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A Common Paper For Common People

All Roads Lead To Clarendon's Celebration

Rodeo, Barbecue, Big Dances Are Fun Highlights

Business Firms Asked To Close Saturday For Celebration

The big annual Fourth of July celebration for 1948 is here and the fun and enjoyment is scheduled to get off to a brilliant start Friday evening, July 2, at 6 p.m. when the first parade will start down main street to open the two day affair.

It will be at this time that the men and women who have worked so hard to put this program on will receive their reward, seeing the many visitors gathering to enjoy Clarendon's hospitality.

Following the parade will be the first Rodeo performance starting at 8 p. m. at the High School Stadium. All rodeo participants in the rodeo Friday night are required to register and pay their entrance fees by noon Friday and all those who plan to participate in the Saturday events are required to register by 6 p. m. Friday evening.

The Rodeo headquarters is located in the first office west of the Rexall Drug. The purse will be -\$1,500 plus one-half the entry fees and the contestant having the best average in each event will receive a championship sterling belt buckle set. The Rodeo Queen which will be selected by Friday will be presented at the Rodeo. Another event Friday night will be the dance at the Opera House beginning at 9 p. m. with Bobby Burns and his orchestra furnishing the music.

The first event on the program Saturday morning, July 3, will be a cutting horse contest beginning at 8:30 a.m. continuing until 10:30 a.m. Next will be one of the most important and most inviting parts of the program when John Snider Barbecue will be served at 11 a. m. The barbecue with all the trimmings, coffee and ice water will be served on the Court House lawn. (The serving place was formerly announced as the City Park but was changed this week due to better serving facilities at the Court House).

The Barbecue is being served in conjunction with the afternoon Rodeo performance only, and each person purchasing a rodeo ticket for this performance will be entitled to the barbecue free.

The admission charge will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Mr. Snider will do the barbecuing and preparing of other foods across the street from the court house next to the Dawkins blacksmith shop, and it will certainly be a big treat for the large number of visitors who have expressed their intentions of being present for the whole affair.

After the barbecue, will be the second parade which will assemble near the depot and march up main street at 1 p.m. Flip Breedlove and Bud Knorp stated that this would be the biggest and nicest parade here in many years.

The afternoon rodeo performance will start at 2 p. m. and the night performance will start again at 8 p. m. Saturday night, July 3rd.

The final dance Saturday night will start at 9 p. m. and Ho Riley and his Rhythm Buddies will furnish the music which will be typical at a celebration of this type—and they can dish out the kind of music that everyone enjoys.

In addition to the cutting horse contest Saturday morning, there will be a platform set up on main street for public speaking by visiting and local candidates and anyone else that wants to get up and tell the crowd a good story or otherwise.

All business firms have been asked to close between 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. on the Third, but will be open otherwise the remaining parts of the day in order that visitors may have places to rest and visit.

Donley County Leader, July 1, 1948



Ornamental street lights installed on Kearney Street in the 1920s were known as a "White Way" system. The term refers to a brilliantly lighted street or avenue especially in a city's business or theater district. Clarendon's White Way included 22 cast iron street lamp posts with 18 of those being along Kearney Street. A news article refers to the others being installed near the railroad, but other evidence points to one being installed on the Courthouse Square and another at the old City Hall. This image of Kearney Street in about 1930 is looking north from near Clarendon Insurance Agency's present location.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

New Engine Being Installed To Power White Way

Work started this morning on Clarendon's white way. Six ornamental lamp posts will be placed on each block on Kearney Street and four posts on the railroad right-of-way.

The work is being done under the supervision of A. L. Chase, which is assurance of a complete and satisfactory job.

The light posts will be placed along the sidewalk so that, as well as giving light to the street, they will light the sidewalk also. All of the posts carrying the wires from the plant have recently been removed from Kearney to the side

Youngsters Asked To Enter Annual Terrapin Races

The Terrapin Race held in conjunction with the July 4th celebration will be held here the afternoon of July 7th which will be Saturday. It will take place at the Parker-Perkins and City Drug intersection on Main Street at 4 p.m.

The Terrapin Race was first instigated by Herschel Heath and for several years was sponsored by his business firm. The last three or four years the event has been sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Basil Smith is serving as chairman again this year. You youngsters are asked, however, to register your terrapin at the Clarendon Press.

Hours for registration have been set for 9 a m to 5 p.m. on July 5th and 6th and from 9 a m to 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, July 7th. Age groups will be from 0-6 7-11, and 12 years and up. First prize will be \$25 bond second prize \$10. and third prize \$5.

Only land terrapins are eligible for entry and only one entry will be allowed per person. You youngsters get busy and find a terrapin. If you are having trouble locating a terrapin, you might try looking for them in late afternoons or early morning particularly around garden spots or irrigated fields. Some have been seen along highways near irrigated fields.

Join the fun whether you have an entry in the race or not be on hand for the race. This event is enjoyed by young and old alike.

Donley County Leader, July 5, 1973

streets and the circuits connecting the white way will be laid underground. As soon as the bricks along the walks can be removed and the wires laid, the iron posts will be placed at regular intervals. The work will be finished by the time that the new engine is ready to be hitched to the circuits of the city.

The new white way will be one of the most welcome improvements of our city. For almost a year, Clarendon has been in more or less darkness, but soon the giant 150 horsepower engine at the

City Park Receives Gift of Trees From W.T. College

The City Park has been given many lovely trees the past week. A group of honey-locusts were set out. Mr. Flem Caraway presented the park with a Japanese persimmon tree which is much appreciated.

The most notable donation is that of a large number of trees which the West Texas College at Canyon through its president, Dr. J. A. Hill gave the park. These trees were grown on the college farm near Canyon. A committee selected them Tuesday, and they will be planted soon. Among the kinds chosen were Willow, Chinese Elm, American Elm, Honey Locust, Russian Mulberry, Russian Olive, Hackberry, Green Ash, Red Cedar, Trumpet Vine, Chinese oak.

Work on the park under the WPA grant recently assigned to it is supposed to start about May 1.

The Clarendon News, April 20, 1939

Sunday at the Churches

Rev. Leonard Gill, of Amarillo, Supt. of Missions of Dallas Presbytery, was in the city Sunday and filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian church, at both the morning and evening hours. Good size audience heard the two splendid sermons which he delivered.

At a business meeting of the church, it was decided to invite Rev. U. B. Curry of Shreveport to come here and preach and look over the field, with a view of accepting a call from this church to become their pastor.

At the Christian church, the pastor, Rev. J. D. White, filled the pulpit, preaching two splendid sermons to large audiences. The Sunday school was well attended, and the Mission band had a good meeting.

The Banner-Stockman July 7, 1909

local plant will sing those gratifying words, "Let there be light. The almost universal plan of the white ways in the large cities is to place the lights along the curb and Clarendon is adopting this plan on account of the entire satisfaction that it gives.

The Clarendon News, August 19, 1920

Farm Homes Are Looted Here

Thieves Take Dishes, Cake, Radio, Quilts, At Rural Residences

Several Donley county farm homes were looted Saturday afternoon as traveling thieves made a wide swath in the Clarendon vicinity.

The home of D. F. Randel, near Ashtola, was entered and forty dishes, a cake and a cake bowl were stolen.

A radio was taken from the W. D. Bryson home in Armstrong county, and seven quilts were reported missing from the H. M. Stewart home in the Goldston community.

An early arrest is expected by Donley County Sheriff Guy Pierce who said a man and two women were reported to have stopped at several homes asking for a Jack Stevens. Because of the prevalent recurrence of the questioners, Pierce immediately linked the trio with the thefts.

The Clarendon News, April 20, 1939

New Stretch Of Sidewalk For West Of Kearney

Workmen completed a stretch of sidewalk in the front of the Taylor & Sons Hardware Store and the place of business of the Greene Dry Goods Company Friday afternoon of last week. A new method of procedure was adopted in the laying of this walk in that the entire work was done at one pouring instead of using the usual method if pouring in strips. The walk is laid before the buildings owned by Mayor H. W. Taylor and represents the final work needed to complete the work done last year when the fronts of the two buildings were completely refinished.

The Clarendon News, May 3, 1928

New White Way Goes Into Effect

Downtown Light System Illuminates Kearney Street

The dangers of further delay in getting our streets lighted up are impossible. The system is in active operation. It took months of diligent effort to get the materials rounded up. They came piece at a time due to the aftermath of conditions following the war. After being delayed for more than a year, the necessity is appreciated all the more. It is now possible to pass over the sidewalks after night.

Many citizens wonder just how we ever got along without the service as long as we did. Twenty-two iron posts set at regular distance on either side of the street, each equipped with a 250-watt light power sheds a soft light ray clear across the street.

The appearance at night is just as beautiful as it is convenient. Lights come on at dusk and continue until eleven. During this time both night passenger trains arrive.

This new service thus performs a twofold service at that time. Passengers may easily find their way up town and those who remain on the train will advertise the fact that we have a well-lighted town.

Since the big reduction in fuel oil and some reduction in labor expenditure, the City Commission felt that the local fund should make a better rate on current. The Mayor accordingly asked that the company send a representative here this week to confer with the Commission relative to the reduction that is being asked for at this time.

This representative is scheduled to arrive not later than Saturday of this week. The matter will be gone into thoroughly. No effort will be spared on the part of the Mayor and City Commission to reduce every item of expense to a minimum.

The Clarendon News, February 3, 1921

Changes In Light System Adds Much To Appearance

The light and phone poles on our principal street were removed this week to make way for the new iron post system which will convert Kearney street into a White Way.

The entire wiring system of the local light plant is undergoing renovation at this time and with the addition of the new engine the first of next month, a foundation for which has already been laid, will give the City Beautiful one of the lightest cities in the Panhandle and a first class service.

The Clarendon News, June 26, 1920

Material Arrives For Completion Of White Way

After a delay of several weeks, the remaining materials necessary to complete the work of the White Way lighting system on Kearney have arrived.

Mayor O.C. Watson has been very persistent in his efforts toward getting the company to ship the materials found to be short in the original shipment. His labors were rewarded this week with the arrival of material sufficient to proceed with the work.

Concrete foundations for the big iron posts is being placed by workmen in charge of Speed Bros., contractors of this city.

Cable is already at hand and caps for the posts have been shipped and are expected by the last of the week.

Work on the lighting system was begun long before the paving job started. The delay was caused by a shortage of labor and material, a condition greatly relieved now because of a reduction of prices and a slump in demands.

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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.

TEMPLE OF TRUTH By the Apostle



Doc Sherman says he owned a cross-eyed pointer dog one time that gazed at a bird so hard he split his tail.

After all of our whining to keep wives in the garden to avoid trouble with the neighbors, a lady writes in to say that "the garden idea did not help Eve any."

E. Bryson says dry weather is a bit bothersome, but he can remember the year the woodpeckers got so bad back in Tennessee that he had to wear a tin hat.

In giving Huey Long's new weekly a "boost" this week, another Louisiana paper describes Senator Editor Huey as a man "who will pat you on the back before your face and hit you in the face before your back," whatever that means.

At this time of the year, a man can't make up his mind whether the inventor of a lawn mower was a great genius or just one of these interfering busybodies who are always trying to think up something to make life harder.

This columner has been asked to print the "Ten Commandments" for the benefit of the general public. Please be more specific. Which ten? That found In Exodus Chapter 20, or Chapter 34 same book, or those found In Deuteronomy, Chapter 5?

Looking over a Dakota exchange this week we find where Dr. R. Letherer of Aberdeen still remembers his patients after death. He published the following advertisement: "In Memoriam. Of the following deceased patients that I have served during my practice in Aberdeen, I dedicate this space on Memorial Day."

She: "Doctor, shall I stick out my tongue?"
Doctor: "Naw, moss never grows on a race track."

Robert (Doc) Hurn of near Henrietta in speaking of the extreme heat there this week enlightened us with the fact that it costs just half as much to fry eggs down there now since they are half cooked when gathered from the nests. Congratulations on the high grades old man.

It's getting so that about the only difference between a school teacher and the Christian martyrs is the date and the absence of a bonfire.

Thanks a lot folks for the Father's Day suit, shirts, ties and sox. We are all dressed up and no place to go. Anyhow, its great Just to be remembered.

Because of the similarity of the tube. Ed I. Fox has been shaving with tooth paste for the past month and didn't know it.

1933 whoopee suggestion: Candy is dandy, but likker is quiccker.

When irrigating a garden this hot weather, run the water in shallow ditches about 8 inches from the plants. Thoroughly soak the ground. Before the heat of the next day, cover the ditch with dry dirt to prevent scalding. If you don't think this will work, you have a chance to see a good garden where it has worked fine.

Donley County Leader, June 29, 1933

REAL NEWS EVERY WEEK
in the pages of Your Local Paper.

Big Fish Story With Plenty Fish To Eat

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Chenault of this city and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lovelady of Amarillo returned to Clarendon Monday after a very pleasant visit with relatives at Bowie. To top off the weekend trip they had the happy privilege of relating a long tall fish story - - - and best of all they brought part of the big one home with them for another big fish fry.

They set their trot line in Lake Bowie Friday night and when they ran the line Saturday morning they found a very frisky 32 lb. yellow cat thrashing the line, and it took over 30 minutes to tame and get him into the boat, Mr. Chenault related. He said there were 32 people who enjoyed a fish fry off the big fellow down there and then a party of eleven enjoyed another fish fry after they came home and there was still lots of fish left.

The big fellow measured 40 inches long and his head was as big as a milk pail, Mr. Chenault added. He has some pictures to prove his story, too.

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Hedley Youth Holds Two Region Track Records

When young West Texas athletes, winners of district interscholastic League meets, gather in Canyon Friday and Saturday they will be shooting at at least two records established by Ivan Jones of Hedley.

Jones' 1936 100-yard dash in 10 seconds flat still stands and his 1936 220-yard hurdles in 21.5 seconds has not been bested.

The Hedley youth is now a student in Rice Institute where, he has continued his outstanding feats on the cinder path.

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HAPPY 4th of July

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Church Youth Groups Make Ft. Worth Trip

An enthusiastic group of young people and adult leaders left the United Methodist Church Friday morning, at 8 a.m. for a trip to Six Flags and the Seven Seas. Included in the group were young people from the Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, and First Christian Churches.

They spent Friday night in Stella Russell Hall on the campus of Texas Wesleyan College at Ft. Worth. The arrival back in Clarendon was around 1 a.m., Sunday morning.

The trip was made with no mishaps and everyone reported a wonderful time. Friday morning a refreshment break was made around 10 o'clock and at the noon hour a sack lunch was enjoyed. The group entered Seven Seas at 1 p.m. assembling again at the Main Gate at 4:15 p.m. At 4:30 they departed for Texas Wesleyan College where the evening meal was served at 5:30 p.m. It was lights out at 11 p.m.

Saturday morning everybody was up and ready to go by 7 a.m. cleaning up their sleeping quarters and loading up cars. Breakfast was at Mt. Donut. The day was spent at Six Flags with arrival there around 9:15 a.m. At 5:45 p.m. all met at the Main Gate and at 6 p.m. departed for Clarendon.

Those to enjoy the trip were Daryl Rives, Dwight Hardin, Wayne Hardin, Ken Slavin, Matt Plunkett, Robert Plunkett, Stephen Rives, Donnie Garman, Dickie Woody, Brent Hardin, Cynthia Hardin, Tammie Blackburn, Craig Ericluon and sponsors Jeff McGarity, Debbie Lowry, Jeff Campbell, Reverend Weldon Rives, Sam Lowry, and Art McGarity.

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Support The Public School

Nothing is of more importance to the highest and best citizenship than a general diffusion of knowledge. The people of Texas are taxed to this end and every good citizen approves of the taxing. The public schools are the greatest agencies in the general distribution of knowledge or education and are of prime importance.

Clarendon is blessed with a fine Superintendent and a competent corps of teachers as far as they go, but there are not enough of them. The public school building is good and comfortable but is too small to accommodate the children who are entitled to public school privileges. It is therefore the duty of the trustees to enlarge the present building or build another. If more room is not secured for the public school the work will be greatly crippled and a number will not get to go. There should be more building for school purposes.

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One of these attractive young ladies will be chosen the 1973. Rodeo Queen in the last vote count Saturday and will be presented at the Rodeo performance that night. Left to right: Denise Owens, Chris Craft, Cheryl Shadle, Judy White, Jennie Barbee, Karen Ellis, Pam Johnston, Pat Trout, Deanna Baird, Camille Mann, Tallene Littlefield and Sherri Altman.

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Old Landmark Now A Private Family Play Area

The old Cooper Swimming Pool has again become a delightful spot for the Jack Owens family and is now a Private Swimming Pool.

Just how old the pool is poses a good question for most residents of the area for a long number of years remember when the Cooper Swimming Pool was the meeting place for the younger set in the fifty or more years gone by. The pool was however filled before Mrs. Cooper's death and before her daughter moved from Clarendon.

The place has had several owners since the Coopers time.

Warning Regarding Fireworks, Drinking And Reckless Driving

The Sheriff's Department and the City Police Department have both issued warnings this week in regard to the shooting of fireworks, excessive drinking and reckless driving.

We are asking parents to convey the message to their youngsters that it is unlawful to shoot fireworks within the City limits, stated Police Chief Gary Gerdes.

Please be considerate of others and regard the danger involved with shooting fireworks, Gerdes added. All violators will be picked up and dealt with according to the law, he concluded.

Sheriff Lindsey and Police Chief Gerdes are reminding everyone to be especially careful with their driving during the celebration as there will be youngsters running as well as horses and a throng of people in general along with exceedingly heavy traffic.

If you plan to drink, please use moderation and keep your bottles and cans in your own car and not throw them about town, Lindsey stated. If you do drink - do not drive as you many injure someone as well as yourself and a DWI charge is a more serious offense.

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When Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owens bought the place Mrs. Owens and the children decided they would begin work on the pool and just see if there was hope of having their own "private" pool. Many hours of hard work have been spent by the family. Toward the close of last summer the dirt had been removed and the pool cleaned to hold water but the family's goal had not been accomplished.

This summer sees the pool cleaned, completely rebuilt, 18 gallons of turquoise paint used to paint its walls. And 92,000 gallons of water have been pumped from the nearby irrigation well to fill the pool. Most of this work has been done by Mrs. Owens, Denise, Cathie, and Mike. The old floating top to the deeper end of the pool was found to be intact and after a thorough cleaning it has been painted orange and affords much pleasure. Now the Jack Owens are enjoying the fruits of their labor in this, "their private pool."

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Dances Highlight Annual Celebration

Mike Smith, chairman of the committee to plan the dances for the annual July 4th celebration, reports that the dances for this year's celebration should be the best ever scheduled during the annual event.

The services of three bands have been secured. In years past one band has contracted for all dances throughout the celebration. People will be treated to a variety of music, stated Smith.

Wednesday night July 4th music will be by The Country Impressions. Thursday night, July 5th, Jerry Wayne and The Country Image will be on hand. Friday night will really be a big night when Johnny Bush, recording artist, and his Bandeliers will provide the music. Saturday night The County Image will fill a return engagement.

All dances will be held on the concrete slab at the Rodeo Grounds. The dancing area has been doubled in size this year; the band stand has been relocated so there will be less conflict with the announcing at the rodeo arena. Dancing will begin between 9 and 10 p.m. as the crowd gathers.

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MARTIN QUILTING CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Ray Robertson of Clarendon was hostess to the Martin Quilting Club at her home in Clarendon Thursday.

At the noon hour, a lovely dinner was served to Mesdames J. D. Thomas, A. J. Sibley, W. H. Morrow, Richard Cannon, Lewis Marshall, J. D. Wood, Edd Hodges, N. Veazy, W. L. Jordan, Claude Easterling, G. E. Bulman, L. O. Christie, Burt DeBoard, members, and Mrs. J. H. Watters, Mrs. Roy McCraw, Mrs. Houdashell and Mrs. W. F. Shannon, visitors. The next meeting will be held April 27 with Mrs. J. D. Wood as hostess.

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

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Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

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Saint Mary's Academy - about 1910: The Catholic academy opened in 1898 and stood on Montgomery Street between Goodnight and McClland streets before its closure in 1911 due to a typhoid epidemic. The building was later torn down and sold for lumber in 1918.

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

Graduating Exercises of the Academy Took Place Tuesday Afternoon for Young Ladies in the Class

The graduating exercises of St. Mary's Academy were held Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock in the opera house. A large audience was present and the stage was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The exercises consisted of vocal and instrumental music by the students of the academy, the essays, a play, the presentation of diplomas and the address of Father Erasmus.

Following an opening chorus, Miss Eva Edwards of Pampa, the second honor graduate delivered the Salutatory, which was followed by a trio by Misses Nell Bell, and Ames and Koska Harvey, to whom was given the honors in music read an essay on "Music as an Educator" which was followed by a piano duet by Misses Beard and Neal.

"The Heirs of Rockford," a drama in five acts was then well presented by twenty young ladies of the academy, with interludes of music between each act. Following the first act was a chorus by seven boys, a piano quartette by Misses Beard, Bigham, Greer and Lyons followed the second act, and a Trio piano by Misses Edwards, Ames, and Neal followed the third act. Preceding the last act was a motion song by little girls.

Misses Koska Harvey, Lyons, Edwards and Bigham rendered a piano Quartette, and the Misses Lyons a piano duet, after which Father Erasmus assisted by Miss Elizabeth Martia awarded class honors and testimonials.

Also presenting a certificate of accuracy in shorthand from

All Day Singing at Lelia Sunday

There will be an all day singing and dinner on the ground at Lelia Sunday, July 4, for the purpose of organizing a county singing convention, for the upbuilding of the song-interest of Donley county.

Everybody is invited to attend, and we earnestly request that every class in the county be represented. If your class or your choir is not organized, organize, and come and be with us in this great work.

Those who can, come out Saturday, as there will be singing that night and such business transacted as is necessary. There will be a committee on hand to see after visitors.

We have extended invitations to such singers as Profs. E. F. Stanton, J. O. Shelton, and others, and hope to have some fine music, Lelia is a small station on the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. seven miles southeast of Clarendon. Come and be with us and enjoy' the hospitality of these good people.

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the Print Institute, to Miss Eva Edwards of Pampa.

After a piano solo by Miss Harvey, Father Erasmus presented the diplomas and gold medals to the graduating class, also crowned them with the laureate wreaths.

Those to whom the diplomas were presented are Eunice Greer and Koska Harvey of this city and Miss Eva Edwards, of Pampa, and Miss Minnie Lyons of Amarillo.

Father Erasmus delivered the address taking Christian Education as the subject and giving his hearers some splendid thoughts on the danger of educating along all lines but that of Christianity, in fact saving that there was no finished education excepting a Christian education, he congratulated Clarendon on having for being the possessor of two Christian colleges and urged our people to work for the other school so that we might be known as a school town.

On the motto of the academy, "Spe et Labure," (With Hope & Labor) Miss Mamie Lyons, first honor graduate, wrote and now delivered her valedictory, and after a chorus by the class the exercises closed.

The Banner-Stockman, July 2, 1909

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

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Little League Tournament Is Held Here

Clarendon played host to the final Little League Tournament for this area last Friday. Several teams from around the area including teams from Clarendon competed for top honors.

The Clarendon Enterprise greatly appreciates Mr. Stan Shelton for providing Little League schedules and results this season.

Results are as follows: Girls Softball - Panhandle Phillies, first; Clarendon Angels, second; Panhandle Angels, third; Clarendon Rockies, fourth; and Wellington, fifth. Championship game score was Panhandle Phillies, Clarendon Angels 2. All Tournament team was Laura Titrell, Wellington; Regan Lemley and Ashley Petty, Clarendon Rockies; Pamela Brogger, Jessica Rodriguez, Katie Young, Panhandle Angels; Haley McClellan, Amina Abdullah, Kristin White, Shanna Shelton, Clarendon Angels; Tobby Witt, Lindsey Rogers, Brittney Hicks, Brittney Davis, and Kristin Wood, Panhandle Phillies.

Minor League Boys - Groom, first; Clarendon Astros, second; Clarendon Rangers, third; Clarendon Indians, fourth; McLean, fifth. Champion game score was Groom II, Clarendon Astros 5. All tournament team was Trevor Leeper, Dalton Askew, Danny Milburn, Andy Roberts, Clarendon Rangers; Shye Downer, Ty White, Steven Ford, Wes Shields, Louis Castro, Clarendon Astros; and six Groom players.

Senior League Boys: Skellytown, first; Clarendon, second; Claude, third; White Deer, fifth. Championship game score was Skellytown 13, Clarendon 7. All Tournament team was Jeff Story, Lonnie Head, Brian Knoke, White Deer; Lee Eddleman, Erick Eddleman, Brantly Lemons, Clarendon; Colt Floyd, G.J. Martindale, Hunter Spier, Cody Watson, Clarendon; Dustin Harper, Matt Hederson, James Pesch, Brent West, Eriac Corley, Skellytown.

The Clarendon Enterprise, July 2, 1998



A large crowd gathers on Sully Street and the Court House Square for the celebration in 1961. LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

Glory to the Red, White, & Blue!

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.

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Clarendon Celebrates Fourth in 1912

Clarendon celebrated the Fourth of July with one of the largest crowds ever in attendance. A large delegation of several hundred went from Memphis and enjoyed the day's activities. The different features of entertainment were well attended and especially the races in the afternoon.

Clarendon is always doing things, and among the latest is the installment of what they call "The Miniature White Way." On each side of Kearney street in front of each business house is suspended a large electric light from a cable. There are about forty-six of these lights and Kearney street is as bright as day when the lights are turned on at dark. In connection with this, we were informed that the city was making preparations to install eighty-three street lights in different parts of the city. This will indeed be a great improvement over the dark streets as there now are and we congratulate Miss Clarendon in her thrift and enterprise. Clarendon promises us a big crowd during the Old Soldiers reunion in August.

Thanks for the nice compliments. Clarendon appreciates the large attendance from Memphis which helped to make the affair a success, and the assistance of Memphis band boys who helped to make the music good. You can depend on a good representation from this burg at your Old Soldiers Reunion.

The Clarendon News, July 12, 1912

LARGE NUMBER REGISTER AT MUSEUM

Two hundred and seventy-one registered at the Donley County Museum Friday when the high school and college gave their exhibits. All enjoyed the many interesting displays in the museum. The museum will be open hereafter on Monday afternoons.

The Clarendon News April 20, 1939

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Clarendon Family Medical Center

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Sweet Land of Liberty!

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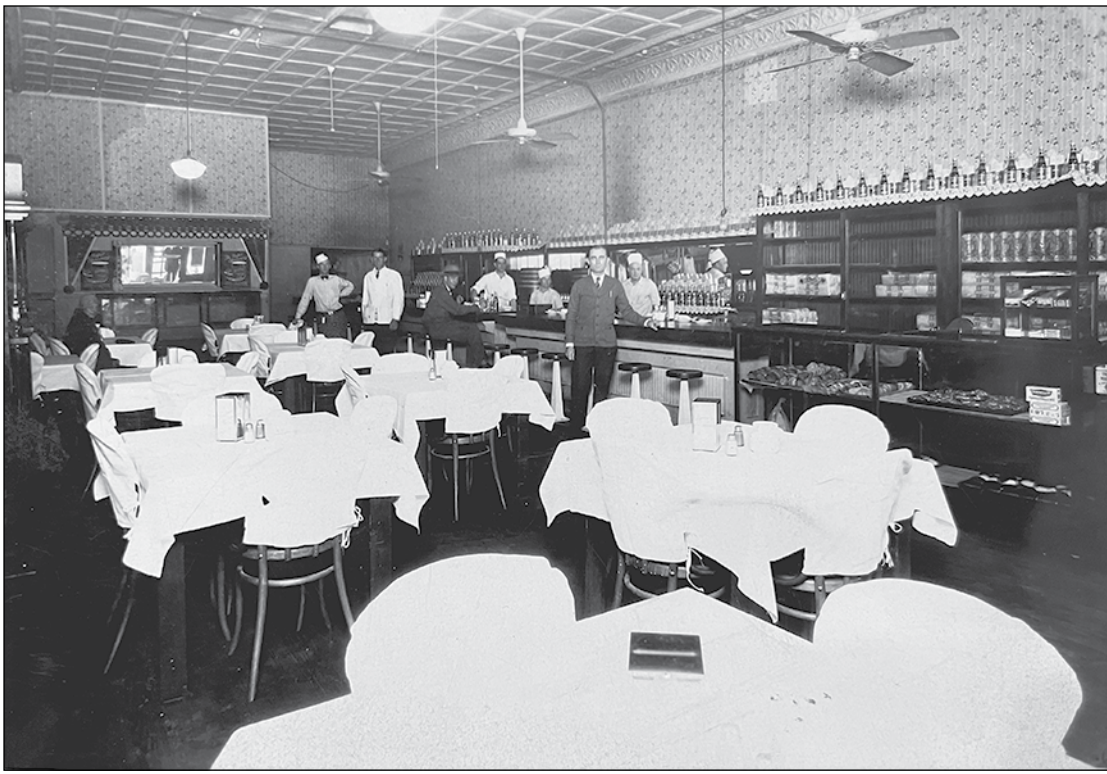
Celebrating more than 133 years in the historic 1890 Donley County Courthouse, we join our fellow citizens in commemorating the Pioneer Spirit that brought civilization to the Texas Panhandle.

The Commissioners Court of Donley County along with our elected officials and employees welcomes visitors to the annual Saints' Roost Celebration.

Have a safe and happy Fourth.

Our offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4





Caraway's Cafe about 1927 in Clarendon. The restaurant was on Kearney Street in what is now the north part of the Herring Bank building. LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

New Telephone Board For Clarendon Coming Soon

Citizens of Clarendon and the surrounding country will welcome the announcement that Clarendon soon will have a much larger and better board than is now in operation.

Manager T. L. Benedict made arrangements for the new board while was in Chicago. He has had the order with the company for more than a year but no attempt has been made for the filling of same until he recently visited the factory in Chicago and forcefully explained to those fellows that Clarendon was a hustling city in the Panhandle of Texas and that a great handicap to the growth of the town was the lack of adequate telephone service due to the fact that the board was too small to take care of the patronage. The officials of the company have promised the shipment of the board within the next two months.

The new building for the exchange is practically complete and can be occupied as soon as the new board arrives. Mr.

Benedict should have the thanks of the citizenship of Donley for telling those ginks that we were tired of their slowness in filling our order for a board that the size of the town demands.

The Clarendon News, August 19, 1920

The Gospel Truth

Let all quarrelling, all violence, all strife, and all divisions be confined to the depraved. Let them follow the device and to the dirty drudgery of the devil.

The devil puts his irrefragable wicked servants to the mean, dirty filthy, low-down business of gossiping, tattling, and talebearing to create hatred, strife, confusion, and division: and then chuckles in fiendish glee at their success.

The Clarendon Chronicle, 1909

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

The Clarendon News, June 1, 1878

Clarendon's Sewer System.

Clarendon now has as good a system as any town in this country.

The engineer has been here and tested the plant and the city has accepted it and paid for the works. Connections will be made immediately.

The system cost less than was at first thought and about \$4000 is left from the fund of \$25,000 which the city had for the building of the system. This means that if nothing occurs to use this sum, the tax rate for Clarendon will be cut next year from 23¢ this year to about 19¢ next year, so says an ex-official.

And then Clarendon has a good system, one that might be called a \$30,000 system.

It is one that will work. There have been some who said the system would hardly work on account of not having the water, but when we think of the great amount of water which Clarendon has, that idea seems ridiculous. Clarendon has had the water all the time and now has the sewer system and it's a good one, as good as any in this country.

The Banner-Stockman, October 7, 1909

DRINKIN' SUNSHINE

Let nothing interfere with your sun baths. Take your reading or sewing, shelling of peas or stringing of beans into the garden or out on the sun porch. Sunshine will rout cases of melancholy, oftentimes cure colds or headaches and "like an apple a day keep the Doctor away."

The Clarendon News, April 19, 1928

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The Banner-Stockman, July 7, 1909



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

- George Washington Carver

Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July!

Clarendon COLLEGE

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TRUE FALSE
- No one ever moves!**
TRUE FALSE
- Everyone loves you so much they can't bear to trade elsewhere!**
TRUE FALSE

If you answered TRUE to any question... then you have it made! But if you answered FALSE to any question... Then, MR. MERCHANT, the next thing you should do is ...

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Unidentified dry goods store in Clarendon in 1927.

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Tennessee Approves Women's Suffrage

Resolution Carried By A Majority Of Two Closing Long And Bitter Struggle For Equal Suffrage In Nation

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 19, 1920 — Woman suffrage became a part of the basic law of the United States when the Tennessee Legislature ratified the Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment.

The Tennessee House passed the ratification resolution which had already been adopted by the Senate. Tennessee was the thirty-sixth state to ratify, thus completing the ratification and putting the amendment into the constitution bringing to a victorious conclusion the long fight for equal suffrage in the United States.

This vote was taken on a motion to table the resolution ratifying the amendment. The motion was made by Speaker Walker, leader of the antis. After two roll calls on Walker's motion without result, the House dropped the motion and started to vote on the ratification. The vote was accompanied by wild shouts in the House. The galleries and aisles were packed. The

suffragists, wearing their yellow badges, started a great demonstration.

Immediately after the vote was announced, Speaker Walker, who voted against ratification, changed his vote to favor ratification. This was done in order to give him the right to move a reconsideration of the resolution. The reconsideration motion must be made within two days.

Walker's change of vote made the total 50 to 46.

Suffrage workers were confident that Walker's move would not result in any change in the final action if a reconsideration is railed for. Women now will be able to vote in the November elections on equality with men unless the amendment is blocked in the courts or a reconsideration changes the result.

The vote in the house came with dramatic suddenness after an ineffective attempt to table the resolution of ratification had been made. Speaker Walker moved to table. The vote on this was 48 to 48 and the house went into an uproar because the decision was in doubt. A second roll call also tied. Then the speaker announced the vote would be taken on the original resolution providing for ratification when order had been restored the clerk

began to call the roll slowly and the onlookers held their breath.

The vote was announced as forty-nine for suffrage, forty-seven against. Speaker Walker was immediately on his feet and the house was in confusion. Then Walker said: "I change my vote." This made the result 50 in favor of suffrage and 46 against.

Walker is an anti-ratificationist. For a minute after final vote was called it looked as if it was a tie. It would have been, but Representative Harry Burns immediately changed his vote from no to yes. This gave victory for the resolution ratification. Burns is the youngest Representative in the House.

After the vote the House adjourned on a motion by Representative Raddick. A legal attack will be made on suffrage, according to the officers of the Tennessee constitutional League which is composed of lawyers. The argument will be made that the State Constitution forbade action by this session of the Legislature.

Suffragists estimated there are 27 million women voters in the country. Seven million of those already have presidential suffrage through their section by state action.

The Clarendon News, August 19, 1920

The Financial Department Is Completed

Another Department Of The Chamber Of Commerce Is Ready To Go To Work

We are able to announce the new organization of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce a department at a time. There will appear from time to time in these columns reports of completed departments until all of the departments have been completely filled out and then the entire organization will be given at one time.

The Departments of the Chamber of Commerce will be: Welfare Department, Harry H. Sitner, director; Agricultural and Live Stock Department, O.C. Watson, director; Financial Department, Odos Caraway, director; Highway and Civic Improvement Department, C. W. Taylor, director; Fair Department Geo. A. Ryan, director; Publicity Department. Sam M. Braswell, director; Extension Department, A. L. Chase, director; Home Demonstration Department, Mrs. Ida Chitwood, director.

We gave the organization of the Publicity Department and the Fair Department in last week's issue and hereunder we are giving you the organization of the Financial Department.

The other departments will be announced as soon as they are finished.

The Clarendon News, August 19, 1920

Football C. C. vs. G. C.

The football team of Clarendon College will play the team of Goodnight College here next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the College Park.

The College boys have been practicing faithfully and have a good team. This is their first game and the tryout of the players will lie made. Prof. Shure is coaching the team and has done his work well. He has worked the boys hard and they think well of him as a coach.

The line-up of the Clarendon College team for Saturday is as follows; O'Neil, center; Madison, right guard, Childress, right tackle; Gribble, right end; Thompson, left guard; Goodman, left tackle; Hamilton, left end; Morris, right half; Gilbert, left half; Burton, full back; Glenn, quarter back. Coach, R. Dean Shure, Mg'r. Robt. Sawyer, and Captain Bernard Morris.

The Banner-Stockman, October 7, 1909

Miss Mabel Hampton To Conduct Deepfreeze School Here July 8th

Housewives will have an opportunity to learn how to get the most out of a Deepfreeze home freezer when they attend the Deepfreeze Demonstration Freezer School to be conducted by Household Supply Co. on Thursday, July 8th at 8 p.m. in the banquet room in the basement of the Donley Hotel.

Mr. Todd and Mr. McAnear, managers of the firm urge every housewife who can, to attend. Please do so. The school will be under the direction of Miss Mabel Hampton, factory trained appliance expert and Home Service Director of Consolidated Appliances, Inc., Deepfreeze distributor in the Panhandle.

Such topics as "How to wrap and process all kinds of food for home freezing," and "How to freeze and store foods in the Deepfreeze" will be thoroughly explained by Miss Hampton.

Donley County Leader, July 1, 1948

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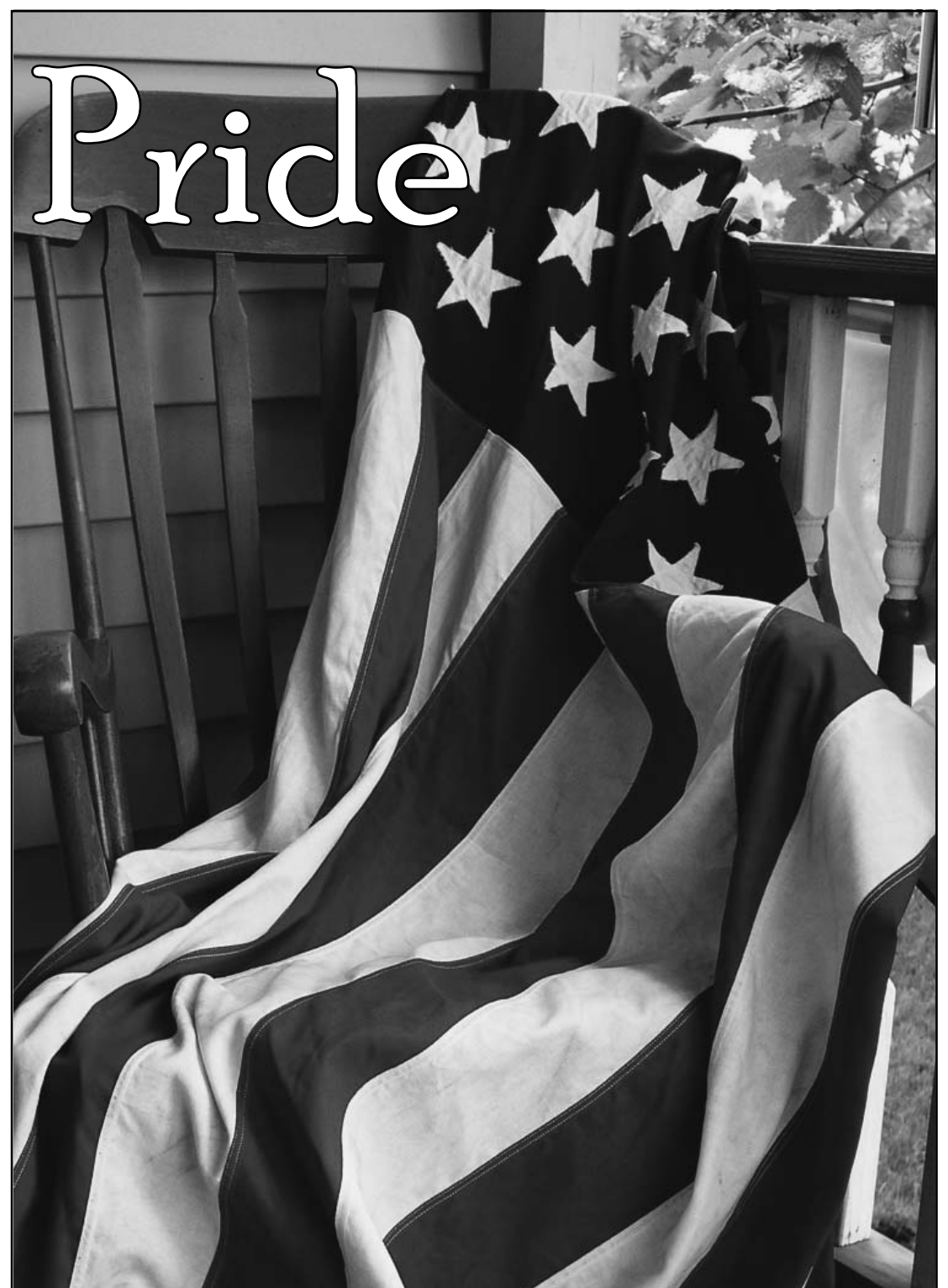


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