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Death & Wreckage Left in Path of Cyclone

Damage Tally Nears Half A Million

College Buildings Receive Heavy Destruction

Clarendon faced an enormous job of reconstruction, but counted its death and injury toll as nothing less than miraculous this week, after a tornadic wind ripped through the southwest portion of the city early June 9, 1941, cutting a wreckage-laden swath a block wide through one of the city's finest residential districts and laying ruin to both Clarendon Junior College buildings.

The disaster was probably the worst in the city's history from a standpoint of property damage, and estimates of losses to private individuals and the Clarendon Independent School District were placed as high as half a million dollars, covered to a large extent by insurance.

The tornado struck the city's southwest edge at 4:45 a.m., to bring to a climax a night of intermittent rain and almost continuous thunderstorms. Some who were awake just before the storm hit said that the blast was preceded by a dead, sultry, calm, while others noticed little let-up in a heavy wind which had been blowing before the real tornado struck. The wind ripped through town at enormous speed and the peak of its force was past within less than a minute after it had hit. Electric power went off automatically when the storm hit, and residents of the stricken area had to find their way around in the early moments following the disaster with flashlights and automobile headlights. Telephone and telegraphic communications were disrupted between Clarendon and Amarillo, and the early morning F.W. & D. passenger train arrived in Amarillo an hour late, traveling without telegraphic orders. News of the disaster spread rapidly through the city as dawn broke on the scene of destruction, and the first small group of rescuers soon joined by hundreds of curious, a crowd which grew into the thousands as the day lengthen.

The human toll centered in the home of Dean R.E. Drennan, one of the first in the storm's path, and one of the most badly wrecked in the city. When the storm passed, neighbors found the Drennan home demolished. Mr. Drennan wandering about in the ruins, Mrs. Drennan lying among wreckage several yards from where the house originally stood, and Miss Ethelyn Drennan, their daughter, pinned under a collapsed wall section. Rescuers cut Miss Drennan from the wreckage, and all three of the injured were rushed to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Mrs. Drennan died there, shortly before noon Monday, of multiple fractures and internal injuries. After treatment for shock, Miss Drennan was released from the hospital Monday afternoon.

Other Injuries Minor

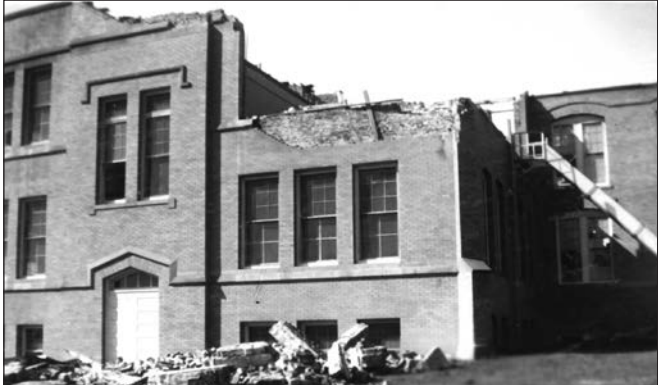
Less serious injuries occurred to residents of houses all along the tornado path. Next door to the Drennan home, Mrs. O.L. Fink received painful bruises and cuts when she was blown or fell down the cellar stairs of her home. She had started to shelter when the storm broke. She awakened at the foot of the cellar stairs. Two doors down the street Mrs. F.N. Bourland received painful cuts and bruises when the storm lifted the roof and blew the windows out of her home. Flying glass cut a deep gash in the head of Tom Tucker, caretaker of the College buildings, when he got up to lower windows just as the storm broke. He counted himself and his family lucky, however, as the opposite wing of the dormitory building in which they lived was a shambles of brick and steel after the storm passed.

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SHATTERED RUINS Mark Disaster's Path – Monday, June 9, 1941 – The Panhandle's oldest institution of higher learning, Clarendon College, was hard hit by the tornado blast. Destruction to the main building was much more severe than can be seen in the picture above.

ENTERPRISE ARCHIVE PHOTOS



The rear of the College main building took most of the force of the tornadic wind. Walls and partitions throughout the building were cracked and distorted, and much valuable equipment was damaged by wind and water.



The home of Mrs. Lena Antrobus (the current home of Terri Floyd) was a ruined shell after the tornado. Before striking this home, the storm blew down the east wall of Broncho stadium, an almost completed \$30,000 WPA project.



Looking at the north side of the Girls Dormitory (the current Old Gym), a bomb blast could hardly have done worse damage to the building's north wing. Other sections of the building did not collapse but were torn and wrecked.



Looking at the west side of the Girls Dormitory, provides a closer view of the damage. Building caretaker Tom Tucker received a deep gash in his head from flying glass but counted himself and his family lucky.

Reconstruction Of Damages Under Way

WPA, NYA, Utilities Crews To Repair Damage

Already looking forward, Clarendon residents were showing remarkable progress in reconstruction and cleanup of the damaged property resulting from Monday's storm late this week, and the stricken area was alive with carpenters, painters, and cleanup crews.

Most immediate need for reconstruction of course at the Clarendon College buildings, where school facilities will be needed for use in little more than two months. Acting on 24-hour notice, district NYA officials moved Tuesday to place a crew of NYA boys to work in the main college building. The storm left much valuable equipment, library books and the like exposed to the weather in this building, and the crew of boys, under the direction of Dick Higgins of NYA, began work Wednesday morning to remove school property to a protected place. The crew will work at cleaning out and storing equipment until all that is worth moving has been saved. Incidentally, there are openings in the crew for a number of Clarendon youths 16 to 24 years old, and applications will be taken by A. L. Chase, at the school tax office, J. R. Gillham, Chamber of Commerce manager, or H. M. Breedlove, county agent.

School officials were in conference Wednesday and today with insurance adjusters, in an effort to obtain a satisfactory settlement for \$45,000

insurance carried on the two buildings. Contractors and architects will have to inspect the building before a full extent of the damage can be determined, but authorities plan to push reconstruction with all possible speed.

Since the WPA project covering the Broncho stadium fence has not been completed it was possible for district WPA office to place a crew of men to work repairing the damage there within a day after the storm.

Individual property owners in the stricken areas had made encouraging progress in cleaning up and rebuilding Wednesday night, and in some of the less seriously damaged dwellings, repairs will be completed by the end of the week. Carpenters and all kinds of labor are at a premium, of course, and on a number of the worst damaged homes repairs will not be started until insurance adjustments have been made.

Public utility companies faced an enormous job Monday morning, but both telephone and electric service companies brought crews of men in from surrounding points, to start work of repair and restoring service within a few hours. In the entire city, electric power was off for little more than an hour Monday, and a number of homes around the storm area, where poles were blown down and cables broken, had electric service by Tuesday morning. The job of restoring telephone service will be more difficult, but line crews were hard at the task today, with prospects that telephone service would be back to normal in the southwest section of the city shortly.

Gas service was disrupted all over Clarendon Monday, but this interruption was due to water damage to the supply line near Wellington, local City Gas Company officials said, extra crews brought from Oklahoma and Texas points repaired the break late Monday, and service was resumed.

The Clarendon News, June 12, 1941

Storm Oddities

Although the twister apparently came from the south, furniture from the home occupied by Mrs. T.W. Welch was found nearly a block south of the place.

Two very delicate figurines were left standing unharmed side by side on the mantel amid splintered wood and broken glass in the Antrobus home.

Several large wooden planks were driven through the water tank which was almost the only thing left standing on the McMurtry place.

Only three water pipes which were broken off and left spouting marked the location of the house just west of H.M. Breedlove and occupied until a week ago by Rev. E. G. Willard.

Although the garage that housed the car belonging to Allan Patman was blown entirely away, the car was left standing, completely unharmed.

The Clarendon News, June 12, 1941

Clarendon Thanks Her Neighbors Of The Panhandle

An Editorial

The entire citizenship of Clarendon and this community are deeply grateful to the thoughtful neighboring cities of the Panhandle for their quick and ready offers of all aid and assistance when the news of Monday morning's cyclone spread over the territory.

Phone calls, when connections were restored came in from Pampa, Claude, Amarillo, Paducah, Memphis, Hedley, Dumas, McLean, Shamrock, and Wellington, and representatives of many communities drove in to offer their assistance.

By God's mercy and miracle, Clarendon suffered the loss of only one precious life, when it might easily been twenty-five to fifty. Not many instances are on record of such property damage with such a small toll of life and limb.

Most of our damage is covered by insurance, and ability of ownership to sustain it. The other small percent will be taken care of by our local people.

Citizens of the Panhandle we thank you just the same, for your ready offers of assistance, thankful that we do not need it on this occasion.

Neighbors of the Panhandle, we shall never forget.

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Disaster Brings Relief Offers From Wide Area

Clarendon's plight brought immediate response in the form of sympathy and offers of assistance from all over the Panhandle Monday, as soon as the news of the local disaster was flashed by radio in this area.

Amarillo citizens responded early Monday, when Mayor Joe A. Jenkins ordered a police patrol car with a two-way radio to drive to Clarendon to offer assistance. Highway patrol officers were also sent from Amarillo to assist local law enforcement men in patrolling the stricken area. Also from Amarillo came Granville Routh, Veteran's State Service Officer of Texas, to offer assistance and facilities of the Veterans' Hospital at Amarillo to and injured ex-service men. Finding no veterans in need of assistance, Mr. Routh assist local American Legion officials in organizing a patrol which worked during Monday, Monday night, and Tuesday night in policing the area in the storm's path to prevent pilfering. Three groups of ten Legionaries each worked in shifts through the night hours, reporting no attempts to bother any of the guarded homes. Mr. Routh saw in the disaster another instance of the willingness of the American Legionnaires to apply their World War experience in public service and policing duty to assist in time of stress.

American Red Cross officials in St. Louis dispatched Frances Blackburn, a trained disaster relief worker, to the Panhandle to direct activities. She was busy with relief of a number of stricken families in the Plainview Kress area Wednesday, and was not expected to arrive in Clarendon until the latter part of this week.

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We Need More Plows, Sows, & Hens For Donley County

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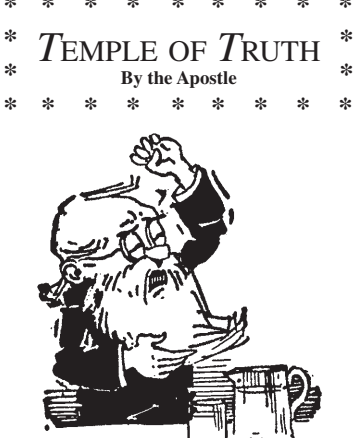
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The Declaration of Independence

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.—We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.—He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.—He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.—He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.—He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.—He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.—He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.—He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.—He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.—He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.—He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.—He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.—He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.—He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:—For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:—For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:—For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:—For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:—For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:—For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences—For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:—For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:—For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.—He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.—He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.—He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.—He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.—He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.—We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.— And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



Two convicted women burglars were kidnapped by a pistol-waving youth from the sheriff of Camp county recently. It is said that he fared very well in the melee until one of the women hit him in the face with a baby rattle. That got the old boy's goat.

A lot of folks wonder why divorce cases are classed in the 'civil' list on the docket.

The optimist believes that all women are angels. The pessimist thinks most of them have asbestos wings.

Very often requests are made for extra copies of the Leader. Often a reader will hear someone speak of a special article that appeared in the Leader some time back. Then you want to read it. Look over your paper carefully. Special articles appear every week. News is scattered through the paper. Often the most important things are on the inside. Then, too, read the ads. You can often save the price of a year's subscription in one issue by selecting the bargains offered you each week in the Donley County Leader. It is YOUR paper. Use it to YOUR advantage.

Some difference in people when you get to thinking about them. Some dote on the song "No Place Like Home," and others are glad there isn't.

Ad in classified column of daily today: "Live agents wanted!" Who the heck would want dead ones?

Just because the first president chopped down a cherry tree, politicians having been running around with an "ax to grind" ever since.

Some of our readers seem to think that a man loses all his friends the moment he goes broke, but he doesn't. Some of them don't find out about it for several days.

Ima Fizzle refers to Red Kian as her "worm picked up in the Big Apple."

The Oklahoma woman who lost her husband to the neighbor is suing her for a million dollars. She claims he was the only Republican left in the state, therefore very valuable.

Henry Ford's chemists are crowing about producing something from soy beans harder than steel. That's nothing. We've had biscuits heavier than lead for ages.

The most uncomfortable guy in the courtroom is the client who has lied to his lawyer.

Out in the ballies of West Texas where we think we lead the vangaurd of the universe, we have stag dances, cake walks, turkey trots, big apple, and such as a means of raising funds for various community needs. Now down in old Jack county where they really do things, they are credited with having gone us one better by having a "hugging social," which is said to have been a howling success --- According to the story, about 500 people were present at the Sylvan Valley blow-out, and a nice amount was raised for the church. The schedule of prices for the event ranged as follows: Two minute hug, 15¢; 5 to 8 minute hug, 50¢; another man's wife, \$1.00; old mends, with no time limit, three cents.

Red Kian refers to Ima Fizzle as his "almond bar" because she is both sweet and nutty.
*By J.C. Estlack
Donley County Leader, March 31, 1938*

Boy Scouts of America Seeks

Sons Of Clarendon Mothers

Mothers it is your boys from the ages of 12 to 18 that we are interested in; if there is a confidence we had rather gain more than others it is that of a boy. We have not yet become so deeply engaged in any business as to forget what our hearts craved so much we a boy, and we believe that every man will have to repent of his negligence toward his son, and to every brother; are you not a brother's keeper?

But we boys have begun our Boy Scouts organization; mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends and good wishers will you not give us a push by a kind word or deed; it is for God, our nation and your boy.

We have one troop consisting of 4 patrols, 3 almost complete, one just begun; and it is a fact that about 12 of these lads planned a trip to Troublesome Canyon, starting Friday morning and returning Saturday evening. They made their way across those broad hills 10 miles to the canyons, scouted out their own location and built their camp fire. These were joined by others Friday evening, and Saturday morning two others left town afoot and joined them.

They acted the part of a true scout and were not disturbed until a number of scouts and visitors visited them that night. The last mentioned was a crowd that left town in a wagon Friday evening and arrived at the canyon about night. Part of this crowd went on a general round and some mischief was done. Only three were into the mischief; the others enjoyed their romp very much and all were soon persuaded by Mother Nature (sleep) and the request of Scout master to turn in for the remaining part of the night.

Next morning the scouts council was called, and after due

consultation the punishment was agreed upon. One of the three will take his punishment, the other two are scouts no more. The council adjourned and after considerable scouting returned to camp for dinner and to take a much needed rest, to be able to make the walk into Clarendon by leaving at 2 o'clock. This proved right and we arrived in town about 5:20.

This trip to Troublesome was our third trip, having been twice to the river.

We believe this organization will prove a blessing to the coming generations, and ask the cooperation of all who may be concerned.

**Boy Scouts of America
Troop No. 1 Clarendon, Texas**
*The Clarendon News & Times,
April 29, 1911*

An Ordinance

Making it Unlawful to
Maintain an Open Privy
Within the corporate limits of
the City of Clarendon.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Clarendon, Texas: It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee or tenant of any premises within the corporate limits of the city of Clarendon to keep or maintain an open privy, that is to say a privy built upon the surface of the ground.

Passes under suspension of the rules and approved this the 3rd day of May 1911.

C.W. Bennett, Mayor, W.T. Hayter, City Sec'y.
*The Clarendon News & Times,
May 13, 1911*

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Cub Scout Pack 37

To Be Reorganized

A meeting of the parents of all boys 8, 9, and 10 years of age in Clarendon and the vicinity to reorganize Cub Scout Pack No. 37 will be held next Tuesday night, April 15, 1952, at 8:00 p.m. in the American Legion Hall in Clarendon, Pete Kunz, announced this week.

Notice of this meeting has been handed out to all boys of this age group at the school to take home to their parents, and another reminder notice will be sent home on the day of the meeting.

These notices call the attention of the parents to the fact that the meeting is to be held, and also indicate that since the program of Cub Scouting is home-centered affair, the boys will be welcome to come to the meeting only if they are accompanied by one or both of their folks.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the parents of boys 8, 9, and 10 what the program of Cub Scouting is how it can help their sons and how they can help their boys get more out of the program.

Cub Scouting is the program of the Boy Scouts of America for boys of this age group and has three basic objectives: Citizenship Training, Character Building, and drawing a boy and his Mother and Dad closer together through cooperation and participation in a program for their son.

The American Legion feels that this is an activity that is needed for boys in Clarendon and its vicinity, and urges that all parents of boys and urges that all parents of boys 8, 9, and 10 years of age set aside next Tuesday night, April 15, to attend this meeting with their sons. It will be the best opportunity for their sons to join the Cub Pack, and be Cub Scouts.

*The Donley County Leader,
April 10, 1952*

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Also injured were Mrs. May Welch, treated at Adair Hospital for shock, and a broken ankle, Mrs. Rita Boaz of Memphis, treated for shock, and C.M. Ballew, who suffered a head lacerations. All the latter were injured in buildings wrecked as the storm descended from "College Hill" and swept through another residential district on its way out of the city.

Storm Cuts Swath

The full fury of the blast seemed to have struck the Drennan home, which was ripped from its foundations, turned bottom up, and torn apart. The force of the blast seemed to be lifted off the ground when it hit the Drennan structure, however, and did not sweep another dwelling clean at the ground for a space of over three blocks. In the direct line of the storm, the homes of Mrs. O.L. Fink, Joe Holland, F.N. Bourland, and J.L. McMurtry seemed to have taken the wind blast about roof level, and each one was stripped and wrecked in turn, with water damage completing the destructive effect.

The storm had lost none of its force when it moved on to College Hill, for both buildings were wrecked almost from the ground up. Full extent of the damage cannot be learned until debris is cleared away, but preliminary reports indicated that the buildings were strained and cracked almost to foundation level by the tremendous wind blast. The east wall of the girls' dormitory shows a bulge along its vertical surface, indicating that the wind almost pulled it down.

Moving down off College Hill, the storm again dipped to the ground level for an instant to wipe out an unoccupied frame bungalow next door to the H.M. Breedlove home. Nothing was left standing above the foundation until last week by Rev. E.G. Willard and family. North of this site, the storm again lifted slightly, to almost completely wreck two frame dwellings, lift the roof off a house close by, belonging to A.A. Mayes, and then crossed the street to make a ruined shell of the two-story brick residence of Mrs. Lena Antrobus. The home of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Ballew, west of the Mayes home, was moved forward two feet off its foundation, every joint cracked and loosened, and the roof lifted off the walls. All these homes were occupied when the storm hit, and how their occupants escaped serious injury no one who saw the dwellings in daylight could imagine. Occupants of the homes along the two-block section north of the Drennan home were equally fortunate, as none of them except Mrs. Fink had made their way to storm cellars when the blast hit.

In the path of the storm moving from south to north, property damage to each residence can be briefly summarized as follows:

Many Homes Damaged

At the Wiley Morris home, the roof, chimneys, and front porch were badly damaged, and a garage at the rear of the house was blown away. At Mrs. Fink's home, the roof was blown away, walls and windows wrecked, garage destroyed, and an automobile badly damaged. The Joe Holland home received about the same damage, except that the walls were almost leveled, and the garage and car ruined. The roof of the F.N. Bourland home was blown off, windows broken, garage ruined and an automobile damaged. Across the street, John McClellan home was damaged along the roof, windows were blown out and trees uprooted, a garage was destroyed, the family car was left overturned. On the street east of the main storm swath, a garage at the Wm. Patman home was blown completely away, but the residence was unscratched. Across the street from the McClellan home, a barn belonging to F.G. Patching was demolished, as was a concrete garage. An automobile in the garage was damaged to some extent, but the Patching house was damaged but slightly.



Destruction was great at the J.L. McMurtry home (the current home of Todd Knorpp). Mammoth trees along the property line were uprooted and broken. Damage here wil run into hundreds, and ruined trees and shrubbery is almost irreplaceable.



A view of the R.E. Dreannan home just after the father, mother, and daughter were removed following the tornado at 4:50 Monday morning, June 9, 1941. Mrs. Drennan died a few hours later in an Amarillo hospital. Mr. Drennan, critically injured, is said to be improving in the same hospital. The daughter, Miss Ethelyn, was rescued from a hole in the debris after Fred Russell had sawed away timbers.

Hardest hit of any individual property owner was J.L. McMurtry, whose block of property was ravaged. In addition to extensive wind and water damage to the \$40,000 two-story brick residence, wind also wrecked a garage and servant house, uprooted several large trees, damaged two cars in the garage, leveled a picket fence around the back yard, and shot through a wood water tank with heavy wood splinters. The house had been decorated for receptions in connections with the wedding of Alfred McMurtry to Miss Flora Katherline Westmoreland, and damage to the interior decorations and furnishings was severe. The storm disrupted wedding plans and forced delay of the event from Monday noon until Tuesday night.

West of the McMurtry home. A garage at the Jack Molesworth home was blown away, leaving behind a damaged automobile. At the W.A. Riney home next door, damage was confined to the roof.

The R.L. Bigger home south of the Drennan residence was damaged considerably, with part of the roof and front porch blown away. Across the street from the J.L. McMurtry home, much of a composition roof was lifted off, trees were damaged, and windows broken at the home of Mrs. W.A. SoRelle, while at the Melvin Cook home next door some roof damage was done.

In the section below the College Hill, property damage to occupied homes was heavy, even along the edges of the storm path. The H.M. Breedlove home took most of the force along its front wall, where widows were blown out and walls strained, and considerable damage was done to the roof of the dwelling. The Breedlove automobile was slightly damaged. North of the Breedlove home, the T.W. Welch residence was almost flattened, furniture was ripped out and scattered, and an automobile at the rear was practically demolished. The C.M. Ballew home next door east was almost as

badly damaged, and the garage blown away, but the Ballew automobile was hardly scratched. At the A.A. Mayes home next door, walls, windows were broken, a garage blown away, and an automobile damaged, while Mrs. L.S. Bagby's home east of the Mayes residence was damaged considerably and a barn was wrecked.

Across the street from the latter homes, the brick residence of Mrs. L. Antrobus was left a virtual ruin, with the roof and part of the upper front wall gone, furniture broken and damaged by water, and the garage demolished. Three automobiles in the garage were damaged badly. Near the Antrobus home the two-story frame house of Mrs. J.B. McClelland was damaged along its roof line, with part of the roof torn away and two chimneys blown down.

Slight roof damage was done to the home of Dr. J.W. Evans, directly east of the College campus, and also at the home of Rev. M.M. Miller, which was half a block from the path of the storm. At the D.O. Stallings home across the street, trees were broken and a trellis smashed, and a garage in the rear of the Clyde Wilson home lost half its roof. The Dick Lanham home, on the street with the Welch and Antrobus residences, was shaken, windows were broken, and trees damaged, while a barn was blown away from a house next door on the east.

Debris Scattered Widely

Sweeping on its way north and out of Clarendon, the storm littered vacant blocks near Highway 287 with sections of corrugated iron roofing and wood splitters, blew down a number of roadside signboards, then crossed the FW. & D. railway tracks to lift part of the iron roof from the Fitzgerald Gin, the last property damaged to any great extent with in the city limits.

All along the storm path, public service facilities, power, telephone, gas and water supply lines were wrecked and damaged greatly. Power lines and

telephone cables suffered the greatest damage, as poles were broken off and uprooted, and cables and lines broken and scattered to be buried in the mud by thousands of spectator during the days following the disaster.

Tremendous force of the storm was demonstrated perhaps most graphically at the newly improved Broncho stadium, where a 100-foot section of rock wall-10 feet high-was blown down and scattered. Strangely enough the storm's force fell on the east wall of the stadium, through the tornado was moving from south to north.

Clarendon News, June 12, 1941

Storm Damage Is Heavy In Rural Communities

Farm Buildings, Crops Suffer Over Wide Area Of Donley County

The tornado which devastated Clarendon Monday extended its sweep over a considerable portion of Donley County, damaging farm homes and laying crops low, reports from widely-scattered sections of the county late this week indicated.

Near Ashtoia, several farm homes and barns were damaged by a high wind which was said to have struck just before daylight Monday. One injury was reported, to Redell Henson, youthful son of Grady Henson, whose home was badly damaged by wind and rain. Young Henson was treated at Adair Hospital for injuries to his eye and one arm. At the W.A. Poovey home near Ashtola, barns and sheds were wrecked and at the farm home of a Mrs. Wallace, the roof was blown off a chicken house.

Just north of Clarendon, damage to suburban farm homes also was severe. One of the hard-

est hit farmers was J.J. Carlile, whose house was blown about 20 feet, and whose barn was demolished. The J.R. Bulls place north of Clarendon on Highway 18 was moved about a foot from its foundations, windows were blown out, and part of the roof carried away.

Farther out in the county, W.H. Johnston of the Naylor community lost everything on his farm place, when wind leveled all his buildings to the ground. The Johnston family were in a storm cellar when the storm hit, and escaped injury.

In the Martin community, the News correspondent reported considerable damage. A porch was torn off the Bill Bromley home, the Cornell barn was blown down, and the W.K. Davis barn wrecked. A number of homes along Lake Creek were damaged, it was reported, and crops all along the path of the storm were a total loss.


Clarendon News, June 12, 1941

Happy Independence Day!

Family, food, and fun. These are the main ingredients for a perfect holiday! We hope you enjoy it and celebrate it safely.



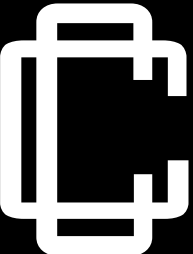
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Bulldog Schedule Is Part Filled

Seven Heavy Games Matched By Clarendon College For Fall.

Believing strongly enough that the Clarendon College would not be moved from its present location,* the Athletic Department of Clarendon College has made plans for a heavy season of football with the Bulldogs for the fall months. Seven games have been matched and all of them are such that then will more than prove the mettle of the Bulldog team.

Three games have been matched with members of the T.I.A.A., and it is hoped that another can be secured to allow the Bulldogs to be in the run-off at the close of the season. The college hoped to secure their entrance into the T.I.A.A. this spring and are bending all their efforts in that direction at this time.

The Amarillo promoters have completed arrangements whereby the Bulldogs will meet the team from the Texas Technological College on Amarillo territory on October 22nd. This will be the first time these two teams can be seen in action in Ama-

Dope Burglars Strike Here

What they lacked in judgment was made up for energy when burglars raided a number of drug stores for narcotics in the Panhandle a few days ago, including Norwood Pharmacy.

It is believed that the burglars entered the local pharmacy through a skylight. Eight bottles of narcotics were missing. The safe and other merchandise was not molested, Sheriff Wright stated.

The attempt to saw a way through the roof to narcotics in a Memphis drug store ended in failure because the burglars sawed through the roof of a picture show instead. They missed their booty by 15 feet.

Two men entered a Pampa drug store, one of whom purchased "corn plaster." At his request, he was given permission to go behind the prescription case and apply a plaster to his foot. After the men had departed, the druggist found his stock of narcotics depleted.

Donley County Leader, June 19, 1941.



CLARENDON COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM 1918: Front row: John Stephens, Sam Braswell, Jr., mascot, Matt Nobel. Second row: Wesley Barringer, Monte Page, Heck Harris, Raymond Harrah, Ewing Ferguson, William McClellan, Murray Long. Third row: Colin McLaren, Ray loftis, Charles Ferguson, Porter Stinnett, Earl Newland, Bonne Stephens, Earl Loftis, Kenneth Pope. Fourth row: Noah Meads, Clifford Long, Herman Smith, Pitzer Baker, Derrell Hansard, Wallace Wilson, Frank Stockings, Kleber Wells, Oscar Easley, Coach L.E. Gribble.

ENTERPRISE ARCHIVE PHOTO

rillo and it proves quite a feather in the cap of the Bulldogs to be secured to play then on neutral territory.

The present planned schedule does not include the games that are played annually with Wayland Baptist College. These will be placed on the schedule at a later date. Another games has been tentatively matched with the Hill Billies of Brownwood, but due to a mix up of dates, the affair has been cancelled. A move is under way to secure this game at a later date if possible.

Clarendon people will notice with delight that the Thanksgiving Day game will be played here and that the Burton disciples will again have the opportunity of meeting their old rivals from Decaur, the former home of Coach Burton. The schedule is as follows:

September 24, West Texas State Teachers College at Tri-State Fair and Exposition, Amarillo.

October 1, McMurry College at Abilene.

October 7, New Mexico Military Institute here.

October 22, Texas Technological College at Amarillo.

October 28, Panhandle Aggies, Goodwell, Oklahoma here.

November 5, Abilene Christian College at Abilene.

November 24, Decatur Baptist College here.

Further additions are to be made in the schedule as the contracts are signed and presented to the Athletic Department of the College.

Clarendon News, Feb. 17, 1927.

**Editor's note: The above schedule never came to pass. Despite optimism to the contrary, the Methodist conference initiated a doomed plan to move Clarendon College to Amarillo. After 29 years as a church school, CC began its 1927 fall session as a municipal junior college.*

Churches Getting On More Modern Plane

That the churched are getting on a more modern plane is evident in that they are using the columns of newspapers for display advertisement more and more each year. The local Church of Christ did some effective work in this line recently. In this issue the Methodist Sunday school is using half page to acquaint the public with facts which they feel the public should know. Trade journals reaching our desk report the fact that numerous churches have adopted this means of informing the public of what they are doing and what they propose or want to do. And why not? It is more effective than window posters or a mere announcement. More people read papers now than ever before, hence the best way to reach the public is thru the papers.

Clarendon News, Sept. 13, 1920

ONE TEACHER GETS RAISE; OTHERS MAY

The profession of pedagogues will be pleased to learn that one teacher, and of course two will share since one is a daughter of the other, has been informed of a sure enough raise in salary. Prof. L. H. Mullins who is teaching at Giles this season received a message from Oklahoma Saturday saying the land in which Mrs. Mullins has an interest had been leased for eighty thousand dollars. Mr. Mullins will complete his present contract but would not promise to teach another day after expiration of the present contract. He expects to invest in a good farm and spend the remainder of his days in peace.

Clarendon News, April 22, 1920

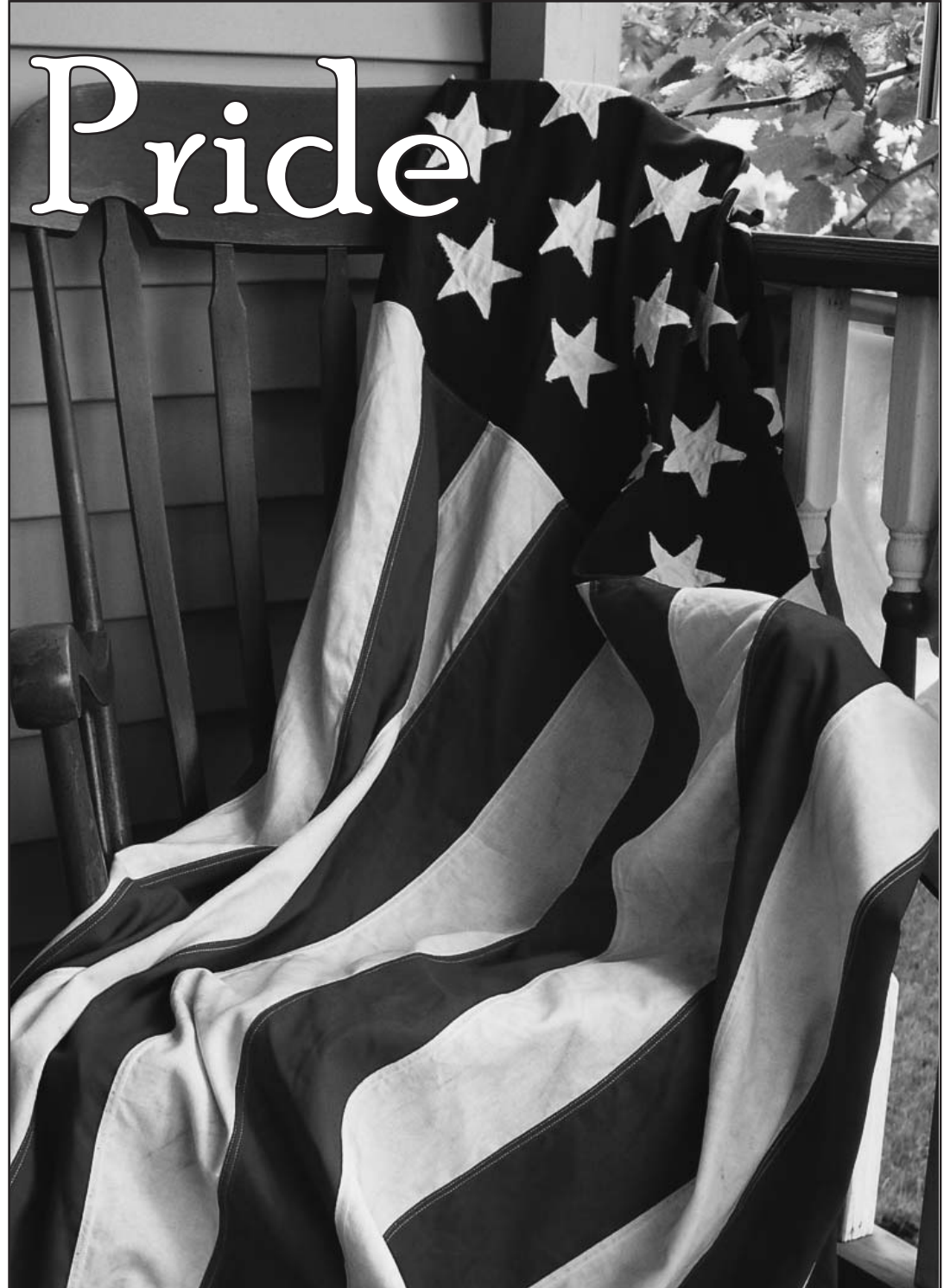
REV. W. A. ALLEN is still very much interested in a creamery for Clarendon. He says he has already promised the cream from 350 cows, and that if the Board of Trade or some representative business man will take the matter up with the Nissley creamery company in Fort Worth, a practical creamery man will come up to make the deal.

Clarendon Chronicle, July 1, 1903

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Court House Park Approved

Order Granting Use of Court House Yard For Park Purposes by County Commissioner, Effective at Once.

By unanimous vote of the county commissioners court last Wednesday, the magnificent concrete walks were thrown open to the general public for park purposes with permission to erect a band stand which matter has already received attention at the hands of the public and the funds will be pledged and the band stand erected and ready before the fourth of July celebration. Merchants and business people, in fact all people that will do so, will be permitted to put benches upon the lawn and put their name upon them if they desire. Sheriff Patman made a canvass Thursday morning and the business people promised over forty benches. The News and A.M. Beville each placed one upon the lawn Wednesday afternoon and with the start already made it looks like the Court House Park will soon be reasonably seated and at once become the social and recreation spot of Clarendon.

We heartily commend the Commissioners Court for this favor as it means a great deal, not only to the towns people but the country people as well, for under the shade of these trees our coun-

try friends can rest after doing shopping and have their lunch and here is abundance of water for themselves and teams and it makes an ideal resting place in summer time. In the summer afternoon doubtless many ladies and children will take advantage of this as a resting place and then in the evenings our band can give open air concerts from their stand to the entertainment of all who attend.

We congratulate all upon this accomplishment which means so much to all the people of Donley County.

Clarendon News & Times, May 13, 1911

Ginning Report Shows Gain For Donley County

The News has just received the latest ginning report from the Department of Commerce, showing the ginning reported for the period ending January 16th. The state shows more than one million bales gained over the same period last year. The totals show 5,171,799 bales reported to January 16th with 3,999,769 for the same date last year. Practically all of the counties near Donley are showing a gain, Gray County alone is showing a loss. Briscoe County shows 12,662 bales for 1926 with 9,806 for 1925. Childress County shows the largest gain with 39,671 bales reported for 1926 as against 31,140 for the same dates of last year. Collingsworth County also shows a gain with 41,096 bales reported for 1926 and 36,316 for the proceeding year. Donley County shows a small gain, reporting 22,313 bales for 1926 against 21,650. Gray County, the only reporting point to show a loss, has 5,923 bales for 1926 and 7,042 for the same period of 1925. Hall County shows a gain with 56,579 bales for 1926 and 52,697 for 1925. Other Counties in the state show an enormous growth of their product over 1925, Williamson County possibly the greatest gain of any county in the state, reporting 16,439 bales for 1925 against the staggering total of 101,793 bales for 1926. Few counties in the entire state show any loss at all in the crop and a perusal of the report will show why the price of cotton has been affected by the tremendous crop over the state.

Cotton buyers here state that they are surprised at the prevailing prices paid for the staple and say that the price seems to be high, caused probably by the extra-large demand for all classes of the staple. Very little picked cotton is found in the county, the greater part of being pulled or gathered with a slide. Some producers here are still in the fields and there remains a large crop in the county yet to harvest.

Banner Stockman, June 23, 1905

Clarendon News, Feb. 10, 1927



PARADE – Circa 1942: Alderson Studio's float entry with Margarette Alderson standing on the trailer behind the camera to the right.

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Cyclone Strikes Near Lelia Lake Last Tuesday

During a rainstorm about three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, May 25, 1920, a small cyclone cloud with typical tail readily recognized by the initiated formed on the ridge just north of Lelia Lake. The cloud traveled west until near the Christal farm and then turned in a southeasterly direction, jumping the oil derrick and landed near the lake south of the track. At this point wire fences were twisted into a mass, a lister planter was taken into the air and the mixture of metal dropped into the lake. Practically all of the water was drawn from the lake by being drawn up in to a cone shape some eighty feet in height and then spilled in the Guy Taylor pasture, all of which was witnessed by Taylor who was building fence near the performance of the cloud. After taking the water from the lake, the cloud broke up and disappeared. A path shorn of all growth as clean as a floor marks the path of the cloud. No other injury was done, the Christal home escaping by a miracle of the jump made from the hill to the lake, the house

being in a direct path.

When the cloud was first forming, warnings were passed around in Clarendon, hundreds watching the strange maneuvers of the cloud from the streets and tops of buildings. Immediately after the cloud had passed south of the Lelia Lake road, Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins hastily put together first aid medical material and made a quick drive to assist any who might have been injured. They were the first to arrive on the scene only to be followed by many other cars loaded with rescue parties. A general rejoicing was noted when they found that no damage was done. The ugly appearance of the cloud drove several women into hysterics, women and children cried, madly running to their homes and places of retreat. The excitement in this city was at fever heat for several minutes in the residential sections. In the business part of town crowds of both sexes calmly watched the cloud hit the ground and rise with volumes of dirt. Those who had never had any firsthand experience felt confident that a safe retreat could be found in a house and especially a stone or brick building which is a child-

like fallacy judging from the experience of other sections. A big rain fell at Hedley and north of Lelia soon after the cyclone passed away.

Clarendon News, June 3, 1920

Racing Turtle Visits Local Service Station

Do you know of a cross-country turtle race or any other turtle races in this area? Tuesday morning Wallace Raney opened up his Conoco Station across from the City Hall and was greeted by a racing turtle in his office with the name Tom printed on his shell along with the numerals 7-2354. Raney has no idea of where the turtle came from or how it got in his office. A little nudge on his back with a stick showed that he was a racer alright, for he would really take off.

Donley County Leader, July 29, 1954

The horse that eats his oats too ravenously and is in danger of choking should be given a little chopped clover hay or some whole corncobs, mixed with the oats. The use of wheat bran with oats also lessens the tendency towards choking.

The Clarendon News, Dec. 12, 1929

July Fourth

Will be Celebrated in the Usual Hearty Fashion by Clarendon People – Preparations in Progress.

The Fourth of July should be a time of rejoicing; and since 1878, the people of Clarendon have been celebrating the day, and each year has turned keys of the city over to those who wish to visit us on that day and do honor to their country by making it a time of rejoicing. Clarendon is too well known as a Fourth of July entertainer to need comment upon her hospitality. Every year on this day hundreds of visitors are to be seen upon our streets; and if anyone has gone away dissatisfied with the treatment accorded him, the people of Clarendon have not learned of his complaint.

The various committees in charge of this year's celebration report that they have things well in hand for the occasion, and the usual success will no doubt be made of the day. Baseball games are being arranged for by good teams, the usual program will be had, and there will be plenty of fine barbecued meat for all who may come. The general public, from whosoever, is extended a cordial invitation to come and celebrate the day in Clarendon, and ample entertainment is assured.

Banner Stockman, June 23, 1905

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City Hall will be closed Friday, July 3rd.



CLARENDON STREET SCENE, 1969: Looking at the west side of Sully Street from Second Street. Businesses at that time were (from left) Clarendon Food Store, Hudson Bros. Machinery Co., and the Memphis Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

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Donley County Hen Follows Production Example

A Donley County hen, not to be out done by tales of great things done in other lines of endeavor in the county, followed the example set by her keepers and presented by her owner, Charles Wright, with an egg that is up to all expectations of the most optimistic producer, Mr. wright brought the fruit into the office last Saturday and left it with us for display. The egg is of fairly uniform shape with a slight ridge near the center of the product. Measured the long way, the egg is seven and seven-eighths

inches in circumference. The other way round, the egg measured an even six inches. The egg weighted four ounces, one quarter of a pound.

The News force has had severe discussion as to which one of them would take the egg

home and have it cooked for their morning meal. So far, it is to be seen in the News office and will probably be beyond the stage where consumption is possible in a few days

The Clarendon News,
June 7, 1928

Hen Performs Unusual Feat In Double Egg

Edwin Eanes has one particular hen in his flock that layed a very unusual egg this past week. It appeared to be an extra large egg which usually has two yolks. He brought it to town and gave it to Homer Estlack, telling him that he could enjoy a double yolk egg for breakfast. When Mrs. Estlack broke the egg, which measured 8¾ inches over-end and 7¼ inches in circumference, a perfectly normal hard shell egg of average size popped out into the bowl. When she broke this egg it has only one yolk, but there was equal to two egg whites in the large egg surrounding the hard shell egg on the inside. Estlack said he had been cheated for he likes the egg yolk much better than one with three egg whites. The oddity of the egg made up the difference though.

Donley County Leader,
May 14, 1953

Thugs Rob Lelia Lake Store Thursday Night But Leave No Clues

The first break-in for this area in quite some time was reported last Friday morning when it was found that thugs had pried open the front door of the Webb Grocery some time during the night. The total loss to the Grocery business and the Lelia Lake Post Office, which is located in the same building, was over \$150, Sheriff Truett Behrens reported. Included in the loss was over a hundred dollars in cash, 25 cartons of cigarettes and 2 boxes of cigars, he added.

Sherriff Behrens stated that it looks like the work of a professional as the robbers were very careful not to leave any clues.

The Donley County Leader,
November 26, 1953


Clarendon should have a nice shady, public park. With a little expense this could be had in connection with an auditorium and boating lake. Who will push the matter?

The Industrial West, July 4, 1902

Freedom

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We hope you and your family enjoy the festivities!

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"And the star-spangled banner forever shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"
-Francis Scott Key

As we celebrate Independence Day, we are once again reminded that freedom is not free. Just as America fought for independence in 1776, American troops continue to defend freedom around the world today. July Fourth is a day to honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect our liberty. It's a day to proudly celebrate our great country and the ideals it represents.

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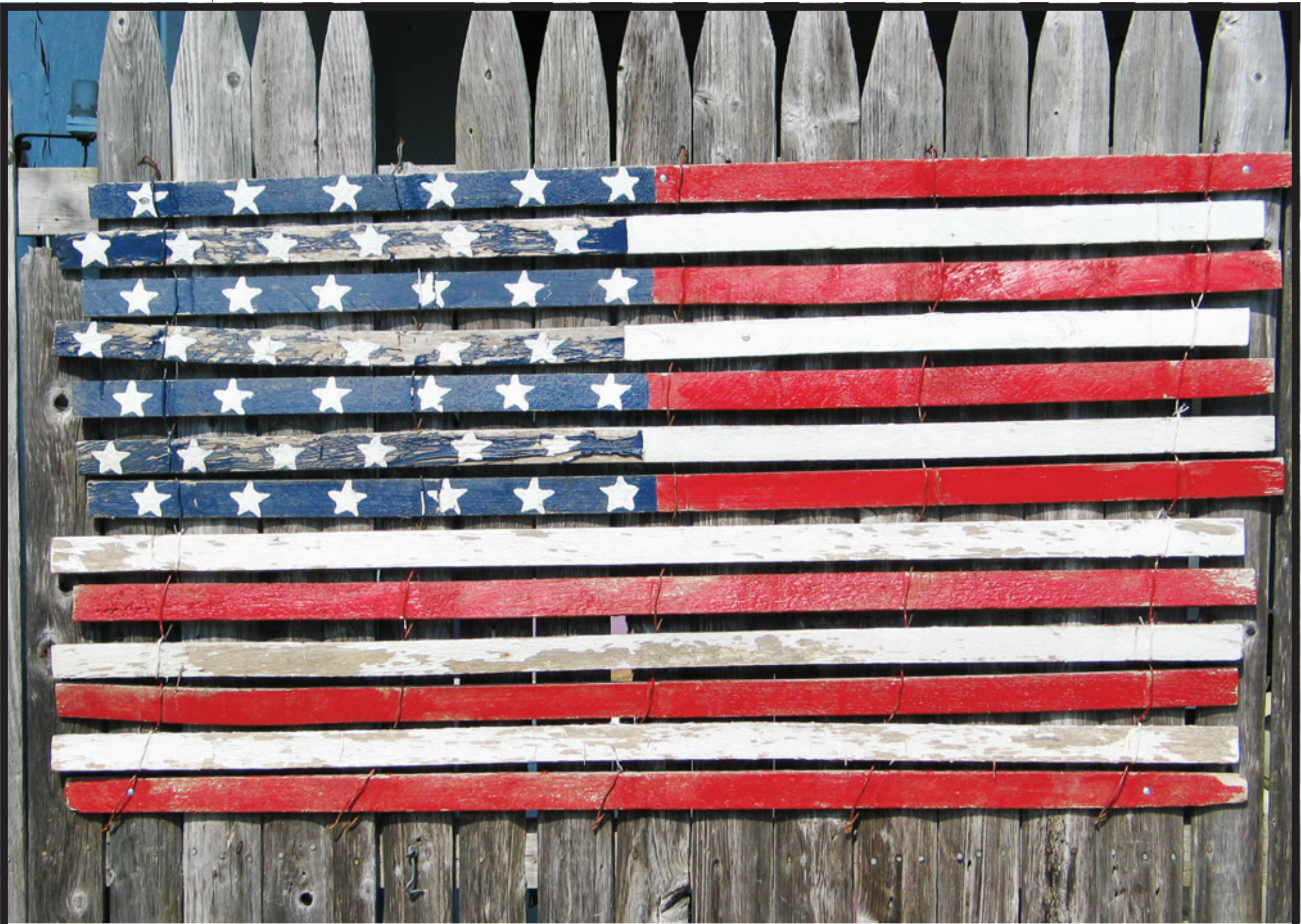
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On July Fourth, we celebrate the birthday of the United States of America and all the great things our nation represents. We are proud of our country and the values it upholds, and we gratefully salute the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who fight to defend America and her ideals. God bless the U.S.A.

**Wishing You and Yours a Safe and
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