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# Celebration Of A Grand Fourth

The 4th of July has come and gone and the people of Clarendon celebrated the occasion in grand style.

Early in the morning the people began coming in from all directions while many had come the evening before. Also the morning train brought many from Amarillo and Claude and other points up the Denver. By ten o'clock one of the largest gatherings ever seen in Clarendon were assembled in and around the courthouse and all seemed to be on hand to enjoy themselves. The Clarendon brass band was on hand promptly at II a. m. and added much to the enjoyment of the day. Rev. Chandler, of Vernon, was the speaker for the occasion, and while there was no effort at oratory, he made a splendid talk.

A table 200 feet long or more had been arranged between two rows of trees and on this was placed food in abundance for all present. The meat was well barbecued; a trifle too hot with pepper, but in all we think it one of the nicest gatherings of the occasion we ever attended.

We had perfect order and no disturbance whatever. The new well and tank furnished plenty of cold water, and if they wanted more, they could be accommodated at the many stands. After dinner, the people enjoyed themselves under the shade of the beautiful trees in the courtyard.

At 4 p.m., a match game of baseball between Clarendon and Childress was enjoyed by the crowd, there was no rowing as often is the case and while the score stood 30 to 14 in favor of Childress, the Clarendon boys took it in good humor.

The day was especially noted as being free from those things that embarrass Christian people, making them feel they are out of their place by their attendance, and we want to congratulate those having the matter in charge upon their successful management.





Believed to be Civil War veterans gathered at the Donley County Court House in Clarendon about 1892.

# Trained Secretary Will Be Employed By Local Y.M.C.A.

That the Clarendon Y.M.C.A. must be kept open is the emphatic determination of the board of directors as expressed at a meeting held last week.

At this time the affairs of the institution are in somewhat of a disorganized state and the meeting of the directors was to determine a course of action and outline plans for the future.

One thing definitely decided upon is that the "Y" building and all Y.M.C.A. activities shall be under the supervision of some competent secretary trained in the work. The man is to receive a salary for his services and will devote all of his time to the duties of this institution. Correspondence is now being conducted with a view to obtaining the best possible talent for the work and it is hoped that the secretary will be selected and put on the job within the next few weeks. Until the installation of the new director, the building will be opened every night and under the supervision of various members of the board who have consented to serve in rotation rather than have the building closed. The building was closed for several nights following the resignation of E.L. Hughes who was acting as secretary in connection with his pastorate of the Christian church. It was deemed best by the board that the membership campaign be postponed until the week of January 8 to 15 at which time it is hoped the services of State Secretary L.A. Coulter of Dallas can be obtained. At that time an intensive canvass will be made. The directorate went into the financial requirements of the institution and have worked out a tentative budget whereby the affairs of the "Y" can be efficiently administered after the campaign and reorganization scheduled to be effected in January. The re-organized Y.M.C.A. will find the association with added activities. Several innovations include the inauguration of two gym classes daily. One of these periods will be devoted to men and the other to boys and will be under the direction of a competent

instructor. That this feature will be one of the most popular "Y" activities. It is not to be doubted considering the great demand among the men in Clarendon for some type of physical culture. The tentative budget includes an item for the purchase of new and additional equipment.

The extension by the "Y" of its field of operation comprehends a Hi-Y club which was organized Friday at the high school by the State Boys' secretary J. E. Lewis of Dallas. Mr. Lewis met with an enthusiastic response to the school boys and from the interest displayed the indications are that this will be one of the most active of all Y. M. C. A. organizations. The boys effected a thorough organization with the following chosen as officers: Everett Clark, president; Byron Skelton, vice-president; Joe Cannon, treasurer; Edward Ratliff, reporter; Leon Lewis, sergeantat-arms. The avowed purpose of the Hi-Y Club is: "To create, maintain and extend throughou t the school and community high standards of Christian character." The objectives are popularly stated in the following slogan: "Clean living, clean speech, clean athletics, and clean scholarship." "And this means contagious Christian character," it is added. The Club will meet in the Y.M.C.A. building today to decide on the permanent meeting night and to work out further details of the organization. Mr. Lewis carried his appeal to the students of Clarendon College Friday afternoon and a movement was started to get the collegians in the Y.M.C.A. The presence of the college in Clarendon was one of the primary incentives back of the erection of the Y.M.C.A. here in the first place and, it was pointed out, the students are not taking advantage of the institution as they should and do not seem to appreciate the benefits derived from affiliation. If present plans materialize, however, the college students Continued bottom of next column.

#### Local Cowboy Artist Has Exhibit of Twenty-Five Pictures

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

In his recent exhibit at the Amarillo hotel, Harold D. Bugbee. local painter and nationally famous for his productions of western scenery, had twentyfive paintings ranging in price from fifty to fifteen hundred dollars, or a total of ten thousand dollars.

The painting of Col. Goodnight is priced at \$1500, it being the highest in the lot. That of Col. T. S. Bugbee is not for sale.

Other paintings catalogued bear titles of "Out of the Canyon," "Branding", "The Chuck Wagon," "The Rope Corral," "Moonlight on Spring Creek," "Drifting Down the Draw," "Trail Herd," "Starting the Spring Branding," "New Mexico Hunter," Bear Grass," " Antonio Romero Cibolero," "Sonora Longhorns," " Range Branding," "Wapiti," "Quanah Parker," "Apache Girls," "J A Wagon," "Indian Pottery and Blanket," "Sioux Scouts," "Return From Shipping," "Pronghorn Antelope," "The Silvertip," and "The Bald-

# Water System Most Modern

A supplement to The Clarendon Enterprise

Nine Mile Extension and Elevated Tank Give City Good Fire Protection.

Clarendon's new elevated reservoir has arrived and has been placed on the site in College Heights; and when this tank has been erected, this city will have the most up-to-date water system in West Texas, according to Sam E. Killen of Dalhart who has been acting as city engineer for Clarendon and who has had a considerable experience in water works construction in this part of the state.

The new tank has a capacity of 50,000 gallons and will be 66 feet high at the "high water" mark. The location of the site on an elevation above that of the city will materially augment the amount of pressure. The old 80,000-gallon tank now located at the water plant will be replaced by a reservoir of 200,000-gallon capacity the plans of which have not been definitely decided upon. This will give the city a total reserve of 350,000 gallons and a pressure that will exceed that of any city of its size in the Panhandle.

But the usual feature of Clarendon's water system is the thoroughness with which the city is covered with mains. Starting in with accommodations equal to that of the average town of its size, a contract for extending the system approximately has recently been completed by the James Construction Company and at this time there is hardly a house in the city of Clarendon that is not within the fire protection established as a result of this addition.

The new mains extend to every addition of the city and in some instances almost to the city limit. Some of the most important extensions are: The line reaching about a mile and a quarter to the Adair hospital; the extension to the west past Clarendon College; the stretch east from the White House for about three-quarters of a mile; and the line running north of the railroad for ten blocks. With the extension of the water mains the city gets an addition of fiftytwo new fire plugs. The importance of these improvements in the economic sense is emphasized by the enormous reduction in the rate of insurance of which a large number of Clarendon residents will get the benefit. A meager investigation discloses the fact that an individual saving of from 25 to 40 per cent will be effected as to many of the home owners. One man found that the rate on his home would be reduced from 90 to 68 cents. As a matter of fact, it is believed that the reduction in insurance rates will more than care for the addition in taxes the city will have to collect to care for the bond issue of \$100,000 voted to finance the improvements. The city has purchased a number of new meters and arrangements are being made to install one at every connection. The meter system has been found to be the only practical and fair way to deal with the water patrons, the city authorities say, and this plan will be established throughout Clarendon. There are at this time comparatively few of the patrons who are not using a meter and it is thought that the work of installing the remainder of them will be accomplished within a few weeks. The workmen are now busy making connections necessitated by the late extensions. The James Construction Company, on its Clarendon contract, made the remarkable record of completing the entire nine miles of extension within a total of twenty-nine working days. This includes the excavation and laying, corking and testing the pipe. Practically all of the excavation was done by a monstrous mechanical ditcher said to have a capacity of excavating 1,000 feet daily. However, ditches over water mains and sewers and those leading to the hydrants were done by hand. The company will ship its equipment from here to Munday where they will soon start another contract.

The Agitator, July 6, 1899

# Cemetery A'ssn Plans Ball Game

#### East And West Teams Will Play-Proceeds To Fund

Further signs of spring were evidenced this week with the announcement of a benefit baseball game to be played by teams representing the east and west sides of the city, the proceeds of which will go to the Cemetery Association. Letters requesting contributions for this fund were sent out a few weeks ago, but the returns from these have proved to be so little that it is necessary to raise supplementary funds to provide for the services of a ground keeper during the summer months.

The date for the benefit game has not as yet been determined, but officials intimate that it will be sometime within the next two weeks. Frank Whitlock has been named manager of the East team and G. L. Boykin has assumed charge of the West outfit. Unusual interest is being manifest over this game due to the fact that a bountiful supply of first class baseball talent will be available this year. The game is certain to be of a higher quality contest than previous benefit performances that have been held in the city. All players who classify under one of the two teams are urged to let their managers know they will be available for the game. Practice will in all probability begin sometime the first of next week.

Let's all talk up the contest and draw a large crowd out for this worthy cause. Clarendon has always had a beautiful cemetery to reflect the respect for our loved ones who have passed. Are we going to let this respect be over shadowed by an unsightly cemetery? *The Clarendon News* 

April 16, 1931



#### Clarendon's Y.M.C.A. Building

Construction began in 1918 and was completed in 1920 at a cost of \$30,000 of which about fifty per cent was contributed by the late Mrs. Cornelia Adair. This was the finest building of its kind in the United States in a city of Clarendon's population. In fact, Clarendon was the smallest city in the U.S. with a Y.M.C.A. building. This edifice included a gymnasium and natatorium, and an indoor swimming pool occupied the bottom floor of the building. The pool was later floored over. Today the building is the home of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department. face."

Thousands viewed these paintings during the Missionary meeting in Amarillo recently and Mr. Bugbee has received favorable comment from some of the leading artists living today. Donley County Leader,

#### "Golfette" Golf Game Going; Gaily-Gaining"

April 1, 193

The "golfette" form of golf has struck town. A 42 par course built by Kerbow's next to the Piggly Wiggly that will afford thrills, water hazards, sand traps and everything in rearing to go. Ralph says it is a game of skill and is a game for ladies and children as well as men.

Miniature golf course using a short stroke and games or rules and the big show is to be open day and night. U. J. Boston is also having another course constructed on the Shamburger lot. Plenty of amusement for everybody and women folks missing their husbands at night will know right where to find them.

Donley County Leader, May 13, 1930

will, within a short time, be well represented in Y.M.C.A. activities. As a special inducement, the directors are arrangement to give them the benefit of special rates on membership.

An innovation that is going to have a special appeal is the establishment of a complete and modern radio receiving set, including a loud speaker. This equipment is being installed under the direction and for the special benefit of the Radio Club of the Y.M.C.A. The fee is \$5 and at this time the roll of members has reached fifty. The entertainments by the set will not necessarily be limited to the members of the club but will be open to members of the Y.M.C.A. Of course, the management and manipulation of the equipment will be in the hands of the paying members.

The Clarendon News, December 14, 1922

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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 Brittish 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.



The glorious 4th took all the folks out of town except the Sheriff, J. Cobb Harris and King Edward Carlson.

True to his promise, E, A. (Gene) Thompson ate the bear grass on the 4th. In fact he ate so much that he is showing "bare tendencies during this hot weather. His next feat will be to knock out Dempsey Xmas day.

Speaking of larup. it is properly classified among the prehistoric dishes of sillibub, potliker, clabber cheese, corn pone succc'ash and a bunch of other dishes if antiquity that have almost become a lost art much to the gastronomic detriment of the folks of this age.

O. C. Hill says that of all the liars God ever made, the newspa-

per must have them all skinned. He referred to the garbled account of the Oliver Hill affair in Amarillo when the paper stated that Oliver was drunk. The mere fact that the officer did not pinch him is proof positive that the paper reporter must have had a little himself—so says O. C. and we believe everything he says.

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Not having direct access to a corn patch, the Apostle who attempts to fill this column each week without harm to any one, wishes to make a bonafide contract with some corn grower to furnish him several ears of corn each day. No foolin' folks, there is nothing better than corn on the cob even if the butter is hard to get off one's ears after the "holacaust."

And another thing! That corn contract is to extend clear thru the "gratin" stage. Most every one knows that when corn reaches the hard dough stage it may be grated off the cob and

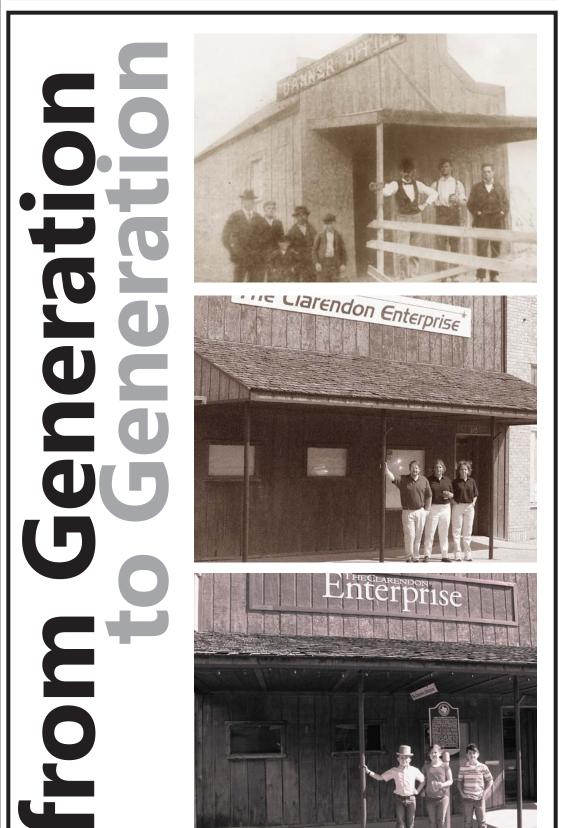


Enjoying a social affair in about 1950 from left to right are Rachel Swift, Vera McMurtry, Anna Moores, Adelaide Glascoe, Mrs. Ed Dishman, Faye Lowry and little girl Ann Slavin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slavin.



Ron Phillips of Pampa (left) and Charles Slavin of Clarendon (center) talk over the remodeling plans for the First Christian Church of Clarendon with church board member Curly Monroe. The First Christian Church of Clarendon has begun remodeling its sanctuary. "This is something that's been discussed for several years and the board decided to go ahead with it," said E.H. "Curly" Monroe. "We are going to panel the sanctuary and put a cathedral-type ceiling in there," Monroe said. Charles Slavin of Clarendon and Ron Phillips of Pampa are the men who are doing the panel work. Monroe said that it will be about a month and a half before the ceiling contractor can get on the job. "We think it will take about two months in all," Monroe said.

The Clarendon Press, July 28, 1977



made into the best bread, batter cakes and such that anyone ever tasted Then too, there is "larup" and of course all the old women who know how to cook as it is done in east Texas and Arkansaw know what "larup" is and just how to make the palatable dish.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. Weatherly and little Billie June of Eunice, N. M., are guests of the R. C. Weatherly home. Wallace is located in the Lea County oil field and has profited thereby as his holdings are near the proven territory and the wildcats are getting nearer him right along.

Donley County Leader, July 9, 1929

#### Clarendon Growing At Rapid Pace

Clarendon is building faster than any town on the Denver road. And there is good reason for her growth. Having the railroad shops, and the building of the colleges has advertised the town as a business and educational center, and people have flocked here until there is not a vacant house in the town.

Several houses are in course of construction, yet the demand is not supplied. Our businessmen do a cash business exclusively, and this gives safety to all business enterprises. Clarendon is becoming to be known as the best town on the Denver.

The Agitator, October 29, 1899

How much have you given this year toward the salvation of the world and the conversion of the heathen? Remember that there is a day of settlement coming and the judge of the "quick and dead may be at the door."

The Agitator, October 29, 1899



Spreading the word since 1878.

# Three Local Cemeteries

#### By Jeanice Weatherly

It is perhaps not so unusual for Clarendon to have three cemeteries when another look at the history shows the different religious faiths and ethnic backgrounds that came together when the town was settled.

Citizens Cemetery, according to the dates on markers there, was used as a burial place as soon as the new Clarendon site had been decided, and before a charter had been drawn up. The date is not available.

It is comprised of 70 sections and between five and six thousand persons have been laid to rest within its confines [as of 1978]. Windmills which were once used to water shrubs and flowers have been replaced with pressure pumps and gradually more space has been added to the existing area.

Beginning at the main gate an examination of the grounds and plots shows the gradual changing of one type and design of marker for another so that it is possible to come within a few years of the date on the head stone without reading it.

There are still a few very old hand carved wooden markers so weathered as to be indecipherable. Beautiful craftsmanship has portrayed flowers, angels, lambs, leaves and scrolls in marble, granite and concrete.

At some family plots it takes only a little figuring to discover that most of the family members have died within two or three years of each other, possibly of some infectious disease. Children's graves are lovingly marked today as they were seventy years ago with legends like "Our loved one sleep sweetly now", or "A little flower of love that blossomed but to die" on time-stained markers. Time and again the words "Born in Scotland". "Born in Ireland", "Born in Sweden", and "Born in England" may be found with names and dates.

Across the highway from Citizens Cemetery is the Catholic Cemetery. Little is known about exactly when it was designated and although records have not been kept in Clarendon on Catholic Church properties in some years, it is to be assumed that the Catholic Cemetery was part of the order of well-kept church records. It is in use today for those families who own lots there, but is much smaller than Citizens. One tall headstone is for Rodriquez, born January II, 1840 in Satillo, Mexico. Died April 30, 1910. Today there is no longer the trend to segregate each faith, parish membership or ethnic group as there was when Clarendon was founded. And Citizens Cemeetery is that - a cemetery for the citizens, whoever they may be. The third cemetery is the IOOF Cemetery which is no longer restricted as it once was to members and families of this fraternal organization. Interestingly enough the deed for the property was from R. E. Montgomery, townsite agent for the Ft. Worth and Denver Railway, to the trustees of the IOOF Lodge. These trustees were G.C. Hartman, John Scott and Morris



Undated photo of Frank Borcher's saloon. Borcher was in business here soon after the establishment of New Clarendon in 1887 and built a brick saloon building on the site of the present Mulkey Theatre in 1893.

Rosenfield. The transaction was dated December 28, 1895 and for the sum of \$2 cash all of lot #490 of the original town, of Clarendon in an agreement with Standoline Oil the property went to the IOOF Lodge.

The size of the area is a rectangular plot measuring 315 ft x 275 on two sides forming a right angle, by 140 feet on a third side which makes about a 135 degree inside angle. The fourth side joins the 315 ft arm with the 140 ft. arm. The original plot was designed with a formal pattern.

This pattern consisted of a circle, a smaller center circle for a hub and four segments in modified wedge shape.

The entrance to this cemetery is a narrow road on the south side of the Catholic Cemetery and through an ornamental arch of metal standards which once supported the lodge letters,

IOOF. The setting for the cemeteries is tranquil, with a few fattening cattle in adjoining pastures, a windmill or two on the horizon and plowed fields nearby.

All the mowing for the cemetery is done by Delbert Robertson in addition to his duties in his business as funeral director. This donated service keeps the grounds for those families who are far away from their loved ones. There is not a full-time caretaker as there once was, and the cemetery board stretches funds as much as possible.

Earlier this year the bodies from the Old Clarendon Cemetery were reinterred at Citizens Cemetery for a final resting place in Clarendon. Plans are to mark the site and enclose it with fencing so that it may be as nearly like it was at Old Clarendon as possible.

Persons who wish to make memorials to the cemeteries may send their gifts to Clarendon Cemetery Association, [Box 983], Clarendon, TX 79226.

Clarendon Press, Centennial Edition, June 29, 1978

# Store Robbery Averted by Owner at Leila

About one o'clock this (Tuesday) morning, unknown parties pried open the front door entrance to the Howard & Son general merchandise store at Lelia Lake. Due to the fact that John Howard and his son Lon happened on the scene, the parties escaped without getting anything. Several shots were exchanged without effect.

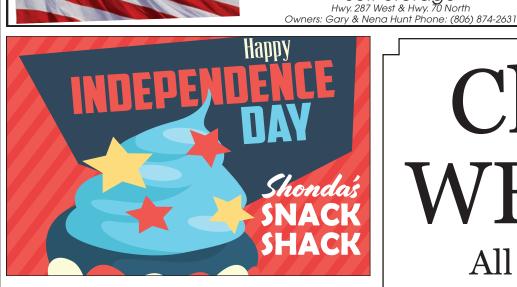
Officers received notice at once and are now working on the case in an effort to apprehend the would-be robbers.

Donley County Leader, May 13, 1930

"Oh Long May It Wave O'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave!" - Francis Scott Key

Hunt No More

Self-Storage



# A th July

# A Fine Feathered Nest

311 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street • Clarendon, Texas



to give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and the price that has been paid for our Liberty.

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#### Gage Jailed After Shots Fired In Town

Several pistol shots over at "Long Anna's" attracted attention yesterday.

When those in that vicinity looked in that direction they saw Charley Gage, alias, "Milliron," putting distance between himself and Anna's resort as fast as his legs could possibly carry him, with the woman shooting as she followed. He soon was at a safe distance, however, but was arrested and jailed last night by Deputy Oliver on a complaint of disturbing the peace. The woman says in a drunken rage he smashed up some of her furniture.

The Industrial West, January 22, 1898



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. **SHELTON & SHELTON** *Law Offices* Happy Birthday, America – Let freedom ring forever

Glory to the Red, Mhtte, & Bhtes Our flag is a shining symbol of America's strong ideals, values and traditions. On the Fourth of July, do your part to honor our great country by proudly displaying your American flag. SECURITY ABSTRACTCO.

# WELCOMES

Clarendon

## 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 144th annual Saints' Roost Celebration.



This message brought to you by the CITY OF CLARENDON

## **Hilarity Reigns At Lions Spread**

#### Sides chosen by captains in eight weeks' campaign on attendance.

A new zip and a lot of enthusiasm was seen Tuesday of this week as the Lions met for their usual weekly luncheon in their club room in the Antro Hotel. A number of members had returned after an absence of some weeks and their presence seemed to add to the spice of the occasion.

The first item to be attended at this time was the matter of selecting captains for the two opposing sides of the eight weeks' attendance campaign started Tuesday of last week. Lions D.O. Stallings and J. G. Sherman were named Purple and Gold, respectively, choosing their sides from the membership of the club.

The purple side will consist, of the following: D. O. Stallings, Captain; O. C. Watson, J. T. Patman. R. L. Bigger, C. J. Douglas, A. L Chase, Sam M. Braswell, H. T. Burton, Ira Alderson, Dr. H.L. Wilder, W. H. Patrick. Carl Parsons. J. R. Porter, T. D. Nored, S. E. Allison, McHenry lame, W. M. Murrell, S. R. McClung and W. A. Pierce.

The Gold side will be represented by: Dr. J. G. Sherman, Captain; Ira Merchant, Homer Mulkey, A. A. Mayes, L. B. Cooper, Loyd Stallings, Fred W. Rathjen, Odos Caraway, Harwood Beville, W. C. Stewart, H. J. Edington, W. A. Wilson, G. C. Kemp, G. Lester Boykin, George A. Ryan, L. H. Johnson, U. J. Boston and H. C. Brumlev.

Following this, there were reports made by the committees in charge of the Morgette and Peden cases. Both were found to be doing as nicely as could have been expected under the circumstances. Further reports will be made as they are available.

Lion Ira Merchant reported on the findings of the members of his committee with reference to entertaining the faculty of the schools in the near future. The consensus of opinion had it that something of this nature should be done. The Fellowship committee was authorized to take this matter in hand and attend



Chamber board member Randy White of White's Feed & Seed, Chamber member Jerry Chambliss of West Texas Utilities, and Chamber President David Davidson of James F. Hayes & Co., spent several days last week, hauling dirt to fill the barrels which have been placed around town to help beautify Clarendon. The Clarendon Press, May 21, 1987

away from towns like Clarendon would go a long way to making conditions better if it were left hare. Lion MeClung then seconded the remarks of the two preceding Lions, stating that he saw the matter from the church viewpoint and that he was solid with the other two to do all possible to keep them out of the city.

A motion was put anil passed to name a committee of Lions to visit the merchants of the city who have no club affiliation, learn their will concerning carnivals, tent shows and the like, and the present their findings to the City Council for their action.

Lion Burton announced the program to be presented by the Dramatic Arts Club and asked the attendance of the Lions.

Adjournment as usual. The Clarendon News, Sept. 27, 1928 **Taylor Hardware Quits** 

## **Business Here**

In business for most a half century, the hardware firm known as H W. Taylor & Sons has closed its doors. Crockett W. Taylor is listed as owner of the bankrupt notice; and the assets will be sold at public auction here at the store building on October 25th, the notice states.

The assets are listed as the stock being worth \$961.10. Fixtures \$1610. Accounts receivable. \$59.40.

During the lifetime of Mr. H. W. Taylor, this business is said to have been among the largest in the Panhandle. In the years near the turning of the century, ranches for many miles around secured their supplies from this firm handling a general line of hardware and vehicles.

The Donley County Leader October 17, 1940

**Help Beautify Clarendon** It just takes one to prove a point. Mac Stavenhagen purchased four barrels, planted them with flowers and within a week the Chamber of Commerce had purchased 220 barrels, sold them to merchants and citizens and the results are a much pret-

tier Clarendon. Judge Billie Christal, Eureda Mays, Robbie Hill, Gwen Hill, The Clarendon Press, Knorpp Insurance, the Senior Citizens, and Joyce Keown purchased 10 of the barrels to be placed around the Courthouse.

Harlans Flowers donated enough flowers to plant four of the barrels, and the Chamber of Commerce will see they are properly filled.

Working together gets the job done.

The Clarendon Press, May 21, 1987

#### John Molder Completes **Navy Course**

Navy Seaman John C. Molder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll R. Molder of Box 264 Clarendon, has completed the Basic Enlisted Course at the Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn.

During the six-week course, he was introduced to the basic theory, construction and operation of nuclear-powered and diesel submarines. In preparation for his first assignment, he studied shipboard organization, damage control, and submarine safety and escape procedures.

A 1976 graduate of Clarendon High School, he joined the Navy in December 1977.

Clarendon Press, Centennial Edition, June 29, 1978

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to making the details of the event, notifying the club of their actions.

F. L. Bynum of Amarillo and S. P. McMinn of Childress were introduced to the club. In the introduction of his guest for the day, Lion Murrell caused an uproar which could not be quieted for the remainder of the luncheon hour. Each of the two gentlemen introduced stated that they were glad to be with the Lions and that they trusted to be able to again meet with them.

Lion Bigger raised a question that has to do with the tent shows, carnivals and all entertainments which come here for a short time and leave with a great amount of money that rightfully belongs to the merchants. Lion Bigger's discussion of this matter was ably seconded by Lion Patrick, who stated that every subterfuge known to man was used by people who could not afford to go to these shows to get the money they had to have to allow? them to go. Lion Patrick stated that the amount of money earned

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# **New Clarendon's First Girl** Was An Artistic Tomboy

(Editor's Note: Leslie Antrobus Watson, the first girl born in New Clarendon, was born August 1, 1888, and died at the age of 100 on October 11, 1988.)

"That's my masterpiece," Leslie Antrobus Watson said, pointing to a large painting of "Rebecca at the Well" above her sofa.

Leslie, the first girl born within the present limits of Clarendon, majored in art at Clarendon College, then a fouryear Methodist school. She finished her art studies at the college in 1908.

One can understand her pride in the "Rebecca" oil; the size alone would indicate complicated compositional planning which probably only she can fully appreciate. Also, maintaining consistent tonalities in such a work is not as easy as in a smaller painting.

Yet, a male – her husband, O.C. Watson, for instance – will be more inclined to appreciate the smaller-scaled "Grandmother," which is not so ethereal as the "Rebecca" and which presents a rather heavier sense of volume and living warmth.

But Leslie said she gave up painting early.

"Something in the paint gave me asthma," she explained.

Her main interest during her youth, anyway, was in the animals on her father's farm two miles southeast of town.

"I was a tomboy," she said. "I liked outdoor activities."

With her two brothers, the Antrobus girl broke the cows to milk and the horses to ride.

"I broke a steer to ride one time," she said. "I managed to get the bridle on it even though it had horns. I broke it just by petting it.'

She much preferred to ride the three horses, though, especially gentle Nellie.

"I had her so well trained I could ride her without bridle or saddle. I guided her with my hands."

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She waved her hands slowly before her to show how slight the nudges needed to direct Nellie.

"I never did have any trouble with horses," she said. "In the winter, the boys would run into the house to get warm, but I wasn't going to go in until I got those horses fed."

Horses were the only mode of local transportation for Leslie until after she married O.C. in 1911. She and her husband lived in Sanger, Texas, for one year just after their marriage. It was in Sanger that she first rode in a

"That's the only time I recall ever being scared," she said.

When the Watsons moved back to Clarendon there was only one automobile in town.

"It was a Buick belonging to a Mr. White," O.C. said, "not related to any of the Whites around here now. But cars came in pretty fast after that."

O.C. said he met Leslie in Sanger, his hometown, where she had gone to visit some friends.

"I was a traveling salesman in East Texas at that time," he recalled, "selling grocery products. After we met I found ways to make it convenient to come up to Clarendon on weekends to

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Leslie Antrobus Watson

keep the fires burning."

After a horse and buggy courtship, the couple were married in the second wedding ceremony to be held in the newly built First Methodist Church of Clarendon. The minister uniting them was Dr. Burkhead, who, besides being the Methodist minister, was a prominent teacher at the college.

"He and Alma West were my favorite teachers," Leslie said.

Although O.C. let himself be married by a Methodist preacher, he still clung to his Baptist heritage.

"The boys went with their dad to the Baptist church, and the girl went with me to the Methodist church," Leslie said. However, the couple did not

allow their religious variances to

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interfere with their marital unity. Last year they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

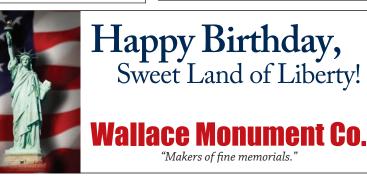
The children have gone to other parts: O.C., Jr. to Colorado Springs, Colo.; Dorothea to Amarillo; and George to Downey, Calif.

O.C. and Leslie live a quiet life on 6th St. now with their cat "Hobo" and memories of Clarendon longer than those of most people in town.

The Clarendon Press, July 7, 1977

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





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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## Work Starts On Phillips Station

Contractor Joe Humphrey, Jr. started a crew on the Job of constructing a type "B" Phillips service station on the corner where the old A. M. Beville home has been for many years on west [Third] street.

The structure will be fireproof with only brick and concrete as the principal materials and will be built according to the general plans of the Phillips 66 stations well known over the country.

The station will have three storage tanks, four pumps, two rest rooms, 3700 feet of concrete driveways, hydraulic hoist for greasing cars and other modern service helps for the autoists.

The Beville building will remain as It has due to the fact that the footage purchased by this company does not reach north to the building.

Donley County Leader, April 1, 1930

# Phillips Station Holds Opening

The opening of the new Phillips 66 station here Saturday established a precedent in filling station history in Clarendon. During the day 3400 gallons of gasoline was sold and 505 cars serviced. Clarendon was selected as the location for the model station of the district, and opening day approved their judgment.

The attractiveness of the station, quality of the products, local standing of Mr. Henry D. Tomb, the local distributor, backed by liberal advertising put the new station before the public properly, calling their attention to a worthwhile public necessity. The Phillips Petroleum company has forged ahead in the general field because of a liberal advertising policy. This is a valuable lesson to the average merchant tell them what you have and where it may be found.

Donley County Leader, May 13, 1930



Shipping cattle on the RO Ranch in 1902.

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# American Museum Specimens Come From Donley County

Donley County Known To Scientists As Prehistoric Treasure

During the past twenty years field men representing the various museums have worked Donley county and contiguous territory with excellent results in securing specimens of prehistoric animal remains. Some of these are said to date back from fifty to five hundred thousand years.

For the past month Mr. A. F. Johnson has been working this section in the interests of the American Museum of New York City. He has secured some fairly good specimens but states that trophy hunters have destroyed some rare specimens of camel, elephant and three-toed horse. He finds plenty of turtles and has a fine specimen ready to ship.

This section, Baylor county and a small area in Utah are said to be the main sections where the three-toed horse skeletons are to be found in America. Several years ago the Field Museum secured some excellent specimens of camel and horse thru the efforts of H. A. Miller who spent most of the winter of 1919 here. Mr. Johnson was with the Andrews exploration party to find the dinosaur eggs in the Gobi desert of China some two years ago. They broke some of the eggs and found an unhatched youngster dispelling all doubt of the authenticity of the valuable scientific treasure. Our readers will recall the series of articles on the Andrews expedition run in the Saturday Evening Post.

One would hardly think this a tropical region in the ages past but the peat unearthed in the creek bed west of Goldston offers proof conclusive that such is the case. Camels, elephants, lizards, turtles, horse and mastodon have each been found in that section.

Donley County Leader, July 9, 1929

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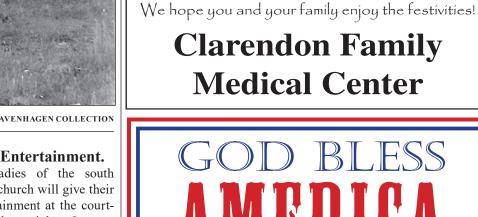
An Art Entertainment. The ladies of the south Methodist church will give their Art Entertainment at the courthouse Friday night, January 28th. The program will consist of recitations, tableaux, vocal and instrumental music, besides the display of 50 beautiful art pictures The pictures are mostly historical and will be placed in booths in charge of an .attendant who will fully explain their history. After the program the art pictures will be offered at private sale.

The Industrial West, January 22, 1898

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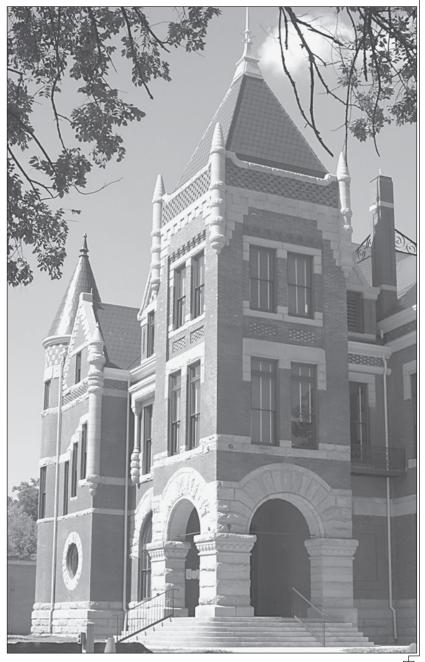
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#### Have a safe and happy Fourth.

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# Scouts Make Trip To Canada

Eleven boys and three leaders from the Adobe Walls Council of the Boy Scouts of America are in Canada on a 9-day canoe trip in the Boundry Waters Canoe area.

This group was the first one to leave Sommers Canoe Base, at Ely, Minn. where they embarked on June 18, 1978 for the canoe trip into Canada.

They will camp and canoe in the best and most rugged canoe area to be found, the Boundry Waters Canoe Area, and approximately 2,000 Scouts are scheduled to go through the base this summer.

Attending from Clarendon are: Clyde Price, leader, and Dean Hawkins, Keith Floyd and Mark Jack. Other members of their group are Jack L. Lane, coleader, of Stinnett with Scouts Dennis Lane of Stinnett and Scott Ridgeway of Higgins.

The group will spend nine days camping and canoeing.

Clarendon Press, Centennial Edition, June 29, 1978

#### **DONLEY COUNTY JAIL**

To whom it may concern, especially the voters and supporters of our present sheriff. Mr. Mosley, a man that is worthy of any office which he seeks.

We regret the withdrawal of Mr. Mosley's name on the sheriff's ticket, we honestly believe, not only believe but know, that he's one of the most considerate, honest, straightforward, men that could have been put in office.

His treatment, help, and advice to us boys in jail has won the admiration from each and every one of us.

We wish to thank Mr. Mosley for his kind an't considerate treatment and trust that the next sheriff, (for the betterment of Donley County) will possess some of the fine qualities of our present one, Mr. Mosley.

Prisoners of Donley County Jail Donley County Leader, May 6, 1930



Going to Canada were (left to right) Clyde Price, Mark Jack, Dean Hawkins, Dennis Lane, Scott Ridgeway, Jack Lane, and Keith Floyd.

#### Clifford Clarendon's First Lady Alderman

After serving on the city council for over a year, Shirley Clifford has proved that she has contributed to the council and that in Clarendon at the city council meetings she is accepted without reservations by the men on the council.

She says simply that they listen to what she has to say. The community sees her record of involvement and has made the judgement of her contribution.

Shirley Clifford is the mother of three children and married to Jack Clifford of Clifford Grocery. She thinks that a number of city women have more time to devote to public service positions than men who have the ability but simply can't devote the necessary time.

"One thing I would like to stress is that people in this town should become more concerned about their city government. They go down and vote this time for a mayor and two councilmen and then they'll forget about it for another two years,"

An avid gardener and flower grower, she has a greenhouse for year around flower cultivation. Shirley disclaims the reputation that much.

Clarendon Press, Centennial Edition, June 29, 1978



A new bank will be opened in Clarendon Nov. 1st under the above name. The stock of the new bank is subscribed by a large number of our citizens. The stockholders met at the court house last Friday night and elected the following board of directors: E, A. Kelly of Leavenworth, Kansas, Judge B. H. White, W. H. Cooke, J G. Tackitt, I. E. Jones, L. C. Beverlv and Morris Rosenfield, of Clarendon. The directors elected E. A. Kelly President, Judge B. H. White, Vice President and W. H. Cooke Cashier. W. T. Jones was given the position of Bookkeeper.

The new bank starts out with bright prospects and ample capital and bids fair to be a popular institution from the beginning. L. C. Beverly will erect a new brick building on his corner lot opposite the Bank of Clarendon for the new bank, but until the new building is completed the new bank will have quarters in the front part of I. E. Jones' grocery store.

The Agitator, October 29, 1899

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

#### Local Man Owns Freak Shooting Iron

The old cap and ball was some "shootin' iron" if we are to believe anything what we hear, but Rev. W. E. Ferrell carries a weapon that is a sure enough shootin' iron in the form of a double barrel shotgun with a length over all of IO inches and a barrel length of 5 inches. The gun is manufactured in Spain.

He gets the game with practically no kick. Shells of ordinary .410 fit this gun and the preacher gets his rabbit if he risks less than a hundred feet.

Donley County Leader, May 13, 1930

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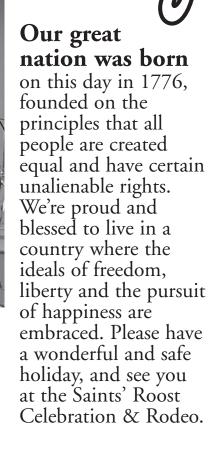
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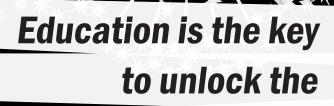
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