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## City Celebrates Fourth Of July In Grand Style

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 11 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.

*The Agitator, July 6, 1899*

## Cal Merchant A Pioneer Cattleman, Came To Panhandle Before It Was 'Soft'

Cal Merchant, one of the last surviving cowmen who had an active hand in creating the Panhandle cattle empire, died shortly after noon Monday at his home in Clarendon.

He was 82 years old. He had been in poor health for a number of years and had been critically ill for some time.

Mr. Merchant first came to the Panhandle in 1887. He was with a string of cattle which watered at old Amarillo Lake. He pushed the herd on north of the Canadian for the winter. But he had seen a lot of cow-handling before this.

He was born in Pilot Point, Texas, Sept. 24, 1865. He was raised at Pilot Point, but took to the range soon after his 12th birthday. An "outside" man, Mr. Merchant joined the Turkey Track outfit in 1888. It was the duty of an outside man to work surrounding outfits for strays. And the position was one of highest honor and called for a man of exceptional integrity. Mr. Merchant was named manager of the Turkey Track in 1889 and remained as boss of the outfit until the ranch syndicate sold out its Panhandle properties in 1903.

His headquarters were at "Etaoin Walls." He was offered \$12,000 a year—then an exceptionally large salary, to take over operations of the Turkey Track brand in North Dakota. He refused the offer. He had come to the Panhandle, seen its possibilities and maintained a resolution to spend his life here.

In 1898 he had filed on some ranch lands north of the Canadian in Hutchinson County. He continued to operate these properties until his death. Back in the early days of the Panhandle, one of the big problems was to ford the Canadian. And Mr. Merchant's headquarters near a popular ford, railed Big Creek Crossing. For years he had a gray horse



### The Jewel of the Plains

The Donley County Court House is shown here as it appeared within about a decade of its completion in 1891 at a cost of \$35,000. This previously unpublished photo was recently aquired by the architect firm Hutson|Gallagher, which is currently working on further restoration of the building. This photo is believed to have been taken near or before the turn of the 20th century.



Panhandle pioneer Cal Merchant (seated on the left) is shown here in about 1890 with other early cowmen including (back) Hallie Plemmons, unknown, Wiley Franklin, and (seated right) Mack Sanford.

grandson.

Funeral services were set for Wednesday afternoon but due to severe weather was postponed until this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church with Rev. S.W. Hayne officiating.

Pallbearers will be Frank Bourland, Fred Patching, Jr., J. R. Bulls, Carroll Knorpp, John McClellan, A. W. Simpson, Homer Parson and John Blocker. Honorary pallbearers will be Buster Caldwell, Carroll Purvine, Tam Cleek, J. L. McMurtry, F. E. Chamber-

#### Interest Grows in Onion Contest

This week has seen the manifestation of further interest in the onion contest started last week when N.W. Hatchett brought in a large onion weighing a pound. W.E. Hardin is thus far leading the contest, having brought in an onion he raised the weight of which is one pound and three ounces. All entries thus far are of the large white Bermudas.

*The Clarendon News, July 6, 1922*

lain, Wesley Knorpp, Buel Sanford, Paul Shelton, Sam Rorex, Jim Patman, F. G. Patching. M R. Allensworth. J. H. Hurn, W. B. Halle, Jim Christian, M. E. Bell, W. H. Patrick, M. S. Parsons and Dr. J. G. Stewart. Burial will be at Panhandle, Texas with the Murphy-Spicer-Buntin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

*The Donley County Leader, March 11, 1948*

#### Hot Spell Checked By Cool Breeze; Mercury Hits 104

Cool breezes, arriving Tuesday temporally checked Clarendon's hot spell after the mercury here shot to the highest point of the year Monday, registering 104 degrees.

The cooler weather Tuesday held the maximum temperature to 87 degrees, thus giving grasses and crops relief from the extremely hot weather.

However, rains are badly needed throughout the county for crops and pastures, according to H.M. Breedlove, county agent.

*The Clarendon News, July 4, 1940*

## Clarendon Lions Club Organized

Locals Form Lions Club - Will Receive Charter in Oct.

The International Association of Lions Clubs now has a Clarendon local Lions Club and plans are underway to bring it up to a hundred percent efficiency as one of the leading local clubs in the Panhandle. Some weeks ago, R.L. McKinney of Dallas, organizer for the Lions International, spent several days in Clarendon and secured the nucleus of the club that now expects to receive its charter on Halloween evening, October 31, this year.

Something like twenty-five or twenty-six members have been elected, and it is thought by the temporary officials that the strength of the Clarendon Lions Club will be about thirty when the coveted charter is presented to the club by the district deputy who lives in Amarillo.

The first luncheon of the club was held at the White House Tuesday of this week and regular weekly luncheons will be the program of the club except that once each month, the luncheon will be held at night with the ladies of the Lions as guests. Programs of varying interests will be arranged by the program committee, and it is expected that the organization will go its full limit in promoting its fundamental objects as follows:

To promote the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship.

To take an active interest in the civic, commercial social, and moral welfare of the community.

To unite the member in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.

To provide a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest, partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.

To encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in business and professions, provided that no club shall hold out as one of its objects financial benefits to its members.

Temporary officers of the club are as follows: President, Sam M. Braswell; Secretary-Treasurer, Geo. A. Ryan; Lion Tamer, Fred A. Story; Tail Twister, Earnest Pope; Directors have not been named and will not be until permanent organization is affected and full corps of officers are elected. Amarillo has a club of over a hundred members and Dalhart has a thriving club of over twenty-five members.

Like the Rotary and the Kiwanis clubs, Lionsim accepts one member from one business classification and prospective members are elected before they are appraised of the fact. The Motto of the Lions Club is "Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety;" the first letters of which forms an acrostic spelling "L-I-O-N-S."

*The Clarendon News, October 5, 1922*

## Time Piece Been Tampered With

The students of Clarendon Municipal Junior College have offered a liberal reward of two-bits for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any one or ones who has bothered or is bothering the official time piece of the institution. For three days it was regulated perfectly. It sounded right on the dot and no reports of any students having missed dinner because of failure to sound have come in during those three days. Since it has been tampered with, several have missed their dinners.

This official time piece, the donkey owned by one of the Beville boys, brays at eight-thirty, nine, ten, eleven, and eleven-thirty. He seldom misses over ten minutes. It is rumored that it was a white headed Senior who bothered our time piece.

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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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If you hope to live to 90 don't look for it in your speedometer.

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A fellow down in old Jack county says that the last word in a new home is just the same as it has always been—the wife's.

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There is a decided shortage of newsprint. That is the kind all newspapers use. Space is limited. That makes this column short each week, and some weeks it is left out to make room for something worthwhile.

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Early days on the Hillcroft Golf Course west of the city limits of Clarendon. This was the tee box for No. 5 hole of the sand green course that went out of service when the new 18-hole championship course was opened at the Clarendon Country Club. Photo printed in the Donley County Leader, June 29, 1972

Hereford loses

to Hillcrofters

Visitors prove easy prey as Hillcroft course is played Sunday

Following a series of disasters of various sorts, ranging from cold weather and wintry blasts to a time of flood, the Hillcroft team met the Hereford golf team here Sunday afternoon and trimmed them in a jolly manner, taking fifteen of their eighteen matches played. The match here was played in return for a similar event held in Hereford some time past, with the tables turned on the Hillcrofters when they visited the Hereford course.

Two matches in the play went to extra holes, these being played by Bill Cooke of the Clarendon club and D. Fox of Hereford and Lenode Goldston of Clarendon

and Osborn of Hereford. Cooke won his match in nineteen holes while Goldston took twenty to subdue his man. Robert Weatherly, Junior, copped the low score of the day by shooting a seventy-five for the eighteen holes played. Other than this, the lowest score turned in was seventy-nine and the highest score was ninety-six.

The players and their winnings follow: Pittman 81. Merchant 85 won by Pittman four and two; Clark 84, M. Gentry 80 won by Gentry three and one; D. Fox 79, Bill Cooke 79 won by Cooke one up, nineteen holes; Marris 79, R. Weatherly. Jr., 75 won by Weatherly five and four; Rice 88, Wilson 82 won by Wilson four and two; Foster 88, B. Kerbow 81 won by Kerbow seven and six; Roden 83, Stricklin 82 won by Roden two and one; Wilkerson 87, Douglas 82 won by Douglas six and five; Posey 90. Wood 83 won by Wood four and three; Lange

87, Phillips Gentry 83 won by Gentry four and three, L. Foster 94, L. Casey 89 won by Casey four and three; Rosson 92, Perrine 80 won by Perrine seven and six; Bennett 89. R. Weatherly, Sr., 86 won by Weatherly three and two; Cockrell 94. Al Cooke 86 won by Cooke seven and five; Ocborn 95, L. Goldston 95 won by Goldston 1 up, twenty holes; Patton 93. Reeves 87 won by Reeves five and three; Stambaugh 96. K. Lane 90 won by Lane 2 up; Shannon 87. Forrest Taylor 96 won by Shannon five and four.

A prize posted by Clyde Douglas for the player in the tournament who set the stake the greatest distance from number 1 tee was given to Roden of Hereford on a drive of approximately 285 yards. G. L. Boykin pushed the stake up another five yards but was not in the play so could not be eligible for the award.

*The Clarendon News, May 31, 1928*

POULTRY REMEDIES

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LEWIS MAKES PURCHASE OF COWS FOR RANCH

Among the larger purchases of she stuff in this section lately was that of Will Lewis last week when he bought seven hundred young cows to be placed on his Rowe ranch. These cows are of top grade and four and five year stuff.

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HAPPY JULY 4<sup>th</sup>



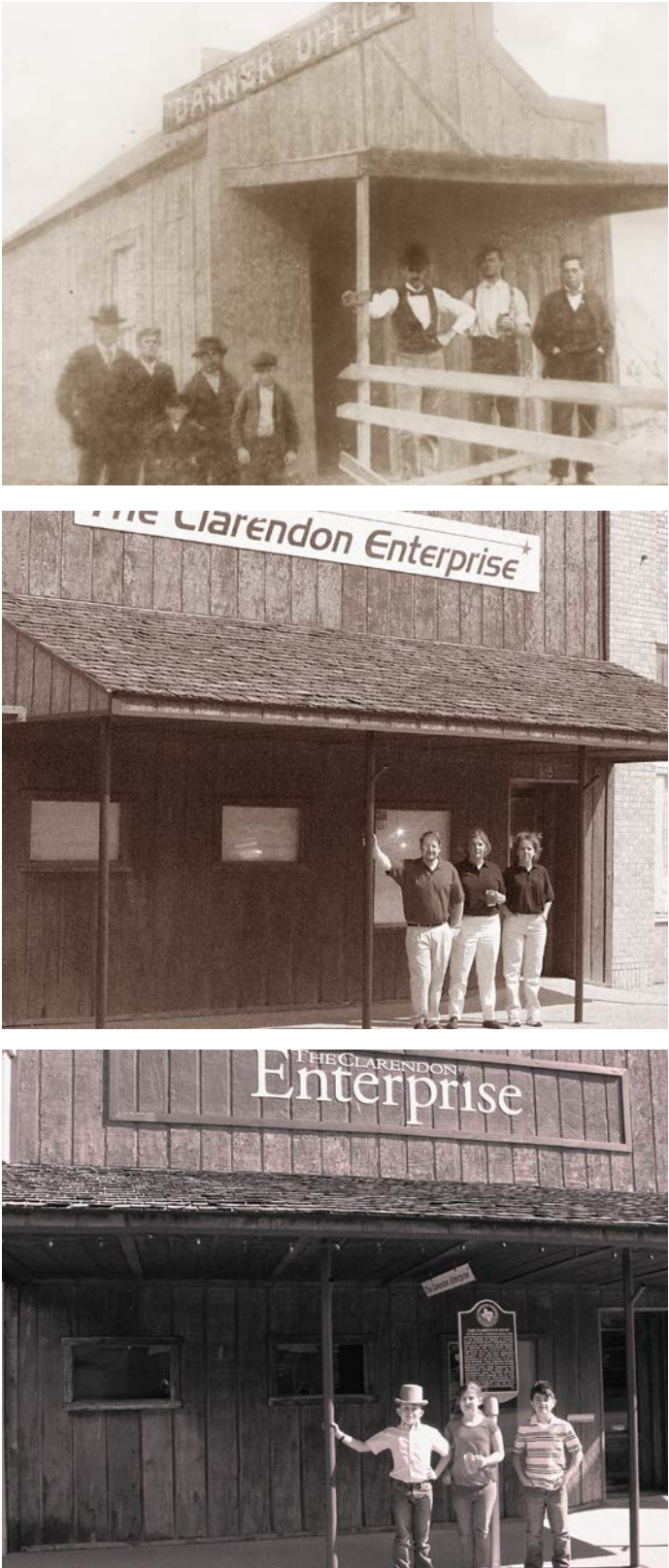
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# Lions Founder Melvin Jones In Clarendon

## Joint Meeting Of Zones Brings Large Representation To City

Welcoming District Governor A.C. Kater of Houston and Secretary-General Melvin Jones of the Chicago office of Lions International, ten towns of Group 31 were represented in a joint meet here Tuesday at noon. Shortly before the meeting convened for the noon hour, the entire gathering was carried outside the Antro Hotel and a group picture was made, giving definite proof that Melvin Jones had visited Clarendon and that the other towns of the vicinity were present to assist in the hearty welcome tendered him.

The first part of the hour was taken by the Clarendon Lions in handling their routine business. On calling roll, it was learned that three Lions were absent from their usual places. It is certain that two of these will make up their attendance and it is thought that the third man will come into the group to make the third one hundred per cent attendance for the year.

The various guests for the day were introduced and it was learned that Amarillo, Claude, Memphis, Estelline, Childress, Turkey, Quitaque, Pampa, McLean and Clarendon were among the members responding when the towns were called to their feet. Thus it is seen that ten of the twelve clubs of this section were represented at this meeting.

The matter of the Paloduro Park proposal was presented the gathering by Lion W. H. Patrick, who was followed by the introduction of Lion Homer Mulkey, Group Chairman of this immediate section. Lion Mulkey then introduced W. C. Davis of Childress, Deputy District Governor of Lions, and Lion Davis then in turn introduced A. C. Kater of Houston, the District Governor.

Lion Kater spoke to the assembly for a few moments, giving them in a short time his conception of the meaning of the Lions Club and its purpose. A common illustration was used in which he stated that a seed must first be planted before a crop could be expected and that proper cultivation must be had before the crop could be harvested. The Lions were urged "Not to be weary in well doing," for the results will be returned many fold and in a much greater measure than they were put in.

Some reference was made to the youth of the average membership of the Lions Clubs, which is far below that of contemporary organizations. Lion Kater said that the Lions are young - young in years and in feelings and that they are impelled in many of their actions by the very fact that they are young in spirit. That the Lions do not lack "Class" is found in the fact that many of the great men of the organization are men of prominence and of affairs in the work in their various communities. A definition of this word "Class" was then drawn to show that money,



Clarendon and area Lions with Lions International founder Melvin Jones (seated with hat in hands) at the Antro Hotel in 1930.

power, property or position did not make one have this indefinable item if it were not already present.

In the foundation of the first Lions Club, organized years ago by Jesus, the Lion of Judah, not one of his workers was drawn from that class of people who called themselves the "Class." Each of them suffered a martyr's death, and the only qualification a part of them had was their purity, strength, faith, and courage. The possession of money alone does not give man this distinction, for it is to be remembered that this money at one time was produced by the sweat of some man's brow and mayhap through the loss of his life's blood. It is then seen that only the man who thinks and acts in the right manner has "Class" and mere position should not be used to judge a man for this qualification.

The work of the Lions with the blind, with underprivileged children and with the homeless persons, has placed them far in the lead and it is thought this means that many have become interested in the work and have been converted into live Lions who believe in the work they are doing and who are putting their jobs across in a big manner.

In the introduction of Melvin Jones by Lion Kater, a distinct compliment was paid to Lion Jones in that he was rightly called the "Father of Lionism." Elected to the office he now holds at the meeting of the International Association in Dallas in 1917, he has held this position continuously since that time despite the fact that he has had many lucrative offers from other sources.

Lion Jones then took the floor and gave the assembly some of the outstanding factors in the work of the Lions Clubs as he sees it from his position. The story of Simon of Cyrene, a curiosity seeker who was given the Cross to bear after Christ had fallen was given and pointed the moral that many who came as onlookers received their share of the unseen burden for the reason that they came as a curiosity seeker. The only advantage to be gained from carrying this cross is the fact that one becomes stronger and more able to carry the cross as the burdens become heavier.

The "Vision of Sir Launfal" was given as an example of the rewards of unselfish service. The Lions International organization is now composed of near 2,100 clubs, a record for organi-

zation having been established in the past 957 days of more than one club a day.

Lionism was defined as "Unselfish Service," the report of the past year being read as an example with 10,715 worthwhile activities being reported from about sixty percent of the clubs with not all the clubs reporting a their activities. Some instances were cited in the work with the blind, this purpose being given to help the blind to help himself. Boys work is tending to make better men of the boys, morally, physically and spiritually. Making the baby's life safer is included in child welfare work. Associational work with other civic bodies was stressed in civic work. Work with the Boy Scouts, with Chambers of Commerce, the American Legion and with Girl Scouts was also given as other points in the work of the Lions organization.

The Lions are building cities and the work of the Herman, Nebraska, Lions Club was cited to prove this assertion. Founded in a town of 250 population after the Commissioner had said it could not be done, the Lions Club soon built a light plant, installed a water and a sewerage disposal system, paved their main streets and held trades days to encourage the neighboring farmers to patronize their town instead of towns further away.

Building men in another mission of the Lions and numerous instances were cited when men have given the Lions full credit for what they have and

what they are at the present time. Business men, professional men and ministers are included in this list that is conclusive in the evidence that the Lions are doing a great work wherever they have been organized. The final mission of the Lions is then to assist the church, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts und any other worthwhile enterprise that needs outside assistance, in many cases

doing the work of the Chamber of Commerce where none is located in the town where the Lions Club is located.

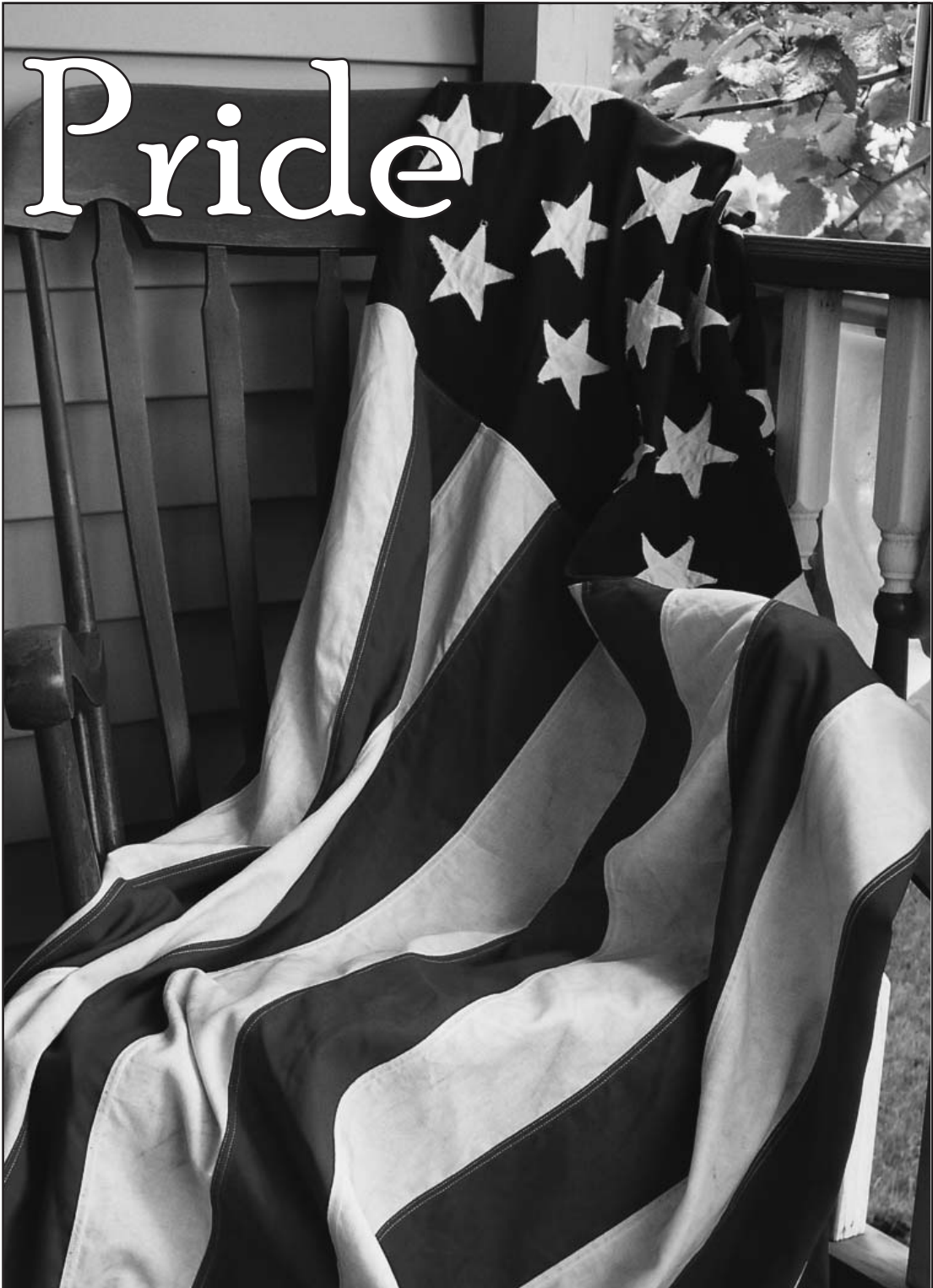
The speech was followed by the introduction of Dr. B. L. Jenkins of this city, the chairman and leader of the proposed Rotary Club movement in the city of Clarendon. Dr. Jenkins stated that he appreciated the attitude taken by the Lions of Clarendon in the proposed orga-

nization of a Rotary Club and appreciated very much the privilege of attending the luncheon.

Adjournment of the Lions followed and a meeting of the officers of the various clubs was called to allow for their business matters to be handled with dispatch.

*The Clarendon News,  
February 13, 1930*

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## Lions Club Observes 50th Anniversary

Members of Clarendon Lions Club took the spotlight in Clarendon this week and especially so Tuesday night, October 24, 1972, when they held their 50th Anniversary Banquet at the College Cafeteria.

The Lions Club is Clarendon's oldest service club. The occasion was marked by many "specials." The Amarillo Downtown Lions Club, the sponsoring club fifty years ago, had ten of its present members in attendance.

One of the ten was Ralph Andis, Boss Lion in Clarendon in 1941-42. E. B. "Tex" Mayer, past Director of Lions International, of LeGrange, Texas, was the dinner speaker. Recognition was paid several members and since Ladies Night was also observed, Lions presented each lady a corsage as she arrived.

It was a privilege to have Lion Mayer as speaker for the evening. He has addressed Lions in all fifty states, Provinces in Canada, Clubs in Mexico, and in a number of foreign countries.

He related a very few of his experiences while traveling Internationally; a 15-day tour in India and particularly an engagement in Calcutta; a convention in Ontario, Canada; a visit to Monterrey, Mexico and one of the largest Lions Clubs in the world; and the far northwest into the Bush Country of Alaska.

In all of Lion Mayer's experiences he stressed the brotherhood and understanding fostered through Lionism throughout the world and the possibility of bringing about Peace On Earth through service organizations. He challenged Lions to go beyond the bounds to build stronger, better, communities and complimented the Clarendon Lions on their fifty years of service and the projects to which Lions contribute. Whiteface Girlstown is an example.

In his opening remarks, Lion Mayer quoted the poem, "My Get Up And Go Has Got Up And Went." In closing he quoted "The Touch of The Master's Hand" pointing out the changes brought about through the Touch of the Master's Hand and leaving the thought that the changes could be brought by extending hand to those around us, the man on the street.

At the conclusion of the address Boss Lion Dennis Rattan presented Lion Mayer with a plaque originally designed for the occasion. Made by K. K. Day, the plaque bore clips of barbed wire taken from Mr. Day's collection of the oldest of this type wire and an engraved plate.

Lion Owen McGarity was master of ceremonies. A special tribute was paid the late J. R. Bartlett, the last of the Charter Members and who died some two months ago, and since the Lions Club year ends July 1, 1972 a plaque from Lions International noting his 50 year membership was shown by Lion Maurice Risley.

Other special recognitions included the presentation of chevrons and pins to Lion Homer Estlack for having been responsible for fifty members; G.W. Estlack and Frank White, Jr. for 30 year memberships and Gene Alderson for a ten year membership. Perfect Attendance records were set by R. E. Drennan, Homer Estlack, and Carl Allmond.

Among the dignitaries present were past Lion International Director Tex Mayer of La Grange; District 2-TI Governor and Mrs. Raymond White and District 2-TI Secretary and Mrs. B. F. Cain of Hereford; and Past District Governor 2-TI Floyd and Mrs. Sackett of Pampa.

Visitors from Pampa, Amarillo, Howardwick and Hedley represented their Lions Clubs. Music for the evening was presented by the Clarendon College Stage Band under the direction of Mr. Pigg.

Donley County Leader, Oct. 26, 1972



Cars lined up in front of the old First National Bank building, which is now the parking lot at the corner of Second and Kearney next to the former Clarendon Steakhouse. The picture was taken in about 1910.

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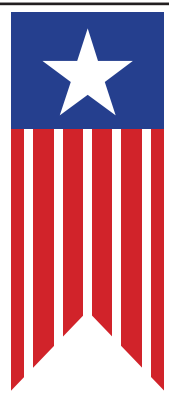
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# Lions Embark On 75th Year

Forty members and guests of the Clarendon Lions Club met Tuesday night in the Lions Hall to observe the Diamond Anniversary of the club

The local club was chartered on October 28, 1922, and this week's banquet officially kicks off the club's 75th year of service to the community.

Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff of Ballinger, Texas, was the keynote speaker for the evening. Lion Grindstaff was inaugurated as the 66th President of the International Association of Lions Clubs in 1982. For his efforts in Lionism, Grindstaff has received an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon Association members; 13 Presidential Awards; two Extension Awards; and several other awards and is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Grindstaff congratulated the Clarendon Lions Club on its anniversary.

"This club has weathered and endured the winds and storms of the High Plains for 75 years," he said. "The oak grows stiff and cracks with age, but this club is like the fir tree — bending with the storms of time to survive and continue to grow."

The basic philosophy of Lions Clubs is like the Golden Rule to do unto others as you would have them do unto you and he said this was an almost universal rule among the world's people and recalled similar rules among Christians, Hindus, Muslims, Hebrews, and even the Ancient Greeks.

Grindstaff quoted Mother Theresa who when being presented with the Humanitarian of the Year Award a few years ago at a Lions International Convention said: "We cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."

Grindstaff said this is the essence of Lionism, and he pointed out that being a Lion is not for everyone — only those who care, who give of their time, and who just put something in

## Larnce Gardner Is Promoted To Sgt

Larnce Gardner, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gardner, was recently promoted to Sgt. (E-5) while serving with the 3136th Armored Division.

Sgt. Gardner is ahead of making all Pay to Pay Training up for his company.

Gardner Is a 1967 graduate of Clarendon High School. His wife, Jewel, and daughter, Yoki Yolanda, are living in Clarendon at present.

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He spoke of an International Director who was sitting in an airport when a young girl noticed his Lions lapel pin.

"What does that mean?" she asked

"It stands for the Lions," he replied.

"What do Lions do?" the girl asked back

"Well, they provide eyeglasses, crippled children's camps, diabetic camps, scholarships, food baskets, and things like that"

The girl left, and directly when she came back by, the director asked her if she really understood what Lions did.

She replied that she did saying simply. "They give love."

Grindstaff challenged the Clarendon club to continue to do great things and asked the members to imagine the hole that would be left if the Lions Club had not been a part of Clarendon's history for the last 75 years.

Tuesday's annual Charter Banquet was presided over by Boss Lion Pro Temp Mark Mann, and members of the Donley County 4-H Club served the evening chopped sirloin dinner.

Among the honored guests were County Judge Jack Hall and his wife Audrey; Don and Ginger Stone; and County Agents Leon and Sue Church. Two widows of former members were also in attendance Dorothy White and Ruby Dell Estlack.

Anniversary Chevrans were given to ten-year member Delbert Robertson, 15-year member Dan Bentley, 25-year

member to former Judge W.R. Christal, and 35-year member Gene Alderson. A special district recognition was bestowed upon Lion Trey Chamberlain for recruiting more new members in the last year than anyone else in the area.

The local Lions Club is growing and taking on new projects. All men and women who are interested are invited to visit the club and find out what Lionism is all about. Meetings are every Tuesday at noon.

Clarendon Enterprise, Oct. 30, 1997

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## Famous Western Movie Star Here

Jack Hoxie, star in many western thrillers of the silent drama, was in Clarendon all day Monday of this week with his manager, Mr. Wall.

These men were out on the street shortly after noon and immediately gathered quite a motley collection of school children and others who were interested in the appearance of the star. Mr. Hoxie was quite loud in his praise of the City of Clarendon, stating that he was receiving a groat welcome here. His appearance here is among the first of a series of like appearances in towns where stars are ordinarily not to be seen.

It is the idea of the producers to gain much publicity for their player through this means and naturally increase attendance on the pictures made by their man. It is quite a new stunt with the producers and was originated since the New Mexico border was passed. Numbers of pictures were taken here Monday with a group of school children and all of them were well pleased with the appearance of this man. His next stop past Clarendon was Memphis.

*The Clarendon News,*  
April 19, 1928

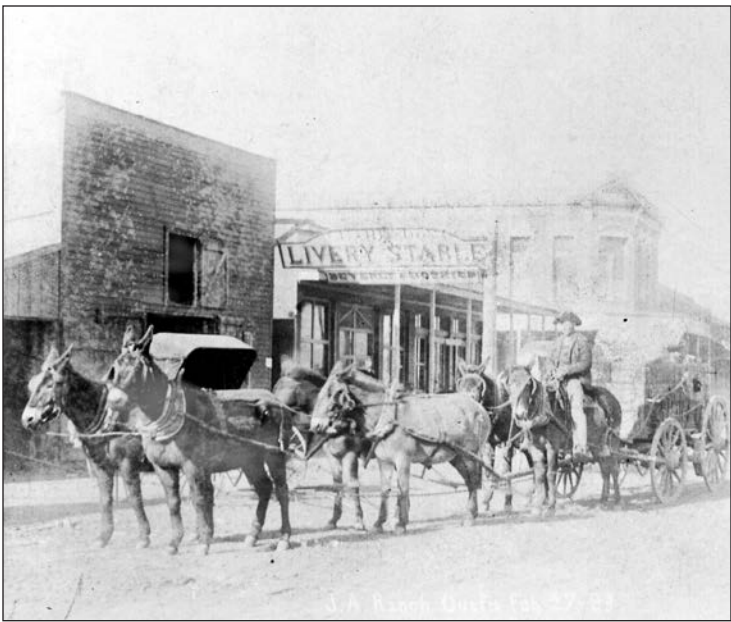
## First Air Express Is Received Here

Agent Geo. L. Green of the American Railway Express Company in this city states that the first Air Express package for Clarendon was received here Saturday evening of last week. The package was shipped from Houston Saturday morning by plane, carried to Fort Worth during the day and took Denver train Number 1 on its route in this direction.

The shipment consisted of a package of small parts for the Southwestern Bell Telephone and was delivered to the receivers here at 7:40 Saturday evening. This it is seen that twelve-hour service may be secured from points in far distant sections of the state and nation by the use of Air Express Lines radiate from Dallas and Fort Worth to Houston on south and to Chicago and New York on the east and north.

*The Clarendon News,*  
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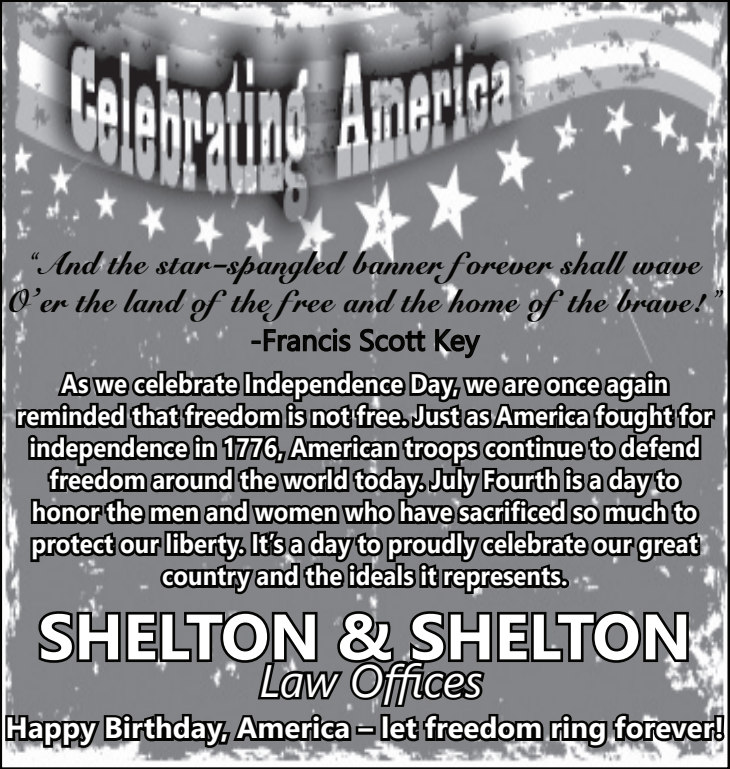


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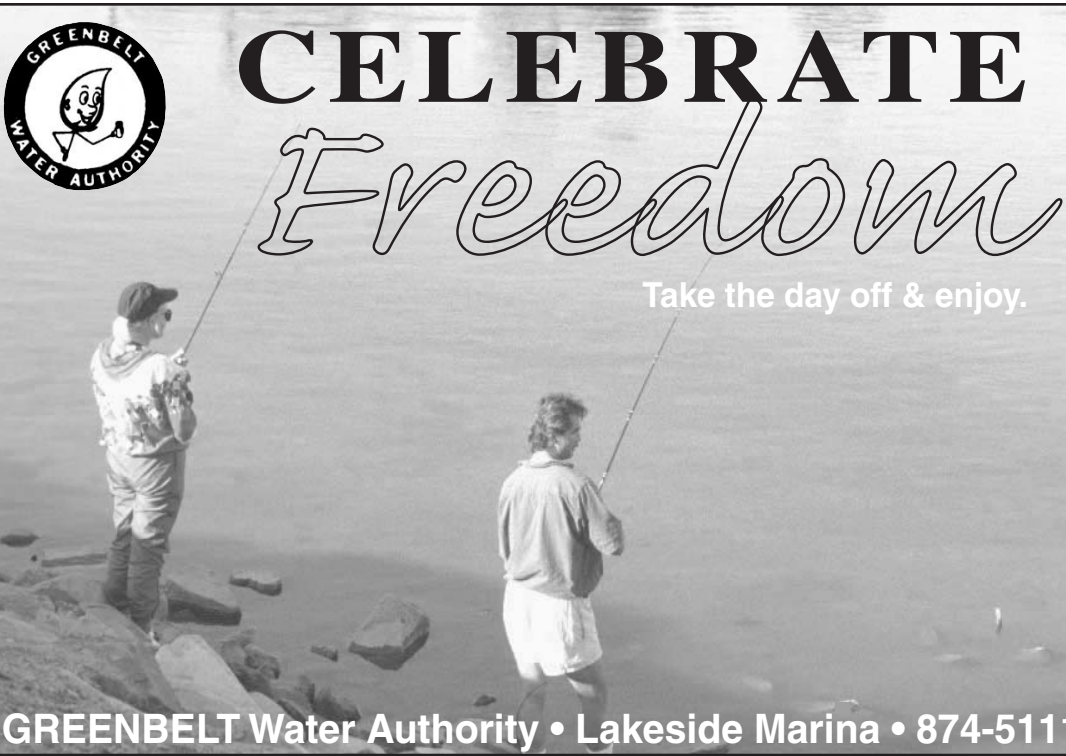


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# Broncs Place Second In State With Loss To Schulenburg

The Clarendon Bronchos were champions in their own right last Friday although this was not in agreeance with the final talley on the scoreboard for the State Class A Championship.

Every member of the Bronc squad put forth every effort in the game and it certainly was no easy chore for the defense to hold the Shorthorns in check for they were big and stout. To put it all in a very few words – Clarendon supporters are very, very proud of our boys and the team spirit ‘hey have shown all season and for the coaches who have directed their activities throughout this season and in previous years.

The Bronchos opened the scoring in the game late in the first quarter with Steve Carter intercepting a Horn pass and racing untouched 12 yards for the 6 points. Kenneth King made the extra good. Schulenburg came back in the second quarter to even up the score 7-7.

The game was a see-saw affair until late in the third period when Kenneth King kicked a 29-yard field goal for 3 points which placed the Broncs ahead 10-7.

This is the way it went until with only 23 seconds left, the Horns drove over from the 3-yard line for the winning talley.

It was a heart-breaker for the Broncs who were so near a state championship but they took the loss as good sportsmen should and those who were not seniors made the remark that they would be back to try again. And let us not forget, the Broncs had strong support from homefolks as hundreds from Clarendon and this area were on hand to see the Broncs play and many more former Clarendonites from all over the state.

There was a big crowd present for the send-off early Friday morning and there were signs all along the route to Brownwood boosting the Broncs to win.

It has been a great football season, and being No. 2 is great , Broncs!

Donley County Leader,  
December 28, 1972



Debbie Robertson and Shauna Hardin have grown quite adept at painting, evident as they ready the bus for the Bronchos as they left for Brownwood Friday morning.

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Mike Boothe, Drum Major, and Twirlers: Miss Katrina Messer, center, Miss Kim Newhouse left and Miss Gina Killingsworth, right, led the Clarendon High School Band at UIL Marching Contest, Region I, at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo Wednesday, October 25, 1972. Twirlers also participated in Solo and Ensemble contests. This is the first step toward Sweepstakes which the Band and their director, Garry Bowen, are diligently working for this year.

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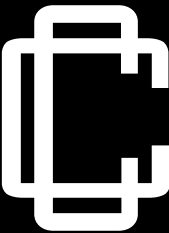
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