

## GREENBELT CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

The stage is set and the blue waters of Lake Greenbelt — Texas' newest outdoor sports and resort lake — will become the mecca this weekend for a Grand Opening celebration in the heart of the colorful rolling plains of the eastern Panhandle.

The five-day event got underway Wednesday, May 29, 1968, with the official opening of lake fishing, and climaxes Sunday when some 25,000 outdoor fans from a 100-mile radius are expected for National Outboard Association boat races and formal dedication of the lake.

Located four miles north of Clarendon above Highway 70 on the Red River, Lake Greenbelt is owned and operated by the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority which serves member towns of Clarendon, Memphis, Childress, Quanah, Crowell and Hedley. The lake, well over half full, is expected to be one of the prime resort attractions in the Panhandle for all types of outdoor sports, boating, fishing, water skiing, skin diving as well as picnicking and even hunting in season.

Festivities get underway in earnest Thursday morning at 6 o' clock with the kick-off of the three-day fishing contest. Prizes and awards will be presented after the final weighing Saturday at 2 p.m.

Saturday night the celebration will turn into a Greenbelt Beauty Pageant with contestants from five Greenbelt towns vying at the Clarendon Junior College auditorium gymnasium. An exhibit of art from the Greenbelt area will also be shown during the pageant.

Dedication of the lake has been scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 1968 at 1 p.m. Judge Otho Dent of Austin, a member of the Texas Water Rights Commission and one of the state officials who worked with the Greenbelt project since its inception, will be the principal speaker. The Rev. Carl Nunn, minister of



Greenbelt Lake was the center of attention in the Texas Panhandle when it opened with a five-day celebration in 1968.

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the First Methodist Church in Clarendon, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Welcome and introduction of guests will be by Dr. S. H. Townsend of Childress, chairman of the Greenbelt Authority. The National Outboard Association boat races will get underway shortly before 2 p.m. at the close of the brief dedication ceremonies. Mike McCully, Clarendon postmaster, heads a special Greenbelt Celebration committee which is sponsoring the five-day affair in cooperation with other Greenbelt towns. The celebration is being underwritten by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

The lake, already more than half of its total 60,000 acre feet capacity, is

now ready to handle in excess of 25,000 people for the weekend.

Information booths, designated camping areas, boat ramps, concession stands, plus many other public facilities have been arranged for the weekend. The lake, with more than 25 miles of shoreline, will offer plenty of room for celebration weekend visitors.

"Even with big crowds, the lake will certainly not be crowded," McCully pointed out. "And for the boat races, we'll have room to spare, because fans can watch from both sides of the lake and from the dam, a real vantage point for this thrilling regatta," he added.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department has already authorized an expenditure of \$30,000 for improvements and facilities and more is expected to come later.

A special invitation has been issued to lake visitors to tour the new Greenbelt Lake resort, Sherwood Shores IX. The lakeside resort, located on the north side of Greenbelt adjacent to the new Clarendon Country Club, was opened last September and hundreds of lots have already been sold with home construction underway. George DeArmond, developer of Sherwood Shores, said plans call for several swimming pools, parks, and paved streets, water and utilities over the some 700-acre estates.

The estates may be entered from Highway 70 just north of the dam and will be open for inspection all weekend. More than \$1,000 in "door" prizes will be awarded visitors during the grand opening Sunday. Concession stands around the lake will be operated by civic clubs and organizations in the Greenbelt area.

Members of the celebration committee include McCully, chairman; Dr. Keith Hudson, fishing contest; J. E. Kidd, boat beauty pageant; Mrs. Sandra Mooring, Beryl Clinton, Tommie Saye, Bob Bell, J. G. McAnear, Richard Tunnell, Dr. George Smith, H. M. Breedlove, Mrs. Beth Walker and Tex Selvdge.

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## COLLEGE MOVES TO NEW CAMPUS

### Ground-Breaking Is Historical Event

A good crowd was on hand Sunday afternoon for the official Ground-Breaking ceremonies of the new College construction and the number present would have been multiplied had the weather been more cooperative.

Seated on the platform were architect representatives, college regents, State Representative J. M. "Red" Simpson, State Representative W. S. "Bill" Heatty, Mayor R. L. Gilkey and College President K. D. Vaughan, who served as master of ceremonies.

Following the program. Rep. Heatty led the platform group in the ground-breaking and this group was later joined by local citizens in turning a spade of soil. Rep. Heatty was the guest speaker for the occasion, having been quite instrumental on the state level in making this building program possible.

"I have a lot of people ask me what kind of a job our Junior Colleges do in teaching our young people college level work, the Junior Colleges themselves maintain that in many respects they do a better job of teaching Freshmen and Sophomores than the Senior institutions. They base this claim on the fact that their faculties are teaching those oriented rather than primarily interested in research. They also point out that much lower level teaching in the Senior institutions is done by Graduate Fellows rather than the faculty itself," Heatty stated.

He pointed out further "that since 1942, the Legislature has recognized that Junior college education is not strictly a local responsibility. The Legislature made an appropriation of \$50 per full-time student for the students in Junior Colleges at that time.

"Since then the Legislature has seen fit to finance more of the cost of education of our students in the Junior Colleges. As recently as 1949, the cost of the State per student was less than \$100. Just this last May, in the appropriations bill, which we enacted, the State of Texas will pay the Junior Colleges \$475 for the first 450



More than 600 people toured the new facilities during the formal dedicaion of the modern Clarendon College campus in April 1969 following its opening in September 1968.

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The new boys' dorm, Vaughan Hall (left), and the new girls' dorm, Phelan Hall (right) under construction in 1968. Knorrrp Hall was added a few years later for the ladies' use and Phelan Hall was converted to another boys' dorm.

students enrolled and \$450 for all above 450 students enrolled. In the case of Clarendon Junior College this amounts to almost \$100,000 for the current school year. I might add that these regular State Aid appropriations in support of General Academic programs and Public Junior Colleges are in addition to State and Federal funds for Vocational/Techni-

cal education administered by the Texas Education Agency.

"At this time, I would like to emphasize just how fast education and particularly Higher Education in Texas has been growing in recent years. In 1965 we had 29,000 full-time students in our Junior Colleges; today we have 57,000. In 1965 we appropriated from the State Treasury

slightly over \$8 million to the Junior Colleges. Last year we appropriated nearly \$24 million. So you can see that the State in just three years has tripled the amount of money used to finance Junior College education in the State of Texas," Heatty added.

Donley County Leader,  
December 7, 1967

## Hundreds Attend Dedication at CC

Approximately 500 visitors were present in the Hamed Sisters Fine Arts Building for the Clarendon College dedication program Sunday afternoon. Over 600 toured the campus and visited the six completely new buildings where College students served as hosts.

Rev. Carl Nunn, pastor of the First United Methodist Church opened the program with the invocation. Dr. Robert Clinton, Assistant Commissioner for the Junior College Division of the Coordinating Board of Texas Colleges and Universities, was the guest speaker for the dedication and was introduced by Kenneth D. Vaughan, President of Clarendon College.

Guests were introduced by Frank Phelan, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Regents. Seated on the stage in addition to the above were members of the Board of Regents; R. E. Drennan, vice president; Bill Todd, Secretary; George Schollenbarger; Ross Springer; Billie Christal; Delbert Robertson; Chauncey Hommel; Dean Beryl D. Clinton; Jack Morris, representing R. A. Underwood Bonding Co. of Dallas; Dr. Floyd Golden and Mickey Alexander, representing Rittenberry-Alexander Architects of Amarillo; Dr. Grover Murray, President of Texas Tech at Lubbock; and Bill Dillard, President of Frank Phillips College; Borger.

Among other dignitaries present were Dr. A. B. Martin, Amarillo College; Dr. Emmett Smith, Vice President of West Texas State University, Canyon; R. E. Darnell, Dean of Frank Phillips; Dr. Weldon E. Day, former Dean of Clarendon College, Texas Tech, Lubbock; Oliver J. Abel, former Dean of Clarendon College, Frank Phillips of Borger.

The College Choir, under the direction of Steve Carter, rendered two numbers and Miss Adell Barnhill sang a solo from the college musical production "Lil Abner" which will be presented April 24-25 in the Fine Arts Building.

It is with pride that residents of the area can look upon this entirely new structure and the promise of progress that it holds for us.

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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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It's not the nice things that the professional politicians are always doing during the campaign, it's their thinking that we are too dumb to catch on to the scheme that gripes.

It was old Josh Billings way back yonder who said "If you don't know how to lie, cheat and steal, turn your efforts to politics and learn." That statement was made over forty years ago. Since then, we have learned nothing, forgetting all a fakir's past when he comes out for office.

Red Kian says this "patty foy grass" that you read on the menu at the swell cafe is nothing but what they call goose liver only it ain't. It is hog and cattle livers ground up at the packing house and put out under a name the Frogs use In France.

Hunting clean copy paper out of free space sheets mailed out by office-seekers, is like hunting votes. Ain't there a decent mimeograph manufactured that will help the publisher In this respect?

Oh yes, "Pappy's Day" was a great day with several of the kids home for dinner and the shirts, sox and ties, many of them mailed in. Along with that came a lot of cards, all of which were appreciated. Especially do I want to thank the congratulatory messages from readers of this column.

An Amarillo citizen stated Saturday that "Carl Hinton has such pulling power with the big wigs that he can climb a tree and bring down a dam."

A thing of beauty has kept many a husband broke forever.

**Shakespeare Said It**  
"Reputation is a false conception upon the part of the public, oft gotten without merit."

**Enforced Liberality.**  
Due to the high tax rate and low property value, there are numbers of vacant lots in our city that could be turned into city parks. They could be had for nothing. I'll start this gift procession off by offering the City four choice lots on an elevation above flood line. The City may have a deed to them any day free of charge so far as I am concerned.

**Gossiper's Text.**  
"Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard, in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. Read Luke, 12:3.

A sign seen on several Austin streets read: "We love our children, please drive slow."

If people said half of what they would like to say, they would be arrested. If the other half told all they knew, the whole works would get arrested.

**First Air Conditioner.**  
The first air-conditioned affair in the Panhandle was a table affair with a trough built around the upper edges into which emptied the lead pipe from a windmill. Tow sacks were draped downward from the troughs on four aides (some used three sides only) being tacked to a platform between the legs of the table. Upon this platform surrounded by sacks was placed milk and butter. The sacks caused the water to seep over the jute surface. The natural wind did the rest. It was the best cooling system ever invented because

it cost nothing to operate it, and it rendered a real service to the pioneers who liked good butter and milk

**Feminity in Three Stages.**  
Grandma listened for the beat of a horse's hoofs. Ma kept her ear tuned in for the honk of a horn. Daughter scans the sky and wonders where he will land.

A letter from a reader In Louisiana says: "We have a physic show in town this week, and they have the best banjo picker I ever heard."

The wise man conceals his ignorance, while the nut attempts to display his knowledge.

A foot on the brake is worth two in the grave. Even the highway department advocates good, serviceable brakes!!!!

The best way to break up the monotony of any job, is to study up a plan to improve it.

A lot of folks claim they have the best gardens in years. Few sections enable the grower to have the variety that we have here, and our gardens are in their prime until late in summer, some varieties all summer.




THE END (Is not yet.)  
*Donley County Leader,*  
*June 30, 1938*

**Attacked By a Mob** and beaten, in a labor riot, until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bueklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burn. Only 25c at Dr. Stocking's drug store.

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# Greenbelt Development Work Began In 1950

A lot of water has flowed down the Salt Fork of the Red River in the 18 years and 3 months from the first Water Compact among Donley, Armstrong and Collingsworth counties to dedication of the Greenbelt Reservoir Dam.

Actually, groundwork on preserving Texas' water rights in general and the Panhandle's water rights in particular of the Salt Fork was given impetus when several Donley County residents heard that Oklahoma wanted first call on the river's water rights. Oklahoma already had water rights of the North Fork of the Red River.

Laying the groundwork for the initial meeting of the Water Compact, which eventually evolved into the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority, were the late C. B. (Cap) Morris and J. R. Porter, Ray J. Noblitt, W. Carroll Knorpp and W. S. Whaley.

A partial timetable of events showing the progress made follows:

### March 4, 1950

Water compact formed with Donley, Armstrong and Collingsworth counties participating.

### April 25, 1950

Second meeting of the Water Compact held, with the organization electing Joe Jones, mayor Clarendon, president, and Mike McCully, secretary. The name Water Compact was changed to "Donley County Upper Red River Development Association."

### May 10, 1950

A tri-county meeting was held and the group formed the "Upper Basins of Salt Fork, Elm Creek and Buck Creek of Red River Association." Ray J. Noblitt was chairman and W. S. Whaley, secretary. Clifford Johnson of Hedley was added as a director.

### August 30, 1950

Armstrong County dropped out of the association, and directors of Donley, Collingsworth and Hall counties voted to file application for prior rights with the State Board of Water Engineers on the Salt Fork of the Red River only. The application cost \$250. The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce, merchants and individuals paid the annual fee and increased their efforts to convince the State Board of Water Engineers that the claim to water rights should be extended until some action was taken by the Texas Legislature. The efforts were successful in warding off the pressure Oklahoma put on the politicians to make a swap deal so that state could get the Red River rights.

A. H. Woolverton was paid \$1,500, money paid by Clarendon merchants and individuals, to determine the feasibility of building a dam on the Salt Fork of the Red River. The name of the association, in the meantime, was changed to "Upper Basin of the Salt Fork of



Shown here observing the construction of the Greenbelt Dam are Bill Lowe of Clarendon, Wendall Harrison of Memphis, Merl Kincaid of Crowell, job engineer R.C. Alexander, and Carroll Knorpp of Clarendon.

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Red River Water Association," with C. B. Morris, president, and Rayburn Smith, secretary. Smith resigned and Clifford Johnson took his place.

In 1953, R.A. Underwood Sr. of Fort Worth, the association's financial advisor, suggested the name be changed to "Green Belt Municipal and Industrial Water Association," as the term "Salt Fork" was undesirable in describing the good water of the river. Representatives and state senators were contacted to work in behalf of the association. Cooperating were Rep. Elbert Reeves of Matador, Rep. Grainger McIlhany of Wheeler, Rep. Jack Hightower of Vernon, Sen. George Moffitt of Chillicothe and Sen. Andy Rogers of Childress.

### April 14, 1954

A bill was introduced before the 53rd Legislature, and Gov. Allen Shivers signed the Act creating the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority, made up of Clarendon, Hedley, Memphis, Childress, Quanah, Wellington and Paducah.

### May 8, 1956

Confirmation elections were held and Clarendon, Hedley, Childress, Memphis, Quanah, Paducah and Wellington approved the Authority. An election authorizing the city councils of each city to enter into a water contract with the Green Belt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority was held in all towns but Wellington, who withdrew from the Authority. Paducah turned down the issue a week later.

### October 14, 1956

Crowell voted to join the authority and approved the water contract. Following the confirmation elections, Morris resigned as president, and Dr. S. H. Townsend, appointed Chil-

dress representative in 1955, was chosen for the post. Other officers were Sam Breedlove of Quanah, vice president, and Clifford Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

Other board members were W. Carroll Knorpp of Clarendon, Wendell Harrison of Memphis, Kenneth Tooley of Paducah and George Shadid of Wellington. Breedlove resigned in 1957 and Knorpp was elected vice president. Roland Walden was named the new director from Quanah. In 1959 Johnson was replaced by Kenneth Tooley of Paducah as secretary - treasurer. When Tooley moved out of the water district, William J. Lowe, a Clarendon attorney, took his place. Clifford Johnson became mayor of Hedley and Ross Springer was named a director. Springer was followed

by A. W. Anderson.

Johnson resigned as mayor in 1962 and became Hedley's director again. Howard Stanley succeeded Roland Walden as Quanah director and Merle Kincaid was named director from Crowell.

### Sept. 28, 1963

Five cities in the authority voted as follows on water purchase contracts: Hedley 188 For, 0 Against; Childress 1,379 For, 13 Against; Clarendon 570 For, 27 Against; Quanah 680 For, 27 Against.

Crowell voters went to the polls on Oct. 15, 1963, and voted 186 for and 127 against.

Memphis, still a member city, does not own the municipal distribution system, and did not vote for or against purchasing water from the Authority. Mem-

phis does have a director, but he has no voting power. The city's water system is owned by the Donley County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1. The Control has contracted for a supply of water from the Greenbelt Authority.

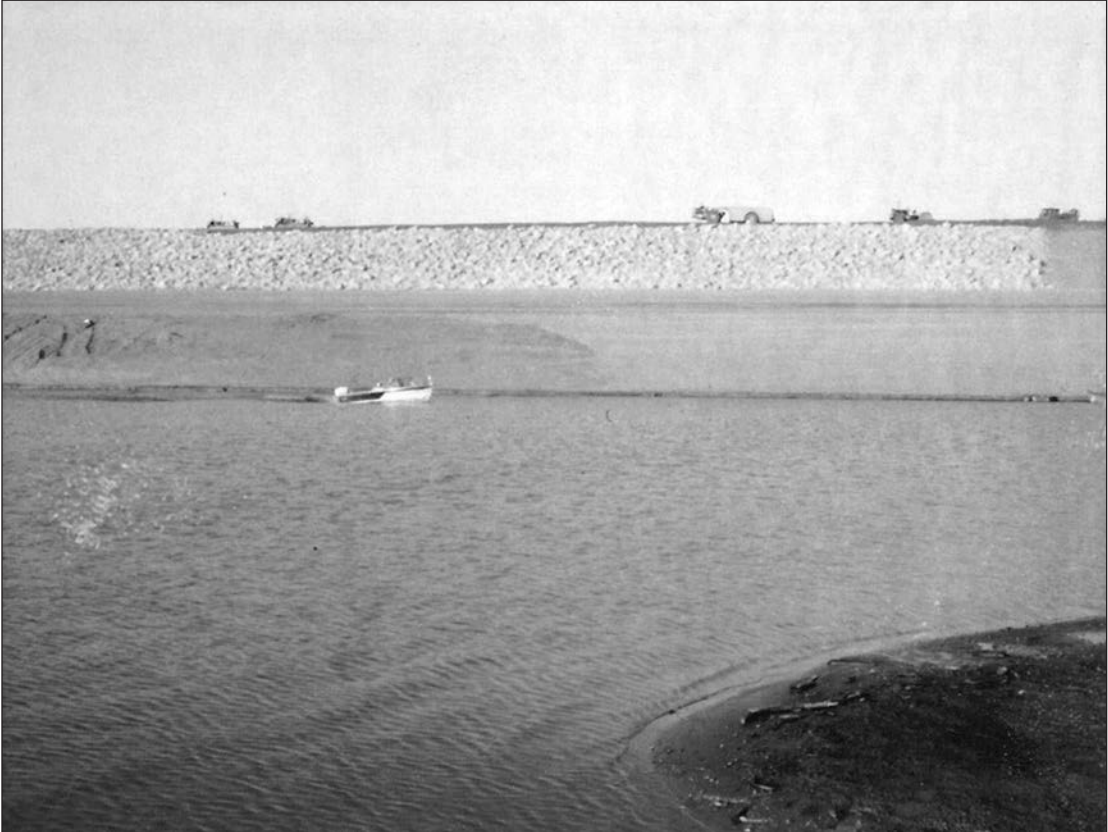
### March 29, 1966

Contracts for the dam, filtration plant and pipeline were let. Construction price was \$3,685,635.96, broken down into \$1,795,514.06 for the dam; \$624,941, filtration plant, and \$1,230,180.90, pipeline.

### April 30, 1966

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held. Cap Morris was to be honored as one of the first promoters of the Authority, however; he died suddenly at home the previous day.

Donley County Leader, May 30, 1968



The first boat on Greenbelt Lake cruises near the reservoir's dam in the days before the formal opening of the new recreation retreat.

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## Greenbelt Dam 110 Feet From Bed Of River

It took 3,600,409 cubic yards of dirt to build the Greenbelt Reservoir dam to a height of 110 feet and length of 5,350 feet, according to James Kuhn, general manager of the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority.

"The dam at its widest point is 680 feet and it's 24 feet wide at the top," he added.

There is nothing inside the dam itself, but there is a 7-foot square conduit more than 600 feet long at the bottom of the dam for the spillway. The conduit runs under the highway east of the dam and opens into the river.

"Running alongside the conduit is a 36-inch service outlet which extends from the dam to the pumping station, then reduces to a 27-inch concrete pipe from the pumping station to the filter plant. The entire pipe length from dam to plant is about 10,000 feet," Kuhn said.

When full, the reservoir will be 87 feet deep at the dam, and the Greenbelt Lake will extend 4 1/2-5 miles from the dam.

"The river bed goes up 25 feet to the mile from the dam, and that will give you some idea of how deep the water will be generally," Kuhn said. "That's a pretty steep slope, so the lake will get shallow pretty quick."

In comparison, the slope of the Canadian River at Lake Meredith is about 5-feet per mile.

Donley Co. Leader, May 30, 1968

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## Negro Residents Hold Bar-B Que July Fourth

The Negro residents of Clarendon enjoyed a bountiful barbecue here July 4th as a result of their united efforts and determination.

These residents set up an organization with Johnnie Bates as president, Clifford Alexander as vice president, Bobby Ruth Louis as secretary, and Lena H. Bates as treasurer. Through donations they prepared and served food to around 500.

From what we can learn, everybody had a wonderful time and enjoyed the delicious food, according to Johnnie.

It is gratifying to know that people put forth the effort and work to have such a great time together on this occasion.

*Donley County Leader, July 6, 1972*

## Wellington Has Had Enough of Pool Halls.

We told in Saturday's Chronicle of the burning of the pool tables at Wellington by incensed citizens, and now it is rumored that some scape grace is talking of putting in another. We hardly think the people there will allow it. They certainly should not. They have formed a law and order league. It adopted the following resolutions:

"That we hold any man, attempting in any way to establish a pool ball, bowling alley, skating rink, dive, joint, or the like, an undemocratic person, one who desires to override the wishes of an overwhelming majority of lawabiding citizens. Now, that we have publicly demonstrated our attitude, we consider any one attempting to thwart the will of the people an outlaw to society and morally unfit to be recognized as a citizen of Wellington.

"We most respectfully ask all property owners not to sell or rent their property for any kind of these degrading establishments. If the property owners will help us in this way, there will be no trouble. Even if they intend to let up in our undertaking. We are in this game to stay. The sheriff of Collingsworth county is in this fight with us. He assures us that be will use all the powers of his office to help us. We propose agitating this matter. Public opinion is with us. We use this as a fair warning to all who contemplate coming here with any of these objectionable establishments."

*Clarendon Chronicle, Sept. 15, 1909*



CREW BARBECUING FOR RESIDENTS: These fellows along with a number of ladies and others prepared the free barbecue which was served by the Negro Citizens July 4th. At left is Clifford Alexander and Walter King; at right, Buster McCampbell.

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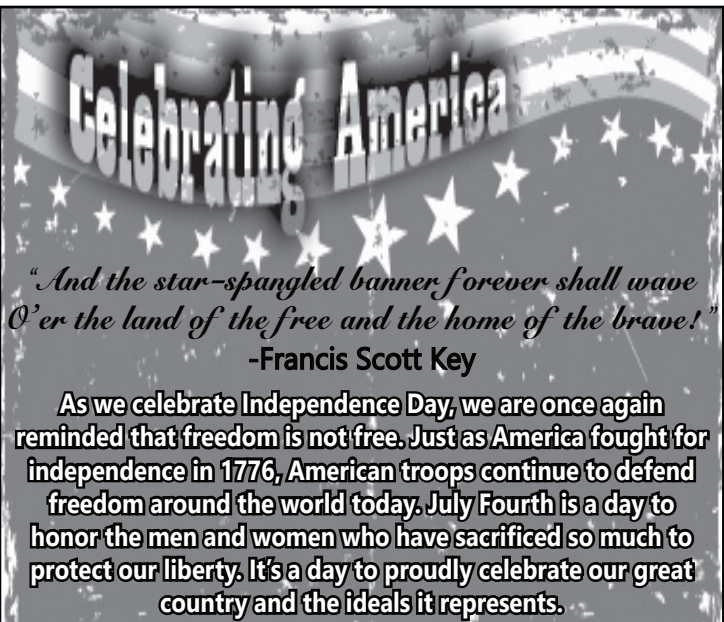
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*"And the star-spangled banner forever shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"*  
-Francis Scott Key

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

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Happy Birthday, America – let freedom ring forever!



## Happy Birthday, Sweet Land of Liberty!

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Wishing all of our friends and neighbors here in the community a safe and happy July 4th! We hope your weekend is a blast, but please remember to celebrate responsibly and stay sober behind the wheel. We can wait.

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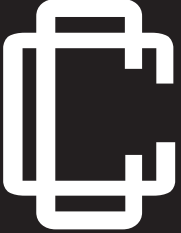
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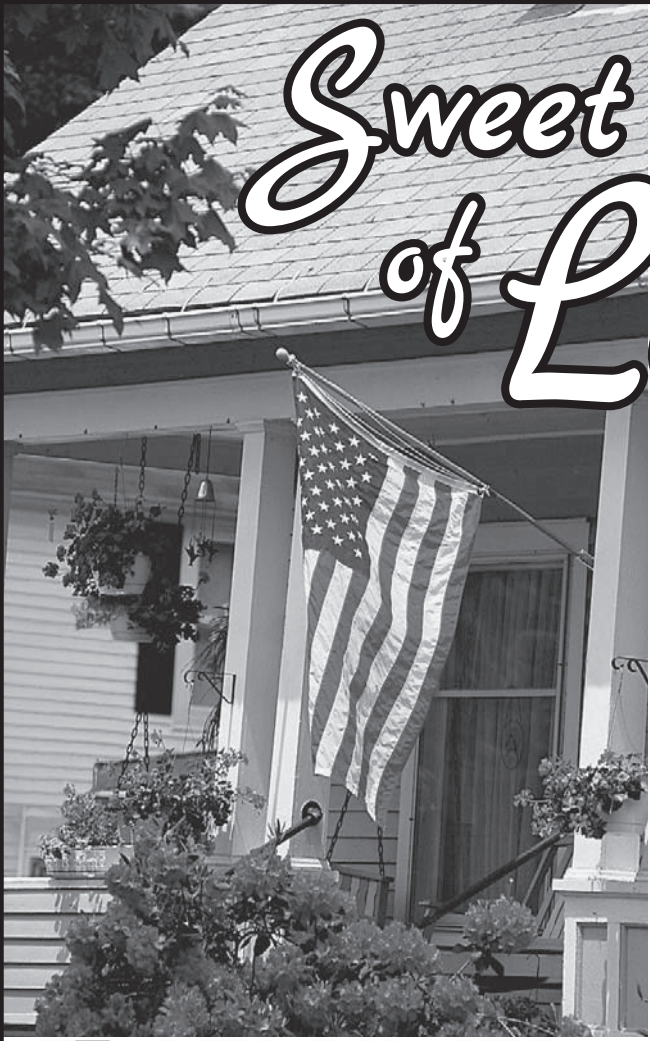


## Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.

- George Washington Carver


*Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July!*

 **Clarendon**  
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## Sweet Land of Liberty

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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# ARMISTICE IS SIGNED

ARMISTICE TERMS MORE DRASTIC THAN GIVEN TURKEY OR AUSTRIA

(Special By The Associated Press)  
**NEWS, Clarendon, Texas:**

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 11, 1918—Armistice signed at midnight. All fighting stopped at 5 o'clock Fort Worth time. Ex-Kaiser and all his flock of Pet Generals now in Holland.

**HARROLD HOUGH,**  
**Circulation Manager,**  
**Star Telegram.**

While the terms will not become public until President Wilson gives them out in an address to the Congress this morning at 11 o'clock the forecast is that the terms are more severe than those given to Turkey or Austria. They include the taking over of the entire German fleet, the disarming of the German army, the occupation of the border fortresses in Germany, the policing of the German empire, the return of all American, French and English prisoners immediately, while the Allies will not release a single German, and many other provisions which will render Germany helpless and altogether unable to again commence the struggle.

**THE WAR IS OVER**—all but making Germany sign on the dotted line.

Demobilization will be effected within two years after the signing of the treaty of peace, which will take place in the early spring.

The above telegram announcing the signing of the armistice between the Allies, the United States, and the German people is, as one citizen remarked this morning, "the greatest news since that announcing the birth of Jesus Christ."

That statement is not an exaggeration since it actually means the redemption of some sixty million souls and the liberating of the entire world from the thrall and menace of militarism.

The passing of the Hohenzollern dynasty means more to the human race than did the discovery of America, great as that was. It means that the last stronghold of one-man power, the last blazing example of imperialistic power thinly veiled by the world-old heresy of the divine right of kings has passed is a blood blurred paryoxism of four years duration. This paryoxism though it marked the passing of that awful thing that has caused the world its greatest terror, is also the horrible birth-pangs of the mightiest advance that has come to civilization since the Babe of Bethlehem.

The peoples of all the world will be emancipated by the peace table at which sits America and the Allies. Wrongs that have menaced the peace of the world will be righted and equitable plans will be projected that shall guarantee unto the lowliest peoples of the earth equality and comity with all nations. No pride will be supported that refuses to give the hands of helpfulness to a neighboring nation. No people, however weak, will be doomed to hear their pleas for justice and protection ignored by the mighty nations of the earth.

America has been the mightiest factor in bringing these conditions about. Without her national conscience, her patriotism, her noble, self-sacrificing peoples, her unconquerable soldiery the earth would yet be plunged into a bottomless abyss of despair and ruin from which civilization—Christian civilization—might have been unable to extricate itself. But in the immortal words of General Pershing as he stood before the tomb of Lafayette, "Lafayette, we are here," we stand on the high prominence we have attained by our duty to ourselves and our neighbors and exclaim to the whole world from pole to pole and from the farthest Hast to the remotest West, "Suffering humanity, everywhere, America is your friend. Your wrongs shall



The signing of the Armistice ending The Great War was celebrated with a grand affair in downtown Clarendon and was marked with singing, dancing, speeches, and even buring the Kaiser in effigy.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

## War's End Brings Big Celebration

The most gigantic celebration in the history of Donley County was held here Monday afternoon and lasting until midnight. The news was received here early Monday morning over a railroad wire from Fort Worth, but our people were cautious at receiving such momentous news and refused to accept it generally until The Clarendon News had the report of the signing of the armistice between Germany and the Allies, confirmed by the Star Telegram at Fort Worth. About 9:45 the whistles of the city with the wild-cat fire siren broke the news to the surrounding community and from that moment the lid was off and a general jollification ensued.

About noon The News issued a special edition of four pages giving the salient points of the armistice terms and announced the closing of all stores for the afternoon. Shortly after noon the citizenship began gathering at the intersection of Kearney and Second streets, trucks were put in place for the speakers and singers, a piano was mounted on one of the trucks and in a short time the big gathering began singing patriotic songs led by Director Shure of Clarendon College. The young ladies of the college were present, carrying flags of every allied nation together with a mammoth "Old Glory," and joined their voices with that of the public school children in the singing.

About two-thirty, a thousand men and five hundred women did a "snake dance" from one end of the business district to the other following the Stars and Stripes and after this demonstration, Judge J. H. O'Neal made a short talk on the wonderful merits of the occassion and introduced Messers W. T.

be righted."

By Christmas, 1921 the boys from Clarendon and Donley County may be expected home. On this Christmas shall Clarendon celebrate their return and their valor in the most remarkable public demonstration ever thought of in this end of the world?

The News says "yes"—and no expense or trouble—will be spared.

The Clarendon News,  
November 11, 1918

Hayter, Tom F. Connally, W. H. Patrick, and Dr. G. S. Slover, all of who made stirring patriotic addresses. During Dr. Slover's speech, a funeral procession arrived bearing the last remains of one Mr. W. Hohenzollern, whose casket was followed by mourners in sackcloth and sashes. This sight produced great wails of applause.

After the great gathering had voiced their love and appreciation of "Old Glory" in fifteen healthy whoops led by S. M. Braswell, he also announced the public funeral of the head of the Hohenzollern house to be held on the same spot at 8 p.m.

This super-sad event was so heartrending that after a scant supper the people again gathered at the flag pole, where such a sorrow reigned that it could be voiced in no other manner than in the firing of anvils which rocked the earth, and the promiscuous shooting of fire-crackers, which brought tears to the eyes of many as the lads were so blinded by grief that they

were unable to see just where they threw the vindictive crackers, many of which actually exploded in the proximity of the grief-gripped countenances of the mourners, male and female.

By the light of the great bon-fire the footsteps of the pall bearers were shown the path which led them to the impromptu stand erected for the orator whose sad duty it was to deliver the enthusiastic address over the low-lying body of the departed, who was low-lying in death as he was in life. W. T. Hayter, as master of ceremonies introduced Hon. T. F. Connally who in pitiful tones of joy pronounced the passing of imperialistic power with the demise of the fallen chief of sinners. Then in tones of retribution, the speaker pointed to the sorrowing bon-fire and called upon the pall bearers to "do their duty." With measured tread and faltering mein, the pall-bearers did do their duty and flung the corpse full upon the flickering flames which in a measure betokened

the summer resort where Mister Hohenzollern will spend his vacation from earthly toil.

A paroxysm of sorrow seized those round about the funeral pyre and no other method of expression could be thought of except the aboriginal dance around the cremation, a la red man.

Full well into the wee small hours of night, the carnival of joy proceeded and no one having witnessed the doings of the day would have believed that there existed under the canopy of heaven a citizenship more patriotic or more thankful for the pleasing providence of peace than those of Clarendon and Donley County.

The Clarendon News,  
November 14, 1918

**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

## GERMANY REQUESTS EARLY CONFERENCE

London, Nov. 12 — Germany has requested the President of the United States, according to a German wireless from Berlin, to arrange immediately for the opening of peace negotiations, there being a pressing danger of famine.

The message was sent by Foreign Secretary Solf to Secretary of State Lansing. It said:

"The armistice being concluded, the German government requests the President of the United States to arrange for the opening of peace negotiations.

"For the purpose of their acceleration the German government proposes first of all to take into view the conclusion of a preliminary peace and asks for a communication as to what place and at what time the negotiations might begin.

## Allies Demand All Submarines

Washington, Nov. 12 — Many sweeping changes in eighteen of the thirty-five armistice terms accepted by Germany were made public tonight by the state department.

One, for instance, is the demand of the Allies and the United States for all submarines, instead of the 160 mentioned in the original terms.

Others are modifications of the original terms; for instance, the number of motor lorries demanded by the Allies is fixed at 5,000 instead of 10,000.

The changes, it is presumed, were made at the meeting of the German emissaries with Marshal Foch.

The Clarendon News,  
November 14, 1918

In letter from Sgt. Major Allen M. Beville received Thursday morning he he says he was hit twice by shrapnel but unhurt, only scratched up, and has now been sent to the officers' training camp at Laval Bon, Aisne, France, to train for a commission.

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

# Our Heritage Lives On

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 141st 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  
Wednesday, July 4



## DAILY DIARY OF CLARENDON BOY EN ROUTE TO SHIP

The following diary was kept by Ernest Naylor, who enlisted April 22, 1918, left for Ft. Bliss April 23, 1918, was put in a bakery and is still at that work. Was promoted to 1st class private in August and says he enjoys army life and is anxious to get a chance at the huns.

### Oct. 26

Reveille at 5:15; breakfast at 6:00; turned in tents and cots; policed camp from 8:00 until 11:30; dinner at 12:00. full pack, inspection and roll call at 1:00; 3:30 loaded; left Ft. Bliss at 3:45; 4:30 pulled out of El Paso. I hate to leave Texas but am glad I am getting nearer France. Boys almost raised the roof off the cars when we pulled out. Supper at 5:00; in bed by 8:00.

### Oct. 27

Up at 6:30; running very slow; added ten more coaches during the night; train now of 15 cars; breakfast at Dalhart at 8:30; cattle look fine; grass very dry; just met Golden State Limited from Kansas City; covered with snow; 9:45 going through Stratford, near Oklahoma line; signs of prairie fire; very little feed, mostly bundle; still traveling N. E.; snow from 6 in. to 1 ft. deep, passing by cornfields, first I have seen since leaving Donley County; dinner at 12; passing through valley, meadow on each side; country rough, soil rocky; on the plains again; quite a lot of feed; wheat fine; 2 p.m. crossed stateline into Kansas; land very sandy; looks like Donley County land; not much snow, ground very wet; crops fine but late; 2:15 Liberal. Kan.; laid over 45 minutes, wet, muddy and cold; 4:00 traveling east; quite a lot of snow; Plains, Kan.; small but pretty town; Meade, Kan.. 386 miles from K. C.; beautiful country, thickly populated, large alfalfa fields and hay meadows; green fields and snow on the ground; crops either late or the snow early; Fowler, Kan.; no snow but very muddy; just had supper; 5:30 Kingstown, Kan.; wheat district, 4 to 10 elevators in every town; Bushland, Kan., 6:00. Town about the size of Clarendon. Didn't know civilians knew the bugle call but they did there. Bugle call to colors and civilians came from all directions.

### Oct. 28

6:30 traveling east in large Missouri valley; double track, passing freight trains on the run. 7:00 just arrived in K.C.; taking on coal and water; see big bridge over Missouri river in distance; stopped in K. C., Kan., 45 minutes and in K. C., Mo., 15 minutes. Small steam boats on Missouri river; passing through lumber camp where cross ties and telephone poles are made; large cabbage fields among the blue grass; no posts in the fences, either hedges or wires tied to trees; 12:00, Winsom, Mo., just had dinner; stock on fields of clover and looking fine; an abundance of apples and lots going to waste; 1:00 p.m. in shinary of Mo.; small fields of front 1 to 5 acres; soil black sand; just passed a farm house with a rail fence around it, first rail fence I ever saw. Arrived at Eldon, Mo., at 2:00; unloaded 45 minutes for foot drill; Red Cross treated us to apples; quartet: "Farewell to Thee," sung by four of our boys; bugle blew taps (taps is a call for a death or to go to sleep;) 3:15 crossing a river about 50 ft above the water; following the river; rock cliff on one side and 301 ft down to the bed of the river; beautiful scenery, oakwood forests, huts, mining camps and factories; 5 p. m. in mountainous district; have gone through several tunnels and up the mountain side; small farms in forests below; 6:00 just had supper 75 miles from St. Louis. Stopped in St. Louis last night at 9; Red Cross met us, took us to the Y. M. C. A., gave us baths, eats and jinks; crossed the Mississippi river at 11:30; was so dark couldn't see it very well; breakfast this morning at 8:00

in Anderson, Ind; traveling east on the N. Y. Central Ry. behind a N.Y. Central limited; smooth country, soil black sand; 9:15, Russia, O.; engine broke down 20 miles from Russia; stopped 45 minutes; 12:00 Sidney, O.; getting close to pine forests; piles of corn over the fields; gathered different from the way it is in Texas, here they cut and shock it then shuck it in the fields.

Bellefontaine, O.; have three engines on a train of 12 cars; Takes three to pull over mountain; 2:15, Marion, O.; large town; girls working in the factories; 5 p. m., just had supper in Cleveland. O.; sec Lake Erie in the distance, one large ship and 4 or 5 canal boats in sight, lighthouse in distance; passing the ship yards, number of ships being built; 6:30 stopped in Cleveland Union depot.

### Oct. 30

7:30 in Ravenn, N. Y.; covered quite a lot of ground last night; running 90 mi per hour; hard matter to count the telephone poles now; Golden State Limited through El Paso isn't in it when it comes to running, taking coal and water on the run; waited in Ravena 2 hours for another troop train; 10:00 both trains leaving together; raining very hard; passing through Acme, N. Y., at the foot of the Catskill mountains; very rocky black soil with pine forests; 10:30 going over a bridge 100 feet above a town; Hudson river in the distance; 12:00 following the banks of the Hudson; barges and small steam boats crossing; so close to the banks that we could jump from the car into the river; 12:16, passing through Newberg, N.Y.; see five new ships going up; 1:30 still following the Hudson; saw some barges hauling a freight train across; 2:00, left the river; 2:30, pulling into a railway center; train loads of, government trucks in the yards; near N. Y. City; locomotive factory in the distance; 3:00 in New Jersey; B. T. Babbitts Lye Factory close by; 4:00, on a ferry crossing to Long Island; 6:00 landed on the island taking train Ft. Upton; saw the Woolworth building in N.Y.; 7:30, leaving Brooklyn on electric railway; 9:00, arrived at camp; went to depot quarter-master after supplies; supper at 12:00 (midnight).

Very pretty camp. All two story wooden barracks; don't know one direction from the other; raining here now.

I am well and feeling fine.  
Your son and brother,

Ernest Naylor  
Camp Upton, N. Y.  
*The Clarendon News,  
November 14, 1918*

## DONLEY COUNTY WOUNDED IN NO DANGER NOW

In a recent letter from Capt. E. A. Simpson, who is now confined in a base hospital in France, says that he will be up in about sixty days, and that he will gather up all of those who are left.

He says that his company was cut off and did without food and water for three days and nights during the battle, because the roads were such condition that these necessities could not be moved up to them. He says God never made a finer bunch of men than Company H and that he is not permitted to say how many or how few are left. He says in the hospital with him are Ira Hanson, Herman Percival, Harry Warren, Byron Blevins, and Alva Simmons, they are all wounded but not serious. This letter contains many items which would probably be of interest but at this time will not be printed.

Besides those mentioned in last week's paper of having been wounded, we learn that Manly Ozier, Ernest Nelson, Ira Hanson, and Joe Chambers have been wounded, but not seriously. This makes a total of about twenty boys who went away with the Clarendon company who have been wounded, but none of them seriously.

*The Clarendon News,  
November 14, 1918*

## DRAFT CALLS CANCELLED

The local board of Donley County has received official advices cancelling all calls ordering men from this county to the training camps and other important information. In order that there may be no misunderstanding The News is printing below the text of the message as furnished by Local Board Secretary R. H. Beville.

**Austin, Texas, Nov. 12th. 1918.**  
**Local Board. Clarendon, Texas.**

The following message received today from General Crowder:

"Number Thirty-Two Fifty. Wire all local board and district board the following message in full including paragraph one, two, three and four. The secretary of war has today issued the following order to the provost marshal general: 'You will at once instruct state headquarters and local and district boards immediately to discontinue all work connected with the classification of men who on September 12th, 1918, had attained their thirty-seventh birthday. You will further instruct said board to continue to complete as expeditiously as possible classifications of all registrants who on September 12th, 1918, had attained their 19th birthday and had not attained their thirty-seventh birthday. You will finally, at the earliest appropriate moment direct all local and district boards to issue questionnaires to all registrants who on September 12th, 1918, had attained their 18th birthday and not attained 19th birthday, and proceed with and complete as early as possible the classification of such registrants."

"Paragraph 2: Further orders will be issued later covering this matter of sending out questionnaires to classifying 18-year-old registrants."

"Paragraph 3. In entering, pursuant to the foregoing instruments come upon what seems, in view of the mighty events of the day, to be the final work of this character to be done by the selective service system, extend members of that system congratulations upon their truly great achievements of the past year and a half, achievements that have taxed to the utmost the time, the ability and endurance of all those engaged in the work, and that have furnished the army to which in a large measure must be given the credit for saving to the world both civilization and government by the people. To you, members of that system, must come a sense of duty well done. The country and the world know that it owes to you a debt of thanks and gratitude, and cannot be measured by words but only the affection, the respect, and the esteem, now yours, of those among whom you live and from whom you have taken that which was beyond price."

"In undertaking the completion of your work under the orders given. I bespeak of you the same interest and tireless energy which had characterized your work in the past."

(S) "TOWNES CROWDER"

In doing the work of the local board for Donley County, the chief clerk and the members of the board have been many times so overworked with the many duties that they have had to call upon volunteer helpers, which the department officials suggested, and this volunteer help has been of great service, patriotically assisting the board with much needed assistance.

The following have assisted the chief clerk with additional work since the September 12th registration: Joe Goldston, Fenn Bourland, Tom Goldston, Holman Kennedy and Charlie Speed. In the rush of the next few weeks in winding up the affairs of the board work, the chief clerk will need some other voluntary assistance, and the work is of such character that it may be done by either men or women, whose patriotic tender of service will be appreciated.

*The Clarendon News,  
November 14, 1918*

## Historic Corner Being Improved

### Opera House Served Many Years Before Advent of Picture Show

Though it still retains the name of "opera house," troupes have long since ceased to perform before the footlights.

The building is owned by James Trent at the corner of Second and Sully streets, and is said to have been constructed in 1901.

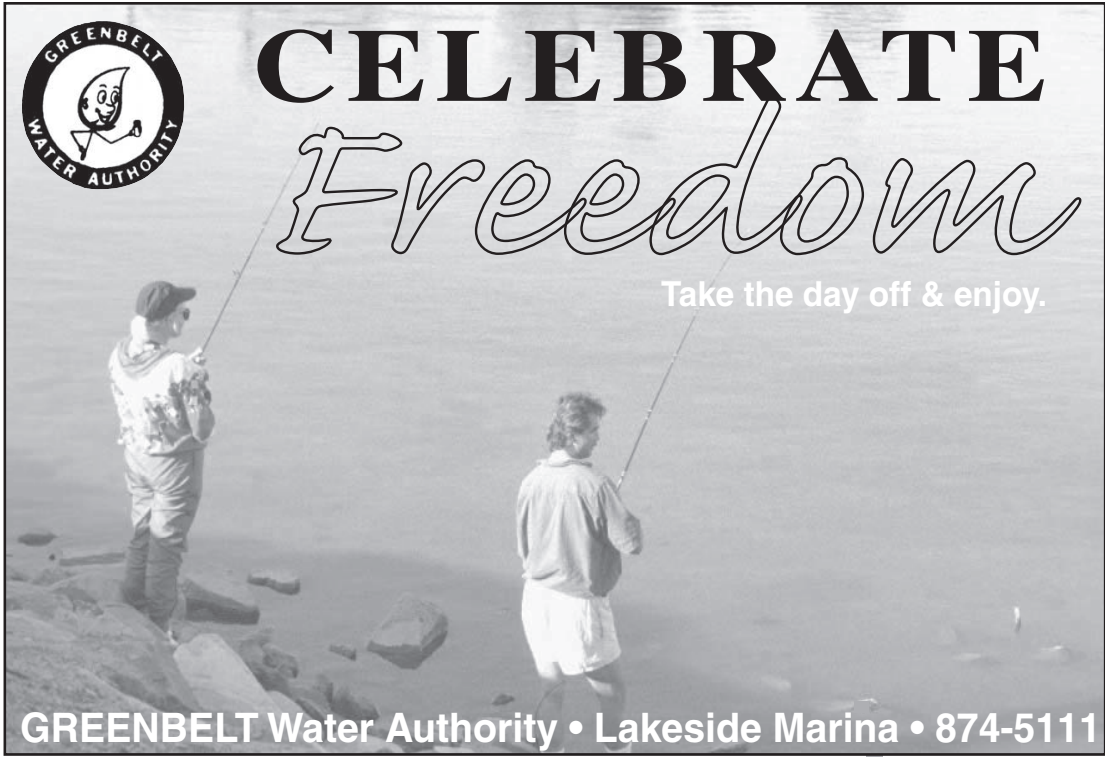
While several improvements are to be made in the appearance of the building, inside and out, the most noticeable will be new windows and an outside stucco finish.

The Trent ice plant and Castleberry grocery and market occupy the ground floor. The second floor has been used for dances and other public entertainment for a long number of years.

*Donley County Leader,  
Sept. 28, 1939*

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

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# Clarendon WELCOMES All Pioneers and Visitors

*As the oldest thriving town in the Panhandle, Clarendon has constantly been building upwards since 1878. Together we will continue to grow in the future and enjoy many July Fourth celebrations yet to come.*

*We extend a hospitable welcome to all guests of the City during the 141st annual Saints' Roost Celebration.*



This message brought to you by the  
**CITY OF CLARENDON**

# Howardwick Dedicates City Hall Building

Dedication ceremonies for Howardwick's new City Hall building on July 4 climaxed more than five years of continued effort on part of the residents of Howardwick to build their own town complete with municipal buildings, city government, a law enforcement agency, fire protection, businesses, churches and recreational facilities.

Springing up as a result of the new Greenbelt lake and the purchase of lakeside property from the privately owned Sherwood Shores Development Corp., the town began life with an assortment of permanently parked trailer houses and a few resort type cabins. Progress seemed to be the order of the day when on April 18, 1970 a tornado struck, destroying all but a few of the trailer houses and two of the permanent structures. Not long deterred by the frightening experience and with the continued sale of property and influx of newcomers, George Howard, recognized founder of the town, and others incorporated the town of Howardwick and received their charter in 1971.

B.B. Winkels, who had weathered the storm, was named first mayor of Howardwick and was instrumental in getting the town off to a good start. A city council was appointed and Lon Harmon became City Marshall.

Presently there are 841 permanent residents in the town of Howardwick with an additional seven to eight hundred part time residents. Although there are still many mobile homes, over 100 lovely vacation type houses have been built complete with landscaped yards. There are 38 miles of paved streets in the town and citizens boast of an attractive church (First Baptist), café and canteen. Marine, night club, grocery, and

the new city hall building. They also have access to an airport and hope to make it municipal in the future. The town contains a total of some 800 acres of land. And no property taxes!

The new city hall building is the first municipal building to be constructed. It covers some 1500 square feet of space and contains a carpeted office, large meeting room, kitchen and rest rooms and is paneled throughout. Best of all, it is completely paid for.

G.L. Doty is currently serving as mayor, having been elected by the people. Aldermen are Ralph Bengé, Neal Mann, Sue McIvers, Will Corgill, and George Howard. Margaret Wells is city secretary, Jimmy Dunn is City Judge and Lon Harman's position has been changed from City Marshall to Chief of Police.

The town's safety from fire is assisted by the two fire trucks owned by the City. One, a 1930 Seagraves 600, was donated by Mrs. Ann Boling and although in the antique category, is still in excellent running condition (but they do plan to paint it).

A Lions Club was chartered four years ago with 28 members. It now has 45 and is recognized as one of the top clubs in the state. A Friendship Club gives residents opportunity to get together for "42" and other forms of entertainment and annual fish fries are open to the entire community. There is also an active Bicentennial committee who did themselves proud in hosting the city hall dedication services. Future plans call for the organization of a sportsman's club.

Howardwick may never be an industrialized metro area — Heaven forbid this happening. The good fishing, attractive houses, smooth streets, and relaxed atmosphere places it in a time and place unique in this hustlebustle world — a place where one can relax and enjoy the companionship of good neighbors with entertainment for the asking, and — in a word — the good life.

Clarendon Press,  
July 10, 1975



State Representative Tom Christian (left) and Congressman Bob Price are shown here as they visited the Donley County Leader office following the July 4th parade. They were both quite complimentary of the Celebration and also the Special Celebration Edition of the Leader. They had an opportunity to visit with many of their supporters during the short time they were here, even though they were traveling on a very tight schedule.

Donley County Leader, July 6, 1972

## Old Settlers Gather At Mulkey Theatre

A large crowd was on hand Saturday afternoon when the Old Settlers and Fiddlers gathered for the annual reunion and contests at Mulkey Theatre at 2 p.m.

Tunny Kent, who has done such a fine job of taking care of the Old Settlers for a number of years, was on hand to meet and greet everybody as they arrived. A registration table was set up in the Lobby of the theatre for the convenience of all.

The two groups, Old Settlers and Fiddlers, met at the same time in the same place and thanks to Gary Barnhill, theatre owner, there was comfortable seating, a nice cool building, cold drinks and popcorn, and a good program to enjoy while visiting for some expert fiddlers were present to keep entertainment rolling.

As Master of Ceremonies for the Old Settlers reunion, Kent called for a count for recognition. Geo Russell of Columbus, Ohio and son of Fred Russell

of Clarendon, took the honors for having traveled the greatest distance to be present. Mrs. C. T. Bates of Clarendon received the box of candy as having the largest family. Homer Taylor of Clarendon was recognized as the oldest Old Timer living in Donley County, and Adam Risley was named the Oldest Old Timer present.

In addition to the above named, special tribute was paid the Andis Bros. Ralph and Ben of Amarillo. The Andis families lived in Clarendon for many years and have been present for the celebration here each year. This year, Ralph was unable to be present for reasons of health.

Also recognized for his faithful coverage of our celebration was Royce Bodiford of KGNC-Radio-TV, Farm and Ranch Editor, of Amarillo.

After these recognitions were made the program was turned over to the Fiddlers and several others who helped present a program reminiscent of the "Good Ole Days."

Donley County Leader  
July 6, 1972

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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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Johnny Floyd, Debbora Sharpton,  
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Howardwick Volunteer Fire Dept.  
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Hollis Livestock Commission

will be closed Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming holiday.

Our next sale will be Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate your business and hope you have a fun and safe Independence Day, from everyone at Hollis Livestock Commission!



MEMBERS OF ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH identified in this undated photo are Mrs. Odos Caraway, Julia Mae Caraway and her two daughters, Tan McCully, Maria Marie Martin (from France), Jerome and Bea Stocking, and Charles D. Murphy.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

St. Mary's Church,  
Restoration Fund  
Tops \$1500

The fund to restore historic St. Mary's church in Clarendon and make of it a shrine to Our Lady of the Panhandle went over the \$1,500 mark this week.

A big boost came from J. W. Schwaller of Amarillo, who sent in a check for \$100. Four other contributions came in to raise the total to \$1,510. Mary F. Schlofman of Dalhart donated \$10, the sisters of St. Joseph's hospital, Wellington, gave \$10, S. P. Clark of Midland sent in \$5, and J. N. Berres of Groom mailed a check for \$5.

The project to restore St. Mary's church and dedicate it to Our Lady of the Panhandle is being directed by Father Richard Vaughan of Price College, Amarillo. Slowly but surely the fund has grown to sizeable proportions.

A plan to convert the oldest

parish church in the Panhandle in Clarendon into a shrine is being put into operation. The shrine will be dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and will honor the early pioneers who brought

the Catholic faith to the plains. It will take more than \$2,000 to make the old church a fitting place for a shrine.

Donley County Leader  
March 9, 1950

We Need More Plows,  
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Donley County

Catholic Ladies To Hold  
Election Day Dinner

The ladies of the Catholic Church will have a regular dinner and supper on election day. In connection with the dinner and supper, oysters and

ice cream will also be served. The proceeds are intended to be used toward the Catholic school. All are most cordially invited to attend. Further particulars will be published later.

Industrial West  
September 30, 1898

Read Tomorrow's History Today Every Week In  
THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE.

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  
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Freedom

Join us in celebrating our freedom this Independence Day by praying for those who are serving our country in the U.S. and abroad. Pray for them and their families for a safe return and peace everywhere.

God Bless America!



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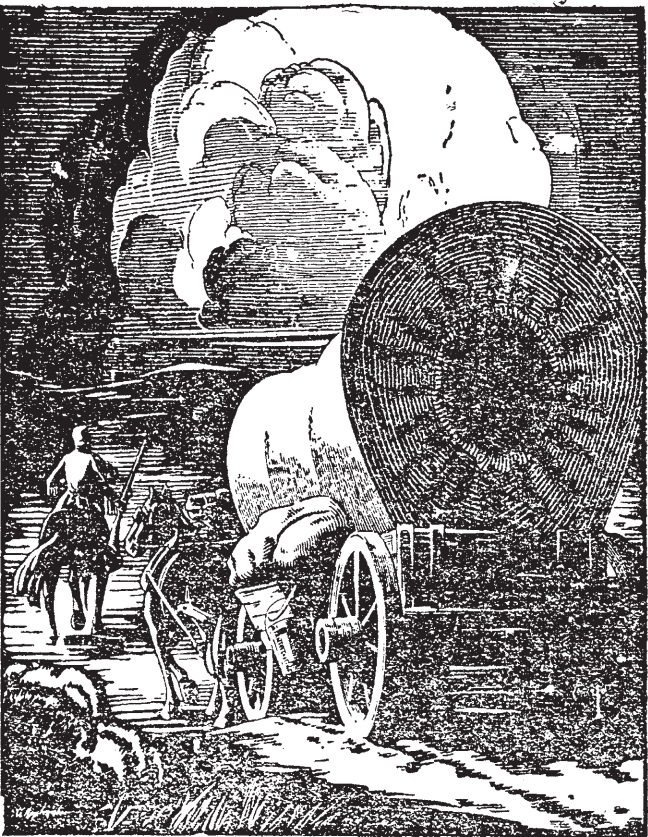
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LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

Winners In Annual Fourth Of July Rodeo Announced

Winners in the 1975 annual Saints’ Roost Fourth of July Rodeo are announced as follows:

**BAREBACK BRONC RIDING:** 1st, J.W. Myers of Dalhart; 2nd, Ron Lynch of Clarendon; 3rd, Ken Speck of Seymour; 4th, Jack Lane of Wichita Falls; 5th and 6th (tie) Eddie Roger, Tim Bailey and Bob Dody.

**CALF ROPING:** 1st, Joe Pierce, Miami; 2nd, Jim Brazil, Amarillo; 3rd, Buster Record, Dumas; 4th, Johnny Johnson, Wheeler; 5th, Bobby Edmonds, Strafford; 6th, Jerry Light, Amarillo.

**BULL RIDING:** 1st. Ray Mataska, Wichita Falls; 2nd, Dean Burgess, Wichita Falls; 3rd., Limey Riley; 4th, Jack Fans; 5th Jay Luper, Cashe, Okla.; 6th, Lynn Ward, Clarendon.

**SADDLE BRONC RIDING:** 1st, Judd 2nd and 3rd (tie), Seymour Adrain.

**BARRELL RACE:** 1st, Lee Harper; 2nd Marlene Schiffer; 3rd, Janice Reimer; 4th, and 5th (tie), Nita Jacobs, Vernon and Candy Thorson.

**TEAM ROPING:** 1st, Jim Jones and Cloyd Condron, Goodnight; 2nd, Buster Gast and Danny Bennett, Amarillo; 3rd. Jim Brazil and Wade Lewis, Amarillo; 4th Jimmy Reimer and Buster Record. Dumas; 5th, Billy Joe McFall and Buddy Lowery; 6th, Bill Blasingame

and Tom Blasingame, Dimmitt.

**BEST ALL ROUND ROPER,** winner of a saddle: Jim Brazil, Amarillo. Judged on best time in two roping events; Brazil roped a steer and a calf for a total of 23 seconds.

**BEST ALL ROUND RIDER,** winner of a saddle: Judd Sims of Lubbock. Sims scored highest in two riding events, 61 seconds in the Bareback Bronc and 70 seconds in the saddle bronc rides.

Winner in all three nights in the Wild Calf Race was the Rex Morris team.

**JUNIOR RODEO RESULTS:**  
**STEER RIDE:** Drew Thornberry, Clarendon.

**BOY’S CALF RIDE:** Dennis Patterson.

**GIRLS’ JUNIOR BARREL RACE:** Donna Holland of Vernon.

Clarendon Press,  
July 10, 1975

Warning Is Issued

Upon complaints that chicken thieves were at work in Clarendon, Sheriff Guy Pierce said yesterday that anyone is within his own right to protect his property “and the best way to do it, in cases of this kind, is with a gun.”

One complainant said he shot over the heads of marauders last week but the next time he would shoot “to hit.”

Chicken stealing in Texas is a felony with a sentence of not less than two years if convicted, the sheriff pointed out.

Donley Co. Leader, June 10, 1937

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Industrial West, September 30, 1898

Two of the school boys had a difficulty Monday, in which one used a rock to the disadvantage of the other.

Industrial West, April 8, 1898

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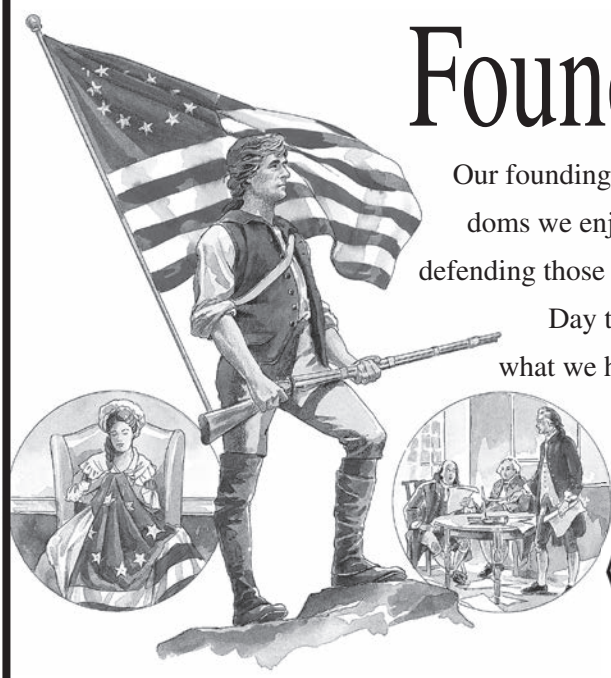
Founding Fathers

Our founding fathers worked hard to give us the freedoms we enjoy today. Our veterans fought and died defending those freedoms. Take time this Independence

Day to remember all those who sacrificed for what we have and celebrate our nation’s birthday.

Happy Fourth of July!

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*Wishing You and Yours  
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