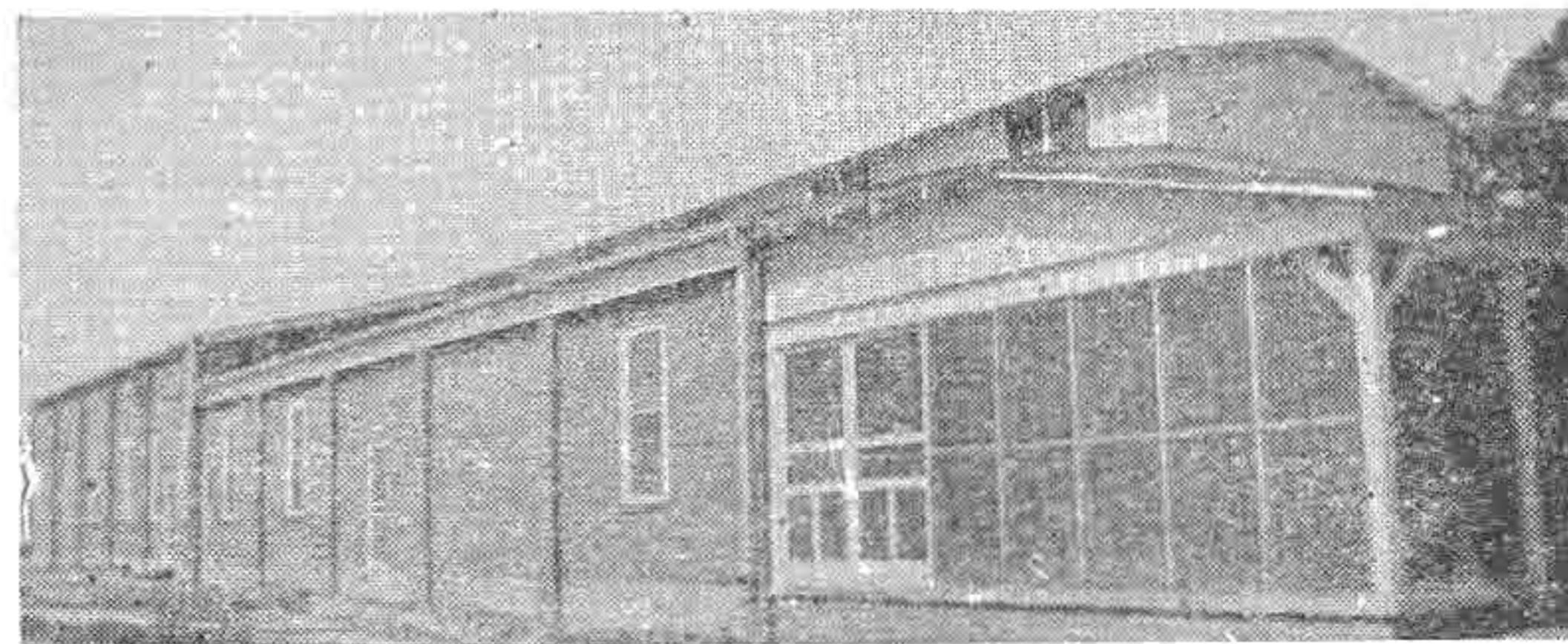
Bryans Mill has two general stores, blacksmith and garage, post office, telephone, gin, saw mill, fine school and church, and is surrounded by a good farming country and a progressive people.

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## Residence of L. L. Dalrymple, Atlanta



## Atlanta Canning Co. Plant Built in 1938



The plant canned around six thousand cases of tomatoes and beans at the close of 1938 season. Starting off the 1939 season with a fine start. First by canning 400 cases of Young berries.

The farmers have 60 acres of beans and 500 acres of tomatoes to can this season. The plant when running full capacity will give employment to between 150 to 175 people daily.

Besides giving employment it will furnish a market for the farmers of this section for thousands of acres of beans and tomatoes, and the plant will soon be able to handle other truck crops.

E. B. Adams, of Jacksonville, Texas, an experienced canning man is in charge of the operation of this plant. This plant is one of the largest and best equipped in the Southwest.

## Cass County WPA Sewing Room Work

The Cass county Sewing Projects which employs approximately one hundred and twenty-five women, is sponsored by the Commissioners Court. There are four units in the county with the headquarters unit at Atlanta.

The Linden Room which is under the supervision of Mrs. Katie Bell Barker is situated on the basement floor of the new Cass County Office Building. The room is quite adequate and the working conditions make for efficiency and a co-operative spirit among the workers. The city of Linden is co-sponsor with the county in the maintenance of this room.

In the Marietta Room twenty-seven women are employed under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Ella Burkhalter. The merchants of Marietta give financial assistance with the county by furnishing building, lights, fuel and water for this unit.

A third unit is located at Hughes Springs. Miss Leona Stiles is supervisor of this room on which forty-two women are employed. The opening of this unit was made possible as the Chamber of Commerce agreed to furnish rent, fuel, and water.

In Atlanta, which is the headquarters unit, forty women and one man are employed, with Miss Bertha Teague acting as Unit Supervisor. The city of Atlanta pays the rent and utility bills.

All materials used in the construction of the garments and all wages paid to the workers are paid by the Works Progress Administration. Cass county furnishes all the findings, such as thread, buttons, needles, pins, overall buckles, bias tape, elastic, hooks and eyes, snaps etc. The county with the aid of the city or town in which the unit is

er has been worked out step by step. When a woman is assigned to the project she is given two months' training in order to fit her for the work. The worker is first taught to make the simpler garments such as child's slips, panties, woman's slips, panties, child's dresses and women's dresses. After the elemental steps in sewing have been mastered the worker is taught to make more complex garments such as men's and boy's shirts, overalls and trousers.

An average of 2500 garments are made each month. This includes all types of garments for infants, boys girls, men and women. From scraps quilts, rugs, and pillows are made. Garments are transferred to the commodity department of the Texas Relief Commission which is located on the basement floor of the new Cass County Office Building. Upon receipt from the County Case Worker the manager of the Commodity Department issues the clothing to the needy persons of Cass county.

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## Cass County Bus Drivers, 1938-39

Explanation—First, name of driver; second, destination.

- Lester L. Cheek, Linden.
- Johnson Avery, Atlanta.
- Abb Loffer, Naples.
- Bob Patterson, Queen City.
- Edmund Ayeock, Avinger.
- A. K. Gholson, Atlanta.
- S. E. Fletcher, Cornett.
- S. M. Hatcher, Linden.
- C. M. Burson, Linden.
- E. R. Patterson, Linden.
- Lee Skellon, Naples.
- T. L. Teel, Atlanta.
- C. A. Smith, (Col.), Beulah.

- (Courtland)
- R. D. Stanley, Bloomburg.
- Alvin Washington, Linden.
- C. A. Washington (Col.), Floyd Valley.
- Ernest Whitman (Col.), Fairview, (Lanier)..
- J. J. Rodgers (Col.), Bethlehem, (Marietta.)

- Estell Williams, Huffines.
- B. E. Willis, Hughes Springs.
- Winford Waring, Panhandle, (Douglassville.)
- Love Traylor, Hughes Springs.
- Reuben Wall, McLeod.
- Thomas McDonald, Kildare.
- Marvin Whatley, Kildare.
- Poindexter Grogan, Bivins.
- Bill Stuckey, Queen City.
- C. N. Bray, Bivins.
- James E. Pepper, Fairview, (Lanier.)

- W. F. Hall, Warren Springs.
- Jude Doss, Kildare.
- Lonnie Price, Douglassville.
- Royce Teague, Atlanta.
- J. E. Thomas, Atlanta.
- Sylvester Traylor, Hughes Sprgs.
- Ross McDuffie, McLeod.
- Charlie Gibson, McLeod.
- Sol Johnson, McLeod.
- W. S. Mitchell (Col.), Leek Creek.

- P. H. Jenkins (Col.), Douglassville.
- Miss Una Bushart, Douglassville.
- Elmer Yates, Bivins.

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## Bryans Mill School Teachers, 1938-39

The Bryans Mill, Texas, school owns a nice building and teaches nine grades. Teachers for the 1938-39 term: J. V. Allen, principal; Merle Taylor and Josephine Williams.

Trustees: H. D. Abston, Frank Babb, and Will Stewart.

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## School Supervision In Cass County

Pioneering in supervision began in Cass county in 1928. The Teacher's Institute had outlived its purpose and usefulness and was costly. The Texas Legislature was induced to pass a special law substituting Supervision for the Institute.

Regardless of what has been accomplished, supervision has been less expensive than the institute.

Mr. J. L. Lovelace, was the first Supervisor of Schools in Cass county. He served for a period of five years.

Mr. Lovelace first made a visit to all the schools checking carefully the physical conditions using the state standards score card.

Mr. Lovelace inaugurated a County Wide testing program whereby each child was given a standard achievement test. These tests were checked, scores tabulated and remedial suggestions sent out to the teachers.

Mr. Lovelace began the County Wide Seventh grade graduation program. He also issued certificates to tenth grade students who were promoted to the senior classes of affiliated schools. He encouraged lesson plans, broader reading, and assisted in promoting the circulating library movement in the county.

Mr. Lovelace did much in improving schools by working so faithfully and thoughtfully that he sold supervision to the entire county.

Mrs. Otha King Miles, the second supervisor of schools in Cass county, was chosen by the County Board of Education to succeed Mr. Lovelace. She served two terms of one year each.

Mrs. Miles is a native of Cass county. She graduated from the Atlanta High School. Later she graduated from Sam Houston State Teachers College. She obtained her A. B. Degree from Centenary College of Louisiana, and her M. A. Degree from the University of Texas.

While attending the graduate school of the University of Texas, Mrs. Miles wrote a thesis on Consolidation as a Means of Improving Schools in Cass county. And when her service as Supervisor of Schools began, she felt keenly the need of grouping or consolidating numerous schools in the county so that better instruction and better supervision might be administered. To this end she worked untiringly during her tenure. Through Parent-Teachers Associations and various other groups she attempted to build favorable attitude toward grouping.

During the first year that Mrs. Miles served, the state Department of Education began its Standardization program. Mrs. Miles supervised the giving and grading of tests throughout the county. In addition to the Standardized Tests Terman Intelligence tests were given to every school child in the upper grades and a Primary Test to all children in the first three grades.

The chief objective during the two years was a program for improving reading in the schools. Conferences were held from time to time, and regular visitations to the schools were made about once every six weeks, or as the need was presented.

Local newspapers were used extensively to inform teachers and others interested in educational trends of worthwhile facts. Several articles were published during the year.

Mrs. Miles willingly gave her service to P. T. A. groups. To several organizations she gave series of lectures on Child Welfare.

At present Mrs. Miles is working toward her P. H. D. at the University of Texas. She will be an in-

## School Supervisor



MRS. MARY M. PIERCE

structor in the University the second semester of the summer term.

After Mrs. Miles' resignation, Mrs. Mary M. Pierce, formerly of Paris, Texas, was elected by the Board. Mrs. Pierce is completing her fourth year as supervisor.

Mrs. Pierce holds her B. A. and M. A. Degrees from the State College for Women at Denton. She has done graduate work in the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Pierce has continued in part the program that was inaugurated by Mr. Lovelace and Mrs. Miles. She has encouraged and established in practically all the schools of Cass county an eight year elementary program, a uniform report card eliminating the old A, B, C, method of grading, and has helped to edit a year book for Cass county schools. This book has gained state wide recognition and has helped to organize the teaching methods in the daily class room. This book contain over 100 pages and requires many hours of research.

Since the Visual Aid project has been in operation, Mrs. Pierce has worked out the program and types of pictures to be shown in the schools. This next year, it is hoped that the entire program of shows can be placed in the yearbook so teachers may correlate their units with the types of pictures to be shown.

Mrs. Pierce has helped to promote a county-wide music program, the standardization program, and this past year worked out an entire course of study in elementary science and placed it in the hands of Cass county teachers.

Community programs and organizations of Parent-Teacher Associations have been encouraged.

Class-room procedures have been checked and modern methods have been introduced by visiting the class room, teaching demonstration lesson giving tests and by having teachers' meetings.

The efforts of the supervisors in Cass county have been appreciated to the fullest and the teachers of Cass county have learned to appreciate this phase of educational set-up. The co-operation and interest manifested bespeaks the teachers approval of supervision.

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## Former Masonic Lodges in County

The following Masonic Lodges used to be very active in the early days of Cass county.

Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 88, was established at Linden in 1866, and demised in 1899.

Queen City Lodge No. 526, was established at Queen City in 1880, and was demised in 1908.

Clinton Lodge No. 42, was established in Monterey, Cass county, now Marion county, in 1848, and was demised in 1889.

## Ellington Memorial Hospital Nurses' Home County Supt.



This beautiful nurses home was built in March, 1937 at a cost of \$3,000.00. It contains a large living room, five bed rooms, bath, kitchenette, with many built-in conveniences. The home is occupied by six registered nurses employed at the Ellington Memorial Hospital, while it is large enough to take care of more nurses as needed at the hospital.

The Ellington Memorial Hospital was erected in 1936 and equipped at a cost of over \$25,000.00. The hospital has eleven beds, complete

equipped operating room, obstetrical room, complete laboratory, X-ray oxygen tent, BMR Ray machine, Vera Violet Ray machine, Dethermy machine. Modernly equipped throughout.

Nurses: Miss Georgia Poole, Miss Lois Perry, Miss Mildred Petty, Miss Martha Stevens, Miss Eva Alexander and Miss Helen Fouke. Mrs. Kelly Arnold, office assistant and bookkeeper.

Drs. Joe D. Nichols and E. W. Grumbles, M. D., and Dr. A. B. Jordan, dentist.



D. H. BOON

in 1859, or just prior to that year no doubt. Fortunately we have an original record of the first Church Conference, while not throwing as much light as we would like to have on the community history, it does give us accurate information as to the beginning of organized church activities. The records of the first Church Conference read as follows:

"The first social church meeting for Laws Chapel, Linden Circuit, Jefferson District, Trinity Conference, held its first session on the first of October, 1859.

On motion J. W. F. Cook was appointed secretary.

On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The preacher made his report to the meeting.

Stewards report \$30.00 paid.

On subscription \$20.00.

On motion there was a missionary society formed and one cent per month from the male members to be paid.

The business of the meeting having been transacted the meeting closed with prayer by the Preacher in Charge.

J. M. Stevenson, P.C."

Since that day a long line of ministers have served the Laws Chapel church and the community has had a noble place among the communities of Cass county. Many of the posterity of these splendid men and women of the early days are with us still and are among our best citizens. Others have gone out from the community to other parts to bless the world with lives stamped with the influence of the community in which they were reared. The community points with pride to the fact that no major crime has ever darkened its history. A school was established early and the community has always stood for the best conditions made possible in the matter of education for its children. The Laws Chapel people are justly proud of their community.

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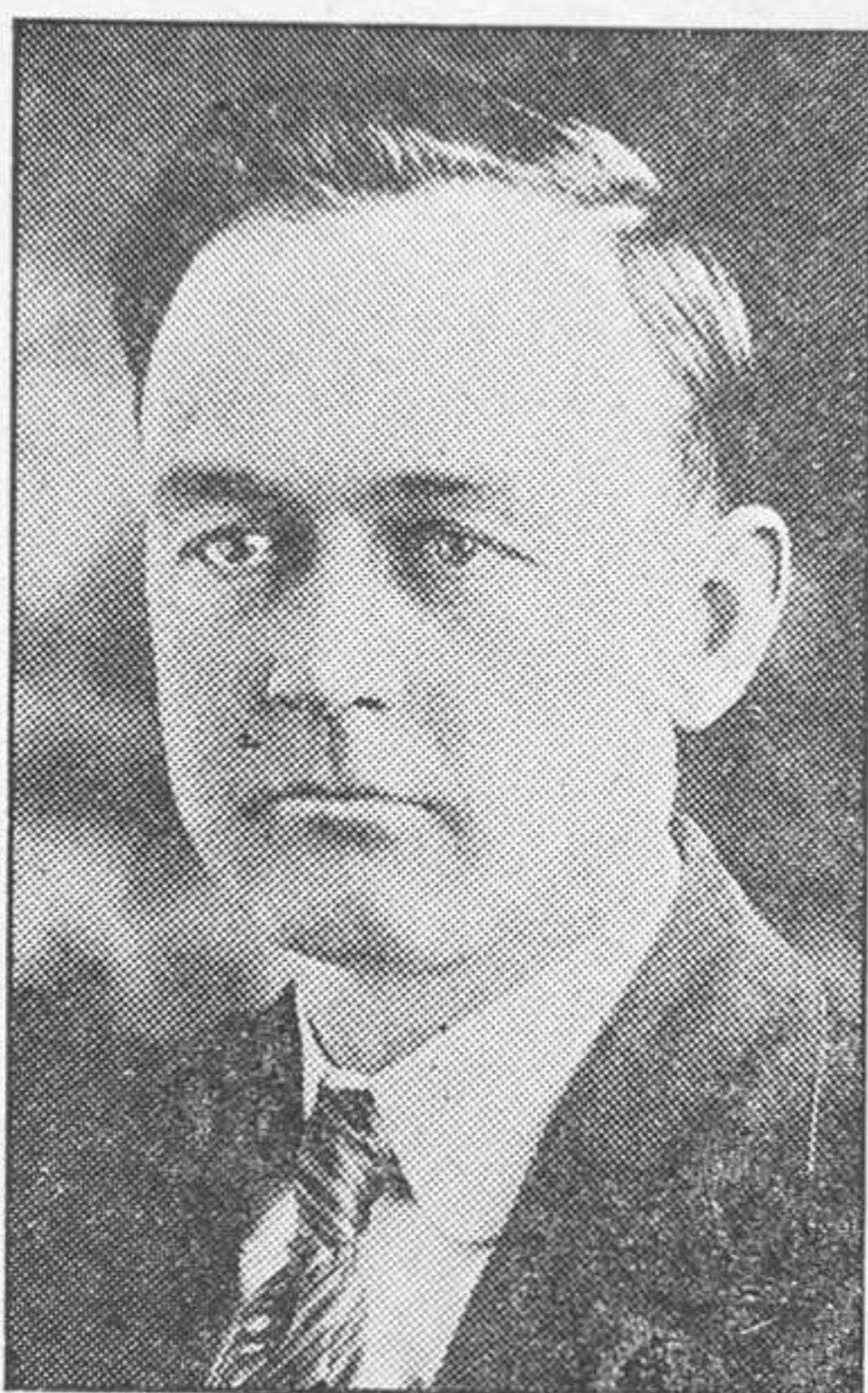
## Indian Hills Golf and Country Club

The Indian Hills Golf Club was originally started in 1936 by Judge Hugh Carney and was taken over in 1938 by the present organization. The course is located on a beautiful 55-acre plot about two miles west of Atlanta and contains nine holes with sand greens. A beautiful \$3,000.00 club house was completed July 1, 1939 containing banquet hall, kitchen, dining room, mens and ladies toilets, locker rooms, etc.

Officers of the club are: Dr. Joe D. Nichols, president; A. J. Old, secretary-treasurer; R. S. Allday, Ransome Hardy and L. L. Dalrymple, directors.

J. D. Wilson and wife are the caretaker and hostess respectively.

## Linden Supt.



C. E. FARMER

## First Linden School

The first school in Linden was taught by Miss George Ann Harrison of Jefferson in 1854. The house was made of logs and furnished with split log benches. The term was for six months. Some of the principals since Miss Harrison were Mr. Bouchman, T. L. Hamilton, Lincoln, M. G. Bates, W. W. Camp-Price Loony, Judge Harvey, E. L. bell, S. D. Nichols, Jones, Mrs. A. M. Peebles, Mrs John R. Taylor, Mrs. Lucille Adkinson, and G. B. Wilson.

The people of Linden have been interested in education since the beginning of the town, and have kept pace with the development of the school system in the county.

The school has had a substantial growth since the beginning. There are now five buildings in the district; two for the negroes, and three for the white children. For the white pupils there is one for elementary grades, one for the high school, and recently purchased a beautiful home economic cottage of six rooms made of native stone with all modern conveniences.

The school has kept up with the times with its course of study. In 1939-40 the course of study will be divided into (1) College Preparatory (2) Business (3) and Vocational.

## Atlanta Supt.



D. T. SMITH

## Laws Chapel Settled in 1853

Rev. by William E. Hull

The section of the country now known as Laws Chapel prior to 1853 was but a wilderness. In that year immigrants, most of whom were from Georgia, began to move into the area. Among the leaders of these early settlers were George Law, Richard Law and Henry Law and their families. Probably from the name of George Law the community derived its name. Among other of the early settlers were those of W. T. White, Lewis Waters, J. W. F. Cook, B. F. Lumpkin, William E. Griffin, Alex Haynes, Henry Howell, Billy Brooks, Albert Maxwell and a little later came J. F. Riley, Dr. R. F. Sloan, Rev. S. S. Rich, local Methodist preacher, Frank Salmon, Sim Frazier and their families.

These hardy pioneers were men of character, law abiding and were strong in their religious convictions. Before they were strong enough to erect a building for worship they worshipped in their homes and conducted preaching services under brush arbors.

Within six years after the first settlements, a house of worship was erected and a Methodist church organized. Just the year the building was erected we don't know, but

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The receipts for the calendar year ended, December 31, 1918, were \$10,060. This office was advanced to the second class, July 1, 1919.

The receipts for the calendar year ended, December 31, 1919 were \$7,595.00. This office was relegated to the third class, July 1, 1920.

The receipts for the calendar

year ended, December 31, 1920, was \$8,321. This office was advanced to the second class, July 1, 1921.

The receipts for the calendar year ended, December 31, 1921, was \$7,221. This office was relegated to the third class, July 1, 1922.

The receipts for the calendar year ended, December 31, 1923, was \$8,567.

This office was advanced to the second class, July 1, 1924.

The receipts for the calendar year ended, December 31, 1933, was \$17,550.

**Postmasters and Date Appointed:**  
Robert Lanier, (Dem.) June 22, 1874.

Ransom Hardy, (Dem.) April 7, 1875.

James B. O'Farrell, (Dem.) August 14, 1876.

William E. Singleton, (Rep.) July 17, 1889.

Lottie Annie Davis, (Dem.) September 28, 1893.

Joseph E. Roach, (Rep.) October 1, 1897.

Anna J. Roach, (Rep.) August 14, 1905.

Frank R. Blaydes, (Dem.) August 25, 1916.

Arthur H. O'Kelley, (Rep.) March 31, 1922.

Hunter H. McWilliams, (Dem.) June 3, 1933, to June 18, 1934, and is still serving.

**Clerks Now in Office:**

John R. Blaydes, Robert A. Cobb, Clarence L. Jones, sub clerk, James Elder Hogan, special delivery boy. Charles F. Goodman, fireman, laborer, Estell C. Pritchard, chairman laborer.

**Carriers:**

Route No. 1, Will Salmon.

Route No. 2, J. S. Sharrer.

Route No. 3, Frank R. Salmon.

**Retired Carriers:**

J. W. Sharrer, early carrier route No. 1, retired Feb. 26, 1924,

L. J. Gunn, retired as carrier on route No. 4, Nov. 1, 1934, after 30 years of service. He went into the service on the establishing of route No. 4, and when he retired the route was consolidated with route No. 1. He died June 6th, 1936.

City free delivery since established in Atlanta, Feb. 1, 1917, with S. W. Flemming, as carrier, he retired July 31, 1931, account of total disability.

B. Jeter Roberts, present City Carrier, appointed July 1st 1931.

A. L. Keasler, first carrier on route No. 2, was retired October 1st, 1934, after serving this route for 30 years.

J. C. Riley retired June 1st, 1936, after 30 years in the service, being transferred here from Buffalo, Texas, and serving both routes six and two.

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## Cass County Becomes Cattle Country

Cass county is forging ahead to become one of the leading cattle sections of the southwest. She has been known for many years for her fine Jerseys.

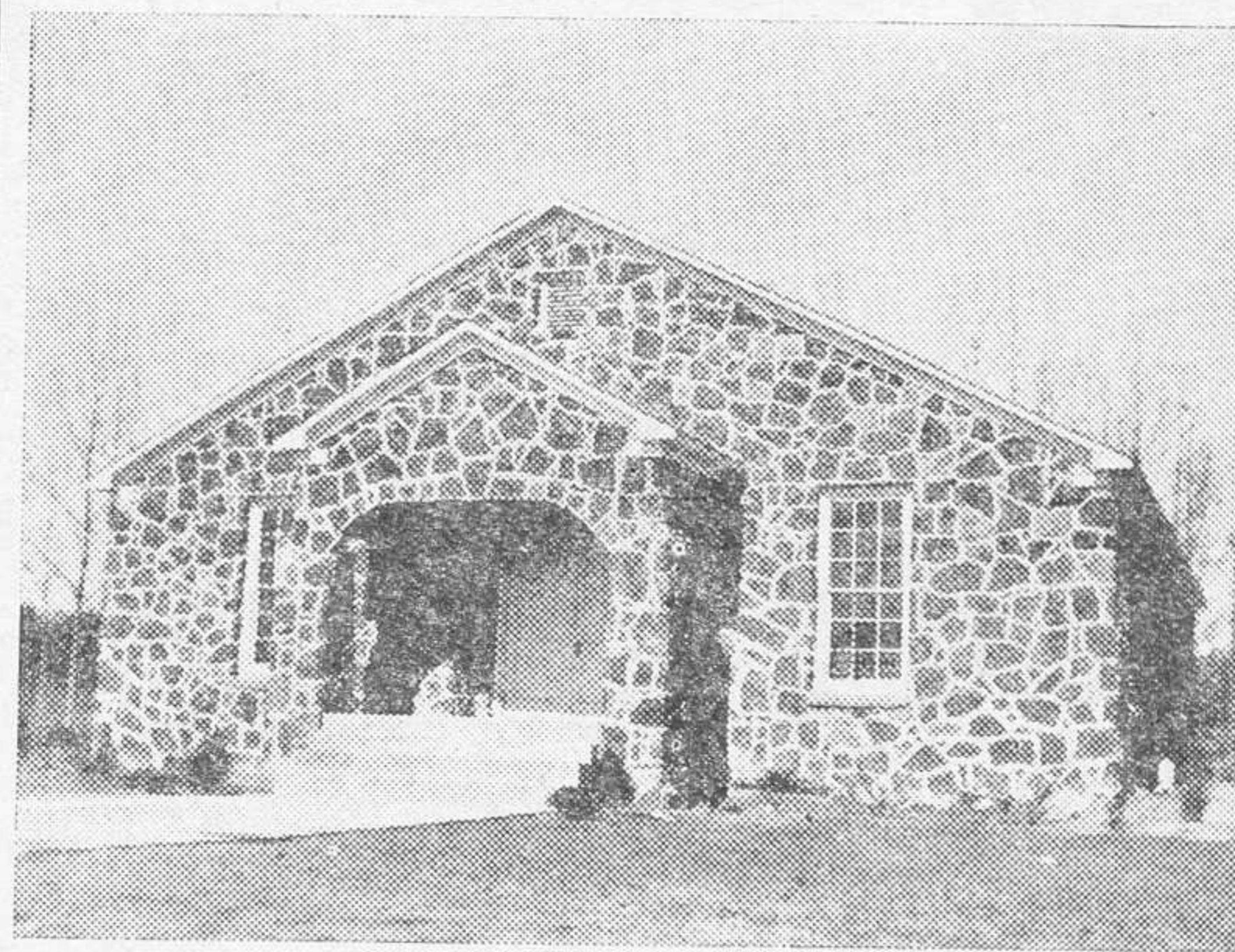
With her thousands of acres of woodland and fine grass lands, criss-crossed with branches fed by thousands of live springs furnishing an abundance of water the year around, make Cass county the coming stockman's paradise for raising beef cattle as well as milk pail Jerseys.

Such pioneers as J. C. and Alvis Frost and C. D. Betts of the northwest part of the county, who have been building up good herds of white face herefords for several years in a successful manner; these being joined lately by J. W. and N. P. Hanner, Henry A. King, D. V. Davis and others in this section—soon herds of white face cattle will be a pretty sight everywhere over the county.

## United States Post Office In Atlanta, Texas



Church of Christ Building, Atlanta, Texas



## Church of Christ Organize in Atlanta

On the fifth of November, 1937, the Church of Christ met for worship the first time in the home of A. E. Kendrick, who was then employed by the Magnolia Petroleum Co. There were fourteen present at that meeting.

Later the church obtained permission to meet in the grade school auditorium where we met for about one year.

The church, under the direction of S. R. McDaniel, J. R. Cash, and W. C. Burke bought a lot from the Howe estate located on West Main Street. On this lot we have since built a native stone veneer building which has a seating capacity of about three hundred.

In July 1938, J. W. Brents, evangelist of Springfield, Tenn. conducted a revival meeting which resulted in twenty-three additions to the church. This was held on the vacant lot, in the open air. We met in the new building for the first time on November 6th, 1938.

In the course of events some of our number have been transferred to other fields, leaving our number at present, about fifty members.

S. R. McDaniels, one of the original trustees was claimed by death on January 23, of this year, but he leaves a monument to his memory in the very stones that veneer the building, having with his own hands, helped to dig the stone out of the ground.

The church as such has never solicited funds from other than the membership, but, we thank the school board for their kindness. The merchants and business men in Atlanta, and the general public

for their cooperation.

We have tried to build an edifice that would be in keeping with a progressive city, as well as an institution for the spiritual and moral edification of the citizenry of such a city.

Present Trustees are: George Moulded, Raymond Glass, Arthur Endsley, Jewel Harrington, J. R. Cash, W. C. Burke.

## Commodity Store Room Serves Co.

Cass County Commodity Store Room is sponsored by the Texas Relief Commission and is located in the basement of the Cass county Office Building.

AA clothing made in the WPA sewing rooms throughout the county is stored in the commodity room, as are the surplus commodities, which includes beans, butter, grape fruit, wheat cereals, flour and meal. Each month 3500 to 4000 garments and the food is distributed to the clients in need of clothing and food.

A commodity supervisor and two clerks are employed to serve the clients when they come in to have their orders filled. Efficient courteous treatment is given at all times. Cass county citizens who are unemployed or who have the misfortune of losing their homes by fire or storms are given aid here.

By distribution of food and clothing much suffering for the actual necessities of life is eliminated in the county, especially during the winter months.

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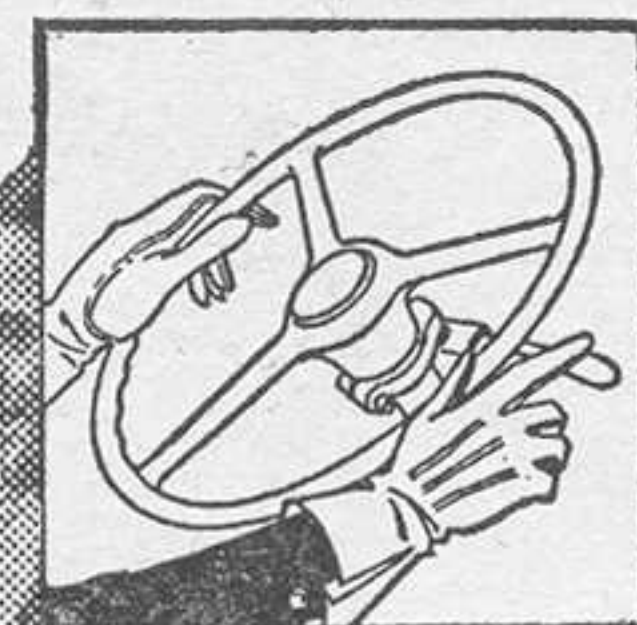
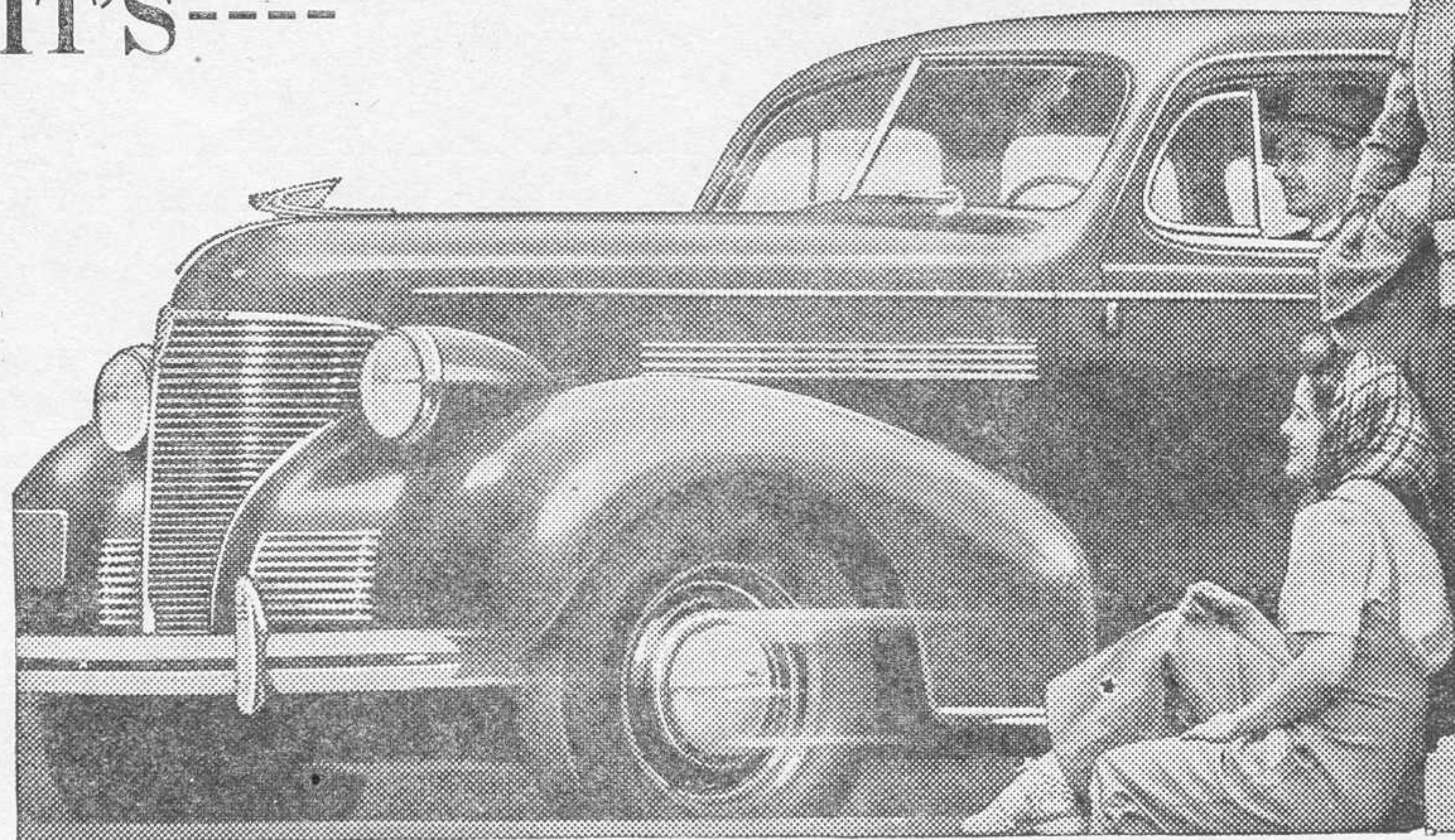
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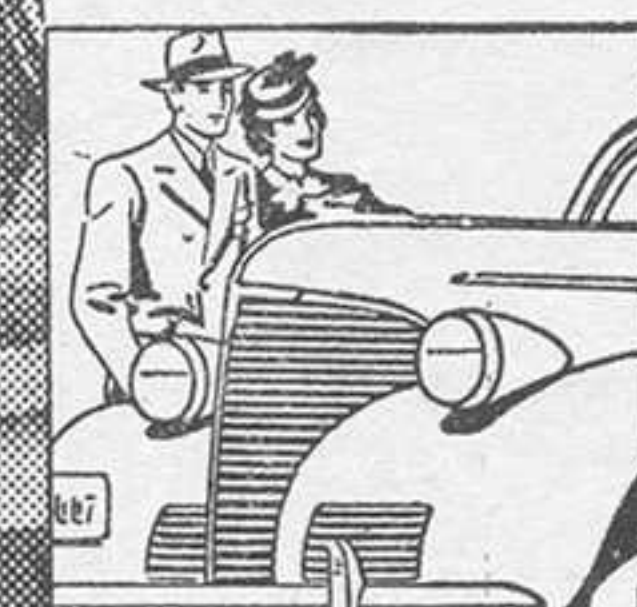
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