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## Clarendon's Celebration Draws Throngs

### Pageant, Rodeo, Fireworks, And Parade Featured

#### FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT PREVAILS AT JULY 3-4 CORONADO EVENT

*The Clarendon News, July 4, 1940*

Clarendon's Coronado Rancho Round-Up celebration was in full swing today as thousands of visitors from all parts of the Panhandle jammed the city.

The big two-day celebration opened yesterday with a colorful parade, speaking, rodeo, pageant and fireworks, all of which were to be repeated today for Fourth of July throngs.

Speaking yesterday consisted of an address by Albert Derden who spoke in behalf of the candidacy of Harry Hines, running for governor, and Judge J. L. Bagwell who boosted "Dusty" Miller's campaign for Congress. Today, Deskins Wells, candidate for Congress, was the principal speaker on the program.

In one of the best and most colorful parades ever seen in Clarendon, cowgirl sponsors, cowboys, floats, bands, and chuck wagons passed in review before the crowds that lined the Main street at 1 p.m. yesterday. The same parade was repeated today at the same hour.

A large crowd turned out the first day to see one of the best amateur rodeos in this section at the Football Stadium. And a record crowd was expected to be on hand today at 2:30 o'clock when the second rodeo performance was scheduled to open. Top hands of this section competed both days in roping and tying, bronc and steer riding and other events for \$500 in cash and premium prizes.

Vying with the rodeo as the outstanding attraction of the celebration was the colorful pageant presented last night at the College Field. This Coronado presentation, which will also be given again tonight, depicted a cavalcade of 400 years beginning with the arrival of Coronado to this part of the country, Goodnight's venture into this section as an Indian scout, the advent of the Panhandle's first herd of cattle, the founding of old Clarendon and closes with the troublesome time of today following the World War of 1917-18.

Following the pageant, a spectacular display of fireworks thrilled the crowd assembled at the stadium. A large assortment of rockets, pin wheels, aerial bombs, etc., featured the night exhibit. Another fireworks display will follow the pageant tonight for those who were unable to be present last night.

A sponsors dance was held following the fireworks display and many couples enjoyed themselves to the music of Dickie's famous string band. Another dance was held at the Opera House, with Sons of the West furnishing the music.

There has been so many questions as to the persons portraying the characters in the pageant that the News is happy to release the names of the principal persons in the cast. Scores of others participated in the various scenes.

The director of the pageant was Blanding Sloan of the U.S. Coronado Commission staff; lighting effects by Ralph Buckner, also of the U.S. Coronado Commission staff; sound by Edward Eaves; music by Ray Robbins; action assistants, Ira Merchant and H.M. Breedlove; pyrotechnics, C.J. Douglas and Allen Bryan.

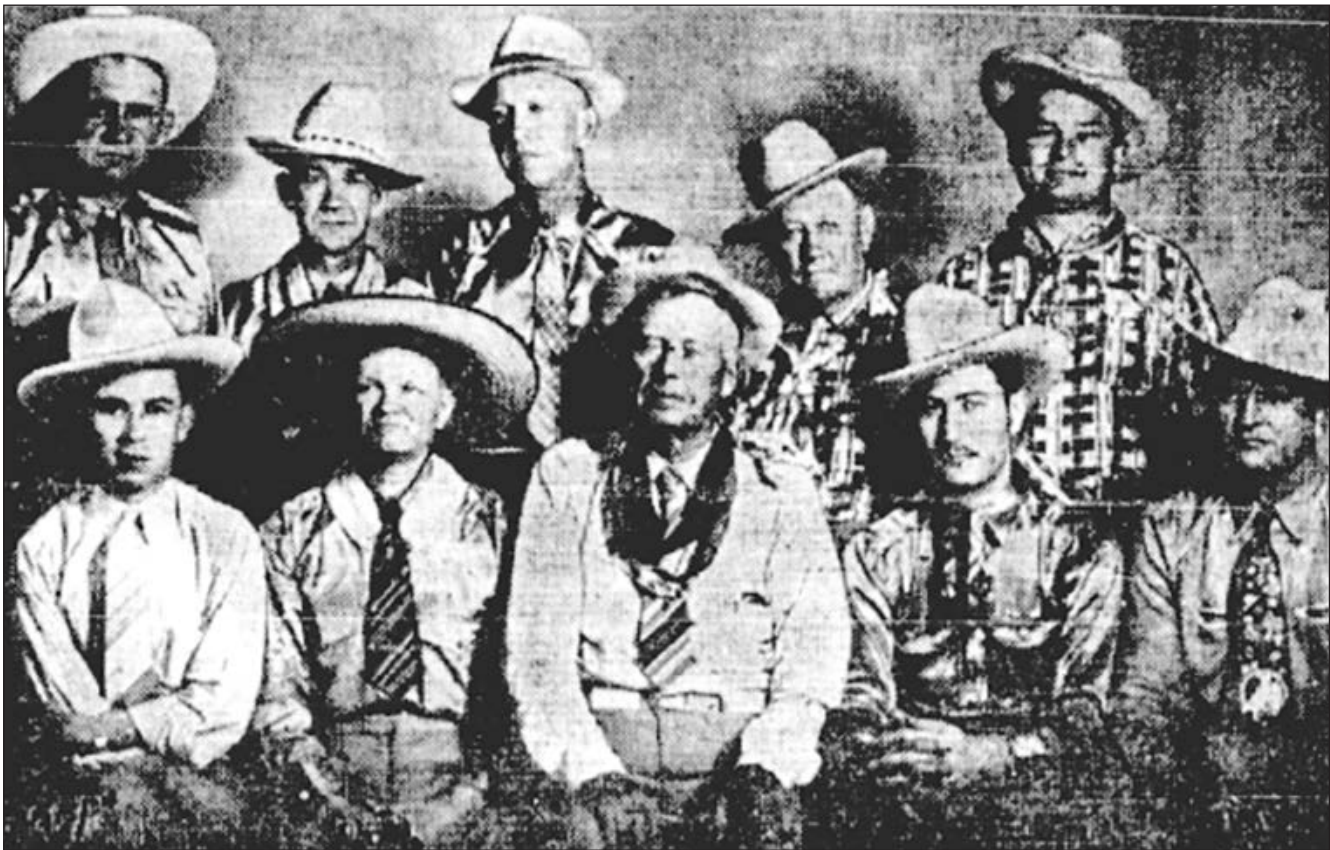
The character cast was as follows: Coronado, Joe McMurtry; Col. Goodnight, C. McMurtry, Mary Goodnight, Mrs. Joe Ritter; Elder Carhart, the Rev. J. Perry King; Franciscan friars, J. T. Patman, Fred Buntlin and Fred Cook; caller of square dances, Lu McClellan, Sr.; Pageant chairman, R.E. Drennan, and narrator, Sam M. Braswell.

The Pageant chairman and committee also wishes to express its thanks to those participating in the event both evenings.



**CLARENDON'S 1940 JULY FOURTH PARADE** – Looking north on Kearney Street from the 300 block. The Sinclair station is present day Henson's and Shaver & Whitlock Dry Cleaners is the present day Clarendon College Automotive Building. The 1940 parade was called at the time the best that Clarendon had ever had.

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**CLARENDON'S 1940 CELEBRATION COMMITTEE** – Above are the directors of Clarendon's Coronado Rancho Round-Up and Fourth of July celebration. Left to right: (top row) R.E. Drennan, C.J. Douglas, Odos Caraway, Homer Mulkey, J.R. Gilham, (bottom row) Ray Robbins, Sam M. Braswell, general chairman, J.T. Patman, Isadore Mellinger, and Ralph Andis.

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### Sheriff Patman Lands Slick Thief

A man came into town this week claiming to sell ceiling brooms. No doubt this was only a pretext to gain admittance to residences so as to steal valuables that could be hidden about his clothes. He stole a dollar lying in sight at Mrs. Mann's and a watch and chain and bracelet from Mrs. F.A. Simpson.

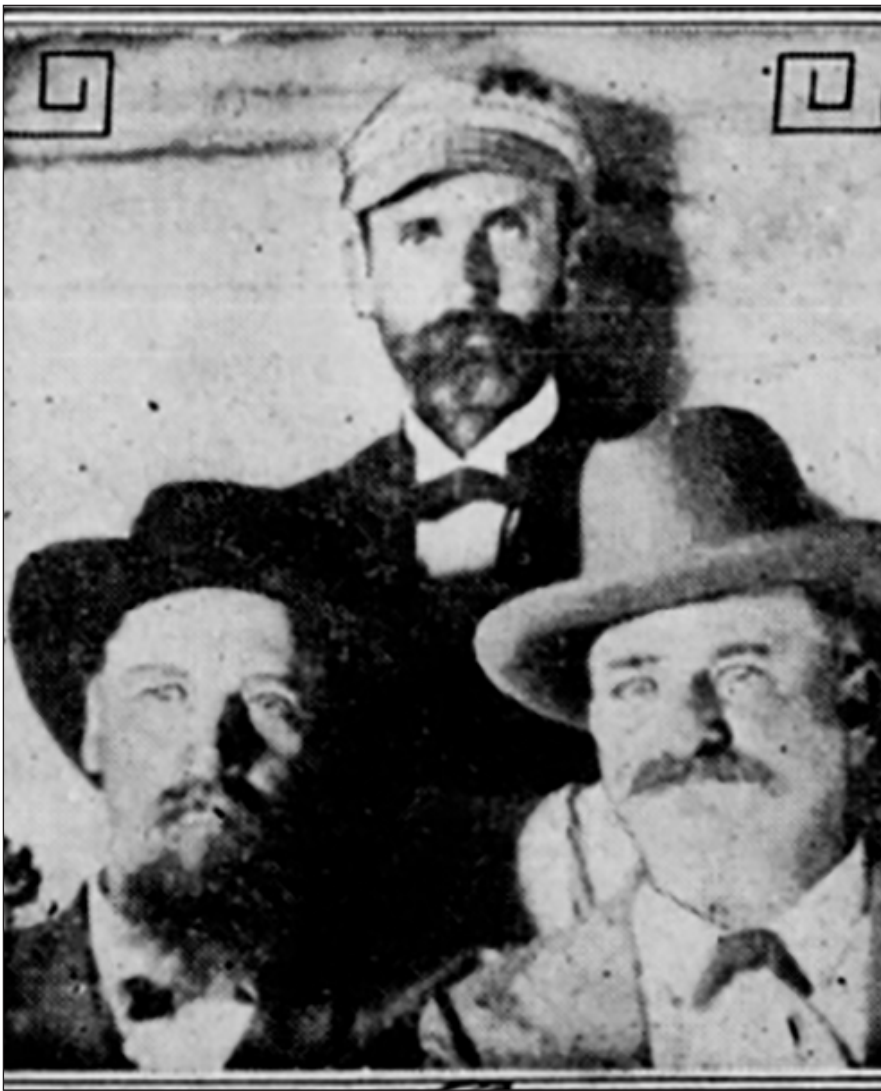
When the articles were missed, Sheriff Patman was notified, but the man had gone. It was found out at the post office that a stranger had registered a package to L.P. McKnight, Trinidad, Col., and gave his name as J.D. Cox. Mr. Patman felt sure this was his man, so left on the next train for Amarillo, and caught him at Amarillo as he attempted to board the same train that Mr. Patman rode in on.

He was closely questioned by Mr. Patman and finally acknowledged that his name was McKnight and confessed the thefts. He was brought back and signed an order to the Trinidad postmaster to return the package. The value of the amount stolen was considerable over \$50, so the gentleman will get free county board for a while and likely free passage to Huntsville after district court.

No doubt the same plan of stealing has been worked by him in other towns and the catch of Mr. Patman is an important one.

*Clarendon Chronicle, May 30, 1908*

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



### Three Influential Pioneers

Standing: H.W. Taylor; Sitting, Left, Col. T. S. Bugbee; Right, J.D. Jefferies. These well-known and influential citizens of Donley County had much to do with the present day development of Clarendon and this section. This picture was made in 1893, on the streets of Clarendon when a traveling photographer chanced to drop in, there being no photograph gallery here at that particular time. Good comrades through the years, these Pioneers had no thought of this picture being one of the features of an edition of The Leader, honoring them and those who labored with them.

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### Parades Termed Most Colorful, Best Ever Held

#### Beautiful Floats, Bands, Cowboys And Cowgirls Among Attractions

Thousands of persons attending the Celebration here yesterday and today witnessed by far the best and most colorful parades ever staged in Clarendon.

Moving promptly both days at 1 p.m., the line of march consisted of beautifully decorated floats, local and out-of-town bands, colorful cowboys and cowgirls, chuck wagons, and various other attractive displays.

Sheriff Guy Pierce, decked out in western apparel secured from the State Police at Amarillo especially for the occasion, led the parade, followed by members of the American Legion bearing American flags.

Next came the Leathers family, West Texas' Typical American family, followed by the Clarendon High School band. Then came the girl sponsors, about fifty of them mounted on their steeds. They were followed by beautiful floats representing various business concerns of Clarendon.

Also included in the parades were hands from Shamrock and Dalhart, Dickie's famous string band from Fort Worth, the XIT gang from Dalhart, cowboys representing various ranches nearby, a \$1,000 horse said to have been brought from Borger by a Mr. Ennis; Hugh Brown, in old silk topper with two young ladies seated beside him, driving his two horse buggy; and floats and cars representing some 25 local business concerns.

Many out of town visitors stated that the parade were the best they had seen in years, while local citizens related that the parades were the best ever staged here.

*The Clarendon News, July 4, 1940*

### Extra Officers Are Added For Holiday

Two state patrolmen are assisting the sheriff's department, and a deputy or two have been added to the city police to maintain order in Clarendon over the two-day celebration, July 3-4, according to Sheriff Guy Pierce.

The Sheriff also warned against excessive drinking and driving during the holidays, saying all laws would be rigidly enforced to make it a safe and sane Fourth.

*The Clarendon News, July 4, 1940*

#### Harold Bugbee Art Exhibit At Club Room 4th

Paintings done by Harold Bugbee, local cowboy artist of national reputation as one of America's most skilled brush artists, will be shown in the Ladies' Club Room all day the 4th.

The Club Room is located in the City Hall. No admission charge will be made to see these famous paintings, many of them typical of the Southwest and Panhandle of Texas.

*Donley County Leader, July 4, 1935*

#### Prairie Chicken Hunt In Hemphill County

Dr. C. W. Callaway and Fred Buntin accompanied by L. E. Miller and T. Fletcher of Wichita Falls returned Monday from a successful prairie chicken hunt near Glazier over the week end. The exact number of chickens bagged could not be ascertained, but a "goodly number" was obtained according to reports, besides a very enjoyable time.

*Donley County Leader, Sept. 6, 1934*



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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.

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TEMPLE OF TRUTH

By the Apostle

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Some of the papers in the dry sections that have recently been drenched by rain contribute it to the fact that the people “got right’ when they elected Jimmie Allred governor. Clarendon really went over in a big way.

The papa bat, the mama bat and the baby bat were coming home from the show one night. “I hope all five of us get home alright,” said the baby bat. “What do you mean; all five of us,” exclaimed the mama bat. The baby bat replied, “Well, I can’t count.”

The College Hill Widow surmises that since most of the boys are going off to college, the girls that stay at a t home will have a harder time capturing them when they return.

We didn’t mind the flood: we were glad to see the water. We did not mind the sandstorm: so much, because we are accustomed to them.

The flood didn’t leave many funny stories. About the best was Cecil Beach abandoning his truck near the Jr. High playground when it looked like it was going away. The truck had some homing instinct as it landed at about the same place Cecil would have put it at the station. Ed I. Fox had things under perfect control at the City Grocery and Market until someone opened the front door. Dewey Heath stepped on what he thought was a curb, but happened to be a floating crate out of a gutter hole. He had a nice swim, if you like yours muddy.

“He who makes no mistakes, makes nothing.”  
He who makes too many loses his job.

Saw this ad in a Chicago paper:  
“Widow with 5 children would like to meet widower with 4. Object baseball!”

The person in a mental fog is usually the person who storms.

I’ve always had a sneaking idea since the fad began, that it would be great sport to happen around at a nudist home about the time the gravy was spilled in the lap.

There is nothing that will make a man work harder for than “free advertising.”

The highs and lows in 1934 are “getting by” and “getting caught.”

An old sage said “if you can’t make light of your troubles, keep them in the dark.”

Bachelor Bill says that paint will make an old house look newer and he surmises girls get about the same idea.

Famous last words: “Now I’ll tell you what I’d say to my wife if she talked to me like that.”

*Donley County Leader,*  
Sept. 6, 1934

**Lowry And Estlack Off On Ten-Day Trip**  
Charlie Lowry, local West Texas Utilities manager, and J.C. Estlack, publisher of the Donley County Leader, left last Friday for a ten-day visit in the South Bend country. They will hunt fossils and arrow heads while on the trip.

*The Clarendon News,*  
July 4, 1940

**THIRTY DOLLARS gets the paper for a year in Donley County. Call 874-2259.**

Grand Concert Is Given

At Court House in 1891

Below follows a program of the Grand Concert, rendered May 28. 1891, to raise funds for the building of an Episcopal Church. The program is in the possession of Mrs. Ben Chamberlain.

Grand Concert In the Aid of THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH Fund at the New Court House Clarendon, Texas, Thursday Evening, Mav 28, 1891

PROGRAM— Part First

1. Solo and Chorus— “Swinging in the Grapevine Swing”— Smith – Solo by Mr. Jefferson, Chorus by all the singers.
2. Piano Solo— “ The Storm” – Kunkel– Miss Rogers.
3. Soprano Solo – “Weary” – Gabriel– Mrs. Allender.
4. Duet – “ Life’s Dream is O’er”– Ascher– Mrs. Cornwall and Mr. Butterfield.
5. Tenor Solo–“ The Grave on the Health”– Heiser– Mr. Rosenfield.
6. Bass Solo– “ Anchored”– Watson– Mr. George James Hotchkiss.
7. Piano Duo– Selected– Mendelsohn– Mrs. Allender and Mrs. Chamberlain.
8. Song–“ Signor Mac Stringer” – Lloyd– Mrs. Jefferson.
9. Song–“ Fiddle and I”– Goodeve– Mrs. Scott.

Part Second

1. Quartet– “Come Where the Lilies Bloom”–Thompson – Messrs. C. W. and G. J. Hotchkiss. Rosenfield, and Butterfeild.
2. Baritone Solo – “ Apart” – Thomas– Mr. Allender.
3. The Gobble Duet–“ Mascott” – Audran– Mrs. McCel-land and Mr. Jefferson.
4. Baritone Solo – “ Lul-laby”– Mr. Butterfield.
5. Piano Duo– “Mardi

Gras” – Schubert– Mrs. McCel-land and Miss Rogers.

6. Tenor Solo– “The Lilacs”– Kline– Mr. C. W. Hotchkiss.
7. Piano Solo– “Pasquenade”– Gottschalk– Mrs. Scott.
8. Tenor Solo– Selected – Mr. Troutman.
9. Piano Duo– “La Bala-dine”– Mr. Chamberlain and Mrs. McCelland.
10. Solo and Chorus – “The Whale”– Audran.

Refreshments will be served immediate after the concert.

*The Clarendon News,*  
July 4, 1935

Sheriffs Son Cuts

Finger Off In Mower

Coy Pierce, son of Sheriff and Mrs. Guy Pierce, cut the first finger of his right hand off just above the first joint in a lawn mower while playing last Thurs-day.

His mother stuck the end on and took him to a doctor who dressed it. It is now healing rapidly and he will probably have as good use of it as before.

*The Clarendon News,*  
July 7, 1938

celebrating

AMERICA

We hope that you and your family enjoy all the festivities during the Saints’ Roost Celebration and Rodeo!

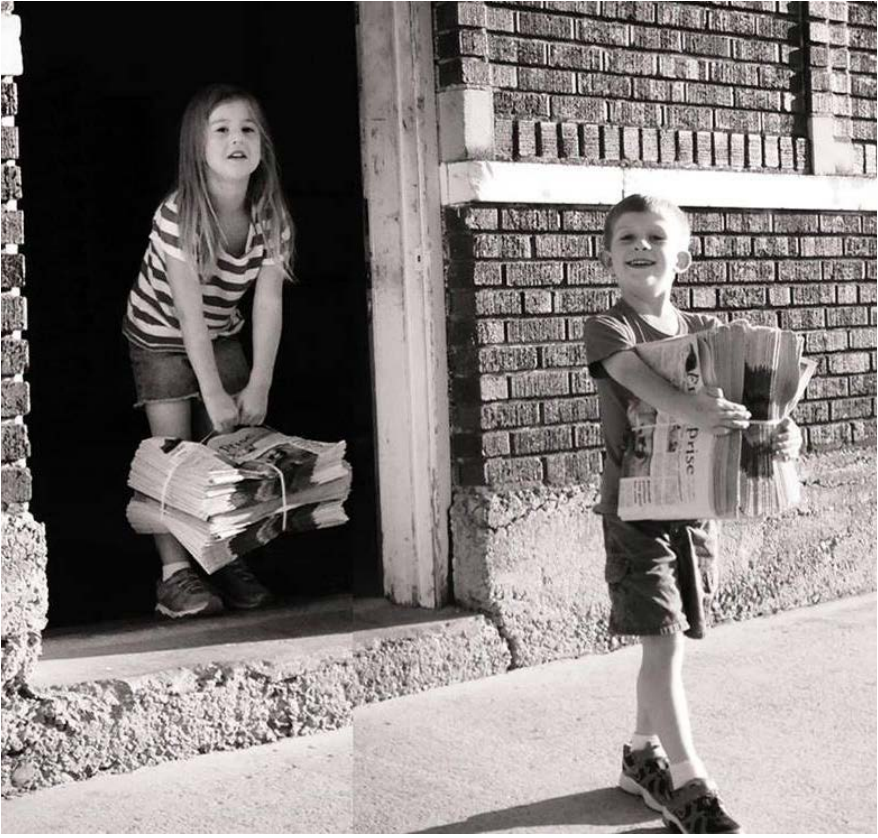
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# Dedication Ceremony Held for Old Clarendon Cemetery Monument

## Patrick Delivers Memorial Address

Culminating an effort for the past several months, a brief ceremony was held Monday evening at 7:30 in dedication of the monument secured from the Texas Centennial Memorial Commission, for Donley County's first cemetery – the Old Clarendon Cemetery at the brow of the hill just north of the Salt Fork River Bridge on Highway 88, six miles north of Clarendon.

Judge J.R. Porter, chairman of the Lions Club committee who did the work incident to securing the monument, was the presiding master of ceremonies, and after Rev. E.D. Landreth, pastor of the First Methodist Church, gave the invocation, Mayor W. H. Patrick of Clarendon was introduced delivering the dedicatory address – declared by all people who heard him to be a masterpiece and worthy of its place in the literature of the Southwest.

Present for the ceremony were five survivors of Old Clarendon: Mesdames Sella Gentry, S. E. Atteberry, J.B. McClelland, Claudia Bigger and Mr. Walter Taylor. Some eleven or twelve survivors are living in Texas and other States.

The State Highway Department has generously agreed to park and maintain the monument site, and this work will be done after the construction on 88 is far enough along not to interfere. Some fears were expressed in last week's News about the arrival of the monument, but special interest on the part of Col. John V. Singleton, and L.W. Kemp, connected with the board of control and the Centennial Memorial division, hurried the big grey Llano granite stone here last Thursday evening and early Friday morning it was erected on the site chosen by the committee of which Judge Porter is chairman. At the request of the Centennial Commission, Sam M. Braswell, committee member, wrote the text for the inscription, which is included in Mr. Patrick's address which follows:

"This stone was furnished and erected by Texas Centennial Committee of which L.W. Kemp of Houston, Texas, is chairman. The Texas Highway Department furnished the site and graciously offered to maintain it.

"The movement locally was sponsored by the Lions Club of Clarendon, the various women's clubs and other civic bodies cooperating and concurred in by the citizenship of not only Clarendon but of all Donley county.

"The stone bears this inscription: '1878-1886. In this first cemetery of Donley county sixteen rods west, lie the first dead of old Clarendon. Here white civilization sunk its roots in sadness and from the graves of this sacred acre, strong pioneer spirits turned to face the future with greater love for the land and a firmer determination to build



**DEDICATION OF OLD CLARENDON CEMETERY MARKER** – Clarendon Mayor W.H. Patrick delivers the dedication address on July 4, 1938, for a marker at the Old Clarendon Cemetery on hill north of the Salt Fork of the Red River about six miles north of the present townsite. Also shown are Methodist pastor Rev. E.D. Landreth (center), and Clarendon News publisher Sam Braswell. The marker was moved to Citizens Cemetery in the 1960s during the constuction of Greenbelt Lake.

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for a tomorrow which we know today. To those of old Clarendon colony who first found rest on this bold promontory and to their survivors this stone of imperishable Texas granite is loyally and lovingly dedicated, July 4, 1938.'

"So far as I have been able to learn, the only survivors of the old Clarendon colony living in the Panhandle today are: Mrs. J.B. McClelland, Mrs. Sella Gentry, Mrs. S.E. Atteberry, Mrs. Ada Atteberry of Amarillo, Texas. Mrs. R.L. Bigger, Mrs. B.W. Chamberlain, Fred Chamberlain, W.J. Lewis, W. W. Taylor, June W. Taylor, Crockett Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Carhart of Panhandle, Texas. There are probably others whose names I have not been able to learn. We do know of some others living in some other parts of the state, notably Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield Carhart of Greenville, Texas. There may be, and probably are others in Texas, or other states whose names I have not been able to obtain.

"But a short distance from this spot where the silent cloud shadows pass is all that remains of the first cemetery in Donley county.

"All ground wherein man has interred his loved ones is sacred ground. Owing to the changing conditions of life we may wander far from the scenes of our early residence and those

evidences of pioneer settlements fade from the Earth yet the finite mind constantly recalls the sacred spot where our heart strings were torn and where we dropped the loving scalding tears when we parted from our loved ones called hence by death.

"We are assembled here this afternoon as the sun sinks slowly down the crimson west, to reverently pay homage to those stout hearted pioneers who blazed the trail into the wilderness to seek out a home where they might live in peace and worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

"These were the type of people that were the builders of the greatness of the United States and whose posterity have the duty and burden of taking the torch of liberty and self-govern-

ment and carry on that this proud civilization may not fade from the Earth.

"History is but the record of human events. It is being made every day of our lives but few of us realize the importance of leaving written records of the important happenings that may later become very valuable not only to our own relatives but to the country in which we live.

"Let this occasion be a reminder to all of us to accurately record that part of history that is in the making from day to day.

"When by the action of the elements, this shining granite marker shall have crumbled into dust, the sun will still shine and the silvery moon still draw the restless wave around a rolling world.

"How little we are, how helpless in God's great hand.

"Therefore in loyal fealty to the sentiments we hold on this natal independence day projected through the spirits of those living and dead, we solemnly dedicate this stone to the purposes set

forth on its inscribed face.

"May we rededicate our lives and talents—our all—to the perpetuity of the pioneer spirit in our beloved land of the Southwest."

*The Clarendon News, July 7, 1938*

*Celebrate*  
**Freedom**

**GLASSTECH**  
**WINDSHIELD REPAIR**  
Larry & Donna Hicks

**HAPPY**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July**

**A Fine Feathered Nest**  
**311 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street • Clarendon, Texas**  
Thursday - Saturday 10 am - 6 pm

## Our Heritage Lives On

**Celebrating mor than 125 years in the historic 1890 Donley County Courthouse, we join our fellow citizens in commemorating the Pioneer Spirit that brought civilization to the Texas Panhandle.**

**As the elected officials of Donley County, we welcome visitors to the 139th annual Saints' Roost Celebration.**

**Have a safe and happy Fourth.**

John Howard, Judge  
Wanda Smith, Treasurer  
Fay Vargas, Clerk  
Linda Crump, Tax Assessor/Collector  
Pam Mason, Justice of the Peace  
Denise Bertrand, Justice of the Peace  
Butch Blackburn, Sheriff  
Landon Lambert, County Attorney  
Stuart Messer, District Judge  
Mark White, Commissioner Pct. 1  
Daniel Ford, Commissioner Pct. 2  
Andy Wheatly, Commissioner Pct. 3  
Dan Sawyer, Commissioner Pct. 4  
Doug Wright, Constable

Our offices will be closed  
Monday, July 4





# Windy Valley Lad Is Killed By Lightning During Flood Saturday

Was One of Several Riding On a Truck Coming To Clarendon

When nearing the Knight dairy about 1:30 Saturday afternoon, a bolt from the flood cloud struck a truck being driven by John Nichols instantly killing Alfred Walker and stunning others of the Windy Valley community aboard. The body was taken in charge by the Buntin mortuary.

The wiring on the truck motor are said to have been melted. So far as can be learned, no other car or truck in this section has ever met with this form of calamity.

Alfred Roy Walker was born Feb. 25, 1918, in Parker county, Texas, and died Sept. 1, 1934, being 16 years, 6 months and 7 days of age when death came. He had only resided in this community this year, moving from Quail.

Funeral services were conducted at the Quail Baptist church by Bro. Williams, pastor of the Windy Valley church, Sunday afternoon; internment was made at Quail by the side of a brother who preceded him in death nearly two years ago. The large church at Quail was filled to capacity by friends and loved ones from Windy Valley, Hedley and Quail to pay their last respects and tribute to the noble young man showing the high esteem in which his friends held him. He was possessed of a lovable disposition, and will be greatly missed by his friends and loved ones.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Walker; two brothers and three sisters as follows: Troy, Lester, Mary, Ruth, Lucile Rene and Dorothy Jane. The bereaved loved ones have the sympathy of the entire community in this sad hour

*Donley County Leader, Sept. 6, 1934*



**STORM KILLS ONE:** Clarendon and its vicinity suffered a severe flood on September 2, 1934, when nearly six inches of rain fell in a few hours, sending a torrent several feet deep rushing over roads and across fields. One boy was killed when struck by lightening. The above photo show a large barn that was carried a quarter of mile by the flood.

ENTERPRISE ARCHIVE / ACME PHOTO

## The Paladora Canyon.

Ye local editor recently visited the Paladora [sic] canyon. To describe this natural wonder is by no means an easy task; to compare it with the canyons of the mountains is at once unfair and inadequate.

The mountain canyons are more abrupt and deeper, and render the scene too monotonous, just a continuation of high bluffs. Here on either side from twenty to fifty miles, is a level plain, unbroken by even a rivulet, then comes the edge of the plains, an abrupt bluff, from three hundred to a thousand

feet almost perpendicular, then a valley or park upland. These parks contain from forty to one thousand acres and are skirted by a small ravine or creek with its abrupt bank of several hundred feet. Below these course the river valley perhaps a half a mile wide in which lies the bed of the river a few feet lower still.

In passing down from the plains, but few places are found where a road could be made, and scarcely two places in a range of ten miles where a pony could pass up or down. No one who has not seen it can conceive the extent and wild beauty of this canyon. As far as the eye can reach, while standing on the edge of the plains above, stretches out this diversity of hill and dale, river and rock, magnificent beyond description!

No visitor to the Pan Handle should fail to view the Paladora. This valley, too, is a natural cattle range. Abundantly sheltered at the most severe seasons of the year from storms on either side, the pasturage is fine and water is excellent. It thus unites utility with beauty and stands out as one of the natural wonders of the Pan Handle if not of the world.

*The Clarendon News, August 1, 1878*

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A great many gentlemen have been out to see for themselves, before moving their families here, and so far, all have been well pleased, and several are now preparing their families to come.

*The Clarendon News, June 1, 1878*

Have A Happy And Safe Fourth of July!



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*We extend a hospitable welcome to all guests of the City during the 139th annual Saints' Roost Celebration.*



 **Clarendon**  
T E X A S



# Football Field Is Illuminated For First Time Wednesday Evening

## Bronchos Will Face Shamrock For Stadium's First Lighted Game

College Field was bathed in light for a few minutes Wednesday night as the 48,000-watt lighting system was turned on for the first time, and those who were present at the time state that Clarendon at last has an "A-1" football lighting system.

All materials for the construction of the football lighting system arrived here in Clarendon last week, according to C.M. Lowry, local manager of the West Texas Utilities Company, and work was rushed on the project.

Eight 60-foot poles were used in the project, four on each side of the field. Each of the poles support four reflectors and four 1500-watt lamps. This gives a total of 32 reflectors and 48,000 watts, which, it is said, will provide an abundance of light for the night games.

Workmen have been busy this week installing the lights, which were made possible by a group of local citizens who purchased blocks of tickets to the Shamrock and Groom games, to be played here October 4 and October 11, respectively. The work was completed Wednesday afternoon, and the lights will answer a long felt need of the athletic department of the high school.

The first night game will be played here Friday night, Octo-

ber 4, when the Bronchos tangle with their ancient rivals, the Fighting Irishmen of Shamrock, and a record breaking crowd is expected to be in attendance.

Following is a list, compiled by C.I. Price, which shows names of public spirited business institutions and individuals who made possible the installation of the lighting system for the local football field, and the amounts given by each:

Douglas & Goldston, \$50; West Texas Utilities, \$35; J. L. Kerby, \$25; H. T. Burton, \$25; The Clarendon News, \$25; Goldston Bros., \$25; R.E. Drennan, \$25; Thompson Bros., \$25; Odos Caraway and Caraway's Cafe, \$25; Bain Bros. Cafe, \$25; J. R. Bain, \$25; Greene Dry Goods, \$25; U. J. Boston, \$25; Clifford & Ray and Castleberry's Market, \$25; Wesley Knorpp, \$25; Watson & Antrobus and Antro Hotel, \$25; Chamber of Commerce, \$25; Smith Bros. Gin, \$25; F. E. Chamberlain, \$25; Lowe's Grocery and Lane's Market, \$20; Whitlock's Barber Shop, \$15; Norwood Pharmacy, \$15; Bryan Clothing Co., \$15; Clarendon Furniture Co., \$15; Parsons Bros., \$15; Holland Bros., \$15; Frank White, Jr., \$15; Huffman Bakery, \$15; Drs. M. L. and C.G. Stricklin, \$15; Andis Bros., \$15; J. R. Porter, \$15; Donley County Leader, \$15; Hornmel Bros., \$12.50; Fred Buntin, \$12.50; G. K. Reading and Highway office, \$12; P. B. Gentry, \$10; Palmer Motor Co, \$10; Clarendon Motor

Co., \$10; Cameron Lumber Co., \$10; Shamburger Lumber Co., \$10; Bob Land, \$10; H. M. Breedlove, \$10; H. Mulkey, \$10; Pastime Confectionery, \$10; Brumley & Rundell, \$10; Hilliard Service Station, \$10; City Grocery, \$10; H. M. Lane, \$10; Reid Service Station, \$10; Dr. A. W. Hicks, \$10; A. L. Chase, \$10; Bartlett's Grocery, \$10; Jackson Service Station, \$10; H. C. Kerbow & Son, \$10; Shelton & Sanford, \$10; C. C. Powell, \$10; Clarendon Hotel, \$10; C. B. Morris, \$10; O. D. Skelton, \$7.50; W. A. Wilson, \$7; W. C. Stewart, \$5; Joe Bownds, \$5; A. J. Parker, \$5; Mrs. Claude DeGowan, \$5; Shaver & Whitlock, \$5; McElvany Tire Co., \$5; G. H. Simpson, \$5; M. P. Gentry, \$5; Mrs. R. L. Bigger, \$5; Anne L. Bourland, \$5; Beach Service Station, \$5; Sloan Baker, \$5; Eanes Radio Service, \$5; Sam Dyer, \$5; Glenn Allison, \$5; Alderson Studio, \$5; W. H. Cook, Jr., \$4 ; George Bagbv, \$5; Dr. H. F. Harter, \$5. J. T. Patman & Son, \$5; Wm. Patman, \$5; Henry Tomb, \$5; Hanna-Pope & Co., \$5; Ira Merchant, \$5; Walker Lane, \$3; V. W. Carpenter, \$3; F.W. Taylor, \$2.50; Moss Battery Service, \$2.50; Homer Bones, \$2.50; R. Y. King, \$2.50; J. L. Bain, \$2.50; W. G. Word, \$2.50; G. Laseter, \$2.50; Jerome Stocking, \$2.50; and C. W. Bennett, Sr., \$2.50.

The Clarendon News,  
September 23, 1935



CLARENDON STREET SCENE, CIRCA 1935: Looking north on Kearney Street from about the present location of Clarendon Insurance Agency.

ENTERPRISE ARCHIVE PHOTO

# Football Boys Start First Practice Tuesday

## 'Intelligent Aggressiveness Is Only Hope For Team,' Says Coach Stocking

The Clarendon High Bronchos snapped into active practice Tuesday afternoon under the watchful eye of Coach Stocking and manager-trainer "Heavy" Whitlock. Coach Kerby, product of Weatherford College and Texas University will be the Assistant Coach.

Faced with the prospects of having the lightest team in many years, the Bronchos will be put through hard paces to equip themselves with football essentials to take the place of weight and experience. The main springs of the team will be a couple of young dynamic lettermen, backs from last year's squad, Paul Greene and Bob Word, the only ones returning. Experience in carrying the Maroon and White last year will place Sam Barrow, Frank Holtzclaw, Vernon Martin, Wesley Powell, Charlie Word, Bobbie Boston and W. Hudson a little above the new crop of prospects coming in from the surrounding communities.

Chamberlain school will contribute another Reid, but this time his name is Vernon. Hott will also come from the Chamberlain district. Martin sends in some boys with old football

names belonging to by-gone heroes in Turnbow, Easterling and Sibly. Several are coming from Ashtola with Gregg the only one out Tuesday afternoon.

"I expect to have at least 50 boys out by the end of the week getting toughened up," stated Coach Stocking. "The only hopes for a light squad as we are going to have this year will be an

intelligent aggressiveness."

The prospects have looked dark before and the schedule has been harder, but with the cooperation of the town and plenty of hard work on the part of the boys, the Maroon and White has been carried far in the field of competition for the championship.

Donley County Leader, Sept. 6, 1934

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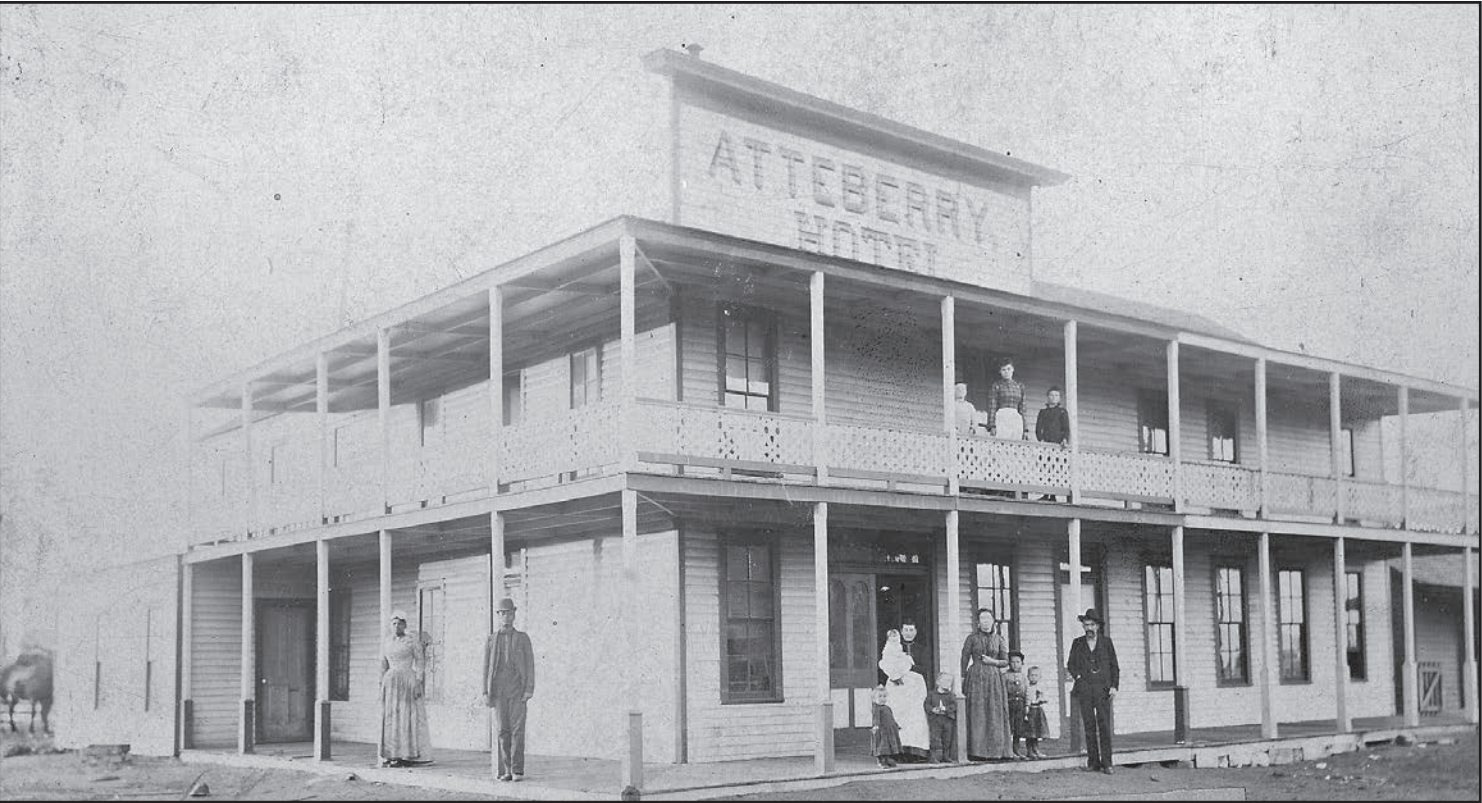
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‘NEW’ ATTEBERRY HOTEL: Shown here in 1895, the Attebury was the first hotel built in New Clarendon and was located north of the depot. The first lumber frieghted to New Clarendon from Dodge City, Kansas, was used in its construction.

LEADER ARCHIVE

## Small, Allred Backers Clash In Clarendon

### Political Speaking Turned Into Heated Debate Here Saturday

Politics held sway in Clarendon at the corner of Kearney and Second streets Saturday for more than an hour as the respective qualities and faults of two of the leading candidates for governor were discussed by their banner carriers. First one faction and then another was represented on the improvised platform before a large crowd, which booed and cheered alternately.

The fireworks started when Gene Howe, publisher of the Amarillo News-Globe, and affectionately known in this section as “Old Tack” spoke in the behalf of State Senator Clint Small’s candidacy for the governorship. He was introduced by Homer Mulkey, as were the others who spoke for the Panhandle senator.

“Elect a man,” Howe said, “that is from this section of the country and we can’t go wrong.” He told of Small’s stand on matters of vital interest to the citizens of Texas and of the votes the Amarillo candidate is reputed to be gaining daily, not only in the Panhandle, but the entire state as well.

“Tack” was followed by Ross B. Rogers, mayor of Amarillo who further waxed oratorical on the qualifications of Clint Small.

Judge L. M. Fischer, also of Amarillo, introduced by Judge W.T. Link, Allred man, in shouting the praises of the present attorney-general, advanced the information that Clint Small would not carry Potter, his home county.

After more oratory on the accomplishments of the youngest candidate for the state’s ranking position, all of which received applause from the crowd, made up mostly of “Allredites.” Judge Fischer surrendered the back end

of the truck to the next speaker.

Howe then arose, with fire in his eyes, and in ringing words of silver tongued oratory that could be heard at both extremes of Kearney street, bet Judge Fischer a new automobile against the hole in a doughnut that Small would carry Potter county. As “Old Tack” stood on the truck bed and emphasized his words with gestures reminiscent of the political orators of olden days, gone was the air of tenderness which has endeared him, through his column to the many brave drought stricken citizens of the Panhandle. In its place was an air of resentment brought on because a speaker had dared to declare that Small would not receive most of the votes in the county of which Amarillo is the hub.

Following Howe’s second address, Ray Johnson, Amarillo attorney, took the stand to add to “Tack’s” statements. Many more qualities of the Amarillo candidate were brought to light in Johnson’s talk.

When Johnson had finished, a local Allred backer mounted

### Woman “Beat Up” No Charges Made

Sheriff Guy Pierce answered a call to a farm home the afternoon of the Fourth saying “a woman is out here in a field beat up.”

Arriving at the alleged scene Pierce found an Amarillo woman nursing two black eyes. She reported to the sheriff that she had been in company with two other women and a man, and that they had taken her money and after beating her, had put her out of the car.

Pierce brought the woman to Clarendon where she was given medical attention, and gave promise of filing charges against the other parties. As yet no charges have been made.

*The Clarendon News,*  
July 7, 1938

the “stump” and took a vote by popular acclamation. Calling the candidate’s names out one by one, he asked the crowd how they were going to vote. Hunter, Hughes, Witt and McDonald were merely grunted for. Small received a few “ayes.” Then the name of Jimmie Allred was mentioned. The audience braced itself. Hands went over ears. And then with shouts that shook the usually sedate town of Clarendon from one city limit to the other, the crowd went wild. As old “Tack” said in his column, “the crowd was 90 per cent Allred.”

After the vote, the crowd dispersed, having been witness for over an hour to a display of fireworks that would have put any Chinese celebration to shame.

*The Clarendon News,*  
July 26, 1934

### Officers Seize Still Thursday; Arrest Two Men

#### From Appearances First Run Was Being Made

Sheriff Guy Pierce with deputies C.M. Peabody and Cleo Emerson, picked up a still in operation some six miles east of town about 10 o’clock Thursday night.

The still of copper of about six-gallon capacity was of factory make while the worm was home made. It was located in a dugout. Officers state that from all appearances the first run was being made. Only a quart had been run off.

Skimmings from a molasses making vat are said to have been used as a base for the makings according to the Sheriff. The equipment was brought to town and is in the keeping of the Sheriff.

Judge Thompson and Claude

Tyler were arrested in connection with the raid and lodged in jail until Friday morning when they were given a preliminary hearing before Judge O. Lewis who set their bonds at 11,000 each. Both men are being held in jail pending the making of bonds.

*Donley County Leader,*  
September 24, 1931

Our population is yet small but is rapidly increasing. We have a small army of sifted men and women there during the year.

*The Clarendon News,*  
June 1, 1878

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DRY GOODS STORE IN CLARENDON: This 1927 photo has not been identified with certainty but it is possibly Hayter Bros. Hattery, a longtime Clarendon business.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

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**THE PASTIME THEATRE** exhibits the first motion picture machine used here in 1910 (top photo, right projector) in contrast to the most modern machine purchased 25 years later (top photo, left projector) during expositions at local businesses as part of the 1935 July Fourth celebration. Shown here are James Headrick, unknown (possibly Verde Morris), Lema Mulkey, Homer Mulkey, and Lee Casey.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

## Cozy Theatre To Open Friday In A Blaze Of Resplendent Glory

A monument to the faith of the owner and the expenditure of several thousand dollars, Homer Mulkey's second show house in Clarendon will open at 7:15 Friday evening, the 18th of October.

The first picture, "The Miracle Rider," will no doubt be in keeping with the awe and admiration of the patrons that night when they view with admiration the miracle of workmen skill in constructing a picture show house embodying the highest type of skill, all local talent.

In the beginning, Mr. Mulkey envisioned a model show house. With the aid and counsel of his veteran employee, Mr. Lee Casey, this vision has become a happy reality.

The first object and concern of the builder was one of safety for his patrons. Workmen ever kept this in mind in the rebuilding. Twenty-five feet of each wall to the rear was replaced with brick. The floor is resting upon 12-inch steel I-beams placed every five feet. The flooring is of 3-inch, edgegrain type.

The same degree of safety was practiced in all the building, even to the rebuilding of the front walls — all entirely new. The roof is of the gravel and asphalt type guaranteed for twenty years. The inside walls are of panel effect, a material new to this section and the first to be used here. The panels are colored buff, white and light blue and resemble tiling. The walls proper are of buff. Subdued lights from the side walls alone will be used to give proper color and lighting effect in orange, rose and white, three ornamental and one white light to each side.

The sound equipment, in which patrons are vitally interested as well as the owner of the show, is of the latest RCA type and Simplex machines. The screen is the best that money will buy. This equipment is equal to the Pastime in every respect. The front of the building is done in white with carrara glass ornaments. The Cozy Theatre is easily distinguished by the nine foot neon sign on the front of the building.

The original building was constructed about 1893 by Frank Borchers on this location. It was in this same building that Lee Casey got his first experience

in picture show work when he cranked a machine for C. L. Heath in 1910. Mr. Mulkey engaged in his first picture venture here in 1910 and Mr. Casey joined him in August of the same year. The two men have worked together constantly since that date. Mr. Verde Morris, nephew of Mr. Mulkey, joined the organization this year.

As an evidence of the high esteem in which Mr. Mulkey is held in local business circles, a large number of local merchants are offering congratulations this week in paid advertising.

The Pastime and Cozy theatres, owned by Mr. Mulkey, are a decided factor in bringing people to Clarendon. This fact is readily recognized by the business men of the town. High class shows and nice buildings attract a patronage over a wide territory, and reflect great credit upon the man who made them possible.

*Donley County Leader, October 17, 1935*

*Editor's Note: The Cozy Theatre burned in 1945 and the Mulkey Theatre was built in its place. The Cozy was the third theatre to be housed in the Borchers building, which previously housed a saloon, a grocery store, a rooming house, and other businesses.*

**WPA Road Work In Precincts 1, 2, 4 Begins**

Another phase of the countywide \$80,000 WPA road improvement project for Donley County got underway today with workmen beginning on roads in precinct 1, 2 and 4.

Included in the present work orders are rock bridges for precincts 1 and 2, caliche topping in 1 and 2 and clay in precinct 4.

The precinct 1 improvement will include one bridge and caliche on a road starting one mile south of the Martin school house. Running east and west from precinct 1 to precinct 2, the caliche will cover a sandy stretch of country road.

The other precinct 2 improvement will be the topping of a sandy stretch of road from the Rayburn Smith home northward and the precinct 4 project includes clayey a sandy draw near the old Alexander home in the Naylor community.

*The Clarendon News, July 4, 1940*

**1926 BOOK CLUB**

The first meeting of the year of the 1926 Book Club met in the coffee room at the Antro Hotel Tuesday evening with a dinner party. Decorations were of garden flowers.

Program for 1934 is Travel and the program was carried out in different modes of travel of ships, ox-wagon and old time stage coaches. A short program introducing the officers for 1934 was given.

Those present were hostess, Mrs. Edna Boykin, Virginia Bryan and Zell Tomb; other members, Mary Allensworth, Beatrice Antrobus, Edith Ballew, Thelma Bairfield, Hazel Dillard, Temple Harris, Myrtle Ingram, Thelma Bennett, Lotta Bourland, Joyce Clark, Dewey Clifford, Navadna Cox, Eunice Buntin, Lalar Wilkerson, Ella Kent, Alfa Lane, Jennie Dale Porter, Lula Smith, Mary Thornberry, Mae Nell Teer, Imogene Brumley, Edgar Mae Mongole, Fray Wells of Huntsville, Texas.

*Donley County Leader, Sept. 6, 1934*

**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*

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## Pastime's Exhibit Shows Improvement In Projection Machines

Looking at the picture projection machine of 1910 on display in the rotunda of the Pastime Theatre, one is reminded of old days when the pictures were poor— so poor that one could hardly distinguish a man from a mule.

This machine operated with a hand crank and sold for \$275, and was the best the market afforded at the time. On the other side of the ticket booth is shown the new machine for the new show house to be. This machine is used in connection with sound pictures, pictures real and life-like as we know them today.

The machine is the last word in projection sound pictures, and cost only \$1400. Take a look at both machines and note the improvement in the picture show business. Mulkey demands the best for his patrons as evidenced by the recent purchase. Other equipment will be on a parity with this machine, he says.

*The Donley County Leader, July 4, 1935*



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**- George Washington Carver**

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A MUSIC CLASS meets in the 1890 Donley County Court House in this undated photo taken in the district courtroom.

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### Interesting Fact Discovered About Interior Of Local Court House

By Wanda Mayfield

The pioneer gathering on July 4th in Clarendon brought back many memories of gay days spent by the “younger set” in the latter part of the nineteenth century. In those days the Donley County court house, which was built in 1890, served as a general meeting place. No denomination had a church house large enough to accommodate crowds during revival meetings, so the upstairs court room was used.

Plays were presented here and many a taffeta skirt has swished up the narrow steps to a lamp-lit room for a gala evening of dancing. The folding chairs used by spectators at court sessions were easily removed.

During all these years, civil

and criminal cases of murder, thievery, divorce, sanity hearings and the like have been carried on in this room, but few of the numerous people who attended these trials could tell you that a piece of tin molding in the shape of a large, twisted rope joins the ceiling and walls. A bit of incongruity will be noticed by the keen eye if the half circular cove at the north end is examined.

There the tin molding stops, and an actual rope begins. You see, when the contractor of the court house figured on such decorative finishings, he missed his calculations a little. It was a long way to Wichita Falls by horse and wagon to buy more molding. So rather than leave a blank space in the high border, twenty feet of rope was bought from the local store, and it was nailed into place.

Although the court house has stood here for nearly half a century, no remodeling has been done in the court room, and this piece of heavy rope probably has the distinction of being in

actual service longer than any other rope in the world.

*Donley County Leader,  
July 11, 1935*

### Cowboy Finds Rusty Gun Near Clarendon

“Did the pioneer die with his hand on the trigger or did he lose his gun while riding?”

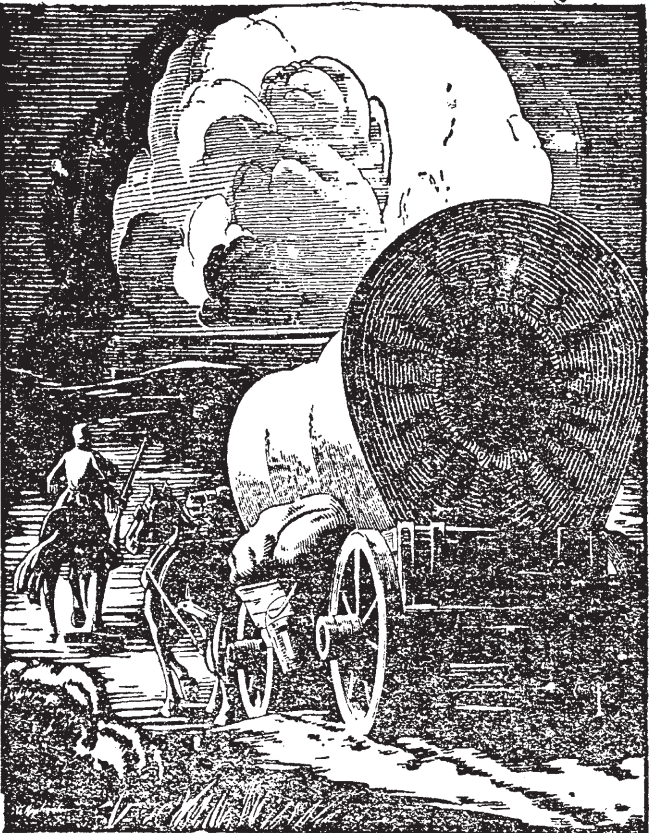
Localites have asked this week who have viewed the 63 year old .45 pistol found recently by Ed Mahaffey during a roundup on the Allen Creek Camp.

Riding past the spot where the pistol was found on August 2, Mr. Mahaffey noticed the butt protruding from the ground and returned later to unearth it, only to have the rust-eaten handle fall off.

The pistol was made in 1872 and the barrel is full, the cartridges turned green with rust.

For the past week, the old pistol has been on display at the Bon Ton Confectionery.

*The Clarendon News,  
August 16, 1934*



## As One Pioneer to Another

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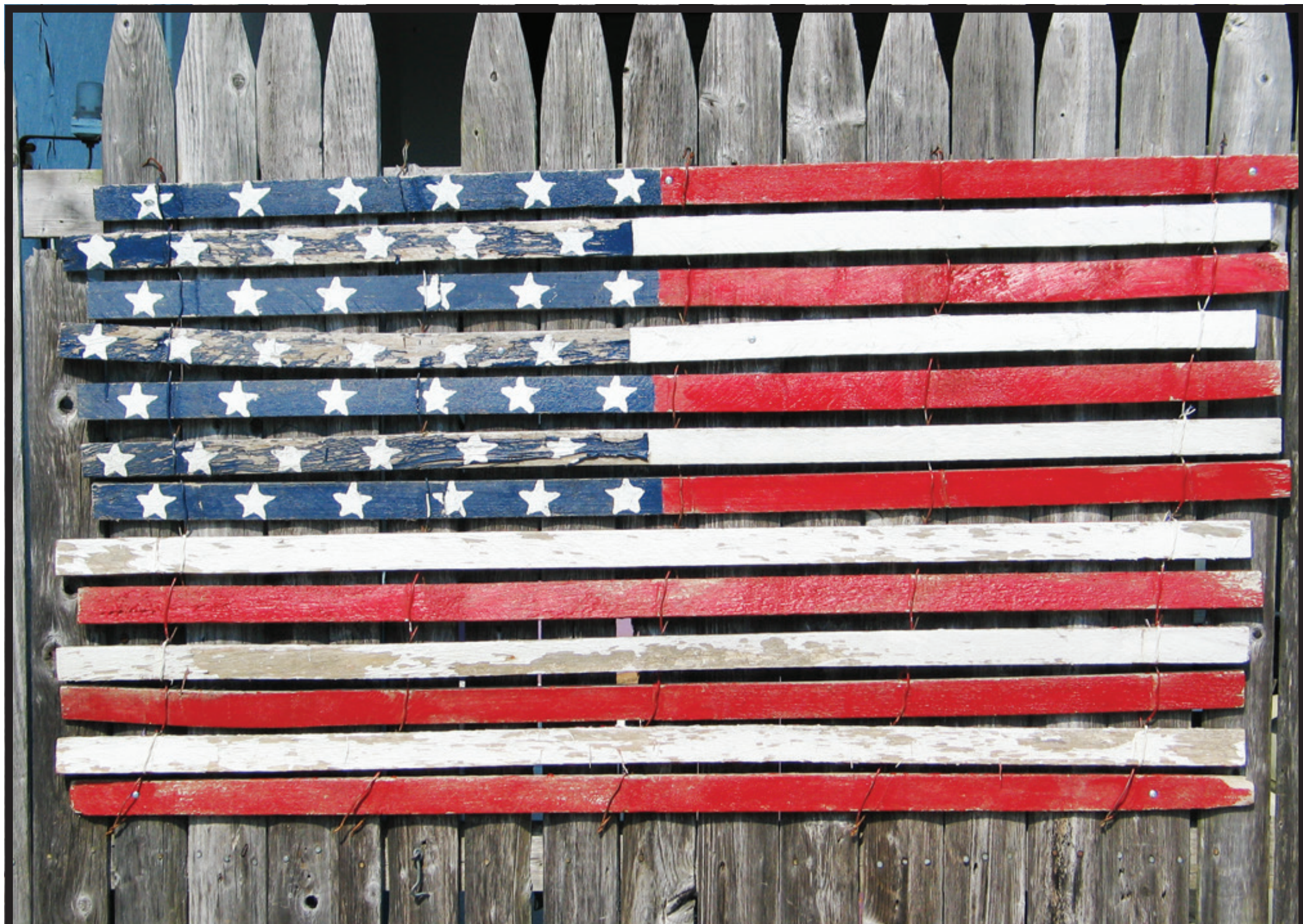
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