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A Common Paper For Common People

Record Crowd In Clarendon To Meet President

Ten Minute Stop Provides Thrills

Soil & Water Conservation Is Chief Subject of Speech

One of the largest crowds to be in Clarendon for some time, and the first group ever to welcome a President of the United States to Clarendon, heard President Franklin D. Roosevelt Monday afternoon as he made a brief talk from the observation platform of his special train bearing him to San Francisco.

The special train of nine coaches and baggage cars pulled by two Ft. Worth & Denver locomotives arrived in Clarendon at 5:19:30 and left at 5:29 p.m.

Wearing his ever confident Rooseveltian smile, known throughout the nation, the President appeared on the platform on the arm of his son, Elliot, in whose Ft. Worth home he had been a week-end guest.

Congressman Marvin Jones of Amarillo, who boarded the train Monday morning at Ft. Worth, modestly and briefly introduced the president to people gathered here from Childress, Memphis,

Hedley, Silverton, Pampa, McLean, Claude and other places.

"Friends, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the President of the United States," Jones said.

The congressman was introduced by Texas' junior senator, Tom Connally of Marlin. Connally was introduced by Governor James V. Allred.

Attired in a grey suit, the president began his talk as soon as he made his appearance from his car.

TEXT OF ADDRESS

"I am very glad to get into (Congressman) Marvin Jones' district and your portion of Texas. I have been hearing about it once a week for about five and one-half years.

"Then I am glad of another thing. Way out east of here on the Hudson River where I live and down in Washington there have been occasions in the last few years where the sun has been darkened in the middle of the day, darkened by top soil of the Panhandle. I had much rather see the top soil of the Panhandle stay right here. That is the way most of you think about it. The very fine rains you have been having here should help to keep your soil from leaving here. We should be able to keep all the water that comes out of Heaven here. That is one of the major problems before us in Washington, and it is one of your biggest problems here in West Texas. It is very vital to the rest of the nation.

"If your people are not prosperous it hurts the farming people and the city people and every part of the country. If your people are prosperous, not one year out of seven, but seven out of seven, that means more to the prosperity of the rest of the country. The purchasing power and means of the rest of the nation depends on your prosperity.

"So I am glad to take this trip into a portion of Texas that I have never seen before, and I expect to come back and see more of you."

He finished his speech before the train departed, but remained on the platform waving to the crowd. He did not leave the platform until the train was nearly out of sight.

Following his speech, he remarked to Senator Connally, "This sure is a nice breeze," referring to the southeasterly wind in the midst of 104 degrees of heat.

As the President made his appearance, everyone moved slightly forward in an attempt to get a better view of the nation's number one citizen.

Camera fans were predominant



PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT ADDRESSES THE PEOPLE OF DONLEY COUNTY - Monday, July 11, 1938, was a historic day in Clarendon when a train carrying the President of the United States stopped and the Nation's leader spoke for about ten minutes. Shown on the platform are Gov. James Allred, unknown (but likely a Secret Service man), FDR, Elliot Roosevelt (the president's son), Congressman Marvin Jones, and Sen. Tom Connally. See page two for more on the story of these photos and how they came to be published.

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THE DIGNITARIES IN ORDER OF THEIR SPEAKING: JAMES V. ALLRED... who accompanied President Roosevelt from Ft. Worth to Amarillo and at Wichita Falls, the governor's home town, was handed his appointment as Federal District Judge for the Southern District of Texas by the president. TOM CONNALLY... Senator from Texas, traveled on the presidential special train from Fort Worth to Amarillo Monday. When the train stopped in Clarendon, Senator Connally introduced Congressman Marvin Jones who in turn introduced the President. MARVIN JONES... Congressman from the district including Donley county, who introduced President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to the People of Donley and surrounding counties here Monday afternoon as the presidential special stopped to take on water. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT... President of the United States, Number One Citizen of America, appeared on the observation platform of his special train, bearing him to the Pacific Coast, and spoke briefly to the large gathering of Donley, Hall, Gray, and Armstrong county people who came to Clarendon Monday afternoon for the memorable occasion, the first president to speak in Clarendon.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTOS

using many rolls of film to permanently record Clarendon's first visit by a president of the nation.

President "Teddy" Roosevelt, fifth cousin of President F.D. Roosevelt, passed through Clarendon on a Ft. Worth & Denver train during the night back in 1905.

Accompanying the president were approximately 30 newspaper reporters, photographers, newsreel cameramen and radio broadcasting company officials. A regular traveling corps of White House officials were on the train. The number of secret service men to guard the chief executive on the trip has been estimated at 25 to 30.

Three Texas highway patrolmen and two Texas Rangers were here to assist Sheriff Guy Pierce and about 25 Clarendon Legionnaires in preserving order and prevent the crowd from rushing the train.

The president's train arrived in Amarillo at 6:35 and he was immedi-

ately escorted through the business district to Ellwood Park where he spoke to several thousand people in a downpour of rain. From Amarillo the train proceeded to Pueblo, Colo., for another presidential talk.

The president left Washington last Thursday night. His first stop was at Marietta, Ohio, in connection with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first Northwest Territory settlement.

He spoke at Covington, Ky., where he gave a boost to the reelection campaign of Senate Floor Leader Allen Barkley. At Oklahoma City, he gave his "presidential nod" to Senator Elmer Thomas candidate for re-election. Governor E.W. Marland is also a candidate for the senate seat.

On the Pacific Coast, the Chief Executive will board the U.S.S. Houston for a leisurely trip to Pensacola, Fla., by way of the Panama Canal.

The Clarendon News, July 14, 1938

Clarendon Band Goes to Amarillo

A number of the members of the Clarendon school band went to Amarillo Monday, July 11, to play in the 2,500-piece band which paraded for President Roosevelt.

Those who played in the Clarendon section were: Betty Jo Caraway, Betty Jo Bain, Neta Jane Cornell, Earnest Eudy, Neel Thompson, Dan Boston, Billy Latson, John Burton King, Clyde Benton Douglas, Billy Ralph Andis, Billy Jack Shelly, Raymond Hay, Led Jay, John Jay, Thad Lyle, Billy Means, Jane Kerbow, and Director Ray Robbins.

The bands won high praise for keeping on with the parade in spite of the rain in which all of them were soaked. The massed bands played "The Eyes of Texas" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" for President Roosevelt.

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Civic Minded Citizens Press For Appearance

Clarendon's Ft. Worth & Denver water tank proved to be a valuable and unofficial member of Clarendon's Chamber of Commerce for getting things done. It was the reason for the presidential special stopping in Clarendon Monday, July 11, 1938.

The president of the United States is not in the habit of making a public appearance at every place a presidential train has an operations stop, and the reason for his platform appearance and address here has not heretofore been made public.

Here's how, and why—

Upon learning that the presidential train would travel the Ft. Worth & Denver line from Fort Worth to Amarillo, and suspecting that the train would stop in Clarendon to take on water, J.R. Porter, Ed Dishman, Allen Bryan, J.R. Gillham, O. C. Watson, and Sam M. Braswell planned ways and means of getting the president to make a platform appearance here.

The group had Porter to telephone J.W. Mode, superintendent of the railroad at Amarillo to confirm the operations stop. Judge Porter then telephoned Congressman Marvin Jones and requested him to urge the president to make a platform appearance in Clarendon. Jones said he would do all in his power, halfway granting the request, but declined to permit an official public announcement to be made. He assured the Clarendon delegation that he would advise them by wire Saturday if a platform appearance would be made by the president.

The wire was received Saturday, stating that Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States, would make his appearance to the people of Donley County and that he would make a brief talk as the train stopped for water.

He did—and everyone was happy and thrilled over Clarendon's first sight of a president.

Only one Clarendon person was permitted aboard the presidential special, either before or after it arrived here. C. J. Douglas, Western Union manager, went aboard the train after it stopped here to receive press dispatches and deliver telegraph messages that had arrived here for government officials.

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July 11, 1938—The Day The President Visited Clarendon

Dates have a queer way of getting away from the memory after twenty years or more have passed, but July 11, 1938, will stand out in the minds of Donley County people for many years, as the date on which Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, visited briefly in Clarendon, as his special train paused here to take on water.

Just so the date doesn't get away from you, cut this and paste it in your scrapbook, or file it away with your papers, so that in after years, along about 1960, when the argument comes up about the exact date you will have the printed evidence on your side.

The President's short address of greetings is carried in another column, but it will also be remembered that Governor James V. Allred was the first notable to come out on the observation platform of the Presidential special, followed by Senator Tom Connally and Congressman Marvin Jones, speaking in that order with Congressman Jones introducing the President.

In spite of the huge crowd at Amarillo to greet the President in a visit to that city, where he spoke in Ellwood Park, some two thousand Donley County people did honor to the President in Clarendon when his train arrived at 5:20 in the afternoon with the thermometer standing around 104.

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Editorial Comments – 1938
By Sam Beaswell

Clarendon Honors The President Of The Nation

When some two thousand citizens gathered at the railway station on Monday afternoon to meet and greet the President of the United States, they did honor to the highest officer in the gift of a free people, and in so doing they honored themselves.

It was not a question of endorsing the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt—and the great majority do endorse them—but it was a spontaneous evidence of the high respect and reverence we as citizens felt for the Presidency, that brought together so great a crowd in spite of the thousands that had gone on to Amarillo beforehand to greet the President there.

July 11 will long remain a red letter day in the history of Clarendon and Donley County—the day the President of the United States on a transcontinental trip, stopped and spoke briefly and cheerfully to our people.

Clarendon News, July 14, 1938

Editorial Comments – 2017
By Roger A. Estlack

Hunt Documents Historic Event

President Roosevelt's 1938 visit to Clarendon, Texas, was an event for the history books. A sitting president had once slipped through town in the dead of night on the Ft. Worth & Denver, but never before—or since—had one stopped to address the good folks of Donley County.

Both newspapers - The Clarendon News and The Donley County Leader – gave prominent coverage of the occasion, and both papers agreed that over 2,000 people attended the ten-minute speech.

And yet there was something of an enigma about this auspicious day. Where were the pictures? The News reported that “camera fans were predominate” and that they had used “many rolls of film to permanently record Clarendon's first visit by a president of the nation.” Despite that, neither paper ever ran any pictures of that day and none have showed up in published local histories.

Your current editor searched in vain for any photos of FDR's visit when researching the history of the paper several years ago and even asked several old-timers if they knew of any. They did not.

Then last year, a Clarendon native – Louva Hunt – published *Little Weena's Flowers*. The book focuses on a crime that occurred in Clarendon in late 1938 and is one of the best documented local histories that has been printed to date. But what also caught your editor's attention were the photographs in the book that were taken by Hunt's father, Ernest L. Hunt, in the 1930s and 1940s.

As an amateur photographer, he took several pictures during that time. Mr. Hunt died tragically in a car accident in 1959 at the age of 63, but he left behind a treasure trove of photographs. When Louva Hunt was asked if by chance her Dad had photographed the FDR visit, she did not hesitate to say that he certainly had.

That brings Louva Hunt's daughter, Nita Lovell Dyslin, into the story. A lover of photography as well, Dyslin has become sort of the caretaker of her grandfather's collection of photos and negatives. It is her handiwork in scanning Ernest Hunt's photos and negatives that allowed us to put together this issue of your Donley County Leader.

She believes the photos we have reprinted on the front page were taken in the following order – bottom left first, bottom right second, and then the final close-up shot. What follows are her thoughts on how her grandfather captured these images:

“The [first] negative was terribly over exposed. See the sun flare upper left. So actually, this was probably Ernest Hunt's first shot as he came up to the scene. Remember the camera he is using (a Graflex B camera, with a K.A. 4.5 lens) was made to hold waist level and look down to focus. So he is having to set the camera and then hold it over his head to shoot/expose (thus the tilt). See how the crowd is shading their eyes.

“The second shot, ...Ernest moves through this crowd.... He is still fighting the sun, so he moves to the left of the scene and shoots two “hero” shots from the left. He knows the exposure is best for the men in the shade. Those are the ones he prints.”

Dyslin notes that the first shot would not be possible without today's technology and Photoshop being employed to bring the image out of the overexposed negative. She also notes that she doesn't see many cameras and writes:

“[I]t might have been folks on the side and most of the cameras of that day would have been ones that were not held to the face to focus, like we are use to today. This shot would have been hard to shoot looking into the sun. Maybe that is why so few pictures surfaced.”

There may yet be more photos of this historic occasion gathering - dead in family photo albums or boxes of pictures in the closets of old-timers. But for now, Ernest Hunt and his family have provided those of us in the 21st century a brief glimpse back in time to one of the most exciting events in Clarendon's history – July 11, 1938 – the day the President of the United States stopped in Clarendon.

Thank you, Louva and Nita, for your love of the past and for helping make this edition possible; and thank you also to the late Ernest Hunt for practicing his hobby and capturing history.



Ernest L. Hunt, 1896-1959



Contest Of Liars.

If you have been keeping up with the Russo-German war reports, you have likely come to the conclusion that two of the biggest liars on the Globe have a real contest going on. They appear to be telling everything except the truth. As a matter of fact, don't you really think the rest of the people are lucky that these two nations are fighting? May they continue until only two are left—Hitler and Stalin. Then each kill the other.

Aluminum Wanted.

Each county judge is expected to head the drive in his county to induce the folks to bring in all the aluminum possible with which to make planes. It is barely possible that our nation is scarce on this metal, but since it is a poison, and many are poisoned by eating food cooked in aluminum ware, why not donate it Purge people poison pans, as it were.

Plant More Beans.

A fine old farmer friend suggests that food will be needed down the line. He suggests that more and more beans be grown this year. He says there is yet plenty of time to grow them, and that they will be a good price. We got caught short of food in the other war. Why not play safe this time, he says. He is a hundred percent right.

Hilarity.

During the celebration, dances were in full swing at the City Park, the opera house, and the largest crowd of all on the main street. The younger folks dashed while old folks talked over old days when pioneering was not such a swell affair. Very few people over 73 danced. That fellow was “Bally” Bingham from Spur. Some are only as old as they feel. Then there is Buster Culwell, and he modestly took his place in the class “above 40.” And what a time those “above 40” had! Every one stayed in a good frame of mind. There was plenty of “homey” courtesy and the folks left in a good humor.

Missing.

And if the Hon. Ernest Kent doesn't bring his dance report around, there won't be much said about it. All the other departmental managers have reported.

Pouring It In.

Tractors have been going 24 hours a day for the past few days in taking advantages of the planting period between showers. More than ten thousand acres of feed stuff, and several hundred acres of cotton, are said to have been planted since Monday morning.

Voted Bonds Down.

You are lucky to live in a county that voted down that last highway bond issue. Counties like Floyd, Briscoe and several

other West Texas counties that voted bonds and got busy with their road building, are now to pay the bill. The law was not extended. That means much higher taxes, too, at a time when taxes will be plenty high otherwise. The gas tax should hold the highways. The federal funds will be used to construct military highways.

Best Rodeo Yet.

The fellows who got that rodeo over here the 3-4th are credited with using expert judgment. They did a fine job. Not a single complaint. All the folks say it was a grand affair. And those ladies who put over the sponsor girls are due a whole lot of credit, too.

Speeding.

Thirty days hath April, June and September, and a lot of fellows should have the same for speeding. Three were picked up on that charge here the 4th.

Economy.

Men used to buy two-pant suits because the pants wore out first. Now they buy that kind so the wife can wear one kind.

Canning Fruit.

The ladies spoke of canning fruit a lot around the picnic grounds. Look in the classified column of this issue of your Donley County Leader, then go to that advertiser and get your fruit. No delay. Fair price. Fruit comes in mighty handy when cold weather comes. Splitting a hot biscuit and half-soling it with good old yellow Jersey butter and a layer of fruit is a happy event on a cold morning with snow on the ground. You don't even have to wait for snow. It's good any old time.

Donley County Leader,
July 10, 1941

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

250 Kids Enter Terrapin Race

The annual Chamber of Commerce Terrapin race was a big event Saturday afternoon when 250 youngsters showed up with their Terrapins to race for the big prizes given by the Chamber.

Kyle Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Allen of Tulia, won the 1st race, 6 years and under, and also the grand prize—a \$50 bond; Tony Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cook, won the 2nd race —7 to 10 years—and

the 3rd place grand prize of \$10; Elizabeth Christian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Christian, McLean Virginia, won the 3rd race and the \$25 bond.

Basil Smith, who was in charge of entries, stated that business was fast and furious thru Friday but all youngsters were issued their numbers in time for them to get the numbers painted on their terrapins.

Donley County Leader,
July 6, 1967

Celebrate a Safe & Happy 4th of July!

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Let Freedom Ring

Our forefathers fought for our freedom. Our veterans have fought to protect our freedom. Let us remember them during this holiday and be thankful for what we enjoy.

We hope you and your family enjoy the festivities!

Clarendon Family Medical Center

Family Tradition

Your local news has been delivered by five generations of the Estlack Family.

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THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER & THE CLARENDON NEWS

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Banner Stockman
July 8, 1904

City Ready To Entertain Big Crowd

**Pioneers Will be Shown
Special Courtesies.**

**Progress of Past Century
Will be Featured In
Parade at 10:30**

Saturday will be a big day in Clarendon when citizens of the Panhandle gather to celebrate Centennial Day and Pioneer Round-up Day all in one. Registration of Pioneers will begin at the News office promptly at 9 a. m.

W. M. Patman will have charge of registrations, and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sims will be hosts to the old folks. Both bands will play at this period. The H. S. band directed by Ray Robbins, and the Cowboy band by Gus B. Stephenson.

Bicycle Races

These races will be held on West Third street west of the jail. The age limits are 10 to 15 years inclusive for both boys and girls. The prizes in each event will be \$2.50, \$1.50 and \$1 for the boys, and the same for the girls. H. M. Breedlove will have charge of this event.

Monster Parade

Nine clowns will enter decorated cars and floats. Any community may be represented in this as well as all other events. A feature of the parade will be that shown by Andis brothers motor freight truck line in showing the progress of transportation. The Legion and Drum and Bugle corps will head the parade that will be directed by Joe Holland.

Highway Dedication

This feature is being directed by A.L. Chase, and Judge J.R. Porter will be master of ceremonies. Sam Braswell and other out of town speakers will be heard. District engineer W.J. Van London, and maintenance engineer P.S. Bailey and other highway officials are expected here to celebrate the completion of Highway 5 across Donley County.

Pioneer Round-Up

Promptly at noon the Pioneers who came to the Panhandle 40 or more years ago

Society News

By Miss Vivian Taylor

**Coffee And Ranch
Dinner Honors
Local And Out-Of-Town
Sponsors**

Mrs. John Knorrp, Mrs. Ira Merchant, Mrs. Harold Bugbe, and Miss Charlotte Molesworth, entertainment committee for the Celebration, were hostesses of the local and out-of-town cow-girl sponsors at a coffee at the women's club rooms on Thursday morning, July 3rd.

The rooms which were arranged to resemble an old style ranch house, were cleverly decorated with bales of hay, dutch oven, coyote rugs, and old fashioned coffee mills.

Coffee and doughnuts were served in buffet style to approximately sixty girls.

The entertainment committee was again hostess of an old-time ranch style dinner honoring the rodeo and celebration officials the out-of-town sponsors, and other out of town guests at the women's club rooms on the morning of the Fourth.

The table was laid in regular "mess hall" fashion with heavy crockery plates turned face down. An old fashioned caster with a ribbon tied to it was in the center of the table. The ribbon signified that "dessert was coming up."

A menu of beef, beans, bread, and black coffee was enjoyed by about sixty guests.

Clarendon News, July 10, 1941



BAR ROOM SCENE — Thirsty pioneers relaxing in a Clarendon saloon in 1890. The bartender is identified as Bill Manasco. "Sain's Roost" first became wet after the settlement moved to the railroad in 1887. Prohibitionists would pass the local options, and saloons like this one disappeared in 1902.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

will be given a special dinner in the basement of the Christian church. A ticket and badge given the pioneers at time of registration will admit them. W.H. Patrick will be master of ceremonies. Arrangements have been made for the old folks to remain there as long as they like after dinner.

Band Concerts

Both of the local bands, and visiting bands will give concerts at 1 p.m.

Community Singing

This event will take place at the Methodist church under the direction of L.H. Earthman, Sloan Baker has charge of arrangements. The program will be carried out as printed in the Leader last issue.

Baseball Games

Baseball contests will be in charge of Gus B. Stephenson. Several contests have been arranged for highest county honors.

Trade League Event

This big attraction will be in charge of C.J. Douglas. Five during the period.

Clarendon Is Now Putting Vags to Work

This week Sheriff Patman caught three gamblers, Roy Taylor and two strangers. Roy made bond for payment of fine, while the others with three vags picked up yesterday and Tom Riley, in jail for theft, were all put to work on the streets under Marshal Hodges.

This is a good move on the part of Clarendon and will tend more than anything else to keep Clarendon rid of the worthless and criminal class.

A worthless female was also arrested by Sheriff Patman this week who came in from some of the ranches and was fined \$10 by Justice Barnett.

Clarendon Chronicle, August 14, 1909

**LET
FREEDOM
RING**

Stand up and be proud
this July Fourth to
show your support
for all those who have
given their lives for
the freedom we
enjoy today.

**Mike's
PHARMACY**

Rx

Old Fiddlers Contest

Every fiddler is eligible. Nobody barred. Prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2 will be given in this event. Hand in your name early. J.C. Estlack will have charge of the fiddling contest.

Donley County Museum

The ladies of the Les Beaux Arts club have made arrangements to keep the Museum open all day Saturday. More than 600 articles have been catalogued. The exhibit has grown to take its place among the foremost museums of the state. No admission will be charged.

Should you have a relic, the management would appreciate the gift, or the loan of such

article. The Museum is in the basement of the Junior College building.

Merchants to Decorate

Oddities In the form of interesting relics will be shown in the windows of the merchants of Clarendon. Take your time, make the rounds and enjoy it all. Jerome D. Stocking has charge of this feature, and will appreciate the loan of relics and care for these exhibits.

Committees have worked faithfully and well to enable the public to enjoy Clarendon's biggest day in her history of 49 years. Not the least of the minor committeemen is O. C. Watson, who has charge of the ice water

for the day. He will see that no one goes thirsty, plenty of pure cold water being provided.

Donley County Leader, July 2, 1936

PAVING STARTS AT HEDLEY

Topping is being placed on Highway 5 since Tuesday, beginning at the Hedley compress. The contract was awarded to too Public construction company and will extend to the Hall county line, a distance of 10.9 miles.

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Grasshopper War Almost Won In Donley County

Declaring that the grasshopper war in Donley County was almost won, County Agent H. M. Breedlove today said both poison mixing plants, in Clarendon and Hedley, would be open only two days each week.

The stations will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays. Breedlove said most plants in the district were closing as the plague decreased.

During the 90-days of operation over 100 tons of poison mixture has been issued from the stations.

Millions of grasshoppers have been killed, warding off probably the worst plague in the history of the county.

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Light Plant Changes Hands.

A.L. Chase, who has been owner and manager of the Clarendon Light Plant for many years, has resigned and is succeeded by T. S. Kemp, who has also been with this establishment for many years. Mr. Chase resigned because he had so much other business on hand, that he could not give it the attention he wished to. In the selection of Mr. Kemp to succeed Mr. Chase, a wise selection has been made.

Clarendon News, July 19, 1917

HAPPY

4th

of

July

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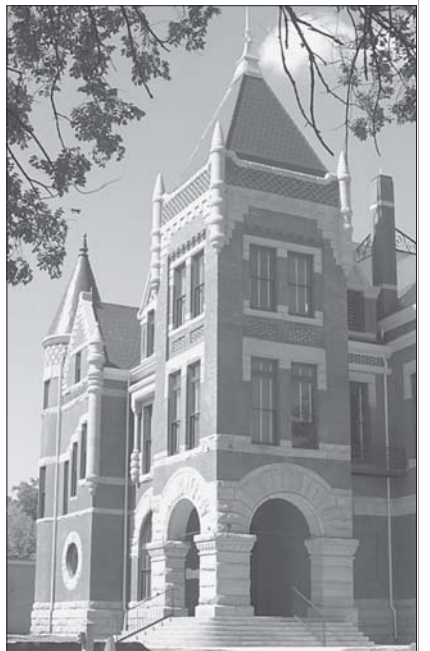
Celebrating more than 125 years in the historic 1890 Donley County Courthouse, we join our fellow citizens in commemorating the Pioneer Spirit that brought civilization to the Texas Panhandle.

As the elected officials of Donley County, we welcome visitors to the 140th 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 3 & Tuesday, July 4



Drew's Dwelling Burns Thursday

Thursday morning at eleven o'clock the fire alarm called the fire department and nearly all the citizenship over to the North-side where the dwelling of L.W. Drew was on fire.

Volunteers soon had removed all the furniture from the dwelling as well as from the residence of A.J. Williams adjoining, but in the hurry much of it was badly damaged.

The fire department soon concluded that they had enough hose to reach and a line 1500 feet long was laid and in a few minutes thereafter they had the fire under control. The dwelling was nearly destroyed, but the A.J. Williams residence was saved even from damage, thus again demonstrating the great usefulness of our waterworks.

We heard many comments from citizens hoping for an extension of our waterworks to cover the most of our residence districts even if it took every dollar of our taxes in which we concur.

Both Mr. Drew and Mr. Williams had insurance to cover their losses. An adjuster was here Friday adjusting Mr. Drew's loss.

Clarendon News & Times, April 15, 1911

Sheriff Issues Public Warning On Drinking

Friendly Suggestion Made To Avoid Trouble In Celebrating 4th

Sheriff Pierce came to the Leader office Tuesday and asked that, this newspaper carry a message of warning to those who might for some reason take advantage of the occasion the 4th to drive while intoxicated.

"The law says intoxicated to any degree subjects the driver of an auto to a heavy fine or prison sentence," the Sheriff stated. "We invite all the folks to come to Clarendon July 4th and have a good time, but we won't tolerate any drunkenness of any kind," Pierce stated. Accidents are avoided by driving carefully, he said, and the best judgment is required at times to avoid a smash.

The crowd which is expected to be large, will be carefully policed for the protection of the public—life and property alike.

Donley County Leader, July 2, 1936



INTERIOR OF DREW'S WAGON YARD: L.W. Drew, proprietor of Drew's Wagon Yard, is shown here in about 1911 with a bucket of grain. To the left of the photo near the scales is Dr. A.J. Williams, who provided veterinary services out of the yard. LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

Texas Donkey Thrown Out Of Vice President's Office

Clarendon Man Rides Mule To Phillie Convention

By Eddie Gilmore
Philadelphia, June 25.—Col. Arthur Lee Yowell's donkey that he rode all the way from Texas got thrown out of Vice-President Garner's headquarters today.

As a fitting climax to the two months' journey from Clarendon, Texas, Col. Yowell thought it would be appropriate to enter the Garner suite astraddle the living model of the Democratic mascot. He started into the hotel but did not get as far as the lobby before uniformed help blockaded his path.

"You can't bring that horse to here," said a bell captain.

"Who's got a horse?" asked the colonel.

"Well, whatever it is, you can't bring it in here unless you get permission."

Leaving the reins with a fellow Texan, Col. Yowell edged thru the mass of delegates to the manager's office and finally received permission.

After receiving a round of applause in the lobby, the colonel got the animal up the broad marble stairs to the floor which houses the Democratic national committee.

While Texans whooped up, he rode into the Garner headquarters. First the donkey made for a vase of flowers. The ladies screamed. Then he began to paw the deep carpet and generally misbehave.

"Get him out of here," someone yelled.

Bell boys and chamber maids who had been standing by nervously rushed up and escorted the colonel and his mount out of the headquarters, down the steps and into the street.

"You just can't tell about animals," sighed the colonel.

Pampa Daily News, Reprinted in the Donley County Leader, July 2, 1936

Clarendon Cowboy Ropes Owl On Wing

Floyd Derrick, Word Ranch cowboy, roped a large owl on the wing and he had more than his trusted cow horse as a witness. Pete Kootz, ranch manager, saw Derrick do the trick.

As the owl swooped off an embankment Derrick galloped along a creek bed and tossed his loop 20 feet to catch the bird under the wing and over the head.

Donley County Leader, July 10, 1941

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Clarendon Chronicle, August 14, 1909

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

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Our great nation was born on this day in 1776, founded on the principles that all people are created equal and have certain unalienable rights. We're proud and blessed to live in a country where the ideals of freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are embraced. Please have a wonderful and safe holiday, and see you at the Saints' Roost Celebration & Rodeo.

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CLARENDON'S 1941 JULY FOURTH PARADE – The RO Ranch Chuckwagon was one of several ranches that participated in the parade in 1941. This scene is taken in the 300 block of S. Kearney Street. The building on the left is where Ronna's Creations is today, and the building on the far left is today's Alcoholics Anonymous center.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

Parade Is Most Glamorous In County's History

According to H. M. Breedlove and Buddy Knorrp, directors of the parade for the 3rd and 4th of July, the winners of the floats in the parade were: First place, Pastime Theatre; second, Piggly Wiggly; third, Clifford & Ray Grocery. These floats were placed by three out-of-town judges.

The Pastime Theatre float was built by Mr. Lee Bell, manager of the Pastime Theatre, the Piggly Wiggly float by Mr. U.J. Boston, owner of the local Piggly Wiggly store and the Clifford & Ray float by Mr. Walter Clifford and Mr. Bill Ray. These three floats attracted much attention in the parade, and these business firms have received much praise throughout the county for their wonderful displays. These firms helped to entertain the visitors who came to Clarendon on the 3rd and 4th by having these floats in

this parade and people all over the county have complimented them very highly on the wonderful floats and displays and the hard work and large amount spent on these floats in order to make the parade a huge success and in order to make them good enough for the wonderful business firms of Clarendon.

There were many other floats in the parade including floats built by The Donley County State Bank, Farmers State Bank, Greene Dry Goods Co., Alderson's Studio, Clarendon Food Store, Clarendon Ice Plant, McElvany Tire Co., Clarendon Furniture Store, Thompson Bros. Hdwe Co., Patton & Semrad, and several other business firms, who had wonderful displays.

The ranchmen of Donley County also helped to make the parade a huge success by bringing in their horses and cowboys

to be in the parade and rodeo. Some of the ranches represented were C.T. McMurtry Ranch, J.L. McMurtry Ranch, RO Ranch, JA Ranch, Blocker Ranch, Shelton Ranch, McClellan Bros. Ranch, and many others.

Mr. Breedlove and Mr. Knorrp were very enthusiastic over the cooperation of the business men and ranchers and the way they took part in this parade. It showed that they wanted to put on a real parade

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and one that the visitors would enjoy and remember.

These firms went to some expense and trouble and everyone should complement them on their work and fine displays shown in this parade.

Donley County Leader,
July 10, 1941

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CLARENDON COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM 1909: Shown here are (back) manager Robert Sawyer, Bob Glenn, Luther Gribble, Allan Burton, Elmer Childress, coach R. Deane Shure, (middle) Charles Hamilton, Lee O'Neill, Bernard Morris, John Cox, Harry Gilbert, (front) mascot Capres Hatchett, Oran Thompson, State Goodwin, and Fred Madison.

Donley Farmers Take Tri-State Fair Prizes

Skill and soil quality measured up to most all of the exhibits from the three states at the Tri-State Fair, and many Donley county products easily won first place.

Head or Ear Grain: in this class W.D. Franklin. Hedley won first on White Milo, Roy Jewell took 4th on Red Milo and 3rd on Fetetira.

Grain and Seeds: Jodie Helm of Jericho took first on wheat.

The Pickering name was prominent, W. M. taking first on Red Milo, and second on Hegaria. His son, Leslie Pickering beat him here in taking first on Hegaria.

Lovett B. Nobles mopped up with first place on Alfalfa against several counties of Texas and exhibitors from New Mexico and Oklahoma thrown in for good measure.

Sheaf Forage: C. L. Lewis of Lelia Lake shoved right up to the county in several places. He took 4th on Sorghum; 2nd on Sudan Grass; 3rd on Alfalfa. First on Dry Peas, fourth on Summer Squash, and second on Winter Squash, fourth on Pumpkin.

Other Alfalfa winners are Elmer Kennedy, 1st; Leland Lewis, 2nd; J.O. Thompson, 4th. Sudan Grass: Elmer Kennedy, first; Nolie Simmons, second.

Nolle Simmons look first place on Field Peas.

Native Prairie Grass: J. L. McMurtry, second, and who said anything about dry weather. There were several exhibits in this class.

Ed Wheeler of Ashtola, famed as the "okra king," slipped up on them with egg plant, easily winning first place.

Alaanned growers Arrive: O. L. Tibbets won first on Watermelon; Frank Wilson first on Honey Ball melon.

Apples, any variety: J. H. Hilt first; Garret Hill, third; Paul M. Bruce, fourth. L. L. Palmer fourth on pears.

Poultry Division: Fifteen Clarendon F.F.A. members, who showed 216 of the 248 birds entered from Donley County, led the Donley poultry exhibitors to their fifth consecutive county premium in the poultry division

of the Tri-State Fair. Earl Curry, Superintendent of the Poultry department, stated that the poultry division was the largest in the history of the fair with over one thousand birds entered.

In addition to the regular winnings, three F.F.A. members won sweepstake prizes which brought the total poultry winnings for the county to approximately \$250.

Detailed winnings of Donley county exhibitors are as follows: S. C. Rhode Island Reds: 1st Pullet, 2, 3, cock, 3, 3, 4 hen, 4 young pen and 3, 4 old pen, E.V. Quattlebaum; 3, 4th cockerel, G. W. Beasley.

R.C. Rhode Island Reds: Maschill Cole, 1, 2, 3, 4 Pullet; 1, 2, 3, 4 Cockerel.

S. C. Rhode Island White: Roy Stewart, 1, 2 Cockerel; 1, 2, 3, 4 Pullet; 1, 2, 3, 4 Hen; 1, 2, 3, 4 Young Pen.

White Langshan: Frank Cannon, 1, 2, 3, 4 Pullet.

White Orpington: Russell Morris, 1, 2, 3 Pullet; 1, 2, 3 Cock; 1, 2, 3, 4 Cockerel; 1, 2, 3, 4 lien.

Light Brahma: Rex Shannon, 1, 2, 3 Cockerel; 1, 2, 3, 4 Pullet.

Columbian Wyandotte: Carl Morris, 1, 2, 3, 4 Cock; 1, 2, 3, 4 Cockerel; 1, 2, 3, 4 Hen; 1, 2, 3, 4 Pullet; 1, 2, 3, 4 Young Pen.

White Wyandottes: 1, 2, 3, 4 pullet and cockerel, John Miller Morris; 1, 1, 3, 4 young

pen, Frank Mahaffey. Buff Orpington: Wilson Bector, 1, 3, 3, 4 Hen.

R.C. Rhode Island White: Junior Spier, 1, 2, 3 Cockerel; 1, 2, 3, 4 Pullet; 1, 2 Young Pen.

Partridge Plymouth Rock: Sam Tankersley, 1, 2, 3 Cock; 1, 2, 3, 4 Hen.

Light Barred Bock: Harice Green, 1, 2, 3, 4 Hen; 1, and 4 Pullet.

Light Brown Leghorn: Pete Morrow, 1, 2, 3, 4 Hen; 1, 2, 3, 4 Cock; 1, 2, 3, 4 Pullet.

Ancona: Lee Christie, 1, and 2 Cockerel.

Dark Brown Leghorn: Jimmie Goodman, 1, 2, 3, 4 Hen. Forest Helton, 1, 2, 3, 4 Cockerel; 1, 2, 3, 4 Pullet.

Black Leghorn: Wilson Rector, 1, 2, 3, 4 Hen.

White Minorca: William Jordan, 1, 2, 3, 4 Hen; 1, X, 3, 4 Pullet.

Silver Laced Wyandotte: J. F. Cannon, 1, 2, 3, 4 Cockerel; 1, 2, 3, 4 Hen; 3 Pullet.

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Clarendon Locals

Dr. Stocking, Frank Borchert, and H.S. Mittenthal are all figuring on putting up brick business houses soon on Kearney street.

Tuesday was a windy day. Wednesday ditto.

The Clarendon Traveler, Feb. 27, 1891

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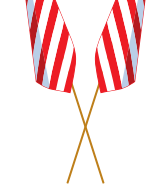


As we celebrate the Fourth of July with barbecues, fireworks and revelry, it's important to remember the true meaning of this important holiday. On the birthday of our nation, we celebrate freedom and democracy while saluting the heroic efforts of those who have fought for and defended our liberty since July 4, 1776. We're proud of our country, our people, our history and our standing as a symbol of hope, freedom and democracy to people around the world. Happy Birthday, America, and may you continue to prosper and stand strong through future challenges, as you have so many times in the past.

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Old Clarendon Local News

The Clarendon News, March 1, 1879

A splendid site will be given to the man who will put up a mill this season. It will pay.

Rev. Geo. Wallace and others from Boulder City, Colorado, are expected at Clarendon soon by their own conveyance.

James Gordon Esq., of Ingersoll, Canada, will probably give our colony and state generally a looking over, this spring in the interest of several who are looking southward.

Persons in delicate health will find our splendid climate and pure water more salutary than medicines. Among all our people, and often much exposed, we have no sickness worthy of note. We hope soon to have better accommodation for such as wish to "resort."

The Reynolds stage line from Dodge City to Fort Elliott, 185 miles, regularly tri-weekly, making the distance in forty hours.

Those who come in March and April will absorb many of the now unsold lands. We expect to clear the docket this season. Those who are debating matters have not an hour to lose. One hundred and sixty acres of school land at \$1.50 per acre—(\$240), will cost when paid for at the end of ten years with interest on deferred payments at ten percent., three hundred and ninety-six dollars, or \$247½ per acre and cheap enough, all things considered, but far better buy now at our rates and pay cash. One dollar per acre still buys our best land three, four and five miles from Clarendon, and in lots to suit, to-wit: 20, 40, 80, 160, 320 or 640 acres. But our scope is limited and our range of choice lands not nearly as wide as a few months since.

At a general town meeting in Clarendon, Feb. 1st, it was resolved that for the present, stock owners should take care of the loose stock or have it herded together, as it is impossible to fence the present season. All loose stock can be driven to a ranch a few miles distant, and one person can herd several hundred head.

Good seed should be brought whenever convenient; corn, oats, rye, barley, vegetable seeds etc.

Hon. J. W. Throckmorton, M. C., has placed the "News" and the enterprising men of our colony under a debt of obligation not easily paid, for valuable public documents from the "Department of Agriculture," "Forestry," etc. Many thanks.

Mr. W.H. Samson, a first-class photographer and stereoscopic artist recently from Osage, Iowa, is preparing to visit Clarendon this early spring. Stereoscopic views of our embryo town and surrounding landscape, and of many tracts of land and places of beauty and interest would be exceedingly interesting to parties at a distance who would like to know "how it looks." A month or more must elapse before this can be done. Orders at usual rates, addressed to the "News" will receive attention.

N.D. Freeman Esq., and family, of Mass., and also a friend of Mr. Freeman, with family, and two large families from Central Pennsylvania will be at Dodge City March 7th, (unless hindered) and in company with the editor or other responsible party, go direct to Clarendon. These have lands (mostly) already purchased, and come to open up the soil and make a crop.

Several of our settlers have gone out of town to their farms for the summer. Mr. Babbit and family have a cedar house on their farm; Mr. Thos. Reckerd and Geo. Walling have a "dug-out" on their place; Mr. Burlingame and Mr. Hefflebower a new frame house on Mr. Hefflebower's farm; Will Ames a hide house; Messrs. Rockwell and Reed, a new frame house on Rockwell's farm, and others too numerous to mention have fixed themselves summer residences on their land and will probably,



FIRST NATIONAL BANK: Cars lined up in front of the First National Bank building in about 1910 on the corner of Kearney and what is now US 287. The bank, where the former Clarendon Steakhouse parking lot now is, was "modernized" in the 1930s and then demolished in the 1960s. LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

most of them, become permanent by the winter.

Our prospects as to the successful and permanent settlement of the Pan Handle and Donley county in particular, never were better.

Send fifty cents for the Clarendon News, and ask for charts and circulars.

Parties had better lose no time if they would secure valuable lands for a song. The spring immigration will clip our corners badly.

Messrs. Wheeler & Sanders, who own a hog ranch south of the Red river visited Clarendon in the early part of January and sold a portion of a load of fresh pork. These gentlemen have talked of removing further north into our vicinity for the purpose of being nearer market.

Mr. D. W. Brown has taken a quarter section of land four miles south of Clarendon and will run farming operations this season. He was one of the company who came with Mr. Sanford last fall, and was of the party who accompanied the train to Dodge during the cold of winter.

Is there any sale for grain in Clarendon, if it should be produced? Corn now sells for 3½ cents per pound and other grains in proportion. All produce will command a ready cash sale for years. The Government Military post near us will consume largely as well as frontiersmen hunters and other non-producers and settlers.

Remember that \$25 secures a fine building lot in Clarendon 50x180 feet, and exempt from state and county tax for twenty-five years. The health of our community is splendid. Not a case of sickness (proper) for several months.

"The Elder" made a sudden descent upon our quiet little town on the 18th of February, via Dodge City. He remarked many improvements since November last.

Two inches of snow fell at Elliott and a very little at Clarendon February 16th, all of which disappeared in a few hours.

A portable shingle machine from Fort Griffin is in position on McClellan creek and will soon yield a supply of Shingles.

A steam saw and grist mill is en route for Clarendon. Greatly needed and very welcome.

The "virgin soil" in and about the town is being greatly irritated of late, and a large acreage of spring crops are going in.

Mr. S. B. Cheeny, of Los Nagos, New Mexico, has just arrived in the Pan Handle with four thousand two hundred head of sheep which he will locate in Donley county. This adds another fine herd of sheep to our county. The herds of Messrs. Williams, Casner Bros, and Cheeny number nearly eight thousand head, and are all located inside of Donley county. Mr. Metcalf, with about five thousand head is located in Wheeler county.

The cattle herd of Messrs. Petre and Vail Bros., will be in Donley county in May. Their herd numbers about four thousand head.

Another gentleman, Mr. Curtis, will be here this month and locate a ranch.

On the 15th last month the regular mail sack came filled to its utmost capacity, and in addition a two bushel sack was also filled. This is the largest mail we have received yet, but few mails that come can be enclosed in the mail sack and an auxiliary sack has to be used each week.

Plows started to run in Donley county Jan. 25th and have been running almost constantly ever since. Among those who are turning the soil are Messrs. Thos. E. Reckard, Ed. Burlingame, D. Hefflebower, W. A. Allan, D. Kimball, J. S. Rockwell, S. P. Reed, J. S. Right, D. W. Brown, A. Babbitt, B. N. Sanford, Warren Sanford and E. N. Lyness.

The school of Clarendon, under the management of Miss Dora Hefflebower, has proved a success beyond our expectations of six months ago. There are thirteen scholars from A B C to the third reader. The spring term will continue to the latter part of April.

Applications have been made through J. H. Parks for school lands by the following persons: S. P. Reed Esq., Messrs. J. S. Wright, W. D. Brown, Will Ames, Win. Watt, Gill Grimes, S. V. Barton and J. Harvey.

Mrs. D. T. Wilson, of Toulon, Ill., will please accept our thanks for a package containing forty varieties of flower seeds. These will be cared for by fair hands in Clarendon.

An effort will be made next fall to secure an interest in the public school fund of our state as we will then be under the proper state authority in school matters.

A quantity of seeds, goods and a "sulky plow" arrived from Sherman last month,

under the able captaincy of Mr. Duke. Corn, curry combs, push, patience and buckskin produce tangible results.

A party expects to leave Sherman for our colony about the middle of May.

Rev. M. L. Hancey, of Ill., has done excellent service in special revival meetings at Sherman, Denison, and other places. Plows are moving and many signs of activity are visible.

Several capitalists will look us over with reference to investments this spring.

Remember to send fifty cents for the "News." Send this copy of your paper to some friend and order another for yourself.

Clarendon is not a bonus town; Clarendon goes on its own merits and her business men and property owners do not have to give up all of their profits to boom schemes and fake enterprises in order to "make the mare go."

The Clarendon Traveler, Feb. 27, 1891

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DRESSED UP: The date of this photo and the occasion for getting dressed up are lost to history, but early Donley County residents shown here are (back) Hallie Plemmon, unknown, Wiley Franklin, (seated) Cal Merchant, and Mack Sanford.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

JA Cowboys Lose Cook Tent In Tuesday Morning Blaze

By Jerome D. Stocking:

A cook tent pitched deep in the Palo Duro Canyon on the J.A. Ranch near here was partially destroyed by fire early Tuesday.

The portable outfit served as a camp for the fencing crew who have worked all winter building new wire structure on the big spread of more than four hundred and fifty thousand acres. The blaze broke at 4:30 a.m. when cook Emmett Aiken was preparing breakfast. Men were still asleep in surrounding teepees.

A cowboy's shrill whistle and cry of fire sounded the

alarm. The range men bounded from their bedrolls barefooted to fight the flames with spring water from a water barrel.

Except for a few scratched shins and stubbed toes there was no injury and little damage was done. Only the top canvas was burned. A high wind is believed to have caused a defect in the flue vent.

Cowboy firefighters included Bob Fulton, Emmett Aiken, Bud Jones, Harry Griffith, Lloyd, Donald Alexander, Bill Sanders, and Charles and Clarence Bullock.

Donley County Leader, February 16, 1937

Rundell Tractor Business In New Home

Lon Rundell, who purchased the Fink building across the street from the M-System grocery, has moved all of his equipment to the new location. The building has been remodeled and painted throughout. A large service department has been set aside in order that any kind of tractor or implement repair work can be done more efficiently. The painting and fixing up of the building is considered as a greater asset for our little city.

Mr. Rundell features Allis-Chalmers tractors and equipment and has been associated with this business for the past fourteen years. "I have always wanted a building large enough and fixed up right in order to really give our customers the kind of equipment and service they deserve," Mr. Rundell stated this week.

Donley County Leader, August 19, 1943

Drunk Does Two Battles With Sheriff

Having imbibed too freely, one W.D. Newsom is said to have become hitlerish on the street late Saturday.

Somebody got tired of the fuss and called Sheriff Guy Pierce. Upon the arrival of the Sheriff, the accused was started towards the courthouse.

The lawn looked like a fairly good place to fight, and Newsom set upon the Sheriff in a fisticuff declaring that "you can't take me to jail until you have whipped me." The Sheriff did. Then when the jail was reached, the battle had to be done over again, fists being used in both cases. The Sheriff did it again.

Sunday the brother squared himself with the law and left for eastern points. A short time ago he figured in an exhibition of bluff with the Anderson brothers down on the JA's in which he came out third best and was hauled to the sheriff by the victors. As a consequence, he paid a \$50 fine and costs in Silverton on an aggravated assault charge, the battlefield being located in Briscoe county.

Some might think he was doing a scenario in which he was attempting to recount the Gen. McKenzie Indian escapade of 1874, all of which is said to have happened in Briscoe county.

Donley County Leader, Sept. 28, 1939

Record Hailstone Found

In a freak ball storm here late Tuesday afternoon, when hail and rain fell while the sun still shone, an ice ball weighing over 18 ounces was collected among hailstones averaging the size of baseballs.

The stone was found about two miles from Clarendon by Gene Butler and Frio Walling and brought to the Douglas & Goldston Drug store where it was measured at 11 inches, almost hour later.

Donley County Leader, June 10, 1937

Blacksmith Produces Huge Apricot Fruit

The life of an apricot is just one weary calamity after another this section of late frosts. Fruit of this kind is the next thing to curiosity.

Here comes one Will Johnson village blacksmith with a "spreading chestnut" but an apricot tree that produces fruit that measures six and three-fourths by seven inches in girths.

A sample brought to the Leader office by Billie Johnson had all the flavor and quality as well as the size. The variety is unknown, and tee tree grew in the yard of the Johnson home.

Donley County Leader, July 4, 1935

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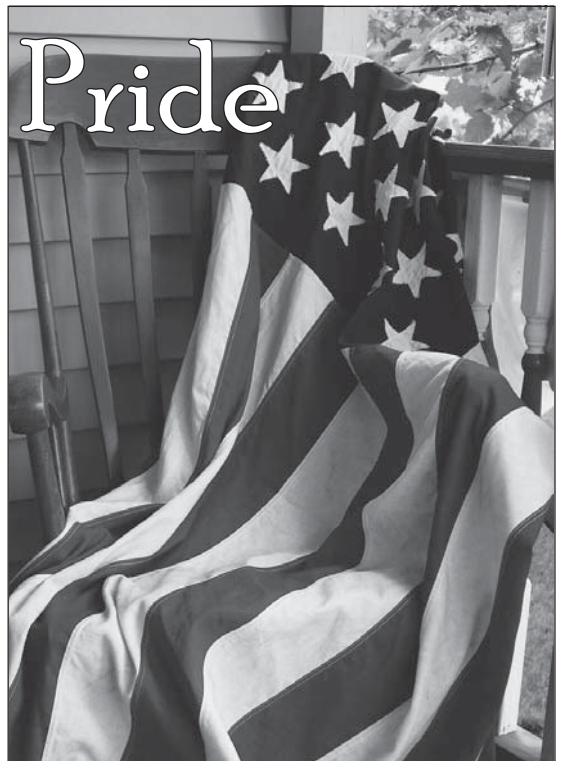
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